

Lions Club To See Film April 16th

A film, "The First Freedom", will be shown at the Lions Club Luncheon April 16th. The film is being shown by the Abilene Reporter-News. Frank Pruitt, Vice President and Director of Circulation for the newspaper will be in charge of showing the film. The editor or managing editor will accompany Pruitt to answer questions concerning newspapers and their role in reporting the news.

The film deals with the first amendment to the Constitution of the United States. This amendment covers freedom of speech, freedom of the press, etc.

The film has had wide showing in the Big Country.



VOTING IN CITY ELECTION - Joe Alves casts his vote for the candidates on the city ballot. Looking on is, left to right, Mrs. Denzel Cox, Mrs. Wilbur Thomas and Election Judge Mrs. Pat Cypert.



PLACING VOTES IN BOX - Mrs. and Mrs. D. O. Toliver cast their votes in the School Board election Saturday. Election clerks are, left to right, Mrs. John B. Hughes and Mrs. Tom Russom. Not pictured was Troy Sloan and Election Judge Bill Button.

445 Voters Turn Out To Elect New School Board

About 445 Merkel and Tye voters turned out in the windy weather to elect a complete new school board Saturday. 169 Merkel voters turned out to elect the three candidates for the city council. The school board vote was one of the heaviest for Merkel in several years. 345 Merkelites voted in the election presided over by Judge Bill Button.

In accordance with the law after the Tye-Merkel consolidation, two from Tye and two from Merkel, were elected along with three at-large members. The Merkel winners were incumbent Bobby DuBose with 301 votes and Johnny Teaff with 269 votes. The Tye winners were Jack Moore with 192 votes and Curtis Rister with 160 votes.

The at-large delegates were from Merkel. They were incumbent Danny Doan with 228, Charlie Jacobs 209, and Bobby Toliver with 207. In the city election incumbent Pete Morgan received 163 votes while Jerry Byrd got 153 and Jimmy Atkinson received 150. There were four persons receiving write-in votes. They were Ted Smith, 3; Fred Starbuck, 2; W. H. Carson with 2; and Ronny Doan with 1.

The candidates and their total vote are as follows: Bobby DuBose, 301; Johnny

Teaff, 269; Danny Doan, 228; Charlie Jacobs, 209; Bobby Toliver, 207; Jack Moore 192; Curtis Rister 160; Roy Davis 179; Juan Ybarra, 170; Lee Tucker, 165; Benny Mel-

ton, 161; Robert Stephan, 155; D.C. Hendricks, 148; A.O. Cox, 120; Larry White, 118; Bill Morgan, 97; David Kraatz, 95; and Mary Jo McConnell Reed, 56.

Bobby DuBose Chosen School Board President

Bobby DuBose was elected president of the Merkel School Board at its regular monthly meeting. Johnny Teaff was elected vice president and Curtis Rister was chosen board secretary.

After the new board was sworn in, the members drew for the length of their terms. Drawing numbers 1, 2, and 3 for 1 year terms were Johnny Teaff, Charlie Jacobs and Bobby Toliver. Drawing numbers 4 and 5 for 2 year terms were Bobby DuBose and Jack Moore. Getting 3 year terms by drawing numbers 6 and 7 were Curtis Rister and Danny Doan. The method of drawing for terms is provided by law after the recent consolidation.

Before the new board was sworn in by Joe Lassister, the old board approved vouchers, heard the tax collection report by Superintendent Mack Fisher and canvassed the election returns.

Supt. Fisher told the board that a total of \$252,231.83 had been collected plus \$6,464.63 in delinquent taxes, for a total of \$258,696.46. He said this represented 90.5 per cent collection.

In other action the board: Accepted the high bids on the three school buses that have been advertised. The high bids were \$300 for GMC bus from Chappel Hill Baptist Church of Dallas; \$1,062.50 for the 1963 Chevrolet by H & S Motors of Abilene and \$838.00 from Dr. Grady Jolley of Abilene for the 1962 Chevrolet. Several other bids were received.

Considered bids on furniture for the new science lab. Elementary Principal John Cain, who has a background in teaching science, explained the bids to the board. There were four bids submitted. They were: American Desk Manufacturing Co. of Taylor, Texas, \$6,481.00; Hoover Brothers of Dallas, \$11,015.00; Rose Construction Company of Abilene, \$6,800.00; and Rouse and Parsons of Abilene, \$4,137. While the first two bids did not include plumbing and electrical work, they did include a desk and chairs, which was not included in the last two bids. The board directed Cain to ask the two low bidders for specifications of material to be used. Cain explained that the desk and chairs would cost an additional \$912.60. With this amount added in, Rouse and Parsons was still low bidder.

Heard the three principals report the Tye Elementary had 110 enrolled, Merkel Elementary 518, and Merkel High, 226.

Heard Travis Davis re-

port that the occupational program had been cancelled due to the State not funding the project.

Supt. Fisher told the board that he had gotten a bid from a local insurance agent on the workers compensation insurance the school systems must buy. The local bid was \$34 higher than the state plan. The board decided to go with the state plan which is sponsored by the Texas Association of School Boards.

Approved insurance on golf team members riding in the car of a private citizen. This was decided on in lieu of taking a school bus to the regional meet at Lubbock, as it would cost much less. The same procedure was approved for the track team.

Merkel Wins UIL 2nd Place

Merkel High School came in second in the District 8A University Interscholastic League literary and academic competition held here. The competition began March 30. Baird took top honors with 94 points and Merkel had 85 points. Rotan was third with 77.

The first place winners in each category will represent the district at the regional meet to be held April 15-20 in Lubbock on the Texas Tech campus.

Merkel winners: Informative Speaking, Cathy Fariello, alt.

Poetry Interpretation, Jeff Cox, alt.

Pros reading, Tonja McAninch.

Journalism, Janie Clark, News, Headline, alt.; Kathy Cypert, Editorial and Feature.

Shorthand, Kathy Cypert, alt.

Spelling, Beverly Gilmore.

Ladies Auxiliary Will Hold Egg Hunt

The Ladies Auxiliary to the Merkel Fire Department will hold an Easter Egg Hunt on Friday, April 12 at 6:30 p.m. at the fire station.

Members are to bring sandwiches and chips for their family. All firemen and families are invited.

Merkelites Kin Buried Tuesday

SWEETWATER - Fred M. Brown, 85, of Sweetwater died at 2:15 p.m. Sunday at Simmons Memorial Hospital after a three-day illness. Services will be at 4 p.m. Tuesday at the Lamar Street Church of Christ. Cate-Spencer Funeral Home is in charge of service.

Larry Fluitt, minister, will officiate. He was born Oct. 31, 1881, in Mulberry Canyon. He married Myrtle Leubach Feb. 21, 1909, in Newby. They moved to Sweetwater following their marriage.

He was a retired farmer. Survivors include his wife, one daughter, Mrs. Marshall E. Prior of Sweetwater; one son, Elvin of Sweetwater; one brother, William of Merkel; three sisters, Mrs. Grace Riggan and Mrs. Kate Phillips, both of Merkel, and Mrs. Zelma Taylor of Magazine, Ark.; two sister-in-laws, Ruth Reidenbach and Mossie Brown, both of Merkel; five grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Thomas Collier Buried Tuesday

Thomas (Jack) Collier Jr., 54, of Merkel died Sunday at 9:45 p.m. in Henrick Memorial Hospital. Services were held Tuesday at 2 p.m. in the First Baptist Church.

The Rev. Kenneth Jones, pastor, and the Rev. P.T. Stewart, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, officiated. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery under direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

Mr. Collier moved to Merkel in 1950. He owned and operated a service station for several years and was employed by Taylor County since 1965.

Survivors include his wife, Opal; one son, Kenneth of Hamby; one daughter, Mrs. Jackie (Frances) Watts of Abilene; his mother, Addie Collier of Grandfield, Okla.; two sisters, Mrs. Dolly Burleson of Randlett, Okla. and Mrs. Mable Rumbaugh of Lubbock; and eight grandchildren.

'Friends of Omar Burleson' Day Celebration Plans in Final Stages

Plans are in the final stages for the big "Friends of Omar Burleson" day celebration in Anson, Texas on April 20th, according to general Chairman B.J. Gist following a meeting this week in Anson.

The County Judges from the 17th Congressional District are issuing proclamations declaring April 20th "Omar Burleson Day" in each county, and the main street of downtown Anson will be roped off throughout the afternoon and early evening for the big celebration, centering around the Jones County Courthouse and square, where the bronze of the Congressman is to be unveiled at 7:00 p.m. on the 20th.

Steering Committee Chairman Gist has announced that personal invitations have been extended to the President, Vice-President, Speaker of the U.S. House, both

Texas Senators, all members of the Texas Delegation in the Congress, the Governor, Lt. Governor and Speaker of the Texas House. Gist said that he had not yet received replies from the dignitaries invited to the celebration. He said he is hopeful that some of the Washington and Austin officials will be present for the occasion.

Tickets for the event are on sale at Farmers and Merchants National Bank in Merkel.

The festivities will begin at 2:30 in the afternoon with a ladies tea, honoring Mrs. Omar Burleson, from 2:30 until 4:30 in the First Methodist Church parlor at Anson. During the same hours, a coffee honoring Congressman Burleson will be given at the Anson High School Cafeteria for all men, and both events are open to the public.

The world-traveling Hardin Simmons University cowboy band will perform throughout the barbecue, starting at five o'clock on the 20th, in addition to a musical production from the Albany Fandangle Troupe.

poses. The Jew celebrates the release from Egyptian slavery, and the Christian celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the grave, thus proving His redeeming power over death.

But isn't it strange how we manage to mistreat religious holidays? The most significant thing about Easter is a resurrected Lord, and an empty tomb. He was conqueror over death! But somehow, bunny rabbits, butterflies, and baby chicks have become the modern symbol of Easter. Also, much emphasis is placed buying new things, hunting Easter eggs, and taking Easter vacations. Perhaps we should take a fresh look at our manner of celebrating Easter!

In Revelations 21:5, the Saviour said, "... behold, I make all things NEW..." It would be well for us to experience a NEW appreciation for Christ's death on the cross. It would be well for us to experience a NEW thrill at the fact of His resurrection from the tomb. It would be well for us to make a NEW commitment to faithfully following and serving Him who is the Saviour. And it would be well for us to enter into a NEW dedication to proclaiming Jesus Christ as "the way, the truth, and the life."

Easter Messages First Baptist Church

By REV. KENNETH JONES
First Baptist Church
SCHEDULE OF SERVICES
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Worship - 11:00 a.m.
Church Training - 7:00 p.m.
Worship - 7:00 p.m.
Mid-Week Service - 7:00 p.m.

250 Firemen Attend Convention

The Merkel Fire Dept. and the Ladies Auxiliary hosted the 71st semi-annual Fireman's and Fire Marshall's Convention Saturday, April 6. About 250 attended.

The state president and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Ewald Peitch and friends of Sequan also attended.

The day-long event started with a registration at the fire station. The Ladies Auxiliary hosted a salad luncheon for the ladies at the school cafeteria. There were approximately 50 ladies present from nine area towns. Connie Harris of Merkel was elected 1st vice president of the district Ladies Auxiliary and also as a delegate to the state convention.

The men's business meeting was held at the High School Auditorium. Kenneth Woods, outgoing president was selected to be the delegate to the state convention.

Robert Harris of Merkel was selected as alternate.

Kent Satterwhite was elected as second vice-president and Robert Harris, both of Merkel, was elected as secretary-treasurer for the Midwest district.

Don Timberlake, Baptist minister from Stamford was guest speaker.

Don Watts of Abilene read a memorial to the three Clyde Volunteer Firemen who lost their lives recently. The day-long convention was dedicated to these three men.

A donation was taken to aid the widows of the men. A sum of \$1,500 was collected.

A memorial service for volunteer firemen who died during the past six months was conducted by Rev. Russell McAnally, Methodist minister from Merkel.

Poster winners from Merkel were: Primary-2, James

Allday and Sissy Jowers; Intermediate - 2, Sherry Roeder; Jr. High - 1, Lisa Hughes and 2, Dorothy Powell.

Races were held following the business meeting. Merkel ladies runners set the pattern for the 6-man pumper race with a 23.2. The race was won by Snyder with a 24.9, second place Clyde with 26.2, third place Roby with a 34.6. The host town sets the pattern and does not compete for trophies. The 2-man ladies race was won by Snyder with a 14.4 and second was Roby with a 14.5.

Racers from Merkel were: Mary Goodman, Susie Massey, Debi Schultz, Carla Reddin, Connie Harris, and Audra Horton.

Merkel set the pattern for the Mens Pumper with a 22.4 Snyder won with a 22.1, Baird second with a 24.8, Clyde third with 25.6. Merkel set the pattern for the six-man race with 17.6. Rotan won with 14.5, Baird second with 14.6, Snyder third 16.0. Merkel set the pattern for the two-man race with a 14.4. There was a tie for first place between Rotan and Haskell with a 10.6. Run-offs were held with Rotan taking first place with 20.0 seconds and Haskell, second with a no time. Throckmorton third with a 11.8 seconds. Merkel runners for the pumper and six-man races were: Billy Lucas, Roy Schultz, Le-lie Reddin, Lewis Millett Jr., Ikey Garrett and Billy Fisher. The two-man runners were Roy Schultz and Walter Harris.

A Bar-b-que supper was served by Mack Epiens of Abilene. Menu was bar-b-que, ham, potato salad, red beans, tossed salad, french bread, brownie, cookies, tea and coffee. There were 248 people served for supper. Rounding out the day long activities was a dance held at the Community Center. The Curtis Caffey band played for the visiting firemen and their wives.

We shall soon celebrate once more the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the grave. The Sunday of His resurrection is called "Easter", and its original significance can be traced all the way back to the Old Testament. In Exodus, Chapter 12, there is recorded the story of the Jews people being in slavery to the Egyptians. God accomplished their release by sending a plague of death throughout Egypt, and protection from this death angel could be accomplished only through the sprinkling of the blood of a fresh-killed lamb over the doorposts of Jewish home.

Those of Jewish faith continue to celebrate this season of the year, and they call it, "The Passover." Those of the Christian faith believe that Jesus Christ was the New Testament Lamb of sacrifice, and that his shed blood was to secure our redemption from sin. So, the Easter season is celebrated by Jew and Christian alike, though for two different purposes.

Church of Christ

By LARRY GILL
Church of Christ
Associate Minister

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES
Sunday
Bible Study - 1:45 a.m.
Worship - 10:30 & 6:00 p.m.

"THE SUFFERING OF JESUS"

As you read the Gospel accounts of the Crucifixion, have you ever paused to consider the tremendous suffering of Jesus Christ? Crucifixion is "torture and execution by fixation to a cross" and the Romans developed the art to its cruellest degree. Jesus' suffering begins in the Garden of Gethsemane where Luke records in Chapter 22 that "His sweat became like

drops of blood". Doctors call this condition Mataosis because of great emotional stress, the capillaries in the sweat glands burst, mixing blood and sweat, and causing shock.

Soon Jesus is betrayed and arrested, and undergoes a sleepless night as He is dragged before Pilate, then to Herod, and again to Pilate, who responds to the mob's demands and orders Jesus crucified.

As a prelude to the Crucifixion, Jesus is scourged. He is tied to a post and beaten repeatedly with a flagellum, a leather whip with lead balls attached. At first, the skin is only bruised and torn, but the beating continues until the

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A&M Mothers Bake Sale

The Texas A&M University Abilene Mother's Club will have a bake sale at the Westgate Mall Saturday, April 13, to raise money for a scholarship.

Items sold will be cakes, pies and bread.

ACC's Bullington All-Sports Speaker

The Merkel Booster Club is sponsoring an All-Sports Banquet Monday, April 15 at 7:30 p.m. at the school cafeteria.

The All-Sports Banquet will honor boys and girls who have participated on athletic squads for Merkel High this year. Each athletic will be recognized individually and the outstanding athlete will be recognized in the major sports.

Tickets, which are \$3.00 each, may be purchased through Booster Club members and Coaches.

Guest speaker at the banquet will be Wally Bullington, athletic director and head football coach at Abilene Christian College. While playing in college, Bullington was an all-American center in 1952, all-Texas Conference in 1950, 51 and '52, three-year football let-



WALLY BULLINGTON
...banquet speaker
terman and played on ACC's 11-0 team in 1950.

His coaching experience includes being assistant to Abilene High's Chuck Moser from 1953 to 1960, Head coach at Abilene High and ACC duties. He was also a director of the Texas High School Coaches Assn. in 1962-1963.

Bullington is married to the former Valirie Harden of Fort Arthur and they have three children.

Bullington's record at ACC for the six years he has been there is 40-23-1.

The 1973 ACC team had a record of 11-1 which included 11 straight wins, the 37th Lone Star Conference championship and the 18th annual NACC Championship title. ACC was first in the final NAIA poll and ranked in the top 10 in at least five other college division polls.



HURRY, HURRY, HURRY - Two members of the Snyder team run with the fire hose Saturday afternoon, trying to win first place in the competition. Their team came in first in the six-man pumper division.

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skin is hanging in ribbons from the back, and the blood is squirting from the severed arteries. The scourging is stopped when Jesus is at the point of death. He is then mocked by the Romans who call Him the "King of the Jews," as they drive a crown of thorns into his skull. Finally, the Romans tire of this torture and tie a heavy wooden cross upon his bloody shoulders, but he falls from exhaustion, and Simon of Cyrene carries the cross up to Golgotha.

Jesus is nailed to the cross with heavy construction nails in his wrists and through his ankles and the final stage of torture begins. As the nails pierce the nerves, the pain is intense and soon He cannot exhale because the muscles around the lungs are paralyzed. The heart begins to contract and the pain continues as Jesus utters His last words. Notice that Jesus' seven last recorded statements show love and concern:

- (1) To the Romans, "Father, forgive them..."
- (2) To the thief: "This day you'll be with me in paradise."
- (3) To John: "Behold thy mother." (Thinking of his mother's welfare.)
- (4) Psalms 22, "My God My God, Why hast thou forsaken me?"
- (5) "I thirst."
- (6) "It is finished."
- (7) "Father, into thy hands I commit my spirit."

As a final, cruel act, a Roman drives a spear into the body of Jesus, but he has already died from the pain.

THE RESURRECTION
But praise God that this is not the end. Jesus triumphed over death. He bore the weight of all the sins ever committed by you and the world. He has paid the price. All that you must do is respond to His sacrifice by burying your sins with Him in baptism, so that you may have the gift of an eternal life with Him. (Rom. 6:3,4)

United Methodist Church

By REV. RUSSELL McANNALLY

Schedule for this Sunday:
Early Morning Worship Service - 9:00 to 9:45.
Sunday School - 9:45
Regular Service - 11:00
Evening Worship - 7:00

You may or may not have noticed that the two most important days observed by the Christian churches, Christmas and Easter - has no record of the days on which they happened. It is a little confusing to many to hear that we mark time with Before Christ, after Christ, and yet, we put the birth of Jesus on the 25th day of December,

but time starts with the first day of January. And, Easter, is on some day following something that comes just before the other thing. I never have understood it. This may be the reason our Easter cold spell has such a time getting here at Easter time.

Easter comes from about the 26th of March to the 23rd of April. It seems that by the time anyone thought the birth of Jesus was important they had forgotten when it happened. And for Easter - most

of the world did not believe that Jesus really arose from the dead, and the Disciples went for several days before they could accept it as fact. You will remember Doubting Thomas - Well, Thomas was just more truthful than some of the others. Anyway - the date of the Resurrection was probably never recorded, so we take a round about way of setting the day for Easter Sunday.

These events evidently were not important to the People around Jesus in his day. Are they any more important to the People around Jesus in his day. Are they any more important to you today? What will you do this Easter Sunday to make the day important to you, and to others. Step Out and Speak Up for Christ, and make everyday an important occasion in your relationship to God.

There will be a 9:00-9:45 a.m. early service this Sunday. The young people of the church will be in charge of extra activities. This early service is for everyone who desires to attend. "Come and join us at this early Easter Service," said Rev. McAnnally.

Assembly of God

By REV. JOHN CURTIS
Assembly of God Church

Schedule of Service:
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service - 11:00 a.m.
Radio Service - 12:30 to 1:00 p.m. Sunday
Sunday Evening Service - 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening Service - 7:30 p.m.

In every piece of rope belonging to the British Navy, there runs through its centre a scarlet line, or thread, so that if found it is promptly identified. In like manner, beginning in Genesis, and running clear through the Bible to the close of Revelation, is the scarlet thread of redemption, making the Bible the book of Blood.

These extremely modern days, the doctrine of redemption by blood, called "the gory gospel," or the "slaughter house religion" is despised, as God, word said it would be. (1 Tim. 4.) The Editor of the Sunday School Times, speaking in a so-called evangelical church on this subject, was interrupted by the pastor and told, "not enough blood was in Jesus' body on the tree to atone for sin!" He promptly replied, "let there be as much as one drop, it could atone for sins of humanity for all time!" Paul said, Acts 20:27, "For I have not shunned to declare unto you the whole

counsel of God." Traitors, who deny the efficacy of the Blood of the Cross!

Few men have had such conflicts with the devil as Martin Luther. On one occasion, Satan seemed to bring before Luther his past transgressions, ponderous bulky rolls of misdeeds. At first set back, Luther finally told Satan to bring them all, and then write with pen and ink across them these words: The blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanse us from All...All...Sin!

When Christ died on the Cross, the wonderful fountain which freely cleanses from sin was opened, a fountain of blood opened to the house of David, and indeed the entire creation, for sin and uncleanness. The guilt and pollution of sin, are gone, and in their place pardon and deliverance from dead works.

Man is fallen, depraved, with this gospel begins, "For the Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." Luke 19:10. Every single type, shadow, and symbol in the entire word of God points to Christ as the sin remedy and cure for sin. "For there is one Mediator between God and Man, the man Christ Jesus." In the beginning of the Bible, Gen. 3:15 we see God's first promise of a Redeemer, the source of all the promises and types of Christ in prophecy with which O. T. abounds. "And I will put enmity be-

tween thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head and thou shalt bruise his heel." In the same chapter, verse 21, plan of redemption through the Blood, of a substitute, is followed out, for God clothed Adam and Eve with coats of skins, necessitating such shedding of innocent blood. (The covering of these "coats of skin" further shewn in Isa. 61. 1.)

In Heb. 11:4 we read "Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts; and by it he being dead peaketh." Abel came the bloody way! Cain rejected God's way of access and in offering fruits of the ground, typical of self-righteousness was rejected!

The children of Israel in Egypt came to God the Blood Way. The Passover Lamb, typical only of our Lord Jesus Christ, whose blood applied caused the death angel to pass by; the Red Sea was typical of Blood, for "all our fathers" says Paul in 1 Cor. 10:1, "passed through the sea and were baptized unto Moses in the Cloud."

God showed Moses in an audible voice symbols and ceremonies to teach spiritual truths. The only means in the tabernacle, of approach unto God was Blood! Blood! Blood! The ground ran red, sodden with the daily multitudes of countless sacrifices for sin, which could never effectually take away sin, but pointed only to the greater Lamb who was to come, the Lamb of God, Jesus Christ, That Taketh Away The Sin of the World! The study of the Tabernacle is a constant reminder of the holiness of God, sinfulness of man and the necessity of Christ's sacrifice. Every tabernacle furnishing and ceremony foretold events in the New Testament. A Hebrew approaches the brazen altar, handing his bullock yearling without blemish to a priest, who binds it to the altar, slays it and finally lays it upon the brazen altar to be consumed by fire. Atonement has now been made, believer laying His hand upon animal's head in identification and acceptance. The blood meant difference between death and - Life! This makes most real to us the Greater Atonement, Mt. Calvary. Read Hebrews chapters 8, 9 and 10, if you will.

There comes to our minds the council meeting in the Eternity before the world was created. The Father of God, looking down, the visit of the ages sees man's fall. From out the radiant splendors of the glassy sea, down

from his great majestic throne beside the Father's steps the Eternal Son of God, the blessed Savior, saying; "Sacrifice and offering thou didst not desire; mine ears has thou opened; burnt offering and sin offering thou hast not required." Stepping before the Father He says, "Lo, I delight To Do Thy Will O My God, yea thy law (of Moses) is within my heart, "a body hast thou prepared me." "I will redeem them from the death, I will ransom them from the power of the grave." The Father from his everlasting seat lifts up His hand in solemn oath: "Thou Art A Priest forever after the order of Melchisedek!"

So in the fullness of time God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, made under the law, as a voluntary sacrifice. No man took His life from Him, for He had power to lay it down and take it up again. When the hour of this immolation was fully come, we see a spectacle that ought to make the very angels in heaven weep. Lifted up, upon a cross between two thieves, suspended between heaven and earth we see the spotless, holy, harmless, innocent Lamb of God - Jesus The Christ! dying, the just for the unjust, the righteous for the unrighteous, dying there in your place and mine that we might be free in words of our text, because His blood was spilled Peace has been made by the blood of His Cross. The grand and glorious message, "For as much as ye know ye were not redeemed by corruptible things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ." 1 Peter 1:18, "We have redemption through His-Blood" Eph. 1:7. "There is peace; being justified by faith we have Peace with God." Rom. 5:1. "He was wounded for our transgressions." Isa. 53:5.

Unsaved, Unconverted, Unregenerated, friend. You are lost! Yes, for time and all eternity, never ending! Plunge in this fountain today! Whither will you flee? None other than avail, only Jesus precious blood can cleanse you from sins past and present. He is able to save unto the uttermost. "In whom we have redemption by his blood, even the forgiveness of sins." Col. 1:14. Church membership will not save you, ye must be born again, by the merits of the shed blood receive everlasting life, John 3:16.

If you are trusting in anything, other than the merits of Jesus Christ's blood on Calvary you are ternally surely, certainly - L-o-s-s-t!

Grace Presbyterian Church

By REV. JACK McLENDON
Grace Presbyterian Church
SERVICE SCHEDULE:
Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service - 11:00 a.m.

The poet Henry H. Barstow who lived and wrote from 1866-1944 wrote this little poem called "If Easter Be Not True" in which sums up many of our own fears and frustrations but closes with an announcement of Victory in the Resurrection.

If Easter be not true,
Then all the lilies low must lie;
The Flanders poppies fade and die;
The spring must lose her fairest bloom;
For Christ were still within the tomb -
If Easter be not true.

If Easter be not true,
Then faith must mount on broken wing;
Then hope no more immortal spring;
Then love must lose her mighty urge;
Life prove a phantom, death a dirge -
If Easter be not true.

If Easter be not true,
'T were foolishness the cross to bear;

He died in vain who suffered there;
What matter though we laugh or cry,
Be good or evil, live or die,
If Easter be not true?

If Easter be not true -
But it is true, and Christ is risen!
And mortal spirit from its prison
Of sin and death with him may rise!
Worthwhile the struggle, sure the prize,
Since Easter, aye, is true!

Catholic Church
By MONSEIGNEUR MARTHALEP
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LUCAS AND HAYS WELDING
... Kenneth Hays and Billy Lucas

Lucas and Hays Open Welding Shop in Merkel

A new welding shop had been in operation in Merkel since November. It is Lucas and Hays, located at 111 Kent street.

The partners in the shop were formerly employed by Central Iron Work in Abilene for 10 years. They do all type of welding work, including farm equipment, various types of wrought iron, building feed lot pens, etc.

Lucas is married to the former Sarah Harris and the couple have two children,

Russell 8, and Teresa 3. The family resides at 1406 South 11th in Merkel. He has been a welder for the past eleven years. They are members of the Church of Christ. Hays and his wife, Vickie have two children. They are Tammy 7, and Lynn 4. Hays has been a welder for 11 years. Mr. and Mrs. Hays are members of the Tye Baptist Church. The company has portable equipment in addition to their regular shop equipment.

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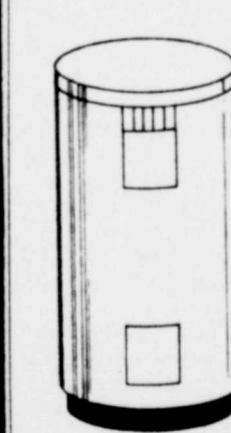
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Card of Thanks

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Political Announcements

The following have authorized The Merkel Mail to announce their candidacy for office, subject to action of the Democratic Primary in May:

- For Congressman, 17th Dist. of Texas
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Notice is hereby given that original letters of administration upon the estate of Lillie Steward, deceased, were issued to me, the undersigned, on the 25th day of March, 1974, in the proceeding indicated below my signature hereto, which is still pending, and that I now hold such letters. All persons having claims against said estate, which is being administered, in the county below named, are hereby required to present the same to me respectively, at the address given, before suit upon same are barred by the general statutes of limitation, before such estate is closed, and within the time prescribed by law. My residence and post office address are Box 36, Gouldsburg, county of Coleman, State of Texas. Dated this 3rd day of April, 1974.
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A brief statement of the nature of this suit as follows, to-wit: Divorce
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Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.
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Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this 14th day of March A.D. 1974.
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Attest: Irene Crawford, Clerk, Domestic Relations Court, Taylor County, Texas; By Marie Adkins, Deputy.
4-4tc



LOADING CAMPING GEAR... preparing for Camp Booth Oaks



GOING CAMPING - Fourteen Junior Girl Scouts and six Cadets are pictured with their leader and two Mothers, as they prepare to leave for Camp Booth Oaks at Sweetwater. The girls spent Friday night and all day Saturday at the camp. The Cadets were guides for Brownies visiting the camp on Saturday. The Junior Girls were working on Troop Camp Badges. The leader, Mrs. Melba Glascock, left, Mrs. Hugh Baker, center, and Mrs. J. P. Click, right, Mothers.

Several Camps Planned For Girl Scouts Soon

Now that "Spring has sprung", 3,000 girls of the West Texas Girl Scout Council are looking forward to camping in the great outdoors. CAMP BOO THE OAKS offers troop camping and summer resident camping and DAY CAMPS will be held at Abilene State Park, Big Spring Silver Heels, Colorado City Ruddick Park, Sweetwater Newman Park, Lamesa Girl Scout Hut, Snyder Towel Park and Haskell Maurice Gamaway's Farm.
NEW in resident camping this year is INTER-COUNCIL camping offered in cooperation with CAPROCK, PERMIAN BASIN and ZIA Girl Scout Councils. Each council is opening a speciality program to any qualified Scout from the other three councils.
CAMP MARY WHITE, ZIA, Roswell, New Mexico, will have C.I.T. (counselor-in-training) for first and second year programs, July 5 - Aug. 6.
HAT A RANCH, PERMIAN BASIN, Midland-Odessa, will provide Beginning Horseback Riding, June 5-14, and June 28-July 8.
CAMP RIO BLANCO, CAPROCK, Lubbock, offers a Synchronized Swim session July 14-26 and a Life Saving Session, June 30-July 12 for Junior and Senior Life-saving.
CAMP BOO THE OAKS, WEST TEXAS, Abilene will open its Canoe Trips in the inter-council arrangement with a one-week trip on the Brazos River, June 2-8 and a two-week trip down the San Marcos June 22.
Registrations are open for West Texas Scouts and co-operating councils for the Boothe-Oaks session Out of council and non-scout registrations will also be accepted.
Girls interested in registering for inter-council camping may obtain the proper forms from the West Texas Girl Scout Service Center, P.O. Box 5586, Abilene, Texas 79605.

Girl Scout News

By NANCY CLICK
Troop 313 met at the Scout Hut, Monday, April 8th for their regular meeting.
The girls discussed the over night camping trip at Camp Boothe Oaks, Sweetwater last Friday night. They talked about what each girl could do to improve their next camping trip.
The regular meeting will not be held next Monday since the girls will be going to Abilene on Thursday, April 18th to visit a bicycle shop where an experienced cyclist will discuss the parts of a bicycle, how to care for a bike and the different kinds of bicycles and when each kind is most useful. This is another step that is required in earning a Cyclist Badge.
Refreshments were served from the money from the Scout fund.

Senior Citizens News

The Senior Citizens Trades Day Salad Luncheon was termed a big success. They fed about 200 or more.
The regular monthly luncheon Tuesday was enjoyed by about 65.
Guests of the Senior Citizens were members of the Merkel Police Dept. They made interesting talks of ways they could serve the Senior Citizens Club and other people of Merkel.
Thursday, April 11 will be game night at the Senior Citizens Building at 7 p.m. Members were asked to bring any discarded chairs to be used at the dining table.
Irl Walker is president for April.

Tye Contractor Gets Highway Bids

AUSTIN - Highway construction contracts let in March by the Texas Highway Commission include Abilene area work.
The work, supervised by District Engineer J. C. Roberts, will be in Taylor County.
A contract was awarded to J. H. Strain & Sons, Inc. of Tye. Low bid was \$1,237,192.90.
The project, which will require an estimated 150 working days, will be under Highway Department Engineer C.M. Kitchell of Abilene.

Merkel-Tye School Menu

MONDAY, APRIL 15
Chicken Fried Steak, Cream Gravy, Whipped Potatoes, Seasoned English Peas w/ Pimentos, Hot Rolls, Milk, Peaches w/ Topping.

TUESDAY, APRIL 16
Green Lima Beans w/ Ham, Macaroni & Cheese, Spring Vegetable Salad, Choice Dressing, Butter, Bread, Milk, Brownies.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17
Tacos w/ Taco Sauce, Lettuce, Tomatoes and Cheese, Pinto Beans, Spanish Rice, Corn Bread, Milk, Frosted White Cake.

THURSDAY, APRIL 18
Beef and Vegetable Stew, Lettuce and Tomato Wedges, Dressing, Crackers, Milk, Lemon Pudding.

FRIDAY, APRIL 19
Hamburgers, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Onions, Pickles, Pinto Beans, Potato Chips, Kitchen Made Buns, Milk, Peanut Butter Cookies, Orange Juice.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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Miss Stephan Was January 'Little Sister'

Jerri Stephan, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stephan was named Little Sister of the Month for January. Miss Stephan is a junior at Merkel High School.

She plays clarinet in the Badger Band, soprano in the Stage Band and sings in the choir. Miss Stephan has served on the annual staff for three years, been a member of the Speech and Drama Club, a Junior Class officer and the Junior Homecoming Princess. She was recently elected to the Society of Outstanding High School Students in America and the National Honor Society of Outstanding High School Students in American and the National Honor Society. Miss Stephan participates in basketball, volleyball and tennis. She is presently serving as vice president of the FHA.

She attends Zion Lutheran Church in Abilene and is active in youth activities, holding the office of Athletic Director both on the local and area level.



JERRI STEPHAN
...January honoree

Miss Stephan enjoys sewing and outdoor activities, including riding her bicycle, water skiing and motorcycle riding.



GOLF TEAM - Merkel's first golf team in three years are left to right kneeling, David Hendricks, Johnny Frazier, Mike Henry, and Billy Watts. Back row, David West, Paul Tucker, Pert McMurray, Galan Boone, Andy Hart, Larry Smith. Not pictured is Mike Magee, Coach Ronny Aldridge, Mike Henry, David Hendricks, David West, and Andy Hart will go to the regional tournament in Lubbock April 17 and 18. (Staff Photo By Kaye Lanham)

Miss Doan Engagement Told

Mr. & Mrs. Clayton Doan of Sonora, Texas announces the engagement of their daughter, Neida Kay, to Jimmy L. Tolver of Sugarland, Texas. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. D.O. Tolver. Miss Doan is a graduate of Merkel High School and is employed at Gilene Manufacturing Company as secretary. Mr. Tolver is a graduate of Merkel High School and of Sam Houston State College. He is employed in Sugarland, by the Texas Iron System. The couple plans a garden wedding at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Duane Shugart on July 6th.

Cynthia Steck Chosen February 'Little Sister'

Cynthia Steck, daughter of Mrs. Mamie Steck, was named 'Little Sister of the Month' for February by the Taylor County Young Homemakers.

Miss Steck is a Senior at Merkel High School where she has been active in the band and the stage band, selected band favorite, in the Drama and Speech Club, a member of the FHA, active in basketball and tennis, a member of the choir, and Secretary of the Student Council.

Miss Steck also does volunteer work at the hospital. During her freshman and sophomore years, Miss Steck was a member of the Rodeo Club along with most of the other activities listed above.



CYNTHIA STECK
...February honoree

Mrs. Lambert To Give TCYH Program

The Taylor County Young Homemakers will meet Thursday at the home of Mrs. Bobby Tolver at 7:30 p.m. The program will be given by Mrs. Bob Lambert, a teacher at Abilene Christian High School and a member of the ACC faculty. Her topic will be 'Your Personality Told By Your Favorite Colors.'

Mrs. Lambert does commercial art and free lance portraits in addition to her teaching duties. Her husband is employed by the city of Abilene. The couple has two teenagers and a first grader. All Members are encouraged to attend and bring a guest. Visitors are welcome, according to a club spokesman.

Xi Nu Chi Has Guest Speaker

Xi Nu Chi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi held their regular meeting April 2 in the home of Mrs. Don Watts.

President Mrs. Edgar Tipton announced the Chapter will help with the door to door Red Cross Drive April 8, 9, 10 and 11.

Mrs. Glenn Teaff, membership chairman said the Exemplar Rituals will be April 15th at Lytle Shores. Pledge, Mrs. Darla Mawson, will take her Ritual at this time.

Program "What is Friendship" was given by guest speaker, Mrs. Dave Brumbeau.

Those attending were Misses: Glenn Robertson, Bob Garner, Carroll Benson, Jimmy Leverich, John Brady,

Charles Eager, Weldon McAninch, Bobby DuBose, Almada Bullock, Mamie Steck, Teaff, Tipton, Watts and guest, Darla Mawson and Mrs. Brumbeau.

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Tips on Easter Eggs
COLLEGE STATION - Easter eggs come as brightly decorated shells with lots of nutrients inside, one expert noted this week.
Dr. David B. Mellor, poultry marketing specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System, emphasized the nutrition and value of eggs.
Turning to decorations, the specialist said that few people across the nation decorate eggs as elaborately as some culture.
"Most simply tint hard-cooked eggs - which are best for decorating - with food coloring and add a few stick-on decorations."
Dr. Mellor suggested the following method to hard-cook eggs.
"Cover a pan of water and bring to a boil. While waiting for it to boil, place eggs in lukewarm water - to warm them and help prevent cracked shells.
"Transfer eggs carefully from lukewarm water to the boiling waer. Reduce heat immediately. Cook eggs for 18-20 minutes."

Miss Thomas Honored At Gift Party
Wedding will be April 26 in the Abilene Woman's Club.

Gwendolyn Gail Thomas, bride-elect of Michael Bartlett Teaff, was honored March 29 with a bridal gift party at the Jim Snowden home in Tye. There were 17 hostesses.
Special guests were Mrs. Felix Ray Thomas, mother of the honoree, Mrs. Johnny B. Teaff, mother of the prospective bridegroom, and Mrs. Ralph Miller of Merkel and Mrs. May Belle Teaff of Tye, grandmothers of the prospective bridegroom.
Table appointments were crystal and the centerpiece was an orange rose flower arrangement.

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His record: He sponsored or carried 7 bills that were adopted into law. He sponsored or co-sponsored 2 major House Resolutions influencing Washington. He sponsored an 8th bill adopted by the House and a 9th that was reported favorably out of Committee, but caught by House Adjournment before floor vote.
His amendment to the important Appropriations Bill, a blow for technical-vocational education in West Texas, was adopted. That's an enviable record. But Elmer Martin has been getting jobs done for the people since first receiving statewide acclaim while Mitchell County Judge as leader for all Texas with county-wide redistricting.
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THE RED NECK REPORT

By Stan Hicks

Hello again friends and neighbors.

First off I'd like to apologize for not having my article in time for last weeks edition. But to make up for it I'll try to say more today and catch up.

When I named this article The Red Neck Report I just took it for granted that everyone knew what a "red neck" was. But my Grandmother Freeman has informed me that there are people who don't know what the phrase means, so I'll try to explain the best I can. The term started out to mean anyone whose hair was not long enough to cover and protect the back of the neck from the rays of the sun. And everyone knows what happens when the neck isn't protected, it tends to become sunburned, that is to say red. Therefore the term red neck originated. But now that we have progressed even farther into the two hair style society the term has grown and taken on new meanings. Today it stands for a type of people or person rather than the appearance of them. I mean the type of people who are the silent majority. The conservative, honest, hardworking people who are the backbone of this country. It's the people who work with their hands. It's the people who get right out in the sun and get the sunshine on their necks. But it also stands for a morality in our society that's passed on to these peoples children in their upbringing. It's a set of standards and customs taught to people. Red Necks are people who are taught to try always to do the right thing. Taught to think enough of and for themselves to weigh all the evidence before passing judgment. Judgment passing without evidence or authority is the red necks biggest problem. That and life. Life tends only to be good if all the standards and customs are upheld. The major problem with that is that the standards can be too high and the punishment too severe for their petty crimes or injustices. A red neck will give his neighbor a helping hand, and at the same time give him an equal chance. Red necks love competition. Every aspect of a red necks life is a contest. Schools reflect this competitive atmosphere and set up a sense of pride in ones community. Everyone, that is all red necks, loves a winner. Don't get me wrong. Everyone

knows that I strive on competition, that I love it, I believe competition is an invisible force that is slowly moving the wheel of progress. I also think that red necks represent the backbone of that force with their cautious and conservative beliefs that what is best for them just has to be the best for everyone else. Red necks don't usually want to hear the other side of the story. That's sometimes very unfortunate for us in the long run.

I'd like to help clear up some of these misunderstandings and get some other views on the matter. Let me hear from you!

Now that I've given a rough definition of the general meaning and a couple of my views on the subject, I'll get down to some Red Neck Reporting.

First I'd like to make sure everyone knows we have a new king. That is Home Run King. I'm sure you all heard that Henry (Hank) Aaron hit his 715th homer Monday the 8th of April to pass Babe Ruth's all time record of 714. Aaron hit it against the Los Angeles Dodgers off of Al Downing, a left hander. It took Hank 11,295 times at bat, over 2,967 games, during 21 seasons for him to make it. I'd just like to say thanks Hank for all your faith and drive. The record books will sing all your praise for a while to come.

Isn't the Merkel Golf Tournament this weekend? I bet if it is you can probably read about it somewhere else in the paper.

In our capital this weekend the Texas Relays will be going on. I'm sure that some of our area athletes will be in attendance. I heard there were 2200 athletes invited to compete in several divisions from the high school level to an open class containing former Olympic stars. The relays are usually sprinkled with a few world record efforts that are truly a sight to see. That's the Texas Relays in Memorial stadium this weekend on the campus of your University of Texas in Austin.

I think there is a high school rodeo over at Wylie this weekend also. You might want to check that out. All you riders and ropers 19 and under can enter if you hurry. I'd say the quickest way to find out would be to call the school at Wylie.

Speaking of rodeos, Old Pat Carriker is off down in Florida and Georgia rodeoing. Pat

ride broncs. I visited Pat the other day when he came out to help me with the house. While we were working Johnny Jones came by and visited too.

I've noticed that it sure is dry around here. We need rain. I don't think a good slow three inch rain would hurt anybody very much, do you? I know its so dry people who use electric fences are having trouble keeping their stock in. The ground is just too hard and dry to complete the circuit and shock stock. People have told me that their stock just walked right through the fences. So all you cattlemen better keep an eye on your cattle. Everybody knows how valuable they are these days. If I remember right it seems to me that it wasn't and isn't that much trouble to round up and brand cattle compared to losing a couple, now is it?

I was really disappointed when I went in the office of the Merkel Mail and didn't have anyone's letter offering a helping hand. Won't someone who knows what's going on around here please pitch in and help a guy out? Check you all later.

Ladies Golf News

Tuesday the Ladies Golf Association held their second monthly husband and wife tournament with a covered dish supper following. The wind didn't stop 23 teams from turning out. Tying for first on a round of hullygully were Murel and Truett Thompson and Sherry and Ronny Aldridge. Placing second were Faye and Loyd Robertson. The boogie prize was won by Jeannie and Bill Bishop and the sportsmanship award went to Doris and Bob Hook.

Gentleman golfers don't forget this weekend is the Country Club tournament. Again next month the husbands are invited for another round of golf with their wives and a nice supper to follow.

If hit in the eye--resulting in blurred vision--contact an ophthalmologist immediately. Sometimes retinal detachment follows such a blow. If not detected and treated promptly, this serious injury can cause blindness, warns Dr. Barbara Sears, health education specialist.



by Bill Bookin TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN, Tex. — Delegates to the 1974 Constitutional Convention have taken a break in their efforts to rewrite Texas' 1876-model Constitution.

The 181 delegates (Texas House and Senate members) are to spend the next 30 days back home discussing with their constituents the work accomplished thus far on the constitutional rewrite.

Decision to take the recess until May 6 was triggered partially by the desire of some delegates to return to their home districts to concentrate on re-election efforts, stymied for the most part by the last three months by their need to meet a five-day-a-week convention schedule in Austin.

Other convention delegates and convention leadership feel the 30-day break will provide opportunity for them to seek citizen comment on the work of the convention so far.

Many convention delegates have complained that the work schedule has been so strenuous they have had little opportunity to touch base with the folks back home.

When they return to Austin in May, delegates will go to work on new Constitutional articles dealing with the Judiciary, General Provisions and Separation.

The recess will also provide Style and Drafting Committee staff members opportunity to review articles which have gained tentative approval to insure that no error has crept into the document during the heat of debate on the convention floor.

Convention leadership is now talking about submitting the final document to voters at the November, 1974, general election.

DIVIDEND PAYMENT Allstate Insurance Company has been ordered to pay Texas auto policyholders \$4 million in cancelled dividends.

Allstate attorneys said they "completely disagree" and will

appeal Insurance Commissioner Don Odom's order, hoping it will not discourage other companies from "making lower rates available to customers under new law."

Odom said Allstate's Texas certificate will be cancelled in Texas if dividends aren't being paid in 30 days.

Allstate stopped paying dividends on policies expiring October 3, the same day it obtained the State Insurance Board's permission to reduce rates for auto coverage.

DEMO CONVENTION FIGHT HEATS — Democratic liberals and conservatives are squaring off for another clash at precinct conventions May 4.

Houston liberal leader Billie Carr claimed Gov. Dolph Briscoe's supporters are trying to take over the Texas Democratic party rather than encouraging wider participation by all elements.

Activities of the Governor's Conventions Committee, headed by Gordon Wynne of Wills Point, is siphoning off money needed for an official Affirmative Action Program to bring in more new convention goers, charged Mrs. Carr.

She said liberals will have petitions at conventions endorsing a permanent national Democratic party charter guaranteeing full participation by all elements.

APPOINTMENTS — William Gregg Paul of Rusk and Dr. William Ben Buckaby of Wichita Falls were appointed by Governor Briscoe as mem-

bers of the Midwestern University board of regents. Carter McGregor Jr. was reappointed to the Board.

Briscoe named L. D. Brinkman of Mountain Home, Tony Kunitz of Sinton and L.H. True of Wimberley to the Texas Conservation Foundation.

Leroy Beck Jr., formerly of San Antonio, is a new legal aide in the Secretary of State's Election Division.

Briscoe appointed five to the Board of Directors of the Lavaca County Flood Control District No. 3 Paul A. Najvar, Robert Joseph Pesek, Leon Louis Kahaneck Jr. and Alfred Neumeyer Jr., all of Hallettsville, were reappointed for two-year terms, and Julius Bucek of Hallettsville was appointed for a two-year term.

The Governor named S.B. Allen of Edna, Edwin H. Duenow of Lolita and A.H. Stafford of Edna to the Board of Directors of the Lavaca-Navidad River Authority.

House Speaker Price Daniel Jr. appointed a special interim committee to study the reorganization and modernization of state agencies which administer public education. Rep. R. B. McAlister of Lubbock will serve as chairman.

Larry Crumpton of Austin has been named Deputy Director of the Texas Department of Community Affairs.

Mrs. Noah, Rev. McAnally Helping Red Cross Find Needy Persons

The Rev. Russell McAnally and Mrs. Wiley Noah have been asked by the American Red Cross to help the

government find all the people who may qualify for additional assistance. Those qualifying are persons above the age 65 with low income, persons under 65 and in need of help because of blindness or crippled in other ways.

If a person is already on Old Age Assistance, this additional help is automatic and has already been added.

Persons having income limited to Social Security only and do not have resources such as bank account or bonds of over \$1,500 may qualify for extra help, according to Rev. McAnally.

Anyone feeling they can qualify and are in need of the extra help are asked to contact Mrs. Noah or Rev. McAnally.

Pioneer Methodist To Hold Sunrise Service

A sunrise service of worship will be held Easter morning at 7 a.m. on K-Texas mountain. Sponsored by the Pioneer Memorial United Methodist Church, a pageant portraying the Easter message will be presented by the youth of Pioneer and visiting churches.

Pastor of Pioneer Methodist is Kenny Kirk.

Judy Brnovak is in charge of the program.

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Varsity Track Squad - Picture above is the Merkel Badger track team for this year. They are, top row, Johnny Gray, David Copeland, Larry Toliver, Derrell Riggan, Randy Hart, Darel Bunch, Junior Ascencio, Mendez Morens, and manager Chuck Knight. Bottom row, Doug Hutchings, Johnny Frazier, Steve West, Jeff Cox, Danny DuBose, and Jim Wharton.



Junior Varsity - Members of the Junior Varsity track team for Merkel High School this year are, 1, r, front row, John Cain, Mark Steinert, Stanley West, Doyle Russell, and Mark Shaw. Back row, 1, r, Bart Whisenhunt, Roger Doan, Keith Wolf, John Millett, Keith Austerman, and Garland Childers.

Pat Pallarez Opens Paint & Body Shop

A new paint and body repair shop was opened in Merkel in September of last year.

Merkel Paint & Body Shop is owned and operated by Pat Pallarez.

Paint In Safety

If spring cleaning plans include a painting project, take time to observe some simple fire prevention rules, urges the Texas Safety Association.

Solvents labeled "nonflammable" are safest for removing paint and cleaning brushes. If flammable solvents must be used, work outdoors in areas where there are no open flames and no one is smoking nearby.

The firm does all types of painting and body repair on both cars and trucks. Also offered by the firm is painting of all kinds of appliances. Pallarez and his wife, Mary Sue have two children. They are Randy, 6 and Bridgett 4. The family attends Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church in Merkel.

Pallarez is also a member of the Merkel Volunteer Fire Department. He was formerly with Max Murrell Chevrolet for five years.

BADGER TRACKS

By JANIE CLARK

All things are just jumping because Merkel is doing pretty good in all the UIL events. Up to date they have won 2nd for their play, 2nd in boys track, 2nd in golf and the literary events are doing just as well.

The FHA Mother-Daughter Banquet, which was postponed last Thursday, has been rescheduled for this Thursday. All FHA'ers and their moth-

ers are urged to attend. The girls district track meet is next Thursday. Good Luck to them.

The Choir is working on the production of a musical entitled "Celebrate Life", which will be presented sometime soon. This is something that's really different and great and will touch everyone who attends.

That's it for now. See ya next week.

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Fewer Pigs . . . More Chickens Coming . . . Predator Control Program Is on Again . . . New Market News Service for San Antonio Area

TEXAS' PIG crop for December to March totaled 338,000 head which was 10 per cent below the pig crop for the same time last year, an apparent trend in the hog population. The Texas Crop and Livestock Reporting Service estimated that there were 970,000 head of hog and pigs on Texas farms March 1, 1974. That is eight per cent fewer than were estimated a year earlier. And it is estimated that hog producers intend to farrow 47,000 sows from March to May and 50,000 from June to August, decreases of two and 11 per cent for the same periods last year.

EGG-TYPE CHICKS, broiler and turkey poult production, on the other hand, showed increases, but egg production in February was down from the same time a year ago. 1,731,000 egg-type chicks were hatched in the State in February, a 14 per cent increase from a year ago and a 12 per cent increase over January. The 14,680,000 broiler chicks hatched in February were six per cent above February, 1973 and seven per cent above January. Texas' turkey poult hatched in February totaled 1,025,000, a 14 per cent increase over a year ago and a 15 per cent increase over the previous month. In addition, slaughter of chickens in January was six per cent for the same month last year and slaughter of turkeys for the same month increased 38 per cent over the same month in 1973. February, 1974 egg production totaled 182 million, a decrease of one per cent from a year ago and seven per cent below January, 1974. The number of layer hens on hand was about the same as last year but two per cent more than for January.

IN THE 21 leading broiler producing states-of which Texas is one-there were 63,690,000 chicks placed during the week ending March 23, an increase of three per cent over the same week last year, and eggs placed in incubators totaled 77,332,000, a one per cent decline from a year ago.

THE TEXAS Department of Agriculture has opened a market news office in San Antonio's Produce Terminal Market in cooperation with the Federal government. The teletype service will send reports on the South Texas produce over the nation to news wire services, government agencies and many large produce houses. A 24-hour market information telephone service will be in operation soon. The service will give South Texas producers and buyers complete market news on produce of the area. The new service is in addition to the present system at the San Antonio Livestock Exchange.

Marie Rivera Services Were Held Sunday

Marie Rivera, 41, of Merkel, died at 11:40 p.m. Thursday in West Texas Medical Center in Abilene. Services were held at 4 p.m. Sunday in Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church.

Father Thomas Diab officiated with burial in Rose Hill Cemetery under the direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

Survivors are her husband, Lupe; two sons, Andrew and Gilbert, both of the home; one daughter, Susie Moreno of Merkel; four brothers, Leon Bierra, Phillip, Juan and Manuel, all of Merkel; two sisters, Mrs. Teresa Lozano of Mineral Wells and Solidad Vasquez of San Antonio; and one grandchild.

GORILLA GROWL

By CINDY BEASLY

The Athletic Banquet was Saturday night. It was a very nice banquet and the food, which was cooked by the mothers, was delicious. Willard Tate, head basketball coach at ACC, was the guest speaker.

Tom Stevens will play in the Regional Tennis meet. Tom, a Jr., won 1st in boys singles at the District meet. We're all very proud of him and wish him the best of luck.

The FHA girls took a field trip last Wednesday to celebrate National FHA week. We toured Philip's Carriage House and the Citizens National Bank. It was a very enjoyable and educational trip. Student Council elections

were held Monday. Members of the student Council for the 74-75 school year will be: Srs., Steve Bland, Rebecca Freeman, Jeffrey Wells; Jrs. - Patricia Boyd; Sophomores - Terri Hamner, Shirley Bremem, Jimmy Adams; and Freshman Robbie Freeman.

Trent participated in a UIL meet Friday in Hawley. High School winners were: Typing - 3rd, Rose Chronister, Sr.; 4. Becky White, Jr.; Poetry Interpretation - 1. Pam King, Sophomore; Ready Writing - 2. Teri Hamner, Freshman; Science - 1. Bob Reed, Jr. High winners were: Spelling - 3. Pam Evans; Oral Reading - 2. Vondri King. Elementary winners were: Ready writing - 4. Tammi Hicks; Number Sense - 4. Velma Perkins; Oral Reading - 2. John Stevens; Story Telling - 4. James Freeman; Picture Memory - 2. Darla Ross, Laticia Powell, and Leslie Masonheimer (team). Congratulations to all of you with special congratulations to Pam, Bob, Teri and Vondri who will be representing Trent at the Regional meet April 18, 19, 20. Good Luck. Bill Griffith placed first in the discus throw at district and will compete at the Regional meet. Congratulations Bill and best of luck. That's all until next week.

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Travis Davis, Merkel High School principal, has released the following list of students making the honor roll.

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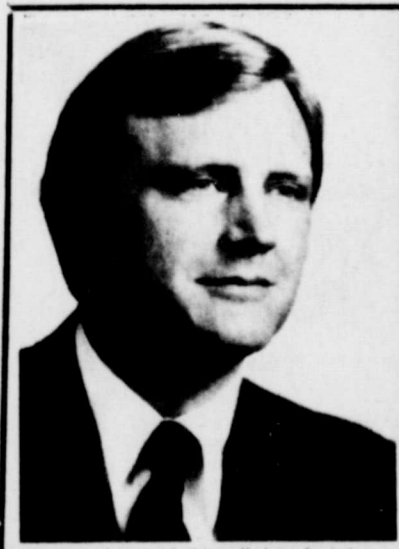
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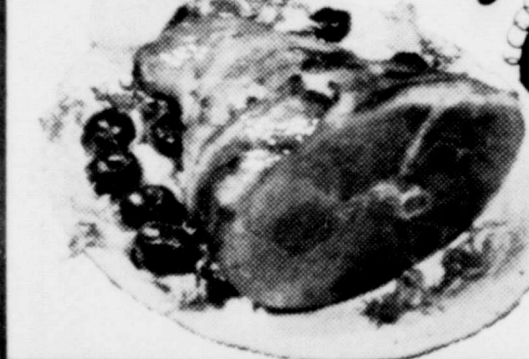
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SPECIAL PRICE WITH THIS COUPON
89¢
WITHOUT COUPON \$1.09
GOOD THRU MAY 23

Easter-Feasting



HAMS
Tender Hickory-Cured

HORMEL
TENDERIZED
18to22
1/2 SHANK
or WHOLE **79¢**

OSCAR MAYER
CHOPPED
HAM 8 OZ. PKG **89¢**

BACON OSCAR MAYER MELLO CRISP LB. 85¢

ROAST CHOICE BEEF CHUCK LB. 89¢

STEAK CHOICE BEEF RIB LB. 1⁶⁹

BEEF FRESH GROUND LB. 65¢

FRYERS FRESH GRADEE A WHOLE LB. 43¢

SHORT RIBS CHOICE BEEF POUND 59¢

I. G. DAIRY FRESH
Butter MILK 1/2 GAL CRTN 65¢

CHINET
PLATES 40 CT PKG 83¢

PALMOLIVE AUTOMATIC
DISHWASHER 16 OZ PKG 49¢

JOY KING SIZE 59¢

CHEER FAMILY SIZE 2⁴⁹

BOLD GT SIZE 73¢

IRISH SPRING BATH SOAP 23¢

STRAWBERRIES

39¢

FRESH
BROCCOLI LB 25¢

DOLE
BANANAS LB 10¢

RUBY RED
Grapefruit LB 12¢

FRESH
CABBAGE LB 8¢

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APPLES LB. 23¢

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