The Merkel Mail

Thursday, January 23, 1986 ... Merkel, Texas

Our 97th Year



Carriker will seek re-election

Seventy-eighth District State Representative Steven A. Carriker announced that he has filed for re-election to his seat in the Legislature, thus ending speculation in the state press that he might seek higher office. "My strongest interest lies in continuing to do the best possible job for the people of my district and the most effective place to do that is in the Texas Legislature," Carriker said.

Representative Carriker is currently serving a four-year term on the Democratic National Committee and was elected Majority Whip of the Texas House last January. Since last May when the Democratic Chairman went to the Senate in a special election, Carriker has been head of the House Democratic Caucus, the only sophomore member ever to hold that position.

Serving on the House Agriculture Committee, Carriker has been responsible for a number of measures important to West Texas. Among those are the Farm and Ranch Security Program, legislation, legislation to insure free access to highways by farm machinery, and the "Buy Texas First' law which requires state agencies to support Texas agricultural products by giving them first preference in state purchasing. He also serves as chairman of the Texas Department of Agriculture Farm Credit Task Force where he has been vocal in his opposition to proposals to drain Texas credit to prop up troubled banks elsewhere. house. As Agricultural Water Subcom-Tech were incorporated into the state water plan.



vote in getting a bill to establish a legislation on teachers' behalf to for re-election. So far, he is being direct Presidential Primary for insure them of fair compensation opposed by a Texas Tech college Texas voters to the floor of the for extra work under the tutorials student.

MHS student council keeps busy

Carriker has earned high marks Kathy and Steve have two Anyone interested in filing for a mittee Chairman, the results of from the state's teacher organi- daughters, Karen 3, and Stephanie spot on the Merkel School board his field hearings held at Texas zations and gives much of the 1, and a son, Jacob who is in the may do so between now and credit to his wife, Kathy, on leave fifth grade. They live on the March 5th. from her own career in teaching family farm in Fisher County As of Tuesday afternoon, no 1700 acre operation.

The Merkel High Student Council attended a Planning meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 21. It was hosted by Abilene Christian High School and was held at the Towne Crier. The meeting was held to plan for the District Leadership Workshop scheduled in March. This workshop will have different groups and classes to teach about leadership and the Student Council.

pressure check for all the students BYOB party for the faculty of M.H.S. and just to put your minds at ease, BYOB stands for Bring Your Own Banana. We will provide all the trimmings for a banana split and the faculty will provide their own banana. This is one of our teacher appreciation

projects. A pizza party is schedul- event is the State Student Council Interested people are asked to ed for Feb. 4, for all the students Convention, to be held in May in meet Jan. 27th at 7 p.m. at that made straight A's for the Austin, Texas. semester. Another upcoming

Boy Scouts anyone?

Anyone interested in starting a ing must be accompanied by also needed. Boy Scout Troop in Merkel, please parents. Area volunteers it a be at the portable building No. 9, must. Leadership training is information may call 928-4882. Thursday, Jan. 23, the Student Merkel Middle School, at 7:00 available For further information Boys ages 11 through 18 are Council will sponsor a blood Monday, January 27. Boys attend- call 928-4882 after 6:00. Ages 11-18 eligible for Boy Scouts. boys are eligible.

of Merkel High on Jan. 30, a Blair Water sets meeting

You are hereby notified of the important meeting. A portion of annual meeting of Blair Water this meeting will be to elect hree Supply Corporation to be held in board of director members. hose warm weather Merkel, Texas on the 3rd day of with terms expiring are Weir February 1986 at 7:00 p.m. at Joiner, John Lanford, and J.D. Taylor Electri Cooperative. Sandusky.

Make plans o attend this There will also be a drawing for door prizes.

Merkel FFA wins big at County Stock Show

Merkel FFA students took more than their share of top awards at the Taylor County Livestock Show held Friday & Saturday at the County Fairgrounds.

Lance Perry, Melissa Harris, Wade Toombs, Lynn Hays, Scott Easley and Wade Toombs all had animals that were named grand champions.

Lynn Hays and Lance Perry also received showmanship awards in their division.

Some FFA members are now getting ready for the Fort Worth Stock Show set for this weekend.

The following are complete results from the County Stock Show for Merkel FFA members.

Light Weight Chesters- Melissa and Russell Morgan 7th. Heavy Champion Steer for the show. Weight Chesters- Russell Morgan 2nd and 4th and Billy Ray Riley Sheep division are as follows. 6th. Light Weights Chesters- Medtke 12th. Middle Weight Durocs- Heavy Weight Finewool- Lance Lynn Hays 8th. Heavy Weight Perry 2nd, Ricky Riley 8th and Durocs Scott Easley 1st, Lynn 13th. The Reserve Champion Hays 2nd and 6th and Lorena Pack Finewool was Lance Perry. 10th. Scott Easley had the grand champion Duroc.

nie McMillon 6th and Billy Hair 11th.

11th, Mitzi Shelton 8th and Jay Welborn 12th. Williams 9th. Heavy Weight OPB- Southdowns- Melissa Harris 1st, C. J. White 6th and Mitzi Shelton Bridget Vaughn 4th. Grand

Morgan 2nd, Lynn Hays 8th. won by Lance Perry. champion overall pig and was also the Taylor County Stock Show. named the Swine Showmanship

In the Steer Divisions, Michelle Barnett was 7th in ligh weight and Harris 2nd, Billy Ray Riley 5th Wade Toombs had the Overall

High school results from the Light Weight Finewool- Lance lissa Harris 4th and Dennis Lue- Perry 2nd and Ricky Riley 5th.

Light Weight Crosses, Roy Herd Manahan 1st and 2nd, Mitzi Light Weight Hampshires- Con- Shelton 8th and Stephanie Boyd

8th. Middle Weight Hamps-Lynn Heavy Weight Crosses Mitzi place Heavy.

Hays 1st. Heavy Weight Hamp- Shelton 5th & 11th, Bridget Vaughn shires Amber Whisenhunt 2nd and 16th. Light Weight Medium Wool-Russell Morgan 6th. Lynn Hays Angie Welborn 16th, Lance Perry had the grand champion Hamp- 1st and 5th. Lance Perry had the Champion Medium Wool.

Light Weight Other Pure Breed Heavy Weight Medium Wool-(OPB) Cassie Townsend 7th & Amy Welborn 15th and Angie

Champion Southdown Melissa Ha-Medium weight crosses- Russell rris. The Lamb Showmanship was

Heavy Weight Crosses-Lynn Hays The following are Elementary 6th. Lynn Hays won the reserve and Junior High FFA results from

> Kris Harris had the 3rd place Light Weight Chester. Phillip Seymore had the 12th place Light Weight Chester. Ricky Riley had the 10th plave Heavy Chester. Robyn Dudley had the 9th place Heavy Hampshire. Criswell Whisenhunt had the 9th place Heavy Hampshire.

> Also, John Bauer had the 10th place OPB and Steve Bauer had the 12th place Light Cross.

> In the Steer division, Josh Mashburn had the 10th place Light. Jim Wade had the 6th place Heavy. Mandy Barnett had the 12th place Heavy. Brent Toombs had the 3rd Light and 9th Heavy and Randy Toombs had the 7th

Okay, Dale's trying a rainmaker

by Cloy A. Richards

prompt a flood.

I felt good last Thursday when a few rain drops started hitting the windshield of the car but all those drops did was make a mud pie on the windshield.

So. Dale Hammond has come to the rescue with a "sure-fire" rainmaking cartoon. If that doesn't work, we will get the Golf Association to schedule an early tournament. That would probably

The Merkel FFA walked away with a lot of the top honors at the County Stock Show this past

weekend Complete results for Merkel FFA members is on Page One.

Local State Legislature Representative Steve Carriker has filed

On the House Elections commit- while their young daughters are where Steve grows cotton and candidates had filed. Incumbent tee Carriker was the tie-breaking still at home. He sponsored grain and raises beef cattle on a school board members Greg Henderson and Leroy Teaff,s terms are up this year.

An effort to start a Boy Scout

Troop here is underway. Portable Building # 9 at Merkel

Boys attending the meeting must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Adult volunteers are

Anyone interested in more

How many of you have fruit trees or rose bushes ?

Look real close and you will see they are confused with the recent

And you always wondered where that "nipped in the bud" expression came from.

Don't forget about the Merkel Chamber of Commerce's chili supper at Heritage Hall Friday

Cost is \$2.50 per bowl, complete with tea and crackers.

Proceeds from the event will be used to fund on-going activities by the Chamber.

The Merkel School board met Tuesday night and details will be available in next week's paper.



homes, farmsteads, screen plant-The Middle Clear Fork Soil & ings and various other projects. Water Conservation District is The deadline for orders will be now taking orders for their 5th Feb. 15th. More information is annual windbreak program for available by calling 1-677-7862. Complimentary Photo

Who Will Farm the Land?



"Who will farm the land?" A line from a forgotten folk song? The title of another television documentary on the farm crisis?

No. it's a real question that we Texans must ask ourselves today, because there is an effort under way in Austin right now to dismantle the one high school educational program that has produced generation after generation of highly-qualified farmers and ranchers -- the Vocational Agriculture program and its student component, Future Farmers of America.

Since it was established in Texas in 1928, the combination of Voc Ag and FFA has helped to educate more than I 1 2 million students in the increasingly complex business of agricultural production, processing and marketing. This year, some 59,000 Texas kids are studying under Voc Ag programs being offered in more than two-thirds of the state's 1,170 school districts.

"Who needs them?" All of us, assuming we will continue

wanting a wide variety of top-quality food at reasonable prices.

This morning's bacon didn't originate at the super-market-it was once a well-tended pig, produced by a farmer who most likely was an FFA participant and Voc Ag student. If we are to keep raising pigs economically and to the high standard of quality that consumers expect, we must have people who know what they are doing to raise them. A great deal more knowledge and skill are required to do this than just putting slop in a feed trough. While most farmers have a natural aptitude for growing things, their aptitude must be trained and expanded, and farmers also need to be educated about the business side of modern agriculture.

have seen the wisdom of investing a pittance of public education funds in a high school curriculum and training program that teaches some of our kids to do skillfully what the rest of us don't want to do: raise pigs. Voc Ag and FFA literally are primary entrepreneurial training grounds in Texas for bringing home the bacon, as well as the beef, the vegetables, the grain products, the cotton and wool clothing, and all the other food and fiber items we count on

Yet, there are some well-meaning reformers of Texas public educational programs who seem to think that raising a proper pig is not as worthy an educational goal as learning to program a computer. Under the guise of education reform, administrators of the Texas Education Agency (TEA) have recently made budgetary cuts that simply gut our Voc Ag and FFA programs.

Prior to TEA's cuts, a total of 16 full-time TEA staff positions were allocated to administering this agricultural curriculum across the state. Fifteen of those staff people were field supervisors and their assistants, serving as the direct link to all the local school programs. This key staff made up the statewide network essential to the successful administration of the program. The total budget for the Voc Ag effort in Texas was \$834,000--only two-tenths of one percent of TEA's \$4.6 billion annual budget.

Voc Ag's budget has now been slashed by two-thirds, and the field staff has been zeroed-out entirely. Only one person -- the state Vocational Agriculture director--remains to handle the entire program. Not only does this cut out the guts of the program, but it destroys the heart as well, because the thousands of Texas families who participate and the larger agricultural industry that relies on Voc Ag and FFA feel that their education needs are being abandoned by the state's educational

For their part, TEA administrators claim to be acting under the mandate of House Bill 72, which overall is a very positive and long-overdue step toward educational excellence in Texas. But there is no such mandate in this reform bill. It is clear that neither the Legislature, the Governor-nor the people of Texas--intended that H.B. 72 would ever be used as a hatchet to destroy a program that is integral to our state's second largest industry. Even an increasingly urban, urbane and hightech society needs the best farmers we can develop, and our system of secondary education must continue to meet its historic commitment to this

Fortunately, it is not too late to reverse this misguided budgetary action by TEA administrators. The State Board of Education, appointed by the Governor, is the official policy-making body that oversees TEA, and they have the authority to overrule the devastating cuts that have been made in Voc Ag. As Texas Commissioner of Agriculture, I have formally requested that they do just that.

Working with state legislators, local public officials, educators, FFA alumnae and other interested parties, we have devised a responsible, barebones, compromise proposal that would salvage the Voc Ag and FFA programs without restricting the desire of TEA administrators to tighten up on the management of these programs. Specifically, we are asking the State Board of Education to reinstate six of the ten field supervisor positions in TEA's current budget. This would require TEA to restore less than \$200,000 to the budget of Voc Ag. Also, we can add some in-kind, cooperative support to the program by stationing these six field supervisors at some of our state's top regional universities. Several universities already have indicated an eagerness to provide offices and secretarial assistance and to lend some of their staff expertise to the

Under this compromise, the program still would suffer a substantial Chapter of Xi Nu Chi of Beta

But even this modest step will not be noted to all who worked at the taken by the State Board of Education Rehab 86 Telethon. Karen Riley's nudge from all Texans who want to chips, dips and sweets for refresh-

restoration of funding for Voc Ag and Duncan, Mary Hill, Connie Harris Brumley, State Board of Education, and Barbar Graham Austin, Texas 78701



FIGHBORHOO

Xi Nu Chi meets

cut, but it would survive, and it could Sigma Phi held its regular continue to respond to the vocational monthly meeting Tuesday, Janaspirations of thousands of future uary 14th, at the Pleasantville Center. A special thanks was

unless there is a powerful expression of program consisted of very interespublic support from people like you. It ting and informational slides is not enough for a Commissioner of about the Holy Lands. The Agriculture to request action; if the captivating slides had a narrative bureaucracy is to move in the direction recording that explained each we want, then it must receive a clear picture. Diana Parker furnished restore the integrity of this valuable ments. Members present were Minyon Seymore, Karen Riley, I'm calling on you to make your Diana Parker, Anita Allen, Judy

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opened the meeting and Mrs. ed some new styles for vests. James Jay gave the club collect. Mrs. Ray Wilson read the poem Haynes, Orvel Hill, Buster Horton

The Merkel G.F.W.C. Fortnight- "To The New Year". Club mem- Carl Hughes, James Jay, C.B. ly Study Club met Jan. 14 in Mrs. bers gave their resolutions for the Knight, Joe Lassiter, Henry Mar-Truett Patterson's home with New Year. Mrs. S.C. Dixon gave a tin, Burl McCoy, Billy Bob Neff, Mrs. Joe Lassiter as co-hostess. talk on "Using the Greatest Gift of Mrs. Orvel Hill, Club President, All". Mrs. Truett Patterson show- Curtis Rister, Perry Rogers, Ed

Members present were: Mmes. Mrs. Ed Sandusky read the Randy Carson, S.C. Dixon, R.M. Ray Wilson, Dent Gibson and Federation Counselor's report and Ferguson, J.W. Hammond, Comer

Truett Patterson, Phillip Pursley, Sandusky, C.M. Seymore, Andy Shouse, Howard Sliger, Alf Walla, Misses Mary Collins, Mildred Hamm. Maurine White.



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Texas 4-H clubs are in their 70th year

The present 4-H club organizamore than 70 years, or six years tion. before the present Texas Agriculganized.

Jack County by the late T.M. nent Coleman cattleman. Marks, then holding a position corresponding to the county agri- shown at the 1910 Southwestern cultural agent of today.

The club was started as a result Fort Worth. of the failure of an adult corn remark, "You can't teach an old State Fair of Texas in Dallas. to say, "Then I'll start with the parade of 1,500 boys through the pups.

And that is what he did. He carrying a stalk of corn.

"Tomato Clubs" dating back better-known methods of produc- strations.

Coleman County in 1910, largely The first boys' corn club in through the support of the late Texas was organized in 1908 in J.W. "Boog" Scott, then a promi-

> The first club beef calf was Exposition and Fat Stock Show in

show held the previous year. The corn club boys was held at the 1910 nal Exchange Programs are the dog new tricks," prompted Marks A feature of the rally was a

downtown section of Dallas, each success of the 4-H program.

The corn show held in a caboose Mrs. Edna Trigg who was the first Soon after 4-H began in Texas. tion in Taylor County, as well as in of a train at Jacksboro in the fall home demonstration agent in the early corn, canning and all of Texas, is an outgrowth of of 1908 proved Marks' point that. Texas. Growing tomatoes and demonstration clubs around the boys' "Corn Clubs" and girls' farm youth could put into practice canning were the main demon-county became known as 3-H

"Beef Calf Clubs" came next, individual projects are the core of In 1911 a fourth "H" was added to tural Extension Service was or- the first being organized in 4-H work, there are other activi- the clover standing for "hustle ties and learning experiences which was soon changed to connected with 4-H. County camps district Rally Days, Career Days, Teen Leader Labs, 4-H Congress

(both national and state) the Texas State Round-up and Project Show at Texas A&M University, the Heritage Shortcourse on Tour The first statewide rally for and the Interstate and internatio-'extras' in 4-H.

The 4-H adult leaders have been a most important part of the

At present there are about 150

clubs. The three-leaf clover stood Even though the member's for "head" "heart" and "hands"

In 1927 the 4-H Pleade was adopted. The motto and pledge

reads as follows: Motto: "To Make the Best Better," I Pledge: My Head to clearer thinking, My Heart to greater loyalty, My Hands to larger service and My Health to better living, For my

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club, my community, my country and my world.

The future of the 4-H program and its continued importance to the development of youth for a better community, country and world hinges on the relavance of the program to youth and their

enrolled 25 boys and by demon- Girls were enrolled in tomato adult leaders and several junior strations, taught them the latest clubs in 1912 in Milam County with leaders helping with the 4-H practices in corn production.

MISD lunch menu

The Merkel School menu is as follows:

Thursday January 23: Spaghetti lettuce and tomato salad, buttered corn, garlic bread, peaches and cream

Friday January 24: hot dogs with chili, baked beans, fried okra, no bake cookie.

Monday January 27: Pizza. lettuce wedge, broccoli and cheese plum macaroons

Tuesday January 28: Spaghetti with beef and cheese, buttered corn, cabbage slaw, garlic batter bread, rosey pears.

cheese sandwich, vegetable soup. sliced bread, peach cobbler. Thursday January 30: Beef

Wednesday January 29: toasted

tacos, shredded lettuce, chopped tomatoes, pinto beans, whipped

Friday January 31: Hamburgers, lettuce, tomato, pickle, onion, French fries, chocolate brownies.

lettuce wedge, lemon bars.

Tuesday February 4: Chicken Fried Steak with cream gravy, seasoned green beans, whipped potatoes, hot rolls, whip cream and sliced peaches.

Wednesday February 5: Bar-b-q plum macaroons. links, red beans, potato salad,

Friday February 7: Hamburcorn meal twist, pink applesauce. gers, lettuce, tomato, pickles, Thursday February 6: Beef onions, French fries, fresh orange

Stew, vegetable salad, corn bread wedge. Xi Nu Eta holds recent meeting

Sigma Phi, met Jan. 7 in the home of Marilyn Tittle.

Plans were made for members to work the early shift for Rehab

After a short business meeting, Marilyn Tittle presented two very

Xi Nu Eta, Chapter of Beta interesting programs on Texas Sesquincentennial.

Refreshments were served to the following members and guests: Marilyn Tittle, Danna Dunigan, Dee McCollum, Jana Nelson, Cathy Pack and guests. Sherry Vinson and Bobbie

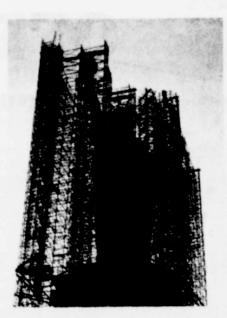
Simpson will be stationed

at Ellsworth AFB

Airman James C. Simpson, son of Lois J. Simpson of 10777 N. 10th, Monday February 3: Crispitos Largo, Fla. and stepson of Dale P. with cheese stick, buttered corn, Simpson Jr. of Rural Route 2, Trent, Texas, has graduated from the U.S. Air Force medical material specialist course at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas. During the course, etudente

were taught the procedures necessary to operate an Air Force medical supply account. They also earned credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Simpson is scheduled to serve with the Air Force Hospital at Ellsworth Air Force Base, S.D. He is a 1985 graduate of Trent High School.



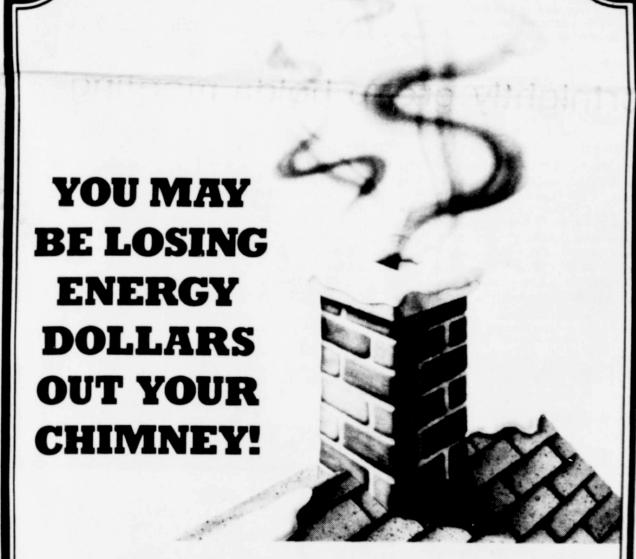
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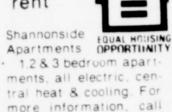
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148-1tnc

PUBLIC NOTICES THE STATE OF TEXAS

To: Don Davenport, Address Unknown, Defen- Attest dant, Greeting: You are hereby co-

mmanded to appear by filing a written answer at or before ten o'clock Deputy (SEal) 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 10th day of Feb., 1986 at or before ten o'clock A.M. before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor Merkel, Texas was di-County, Texas, at the ssolved by mutual con-Court House of said sent on September 10. County in Abilene, Tex- 1985, and that the busi-

Said Plaintiff's Peticourt, on the 13th day of corporation. Payment of September, A.D. 1985, in debts owing to the partthis cause, numbered nership and presenta-39,491-A on the docket of tion for demands for said court, and styled, payments of debts due Galloway Enterprises. Inc. Plaintiff, vs. Don should be made to the Davenport, Individually corporation at 102 Kent, and d/ b/ a Don Merkel, Taylor County Davenport Operating. Inc., Defendant,

The names of the 1986. parties to the cause are as follows: Galloway Enterprises. Inc. are Plaintiffs and Don Davenport, Individually and d/ b/ a Don Davenport Operating, Inc., are Defendants.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Suit on Account Plaintiff prays that Defendant be cited to appear herein Plaintiff have judgement against the Defendant for the sum of \$18.194.93, together with the sum of \$6,000.00 as attorney's fees, in the

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total sum of \$24,194.93. for costs in this behalf other relief as the Plaintiff may be entitled either at law or in equity, 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 law directs. Issued and given un-

der my hand and the seal of said Court at office in Abilene. Texas. this the 23rd day of December, A.D. 1985. Rilla Mahoney

District Clerk 42nd District Court Taylor County, Texas to the Plaintiff's Petition By Patricia Henderson 145-41c-91

> NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION Notice is hereby given

that the partnership under the firm name of Consolidated Plumbing. located at 102 Kent

ness will be continued thereafter under the tition was filed in said same name as a Texas by the partnership

> Texas. Dated: January 16.

GREG FISHER Partner PAT WARREN Partner 147-30-1tc

NOTICE OF INCORPORATION +Notice is hereby given that CONSOLIDATED PLUMBING, whose principal business office is

at 102 Kent, Merkel Taylor County, Texas. became incorporated on September 10, 1985 without a change of firm name

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CONSOLIDATED PLUMBING, INC BY: GREG FISHER President 147-18-4tc

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Carriker calls for restoration of FFA funding

other Representatives, a State programs. Senator, and the Commissioner of The proposed funding restoravocational ag, the manner in students. This system would be a which the Texas Education Agen-

Agriculture, held a press confe-tion worked out by the Departrence last week in which he called ment of Agriculture and endorsed for a restoration of funding for by the lawmakers would place six area supervisors for vocational area supervisors at regional uniagriculture programs. The law- versities throughout the state. makers pointed out that although With the assistance of these recent changes in the law man-universities, supervisors could dated a tightening of administra- then coordinate interschool activition in the supervisory area for ties and programs for vo-ag

State Representative Steve Car- cy is interpreting the statutes is significant improvement over the riker (D-Roby), along with four hurting the quality of those single statewide vo-ag supervisor now in place and would cost less than one-fourth of what the old supervisory system did.

Representative Carriker pointed out that although the Education Agency's elimination of area to vocational education, that the more important issue is the interpretation of the formulas for funding vo-ed. "Schools are hava hard time maintaining quality vo-ed programs under

TEA's funding formulas," he said. 'The State's efforts to improve academics were in no way meant to weaken our commitment to badly needed vocational education programs. I appreciate the value of these programs and will support them in every possible

Others participating in the Austin press conference were Democratic State Representatives Jim Rudd (Brownfield), Bill Haley (Center), Bob Melton (Gatesville). Robert Saunders (La Grange). State Senator John Sharp, Democrat from Victoria, and Texas Commissioner of Agri-

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Following a brief business meet- poisoning each year ing, program chairman, Olga Members present were Jewell program on the facts and follacies

over 4,000 cases of vitamin

Peachy, turned the meeting over Criswell, Inez Detrick, Alice King, to County Extension Agent, Ro- Billie Hartley, Peggy Black, Leota berta Watters. Mrs. Watters Sherrell, Olga Peachy, Mary presented a timely and interesting Russom, Wynette Barkley, Geor-

gia Aliday, Muriel Thompson, Shirley McBride, Lottie Everett, Estelle Humphrey, and Becky Rogers. Also attending were quests: Mrs. Roberta Watters. Sherri Skidmore, and Mrs. Sue

The next meeting will be February 20th at the home of Lenora Wilburn, Members are encouraged to invite a friend or neighbors as their guest or prospective member

Services held here for Ora Willingham

Graveside services for Ora H. hospital Willingham, 70, widow of Eddie Saturday at Rose Hill Cemetery. Bruce Martin officiated, directed Survivors include two daughters Gaston of Christoval;

died Thursday at an Anson and Ileen Scott of Abilene; three grandchildren.

brothers. Horace Tipps of Waco. A native of Scurry County, she Havens Tipps of Sacramento, Willingham, were at 2 p.m. was a member of the Baptist Calif. and Leo Tipps of Grand Junction, Colo.; a sister, Maude by Starbuck Funeral Home. She Lucille Ohlhausen of Fort Worth grandchildren; and eight great

Swafford's honored on Golden Anniversary

NOTICE OF

SHERIFF'S SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF TAYLOR

NOTICE IS HEREBY

GIVEN That by virtue

of a certain Order of

Sale issued out of the

Honorable 104th District

Court of Taylor County,

of the 6th day of Jan-

uary 1986, by Judgement

couple was married January 19, and wives, hosted the event. They 8 grandchildren

Mr. and Mrs. Max E. Swafford, 1936 in the home of Ben Harper, include Mr. and Mrs. Mike of San Antonio, Texas, were Greenville, Texas. They lived in Swafford of San Antonio, Mr. and honored on their 50th Wedding Merkel, Texas for a few years Mrs. Mark Swafford of Columbia. Anniversary with a reception before moving to San Antonio Missouri, Commander Tom Swaf-Sunday, January 19, from 2 until 5 where they have resided since ford of Fairfax, Virginia, and Mr. p.m. at the Embassy Suite Hotel, 1941. They have four children who, and Mrs. Dave Niss of Colorado 7750 Briaridge, San Antonio. The with their respective husbands Springs, Colorado. They also have

> son, Deputy (Seal). 147-85-3tc

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY

GIVEN That by virtue of said 104th District of a certain Order of Court for the sum of \$340,237.76 Dollars and costs of suit, under a, Judgement, in favor of MBANK of Abilene in a certain cause in said Court, No. 6,703-B and styled MBANK Abilene vs. Gary Hodges Builders. Inc., placed in my hands for service, I John W. Middleton as Sheriff of Taylor County, Texas. did, on the 8th day of January, 1986, levy on certain Real Estate situated in Taylor County, Texas, described as fol-Lots 11 and 12, Block A. Section 2. Springbrook Addition to the City of Abilene, Taylor out in that one certain Deed of Trust on file in volume 585, page 588,

Deed of Trust Records. Taylor County, Texas. This Sale Will Be For Cash Only, A Cashiers Check From a Taylor County Bank May Be Accepted. and levied upon as the property of Gary Hodges Builders, Inc. and 534, Page 807, Deed of

that on the first Tuesday in March, 1986, the same being the 4th 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 property of Gary Hod-4 p.m., by virtue of said ges and that on the First levy and said Order of Sale, I will sell said above described Real Estate at public vendue, for each, to the highest bidder, as the property of said Gary Hodges Builders, Inc.

with law, I give this said Order of Sale, I will notice by publication, in sell said above describthe English language, ed Real Estate at public once a week for three vendue, for each, to the consecutive weeks im- highest bidder, as the property of said Gary mediately preceeding said day of sale in the Hidges. Merkel Mail, a newspaper published in Tay- with law, I give this lor County, Texas.

Sale issued out of the Honorable 104th District Court of Taylor County. Texas, of the 6th day of January 1986, by Judgement Order of Sale of said 104th District Court the sum of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Eight Hundred Sixteen costs of suit, under a Judgement, in favor of MBank Abilene, in a certain cause in said Court, No. 16,702-B and styled MBank Abilene vs. Gary Hodges, placed in my hands for service. I John W. Middleton as Sheriff of Taylor County, Texas, did, on the 8th day of January 1986, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Taylor County, Texas, described as follows, to-

Lot 4, Section 1, Country Club Estates Addition to the City of Merkel, Taylor County, Texas, as set out in that one certain Deed of Trust on file in volume Trust Records, Taylor County, Texas. This Sale Will Be For Cash Only, a Cashiers Check From A Taylor County Bank

May Be Accepted. and levied upon as the Tuesday in March 1986, the same being the 4th 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 4 p.m., by And in compliance virtue of said levy and

And in compliance notice by publication, in Witness my han, this the English language, the 13th day of January once a week for three

consecutive weeks im-John W. Middleton mediately preceeding Sheriff, Taylor County, said day of sale, in the Texas BY Eddie Swan- Merkel Mail, a newspaper published in Taylor County.

Witness my hand, this the 13th day of January 1986.

John W. Middleton, Sheriff, Taylor County, Texas by Eddie Swanson, Deputy (Seal) 147-86-3tc

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: RICHARD SLA-TER, Address Un-

knwon, Respondent: GREETINGS -YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable Aleta Hacker, 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 Monday next after the expiration of 20 days from the date of service of this citation, then and there to answer the petition of TERESITA SLATER, Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 14th day of January, 1986, against RICHARD SLATER, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 12,729-C on the docket of saod Court, and entitled "In The Matter of the Marriage of TERESITA SLATER

and RICHARD SLA-TER" the nature of which suit is a request to the court grant a divorce and such other relief requested in this petition. Petitioner prays that her name be changed as requested to Teresita Cruz Felicitas.

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgement or decree dissolving the marriage and providing for the division of property which will be binding upon you.

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

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its suance, it shall be 'n turned 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 14th day of January,

Rilla Mahoney, District Clerk, 326th District Court, Taylor County, Texas by Patricia Henderson, Deputy (Seal) 147-82-1tc

NOTICE OF TRANSFER Notice is hereby given

that on September 10, 1985, the entire assets of CONSOLIDATED PLUMBING, a partnership comprised of GREG FISHER and PAT WARREN, whose address was 102 Kent. Merkel, Texas, were transferred to a new enterprise organized to take over and continue the business under the name CONSOLIDATED PLUMBING, INC., a Texas corporation. whose address is 102 Kent, Merkel, Texas.

The corporation will assume all of the debts of the transferors, and the transferors will receive nothing from the transaction except shares in the corporation which will be subordinate to the claims of creditors of the corporation.

Dated: January 16. 1986. CONSOLIDATED

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BY: GREG FISHER Partner BY: PAT WARREN PARTNER 'Transferors' CONSOLIDATED PLUMBING, INC. BY: GREG FISHER PRESIDENT "Transferee" 147-46-2tc

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Texas cattle wandered untended during the Civil War, when most of the able-bodied men had joined the service. Much cattle bred without thinning. As Texas historian Joe Frantz tells it, when the men returned home, they found three to four million head of cattle, largely in the Nueces River valley between San Antonio. Corpus Christi, and the Rio Grande Valley. Meanwhile the North had increased its income during the war and was hungry for beef. The resource, however, was 1,000 miles from its market. The problem became how to get the resource to market.

Joseph G. McCoy, a 26-year-old Illinois commission merchant, convinced the railroads to build a cattle town west of settlement so that Texas cattle trailed northward would not be subject to a typhoid quarantine in settled areas. McCoy then persuaded Texas drivers to turn their herds northward toward the new town of Abilene, Kansas, where the necessary facilities for cattle had been built. Abilene even had gambling halls, bars and prostitutes. Somehow the Texas cattlemen took a chance on this man they had never seen and sent their cattle to a town they didn't know

Cowhands Hit the Trail

This Sesquicentennial series is courtesy of the Texas Committee for the Humanities and this newspaper.

The first drive took place in 1867. as a quarter of a million Texas cattle were herded toward a no-place called Abilene, Frantz says, and cattlemen found that McCoy had delivered on all his promises. Between 1867 and 1890, about 10 million head of cattle were trailed north across Texas and Indian territory. The grass became better the farther north the cattle traveled—the closer to market, the fatter the steers.

Once Abilene became prosperous, Frantz recounts, the new, more conventional residents frowned on cowboy high jinks and the cattlemen drove ever farther west. Of the cowtowns that followed, the most famous was Dodge City, Kansas. (Or perhaps, as Frantz reminds us, infamous is the better word, for in one of the sayings that came down: "West of Kansas City there is no law; west of Dodge City there is no God.")

Cattle were also trailed into Colorado, Nebraska, Wyoming, and Montana. The northern states provided a fine "topping off" range. Eventually these newer territories and states became cattle kingdoms themselves, stocked mainly by the descendants of the longhorn cattle originally trailed into their regions from Texas. The advance of the railroad, the

farmer's frontier, and barbed wire cattle industry, Frantz says, helped along by the tendency to overstock the range and destroy the grass and by a miserable drought in 1885-1886, intermixed with one of the most blizzardly winters in western history. That year is known as the year of the entrepreneurs out of the cattle business but convinced survivors that the days of uncontrolled breeding had to end. Ranching then became a business and the free-ranging cowboy became a hired hand.

Still, the cowboy became the American equivalent of the medieval knight on horseback. Although his era was short, the range cowhand emerged as a symbol of a once-ample world, courage, and direct action. Literary historian Don Graham tang, or mesteno, meaning a pony of believes that the greatest epic expres- mixed blood; and remuda for a relay

4 on CJC honor roll

Four Cisco Junior College Students from Merkel are on the recently released Dean's List for the fall semester of 1985.

The Dean's List includes stu-

sion of the generic American hero has been the cowboy. The cowboy saga stimulated the imagination of hundreds of novelists, poets, and dramatists. Graham says, and by the turn of the century, as movies came into being, there lay at hand a vast repository of history and romance out of which to concoct stories.

Cowboy gear contributed to the fencing spelled the death of the range mythology: broad-brimmed sombrero with its high crown, high-heeled boots, rawhide lariat, spurs, silvertipped western saddle with its big horn and oversized stirrups are just part of the mystique. The apparel was in large part borrowed from Arab, Spanish, and Mexican heritage. Although Big Die-Up, and not only drove many the gear was spectacular to the benchbound Easterner, Frantz says, it served a practical use, as did the roundup and the methods of tending cattle borrowed from the Hispanic past. The original tenders of the longhorn, also bred in this tradition, showed the Anglos how to manage herds in a semi-arid environment. And some of the cowboy lingo had Hispanic origins: rodeo; la riata, or lariat; sombrero; hoosegow for juzgado; buckaroo for vaquero; musof spare horses.

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	Surplus 980	
	Undivided profits and capital reserves.	1,293
	LUCUVIDED DECIDE AND LADIA PERIODS	1.29)
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	Cumulative foreign currency translation adjustments	

	We, the undersigned directors, attest to the correctness of
	this statement of resources and liabilities. We declare that if
	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.
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Betty Jane Tittle Vice-Pres.-Cashier

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

Directors

