

T-Shirters Must Register April 3

Registration of Little Leaguers and T-Shirters is scheduled to be held Saturday, April 3 in front of the West Texas Utilities building, according to president, Benny Melton. Melton also explained that all T-Shirters "would need to register at this time."

"Whether T-Shirters have played before or not, they will need to register on April 3," said Melton.

A registration blank is found on Page Six of this edition for parents to use for pre-registration.

Tryouts will be held Monday, April 12. Auction is scheduled for April 16, with practice starting April 19.

The first game of the season will be May 4.

Suspects Nabbed In Drug Robbery

Two suspects in last Thursday's armed robbery of the Merkel Drug Store were captured in Lubbock last Friday.

Charged in Justice of the Peace Roy Buchanan's court with the 6:35 p.m. Thursday stickup of the Merkel Drug Store were Bernard Wright and David Alan Hancock, both 21 and of Lubbock.

Wright was being held in Taylor County Jail in lieu of \$20,000 bond Friday night, while Hancock remained in fair condition in Lubbock's Methodist Hospital from what arresting officers termed an "overdose of drugs."

Shortly after a tall man with long blond hair robbed David Gamble of five or six bottles of amphetamine pills, an "attempt to locate" went out on the Department of Public Safety radio. The two were apprehended in Lubbock.

Merkel Police Chief Boyd Baker said Wednesday that Hancock had been released from the Lubbock hospital to Lubbock police, and is now in the Taylor County Jail.

THDA Meeting Set April 15

District 7 Texas Home Demonstration Agents will meet Thursday, April 15 at Abilene Christian College.

Miss Roberta Watters, Taylor County HD agent, reminds persons who plan to attend to have registration in by April 1.

SCOUTMASTER FETED AT COUNCIL BANQUET

The Silver Beaver Award was presented to Glenn Reed of Merkel Tuesday, March 16 at a banquet held at the Abilene Civic Center.

"No greater honor can the Chisholm Trail Council, Boy Scouts of America, bestow on one of its own," said L. T. Reed of Abilene, and father of the Merkel Scoutmaster, who is also a recipient of the Silver Beaver Award "some twenty-five years ago."

The Silver Beaver is awarded to men in the local council for "distinguished service to boyhood," and Reed has been Scoutmaster for Troop No. 18 since the troop was organized in 1961. He was Cubmaster for Pack No. 20 for two years, prior to taking over the leadership as Scoutmaster.

"And it is for long and unselfish leadership to the youth of the Merkel area, that we are bestowing this award," said his father.



TO STAR IN FRIDAY'S FESTIVAL — Merkel High School's Drama Club will present three one-act plays this Friday at the school auditorium. Pictured are four of the many actors in "Gammer Gurton's Needle," one of the plays to be presented. They are, standing, Mike McLean, left, who plays Master Bailey, and Paul Thames, Dr. Rat. Seated are Annette Campbell, left, "Doll," and Gail Gentry, Dame Chat. Curtain time is 7:30 p.m.

TAYLOR ELECTRIC MEMBERSHIP MEETING APRIL 15

The Thirtieth Annual Membership Meeting of Taylor Electric Cooperative will be held Thursday, April 15 in the general office annex.

"We are expecting over 2,000 members at our meeting this year," said TEC coordinator, B. J. Gist. "The meeting will start at 9 a.m. and the morning will be devoted to entertainment and drawing for attendance prizes with the business session scheduled for 1:15 p.m."

The nominating committee met on March 8 and made nominations for the vacancies which will be filled at the cooperative's annual meeting.

Members of the nominating committee are H. H. Spud McCleod, Trent, chairman; Weldon Edwards, Clyde; Harry Franklin, Potosi; Leo Chrane, Dudley; and R. E. Clemmer, Mulberry Canyon.

Nominated for directors are: Zone 1 — Ray Orsborn, Mulberry Canyon, incumbent, and Leo Chrane, Dudley. Zone 2 — Tommy Johnson, Op-

lin, incumbent, and Sterling Odum, Rowden.

Zone 3 — R. C. (Sonny) Watts, Hylton incumbent, and Jimmy Guthrie, Nolan.

The cooperative's by-laws provide that additional nominations may be made in writing and posted in office over the signatures of fifteen or more members not less than fifteen days prior to the annual meeting, said Gist. Nominations may also be made from the floor.

There are nine directors on the Cooperative board, with three directors being elected each year from each zone for a 3 year period.

LOW-RENT HOUSING APPLICATIONS DEADLINE MARCH 31

Persons interested in making application for low-rent housing in Merkel are asked to write Mrs. J. H. Clark Jr., executive director of Merkel Housing Authority, on or before Wednesday, March 31.

Mailing address is P. O. Box 417, Merkel, Texas 79536.

Jack Whitworth of Fort Worth and architect making application for additional units for Merkel, instructed Mrs. Clark to urge persons to get requests in "as soon as possible."

Persons who are qualified to apply for the low-rent units are the elderly who are on social security income, or old-age assistance, and families of five or more whose aggregate income is less than \$5,000 per year, said Mrs. Clark.

"Aggregate family income means all the income from any source whatsoever, before deductions or exemptions, which all occupying expects to receive during the twelve months," explained Mrs. Clark.

The Brickhaven Housing, which was built in 1960, houses twenty-four units and the Housing Authority is applying for additional units.

Mrs. Clark said that persons needing information concerning applications might call her at

Present directors are O. S. Moore, president; Watts, vice president; Jack Morrow, secretary; Alton Whitaker, Johnson, Riley Miller, J. D. Sandusky Jr., Orsborn and Clovis McElmurray.

Highlight of the meeting will be the introduction of the Cooperative's new manager, Don Hart, former assistant manager of Erath County Electric Cooperative at Stephenville.

Hart, who replaced Norman Winter, who resigned, took over duties at TEC March 16. Mrs. Hart, who teaches in the Stephenville School System, and the Hart's two children, will be moving to Merkel in May, following the end of the school term.

923-5038.

"It is most important that we get these letters in as soon as possible," said Mrs. Clark, "in that it will help to speed up approval on application for permit for further building."

NEW LIFE MISSION TO BEGIN APRIL 4

A New Life Mission Service will be held at First United Methodist Church beginning during the week of April 4.

Leading the worship services will be the Rev. G. Byron Deshler from Idyllwild, Calif., said pastor, the Rev. James Merrell.

Rev. Deshler was raised in a Quaker parsonage, his father being a minister in that denomination. He graduated from Whitier College and did graduate work at the University of Southern California, University of California, Berkeley, and Union Seminary.

His first two pastorates were in the Friends Church, but in 1936 he transferred to the Southern California - Arizona Conference of the United Methodist

Annual C-C Banquet Is This Saturday

Dr. Elwin L. Skiles, president of Hardin-Simmons University, will be principal speaker for the Merkel Annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet this Saturday at 8 p.m. at the high school cafeteria.

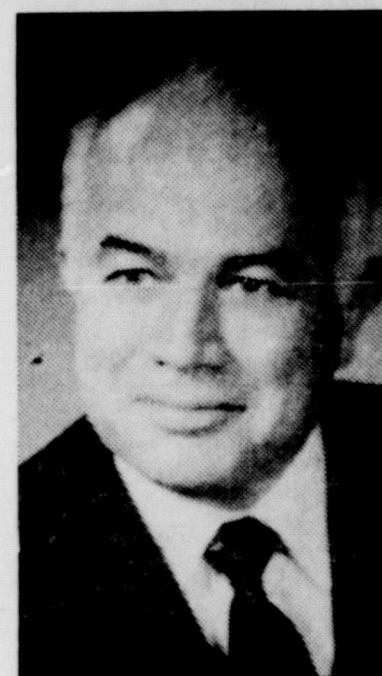
Before assuming the top administrator's post at Hardin-Simmons, Dr. Skiles was pastor of the 4,500 member First Baptist Church of Abilene for twelve and one half years.

The Texas Baptist educator attended Simmons University (now Hardin-Simmons University) from 1930-32 before receiving the Bachelor of Arts degree from Baylor University in 1934 and the Master of Arts degree from the same institution in 1935. He also earned the Master of Theology and Ph. D. degrees from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

He served as Naval Chaplain during World War II.

He has pastored churches in Kentucky, Virginia, Florida and Texas and has been active in Texas and Southern Baptist denominational life, having served as a trustee of H-SU and Hendrick Memorial Hospital in Abilene and as chairman of the Board of Trustees at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif.

Active in civic affairs and a longtime Rotarian, Dr. Skiles is married to the former Ruth Kinder of Homer, La. They have



DR. ELWIN SKILES
... banquet speaker

traveled widely throughout the world. Dr. Skiles has taken young people and selected adults on three "around the world" tours

(summers of 1963, 1966 and 1968).

Highlight of the banquet will be recognition of outstanding citizen and farmer or rancher.

Also on the banquet agenda will be the installation of officers and incoming directors for 1971-72.

Fred Starbuck will be installed as president, Dave Brumbeau, vice president, and Mrs. Ray Wilson, new director, secretary.

Incoming directors besides Mrs. Wilson are Duane Shugart and E. A. Conley.

Holdover directors are Johnny Hammond, 1970-71 CC president; Mack Fisher, Vernon Mansfield, Kent Satterwhite, Starbuck and Brumbeau.

Tickets for the banquet are \$1.75 and may be obtained from any chamber of commerce member or at the chamber office. Master of ceremonies will be Joe Earl Lassiter.

FOR MERKEL ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR FHA WEEK

Future Homemakers of America in Texas will join the 600,000 FHA members across the country in observing National FHA Week March 28 through April 3. The 1,600 chapters in Texas will carry out special projects and activities during the week, focused on the theme, "FHA Cares."

According to Vickie Robertson, Merkel High School senior, and president of the local chapter of FHA, members of Future Homemakers of America "care about a lot of things."

The fifty members of the Merkel FHA Chapter have scheduled a number of activities for this week. Plans outlined by Mrs. Mary Eaton include Freshman-Senior Picnic; Teacher Appreciation Day, and Freshman "Clean Up" Day.

Officers of the Merkel Chapter are Robertson, president; Gail Gentry, vice president; Judy Hes-



VICKIE ROBERTSON
... Merkel president

ter, secretary and Patricia McDuff, treasurer.

Also Becky Eastham, piano; Mary Beth Boyd, reporter; Jan Beasley, song leader; Carol Yates, parliamentarian and Cathy Carson, historian.

AT TRENT FHA WEEK BEGINS AT CHURCH SUNDAY

Kicking off activities for FHA Week, the Trent Chapter will attend First United Methodist Church in Trent Sunday, as a group, with dinner afterwards in a restaurant in Merkel.

Monday at 7:30 p.m., members will sponsor a fashion show by Grigsbys of Abilene, to be held in the school cafeteria. Trent FHA advisor, Mrs. Jack Whitis, said the public is invited to attend.

Other activities planned for the week include cleaning curtains in the gymnasium, and a field trip to Abilene, where they plan to visit the Abilene State School, a real estate establishment, a dry cleaning plant, and visiting Aileens.

Activities undertaken this school year include an ice cream social, working in cooperation with Trent FFA members for clean up day and taking part in the Trent Heart Drive.

Officers are Judy Brnovak, president; Kathi Jones, vice president; Judy Lovelady, secretary;



JUDY BRNOVAK
... Trent president

Elvira Garza, treasurer, Pat Watson, historian; Aneta Frazier, parliamentarian and Leeann Williamson, song leader.

Judy Brnovak and Gayla Heatley attended the Area Conventon held in Stephenville March 6, and Becky Bryan and Pat Watson are elected delegates to the State Convention to be held in Dallas April 22-24.



GLEN REED
... receives award

Reed, an Eagle Scout with three palms and A Sea Scout has "returned some of the Scouting that others have given to him by serving as a Scoutmaster for many years." He has two sons, Alan and Terry, who are Eagle Scouts. He has served as Troop Leader for the past two National Jamborees.

Reed is band director for the Merkel Public Schools.



Miss Hill Feted At Bridal Shower

Janice Hill, bride-elect of Nolan Watson Jr., was honored at a Bridal Shower March 20 at Noodle School Cafeteria. White lace cloth on serving tables and red underlay; decorations were red, white and blue. Appointments were crystal. Co-hosting the tea were Miss Evelyn Cook, and Mmes. Nig Herron, F. E. Sipes, Leslie Cox, Clyde Mims, Alfred Parham, Martin Cook and Dick Skidmore. Cynthia Ramos registered guests.

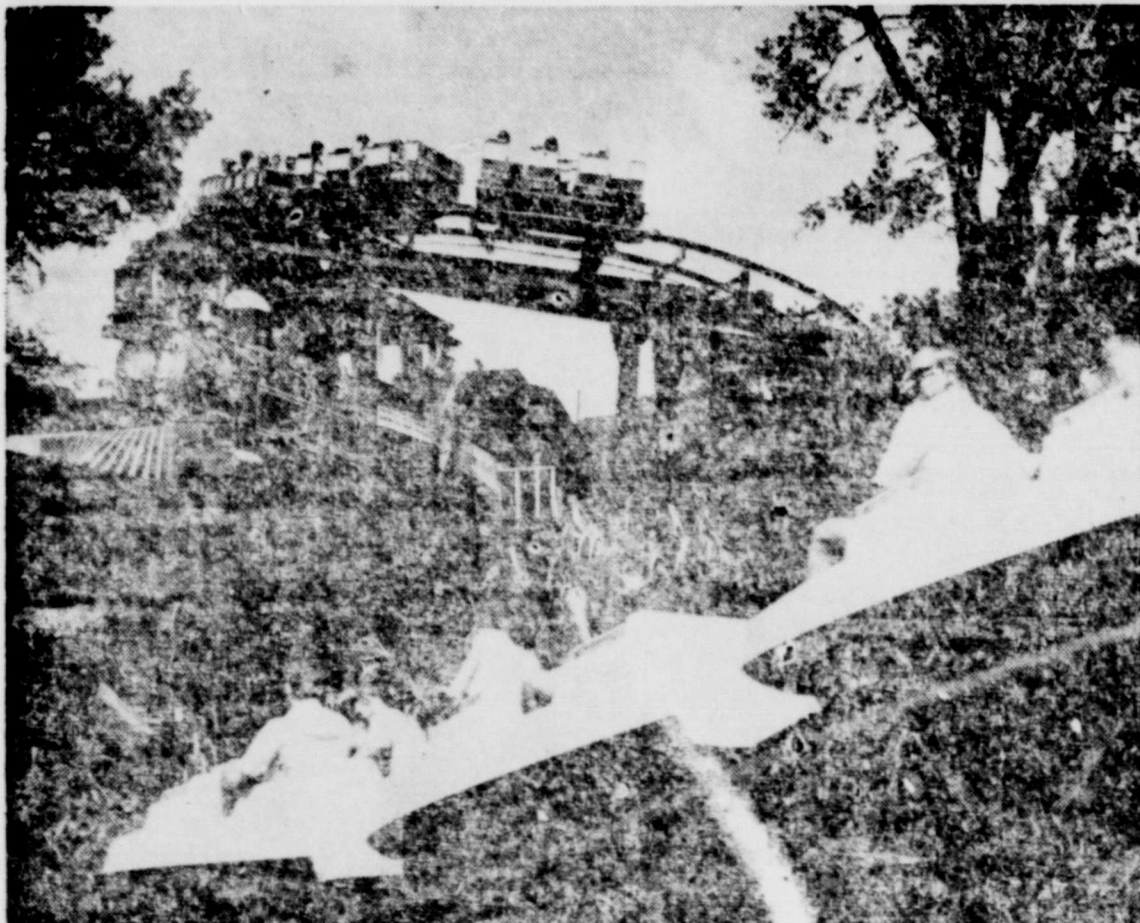
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'Cleaner Texas' Gardeners Theme

Members of the Garden Club were entertained at a luncheon meeting Thursday in the home of Christine Collins. Theme for the day was a "Venture Into a Cleaner Texas." Mrs. Odis Griffin presented hand-made articles, utilizing Litterbox materials, and urged all members "not to throw away anything which could be salvaged." "The Amazing Raindrop," was read by Mrs. Newton Daniel. Attending were Mmes. Oda Clark, Albert Criswell, Daniel, R. M. Ferguson and Griffin. Also Mmes. Ora Griggs, Dee Grimes, Lottie Everett, H. N. Odum, Herbert Patterson and John Shannon. Also Mmes. Charlie Sherrill, Aaron Sudderth, Jarrett Williams, Ross Ferrier, Jackie Speigal and hostess, Collins.



TEXAS EXCITEMENT—Three of the most popular rides at SIX FLAGS Over Texas are shown in action. At top is the Runaway Mine Train which annually carries more than 2 1/2 million riders. At center an authentic 1898 steam engine carries passengers over a narrow gauge track which encircles the huge theme park. And, in the foreground is the SIX FLAGS Mini Mine Train, designed for the younger set.



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WHY DOES THE PUFFER FISH EXPAND HIMSELF?

WHEN THE PUFFER FEARS CAPTURE BY A LARGER FISH, HE DEFENDS HIMSELF BY SWELLING SO HIS ENEMY CANNOT SWALLOW HIM!

When you promised to share and share alike, did that mean your wife could use up all the hot water?



You could get up earlier. Then you'd be sure to beat her to it. Of course she wouldn't be too impressed with your chivalry. Another alternative is a larger gas water heater. Gas water heaters are easy to buy, easy to install, and recover hot water up to twice as fast as comparable electric models. So stop competing with your better half. Get a larger capacity hot water heater. For fewer fights and lots more hot water.



The President has announced a program to help veterans get jobs. Now he's asking for your help.

Most veterans returning to civilian life seek jobs. For many, this is a period of uncertainty... perhaps difficulty. Veterans not only deserve your help, but they have something extra to offer—clerical, trade, technical, professional, and supervisory skills learned in the service—plus the use of the GI Bill to learn while they work. Equally important, they have maturity, self discipline and motivation!

Government is mobilized. States, cities and counties have been encouraged to form local Jobs for Veterans Task Forces. Do your part! Urge your firm to hire and train vets. Work with your local business, labor, government, veterans and civic organizations to help veterans find meaningful jobs.

To hire a veteran—see the local office of the State Employment Service. For information on training programs for veterans, contact the local office of the Veterans Administration.

DON'T FORGET. HIRE THE VET.

Janice F. O'Neil, Jr., National Chairman—Jobs for Veterans



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- Miscellaneous -

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REWARD - \$5.00 for the return of a birthstone family ring keepsake. Lost in vicinity of Adcock Cleaners and Carlisle Laundry, Mrs. Waymon Adcock. 3 t/c

TRAILER PARK SPACE FOR RENT - We have 2 vacancies for mobile homes for rent by the month. 819 Walnut, call 928-5622. 3 t/c

FARMERS and Ranchers want to get rid of those rattle snakes. Just call 928-4863. 3 t/c

GARAGE SALE - 812 Oak St., Friday and Saturday. Variety of Articles. 4 t/c

FINAL GARAGE SALE - 501 Thornton, Thurs., Fri. and Sat. Dresses 15c, hats and purses 10c each, doll dressed and undressed, rug shampooer, Baby stroller, miscellaneous items. 4 t/c

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NEED A BABYSITTER? - for working mothers or just a night out. Will keep your children in my home. Mrs. Clara Tomlinson, 502 Rose. 4 t/c

- For Rent -

WANT TO RENT - 2 or 3 bedroom house. Edman E. Lee, Ballinger, Texas, call 915-395-3682. 3 t/c

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FOR SALE - 1 half of lot, space for two adult graves in Rose Hill Cemetery. Call or see Minnie Howard, 928-5356. 3 t/c

FOR SALE - Hay. Call Gene Amerine, 928-4876. 3 t/c

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FOR SALE - Just right for Easter - Beautiful AKC registered Chihuahua puppies. 1 1/2 mile east of Merkel, 928-5239. 3 t/c

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CARD OF THANKS

Dear Friends and Loved Ones of Merkel and Area,

As time does not permit our writing numerous "Thank You" cards, please accept this as a personal "Thank You" from the Earl Bratcher and Mack Walker families.

It is with deep appreciation that we write these words. For the many cards, food, flowers, gifts, transportation, acts and deeds of kindness, and most of all your prayers that have helped sustain us during the recent illness and parting of our loved one, we are indebted beyond measure.

As words cannot really express our feelings of gratitude, we simply say "Thank You" to the wonderful people of Merkel and area.
May God bless all of you.
The Earl Bratcher and Mack Walker Families.



Set a child free this Easter.

Our therapists teach kids to walk when they can't learn by themselves. And when their parents can't teach them. We teach kids to talk. We teach kids to hear. To control arms, and fingers. To move legs. Toes. We take little kids that are imprisoned inside themselves and help set them free. It takes money. Give to Easter Seals.

EASTER SEAL APPEAL NOW IN 'FULL SWING'

The 1971 Easter Seal Appeal goes into full swing this week in Taylor, Rummels, Jones, King, Knox, Nolan, Fisher, Callahan, Shackelford, Haskell and Stone-wall counties, it was announced today by Homer H. Scott, treasurer of the West Texas Rehabilitation Center, and will continue until April 11.

During these weeks widespread appeal for funds will be made by the West Texas Rehabilitation Center to finance treatment and rehabilitation for crippled children and adults.

Last year, more than 2,420 handicapped persons received help from the West Texas Rehabilitation Center, explained Mr. Scott. But needs of the handicapped and costs of providing expert professional care are rising and more money than ever before will be needed.

The appeal will include the traditional Easter Seal mail appeal, as well as a door to door Easter Seal Parade in some towns. In addition, many special events are planned.

"The people of the Big Country area have always responded to our needs and I feel certain they will make it possible again this year for us to serve all who come for help," said Shelley V. Smith, executive director of the West Texas Rehabilitation Center. "Our budget for the West Texas Rehabilitation Center for 1971 is \$425,000, and Easter Seals is the most vital part of this budget for Rehab '71."

Mrs. Lige Harris Birthday Honoree

A surprise birthday party was given for Mrs. Lige Harris, who was 84 March 19.

The party was given in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Don Riney.

Attending were four of the five children: Messrs. and Mmes. S. G. Russell, Leo Harris, Bill Harris, Ballinger, and Don Riney.

Grandchildren attending were Marion Hays and family of Coahoma; Troy Roberts and family, Midland; and John Wilson family, Abilene.

Also Tommy and Mary Riney, Hale Center; Danny and Ann Kiser, Lubbock; Jerry Russell and family, Bill Lucas and family and Larry Riney, all of Merkel.

There were eight great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild, also attending.

Mrs. Harris was presented a mother's ring by her children, and also remembered with flowers and cards.

Thirty-one relatives of the Harris family attended the event.

Do We Have a Second Chance in Reference to Salvation?

Yes, we do have a second chance, several in fact, but they are all in this life BEFORE you die physically!

No where in all of God's Word the Bible does God teach people have a second opportunity to get right with God after physical death. If anyone ever knew of one it would have been Jesus Christ the Son of Almighty God - notice what he said: (Luke 16:19-31 read it for your self, because any teacher or doctrine that contradicts Jesus Christ contradicts the Authority of God Himself - Matthew 28:18) Jesus plainly taught: 1. There are only 2 places of existence (called Hades) after death (before judgment day) one is **TORMENT** and the other is **ABRAHAM'S BOSOM**. 2. He taught there is **NO** changing from one to the other. 3. If you are going to respond to God's law it will have to be done here on earth while you are living not after death. Add to this what Jesus said in John 5:28, 29. Those in Abraham's bosom at judgment are ushered into heaven, Matt. 25:31f, and those in torment are ushered into hell, read Rev. 21, 22.

In addition to this is another Bible doctrine that denies a second chance at salvation after death, and that is the Resurrection.

When is the resurrection of all people? According to: Matt. 24:30-51; 25:31-46; Rev. 1:7; I Cor. 15:52-54; II Peter 3:10-13 and others the resurrection from physical death shall occur when Jesus Christ comes a second time (there is not one scripture that teaches he will ever set foot on this earth a second time) which is also the exact same time as the end of the world and we will meet him in the AIR - I Thessalonians 4:13-18. The Bible does not teach two different resurrections from physical death that involves 2 or more groups of people at different times. (Next week: How many resurrections are there?)

BILLY PATTON, Minister
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PATTI BYERS
... sets wedding date

Byers-Farmer Engagement Told

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Byers of Rt. 2, Merkel, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Patti, to Mr. Lewis Dale Farmer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Jones.

Also a graduate of Merkel High School, the bridegroom - elect is employed with Pierce Manufacturing Co.

Wedding date has been set for June 19 at the United Methodist Church.

Texas Lions Add Diabetic Camp

The Texas Lions League, which has operated a summer camp for handicapped children at Kerrville for the past 18 years, has added a new dimension of service this year with a special three week camp for diabetic youngsters in cooperation with the diabetes association of Texas.

League president, Everett J. Grandstaff of Ballinger, said the pilot program would be known as the Texas Lions Camp for Diabetic Children.

The special summer session - June 7 through June 25 - will be held at the facilities of Camp Manison near Friendswood, between Houston and Galveston, where a diabetic camp has been operated for the past 14 years.

Merkel Lions contributes to the summer camp for handicapped children at Kerrville and part of this contribution will be used at

the diabetic camp, said president, the Rev. Jim Sinclair.

Names, area and addresses of potential campers should be sent to the camp secretary, Mrs. Jo Ann Horre, P. O. Box 2577, Texas City, Texas 77590.

Deadline for the writer's contest, sponsored by the Abilene Writer's Guild, is Wednesday, March 31. Contest is open to all men - professional writers of the Big Country who have not previously won a first place cash award on a local, state or national level.

Competition will be in four categories - adult, fiction, juvenile fiction, articles and poetry. First, second and third prizes will be given in all categories. Manuscripts are to be mailed in triplicate to the Writer's Guild treasurer, Mrs. Elva Morrison, 233 Briarwood, Abilene. Each contestant must send a \$1 entry fee for each category entered.

CTGMS to Meet

The Central Texas Gen & Mineral Society will meet Sunday, March 28 at 2 p.m. at Oscar Ross Park, Recreation Center in Abilene, according to Walter Plumlee, president.



GROUND-BREAKING CEREMONY - The Board of Directors of Medina Children's Home, along with Public Relations and Development Board, staff and children, were excited over the ground breaking for the new all-purpose building March 7. Pictured are E. Doyle Thomas, left, of Abilene, president of the Board of Directors; Dempsey Simpson, superintendent of Medina Home; and W. A. Goforth of Temple, president of the Public Relations and Development Board. Medina Children's Home is a home for adolescent boys and girls between the ages of 8 and 18, which is located between Medina and Kerrville. (Medina Children's Home Photo)

CTC ANNOUNCES VICE PRESIDENT

Arthur S. Taylor has been named vice president - Telephone Operations for the Continental Telephone Corporation, according to J. P. Maguire, president, Merkel Telephone Company, a member of the Continental System.

From May, 1968, until his March 1st appointment, Taylor had been General Manager of Continental's Southwest Division, which includes properties in Arkansas, Oklahoma, Texas and Louisiana.

In his new position, Taylor assumes control of all telephone operations for the Continental System. The scope of the system's 1.65 million telephones (including Alaska), parts of Canada, and service in 42 states including the Caribbean Islands.

After attending Ventura City College, Taylor began his telephone career in 1939 as a lineman for the California Interstate Telephone Company at Bishop, California. World War II interrupted Taylor's career in 1944. He served with the Army Signal Corps in Europe and the Philippines before his discharge in 1946.

Taylor then returned to California Interstate, and soon became District Manager for its Nevada operations near Lake Tahoe. He later progressed through various positions and departments of the company, and in 1958 was named vice president - operations. He maintained that position after California Interstate merged with the Continental System and later became vice president and general manager of Continental's California Properties.



ARTHUR S. TAYLOR
... begins assignment

He remained there until he was appointed vice president and general manager of the Southwest Division in 1958.

Taylor now has his offices at the Continental System headquarters for telephone operations in Bakersfield, California.

Announcement of Taylor's successor as head of the Southwest Division is expected in the near future.

Merkel Graduate Receives Medal

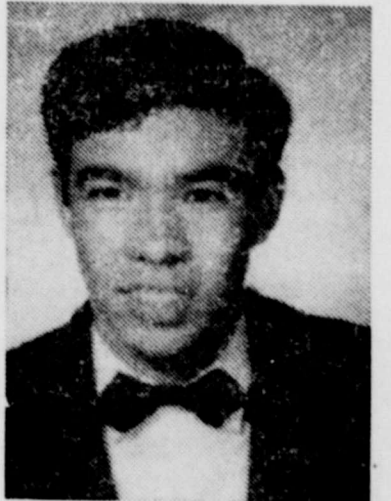
CHU LAI, Vietnam - Sergeant Wilfredo Y. Asencio, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Asencio, 108 Haynes St., Merkel, Tex., recently was promoted to his present rank and received the Army Commendation Medal and the Combat Infantryman Badge while serving with the Americal Division near Chu Lai, Vietnam.

Sgt. Asencio earned the Army Commendation Medal for meritorious service as a squad leader in company B, 1st Battalion, 6th Infantry of the Division's 19th Infantry Brigade.

The combat infantryman badge was awarded for sustained ground contact against the enemy.

Sgt. Asencio entered the Army in January 1970 and completed basic training at Ft. Ord, Calif.

He is a 1969 graduate of Merkel High School.



WILLIE ASENCIO
... gets promotion

Awards Group To Name Dealer

Supreme Court Justice Tom Reavley will serve as chairman of the Awards Committee to select three Texas Automobile Dealers for 1971, announced H. C. Pittman, executive vice president of the Texas Automobile Dealers Association.

Justice Reavley has been an Associate Justice on the Texas Supreme Court since Oct. 10, 1968. A graduate of the University of Texas and Harvard Law School, he served as Texas Secretary of State from 1955 to 1957, was visiting professor of Law at the UT Law School, 1959-59, and Travis County District Judge until Oct. 1968.

The quality dealer award is given to a franchised new car dealer from each of three population categories - large cities, medium, and small towns - in recognition of outstanding service to community and state, dealership management and personal integrity.

Deadline for nominations for the award is April 15. Winners will be announced at the 54th Annual TDA Convention to be held in Fort Worth May 9-10-11, at the Shearson-Texas.

DEATHS & FUNERALS

Mrs. Ida McAden Services Held Dies in Abilene For Mrs. Bratcher

Mrs. Ida Mae McAden, 67, of 3816 No. 9th St., Abilene, died suddenly at her home Monday, March 15.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at Calvary Baptist Church in Abilene, with the Rev. Jerry Potect, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Elmwood Memorial Park under direction of Elliott's Funeral Home.

Mrs. McAden was born June 11, 1903, at Navasota. She attended school at Navasota and Mary Hardin Baylor College at Belton before her marriage to L. H. McAden at Navasota in 1922.

They moved to Abilene from Merkel in 1963. She was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church and Merkel Chapter No. 212 of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Survivors are her husband; a daughter, Mrs. George W. Leonard Jr., of Abilene; two sisters, Mrs. Bernice Ellison of Bryan and Mrs. Eulalie Smith of Abilene; two brothers, Kenneth A. Binford of Pleasanton and George P. Binford of Bryan; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Mrs. R. E. Bratcher, wife of a Merkel Elementary School teacher, died Saturday, March 20, in Hendrick Memorial Hospital after a long illness.

Funeral services were held Monday at First Baptist Church with the Rev. Kenneth Jones, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Elmwood Memorial Park, directed by Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born Betty Lou Walker July 29, 1931, she married Ralph Earl Bratcher in Abilene. They moved to Merkel in 1963. She was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband; two sons, David and Royce of the home; one daughter, Sherry, of the home; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Maek Walker of 1219 Sycamore, Abilene; two brothers, Bill Walker of San Diego, Calif., and Burrell Ford of Corpus Christi; two sisters, Mrs. Shirley Clinch of Axtel and Mrs. Joe Ann Thompson of Rosenberg.

Pallbearers were Henry Howard, Leon Walker, Joe Henry, Cramer Reynolds, Robert Higgins and Alvin Wozencraft.

March Dinner Is Saturday

Members of the Merkel Country Club will have their March Dinner Saturday, March 27 at the Country Club.

Hosting the monthly event are the Hollis Mitchells, S. C. Dixons, Kent Satterwiles, David Scotts, Mr. C. V. Tipton and Dr. and Mrs. Jarrett Williams.

Time will be 7:30 p.m.

Miss Sanford Tells Wedding Plans

Mr. and Mrs. James Sanford have announced the engagement of their daughter, Linda Darlene, to Mr. James W. Raines, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Moore of Hamilton.

Wedding will be June 13 at the Calvary Baptist Church.

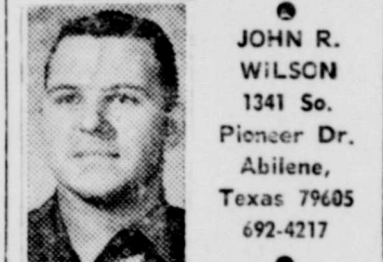
The bride - elect will graduate in May from Merkel High School.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Anson High School and is employed by White's Mines, Inc.



LINDA D. SANFORD
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'WRITE HANOI' LONG RANGE PROJECT FOR AMERICAN RED CROSS

The Taylor County Chapter of American Red Cross is continuing a concentrated long range project to get the American public interested about prisoners of war and men missing in action in Indo-China, according to Olive Lena Olsen, executive director.

The campaign has been in operation since last August and efforts are still being made to get people to take part in a "Write Hanoi" drive. The Red Cross has worked with the Abilene Jetties, wives of some of the prisoners of war and wives of some of the men missing in action in order to arouse more interest here.

Through April of 1970, the Red Cross spent \$742,463 in assisting persons injured or receiving property damage in last year's tornado at Lubbock. Through December of 1970, the Red Cross spent \$10,233,255 in the Corpus Christi area as the result of the devastating hurricane, "Celia." Thus far, the Red Cross has established four shelters in the Los Angeles earthquake area and has fed thousands of persons.

The Taylor County Chapter is a member of the Merkel Community Fund as well as the United Fund in Abilene.

A total for the Red Cross March Drive for Taylor County will be announced early in April, according to Miss Olsen.

"We have had some very fine contributions coming in from the rural area," said Miss Olsen. "However, if we hope to reach our set goal of \$3,000.00 for the drive, we will need more contributions."

Area chairmen for the drive are J.G. Wilks, Trent; Doug Ford, Tuscola, Lawn and Ovalo; Mrs. Edgar Holly, Pecos; Mrs. Mildred Payne, Buffalo Gap, and Wayne Hunt, Bradshaw.

Working the area for Merkel are Mrs. Joe McDuff, chairman, and co-chairmen, Mrs. Wilmer Criswell, Jack Hogan, Frank Brnovak and Robert Higgins.

The Taylor County chapter officials include, Jack Holden, chairman; Mrs. George Ervin, secretary, Lee Pinkerton and Delbert Allred, vice chairmen; and Edgie Robbins, treasurer. Staff members include Miss Olsen, Mrs. Martha Darden, service to military families and Frances Grant, secretary.

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Schwarz-Barnes
Engagement Told

The engagement of Kathy Ann Schwarz to Almer Barnes Jr., has been announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Schwarz of Abilene. Vows will be exchanged May 1 at the Southside Church of Christ in Abilene.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Cooper High School, attended Abilene Christian College, and is presently employed by West Texas Medical Center.

The bridegroom-elect is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Barnes Sr., of Rt. 2, Merkel. He was a graduate of Merkel High School and is attending Hardin-Simmons University. He is vocalist for the Cowboy Band, president of H-SU Choral and member of the Rodeo Club. He is employed with Rex Carlie Construction Co., of Tye.

Gospel Singing
At Shepp Sat.

The Shepp Gospel Singing will be Saturday, March 27 at 7:30 p.m., according to J. D. Taylor. Singing will be held at the Shepp Community Center, and "everyone is invited to attend."

TORNADO SAFETY RULES

TO KNOW WHAT TO DO WHEN A TORNADO IS APPROACHING MAY MEAN THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN LIFE AND DEATH!

I—If you are near a tornado cellar:
When time permits, go to a tornado cellar, cave or underground excavation which should have an air outlet to help equalize the air pressure. It should be kept fit for use, free from water, gas or debris; and preferably equipped with pick and shovel. **THERE IS NO UNIVERSAL PROTECTION AGAINST TORNADOES EXCEPT UNDERGROUND EXCAVATIONS.**

II—If you are in open country:
1. Move at right angles to the tornado's path. Tornadoes usually move ahead at about 25 to 40 miles per hour.
2. If there is no time to escape, lie flat in the nearest depression such as a ditch or ravine.

III—In a city or town:
1. Seek inside shelter, preferably in a strongly reinforced building. **STAY AWAY FROM WINDOWS!**
2. In homes: The corner of the basement toward the tornado usually offers greatest safety, particularly in frame houses. People in houses without basements can sometimes be protected by taking cover under heavy furniture against inside walls. Doors and windows on the sides of the house away from the tornado may be opened to help reduce damage to the building.
3. Standing against the inside wall on a lower floor of an office building offers some protection.

IV—If in schools:
1. In city areas: If school building is of strongly reinforced construction, stay inside, away from windows, remain near an inside wall on the lower floors when possible. **AVOID AUDITORIUMS AND GYMNASIUMS** with large, poorly supported roofs!
2. In rural schools that do not have strongly reinforced construction, remove children and teachers to a ravine or ditch if storm shelter is not available.

V—If in factories and industrial plants:
On receiving a tornado warning, a lookout should be posted to keep safety officials advised of the tornado's approach. Advance preparation should be made for moving workers to sections of the plant offering the greatest protection.

VI—Keep calm. It will not help to get excited.
People have been killed by running out into streets and by turning back into the path of a tornado. Even though a warning is issued, chances of a tornado striking one's home or location are very slight. Tornadoes cover such a small zone, as a rule, that relatively only a few places in a warned area are directly affected. You should know about tornadoes though, "just in case."

VII—Keep turned to your radio or television station for latest tornado advisory information. Do not call the Weather Bureau, except to report a tornado, as your individual request may tie up telephone lines urgently needed to receive special reports or to relay advisories to radio and television stations for dissemination to thousands in the critical area.

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Miss Mary Ybarra
Wedding Date Set

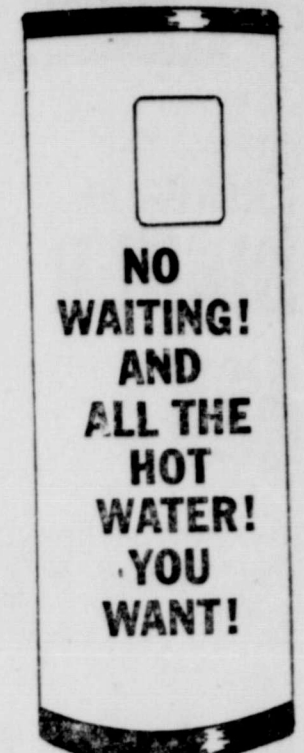
April 17 is wedding date for Mary Ybarra of Hayward, Calif., and Luis Campos of Oxnard.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Ybarra of Merkel, and her fiance is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jose Campos of Oxnard, Calif. He will gradu-

ate in April from Chabot College. The couple will be married in an afternoon ceremony in St. Bede's Catholic Church in Hayward.

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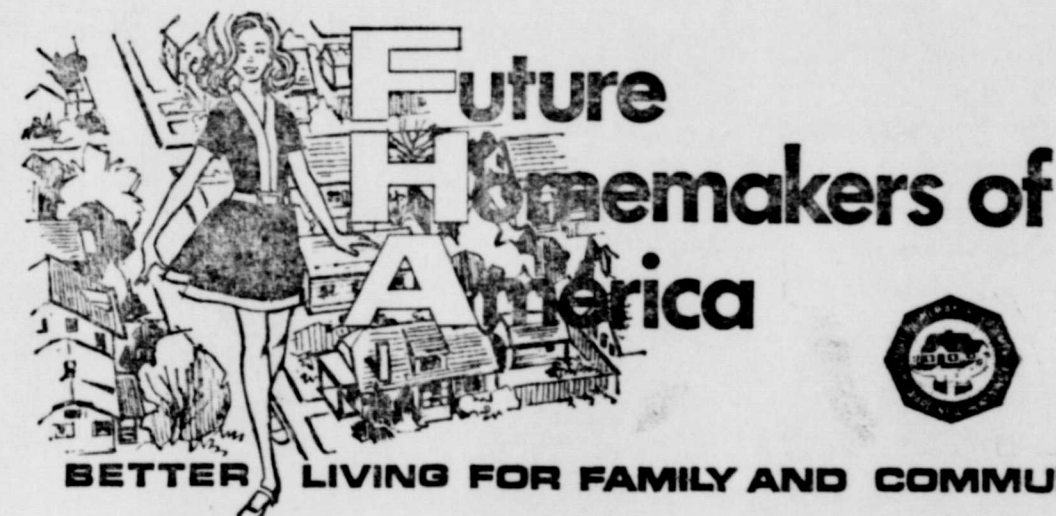
Garden Clubbers
Attend Meeting

Local and area Garden Clubbers attending the District VIII Spring Convention held in Stamford March 16, were Mrs. Odell Freeman, Trent; Mrs. Jay Washburn, Anson; and Mrs. W. L. Brown and Mrs. Charlie Sherrill, both of Merkel.

Mrs. E. O. Barton of Houston presented a program on Flower Arranging.

Mrs. Brown, yearbook chairman of the Merkel Garden Club, was presented a certificate for her work in publicity and press.

Mrs. Freeman is a member of the Abilene Garden Club, and is bazaar chairman.



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