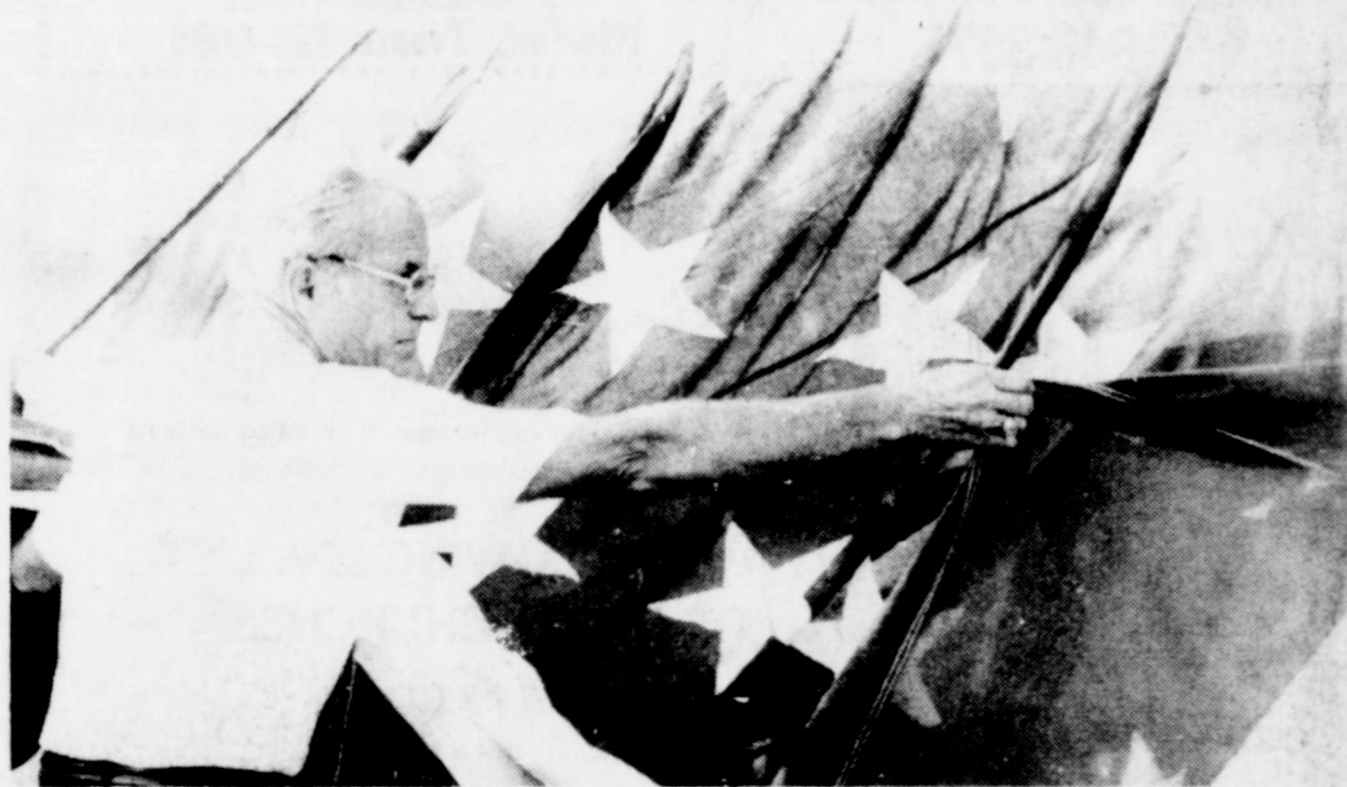


The Merkel Mail

Thursday, June 20, 1985 ... Merkel, Texas

Our 97th Year



§ Merkel mayor Kent Satterwhite had his hand full while helping hoist a giant American flag at Independent American Savings here Friday, Flag Day. The savings and loan branch here

hoisted the 20 X 38 flag atop an 80 foot pole. Independent American also gave balloons and soft drinks to people attending. [Staff photo]

Grand prize for 5th annual Fun Day drawing is \$300

The Merkel Chamber of Commerce will be presenting some lucky ticket buyer with a \$300 grand prize in the drawings of donation tickets at Fun Day, set July 4th at the City Park.

As in the past, local merchants have donated prizes to be given away in drawings held throughout the day at Fun Day. The grand prize ticket will be drawn during the evening and the winner will receive \$300. Tickets can be purchased at many local stores and are three for \$1 or 50 cents each.

So far, prizes donated include a \$50 savings bond from the F & M National Bank, a fire extinguisher

from Mikel Brick & Lumber, a 40 piece socket set- curling iron brush and a walking doll from Carsons Supermarket.

Also a burgandy vase and a Bradley doll from Wilsons Jewelry, a hammer and socket set from Ed's Feed & Seed, two chicken fried steak dinners from the Merkel Restaurant & Motel, 2 countrybaskets & large drinks from Dairy Queen, a juice extractor from Sammy Doan of A & A Travel Center and a 21 piece ratchet set and a Kool cushion from Hicks Auto. Those are the prizes donated so far and more will be listed in next week's paper.

Not all of the groups that usually participate in Fun Day with food or "other" types of booths have made reservations so far. People interested in renting spaces can do so by calling 928-5722, the Chamber of Commerce phone, and telling either Angela or Audrey about your plans.

The 5th annual Fun Day will attract between 1,000 and 1,500 people and proceeds from Fun Day this year will be used to finance Chamber of Commerce projects, including the printing of local brochures to mail out when people inquire about Merkel through the Chamber of Commerce.

Benefit softball tournament

A 3-2 Softball tournament, to help raise money for All-Stars of the UGSA, will be held June 29th at 6 p.m. at the softball field here. Proceeds raised from the tournament will be used to pay for All-Star team expenses to the

regional and state tournaments. Entry fee is \$5 per person. You can either bring your own team or come to the park and be assigned to a team.

Also, the UGSA will be selling donuts in Merkel Saturday mor-

ning. Donuts will be \$3 per dozen. All money raised in this project will also be used for All-Sat expenses. The league needs to raise \$1,500 for the trip to Mount Vernon, Texas for the tournament.

Harris named mascot of State Firemen's & Fire Marshalls

Kristofor "Bo" Harris, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harris, was elected mascot for State Firemen's and Fire Marshalls Association of Texas Wednesday in Waco.

Kris' duties are running errands for the executive board. Kris will ride in the 110th parade in Austin in June of 1986 for the celebration. Kris ran against 2 others for mascot.

Kris will be a 5th grader at Merkel Elementary school. He was named the 1st Student of the Month at M.E.S. Kris is an associate member of Merkel FFA

raising pigs and sheep. This year he placed 7th with his Chester White at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. Hobbies are Computers, fishing, reading, putting models together and swimming. Kris is a member of First United Methodist Church in Merkel and serves as an acolyte, plays soccer and little league for the Kilowatts.

Kris has a sister, Melissa Ayne, who served as Sweetheart for the Texas Firemen's Auxiliary in 1982. His mother served as President in 1984 and was just elected Assistant Secretary.



§ The Six White Horses from Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene opened the ceremonies observing Flag Day in a special way here Friday. Independent

American Savings dedicated its new 20 B 80 American Flag in ceremonies here Friday. [Staff photo]

47th annual Fandangle starts Friday in Albany

The taming and settling of the frontier west as "seen through the eyes of pioneer children," will be relived in the 47th production of the Fort Griffin Fandangle during six performances set for June 20-22 and June 27-29 in Albany.

The annual production, which was created in 1938 by Albany playwright Robert Nail, relates through narration, song and dance the story of the settling of this part of Texas during the final decades of the 1800s.

The show is presented by the Fandangle Association's own outdoor theater located approximately a mile west of town, truly giving the audience the "look and feel of times long since past."

Tickets can be reserved by calling the Fandangle's ticket office, located in the depot building in Albany, at either 915-762-2525 or 762-3642. Ticket prices range from \$3 to \$7 per person, and should be purchased or reserved in advance. If available, tickets will be sold at the gate.

"We had a record year last year, with four of six performances sold out, and ticket sales are going as well or better so far this year," stated Patsy Rose, the association's executive secretary.

Tickets can also be purchased by writing to the Fandangle Association, P. O. Box 185, Albany 76430.

We usually have over 10,000 visitors each year to the Fandangle," stated Donnie Lucas, publicity director. "We have tried to add several activities for our guests so that they can enjoy an interesting and fulfilled family outing when they come to Albany."

Downtown store windows are traditionally decorated with antiques and other items from the western frontier time period.

Several restored homes and buildings are open to the public on performance days, including the 100 year old Shackelford County Courthouse.

In addition, pipe organ concerts are given continuously from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. each evening at the Matthews Memorial Presbyterian Church, located one block West of the courthouse square.

Barbecue dinners will also be available from 5 to 8 p.m. each night on the courthouse lawn. The meals are catered by Joe Allen's Bar-B-Q of Abilene for \$5.25 per adult plate and \$3 for children under 10 years of age.

One special attraction for visitors is the Old Jail Art Center, which recently completed a large expansion and remodeling project. The art center will feature a special Fandangle exhibit this year entitled "Women of Albany." The show consists of specially commissioned photographs of Albany women from all walks of life. The collection was photographed by Rick Williams of Austin.

The Art Center will also be displaying many pieces from their permanent collection which includes mostly modern works by such artists as Amedeo Modigliani, Henry Moore, Pablo Picasso, John Sloan, Morris Graves and Paul Klee.

A special exhibit of painting by Alice Reynolds and her father A. W. Reynolds will be hanging in the lobby of the First National Bank of Albany. The bank will be open

during its regular hours for visitors.

Miss Reynolds was a co-founder of the Fandangle and served as its music director for over 40 years.

The annual Fort Griffin Fandangle Parade has been scheduled this year for June 27th beginning at 6 p.m. The event usually draws over 100 entries from both local organization and area towns.

"We hope that Fandangle visitors will come to Albany several hours prior to the performances so that they can have plenty of time to see the many other attractions that we have to offer," stated Lucas.

"If you haven't seen the Fandangle lately, you should. The theme of the show changes each year with new scripts, new songs and new performers," commented Lucas.

The Fandangle cast is made up of over 250 local citizens who begin working as early as February on the annual production.

"We are very excited about our show this year," stated Fandangle director Marge Bray. "There have been several new songs written to tell our story through the experienced of the children of the frontier."

The two acre natural stage provides the audience with a close-up view of a herd of Longhorns being watched at night by the cowboys of the trail drives, wagons, a stagecoach, an entire recreated street scene straight out of the wild and woolly town of Fort Griffin, and even the coming of the train to the frontier.

The show begins at dusk each evening, preceded by calliope music at the Prairie Theater.

Today is it for insured crops

June 20 is the final planting date for insured cotton and grain sorghum in Taylor County, Texas, according to Dottie Sampley, District Representative for the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC).

Insured cotton and grain sorghum planted by June 20 must be reported by June 30 in order to receive full crop insurance coverage. The acreage report reflects the actual acreage planted and reported by the farmer.

In order to provide some

flexibility on planting dates, a late planting option may be exercised by farmers who find themselves unable to plant their crops on time due to adverse weather. The late planting option provides insurance coverage for the late planted crop, but at a lower guarantee.

For insured farmers, "Entering into the late planting option is not automatic," Stanley said. "Farmers wishing to use the late planting option must sign an agreement prior to the final planting date in order to have

coverage under the late planting option."

"Increasingly, our insured producers are discovering the with yield guarantees which effect production capability, crop insurance establishes a farm income floor. Thus, cash flow and the ability to repay a loan can be more accurately projected," explained Sampley.

Farmers wishing to discuss local conditions that may affect planting should contact the local, authorized crop insurance agent.

Independent American holds flag raising, 'perfect' cotton weather, Fun Day ... more

by Cloy A. Richards

Independent American Savings put on quite a show Friday in case you missed it.

They dedicated their new American Flag at their Merkel Branch office, complete with the 6 White Horses of HSN, company and local officials.

The flag is atop an 80 foot pole and measures 20 X 38 feet. It can be seen from anywhere near here and only local grain equipment stands taller here.

Sure, there are a lot of large American Flags around, you can even see a few in that city to the East. I like the one here and I

wanted to pass along my thanks to the Independent American people for providing the Flag for the people here to see.

And to appreciate the Flag for what it means to all of us.

After some cool days last week gave people's electric bills a break "Perfect" cotton growing weather has once again set in with hot days and that 20 percent chance of late evening thunderstorms is back with us.

Same ol' forecast until September with a high near or over 100 and a low of near 75. Other than an occasional rain, that's what the folks on tv and the

National Weather Service will be telling us that for the rest of the summer.

The Merkel Chamber of Commerce will be giving away \$300 in cash to the grand prize winner for Fun Day Donation ticket!

Local merchants have been contacted this week and partial list of prizes is in this week's paper. Money raised \$ a year from Fun Day ticket sale will be used for Chamber operations, as well as paying for pitting of brochures, maps and other infor-

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Brad to Europe, give Fandangle a try

Information kits to provide newcomers or to send to people requesting information about good ol' Merkel.

Former Merkel High and ACU pole vaulter Brad Pursley is about to take his poles and go to Europe. I saw his mother Monday and she said Brad is feeling fine (for those of you who don't read the sports page, Brad had a nasty accident when his pole backed out of the pit box and Brad sustained a concussion after a nasty spill).

Brad has been up and down this year with his vaulting (no pun intended) but is recognized as a World Class vaulter and he will be chasing records this summer in Europe.

Congratulations are in order to the Kickers, sponsored by Joe's Boots, who won the league title in T-Shirt Baseball last Tuesday in a playoff with the Angels. Both are fine teams (as my Merkel Mail Giants can attest) and if that game would have been held on any time except Tuesday night, I would have been there to watch.

In Little League this year, the Supers sponsored by Carson's won the league title and will be playing in a tournament for city champs here starting Thursday and running through Tuesday. The awards ceremonies for Little League will be held Tuesday night following the championship game of that tournament.

A final note, congratulations are in order for Kelly Riney, who received a one at the State UIL twirling solo competitions held in Austin.

She will be a senior at Merkel High this fall.

Merkel High football players will be washing cars Saturday to help raise money to send the cheerleaders to camp.

I have never heard of that one. They will be washing cars at Village Car Wash (East of Merkel on Old 80) and cost is \$2

Just about the best annual event in this part of the state will be starting Friday night at the Fort Griffin Fandangle will get underway. We have attended the event a

few times courtesy of the Fandangle Association and The Albany News. Fandangle is first class entertainment, put on by a first class community. The show is not the only thing to see in Albany.

Plan a couple of extra hours so you will have time to see the Old Jail, eat some barbecue and do Fandangle up right. More information is in this week's Mail.

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Coach thinks team is making great strides

by Coach Lepard
In the Bible, 1 Corinthians 9:24 it states: "Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win. The legendary Vince Lombardi said, "It is time to stand up and cheer the winners." After charting the progress made by the off-season football players, I truly believe a program starts winning in the spring, not only in the fall. We had 3 players timed under 5.0 in the 40 yd. dash, an instrument we measure quickness for our players. At the conclusion of workout in May, we had 23 players in the top three grades for next year. Great strides have been made. The youth of America are faced with more challenges and temptation than ever before. But the rewards and opportunities are also much greater than any other time. I believe we live in the good old days now. We must look for the good and learn from the bad and not dwell on things which we have no control.

We live in a fast paced, jet set, short cut world. And we sometimes take for granted our most precious resources... the young people of today. If you have kids at home, you should talk to them before you lose them to the world, tell them you love them and proud to share the same name with them. As part of the coaching staff, we are planning and looking forward to another school year. Oliver Wendell Holmes stated, "The position we occupy is not so important as the direction in which we are going."

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Adcock's, Harris; attend state convention for Firemen & Fire Marshalls

Waymon and Johnnie Adcock, Robert and Connie Harris and Melissa and Kristofor, members of the Merkel Fire Department attended the 109th Annual Convention and Conference of the State Fireman's and Fire Marshalls' Association of Texas, held June 9 through 12 in Waco.

Speakers included Dr. Charles Patterson, Killen; Bob Murphey, a Nacogdoches lawyer and a former Association president; and Hugh Keepers, of the Texas Railroad Commission's Liquefied Petroleum Gas Division, in Austin.

Each year the convention gives paid and volunteer firefighters from throughout Texas the opportunity to get together for business meetings, a memorial service and training sessions. A two-day trade show features the most modern firefighting and rescue equipment. About 1,500 firefighters, firemen's auxiliary members, families and guests attended this year's convention.

The State Firemen's Association serves both volunteer and paid firefighters by sponsoring the municipal firemen's training school each July at Texas A&M

University, administers a Certification program for volunteer firefighters and fire marshalls in Texas; and represents some 40,000 firefighters before the Texas Legislature. The Association's monthly magazine, Texas Firemen, has more than 4,600 subscribers and includes technical articles and news about the state's fire service.

"The convention gives us the best opportunity of the year to stay in touch with the needs of our members," said Ed S. Kirkham, executive manager of the Association.



By Craig Tufts

Good Bugs For Bad Bugs

When insects invade a garden, many gardeners arm themselves readily for "battle with the bugs." On go the masks and gloves; out come the swatters, dusters and spray-guns. The summer-long war is on.

Yet such tactics usually produce what might be called pyrrhic victories: the pests are destroyed all right; but, in the process, "good" insects die with them—at the same time the insecticides drench the whole garden with poisons.

Left alone, nature can often handle the "bad bugs" pretty well, needing help only when a pest onslaught is severe.

Many predatory insects ("good bugs") and other small garden creatures, make up nature's "hit" squads against insect pests. Dozens of helpful insects eat other insects, day in and day out. You can, with care, aid nature by enlisting the help of these "good bugs" in your own yard. What are some of them and how do you get them on your side of the fence?

Mantids: Relatives of crickets and grasshoppers, mantids are not the pests their cousins are. They're often called "praying mantises" and their appetites for insects are voracious. To recruit them for a garden, you can buy mantid eggs. Or you can get them (in the winter) for free by collecting the eggs from a field. Look along the stems of shrubs and wildflowers for elongated or globular egg masses, the color of dirty styrofoam. Simply place the eggs in your back yard (never in your house) to hatch in the spring.

Ladybird beetles: These little yellow, orange or red, black and white beetles are familiar sights throughout most of North America. Both adults and larvae eat pests such as aphids and related soft-bodied insects. Wherever their favorite food is, "ladybugs" are apt to show up on their own. But beetles can also be bought and brought home to dine. Mail order seed catalogs often list these beetles along with their other offerings.

Wasps: Many people can't abide wasps (large or small or any color), but to any wasp-respecting gardeners not allergic to stings, wasps are valuable garden allies. Large common paper wasps—they go by the

scientific name of *Polistes*—go for caterpillars in a big way and are actually one of the gentlest of large wasps. (Hornets, yellow jackets and other paper wasps are much fiercer, and most homeowners can't tolerate them at all.) Tiny, parasitic wasps (which can be purchased) lay their eggs on insect pests. Some wasps—like many bees, flies and butterflies—pollinate fruit and vegetable plants, assuring good crops.

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TSTA will sue over testing

The Texas State Teachers Association and the National Education Association today announced that it has retained the services of three law firms to review portions of House Bill 72 as it relates to competency testing of practicing teachers.

Representing TSTA and NEA will be the Washington D.C. firm of Bredhoff and Kaiser and the Texas firms of Schwartz, Waterman, Fickman and Van Os of

Houston and Austin and Daves and Hahn of Tyler. Karen Johnson, TSTA general counsel, will coordinate the efforts between the state and national firms and Bob Chanin, NEA general counsel, will be the counsel-of-record.

TSTA President Becky Brooks said she anticipates suits to be filed this summer in both state and federal courts challenging the decertification provisions in the

current law. Teachers are scheduled to be tested the week of March 10, 1986.

Brooks said that should the lawsuits fail to eliminate the testing or if a decision from the courts is not made in time, TSTA is preparing to offer free test preparation workshops to its members throughout the state. Approximately 250 trainers are being secured to conduct the workshops.

Newsbriefs

Riney rates 1 in solo

Kelly Riney received a rating of one in the State U.I.L. solo twirling competition held in Austin at the University of Texas Memorial stadium on June 3, 1985. She will be a senior at Merkel High in the fall.

Jr. High scales prizes in

The premiums have

come in earlier by junior high students who participated in the sales for Junior High Athletics.

Prizes can be picked up at 206 Taylor or you may contact Coach Yancy at 928-4581.

8th grade pictures are in

Pictures taken at the 8th grade graduation

are in and can be picked up at the Superintendent's office on Ash Street here.

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Let us take this way, which does not seem adequate, but we cannot see each one individually, to thank the many friends, neighbors, and family for prayers, words of sympathy, flowers, food, cards and donations to good causes in memory of Frankie during her illness and passing away. She expressed words of thanks as long as she was able. Thanks to the ladies who helped serve the food. Thanks to John, Russell and Lynward for the beautiful service. And thanks to the choir director, choir, soloist, and organist for the beautiful music. Everyone was so helpful that there is not enough space to list names. But please know that your thoughtfulness is appreciated. God Bless All Of You.
Frankie Smith Family, Ford Jr., Gary Smith and Family, Ann Doan and Family, Jean Wood and Family, Berry Ford Smith and Family, Lota Hughes and Family, Billie Pete Hughes and Family.
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NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA,
TO: PAUL BECK* 6022 Duchess, Abilene, Texas
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the above entitled action has been filed in the District Court of Tulsa County, State of Oklahoma, alleging default of promissory note; and unless you answer said petition on or before the 24th day of July 1985, said petition will be taken as true, and judgment will be rendered against you in the sum of \$21,791.19 with interest accruing thereon, reasonable attorneys fees and costs of this action, as provided for in said promissory note, and any other relief to which the Court deems proper.
WITNESS my hand and official seal this 23 day of May, 1985.
Don E. Austin
Tulsa County Court Clerk
By: Wanda Hudson
Deputy
Mack Muratet Braly & Associates
1516 South Boston, Suite 320
Tulsa, Oklahoma 74119
Attorneys for Plaintiff
117-3tc-43

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of EDGAR LEWIS PETERSON, Deceased, were issued on May 13, 1985, in Cause No. 16,679, pending in the County (Probate) Court of Taylor County, Texas, to: DORIS REBECCA PETERSON.
The residence of such Executrix is Merkel, Taylor County, Texas. The post office address is:
c/o Don R. Wilson
Attorney At Law
P. O. Box 2875
Abilene, TX 79604
All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.
DATED the 14th Day of June, 1985.
Respectfully submitted,
DON R. WILSON
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§ Most local fields have already been replanted when some low areas of fields were flooded by rains. June 20th is the deadline for planting cotton that can be insured.

Staff photo

Farm group feels farmers fared well with 69th session

Citing victories over a variety of big money, special interest groups, the Texas Farmers Union has closed the books on one of their most productive legislative sessions ever. The major battle of the 69th Texas Legislature for family farmers was the efforts of some lenders to do away with the century-old provision of the Texas constitution that protects a family's homestead from seizure if they fail to pay a debt, according to Joe Rankin, President of Texas Farmers Union.

"Another legislative session has passed, and the big money lenders that would like to be able to mortgage your homestead for a vacation or appliance loan have failed again," says Rankin.

"The idea has always been bad legislation, and the years haven't changed anything. Current Texas law prevents any citizen from losing his home, except for failure to pay taxes or original mortgage. The changes that lenders would like to see would allow you to go down to the pawn shop and sign away your home for a small loan.

The coalition of groups that TFU worked with included older citizens, labor, and consumer organizations; all of these plus family farmers helped prevent the passage of bad legislation."

In addition, Rankin claimed victory with the passage of State Representative Pete Patterson's Farmers Land Program, a similar program to the Veterans Land Program which is administered by the General Land Office under Land Commissioner Gary Mauro. The land program would help farmers purchase land at low interest rates, but is contingent upon voters approval in November.

"Through the diligent efforts of Rep. Patterson, we have a chance to provide direct, low interest loans to farmers so that they can buy land; this is particularly beneficial for young farmers just starting out. But we can't emphasize enough the need for voter approval in November; without that, there can be no financing of the program," says Rankin.

In the same area, TFU was

instrumental in passing legislation sponsored by Senator Ted Lyon and state Representative Steve Carriker that provide more realistic eligibility requirements for the Family Farm and Ranch Finance Program, administered by the Texas Department of Agriculture.

"Ted Lyon and Steve Carriker did yeoman duty passing that bill, and it was valuable legislation. Original language for eligibility in the loan program was too restrictive—now, thanks to the efforts of Lyon and Carriker, many more farmers can receive those guaranteed loans," says Rankin.

Additional legislative success for the state's largest family farmer group was in the passage of a budget for the Senior Texas Employment Program, the passage of a state-wide water plan for all aspects of Texas business and industry, and the defeat of all legislation designed to limit the growth of the fledgling ethanol industry in Texas.

Services for Jack Horton held

Harvey "Jack" Horton, 39, of Odessa, formerly of Trent, died at 7:15 p.m. Tuesday at Medical Center Hospital in Odessa after a sudden illness. Services were at 2 p.m. Friday at Trent Methodist Church with the Rev. Dan Burrow of Sweetwater and the Rev. David Hawkins, pastor of Trent Metho-

dist Church, officiating. Burial was in Trent Cemetery directed by Starbuck Funeral Home of Merkel.

Born Aug. 9, 1945, in Merkel, he graduated from Trent High School in 1963 and had lived in Odessa the past nine years. He was a Methodist.

Survivors include two sons, Danny and Mike, both of Big Spring; a brother, Jerry of Alvin; two sisters, Helen Hughes of Abilene and Peggy Hudson of Alvin; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Horton of Trent; and his grandmother, Knox Johnson of Amarillo.

Price's services held here

Jim Boyce Price, 72, a longtime Merkel resident, died at 8 a.m. Monday at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene after a short illness. Services were held at 4 p.m. Wednesday at Starbuck Funeral Home.

Abilene, will officiate. Burial will be at Rose Hill Cemetery.

Born July 1, 1912, in Okolona, Ark., he married Elsie Cogdell Nov. 19, 1932, in Merkel. He was a member of Trinity Chapel Pentecostal Church of God in Abilene.

A son, J.B., preceded him in death. Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Betty Lemond of Abilene and Margie Baker of Merkel; two brothers, Emmitt of Mineral Wells and Joe of Snyder; eight grandchildren; and three great grandchildren.

Walter Elmore, Brandon Wade are recent graduates

Texas Tech University has awarded degrees in 1984-85 to the following students from Merkel: Bachelor's degree, Walter O. Elmore, Route 1,

bachelor of business administration in accounting, magna cum laude; Brandon Earl Wade, 206 Oak, bachelor of science in civil engi-

neering; and Todd L. Gregory, 112 Cherry,

Grayson reunion set here

The Grayson Reunion will be held Saturday & Sunday at Heritage Hall

bachelor of business administration in finance

here.

All descendants of J. H. Grayson and friends are invited.

STEP nabs 60 DWIs in county during May

During the sixth month of the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) that is being conducted in Taylor County by the Texas Department of Public Safety, 60 persons were arrested by DPS officers for DWI, 13 of those arrests were made while the officers were working their regular shifts and 47 of the arrests were made while the officers were working extra hours under STEP.

A total of 39 extra enforcement hours were recorded by officers working the special program. Total enforcement hours logged by local highway patrol officers for May was 1,047. According to Widdell Rehm, a DPS Safety Education Officer in Taylor County, "This means extra enforcement protection and added traffic safety for the law abiding citizens

of Taylor County.

In addition to the DWI arrests made during STEP, 127 arrests were made for speed law violations and 154 arrests for other offenses were made.

Since the program began last December, 378 persons have been arrested for DWI in Taylor County by the Texas Department of Public Safety officers.

STATE OF TEXAS

To: Keelie Ridgeway, Defendant in the cause herein described.

You are hereby commanded to appear and answer before the 350th Judicial District Court in the Courthouse in Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, at or before 10:00 a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance hereof, being at or before 10:00 a.m.

on Monday the 24th day of June, 1985 then and there to answer the petition of Weldon O. Steen, Steena Beth O'Kelly Woodal, Robin Ridgeway, Ruby Higgins, Medford McCain, Elva Griffin, Dawson McCain and Retha Martin, in Cause No. 714-D, styled Weldon O. Steen, ET AL Vs. Keelie Ridgeway, in which Weldon O. Steen, ET AL are Plaintiffs and Keelie Ridge-

way is Defendant. The said petition filed May 8th, 1985, discloses that the nature of said suit is as follows:

The Plaintiffs seek partition through sale of the following described tract of land:

All of Lot Number One (1), Block "F", Replat of Western Heights Addition to the City of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas.

If this citation is not

served within 90 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court on this 8th day of April, 1985, at Abilene, Taylor County, Texas.

Rilla Mahoney, Clerk of the 350th Judicial District Court of Taylor County, Texas.

By: Debbie Berg Deputy

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