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April 7th

The Merkel Mail

Thursday March 29, 1979...Merkel, Texas

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The Trent Bike-a-thon for Cystic Fibrosis will be held April 28th. For more information contact Zula Darby at 862-2624.



Betty Jane Tittle admires the plaque presented to her by Gloria Henslee in behalf of Xi Nu Chi and the Lambda Beta service clubs as Woman of the Year at Friday's Chamber of Commerce Banquet. (Staff photo by Cloy A. Richards)



Incoming Chamber of Commerce President Lee Presswood is about to present Don Hensley the Citizen of the Year plaque from the Chamber of Commerce. Hensley was also honored for directing the Chamber for the past three years. (Staff photo by Cloy A. Richards)

Board Rehires Teachers ... With Stipulations

The Merkel School Board met last Tuesday and rehired all teachers in the Merkel Independent School District... with stipulations.

Leroy Teaff, the vice president of the Merkel School Board read the following statement after board members emerged from an executive session. The statement read, "There are many things that have happened and are happening in our school district that are out of our control. The Board of Education is responsible for the financial affairs of all taxpayers in the Merkel Independent School District and seeing that all children are safe and all are provided for by law and board policy".

"Because of recent actions, including a law suit, our attorney advises us to take action on teacher contracts with the following stipulation; the renewal of contracts will be subject to the pending deconsolidation movement, and a provision shall be added to renewed contracts making continuing employment subject to the final outcome of the deconsolidation election such that the contract may be terminated in the event that deconsolidation is approved by voters and a reduction in teaching staff becomes necessary."

A petition, containing 20 signatures from Merkel and 20 from Tye was filed with the Merkel Independent School District asking for an election to deconsolidate Tye from the Merkel ISD. That petition was subsequently withdrawn.

The board accepted the resignation of three teachers at Tuesday's meeting. Mrs. Mildred Winter, a fifth grade teacher at Tye Elementary resigned after 35 years of teaching. She will pursue a career in private business.

Helen Jones, the school nurse submitted her resignation and Robbie Hicks resigned as a coach in the Merkel Middle School, but will continue to teach.

In other actions, the board approved payment of \$53,162.91 in monthly bills and \$22,000 went for a bond payment on an annex. Taxes collected between September of 78 and Feb. 28, 1979 total \$48,990. School Superintendent Dr. Raymond Etheridge reported that 86 percent of school taxes have been paid to date. Etheridge also reported that of a total budget of \$1,947,000 for school year 78-79, 56 percent has been spent as of February 28th.

Etheridge also read a list of proposed members to the Merkel ISD Board of Equalization. Mark Malone, Ken Law, Billy Bob Neff, Annette Clark, Jackie Reynolds and Bill Sloan were recommended to the board by the district tax accessor-collector.

The board will meet again April 3rd to open bids for the construction of a new high school, a middle school gym, a vocational agriculture center and a multi-purpose room for Merkel Elementary. The meeting is scheduled to start at 7:30 p.m. and will be in a classroom near the superintendent's office.

Council Agrees On Ordinance

The Merkel City Council met Friday morning and discussed the dog ordinance proposals and decided to retain the one percent tax on utility bills.

City Manager J.A. Sadler read a list of proposed clauses in the city dog code. (See insert of this week's Mail for details). Council decided to make the proposals public and gather citizen input before taking official action.

Council also decided to hold their next meeting at 6 p.m. on March 29th. The reason for the late meeting is that a representative from state agency will be here to discuss the possibilities of establishing a day activity center here for the elderly. That meeting will be at City Hall.

Council also decided to maintain the local option one percent tax on utility bills. Council decided in favor of the 10 percent homestead tax break instead.

Local Candidates Appearing At Question And Answer Session

KBGG Radio of Merkel and the Merkel Mail are sponsoring a question and answer session for candidates for the Merkel City Council, Merkel Mayor and Merkel ISD Board Candidates.

The session, which will be carried on KBGG live is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. Friday morning. All of the candidates in the three Merkel races were invited to participate in the session and will answer the same questions.

Candidates invited to the session include; Mayor candidates Joe Bigbee, Ike Maxwell and Lou David Allen; City Council candidates Emma Lois Shugart, Kent Satterwhite and Paul Crouse; and school board candidates Vicki Spurr, Barbara Kotrlak, James Boyd and Dink Whisenant.

Farmers Meeting Scheduled

An open meeting for area farmers concerning the direct marketing of products through the Port of Brownsville has been scheduled for April 3rd at the Taylor Electric Co-operative Building at 8:00 p.m.

Ed Altemus, traffic manager at the port and Jimmy Beeman, a special assistant to the port director will be on hand to answer questions from area farmers concerning exportation of agricultural products.

The two men are in Mexico this week talking to the Mexican Government about their policies for agricultural imports for the coming year.

Beeman is a former cotton producer and buyer. Altemus is responsible for the shipping and loading schedules at the port.

They will be on hand to answer questions. The meeting is sponsored by the Merkel Mail.

Meet Ike Maxwell

Ike Maxwell, a retired electrician and five year resident of Merkel decided to run for mayor after listening to some of his friends and he is no stranger to public office.

Maxwell spent seven years on the city council of Buffalo Gap. Maxwell says, "I don't know how much money they have in City Hall, so I don't know what can be done for the town. I am not mayor yet so there isn't much sense in making many plans on what to do if I were mayor".

The candidate said that "Merkel is as good a place as any little town and that he does not think taxes here are too high.

Maxwell also says that "When I told my friends I'd run for mayor I told them I wouldn't sling any mud and if the people vote me in I will do the job. It is all up to the people now, I have done my part."

Hensley, Tittle Take Top Honors At Chamber Of Commerce Banquet Held Here Friday

Don Hensley, president of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank and Betty Jane Tittle, a vice president of the bank were honored as Merkel's Man and Woman of the Year at Friday's annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet. The banquet, held at the Merkel School Cafeteria drew a crowd of about 130 people featured the presentation of the awards and a speech.

The winner of the Alameda Bullock award was sick and unable to attend the banquet. Her award will be presented at a later date.

Reverend Allen Forbis gave the opening invocation and he was followed by master of ceremonies Don Hensley. Hensley welcomed guests attending from out of town and the Taylor County Judge, as well as a representative from 17th district Congressman Charles Stenholm's office.

J.A. Sadler, Merkel City Manager followed Hensley with the highlights of 1978. JSadler mentioned that Merkel got a new doctor, passed a bond issue, received 30 units of federal housing, and new businesses in Merkel.

Sadler also mentioned the new ambulance that was paid for through a fund raising effort, and the Blair Water District's approval for a water line.

Gloria Henslee then presented the Xi Nu Chi and Lambda Beta's Woman of the Year Plaque to Betty Jane Tittle. Mrs. Henslee said of Mrs. Tittle "that she had been employed at the bank 31 years and had worked her way up to a vice president, and among other activities was an

active member of the First United Methodist Church where she has held numerous posts."

Mrs. Tittle, on receiving the award said, "That the award is quite an honor and it was an occasion that she would never forget."

Incoming Chamber President Lee Presswood then took the podium and presented the Outstanding citizen of the Year award to Don Hensley. Hensley, the outgoing Chamber of Commerce President for three years expressed his gratitude to the audience.

In the winners' address, Presswood said of Hensley that it was a lucky day for Merkel when the Hensley's moved to town. He said that under Hensley's direction, the Chamber of Commerce had helped make this community grow.

Don Newbury, director of communications at Tarrant County Junior College in Fort Worth, was the evenings keynote speaker.

Newbury kept the crowd laughing with an interjected serious thought into his speech including, "When you speak to a Chamber of Commerce, you are talking to the corner-posts of the community. You know what a corner post is, it is something that always does more than it's fair share."

Lee Presswood then challenged those attending the banquet to "accept the challenges of community achievement to make Merkel a better place to work and live."

Pug and Leos catered the banquet that was covered by KRBC Radio and TV of Abilene and KTXS TV.

Mail Supports House Bill 941

by Cloy A. Richards

Lawmakers in Austin are currently pondering a bill that has divided rural and urban lawmakers from across the state.

House Bill 941 and Senate Bill 983 call for an end to the current system of rebating the local option one percent sales tax. The bills call for the rebate to be distributed by population, in lieu of the current system of rebating the money in the location it was spent.

The benefits to rural communities, especially those near large cities are obvious.

An example. You hop in your car and drive to Abilene and make a couple of purchases. The way the law is set up, Merkel would not receive one penny from that trip because the current law says that the municipality in which the goods or services were rendered is entitled to the tax. On top of that, if you are not a citizen of that community, you will receive no direct benefits from taxes collected by that city.

Under the proposed law, the state would place all of the money due back to the cities for their share of the one percent sales tax into a lump sum and then send each town a check, depending on the population of that community.

Construction On Blair Line Starting Soon

The Blair Water Supply Corporation is finally fully funded and an Abilene Construction Company will get to work laying the line as soon as bids and bonds are certified in state offices.

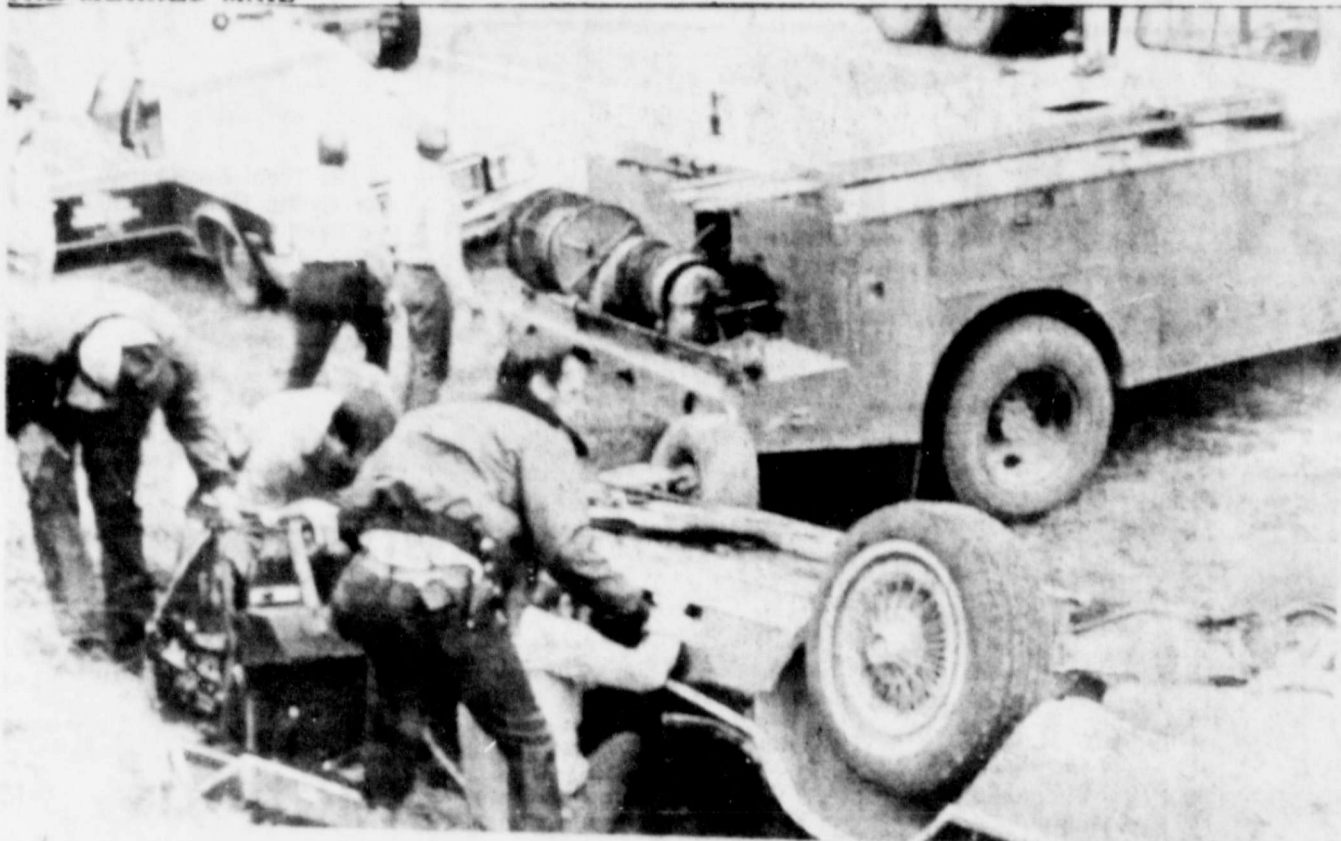
You may recall that the original bids were out of the money by some \$25,000. Officials from the Blair Water Supply applied for additional funding

because the water line will now serve 24 more meters than were identified in the original applications.

The water line will service customers south of I-20 near Merkel and approximately 250 meters have been applied for.



Candidate for Mayor Ike Maxwell



Workers attempt to rescue an Odessa man trapped in the wreckage of his car following a one car accident near Trent on I-20. The Merkel

Ambulance Service transported William Dean McCarty to a Sweetwater Hospital. A rescue unit was also dispatched from the Merkel Volunteer Fire Department. (Staff photo by Glenn Richards)



William Dean McCarty of Odessa received head, neck and leg injuries in a one car accident near

Trent Tuesday afternoon at 3:30. (Staff photo by Glenn Richards)

Softball League Raising Funds

The Merkel and Trent Softball Association announces the beginning of a fund raising effort to come up with \$800 that the association needs for equipment and uniforms. The association will hold a meeting today to

discuss the fund raising project. League members, more than 70 of them will be hitting the streets March 30 and 31st with a cleaning product. The group says that the cleaner is in concentrated form and will make six gallons of

cleaning fluid. The association says the product is a multi-purpose cleaner. This is the only time during the year that the association solicits financial support door-to-door during the year.

Merkel Middle School Honor Roll

The Merkel Middle School Honor Roll is as follows:
 SIXTH GRADE: A HONOR ROLL - Jennifer Roby, Greg Spurr, Lori Reynolds, Trung Tran.
 A-B HONOR ROLL - Jerry Davis, Tim Jacobs, Shelly Sherril, Shane Smith, David Glasscock, Darren Pack, Bill Adams, Donny Brady, Tami Elliott, Barbara Longenecker, Mum Prasarn, Kelly Sherril, John Starbuck, Kelly Stovall, Cindy Williams, Nanci Stevens, Amy Allen.
 SEVENTH GRADE: A HONOR ROLL - Trayla Gregory, Bonnie Anderson, Angie Allen, Cindy

Sims, Melinia Riney.
 A-B HONOR ROLL - Brenda Kinder, Judy Jinkens, John Ybarra, Joan Fariello, Denise Pack, Kimberly Pack, Rolinda Funderburg, Pam Wheeler, Brenda Hohertz.

EIGHTH GRADE: A HONOR ROLL - Lorne Sloan, Diana Landeros, Corina Longenecker, Mark Turner.

A-B HONOR ROLL - Patty Allen, Chris Mashburn, Jeff Scott, Greg Arnwine, Amye Amerine, Tina Bicknell, Susan Conner, Brian Gary, Windi Whisenhunt, Jackie Owen, Laura Cochran.

Merkel, Rest Of Local Area Drenched By Heavy Rains Last Week

Merkel and Taylor County law enforcement officers spent more than a few anxious moments Wednesday evening watching for threatening clouds as the first large spring storm on the first day of Spring blew through Merkel.

Merkel received .61 inches of rain after the local area had received about 2 inches spread over a one week period. The water soaked the ground and was unable to absorb any more water and the rains flooded some pasture lands and played havoc on people that had established early gardens.

Marble size hail fell at approximately 9:12 Wednesday evening and hailed for about three minutes.

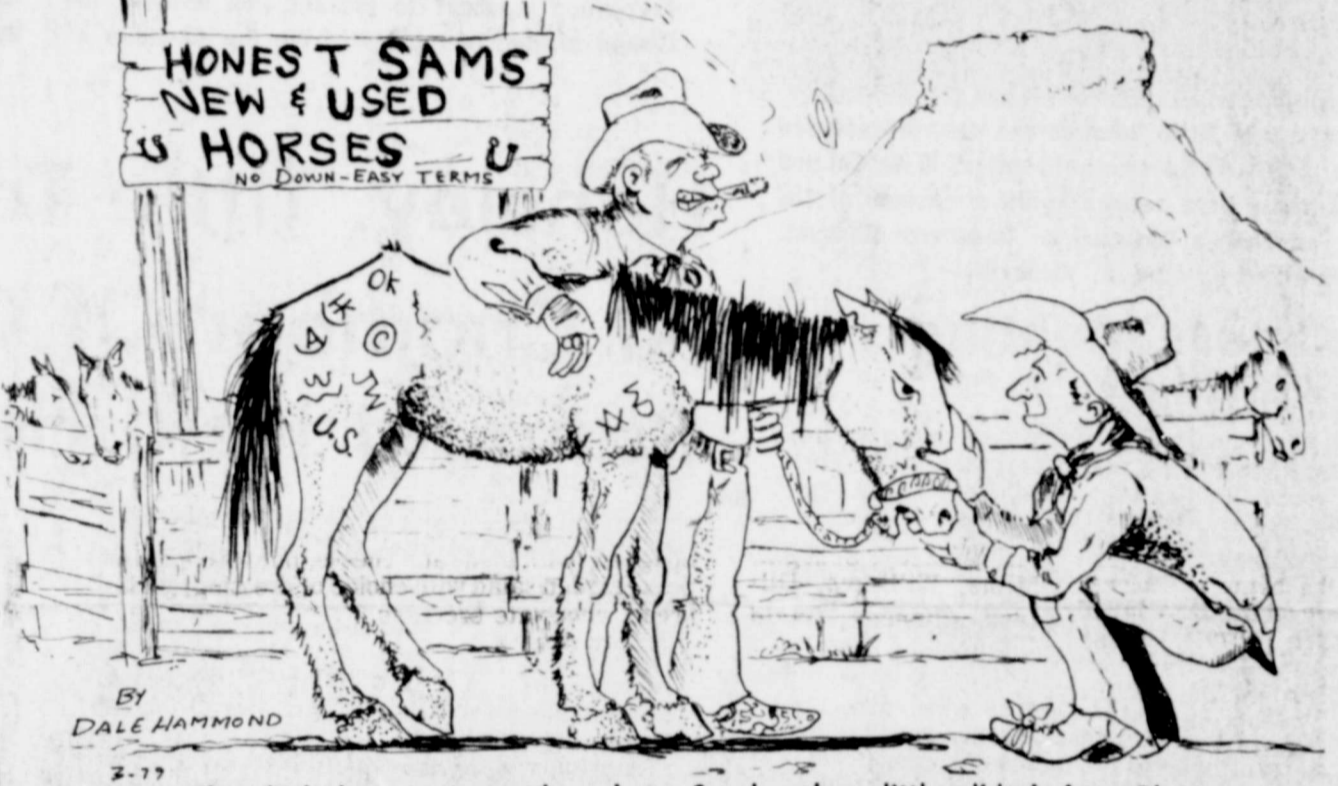
Merkel and Taylor County officials did report seeing one funnel cloud, at approximately 9:20 that was north of Merkel and headed in the

direction of Anson. There were no reports of any tornadoes touching down.

Local farmers will have to wait awhile before getting their spring planting done as many fields were flooded.

Most of the worst activity of last Wednesday's storm was confined to Sweetwater and Roscoe. Sweetwater received close to three inches of rain in three different downpours. Two Sweetwater residents were killed when their car was swept off of State Highway 70, 1 mile south of Sweetwater and into a flood swelled drainage ditch.

In Roscoe, about 30 homes had from six to ten inches of water inside them when drainage areas at the Eldorado Estates directly off of I-20 in Roscoe were unable to channel the water away from the new housing addition.



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Noah Wiley Receives Award

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Wiley is a woodworker in the Shipping and Crating section of the 96th Transportation Squadron at Dyess.

Wiley was cited by his supervisors for his productivity and his knowledge of his job.

Part of the citation written by Mr. Wiley's supervisor read "In my 38 years of active Fed-

eral Service I have never supervised any individual that is so dedicated to his work as Mr. Noah. I have never had to correct any of his work, it has all been up to Air Force standards. He is an excellent worker and he is deserving of greater recognition.

Noah, who received a cash award is a retired Air Force member. The citation went on to say that Mr. Noah has trained many young workers and that he is well liked by his peers.



Noah Wiley

Girl Scouts To Hold Banquet

Mrs. Jack Ferguson will serve as coordinator for the Parent Appreciation Banquet honoring the parents of Merkel Girl Scouts.

The affair will be held Saturday evening March 31 at the School Cafeteria. A South-of-the-border theme will be carried out in decorations. Junior Troop 308 (Mrs. Gaston Thomas, leader) will prepare the Mexican supper to be served to the girls and their parents. There will be no charge for the Scouts, but parents tickets will be \$2.00 each. To help plan and prepare enough food we are asking that you pay your ticket in advance this year. Your money and reservation need to be made by March 29, 1979. Thursday at the latest.

Homemakers Meet

The Texas Extension Homemakers Club met in the home of Dolores Adair on the 22nd day of March 1979. Bertha Hunter called the meeting to order. Annie Taylor led the prayer, led a game and read a poem. "Jesus." Roll call was answered with "How I cook eggs." Louise Chancey gave the Council report. Nancy Wilburn gave a program on eggs also showed all the members how to make crepes and omelets, each member made one of each and sampled them. The hostess gift was given to Nancy for bringing the program. Refreshments were served to Mrs.

presented by Mrs. Jim Sturrock, Executive Director of W.T.G.S. Council. She will show slides of the international Girl Scout center, Our Cabana, at Cuernavaca, Mexico. These slides were made during a visit by West Texas Girl Scouts to the center in the summer of 1978.

Thirty one cookie patches will be presented at the banquet. Kim Richards, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cloy Richards, will receive the Brownie-Dad Special award and Angela Thomas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gaston Thomas, will be presented with a 1/4 camper-ship.

There are eighty-seven Girl Scouts and sixteen adults who are active in Merkel's Girl Scout program. There are now eight troops.

Wilburn, Hunter, Taylor, Ramsey, Spurgin, Mims, Williams, Dillard, Chancey, David Chancey, 5 guests, 7 children and the hostess.

Good Man Club MEETS

The Goodman Extension Homemakers Club met in the home of Mrs. Carl Carey March 23rd with seven members and one visitor present.

The group voted to participate in the cancer drive program.

County agent Mrs. Evelyn Wilborn gave a presentation on eggs for your health.

The agent told the club members how to test eggs for freshness and how to store eggs in refrigerators for better results. She also told club members different ways to cook eggs and gave the members recipes for crepes and omelets. Each member then tried their hand at one of the recipes.

Omelets, crepes and tea were served to Mrs. Frank Carter, Mrs. Mae Seago, Mrs. Garland Price, Mrs. Dennis Butler, Mrs. Vivian Winters, Mrs. Rachel Phillips, Mrs. Carl Carey and Mrs. Evelyn Wilborn.

Their next meeting is scheduled for April 13 at 2 p.m. The meeting will be in the home of Mrs. Mai Seago. The program will be on cooking with bran.

All club meetings are open to anyone interested in attending.

Cemetery Donations

The Merkel Cemetery donations are as follows:
Mrs. Lola Stockbridge, in memory Loved Ones.
Ada Mae O'Donnell, in memory E.A. Rutledge
A.C. Sosebee Family
Mrs. Lola Pyle, in memory Dr. C.B. Gardner
Mr. and Mrs. L.L. Parsons
Mrs. D.C. Doan
Billy and Betty Doan
Mrs. Pierce Horton, in memory Mrs. Ed Blackburn
Sallie Gant, in memory Ora White
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Mr. & Mrs. Ray Wilson, in memory Charles Long, Ora White
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Mrs. George T. Moore, in memory Ora White
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Pet Touchstone, in memory Ora White
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R.R. Parker
Frank & Gladys Breaux, in memory Kenneth Pee
Mr. & Mrs. W.B. Thomas, in memory Ora White
Mr. & Mrs. Buster Horton, in memory Charles Long
Mrs. John Toombs, in memory Kenneth Pee
Mabel McRee, in memory Ora White

Esther Sunday School Class, in memory Ora White
Darene Bigham, in memory Lindle & Curly Martin
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Mattie Petty, in memory Kenneth Pee
Mrs. Earl Hughes, Sr., in memory Kenneth Pee
Ruby Grimes, in memory Kenneth Pee
Mrs. Morris Smith, in memory of Deverle Hunter, Mrs. Lesil White
Mrs. Irven Thompson, in memory Deverle Hunter
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Merkel ISD lunch menu

The Merkel school menu is as follows:

- Monday April 2
Pizza, buttered vegetable, lettuce wedge with choice of dressing, applesauce cake.
- Tuesday April 3
Meat balls, potato salad, seasoned spinach, hot rolls, pineapple slices.
- Wednesday April 4
Chicken fried steak, cream gravy, whipped potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, applesauce with jello.
- Thursday April 5
Spaghetti with meat and cheese, buttered english peas, garden salad with choice of dressing, garlic bread, chocolate brownies.
- Friday April 6
Hot dogs with chili, pinto beans, pickle relish, sliced onion, coney buns, fresh fruit wedge.

Got A Recipe

Have you got a recipe that you are especially fond of and would like others to know about it. Jot it down with your name and send it to P.O. Box 428, Merkel.

PULL-APART BREAD

- 3 cans biscuits
- 1/2 pound bacon
- 3/4 cup bell pepper, chopped
- 3/4 cup onion, chopped

- 1/2 cup grated cheese
- 2 sticks butter

Fry bacon. Crumble. Using 1/2 stick of the butter cook onion and pepper until brown. Add remaining butter until just melted. Cut biscuits in quarters. Mix all ingredients together. Put in unbuttered bundt pan. Bake 40 minutes at 350. Serve hot - it will need to be pulled apart, it will not slice.

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| 6.50% | 1 Year Cert - \$1,000 min. | 6.72% |
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Obituaries

M. E. West

M.E. "Elbert" West, 88, of Rt. 1, Merkel, died at 9 a.m. Thursday at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene after a lengthy illness. Services were at 10 a.m. Saturday at Elliott-Hamil Chapel of Memories, 542 Hickory with the Rev. James Williams of Anson officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery in Merkel.

Born Jan. 26, 1891, in Waxahachie in Ellis County, he moved to Stith Dec. 31, 1904. He married Ollie Alma Miller Dec. 19, 1915, in Stith. He worked for Bradley Mercantile Co. for 18 years, and later became an independent oil operator with offices in Abilene.

Mr. West was a member of Stith Baptist Church, where he was an active deacon for more than 60 years. He was a charter member of the Abilene Petroleum Club.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Mrs. Norman (Mildred) Winter of 1820 Beechwood in Abilene; two grandchildren, Frosty Winter of Kauffman and Mrs. Manley (Linda) Denton of Birmingham, Ala.; two sisters, Mr. J.C. Jones of Merkel and Mrs. Jesse Dillon of Abilene; seven great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were F.S. McDonald, George McDonald, Fred Perry, Glenn Bicknell, Norman Bicknell and Billy Clay Jones.

John D. Perry

John D. Perry, 84, of Merkel died at 5 a.m. Tuesday in Hendrick Medical Center after a lengthy illness. Services are pending with Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born Sept. 28, 1894, in Erath County, he had lived and farmed in Temple, Okla. for several years prior to moving to Merkel in 1942. In Merkel he worked as a service station attendant for several years. He was a member of the Baptist Church. He married Vera Frady on March 4, 1916, in Weatherford.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Troyce of Midland, and Billy Ray of Haskell; two daughters, Opal Collier of Merkel and Glenda Smith of Tacoma Wash.; one brother, Dee of Haskell; six grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Claude and Clarence, and two sisters, Clemmie and Eva.

Pallbearers will be Buster Thompson, W.L. Massey, Billy Fisher, Clyde Bunch, Kent Satterwhite and John Allison.

Honorary pallbearers will be M.T. Head, George West, Burr Hendricks, and Leonard Casady.

Nell Dennis

Nell Elizabeth Swann Dennis, of 27 Farmington Road, widow of Otis Robert Dennis, died Saturday.

Born in Merkel, Tex., she was a retired school teacher and a member of West Gantt First Baptist Church.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Walter Rice Jr. of Greenville; sisters Annie Mae Sears of Snyder, Tex., Mrs. Carson Miles of San Angelo, Tex., and Irene Swann of Roswell, N.M.; brothers, Lewis Swann of Las Vegas, Nev., and James Swann

of Chicago, Ill., and two grandchildren.

Services were at 11 a.m. Monday at The Mackey Mortuary; burial was at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Rose Cemetery, Mocksville, N.C.

The family was at 112 Kathryn Court.

Memorials may be made to the Heart Fund, 209 E. Stone Ave.

Hollis West

Hollis West, 54, of Garland, a native of Hodges, died about 4:30 p.m. Thursday in a Dallas hospital after a lengthy illness.

He was a nephew of M.E. West, 88, a longtime resident of Stith who died at 9:00 a.m. Thursday at Hendrick Medical Center.

Services for Hollis West were at 10 a.m. Saturday in Garland. Graveside services were at 3:30 p.m. Saturday at Stith Cemetery, directed by Starbuck Funeral Home of Merkel.

Mr. West was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Willard H. West of Mesquite. His father preceded him in death.

He was manager of the parts department of Ling Temco Vaught for 30 years. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include his mother; a son; a daughter; and a sister, Mrs. Drew Curtis of Dallas. A son preceded him in death.

David Anderson

David J. Anderson, 91, of Merkel died Tuesday at 2:15 a.m. at the Starr Nursing Home after a lengthy illness.

Services were held yesterday at the First Baptist Church in Merkel with Rev. Kenneth Jones and retired Rev. Bill Tanner officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Mr. Anderson was born Oct. 16, 1887 in South Taylor County and was a life-long resident of the county. He was a retired farmer and rancher. He has been a member of the Baptist Church for 76 years. He married Callie Jones on September 15, 1907 in Taylor County.

Survivors include his wife; one son, Odell Anderson of Burkeville; one daughter, Ruth Campbell of Merkel; four grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren and three great great grandchildren.

Grandsons served as pallbearers.

Holmes' Announc Birth Of Son

Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Holmes are proud to announce the birth of their son Willie Eugene, born on St. Patrick's Day March 17th at 8:54 pm. Willie weighed in at 6 lbs, 13 oz. and is 19 1/2 inches long.

Upon arriving home Willie was welcomed by his 4 1/2 year old sister Sheena Marie.

Maternal grandpar-

Georgia Paddick

Georgia Paddick, 66, of 1134 S. Ninth, died at 11:15 p.m. Saturday in Shady Oaks Lodge after a lengthy illness. Services were at 2 p.m. Monday at Elliott-Hamil chapel of Memories, 542 Hickory with the Rev. Allen Cartrite, pastor of North Park Baptist Church, officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery in Merkel.

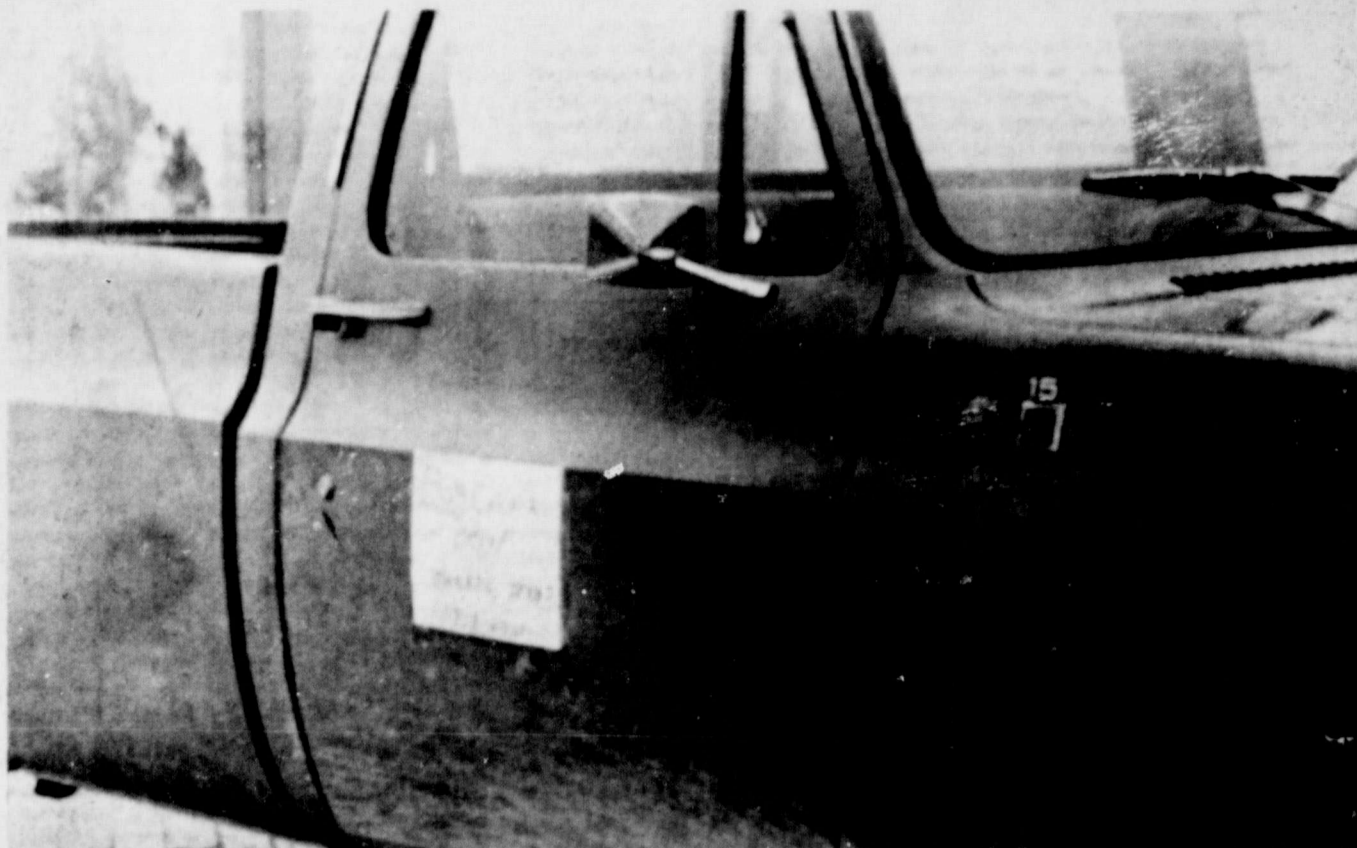
Born April 23, 1912, in Trent, she moved to Merkel as a youngster. Mrs. Paddick attended Merkel schools and lived in Merkel until 1944, when she moved to Abilene.

She married George Paddick Oct. 12, 1973, in Abilene. She was a Baptist.

Survivors include her husband; a daughter, Jo Ann Moore of Abilene; a sister, Lois Dyess of Merkel; two brothers, Hilton Suber and O.C. Suber, both of Merkel; and three nieces and nephews.

ents are Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Santee of Merkel. Paternal grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Billy Holmes also of Merkel.

Maternal great grandparents are Mrs. Esther Bertini of Montana and Mr. & Mrs. James J. Hovan of California. Paternal great grandmother is Mrs. Kate Phillips of Merkel.



City Manager J.A. Sadler's pickup was appointed the unofficial dog catcher's vehicle by a practical joker Tuesday. (Staff photo by Glenn Richards)

Tye Man Injured

A Tye man was thrown 72 feet out of his vehicle at 1 a.m. Sunday when his car missed a slight turn at an exit ramp just east of Shirley Road.

Albert James Simpson, 23, of Tye, was transferred out of intensive care and listed in satisfactory condition Sunday afternoon, a Hendrick Medical Center supervisor said.

Simpson was traveling west on Interstate 20 when his vehicle turned over twice after the mishap, officer J.C. Jones reported. Jones also said some damage was done to the guard rail.

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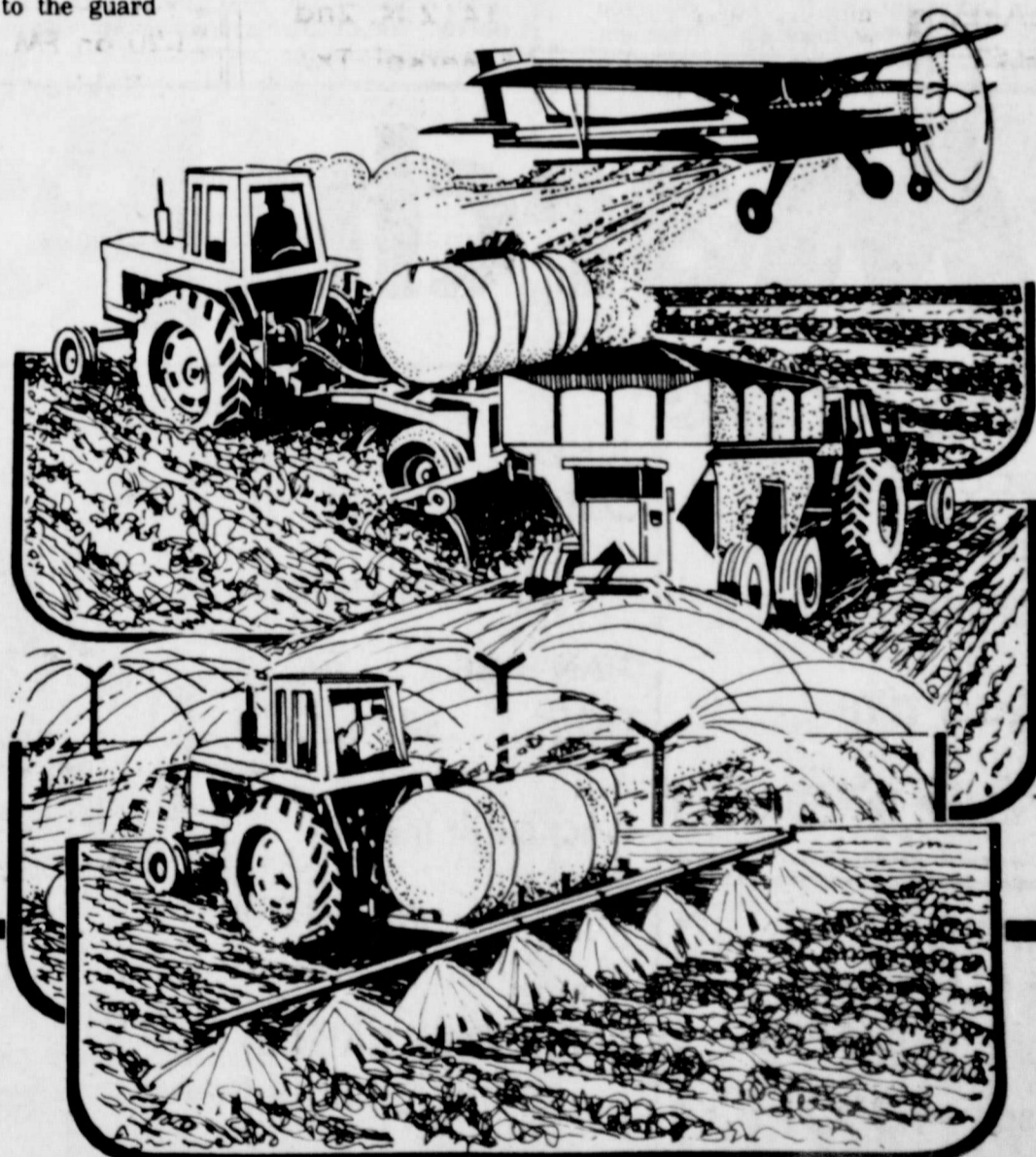
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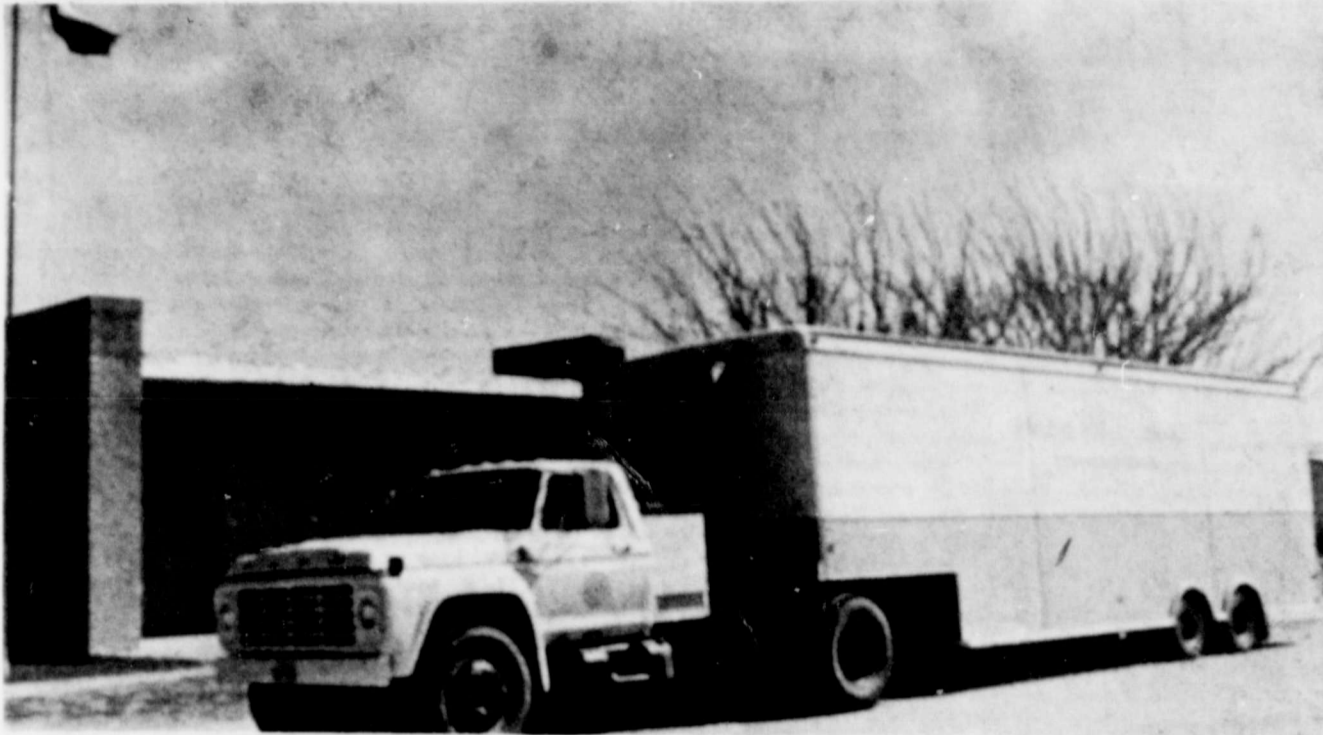
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Pam Neff and Michell Dudley have their books stamped by Leslie Waldon while their class visits the book mobile. (Staff photo by Glenn Richards)

Bookmobile Carries 4,000 Books

by Glenn Richards

Four thousand books, from the first reader to best sellers, from how to make a two stick kite to the internal working of an aircraft engine are available to not only elementary students but middle school, high school and anyone else who has a card that entitles them to check out books from the

Bookmobile.

The bookmobile is a service of the Abilene Public Library. It makes one of its most rewarding stops here in Merkel in front of the elementary school every two weeks from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Dates to come are Apr. 9 and 23 and May 7 and 21. After this time the bookmobile will bypass Merkel when school is out since we have our own public

library. (By the way, the bookmobile also delivers books to the library here in Merkel.) Leslie Waldon, who has been with the Abilene public library for 18 years is the driver and along with Jeannie Waterbury, handles all of the bookwork.

Mr. Waldon said that this is one of their busiest stops checking out as many as 300

books in one morning.

"Between Merkel and Lawn we check out a whole lot of books," Mr. Waldon said.

To check out books from the bookmobile you must have a "Bookmobile Library Card" obtainable at the library or from the bookmobile.

Take advantage of this service. The elementary students do, and you want to keep up with them.

Xi Nu Chi Holds Meeting

The Xi Nu Chi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met for their regular meeting in the home of Rose Etheridge.

Pat Neff, social chairman announced an "Irish Fling" would be held Saturday March 17th at the Catholic fellowship hall. Louise Dubose, service chairman reported a book had been purchased for the Merkel City Library. A flyer has been received from the Dallas City Council of Beta Sigma Phi with news of the coming State Convention in Dallas June 8-9-10. The Convention theme will be "Dallas goes Hawaiian". President Bobbye Mansfield appointed the following to the

nominating committee, Kathy Leverich, Charlotte Starbuck, Jocille Brady.

Mr. J.A. Sadler, Merkel City Manager was guest speaker. Mr. Sadler's topic was the expanding community. A rundown on the city tax dollars and the future projects for the city were explained by Mr. Sadler.

Refreshments were served to the following: Louise Dubose, Charlotte Starbuck, Liz Eager, Val Patterson, Connie Ybarra, Betty Allday, Ginny Yaddow, Pat Neff, Jocille Brady, Connie Harris, Mamie Steck, Bobbye Mansfield, Mr. J.A. Sadler and the hostess Rose Etheridge.

Rape Charges

Felony rape of a child charges were filed Sunday against Mark Kiser of Sylvester.

The charges stemmed from an incident with a Merkel girl. Charges were filed Sunday in Merkel Justice of the Peace Henry Guenther's office.

Birthday Dinner

A dinner honoring Mrs. Faye Purser of Trent on her eightieth birthday was held Saturday, March 24 in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Vinson, children attending other than Mrs. Vinson were Mr. & Mrs. Bill Purser of San Angelo, Mr. & Mrs. James Canady of Trent, Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Purser of Merkel.

Grandchildren and great grandchildren include: Mrs. Charles Russell and boys, Kelly and John of Canadian, Texas; Mrs. Kathy Clark and girls, Rebecca

and Katherine; Mr. & Mrs. Joe Bigbee and girls Queena and Marjoe; Mr. & Mrs. Gary Bigbee and son Ryan; Jerry Vinson and Sherry Collins, all of Merkel.

Piano Recital

The students of Mrs. Ronny Doan will be presented in a piano recital Friday, March 30th. The recital will be at the First United Methodist Church at 7:00 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

Students participating are as follows: Angie Allen, Leigh Anne Allen, Christi Brady, Camilla Bright, Cammie Bright, Kevin Coker, Kyle Coker, Kyle Doan, April Duncan, and Angela Dunlap.

Also, Becky Dunlap, Melissa Harris, Abby Irvin, Amy Irvin, Pam Massey, Kimberly Pack, Bridget Pallarez, Marissa Sandusky, and Diem Tran.

Contest Winners

Steve and Tanya Castille of Merkel won a first place finish in a dance contest at an Abilene night-spot Monday.

The Castilles' finished first in a dance contest sponsored by the Sound Barrier.

King Baby

Pam & David King are proud to announce the arrival of a son, Cody James, born March 23rd and weighed in at 8 lb. 3 oz. Grandparents are: Mr. & Mrs. Don King, Mr. & Mrs. Micky Newsom, and Mr. & Mrs. O.W. Dickerson all of Merkel.

Church Revival

A revival will be held at Calvary Baptist Church Wednesday, April 4th through Sunday,

April 10th. Services will start at 7:30 p.m.

The evangelist to hold the revival is Dr. Henry Parrish, pastor of Ecorse Baptist Temple, Ecorse, Michigan. Dr. Parrish is President of Ecorse Baptist Temple, Ecorse, Michigan. Dr. Parrish is President of Ecorse Baptist Christian School and Ecorse Baptist Bible College.

Our newly appointed music director, Bro. Edgar Graham will be directing the music.

We would like to invite everyone to attend these services.

Softball Registration

The Merkel and Trent Softball League Mini Minors and Minors need to register this week. Registration forms can be picked up in the principal's office in Merkel High School or call Connie Harris at 8-4944.

March Food Savings!

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Danny Frazier, Calvin Boone and Ray De la Cruz have started filling in the potholes left by rough winter conditions here. The West Central Texas Council of Governments is still looking for three

more people to work on the crews. Starting pay is \$3.55 per hour. More information is available at City Hall. (Staff photo by Glenn Richards)

Council Says Re-start Cotton Research

The president of the National Cotton Council today requested the House Agriculture Appropriations subcommittee to restore funding for important cotton research projects for fiscal 1980.

Hoke Leggett, Hobbard, N.C., producer, expressed deep concern over the administration's proposed \$3.3 million cut in over-all agricultural research and especially over the fact that more than half of the cut or \$1.6 million would be in cotton research alone.

He commended the Administration's effort to reduce the budget deficit but noted that research is one of the primary ways of improving productivity and holding down costs. The Administration apparently recognized this fact in other areas, he noted, because seven of 10 federal research agencies would receive increased funding in the proposed budget.

In view of the growth in world population and evidence that yields of

many crops in this country have reached upper limits, Leggett commented, "It is difficult to understand why, at the same time, agriculture and cotton are receiving severe cuts."

The Council president said the cotton industry has already experienced "considerable sacrifice" in efforts to hold down the federal budget deficit. Scientific man-years assigned to federal cotton research have dropped 20 percent in the last decade, he stated. In addition, Leggett noted that the 1977 farm act actually called for substantial increases in research.

The Council president also expressed concern that cotton was singled out for the heaviest research cuts at a time

when it has a tremendous potential for greatly alleviating the nation's trade balance problems through expanded exports.

"We need to increase our production efficiency in order to take advantage of our expanding opportunities in the export market," he said, "and we cannot do so over the long run unless research is adequate to keep production costs competitive."

Leggett listed a number of such projects which would be eliminated under the proposed cuts, including research essential to developing insect and disease-resistant cotton varieties and to minimizing the use of pesticides while fully

protecting the crop.

He also stressed the importance of continued federal work in post-harvest research, pointing out that cotton faces "unprecedented problems" in the processing area due to cotton dust and flammability regulations.

"This could seriously hamper several absolutely vital areas of research, including cotton dust . . . which urgently needs to be stepped up, not only to save the cotton industry and the jobs and income it contributes to the economy, but also to eliminate a potential health problem for some people."

Hey Gang How About A Drive In Movie

by Cloy A. Richards

Since a Merkel Mail editorial of three weeks ago concerning the problems of youth in the community, there has not been all that many ideas by the public on what to do about the problem.

We have learned from the State Department of Human Resources that films are available for showing on a non-profit basis for communities without entertainment facilities, therefore I feel that we qualify for those.

It wouldn't be that hard to set up a "theater" somewhere. A freshly painted white wall would do for a screen, and the only thing we would need for free, drive-in outdoor theater is a building

with a grassy area around it with a white wall.

Folks could sit on the ground, in lawnchairs or wherever and enjoy the show. Mind you that the films would not be first run, I doubt that you would see Superman or Saturday Night Fever on the free film list, but as I understand it, the films are designed for family viewing and are quite current, especially for the price.

How about it gang? All we need is a building that could be painted white, or at least one wall of it.

So, if you have a building in mind let us know. We know where and how to get ahold of the films and the projector. What we need are ideas on the location and a little bit of planning and Merkel may have some free summer-time movies. Call us at 928-5712 if you have any ideas.

Hardin Simmons Offers Spring Classes

Spring classes in Scuba, Stock Market for the Beginning Investor, and a Babysitter's Seminar will be starting during the month of March, according to Kermit Klaerner, Assistant Director of the Tri-College community service program.

Scuba Diving classes begin Thursday, March 1, at 6:30 p.m. and will meet for six Thursday

evenings at Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene Hall, Room 204. Enrollment is still open for this class which will offer P.A.D.I. certification for those satisfactorily completing the course. The course consists of classroom instruction, pool sessions, and three open-water dives.

Stock Market for the Beginning Investor will

begin on Tuesday, March 6 at 7:00 p.m. and will meet for six Tuesday evenings. This introductory class will meet at McMurry College, Cooke Building, Room 110.

A free community service Babysitter's Seminar, offered in conjunction with the American Red Cross, is slated to begin Thursday, March 15, at 6:30 p.m. at the Abilene Public Library. This course will cover the various aspects of babysitting—care, feeding, safety, emergency situations—and has been approved as eight hours of required training for day-care workers.

In addition, Tri-Col-

lege Continuing Education and Vocational-Technical Training will have classes in Golf, Tennis, and Texas Wildflowers, beginning in May.

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Last Chance

Last and final registration for little league and T-shirt April 7th, Saturday at 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. W.T.U. Building. Registration fee \$5.00 and all boys must register even if played last year.

Try-outs will be at 7:00 p.m. April 9th and 10th for all boys who are not already on a team. Two managers are needed to officially start our season. If this requirement is not met, we will be unable to start play.

Please contact Jimmy Leverich 8-5167, Larry Gill 8-5801, Audra Horton 8-5016.

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| NAME _____ |
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| ADDRESS _____ |
| PHONE NO. _____ |
| WEIGHT _____ |
| HEIGHT _____ |
| LEAGUE AGE _____ |
| THROWS LEFT OR RIGHT _____ |
| WE THE PARENTS OF THE ABOVE BOY, GIVE OUR APPROVAL FOR HIS PARTICIPATION IN THE ACTIVITIES OF THE LITTLE LEAGUE FOR THE CURRENT SEASON. WE RELEASE THE SPONSORS, OFFICIALS, AND THE LITTLE LEAGUE ORGANIZATION FROM RESPONSIBILITY IN CASE OF INJURY OR ACCIDENT. ALL BOYS ARE COVERED WITH INSURANCE FOR PRACTICE, GAMES, AND TRAVEL BY THE LEAGUE. |
| FATHER'S SIGNATURE _____ |
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| (LEAGUE AGE-ANY BOY WHO WILL ATTAIN THE AGE OF 7 YRS. BEFORE AUG. 1ST AND WHO WILL NOT ATTAIN THE AGE OF 13 YRS. BEFORE AUG. 1ST SHALL BE ELIGIBLE TO PLAY THE YEAR IN QUESTION.) |

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Showing kindness to an aged person
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Taking time to show consideration to your parents
Remembering God in all things.

HEAR "THE PRIME OF LIFE" WEEKDAYS AT 7:50 a.m. ON KBGG RADIO

MERKEL CHURCH OF CHRIST
818-ASH
Larry Gill, Minister
John McKeel, Youth Minister
SUNDAY
Bible Study 9:45 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Bible Study 7:30 p.m.

Cleaning Cupboards
Today while cleaning cupboards
With neat, housewifely art,
I suddenly decided
To clean the cupboards of my heart . . .

I threw out CRITICISM
To the trashpile - to the fire!
I put in APPRECIATION
And worthwhile thought to inspire.

I threw out CONDEMNATION
Which says, "You're wrong, I'm right".
I put in CONSIDERATION
For all folks, brown, black and white.

Yes, out too went COMPLAINING
Grumbling about trivial things,
I put in SMILES and LAUGHTER
To ease tension each day brings.

Friends, let's all clean out our cupboards,
With help from God above.
Throw out PRIDE and HATRED, too;
Put in HUMILITY and LOVE.
... Author Unknown

FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD
NEED A RIDE?
PHONE 928-5154

LAMBDA BETA BEAUTY PAGEANT ENTRY FORM AGE _____

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE NO. _____

GRADE _____

PARENT'S NAME _____

PARENT'S SIGNATURE _____

Trent News

Trent Elementary School News

The Trent kindergarten-

class has been busy learning to march to music. In P.E. the boys are learning to play soccer and the girls are learning to play jacks. The class also made biscuits.

Chris Richardson recently visited El Paso and saw the space shuttle.

Arveata Wheat shared her souvenir from the Sweetwater Rattlesnake Roundup with the class. It was a paperweight with scorpions inside.

The class has also studied life on a farm. Jamie Masonheimer told the class how he helped his grandfather on a farm.

The students made green shamrocks for St. Patrick's Day.

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First Grade

First graders at Trent Elementary are studying about Texas. We are making folders for our Texas papers and learning about the state symbols. Tuesday, we will be making bluebonnets with blue popcorn.

We're happy to have a new student, Mike Payne, from Florida. We now have twelve students in First Grade.

Second Grade

The second grade has lost one of our students. Teddy Moore has moved to Hobbs. Our class is down to fourteen students now. Our friend, Mrs. Patterson, has been gone to Old Mexico acting as a chaperone for the senior trip. We have missed her.

We have begun "re-grouping" - better known as borrowing - and this has really been an experience for us.

Some of us have caught on and are doing really great. The rest of us will soon learn this concept, we are certain.

Third Grade

The third grade has been busy with multiplication the last week. They have two learning centers they are enthused about. One is kite flying with syllables and the other is magic with rabbits using contractions. March birthdays were Scotty O'Kelly March 5, April birthdays will be Lloyd Patterson April 7, and Tracie Russell April 8.

Best Buys At The Grocery Market

Best buys at Texas grocery markets include specials on beef, pork and frozen fish.

Also, eggs have reasonable prices this week, says Gwendolyn Clyatt, a consumer marketing information specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

This week's price-quality trends are the following:

BEEF - Check for specials on chuck roasts and steaks, round and rib steaks, ground beef and beef liver.

PORK - Specials include end chops, rib and loin-end roasts, frankfurters and pork liver.

POULTRY - Eggs are a bargain at present prices.

Fryer chicken prices are rising, but some markets feature cut-up fryers and fryer parts. Also, look for specials on turkeys with best buys on those 10 pounds and up.

FRESH FRUITS - Good values include bananas, apples and grapefruit.

FRESH VEGETABLES - Budget buys are carrots, collards, cucumbers, mustard, dry onions, squash, potatoes and spinach.

CONSUMER WATCHWORDS: Shopping the "specials" really pays off in the meat department.

City Hall Building, in said city, and said place of absentee voting shall remain open for at least 8 hours on each day of absentee voting which is not a Saturday, Sunday or an official State holiday, beginning on the 20th day and continuing through the 4th day preceding the date of said election. Said place of voting shall remain open between the hours of 8:00 o'clock a.m. and 5:00 o'clock p.m.

Dated this the 12th day of March, 1979.

(Se da aviso por la presente que se llevara a cabo una Eleccion de Funcionarios de la Ciudad el dia 7 de Abril de 1979, en la ciudad arriba mencionada para el proposito de elegir a los siguientes funcionarios para dicha ciudad: Alcalde, Concejales. Dicha eleccion se llevara a cabo en los siguientes

lugares de votacion en dicha ciudad: El Precento Electoral Num. 1 en el Edificio Merkel Gym Bldg.

Los sitios de votacion arriba designados para dicha eleccion se mantendran abiertos en el mencionado dia de elecciones de las 7:00 a.m. a las 7:00 p.m.

La votacion ausente para la eleccion arriba designada se llevara a cabo en el Edificio City Hall, en dicha ciudad, y dicho lugar de votacion ausente se mantendra abierto por lo menos ocho horas en cada dia de votacion ausente no siendo sabado, domingo o dia festivo oficial del Estado, principiando dos dias y continuando hasta el cuarto dia anterior a la fecha de dicha eleccion. Dicho lugar de votacion se mantendra abierto de las 8:00 a.m. a las 5:00 p.m.

Fecha de esta dia 12th de March de 1979.)

Lou David Allen Mayor (Alcalde)

Legal notice

Notice of Intention to Incorporate

Name of City (Nombre de la Ciudad)

Pursuant to the provisions of R.C.S. Art. 1302-2.02, as amended 1977 and of V.T.C.A., Bus. & Co., Section 6.103(7).

Notice is hereby given that The Sayles Company, whose principal business office is 1290 South Willis, Suite 218, Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, intends on or before April 1, 1979, to become incorporated without a change of firm name.

NOTICE OF CITY OFFICERS' ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCION DE FUNCIONARIOS DE LA CIUDAD)

Merkel, Texas

Notice is hereby given that a City Officers' Election will be held on the 7 day of April, 1979, in the above named city for the purpose of electing the following officers for said city: Mayor (1), Aldermen (2). Said election will be held at the following polling places in said city: In Election Precinct No. 1, at Merkel High Gym Building.

The polls at each of the above designated polling places shall on said election day be open from 7:00 o'clock a.m. to 7:00 o'clock p.m. The absentee voting for the above designated election shall be held at

Legal Notice

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Ayres Douglas Bowen, 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 Elizabeth Ann Pippins and Oscar Gerald Pippins, Petitioners, filed in said Court on the 12th day of March, 1979, against Ayres Douglas Bowen, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 2176C on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Interest of Lisa Reene Bowen, A Child", the nature of which suit is a request to Terminate parent-child relationship and Petition for Adoption of Stepchild. Said child was born the 7th day of September, 1966, in Houston, Harris County, Texas.

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree in the child's interest which will be binding upon you, including the termination of the parent-child relationship and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the child's adoption.

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 12th day of March, 1979.


Irene Crawford Clerk, 326th District Court, Taylor County, Texas. By Rella Mahoy, Deputy

6-11c

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WHITE HOUSE
APPLE JUICE QT **69¢**

V.I.P. 303
PEACHES 2 FOR **83¢**

HUNTS 300 STEWED
TOMATOES 2 FOR **79¢**

HUNTS 8 OZ
TOMATO Sauce 2 FOR **39¢**

V.I.P. 300
Blackeye PEAS 2 FOR **59¢**

GREEN GIANT 303 WHOLE
Green BEANS 2 FOR **73¢**

LIBBYS 46 OZ
TOMATO Juice CAN **59¢**

LIBBYS 303 SLICED
CARROTS 2 FOR **69¢**

FROZEN FOODS
 PEPPERIDGE FARM
APPLE TURNOVERS PKG **69¢**

PATIO BEEF 12 or 6
TACOS PKG **79¢**

JENO'S ASSORTED
PIZZA JUMBO **89¢**

OLE SOUTH PEACH or APPLE
COBBLER 2 LB PKG **\$1 39**

WISHBONE LOW CAL
DRESSING
 FRENCH OR ITALIAN 8 OZ **53¢**

SALMON HONEY BOY - PINK 16 OZ CAN **\$1 39**

FLOUR GLADIOLA 5 LB BAG **75¢**

SHORTENING JEWEL 42 OZ **\$1 19**

CHEESE KRAFT COLBY 1/2 MOON 10 OZ **\$1 09**

BABY
DIAPER BAG GIFT SET LARGE EACH **\$2 98** REG '47"

ITS NEW 12 OZ CAN
CITRUS DRINK 6 PACK **99¢**

RONDO 99¢

ICE CREAM ROUND 1/2 GAL **\$1 39**

WASTE BAG HEFTY 22 COUNT BOX **83¢**

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Butter MILK 1/2 GAL CTN **95¢**

STA - PUF FABRIC SOFTNER 1/2 GAL JUG **69¢**

COMET LIQUID CLEANSER REG **59¢**

JOY LIQUID CLEANSER GIANT SIZE **83¢**

BOLD-3 GIANT SIZE **\$1 39**



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 EXTRA TASTY
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FRESH GOOD FOR BAR B Q'EN
PORK SPARE RIBS LB **\$1 69**

EXTRA LEAN POUND
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VOTE
April 7th

The Merkel Mail

Thursday March 29, 1979...Merkel, Texas

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The Trent Bike-a-thon for Cystic Fibrosis will be held April 28th. For more information contact Zula Darby at 862-2624.



Betty Jane Tittle admires the plaque presented to her by Gloria Hensley in behalf of Xi Nu Chi and the Lambda Beta service clubs as Woman of the Year at Friday's Chamber of Commerce Banquet. (Staff photo by Cloy A. Richards)



Incoming Chamber of Commerce President Lee Presswood is about to present Don Hensley the Citizen of the Year plaque from the Chamber of Commerce. Hensley was also honored for directing the Chamber for the past three years. (Staff photo by Cloy A. Richards)

Farmers Meeting Scheduled

An open meeting for area farmers concerning the direct marketing of products through the Port of Brownsville has been scheduled for April 3rd at the Taylor Electric Co-operative Building at 8:00 p.m.

Ed Altemus, traffic manager at the port and Jimmy Beeman, a special assistant to the port director will be on hand to answer questions from area farmers concerning exportation of agricultural products.

The two men are in Mexico this week talking to the Mexican Government about their policies for agricultural imports for the coming year.

Beeman is a former cotton producer and buyer. Altemus is responsible for the shipping and loading schedules at the port.

They will be on hand to answer questions. The meeting is sponsored by the Merkel Mail.

Meet Ike Maxwell

Ike Maxwell, a retired electrician and five year resident of Merkel decided to run for mayor after listening to some of his friends and he is no stranger to public office.

Maxwell spent seven years on the city council of Buffalo Gap. Maxwell says, "I don't know how much money they have in City Hall, so I don't know what can be done for the town. I am not mayor yet so there isn't much sense in making many plans on what to do if I were mayor."

The candidate said that "Merkel is as good a place as any little town and that he does not think taxes here are too high.

Maxwell also says that "When I told my friends I'd run for mayor I told them I wouldn't sling any mud and if the people vote me in I will do the job. It is all up to the people now, I have done my part."



Candidate for Mayor Ike Maxwell

Hensley, Tittle Take Top Honors At Chamber Of Commerce Banquet Held Here Friday

Don Hensley, president of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank and Betty Jane Tittle, a vice president of the bank were honored as Merkel's Man and Woman of the Year at Friday's annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet.

The banquet, held at the Merkel School Cafeteria drew a crowd of about 130 people featured the presentation of the awards and a speech.

The winner of the Alameda Bullock award was sick and unable to attend the banquet. Her award will be presented at a later date.

Reverend Allen Forbis gave the opening invocation and he was followed by master of ceremonies Don Hensley. Hensley welcomed guests attending from out of town and the Taylor County Judge, as well as a representative from 17th district Congressman Charles Stenholm's office.

J.A. Sadler, Merkel City Manager followed Hensley with the highlights of 1978. JSadler mentioned that Merkel got a new doctor, passed a bond issue, received 30 units of federal housing, and new businesses in Merkel.

Sadler also mentioned the new ambulance that was paid for through a fund raising effort, and the Blair Water District's approval for a water line.

Gloria Hensley then presented the Xi Nu Chi and Lambda Beta's Woman of the Year Plaque to Betty Jane Tittle. Mrs. Hensley said of Mrs. Tittle "that she had been employed at the bank 31 years and had worked her way up to a vice president, and among other activities was an

active member of the First United Methodist Church where she has held numerous posts."

Mrs. Tittle, on receiving the award said, "That the award is quite an honor and it was an occasion that she would never forget."

Incoming Chamber President Lee Presswood then took the podium and presented the Outstanding citizen of the Year award to Don Hensley. Hensley, the outgoing Chamber of Commerce President for three years expressed his gratitude to the audience.

In the winners' address, Presswood said of Hensley that it was a lucky day for Merkel when the Hensley's moved to town. He said that under Hensley's direction, the Chamber of Commerce had helped make this community grow.

Don Newbury, director of communications at Tarrant County Junior College in Fort Worth, was the evenings keynote speaker.

Newbury kept the crowd laughing with an interjected serious thought into his speech including, "When you speak to a Chamber of Commerce, you are talking to the corner-posts of the community. You know what a corner post is. It is something that always does more than it's fair share."

Lee Presswood then challenged those attending the banquet to "accept the challenges of community achievement to make Merkel a better place to work and live."

Pug and Leos catered the banquet that was covered by KRBC Radio and TV of Abilene and KTXS TV.

Mail Supports House Bill 941

by Cloy A. Richards

Lawmakers in Austin are currently pondering a bill that has divided rural and urban lawmakers from across the state.

House Bill 941 and Senate Bill 983 call for an end to the current system of rebating the local option one percent sales tax. The bills call for the rebate to be distributed by population, in lieu of the current system of rebating the money in the location it was spent.

The benefits to rural communities, especially those near large cities are obvious.

An example. You hop in your car and drive to Abilene and make a couple of purchases. The way the law is set up, Merkel would not receive one penny from that trip because the current law says that the municipality in which the goods or services were rendered is entitled to the tax. On top of that, if you are not a citizen of that community, you will receive no direct benefits from taxes collected by that city.

Under the proposed law, the state would place all of the money due back to the cities for their share of the one percent sales tax into a lump sum and then send each town a check, depending on the population of that community.

Construction On Blair Line Starting Soon

The Blair Water Supply Corporation is finally fully funded and an Abilene Construction Company will get to work laying the line as soon as bids and bonds are certified in state offices.

You may recall that the original bids were out of the money by some \$25,000. Officials from the Blair Water Supply applied for additional funding

because the water line will now serve 24 more meters than were identified in the original applications.

The water line will service customers south of I-20 near Merkel and approximately 250 meters have been applied for.

Board Rehires Teachers ... With Stipulations

The Merkel School Board met last Tuesday and rehired all teachers in the Merkel Independent School District... with stipulations.

Leroy Teaff, the vice president of the Merkel School Board read the following statement after board members emerged from an executive session. The statement read, "There are many things that have happened and are happening in our school district that are out of our control. The Board of Education is responsible for the financial affairs of all taxpayers in the Merkel Independent School District and seeing that all children are safe and all are provided for by law and board policy".

"Because of recent actions, including a law suit, our attorney advises us to take action on teacher contracts with the following stipulation; the renewal of contracts will be subject to the pending deconsolidation movement, and a provision shall be added to renewed contracts making continuing employment subject to the final outcome of the deconsolidation election such that the contract may be terminated in the event that deconsolidation is approved by voters and a reduction in teaching staff becomes necessary."

A petition, containing 20 signatures from Merkel and 20 from Tye was filed with the Merkel Independent School District asking for an election to deconsolidate Tye from the Merkel ISD. That petition was subsequently withdrawn.

The board accepted the resignation of three teachers at Tuesday's meeting. Mrs. Mildred Winter, a fifth grade teacher at Tye Elementary resigned after 35 years of teaching. She will pursue a career in private business.

Helen Jones, the school nurse submitted her resignation and Robbie Hicks resigned as a coach in the Merkel Middle School, but will continue to teach.

In other actions, the board approved payment of \$53,162.91 in monthly bills and \$22,000 went for a bond payment on an annex. Taxes collected between September of 78 and Feb. 28, 1979 total \$48,990. School Superintendent Dr. Raymond Etheridge reported that 86 percent of school taxes have been paid to date. Etheridge also reported that of a total budget of \$1,947,000 for school year 78-79, 56 percent has been spent as of February 28th.

Etheridge also read a list of proposed members to the Merkel ISD Board of Equalization. Mark Malone, Ken Law, Billy Bob Neff, Annette Clark, Jackie Reynolds and Bill Sloan were recommended to the board by the district tax assessor-collector.

The board will meet again April 3rd to open bids for the construction of a new high school, a middle school gym, a vocational agriculture center and a multi-purpose room for Merkel Elementary. The meeting is scheduled to start at 7:30 p.m. and will be in a classroom near the superintendent's office.

Council Agrees On Ordinance

The Merkel City Council met Friday morning and discussed the dog ordinance proposals and decided to retain the one percent tax on utility bills.

City Manager J.A. Sadler read a list of proposed clauses in the city dog code. (See insert of this week's Mail for details). Council decided to make the proposals public and gather citizen input before taking official action.

Council also decided to hold their next meeting at 6 p.m. on March 29th. The reason for the late meeting is that a representative from state agency will be here to discuss the possibilities of establishing a day activity center here for the elderly. That meeting will be at City Hall.

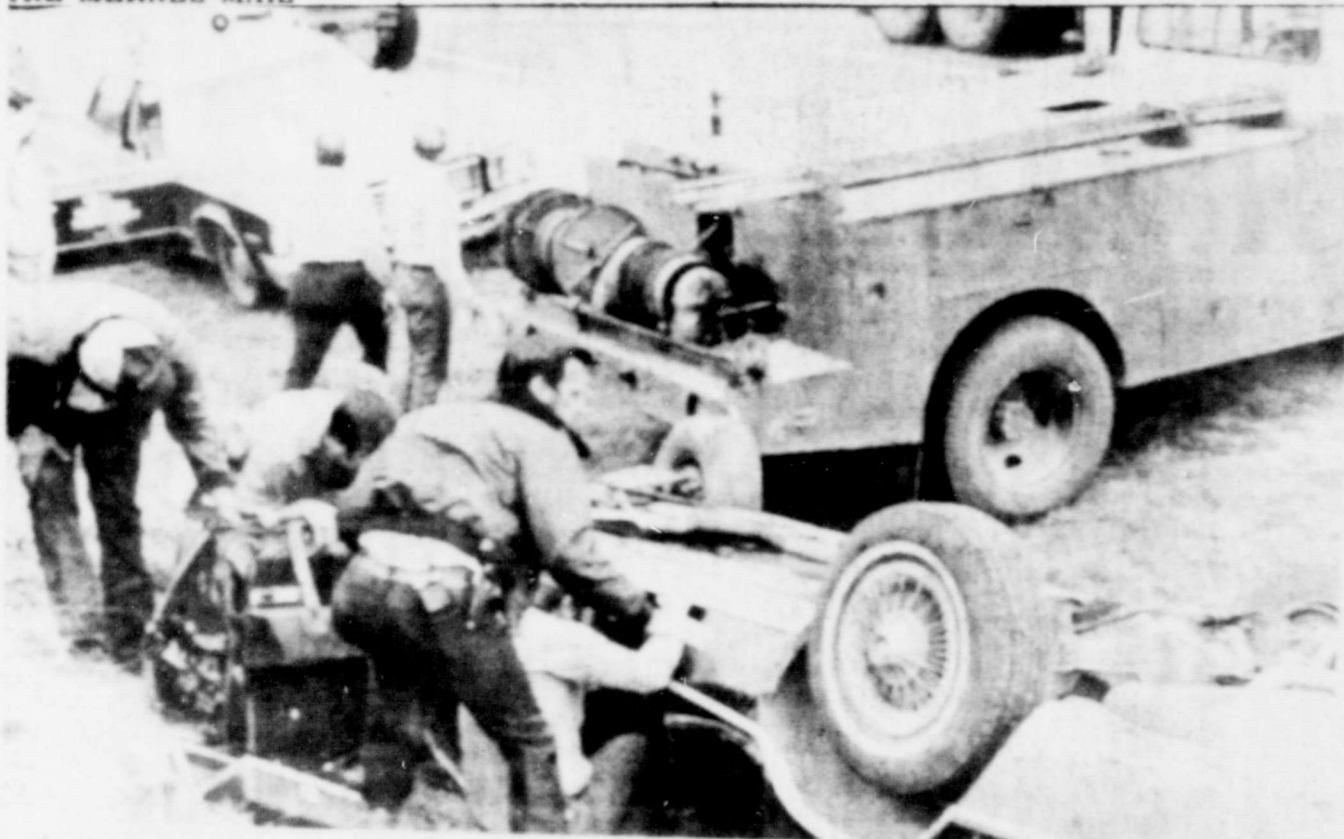
Council also decided to maintain the local option one percent tax on utility bills. Council decided in favor of the 10 percent homestead tax break instead.

Local Candidates Appearing At Question And Answer Session

KBGG Radio of Merkel and the Merkel Mail are sponsoring a question and answer session for candidates for the Merkel City Council, Merkel Mayor and Merkel ISD Board Candidates.

The session, which will be carried on KBGG live is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. Friday morning. All of the candidates in the three Merkel races were invited to participate in the session and will answer the same questions.

Candidates invited to the session include; Mayor candidates Joe Bigbee, Ike Maxwell and Lou David Allen; City Council candidates Emma Lois Shugart, Kent Satterwhite and Paul Crouse; and school board candidates Vicki Spurr, Barbara Kotrlak, James Boyd and Dink Whisenhunt.



Workers attempt to rescue an Odessa man trapped in the wreckage of his car following a one car accident near Trent on I-20. The Merkel

Ambulance Service transported William Dean McCarty to a Sweetwater Hospital. A rescue unit was also dispatched from the Merkel Volunteer Fire Department. (Staff photo by Glenn Richards)



William Dean McCarty of Odessa received head, neck and leg injuries in a one car accident near

Trent Tuesday afternoon at 3:30. (Staff photo by Glenn Richards)

Softball League Raising Funds

The Merkel and Trent Softball Association announces the beginning of a fund raising effort to come up with \$800 that the association needs for equipment and uniforms. The association will hold a meeting today to

discuss the fund raising project. League members, more than 70 of them will be hitting the streets March 30 and 31st with a cleaning product. The group says that the cleaner is in concentrated form and will make six gallons of

cleaning fluid. The association says the product is a multi-purpose cleaner. This is the only time during the year that the association solicits financial support door-to-door during the year.

Merkel Middle School Honor Roll

The Merkel Middle School Honor Roll is as follows:
 SIXTH GRADE: A HONOR ROLL - Jennifer Roby, Greg Spurr, Lori Reynolds, Trung Tran.
 A-B HONOR ROLL - Jerry Davis, Tim Jacobs, Shelly Sherril, Shane Smith, David Glasscock, Darren Pack, Bili Adams, Donny Brady, Tami Elliott, Barbara Longenecker, Mum Prasarn, Kelly Sherrill, John Starbuck, Kelly Stovall, Cindy Williams, Nanci Stevens, Amy Allen.

SEVENTH GRADE: A HONOR ROLL - Trayla Gregory, Bonnie Anderson, Angie Allen, Cindy

Sims, Melinda Riney.
 A-B HONOR ROLL - Brenda Kinder, Judy Jinkens, John Ybarra, Joan Fariello, Denise Pack, Kimberly Pack, Rolinda Funderburg, Pam Wheeler, Brenda Hohertz.

EIGHTH GRADE: A HONOR ROLL - Lorne Sloan, Diana Landeros, Corina Longenecker, Mark Turner.

A-B HONOR ROLL - Patty Allen, Chris Mashburn, Jeff Scott, Greg Arnwine, Amye Amerine, Tina Bicknell, Susan Conner, Brian Gary, Windi Whisenhunt, Jackie Owen, Laura Cochran.

Merkel, Rest Of Local Area Drenched By Heavy Rains Last Week

Merkel and Taylor County law enforcement officers spent more than a few anxious moments Wednesday evening watching for threatening clouds as the first large spring storm on the first day of Spring blew through Merkel.

Merkel received 61 inches of rain after the local area had received about 2 inches spread over a one week period. The water soaked the ground and was unable to absorb any more water and the rains flooded some pasture lands and played havoc on people that had established early gardens.

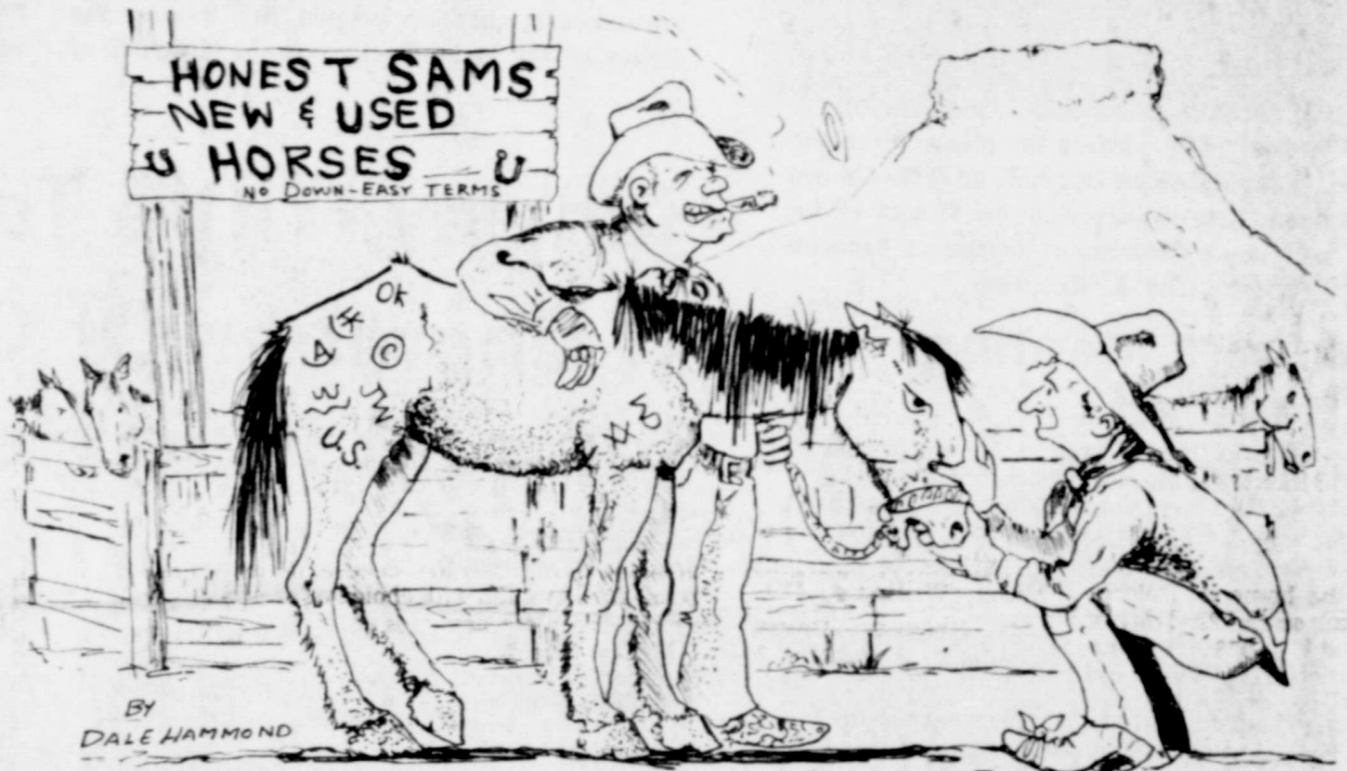
Marble size hail fell at approximately 9:12 Wednesday evening and hailed for about three minutes.

Merkel and Taylor County officials did report seeing one funnel cloud, at approximately 9:20 that was north of Merkel and headed in the

direction of Anson. There were no reports of any tornadoes touching down. Local farmers will have to wait awhile before getting their spring planting done as many fields were flooded.

Most of the worst activity of last Wednesday's storm was confined to Sweetwater and Roscoe. Sweetwater received close to three inches of rain in three different downpours. Two Sweetwater residents were killed when their car was swept off of State Highway 70, 1 mile south of Sweetwater and into a flood swelled drainage ditch.

In Roscoe, about 30 homes had from six to ten inches of water inside them when drainage areas at the Eldorado Estates directly off of I-20 in Roscoe were unable to channel the water away from the new housing addition.



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Noah Wiley Receives Award

Noah O. Wiley of 301 Oak in Merkel received a "Superior Performance" award from the United States Air Force recently.

Wiley is a woodworker in the Shipping and Crating section of the 96th Transportation Squadron at Dyess.

Wiley was cited by his supervisors for his productivity and his knowledge of his job.

Part of the citation written by Mr. Wiley's supervisor read "In my 38 years of active Fed-

eral Service I have never supervised any individual that is so dedicated to his work as Mr. Noah. I have never had to correct any of his work, it has all been up to Air Force standards. He is an excellent worker and he is deserving of greater recognition.

Noah, who received a cash award is a retired Air Force member. The citation went on to say that Mr. Noah has trained many young workers and that he is well liked by his peers.



Noah Wiley

Girl Scouts To Hold Banquet

Mrs. Jack Ferguson will serve as coordinator for the Parent Appreciation Banquet honoring the parents of Merkel Girl Scouts.

The affair will be held Saturday evening March 31 at the School Cafeteria. A South-of-the-border theme will be carried out in decorations. Junior Troop 308 (Mrs. Gaston Thomas, leader) will prepare the Mexican supper to be served to the girls and their parents. There will be no charge for the Scouts, but parents tickets will be \$2.00 each. To help plan and prepare enough food we are asking that you pay your ticket in advance this year. Your money and reservation need to be made by March 29, 1979. Thursday at the latest.

The program will be

presented by Mrs. Jim Sturrock, Executive Director of W.T.G.S. Council. She will show slides of the international Girl Scout center, Our Cabana, at Cuernavaca, Mexico. These slides were made during a visit by West Texas Girl Scouts to the center in the summer of 1978.

Thirty one cookie patches will be presented at the banquet. Kim Richards, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cloy Richards, will receive the Brownie-Dad Special award and Angela Thomas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gaston Thomas, will be presented with a 1/4 camper-ship.

There are eighty-seven Girl Scouts and sixteen adults who are active in Merkel's Girl Scout program. There are now eight troops.

Homemakers Meet

The Texas Extension Homemakers Club met in the home of Dolores Adair on the 22nd day of March 1979. Bertha Hunter called the meeting to order. Annie Taylor led the prayer, led a game and read a poem. "Jesus." Roll call was answered with "How I cook eggs." Louise Chaney gave the Council report. Nancy Wilburn gave a program on eggs also showed all the members how to make crepes and omelets, each member made one of each and sampled them. The hostess gift was given to Nancy for bringing the program. Refreshments were served to Mrs.

Wilburn, Hunter, Taylor, Ramsey, Spurgin, Mims, Williams, Dillard, Chancey, David Chancey, 5 guests, 7 children and the hostess.

Good Man Club MEETS

The Goodman Extension Homemakers Club met in the home of Mrs. Carl Carey March 23rd with seven members and one visitor present.

The group voted to participate in the cancer drive program.

County agent Mrs. Evelyn Wilborn gave a presentation on eggs for your health.

The agent told the club members how to test eggs for freshness and how to store eggs in refrigerators for better results. She also told club members different ways to cook eggs and gave the members recipes for crepes and omelets. Each member then tried their hand at one of the recipes.

Omelets, crepes and tea were served to Mrs. Frank Carter, Mrs. Mae Seago, Mrs. Garland Price, Mrs. Dennis Butler, Mrs. Vivian Winters, Mrs. Rachel Phillips, Mrs. Carl Carey and Mrs. Evelyn Wilborn.

Their next meeting is scheduled for April 13 at 2 p.m. The meeting will be in the home of Mrs. Mai Seago. The program will be on cooking with bran.

All club meetings are open to anyone interested in attending.

Cemetery Donations

The Merkel Cemetery donations are as follows:
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Got A Recipe

Have you got a recipe that you are especially fond of and would like others to know about it. Jot it down with your name and sent it to P.O. Box 428, Merkel.

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3 cans biscuits
1/2 pound bacon
3/4 cup bell pepper, chopped
3/4 cup onion, chopped

1/2 cup grated cheese
2 sticks butter

Fry bacon. Crumble. Using 1/2 stick of the butter cook onion and pepper until brown. Add remaining butter until just melted. Cut biscuits in quarters. Mix all ingredients together. Put in unbuttered bundt pan. Bake 40 minutes at 350. Serve hot - it will need to be pulled apart, it will not slice.

Merkel ISD lunch menu

The Merkel school menu is as follows:
Monday April 2
Pizza, buttered vegetable, lettuce wedge with choice of dressing, applesauce cake.
Tuesday April 3
Meat balls, potato salad, seasoned spinach, hot rolls, pineapple slices.
Wednesday April 4
Chicken fried steak, cream gravy, whipped potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, applesauce with jello.
Thursday April 5
Spaghetti with meat and cheese, buttered english peas, garden salad with choice of dressing, garlic bread, chocolate brownies.
Friday April 6
Hot dogs with chili, pinto beans, pickle relish, sliced onion, coney buns, fresh fruit wedge.

Legal notice

PUBLIC NOTICE
The city of Merkel, Texas will hold a public hearing and workshop on the city budget for the year 1979-1980 at 6:00 P.M. Thursday, March 29, 1979. This is the first of two such meetings and will in-

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Obituaries

M. E. West

M.E. "Elbert" West, 88, of Rt. 1, Merkel, died at 9 a.m. Thursday at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene after a lengthy illness. Services were at 10 a.m. Saturday at Elliott-Hamil Chapel of Memories, 542 Hickory with the Rev. James Williams of Anson officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery in Merkel.

Born Jan. 26, 1891, in Waxahachie in Ellis County, he moved to Stith Dec. 31, 1904. He married Ollie Alma Miller Dec. 19, 1915, in Stith. He worked for Bradley Mercantile Co. for 18 years, and later became an independent oil operator with offices in Abilene.

Mr. West was a member of Stith Baptist Church, where he was an active deacon for more than 60 years. He was a charter member of the Abilene Petroleum Club.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Mrs. Norman (Mildred) Winter of 1820 Beechwood in Abilene; two grandchildren, Frosty Winter of Kauffman and Mrs. Manley (Linda) Denton of Birmingham, Ala.; two sisters, Mr. J.C. Jones of Merkel and Mrs. Jesse Dillon of Abilene; seven great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were F.S. McDonald, George McDonald, Fred Perry, Glenn Bicknell, Norman Bicknell and Billy Clay Jones.

John D. Perry

John D. Perry, 84, of Merkel died at 5 a.m. Tuesday in Hendrick Medical Center after a lengthy illness. Services are pending with Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born Sept. 28, 1894, in Erath County, he had lived and farmed in Temple, Okla. for several years prior to moving to Merkel in 1942. In Merkel he worked as a service station attendant for several years. He was a member of the Baptist Church. He married Vera Frady on March 4, 1916, in Weatherford.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Troyce of Midland, and Billy Ray of Haskell; two daughters, Opal Collier of Merkel and Glenda Smith of Tacoma Wash.; one brother, Dee of Haskell; six grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Claude and Clarence, and two sisters, Clemmie and Eva.

Pallbearers will be Buster Thompson, W.L. Massey, Billy Fisher, Clyde Bunch, Kent Satterwhite and John Allison.

Honorary pallbearers will be M.T. Head, George West, Burr Hendricks, and Leonard Casady.

Nell Dennis

Nell Elizabeth Swann Dennis, of 27 Farmington Road, widow of Otis Robert Dennis, died Saturday.

Born in Merkel, Tex., she was a retired school teacher and a member of West Gant First Baptist Church.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Walter Rice Jr. of Greenville; sisters Annie Mae Sears of Snyder, Tex., Mrs. Carson Hiles of San Angelo, Tex., and Irene Swann of Roswell, N.M.; brothers, Lewis Swann of Las Vegas, Nev., and James Swann

of Chicago, Ill., and two grandchildren.

Services were at 11 a.m. Monday at The Mackey Mortuary; burial was at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Rose Cemetery, Mocksville, N.C.

The family was at 112 Kathryan Court.

Memorials may be made to the Heart Fund, 209 E. Stone Ave.

Hollis West

Hollis West, 54, of Garland, a native of Hodges, died about 4:30 p.m. Thursday in a Dallas hospital after a lengthy illness.

He was a nephew of M.E. West, 88, a longtime resident of Stith who died at 9:00 a.m. Thursday at Hendrick Medical Center.

Services for Hollis West were at 10 a.m. Saturday in Garland.

Graveside services were at 3:30 p.m. Saturday at Stith Cemetery, directed by Starbuck Funeral Home of Merkel.

Mr. West was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Willard H. West of Mesquite. His father preceded him in death.

He was manager of the parts department of Ling Temco Vaught for 30 years. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include his mother; a son; a daughter; and a sister, Mrs. Drew Curtis of Dallas.

A son preceded him in death.

David Anderson

David J. Anderson, 91, of Merkel died Tuesday at 2:15 a.m. at the Starr Nursing Home after a lengthy illness.

Services were held yesterday at the First Baptist Church in Merkel with Rev. Kenneth Jones and retired Rev. Bill Tanner officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Mr. Anderson was born Oct. 16, 1887 in South Taylor County and was a life-long resident of the county. He was a retired farmer and rancher. He has been a member of the Baptist Church for 76 years. He married Callie Jones on September 15, 1907 in Taylor County.

Survivors include his wife; one son, Odell Anderson of Burkeville; one daughter, Ruth Campbell of Merkel; four grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren and three great great grandchildren.

Grandsons served as pallbearers.

Holmes' Announc Birth Of Son

Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Holmes are proud to announce the birth of their son Willie Eugene, born on St. Patrick's Day March 17th at 8:54 pm. Willie weighed in at 6 lbs, 13 oz. and is 19 1/2 inches long.

Upon arriving home Willie was welcomed by his 4 1/2 year old sister Sheena Marie.

Maternal grandpar-

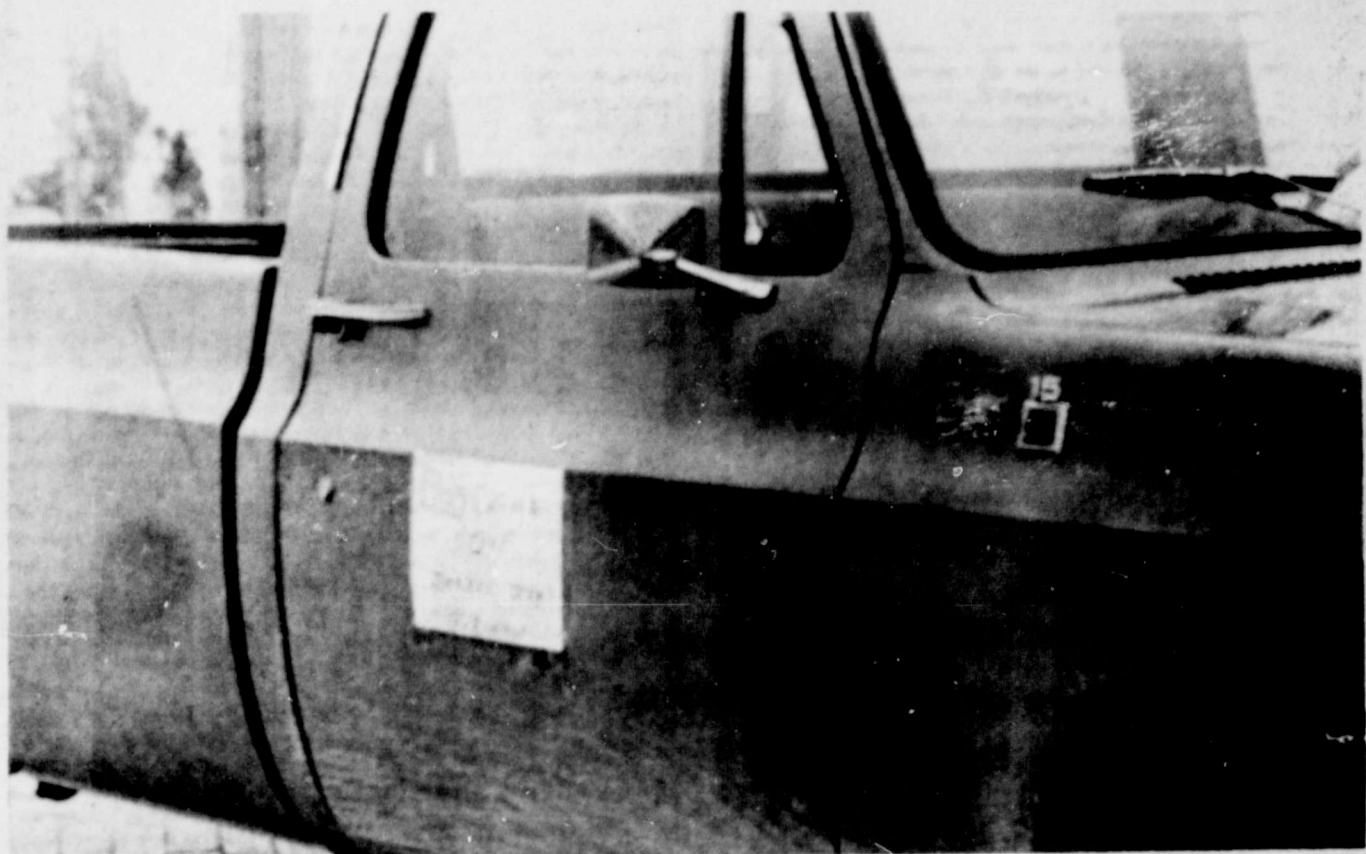
Georgia Paddick

Georgia Paddick, 66, of 1134 S. Ninth, died at 11:15 p.m. Saturday in Shady Oaks Lodge after a lengthy illness. Services were at 2 p.m. Monday at Elliott-Hamil chapel of Memories, 542 Hickory with the Rev. Allen Cartrite, pastor of North Park Baptist Church, officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery in Merkel.

Born April 23, 1912, in Trent, she moved to Merkel as a youngster. Mrs. Paddick attended Merkel schools and lived in Merkel until 1944, when she moved to Abilene.

She married George Paddick Oct. 12, 1973, in Abilene. She was a Baptist.

Survivors include her husband; a daughter, Jo Ann Moore of Abilene; a sister, Lois Dyess of Merkel; two brothers, Hilton Suber and O.C. Suber, both of Merkel; and three nieces and nephews.



City Manager J.A. Sadler's pickup was appointed the unofficial dog catcher's vehicle by a practical joker Tuesday. (Staff photo by Glenn Richards)

Tye Man Injured

A Tye man was thrown 72 feet out of his vehicle at 1 a.m. Sunday when his car missed a slight turn at an exit ramp just east of Shirley Road.

Albert James Simpson, 23, of Tye, was transferred out of intensive care and listed in satisfactory condition Sunday afternoon, a Hendrick Medical Center supervisor said.

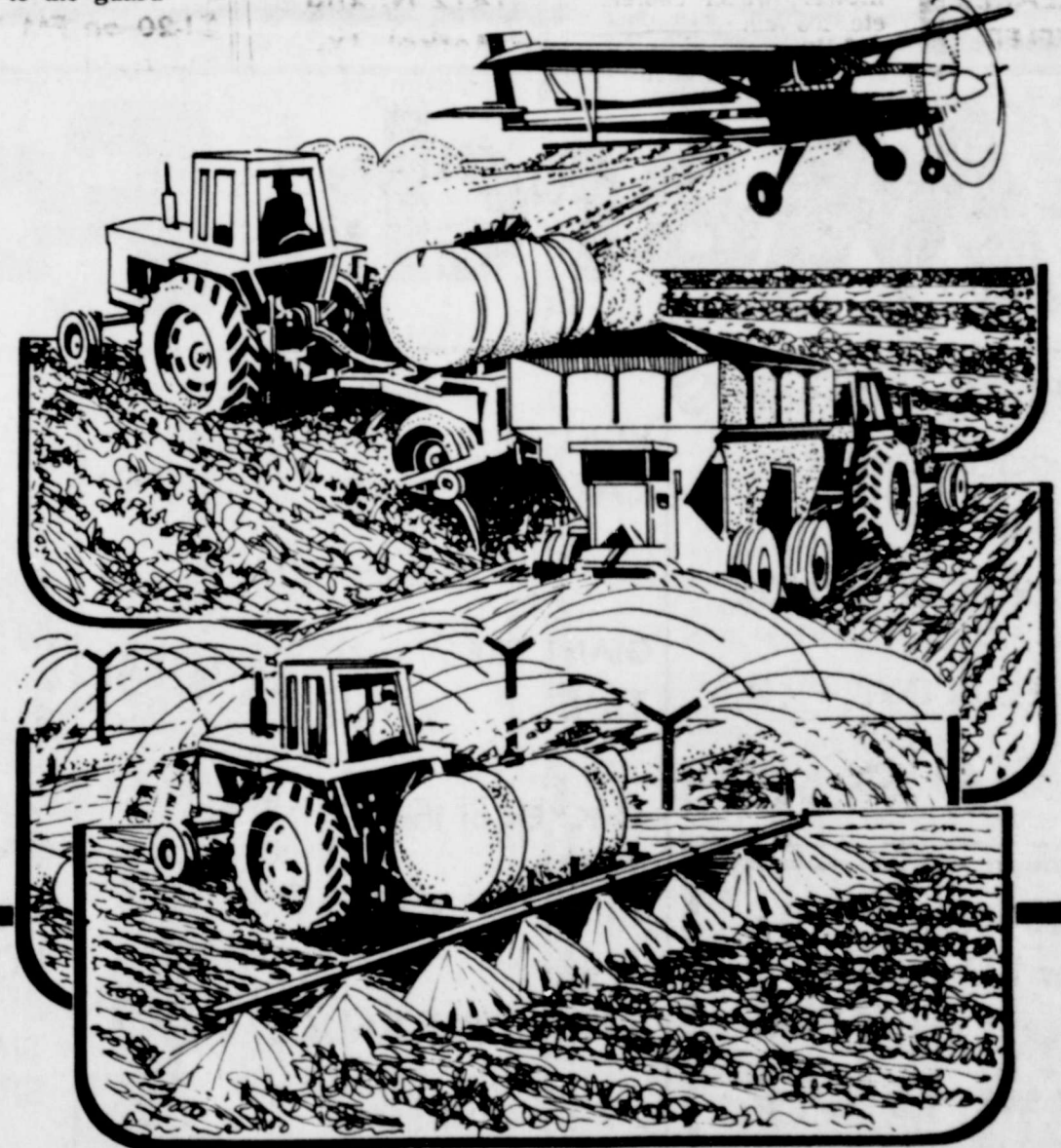
Simpson was traveling west on Interstate 20 when his vehicle turned over twice after the mishap, officer J.C. Jones reported. Jones also said some damage was done to the guard rail.

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Pam Neff and Michell Dudley have their books stamped by Leslie Waldon while their class visits the book mobile. (Staff photo by Glenn Richards)

Bookmobile Carries 4,000 Books

by Glenn Richards

Four thousand books, from the first reader to best sellers, from how to make a two stick kite to the internal working of an aircraft engine are available to not only elementary students but middle school, high school and anyone else who has a card that entitles them to check out books from the

bookmobile. The bookmobile is a service of the Abilene Public Library. It makes one of its most rewarding stops here in Merkel in front of the elementary school every two weeks from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Dates to come are Apr. 9 and 23 and May 7 and 21. After this time the bookmobile will bypass Merkel when school is out since we have our own public

library. (By the way, the bookmobile also delivers books to the library here in Merkel.) Leslie Waldon, who has been with the Abilene public library for 18 years is the driver and along with Jeannie Waterbury, handles all of the bookwork. Mr. Waldon said that this is one of their busiest stops checking out as many as 300

books in one morning. "Between Merkel and Lawn we check out a whole lot of books," Mr. Waldon said. To check out books from the bookmobile you must have a "Bookmobile Library Card" obtainable at the library or from the bookmobile. Take advantage of this service. The elementary students do, and you want to keep up with them.

Xi Nu Chi Holds Meeting

The Xi Nu Chi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met for their regular meeting in the home of Rose Etheridge. Pat Neff, social chairman announced an "Irish Fling" would be held Saturday March 17th at the Catholic fellowship hall. Louise Dubose, service chairman reported a book had been purchased for the Merkel City Library. A flyer has been received from the Dallas City Council of Beta Sigma Phi with news of the coming State Convention in Dallas June 8-9-10. The Convention theme will be "Dallas goes Hawaiian". President Bobby Mansfield appointed the following to the

nominating committee, Kathy Leverich, Charlotte Starbuck, Jocille Brady. Mr. J.A. Sadler, Merkel City Manager was guest speaker. Mr. Sadler's topic was the expanding community. A rundown on the city tax dollars and the future projects for the city were explained by Mr. Sadler. Refreshments were served to the following: Louise Dubose, Charlotte Starbuck, Liz Eager, Val Patterson, Connie Ybarra, Betty Allday, Ginny Yaddow, Pat Neff, Jocille Brady, Connie Harris, Mamie Steck, Bobby Mansfield, Mr. J.A. Sadler and the hostess Rose Etheridge.

Rape Charges

Felony rape of a child charges were filed Sunday against Mark Kiser of Sylvester. The charges stemmed from an incident with a Merkel girl. Charges were filed Sunday in Merkel Justice of the Peace Henry Guenther's office.

Contest Winners

Steve and Tanya Castille of Merkel won a trip to Las Vegas for a first place finish in a dance contest at an Abilene night-spot Monday. The Castilles finished first in a dance contest sponsored by the Sound Barrier.

Piano Recital

The students of Mrs. Ronny Doan will be presented in a piano recital Friday, March 30th. The recital will be at the First United Methodist Church at 7:00 p.m. The public is invited to attend. Students participating are as follows: Angie Allen, Leigh Anne Allen, Christi Brady, Camilla Bright, Cammie Bright, Kevin Coker, Kyle Coker, Kyle Doan, April Duncan, and Angela Dunlap.

Birthday Dinner

A dinner honoring Mrs. Faye Purser of Trent on her eightieth birthday was held Saturday, March 24 in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Vinson, children attending other than Mrs. Vinson were Mr. & Mrs. Bill Purser of San Angelo. Mr. & Mrs. James Canady of Trent, Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Purser of Merkel. Grandchildren and great grandchildren include: Mrs. Charles Russell and boys, Kelly and John of Canadian, Texas; Mrs. Kathy Clark and girls, Rebecca

King Baby

Pam & David King are proud to announce the arrival of a son, Cody James, born March 23rd and weighed in at 8 lb. 3 oz. Grandparents are: Mr. & Mrs. Don King, Mr. & Mrs. Micky Newsom, and Mr. & Mrs. O.W. Dickerson all of Merkel.

Church Revival

A revival will be held at Caivary Baptist Church Wednesday, April 4th through Sunday, April 10th. Services will start at 7:30 p.m. The evangelist to hold the revival is Dr. Henry Parrish, pastor of Ecorse Baptist Temple, Ecorse, Michigan. Dr. Parrish is President of Ecorse Baptist Temple, Ecorse, Michigan. Dr. Parrish is President of Ecorse Baptist Christian School and Ecorse Baptist Bible College. Our newly appointed music director, Bro. Edgar Graham will be directing the music. We would like to invite everyone to attend these services.

Softball Registration

The Merkel and Trent Softball League Mini Minors and Minors need to register this week. Registration forms can be picked up in the principal's office in Merkel High School or call Connie Harris at 8-4944.

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Danny Frazier, Calvin Boone and Ray De la Cruz have started filling in the potholes left by rough winter conditions here. The West Central Texas Council of Governments is still looking for three

more people to work on the crews. Starting pay is \$3.55 per hour. More information is available at City Hall. (Staff photo by Glenn Richards)

Council Says Re-start Cotton Research

The president of the National Cotton Council today requested the House Agriculture Appropriations subcommittee to restore funding for important cotton research projects for fiscal 1980.

Hoke Leggett, Hobgood, N.C., producer, expressed deep concern over the administration's proposed \$3.3 million cut in over-all agricultural research and especially over the fact that more than half of the cut or \$1.6 million would be in cotton research alone.

He commended the Administration's effort to reduce the budget deficit but noted that research is one of the primary ways of improving productivity and holding down costs. The Administration apparently recognized this fact in other areas, he noted, because seven of 10 federal research agencies would receive increased funding in the proposed budget.

In view of the growth in world population and evidence that yields of

many crops in this country have reached upper limits, Leggett commented, "It is difficult to understand why, at the same time, agriculture and cotton are receiving severe cuts."

The Council president said the cotton industry has already experienced "Considerable sacrifice" in efforts to hold down the federal budget deficit. Scientific man-years assigned to federal cotton research have dropped 20 percent in the last decade, he stated. In addition, Leggett noted that the 1977 farm act actually called for substantial increases in research.

The Council president also expressed concern that cotton was singled out for the heaviest research cuts at a time

when it has a tremendous potential for greatly alleviating the nation's trade balance problems through expanded exports.

"We need to increase our production efficiency in order to take advantage of our expanding opportunities in the export market," he said, "and we cannot do so over the long run unless research is adequate to keep production costs competitive."

Leggett listed a number of such projects which would be eliminated under the proposed cuts, including research essential to developing insect and disease-resistant cotton varieties and to minimizing the use of pesticides while fully

protecting the crop.

He also stressed the importance of continued federal work in post-harvest research, pointing out that cotton faces "unprecedented problems" in the processing area due to cotton dust and flammability regulations.

"This could seriously hamper several absolutely vital areas of research, including cotton dust... which urgently needs to be stepped up, not only to save the cotton industry and the jobs and income it contributes to the economy, but also to eliminate a potential health problem for some people."

Hey Gang How About A Drive In Movie

by Cloy A. Richards

Since a Merkel Mail editorial of three weeks ago concerning the problems of youth in the community, there has not been all that many ideas by the public on what to do about the problem.

We have learned from the State Department of Human Resources that films are available for showing on a non-profit basis for communities without entertainment facilities, therefore I feel that we qualify for those.

It wouldn't be that hard to set up a "theater" somewhere. A freshly painted white wall would do for a screen, and the only thing we would need for free, drive-in outdoor theater is a building

with a grassy area around it with a white wall.

Folks could sit on the ground, in lawnchairs or wherever and enjoy the show. Mind you that the films would not be first run, I doubt that you would see Superman or Saturday Night Fever on the free film list, but as I understand it, the films are designed for family viewing and are quite current, especially for the price.

How about it gang? All we need is a building that could be painted white, or at least one wall of it.

So, if you have a building in mind let us know. We know where and how to get hold of the films and the projector. What we need are ideas on the location and a little bit of planning and Merkel may have some free summer-time movies. Call us at 928-5712 if you have any ideas.

Hardin Simmons Offers Spring Classes

Spring classes in Scuba, Stock Market for the Beginning Investor, and a Babysitter's Seminar will be starting during the month of March, according to Kermit Klaerner, Assistant Director of the Tri-College community service program.

Scuba Diving classes begin Thursday, March 1, at 6:30 p.m. and will meet for six Thursday

evenings at Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene Hall, Room 204. Enrollment is still open for this class which will offer P.A.D.I. certification for those satisfactorily completing the course. The course consists of classroom instruction, pool sessions, and three open-water dives.

Stock Market for the Beginning Investor will

begin on Tuesday, March 6 at 7:00 p.m. and will meet for six Tuesday evenings. This introductory class will meet at McMurry College, Cooke Building, Room 110.

A free community service Babysitter's Seminar, offered in conjunction with the American Red Cross, is slated to begin Thursday, March 15, at 6:30 p.m. at the Abilene Public Library. This course will cover the various aspects of babysitting—care, feeding, safety, emergency situations—and has been approved as eight hours of required training for day-care workers.

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Today while cleaning cupboards
With neat, housewifely art,
I suddenly decided
To clean the cupboards of my heart...

I threw out CRITICISM
To the trashpile - to the fire!
I put in APPRECIATION
And worthwhile thought to inspire.

I threw out CONDEMNATION
Which says, "You're wrong, I'm right!"
I put in CONSIDERATION
For all folks, brown, black and white.

Yes, out too went COMPLAINING
Grumbling about trivial things.
I put in SMILES and LAUGHTER
To ease tension each day brings.

Friends, let's all clean out our cupboards,
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Trent News

Trent Elementary School News

The Trent kindergarten-

The students have been learning about liquids and solids. The students made jello to illustrate how a substance can change from a solid to a liquid and back to a solid.

Arveata Wheat shared her souvenir from the Sweetwater Rattlesnake Roundup with the class. It was a paperweight with scorpions inside.

The class has also studied life on a farm. Jamie Masonheimer told the class how he helped his grandfather on a farm.

The students made green shamrocks for St. Patrick's Day.

ten class has been busy learning to march to music. In P.E. the boys are learning to play soccer and the girls are learning to play jacks. The class also made biscuits.

Chris Richardson recently visited El Paso and saw the space shuttle.

First Grade

First graders at Trent Elementary are studying about Texas. We are making folders for our Texas papers and learning about the state symbols. Tuesday, we will be making bluebonnets with blue popcorn.

We're happy to have a new student, Mike Payne, from Florida. We now have twelve students in First Grade.

Second Grade

The second grade has lost one of our students. Teddy Moore has moved to Hobbs. Our class is down to fourteen students now. Our friend, Mrs. Patterson, has been gone to Old Mexico acting as a chaperone for the senior trip. We have missed her.

We have begun "re-grouping" - better known as borrowing - and this has really been an experience for us.

Some of us have caught on and are doing really great. The rest of us will soon learn this concept, we are certain.

Third Grade

The third grade has been busy with multiplication the last week. They have two learning centers they are enthused about. One is kite flying with syllables and the other is magic with rabbits using contractions. March birthdays were Scotty O'Kelly March 5. April birthdays will be Lloyd Patterson April 7, and Tracie Russell April 8.

Best Buys At The Grocery Market

Best buys at Texas grocery markets include specials on beef, pork and frozen fish.

Also, eggs have reasonable prices this week, says Gwendolyn Clyatt, a consumer marketing information specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

This week's price-quality trends are the following:

BEEF - Check for specials on chuck roasts and steaks, round and rib steaks, ground beef and beef liver.

PORK - Specials include end chops, rib and loin-end roasts, frankfurters and pork liver.

POULTRY - Eggs are a bargain at present prices.

Fryer chicken prices are rising, but some markets feature cut-up fryers and fryer parts. Also, look for specials on turkeys with best buys on those 10 pounds and up.

FRESH FRUITS - Good values include bananas, apples and grapefruit.

FRESH VEGETABLES - Budget buys are carrots, collards, cucumbers, mustard, dry onions, squash, potatoes and spinach.

CONSUMER WATCHWORDS: Shopping the "specials" really pays off in the meat department.

City Hall Building, in said city, and said place of absentee voting shall remain open for at least 8 hours on each day of absentee voting which is not a Saturday, Sunday or an official State holiday, beginning on the 20th day and continuing through the 4th day preceding the date of said election. Said place of voting shall remain open between the hours of 8:00 o'clock a.m. and 5:00 o'clock p.m.

Dated this the 12th day of March, 1979.

(Se da aviso por la presente que se llevara a cabo una Eleccion de Funcionarios de la Ciudad el dia 7 de Abril de 1979, en la ciudad arriba mencionada para el proposito de elegir a los siguientes funcionarios para dicha ciudad: Alcalde, Concejales. Dicha eleccion se llevara a cabo en los siguientes

lugares de votacion en dicha ciudad: El Precento Electoral Num. 1 en el Edificio Merkel Gym Bldg.

Los sitios de votacion arriba designados para dicha eleccion se mantendran abiertos en el mencionado dia de elecciones de las 7:00 a.m. a las 7:00 p.m.

La votacion ausente para la eleccion arriba designada se llevara a cabo en el Edificio City Hall, en dicha ciudad, y dicho lugar de votacion ausente se mantendra abierto por lo menos ocho horas en cada dia de votacion ausente no siendo sabado, domingo o dia festivo oficial del Estado, principiando 20 dias y continuando hasta el cuarto dia anterior a la fecha de dicha eleccion. Dicho lugar de votacion se mantendra abierto de las 8:00 a.m. a las 5:00 p.m.

Fecha de esta dia 12th de March de 1979.)

Lou David Allen Mayor (Alcalde)

Legal notice

Notice of Intention to Incorporate

Name of City (Nombre de la Ciudad)

Pursuant to the provisions of R.C.S. Art. 1302-2.02, as amended 1977 and of V.T.C.A., Bus. & Co., Section 6.103(7).

Notice is hereby given that The Sayles Company, whose principal business office is 1290 South Willis, Suite 218, Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, intends on or before April 1, 1979, to become incorporated without a change of firm name.

NOTICE OF CITY OFFICERS' ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCION DE FUNCIONARIOS DE LA CIUDAD)

Merkel, Texas

Notice is hereby given that a City Officers' Election will be held on the 7 day of April, 1979, in the above named city for the purpose of electing the following officers for said city: Mayor (1), Aldermen (2). Said election will be held at the following polling places in said city: In Election Precinct No. 1, at Merkel High Gym Building.

The polls at each of the above designated polling places shall on said election day be open from 7:00 o'clock a.m. to 7:00 o'clock p.m.

The absentee voting for the above designated election shall be held at

Legal Notice

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: Ayres Douglas Bowen, Respondent:

GREETINGS:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable 326th District Court, Taylor County, Texas, at the Courtroom 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 Elizabeth Ann Pippins and Oscar Gerald Pippins, Petitioners, filed in said Court on the 12th day of March, 1979, against Ayres Douglas Bowen, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 2176C on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Interest of Lisa Reene Bowen, A Child", the nature of which suit is a request to Terminate parent-child relationship and Petition for Adoption of Stepchild. Said child was born the 7th day of September, 1966, in Houston, Harris County, Texas.

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree in the child's interest which will be binding upon you, including the termination of the parent-child relationship and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the child's adoption.

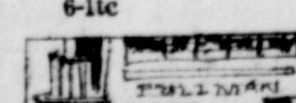
If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

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 12th day of March, 1979.

Irene Crawford Clerk, 326th District Court, Taylor County, Texas. By Rella Mahoy, Deputy

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Tye Times

Thursday March 29, 1979

Tye Schedules Clean Up

Harold Boyd

Put this on your calendar that the week of April will be a busy one in this form. April 2nd through the 5th has been designated as clean up week for Tye. The City will haul off your trash this week only at no cost to you, all that is requested that you put your trash on the street side and notify the city all that you have trash that you wish to be removed. Also don't forget to get out and vote Saturday April 7th at the Tye Elementary school. If you don't have transportation, contact me or a neighbor and do the only thing that you can do... vote for the candidate of your choice.

I've been in contact with the Mail regarding the school lunch room menu. Cloy just overbooked it, and surely we all forget at times to do things that we should have done. Can't promise, but feel sure that he will have it in the next issue or even this one. Just bear with them.

Abilene's biggie this past two weeks has been the Mail... surely it is everything that they have said it was. It's a treat to just walk through it and see the various stores, decor and see many neighbors.

Saturday, March 17th the Senior Citizens had their garage sale in spite of the nasty weather. The turnout and response was great, and they wish to thank those who donated time and items.

This writer is somewhat confused as to Tye's voting record. We have some 350 plus registered voters here in Tye, our last election we showed a turnout of some 125 votes; increase of 50 percent over the last election. Apparently I've missed the boat in the right to

exercise my vote for whom I wish to represent me in government, a right that I help preserve by being active in military, serving the only country that is still free. Yet it takes no time to do... so when April 7th comes about, why don't you take the few precious moments of you schedule and get out and vote for the party or persons of your choice. Could it be that some don't care? Aren't they the ones that want to gripe after these concerned persons are elected into office? Maybe so... anyway, do your civic duty and GET OUT AND VOTE!

We have the following persons running for office and here is a brief summary of each candidate that is running for Alderman (Council)

Mrs. Kennon Law, Violet is 48 years old, raised 4 children, with 1 still at home. She is self employed, lived in Tye for over 10 years. Her goals are, if elected to the council, is to establish an Administrative Committee which will be citizens that will look into major purchases for the city, seeking ways to get more for our money without trying everything and checking and getting facts to present to the council. To help Tye in becoming a more progressive city by having better public relations with the citizens of Tye, keeping them informed.

A.J. Pence, 39 years and holding. A.J. is a self employed businessman in concrete products. Has lived in Tye for the past 6 years, raised 3 children with one still at home. His interest in city government is to clean up the eyesores of Tye, be aggressive in getting things done such as better roads, water and the much talked about

sewer lines that have gone undone.

Mrs. Noland Miller, better known as Patty Miller. She is married and raising two boys, and she said they are all boys. Patty has been raised here in Tye with a brief absence when they were in the service. She is a domestic engineer (Housewife). She feels that she can relate with the citizens of Tye, young and senior citizens but better and more involvement by public relations, keeping everyone informed. Taking action and following through after decisions are once made at council meetings. Improve and enforce the Dog problems that we here in Tye are having. Getting some type of youth program and building a center for all persons of Tye. Seeking to better the road conditions here and other areas that need to be corrected.

Mrs. Otto Brazell, better known as Helena to most. She is 48 and doesn't mind who knows her age. She has raised 9 children with the last one at home. She has been a resident of Tye for more than 12 years. She is employed at Abilene State School as a Residential and Recreation Coordinator for the past 11 years. She also wants Tye to be progressive in growth by using the administration system, weighing all sides of an issue that comes before the council, before making decisions. Follow through after something has been voted on. Seek better ways to work for the citizens of Tye, keeping them informed. She just wants to be there when needed to work for you, not a certain group.

DeWitt Isoms, 49 years, been on city council and has lived here in Tye all his life. He is married and raising 3 children. Been the

Postmaster here in Tye for the past 17 years. All he wants to do is get the people of Tye their moneys worth, projects that we can afford and keep up with. Seek the completion of the sewer project and look into a water system that we will need in the future.

Art Herrera, 44 years old, raised 5 children with one living at home. Art is an incumbent in this race for council. He is self employed as a barber here in Tye. He wants the city to grow yet keep a budget and have someone to administer city funds, getting equal value for every dollar spent. To see the completions of the sewer system, maintain a balanced budget and expenditures. To upgrade the city streets and have them maintained after they are in condition.

Luanne Goodgion was unavailable at this writing so I will endeavor to get with her on the next column along with the candidates that are running for the two seats for the Merkel ISD posts. There you are Tye with six persons that want to serve you, all they ask is that you vote, for your candidate. They all have stated that whether you vote for them or not, to vote. Show that you care about YOUR city and how you want it run. It is your time to commit yourselves... The candidates have given their time, how about you? I want to thank each person whom I've talked to on this brief outline and do hope that I have given it fairly and as accurate as I have done.

For this week of writing, many thanks for your time, till next week, lets clean up the vacant lots, back yards and get ready for the most beautiful time of the year, Spring. See you next week.

Drawings and Specifications may be examined without charge at the office of Charles Harper Associates, the Architect, and in the Plan Rooms of Dodge, Wichita Falls, Fort Worth, Abilene, Dallas, and Lubbock; Scan, Dallas; Texas Contractor, Dallas, AGC Fort Worth. Two complete sets of Drawings, Specifications, and Contract Documents may be obtained from the office of Charles Harper Associates, Architects, at 4724 Old Jacksboro Highway, Wichita Falls, Texas, upon payment of a deposit of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) as a guarantee of the safe return of the Drawings, Specifications and Contract Documents. Additional sets may be obtained by payment of twenty dollars (\$20.00) for each set of Specifications and the actual cost of reproduction for the Drawings which is one

dollar (\$1.00) per sheet, and fifteen cents (15 cents) per sheet for Specifications. All Drawings and Specifications are the property of the Architect and must be returned to him.

Each proposal must be accompanied by a bid bond, cashier's check or certified check for the amount of the proposal, made payable unconditionally to the Merkel Independent School District.

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

The Owner reserves the right to reject any, or

Tye First And Second Grade News

First Grade Mrs. Evans

The boys and girls in Mrs. Evans' class have been having a delightful time using ACT IT OUT cards. These cards are divided into categories which include characters, objects, situations, rhythm and music, and stories.

The children especially enjoy acting out "situations". For example, we acted out a situation of a child visiting a doctor. A student was chosen to act as a doctor and one each for a nurse, parent, and patient. This creative dramatic experience helps the student to act out his feelings about a trip to the doctor - their reactions to examinations, to shots, to being sick, and etc. Playing the doctor, who must make a sick child well, can help students understand the doctor's role in their lives.

Another favorite situation that was acted out was eating spaghetti, ice cream, a tough steak, etc. The skit can be a group of children acting out a family eating a meal, a picnic, a party, or etc. This is a good way for the children to learn about table manners.

Creative dramatic experiences are good for helping the shy child to overcome his shyness, and helps children to learn how to express themselves in different situations. There are many situations that can be used such as going shopping, talking to a policeman, being a teacher, playing in the snow, or landing on a strange planet. This activity can also be exten-

ded to include stories read in our basal reading book.

Creative dramatics is also a good way to provide a little humor. The children laughed so much until we had a message from our neighbor on the other side of our wall wanting to know what was so funny in our room.

The now beg every day for a chance to "act out the little cards".

Second Grade Mrs. Coke

We learned some interesting things from "Ranger Rick Magazine" in "Who-O-O Knows?"

What is the difference between a dolphin and a porpoise?

Dolphins are larger than porpoises and may have beak-like snouts. Porpoises are less than six feet long and have rounder heads. Scientists tell them apart by the shape of their fins and teeth. Dolphins and porpoises aren't fish but are mammals. That means they are warm-blooded and that they nurse their young.

Do cats only see black and white?

For many years people thought that dogs and cats could not see colors. Scientists have recently discovered that cats see color. Your pet cat doesn't see colors as well as a person. Unless something is very large, or very close, it won't look colorful. Objects that are small or far away just look gray. Dr. Michael Loop, at the University of Illinois, explains it this way: "To a cat, an apple is red, but a cherry is gray!"

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NOTICE TO BUILDING CONTRACTORS

Sealed proposals addressed to Charles Jacobs, President of the Board, Merkel Independent School District, for the construction of A High School, Middle School Gymnasium, and Vo-Ag Building Addition in accordance with the Contract Documents prepared by Charles Harper Associates, Architects, Engineers, Planners, will be received at the Middle School Library, Merkel, Texas, until 7:30 o'clock p.m., CST, 3 April 1979. Proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud at that time.

The project is a "public works" project and labor standards and practices set forth in various annotated civil statutes of the State of Texas 5519A shall be complied with.

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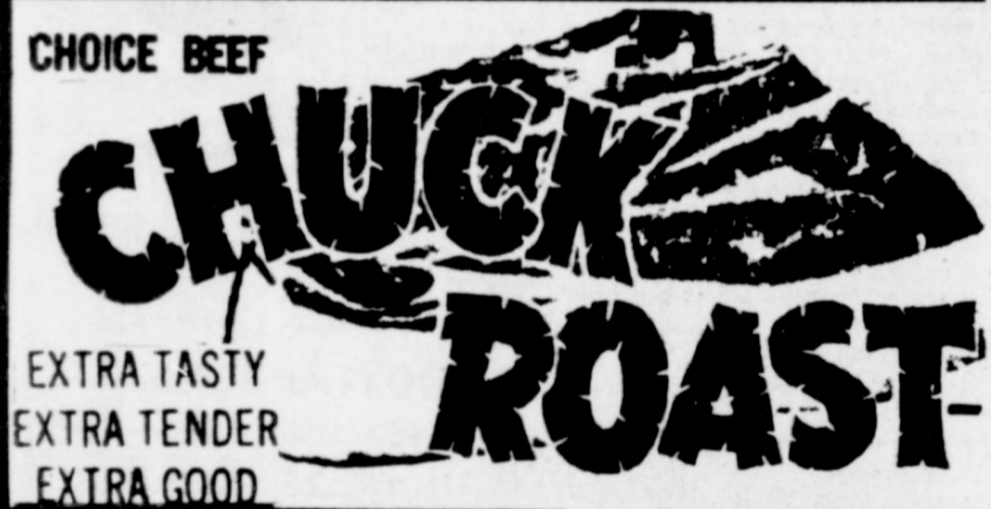
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