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F&M Bank beginning new system



By Carl Dingler

Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Merkel is going automatic.

President Don Hensley pointed with pride at the new NCR proof machine now in operation this week.

The machine does in seconds what it used to take the individual tellers much longer to do, Hensley said.

It allows the bank to give a customer instant accounting on their deposits and withdrawals.

Don Cisco, representative from NCR was in Merkel Tuesday, showing the new department how the machine works. He pointed out it is a proof machine and can instantly record a check or deposit on an individual's account.

In the past this had to be done by hand.

Now, with the new procedure, it will allow the bank employees to better service their customers.

Hensley pointed out that the bank has doubled in size

the last two years and that updating the system will offer the customers even more service.

This is the latest piece of equipment manufactured by NCR and is the same type of equipment used or planned for all the banks in Abilene.

Hensley ordered the NCR proof machine seven months ago and it is in full operation now with Debbie Doan and Mike Warren working the equipment.

This will eventually lead to account numbers being required on all checks, allowing for faster and easier accounting by the bank.

"It will allow us to assume a heavier work load and yet handle customers more efficiently," Hensley pointed out. He said he hopes to have the entire change over ready to begin January 1 when everyone will have to have printed checks with their account number.

"Everyone already has an account number but non-personalized counter checks may still be used," Hensley said.

"It was quite a decision of the Board of Directors but they felt the growth of the community makes this change a necessity in order to better serve our customers and the community as we have done in the past," Hensley said.

He pointed out that the Electronic Data Processing system is keyed around the proof machine. "It is the core of the operation as everything goes into or comes out of this system," Cisco said.

It will initiate and prepare all data for the computer, planned for installation later this year.

Also, in the process of being updated is the bookkeeping system where Burroughs mini-computers are being installed.

At least one Merkel couple got their marriage off to a somewhat spectacular start.

Paula Crouse, daughter of the Merkel Police Chief was married to Carlton King last Thursday.

Before the marriage was very old, figure Carlton was wondering what he had gotten into.

With the rites just completed and before the official pictures could be taken and the reception started, in walked Fire Chief Waymon Adcock and made a citizens arrest.

With the couple handcuffed, with cuffs conveniently produced by Police Chief Crouse, Adcock led the couple out of church and put them on the waiting fire engine.

With wedding dress flowing in the breeze, the couple was given a ride around Merkel before being returned to church and completion of formalities.

Needless to say Paula never did get her hair and gown straight for the rest of the pictures and Carlton is probably still remembering those handcuffs.

A true bit of West Texas and Merkel hospitality and friendliness which has always made West Texans special when it comes to doing a bit more than required.

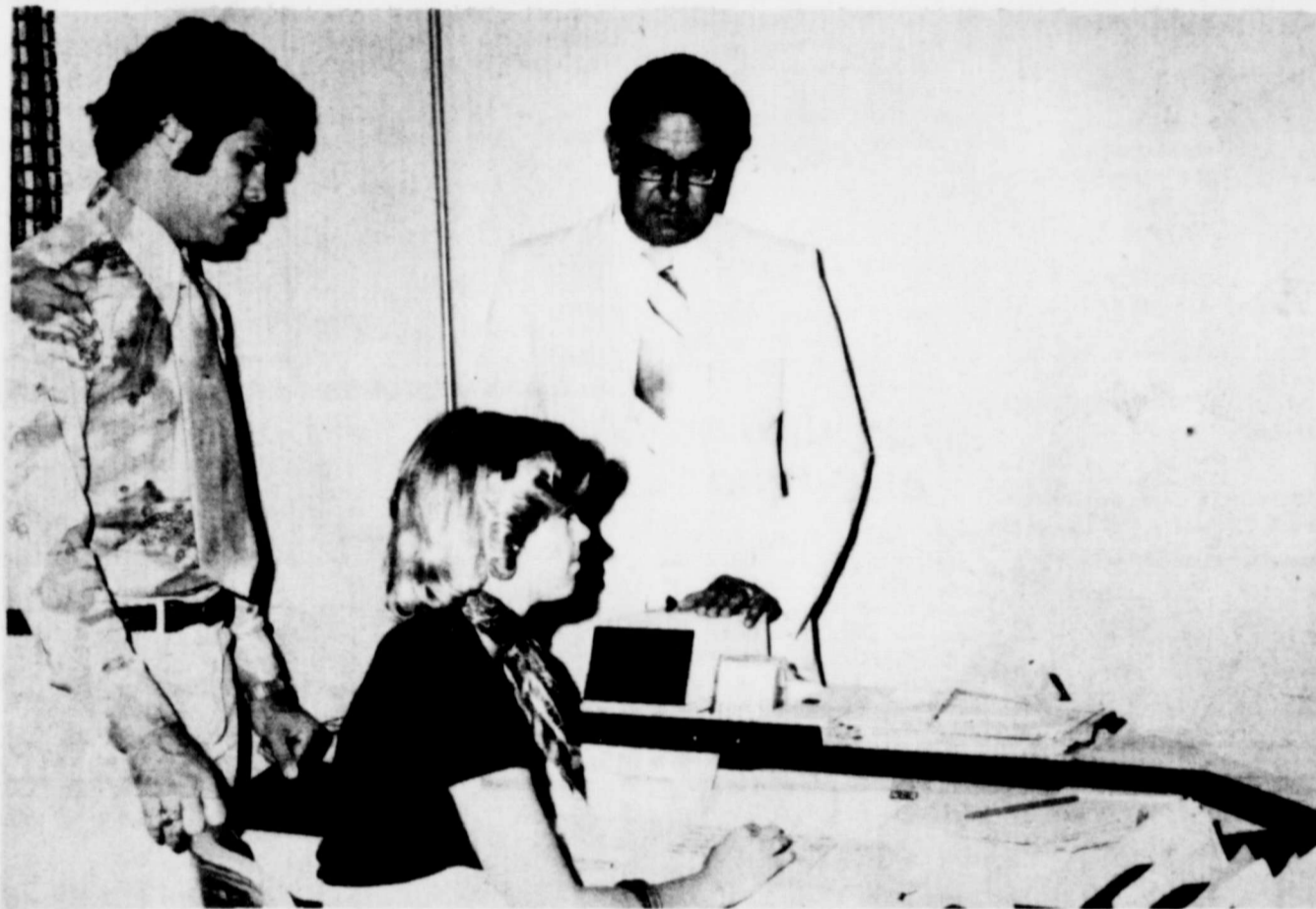
The Merkel Country Club reports work progressing with the back nine under construction and the kitchen remodeling near complete.

The Merkel School Board has scheduled its regular monthly meeting Monday at 7:30 p.m. President Charles Jacobs invites everyone in the school district to the meeting at Merkel High.

Ever attempt to visualize a billion of anything? From the National Association of Manufacturers comes this example.

"Most people in Washington have lost sight of what a billion dollars is. One billion seconds ago, the first atomic bomb had not been exploded; one billion minutes ago, Christ was still on earth; one billion hours ago, men were still living in caves; yet, one billion dollars ago--in terms of government spending--was yesterday."

Since Father's Day is Sunday thought this might be timely: wife to salesclerk: "What would you suggest for a Father's Day present for a husband who gave his wife a vacuum cleaner last Christmas?"



NEW NCR MACHINE--Called a proof machine, this electronic marvel now in operation at Farmers and Merchants National Bank can give instant accounting to everyone's account. It instantly sorts and records a deposit or withdrawal to every customer's account, a procedure that took much longer

when done by individual tellers. Looking over the equipment is Mike Warren and Debbie Doan of the newly created department and bank President Don Hensley. This is the first phase of a completely updated, modern system planned by the bank to better serve the community.

McLeod outlines objectives for Lions

Merkel Athletic Director Jerry McLeod was guest speaker for the Merkel Lions Club meeting Tuesday.

McLeod talked about his objectives and discussed the Merkel High football program briefly.

Also, present were guest Dewayne Burnett, owner of a new hot house tomato business in Merkel and Lee Presswood, new Merkel High principal visiting for the day. Presswood begins his duties July 1.

Burnett has recently moved to Merkel from Abilene and is in partnership with Lynn Talley in the tomato business in Merkel.

McLeod told the Lions there will be 60 to 70 out for the start of fall drills August 9.

He pointed out Merkel will be in Class AA this year with Stamford, Wylie, Winters, Ballinger, Coleman and Colorado City.

He predicted Stamford will be one of the pre-season co-favorites.

However, he pointed out his team has been working hard on the weight program fast spring and worked on agility and quickness drills and have made good progress.

"I feel real good with what we got accomplished this spring," the new head coach said.

He added, "I feel like we can compete in the higher classification."

He said some of the objectives of the Merkel athletic program is to provide every young man or woman who wants to participate the opportunity to do so and developing a highly competitive program.

He said that winning is not everything but giving a complete effort is, quoting the late Vince Lombardi, pro football immortal.

"We hope to teach them to accept winning or losing. You don't win at everything, as much as you would like to, and being able to accept a loss and go on will be one of our objectives," McLeod said.

Red Cross nets \$783.30

The Red Cross received \$783.30 for its fund raising efforts in Merkel.

Don Hart, head of the Merkel campaign drive for the Taylor County chapter reported the final results.

He praised the Lions Club, Young Homemakers, Mrs. Herman Aikens, the Fortnightly Study Club and the Merkel Chamber of Commerce for their help in collecting for the Red Cross.

Goal for Merkel had been set at \$1,000 prior to the drive.

Funds will go toward the Red Cross' learn to swim program for Merkel youngsters.

Hicks scores ace

Bob Hook scored a hole in one Sunday at Merkel Country Club.

He got the ace while playing the No. 5, 243-yard hole. Witnesses said it played more like a 280-yard hole because of the high wind. He used a driver to record the ace.

Witnesses were Virgin Robbins Sr., Mike Carriker and Larry Helms.

Cypert honored

Cindy Cypert of Merkel has been named to the President's List for the spring semester at Cisco Junior College.

The President's list consists of students with a 3.0 grade point or straight "A" record.

Shot record check needed

There are at least 200 students in the Merkel School system (75 in high school), who need to have their shot records updated, according to Travis Davis, principal at Merkel High School.

Davis points out all students should have their immunization records validated and brought up to date.

Davis points out the State Health Department requires the youngsters have their immunization records and have them properly validated.

He pointed out the State Health Department also is considering the possibility of not letting students enroll in school until their health records are validated.

Davis said anyone wanting to check to find the status of their health records should contact him at Merkel High School.

"Now is the time to find out about the health records in order to have them completed before school starts if it is needed," he said.

The Health Department inspects each school's records each year and has informed Davis that they will have a tougher enforcement policy this year.

New business grows huge tomatoes

One of Merkel's newest businesses is already preparing to expand.

The business is raising tomatoes.

Partners Dewayne Burnett and Lynn Talley are raising the tomatoes in a hot house located west of the Little League diamond in south Merkel.

Burnett and Talley work for NCR in Abilene but Burnett moved to Merkel in January.

The two moved the building from Noodle and set up the 7,000 square foot building and are raising 2,000 plants at the present time. Plans call for doubling this capacity in the fall.

The tomatoes are beginning to produce and already they have harvested ripetomatoes twice, getting 900 pounds each time. They are picking twice a week at the present and are selling the huge tomatoes to anyone who needs them, catering to grocery stores in Abilene and Sweetwater mostly. Too, they are selling some tomatoes at the hot house daily.

Picking up one huge tomato Tuesday, Burnett put it on the scale and it weighed a pound and 10 ounces, easily one of the largest to be harvested.

He pointed out that one that size in the grocery store would cost around 75 cents but that it is on sale at the hot house for 45 cents.

It took them 120 days from the time they planted the seeds to begin harvesting their crop. The beds were prepared and seeds planted and the plants have been thriving in the controlled atmosphere of the hot house since.

Water lines throughout the building both water and fertilizer plants. Temperature is kept at 62 to 85 degrees.

President of the Chamber of Commerce, Don Hensley pointed out the business is part of the Industrial Foundation's efforts to get new businesses for Merkel.

The crop will continue to produce for nine months, Burnett said. At which time



BIG HARVEST--Picking huge tomatoes off the 6-foot tall plants are Don Hensley, president of the Chamber of Commerce and head of the Industrial Foundation for Merkel and co-owner Dewayne Burnett. Burnett has been living in Merkel since January and he and partner Lynn Talley of Abilene are producing hot house tomatoes for wholesale to businesses in West Texas. The 2,000 plants are producing and are being harvested twice a week.

the soil will be reworked and new seeds planted. However, he said the cost of gas heating may make it too expensive to grow the tomatoes during the winter.

City Council sets called meeting

The regular meeting of the Merkel City Council was not held Monday afternoon.

Instead a called meeting for 7 a.m. Thursday at City Hall was set.

Mayor Lou David Allen could not call the City Council to order Monday for lack of a quorum.

Three of the board members were absent because of their jobs.

Because, some of the items on the agenda are urgent and require immediate attention by the City Council, Mayor Allen asked for the 7 a.m. called meeting.

He chose the time as it appears the most convenient to get all the members of the Council present.

Mayor Allen apologized to those who were present at the meeting, to observe or to present their sides on agenda items, for the lack of a quorum.

He pointed out that seldom has the Council ever failed to have enough members present to form a quorum.

On the agenda for the Thursday meeting were Federal Insurance program; housing urban development resolution; proposed closing of street and alleys; sanitary landfill property report; summer work program; police department review executive session; proposed change in meeting time for City Council meeting; and accounts.

The federal insurance program is an explanation of the new law requiring the insurance for anyone building in a flood plain area to meet federal requirements for loans.

The HUD resolution is to change the date of the request from July 1 to June 18 as requested by HUD.

The proposed closing of street and alleys is in accordance with a legal notice the city has published twice in The Merkel Mail.

The petition seeks the closing of South Cherry Street from 8th to 9th and between Block A-H-B and G in the South Park addition to the City of Merkel; Alley in the north half of Block 22, T & P addition to the City of Merkel; and the East-West alley north of the west half of Block 27, College addition to the City of Merkel.

Closing of the alleys would still allow access to property but would allow building of new businesses.

The proposed time change is being considered because of the heavy work schedule of the Council members during the summer and to prevent the lack of a possible quorum as was the case Monday.

Equalization board meets

The Merkel School Board of Equalization met Monday night at Merkel High School.

Purpose of the meeting was to prepare for the planned public hearings on school property taxes.

Public hearing for Oil Companies is set for July 15 and for those wishing to have their cases reviewed they will be heard July 22.

Bill Button is chairman of the Equalization Board.

Abilene Savings has opening

Abilene Savings is holding its grand opening of its new Merkel facilities, starting Monday.

Grand opening activities will continue through Friday. As part of the grand opening there will be a drawing for five \$50 savings accounts. No purchase is necessary and there is no obligation. One will be given away each day next week.

And, a grand prize of a \$250 savings account will be awarded by drawing Friday, June 25.

The new facilities, located across the street from Carson's, has been open for a week, accepting new accounts and conducting business for present Merkel customers.

Farmer, Jeffrey exchange vows

Vickie Lynell Farmer became the bride of Marty Jay Jeffrey Saturday at the First Baptist Church in Merkel with the Rev. Kenneth Jones officiating.

Parents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. Derrell Farmer. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jeffrey of Kingsbury.

The bride was given in marriage by her father.

Gina Farmer was her sister's maid of honor. The bridegroom's sister, Martha Jeffrey of Kingsbury, Judy Diltz and Cherie Aiken were the bridesmaids.

Teresa Lucas was the flower girl and ring bearer was Dusty Farmer of Abilene. Kevin Farmer, the bride's brother, and Ricky Brown of Abilene lighted candles.

Best man was Steve Shugart. Groomsmen were Paul Tucker, Shawn Moore and Bart Whisenhunt.

Brad Shugart and Johnny Jeffrey of Kingsbury, the bridegroom's brother, seated guests.

The bride's parents hosted the reception in the Fellowship Hall of the church.

Following a wedding trip to Colorado, Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey will live in Kingsbury.

The bride is a graduate of Merkel High School. The bridegroom, a graduate of Ross Sterling High School in Baytown, is employed by Mahone Land and Cattle Company in Kingsbury.

The rehearsal dinner was hosted by the bridegroom's parents at the Merkel Country Club.

Softball meet

Women interested in playing softball are requested to meet at the Big Country Inn at 7:30 Thursday night.



MRS. MARTY JEFFREY

Trent, Hawley beat Merkel girls

Merkel lost to Hawley, 21-10, in Mini-minor girls baseball league last week, their fourth loss of the year against no wins.

In Minor league play, Hawley beat Merkel, 4-1 and 9-5. It was the first two losses of the season for the Merkel team.

In the Majors play, Trent defeated Merkel, 17-16; Roscoe stopped Merkel, 24-10; Trent beat Hawley, 19-13; and Trent edged Hawley, 10-9.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

MINI-MINOR
TUESDAY--Merkel at Trent, 6 p.m.
THURSDAY--Trent at Hawley
MONDAY--Merkel vs. Trent at Tye, 6 p.m.

MINOR
TUESDAY--Merkel at Trent, 7:15 p.m.

THURSDAY--Trent at Hawley, 7:15 p.m.
MONDAY--Merkel vs. Trent at Tye, 6 p.m.

MAJOR
THURSDAY--Merkel at Hawley, 8:30 p.m.; Sweetwater at Trent, 7 p.m.; Sweetwater at Roscoe.
FRIDAY--Trent vs. Merkel at Tye, 6 p.m.

MONDAY--Merkel vs. Sweetwater at Tye, 8:30 p.m.; Hawley at Trent, 7 p.m.; Roscoe at Sweetwater.

SENIOR
TUESDAY--Hawley vs. Sweetwater at Tye, 7 p.m.; Merkel at Snyder, 8:30 p.m.
FRIDAY--Hawley vs. Merkel at Tye, 8 p.m.; Snyder at Sweetwater

Steinborn engaged

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Spratlen announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter Cecelia Steinborn to Curtis Paul Carter, son of Mrs. Pauline Carter of Abilene. The wedding will take place July 31.

BRAGG'S

Darkness catches Wizards

Darkness caught the show-down between the Western Auto Wizards and Ambassadors Saturday night.

The Ambassadors, leading the Tri-City baseball race was leading the Wizards, 17-10 in the seventh inning when the game was called because of darkness.

The Wizards had scored five runs and had two on base when it was called.

The Wizards had scored five runs the first inning with doubles by Roger Reed and pitcher Ted Holmes kept the big spark.

Then in the bottom of the seventh back to back singles by Craig Hand and Reed and a double by James Wax and a single by Holmes kept the Wizards alive.

For the leading Ambassadors, they scored three times the first inning on walks and a single by pitcher Elis Williams, added two more

runs the second on a double by Todd Gregory and a single by Kyle Wade. Three go ahead runs came the third with a homer by Franklin Austerman and a triple by Robert Fowler the key blows.

Singles by Jimmy Swinney and Austerman and a double by Darwin Constable provided three more runs the fourth.

The Ambassadors added two more runs the sixth and five the seventh.

In other games this week the Wizards stopped the Tigers 6-3, the Trent Lions beat the Merkel Rebels, 17-12 and the Tye Tigers edged the Trent Lions 12-11.

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MR. MRS. CARLTON KING

Crouse, King exchange vows

Miss Paula Leleene Crouse exchanged vows with Carlton King Thursday evening in the First Baptist Church with Rev. Kenneth Jones officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul L. Crouse of Merkel. The bridegroom is the son of Mrs. Genevieve King and the late Carlton King.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. The bride wore a formal gown of traditional white bridal satin overcast with white tulle lace. Her veil was held with a crown of lace sprinkled with pearls. The bride carried her veil with a cascade of white tulle and pink sweetheart roses.

Miss Cathy Crouse, the bride's sister was maid of honor. She wore a floor length blue flower dotted swiss dress and carried a pink carnation with variegated ribbons. Bridesmaids were Debbie Wilhelm of Lufkin, Mary Gemes of Snyder, Rita Watts of Merkel. They wore matching dresses of floor length pink flower dotted swiss and carried blue carnations with variegated ribbons.

Bill King of Carrizo Springs, Texas, brother of the bridegroom was best man. Groomsmen were Shawn Moore, Royce Bratcher and Tommy Reynolds. Ushers

were Mike and Allen Crouse, brother's of the bride, and Keith Austermann and David Robertson.

Tammy Swinney was flower girl and Bucky Crouse, brother of the bride was ring bearer. Candles were lighted by Mike Crouse and Keith Austermann.

Roy Davis sang "The Twelfth of Never" and "Whether Thou Goest" accompanied by Sandy Davis on the organ. Mary Goodman was in charge of the guest book.

After the ceremony, a reception was held in Fellowship Hall of the Church. Assisting were Mrs. Don Christenson of Abilene and the Merkel Fire Department Ladies' Auxiliary.

The bride and groom are graduates of Merkel High School. She is employed by Wilkerson Manufacturing and he is employed by Western Auto.

The couple will reside at 902 1/2 Rose Street after a short honeymoon.

Hagar engaged

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Dickerson are announcing the engagement of their niece, Pamela Jane Hagar to David Wayne King, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don King.

The wedding will be June 26.

Celia Hester rites held

Funeral services were held Wednesday for Celia Hester, 92, of Merkel who died Tuesday.

Riding Club news

The Merkel Riding Club held its weekly play night Saturday at the arena. The results are:

Western Pleasure (12 and under)-1. Eddy Sparks, 2. Kevin McLernon, 3. Sherri Williams, 4. Rodney Carroll and 5. Candice Henslee.

(13-17)-1. Ann Melton, 2. Jessie Sparks, 3. Sherri Frazier, 4. Jan Melton and 5. Shelli Stout.

(18 and over)-1. Cindy Sipe, 2. Elby Frazier, 3. L. J. Gray, 4. Carol McLernon and 5. Lavena Vaughn.

Barrels (12 and under)-1. Eddy Sparks, 2. Rodney Carroll, 3. Sherri Williams, 4. Dana Pursley and 5. Mike Dokey.

(13-17)-1. Sherri Frazier, 2. Jan Melton, 3. Jessie Sparks, 4. Ann Melton and 5. Penny Hatfield.

(18 and over)-1. Jan Beck, 2. Carol McLernon, 3. Lavena Vaughn, 4. Jarrett Pinkley and 5. Charles Hatfield.

Flags (12 and under)-1. Eddy Sparks, 2. Rodney Carroll, 3. Dana Pursley, 4. Sherri Williams and 5. Brooks Boyd.

(13-17)-1. Sherri Frazier, 2. Susan Bird, 3. Mark Copeland, 4. Ann Melton and 5. Vicki Campbell. BRAGG'S

(18 and over)-1. Lynn Dokey, 2. Cindy Sipe, 3. Lavena Vaughn, 4. Charles Hatfield and 5. Jarrett Pinkley.

Boot Race (5 and under)-1. Tiffany Allday, 2. Tracy Boyd.

(6-8)-1. Ladonna Mallard, 2. Donnie Mallard, 3. Mike Boyd and 4. Denese Pursley.

The Down-1. Benny Melton and 2. Oscar Vaughn.

Ribbon Roping-1. Elby Frazier and Mike Dokey, 2. Oscar Vaughn and Pam Lollar, 3. Felix Boyd and Dana Pursley and 4. Walter Henslee and Candice Henslee.

Steer Roping, Head and Heel-1. Walter Henslee and Felix Boyd, 2. Elby Frazier and Felix Boyd and 3. Charles Hatfield and Lon Simpson.

Xi Nu Chi news

The Xi Nu Chi chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met Friday evening June 12th in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby DuBose for their annual summer back yard picnic. Delicious hamburgers were served from an outdoor grill with drinks and cookies to the following members and their families, BRAGG'S

One guest Pam Prather from Stevenson, Texas and Peck Eager, George Starbuck, Jimmy Leverich, Billy Bob Neff, Bobby DuBose, Bob Garner, Bobby Mansfield, Mamie Steck and John Brady.

Swimming lessons

Red Cross is planning to give swimming lessons at Rose Park, starting June 28 through August 6.

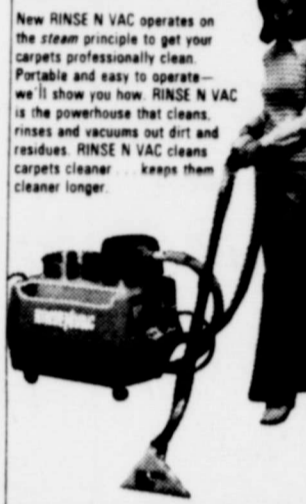
Anyone 6 to 18-years-old wanting to take swimming lessons are asked to contact Melba Glasscock at 928-4883.

Veterans to meet

Veterans of World War I and the Lady's Auxiliary will meet Saturday at the R. E. A. Building in Merkel.

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Some important questions.

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It's not all bad news.

Basically, all of those answers say that gas costs more than it used to, and it will continue to cost more.

But there is good news: As long as Lone Star is able to recover its costs, and as long as there is sufficient incentive for producers to drill for new gas supplies, we'll have the gas we need to keep this area moving.

All we ask is your understanding, and your cooperation, to make sure that happens.

If you have a question you'd like answered in an advertisement, write Consumer Information, Lone Star Gas, 301 S. Harwood, Dallas, Texas 75201.

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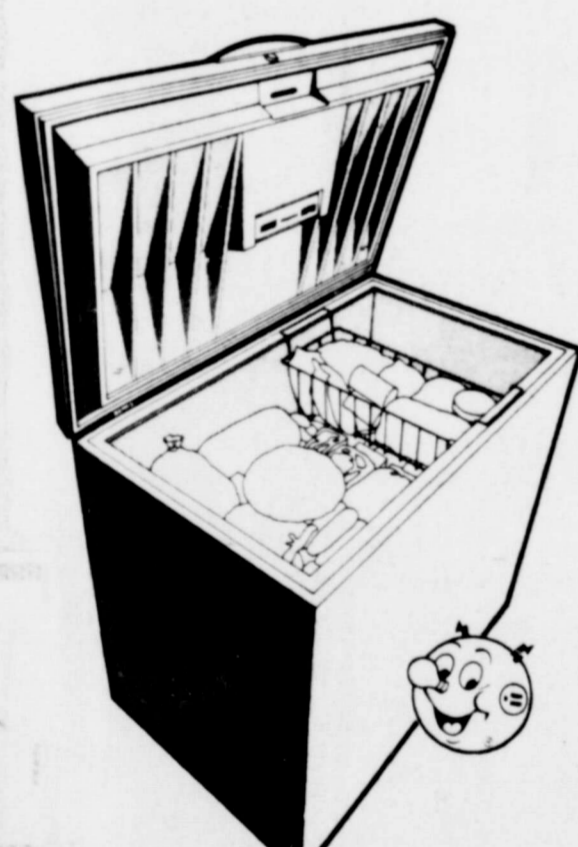
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LABEL PACKAGES: Date and identify freezer packages so (1) you don't accumulate a lot of mysterious shapes and (2) you'll be able to pick out foods that have been in the freezer longest.

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF SALES: Avoid overstocking with commercially frozen food that's always available; use your freezer as your own bargain counter and store foods you can buy on sale. But do allow space for short-time baked goods, leftovers and special party foods.

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Mrs. Scott Mystery Store winner

Mrs. W. R. Scott of Trent became the fourth weekly winner of the Mystery Store contest being conducted by progressive Merkel businesses in support of their customers.

Bragg's is the fifth Mystery Store in the 10-week contest and Bragg's will give away an Eileen Scott pant suit to this week's winner.

The word to find throughout The Merkel Mail this week is "Bragg's" and it has been hidden throughout the paper at least 10 times.

To enter the contest find the word "Bragg's" and circle at least 10 of them and then turn the newspaper with your name, address and telephone number in at this week's Mystery Store, Bragg's, before 5 p.m. Saturday.

Or a contestant may enter

by printing your name, address and telephone number on an 8 1/2 by 11 plain piece of paper and print the name "BRAGG'S" 10 times using all capital letters.

No purchase is necessary to enter and you do not have to be present at the drawing to win.

Everyone is eligible for the prize excluding employees of the participating stores and the staff of The Merkel Mail.

At the end of the 10 weeks, a special drawing will be held from all those who have entered and The Merkel Mail will award 10 additional prizes of \$10 gift certificates. So, enter each week, or enter more than once, if you desire.

Participating businesses are Starbuck's Furniture

Store, Bragg's Department Store, Emma's Clothes Closet, Adcock's Circle A Western Wear, Crawford's, Ann's Flowers, Wilson's Grocery, Western Auto, Castille's Hardware and L & W Snack Bar.

Bible School

Vacation Church School has been scheduled by First United Methodist Church of Merkel.

The school starts Monday and continues through Friday at the church, South Third and Locust.

It is open to youngsters 3 to 13 years old and it will be held from 9 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. each day.

Legal Notice

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 42nd District

Court of Taylor County,

of the 25th day of May 1976,

by District Clerk of said

County for the sum of Seven

thousand eight hundred five

and 47/100--Dollars and

costs of suit, under a Judg-

ement, in favor of Olen Dreyer

vs. Johnny Lackey and G. W.

Lackey dba Country Caravan

Club, placed in my hands for

service, I Jack Landrum as

Sheriff of Taylor County,

Texas, did, on the 11th day of

June 1976, levy on certain

Real Estate, situated in Taylor

County, Texas, described as

follows, to-wit:

The West 90' of the North

22' of Lot 15;

The West 90' of the South

28' of Lot 15;

The West 90' of Lot 14;

The West 10' of the East

50' of Lot 14; and

The West 90' of Lot 16,

Craft's Subdivision of Lot 2,

Block 202, Original Town,

Abilene Taylor County

Texas.

Deed recorded in Volume

977, Page 489, secured by a

Deed of Trust,

and levied upon as the

property of John Lackey and

that on the first Tuesday in

July 1976, the same being

the 6th 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 John Lackey.

And in compliance with law,

I give this notice by publica-

tion, in the English language,

once a week for three consecu-

tive weeks immediately

preceding said day of sale,

in the Merkel Mail, a news-

paper published in Taylor

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Witness my hand, this 11th

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By R. P. Blackley Deputy,
Jack Landrum
Sheriff Taylor County,
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Reed elected chairman

Gayle Reed, 17-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Reed of 711 Locust Street, Merkel, was elected chairman of the Candy-strippers at Hendrick Memorial Hospital June 11.

This is Miss Reed's third year as a volunteer Candy-striper at the Abilene hospital. She was the Candy-striper's vice-chairman last year.

**HAPPY 27th
ANNIVERSARY
ROBERT
LOVE BILLIE**

Mustangs captured T-Shirt title

The Mustangs are champions of the T-Shirt baseball campaign with eight wins against two defeats.

They clinched the championship this week with a 16-2 win over the Braves and a 15-4 win over the Eagles.

The Yankees finished with a 6-2 record for second with a 7-0 win over the Eagles and a 21-8 verdict of the Braves.

Brian Ford, Randy Palarez, Sean Woodard and Kerry Miller each scored twice for the Yankees; Dean Franklin and Kevin Coker scored once as did Cory Ford, D. Sanford scored three times and Johnny Starbuck scored twice.

For the Braves Todd Yaddow hit a homer and Wayne

Johnson scored. For the Mustangs, Wilson Stevens scored three times and Doyle Brenem and Willie Brazelton once.

Eddie Biera scored three times and hit a double; Benjamin Beaver hit a home run and scored twice; Brent King scored twice; Chris Simpson scored twice with a double; and Darren Pack scored twice with a double.

Todd Yaddow hit a double

FINAL STANDINGS

Team	W	L
Mustangs	8	1
Yankees	6	2
Braves	2	7
Eagles	1	7

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS
Yankees 16, Eagles 0
Mustangs 16, Braves 2
Yankees 21, Braves 8
Mustangs 15, Eagles 4

Willies, Braves in showdown

The Willies and Braves will go a long way toward deciding the Little League baseball championship Thursday night at 8 p.m. when they collide.

The Willies are clinging to the lead with an 8-3 win-loss record while the Braves have pulled into second, a half game out of first with seven wins and three losses.

Early season leader Kilowatts fell to third place at 6-4.

The Willies remained in the lead with an 8-0 win over the Supers and a 10-8 decision of the Bankers.

Richard Beaver pitched a one-hitter, allowing a single by Ronnie Williams in the third inning.

Mike Hager scored four runs, hit four for four, including two doubles for the victors. Danny Riggan added a run, hit a double and batted three for four. Kenny Sims, James Stevens and Harold Dye each scored a run.

Against the Bankers, the Willies scored five runs the fourth and stopped a 3-run Banker rally the fifth for the win with Randy Leverich scoring once and hitting a triple, Danny Riggan scoring twice, hitting two doubles and a triple, Richard Beaver scoring twice and hitting a

double. Todd Whetsel hitting a home run, Kenny Sims scoring three times and Mike Hager scoring once.

For the Bankers, Randy Davis and Rick Biera scored twice and Wayne Horton, Bobby Biera and Manuel Biera each scored once.

The Bankers put together an 8-run second inning to stop the Vets, 12-11, in another game. The Vets' big inning also was the second as they scored five.

Fowler had two runs, a double and home run and hit 3 for 4 for the Bankers; M. Biera scored twice and hit two doubles; K. Biera and R. Davis scored once and hit doubles; D. Williams and J. Ybarra scored twice; and M. Pate and W. Horton scored once for the Bankers.

For the Vets, M. Tutt hit a triple and scored twice, C. Mashburn scored three runs and hit 3 for 4, S. Smith scored twice, and D. Tutt, S. Tomblinson, B. Josey and Ken Hogan each scored once.

Meanwhile, the Braves stopped the Vets, 8-2 with Greg Dickinson scoring twice, O. C. McKeenan scoring once and hitting a double, Ed Herrera and Spencer Scott scoring once, Jeff Scott hitting a triple and scoring twice and Bill McKeenan scoring

once and hitting a double. Donald Tutt hit a triple and scored once and Sammy Tomblinson scored once for the Vets.

The Braves knocked off the Kilowatts, 13-2, with Jay Gibson and Steve Waldon scoring the lone Kilowatts runs.

STANDINGS

Team	W	L
Willies	8	3
Braves	7	3
Kilowatts	6	4
Bankers	4	6
Vets	3	7
Supers	3	8

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS
Willies 8, Supers 0
Braves 13, Kilowatts 2
Willies 10, Bankers 8
Braves 8, Vets 2
Bankers 12, Vets 11
Kilowatts 19, Supers 6

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE
TUESDAY--Bankers vs. Supers, 6 p.m.; Kilowatts vs. Vets, 8 p.m.
THURSDAY--Bankers vs. Kilowatts, 6 p.m.; Braves vs. Willies, 8 p.m.
FRIDAY--Willies vs. Vets, 6 p.m.; Supers vs. Braves, 8 p.m.
TUESDAY--Kilowatts vs. Willies, 6 p.m.; Supers vs. Vets, 8 p.m.



MR. MRS. H. J. KEGANS

Kegans observe 50th anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Kegans will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday (June 20) in Fellowship Hall of the Trent United Methodist Church.

The reception will be 2 until 4 p.m. and will be hosted by their children, Mr. and Mrs. Troy Kegans of Akron, Ohio, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Duncan of Des Peres, Missouri and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Kegans of Leonard.

The couple has six grandchildren.

J. J. Kegans was born in Coleman County September 10, 1904 moving to the White Flat community with his parents in 1905.

Laura Kegans, the former Laura Bright, was born in Lamar County, October 15, 1906 and moved to Trent in 1922.

The couple were married June 23, 1926 in Merkel and have lived most of their married life in Trent.

They are active in the Trent United Methodist Church.

Stith HD news

The Stith Home Demonstration Club met June 9. They met in the home of Mrs. Sue Townsend. We each brought a covered dish and had a luncheon. We had our business meeting and program after lunch. Daisy Mashburn brought recreation. We voted to have special guests and serve ice cream at our next meeting which is June 23.

Those attending the luncheon were Margaret Dickerson, Vada Hudson, Louise Hudson, Mae Jones, Daisy Mashburn, Sue Townsend and 5 children.

GENERAL REVENUE SHARING PLANNED USE REPORT

General Revenue Sharing provides federal funds directly to local and state governments. This report of your government's plan is published to encourage citizen participation in determining your government's plan on how the money will be spent. Note: Any complaints or discrimination in the use of these funds may be sent to the Office of Revenue Sharing, Wash. D.C. 20226.

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1. PUBLIC SAFETY	\$ 1100.00	\$ 438.00	FOR THE SEVENTH ENTITLEMENT PERIOD, JULY 1, 1976 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1976. PLANS TO SPEND THESE FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSES SHOWN.	ACCOUNT NO. 44 2 221 003
2. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	\$ 3847.00	\$		
3. PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION	\$ 538.00	\$ 1000.00		
4. HEALTH	\$	\$		
5. RECREATION	\$ 3076.00	\$		
6. LIBRARIES	\$	\$ 170.00		
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8. FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION	\$	\$		
9. MULTICOURSE AND GENERAL GOVT	\$ 4615.00	\$		
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11. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	\$	\$		
12. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	\$	\$		
13. OTHER	\$	\$		
TOTALS	\$13176.00	\$ 2208.00		

Submit proposals for funding consideration on July 7, 1976.

J. A. Sadler
City Hall, 107 Lamar, Merkel, Tx 79536

(E) ASSURANCES: Refer to instruction E.1. Assume the Secretary of the Treasury has the non-discrimination and other selection requirements listed in Part E of the instructions accompanying this report and will be complied with by this recipient government with respect to the entire report.

Lou David Allen, Mayor June 15, 1976

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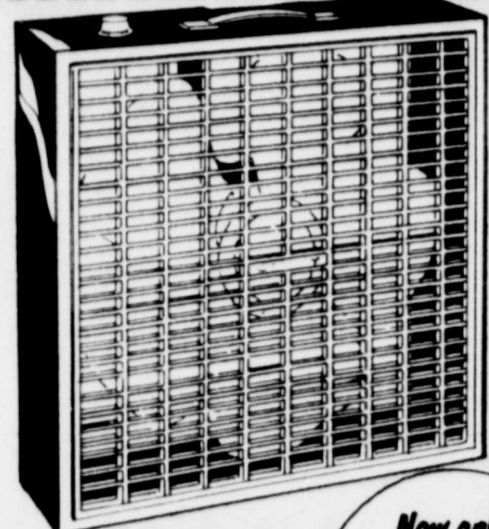
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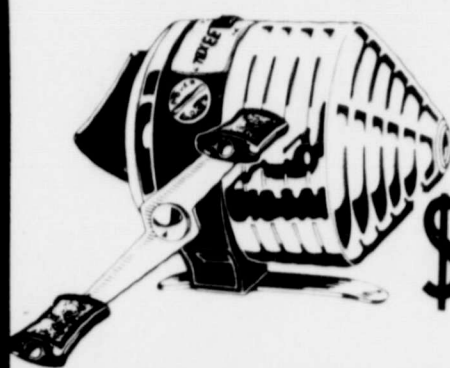
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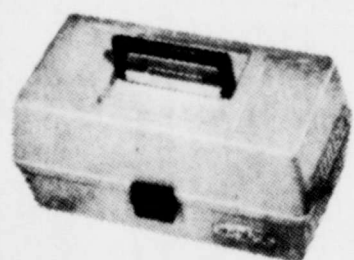
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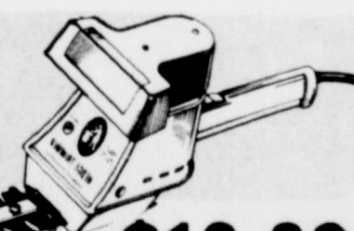
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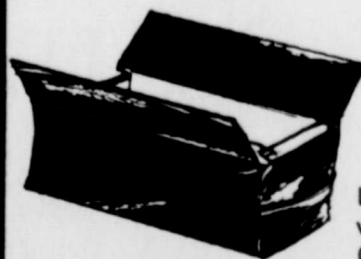
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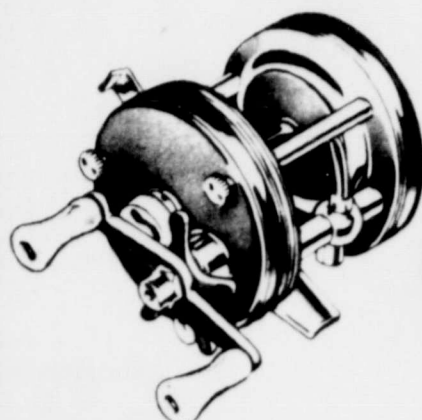
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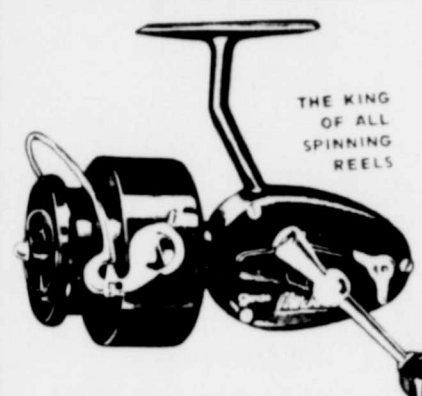
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