

The Merkel Mail

Thursday, July 3, 1980...Merkel, Texas

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Bill Williams of 601 Kent here shows off a couple of his cucuzzi squash that grew to a length of about 45 inches in his garden. Mr. Williams told the Mail he had never before grown that type of squash but that it had good flavor and grows pretty well.

(Staff photo)

Saverance says hail, wind damages 3,000 cotton acres

Taylor County ASCS Director Donald Saverance told the Mail Monday that an estimated 3,000 acres of cotton was damaged in the county as a result of high winds, heavy rains and hail in Taylor County's south-west portion ten days ago.

He said most of the producers have decided to go back with cotton, even though it is a little too late according to planting dates, but he said a major part of that decision was because of the chemicals that have already been applied for cotton production.

Saverance said his attention has now turned to crop damage because of the extreme heat. He added that some maize and grain sorghum is starting to burn up, along with hay grazer and other grain crops.

He added that most of the county, with the exception of the northeast portion is doing fairly well for stock tank water and soil moisture.

ASCS disaster payments for cotton are 19 and 1/2 cents per pound on 70 per cent of the established yield and grain payments are \$1.25 per bushel on 60 per cent of the established yield.

Saverance said he had no idea of how the extreme heat will effect area cotton, except the heat is ideal cotton weather, until the heat soaks up the soil moisture. Saverance added the cotton should look good but we really won't know what kind of a crop it will make until the fall.

Saverance encouraged many farmers that have questions to call his office at 695-0141 for further information and said the deadline for applying for disaster payments as a result of last weekend's storm is Monday.

Fun Day could be turning point here

by Cloy A. Richards

Friday is the day for Merkel's first Fun Day and it also is a day of destiny, of sorts, for the community.

After Friday is over, we will have a pretty good indication of the amount of support that can be drummed up here for a community-wide project.

The people that have been involved in the planning for Fun Day say they are encouraged by the response of the citizenry so far and say that some future plans for the Chamber, as well as the City Park are riding on the outcome of Fun Day.

The idea of a local, community-wide activity being planned on July 4th is a timely one. With gasoline prices becoming more and more ridiculous, most working folks might not have the cash for a vacation and they are looking for activities close to home.

Like most projects, this one has been a tremendous undertaking for a few hard working folks. The Mail would like to publicly acknowledge the efforts of Benny Melton, Martha Sue Justice and Emma Shugart for their work and planning. We would also like to tip our hat to a tremendous effort from two local youths, John Starbuck and Chris Cutler for their sales of donation tickets that raised over \$400 for the Chamber.

The Chamber took a chance, made a bet on the support of the community when a loan was made to cover the expense for the building materials for the Shelter. But, they took that chance knowing the project would receive a certain level of support.

Pack up the kids, blankets and lawn chairs and head to the City Park tomorrow. There will be a load of good entertainment, food, and games.

Lets prove to ourselves that we can plan and carry

Fun Day tomorrow, Shelter fund totals \$1,271, entertainment headed by the Halfbreed Band

Donation ticket sales now stand at \$1,271, final plans are made, the Reunion Shelter is built and ready to go and the entertainment acts have been sharpening their show for Friday's First Merkel and surrounding area Fun Day, scheduled from 10 until 10 at the City Park.

Martha Sue Justice of the Merkel Chamber of Commerce told the Mail "This is really going to be a test for Merkel and it's citizens. The Chamber has taken a chance to build the Reunion Shelter and we think it will be a success. It can only be a success if plenty of people will come to the park and enjoy the free entertainment and participate in the activities. We started this project and the people have to finish it."

Activities will get started at 10 a.m. when Ray Pack and the Original Halfbreed Band will get together for the first time in quite a while, and entertainment will continue through the day.

There are several groups, organizations and

individuals that will have games, food garage sales and flea market booths as well as 80 drawings throughout the day for prizes being offered by local and area merchants. Groups from Merkel, Trent, Tye, Hawley and Sweetwater are participating in the event.

John Starbuck and Chris Cutler still have the lead in ticket sales as they have sold \$408.50 in tickets. Tickets, represent a donation to the Chamber of Commerce's fund drive to pay for the shelter and persons buying tickets may write their name and phone number on the ticket and become eligible for the 80 plus prizes being offered.

The Reunion Shelter was finished last weekend and all work was done with volunteer labor. Martha Sue Justice said "We want to say a big thank you to Betty Doan, Emma Shugart, Charlotte Starbuck, Ann Wade, Vernon Wade, Bob Hammond, Jim Giesler, Ray, L.D. Barnes, J.A. Sadler, Duane Shugart, Billy Doan, Ray de la Cruz, J.T. Naron (the welder), Jerry Byrd, Mychelle Hammond, Cloy

Richards, Robert Harris, John Garcia, Ray King, Benny Melton, Benjie de la Cruz and Billy Riley for their work on the Shelter and the grounds at the park."

Persons and organizations sponsoring food booths are asked to provide their own extension cords and shading material for their booths and should be ready to start serving at 10 a.m. A ribbon cutting ceremony for the Shelter is set for 9:55 a.m.

Chairs will be set up under the Shelter but people attending Fun Day should bring lawn chairs or blankets to sit on because the Shelter should fill up fast. Masters of Ceremonies for the event will be J.A. Sadler, Benny Melton and Waymon Adcock.

Cash donations for the Shelter were received from H.R. McKeever, \$10, Starbuck Furniture-\$25 and Big Country Inn-\$25.

The Chamber may be reached at 928-5722 for any additional information concerning Fun Day. The Chamber also still needs to talk to a representative from the Assembly of God about their food booth.

Merkel PD solves three cases

After a two and one half month investigation into the attempted arson at the Merkel Restaurant, the case will come to court July 14th.

Merkel Police Chief Ray Pack said he was very grateful for the role help provided by the State Fire Marshall's Office and the Alcohol-Tobacco-Firearms Divisions from Lubbock and Dallas.

Chief Pack told the Mail he could not say very much about the case but wanted to publically thank his two officers, John Davis and Freddy Hunt, as well as Constable Vernon Wade and Taylor County Justice of the Peace Henry Guenther for their assistance.

Chief Pack did say the two men arrested inside the Merkel Restaurant and another person have all been releases on bond and are awaiting trial.

According to Pack, the 31 gallons of gasoline found inside the restaurant equaled the explosive power of 93 sticks of dynamite and added "I'm just glad we got there in time."

The police arrested the two men inside the restaurant after receiving a call from a motel patron about some people inside the restaurant at around 2 a.m.

After a month of investigations, Merkel Police arrested a suspect accused of stealing the spare tires from three pick-ups at Max Murrell Chevrolet.

Al Woody of the Taylor County Sheriff's Office assisted Merkel Police Chief Ray Pack and the

MHS logo placed on floor of school

The Merkel High School logo was placed in the floor of the new MHS building this weekend. The logo was donated to the school by the MHS Student Council.

The logo was made by using colored rock and cementing compound and setting the mixture through a screened form.

Council raised the money from proceeds of soft drink and candy machines in the gym and from a spaghetti supper held last fall. The Council hopes to place a plaque near the logo.

out community wide projects. It will show that people here are willing to work and make sacrifices to help make Merkel a better place to live and work.

I have been accosted by a growing number of readers to give some details behind the recent rash of closed door executive sessions being held by the MISD School Board.

A few hearty souls have weathered the past four executive sessions, as well as the board members themselves. No official hint has been given by the board concerning the subject of their conversations.

Until the board publically reveals the subject of their conversations, if they ever choose to do so, the Mail will have nothing to say about the matters being discussed. To print what is being discussed in closed door sessions would be irresponsible journalism on our part.

By the same token, hours of discussion by the board must lead to some type of decision that should be publically announced as soon as possible, or the rampant rumors going through town will continue and become worse. That is not beneficial by any stretch of the imagination.

Did you ever here so much talk about the weather. Usually, weather is only brought up in the conversation when you run out of other things to talk about, but for the past ten days, it has been the main topic of conversation.

Merkel has no official weather reporting agency so we usually use the Abilene temperatures for our weather. 100 degree plus weather seems to be the forecast through the rest of this week anyway.

accused admitted guilt to Chief Pack. The accused also told Chief Pack that he had been responsible for earlier break-ins at American Testing. The case was filed with the District Attorney's office June 23rd.

Merkel PD dispatcher received a cal on June 24th from a person saying someone had shot out the left front door and tire from his car and said he had seen the vehicle the two men fled in.

Merkel Police officer Fred Hunt spotted the car and requested a back up from Merkel Policeman John Davis. Two suspects were apprehended and one was charged with carrying a prohibited weapon and the other charged with public intoxication. The case is still being investigated by Officer Davis.



The Halfbreed

Tax meeting rules, purposes explained

AUSTIN--During the next two months a number of local governments throughout Texas will be publishing newspaper advertisements titled "Notice of Tax Increase."

The notices, which include the percentage of proposed tax increase, are required under the state's "Truth in Taxation" statute. They are intended to insure that taxpayers have notice that a jurisdiction's tax revenue is likely to increase, and that they have a right to appear at a public hearing to speak either for or against the increase.

According to Kenneth E. Graeber, executive director of the State Property Tax Board, the notice is required whenever a jurisdiction proposes to adopt a tax rate which is three percent or more above a maximum tax rate calculated by the jurisdiction's assessor. This maximum tax rate is a rate which would provide operating revenues equal to those of the prior year.

Graeber pointed out that some confusion exists due to the calculation and wording of the "Notice of Tax Increase." For this reason, many jurisdictions have chosen to run explanatory advertisements adjacent to the notice required by law.

"It is important that taxpayers be aware that the percentage of increase shown in the notice relates to the jurisdiction as a whole. A specific individual's taxes may increase at a greater rate, may retain the same, or may decrease," Graeber noted.

"The tax bill on an individual piece of property will depend upon the value of the property less any exemptions, multiplied by the jurisdiction's assessment ratio and tax rate," the SPTB official added.

In jurisdictions throughout Texas, compliance with the truth in taxation will follow this sequence: -After the board of equalization certifies the jurisdiction's total assessed valuation, the tax assessor will calculate the maximum tax rate and publicize it by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the jurisdiction.

-If the governing body chooses to adopt a tax rate which does not exceed the calculated rate, it may do so at any meeting. Other items of business may be on the agenda but the tax rate should be adopted as a separate item from the jurisdiction's budget.

-If the governing body determines that a rate

which exceeds the three percent limit must be adopted, the members must give notice of a public hearing on the intent to adopt a higher rate. The jurisdiction must publish a notice no smaller than one-quarter page of a standard-size or tabloid newspaper, and must set the date of the public hearing at least seven days from the date the notice is published.

The date, time and location of the public hearing must be stated in the notice. The date must be on a weekday and not a public holiday. The hearing must begin after 5 p.m. and before 9 p.m. The location must be in a public building in the jurisdiction's boundaries.

Names of all members of the governing body, showing how each voted on the proposal to raise the tax rate and indicating those absent, must appear in the notice.

As an option, the jurisdiction may mail the notice by first-class mail to each registered voter. If published in a newspaper, it cannot be in the section with legal notices and classified ads.

-At the public hearing, the discussion of the tax rate should be the only item on the agenda. Taxpayers should be given ample opportunity to express their opinions and discuss the issue with members of the governing body.

At the conclusion of the hearing, another record vote must be taken for the purpose of a second public notice. In addition, the officials must orally give the date, time and place of the meeting to adopt the tax rate. The second notice will be identical in form to the first except it will include a statement that "a public meeting to vote on the proposed increase will be held on (date), (time) at (meeting place)."

The second notice must specify a date which is not sooner than the 3rd day after the public hearing and not later than the 14th day. If the meeting to adopt the higher tax rate is not held within 14 days after the public hearing, then a new public hearing must be held and notice properly given.

-At the final meeting, at which the vote to actually adopt the tax rate is taken, other items of business may be on the agenda. Again, however, the vote on the tax rate must be separate from the vote on the jurisdiction's budget.

City council meets, next meeting set July 10

The Merkel City Council held a short meeting Thursday night and appointed the board of equalization, among other items.

Council listed seven people to serve on the board and will contact those named to get five representatives to sit on the board for equalization. The city also announced a change in the size of

water bills. The current card is too large to qualify for post card postal rates so a new form, which is exactly like the old card is being sent out with the July bills.

Council also discussed the recent construction of the Reunion Shelter at the City Park. Council's next session is scheduled for July 10th at 7 p.m. at City Hall.

Extension office says keep lawn-garden well watered in heat

A call to the Taylor County extension office revealed only the obvious in dealing with the effects of 100 degree plus weather on the lawn and gardens.

County assistant agent Alfred Bunting said "The main thing is to keep lawns and gardens well watered and to not water when the temperature hits 95 or above." Bunting added "The best time of the

day to water is early morning. He also said "Don't make those second plantings of any crop just yet because you will find the stand of young plants will be spotted at best in the garden."

Bunting also told the Mail, "Keep from fertilizing plants until the temperature gets below 100, and water well following fertilization."

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| 10:00-10:30 AM | ORIGINAL HALFBREED BAND |
| 10:45-11:15 AM | KENNY SLACK BAND |
| 11:30-12:00 AM | THE HEWITT BROTHERS |
| 12:15-12:45 PM | THE CYPERT FAMILY QUARTET |
| 1:45-2:15 PM | DELOS HEROS LANDEROS |
| 2:30-3:00 PM | THE WEST BOUND BLUEGRASS BAND |
| 3:15-3:45 PM | THE KENNY SLACK BAND |
| 4:00-4:30 PM | THE HEWITT BROTHER BAND |
| 4:45-5:15 PM | THE KINSMAN QUARTET |
| 5:30-6:00 PM | DELOS HEROS LANDEROS |
| 6:15-7:00 PM | FIDDLERS CONTEST |
| 7:15-7:30 PM | LeVIS & LACE DANCERS |
| 8:00-Closing | RAY PACK & THE HALFBREED |

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19-1tc

For Sale: White Rock broiler-fryers, \$1.50. Also have Akc cocker spaniel puppies. 928-5679 or 928-5005.

19-1tc

For Sale- 5 room house and bath at Trent, TX. Call between 6-8 a.m. 862-2041.

19-1fn

FOR SALE- Mini motor home 20 ft. Completely self-contained with power plant, tape deck. Ph 928-5853 or come by 210 El Paso, Mint Condition.

19-1tp

For Sale- A couch and chair. Call 928-5463 for after 5:30 for more information.

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For Sale: 2 Chevy pick-ups, 1 with camper. 72 International 4 wheel drive, low mileage, clean, loaded. Yamaha dirt bike, needs engine repair, 1 Moped, needs work. Call 928-4948.

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19-2tp

For Sale: 4 b'room house in Trent, \$18,000.00. 3 b'room house in Merkel. Lawn Properties, Inc. Real Estate Investors 3146 S. 14th Abilene, TX 79605 Betty Stautzenberger Bus: 695-1880 Home: 1-862-3184 Equities, New Loans, Commercial and Residential

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19-4tc

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19-1tp

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19-3tp

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19-14tp

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19-4tp

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15-tfc

Card of Thanks

We want to thank our many friends for the food, cards, donations, prayers and other expressions of sympathy during our recent sorrow. Food containers and dishes from the two homes are at the furniture store.

19-1tc

To Our precious Friends,

For the beautiful tribute you paid our beloved Dean in so many ways-and for your hearts breaking with ours, we thank you from our very souls.

The comforting cards, the lovely flowers, the abundance of food and the love shown our precious Dad through all the heartfelt things you did-made us know how you care at this, the saddest time of our lives.

"It's easy telling others to take courage and to pray. We only learn how hard it is when our own pass away. But one consoling thought remains to cast out grief and fear. God cares for us and in His love, He's always very near."

We praise the Lord for each of you. Mrs. Dean King and Vondi, Pamela and Rick Barry, Madge Carlisle, Nan and Jim Kidd and Trent, Korbi and Donny Sanders, Dr. and Mrs. Bob Alexander.

Garage Sales

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16-12tp

Notices

INSTRUCTION TO BIDDERS

INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals addressed to Charles Jacobs, President of the Board, Merkel ISD, for the construction of football field lights at Badger Stadium in Merkel, Texas, will be received at the office of the Superintendent of schools, third and Ash, Merkel, Texas 79536, until 3:00 P.M., CDT, July 15, 1980. SCOPE OF WORK

The work consists of the furnishing of all labor, materials, services, delivery and erection of all items of work for the construction of stadium lighting at Badger Stadium. Furnish and install metal halide lighting fixtures located on each side of the playing field beside or behind bleachers on a minimum of three (3) poles per side in quantities and wattages necessary to provide a maintained lighting level of twenty (20) foot candles. Lighting levels and distribution shall be in accordance with the recommended practice for sports and recreational area lighting as published by the illuminating engineering society, 345 East 47th, Street, New York, N.Y. 10017. Work shall include removal of old poles and fixtures shall remain the property of the owner. Work shall include all electrical conductor, conduit, panels, breakers, and Etc., required for a complete installation.

The Merkel Board of Education reserves the right to waive any informalities and to accept or reject any and all bids as they deem in the best interest of the school district.

Each proposal must be accompanied by a bid bond, cashier's check of certified check for 5 percent of the amount of the proposal, made payable unconditionally to the Merkel ISD.

No bid may be withdrawn for a period of thirty (30) days subsequent to receipt of bids without consent of the owner.

The owner reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any or all formalities.

QUALIFICATIONS OF BIDDERS

Bids will be received from all bidders. The owner reserves the right to reject any bid if the evidence submitted by, or investigation of, such bidder fails to satisfy the owner that such bidder is properly qualified to carry out the obligations of the contract and to complete the work contemplated therein. Conditional bids will not be accepted.

EXAMINATION OF SITE

Prior to the submittal of proposals each bidder shall make and will be deemed to have made a thorough examination of the site of the work and all conditions existing thereon.

CONDITIONS OF THE WORK

Each bidder shall inform himself fully of the conditions relating to

construction of the project and the employment of labor thereon. Failure to do so will not relieve a successful bidder of his obligation to furnish all material and labor necessary to carry out the provisions of the contract.

LAWS AND REGULATIONS

The bidder's attention is directed to the fact that all applicable state laws, municipal ordinances and the rules and regulations of all authorities having jurisdiction over the construction of the project shall apply to the contract throughout and they will be written therein in full.

SECURITY FOR FAITHFUL PERFORMANCE

Simultaneously with his delivery of the executed contract, the contractor shall furnish separate surety bonds each in the amount of the 100 percent of the contract sum as security for faithful performance of the contract and for the payment of all persons performing labor on the project under the con-

tract and furnishing materials in connection with the contract. The sureties on such bonds shall be duly authorized surety companies satisfactory to the owner.

POWER OF ATTORNEY

Attorneys in-fact who sign bid bonds or contract bonds must file with each bond a certified and effectively dated copy of their powers of attorney.

AWARD OF CONTRACT

The contract will be awarded to the lowest and or best qualified responsible bidder. The owner reserves the right to accept any of the proposals submitted or to reject all proposals and to waive any irregularities or informalities in any proposals as his interests are best served.

19-2tc

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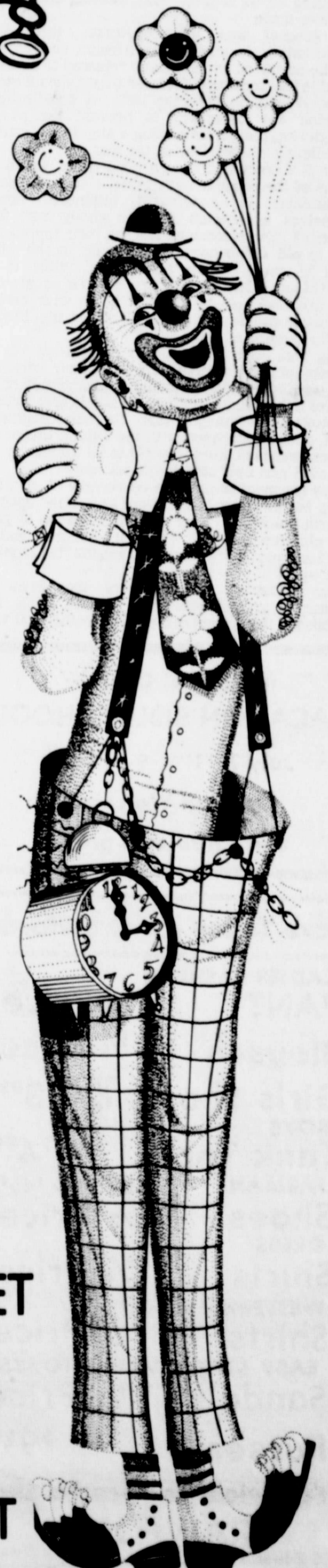
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Lincoln said hold onto declaration

BACK TO THE DECLARATION
by Abraham Lincoln

At the time of this speech (August 17, 1858) Mr. Lincoln was a candidate for the Senate from Illinois (c) Public Research, Syndicated, 1980

On June 3, 1980, Mr. Thomas Metzger won the Democratic congressional nomination from the 43rd district of California. Mr. Metzger is a member of the Ku Klux Klan, who believes that minorities are substandard human beings, and that America was founded upon that principle. This latter opinion is interesting, certainly not because of Metzger's espousal of it, but because it is widely shared by many liberal-minded scholars, intellectuals, and public figures. According to such people America is, in principle, a racist country because its great founding document, the Declaration of Independence, was intended to apply not to all men but to some few men only.

This slander against the Declaration was refuted more than a century ago by Abraham Lincoln in many of his speeches during the national debate over slavery. Among those speeches was the following, delivered at the outset of Lincoln's campaign for the Senate against Douglas, in August of 1858. In this speech Lincoln reaffirms the central importance of July 4, 1776 in the American political experience, and delivers a stern reproach to those who would deny the promise and the purity of the Declaration of Independence.

The Declaration of Independence was formed by the representatives of American liberty from thirteen States of the Confederacy, twelve of which were slave-holding communities. We need not discuss the way or the reason of their becoming slave-holding communities. It is sufficient for our purpose that all of them greatly deplored the evil and that they placed a provision in the Constitution which they supposed would gradually remove the disease by cutting off its source. This was the abolition of the slave trade.

So general was the conviction, the public determination, to abolish the African slave trade, that the provision which I have referred to as being placed in the Constitution declared that it should not be abolished prior to the year 1808. A constitutional provision was necessary to prevent the people, through Congress, from putting a stop to the traffic immediately at the close of the war.

Now if slavery had been a good thing, would the fathers of the republic have taken a step calculated to diminish its beneficial influences among themselves, and snatch the boon wholly from their posterity? These communities, by their representatives in old Independence Hall, said to the whole world of men: "We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

This was their majestic interpretation of the economy of the Universe. This was their lofty, and wise, and noble understanding of the justice of the Creator to his creatures. Yes, to all his creatures, to the whole great family of man. In their enlightened belief, nothing stamped with the Divine image and likeness was sent into the world to be trodden on and degraded and imbruted by its fellows.

They grasped not only the whole race of man then living, but they reached forward and seized upon the farthest posterity. They erected a beacon to guide their children; and their children's children, and the countless myriads who should inhabit the earth in other ages.

Wise statesmen as they were, they knew the tendency of prosperity to breed tyrants, and so they established these great self-evident truths, that when

in the distant future some man, some faction, some interest, should set up the doctrine that none but rich men, or none but white men, or none but Anglo-Saxon white men, were entitled to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, their posterity might look up again to the Declaration of Independence and take courage to renew the battle which their fathers began, so that truth and justice and mercy and all the humane and Christian virtues might not be extinguished from the land; so that no man would hereafter dare to limit and circumscribe the great principles on which the temple of liberty was being built.

Now, my countrymen, if you have been taught doctrines conflicting with the great landmarks of the Declaration of Independence; if you have listened to suggestions which would take away from its grandeur and mutilate the faire symmetry of its proportions; if you have been inclined to believe that all men are not created equal in those inalienable rights enumerated by our chart of liberty, let me entreat you to come back.

Return to the fountain whose waters spring close by the blood of the revolution. Think nothing of me—take no thought for the political fate of any man whomsoever—but come back to the truths that are in the Declaration of Independence.

You may do anything with me you choose, if you will but heed these sacred principles. You may not only defeat me for the Senate, but you may take me and put me to death. While pretending no indifference to earthly honors, I do claim to be actuated in this contest by something higher than anxiety for office. I charge you to drop every paltry and insignificant thought for any man's success. It is nothing; I am nothing; Judge Douglas is nothing. But do not destroy that immortal emblem of Humanity—the Declaration of American Independence.

Mrs. Starbuck succumbs

MERKEL—Mrs. Fred (Naomi) Starbuck, 66, wife of the owner of Starbuck Funeral Home died at 10 p.m. Wednesday at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene following an apparent heart attack. Services were 2:30 p.m. Saturday at the United Methodist Church, directed by Starbuck Funeral Home.

The Rev. Ray Elmore, pastor, will officiate, assisted by the Rev. Russell McAnnally, former pastor. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Born Naomi Windham April 8, 1914, in Coryell County she moved to Abilene with her parents in 1920. She married Fred Starbuck Nov. 29, 1932, in Abilene. They moved to Merkel June 1, 1948, where she

helped establish the funeral home. She was active in the business until her retirement in 1977.

She had been a Methodist since childhood and was a member of Merkel United Methodist Church. She also was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and was a licensed funeral director.

Survivors include her husband; a son, George Starbuck of Merkel; a grandson, John of Merkel; two brothers, B.F. Windham of Abilene and T.D. Windham of Midland; a sister, Madeline Mitchell of Midland and several nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers will be Ben Hicks, Jack Hogan, Tommy Cutler, Bill Hays, Paxton Hays and Ford Smith Jr.



"IF I VOTE FOR ANDERSON, IT WILL HELP REAGAN. I CAN'T VOTE FOR REAGAN BECAUSE HE'S FOR EVERYTHING I'M AGAINST. I CAN'T VOTE FOR CARTER BECAUSE HE'S A WIMP. I HATE PROBLEMS THAT CAN'T BE WORKED OUT ON A POCKET CALCULATOR!"

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Compere club hears stress report

The Compere Homemakers Extension Club met June 26 in Mrs. Hugh Taylors home for the regular meeting. Mrs. Hunter, president, presided for the meeting. Mrs. Hazel Spurgin offered the prayer, Mrs. Taylor read a poem "When you're getting older".

Roll call was answered with "How I relax". Minutes were read and finance report given.

The council report was given by Delores Adair. She reported Louise Chancey was e-

lected, at council, as one of the delegates to the State meeting in San Antonio, Oct. 14-17 1980. The Jones County Fair will be held on August 14th, 15th, and 16th at the City Park.

The program was on Stress-The wear and tear of life, and Heart Attacks. was brought by Mrs. Chancey, Adair, Hunter and Taylor. Stress is common in all walks of life and attacks all ages. One should shift responsibility and have team work in the family. We should get enough rest and then

learn to accept it. Show children love and understanding, and learn how to help some one that is less fortunate. Do not resent aging, it is a privilege. Learn how to handle stress. Evry part of the body is affected by stress. It causes ulcers and other ailments. Eat properly to ward off fatigue. Too much on the mind at one time is not good. Have a change of activities. Members gave some experience of stress she had undergone.

The next meeting will be July 15 when the club goes to Abilene for their "Day Out" an annual event.

Refreshments were served to Mrs. Hazel Spurgin, Ailene Terry, Louise Chancey, Travnie Ramsey, Delores Adair, Jessie Williams, Bertha Hunter and the hostess, Annie Taylor.

The hostess gift went to Mrs. Hazel Spurgin. All meetings are open to everyone regardless of race, creed, color, sex national origin, or economic circumstances.

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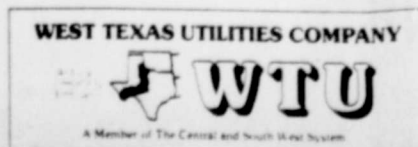


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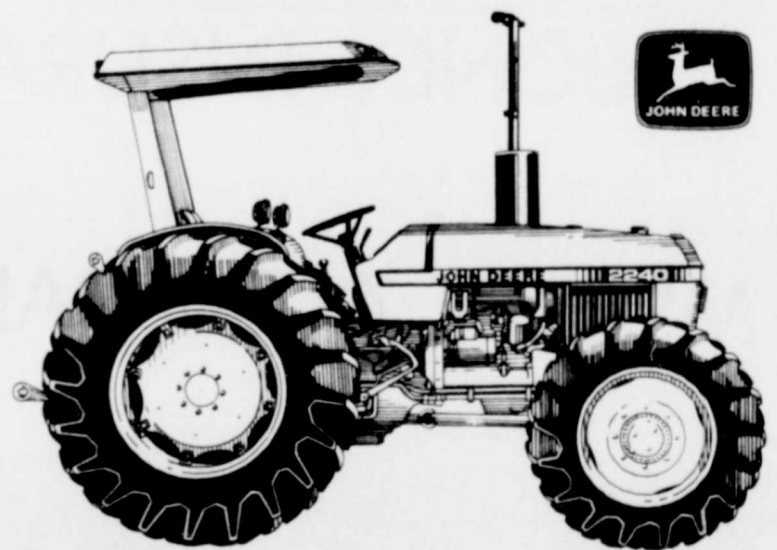
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Mrs. Timothy Hood

Ridenhour-Hood wed

Miss Sherry Ann Ridenhour and Mr. Timothy Stuart Hood were united in marriage Saturday, June 7, 1980 at 6 p.m. in St. Marks Lutheran Church, Charlotte, North Carolina. A reception immediately followed at the Myers Park Country Club. Sherry is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lynn Ridenhour of 5600 Lansing Drive, Charlotte, N.C. The bride is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph L. Ridenhour of Route 5, Concord, N.C. and Mr. and Mrs. Tom L. Kerns of Huntersville, N.C. Sherry graduated from East Mecklenburg High School in Charlotte and from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro with a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree in Dance. Sherry made her debut in 1976 with the Charlotte Opera Guild. Her wedding gown was the one she wore when she was presented at the Debutante Ball. Timothy Stuart is the son of Doctor and Mrs. Christopher Kennedy Hood of 1127 Crestbrook Drive, Charlotte, N.C. The groom is the grandson of Mrs. Cynis Lee

Hood of Charlotte, N.C. and Mrs. Charles Alexander Porter of Charlotte, N.C. Timothy graduated from East Mecklenburg High School in Charlotte, N.C. and from Wake Forest University, cum laude. He has completed his first year of a three year Master of Divinity program at Princeton Theological Seminary in Princeton, New Jersey. The Maid of Honor was Miss Patricia Rhynne of Gastonia, N.C. and the best man was Timothy's father, Dr. Christopher Hood. There were eight bridesmaids and eight groomsmen. The bride's gown was made of chiffon and lace. Her chapel veil was adorned with pearls and she wore pink rose buds in her hair. After a wedding trip to Kiawah Island and Charleston, S.C., the couple will live in Princeton, New Jersey. The bride will be employed by the Revere Travel Agency and will also teach dance classes in Princeton. The groom will continue his studies at Princeton Theological Seminary.

Engagement told

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Brasher of Channelview Texas have announced the engagement of their daughter, Annie Louise to Michael Earl Steck, son of Mrs. Mamie Steck, Merkel, Texas. The couple is planning a July 12 wedding at the First Baptist Church, Channelview, Texas. The Bride-Elect is a

graduate of Channelview High School and attends San Jacinto College. The prospective bridegroom, a graduate of Merkel High School, and received his B.S. and Masters degree from Tarleton State University, and is employed as a coach and science teacher in the Channelview School System.

Ed's Feed and Seed slates meeting

An open meeting for all area farmers has been scheduled for July 7th at 7 a.m. at the Big Country Inn. The meeting is being sponsored by Ed's Feed and Seed and the Most

santo Chemical Company. The meeting is being held to discuss Round-up, a chemical that kills Johnson grass and Rizon roots. Coffee and donuts will be served.

Smith reunion held

The Minnie Smith family recently completed a ten day reunion at

Lake Texoma. Forty-two, representing four generations, attended.

Small appliances save energy

COLLEGE STATION -- Small appliances save energy--if you use them creatively! And if they're used in place of other cooking methods, says Lillian Chenoweth, a family resource management specialist.

Mrs. Chenoweth, on the home economics staff of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System, says "Be creative!"

Go to the use-and-care booklets that came with your appliances for creative ideas.

For instance, think of an electric skillet as more than a frypan. Use it to roast, pan-broil, bake or simmer--and fry.

With it you can prepare items as diverse as baked potatoes, pot roasts or cakes--really.

Potential energy savings are substantial, Mrs. Chenoweth promises.

Here's a savings example--bake a box-cake mix in portable appliance rather than in a conventional oven, and save almost 60 percent in energy savings

when you make pizza from a mix in an electric skillet rather than the oven. And results are just as great.

More comforting news--since almost seven of every 10 homes already have an electric skillet, most of us save energy without rushing out to buy a new appliance.

Don't overlook your "special-use" small appliances, either.

Some pizza makers will bake potatoes, heat frozen convenience foods or even grill foods. A wok will double as a steamer, soup kettle or a punch bowl. Your waffle iron will make brownie dessert waffles--try that one, for sure, instead of baking brownies sometime. And don't forget your blender for making salad dressings from homemade mixes.

These are ideas to start you thinking, and, of course, every idea won't work with every appliance, so check your use-and-care booklet for guidelines.

Then use your creativity--within those limits--to conserve energy.

Burnett, White on list

ABILENE--Vicki Burnett and Donna White of Merkel, TX has been named to the Dean's list for the spring semester, according to Dr. Paul Jungmeyer, Mercurry Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the college. To be named on the

Dean's List, a student must be enrolled for at least 12 semester hours and must have a grade point average of 3.5 or better for the semester.

Vicki is a graduate of Wichita Heights High School. She is the wife of Mr. Donald Burnett of Merkel, TX.

Legal notices

Notice of Board of Equalization Meeting

In obedience to an order of the Board of Equalization, regularly convened and sitting, notice is hereby given that said Board of Equalization will be in session on July 10, 1980 at 1:00 P.M. in the Merkel High School portable class room no. 2 in the City of Merkel, County of Taylor for the purpose of determining, fixing, and equalizing the value of any and all taxable real and personal property situated in Merkel Independent School District, Taylor

and Jones Counties, Texas, for taxable purposes for the year of 1980, and any and all persons interested or having business with said Board are hereby notified to be present.

The board will also meet at 4 p.m. in Portable classroom no. 2 for the purpose of determining, fixing, and equalizing the value of oil and gas leases properly situated in Merkel Independent School District, Taylor and Jones County, Texas.

Vicki Thomas Tax Assessor-Collector Merkel ISD 19-2tc

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: Richard B. Landers and Betty Landers or the unknown heirs of Richard B. Landers and Betty Landers if they or either of them be deceased, Defendants, Greeting;

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 11 day of August A.D. 1980, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 23 day of June A.D. 1980, in this cause, numbered 36721-A on the docket of said court and styled B.J. Sheppard and Bonnie L. Sheppard, Plaintiffs, vs. Richard B. Landers and Betty Landers, Defendants.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: suit to establish lost, destroyed or carried away deed of Lot 7, Block G, Section 1, Park Plaza Addition to the City of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, and to establish title by limitations

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

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

The officer executing this writ shall promptly 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 23 day of June A.D. 1980. Attest: Irene Crawford Clerk 42nd District Court Taylor County, Texas By Irene Crawford

Goodman club meets

The Goodman Extension Homemaker Club met in the home of Mrs. Garland Price with the President Mrs. Price presiding and 6 members and 1 visitors present.

Prayer by Mrs. Frank Carter, game by Vivian Winters, council report by Mrs. Garland Price.

The program was turned over to Mrs. Frank Carter and Mrs. Garland Price. They gave a real good pro-

gram on stress and how to cope with it.

How to relax, and release tension. The next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. Frank Carter the 11 day of July, everyone is welcome regardless of creed, race, color and economic circumstances. Refreshments were served to Frances Carter, Odessa Butler, Belvia Butler, Vivian Winters, Mae Seago, Lynetta Sylister and Amy Price.

DuBose, Jones graduated

WTSU--More than 900 West Texas State University students received degrees during spring graduation exercises for the class of 1980.

The 930 students included bachelor's degree recipients and 114 who received Master's degrees. Seven students received the Master of Science in Nursing degree which was awarded

for the first time. The program began in the School of Nursing in 1978.

The graduates from Merkel are Danny B. DuBose, an industrial distribution business major, received the Bachelor of Science degree, 810 Trundy; Wesley H. Jones, an industrial technology major, received the Bachelor of Science degree, Route 1.



Easy street

The street sign and the house seem custom made for each other. The photo was taken in Sherman, Texas.

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Set aside one day a week as your "car-free" day.

Think for a minute about how you use your car during the week. Is there one day, maybe Wednesday or Sunday, when you could leave your car at home and find other ways to get where you want to go? Walking, biking, riding the bus or sharing a ride are all good ways to go car-free and save energy.

Join a work pool, school pool or shopping pool.

How many times a week could you share a ride with a neighbor or friend? Carpooling can save you a lot of miles and money--as much as \$650 in gas every year!

Trim your driving by two miles a day.

Keep a street map handy to be sure you're taking the shortest routes. And try to shop and run your errands closer to home.

Before you grab your car keys, think ahead.

How many trips could you combine into one? Are you sure each trip is necessary? A phone call in advance could save you wasted miles.

Ride with someone who's already on the road--the bus driver.

Check out your local bus system to find out whether you could let someone else do the driving a few times a week.

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Trent News

Beaver, Freeman will play

All star game set July 19

TSU TO HOST ALL-STAR GAMES AND COACHES CLINIC STEPHENVILLE, TX-- The third annual Texas Six-Man Coaches Association Clinic and All-Star games will be held in Stephenville July 13-19. Trent's Herbert Beaver and Danny Freeman have been selected to play in the football game. The Clinic, sponsored by the Stephenville Chamber of Commerce and hosted by Tarleton State University, culminates on the 19th with an all-star basketball game at 4 p.m. at TSU's Wisdom Gymnasium and a six-man football game at 8 p.m. in Memorial Stadium. In addition to the regularly scheduled activities, each school represented with an all-star player is eligible to enter a girl in the All-Star Queen's Contest. The candidates will arrive in Stephenville

on the 18th and will be introduced at a picnic at the city park that evening. Judging of the Queen's contest will take place at halftime of the all-star game, and the crowning of the Queen will take place during intermission of the all-star football game. Response to last year's coaching clinic was very good and Chamber of Commerce officials are hoping for an even bigger enrollment this year. The All-Star games will feature 62 basketball and football players from forty different Texas schools. There will be 19 members apiece on the East and West football squads and 12 members apiece on the East and West basketball teams. 26 of the 58 schools playing six-man football will be represented in the All-Star football game.

Trent has three booths at Fun Day

Trent will be represented with three booths at the July 4th Fun Day in Merkel. Trent Recreational Improvement Project

will have a cold drink stand and anyone interested in helping with this booth should contact Brenda Jackson at 862-2981.

The Trent cheerleaders will be sponsoring a car-bash and the Trent Junior class will be selling ice cream. We urge everyone to

come out and enjoy the day. A lot of work in planning and preparation has been accomplished and we encourage everyone to be come a part of it.

Girls basketball camp planned

Plans are being made for a summer basketball clinic to see how many area Trent-Merkel Jr. High age girls are interested. All young girls who have graduated into the 5th, 6th, 7th, or 8th grades are eligible to attend. The clinic would be held the first week of August. Classes would be held each morning from 9:00 am till 11:30 am, beginning on Mon-

day and ending on Friday. The Camp will end with a scrimmage game on Friday night for parents and parents to see. Cost per student is \$15.00. Each girl will receive a free T-Shirt for workouts. If you are interested in having your child attend, please fill out this information sheet and mail to Robbie Freeman, Basketball Clinic, Box 215 Trent, Tex. 79561.

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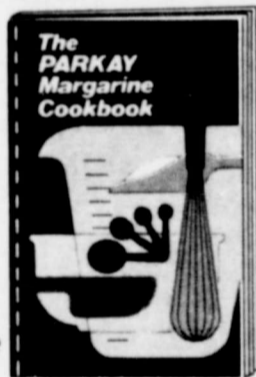
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The Scientists Tell Me . . .

Is Canning, Freezing, or Dehydrating Best for Preserving Vegetables?

By Robert L. Haney
TAES Science Writer

To hold down food costs, more and more people are turning to home preservation as a means to either save extra food when it's cheapest to buy or to store the surplus of a home garden.

Is it best to freeze, can, or dehydrate? There is a decided difference in energy cost and product quality, according to Dr. Ki Soon Rhee, food scientist at Texas A&M University, who made a comparative study of food preservation methods for the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station.

Carrots, zucchini and summer squash were processed by canning, freezing and dehydration according to methods commonly used in the home.

Energy use was measured and the cost preservation was calculated, with the packaging and amortized equipment cost included. Palatability and vitamin content, of

the processed products, important measures of quality, were carefully checked.

Freezing required the shortest processing time and resulted in products with the best eating quality with highest retention of carotene and ascorbic acid (assuming canned liquid not used).

Although more electric energy is required to process and store vegetables by freezing than by canning or dehydration, the overall cost (including packaging cost and amortized cost for equipment) for freezing preservation can be kept as low as or lower than the cost for other preservation methods, providing that the freezer is kept as full as possible.

With the freezer kept only half full, Rhee says, freezing would cost more than canning or dehydration for long-term storage (more than 6 months).

When canning is compared with dehydration, canning uses much less electric energy and may be slightly cheaper

in overall preservation cost.

An added advantage is that canned products retain much more ascorbic acid and carotene than do the dehydrated products. A vegetable should not be dehydrated if it is expected to supply ascorbic acid in the diet since most of the vitamin is lost during the dehydration process.

Freezing resulted in products with the highest sensory quality, with ratings well above minimum acceptability. They were tops in texture, smell, flavor and appearance.

The canned and dehydrated products were rated low in sensory quality, with ratings mostly below minimum acceptability. In mixed dishes, such vegetables acceptability would be improved, Rhee concluded.

Editor's Note: Any questions regarding this column should be addressed to Science Writer, Department of Agricultural Communications, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas 77843.

Former Trent superintendent killed

Dean King, former Trent School Superintendent, was killed in an automobile accident near Jayton, Texas on Saturday June 21st.

Janie have set up a scholarship fund in the First State Bank in Happy. Those wishing to contribute may do so by mailing checks to:

Happy Texas 79042

The funds will be used to help a deserving senior from Happy High School. It will begin with a 1980 May graduate. He or she will be

selected by the Trustees, Faculty and Janie King. This student will exemplify the Character and qualities most admired by Dean, Honesty, Love of Life, and respect for Education.

Friends in Happy, and relatives of Dean and

Dean King Memorial Scholarship Fund, First State Bank, Box 68,



The Consumer Alert

by Mark White

AUSTIN—Many people who plan to move do so in the summer. If you're one of those who will be packing up and heading for new territory soon, be sure you select a reliable moving company to transport your belongings. Because whether it's a cut-glass punch bowl or a well-used tricycle, your household goods probably would be hard to replace.

Attorneys in our Consumer Protection Division warn that some "hot haulers," or illegal moving companies, are in operation and that dealing with them could result in some problems.

For one thing, many of the illegal movers cannot or do not offer proper insurance for your goods.

For another thing, consumers who unwittingly deal with a bootleg moving company could possibly be liable for prosecution under the Motor Carrier Act, enforced by the Texas Department of Public Safety.

There are three classes of moving companies:

(1) unregulated ones that can move goods from their base city to another; (2) companies licensed by the Texas Railroad Commission to move goods anywhere within the State; and (3) companies licensed by the Interstate Commerce Commission to move goods between states.

Spokesmen for the Railroad Commission say that many interstate movers have Texas representatives who are also licensed as intrastate movers themselves.

If you plan to move from Wichita Falls to El Paso, for

example, you will need a company licensed by the Railroad Commission as an intrastate carrier company from the telephone book, as many people do, is no guarantee that you'll get a properly licensed mover.

The best way is to check with the Railroad Commission to see if the movers you are interested in are listed as certified companies or as designated agents for such companies.

In order for a company to be certified, it must prove the need for increased service. Public hearings are held and, if the need is demonstrated, a permit can be granted by the Railroad Commission. Specialized carriers holding certificates or permits for the transportation of household goods must adhere to certain requirements.

If a mover says offhandedly, "I'll move you to Dallas for \$200," beware. He's not a licensed mover. If he were, he would have to take a look at operation and that dealing with them could result in some problems.

He would also have to notify you if the cost exceeded the original estimate by 10 per cent or \$25.00, whichever is greater. And, in addition, he would have to inventory all of your belongings and give you a copy of the inventory.

Certified intrastate moving companies must also be bonded, carry insurance, pay a licensing fee, and pay transportation taxes. Individuals employing such movers can also take out additional insurance on their goods, if desired.

If you want to lease a truck and move your own goods, be sure you choose a reputable company for that, too. There are statutes that prohibit the leasing of a truck by one individual to another for moving if requirements pertaining to such things as transportation insurance have not been met.

Any questions about regulations involving a moving company can be answered by the Railroad Commission, the Department of Public Safety, or the Attorney General's Transportation Division. For assistance with other consumer problems, call our Consumer Protection Division, your district or county attorney, or your local Better Business Bureau.

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