

The Merkel Mail

Thursday, September 13, 1979...Merkel, Texas

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Late summer and fall West Texas sunsets are hard to beat as the setting sun turns the sky into a rainbow of soft shades. This scene is one mile north of Merkel on RM 126. (Staff Photo by Cloy A. Richards)

Passing thoughts...

Typically Texan taxation tangle

by Cloy A. Richards

One of the headaches the 66th Texas Legislative Session passed along to governmental agencies that levy taxes is the new county-wide tax assessment boards that will be in business in 1982.

The idea behind the new law is that a single property assessment authority will be responsible for establishing the taxable value on all property county-wide. Then the school, city, county water and hospital district governing bodies will set the percentage of the assessment and the rate to be taxed.

This all sounds good in theory, there are a couple of fallbacks.

In our case, the members of the Taylor County Assessment Board will be elected from the cities of Merkel, Trent, Tye, Buffalo Gap, Wylie, Tuscola and Abilene. It will also include the Merkel ISD, Trent ISD, Jim Ned ISD and Wylie and Abilene Public Schools.

Now this county board is going to be established by an election with all of those governmental bodies we just mentioned participating. But do you know how the votes will be divided?

They will be chosen by vote, but on a less impressive note, by vote according to the number of tax paying property owners in each particular district. For instance, let's say that the City of Abilene has 45,000 taxpayers and they are allocated one vote for each 1,000 taxpayers. They will receive 45 votes. The City of Merkel would receive about two and a half votes and most of the other tax levying entities in the county would receive even less.

Based on that, it is easy to see who will have control over our county tax assessment board and there does not seem to be a lot that us small town folks can do about it.

One more strange point in the new law is that county governments have the option to become a member of the county-wide tax assessment board. If they choose not to be, taxpayers will still have their property evaluated twice, probably under two different evaluations.

So what started out as a way that all property in a

county would be evaluated the same by the different tax levying agencies has made it simple for property owners to be even further confused by different evaluations on the same piece of property.

It didn't take long before some youngsters with nothing better to do than damage some of the new stop signs around the schools. Friday night, two poles were bent and one sign was stolen.

The Merkel Volunteer Fire Department will have a couple of teams participating in fire races at the West Texas Fair on Saturday afternoon. The races will get started at 1 p.m. and Merkel will have the men and women competing.

I had a chance to talk with Dr. Warren Dozier, Merkel's new veterinarian the other day and he said his clinic behind his house is coming along well. Watch the Mail in the next few weeks for a feature on Doctor Dozier.

Price Construction has just about finished the paving of South First and Second and other smaller streets under a Housing and Urban Development Program. Now if we can talk HUD into paving some more streets, we should be in pretty good shape, at least until pothole season arrives.

As of Tuesday morning, the enrollment at the Merkel ISD was exactly one more student than last year. There are 1044 students enrolled according to Dr. Raymond Etheridge, Merkel ISD superintendent. One more note. The Merkel Junior Varsity Football team will play their first game at home Thursday evening at 6:30 against the Anson JV. The varsity will host Rotan Friday night with an 8 p.m. kickoff. I am looking forward to a better sports weekend this weekend. Last week, my Badgers, Oilers, Aggies and Astros lost. The only saving grace was the Cowboys, but they have me a little worried. They really haven't played but one game well this season and that was their pre-season win over Pittsburgh.

Baird downs Badgers, Merkel faces Rotan Friday

Baird quarterback Darryl Harris threw touchdown passes of 51, 42, and 40 yards to lead the Bears to a 39-22 win over the Merkel Badgers before a light crowd at the season opener here Friday night.

The Badgers got started on the right foot as the opening kickoff went untouched by Baird players and the Badgers recovered at the Baird 32. Badger quarterback Danny Davis hit flanker Sal Acosta with a 15 yard pass up the middle, fullback Mark Merritt went 12 yards to the Bear two and Buster Brown scored on a two yard run in the opening minute of the game, the point after was missed and the Badgers led 6-0.

Baird tied the game at 6 as Harris threw a 51 yard touchdown pass to Sid Grant. The extra point attempt was missed.

On the first play of the second quarter, Harris again found a receiver, this time good for 42 yards and a touchdown to Larry Segura. Segura then took a pass from Harris for a two point conversion making it Baird 14-6.

Wil Morgan then scored from the Badger 10 making it Baird 20-6 and Baird scored once more in the second quarter as Morgan got his second touchdown that was set up by an interception.

Larry Segura scored on the Bears first possession of the third quarter when he took an 18 yard touchdown pass from Harris, the point after was missed bringing it to Baird 33, Merkel 6.

Baird's last touchdown came on a 74 yard run up the middle by Greg Austin, the punt after was blocked by Jerry Goode.

Badger lineman Dwayne Roysden recovered a Bear fumble on the Baird 24 and Ted Holmes scored on a seven yard run for the Badger's second touchdown. Davis completed to Mark Copeland for the two point conversion making the score 39-14.

The Badgers scored again in the fourth quarter when Copeland hauled down a 24 yard pass from Davis and Davis hit Randy Martin for the two point conversion.

James Turner led the defense as he made nine tackles. The Badgers had 41 rushes for 68 yards and completed 14 of 34 passes for 183 yards. Alan Merritt had the second attempt on his 27 yards on seven carries and Lee Hines added 25 yards on 5 carries. Mark Copeland led all receivers with eight catches for 119 yards.

Merkel had four passes intercepted and lost one fumble. Merkel gained 14 first downs, Baird had 9. Coach Byron Shelley said, "Our defense against the run was real good, with the exception of one long run and we scored enough points on offense to win. The defensive breakdowns we had in the second quarter cost us the game. We need to become more consistent on defense and work on our ground game."

Rotan head football coach Don Mullins said "The Badgers look as good on film this year as they did three years ago. They are running the same offense and defense we are but we have had five years practice at it." Mullins said Rotan has better than average speed and have average size. Our strongest point is our offense and defense. We have been working on those systems for five years and the kids know of pretty well by now the coach added. They obviously learned something well. Last week Rotan destroyed Spur 58-0. The Rotan Yellowhammers are coming off of a 7-3 season last year.

When asked about Rotan, Shelly replied, "Rotan will be one of the toughest teams we face all year. They are big, quick and have exceptional speed. They beat Spur 58-0. We don't plan any major changes, we will do what we have been doing and try to do it better."

Merkel will host Rotan here Friday and kickoff is set for 8 p.m.

Board votes Tuesday on 79-80 budget

Board members will be voting next Tuesday night on the 1979-1980 school budget that will set local school taxes at \$1.87 per \$100 evaluation.

The meeting will be held in the high school annex and will get started at 8 p.m.

Features in the new budget call for expenditures of \$2,793,615 with estimated funds available set at \$2,868,879 leaving a balance on Aug. 31, 1980 of \$75,264.

The funding is broken into \$27,333 in general operating funds, \$12,195 in interest and debt funds, \$1,014,727 in construction funds and \$30,085,209 in co-op funding.

The district will levy \$604,250 in taxes and expects to collect \$560,890. Also on the debit side is \$34,250 in uncollected taxes.

The district will spend \$1,148,840 in payroll costs with \$720,000 going to teachers \$130,227 to school administrators, \$47,826 to food service personnel, \$87,665 to general administration, \$77,322 to plant services and \$29,750 for pupil transportation.

The MISD estimates total local income at \$851,600 and will receive \$909,370 from state sources. Revenue from federal sources is set at \$22,700.

The meeting Tuesday night will be a regular meeting of the board and the public is invited to attend.

Fair winners

Merkel winners from the West Texas Fair at press time Tuesday included a third for Mr. and Mrs. Bill Fisher, who entered Amanda Bunch in the Grandparent's Brag. Also placing was Mrs. J.M. Whorton with Amy Ryan Horton in the one and under division and Karen Ward with Shawn Ward tied for first in the two and three year old boy's division.

Mrs. Ford Smith Jr. of Merkel placed second in the antique quilts division. Tommy Hays of Merkel placed second in the junior high division of the Fine Arts division.

Cassie Townsend won the youth division in black and white photography, and Willy Townsend placed third in the same division. Nancy Moore of Tye placed third in Tole painting in metal, crockery or glass. Russel McAnally of Merkel placed second in stained glass. Mrs. Ford Smith Jr. of Merkel placed first in the macrame wall hanging, and Debbie Glasscock of Merkel won the macrame flower pot hangings division.

Melba Glasscock won second in the cactus division in the plant category and David Glasscock placed third in the cactus youth division, while Judy Glasscock placed third in the youth hanging basket category.

Mrs. Weir Joiner of Tye won the other needlework items category and Milfred Isom of Tye placed third in that same category. Mrs. Jack South of Merkel placed second in the Bargello division.

Other winners include Ruby Sanders of Merkel in the nursing home resident embroidered item, and she also placed third in the any handmade item division.

Alyse Ferguson of Merkel placed first in the youth household accessory division and Judy Glasscock of Merkel placed first in art plaster while David Glasscock placed third in that category. Willy Townsend of Merkel won the metal work division.

Basic skills testing starts this spring

The State Board of Education on Sept. 8th, took it's first major step toward implementing mandatory tests in the basic skills with approval of a \$118,446 contract awarded to the Educational Testing Service.

The Texas Assessment of Basic Skills, this state's first mandatory public school test program, will begin next spring as some 450,000 fifth and ninth grade students are tested in reading, mathematics and writing. Third graders will be added to the annual program in 1980-81.

The contract awarded Educational Testing Service will cover test development and field testing from Sept. 10 through Jan. 7, 1980. It will include: development of reading and math tests for fifth grade; development of writing tests for fifth and ninth grade students; and field testing administration and analysis of results for the Texas Education Agency.

Students completing the third, fifth and ninth grade each year will take the tests in late March or early April, depending on the local school district schedules. Results will be reported by the end of May.

Merkel ISD superintendent Dr. Raymond Etheridge said "I am for the basic skills program, the testing they will conduct will be one way to measure skills in reading, math and writing. In fact, one of our goals that I will submit to a committee on education here will be a local assessment of reading skills in the Merkel ISD."

Ninth graders, who do not score well may re-take the test each school year. However, this repeating will be designed solely to help the teacher pinpoint weak areas for more intensive instruction.

Individual student results will be made available only to the student, parent or guardian, and the school personnel directly involved. School principals will receive summary reports on the performance of students in their building. District-wide summary reports will be presented to each superintendent.

Overall student performance, both by individual campus and by district, will be reported each year by the board of trustees.

Each test question will relate to a specific objective or skill students are expected to learn by the time they complete the third, fifth or ninth grade according to Alton O. Bowen, Texas Commissioner of Education.

These objectives are not new in Texas. First developed during a series of statewide workshops in 1973-74, the reading and math objectives formed the basis for the Texas Assessment Project, last year's sample statewide testing program. However, one of the grade levels has changed under the new plan mandated under Senate Bill 350, the public school finance law that was passed by the 66th Texas Legislative Session.

The reading and math tests for ninth graders developed as a part of the TAP will be used again this year.

More than 40 public school teachers, curriculum directors, and principals have worked with the Texas Education Agency staff members to decide precisely what should be measured at each grade level and how the test questions should be constructed.

The exams will be field tested with some 8,000 fifth and ninth graders in 75 school districts during October. Once these tests results are in, the final test models will be fine tuned for statewide use next March and April.

Specific test questions will change each year as the test designers will try to maintain the same level of difficulty.

Dieting right

by Cloy A. Richards

Two Merkel ladies want you to lose weight and feel better at the same time and they say they have a method, and it is called the Happy New You program.

Rhoda Allen and Linda Cravens are running the program that already boasts a membership of 30 here and the club held its first Abilene meeting Monday night. The Merkel club meets every Tuesday from 5:30 until 6:30 at the Community Room of the Merkel branch of United Savings.

Rhoda Allen has studied nutrition and diet for the past 20 years and she says the Happy New You approach is a marriage of other diet plans she has studied as well as some of her own nutritional ideas. She said the plan really took shape when her mother was sick and needed to lose weight. Her mother tried the plan, lost 25 pounds and the Happy New You plan took off from there.

The club originally started meeting on Friday mornings in Mrs. Allen's home and after ladies happy with the plan told other folks, the group swelled to 30 members.

They say the Happy New You is a five step plan that includes Nutrition, diet, God, rest and exercise. For exercise, they stress walking.

They stressed that the meal plans are something that will be enjoyed by the whole family. In other words, the wife won't have to cook a meal for her and a separate one for the family.

Mrs. Allen said the Tuesday meetings consist of weighing in (optional), have snacks, then they have a lecture by Mrs. Allen and then a recipe is given and tested.

When asked about the success with the plan she said that some local ladies have lost as much as 30 pounds and that 90 per cent of the success of the plan is hinged on the diet. She said she and Linda had been working on the diet recipes for two years.

Linda and Rhoda said they were both at home and both had experience in teaching. They said they hope to meet their expenses and that making money is not their purpose. (There is a 5 dollar initial fee and a 3 dollar weekly fee, attendance is not required each week.)

Rhoda summed up her feelings on the diet plan by saying, "I have read and studied most diet plans and this one is not a weird, far-out thing. It is a balanced and healthy plan, we have a lot of mother-daughter people attending as well as husband-wives working on the plan together."

She added that "We wouldn't be encouraged and excited about this plan if the people here hadn't accepted it the way they have. People just keep on talking about it, and new members keep joining."

They seem really excited about what they are doing. Frankly, I don't envy their task one bit. Can you imagine what it would be like to help 30 people lose weight and feel better while doing it?

I'd take trying to please 1710 readers each week any day. What a person weighs, especially in the female gender can get too controversial for me.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: James Allen Stoker, Defendant, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 326th District Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 8th day of October A.D. 1979, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 25th day of July A.D. 1979, in this cause, numbered 2754-C on the docket of said court and styled Virginia Sue Stoker, Plaintiff, vs. James Allen Stoker, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Petitioner wishes to obtain a divorce as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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

The officer executing this 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 24th day of August A.D. 1979.

Attest: Irene Crawford, District Clerk, 326th District Court Taylor County, Texas. By Kathy Franke, Deputy.

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Linda Cravens (left) and Rhoda Allen are conducting a diet club that so far has 30 members here. (Staff Photo by Cloy A. Richards)

Cake show at mall

The Mall of Abilene Regional Cake Show, sponsored by the Sweet Squeezers Cake Decorating Club, will be held September 20, 21 and 22 in the Mall of Abilene.

There will be a fee of \$1.00 per entry. Entry forms can be obtained from the Sweet Squeezers, c/o Cap Prachyl, 2609 Bennett, Abilene, Texas 79605. There will be both Adult and Junior divisions.

Prizes will be awarded in each category. Wilton gold medals will also be presented. Awards Ceremony will be at 7 p.m. on Thursday, September 20.

Live demonstrations will be held daily, including an all male group of Abilene VIPs from 11 to 12 a.m. on Saturday, September 22.

Further information can be obtained by calling Cap Prachyl at 692-8556 or Sherry Coley at 692-4845.

Texas reserves dwindling

AUSTIN—Texas Railroad Commissioner James E. (Jim) Nugent says new oil and gas discoveries are not coming close to replacing the amounts of energy being used from Texas reserves. "Because Texas has provided the bulk of domestic production for many years, our supplies and reserves are greatly reduced," Nugent said.

"Since 1973 Texas oil production has declined from 1.25 billion barrels per year to an estimate of less than one billion this year," the Commissioner said. During that same time, natural gas production has slid from 9.3 trillion cubic feet to less than 7 trillion cubic feet, according to figures computed by the Commission. "This is a startling decline which threatens Texas' position as the leading energy state," Nugent added.

Nugent, who recently met with President Carter and other national energy policymakers, believes the nation, and especially Texas, must do more to encourage discovery and development of domestic energy sources. Nugent said he believes alternate energy sources must be developed with all deliberate speed, but he emphasized that "oil and gas will be our primary energy sources for the foreseeable future."

While the Texas Railroad Commission has no jurisdiction over gasoline supplies and prices, the Commissioner assailed the high crude oil prices recently adopted by OPEC countries which supply almost half of our crude oil. "Our dependence on foreign oil endangers our national security, weakens the dollar and makes us a target of international black-

mail," Nugent stated. "We must do everything possible to become more self-reliant in energy production."

Nugent, who has served on the Railroad Commission since January, has conducted extensive research on the Texas energy situation,

much of which he has been using in recent statewide speaking engagements. He previously served 18 years as a state representative from the Texas Hill Country area, and was speaker pro-tem of the House when appointed to the Railroad Commission.

JV loses

The Badger Junior Varsity lost their first game of the year to Baird 20-7. Willie Marsh carried the ball in for the Badgers. Two of the Bear touchdowns came on long passes according to JV Coach Doug Guynes.

The junior varsity will play here Thursday night with the kickoff set for 6:30.

Correction

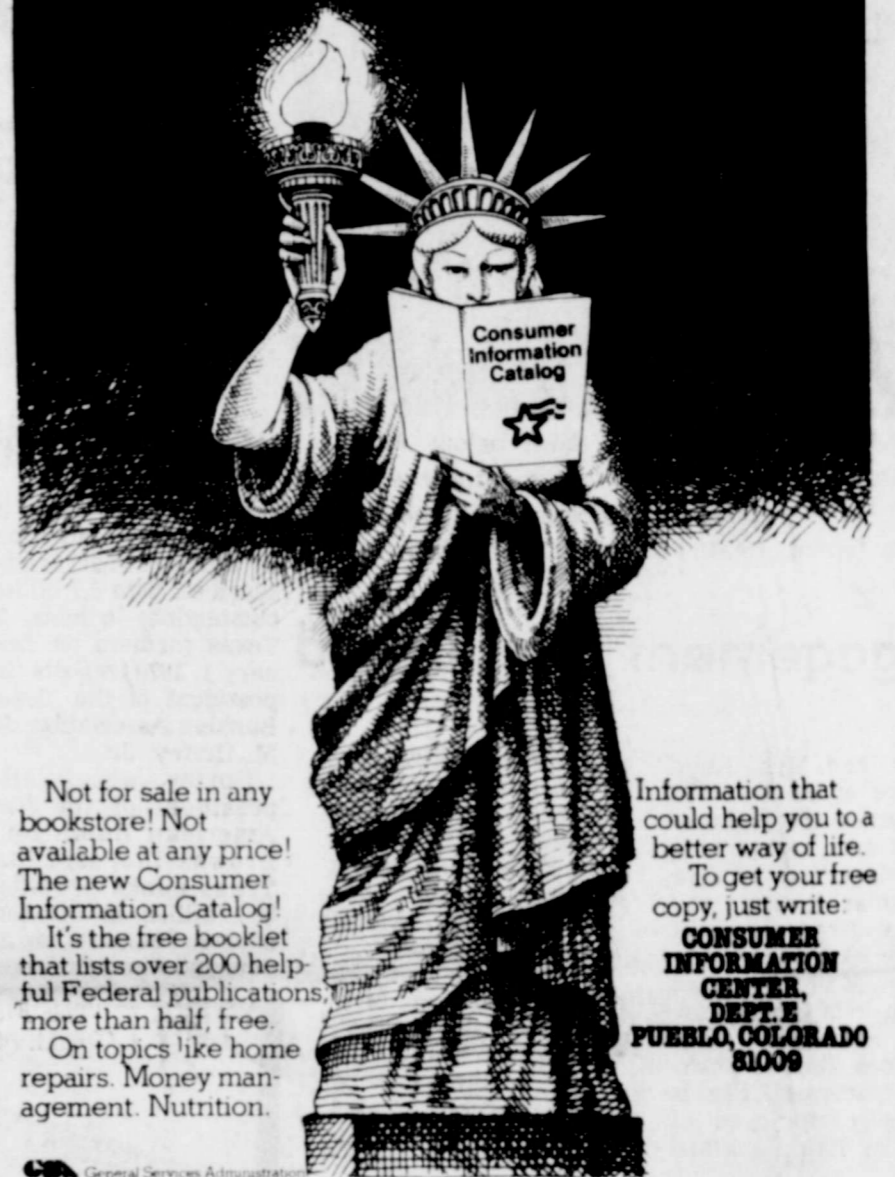
In last week's paper, we misidentified one of the Junior High twirlers. We identified Joanna Talent as Christi Smith. Christi is the mascot. The Mail regrets the error.

Tower grant

A contract has been awarded in the amount of 39,881 dollars by the Federal Aviation Administration to Edgemont Electric Co. Inc. of Bedford, Tx. for the construction of facilities

near Tuscola, Tx. to house the very high frequency army directional radio range, VOR, which is being upgraded at this sight, Congressman Charles W. Stenholm has announced.

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MISD lunch menu

The menu for the Merkel ISD is as follows:

Sept. 13, Spaghetti with beef and cheese, seasoned green beans and lettuce wedges with choice of dressing, sliced bread and applesauce.

Sept. 14, Hamburgers, lettuce, tomato, pickle

and onions, and orange wedges.

Sept. 17, Pizza, buttered mixed vegetables, lettuce wedges and choice of dressing and chilled pear halves.

Sept. 18, Ham and cheese sandwiches, lettuce and tomato, and sliced peach halves with whipped topping.

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Tye Times

THE MERKEL MAIL

Thursday, September 13, 1979

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Legal notice

NOTICE OF INCORPORATION
In compliance with Article 1302, 2.02 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, notice of intention to become incorporated without a change of name is given by Quality Body Shop, Inc., 2332 South 34th, Abilene, Texas.

NOTICE OF INCORPORATION
In compliance with Article 1302, 2.02 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, notice of intention to become incorporated without a change of name is given by Shoe-string Enterprises, Inc., Route 5, Box 630, Abilene, Texas.

Tye city council adopts budget of \$176,000 plus

Here this week with "Whats Happening In Tye". Last week was busy for me and trying to get all that needed to be done, I was unable to get the column together. This past week our city council members approved the budget for October 1 to September 30, 1980 in the budgeted amount of \$176,852.03 with a surplus of \$32.04 left over providing no emergency occurs. This does not include any increases in salaries, but it is hopeful that the revenue sharing tax increases, thus if it does, will offer a little more surplus into the city with the barest of city

facilities or services. The cost of inflation has and will continue to have its effect on the operation and governing of the city. The budget was read and accepted on August 31, 1978 by the council members. The called city council meeting on August 13 was held and the following was discussed. Personnel matters were discussed regarding applications for the maintenance department. This was accepted. The next item was the amendment on the Tax Ordinance which was discussed at the proposed 35 per cent market value on property of the city of Tye. This amend

ment was read. The budget was tabled. August 14 the council members met in session and the following items were discussed of importance. The levying of taxes for the use and support of the city of Tye. Also an ordinance granting an Ad Valorem Tax Exemption for a residence homestead of a person 65 years or older with the necessary emergency clause was read. The refuge rates were discussed for El-Tye-O and tables for further research. At a later meeting the rates were increased slightly. Regarding their water rates, upon investigation the city is saving several hundred dollars and not losing money nor are showing any favorites. The cost of the billings, records, and reading some 170 meters in the park would have cost the city more money than you could believe. I feel that the water rates are fair and thus saving the city money.

Now that school is in session, the town has come alive at the earliest hour of 7:30 to 8:05. Children laughing, dogs barking and what not. I haven't got the figures from the Tye Elementary School regarding its enrollment. The Senior Citizens will be or have already been at the fair. Also in a few more weeks the Senior Citizens will formally dedicate the new building and show off alittle through everyones help and contributions that made this possible. I believe a great deal of thanks should go to Mr. Ken Law who spent time and assisted the citizens in getting it together. Some of the other citizens have put plenty of time and muscle into the finishing touches. Within the week we will be receiving a new TV station thus giving us 3 channels to watch with all the major networks. The station will be KTAB channel 32 on UHF channel selector. Who needs TV cable with the three channels now. You will be reading and hearing more about this some time next week.

Mr. James Casper a long time resident of Tye is in Hendricks

For this week folks, see ya next week. Again if you have any news, do let me know so that it can be shared with others in the Mail.



Mrs. Micheal Teaff

Waldron-Teaff

The First Baptist Church of Midland, Texas, was the setting for the exchange of vows between Marsha Carol Waldron and Michael Bartlett Teaff.

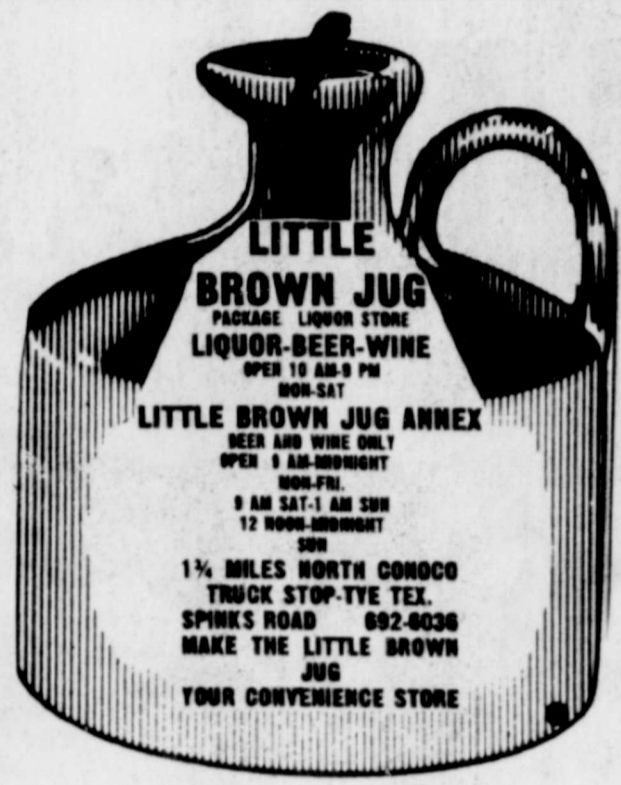
Dr. Daniel Vestal officiated the 8 p.m. ceremony. Parents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. Dale Waldron 3613 Imperial, Midland.

Parents of the bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Teaff, Rt. 1, Tye. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Miller, Merkel and Mrs. May Belle Teaff of Tye.

Kimberly Garrison, of Midland served as Maid of Honor. Cindy Mason, Teresa Calloway, both of Midland and Gayle Maxey of Tye served as bridesmaids. Johnny Teaff served

as Best Man. Grooms-men were Steve Waldron, brother of the bride, Steve Teaff, brother of the groom and David McFall of Tye.

Those attending from Tye and Merkel were Mr. and Mrs. Larry Teaff, David and Eric, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Teaff, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Miller, Jerry, Kerry, Drayla and Andy, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Miller, Mrs. May Belle Teaff, Mrs. Lisa McFall, Mrs. Laverne Teaff, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hohhertz, Brenda and Tim, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Miller, Michelle and Joy from Odessa. Mrs. Nancy Danneheim, Melissa and Richard of Paris, Texas, Mrs. Marietta Newton of Merkel.



Legal

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO INCORPORATE

Notice is hereby given that Brittain's Furniture Showcase, whose principal place of business is at 2636 Barrow Street, Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, intends, on or before September 15, 1979, to become incorporated without a change of firm name. Date: July 30, 1979. Steve Brittain, owner. 27-4tc

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BEN SARGENT

Trent News

Thursday, September 13, 1979



About 150 people attended the Trent Community meeting this month. The meeting was sponsored by Trent's Community Club and Trent ISD faculty was introduced and the Merkel Emergency Medical Technicians gave a presentation. (Staff Photo by Oay A. Richards)

Trent holds community meeting and greets faculty

The city of Trent held their monthly meeting and annual welcome to the Trent ISD faculty Thursday night at the Trent School.

Approximately 150 Trent residents attended the ice cream social and heard a presentation from the Merkel Emergency Medical Technicians and the Merkel Ambulance Service.

The emergency technicians explained how the Merkel program operates and discussed the possibilities of establishing a training course for EMTs.

Teachers for the coming school year were introduced. According to Trent ISD superintendent Roy Neff, the social is held every September to start the school year.

He also reported an increase in school attendance this year as 151 students reported for classes, an increase of 20 over last year and he expects 14 more students when kindergarten starts. The event was sponsored by the Trent Community Club which is an all-around civic organization in Trent.

Trent trounces Moran 64-0, face Benjamin here Friday

The Trent Gorillas started off the 1979 football season right as they trounced Moran 64-0. The game was stopped at half-time because the lead exceeded 45 points under Texas 6-man football rules.

Seven different players shared in the scoring. Herbert Beaver led the Gorillas with two touchdowns and 153 yards rushing on seven carries. Eddie Patterson also scored two touchdowns as he rushed for 101 yards on six carries. Richard Beaver scored on a 29 yard run, Riley West pounced on a loose ball in the Moran end zone for a touchdown, Mike de la Cruz scored on a three yard run. Carlos Garza got a touchdown on a three yard pass from Greg Beasley and Beasley returned a punt 59 yards for the last touchdown of the night.

The Gorilla starters played the first quarter and scored 32 but it wasn't any easier when the second string took over as they also managed 32 points in the second quarter.

There was a dark side to Friday's game, Freshman second team

split end will miss the next five or six games as he broke his collar bone.

Friday, the Gorillas open a four game home stand as they take on the Benjamin Mustangs. Benjamin lost their first game 34-6 to Woodson. Coach Bob Campbell of Trent says that Woodson is a big team and they will average about 165 pounds per man compared to Trent's average of 140. Coach Campbell says they run the veer as their basic offense.

There are a few rule differences in six man football including the 45 point rule. They include 15 yards for a first down, six players, ten minute quarters, four points for field goals, two points for a kicked point after touchdown and one point on a play from scrimmage.

We have received the Junior High schedule and they open on September 20th in Highland at 6 p.m., Sept. 27 at McCauley at 6 p.m., Oct. 4th at Trent against Southland, Oct. 11 at Trent against Hermeleigh at 6 p.m., Oct. 18 at Hobbs at 6 p.m. and Oct. 25 at Trent against Ira at 6 p.m.

Seniors meet

The Senior Class of Trent High School elected officers at last week's class meeting.

They elected Tammie Hicks, president, Danny Freeman as vice president, and Debbie Jackson as secretary-treasurer.

Other members of the

senior class include Herbert Beaver, Gilbert Beaver, Billie Gregory, Cheri Patterson, Sherry Jackson, Teresa Brazelton and Kim Richardson.

The seniors will be holding a work day on September 15 to earn money for this year's senior trip to California.

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PUBLIC NOTICE BRIEF EXPLANATORY STATEMENTS OF PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS SPECIAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 6, 1979

PROPOSITION NO. 1 ON THE BALLOT (H.J.R. 108)

House Joint Resolution 108 proposes an amendment to the Texas Constitution relating to the appointment and terms of notaries public. The proposed amendment would:

- Require the Secretary of State to appoint a convenient number of Notaries Public for the state; and
- Authorize terms of office of Notaries Public of not less than two years nor more than four years.

A temporary provision of the proposed constitutional amendment provides that the amendment would take effect January 1, 1980; that each person who was appointed a notary public before January 1, 1980, would continue to serve as a notary public for the term for which the person was appointed; and that this temporary provision would expire January 1, 1982.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment to provide for the appointment of notaries public for the state and for a term of not less than two years nor more than four years as provided by law."

PROPOSITION NO. 2 ON THE BALLOT (H.J.R. 133)

House Joint Resolution 133 proposes an amendment to the Texas Constitution to provide for legislative review of the process of rulemaking by agencies in the executive department. The proposed amendment would allow the Legislature to enact laws:

- To provide for legislative review of the process of rulemaking by agencies in the executive department;
- To prescribe conditions for rules to take effect;
- To provide for suspension, repeal, or expiration of rules;
- To prescribe procedures; and
- To delegate powers to either or both houses or to committees of either or both houses.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment to provide for legislative review of

the process of rulemaking by agencies in the executive department."

PROPOSITION NO. 3 ON THE BALLOT (S.J.R. 13)

Senate Joint Resolution 13 proposes an amendment to the Texas Constitution authorizing the Legislature to provide for the guarantee of loans used to purchase farm and ranch real estate for qualified borrowers. The proposed amendment would allow the Legislature to provide for, issue, and sell general obligation bonds called "Farm and Ranch Loan Security Bonds" of the State of Texas not to exceed 10 million dollars. All money received from the sale of such bonds would be deposited in a separate fund with the State Treasurer and administered by the commissioner of agriculture without further appropriations. These funds would be used to guarantee loans for the purchase of farm and ranch real estate. The commissioner of agriculture would use these funds, under provisions to be prescribed by the Legislature for the purpose of guaranteeing loans used for the purchase of farm and ranch real estate, to acquire real estate mortgages or deeds of trust on lands purchased with guaranteed loans. These funds would also be used to advance to the borrower a percentage of the principal and interest due. The Legislature may also authorize the commissioner of agriculture to sell at foreclosure any land acquired in the manner authorized by this amendment. The commissioner of agriculture would be required to charge at least 6 percent interest on such loans. The proposed amendment appropriates an amount that is sufficient to pay the principal and interest on the bonds that mature or become due during the fiscal year less the amount in the interest and sinking fund at the close of the prior fiscal year.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for the guarantee of loans for purchase of farm and ranch real estate for qualified borrowers by the sale of general obligation bonds of the State of Texas."

Legal notice

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: The Unknown Heirs of Kittie C. Barton, Deceased, Defendant, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 104th District Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 1st day of October A.D. 1979, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 15th day of August A.D. 1979, in this cause, numbered 13,718-B on the docket of said court and styled In Re: The Estate of Kittie C. Barton, (Deceased).

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

Declaratory Judgment, that part of her will is void for vagueness, and determining heirs.

as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's petition on file in this suit.

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

The officer executing this 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 15th day of August A.D. 1979.

Attest: Irene Crawford
104th District Court
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By Johnnie Woodard,
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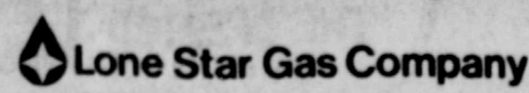
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September 13: Junior Varsity here against Anson at 6:30. Ninth Grade here against Anson at 5:00. Eighth Grade at Anson at 6:30. Seventh Grade at Anson at 5:00.
September 20: Junior Varsity here against Clyde at 7:00. Ninth Grade here against Clyde at 5:30. Eighth Grade at Clyde at 7:00. Seventh Grade at Clyde at 5:30.
September 27: Junior Varsity at Jim Ned at 7:30. Ninth Grade OPEN. Eighth Grade at Jim Ned at 4:00. Seventh Grade at Jim Ned at 5:00.
October 4: Junior Varsity here against Winters at 7:30. Ninth Grade at Haskell at 5:30. Eighth Grade here against Winters at 6:00. Seventh Grade here against Winters at 5:00.
October 11: Junior Varsity at Haskell at 6:00. Ninth Grade here against Eastland at 7:30. Eighth Grade here against Eastland at 6:00. Seventh Grade here against Eastland at 5:00.
October 18: Junior Varsity at Anson at 6:30. Ninth Grade at Anson at 5:00. Eighth Grade here against Anson at 6:30. Seventh Grade here against Anson at 5:00.
October 25: Junior Varsity here against Ballinger at 7:30. Ninth Grade here against Ballinger at 6:00. Eighth Grade at Ballinger at 7:30. Seventh Grade at Ballinger at 6:00.
November 1: Junior Varsity OPEN. Ninth Grade at Clyde at 5:30. Eighth OPEN. Seventh OPEN.
November 8: Junior Varsity here against Haskell at 6:00. Ninth OPEN. Eighth OPEN. Seventh OPEN.
November 15: Junior Varsity here against Wylie at 6:30. Ninth Grade here against Wylie at 5:00. Eighth Grade at Wylie at 6:30. Seventh Grade at Wylie at 5:00.

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
9-7	22-39 Baird-H	8:00
9-14	Rotan-H	8:00
9-21	Clyde-T	8:00
9-28	Open	7:30
10-5	* Coahoma-H	7:30
10-12	* Winters-T	7:30
10-19	Home Coming * Anson-H	7:30
10-26	* Ballinger-T	7:30
11-2	* Colorado City-H	7:30
11-9	Stamford-T	7:30
11-16	* Wylie-T	7:30

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