

# The Merkel Mail

Thursday, December 20, 1979...Merkel, Texas

15 cents

## Benefit explained annexation tabled

Council gave final approval to an ordinance calling for a \$14 minimum monthly charge for water-sewer sanitation service and gain tabled a motion for annexation East of the city.

Council had been studying an increase in basic city service rates for the past three months because of rising costs of water from Abilene, pumping charges, material cost increases and labor costs.

The new rates also change out of town water to \$11.80 per month and \$5.50 for sewer service. Sewer taps will now be charged one dollar plus cost of installation, and sewer taps will be made at a charge of one dollar per pipe foot. The \$10 deposit also becomes non-refundable after January 1st.

All rates will become effective January 1st.

Council had also hoped to get some answers from representatives from an out-of-state promotion company that is co-sponsoring a show with the Merkel Police Department in January.

Merkel Police Chief Leroy Austermann told council he had spoken with officials of the promotion company and also told council how the show was set up.

Austermann said that the Merkel Police Department was selling tickets to the show and that the promotion company has contacted local and area merchants for ads in a brochure that will be distributed at the concert. Austermann said the Merkel Police Department will get ten percent of the gross sale on the ads, and they have sold about \$9,000 in ads so far.

Council was not informed of the fund raising activity before arrangements were made and Mayor Lou David Allen said "We (council) were just about the last people to hear about this and that is bad. We have been asked a lot of questions that we don't have answers to about this show. The mayor added that if council had known what type of thing was being planned that the plans would have been cancelled."

Councilman Ted Smith also expressed concern because he had heard some reports of the promotion company misleading prospective clients. "People thought that they were donating money to the Police Department, when they bought the ad and that somehow they got ahold of a list of people that would be interested in sponsoring such an event."

Mayor Allen concluded by saying that he wanted some type of an account open that was public that will show just how much money the Police Department receives through the fund-raiser and a public accounting of how the money raised will be spent.

In other action, council agreed to ask for a written contract for temporary jailing of city prisoners. Recent Texas Supreme Court decisions had declared it unconstitutional for a county jail to hold a prisoner for a city if the city and county did not have a written agreement that specifies charges, length of incarceration and other matters.

City officials will present the proposed contract to the Taylor County Commissioners Court Monday for action.

Robert Harris of the Merkel Volunteer Fire Department sought and received permission for the fire department to sponsor a pancake supper. Harris said all of the pancake mix and other supplies have been donated and that Pug and Leo's Restaurant had agreed to provide the location. Firemen will serve as waitresses.

For the second time, council tabled a petition from eight property owners just East of the Merkel city limits. The landowners, residents of Humphrey's Village, east of the Merkel cemetery asked to be annexed into city limits and city officials are delaying that annexation to see if they can encourage landowners located just North of I-20 and as far East as Stuckey's to also petition for annexation.

City Manager J.A. Sadler said any business such as Wylie Truck Stop, Allsup's and Stuckey's would be exempt from city taxes for the first year and would receive city fire, police and ambulance services. Sadler also added that the city would be responsible for sanitation service, sewer service and upkeep of those services.

Vernon Wade, a member of the Merkel Emergency Medical Service displayed portable radios purchased by funds raised from local citizens.

The portable two-way radios allow EMS personnel to be away from a phone during their 48 hour on-call duty for ambulance service. Attendants can be contacted by two-way radio and respond quickly for ambulance runs.

Councilman Ted Smith also asked if all past due accounts had been paid by the city, and Sadler said they had, or that arrangements to pay have been made.

## Rebates up 34%

Merkel's one per cent rebate of the state sales tax is running 34 per cent ahead of rebate amounts last year according to figures released by the State Comptroller's office.

The city received \$7,822.24 this month compared to \$5,488.61 at this time last year. Merkel has upped its annual total about \$11,000 this year as the city has received \$42,974.05 in rebates so far.

Tye is maintaining a ten per cent rate of increase in their annual rebate figures. Tye received \$4,426.73 this month and they are \$4,000 ahead of last year's total.

Trent receives its rebate quarterly and deposited a check for \$666.31 this quarter. They have upped their annual total by 50 per cent this year and have received \$2,831.34 for the first three quarters of the year.



Merkel Policeman Ray Pack removes a side panel from Linda Kinder's home to allow firemen to get water to hot spots in the roof. Three units of the Merkel Volunteer Fire Department battled the blaze for 90 minutes.

## Home burns

A house fire reported to the Merkel Volunteer Fire Department at 7 p.m. Monday night caused considerable damage to the Linda Kinder residence at 1311 S. 2nd here.

Firemen tapped out the fire at 8:45 p.m. as firefighters had to use

axes on the upper portions of the home to put out small fires throughout the roof of the home.

Kinder and four children were in the house at the time but all escaped without injury. Kinder was treated on the scene for smoke inhalation by the Merkel Emergency Medical Service.

## Clothes, food, household goods needed for family

A relief effort has been started for a Merkel family that lost all of their possessions in a Monday evening fire.

The Merkel Volunteer Fire Department will take donations at the fire station, beginning today.

The home of Linda Kinder of Merkel was gutted in a Monday evening fire and Ms. Kinder said "All we got out of there with is what we had on, even the Christmas presents were ruined by water and smoke."

Four children were in the home at the time of the fire. They are W.A., 15, Brenda, 13, Barbara, 11, and Mary, 10. She said that the children all are in need of clothing because their clothes were destroyed.

Ms. Kinder said she carried homeowners insurance on the home but was limited to amount of coverage she could purchase because of the age of the home. She said they would have to replace furniture, dishes, appliances, and clothing. Ms. Kinder said she is staying with her relatives here, Bill and June Lambert and that they had many offers of aid and assistance Monday.

Merkel citizens are encouraged to bring any household goods, clothes for a 15 year old boy and a 13, 11, and 10 year old girls, food, and even Christmas presents to replace those lost. Jim Shugart at the Merkel Volunteer Fire Department will be taking donations beginning Thursday morning at the fire station, across from City Hall here.



A Merkel Volunteer fireman chops a hole in the side of Linda Kinder's home to get water to hot spots in the roof. The Monday evening blaze destroyed most of the families' possessions, including Christmas presents for four children. (Staff photos by Clay A. Richards)

## Top stories of the 1970s

Editor's Note: We researched Merkel Mails printed in the 1970s and came up with headlines from the top stories over the past decade.

We made no attempt to name a top story for the decade because the current management is unaware of impact stories had on local citizens.

### 1970

In 1970, Merkel Telephone Company and Continental Telephone merged. Joe McDuff of Merkel was voted in as commissioner of precinct two in the Taylor County Commissioners Court. A hail storm on May 8th caused about \$150,000 in damages to homes and businesses and Merkel High school graduated 50 seniors. Merkel Police Chief Mike Briley called for 24 hour patrols to combat crime after thieves took about \$6,000 in merchandise from Crawford's and Carson's. Pierce Manufacturing in Merkel was burned to the ground in a late November fire.

### 1971

1971 was highlighted as Joe Holloway was named the Outstanding Farmer by the Middle Clear Fork Soil and Water Conservation District. Merkel High graduated 40 seniors in May and later that year, the Rural Electrification Agency announced the approval of a \$1,162,000 loan for the upgrading and expansion of Taylor Electric power and transmission lines.

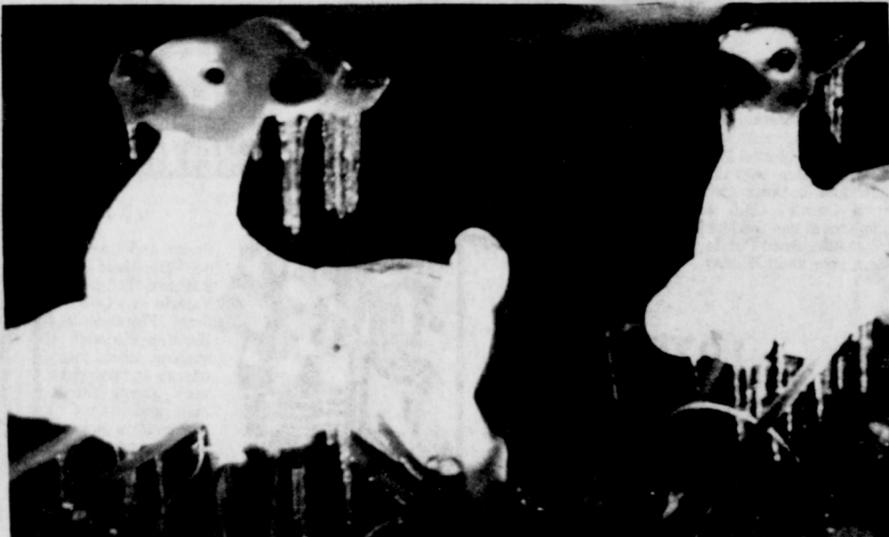
### 1972

A new city water tower constructed by a grant from the federal government was started that would greatly improve rural water service to the area as well as make possible rural water line expansions. In August, Merkel school enrollments hit an all-time high at 710 and Glene Manufacturing opened in December.

### 1973

One of the top stories of 1973 was the election calling for the consolidation of Tye and Merkel Schools. In May, three students at Merkel High won state championships in high school competition.

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## It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas

Things got a little icy Wednesday morning as the first precipitation in more than 60 days fell Tuesday night. Early morning temperatures changed many yards into post-card like scenes and the ice did not slow down Santa's reindeer at Mrs. Jones home at 511 Kent here. (Staff photo)

## Ice, wet cotton slows local gins

Ginning activity was slowed by more than one factor last week as icy weather forced all four local gins to close for a couple of days and wet cotton is making for slow ginning this week.

Red Shafer at Planter's Gin in Trent said they have ginned 7,000 bales and have 600 bales in the yard, and about 4,000 bales stripped and waiting in modules. He estimated they would be ginning at least six more weeks and could end the season with around 12,000 bales.

Shafer had good reactions to current cotton prices. He said that prices had come up at least one cent during the past week and that comes at peak harvest time. He said they have had no transportation problems and the ginning is going slow, but smoothly.

At Merkel Gin, they were also slowed down for a couple of days because of icy weather and they have ginned 3,880 bales and have about 300 bales in the yard.

Steven Link at Link Gin in Noodle told the Mail that they were just about through ginning for the year and they have ginned 2290 bales. He said only about 60 bales remained on the yard. He said they had just about ginned the number of bales they hoped to in their first year.

At Stith Gin, Finley Barnett told the Mail that they had just started running at a good speed again after a fire destroyed a press about two weeks ago and icy weather slowed them down last week.

Barnett said they had managed 3,300 bales and had about 600 bales in the yard. He guessed the modules waiting in fields for Stith Gin would total around 4,000 bales and that they would be ginning for another six to eight weeks.

Barnett also was pleasantly surprised over last week's increase in cotton prices. He said "Here we are, right in the middle of one of the largest cotton crops ever and the prices keep going up. That surprises me, as well as makes ginner and farmers happy."

# More of the 70s

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Darrel Bunch won the state 880 run championship, Steve Walker won a state title in poetry interpretation and Neilon Ely was best in the state at prose reading.

## 1974

In 1974, Wylie Truck Stop's gas lanes were closed as striking independent truckers participated in a nationwide protest in high diesel prices. One trucker was quoted as saying he could not make a profit if he was forced to pay as much as 48 cents a gallon for diesel. A special school board election was held following the consolidation of Merkel and Tye schools and Bobby DuBose and Johnny Teaff were elected from Merkel, Jack Moore and Curtis Rister of Tye and Danny Doan, Charles Jacobs and Bobby Toliver were elected at large. The Farmers and Merchants National Bank was sold by the Warren family to a group headed by Don Hensley. An airplane crash south of Merkel took the life of a Dallas man, Booth Warren, founder and former president of the Farmers and Merchants Bank dies and Don Hensley was elected president of the newly formed Merkel Industrial Foundation.

## 1975

Mack Fisher resigned as superintendent of Merkel schools in August and is replaced by Travis Davis. Fire destroyed Castille's Hardware in December and that same month, the city received word a grant of \$30,440 was approved by the Department of Housing and Urban Development for water line additions. In February, the Merkel boys won the bi-district basketball championship. J.A. Sadler was hired by the city as city manager and winds did about \$8,000 in damages to housing near Cal-Tex Feed Yards. The Merkel school board voted to reject property appraisals completed by a consulting firm saying the evaluations on taxable property were unfair to landowners. Curtis Crocker of Merkel celebrated his 100th birthday and Derrel Riggan placed second in the state track meet in the high jump, also that year.

## 1976

1976 news was dominated by business news and Abilene Savings, the SUN Water Line, Shannonside Apartments, Emma's Clothes Closet and the retirement of Pinky Cypert all made headlines. Mack Fisher, former Merkel ISD superintendent was honored in May. Steve Bland of Trent captured every young cowboy's dream as he won the title World Champion Cowboy in the finals of the American Junior Rodeo Association.

## 1977

In 1977, Mary Collins retired after 43 years with the Farmers and Merchants National Bank and Merkel resident Lenora Dishman celebrated her 102 birthday. The Merkel school board voted that same year to spend \$137,000 to construct additional classrooms at Merkel Elementary. The Merkel boys basketball team won district in basketball, Walls began and became the city's largest employer, Merkel Country Club was re-opened under new management and the Merkel golf team won the boys district title. Brad Pursley won the state championship in pole vault in May.

## 1978

School news made headlines in 1978 as Dr. Raymond Etheridge was hired as superintendent in April, Merkel High school was gutted by fire in March, the board decided to purchase portable classrooms for a temporary high school and to call a September bond issue for construction of new school facilities. Voters approved the bonds in a record turnout of \$1.4 million dollars. A record wheat harvest brought in 42 and one half million pounds and plans for a manufacturer-sales operations were announced by a Denver firm in December, called off in January of 1979. The Merkel girls won the district basketball championship for the first time in 13 years and a new doctor, Dr. Tran opened practice here.

## 1979

The sale of school construction bonds made headlines in 1979 as an Abilene firm won the bid and began construction in May of a new high school, middle school gym, vocational agriculture center and a multi-purpose room at Merkel Elementary. The Blair Water Line receives funding for water south of Merkel under a group headed by Merkel farmer J.D. Sandusky, the Merkel Mail completed 90 years in business, Farmers and Merchants 75 years and Merkel Drug 60 years in November, a record cotton crop was being harvested in 1979 with as much as 16,000 bales ginned at four local gins, Trent defeated one game away in the state championships in six man ball and finish '79 season 11-1, and for the past two years, are 20-2.

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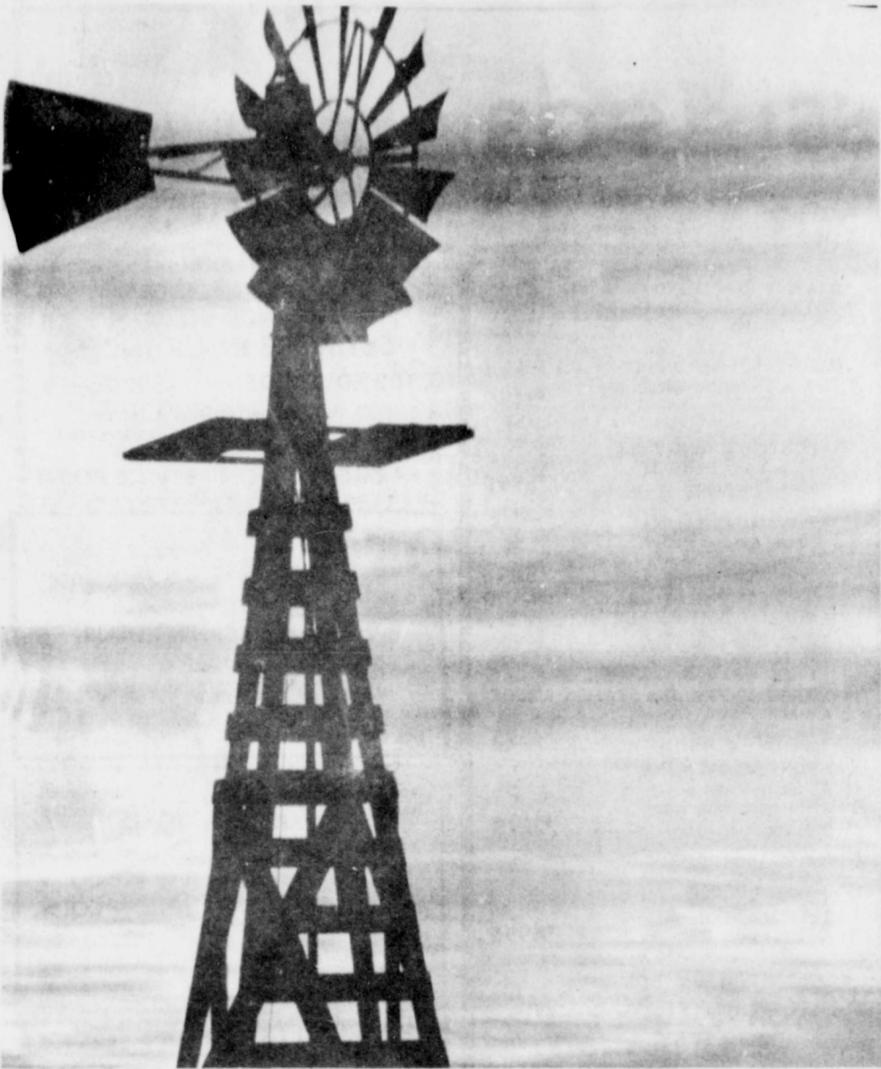
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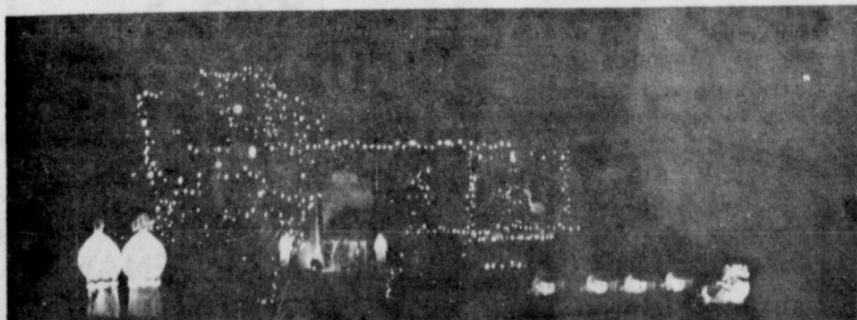
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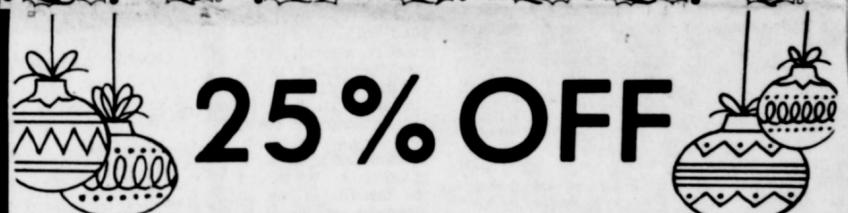
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An ordinance of the City of Merkel, Texas, setting the minimum price and rate for water-sewer and sanitation service inside and outside the city limits of Merkel, setting the cost of water and sewer taps.

Card of Thanks

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The residence of such Administrator is 2890 S. Tenth Street, Abilene, Taylor County, Texas. All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. DATED the 12th day of December, 1979. BY: Gary H. Shahan Attorney for the Estate 44-1tc

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Merkel's Norma Frazier (with ball) poured in 27 and Nancy Click added 14 points as the Badgers took their third district win in three tries as they downed the Ballinger Bearcats 59-36 here Monday night. The girls were set to play in Stamford Tuesday and details were not available at press time. (Staff photo)

### Middle school honor roll

- Merkel Middle School honor roll:  
Sixth Grade  
A  
Amy Irvin  
A-B  
Cammie Bright, Dana Brown, Shain Burks, Matt Cain, Clay Carey, Ronna Casey, Kevin Coker, Pam Ely, Alyse Ferguson, Dean Franklin, Barbara Kinder, Keith Kosmicki, Gayle Landeros, Kevin Mitchell, Robert Oden, Sally Stout, Gina Stuckey, Lucretia Wade, Keith Watson  
Shelly Sherrill, Nancy Stevens, Becky Teague, Darren Pack  
A-B  
Mum Prasarn, Kris Rich, Kelly Sherrill, Angela Kosmicki, John Starbuck, Cheryl Dunn, Barbra Longenecker, Jennifer Roby, Donny Brady, Jerry Davis, Todd Hensley, Kelly Stovall, Trung Tran  
Eighth Grade  
A  
Angie Allen, Bonnie Anderson, Brenda Hohertz, Denise Pack, Judy Jinkens, Kimberly Pack  
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## What's ahead for us in the 80s?

by Cloy A. Richards  
The 1980s.

This writer has been looking forward to the next decade for quite a while but the news media occasionally makes me wish I had lived in a cave and scrounged for food.

OPEC price increases for imported oil, that was going for \$1.80 a barrel in 1970 is now \$30 from the moderate members of OPEC with the more radical members talking about \$32 or higher. Even at \$30 a barrel, gasoline prices have been increased by six cents.

When those increases reach pumps here, even regular gasoline will sell for more than \$1 a gallon.

Economists are forecasting ten to twelve percent inflation in 1980, meat prices will stay about the same, net farm prices will drop because of higher transportation costs to the farmer while farm goods at market will stay about the same they say.

Some Texans are saying state income tax, counties are screaming for an additional one half cent tax to be rebated to counties. Taylor County will have to either build a new jail or extensively remodel the old one and that will cost you.

Interest rates are sky-high now, although they are dropping and an economic forecast of the '80s published by the Penn State School of Economics says they will remain high and construction and building related industry will show a decline during the next decade. Older homes, they maintain, will continue to bring handsome profits, although replacement home costs will eat most of the profits up.

What will have to be rebuilt-replaced here during the next decade? Surely school and city facilities, equipment and other tax-related projects will be required during the next decade and that will hit your pocketbook.

It is not all bad news. Although the Penn State forecast, which is

released to hundreds of broadcast and print news organizations had some encouraging words.

The Penn State economist said that increasing gasoline prices and car prices will reduce greatly the driving patterns Americans now maintain. They also said that regional shopping malls would show a steady decline in retail sales growth because people will start having to watch the costs of every auto trip made.

That news should put a smile on a few local merchants.

The city has asked the feds to make loan money available at low interest rates for people that want to maintain neighborhoods in a decent manner as well as federal dollars for other improvements within the city.

Students will be using the four new facilities sometime in the next year although you would get an argument as to the date they will be completed.

The 1980 economic forecast is also saying that there are boom areas for the next decade. Real estate, electronics, publishing banking, technical fields such as engineering, science, and vocationally trained workers will be in high demand in the next ten years.

When you come right down to it, the 1980s will effect everyone in different ways.

Solving problems when they are small is one way to stay ahead of the game from administrative viewpoints and saving a nickle here, a penny there will be the methods of dealing with rising costs and shrinking paychecks.

It is probably not any different from entering any other decade. The gadgets and quality of life may be a little better now than in any other decade man has ever lived.

But the age old problems man must cope with still face us. That problem is providing people either a means to obtain or from public sources, the rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, as well as the right to adequate food, clothing, and shelter.

### Boys now 6-6

The Badger Boy's basketball team for the second time in two weeks were defeated in the finals to place second in the Roscoe tournament over the weekend. They lost by four to Roscoe in Saturday's final.

Badger coach Byron Shelley told the Mail Monday that they had a 14 point lead in the game, and then team play broke down in the third quarter.

The Badgers opened district play in Stamford Tuesday and the coach felt the team was ready. The Badgers, now 6-6 on the year, have played three tournaments in three weeks and coach Shelley said all of those games have helped to get the team in shape. He said he is worried about the length of time between games over the Christmas holidays.

In the opener of the Roscoe tourney, the Badgers, led by senior Chris Cox's 19 points, downed Loraine 53-44. Ted Holmes also added 8, Josh Amerine 7 and Robert Fowler 6 in that win.

In Friday's 48-38 win over Haskell, Cox again led the Badgers with 23 and Mark Copeland added 7.

In the loss to Roscoe, Cox again led with 18, Copeland added 8 and Tony Wax got 7.

Chris Cox and Mark Copeland were named to the all-tournament team.

## WTU installing solar panels at Paint Creek station

The possibility of using solar energy to generate electricity at one or more of West Texas Utilities Company's power plants will be examined in a study being conducted by the Company's Plant Operation Department in cooperation with the Energy Systems Group of Rockwell International.

The study will take nine months and will be completed in June or July, 1980.

Targeted for the study is Unit Number Four at WTU's Paint Creek Power Station, which is located on Lake Stamford, between Haskell and Stamford. The unit was completed in 1971 and is the largest and newest of Paint Creek's four generating units. All are presently powered by natural gas, with oil used as a back-up fuel.

If results of the study are favorable, a proposal will be submitted to the Department of Energy for a grant to aid in constructing the equipment needed to re-power the unit with solar energy. WTU officials, however, emphasized that the program in its current stage is strictly a research project.

"At best, the project is several steps away from becoming a reality," said Randal Meador, WTU Vice President and Director of Engineering.

The solar system developed by the Energy Systems Group of Rockwell International consists of a solar collection system, a solar receiver, and a heat exchanger system. The solar collection system consists of more than 9,000 mirrors, or heliostats, which would be installed in an area of 385 acres surrounding a 410-foot solar receiver tower.

The heliostats would be computer controlled to track the sun and reflect the rays of the sun onto the solar receiver located at the top of the 410-foot tower. The reflected sunlight would heat liquid sodium within the solar receiver vessel to a temperature of 1100 degrees Fahrenheit. The hot sodium would be used in heat exchangers to heat water into steam. The steam would power the existing turbine generators.

After the sodium goes through the heat exchangers, it would be pumped back to the solar receiver to be reheated and used again.

The Paint Creek study will be WTU's first in-depth look at solar power generation, although the Company has been involved in other areas of research. For many years WTU has contributed to nuclear fusion research by the Texas Atomic Energy Research Foundation at the University of Texas. With other members of the Central and South West Corporation, its parent company, WTU is involved in a coal gasification project in South Texas, and in geothermal research in West Texas.

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## Christmas Mass

Merkel's Our Mother of Mercy Church here has scheduled special Christmas Eve masses.

Mass will begin at 9 p.m. at the Catholic Church, located east of Merkel Elementary.



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## Holts celebrate 60

The children of Mr. and Mrs. A.A. Holt of Rt. 2, Trent, are planning a quiet family celebration of their parents' sixtieth wedding anniversary during the Christmas holidays.

Albert Holt and Adell Morgan were married January 8, 1920, near Kennard, Texas. Their children are Horace A.

Holt of Trent, Catherine Bishop of Abilene, Mrs. L.D. (Dorothea) Bishop of Port Isabel, and Mrs. Robert (Jewel) Henager of Charlotte.

Mr. and Mrs. Holt regret that they are physically unable to host Open House, but they extend their love and best wishes to their friends and neighbors.

## Trent High names

### members of society

Active members of the Trent National Honor Society for the year 1979-80 are as follows:

Danny Freeman, senior; Tammie Hicks, senior; Debbie Jackson, senior; Cheri Patterson, senior; Kim Richardson, senior; Eddie Adams, junior; Leslie Masonheimer, junior; Rebecca Sipe, junior; Todd Richardson, junior; Riley West, junior.

New members entering this year are Sherry Jackson, senior; Carlos Garza, junior; Greg Beasley, sophomore; Judy Brenem, sophomore; Michael De la Cruz, sophomore; Sandra Griffith, sophomore; Dee Dee Masonheimer, sophomore; John Perkins, sophomore; Darla Ross, sophomore.

## Fertilize early

COLLEGE STATION—Texas farmers might be able to save some money as well as get a jump on the 1980 crop year by fertilizing cropland early.

"The possibility of shorter fertilizer supplies and much higher

costs next spring should provide some incentive for farmers to put out fertilizer early for next spring's crops," believes Dr. Charles Welch, soil chemist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System.

## Children set

### Christmas

### pageant at

### Trent Friday

The primary and preschool Sunday school class at the First Baptist Church in Trent are presenting "A Christmas Pageant" this Friday night at 7 at the First Baptist Church.

The children participating are Luci Masonheimer, Tami Neff, and Tracy Neff as the three kings; Mike Carriker, Jamie Masonheimer, and Michael Wallace as the shepherd boys; Andy Fambrough as Joseph; Kim Wallace as Mary; Tracie Russle as the inn keeper; and Amy Welborn, Angie Welborn, Besty Helms, Tracy Boyd, and Pam Welborn as the host of angels.

Everyone is welcome and there will be refreshments served after the program in the Fellowship Hall.

A special thank you to Reva Carriker and Pam Welborn for all their help and interest.



## The Consumer Alert

by Mark White  
Attorney General

Many consumers are looking for ways to earn extra cash for the holidays. One money earning scheme being promoted throughout Texas for the past few months should be avoided according to the experiences of many consumers who have complained to our offices: envelope stuffing "business opportunities."

In recent months the Consumer Protection and Antitrust Division has filed a number of lawsuits and Assurances of Voluntary Compliance against companies advertising envelope stuffing as a money making stay-at-home business opportunity. Consumers have

found, in many instances, that instead of earning money they have lost money; the opportunity turned out to be an untested idea, and in one case, a fraud.

Typically, promoters of envelope stuffing as a business opportunity advertise that they will employ consumers to stuff envelopes. When consumers respond to the advertising, they learn that instead of being offered a job, they are instructed on how to place advertisements which will lure still more consumers to the promoters.

Once consumers show any interest in the business opportunity, the promoters

represent that if they will follow the promoter's instructions by placing advertisements specified by the promoters in various publications, they will make an average of \$30 for every one hundred envelopes stuffed. In several cases, these projected earnings are little more than wishful thinking since no one in the area has made that kind of income before.

Another complaint frequently voiced against envelope stuffing promoters is that when consumers respond to advertising and send in money the promoters are slow to respond with promised instructional materials. In some cases, the materials never arrive; in others, by the time the materials arrive, consumers have lost interest or have turned to other opportunities to supplement their incomes.

Finally, some promoters promise consumers a certain sum of money for bringing additional consumers to the promoter or for providing the promoter with a list of consumers' names. This type of sales gimmick often constitutes a chain referral sales scheme and is just as unlawful as a chain letter.

Beware of any business opportunity that promises easy income. One surprise you do not want to receive this holiday season is to find your income depleted further instead of supplemented by an empty promise of a money making opportunity. If you have a complaint about an envelope stuffing scheme operating in your area or any other business opportunity that appears questionable, contact the Consumer Protection and Antitrust Division's office nearest you.

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## High land problem for farmers

Increasing rural land prices which appear to be unrelated to farm productivity continue to alarm farmers, notes Dr. Richard Floyd. In many cases, price increase have outpaced other areas of the economy.

"The main reason for this is that non-farmer land buyers have discovered many advantages to rural land investments," says the real estate economist at Texas A&M University.

"The phenomena can be easily explained by understanding the motives of the typical real estate investor," he added. Real Estate is an attractive investment medium because it offers the investor an overall high return. This return includes the advantages of using borrowed funds to obtain leverage, a tax shelter, an inflation hedge, and perhaps the benefit of forced savings, he added.

Through borrowed funds, a real estate investor can capture the entire benefits of any return which exceeds that which is paid in interest.

At the same time, he can benefit from depreciation of improvements on his property which shelters income from other sources, the economist explained.

The investor also obtains an advantage of real estate appreciation while sales proceeds are subject to capital gains tax rates which are lower than ordinary income tax rates.

Small investors unsuccessful with attempts to build savings through a savings account may find some benefit in obtaining a real estate loan which allows part of each monthly payment to go toward the principal. This reduces the total amount of the mortgage.

"Taken as a whole, these advantages may provide sufficient reason for the real estate investor to outbid the farmer on a given parcel of rural land. The higher values which real estate investors are willing to pay for farmland merely reflect a different set of motives from the farmer, whose bid is based upon production."

## Improve marketing for better prices

College Station---Cotton, cotton everywhere--is pushing prices down. So farmers must sharpen their marketing skills to get the most for their crops.

"This year's bumper cotton crop in the U.S. will likely mean lower prices in the months ahead, said a Texas A&M economist. All indications point to a sizable increase in carryover stocks by next August, he said.

According to the specialist, cotton prices held up fairly well during the summer and fall due to limited supplies of the 78 crop, strong export demand and this year's late crop. However, large supplies of 1979 crop cotton are entering the market channels as the harvest season progresses, causing downward pressure on prices.

"They can follow several strategies points out Dr. Carl Anderson. One option is to sell now and avoid storage and interest costs of holding cotton. Another is to establish a price and arrange delivery at a future date. A third strategy is to hold cotton and sell later and the final alternative is to put the cotton under the Commodity Credit Corp. and hope that the price goes up.

Producers must base their choice on a number of factors, such as anticipated price movements, financial positions and willingness to face the risk of lower prices.

Anderson looks for strong export demand for cotton and he also looks for domestic demand to soften in the first half of the year, as the nation's slowing economy will cut the demand for textile products.

<b>EGGONOMICAL CASSEROLE</b>	6 eggs 1-3/4 cups milk	casserole. Sprinkle with half the ham, onion and cheese. Repeat layers. Combine eggs, milk, and seasonings. Pour over layers. Let stand 5 minutes, or longer, if desired. Bake in a moderately hot oven (375° F.) 30-35 minutes or until puffed and golden. Makes 6 servings.
9-10 slices white or whole wheat bread, thinly sliced	3/4 teaspoon salt 1/4 teaspoon pepper Dash cayenne	
1 cup cooked, diced ham or other meat	Cut bread into quarters. Arrange half the bread in the bottom of a shallow 2-quart	
1 large onion, sliced		
1/2 pound mozzarella cheese, shredded		

## Cotton Council, Labor dept. come to terms

MEMPHIS, Nov. 30 - (Special) - The National Cotton Council has received a letter from officials of the U.S. Labor Department stating that cotton ginners temporarily will not be cited under provisions of the Farm Labor Contractor Registration Act.

The Council earlier had objected to Labor Department enforcement of the new law, because farmers, ginners, and certain other employers are exempt.

Herbert J. Cohen, assistant administrator of the Labor Department's wage and hour division, said in the letter that certain sections of the law were under review. "Based on this review, it has been decided to rescind the department's position and to issue a clear opinion on these sections of the act."

He added, "Until such time as the department issues the opinion, enforcement activity under the act will be suspended in the cotton gin industry."

Cohen's letter also said advice and assist-

ance from ginners will be sought by the department during the course of the study. He indicated that the Labor Department plans to meet with ginners "to facilitate achieving maximum voluntary compliance with the act."

After numerous ginners were cited for failing to register, the Council urged the Senate to intervene and

Senators signed a letter to Labor Secretary Ray Marshall expressing their concern over enforcement activities against exempt employers.

The Council said it will continue to monitor developments and will work with Labor Department officials to seek permanent relief for ginners and other agricultural employers.

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# Letters to Santa Claus local children



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Love, Daniel, Age 7

Dear Santa,  
I would like some diapers for my doll, a cabinet, a sink, a baby doll, sweep and mop, and some dishes, a washer and dryer, a mail box, a tea pot, play table, baby bed and some play make-up. Also a play desk, play food, cookie jar and cookies, and a play window. Also a dishwasher. A play Christmas tree too.  
Love, Krystal, Age 4

Dear Santa,  
I love you very much. I have been a good girl. I will leave you some cookies and a cup of coco. I want a barbee doll and doll house and a new pair of brown boots and some more dresses and a new coat. And a record player with some records. Tell Mrs. Santa and the elves Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.  
Love, Gina Gober

Dear Santa,  
How are you and your wife doing? I'm freezing, are you?  
I have been a good little girl this year so

please bring me things I want. I'm not asking for much because I know how high prices are this year. Bring me a pair of roller-rink skates and some lights to go with my skates and some shoes called yo-yo's.  
Thank you very much.  
Love, Tina, Tammy, Mommy and Daddy, P.S. My sister Tammy

is 15 years old and she wants a tall dark and handsome guy for Christmas. And mommy wants Patrick Duffy wrapped for her. My daddy wants Farrah Fawcett wrapped for him.  
Thank you very much P.P.S. I will not forget to leave you some hot chocolate and cookies.

## FFA report

As the Christmas season is fast approaching, let us pause and ask ourselves one question, "What do we have to be thankful for?" We in FFA would probably first thank the Lord for the land and all of the other riches He has given us.

FFA  
In this land of plenty we sometimes forget that there are those so much less fortunate than we. We go about our daily lives wishing for more money, luxuries, and prestige. There are those in this world, yes even this nation, state and town, just praying for another day of life. Or just food to provide the energy to search out another scrap of food. It is hard to imagine as we partake of our turkey and other rich foods.

FFA  
We of the FFA are thankful for the many opportunities that are given us to learn, grow up, and become useful, productive citizens.

FFA  
We are the most productive nation in the world. We produce over half of the food in the world. We have our large farm equipment to help us quickly get a better and easier crop. Farmers in the dry sun-baked Middle East scrape the soil to try to get a few seeds up from the sand and clay. And then they may not get those few drops of precious moisture.

FFA  
These thoughts have been substituted for our regular FFA news in hopes of putting a little more thanks in your holiday season.

## Try a light bulb

COLLEGE STATION—A light bulb can do wonders for a horse's hair coat. Horsemen concerned about keeping short hair coats on their animals for the upcoming "show circuit" should give the light bulb a try, suggests Dr. Doug Householder, horse specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System.

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# Farmers facing lower net income

College Station—Texas farmers and ranchers face prospects of lower net incomes in 1980 than during the current year, an agricultural economist with the Texas Agriculture Extension Service says.

Dr. Carl G. Anderson, marketing economist, says it simply boils down to costs increasing faster than farm prices.

He notes that cow-calf operators generally will fare a little better in 1980 than most agricultural producers. Fewer calves and strong demands are expected to help hold prices near the average of 1979.

Higher feed costs and the likelihood of a sluggish fed cattle market may mean that cattle feeders may find profit margins slim over the next year, Anderson added.

"Large supplies of competing meats, particularly pork and poultry will likely dampen any big rise in price of fed beef. The expected economic recession will increase unemployment and add to the cooling off of demand for beef," he added.

As a result of abundant supplies, hogs, broilers, and turkey prices are expected to remain low until late next year, when a possible reduction of output could bolster the market.

Lamb prices may run slightly less than in 1979 as total meat supplies are expected to be sizable, particularly in the first half of 1980. A small increase in lamb production and mutton production is likely next year.

Crop farmers of the state can expect 1980 price levels to remain near those of 1979. Little price

change is foreseen in average prices for cotton and grains, but soybean prices may fall slightly.

The economist says vegetable supplies are up, causing market prices to weaken. And the plentiful supply of fruit and tree nuts point to lower prices in those categories.

He said that production expenses for U.S. farmers has risen 16 per cent this year alone and will probably increase about 11 per cent this year. "Early this fall, prices paid by farmers for fuels and energy were 44 percent higher than a year ago. Prices for tractors and other machinery went up on the average of 11 percent, and interest rates on farm loans and mortgages jumped 25 percent."

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He was born in an obscure village. He worked in a carpenter shop until he was thirty. He then became an itinerant preacher. He never held an office. He never had a family or owned a house. He didn't go to college. He had no credentials but himself. He was only thirty-three when the public turned against him. His friends ran away. He was turned over to the enemies and went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed to a cross between two thieves. While he was dying, his executioners gambled for his clothing, the only property he had on earth. He was laid in a borrowed grave. Nineteen centuries have come and gone, and today he is the central figure of the human race. At the armies that ever marched, all the navies that ever sailed, all the parliaments that ever sat, and all the kings that ever reigned have not affected the life of man on this earth as much as that.

ONE SOLITARY LIFE

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Numerous Merkel citizens and businesses flew the flag Tuesday in response to President Carter's call for a show of unity. National Unity Day was called Tuesday as a way for the American people to show their support for the release of the hostages held in Tehran, Iran. Merkelites also signed Christmas cards at the Merkel Mail office that were sent to the hostages in Iran early this week. (Staff photo)

## FBCs Martha Sunday School class

The Martha Sunday School Class of The First Baptist Church here met for a salad supper last Tuesday. The supper was held in the home of Sarah Byrd and Christmas carols were sung and a devotional was delivered by Fanelle Boney. Those attending were

Iva Nelle Brockman, Lenora Bond, Fanelle Boney, Mattie Lee Buchanan, Sarah Byrd, Jean Irwin, Evelyn Martin, Nell McLean, Stella McKeever, Maurine White, Anna Mae Russell, Allwynne Sandusky, Annie Sledge, Bernice Smith and Letha Thomas.

# Mail local events calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	1980		1980		5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19

Former  
Merkelite  
named as  
Outstanding  
Young Women

A former Merkel resident, Sarah Shelton of Bangs has been chosen one of the Outstanding Young Women of America for 1979. Sarah was an employee of Taylor Electric Cooperative when she resided in Merkel. A homemaker and professional artist, she is active in church and civic affairs.

Sarah is vice president of the Bangs Progressive Woman's Club, secretary of the Brown County Red Cross Board of Directors, and serves on several committees of the Brownwood Woman's Club. She was co-chairman of the 1979 Miss Bangs Contest and recently served as a judge for the Del Rio Junior Miss Pageant. She is Sunday school teacher for the senior high school class of Bangs First Baptist Church.

Mrs. Shelton is the daughter of the late Rev. and Mrs. A.T. Mason, Rev. Mason having pastored a number of Methodist churches in the Merkel and Abilene area. Her husband is James Shelton, formerly of Moran. He is president of the First State Bank of Bangs. They have two daughters, Sharnon, 13, and Stacey, 10.

Mrs. Shelton is the niece of Mrs. E.H. Bruton, San Angelo; Mrs. A.J. Sparkman, Abilene; Mrs. Vincent Barnett, Merkel; and the late Cayton Knox.

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## Fortnightly Club has Christmas party

On December 11 Mrs. Comer Haynes was hostess for the annual Christmas party of the Fortnightly Study in her home.

After an enjoyable social time, Mrs. Hammond, president, presided for a brief business meeting. Miss Mildred Hamm gave the report of the club's decoration of one of the trees in the Christmas tree decorating contest sponsored by United Savings. Mrs. Ray Wilson gave a progress report of work being done at the library.

The club sent a Christmas card to the Americans held hostage in the U.S. Embassy in Tehran, Iran. Each one present signed the card. The theme for the

program was Christmas. Mrs. S.C. Dixon introduced the program by giving a quotation from a Browning Christmas poem: "It is Christmas on the highway in the thronging busy mart, But the dearest, truest Christmas is the Christmas in the heart."

Mrs. C.B. Knight read a very lovely Christmas poem, followed by Mrs. Ed Sandusky and Mrs. Buster Horton leading the group in singing Christmas carols. Mrs. Sandusky and Mrs. Horton sang a duet from a Christmas Cantata by John Peterson. Mrs. Haynes was accompanied at the piano.

Mrs. Carl Hughes told a very touching Christmas story of a small boy's ability to find the

true meaning of Christmas. The program closed with a moment of meditation and prayer led by Mrs. Johnny Cox.

Those present were Mrs. Bruno Eckert, Mrs. Model Eoff, Mrs. Dee Grimes, Mrs. Robert Hicks, and Mrs. Eiland Hole visitors; and members, Miss Mary Collins, Mrs. Johnny Cox, Mrs. W.R. Cypert, Miss Avis Deavers, Mrs.

S.C. Dixon, Mrs. Bryan Dunigan, Mrs. Mack Fisher, Miss Mildred Hamm, Mrs. J.W. Hammond, Mrs. Comer Haynes, Mrs. Buster Horton, Mrs. Carl Hughes, Mrs. Earl King, Mrs. C.B. Knight, Mrs. Ed Sandusky, Mrs. Andy Shouse, Mrs. Aaron Sudderth, Miss Maurine White, Mrs. Alf Walla and Mrs. Ray Wilson.

## Starr Nursing Home Christmas party

Starr Nursing Home Christmas Party for the nursing home residents will be Thursday, Dec. 20 at 7 p.m. Anyone wishing to donate gifts to the residents or wishing

to participate in the Christmas party, please come. There are some residents with no family and just think what a lonely Christmas they will have.

Merkel Badgers  
1979-80 Basketball Schedule

Date	School	Place	Teams	Time
Nov. 17	Abilene High	Here	G-B, G-A	6:30
Nov. 20	Hamlin	Here	B-AGB, G-AGB	4:00
Nov. 27	Sweetwater	Here	B-AGB, G-AGB	4:00
29, 30, 1	Anson Tourn.	There	B-A, G-A	
29, 30, 1	Winters Tourn.	There	B-B, G-B	
Dec. 4	Hamlin	There	B-AGB, G-AGB	4:00
6, 7, 8	Merkel Tourn.			6:30
Dec. 11	Winters	There	G-AGB	6:30
Dec. 13	Ballinger	Here	G-AGB	6:30
13, 14, 15	Roscoe tourn.	There	B-A	
Dec. 18	Stamford	There	B-AGB, G-AGB	4:00
Dec. 20	Abilene Christian Tourn.		Varsity Girls	
21, 22	Anson (Jr) Tourn.	There	B-B, G-B	
Jan. 3, 4, 5	Coahoma	Here	B-A, G-AGB	5:00
Jan. 8	C-City	Here	B-AGB, G-AGB	4:00
Jan. 11	Wylie	There	B-AGB, G-AGB	4:00
Jan. 15	Anson	Here	B-AGB, G-AGB	4:00
Jan. 18	Winters	Here	B-AGB, G-AGB	4:00
Jan. 22	Ballinger	There	B-AGB, G-AGB	4:00
Jan. 25	Stamford	Here	B-AGB, G-AGB	5:00
Jan. 29	Coahoma	There	B-AGB, G-AGB	4:00
Feb. 1	C-City	There	B-AGB, G-AGB	4:00
Feb. 5	Wylie	Here	B-AGB, G-AGB	4:00
Feb. 8	Anson	There	B-AGB, G-AGB	4:00
Feb. 12	Winters	There	B-AGB	6:30
Feb. 15	Ballinger	Here	B-AGB	6:00

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1979-80 BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Opponent	Place	Teams	Time
Tues. Nov. 6	Ira	G (HS&JH)	6:00
Tues. Nov. 13	Jayton	G (HS&JH)	6:30
Mon. Nov. 19	Divide	B&G (JH)	6:30
Tues. Nov. 20	McCaulley	B&G (HS&JH)	5:30
Tues. Nov. 27	Hobbs	B&G (HS)	6:30
Thurs.-Sat. Nov. 29-Dec. 1	Trent Tourn.	(HS)	
Mon. Dec. 3	Divide	B&G (JH)	6:30
Tues. Dec. 4	Hobbs	B&G (HS)	6:30
Fri. Dec. 7	OPEN		
Tues. Dec. 11	Jayton	B&G (HS)	6:30
Thurs.-Sat. Dec. 13-15	Roscoe Tourn.	(HS)	
Tues. Dec. 18	McCaulley	B&G (HS)	6:30
Thurs.-Sat. Dec. 27-29	Jayton Tourn.	(HS)	
Fri. Jan. 4	Highland	B&G (HS)	6:30
Mon. Jan. 7	Blackwell	B&G (JH)	6:30
Tues. Jan. 8	Bronte	B&G (HS)	6:30
Fri. Jan. 11	Robert Lee	B&G (HS)	6:30
Mon. Jan. 14	Wingate	B&G (JH)	6:30
Tues. Jan. 15	Highland	B&G (HS)	6:30
Jan. 17-19	Blackwell Tourn.	B&G (JH)	?
Fri. Jan. 18	Divide	B&G (HS)	6:30
Mon. Jan. 21	Divide	B&G (JH)	6:30
Tues. Jan. 22	Blackwell	B&G (HS)	6:30
Jan. 24-26	Highland tourn.	B&G (JH)	?
Fri. Jan. 25	Bronte	B&G (HS)	6:30
Mon. Jan. 28	Blackwell	B&G (JH)	6:30
Tues. Jan. 29	Robert Lee	B&G (HS)	6:30
Fri. Feb. 1	OPEN		
Mon. Feb. 4	Wingate	B&G (JH)	6:30
Tues. Feb. 5	Divide	B&G (HS)	6:30
Fri. Feb. 8	Blackwell	B&G (HS)	6:30
Mon. Feb. 11	Divide	B&G (JH)	6:30
Unknown	Hobbs tourn.	B&G (JH)	?

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## 1979 is gone, for the hostages

By Harold Boyd  
1979 is gone and this is my last column for the year and I would like to begin my column to say to the staff of the Mail, the advertisers and the subscribers: I've enjoyed the time and space of putting together this column. I hope the year 1980 will be a year of peace, health, and happiness to you and yours. Thanks and may His everlasting love and light be shown on each one of you.  
With all the last minute shopping and visiting, we draw to a close of the most eventful day

of when we celebrate His birth. Let us not forget that as of this day we have 50 humans in captivity in another country. Remember those families who have loved ones over there in our day of prayer for them. We will have prayer prior to children opening their gifts on On His day prior to our traditional meal, we will have prayer of thanks and with remembrance of those in Iran.  
As it goes to you all and for another year, Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year.

## Compere dub meets

Compere Extension Homemakers Club met Thursday, Dec. 13 for the annual Christmas party in the home of Mrs. Don Adair.  
Mrs. Clyde Mims directed the recreation and Christmas carols were enjoyed. Gifts were exchanged from

the beautiful lighted Christmas tree.  
Refreshments, with the Christmas theme, were served to Mrs. Clayton Dillard, Hugh Raylor, Ab Hunter, Mims W.D. Ramsey, Clyde Chancy and the hostess Mrs. Adair.  
Louise Chancy

## Stith club meets

The Stith Extension Homemakers Club met Dec. 14 at the Stith Community Center for a Christmas luncheon at 11 o'clock. After a delicious Christmas meal, there was a short business meeting. The devotional was brought by different members. Roll call was answered by "one of the most memorable gifts that you had received." A lively game was led by Daisy Mashburn and the game prize went to Vada Hudson. Since it was "pal revealing" day, gifts were exchanged from a beautiful Christmas tree.  
Seven members attend the council

Christmas party in Anson. They were Margaret Dickerson, Louise Hudson, Annie Lee Sledge, Daisy Mashburn, Genoa Shaw, Mae Jones and Vada Hudson. At this party Daisy Mashburn was given the "Woman of the Year" award and the Avoca club was named the "Club of the Year" of Jones County.  
Those present were Annie Lee Sledge, Louise Hudson, Margaret Dickerson, Genoa Shaw, Vada Hudson, Daisy Mashburn and two guests Roy Mashburn and Wade Shaw.  
After the meeting four members carried gifts to Abilene State School.



## The Speaker Reports

by Bill Clayton

AUSTIN—It is always important for us to keep a close eye on pending federal legislation. One bill which is now being considered in the United States Senate, S. 1808, I feel should be brought to the attention of the citizens of Texas. This bill, called the Family Protection Act, contains several provisions which aim at re-establishing the family as the basic unit of strength in our nation.  
The bill provides changes in the requirements for the education of our children. It allows voluntary prayer on the premises of any public building; it provides for parental review of textbooks; it prohibits educational materials which deny the differences between the sexes; and it protects the rights of private schools.  
Moreover, it provides for education savings plans so that parents can effectively save towards their children's college education and be

able to deduct not more than \$2,500 paid in cash to this savings per year from the family's taxable income.  
Another section of this bill provides a tax incentive for one generation to provide same-home care for their parents. Still another section includes the repeal of the inequities of the marriage tax.  
Such a comprehensive piece of legislation which contains the sections I have mentioned as well as many other provisions dealing with other areas will undoubtedly undergo a great deal of discussion and many amendments before the Congress could possibly agree on its passage. However, I feel that the main impetus behind this legislation—that of preserving and defending the American family—make this bill worthy of special attention by all of us and worthy of careful consideration by our representatives in Washington.

## Victor Herrera meets A. F. Academy entrance requirements

WASHINGTON, D. C. Congressman Charles W. Stenholm has announced that Victor G. Herrera of Tye, Texas has been offered an appointment by the Congress to the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado.  
Based upon Stenholm's nomination, and

his eligibility, Herrera has been found fully qualified to attend the Academy and has been offered an appointment to enter in July of 1980.  
Herrera is currently a student at Merkel High School where he has been actively involved in Student Council, and a number of extra-curricular activities.

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# Dog Ordinance Proposals

The following is a list of proposed clauses for the new dog ordinance for the City of Merkel. Citizens are encouraged to make their comments concerning this proposal to City Hall.

## Owner

Any person who keeps, feeds or harbors a dog.

## Stray Dog

Any dog found in the City Limits of the City of Merkel without being tagged and currently vaccinated shall be considered a stray dog.

## Loose Dog

Any dog that is properly tagged and not confined in a pen or yard, on a leash, or in the heel of a competent person, or in a vehicle.

## Impoundment

Any dog found not in a pen or yard, on a leash, in heel of a competent person, or in a vehicle shall be picked up and impounded. Furthermore, any dog that bites, scratches or attacks any person shall be impounded for observation in a veterinarian's clinic with the owner paying all fees and or costs.

## Disposition of impounded dogs

A. Stray dogs will be carried to the proper authorities for destruction or sale.

B. Loose dogs will be kept for a period of 24 hours after the notification of the registered owner, then carried to the proper authorities for destruction, reclaim or sale.

## Reclaim of loose dog

Owners may reclaim a loose dog by paying a fee of \$10 plus all expenses of transportation and impoundment.

## Fines

Any person that owns, keeps, feeds or harbors a dog within the City Limits of Merkel without being properly tagged and vaccinated shall be considered guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be fined no less than \$5 and not more than \$200 and each 24 hour period shall be considered a separate offense.

## Receiving City Tags

Dog owners may pick up City dog tags free of charge at City Hall upon presenting certification of vaccination from a veterinarian along with a description of the dog and the owners current address.

## Bounty Fee:

The City of Merkel will offer a fee of \$2 per each loose or stray dog under six months old and \$4 per each loose or stray dog over six months old when delivered to the Merkel Police Department.

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