

The Merkel Mail

Thursday, June 14, 1984...Merkel, Texas

Our 96th Year



Merkel elementary holding first ever summer sessions

Merkel Elementary school is currently running its first ever summer sessions and according to principal David Casey, the project is going better than he could have expected.

They are offering remedial reading at the 3rd, 4th and 5th grade levels, remedial general skills at those levels, and a course designed to familiarize those same age children to the world of computers.

Casey told *The Mail* Tuesday "This is the first time we have been able to identify children who need help, or to identify children that are ready for more, and then have something for them. I can't tell you how excited I am about these programs so far."

He said about 50 students were enrolled in the remedial classes and about the same number in the computer class. The computer class is a three week course and he said there are still some openings for the term that will start June 25th. He encouraged interested parents to contact his office for more details.

The remedial classes will meet for six weeks.

Casey said about the computer program "This whole thing would not have started if we hadn't had the needed money, raised by the PTO and teachers here to buy the computers and without a teacher like Laura Stegemoller. She has been doing a wonderful job with these kids, as are the other

teachers we have this summer."

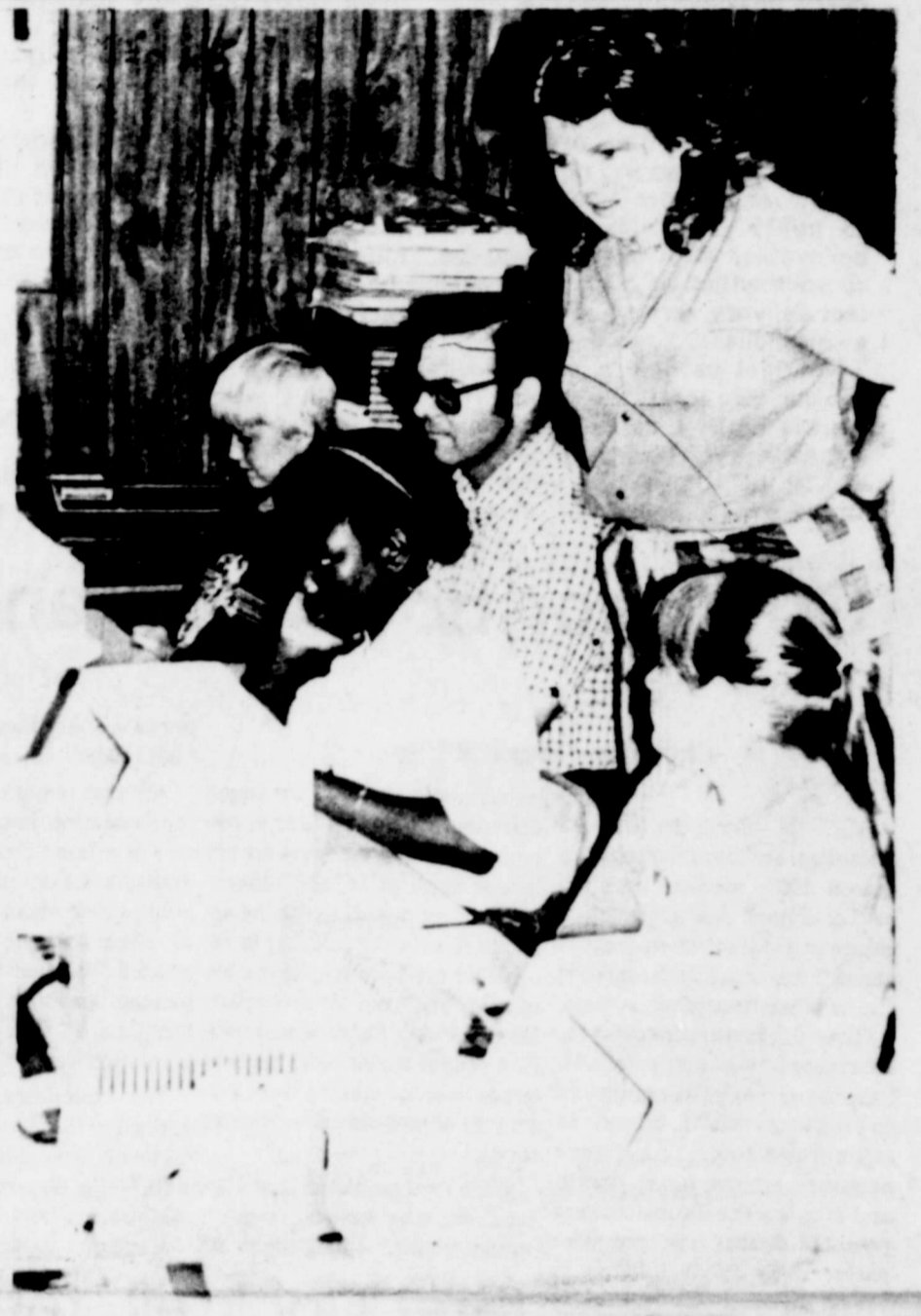
Casey said he also felt another reason the summer school is going over so well is because a teacher's committee met for six weeks during the school year planning the curriculum, as well as the mailing of letters to parents of students in need of remedial training.

Casey said of that committee "Because of that planning, this has been a quality effort."

The students in the computer course were being instructed in simple BASIC programs when I visited Tuesday, and were doing two line programs that would tell the computer to print a certain message an infinite number of times (known as looping.) The children have also been taught the meaning of other BASIC commands, as well as other ways of using the Apple II E.

Casey added "I am amazed what these kids are learning about computers. Kids at this age can learn a lot more about these machines faster than an adult can because kids aren't afraid of many things. Most adults are scared to death the first time they sit behind a computer."

Casey summed up by saying "We just wanted to offer some summer enrichment to give the good students, and the students that need help, opportunities to learn that we don't have time to, or the resources to give them during the school year."



§ Laura Stegemoller and David Casey [center with glasses], Merkel's Elementary school principal, watch local 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students learn the basics of BASIC programming. This is the first year MSD has ever offered a summer school at the Elementary level. [Staff photo by Cloy A. Richards.]

That's how it works...

Merkel summer school teacher Laura Stegemoller checks on the progress of a couple of her

students at classes Tuesday morning. [Staff photo by Cloy A. Richards.]

Classes, meetings, visit, Brad...more

by Cloy A. Richards
It did my heart well to spend a little time at Merkel Elementary School Tuesday morning.

I had a chance to talk with principal David Casey and observe some of their first ever summer school sessions here.

During our chat, I asked David what was the alternative for these children that are in remedial summer school without the program. He countered with a response that sums up, what I feel, is the worth of this program "I guess they would have to struggle in the classroom from now on.

That's not too bright of an educational future for an elementary school child.

The other summer program is a computer familiarization and a basic BASIC programming course for children in the third through the 5th grade (next year).

Casey was also very excited about that program, and it's a good thing to know about MISD.

Although county officials were being very quiet and had little details to offer, former Merkel Country Club owner John Schreck was arraigned Tuesday afternoon in District Court in Abilene for "aggravated possession of methamphetamine (speed)". The raid by a special team of state narcotics agents was witnessed by a couple of friends who called it "something I have only seen on television."

When I arrived on the scene, two of the agents were preparing to take photos for evidence and when I identified myself as a reporter, I was asked, instructed, told to make myself scarce, because they were in the process of conducting another raid and they wouldn't have anything to say about the details of the raid or charges today.

When a person explains a

situation to you in that manner, you stop asking questions and leave, unless you are Mike Wallace with a cameraman, sound man, gopher and a producer in tow.

A meeting for parents interested in youth soccer here will meet June 25th at 7 p.m. at Taylor Electric.

Reports from the meetings will be used to determine how many children here are interested in playing soccer.

Also, a meeting to start a women's softball league will be held tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 p.m. at Taylor Electric.

All coaches and managers should attend.

All women that have played on a team before should also attend.

We had a good time in College Station this weekend, visiting with some relatives I haven't seen in quite a while.

Dad caught the biggest bass he'd caught in his life (a 4.75 pounder according to my cousin's Zebco De-Liar) and also a three and a half pound bass. I'd rather not talk about my results. I then took Joey to the same tank and he caught a nifty bass and catfish again I plead the 5th on my catch.

My sister and her family were trying to readjust to the good of US after a tour in Germany with hubby Major Jon Thompson. Got to visit with my old golf coach at Temple Junior College and meet a niece I hadn't seen before.

It was a nice break.

I have to apologize to about five people who were looking for their Classified ads in last week's paper to no avail.

I started a "new system" and forgot to tell Melanie about it and lost them. I am sorry, especially to a couple of concerned, but nice

ladies that set up for a garage sale that was not advertised.

Ah, the life of the small town newspaper editor.

Merkel's Brad Pursley will jump in the Olympic Qualifying Trials starting next Tuesday in Los Angeles.

Pursley, one of the top vaulters in the US, will face some excellent jumpers while trying to claim one of the three available spots on the team. You may remember my column not too long ago (Mom, are you there) about Earl Bell. Sports fans know that Bell went over 19 feet this weekend and still has not said whether he will jump for the US or Panama.

Funny how events in the world of sports have a way of hitting home.

Anyway, we wish Brad the best of luck in the trials. It would be wonderful for Merkel to be represented in the Olympics, but Brad has already done a lot for the town.

Mashburn-Pack receive scholarships

Two Merkel High school graduates were awarded scholarships in the worship services at the First United Methodist Church this past Sunday. Mr. & Mrs. Leslie Pool set up the fund last year in memory of Samuel Ginn and Martha Jane Tipton (parents of Mrs. Pool).

The two scholarship recipients are Chris Mashburn son of Jo Ann Mashburn and Denise Pack, daughter of Ray & Heidi Pack.

Chris is a 1983 MHS graduate. He received the Tipton Scholar-

ship last year before entering Tarleton State University. His major is veterinary medicine and he is working for a veterinarian in Dublin while attending school.

Denise is a 1984 graduate. She is also attending Tarleton State University, having begun this summer.

We are proud to see these fine young people continue their education and better prepare themselves to make their mark in this world a positive one, said a church spokesman.

Council meets, pays bills

The Merkel City Council held a short, routine meeting at the Merkel Emergency Medical Service building.

Council heard that a proposal, made by the Taylor County Appraisal District to collect Merkel's delinquent taxes, was denied by the Appraisal District's board of directors.

That move puzzled Merkel city manager J. A. Sadler and mayor Kent Satterwhite.

They agreed they couldn't understand why the board would refuse to accept a contract that

it's employees had drawn up.

The city decided to sign a contract with the law firm of McCreary & Hewitt, a firm based in Austin that collects delinquent taxes statewide.

A new state law allows the city to add their collection charges, usually about 15 per cent, to the taxpayer's taxes due to insure the city 100 per cent of the tax.

MISD is also under contract with the Austin firm to collect its past due taxes.

Council adjourned after paying the accounts.

WTU files for 12.4 per cent rate increase

West Texas Utilities Company has filed for an increase in its electric rates for retail customers.

Local WTU manager Glenn Teaff said the application was filed Friday June 8, a full year since WTU's last rate application, and is a system-wide request for higher rates. Simultaneous filings were made in all incorporated towns and with the Public Utility Commission of Texas at Austin for an increase in rural areas, unincorporated towns and in 21 municipalities which have ceded jurisdiction over electrical rates.

The proposal calls for annual additional revenues of \$30,845,695 or a 12.4 per cent increase.

Teaff said the additional revenue is necessary to carry out WTU's current heavy construction program, which includes a new coal-fired power plant at Oklaunion near Vernon.

"By the time these rates become effective, we will have spent \$167 million on the Oklaunion Power station and related projects," Teaff said. "Our last rate increase was not enough to carry through this construction program, which

electric service to our customers."

WTU had requested an increase of \$26.6 million in its filing in June of 1983. A hearing in that case was held and the final PUC order granting about half of the increase requested became effective January 4, 1984.

The Oklaunion Plant will be completed in late 1986, almost 10 years after WTU's newest existing generating unit was completed at Fort Phantom Power Station near Abilene.

Citing a "light at the end of the tunnel" Teaff said WTUs spending should taper off as the construction program nears completion. Also, since coal is much cheaper for generating electricity than natural gas or oil, the fuel cost should be more stable after the new plant comes on line.

No major changes in rate structure are included in WTUs proposal. The requested rate would mean that a residential customer using 600 kilowatt-hours a month would pay \$7.55 more each month for electricity. A commercial customer using 1,700 kWh would pay \$19.37 more. These amounts include fuel costs.

I just don't see how they do it for less than 25 cents

by Russell McNally

Not long ago, a friend from the Panhandle of Texas came to visit with us here. She was complaining about the "highway robbery" concerning the cost of **The Amarillo Globe News** daily newspaper. I listened with interest as I had some other opinions, I told the nice lady about **The Abilene Reporter News**. I have no way of knowing how many people work on that newspaper. I read their paper every morning and see the local news, the world news, society, sports, markets, Ann Landers, Buzz Sawyer, and other interesting articles including the Editorial page. All of this material is gathered, printed and delivered to my house 25 miles away for only 25 cents. That is almost unbelievable. John Young is to be complimented on his almost perfect delivery service at 4:30 a.m. at my house.

Now, let us take a closer look at our own local newspaper, **The Merkel Mail**. I can almost hear someone say "It won't take long to look at it." I have lived in several small towns about the size of

Merkel. It is about the same here as it is in other small towns. The Editor struggling to do the best he or she can under very difficult conditions and the people complaining about the same.

I feel I have some things in common with small town Editors as a pastor. I remember the problems I had as a Pastor. There were always a few lovely people who delighted in going to the hospital and getting home before the pastor discovered they were there. They generally told me it didn't matter, but that is not what they told others. They just couldn't believe that I didn't know they were in the hospital.

On the Texas Plains, an elderly lady went to the hospital. On the third day of her stay, I learned she was in the hospital and drove 30 miles to see her. As I went into the room, she looked up and said "You finally came to see me, I am surprised you came at all." One of the friends with her in the room said "If I was your preacher, I wouldn't come to see you again the way you talk."

What I am saying is, if we would let the local newspaper know that

Aunt Georgie and her 12 kids visited with us last week, that might be news. Sometimes, a news story gets more coverage by not being in the newspaper. We knew it should have been in the paper, and it wasn't. By the time we get through telling people about the story that should have been in the newspaper but wasn't, more people know about it than if it had been in the paper.

Most of our Churches would be more effective if their members would work and talk about the good within instead of magnifying the imperfections of the same. Our local newspaper could know great improvement if the people would realize that it is OUR newspaper and offer the help in news gathering so much needed and appreciated. I do not see how the owner and Editor of **The Merkel Mail** can possibly give us as much as they do and deliver it to our homes for about 20 cents per week. I am not getting paid to write this commercial for **The Merkel Mail** and I certainly wouldn't work up this column for the entire 25 cents it costs you for the whole newspaper.



Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Greenfield

Greenfield's 60th anniversary plans told

Mr. & Mrs. Andrew J. Greenfield will be celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary at a reception Sunday. The reception will be held at the Family Center of the Merkel Church of Christ from 2 until 4 p.m. They ask that no gifts be given.

Emergency officers

The Merkel Emergency Medical Service met for their regular meeting Wednesday and elected new officers. Elected president was Vernon Wade; vice-president Robert Harris; secretary-treasurer Blanche Hewitt, directors Jan Williams and Steve Cochran and medical advisor Dr. Tran. A new ordinance was also adopted. Attending the meeting were members Annette Melton, Jan Williams, Cynthia Casady, Robert & Connie Harris, Randy Leverich, Steve Cochran, Vernon & Ann Wade, Blanche Hewitt and associates Steve McNally and Mike Pippins.

Governor boosts organ donations

By Governor Mark White

AUSTIN—Since the first successful cornea transplant in Austria in 1905, medical scientists have discovered new surgical techniques and anti-rejection drugs to improve dramatically the survival rate of organ transplant patients.

Given the growing demand for life-saving transplant operations, I appointed the first committee of its kind in the nation last July to suggest ways to encourage more people to become organ donors and to streamline the matching of potential donors and transplant patients.

public about the need for organ donation. The committee is recommending that the Texas driver's license application and renewal forms be redesigned to ask the applicant if he or she is willing to become an organ donor. If the answer is "yes," the Texas Department of Public Safety would notify a central organ bank registry responsible for mailing these forms.

Once the completed forms are received, the central registry would forward willing organ donors a special adhesive decal to attach to their driver's license.

Another major committee recommendation involves the creation of a Texas Council on Organ Transplantation to educate the public about organ donations and to collect and coordinate a centralized listing of organ donors, patients needing transplants, and locations of all available transplantation centers in the state.

The committee suggests encouraging the Texas Hospital Association, Texas Medical Association, Texas Osteopathic Medical Association, and Texas Nursing Association to develop uniform

guidelines to make systematic efforts to procure organ transplants.

While these recommendations require further study and, in some cases, potential legislative action, they represent an important first step toward improving equitable access to organs donated by unselfish Texans.

Organ transplantation should remain the primary responsibility of the private medical community, but state government can play an important support role and improve the dialogue between all persons involved in this complicated effort to match donor and patient in need.

Mrs. Cockrell, former Merkelite, succumbs

Mrs. Blance Carey Cockrell, 73, of Fort Worth, died last Tuesday evening. Funeral services were held at the Polytechnic Baptist Church Central in Fort Worth last Friday at 10 a.m.

She was born Dec. 25, 1910 and was the daughter of William & Mary Smith Carye of Cross Plains. She married M. L. Rayford Dec. 25th, 1937 in Sweetwater. She was a member of the

Polytechnic Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband, L. R. Cockrell Sr., of Fort Worth; 2 sons, Larry of Garland and Cary Don of Brownwood; a daughter Mrs. Betty Joe Lewis of Hannibal, Mo.; a sister Mrs. Alice Walter of Fort Worth and two brothers, Clement Cary of Grain and Oliver Cary of Lubbock.

Mrs. Cockrell had been raised as a child here.



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| 4. Aged Mares | 19. Barrels - 12 and under |
| 5. 4 yr. old and younger Geldings | 20. Barrels - 13 thru 17 |
| 6. Aged Geldings | 21. Barrels - 18 and over |
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Malone-Miller
visit Louisiana

Goldia Malone & Rutha Miller spent last week in Louisiana. They visited the Richardson Beefmaster Ranch at Pleasant Hill where nephew R. A. Pillars is herdsman. They went fishing and picked blackberries, then went to Lafayette to visit Rutha's brother Jimmy Lee Herring & family.

Goldia's niece and nephew, the Bob Richardson's were also visited. Rutha went sight seeing and took pictures of old land marks and a castle. The picked tomatoes and dug potatoes. Goldia went shopping and toured Lafayette and saw some beautiful homes and old plantations.

Lot's of rain, fat cattle and good grazing were found there. Goldia reported a return visit is being planned.

Albany getting ready for Fandangle: New Mulberry Canyon, Blair residents shows set June 21-23, 28-30

Tickets for the 1984 version of the Fort Griffin Fandangle, scheduled to run for six performances June 21-23 and 28-30 at the Prairie Theatre, are now available to the public, according to Patsy Rose, executive secretary of the Fandangle Association.

The annual production, which was first produced in Albany almost 50 years ago, will this summer feature the "old time Cowboy," depicting through song, dance and narration his life as a pioneer in the cattle industry. The show, as a whole, attempts to recreate "look and feel of times long since past" and involves as many as 200 local amateur performers, directed by Marge Bray.

Tickets in four different price ranges, \$7, \$6, \$5, and \$3 may be reserved by calling a special Fandangle telephone number 736-3642, or by writing P. O. Box 185, Albany, Texas 76430. Group discounts are also available. Reservations not accompanied by payment will only be held until 5 p.m. the day of the show.

Although the Fandangle itself doesn't begin until dusk, Fandangle visitors are encouraged to come early to participate in several related activities.

Barbecue will be served on the courthouse square from 5 until 8 p.m. prior to each performance. Joe Allen's Barbecue of Abilene will cater the meals, with prices set at \$5 for adults and \$3 for children, plus tax.

The Courthouse, which celebrated its centennial in 1983, will remain open while barbecue is being served.

Windows in downtown stores will be decorated with antiques and Fandangle related items, and the First National Bank of Albany will be open late in order for visitors to view an exhibition featuring three well-known Western artists, Ronald Thomason, Covelle Jones and Henry W. Caylor.

The Old Jail Art Center, located one half block east of the Courthouse square, will be high-

lighting a photo-documentary of the "Old Stone Ranch", recently restored homestead of the Matthews-Reynolds family. The OJAC is currently in the midst of a major expansion, but construction shouldn't cause any problems for visitors.

The 100 year-old Ledbetter Pickett House, nestled under large shade trees in the downtown Bank Park, will also be open, showing visitors what many rural homes looked like in the frontier days of this part of Texas. One block behind the Pickett House is the Jacobs house, the first permanent residence built in Albany and restored a number of years ago. Guides will be posted in both homes to answer questions.

Only a few steps away is the historic Matthews Memorial Presbyterian Church, where organist Bill Foster will play the impressive handmade pipe organ, and church members will be on hand

to give the church's history. The building will be open from 5:30 to 7:30.

Another attraction, planned on the 2nd Thursday of the Fandangle season, June 28, is the annual Fandangle parade. The parade will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the downtown area.

When visitors drive out to the Prairie Theatre, located on the northwestern outskirts of Albany, they will be greeted with calliope music played on the authentic Fandangle steam calliope by Louann George. The performances will begin each night at dusk.

Information sheets listing all activities and times will be available at the Albany Chamber of Commerce office, located in a restored railroad depot near the Bank Park. The depot also houses the Fandangle offices.

Additional sheets will be placed at the Courthouse and the Old Jail Art Center.

Several Mulberry Canyon residents showed up at the Old Demere homeplace last Saturday morning. No, it wasn't a barn raising, that seems to have gone out of style; but one custom we hope never fades away is extending a good old fashioned welcome to folks when they move to our community.

For the last few years, the old Demere homeplace has been the Charlie Davis homestead. Recently, Mrs. Davis' parents, Mr. & Mrs. Paul Lister, have become permanent resi-

dents of Mulberry Canyon. A get acquainted coffee was hosted by Mrs. Lister's daughter, Susie Davis. Attending the special occasion were Mabel Scott, Mary Russom, Eva Horton, Nell Brnovak, Alice King, Kathy Barnes, Lynn Barnes, Lucille Allen, Claudette Harris and several well behaved children. Good fellowship and refresh-

ments were enjoyed by all and everyone seemed to agree that neighbors should get together more often. We extend a hearty welcome to Paul and Dannie Lou Lister; now, while we are on the subject of welcoming new residents to the Canyon, we want to take this opportunity to welcome each new family in Blair. They are: The Claude Childress, Jim

Ross, Louis Lurma, and Tom Wilson families. P. S. Have you prayed for rain today?

"If my people which are called by name shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." 11 Chronicles 7:14 J. M. & C.H.

Results from recent 2 lady scramble at Merkel golf course

The following are the results from the recent ladies, two person scramble held Saturday at the Merkel Golf Course.

Championship Flight
Gina Menke & Edie Bledsoe (Abilene) 1st; Jo Sterling & Juanita Hester (Snyder) 2nd; Robbie Shugart & Faye Robertson (Merkel) 3rd and Erma Kemper & Linda Williams (Baird) 4th.

First Flight
Rene Cloud & Susie Blankenship (Baird) 1st, Lola Milstead & Mabel Compton (Hamlin) 2nd; Donnis Whitehead & Retha Bewley (Abilene) 3rd and Brenda Jackson & Debbie Jackson (Merkel) 4th.

Second Flight
Wanda Hendricks & Ellen Clark (Oklahoma & Merkel) 1st; Sonja Tolver & Jane Murrell (Merkel) 2nd; Ida Seymore & Jeanette Pursley (Merkel) 3rd and Helen Little & Pam Bannister (Dyess) 4th.

Special prizes (awarded by Home State Bank) were given to Rae Sparr of Abilene for the longest drive and Donnis Whitehead of Abilene for the most accurate drive. Special prizes (awarded by United Savings) went to Robbie Shugart of Merkel for closes to the pin on number 3 and Jo Ann Smith of Merkel for closest to the pin on number 5.

Xi Nu Eta

holds meeting

The Xi Nu Eta chapter of Beta Sigma Phi held their May meeting in the home of Kathy Dacy in Abilene. Members present included Kathy Dacy, Jana Nelson, Maxine Cockrell, Marilyn Tittle, Cathy Pack & Dee McCollum.

Officers installation was held and incoming president Jana Nelson presided over the meeting.

The programs were given by Mrs. Dacy on "International Cuisine" with an international salad buffet prepared from the Beta Sigma Phi International cookbook, and on being a secret sister.

Secret Sisters revealing was held and new Secret Sisters were drawn for the 1984-85 sorority year.

Their next meeting will be held in the home of Cathy Pack, 1515 Heath here Sept. 14.

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Found while walking between Mrs. Earl Hughes house on Oak street and the Methodist Parsonage. One pair of prescription sunglasses. Call 928-5174 to recover. 67-1tnc

Does someone you love have a drinking problem? Is it affecting your life? If so, AL-ANNON FAMILY groups can help. A Merkel group is now meeting weekly in the mornings. Call 928-4844 or 928-5067. 49-TFC

Would like to do some housecleaning. Call 928-4407. 66-4tc

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Real Estate

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Building for sale: Contact P & L Auto parts at 928-5671 or after 5 call 928-5246. 67-TFC

For sale by owner: 78.4 acres, cultivated with 3 bedroom & 2 bath brick home, fireplace, 2 car garage, city water, 2 wells with pumps, barns, pecan & other trees. 4 miles North of Merkel on FM 126. Shown by appointment call 928-5560. 66-1tc

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Garage sales

3 family garage sale 3 blocks South of the Railroad tracks in Main street in Trent. Nic-nacs baby clothes, teenage clothes size (3-5), games & toys. Call 862-6339. 67-1tc

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Large 3 family garage sale- tools, electric saw, drills, etc. motorcycle plus parts, dishes, baby items, clothes, books, furniture, lots of new turquoise jewelry, and lots more. Come see. 206 Lamar. Wed. Through Sat. 9 a.m. til 6:30 p.m. 67-1tc

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We wish to express to the people of Merkel our very heartfelt thanks for their many expressions of sympathy. Thanks especially to the women of the First United Methodist Church who prepared the dinner. To the women of the Pioneer Memorial Church and all other who sent food, we again say thanks. To Brother Waggoner, Brother Harrison and the Choir, for the beautiful service. To all our friends who sent cards, flowers, prayers, and words of sympathy, we are grateful. The Family Of Mary Bird



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Consumer Alert

by **Jim Mattox**
Attorney General

CREDIT CARD GUIDELINES

For many Texans credit cards are an every day convenience. But credit cards can be a major headache when they are used improperly or when the card company's computer makes an error in your bill.

The best advice for credit card users is to keep a copy of each receipt and compare receipts with charges when you receive your bill. If you find an error, you should attempt to settle the dispute as soon as possible.

WHAT THE LAW SAYS

Under the federal Fair Credit Billing Act, the consumer has 60 days to send a written notice to the credit card company of any errors in his bill. Be sure to include your account number and an explanation of why you think the bill is incorrect. The company must acknowledge your complaint within 30 days of receiving it and must take appropriate action within 90 days. The company is required by law either to make corrections in the bill or to investigate the complaint and explain why the consumer owes the amount billed.

In cases where the consumer says he or she was billed for an item never received, it is the credit card company's duty to verify that the item was actually delivered or mailed.

COMPLAINTS

If you have a complaint about your bill, the company may not close your account prior to doing the above and sending you a written explanation of your account. You will have at least 10 days from the time you receive the explanation to pay the disputed amount. After that time, the company can declare your account delinquent and report that information to third parties. However, the law says the company must also report that the bill is in dispute, and must give the consumer written notice if the delinquency is reported to third parties.

If the dispute is later resolved, the creditor must notify the same parties of the resolution. If your credit card company allows you to pay the full balance without payment of a finance charge, the company must give you at least 14 days from the date the bill is mailed to pay that bill.

FOR MORE HELP

If you feel that you have been treated unfairly by a credit card company after following the procedures outlined above, you may contact my Consumer Protection Division for assistance. There are Consumer

Protection offices in Austin, Dallas, El Paso, Lubbock, McAllen, and San Antonio. The Attorney General's office is the people's law firm. We're here to help you.

WINNERS & LOSERS



Americans are real winners when it comes to inflation, lately. As measured by the Consumer Price Index, it was only 3.9 percent for 1982. Many experts attribute this to our having a strong President with an effective fiscal policy.

Americans were losers to inflation under the last administration. In fact, the rate reached 13.3 percent in 1979.



Hart's-Stephens grandchild

Mr. & Mrs. Don Hart and Mr. & Mrs. Robert Stephan are happy to announce the arrival of their first grandchild, Stephani Dawn Hart was born June 5th at

Hendrick Memorial Hospital, weighing 8 lbs, 10 and a half ounces and was 21 inches long.

Stephani's parents are Andy and Netta Hart of Albany.

Howk completes basic training

A1C Theodore E. Howk, son of Carl E. & Addie Howk of Merkel, has recently completed basic training.

Howk is married to the former Becky Teague, daughter of Gerald D & Pat N Teague of Fort Worth. Airman Howk will be stationed at Sheppard

Air Force Base, Texas, where he will receive instruction in the civil engineering field. He is a 1983 graduate of Merkel High.

Patton-Baccus plans told

Mrs. Clara Lee Patton and Mr. Roy Baccus were married June 7th at 3 p.m. at his home on 800 N 7th here. The

service was performed by Rev. E. D. Landreth of Englewood, Colorado. They will live in Abilene.

Both Mr. & Mrs. Baccus have lived in Taylor County all of their lives and have many friends who wish them well.

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Little League names stars Saturday

The Merkel Little League will close out their 1984 season this week with the playoffs beginning Friday. There are still three teams alive for first place. They include the Willies with a 9-3 record, the Vets with an 8-3 record and the Braves with a 7-3-1 record. The Vets and the Braves were set

to play at 7 p.m. tonight (Thursday) with the winner playing the Willies Friday or Saturday night (the time will be set at a later date.)

The rest of the standings for the year were the Supers 4th, Greenbacks 5th, Kilowatts 6th, Bankers 7th.

The League wanted to thank the parents and sponsors for making the '84 season very successful.

The year will close Saturday at 8 p.m. with the awards ceremony and the announcement of this year's All Stars. Everyone is invited to attend and support these fine young men.

Merkel girls place in horse show

Two Merkel girls placed in the Taylor-Callahan 4-H horse show at the Ray Boshart Arena in Abilene.

Candice Henslee, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. John Henslee, placed 1st

in the poles, 1st in stakes 4th in barrels and 2nd in grade mares, any breed, any age. Mandy Pack, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Duke Pack places 2nd in grade gelding, any breed, any age.

They will be snowing in the district show set this weekend in Abilene.



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State ag department plan boosting Texas

(AUSTIN) - Approximately 40 Texas food processors have applied to use the new TASTE OF TEXAS logo, a trademark of the Texas Department of Agriculture, on their labels, in their advertising and on other promotional materials. Any Texas food company that uses Texas agricultural commodities in the processing of their products may qualify to use the TASTE OF TEXAS red, white and blue logo.

In addition to food manufacturers, TDA has encouraged Texas supermarkets to join the TASTE OF TEXAS campaign. "We are delighted with the enthusiastic response from retailers," says Susan DeMarco, TDA assistant commissioner for marketing and agricultural development. "We estimate that by June there will be over 1,000 retail food stores in Texas using the logo on shelf talkers, price cards and in newspaper ads."



"Not only can this promotional program be of real benefit to Texas producers and processors, but the whole state can gain by keeping more of our food dollars in our local economy."

But the TASTE OF TEXAS campaign isn't limited to the Lone Star State. DeMarco added "On July 25, the TASTE OF TEXAS flag will fly over Faneuil Hall in Boston. Mayor Raymond L. Flynn has declared the entire week 'Texas Week' and July 25 is TASTE OF TEXAS day in Boston.

"Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby and House Speaker Gib Lewis have been

invited to join TDA as we give food buyers in New England a personal taste of Texas where they'll enjoy it most—their stomachs."

Gatlin told the news conference that he and his Grammy award-winning brothers donated their talents to the TASTE OF TEXAS campaign out of pride. "We did it because we're proud to be from Texas. We know just how important agriculture is to the entire Texas economy. And we did it because we're proud to be associated with a quality promotional campaign."

Before participants to the news conference enjoyed a sampling of the brisquet, barbecue sauce, beans, rice, tortillas and chips already approved to bear the logo.

Koock also expressed his reasons for supporting TASTE OF TEXAS.

"Remember what your mother used to say," Koock said. "Don't put that in your

mouth. You don't know where it's been. It just might have come from California."



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GO BANANAS

The TASTE OF TEXAS campaign was officially announced by DeMarco at a State Capitol news conference attended by country music singer-songwriter Rudy Gatlin and actor-Texas folklorist Guich Koock. Both are aiding the TASTE OF TEXAS media campaign at no cost to the state.

"Texas food products are second to none in quality, and we are taking that message directly to consumers," DeMarco said. "The goal of the campaign is to encourage Texas food shoppers to support the state's agriculture community by buying products raised, processed and packed in Texas."



At a Capitol news conference, Texas Department of Agriculture assistant commissioner for marketing and agricultural development Susan DeMarco explains the details of the TASTE OF TEXAS promotional campaign that aims to identify and boost sales of Texas agricultural products. To the right is Rudy Gatlin, one third of the renowned country music trio, the Gatlin Brothers Band. The Gatlins have donated their time to cut a series of public service announcements promoting the TASTE OF TEXAS campaign.

Good News Department

For The Lucky Ones, Poverty Is Kid Stuff

For some children in war-torn El Salvador, poverty is no longer the same deprivation adults have given them for years. There's now one big difference. They've been sponsored by caring Americans who are literally saving their lives for 73 cents a day.

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Also, the following people donated in the memory of Opal Sandusky & Mary Bird: Mr. & Mrs. W. D. Gamble; Mary Mosier; Mrs. Trula V. Cox.

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exist between the child and any other persons and to terminate the parent-child relationship.

Said child was born the 5th day of May, 1984, in Abilene, Taylor County, Texas.

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgement 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.

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 14th day of May, 1984.

Rilla Mahoney Clerk
326th District Court
Taylor County, Texas
by Kelly Gandy, Deputy.
67-1tc

favor of Schlumberger Well Services, A Division of Schlumberger Technology Corp. vs. Hamco Exploration & Development Co. & North Texas Petroleum, Inc., placed in my hands for service, I John W. Middleton as Sheriff of Taylor County, Texas, did, on the 8th day of June, 1984, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Taylor County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit:

All that certain tract of land described in an oil and gas lease dated April 1, 1982, from Ira Travis Farmer and wife, Margaret Phyllis Farmer as Lessors, and Hamco Exploration and Development Company and Lessee, recorded in volume 1242, Page 172, Deed Records of Taylor County, Texas, and more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

TRACT ONE:
Being 70.034 acres of land out of Survey No. 3, Block No. 18, T & P RR Co. Survey, Taylor County, Texas, described by metes and bounds as follows: Beginning at a concrete monument set S 13 deg. E 252.9 vrs and S 77 deg. W 447.75 vrs from the NE corner of Survey 3, for the NE and beginning corner of this tract; Thence S 13 deg. E 512.4 vrs; Thence S 77 deg. W 728.25 vrs for the SW corner of this tract; Thence N 13 deg. W 170.7 vrs; Thence 77 deg. W 65 vrs to a point in the center line of a County Road; Thence N 13 deg. W 341.7 vrs along the center line of said County Road to a point in its center line; Thence N 77 deg. E 793.25 vrs to the place of beginning.

TRACT TWO:
Being 40.836 acres out of Survey 3, Block 18, T & P RR Company Survey, Taylor County, Texas, described by metes and bounds as follows: Beginning at a concrete monument set South 13 deg. East 252.9 varas from the Northeast corner of Survey 3, Block 18, T & P RR CO. Survey, Taylor County,

Texas, for the NE and beginning corner of this tract; Thence South 77 deg. West 447.75 varas to a concrete monument set for the NW corner of this tract; Thence South 13 deg. East 512.4 varas to a concrete monument set for the SW corner of this tract; Thence North 77 deg. East 447.75 varas to a point in the EBL in said Survey 3; Thence North 13 deg. West 512.4 varas to the place of beginning.

and levied upon as the property of Hamco Exploration & North Texas Petroleum, Inc. and that on the first Tuesday in July, 1984, the same being the 3rd day of said month at the Court House door, of Taylor County, in the City of Abilene, Texas, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., by virtue of said levy and said Execution, I will sell said above described Real estate at public vendue, for each, to the highest bidder, as the property of said Hamco Exploration & Development & North Texas Petroleum.

Sale will be held at 10:00 a.m.

THIS SALE WILL BE FOR CASH ONLY. A CASHIERS CHECK FROM A TAYLOR COUNTY BANK MAY BE ACCEPTED.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper published in Taylor County.

Witness my hand, this 12th day of June 1984.

John W. Middleton
Sheriff Taylor County, Texas
By Eddie W. Swanson, Deputy.
67-3yc

A. M. of the first Monday the 2nd day of July, 1984, at or before ten o'clock A. M. before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County, Texas, at the Court House of said County in Abilene, Texas.

Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said Court, on the 17th day of May A. D. 1984, in this cause, numbered 38,769-A on the docket of said Court, and styled IN THE MATTER OF KELLY LYNN HOFFA, TRACI DAWN HOFFA & CHRISTOPHER JOHN HOFFA, Minor Children.

The name of the parties to the cause are as follows:

BARBARA L. ORR is Plaintiff and JOHN H. HOFFA is Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit:

Petitioner request that the names of the minor children be changes as requested in the Petition, and for such other and further relief to which Petitioner may be entitled either by law or in equity.

Petitioner request the Court to enter its order changing the surname of each of said minor children from "HOFFA" to "ORR" 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 process shall promptly execute the same according to law, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the Seal of Said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 17th day of May, A. D. 1984.

Attest:
Rilla Mahoney, Clerk
42nd District Court
Taylor County, Texas
by JoAnn Lackey, Deputy.
66-4tc

Showcase proud of Weather Channel

According to Bill Little, manager of Showcase Cablevision, the new Weather Channel from Atlanta is considered to be very unique. The Weather Channel has the most elaborate gathering and forecasting equipment available in the television industry today. The Weather Channel's storm tracking ability is considered most accurate. The Channel has the ability to forecast

weather accurately in a very small area. Each satellite is keyed to forecast the local weather through a device called the Weather Star. Every five minutes, the channel will switch to local weather conditions which will be displayed in white lettering on a blue or red background. Blue will indicate normal weather conditions while Red will indicate the possibility of severe weather for the local

area. It will remain red as long as the local condition is considered serious. The background sound will be music as long as the local forecast is presented. Little said the Weather Channel is so far back-logged on local equipment that he did not expect delivery and installation until July 1.

The local weather device will also have the capability of local keyboard input, which will enable Showcase to provide information to the subscribers on the bottom of the screen. It will also be available for community service announcements.

A national study indicates that subscribers tune to the Channel at least four times a day for a total period of 20 minutes. Little said Showcase considers the Weather Channel to be a very valuable information channel for this area.

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Fortnightly club hosts meeting

The GFWC Fortnightly Study Club of Merkel was host for the District meeting June 8 at Heritage Hall here. There were 58 members present for the program on work themes.

Tommye Reisenberg gave the invocation which was followed by members giving pledges to the U. S. & Texas flags. A welcome was given by Mrs. Orvel

Hill, president of the Merkel club and Mrs. Andy Shouse recognized the new club presidents. Mrs. J. W. Hammond gave the district president's theme "Smile-Go The Second Mile". New rules, scholarships and memberships were discussed.

The Club wanted to thank everyone that had a part in making the meeting a success and a

special thanks to Mr. Don Hensley, president of the Farmers & Merchants National Bank for his donation. Mrs. Jack Hogan won the cake that was given away and Mrs. Virginia Baker won the hand painted letter opener.

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Softball tourney set

Girls softball and boys baseball will host a softball tournament June 22 at 6 p.m. This will be a 3-2 mixed

torunament and the cost is \$5 per player. Contact Seymors Insurance, Bill Sloan at 928-5249 or Gaston Thomas.

Public notices

NOTICE OF RATE CHANGE REQUEST AND STATEMENT OF INTENT

Notice is hereby given that TAYLOR ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE INC. (the "Utility") intends to change rates for electric utility service effective July 14, 1984. The increase requested over test year revenues is \$1,466,203 or 13 per cent.

The changes are applicable to all areas and all customers served by the Utility. The classes and numbers of Utility customers are affected as follows:

Farm and Home - 6,875, Residential Space Heating - 1,143, Small Commercial - 3,383, Large Power 35-500 KW - 94, Large Power 50-1000 - 1, Irrigation - 178, Cotton Gin - 2, Municipal Pumping - 1, Santa Fe - 1, Rectifiers - 44, Security Lights - 2,548.

The Utility intends to change its service rules and regulations including rules related to obtaining service, line extension charges, the provision of electric service, service fees, and discontinuance of service.

Implementation of the proposed changes is subject to approval by the appropriate regulatory authority. A statement of intent including the proposed revisions

oftariff and schedules and a statement specifying in detail each proposed change is available at the general office of the Utility located at P. O. Box 250, Merkel, Texas, 79536.

Persons wishing to intervene or otherwise participate in these proceedings should notify the Commission as soon as possible. A request to intervene, participate, or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, 7800 Shoal Creek Boulevard, Suite 400N, Austin, Texas 78757. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission Consumer Affairs Division at (512) 458-0223 or (512) 458-0227, or (512) 458-0221 teletypewriter for the deaf.

CAMPBELL MCGINNIS
ATTORNEY FOR THE UTILITY
67-4tc

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: REX CARMICHAEL Address Unknown, Respondent;
GREETINGS
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable 326th District Court, Taylor County, 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 CHRISTIAN HOMES OF ABILENE, INC., Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 9th day of May, 1984, against Rex Carmichael, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 65CX on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Interest of BABY BOY CARMICHAEL, A Child", the nature of which suit is a request to the Court to determine what parent-child relationship exist between the child and the Respondent and that such parent-child relationship be terminated.

Said child was born the 5th day of May, 1984, in ABILENE, Taylor County, Texas.

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgement 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.

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 1st day of June, 1984.

Rilla Mahoney Clerk
326th District Court
Taylor County, Texas
by JoAnn Lackey, Deputy.
67-1tc

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: KYLE STEVENS ADDRESS UNKNOWN ALBUQUERQUE NEW MEXICO, 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 Christian Homes of Abilene, Inc., Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 9th day of May, 1984, against Kyle Stevens, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 65-CX on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Interest of Baby Boy Carmichael, a Child", the nature of which suit is a request to That the Court determine what parent-child relationship

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

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgement of decree in the children interest which will be binding upon you.

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 29th day of May, 1984.

Rilla Mahoney Clerk
326th District Court
Taylor County, Texas
by JoAnn Lackey, Deputy.
67-1tc

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
THE STATE OF TEXAS -County of Taylor.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That by virtue of a certain Execution issued out of the Honorable District Court of Dallas County, for the sum of Fifty nine thousand six hundred twenty four and 30/100 Dollars and costs of suit, under a Judgement, in

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Merkel elementary holding first ever summer sessions

Merkel Elementary school is currently running its first ever summer sessions and according to principal David Casey, the project is going better than he could have expected.

They are offering remedial reading at the 3rd, 4th and 5th grade levels, remedial general skills at those levels, and a course designed to familiarize those same age children to the world of computers.

Casey told *The Mail* Tuesday "This is the first time we have been able to identify children who need help, or to identify children that are ready for more, and then have something for them. I can't tell you how excited I am about these programs so far."

He said about 50 students were enrolled in the remedial classes and about the same number in the computer class. The computer class is a three week course and he said there are still some openings for the term that will start June 25th. He encouraged interested parents to contact his office for more details.

The remedial classes will meet for six weeks.

Casey said about the computer program "This whole thing would not have started if we hadn't had the needed money, raised by the PTO and teachers here to buy the computers and without a teacher like Laura Stegemoller. She has been doing a wonderful job with these kids, as are the other

teachers we have this summer."

Casey said he also felt another reason the summer school is going over so well is because a teacher's committee met for six weeks during the school year planning the curriculum, as well as the mailing of letters to parents of students in need of remedial training.

Casey said of that committee "Because of that planning, this has been a quality effort."

The students in the computer course were being instructed in simple BASIC programs when I visited Tuesday, and were doing two line programs that would tell the computer to print a certain message an infinite number of times (known as looping.) The children have also been taught the meaning of other BASIC commands, as well as other ways of using the Apple II E.

Casey added "I am amazed what these kids are learning about computers. Kids at this age can learn a lot more about these machines faster than an adult can because kids aren't afraid of many things. Most adults are scared to death the first time they sit behind a computer."

Casey summed up by saying "We just wanted to offer some summer enrichment to give the good students, and the students that need help, opportunities to learn that we don't have time to, or the resources to give them during the school year."



§ Laura Stegemoller and David Casey (center with glasses), Merkel's Elementary school principal, watch local 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students learn the basics of BASIC programming. This is the first year MBD has ever offered a summer school at the Elementary level. [Staff photo by Cloy A. Richards.]

That's how it works...

Merkel summer school teacher Laura Stegemoller checks on the progress of a couple of her students at classes Tuesday morning. [Staff photo by Cloy A. Richards.]

Council meets, pays bills

The Merkel City Council held a short, routine meeting at the Merkel Emergency Medical Service building.

Council heard that a proposal, made by the Taylor County Appraisal District to collect Merkel's delinquent taxes, was denied by the Appraisal District's board of directors.

That move puzzled Merkel city manager J. A. Sadler and mayor Kent Satterwhite.

They agreed they couldn't understand why the board would refuse to accept a contract that

its employees had drawn up. The city decided to sign a contract with the law firm of McCreary & Hewitt, a firm based in Austin that collects delinquent taxes statewide.

A new state law allows the city to add their collection charges, usually about 15 per cent, to the taxpayer's taxes due to insure the city 100 per cent of the tax.

MISD is also under contract with the Austin firm to collect its past due taxes.

Council adjourned after paying the accounts.

Classes, meetings, visit, Brad...more

by Cloy A. Richards

It did my heart well to spend a little time at Merkel Elementary School Tuesday morning.

I had a chance to talk with principal David Casey and observe some of their first ever summer school sessions here.

During our chat, I asked David what was the alternative for these children that are in remedial summer school without the program. He countered with a response that sums up what I feel, is the worth of this program "I guess they would have to struggle in the classroom from now on.

That's not too bright of an educational future for an elementary school child.

The other summer program is a computer familiarization and a basic BASIC programming course for children in the third through the 5th grade (next year).

Casey was also very excited about that program, and it's a good thing to know about MISD.

Although county officials were being very quiet and had little details to offer, former Merkel Country Club owner John Schreck was arraigned Tuesday afternoon in District Court in Abilene for "aggravated possession of methamphetamine (speed)". The raid by a special team of state narcotics agents was witnessed by a couple of friends who called it "something I have only seen on television."

When I arrived on the scene, two of the agents were preparing to take photos for evidence and when I identified myself as a reporter, I was asked, instructed, told to make myself scarce, because they were in the process of conducting another raid and they wouldn't have anything to say about the details of the raid or charges today.

When a person explains a

situation to you in that manner, you stop asking questions and leave, unless you are Mike Wallace with a cameraman, sound man, gopher and a producer in tow.

A meeting for parents interested in youth soccer here will meet June 25th at 7 p.m. at Taylor Electric.

Reports from the meetings will be used to determine how many children here are interested in playing soccer.

Also, a meeting to start a women's softball league will be held tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 p.m. at Taylor Electric.

All coaches and managers should attend. All women that have played on a team before should also attend.

We had a good time in College Station this weekend, visiting with some relatives I haven't seen in quite a while.

Dad caught the biggest bass he'd caught in his life (a 4.75 pounder according to my cousin's Zebco De-Liar) and also a three and a half pound bass. I'd rather not talk about my results. I then took Joey to the same tank and he caught a nifty bass and catfish again I plead the 5th on my catch.

My sister and her family were trying to readjust to the good ol' US after a tour in Germany with hubby Major Jon Thompson. Got to visit with my old golf coach at Temple Junior College and meet a niece I hadn't seen before.

It was a nice break.

I have to apologize to about five people who were looking for their Classified ads in last week's paper to no avail.

I started a "new system" and forgot to tell Melanie about it and lost them. I am sorry, especially to a couple of concerned, but nice

ladies that set up for a garage sale that was not advertised.

Ah, the life of the small town newspaper editor.

Merkel's Brad Pursley will jump in the Olympic Qualifying Trials starting next Tuesday in Los Angeles.

Pursley, one of the top vaulters in the US, will face some excellent jumpers while trying to claim one of the three available spots on the team. You may remember my column not too long ago (Mom, are you there) about Earl Bell. Sports fans know that Bell went over 19 feet this weekend and still has not said whether he will jump for the US or Panama.

Funny how events in the world of sports have a way of hitting home.

Anyway, we wish Brad the best of luck in the trials. It would be wonderful for Merkel to be represented in the Olympics, but, Brad has already done a lot for the town.

Mashburn-Pack receive scholarships

Two Merkel High school graduates were awarded scholarships in the worship services at the First United Methodist Church this past Sunday. Mr. & Mrs. Leslie Pool set up the fund last year in memory of Samuel Ginn and Martha Jane Tipton (parents of Mrs. Pool).

The two scholarship recipients are Chris Mashburn son of Jo Ann Mashburn and Denise Pack, daughter of Ray & Heidi Pack.

Chris is a 1983 MHS graduate. He received the Tipton Scholar-

ship last year before entering Tarleton State University. His major is veterinary medicine and he is working for a veterinarian in Dublin while attending school.

Denise is a 1984 graduate. She is also attending Tarleton State University, having begun this summer.

Congratulations are in order for Merkel businessman Chris Young, as he was named Abilene Jaycee of the Year. He owns and operates Boney Insurance Agency here. He and his wife, Patti, were also both named the Jaycee's Board of Directors.

There is a Fun Day ad in the paper for those who though there may not be one this year. Money raised at this year's event will be used to purchase trees for the city park.

WTU files for 12.4 per cent rate increase

West Texas Utilities Company has filed for an increase in its electric rates for retail customers.

Local WTU manager Glenn Teaff said the application was filed Friday June 8, a full year since WTU's last rate application, and is a system-wide request for higher rates. Simultaneous filings were made in all incorporated towns and with the Public Utility Commission of Texas at Austin for an increase in rural areas, unincorporated towns and in 21 municipalities which have ceded jurisdiction over electrical rates.

The proposal calls for annual additional revenues of \$30,845,695 or a 12.4 per cent increase. Teaff said the additional revenue is necessary to carry out WTU's current heavy construction program, which includes a new coal-fired power plant at Oklahoma near Vernon.

"By the time these rates become effective, we will have spent \$167 million on the Oklahoma Power station and related projects," Teaff said. "Our last rate increase was not enough to carry through this construction program, which

electric service to our customers." WTU had requested an increase of \$26.6 million in its filing in June of 1983. A hearing in that case was held and the final PUC order granting about half of the increase requested became effective January 4, 1984.

The Oklahoma Plant will be completed in late 1986, almost 10 years after WTU's newest existing generating unit was completed at Fort Phantom Power Station near Abilene.

Citing a "light at the end of the tunnel" Teaff said WTU's spending should taper off as the construction program nears completion. Also, since coal is much cheaper for generating electricity than natural gas or oil, the fuel cost should be more stable after the new plant comes on line.

No major changes in rate structure are included in WTU's proposal. The requested rate would mean that a residential customer using 600 kilowatt-hours a month would pay \$7.55 more each month for electricity. A commercial customer using 1,700 kWh would pay \$19.37 more. These amounts include fuel costs.

I just don't see how they do it for less than 25 cents

by Russell McAnally

Not long ago, a friend from the Panhandle of Texas came to visit with us here. She was complaining about the "highway robbery" concerning the cost of **The Amarillo Globe News** daily newspaper. I listened with interest as I had some other opinions. I told the nice lady about **The Abilene Reporter News**. I have no way of knowing how many people work on that newspaper. I read their paper every morning and see the local news, the world news, society, sports, markets, Ann Landers, Buzz Sawyer, and other interesting articles including the Editorial page. All of this material is gathered, printed and delivered to my house 25 miles away for only 25 cents. That is almost unbelievable. John Young is to be complimented on his almost perfect delivery service at 4:30 a.m. at my house.

Now, let us take a closer look at our own local newspaper, **The Merkel Mail**. I can almost hear someone say "It won't take long to look at it." I have lived in several small towns about the size of

Merkel. It is about the same here as it is in other small towns. The Editor struggling to do the best he or she can under very difficult conditions and the people complaining about the same.

I feel I have some things in common with small town Editors as a pastor. I remember the problems I had as a Pastor. There were always a few lovely people who delighted in going to the hospital and getting home before the pastor discovered they were there. They generally told me it didn't matter, but that is not what they told others. They just couldn't believe that I didn't know they they were in the hospital.

On the Texas Plains, an elderly lady went to the hospital. On the third day of her stay, I learned she was in the hospital and drove 30 miles to see her. As I went into the room, she looked up and said "You finally came to see me, I am surprised you came at all." One of the friends with her in the room said "If I was your preacher, I wouldn't come to see you again the way you talk."

What I am saying is, if we would let the local newspaper know that

Aunt Georgie and her 12 kids visited with us last week, that might be news. Sometimes, a news story gets more coverage by not being in the newspaper. We knew it should have been in the paper, and it wasn't. By the time we get through telling people about the story that should have been in the newspaper but wasn't, more people know about it than if it had been in the paper.

Most of our Churches would be more effective if their members would work and talk about the good within instead of magnifying the imperfections of the same. Our local newspaper could know great improvement if the people would realize that it is OUR newspaper and offer the help in news gathering so much needed and appreciated. I do not see how the owner and Editor of **The Merkel Mail** can possibly give us as much as they do and deliver it to our homes for about 20 cents per week. I am not getting paid to write this commercial for **The Merkel Mail** and I certainly wouldn't work up this column for the entire 25 cents it costs you for the whole newspaper.



Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Greenfield

Greenfield's 60th anniversary plans told

Mr. & Mrs. Andrew J. Greenfield will be celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary at a reception Sunday.

The reception will be held at the Family Center of the Merkel Church of Christ from 2 until 4 p.m. They ask that no gifts be given.

Emergency officers

The Merkel Emergency Medical Service met for their regular meeting Wednesday and elected new officers.

Elected president was Vernon Wade; vice-president Robert Harris; secretary-treasurer Blanche Hewitt, directors Jan Williams and Steve Cochran and medical advisor Dr. Tran.

A new ordinance was also adopted.

Attending the meeting were members Annette Melton, Jan Williams, Cynthia Casady, Robert & Connie Harris, Randy Leverich, Steve Cochran, Vernon & Ann Wade, Blanche Hewitt and associates Steve McNally and Mike Pippen.

Governor boosts organ donations

By Governor Mark White

AUSTIN—Since the first successful cornea transplant in Austria in 1905, medical scientists have discovered new surgical techniques and anti-rejection drugs to improve dramatically the survival rate of organ transplant patients.

Given the growing demand for life-saving transplant operations, I appointed the first committee of its kind in the nation last July to suggest ways to encourage more people to become organ donors and to streamline the matching of potential donors and transplant patients.

The Special Coordinating Committee to Facilitate Organ Transplants consists of 11 representatives from state agencies, the medical community, and the interested public. In its final report submitted this week, the committee documents the unmet demand for donated organs and recommends ways the state can support private sector efforts to improve its organ transplant delivery system.

Today, in this country alone, there are 7,000 patients waiting for kidney transplants, 24 waiting for heart transplants, and another 130 adults and children approved as candidates for life-saving liver surgery.

An average of 20,000 Americans die each year under circumstances that would make organ donation possible, yet only 10 to 15 percent of these actually donate their organs. At the same time, many donated organs are discarded because a suitable recipient is not identified in time or because there is no available transplantation center capable of using these donated organs. The Southwest Organ Bank, for example, discarded 105 out of 512 donated kidneys.

We must find ways to eliminate this tragic waste and educate the

Malone-Miller
visit Louisiana.

Goldia Malone & Rutha Miller spent last week in Louisiana. They visited the Richardson Beefmaster Ranch at Pleasant Hill where nephew R. A. Pillars is herdsman. They went fishing and picked blackberries, then went to Lafayette to visit Rutha's brother Jimmy Lee Herring & family. Goldia's niece and nephew, the Bob Richardson's were also visited. Rutha went sight seeing and took pictures of old land marks and a castle. The picked tomatoes and dug potatoes. Goldia went shopping and toured Lafayette and saw some beautiful homes and old plantations. Lot's of rain, fat cattle and good grazing were found there. Goldia reported a return visit is being planned.

nors a special adhesive decal to attach to their driver's license. Another major committee recommendation involves the creation of a Texas Council on Organ Transplantation to educate the public about organ donations and to collect and coordinate a centralized listing of organ donors, patients needing transplants, and locations of all available transplantation centers in the state.

The committee suggests encouraging the Texas Hospital Association, Texas Medical Association, Texas Osteopathic Medical Association, and Texas Nursing Association to develop uniform

guidelines to make systematic efforts to procure organ transplants.

While these recommendations require further study and, in some cases, potential legislative action, they represent an important first step toward improving equitable access to organs donated by unselfish Texans.

Organ transplantation should remain the primary responsibility of the private medical community, but state government can play an important support role and improve the dialogue between all persons involved in this complicated effort to match donor and patient in need.

Mrs. Cockrell, former Merkelite, succumbs

Mrs. Blance Carey Cockrell, 73, of Fort Worth, died last Tuesday evening. Funeral services were held at the Polytechnic Baptist Church Central in Fort Worth last Friday at 10 a.m.

She was born Dec. 25, 1910 and was the daughter of William & Mary Smith Carye of Cross Plains. She married M. L. Rayford Dec. 25th, 1937 in Sweetwater. She was a member of the

Polytechnic Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband, L. R. Cockrell Sr., of Fort Worth; 2 sons, Larry of Garland and Cary Don of Brownwood; a daughter Mrs. Betty Joe Lewis of Hannibal, Mo.; a sister Mrs. Alice Walter of Fort Worth and two brothers, Clement Cary of Crain and Oliver Carey of Lubbock.

Mrs. Cockrell had been raised as a child here.



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5. Show open to any horse of any breed.
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9. In case of rain, show will be post-poned one week.

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Albany getting ready for Fandangle: New Mulberry Canyon, Blair residents shows set June 21-23, 28-30

Tickets for the 1984 version of the Fort Griffin Fandangle, scheduled to run for six performances June 21-23 and 28-30 at the Prairie Theatre, are now available to the public, according to Patsy Rose, executive secretary of the Fandangle Association.

The annual production, which was first produced in Albany almost 50 years ago, will this summer feature the "old time Cowboy," depicting through song, dance and narration his life as a pioneer in the cattle industry. The show, as a whole, attempts to recreate "look and feel of times long since past" and involves as many as 200 local amateur performers, directed by Marge Bray.

Tickets in four different price ranges, \$7, \$6, \$5, and \$3 may be reserved by calling a special Fandangle telephone number 736-3642, or by writing P. O. Box 185, Albany, Texas 76430. Group discounts are also available. Reservations not accompanied by payment will only be held until 5 p.m. the day of the show.

Although the Fandangle itself doesn't begin until dusk, Fandangle visitors are encouraged to come early to participate in several related activities.

Barbecue will be served on the courthouse square from 5 until 8 p.m. prior to each performance. Joe Allen's Barbecue of Abilene will cater the meals, with prices set at \$5 for adults and \$3 for children, plus tax.

The Courthouse, which celebrated its centennial in 1983, will remain open while barbecue is being served.

Windows in downtown stores will be decorated with antiques and Fandangle related items, and the First National Bank of Albany will be open late in order for visitors to view an exhibition featuring three well-known Western artists, Ronald Thomason, Covelle Jones and Henry W. Caylor.

The Old Jail Art Center, located one half block east of the Courthouse square, will be high-

lighting a photo-documentary of the "Old Stone Ranch", recently restored homestead of the Matthews-Reynolds family. The OJAC is currently in the midst of a major expansion, but construction shouldn't cause any problems for visitors.

The 100 year-old Ledbetter Pickett House, nestled under large shade trees in the downtown Bank Park, will also be open, showing visitors what many rural homes looked like in the frontier days of this part of Texas. One block behind the Pickett House is the Jacobs house, the first permanent residence built in Albany and restored a number of years ago. Guides will be posted in both homes to answer questions.

Only a few steps away is the historic Matthews Memorial Presbyterian Church, where organist Bill Foster will play the impressive handmade pipe organ, and church members will be on hand

to give the church's history. The building will be open from 5:30 to 7:30.

Another attraction, planned on the 2nd Thursday of the Fandangle season, June 28, is the annual Fandangle parade. The parade will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the downtown area.

When visitors drive out to the Prairie Theatre, located on the northwestern outskirts of Albany, they will be greeted with calliope music played on the authentic Fandangle steam calliope by Louann George. The performances will begin each night at dusk.

Information sheets listing all activities and times will be available at the Albany Chamber of Commerce office, located in a restored railroad depot near the Bank Park. The depot also houses the Fandangle offices.

Additional sheets will be placed at the Courthouse and the Old Jail Art Center.

Several Mulberry Canyon residents showed up at the Old Demere homeplace last Saturday morning. No, it wasn't a barn raising, that seems to have gone out of style; but one custom we hope never fades away is extending a good old fashioned welcome to folks when they move to our community.

For the last few years, the old Demere homeplace has been the Charlie Davis homestead. Recently, Mrs. Davis' parents, Mr. & Mrs. Paul Lister, have become permanent resi-

dents of Mulberry Canyon. A get acquainted coffee was hosted by Mrs. Lister's daughter, Susie Davis. Attending the special occasion were Mabel Scott, Mary Russom, Eva Horton, Nell Brnovak, Alice King, Kathy Barnes, Lynn Barnes, Lucille Allen, Claudette Harris and several well behaved children. Good fellowship and refresh-

ments were enjoyed by all and everyone seemed to agree that neighbors should get together more often. We extend a hearty welcome to Paul and Dannie Lou Lister; now, while we are on the subject of welcoming new residents to the Canyon, we want to take this opportunity to welcome each new family in Blair. They are: The Claude Childress, Jim

Ross, Louis Lerma, and Tom Wilson families. P. S. Have you prayed for rain today?

"If my people which are called by name shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." 11 Chronicles 7: 14 J. M. & C.H.

Results from recent 2 lady scramble at Merkel golf course

The following are the results from the recent ladies, two person scramble held Saturday at the Merkel Golf Course.

Championship Flight
Gina Menke & Edie Bledsoe (Abilene) 1st; Jo Sterling & Juanita Hester (Snyder) 2nd; Robbie Shugart & Faye Robertson (Merkel) 3rd and Erma Kemper & Linda Williams (Baird) 4th.

First Flight
Rene Cloud & Susie Blankenship (Baird) 1st, Lola Milstead & Mabel Compton (Hamlin) 2nd; Donnis Whitehead & Retha Bewley (Abilene) 3rd and Brenda Jackson & Debbie Jackson (Merkel) 4th.

Second Flight
Wanda Hendricks & Ellen Clark (Oklahoma & Merkel) 1st; Sonja Toliver & Jane Murrell (Merkel) 2nd; Ida Seymore & Jeanette Pursley (Merkel) 3rd and Helen Little & Pam Bannister (Dyess) 4th.

Special prizes (awarded by Home State Bank) were given to Rae Sparr of Abilene for the longest drive and Donnis Whitehead of Abilene for the most accurate drive. Special prizes (awarded by United Savings) went to Robbie Shugart of Merkel for closes to the pin on number 3 and Jo Ann Smith of Merkel for closest to the pin on number 5.

Xi Nu Eta holds meeting

The Xi Nu Eta chapter of Beta Sigma Phi held their May meeting in the home of Kathy Dacy in Abilene. Members present included Kathy Dacy, Jana Nelson, Maxine Cockrell, Marilyn Tittle, Cathy Pack & Dee McCollum.

Officers installation was held and incoming president Jana Nelson presided over the meeting.

The programs were given by Mrs. Dacy on "International Cuisine" with an international salad buffet prepared from the Beta Sigma Phi International cookbook, and on being a secret sister.

Secret Sisters revealing was held and new Secret Sisters were drawn for the 1984-85 sorority year.

Their next meeting will be held in the home of Cathy Pack, 1515 Heath here Sept. 14.

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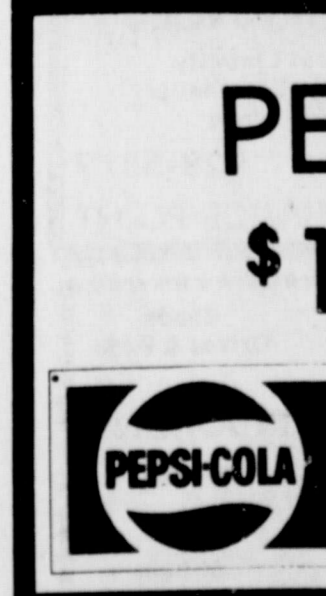
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For many Texans credit cards are an every day convenience. But credit cards can be a major headache when they are used improperly or when the card company's computer makes an error in your bill.

The best advice for credit card users is to keep a copy of each receipt and compare receipts with charges when you receive your bill. If you find an error, you should attempt to settle the dispute as soon as possible.

WHAT THE LAW SAYS

Under the federal *Fair Credit Billing Act*, the consumer has 60 days to send a written notice to the credit card company of any errors in his bill. Be sure to include your account number and an explanation of why you think the bill is incorrect. The company must acknowledge your complaint within 30 days of receiving it and must take appropriate action within 90 days. The company is required by law either to make corrections in the bill or to investigate the complaint and explain why the consumer owes the amount billed.

In cases where the consumer says he or she was billed for an item never received, it is the credit card company's duty to verify that the item was actually delivered or mailed.

COMPLAINTS

If you have a complaint about your bill, the company may not close your account prior to doing the above and sending you a written explanation of your account. You will have at least 10 days from the time you receive the explanation to pay the disputed amount. After that time, the company can declare your account delinquent and report that information to third parties. However, the law says the company must also report that the bill is in dispute, and must give the consumer written notice if the delinquency is reported to third parties.

If the dispute is later resolved, the creditor must notify the same parties of the resolution.

If your credit card company allows you to pay the full balance without payment of a finance charge, the company must give you at least 14 days from the date the bill is mailed to pay that bill.

FOR MORE HELP

If you feel that you have been treated unfairly by a credit card company after following the procedures outlined above, you may contact my Consumer Protection Division for assistance. There are Consumer

Protection offices in Austin, Dallas, El Paso, Lubbock, McAllen, and San Antonio. The Attorney General's office is the people's law firm. We're here to help you.

WINNERS & LOSERS



Americans are real winners when it comes to inflation, lately. As measured by the Consumer Price Index, it was only 3.9 percent for 1982. Many experts attribute this to our having a strong President with an effective fiscal policy.

Americans were losers to inflation under the last administration. In fact, the rate reached 13.3 percent in 1979.



Hart's-Stephens grandchild

Mr. & Mrs. Don Hart and Mr. & Mrs. Robert Stephan are happy to announce the arrival of their first grandchild, Stephani Dawn Hart was born June 5th at

Hendrick Memorial Hospital, weighing 8 lbs, 10 and a half ounces and was 21 inches long. Stephani's parents are Andy and Netta Hart of Albany.

Howk completes basic training

A1C Theodore E. Howk, son of Carl E. & Addie Howk of Merkel, has recently completed basic training.

Howk is married to the former Becky Teague, daughter of Gerald D & Pat N Teague of Fort Worth. Airman Howk will be stationed at Sheppard

Air Force Base, Texas, where he will receive instruction in the civil engineering field. He is a 1983 graduate of Merkel High.

Patton-Baccus plans told

Mrs. Clara Lee Patton and Mr. Roy Baccus were married June 7th at 3 p.m. at his home on 800 N 7th here. The

service was performed by Rev. E. D. Landreth of Englewood, Colorado. They will live in Abilene.

Both Mr. & Mrs. Baccus have lived in Taylor County all of their lives and have many friends who wish them well.

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Little League names stars Saturday

The Merkel Little League will close out their 1984 season this week with the playoffs beginning Friday. There are still three teams alive for first place. They include the Willies with a 9-3 record, the Vets with an 8-3 record and the Braves with a 7-3-1 record. The Vets and the Braves were set

to play at 7 p.m. tonight (Thursday) with the winner playing the Willies Friday or Saturday night (the time will be set at a later date.)

The rest of the standings for the year were the Supers 4th, Greenbacks 5th, Kilowatts 6th, Bankers 7th.

The League wanted to thank the parents and sponsors for making the '84 season very successful. The year will close Saturday at 8 p.m. with the awards ceremony and the announcement of this year's All Stars. Everyone is invited to attend and support these fine young men.

Two Merkel girls placed in the Taylor-Callahan 4-H horse show at the Ray Boshart Arena in Abilene.

Candice Henslee, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. John Henslee, placed 1st

in the poles, 1st in stakes 4th in barrels and 2nd in grade mares, any breed, any age. Mandy Pack, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Duke Pack places 2nd in grade gelding, any breed, any age.

They will be snowing in the district show set this weekend in Abilene.



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State ag department plan boosting Texas

(AUSTIN) -- Approximately 40 Texas food processors have applied to use the new TASTE OF TEXAS logo, a trademark of the Texas Department of Agriculture, on their labels, in their advertising and on other promotional materials. Any Texas food company that uses Texas agricultural commodities in the processing of their products may qualify to use the TASTE OF TEXAS red, white and blue logo.

In addition to food manufacturers, TDA has encouraged Texas supermarkets to join the TASTE OF TEXAS campaign. "We are delighted with the enthusiastic response from retailers," says Susan DeMarco, TDA assistant commissioner for marketing and agricultural development. "We estimate that by June there will be over 1,000 retail food stores in Texas using the logo on shelf talkers, price cards and in newspaper ads."

The TASTE OF TEXAS campaign was officially announced by DeMarco at a State Capitol news conference attended by country music singer-songwriter Rudy Gatlin and actor-Texas folklorist Guich Kooek. Both are aiding the TASTE OF TEXAS media campaign at no cost to the state.

"Texas food products are second to none in quality, and we are taking that message directly to consumers," DeMarco said. "The goal of the campaign is to encourage Texas food shoppers to support the state's agriculture community by buying products raised, processed and packed in Texas."

"Not only can this promotional program be of real benefit to Texas producers and processors, but the whole state can gain by keeping more of our food dollars in our local economy."

But the TASTE OF TEXAS campaign isn't limited to the Lone Star State. DeMarco added. "On July 25, the TASTE OF TEXAS flag will fly over Faneuil Hall in Boston. Mayor Raymond L. Flynn has declared the entire week "Texas Week" and July 25 is TASTE OF TEXAS day in Boston.

"Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby and House Speaker Gib Lewis have been

invited to join TDA as we give food buyers in New England a personal taste of Texas where they'll enjoy it most--their stomachs."

Gatlin told the news conference that he and his Grammy award-winning brothers donated their talents to the TASTE OF TEXAS campaign out of pride. "We did it because we're proud to be from Texas. We know just how important agriculture is to the entire Texas economy. And we did it because we're proud to be associated with a quality promotional campaign."

Before participants to the news conference enjoyed a sampling of the brisket, barbecue sauce, beans, rice, tortillas and chips already approved to bear the logo.

Kooek also expressed his reasons for supporting TASTE OF TEXAS.

"Remember what your mother used to say," Kooek said. "Don't put that in your

mouth. You don't know where it's been. It just might have come from California."



The word pencil originally referred to a painter's brush. When the modern pencil came into use in the late 17th century, it was known as a "dry pencil."

"A loafer always has the correct time." Kin Hubbard



At a Capitol news conference, Texas Department of Agriculture assistant commissioner for marketing and agricultural development Susan DeMarco explains the details of the TASTE OF TEXAS promotional campaign that aims to identify and boost sales of Texas agricultural products. To the right is Rudy Gatlin, one third of the renowned country music trio, the Gatlin Brothers Band. The Gatlins have donated their time to cut a series of public service announcements promoting the TASTE OF TEXAS campaign.

Good News Department

For The Lucky Ones, Poverty Is Kid Stuff

For some children in war-torn El Salvador, poverty is no longer the same deprivation adults have given them for years. There's now one big difference. They've been sponsored by caring Americans who are literally saving their lives for 73 cents a day.

Rosa lives in San Salvador with her parents, three brothers, and a sister in a three-room house with

a damp earth floor. Every family member has to work, if possible. But with care received from Foster Parents Plan in Warwick, R.I., she can count on clean water, nourishing food, and clothing. She doesn't feel poor.

In El Salvador, in particular, Foster Parents Plan is able to work with both warring sides as a respected non-political, non-religious human service organization. Their work of helping children and their families goes on, uninterrupted by the strife around them.

For free brochures, write Foster Parents Plan, Dept. D-120, 155 Plan Way, Warwick, RI 02887 or call, toll-free 1-800-556-7918.



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Also, the following people donated in the memory of Opal Sandusky & Mary Bird: Mr. & Mrs. W. D. Gamble; Mary Mosier, Mrs. Trula V. Cox.

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exist between the child and any other persons and to terminate the parent-child relationship.

Said child was born the 5th day of May, 1984, in Abilene, Taylor County, Texas.

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgement 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.

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 14th day of May, 1984. Rilla Mahoney Clerk 326th District Court Taylor County, Texas by Kelly Gandy, Deputy. 67-1tc

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: GLENDA LOUISE CLAYTON Residence Unknown, 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 CARL D. CLAYTON, Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 24th day of May, 1984, against GLENDA LOUISE CLAYTON, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 10,544-C on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Matter of Marriage of CARL D. CLAYTON and GLENDA LOUISE CLAYTON", the nature of which suit is a request to the Court to grant a divorce between the Petitioner and Respondent and decree such other relief as requested in the petition.

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 upon you. The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgement of decree in the children interest which will be binding upon you. 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 1st day of June, 1984. Rilla Mahoney Clerk 326th District Court Taylor County, Texas by JoAnn Lackey, Deputy. 67-1tc

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: KYLE STEVENS ADDRESS UNKNOWN ALBUQUERQUE NEW MEXICO, 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 'Christian Homes of Abilene, Inc., Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 9th day of May, 1984, against Kyle Stevens, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 65-CX on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Interest of BABY BOY CARMICHAEL, A Child", the nature of which suit is a request to the Court to determine what parent-child relationship exist between the child and the Respondent and that such parent-child relationship be terminated.

Said child was born the 5th day of May, 1984, in ABILENE, Taylor County, Texas. The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgement 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.

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.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE -County of Taylor. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That by virtue of a certain Execution issued out of the Honorable District Court of Dallas County, of the 13th day of April, 1984, by Execution of said District Court, for the sum of Fifty nine thousand six hundred twenty four and 30/100 Dollars and costs of suit, under a Judgement, in

favor of Schlumberger Well Services, A Division of Schulmberger Technology Corp. vs. Hamco Exploration & Development Co. & North Texas Petroleum, Inc., placed in my hands for service, I John W. Middleton as Sheriff of Taylor County, Texas, did, on the 8th day of June, 1984, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Taylor County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit:

All that certain tract of land described in an oil and gas lease dated April 1, 1982, from Ira Travis Farmer and wife, Margaret Phyllis Farmer as Lessors, and Hamco Exploration and Development Company and Lessee, recorded in volume 1242, Page 172, Deed Records of Taylor County, Texas, and more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

TRACT ONE: Being 70.034 acres of land out of Survey No. 3, Block No. 18, T & P RR Co. Survey, Taylor County, Texas, described by metes and bounds as follows: Beginning at a concrete monument set S 13 deg. E 252.9 vrs and S 77 deg. W 447.75 vrs from the NE corner of Survey 3, for the NE and beginning corner of this tract; Thence S 13 deg. E 512.4 vrs; Thence S 77 deg. W 728.25 vrs for the SW corner of this tract; Thence N 13 deg. W 170.7 vrs; Thence 77 deg. W 65 vrs to a point in the center line of a County Road; Thence N 13 deg. W 341.7 vrs along the center line of said County Road to a point in its center line; Thence N 77 deg. E 793.25 vrs to the place of beginning.

TRACT TWO: Being 40.836 acres out of Survey 3, Block 18, T & P RR Company Survey, Taylor County, Texas, described by metes and bounds as follows: Beginning at a concrete monument set South 13 deg. East 252.9 varas from the Northeast corner of Survey 3, Block 18, T & P RR CO. Survey, Taylor County,

Texas, for the NE and beginning corner of this tract; Thence South 77 deg. West 447.75 varas to a concrete monument set for the NW corner of this tract; Thence South 13 deg. East 512.4 varas to a concrete monument set for the SW corner of this tract; Thence North 77 deg. East 447.75 varas to a point in the EBL in said Survey 3; Thence North 13 deg. West 512.4 varas to the place of beginning.

and levied upon as the property of Hamco Exploration & North Texas Petroleum, Inc. and that on the first Tuesday in July, 1984, the same being the 3rd day of said month at the Court House door, of Taylor County, in the City of Abilene, Texas, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., by virtue of said levy and said Execution, I will sell said above described Real estate at public vendue, for each, to the highest bidder, as the property of said Hamco Exploration & Development & North Texas Petroleum.

Sale will be held at 10:00 a.m.

THIS SALE WILL BE FOR CASH ONLY. A CASHIERS CHECK FROM A TAYLOR COUNTY BANK MAY BE ACCEPTED.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper published in Taylor County.

Witness my hand, this 12th day of June 1984. John W. Middleton Sheriff Taylor County, Texas By Eddie W. Swanson, Deputy. 67-3yc

THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: JOHN H. HOFFA, Whereabouts Unknown, Defendant, Greeting: You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before ten o'clock

A. M. of the first Monday the 2nd day of July, 1984, at or before ten o'clock A. M. before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County, Texas, at the Court House of said County in Abilene, Texas.

Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said Court, on the 17th day of May A. D. 1984, in this cause, numbered 38,769-A on the docket of said Court, and styled IN THE MATTER OF KELLY LYNN HOFFA, TRACI DAWN HOFFA & CHRISTOPHER JOHN HOFFA, Minor Children.

The name of the parties to the cause are as follows:

BARBARA L. ORR is Plaintiff and JOHN H. HOFFA is Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit:

Petitioner request that the names of the minor children be changes as requested in the Petition, and for such other and further relief to which Petitioner may be entitled either by law or in equity.

Petitioner request the Court to enter its order changing the surname of each of said minor children from "HOFFA" to "ORR" 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 process shall promptly execute the same according to law, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the Seal of Said Court at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 17th day of May, A. D. 1984.

Attest: Rilla Mahoney, Clerk 42nd District Court Taylor County, Texas by JoAnn Lackey, Deputy. 67-4tc

Showcase proud of Weather Channel

According to Bill Little, manager of Showcase Cablevision, the new Weather Channel from Atlanta is considered to be very unique. The Weather Channel has the most elaborate gathering and forecasting equipment available in the television industry today. The Weather Channel's storm tracking ability is considered most accurate. The Channel has the ability to forecast

weather accurately in a very small area. Each satellite is keyed to forecast the local weather through a device called the Weather Star. Every five minutes, the channel will switch to local weather conditions which will be displayed in white lettering on a blue or red background. Blue will indicate normal weather conditions while Red will indicate the possibility of severe weather for the local

area. It will remain red as long as the local condition is considered serious. The background sound will be music as long as the local forecast is presented. Little said the Weather Channel is so far back-logged on local equipment that he did not expect delivery and installation until July 1.

The local weather device will also have the capability of local keyboard input, which will enable Showcase to pro-

vide information to the subscribers on the bottom of the screen. It will also be available for community service announcements.

A national study indicates that subscribers tune to the Channel at least four times a day for a total period of 20 minutes. Little said Showcase considers the Weather Channel to be a very valuable information channel for this area.

Fortnightly club hosts meeting

The GFWC Fortnightly Study Club of Merkel was host for the District meeting June 8 at Heritage Hall here. There were 58 members present for the program on work themes.

Tommye Reisenberg gave the invocation which was followed by members giving pledges to the U. S. & Texas flags. A welcome was given by Mrs. Orvel

Hill, president of the Merkel club and Mrs. Andy Shouse recognized the new club presidents. Mrs. J. W. Hammond gave the district president's theme "Smile-Go The Second Mile". New rules, scholarships and memberships were discussed.

The Club wanted to thank everyone that had a part in making the meeting a success and a

special thanks to Mr. Don Hensley, president of the Farmers & Merchants National Bank for his donation. Mrs.

Jack Hogan won the cake that was given away and Mrs. Virginia Baker won the hand painted letter opener.

Softball tourney set

Girls softball and boys baseball will host a softball tournament June 22 at 6 p.m. This will be a 3-2 mixed

torunament and the cost is \$5 per player. Contact Seymors Insurance, Bill Sloan at 928-5249 or Gaston Thomas.

Public notices

NOTICE OF RATE CHANGE REQUEST AND STATEMENT OF INTENT

Notice is hereby given that TAYLOR ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE INC. (the 'Utility') intends to change rates for electric utility service effective July 14, 1984. The increase requested over test year revenues is \$1,466,203 or 13 per cent.

The changes are applicable to all areas and all customers served by the Utility. The classes and numbers of Utility customers are affected as follows:

Farm and Home - 6,875, Residential Space Heating - 1,143, Small Commercial - 3,383, Large Power 35-500 KW - 94, Large Power 50-1000 - 1, Irrigation - 178, Cotton Gin - 2, Municipal Pumping - 1, Santa Fe - 1, Rectifiers - 44, Security Lights - 2,548.

The Utility intends to change its service rules and regulations including rules related to obtaining service, line extension and line extension charges, the provision of electric service, service fees, and discontinuance of service.

Implementation of the proposed changes is subject to approval by the appropriate regulatory authority. A statement of intent including the proposed revisions

oftariff and schedules and a statement specifying in detail each proposed change is available at the general office of the Utility located at P. O. Box 250, Merkel, Texas, 79536.

Persons wishing to intervene or otherwise participate in these proceedings should notify the Commission as soon as possible. A request to intervene, participate, or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, 7800 Shoal Creek Boulevard, Suite 400N, Austin, Texas 78757. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission Consumer Affairs Division at (512) 458-0223 or (512) 458-0227, or (512) 458-0221 teletypewriter for the deaf.

CAMPBELL MCGINNIS ATTORNEY FOR THE UTILITY 67-4tc

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: REX CARMICHAEL Address Unknown, 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 CHRISTIAN HOMES OF ABILENE, INC., Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 9th day of May, 1984, against Rex Carmichael, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 65CX on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Interest of BABY BOY CARMICHAEL, A Child", the nature of which suit is a request to the Court to determine what parent-child relationship exist between the child and the Respondent and that such parent-child relationship be terminated.

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 1st day of June, 1984. Rilla Mahoney Clerk 326th District Court Taylor County, Texas by JoAnn Lackey, Deputy. 67-1tc

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: REX CARMICHAEL Address Unknown, 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 'Christian Homes of Abilene, Inc., Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 9th day of May, 1984, against Kyle Stevens, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 65-CX on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Interest of BABY BOY CARMICHAEL, A Child", the nature of which suit is a request to the Court to determine what parent-child relationship exist between the child and the Respondent and that such parent-child relationship be terminated.

Said child was born the 5th day of May, 1984, in ABILENE, Taylor County, Texas. The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgement 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.

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.

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OCEAN SPRAY WHOLE BERRY
CRANBERRY SAUCE 300 CAN 39¢
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GREEN **BEANS** CAN 53¢
PARADE 303 CS

GOLDEN **CORN** 2 FOR 83¢
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HUNTS 8 OZ

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