

Truett Thompson, Postmaster, announced today that he will be accepting applications for a Clerk-Carrier examination that will be given in the near future. Application forms and other information may be obtained at the Merkel Post Office.



The Senior Citizens will meet Tuesday, March 13 for their luncheon day at the Senior Citizens building. There will be a guest speaker at 11:30 and lunch will be served at 12:00. Everybody come.

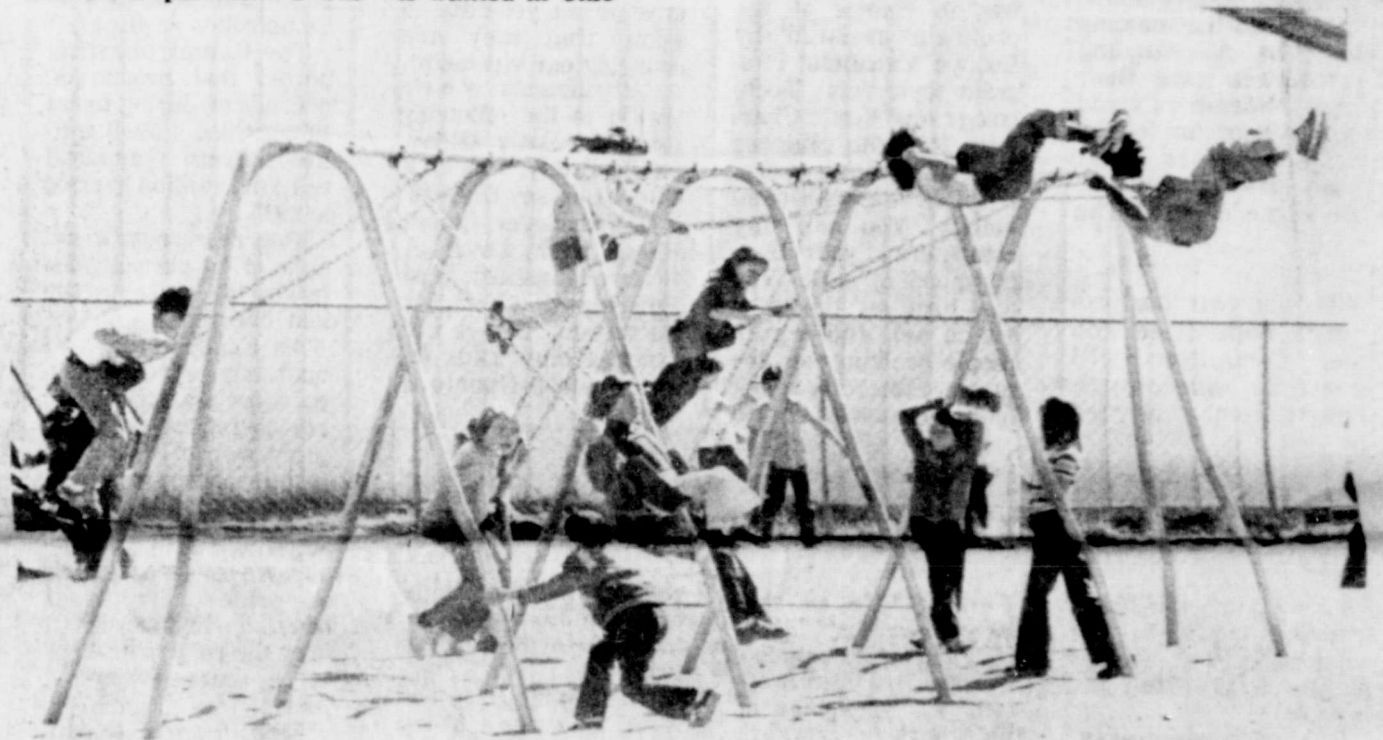
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Police identify body of man found near Trent Monday

Authorities have identified the body of a 19 year old Ohio man that was found by two railroad employees west of Trent Monday afternoon. Phillip D. Furnish, of 8401 Star Route 132, Pleasant Plain, Ohio had been dead at least 24 hours when Merkel Justice of the Peace Henry Guenther pronounced death at 3:30 Monday afternoon. According to the Taylor County Sheriffs Department, Furnish is wanted in Ohio

on charges of burglary. His nude body was discovered by two employees of the Missouri-Pacific as they were conducting routine checks. Ed Stuart and Willie Washington found the man and then contacted authorities. Authorities said there were no obvious signs of foul play and an investigation is still underway.



Merkel Elementary students swing to the summer sun at recess. The warm weather seems to

be the new trend as we turn away from the cold weather. (Staff photo by Glenn Richards)

Mayor proclaims public school week

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS this is a special time for observing the contributions made by the Texas Public School System to our democratic system of government; and WHEREAS the interest and concern of our citizens in the education of all children may well be our primary vehicle for growth of our community; and WHEREAS March 5-9 is Public School Week in

Texas; and WHEREAS during this period, all citizens are urged to visit the Public Schools in our community; and WHEREAS our goal is to make this PUBLIC SCHOOL WEEK a big success. THEREFORE, I, AS MAYOR OF MERKEL DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE PERIOD OF MARCH 5-9, 1979 AS PUBLIC SCHOOL WEEK IN MERKEL, TEXAS. Lou David Allen, Mayor

Lou David Allen challenged by Ike Maxwell

Only one race in Merkel's three positions will be contested as of press deadline Tuesday as incumbent mayor Lou David Allen will be challenged by Ike Maxwell, a retired. Kent Satterwhite has filed for re-election for his city council position and Emma Lois Shugart,

who is currently filling the unexpired term of Darrel Farmer has filed for that position. The filing deadline was yesterday and the Mail will report next week if any further filings were processed Wednesday. City elections have been set for April 7th.



A flock of mallards take to the air after being specked by staff photographer Glenn Richards. The

birds were interrupted while they were basking in the afternoon sun that has brought temperatures into the mid-seventies during the week.



This western diamondback rattler will be one of thousands on display at the Sweetwater Jaycee Rattlesnake Roundup this weekend in Sweetwater.

The event begins today and the public can see the worlds largest rattlesnake roundup Friday, Saturday and Sunday. photo by Cloy A. Richards

Chamber banquet March 23rd

The annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet has been scheduled for March 23rd at 7:30 p.m. and Don Newbury, a noted banquet speaker and director of Tarrant County Junior College will be the featured speaker.

The Chamber will also announce their choice as the Outstanding Citizen of the Year as well as announcing Beta Sigma Phi's Lady of the Year. The Chamber will also announce three new directors that were voted by current membership.

Tickets for the event are \$5.50 and are on sale at Boney Insurance and the F&M National Bank. Pug and Leo's Restaurant of Merkel will cater the event.

Blair bids too high

Directors of the Blair Water Supply Corporation opened bids sent in for the construction of the new water line in the Taylor County Commissioners Courtroom on Feb. 27th and found that the low bid was higher than the amount the corporation had available.

A bid of \$775,000 was the apparent low bidder according to Blair Water Director J.D. Sandusky, although that bid exceeded funds avail-

able by about \$25,000. The Blair Water Supply directors have gone to the Federal government asking for a supplemental grant of \$25 thousand based on 21 more meter applications that have been accepted since the original deadline for filing meter applications. The directors hope that the additional meters and the expected revenue they represent will justify the needed money.



Direct marketing discussed at meeting

Approximately 210 people attended a banquet sponsored by Ed's Feed and Seed and a couple of agricultural product suppliers Friday at the Merkel School Cafeteria. The crowd, mostly farmers and ranchers heard a presentation concerning direct marketing of local agricultural products from a transportation consultant.

Hoy A. Richards of College Station told the farmers that markets exist for surplus products produced here and there are facilities that are being under-used that could aid in the exportation of these products.

Richards cited the Port of Brownsville as a

point of export in that some facilities there, including grain elevators and warehouses are being under-utilized and could be gathering points for the exportation of agricultural products.

Local farmers expressed interest in the idea because direct marketing would mean a larger return on investment for the farmer. Richards also told the crowd that Mexico should be looked at as a market for certain agricultural products.

Representatives from two suppliers also told the crowd what type of new products are on the market for the upcoming growing season after a meal of bar-b-que.

WTCOG seeking four for employment

The West Central Texas Council of Governments is seeking applicants for road crew work.

The workers will be repairing pot holes and those applying must have been unemployed for 10 of the last 12 weeks. Persons that have been employed part-time and have not earned more

than \$30 per week are also eligible.

Applicants must be at least 18 years old and need to apply at the 4th floor of the Alexander Building at 104 Pine Street, Abilene.

The pay is set at \$3.55 per hour and you can obtain more information by contacting Merkel's City Hall.

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minutes. You can pick up your telephone and direct dial almost any place in the world. Whether you consider these things to be progress or not, you have to admit that they are changing our viewpoint.

Refreshments were served to the following members, Betty Allday, Jocille Brady, Pat Castille, Louise Dubose, Elizabeth Eager, Connie Harris, Kathy Leverich, Bobbye Mansfield, Rose Etheridge, Pat Neff, Val Patterson, Mammie Steck, Ginny Yaddow, and hostess Charlotte Starbuck.

following year the program Committee and her Committee will make the eighteen programs from a selected

Fortnightly Club meets

Mary Collins was hostess for the Feb. 27 meeting of The Fortnightly Study Club in her home.

During the business meeting The Convention of The Mesquite District of Texas Federation of Women's Clubs to be held in Sweetwater March 2-3 was announced. Plans were made for Mrs. J.W. Hammond, President, and one other to attend as delegates along with any other members who might want to attend. The program was a

"Family Life in the Early Seventies". Mrs. S.C. Dixon discussed "Woman's Dilemma" from the viewpoint of the younger woman. Marriage or career, and or marriage plus career. She also discussed some of the problems of family life in the crowded cities and in the suburbs. Mrs. W.R. Cyfert used as her subject "Some Alternative Life Styles". She discussed the clan type of family life and also communal living. She showed how most types tried usually

evolved into the single type family life as is common to most of us today.

Those present were Avis Deavers, Mary Collins, Mrs. W.R. Cyfert, Mrs. Bryan Dungan, Mrs. S.C. Dixon, Mrs. Charles Eager, Mrs. Mack Fisher, Mildred HamMrs. Johnny Hammond, Mrs. Comer Haynes, Mrs. Carl Hughes, Mrs. C.B. Knight, Mrs. Ed Sandusky, Mrs. Andy Shouse, Mrs. Aaron Suderth and Mrs. Allen Forbis.

Lane succumbs Feb. 22

Bob Lane, of Merkel, Texas passed away Feb. 22, 1979, at Rolling Plains Memorial Hospital. He was the son of Mrs. Dahlia Lane of Goldthwaite and the late L.E. Lane.

Mr. Lane was born April 25, 1933 in Goldthwaite. He was married to Judy Carlin in 1954, in California. They moved to Merkel from Abilene in 1973.

Mr. Lane served in the U.S. Navy from May 6, 1950 to Feb. 18, 1954.

He was an appliance repairman at the time of his death. He was a member of the Baptist Church.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, Feb. 25, 1979 at 2:00 p.m. in Wilkins Chapel, with Bro. Doug Holtzclaw officiating. Interment was in Goldthwaite Memorial Cemetery.

Survivors include his wife, Judy, of Merkel; two daughters, Susan Lane of Giddings and Diane Wade of Merkel;

his mother, Mrs. L.E. (Dahlia) Lane, Goldthwaite. Also surviving are four brothers, Eldred Lane of Goldthwaite, H.B. Lane of Carlsbad, N.M., James Lane of Sweetwater, and Lealon Lane of Merkel; two grandchildren, Marsha Long and Michael Wade; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Mickey Newson, Lee Roy Thomas, Jack Steine, Mike Cato, C.J. Langley and James Du-laney.

School menu

The Merkel School menu is as follows:

Monday March 12, 1979
Pizza, buttered corn, green salad, choice of dressing, chilled applesauce.
Tuesday March 13
Fried fish, tartar sauce, macaroni salad, seasoned spinach, corn meal twist, lemon bars.
Wednesday March 14
Turkey and dressing with giblet gravy, seasoned green beans, celery and carrot stick, hot rolls, fruit salad.
Thursday March 15
Meat loaf, whipped potatoes, buttered english peas, hot rolls, peaches with whip topping.
Friday March 16
Hamburgers, lettuce, tomato, pickle, and onion, french fries with catsup, buns, fresh fruit wedges.

Oil prices increasing

State Comptroller Bob Bullock Friday said the value of crude oil produced in Texas increased last year to an average of \$8.93 per barrel, a 7.2 percent increase over the previous year.

Bullock said a study of oil production, prices and tax revenue was featured in the January issue of "Fiscal Notes", a monthly financial report published by the Comptroller's Office.

The Comptroller reported that production of crude oil during fiscal 1978 totaled 1,059.8 million barrels, compared to 1,112.2 million barrels in 1977.

This represents a decline of 4.7 percent, the largest decrease in the last five years.

An examination of quarterly price increases show that the price per barrel for crude oil jumped from \$3.48 during the second quarter of fiscal 1973 to \$6.77 for the same period of the following year.

Average Texas crude oil prices per barrel have steadily increased over the past five years to the current record levels.

Even though production of crude oil in Texas is on the decline, oil production tax revenues are expected to grow at a slightly faster rate during the next three fiscal years.

Household tips

Remember to clean the lint screen on the clothes dryer, advises Pat Seaman, housing and home furnishings specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

Lint restricts the flow of air in the dryer and requires the machine to use more energy in drying, she cautions.

Store sweet potatoes in a cool, dry place, and use them soon after purchase, recommends Mrs. Gwendolyn Clyatt, consumer marketing information specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

Don't store them in the refrigerator, she adds.

Prepare for serious medical emergencies when traveling in unfamiliar areas by carrying a medical history summary with you—not in your luggage, urges Claudia Kerbel, consumer information specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

Twenty-three million Americans—one out of every 10—experience a fear of flying, reports Dorothy Taylor, family life education specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

With some it is a fear of heights, others fear the tight quarters and some worry about crashing, the specialist explains.

Buyers of dishwashers and laundry equipment may soon know how much water those appliances use, says Nancy Granovsky, family resource management specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

In the future, tags and stickers will carry water facts along with electrical information, appliance dimensions and a description of the finishes used, she reports.



The Consumer Alert
by Mark White
Attorney General

AUSTIN—You could be costing yourself money in the long run, if the lowest price is all you look for when making a major purchase, say our Consumer Protection and Antitrust Division attorneys.

The lowest price tag doesn't always mean the lowest overall cost. In fact, the purchase price is only one thing to consider when making a major product selection, they note.

Our attorneys have received some consumer complaints from persons who say they were sold a "lemon" that's costing them more in repairs and maintenance than they expected. What sometimes is the case, though, is that the consumer failed to take into consideration normal maintenance costs, operating costs, and typical repairs to expect.

A buying technique called "life cycle costing" has been developed by consumer researchers to weigh these and other factors consumers should consider when making purchasing decisions. Life cycle costing takes into consideration the total cost of owning a product, and can result in substantial savings over the life of a product, even if that product is more expensive in the beginning.

Life cycle costing helps you determine which product will be more costly to run, and with escalating utility costs and gasoline costs, that can be a major consumer expense.

To determine the total life cycle cost of a product, our lawyers say you should weigh these factors: (1) the price of the product; (2) the installation charge, if there is one; (3) the operating cost of the product. If you're buying an appliance such as an air conditioner, look for the energy efficiency ratio, or

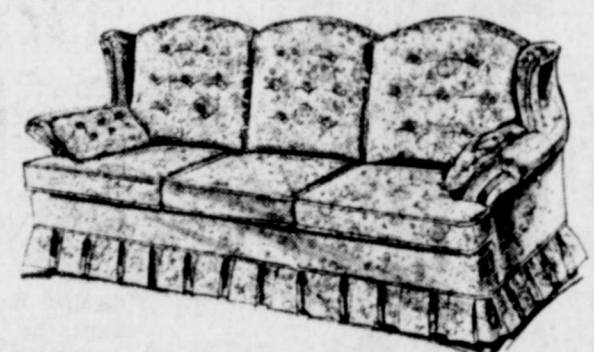
EER, and ask the dealer what average operating costs run. With cars, multiply the Environmental Protection Agency's average miles per gallon figures for your car, or the figures supplied by the car manufacturer, by the number of miles you expect to drive the car.

You should also consider: (4) anticipated repair costs. To do this, you must evaluate what the product warranty will and will not cover, then compare warranties on various brands for coverage. You should also consult consumer rating publications to determine reliability of a product after its warranty period is over; (5) how many years you expect to own the product; and (6) how much you plan to use the product.

Of course, you may have to make trade-offs when using life cycle costing. If you have high utility rates, you likely will be more interested in operating costs of an appliance than in repair costs or initial price. If you work and can't take time off to meet a repairman frequently, then perhaps reliability is more important to you than product life or installation cost. Or, if you have several major purchases to make at one time, you may feel that more weight must be given to purchase price.

Life cycle costing can help you buy a product that's the most efficient and economical for your needs. For more information, or to obtain assistance with a consumer complaint, contact the Attorney General's Consumer Protection and Antitrust Division in Austin, Houston, Dallas, San Antonio, El Paso, Lubbock, or McAllen. Or contact your district or county attorney.

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Browns celebrate golden anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. A.R. Brown celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Friday night.

They were married at Homer Louisiana, March 2nd, 1929. They lived there until they moved to Palestine, Texas. Then they moved to Tyler, Texas in 1931 where Mr. Brown worked for the Illinois pipeline. He worked there until 1943, when they moved to Lake Charles Louisiana. There he worked for the Firestone Rubber Plant. In 1946 they moved back to Tyler for 2 years then they moved back to Lake Charles in 1948. He went to work for Sears in 1949 in Lake Charles and worked there until he retired in March of 1971. They moved to Merkel in 1977.

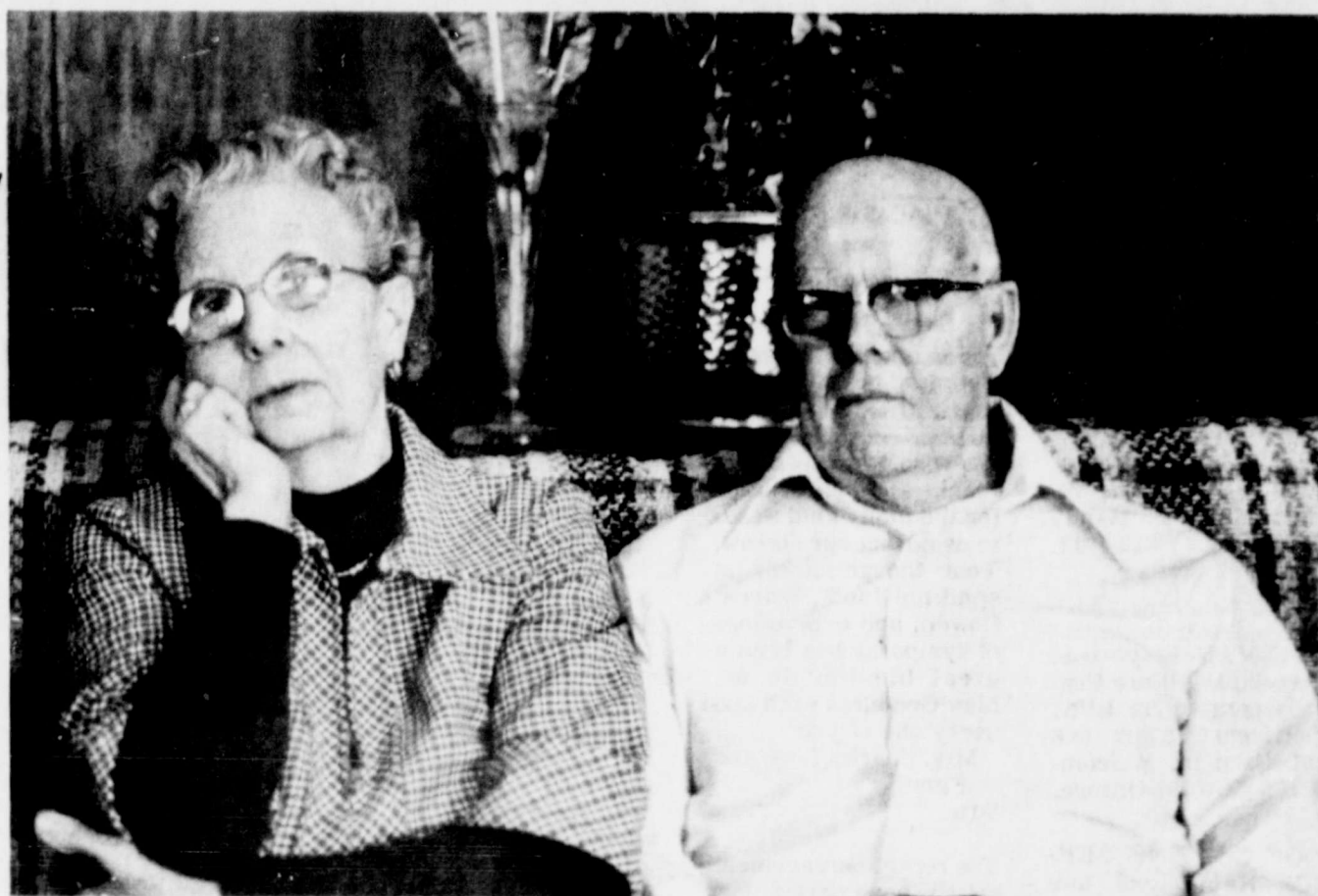
Their children are: Mrs. Robert Savage of

Abilene; Mrs. R.L. Castille of Merkel; Tommy and Jim, both of Houston; and Mrs. Larry Reppond of Natchez, Mississippi. They have 23 grandchildren and 1 great grandson.

Right now the couple are in the process of moving to Houston, where they are having their home built for them. They will be leaving in a couple of weeks.

"Happy 50th anniversary" cake was served to Mr. and Mrs. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Savage, Mr. and Mrs. David Mahoney, Nancy Savage, Mr. and Mrs. R.L. Castille, James Castille, Becky Dunlap, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Castille, and Mr. and Mrs. Mickey Gregory.

The family went in together and bought a stereo for them.



Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Brown

Chaloupka gives report

Farm Bureau intervention in the Geneva trade talks insured that U.S. wheat producers would not be "sacrificed" for the sake of ending the long negotiations, Carrol Chaloupka,

president of the Texas Farm Bureau, reported to the TFB Board of Directors at its meeting Feb. 26 - March 1.

Huffman open house

Mr. & Mrs. Bob Huffman and Rick White of Wichita, Kansas, held an informal open house for Mr. & Mrs. Beryl Brown, Mrs. Huffman's parents, at the Brown home in Merkel on

Sunday afternoon, March 4, to celebrate Mr. & Mrs. Brown's 60th wedding anniversary. The Browns were married 60 years March 5, 1919.

Those attending were: Mr. & Mrs. Johnny Frazier, Mrs. Callie Evans, Mrs. Narvelle Rogers, and Mondel Rogers Jr., all of Sweetwater. Mr. & Mrs. Lyndon Coats, Mrs. Ellen McReynolds, and Mrs. Fae Brown of Merkel. Mrs. Fern Windham of Treat.

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Hart attends co-op conference

Don Hart, manager of the Taylor Electric Co-op, attended the Annual Meeting of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Assoc. (NRECA) in Houston during the week of Feb. 18-22.

The 37th Annual Meeting of the NRECA attracted 10,765 cooperative leaders to hear such speakers as; Bob Bergland, Sec. of Agriculture, Sen. Robert Morgan of N.C., and Rep. Guy Vander Jagt of Michigan, who gave an enlightening speech of inflation.

Also included on the 5 day agenda were various workshops and the election of officers for

the NRECA. D. L. Knight of Bossier City, La. was elected president and Angus S. Hastings of Citra, Fla. was elected Vice President.

The National Rural Utility Cooperative Finance Co-op (C.F.C.), which Don Hart is on the board of Directors of, held its meeting in conjunction with the NRECA meeting. In business, C.F.C. elected Don Hart chairman of the member relationship committee, which also placed him on the Executive Committee.

NRECA's 1980 meeting will be held in New Orleans March 2-5.

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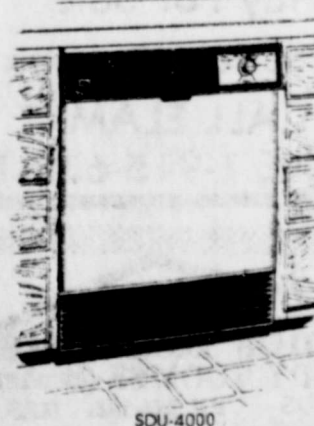
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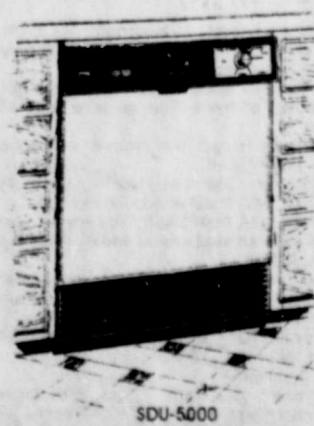
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Refreshments were served to the following members, Betty Allday, Jocile Brady, Pat Castille, Louise Dubose, Elizabeth Eager, Connie Harris, Kathy Leverich, Bobbye Mansfield, Rose Etheridge, Pat Neff, Val Patterson, Marnie Steck, Ginny Yaddow, and hostess Charlotte Starbuck.

Fortnightly Club meets

Mary Collins was hostess for the Feb. 27 meeting of The Fortnightly Study Club in her home.

During the business meeting The Convention of The Mesquite District of Texas Federation of Women's Clubs to be held in Sweetwater March 2-3 was announced. Plans were made for Mrs. J.W. Hammond, President, and one other to attend as delegates along with any other members who might want to attend.

The program was

"Family Life in the Early Seventies". Mrs. S.C. Dixon discussed "Woman's Dilemma" from the viewpoint of the younger woman. Marriage or career, and or marriage plus career. She also discussed some of the problems of family life in the crowded cities and in the suburbs. Mrs. W.R. Cyfert used as her subject "Some Alternative Life Styles". She discussed the clan type of family life and also communal living. She showed how most types tried usually

evolved into the single type family life as is common to most of us today.

Those present were Avis Deavers, Mary Collins, Mrs. W.R. Cyfert, Mrs. Bryan Dungan, Mrs. S.C. Dixon, Mrs. Charles Eager, Mrs. Mack Fisher, Mildred Hammons, Johnny Hammond, Mrs. Comer Haynes, Mrs. Carl Hughes, Mrs. C.B. Knight, Mrs. Ed Sandusky, Mrs. Andy Shouse, Mrs. Aaron Suderth and Mrs. Allen Forbis.

Lane succumbs Feb. 22

Bob Lane, of Merkel, Texas passed away Feb. 22, 1979, at Rolling Plains Memorial Hospital. He was the son of Mrs. Dahlia Lane of Goldthwaite and the late L.E. Lane.

Mr. Lane was born April 25, 1933 in Goldthwaite. He was married to Judy Carlin in 1954, in California. They moved to Merkel from Abilene in 1973.

Mr. Lane served in the U.S. Navy from May 6, 1960 to Feb. 18, 1964.

He was an appliance repairman at the time of his death. He was a member of the Baptist Church.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, Feb. 25, 1979 at 2:00 p.m. in Wilkins Chapel, with Bro. Doug Holtzclaw officiating. Interment was in Goldthwaite Memorial Cemetery.

Survivors include his wife, Judy, of Merkel; two daughters, Susan Lane of Giddings and Diane Wade of Merkel;

his mother, Mrs. L.E. (Dahlia) Lane, of Goldthwaite. Also surviving are four brothers, Eldred Lane of Goldthwaite, H.B. Lane of Carlsbad, N.M., James Lane of Sweetwater, and Lealon Lane of Merkel; two grandchildren, Marsha Long and Michael Wade; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Mickey Newson, Lee Roy Thomas, Jack Steine, Mike Cato, C.J. Langley and James Dulaney.

School menu

The Merkel School menu is as follows:

Monday March 12, 1979
 Pizza, buttered corn, green salad, choice of dressing, chilled applesauce.
 Tuesday March 13
 Fried fish, tarter sauce, macaroni salad, seasoned spinach, corn meal twist, lemon bars.
 Wednesday March 14
 Turkey and dressing with giblet gravy, seasoned green beans, celery and carrot stick, hot rolls, fruit salad.
 Thursday March 15
 Meat loaf, whipped potatoes, buttered english peas, hot rolls, peaches with whip topping.
 Friday March 16
 Hamburgers, lettuce, tomato, pickle, and onion, french fries with catsup, buns, fresh fruit wedges.

Oil prices increasing

State Comptroller Bob Bullock Friday said the value of crude oil produced in Texas increased last year to an average of \$8.93 per barrel, a 7.2 percent increase over the previous year.

Bullock said a study of oil production, prices and tax revenue was featured in the January issue of "Fiscal Notes", a monthly financial report published by the Comptroller's Office.

The Comptroller reported that production of crude oil during fiscal 1978 totaled 1,059.8 million barrels, compared to 1,112.2 million barrels in 1977.

This represents a decline of 4.7 percent, the largest decrease in the last five years.

An examination of quarterly price increases show that the price per barrel for crude oil jumped from \$3.48 during the second quarter of fiscal 1973 to \$6.77 for the same period of the following year.

Average Texas crude oil prices per barrel have steadily increased over the past five years to the current record levels.

Even though production of crude oil in Texas is on the decline, oil production tax revenues are expected to grow at a slightly faster rate during the next three fiscal years.

Household tips

Remember to clean the lint screen on the clothes dryer, advises Pat Seaman, housing and home furnishings specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

Lint restricts the flow of air in the dryer and requires the machine to use more energy in drying, she cautions.

Store sweet potatoes in a cool, dry place, and use them soon after purchase, recommends Mrs. Gwendolyn Clyatt, consumer marketing information specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

Don't store them in the refrigerator, she adds.

Prepare for serious medical emergencies when traveling in unfamiliar areas by carrying a medical history summary with you—not in your luggage, urges Claudia Kerbel, consumer information specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

Twenty-three million Americans—one out of every 10—experiences a fear of flying, reports Dorothy Taylor, family life education specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

With some it is a fear of heights, others fear the tight quarters and some worry about crashing, the specialist explains.

Buyers of dishwashers and laundry equipment may soon know how much water those appliances use, says Nancy Granovsky, family resource management specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

In the future, tags and stickers will carry water facts along with electrical information, appliance dimensions and a description of the finishes used, she reports.



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The Consumer Alert

by Mark White
 Attorney General

AUSTIN—You could be costing yourself money in the long run, if the lowest price is all you look for when making a major purchase, say our Consumer Protection and Antitrust Division attorneys.

The lowest price tag doesn't always mean the lowest overall cost. In fact, the purchase price is only one thing to consider when making a major product selection, they note.

Our attorneys have received some consumer complaints from persons who say they were sold a "lemon" that's costing them more in repairs and maintenance than they expected. What sometimes is the case, though, is that the consumer failed to take into consideration normal maintenance costs, operating costs, and typical repairs to expect.

A buying technique called "life cycle costing" has been developed by consumer researchers to weigh these and other factors consumers should consider when making purchasing decisions. Life cycle costing takes into consideration the total cost of owning a product, and can result in substantial savings over the life of a product, even if that product is more expensive in the beginning.

Life cycle costing helps you determine which product will be more costly to run, and with escalating utility costs and gasoline costs, that can be a major consumer expense.

To determine the total life cycle cost of a product, our lawyers say you should weigh these factors: (1) the price of the product; (2) the installation charge, if there is one; (3) the operating cost of the product. If you're buying an appliance such as an air conditioner, look for the energy efficiency ratio, or

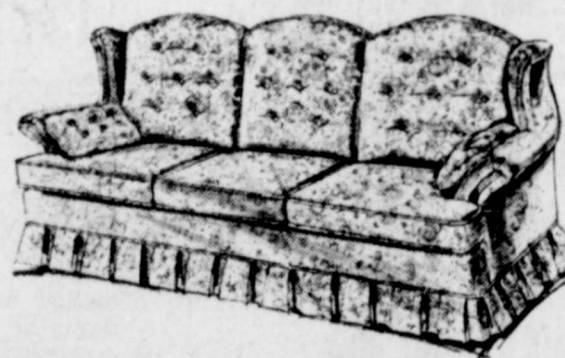
EER and ask the dealer what average operating costs run. With cars, multiply the Environmental Protection Agency's average miles per gallon figures for your car, or the figures supplied by the car manufacturer, by the number of miles you expect to drive the car.

You should also consider: (4) anticipated repair costs. To do this, you must evaluate what the product warranty will and will not cover, then compare warranties on various brands for coverage. You should also consult consumer rating publications to determine reliability of a product after its warranty period is over; (5) how many years you expect to own the product; and (6) how much you plan to use the product.

Of course, you may have to make trade-offs when using life cycle costing. If you have high utility rates, you likely will be more interested in operating costs of an appliance than in repair costs or initial price. If you work and can't take time off to meet a repairman frequently, then perhaps reliability is more important to you than product life or installation cost. Or, if you have several major purchases to make at one time, you may feel that more weight must be given to purchase price.

Life cycle costing can help you buy a product that's the most efficient and economical for your needs. For more information, or to obtain assistance with a consumer complaint, contact the Attorney General's Consumer Protection and Antitrust Division in Austin, Houston, Dallas, San Antonio, El Paso, Lubbock, or McAllen. Or contact your district or county attorney.

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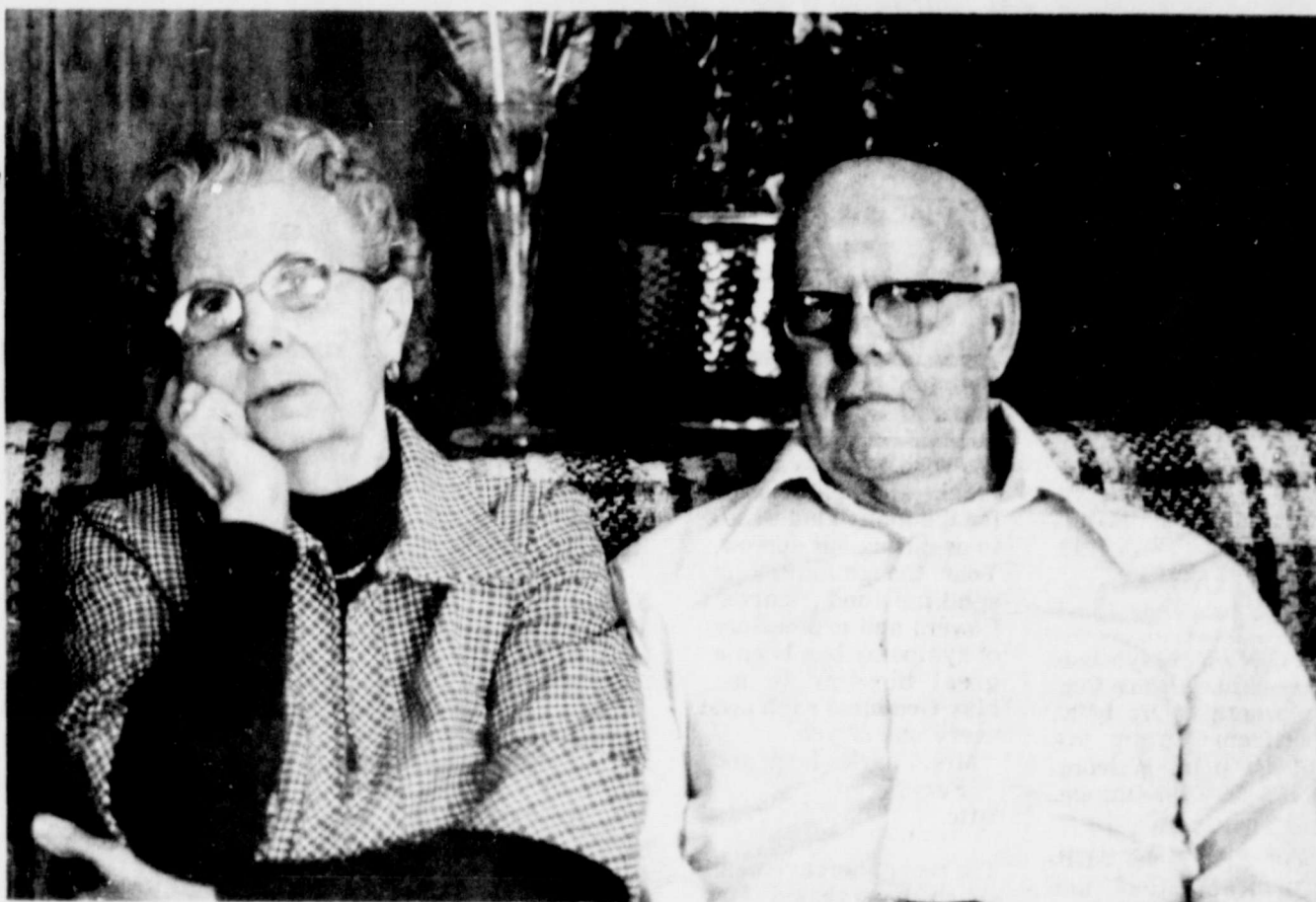
Their children are: Mrs. Robert Savage of

Abilene; Mrs. R.L. Castille of Merkel; Tommy and Jim, both of Houston; and Mrs. Larry Reppond of Natchez, Mississippi. They have 23 grandchildren and 1 great grandson.

Right now the couple are in the process of moving to Houston, where they are having their home built for them. They will be leaving in a couple of weeks.

"Happy 50th anniversary" cake was served to Mr. and Mrs. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Savage, Mr. and Mrs. David Mahoney, Nancy Savage, Mr. and Mrs. R.L. Castille, James Castille, Becky Dunlap, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Castille, and Mr. and Mrs. Mickey Gregory.

The family went in together and bought a stereo for them.



Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Brown

Chaloupka gives report

Farm Bureau intervention in the Geneva trade talks insured that U.S. wheat producers would not be "sacrificed" for the sake of ending the long negotiations, Carrol Chaloupka,

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Hart attends co-op conference

Don Hart, manager of the Taylor Electric Co-op, attended the Annual Meeting of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Assoc. (NRECA) in Houston during the week of Feb. 18-22.

The 37th Annual Meeting of the NRECA attracted 10,765 cooperative leaders to hear such speakers as: Bob Bergland, Sec. of Agriculture, Sen. Robert Morgan of N.C., and Rep. Guy Vander Jagt of Michigan, who gave an enlightening speech of inflation.

Also included on the 5 day agenda were various workshops and the election of officers for

the NRECA. D. L. Knight of Bossier City, La. was elected president and Angus S. Hastings of Citra, Fla. was elected Vice President.

The National Rural Utility Cooperative Finance Co-op (C.F.C.), which Don Hart is on the board of Directors of, held its meeting in conjunction with the NRECA meeting. In business, C.F.C. elected Don Hart chairman of the member relationship committee, which also placed him on the Executive Committee.

NRECA's 1980 meeting will be held in New Orleans March 2-5.

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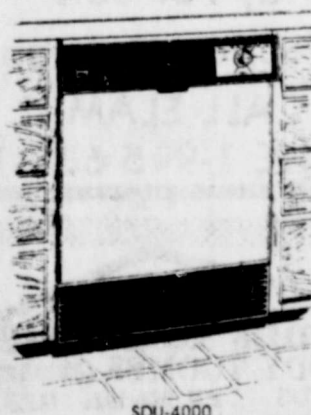


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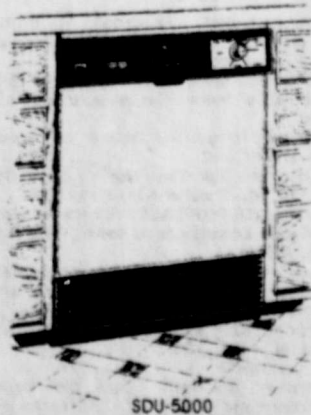


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Anderson's announce engagement

Mr. and Mrs. D.E. Anderson, 102 Yucca, Merkel, are proud to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Leticia Lynette to David DeWayne Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Davis of Tye.

The wedding date has been set for 7:30 Saturday, March 17, at Tye Community Center. Shower followed by reception.

Scout show set for April 7th

The annual Scout Show of the Chisholm Trail Council will indeed be a Super Event this year - and Scouts all over the 9th county area will soon be selling tickets. This year people will want to attend as well as buy tickets.

The date is April 7 and the location is the Taylor County Coliseum. The event will honor Omar Burleson and the theme is the "Past Hundred Years". A stage show featuring the famous Re-Generation Singers, the Kotso Lodge Indian Dancers, and many other exciting events will be held from 7:30 to 9:30 P.M. A booth showing depicting the history of the "Big Country" will precede this - from 5:00 to 7:00 P.M.

A ticket entitles a person to attend all the activities. A general admission ticket sells for \$2.00 and a reserved seat ticket is \$5.00.



Leticia Anderson and David Davis

Stith HD holds meeting

Learning to walk a triangle was shown by Mrs. Evelyn Wilburn at the meeting of the Stith Extension Homemakers Club March 2, 1979. Slides and posters of a properly planned, updated kitchen stressed that no more than twenty-two steps should be between appliances.

Plans were finalized for the replacing of the front doors of the community center.

Refreshments were served to two visitors: Mrs. Evelyn Wilburn, Anson, extension agent; Mrs. Garland Price, Goodman Extension Homemakers Club member and seven members.

The next meeting will

be at the Community Center March 14, 1979 with everyone bringing one or more homemade gifts.

All club meetings are open to all, irrespective of race, color, creed, sex, religion, national origin, or economic circumstances.

I am writing this concerning the Tye, Merkel school conflict. One of the reasons we stayed in Tye after retirement from the Air Force was for the Tye, Merkel school district. We have had three children graduate from Merkel and presently have one in the tenth grade. They all were allowed to participate in all activities. Our older son was a star athlete at Merkel, as many Tye children have been. Our daughter was a cheerleader in Junior High and ninth grade. She was Miss Merkel Junior High in eighth grade, runner up for Miss M.H.S. and Homecoming queen her senior year. I understand one of the complaints from Tye is that our children aren't treated fairly at Merkel school. From our own experience I can not understand this feeling. If they want to be treated fairly they are. Another example, our son, still in school, is sick a lot. He missed nine weeks of school last year. His teachers and principal worked very close with me getting his work to him. At test time he was still too weak to go to class, he was allowed to come to the office three days in a row to take his test, if it had not been for the Merkel staff, he would not be in the tenth grade now. If the record is checked, people from Tye would see we've had a lot of Tye children graduate from Merkel with honors. The committee from Tye that's causing the problems are not speaking for our family and many more like us. We do not want our children uprooted. We appreciate the education our children have

gotten from the Tye and Merkel schools.
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Morgan
Tye, Texas

Dear Editor,
There has been a growing problem with dogs in this area. Doesn't the owner of these dogs care enough about their pets and other people's property to keep them from running at large? Very recently a sad situation happened involving a small 6 yr. old boy. This small child was attacked by a large female dog. This loving pet bit the child on the arm. I feel when a person gets bit by an animal, that's one person too many.

What does it take to enforce the law? In the City Ordinance No.23 Sec No. 2 it states, "That is shall be unlawful for the owner of any Bitch to allow the same to run at large in this city at any time."

Does it take a person to be hospitalized or a life?

I also feel that the city council should act promptly to put some new laws in effect, and these new laws should be carried out in full.

If you think that I dislike dogs, you are very wrong. I also have 2 large dogs, but they are in a fenced area. As the mother of the small 6 year old child that was attacked, I urge that the concerned citizens of this city to start speaking up and help enforce the future laws of pet control.

Sincerely,
Susan Holcomb
610 Cherry Merkel, Tx.

I would like to correct a very misleading statement which appeared in the Merkel Mail last

Letters to the editor

Legal notice

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Notice is hereby given that on April 1, 1979, the entire assets of Kenneth Barbian dba Eagle Machine Co., whose address is 726 South 11th, Abilene, Texas, will be transferred to Barbian's Eagle Machine Co., Inc., a Texas corporation whose principle place of business is at 726 South 11th, Abilene, Texas, and which will become bound to pay the debts of the said Kenneth Barbian dba Eagle Machine Co., and that the said corporation will be solvent upon becoming so bound.

Dated: March 2, 1979.

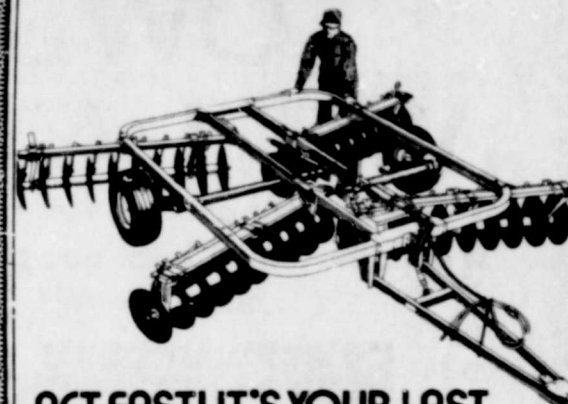
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H.E.C.E. students learning useful skills at Merkel High

The Home Economics Cooperative Education (HECE) class at Merkel High School prepares students for occupations requiring home economics knowledge and skills. At present there are 8 students in the program, taught by Mary Grimes, working in different businesses in Merkel and one in Abilene.

H.E.C.E. has a club that corresponds with the classwork called H.E.R.O. The Hero Club takes on various projects such as making cupcakes for the nursing home for Valentines Day and cookies

for Christmas.

The organization will be attending a state meeting later on in the year in Ft. Worth. The group also sponsors an upcoming employer appreciation banquet on May 7th. The class included Kaye Lynn Butman at Stuckeys, Suzanne Byrd at Dairy Queen, Lesa Hart at Farmers and Merchants National Bank, Debbie Phillips at Burger King, Rena Reeves at Circle A Western Wear, Danna Russell at Handy Food Store (formerly at Wilson's), Tomie Santee at Big Country Inn, and Lynn Wade at Carsons.

Story and photos by glenn Richards



Lynn Wade at work at Carson's Food Store, H.E.C.E. students receive school credits for working.



Danna Russell makes change to a customer at her new job at Handy's Food Store. Dana left

Wilson's Food Store when it closed early in February.

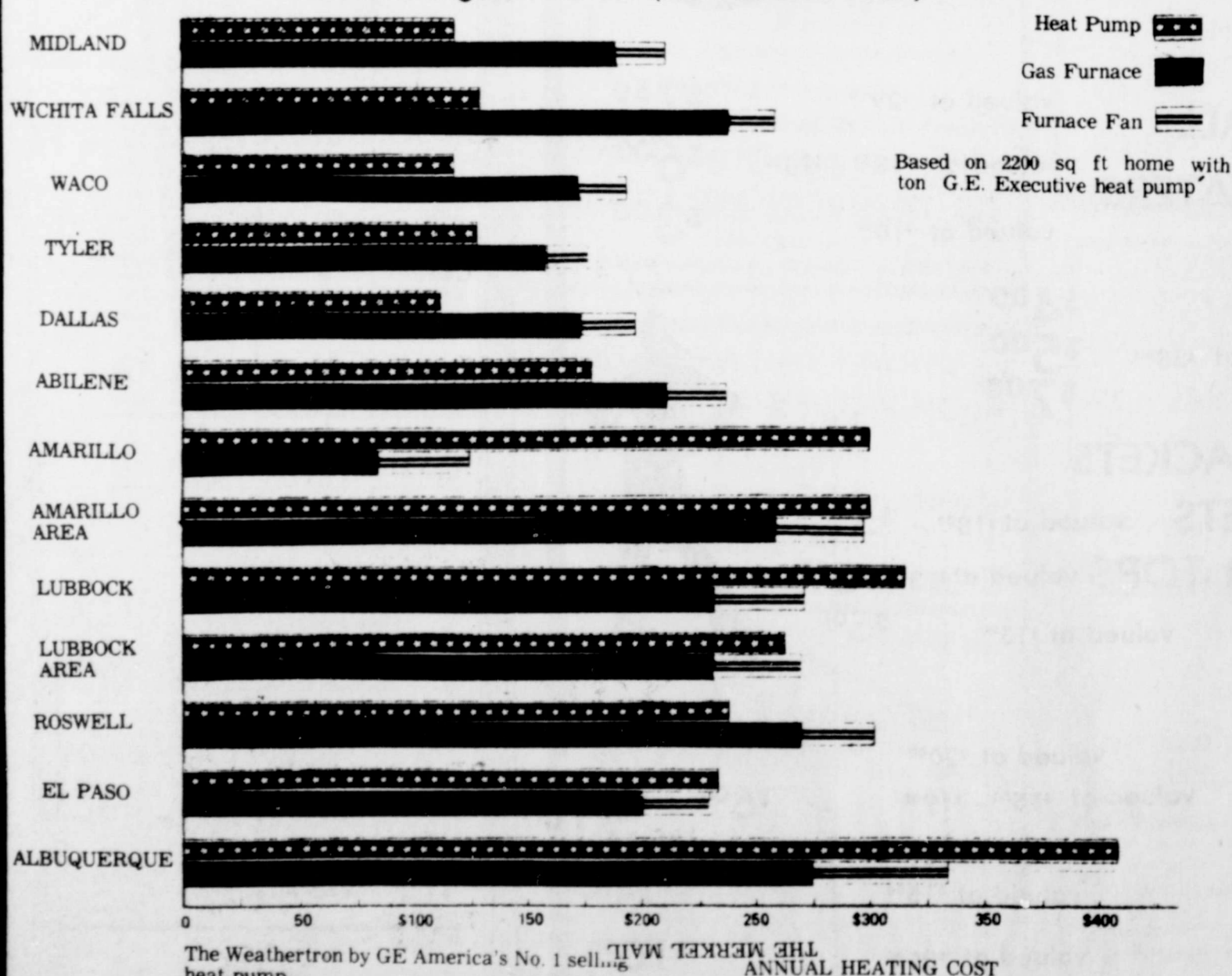


H.E.C.E. students from left to right are Debbie Phillips, Suzanne Byrd, Tomie Santee, Kaye Lynn

Butman, Rena Reeves, Danna Russell, Lesa Hart, Mary Grimes, teacher and Lynn Wade.

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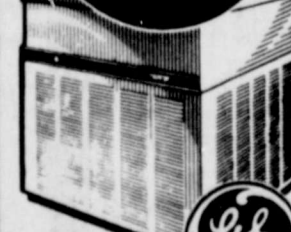
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Don Wilson and Don Russom checking a den in the Mulberry Canyon area south of Merkel. The

group is gathering snakes to be entered into this weekend's Sweetwater Jaycee Rattlesnake Roundup.

Story and photos by Cloy A. Richards



Seconds before a rattler crawled from his den, Don Wilson (left) keep a cautious eye on the den. Rich Wirtz (far right), Don Russom (center) and

Mulberry Canyon Rattlesnake Club out after ol' Mr. Rattler

I enjoy the outdoors, hunting, fishing and that sort of thing. This past weekend I was invited to go hunting and went.

Now settle down Mr. Game Warden, we weren't breaking any season laws, unless a rattlesnake season exists.

Obviously, for a guy that grew up in Central Texas, it was my first rattlesnake hunt and before that, the only rattlesnakes I had ever seen were in zoos or on a television documentary. It was old hat for Rich Wirtz, Don Wilson and Don Russom, because, as I understand it, they and a couple of other of their buddies are the undisputed rattlesnake hunter champions in town, and those guys knew what they were doing. If they hadn't, I would have spent the day in the truck.

We met early and spent a day at it. At the end of the day another 14 western diamondbacks were added to their holding areas to bring the total to around 60. All of the snakes will be sold at the upcoming Sweetwater Rattlesnake Roundup this weekend and the rules for the roundup stipulate that the snakes must be alive.

Now to get Mr. Rattler out of his den is not that complicated of a matter. Simply spray a little gasoline into a den, and the vapors will make the snake seek fresh air. When he comes out, take a snake stick and grab him.

Sounds easy doesn't it.

A lot of my preconceived fears about this excursion were put to rest when we got to the first den. The respect these guys paid to ol' Mr. Rattler made me feel a little more at ease since

trying to catch rattlers seemed almost as dangerous as pulling a mean dog's tail to see if he will bite.

We made our way to four dens on that day south of town in the Mulberry Canyon area. They had already hunted these dens before and they had their war stories. They told me of pulling as many as 35 snakes from a single den and as Don Russom put it, your adrenalin can really start flowing when snakes start seeking fresh air and begin coming from the den in many different directions. I assured him that not only my adrenalin would be flowing, my feet would be moving if that happened today. Bravery is not one of my virtues, especially when snakes are involved.

Rich Wirtz is a transplanted Coloridian and he seems to enjoy hunting rattlers. Don Russom and Don Wilson told me that Rich started by going out with them and watching the hunts and then "got the fever". He has been hunting for a couple of years.

Don Wilson has done well in the Rattlesnake Roundup in Sweetwater. Three years ago, he caught the largest snake in the roundup.

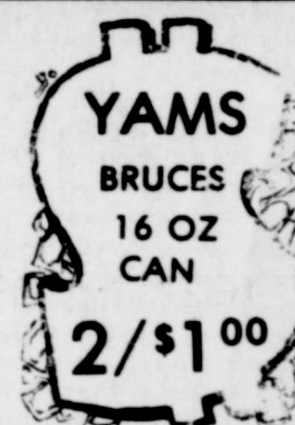
This year, they have a couple that stand a chance for that title. While hunting on the red hill, Don Russom, a lieutenant in the Sweetwater Fire Department, broke his leg in a parachuting accident but the cast didn't slow him down.

The annual roundup is this Friday, Saturday and Sunday, in Sweetwater. It will be a good chance to see rattlesnakes and learn more about ol' Mr. Rattler.

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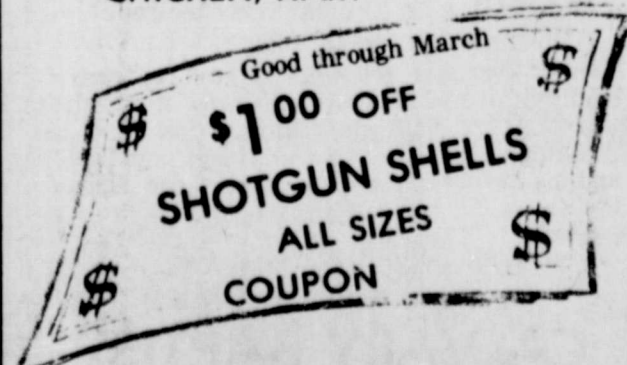
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Farm/Ranch News

Farmers told to cut overhead

Today's farmers are in a tough spot. Prices for many of their products are down, while costs for fuel, labor, and equipment are up. Equally upsetting is the fact that this price-cost squeeze is not likely to improve soon.

"The farmer's best bet to improve profits is to cut overhead. Reduced tillage trials show that one way a farmer can do this is to change the way he plows his land," said Joe Montgomery, chairman of the board of directors of the Middle Clear Fork Soil and Water Conservation District. Conservationists with the USDA Soil Conservation Service call reduced tillage the system of the future.

"The fact is, many farmers plow too much. A lot of this has to do with tradition. But, reduced tillage methods can be the out they're looking for," said Kenneth Cash, district conservationist with the SCS in Abilene.

In some cases, seedbed preparation trips can be cut down, Cash continued. Many farmers are planting crops directly into the stubble of previous crops, without other preparation. Sometimes, this is the only way to successfully grow low crops in one year.

Reduced tillage can be a real money-saver

when it comes to fuel and labor costs. Conventional land preparation and planting may take five to seven gallons of fuel per acre. But, when tillage trips are reduced, fuel use is cut substantially. Also, fewer tractor trips mean less labor. The time and money saved by shifting to reduced tillage systems can be used for other improvements.

"Leaving the stalks of sorghum, corn, and other crops on the soil is an effective conservation measure. Reduce tillage and you reduce erosion. It's that simple," Cash stressed. "And, residues on the soil help wildlife, too, by providing food and cover."

So, if you're looking for a way to beat the price-cost squeeze, here's a tip from the SCS. During the year, list all tractor trips across your land prior to harvest of your major crop. Estimate the cost of every operation. Decide whether each trip was made to increase production or if it was made because of tradition. By eliminating all the habit trips, you will develop a more efficient operation. And, you will find that it's better to switch than fight higher operating costs.

The Scientists Tell Me . . .

Better Irrigation Systems Save Water, Energy, and Maintain Food Production

By Robert L. Haney
TAES Science Writer

Rising energy costs and declining water supplies in many areas are making imperative the development of irrigation systems that make maximum use of all sources of water for food and fiber production.

Rainfall, a resource almost ignored in some irrigation schedules, must be exploited fully since it's free and its use cuts demand for irrigation water.

The energy crisis is another pressing reason for the design and development of new energy and water-efficient irrigation systems.

Radically increasing efficiency of total irrigation systems is the purpose of irrigation research at the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station at Halfway. It includes soil surface modification to enhance irrigation efficiency and to increase rainfall retention.

Low energy-precision application irrigation is the name of this new concept.

Water is applied from a continuously moving system to micro-basins formed by placing dikes across furrows. The small basins prevent runoff of both rainfall and irrigation water.

Control of the amount of water applied per irrigation, plus even distribution, are two essentials of efficient irrigation, according to Dr. William Lyle, agricultural engineer in charge of irrigation research at Halfway at the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station.

In furrow or flood irrigation, variables such as soil intake rate, length of run, slope, capacity of the well, and varying water management skills make difficult the precise control of water. Both water and energy are wasted and distribution is uneven.

Sprinkler systems, in general, provide greater control over application rates than do furrow or flood systems. However, the control gained is at the expense of additional energy. Some sprinkler systems double energy costs.

And, irrigation and rainfall runoff is common to many sprinkler systems operating on low-intake soils.

Significant spray evaporation losses from solid-set sprinklers were measured in a recent study by Dr. R. N. Clark, agricultural engineer with USDA. Spray evaporation losses at wind

speeds of 20 m.p.h. were pounds per square inch for greater than 30 percent. energy conservation and use. In the Texas High Plains, of existing low pressure wind velocities much higher pipe.

"It is capable of continuous times during the forward movement and growing season and especially during the spring pre-ground pipe systems al-plant irrigation period, ready installed on many Thus, in semi-arid, windy farms for gated pipe irriga-are the application effi-

ciency of sprinkler systems. We are developing the improved system to be

"The system we're developing will maintain precise control of amounts of applied water and will do so with much less energy," Lyle says. "All these aims have been met in the construction of the experimental systems being evaluated."

The overall system combines a soil surface modification implement and the low-energy, precision application irrigation systems. Both are essential to maximize irrigation efficiencies and rainfall utilization. Evaluation of this combined system for total water utilization is essentially in the initial stages, Lyle says. At least 2 more years of extensive evaluation and field testing on crops is scheduled.

However, at this early date the concept looks extremely promising as a means to obtain efficient total water utilization along with substantial energy conservation in irrigation.

"It is adaptable to all soil types, which require variable travel speed, but is less critical when combined with basin tillage."

"It permits low pressure operation of less than 10

Best buys at the grocery market

Best buys at Texas grocery markets this week include poultry items, bananas, potatoes and carrots, says Gwendolyn Clyatt.

Also, processed fruits and vegetables, soup, pasta products, pork and beans and sauerkraut, she says.

Mrs. Clyatt is a consumer marketing information specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

This week's price quality trends are the following:

POULTRY-Poultry items are a bargain, compared to many other protein foods. Fryer chickens appear on special in many markets, and eggs are a good value even with prices up a bit. Stewing hens have reasonable prices. **FRESH FRUITS**-Ba-

nanas have low prices, and apples are a quality budget buy. Moderate prices appear on oranges, especially smaller sizes, grapefruit, tangelos and tangerines. Avocados have lower prices. Cantaloupe and watermelon prices are high. Mexican pineapples have attractive prices.

FRESH VEGETABLES--Potatoes and carrots take this week's budget-buy award. Other economical choices are sweet potatoes, cabbage and dry onions in spite of price hikes. Occasional features appear on broccoli, celery, rutabagas and romaine lettuce, as well as squash.

BEEF--Features are scattered among markets. Look for them on chuck roasts and steaks, round steak and sirloin tip roasts, ground beef

and liver. Prices are up overall.

PORK--Some features appear on Boston butts, end chops and loin cuts. Also, look for some specials on semi-boneless hams and bacon.

Chops will store in home freezers up to three months. For roasts, allow six months.

CONSUMER WATCH-WORDS: Some "con-

venience foods" cost less than their "made from scratch" counterparts. In fact, 53 or 160 surveyed cost less.

They include frozen orange juice concentrate, frozen peas, frozen lima beans, lasagna and tuna-noodle-casserole mix. Also, canned spaghetti or a package mix, crabcakes and frozen or canned shrimp.

Little league registration

Registration for Little League will be March 17 and April 7 (Saturday) in the West Texas Utilities Building from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

All boys must register, regardless of playing last year. The fee is \$5 per boy in both Little League and T-Shirts. Try outs will be April 9 & 10. The first Little League game will be May 1st. For more information call Jimmy Leverich 8-5167, Larry Gill 8-5801, or Audra Horton 928-5016.

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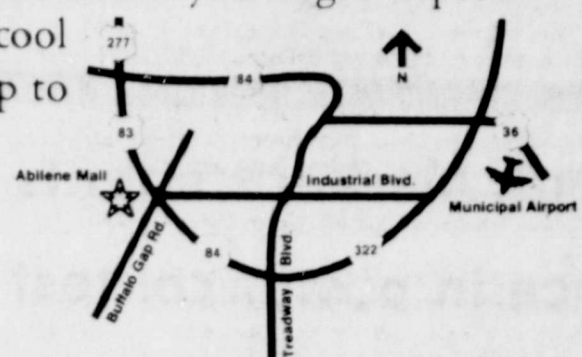
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Thursday March 8, 1979

Trent News

Trent, Merkel students place in poster contest

The Middle Clear Fork Soil and Water Conservation District, in cooperation with Taylor Electric Co-operative sponsored a poster contest for students at Merkel and Trent Elementary Schools.

Students in Kindergarten through the 5th grade competed in the contest at the two schools and the results follow in order of their finish:

Trent Elementary Kindergarten: Debra Reed, Chris Richardson, John Aguinaga, Amy Welborn; First Grade: Melony Orr, Sheli Boles, Veronica De La Cruz, and Tami Neff; Second Grade: Teddy Moors, Kim Walker, Jeff Hobbs and Mike Carriker; Third Grade: Tammy Collier, Tracie Russell, Kim Orr and Luci Masonheimer; Fourth Grade: Missy Simpson, Kim Wallis, Benjamin Beaver and Don Renfro; Sixth Grade: Cody Johnson, Doyle Brenem, Christy Kinnard and Steven Schreiner.

Merkel Elementary Kindergarten: Michael McFadden, Sean Leanon, Jenny Boyd and Collin Jacobs; First Grade: Sabrina Boswell, Chad Bartee, Cassandra Moreno and Roy Cunningham; Second Grade: Chris Shugart, Wade Toombs, David Biera and Michele Williams; Third Grade: Randy Graham, Ted Seymore, Brian Massey and Todd Smith; Fourth Grade: Clay Hammond, Brit Pursley, Billy Collins and Tracy Bicknell; Fifth Grade: Regina Stuckey, Amy Irvin, Edwin Etheridge and Randy Paliarez.

Farm show set

At 10:30 a.m., March 9, the doors of the Tarrant County Convention Center will open on the largest exhibition of farm and ranch equipment and supplies ever assembled in this area during the Southwest Farm Show and Championship Tractor Pull.

"The Southwest Farm Show is free and open to everyone who is interested in updating their knowledge on the latest in machinery, equipment, and supplies for the farm and ranch, available on the market today," according to R.B. Allen, Executive Vice President, Southwest Hardware & Implement Association, sponsors.

"The Farm Show will be open March 9, 10, and 11, and Tractor Pulls will be held for four nights, March 8, 9, 10, and 11 in the Convention Center arena," Allen said. The Farm Show opens each day at 10:30 a.m.

He pointed out that tickets for the Tractor Pulls may be purchased through Amusement Ticket Service, Fort Worth.

"We have added a new attraction for the Thursday and Friday pulls with a class of 4-wheel drive trucks each night," Allen said.

He emphasized that there will be at least one class of the modified, hot rod tractors pulling each night.

Agriculture census

Farm or ranch operators who have not been counted yet in the 1978 Census of Agriculture still have an opportunity to be included, according to the Bureau of the Census, U.S. Department of Commerce.

Uncounted operators are urged to write for a farm census report form to (WYC), Bureau of the Census, 1201 East 10th Street, Jeffersonville, Ind. 47132. The census has been underway since January 1, 1979.

Bureau officials remind farmers and ranchers that the census will include producers of many commodities not often thought of as agricultural. Among these are rabbits, goats, honey and honey bees, fish in captivity, worms, and ducks, pheasants, quail, and pigeons or squab. Greenhouse and such nursery products as sod, mushrooms, greenhouse vegetables, cut flowers, and bulbs are also on the list as farm and ranch products. Any commercial producer of these commodities should fill out a census report form. Bureau officials also remind farm operators that the quicker report forms are returned to the Bureau the less it will cost in follow-up work to complete collection of census data.

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Our Texas public schools were created 125 years ago. In 1854 the first law was passed establishing the public school.

It is a healthy thing in our democratic way of life to have intelligent understanding of the important functions of our basic institutions. This is especially true of the schools. The initiative and resourcefulness and the wisdom and leadership that our schools are inculcating

in the youth of today are the answer of the problems of citizenship in the years ahead.

Yes, "bring me men to match my mountains." That is the need of our times and must come from the public schools-schools that are strong in virtues required for building strong men and women.

We can be assured of this and do our part in understanding and helping the public schools to fulfill their great obligation to our times by being a participant in the annual Public Schools Week, March 5 through March 9, 1979. Schools will hold open house; accept their hospitality, and you will enjoy the experience of going back to school - if but for a day.

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Tye Times

Tye happenings

Harold Boyd

We are nearing the end of the observance of National School Week. Have you visited your school, participated in a growth and development? Tye held it's open house Tuesday and from the remarks I'd say we are doing great.

All the talent, energy and learning that is imposed of teachers and students. It is well worth the money in that we pay to see all the wealth that is inside these walls. Should you see what is going on at the school, drop by and just take a minute, you'll be pleasantly surprised! Our thanks to the teachers and administrators for their devotion to the students and their careers.

Been seeing a familiar face at the city hall? Yep, sure is James Snowden. He is our temporary office Secretary and City Manager. "JIM" is a familiar face, once Mayor, Council member, and candidate for 17th District.

Appreciate your interest in the city, Jim, and all your help till we can get a city secretary. To all of those who have been attending the Volunteer Fire Department, so many welcome faces, and do we appreciate your interest now. David, let's get something started and keep em coming.

I'm sorry I work evenings. I would like to be there and get more involved. Again to those who are showing up, the

Cheif thanks you for your interest. Now let's get a truck equipped. Grass fires are now here. The department has answered 3 grass fires this week. So be it a reminder, when burning trash, be careful and keep it under control.

Should it get out of control, sound the alarm and help will be on the way. You'll be getting a card in the very near future with important telephone numbers for help courtesy of the Tye Fire Department. If you come by the Fire Department or call we'll get a card to you. This card will have the phone numbers of the members and who to notify in case of fire.

Last report, Senior Citizens are meeting Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at the Community Center and are hosting a musical the last Saturday of each month to raise funds for a Senior Citizen building they hope to construct in the near future. If you are a Senior Citizen, come by the next day and meet your neighbor and join in the fellowship. Been having slide presentation, films, busy making quilts or a fast enjoyable domino game. Watch for their Garage Sale in the very near future.

At this writing I'm somewhat dismayed regarding someone to run for the soon to be forgotten filing date of

elections for City Council. I hope that someone will get involved with the running of City Government and get with being elected on the School Board. I don't have time is the "Statement of the Year". Tye needs to progress, and with leadership and dreams this can be achieved. Speak up! Get with it and do something, who knows, maybe we can be another Plains, Georgia... on the map. If you gripe about the city and it's current administration, now is the time to do something, and it is still not too late. There hasn't been anyone yet who has filed for election as of this writing.

I've noticed some Red Robins around, so it's telling me it's nearing Spring. But the old Mesquite hasn't shown any signs. Anyhow, it's time to be planting a garden or to get the ground ready some say.

Appreciate the calls regarding these articles, but we do need more news, so please call! Sure appreciate the Richards' for their support and letting me use the space. If you have news call me or The Mail, 928-5712, and give it to them. They will appreciate your news, interest, or whatever. So for today, tomorrow, peace and health, see you next week. Harold.

Legal notice

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Larry Don Monroe, Respondent:

GREETINGS:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable 326th District Court, Taylor County, Texas, at the Courthouse of said County in Abilene, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the Monday next after the expiration of 20 days from the date of service of this citation, then and there to answer the petition of Marsha Lee Monroe, Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 27th day of February, 1979, against Larry Don Monroe, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 2103-C on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Matter of The Marriage of Marsha

Lee Monroe and Larry Don Monroe", the nature of which suit is a request to Divorce.

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

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

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

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law

directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court at Abilene, Texas, this the 27th day of February, 1979.

Irene Crawford Clerk, 326th District Court, Taylor County, Texas. By Johnnie Woodard, Deputy.

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Fifth Grade Mrs. Dean

February is a colorful month. Some of the greatest personalities of our American history have birthdays at this time.

Valentine's Day, one of the most favorite of the holidays, is also a special February day. The fifth graders enjoyed exchanging valentines on this special day. Refreshments of cup cakes, slush and all kinds of candy were enjoyed also.

Working on Conservation Posters have taken some of the time. Everyone is working hard on their posters, hoping they will receive a ribbon. This contest is co-sponsored by the Board of Directors of the Middle Clear Fork Soil Conservation District and Taylor Electric Cooperative, Inc. The purpose of this program is to make students more aware of the importance of conserving our natural resources.

Many of the fifth graders are involved in preparing for the UIL contest. They are learning spelling words, pictures (name of picture, artist and his nationality), number sense and prose reading.

One of the highlights of this month, however, was watching the solar eclipse. Preparations for watching the eclipse were made by giving each student 2 pieces of blue construction paper and placing a pin hole in the middle of one. By standing with backs to the sun and holding the paper with the hole in it

above the plain paper they were able to watch the progress of the eclipse without damaging their eyes. Everyone was impressed, realizing they were watching something very special.

All of these activities along with our usual daily subject work has made February a very busy month.

From the story starters I've been using here are two on the subject, "The thing I dislike most."

I dislike fights because people can end up hurt and some end up dead. Fights can be dangerous to even pros. Some fights can lead to was between families for centuries. Fights like these can keep children from playing with the other person's children.

What can be done

about this? Well, nothing. But you can try not to be involved in them.

Why fights occur are mysteries, sometimes, but others are not. People all have fights sometimes but we should just try to stay away from these fights.

The thing I dislike the most is when people make fun of other people, and they can't help it, whatever it is.

Like once I wore a pair of holey pants to school and everyone made fun of me and called me names. They said, "Boy, don't you have any better clothes to wear or did you go broke?"

The reason I don't like it is because it isn't polite and people shouldn't make fun of others.

Fourth grade news

Tye School News

Fourth Grade Mrs. Winter

February has been a

busy month it seems. In math, students have been working with fractions-learning the new terms, how to read them, how to reduce to lowest terms, and how to compare them. Now they are ready to begin learning how to add and subtract fractions.

The class has been enjoying their Weekly Readers, and they've been underlining and learning the meaning of new words as they're found in the news articles. The "Skills Club" lesson is also an excellent exercise for utilizing comprehension and word-study skills.

Let's not forget February was Valentine month. The students enjoyed doing their own bulletin board, decorating their sacks, and last but not least, the Valentine Party.

This past week all of the students worked on Soil Conservation posters and now have them displayed on the board. This week students will be choosing poems to memorize and recite for the class. Besides teaching them to appreciate literature, this gives them practice in concentrating and reciting orally before a class.

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