

The Merkel Mail

Thursday, March 31, 1983...Merkel, Texas

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Chamber Easter egg hunt Saturday.

The Merkel Chamber of Commerce will hold its second annual Easter Egg hunt Saturday at the Merkel City Park.

Pre-school children will hunt from 10 until 11 a.m., kindergarten through 2nd grade will hunt from 11 until 12 and the third and fourth grade will hunt from 12 until 1.

Prize winners in each category will be determined by a random drawing.

The Chamber is asking for donations of money, time and eggs. Individuals as well as businesses are encouraged to donate.

For further information about the hunt or to make donations, you may contact the Merkel Chamber of Commerce at 928-5722, Martha Sue Justice at 928-5017 or Salinda Giesler at 928-5407.

If the weather is bad Saturday, the hunt will be held Sunday afternoon starting at 2, 3 and 4 following the same order as Saturday's hunt.

VFW egg hunt

Merkel VFW Post 5683 and the Ladies Auxiliary will be sponsoring an Easter Egg Hunt Saturday at 11 a.m. until noon.

Each child must be accompanied by a parent and should bring six eggs.

Prizes will be given in each age group.

Council discusses LSG request, 83-84 city budget

The Merkel City Council discussed the Lone Star Gas rate request, the city budget and Monday's bid opening on the HUD funded paving program.

Those discussions came at council's regular meeting held Monday night at City Hall.

Council took no action on Lone Star's 5.99 per cent rate increase but did pretty well agree that fighting the increase would be futile. Council has until April 11 to approve the increase or send the matter to the Texas Railroad Commission for review.

Concerning the paving program, City manager J. A. Sadler told council he felt there would be some pretty good bids since 15 prospective bidders had checked out blueprints to prepare bids. The engineers on the project told Merkel Mayor Kent Satterwhite he expected at least 10 bids on the project.

Those bids will be opened at a special meeting Monday night at 7 p.m. at Heritage Hall.

Concerning the preview of the 1983-84 city budget, Sadler told council he saw no needs now for an adjustment on water-sewer-sanitation rates and said the city came out pretty close on last year's budget.

He did say the city property tax revenues were

down \$17,000 from the budgeted amount because of slow collections but said the city was mailing out delinquent statements in the near future. He also said the sales tax revenues were \$3,000 more than expected. The city came up with a preliminary \$1,800 surplus on an approximate \$440,000 budget. Sadler concluded by saying "We can live with the way things are right now and we won't look at taxes until the appraisals come in during August or September."

Sadler did say that following the completion of the current community development projects, council may want to look at small, five year bond issues to take care of specific city needs, but those programs were in the future.

Sadler also said he had been contacted to sell sewage for irrigation which would cut down on sewer plant operating costs plus providing the city a small amount of income.

Council also discussed a hearing set by the Texas Railroad Commission on the proposal by Greyhound Bus Lines to stop service in Merkel. That meeting will be held April 13 at 1 p.m. at Heritage Hall. Council encouraged interested citizens and business people that use the service to attend.

1 act play to area contest

Merkel High's UIL One Act Play will advance to area competition in Midland April 6th. That comes as a result of the judging of Merkel's performance of **A Company of Wayward Saints** at Hardin Simmons Saturday. It was the first time Merkel had been chosen to advance since 1971.

Merkel and Clyde, the defending State Champs were chosen to advance and Wylie was chosen as the alternate.

Merkel's play is directed by Sylvia Jinkerson who is a first year drama teacher here. Crew members include Tim Laman and Margaret Wilde. Cast members include Ronny Powell, Matt

Merritt, Kyle Wolf, Joan Fariello, Ricky Best, Christi Hamlin, Alyse Ferguson, Richard Powell and Thomas Doan.

Ronny Powell was named the district's best actor and Matt Merritt and Joan Fariello were named to the all-star cast. Alyse Ferguson was honorably mentioned.

The cast will present their play to the public at the Merkel School Auditorium March 31 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$1 for adults and 50 cents for students and may be purchased at the door or in the high school office.

Elections, play, paving...more

by Cloy A. Richards

You say they are having an election here Saturday?

Usually there is some hoopla, maybe even a little controversy, but that seems to be absent from Saturday's vote.

The Halfbreed Band, Merkel's own bunch has a new group they are backing up for a while and Pee Wee says they are real good.

They are Gary Byrd and the Memory Makers and they will be playing at the Stardust in Sweetwater and the Queens Hearts here Saturday night.

C & W fans may want to check that out.

Speaking of Sweetwater, we weren't we, let the world know that the Finley Barnetts and the Richards are championship flight golfers, at least we played in such this weekend at a tournament. Merkel was well represented in that flight as Brenda Jackson (Trent actually) and her partner Danny Doan won the dadgummed thing.

The city and school elections will be held Saturday and Merkel voters will cast their ballots at the MISD gym.

The city is electing two councilmen from a field of three. They include James Beasley, Derrell Farmer and Glenn Burton.

The school race finds Otto Brazell and Greg Henderson seeking the post being vacated by Kenny Hogan.

The local unopposed candidates are Kent Satterwhite for mayor and Leroy Teaff for school board.

You have got at least 12 hours Saturday to

renew "your license to gripe" by casting your vote.

The Merkel High Baseball team will be playing their first home game in about 25 years Thursday as they host the San Angelo JV in a doubleheader. Games will start at 3 p.m.

Merkel High's one act play advances to area UIL competition for the first time in 12 years.

They will present their award winning play Thursday night at 8 p.m. at the school auditorium.

Monday will be a red letter day for some of Merkel's folks who have lived on an unpaved street for years as the bids will be opened for the Community Development paving program.

City officials are hoping to get additional paving than they had originally expected and the Mail will have all of the details on which streets will be paved following Monday's meeting.

John Blair, the head Merkel Girls Varsity basketball and track coach for two years has resigned to accept a position as girls athletic director at New Deal High school.

The Merkel Golf Association will be holding its monthly scramble Sunday, April 10.

Local elections Saturday

MISD and city elections will be held Saturday with the polls open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m.

In the school races, Leroy Teaff is unopposed for his Place 3 seat and Greg Henderson and Otto Brazell are seeking Place 4's seat. That seat is being vacated by Kenny Hogan.

The Merkel City Council has three candidates

for two spots. They include incumbents Derrell Farmer and James Beasley and Glenn Burton.

The Trent school and city races are uncontested. Merkel voters will cast their ballots at the Merkel school.

Tye voters will vote at the Tye school cafeteria.

Merkel High opens home baseball schedule Thursday

For the first time since the 1950s, Merkel High is fielding a baseball team this year and their season opened in Snyder Tuesday afternoon. The Badger baseballers will be making their season debut here Thursday in a doubleheader with the San Angelo JV starting at 3 and 5 p.m.

Badger baseball coach Phillip Pursley told **The Mail** Monday his team had been working out since the middle of February but had some workouts either rained out or blown out.

The team has all of the equipment they need for the time being, thanks to the donation of a batting cage from Hardin Simmons University and the purchase of an automated pitching machine bought at a bargain price from Abilene Christian University. Coach Pursley is also getting some help from Virgil Crow, a student at HSU doing his student coaching for Merkel baseball.

Merkel's baseball program was two years in the making after a group of parents approached the MISD school board saying they wanted to do what was necessary to start a high school baseball team. Currently Merkel and Electra are the only two teams that have a baseball team in district 7AAA and both teams will advance to bi-district play this year under the "two teams to the playoffs" rule.

"I would imagine some of the other schools in our district will be playing pretty soon," Pursley

said. Since most of the schools playing baseball are 5A schools, Merkel will be playing their teams and he said they would be real strong competition for the Badgers.

As far as response to baseball, 37 athletes had originally signed up for the team back in the fall, 21 started workouts and there are 17 on the team now. The team was limited to 18 players. Pursley said "Under the current conditions, the turnout has not been bad. We have seven seniors on the team and it's hard to get a lot of kids out because of track, tennis and golf. After baseball has been around a year or two, most of the kids will be able to fit two sports into their schedule. A few are doing it now, but it's been hard on them."

The Merkel Baseball Park Association will be having a concession stand open at the home games and the admission will be \$2 for adults and \$1 for students. Games will be played at the West field at the Merkel Baseball Park on South 2nd.

Pursley added "I hope we have some pretty good crowds to watch some of the games this year. Merkel has always been a big baseball town, especially now since the summer leagues have so much participation. The people here said they wanted a high school baseball team and I hope they will come out and watch their team play."

Fortnightly group meeting held

Mitzi Hart was hostess to the members of the Fortnightly Study Club when it met March 22 in the Community room of Taylor Electric.

President Alwyne Sandusky presided for a brief business session and reports on the District Meeting at the Kiva Inn in Abilene were given by members attending, including Alwyne Sandusky, Alice King, Ruby Hammond, Anna Belle Shouse, Ida Mae Seymore, Mary Collins, Maurine White and Clara Walla. The president announced several awards won by members of the Fortnightly club.

The program, an educational skit was presented by Edna Hill, Anna Belle Shouse, Maurine White and Lucille Watson. It was

narrated by Sandra Toombs. The skit was about four women who played important roles in the history of the state.

Refreshments were served to Mrs. C. M. Brown, Miss Mary Collins, Miss Avis Deavers, Mrs. S. C. Dixon, Mrs. Mack Fisher, Mrs. Dent Gibson, Miss Mildred Hamm, Mrs. J. W. Hammond, Mrs. Don Hart, Mrs. Comer Haynes, Mrs. Orvel Hill, Mrs. Buster Horton, Mrs. Carl Hughes, Mrs. C. B. Knight, Mrs. Phillip Pursley, Mrs. Ed Sandusky, Mrs. Andy Shouse, Mrs. Aaron Sudderth, Mrs. Alf Walla, Miss Maurine White, Mrs. Freddy Toombs, Mrs. Ray Wilson, Mrs. David Bugg and Mrs. Lynward Harrison.

Farm income down \$1 billion

Total cash receipts from farm and ranch products were down about \$1 billion, or nine per cent, last year compared to 1981.

Cash receipts from agricultural production last year are estimated at almost \$9.6 billion, based on figures compiled by Dr. Carl Anderson, economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M.

"This total figure is based on input from county extension agents and Extension economists from the various regions of the state. 1982 was obviously a tough year for Texas farmers and ranchers due to the general downturn in economic conditions and poor farm prices that resulted from huge stockpiles of agricultural commodities," notes Anderson. "Weather losses also were heavy in some areas, particularly in the South Plains where hail destroyed more than

half of the cotton crop."

Cotton led the decline in cash receipts from crops, which totaled almost \$3.8 billion compared to the previous year's \$4.6 billion. Cotton receipts dropped from \$1.4 billion in '81 to \$875 million last year.

Sales of food grain crops, mainly rice and wheat, were down almost \$300 million at \$739 million. Feed crops, corn, grain sorghum, oats, barley, hay and ensilage, sold for just over \$1 billion, down only slightly from 1981 levels.

Oil crops—soybeans, peanuts, sunflowers, guar and flax, contributed \$228 million, up slightly from 1981.

Cash receipts from the sale of cattle and calves alone totaled \$3.8 billion or 40 per cent of the state's agricultural sales.

TFU head happy with PIK

The President of the Texas Farmers Union announced today that he was extremely encouraged by the response of Texas farmers to the Payment-in-Kind (PIK) Farm Program, and issued a call for all farm organizations to work together to provide a continuous supply management of agricultural commodities.

TFU head Mike Moeller, who farms in Hays and Guadalupe Counties, expressed optimism with regard to participation by Texas farmers as well as farmers throughout the United States in the 1983 crop land diversion program. Moeller

emphasized that of the 82 million acres of cropland that will be taken out of production this year, nearly ten million or 12 per cent of the total is Texas land. He said he was both surprised and pleased that Texas wheat farmers had actually exceeded the national average under the Set Aside program. While some 35 per cent of the total wheat acreage in the United States will be held out of production under the PIK proposal, Texas wheat farmers plan to set aside 41 per cent of the base wheat acreage this year.

New Water loan program supported

Texas Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower and state senator John Montford (D-Lubbock) last week presented details of a water conservation proposal that potentially "Could save almost 200 times as much water as Texans presently drink."

The proposed constitutional amendment, co sponsored by Senators Montford and Bill Sarpalius (D-Herford), would create a state Agricultural Water Conservation Loan Fund to make low-interest money available to Texas farmers to convert to more water efficient crop irrigation systems. The proposal is a component of a comprehensive state water plan, a package of legislation unveiled Monday by Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby, Hightower, and the senate sponsors of the bills.

Hightower went on to say "The focus of the entire water plan is essentially on conservation, but in no other area of water use is the potential for conservation savings as great as in the agricultural sector. Current available technology can achieve 95 per cent efficiency of water use—that is, it can get 95 per cent of the irrigation water to the plants that need it. The fact is, that

on the vast majority, 71 per cent of the irrigated acres in Texas today, more than 40 per cent of the water is wasted, it's lost to seepage, evaporation or run off. If we converted all of the irrigation systems in the state to the more efficient techniques, we could save more than 900 billion gallons per year. That's more water than every man, woman and child in Texas could drink in 200 years.



1983 marks the centennial of the invention of artificial silk.

Tackling Your Tax Return Easier Than You Think

You've received your Federal income tax package in the mail. You're eager to get your refund but not so eager to fill out the return. It seems like such a task. Here are some step-by-step tips to make the job easier.

Tax Tip #1

Be organized. Keeping records is a year-round endeavor. The more organized they are, the easier your job will be at tax time and the less likely you are to miss any benefits. You may find it helpful to file receipts or cancelled checks in marked envelopes by category during the year. This will save sorting at tax time.

Tax Tip #2

Start early. Look over the tax instructions, forms and records in January. If you find you need additional forms or you're missing a receipt, you'll have plenty of time to get copies. It's a lot easier than waiting until you're against a deadline.

Tax Tip #3

Read the Instructions. Most of your questions are answered in the tax package, and the instructions follow the sequence of the tax return. Most forms are designed so that if you read and follow them carefully, line-by-line, the form will lead you through itself.

Tax Tip #4

Take full advantage of free IRS help. Over 90 free publications are available. Use

the order form in your tax package to obtain any of these. Some public libraries have step-by-step tax instructions available on cassette tapes.

Tax Tip #5

Check back over basics. No matter how careful you think you've been, recheck your whole return before you file it. One of the most common errors is copying the wrong dollar amount from the tax table.

Remember, errors cause you inconvenience and may result in an incorrect bill for more tax or a delayed refund. The few minutes it takes to check your return are well worth it.

Tax Tip #6

Sign the return. A return with no signature is not a properly filed return and cannot be accepted as a legal document. The IRS will have to contact you for your signature, a sure way to slow down your refund. Remember, on a joint return, both husband and wife must sign. Each signature must be original. If you file a photocopy of a return, be sure to sign after you make a copy.

Tax Tip #7

Keep a copy. Place a copy of your return with your supporting records. You might need this information later to income average, apply for a college scholarship or amend your return.

Tax Tip #8

Attach Necessary Documents. You should receive a Form W-2, "Wage and Tax Statement," from each employer you worked for during the past year. Attach one copy of each to your return. Don't forget your supporting schedules if you're filing Form 1040. Lettered schedules, like schedules A, B and G, should be attached first in alphabetical order followed by numbered forms in numerical order.

Tax Tip #9

Identify your IRS payments. If you have a balance due, always pay by check or money order. On the face of the payment, write the tax form number, the year you are paying and especially important, your social security number. That way, if your payment becomes separated from your return, there will be no problem getting the two together again.

Tax Tip #10

Use the peel-off and coded envelope. The peel-off label is on the cover of the tax package you got in the mail; the coded envelope is inside. Both are designed to speed up processing, and use of the label eliminates the two most common causes of refund delays—illegible name and addresses and incorrect social security numbers. If your address has changed, or your social security number is incorrect, you should write the correction right on the label.

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Turner-O'Dell wed recently

Laronda Turner became the bride of Carey John (Shorty) O'Dell March 5th in a ceremony read at Grace Baptist Church in Milan, New Mexico, with Rev. Ron McMillan officiating.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Turner of Bluemont, New Mexico. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie O'Dell of Amarillo and formerly of Merkel. He is the grandson of Mrs. Truman Carey of Abilene and the great grandson of Amzy Dickerson of Merkel.

Matron of honor was Lori Turner. Bridesmaids were Carol Gowdy and Heidi Reid.

Amanda Forrester was flower girl. Ring bearer was Bart O'Dell, brother of the groom and candlelighter was Angie Horn.

Guests were seated by David and Russell Turner, brother of the bride and Paul O'Dell brother of the groom.

Parents of the couple were hosts for the reception in the church fellowship hall. The bridegroom's parents hosted the rehearsal dinner.

A graduate of Pacific Coast Baptist Bible College at San Dimas, California, she is employed by Christian School in Amarillo.

The bridegroom graduated from Cap Rock High School and is a licensed pilot. He is employed by Royal Glass Co.

Following a wedding trip to Colorado, the couple will live in Amarillo.



Mr. & Mrs. Shorty O'Dell

Higgins-Farmer wed

Dale Ray Higgins and Jana Marie Farmer exchanged vows on March 15 at Caps, with the Rev. Kenneth Jones officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Sam Jones and the late

Lewis Farmer, step daughter of the late Sam Jones.

The groom is the son of Mrs. Elizabeth Higgins and the late Orien Higgins.

The bride was formerly employed by

Skinny's and the groom is employed by Quality Drilling. The couple will live near Stith. The wedding supper was held at the Shamrock Cafe by Mrs. Carver who manages the cafe.

Other guests included Mrs. J. W. McDonald, Pauline and Dorothy of Coleman and Rusty Williams of Hawley.

One son, H. A. Purser of Lampassas was unable to attend.

Purser honored on 84th birthday

Mrs. Faye Purser of Trent was honored on her 84th birthday with a dinner held at Heritage Hall March 27.

Children attending were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Purser of San Angelo, Mrs. Louise Canady of Trent, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Purser and

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Vinson of Merkel.

Grandchildren and great grandchildren attending were Barbara Martin, Terry Todd and Tiffany, Kayla Anders, Jennifer and B. J. of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Bigbee, Ryan and Br-

ooke, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bigbee, Queena and Marjoe of Merkel.

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Wadley-Carey wed

Linda Wadley became the bride of Alvin (Buddy) Carey in a ceremony read by Justice of the Peace Clarence Collins.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Bill Reid and the late Mr. Reid of Borger. The bridegroom is the son of Mrs. Truman Carey of Abilene and grandson of Amzy Dickerson of Merkel.

A graduate of Borger High, the bride is employed by Texas Instruments. The bridegroom attended school in Trent and Merkel. He is a technician at Texas Instruments. The couple resides at 1881 Jackson in Abilene.



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The rate schedule is expected to furnish a 5.59 percent increase in the Company's revenues from residential and commercial customers in the City of Merkel, Texas.

A Statement of Intent has been filed with the City of Merkel and is available for inspection at the Company's business office located at 1289 North Second Street, Abilene, Texas.

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Beta Sigma Phi meets

Preceptor Eta Omega Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi was honored with a President Luncheon on Saturday March 26 in the home of Louise Dubose, with Mamie Steck and Val Patterson helping as hostesses. The serving tables were decorated with yellow cloths with white carnation corsages as center pie-

ces. President Mamie Steck welcomed the guest and explained the purpose of Beta Sigma Phi. The following members and guest attended Elizabeth Eager, Opal Garner, Kathy Leverich, Mamie Steck, Louise Dubose, Val Patterson, Blanche Hewitt, Charlotte Starbuck,

Betty Conley, Betty Lou Satterwhite, and Minyon Seymore.

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Willard Paine succumbs

Lubbock banker Willard Paine, the first alumnus to serve as Chairman of the Abilene Christian University board of trustees, died Wednesday morning here.

Services were held at 2 p.m. at the Sunset Church of Christ in Lubbock. ACU Chancellor John C. Stevens and Cline Paden, director of the Sunset school of preaching in Lubbock officiated.

Graveside services were held here at Rose Hill Cemetery.

Born Aug. 28 in Ada, Okla., Paine had graduated from Merkel High in 1939 and entered what was then Abilene Christian College. After a three year hitch in the Army during which he received a Purple Heart while serving in the European Theater, he returned to ACU and began a story book college career. He was a three year letterman in football, twice chosen as an all Texas Conference tackle and once team captain. In 1948, he became the first ACU graduate to receive an agricultural degree.

Paine served as agriculture field representative, loan officer and cashier for First National Bank in Tulla from 1948 until 1953, vice president of Snyder National Bank from 1953 to 1954, and president of First State Bank in Monahans until 1968. He then moved to Lubbock and served as president and chairman of the board until 1979.

He also served as President of Southland Salt Co. and Montex Transport Co., both of Monahans, president and board chairman of International Drilling and Energy Co. of Lubbock, president of Montex Publishing Co. of Lubbock and board chairman of Caprock Savings and Loan in Lubbock.

During a wide-ranging civic career, he served as president and director of the Monahans and Tulla Chambers of Commerce, president of the



Rotary and Toastmasters clubs in Monahans, chairman of the Texas Tech Foundation of Lubbock, vice president of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, Sandhills Museum Association, Ward County Crippled Children's Council and Vice Chairman of the Sandhills District of the Boy Scouts of America.

Paine joined the ACU board of trustees in 1956 and became its

FFA horse show

The Merkel Chapter of Future Farmers of America would like to remind you to get your entry in for the Merkel FFA Horse Show. The show will be May 14, 1983 at the Merkel Riding Club Area but entry deadline is April 22. The contest is open to students of the Merkel Independent School District only. The events are as follows:

Halter Classes

1. Stallions - 1 year and under
2. Geldings - 5 years and under
3. Geldings - over 5 years
4. Awarding Grand and Reserve Geldings
5. Fillies - 1 year and under
6. Mares - 5 years and under
7. Mares - over 5 years
8. Awarding Grand and Reserve Champion Mares

Performance Classes

9. Western Pleasure all ages
10. Western Riding all ages
11. Barrels
12. Poles

The contestant's horses must be owned by parents or grandparents. No exceptions. Silver buckle will be awarded to the contestant with the high point horse. Entry fee is \$5.00 per horse per class. If you wish for any more information please contact J.T. Naron or Billy Riley. Don't forget entry deadline is April 22.

The Merkel FFA is getting ready to attend the Area IV Judging Contest at Tarleton State University. We would like to wish all the members lots of luck and the Mail will let you know the results.

Everyone from the Merkel FFA would like to wish you a very **Happy Easter**.

School menu

The Merkel School menu for Thursday the 31st is Beef Ravioli with corn and green beans and pineapple jello. Friday the 1st will be hamburgers and walk to school cookies for dessert.

April 4 Mexican pizza, pinto beans and pickled beet strips, peaches and whipped topping.

April 5th Meat loaf, green peas buttered with corn, apple cheese crisp.

April 6 Fried chicken, whipped potatoes and green beans, sliced pears.

Singing set

There will be a singing, Monday night at 7 o'clock, April 4th at the senior citizens building on Edwards Street. Everyone is welcome and bring a friend.

Visitor

Three cousins of Goldia Malone visited at her home here after they had attended a meeting of the 50 Year Girls Club at the Sheraton in Abilene.

Louis Luman, vice-president of the club joined her husband Howard Luman and sister Madeline in the visit.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Unknown Father, 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 Jimmy Ray Smith, and Sarah Smith, Petitioners, filed in said Court on the 29th day of March, 1983, against an Unknown Father, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 8707-C on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Interest of Baby Boy Bernal, a

Child", the nature of which suit is a request to Terminate parent-child relationship between unknown father and child and grant adoption. Said child was born the 12th day of March, 1983, in Howard County, Texas. 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's adoption.

Monica Renee Dees and Willie Clay Daniels were married Feb. 5 in a ceremony at the home of the Rev. and Mrs. G. Frank Estes, 1450 Richland Estes, uncle of the bride and minister at Bethel Temple Christian Church, officiated.

Presented in marriage by her great-uncle, Al Burleson, the bride is the daughter of Jim Dees of Denver, Colo., and Mrs. Vernell Howard of Grangerland.

Parents of the bridegroom are Charles Daniels and Virginia Robbins.

Debbie Daniels, sister of the bridegroom, was maid of honor. Best man was the

bridegroom's stepfather, Jimmy Robbins.

The bride's mother and aunt, Mrs. Frank Estes, were hostesses for the reception in the Estes home.

Amanda Howard, sister of the bride was flower girl.

Grandparents of the bride are Mr. & Mrs. I.V. Garrett of Abilene. The bride is a sophomore at Abilene High School.

The bridegroom attended Abilene High School and is employed by Shady Oaks Lodge.

The couple will live in Abilene.

Clarence Horton of Merkel is the great-grandfather of the bride.



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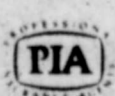
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