# The Merkel Mail

Thursday, August 14, 1980...Merkel, Texas

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Senior Quarterback Bart Pursley hands off to Senior fullback James Turner at Tuesday morning's two-a-day practice session. Putting on defensive 50 report

pressure is Brad McCoy. The Badgers will open their 1980 campaign in two weeks with a scrimmage in Cross Plains. (Staff photo)

run through Friday morning. The team will spend the night and eat all of their meals at the school and

The Badgers, who return 13 lettermen and have 12

seniors on the roster, will begin their 1980 campaign

will go through four days of intense training.

## Football workouts in full swing

The Merkel High 1980 football campaign has started as 50 players reported to the start of two-a-day practice sessions Monday morning.

According to head football coach and athletic director Byron Shelley, the humidity on Monday and Tuesday took it's toll on some of the players but he

Aug. 21 at Cross Plains. The scrimmage will get started at 6 p.m. said they would soon be in shape. The Badgers will hold a first-ever football clinic The Badgers will open their 1980 season at home this year and that will get started Monday and will

Registration begins Aug. 14 for elementary, middle school, Aug. 26 for high school

It is getting to be that time of the year again as mother's start wondering what in the world junior will do when sissy starts back to school, scheduled for September 2 this year.

Merkel Elementary and Merkel Middle School will open their registration Thursday, Aug. 14. The offices are open from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. each day and parents should bring a birth certificate, health records and any school record from a previous

Merkel High School will be registering students

little different this year. High School Juniors and Seniors are supposed to

New students must be registered between Aug. 20

register between 9 and 11:30 am Aug. 26th. In the past, high school registration was handled by office workers in the school but Merritt said the students will be registering themselves this year, giving the students a chance to choose their classes and teachers. Merritt said the new registration process would also help administrators to balance students per class more closely.

and the 22nd for Merkel High.

# MISD board studying proposed 1980-81 budget calling for \$1.8 million in spending, no tax increase

MISD board members had their tirst detailed look for additional duties such as one act play sponsor, at the proposed 1980-81 school year budget, and as it stands now, no tax increase will be needed.

Although Tuesday's session was a budget workshop, and the budget presented Tuesday night could be considerably changed during the next week, MISD administrators are planning on the district's evaluation increase to make up for additional spending this year.

Merkel Elementary School Principal David Casey and school staffer Peggy Gibson presented the budget to the board. The proposed budget calls for an approximate \$90,000 increase in spending and also

calls for an end of year surplus of about \$150,000.

Last years budget had predicted a surplus of \$75,000 and the board learned Tuesday night the surplus could reach \$150,000.

Casey told the board, "I think it is great that a tax increase will not be necessary this year. This is a fairly tight budget but I think we will be able to hold our own with it. That ol' oil and gas increases saved us this year.'

The proposed budget calls for the district to spend \$1,886,186 in 1980-81 compared to \$1,793,615 last year. Major propsed expenditures include an additional fifth grade teacher and an art teacher for Merkel High, two new busses, \$12,000 for the district's share for the Taylor County Tax Appraisal District, an additional custodian, and one of three propsed teacher pay raise plans.

MISDteachers had earlier requested a ten per cent my increase which would have cost the district \$75,000. The three proposed plans carry price tags of between \$13,140 and \$21,600. Casey presnted the propsed plans to the board. Two of the plans give eachers a choice of salary increases or school paid health insurance and one plan is a straight pay raise. Proposed pay raises range from \$180 to \$900 per wear, depending on experience.

Merkel High principal Allen Merritt also told board members he felt some teachers should be paid annual sponsor, cheerleader sponsor. He said he would like to see a graduated scale for those handling volunteer duties with those taking the most time consuming duties being paid more.

The teacher pay plans do not include teachers already payed above state scale and Casey said he felt the teachers would be happy with any type of pay raise, because it would indicate the board was willing to work with the teachers for better pay and

Board members also heard a report from MISDs food service director that lunch prices should go from 60 to 75 cents. reasons for the change include a USDA mandate that older children receive larger portion of food and rising food costs.

The school will pay \$12,000 for their share of the costs of the Taylor County Tax Appraisal District and learned the annual audit would cost less this year because of changes in bookkeeping procedures. School maintenance director Hayden Reeves equested an additional custodian for Merkel High and told board members roofs at the middle school, gym and auditorium were getting in bad shape.

Peggy Gibson proposed a change in the district's pay day to the 25th of the month to help solve some cash flow problems.

Board members have one week to study the propsed budget. A public hearing, designed to allow time for citizens inputs and requests concerning the budget is set from 7 until 8 p.m. at Pr.ortable Classroom No. 1, to be followed by the regular monthly meeting of the board.

The board accepted resignations from Gwendolyn May, Kathy Chislom and Lyla Chaffey and granted a me year leave of absence to Patty Greer. The board also approved a change for Coach Sam Jernigan. Jernigan will move from the middle school to essistant high school football coach and head J.V basketball coach. Recently hired Luke Reynolds will assume Jernigan's middle school positions.

#### this year and Principal Allen Merritt says it will be a TSTI pre-registration underway

students at the Sweetwater Campus of Texas State Technical Institute is under way this week.

Persons wishing to

at the campus during normal businesses

hours. Pre-registration is a short process that enables the prospective or returning student to get

A record number of students are expected to enroll at TSTI this fall. Reasons sited for the projected increase include the increased demand f o r technicallyskilled workers, higher

wages being offered to this class of worker, and the short training time involved as compared to traditional colleges and

universities. Persons wishing more information may contact the TSTI Office of Admissions at 235-8441, extension 37.

#### Pre-registration for should visit the office of before formal registraall new and returning admissions and records tion Sept. 2 and 3.

enroll in some of 20 technical or skill de- many of the details of velopement courses enrolling out of the way

## Whatever happened to Allen?

by Cloy A. Richards

What ever happened to Allen?

The himicane of the century took on a very humane approach as he slammed into the Texas Gulf Coast, and although he caused millions of dollars in damages, he just wasn't as bad as he had led us to believe.

The Associated Press quoted the Cameron County extension agent saying the county would lose about \$15 million in cotton that was left stripped before Allen stormed ashore, but county agents in south Texas say Allen's rains may have saved that areas' cotton, and grain crops.

Our area did not receive any measurable amount of rain because Allen's path after the storm rolled on shore took the storm too far west to bring us any

Although our area could have used rainfall, we should remain comforted the storm did not cause the predicted damages to the Texas coastline.

Taylor County taxes are up 13 cents per \$100 Local taxpayers can be comforted because along

with the increase in tax, the new budget also allows for an increase in services that have been sorely needed in the Merkel-Trent area.

The new budget allocates money to hire three rural deputies to live and work in the different rural area in the county, one being the Merkel-Trent area.

MISD's public hearing on the 1980-81 fiscal year budget(see budget workshop story on page 1) is set for 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesday night in Portable Classroom Numer 2. The hearing is specifically designed to allow citizens to voice their opinion on how tax dollars will be spent for the next school years.

Public hearings on any matter are not well attended by the public, as a rule. Texas laws just provide for open forums. They will not be open if no

At last year's public tax hearing, no one showed up. If you have something to say about the 1980-81 budget, make plans to attend the meeting.

The Monday incident at Walls was disturbing, but even more disturbing after a short conversation with Millie Bright Monday evening.

Mrs. Bright said there was no way her abductor could have been waiting on her to make the bank deposit on Monday because she does not normally make bank deposits, and when she does, she doesn not make them at the same time each day.

I hated to call Mrs. Bright about the incident because she is an acquaintance, her older daughter occassionally babysits for us, and two daughters are pretty good friends, judging from the length of some of some of their telephone conversations.

Mrs. Bright said she hated the publicity the incident would bring but spoke calmly about the

What is disturbing about the incident is it seems to have been a case of random violence. Mrs. Bright did not know her abductor, she does not normally make deposits for the firm, and when she does, they are not made at a set time.

If anyone North of town saw a blue van, occupied by two men North of town Monday morning, report what you saw to the Sheriff's Office.

# Merkel woman abducted briefly during Monday morning robbery at Walls, escapes

A Wall's employee was robbed of an undetermined amount of money Monday morning and a statewide search is one for a blue van in connection for the

Walls Factory Outlet store employee Millie Bright was taking the bank deposit, and when she entered her pick up, a man stepped in with her and told her to drive away.

Mrs. Bright told the Mail Monday evening "I don't think he could have just been after the bank deposit. The bank bag was in my purse and he could not have seen it." Mrs. Bright also said "We don't always make the deposit the same time. I made the Monday deposit after lunch last week, and I am not even the person that normally makes the deposit.

Mrs. Bright was forced to lie down in the pick up truck as the man left Walls and she said she did not know where they were heading, but knew they had taken two right turns. (She was taken about two

miles North of town on the Old Noodle Road) When the truck slowed for a curve. Mrs. Bright opened the door and jumped from the moving truck and headed for a farm house in the distance. She told the Mail "I ust decided the time was right to get away. I did not know if he had a gun, although he did poke me with something in the ribs.

She also told the Mail "I don't know if I did the right thing or not by jumping from the truck and nunning, I just figured the time was right." She added, "What I did, worked all right for me." She was not injured by her abductor but he did rip

abutton off of her blouse as the man grabbed at her as she was jumping from the truck Walls manager Pat Bigbee said the amount of

money taken was between \$1,000 and \$1,800. The Merkel Police Department, as well as the Taylor County Sheriff's Office is conducting an

investigation and lawmen are looking for a dark blue

## County taxes going up 13 cents, three rural deputies included in budget

Taylor County Commissioners raised county taxes 13 cents Monday morning as they adopted a \$5.5 million budget. Included in that budget are funds to hire three additional deputies to beef up security in the rural areas of Taylor County.

Sheriff-elect John Middleton made the request for hree deputies, one to serve the Merkel-Trent area, one in Potosi and one in Tuscola. Middleton told the commissioners the three deputies would switch cars and patroling patterns to confuse criminals.

Taylor County Sheriff Jack Landrum told the Mail Tuesday morning "I think the hiring of the three deputies should be very beneficial to the citizens and he Sheriff's Department. It will help the citizens because they will be better protected as well as helping the Sheriff's Office because the rural deputies will always be in contact with the people in his area and he will know their particular problems and needs

The budget allows for a ten percent pay increase to each department, and the department heads are responsible for setting the pay raise for each

The new county tax rate is set at 90 cents per \$100 evaluation with an assessment ratio of 35 percent. The old rate was 77 cents.

The Commissioners Court had been hinting for the past six months that a tax increase this year was inevitable because 13 additional jailers had to be hired to comply with Texas Jail Standards. That move cost the county \$250,000 a year. The Commissioners had also noted a decrease in state and federal money allocated for specific programs.

This is the last taxing year property will be taxed at less than 100 percent of evaluation. The New County Tax Assessment Board will assess all taxes for each governmental agency in a county, and then boal governments will determine the rate of tax to

## MISD elementary supplies listed

Merkel Elementary School Supply List KINDERGARTEN

Small box Kleenex School Box Crayons 1 box of Jumbo (8) No reg. size 2 primary pencils Blunt scissors (no plastic handles) bottle glue 8 oz. (no paste)

packages construction paper (12 x 18) I package manilla paper (12 x 18)

2 guide line writing cablets (Nifty 2047, Epci, Alladdin Gui le Line Paper 2112, Hytone 48 2110)

NOTE: No Mats PLEASE get the correct size of each item. Put child's name on each

FIRST GRADE

1 bottle Elmer's glue pair blunt scissors 2 pencils no 2 (regular 1 bx crayons (please do not get lg. bx) 1 pkg assorted construction paper

1 guide line writing tablet (Nifty 2047, Epci, Alladdin Guide Line Paper 2112, Hytone 48 2110) Big Chief Pencil Tab-

1 sm box Kleenex 1 pkg manilla paper(lg 1 eraser 1school box

SECOND GRADE

1 Spiral notebook (Wade room only) Crayons-24 to a bx Scissors-blunt end 2 pencils, no. 2 Notebook binder (inexpensive) 2 or 3 ring-side opening Notebook paper Small bottle of Elmer's glue 4 oz. 1 sm pkg of manilla

1 sm pkg of construction

paper (9 x 12)

paper-one color)black, red, yellow, orange, green, or blue) Mat or towel for rest struction paper period 1 small box Kleenex 1 bx Kleenex(lg) THIRD GRADE

Notebook and Notebook

paper Scissors, Crayons 2 pencils no. 2 1 lg eraser Construction paper (mixed) 8 x 10 Red lead grading pencil Bottle Elmer's glue 4 oz. Manilla drawing paper 1 bx Kleenex(large) 1 ruler

FOURTH GRADE

Notebook and notebook paper (2 or 3 ring) 4 pencils no. 2 Eraser Map colors 1 bx cravons 12 inch ruler 2 red lead grading pen-

cils (no felt tip) Elmer's school glue 1 pkg of assorted con-1 pkg of manilla paper pair scissors(pointed) 4 folders (yellow, red, green and orange)

FIFTH GRAD

Pencils no. 2 Eraser 2 red pencils Scissors Elmer's glue Notebook paper-2 or 3 ring(No notebook) Map colors 12 inch ruler 2 Spiral composition books (lg size) Box for supplies 1 pkg manilla paper 12 x

1 pkg construction paper (assorted 12 x 18) Kleenex

5 colored folders (yellow, red, green, orange, and black) Lg box of crayons

## **Obituaries**

Nellie Lassiter

Nellie G. Lassiter, 67, died Wednesday, July 30 in San Diego, Calif. Services were Aug. 4 in Greenwood Martury, for the native of Texas.

Mrs. Lassiter was a

retired traffic operator, manager for the Pacific Telephone Company. She was a member of the Telephone Pioneers and a Southern Star Chapter Order of the Easter Star. She also was a member of the Scottish Rights Women's Assoc. SHRU Court. 37 of the Orienal Shrine Mecca, Daughters of the Nile and the San Diego Zooligical Society.

Survivors include two brothers, Alva of San Diego and Bill Peterson of Merkel, and several nieces and nephews.

Richard Leverich

MERKEL- Richard Leverich, 44, of McKinney, son and brother of two Abilenians, died at his home at 9 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 6. Services were at 2 p.m.

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All persons having

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NOTICE TO ALL PER-SONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE E-STATE OF J.F. REID, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of J.F. Reid, Deceased, were issued on August 4, 1980, in Cause No. 14694, pending in the County Court of Taylor County, Texas

Jewel Pauline Jones Reid

The residence of such Executor is Taylor County, Texas. post office address is: C-o Randall C. Jackson Attorney at Law Suite 210, Bank of Commerce Building Abilene, Texas 79605

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 this 4 day of August, 1980.

JEWEL PAULINE JONES REID By Randall C. Jackson Attorney for the Estate

Abilene, TX 79604 ATTORNEY FOR THE ESTATE'

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the following Friday at the United Methodist Church in Merkel.

The Rev. Ray Elmore, pastor, officiated. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery in Merkel, directed by Starbuck Funeral Home. Born Sept. 7, 1935, at

Trent, he attended Trent High School. He had lived in McKinney sinch 1969 and was a tile contractor. He was a member of the McKinney Central Baptist Church. He married Stacye Ann Martin April 1, 1953, at Bronte. Survivors include his wife; two sons, Steve and Bryon, both of McKinney; a sister, Goldie Ann Aldridge of Abilene; his mother, Mrs. Dub(Jo Ella) Mason of Abilene; and three grandchildren, Steve Leverich, Angie Leverich, and Trina Leverich.

Pallbearers were: Mike McLeod, Mack Springer, Randy Springer, Billy Mayfield, Buba English, Buddy Win-

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## Why do food costs keep rising?

COLLEGE STATION- Why do food prices keep

A quick glance back to 1978 and 1979 can shed some light on the subject, says Rose Tindall Postel, a foods and nutrition specialist.

Citing three major reasons for 1979 price hikes, Dr. Postel notes that the consumer has decreased the 'chunk' of his total disposable income spent on food down to an average of 16.5 percent during the past

Dr. Postel is on the home economics staff of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

#### THREE MAJOR REASONS

Three major reasons account for rising food

prices, the specialist says. In 1979 the reasons were 1) reduced beef and fruit production, 2) and 11.4 percent increase in the farm value of the market basket, and 3) an 11.9 percent increase in food-marketing costs.

Explaining "farm value of the market basket," Dr. Postel says this means that factors which

influence the cost of farm production have caused more money to be spent to grow and harvest food

#### ACTUAL PERCENT TOTALS

Although food prices did rise significantly during 1979, they did not increase as much as some other commodities, the specialist points out. In 1979, retail food prices rose 10.9 percent, while

the overall inflation rise was 11.3 percent. However, in 1978, retail food prices rose 10 percent, while the overall inflation rate was only 7.7 percent.

#### 1980 PREDICTIONS

Trends found in early 1980 seemed to promise the more encouraging figures we saw in 1979 with a resultant 7-11 percent increase in food prices compared with an overall inflation rate of 10-12 percent. However, weather-related setbacks in farm production threaten this outlook if the Texas heat wave and drought conditions continue, the specialist

## Newsbriefs

#### Malones teaching

Bob and Sandra Malone have accepted positions with a Christian Day Academy in Taylor. Bob is the son of Mrs. Robert Malone of Mer-

Bob will serve as the principal and adminitrator of the school and Mrs. Malone will teach school's kindergar-

They were both graduated from New Life Bible School in Cleveland, Tenn. They have two children, Monica, 13, and Haley, 11.

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tions for enrollment.

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#### National recipe winner

The following is the National Chicken recipe contest winner from a recent contest sponsored by the National Broiler Council:

#### CAPITAL CHICKEN CASSEROLE

1 broiler-fryer chicken, cut in parts 4 tablespoons butter 1 tablespoon cooking oil 1 package (8 oz) fresh mushrooms, sliced tablespoon flour 1 can (11 oz) cream of chicken soup 1 cup dry white wine 1 cup water 2 cup cream

1 teaspoon salt

#### 1/4 teaspoon tarragon 1/4 teaspoons pepper New class

hearts, drained 6 green onions, green and white parts included, chopped 2 tablespoons chopped parsley

In large frypan, place butter and oil and heat to medium temperature until butter melts. Add chicken and cook, turning, about 10 minutes or until brown on all sides. Remove chicken and place in baking pan or casserole. In same frypan, saute mushrooms about 5 minutes or until tender. Stir in flour. Add soup, wine and water; simmer, stirring, a b o u t 10 minutes or until sauce thickens. Stir in cream, salt, tarragon and pepper; pour over chicken. Bake, uncovered, in 350 F. oven for 60 minutes. Mix in artichoke hearts, green onions and parsley. Bake about 5 minutes or until fork can be inserted in chicken with ease. Makes 4

#### Horse show

servings.

The Open Horse Show in conjunction with the Jones County Fair in Anson, will be held August 16 at 9:00 a.m. in Charlie Myatt Arena. Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m.

Events will include Youth Halter and Performance Classes. \$4.00; Open Performance Classes, \$7.50; Jackpot, \$5.00; Open Halter, \$5.00 Trophies and ribbons will be

awarded in each event. The parade will be held at 6:00 p.m., Au-gust 15, followed by a Playnight beginning at 8:00 p.m. in Charlie Myatt Arena. Events will include barrells, poles, and flags. Trophpies and ribbons

event. For more information contact Marlon Smith.

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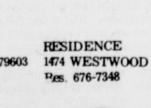
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## Education committee says Texas schools should get back to basics, sends report to governor

A return to the basics in public education is one of many recommendations for improving Texas schools contained in a comprehensive report submitted to Governor Bill Clements by the Governor's Advisory Committee on Education.

The Governor said that the report—the result of an exhaustive year-long study by the blue ribbon group—will be used as the basis of his recommendations to the Texas Legislature when it convenes in January.

"I have carefully studied this report and I think it is superb. I wholeheartedly endorse it and I predict that a big percentage of these reccommendations will be acted upon by the Legislature in its next session," Governor Clements said.

"This report is a blueprint for making our secondary and elementary schools second to none in the nation," Governor Clements said, "and these recommendations could lead to the most significant and beneficial changes in our Texas public school system since the Gilmer-Aikin laws were passed some 30 years ago."

In their report to Governor Clements, the committee members state, "Texans are well served by their schools. Many goals of public education are being achieved. Yet, the schools can and must improve. The public, the policymakers, and the educators must be dedicated to reaching consensus and generating the will to act on important issues. Through combined efforts, education will be improved for all the students of Texas."

The report addressed the following areas and made these recommendations:

1) School Curriculum: The Legislature should repeal all existing laws that mandate elements,

courses, or subjects to be included in the curriculum, and give the State Board of Education the authority to establish and implement "a state basic curriculum." This curriculum would give strong

emphasis to reading, writing, and arithmetic.

2) Student Learning: Social promotions should be restricted and summer school programs should be developed for students who have not successfully completed designated course work during the regular school year.

3) Unique Needs of Students: Efforts to influence federal policy should be unified, particularly in the areas of bilingual education and special education, to provide more effective programs in Texas schools.

4) Student Behavior: While existing laws are sufficient to allow authority and flexibility to discipline disruptive students, alternative learning programs should be developed for disruptive students, alternative learning programs should be developed for disruptive students and a procedure should be established to ensure that parents and students read and understand the discipline policy in advance.

5) Teacher Training: A state competency test should be required for all teachers before they receive a teaching certificate. In addition, there should be more rigorous and consistent enforcement of the standards for teacher education institutions.

6) Excellence in Teaching: A significant increase in salary and fringe benefits for teachers is needed to make teaching positions competitive with professions in business and industry requiring equivalent preparation and training. Also, a Master Teacher position should be created to recognize qualified, high performing career classroom teachers with

higher pay and leadership duties.

7) School Operations: Schools, especially classroom teachers, should be relieved of excessive paperwork that reduce classroom time and effort.

8) State-Federal Relationships: State and local officials should work together to influence federal laws and regulations from a Texas position regarding educational matters. Local control of the public schools should be maintained. Federal decision making is not the key to meaningful school improvement.

In a letter to Governor Clements, Dr. Tate Stated, "This report represents the cohesive effort of a skilled and dedicated group of Texans who served as committee members. The committee met monthly and most members attended each of seven public hearings. In addition to the official functions, individual members spent many hours gathering information and analyzing and discussing ideas with people across the State."

In addition to Dr. Tate, the committee included 19 other Texans from all parts of the State. Businessmen, parents, teachers, school administrators, and other educational professionals served on the committee appointed by Governor Clements.

Governor Clements has announced that he is renewing the committee membership for another year to facilitate active support of the recommendations before the Legislature. He said the committee will assist in getting the education program through the Legislature by functioning through pre-legislative and legislative session deliberations.

Copies of the full report may be obtained by writing the Governor's Advisory Committee on Education, 112 Sam Houston Building, Austin, Texas

Penny Hatfield and Mark Cochran

### Engagement told

NOODLE- Mr. and Mrs. Eulan Hatfield have announced the engagement of their daughter, Penny Loyce, to Mark Alan Cochran, son of Mr. and Mrs. C.S.(Buck) Cochran of Snyder.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Trent High School and a graduate from Western Texas College with a A.A.S.

degree.

The prospective bridegroom is a graduate of Snyder High School and attended Tarrant County College and Western Texas College. He is employed by Leamco Bearings of Synder.

The couple will be married Sept. 27 in the First Baptist Church Wedding Chapel in Snyder.

## Glasscock graduates

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HOMETOWN NEWS
CENTER- Airman Alan
R. Glasscock, son of Mr.
and Mrs. Don R. Glasscock of 108 Orange St.,
Merkel, Texas, has been
assigned to Sheppard
Air Force Base, Texas,
after completing Air
Force basic training.

Force basic training.

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that said Board of Equalization will be in session at its regular meeting place in the on the 18th of August 1980 for the purpose of determining, fixing, and equalizing of the value of any and all taxable property situated in the City of Merkel, Texas, for the year 1980 and any and all persons interested or having business with said Board are hereby notified to be present.

convened and sitting,

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notice is hereby given

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THANK YOU

We want to thank everyone who participated in fighting the fire on Rhodes Ranch. We want to express our deep gratitude to all the fire fighters, law officers, shovel hands, and those who: furnished food.

We appreciate those who furnished water trucks, fuel trucks, bulldozers, maintainers and operators and all other helpers and equipment. Thanks to each and everyone who gave their valuable time and hard work.

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# Trent News

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Thursday, August 14, 1980

# Trentschool taxes cut

Trent ISD taxpayers should be applauding the oil and gas industry when they receive their 1980-81 tax statements as Trent residents will be trying to find a way to cope with a 40 per cent decrease in school taxes.

The Trent School Board set the new tax rate at 82 cents per \$100 evaluation at 75 per cent of evaluation Monday night. Last year's rate was \$1.40 per \$100 evaluation at 75 per cent of evaluation.

The decrease in taxes according to Trent

The decrease in taxes, according to Trent Superintendent Roy Neff, is due to oil and gas evaluations, which helped Trent's evaluation skyrocket from \$21 million last year to \$38 million this year.

The Trent board also adopted their 1980-81 budget which features pay increases for teachers, as well as funds Trent's share of the cost of the new county tax appraisal board.

According to Superintendent Neff, Trent will pay \$10,000 for their share of the first year operations of the Taylor County Tax Appraisal Board. That board will be responsible for evaluations of all property in the county and evaluations will be standadized. When the board completes evaluation of all property within the county, a single assessment will then be used by all taxing entities within the county.

The Trent board also granted pay increases of between \$300 and \$500 above state scale for teachers with at least two years at Trent.

Trent ISD also offers the \$10,000 over 65 or disabled exemption as well as the \$5,000 homestead exemption.

The 1980-81 school budget calls for Trent to spend \$515,417, a 12 per cent increase over last year's budget.



Recap 8/11 - 8/15 Preview 8/18 - 8/22 THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS - Derek is slipping up and Kay is keeping a close eye on him. Jack

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wonders if John wants him around. John is grateful to

Jill.

THE GUIDING LIGHT -Rita is losing her patience
with Ed and Holly. Ross

realizes too late the mistake he has made. Amanda worries about the future

SEARCH FOR TOMOR-ROW — Jo is having second thoughts about her decision. Stephanie is unaware of the deceit around her. Liza can't seem to pull out of her tailsoin.

AS THE WORLD TURNS --Problems are not over for James and Barbara. Annie wonders about Dee and her future. John is not satisfied and takes out

some insurance.

begins to take dancing lessons. Raven tries to con her mother into believing she is a dedicated mother. Mike and Nancy learn that Kelly was kicked out of Rome for his amorous adventures. Held at gunpoint, Emily tells her captors where the money is. Emily also tells Kirk that he is really Draper.

THIS WEEK: The carousel holds the key to Draper's happiness. Will others reach him in time?

ALL MY CHILDREN -- Billy Clyde abducts Estelle and drugs her. He drives her to a cemetery and puts her in a coffin. She talks him into letting her out and runs away. He catches up with her and attempts to bury her alive. Palmer and Daisy agree to keep mum about Daisy's true identity to protect Nina. Leora is beaten by Kurt but he covers his tracks by saying she fell down the stairs.

THIS WEEK: Estelle pleads for her life but Billy Clyde is out of control. Kurt doesn't keep his promise.

ONE LIFE TO LIVE -- Asa collapses during a square dance and is hospitalized. Dorian makes a play for Clint. Asa arranges for Sam to learn about Mick's and Tina's affair. She blames herself however and thinks about quitting her

job and making up with Mick. Peter babysits for Mary when Jenny is off at the annulment hearing. Brad shows up and is

furious.

THIS WEEK: Nicole has plans for Pat and Beau. Brad gives Sam some

advice.

RYAN'S HOPE -- Delia learns that Barry had another wife and invites her to visit. Kim is angry when she finds out she is pregnant because it will interfere with her career. Rae puts up money so that Kim will get a part in a play. Maeve reprimands faith on her drinking.

THIS WEEK: An unpaid bill may blow things for Kim. Barry sweats it out.

GENERAL HOSPITAL --Hutch gets a job at the diner where Luke and Laura are. He phones Smith and says he will kill them when he gets the chance. Smith offers Susan Luke's old job at the Disco. Bobbie confides in Joe about the mob and wonders if she should go to the police. At the party, Alan reveals proof that Alan Jr. is really his child which shocks all. Jeremy learns about his heart

murmur.

THIS WEEK: Luke gets suspicious of Hutch. Monica and Rick have a tough decision to make.

ANOTHER WORLD —

Jerry moves out into campus housing. Mitch makes Rachel nervous when he gets involved in being a father. Miranda has a party for Kit and Joey and is puzzled at Mitch's concern when Rachel doesn't show up. After a fight with Blaine that Jordan witnesses, Buzz is killed in a car accident. Kit and Joey move into Miranda's when their home is broken into. Rachel tells Mitch she can't stand the sight of him. While drunk, Pat

gives Cecile the ammunition she needs.

THIS WEEK: Cecile uses Pat's letter against her. Mitch has a change of heart

TEXAS -- Iris tells Alex she may stay in Texas and calls Brian. Paige plays up to Clipper to make Terry jealous. Ryan suggests that Mike's house be sold to Alex. Reena's detective takes some incriminating photos of Alex and Vicki. Reena uses the photos as blackmail to let her stay in town. Courtney's romance with Kevin heats up and Kevin leaves Reena.

THIS WEEK: Affairs of the heart bring Kevin home. Ryan is falling hard for Ginny.

Days OF OUR LIVES --Doug blames himself for Julie's critical condition. David blames him as well.
Anderson Corporation is in bad shape and Chandler tries to buy them out. Mary is against it. Chandler tries to buy off Neil but Neil is determined to marry Liz. Alex tries to put the squeeze on Chandler.

THIS WEEK: Don does some dirty work for Chandler. Neil falls into a trap.

THE DOCTORS -- Matt is allowed to perform surgery. Shelley fingers Brad when she overhears his escape plan and Warner beats him up. Jason regains consciousness and asks where he is. Luke cuts himself so he'll be admitted to the Emergency Room and hopefully get to Missy. The city counsel stalls on Warner's demands so he

decides to cut off the life support systems for critically ill patients. Carolee knows that Shelley is in with Warner. THIS WEEK: Missy is in more danger than the others. Warner is determined to carry out his threats.

BY MARY ANN COOPER



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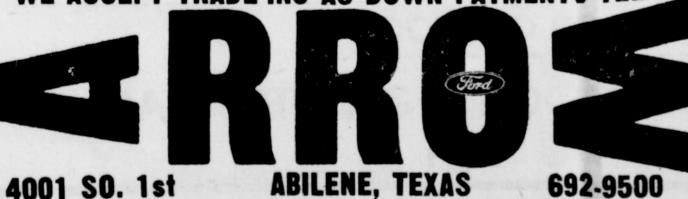
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The Consumer Alert

by Mark White Attorney General

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## Roundup for Crippled Children set Sept. 29

ABILENE-- After 21 years, the Cattlemen's Round-Up for Crippled Children has seen a few changes, but the objectives remain the same!

When the late Conda H. Wylie donated 20 steers to be sold to defray operational expenses of the West Texas Rehabilitation Center, it was the start of a big annual tradition. Now ranchmen from throughout the Southwest cut ou a few head of livestock every fall and donate to WTRC. As a result, several hundred head are auctioned off with proceeds going to WTRC.

Cowboy movie star Rex Allen will be on the banks of the Concho River in San Angelo Sept. 6th to officially kickoff the 1980 Cattlemen's Round-Up for Crippled Children.

Focus will draw to Abilene on Sept. 29 for CRCC cattle sale. CRCC Horse Sale will be Oct. 4 in Abilene and CRCC Livestock Sale in Coleman Oct. 8. CRCC Sheep and Goat Sale will be Oct. 13 in

"Last year, the cattlemen's round-up sales raised \$200,000 for the Rehab Centers of Abilene, San Angelo, and Snyder," states Shelley V. smith, WTRC executive director. "When dollars are converted, the amount provides care for almost 8,000 handicapped people from throughout the South-

No one had any idea what the late Mr. Wylie's idea would spur 21 years ago. He came to Smith with the suggestion that 20 top steers be cut from his Fort Chadbourne ranch near Bronte that autumn of 1960. Other ranchers wanting to donate to WTRC but, broke from a long drought of the 1950's, had to find a way of giving other than money. A few head of cattle they could spare.

The response was deeply gratifying to Smith and other center officials. The gathering of the cattle was almost immediately called the "Cattlemen's Round-Up for Crippled Children."

The unique method of funding the center was copyrighted that first year and is now a vital part of

the annual funding for WTRC.

Jim Alexander of Abilene is overall roundup hairman. Jim Franklin of San Angelo is roundup chairman. Jim Franklin of San Angelo is roun chairman in the Rehab Southwest Texas region They have selected various county and area chairmen in almost every area of the Southwest, Smith praised the West Texas ranching industry for its tremendous help in raising funds for the WTRC through the Cattlemen's Round-Up program.

"Gifts are the bulk of the WTRC income," added. "The 1980 budget of more than \$2.5 million calls for about 75 percent coming from gifts."

WTRC is a private, non-profit diagnostic and treatment facility for the handicapped in the Southwest. With a goal for treating the whole patient rather than just the handicap, services offered include physical therapy, social services, psychological therapy, social services offered include physical therapy, social services, psychological therapy, so logy, orthotics, diagnostic services, education, adaptive equipment shops, audiology, medical clinics, genetics counseling and transportation.

## Texans have lower cost of living than most

COLLEGE STATION- "No place but Texas!" -- it costs less to live! a family resource management specialist says.

In other states, families need \$20,517 to maintain an "intermediate level" of living, but in Texas they need less, Nancy Granovsky reports.

Mrs. Granovsky, on the home economics staff of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System, cites recent family-budget figures released by the Bureau of Labor Statistics for the "latest-Texas-brag" material.

This brag is no joke, either, she says According to the report, Dallas families can buy that same "intermediate level" of living for \$18,301, and Houston families can get it for !19,025

These budget figures are derived from what it would cost an urban family of four--that is, an age-38 hisband, employed full-time, a non-employed wife, aboy age 13, and a girl age 8 -- to buy specific goods and services for a whole year at autumn, 1979 prices. Dallas and Houston are the only two area in Texas for which specific data were collected.

There's even more "brag" to the report: Texas costs less at lower- and at higher-budget levels, too. At the lower-budget level, families in other states would have to spend \$12,585.

However, Dallas families would pay only \$11,687, and Houston families would spend only \$12,000 to maintain the same level of living.

On the "high side," families in other states needed \$30,317 to stay in that living standard. Dallas families who wanted to live at these higher-budget levels only had to spend \$27,004, and Houston families needed \$27,686.

Absence of a state income tax is the major reason But what if you aren't a four-member urban family?

Other report figures the same story For example, single people (under age 35) trying to maintain an intermediate level of living in Dallas would pay \$6,405. In Houston, they would pay \$6,659.

However, in any other state it would cost \$7,180. A one-parent family with two children trying to maintain the lower level of living would have to spend \$8,882 in Dallas-- and \$9,196 in Houston. But in any other state it would cost \$9,564.

What do these "made-up" budgets really tell us, though?-- and what do they not tell us?

Mrs. Granovsky says they do not tell us what it really costs people in Texas to live. Instead, they say what a "standard" marketbasket of goods and services costs in two areas of Texas and

in other regions of the United States. This marketbasket includes items ranging from food and housing to toothpaste and taxes, but it certainly does not cover everything Texas residents or those of other states really buy, the specialist adds. However, the "made-up" budgets do provide one

thing: a way to compare budget costs across the United States, and, no matter how they do it, the answer is still the same.

It costs less to live in Texas.

#### to benefit from downward ments. Ayers, Ozella visit

James Ayers of Jonsboro, Ark, and his sister, Cynthia Ayers Ozella of Hico visited friends in town this

Both were graduated from Merkel High School and were in town speaking with old school

An educational meeting on Wheat Production will be held Tuesday, August 19, 2 p.m., in the Extension Meeting room, Old County Courthouse, Abilene.

The meeting, sponsored by the extension crops committee, will bring producers up to date on new varieties, production practices and insect control.

Dr. Willis Gass, extension agronomist, and Dr. Tom Fuchs, extension entomologist, will present the program

Dr. Gass will discuss varieties recommended for this area. He will include the new varieties TAM 105 and TAM 106 in the discussion.

Use of fertilizer to increase yields and grazing will also be included in Gass's talk as well as varieties of wheat for grazing. He will also give comparisons in forage study between wheat, oats, barley and rye.

Wheat production meeting set Aug. 19

Dr. Fuch's part on the program will include the outlook on insect infestations for the coming year as well as identification and control methods. Dr Fuchs

will discuss some methods of cultural control or things to do to help prevent insect problems.

Wheat is the most important crop grown in Taylor County. Approximately 80,000 acres are sown each year, and this produces about \$5 million gross income for the county. If adoption of new varieties, cultural practices or use of fertilizer would increase the yield by two bushels per acre, then this could generate an additional one half million dollars per-



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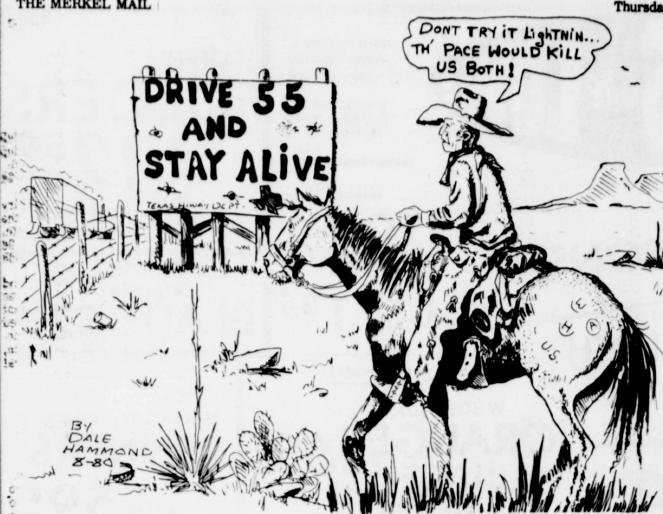
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## Tye still hangin' in there

by Harold Boyd

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Been somewhat quiet here in Tye, but folks, we

The digging in the alleys for the sewer lines have started, and it is progressing on schedule. James Snowden, Mayor has sent out post cards informing each residence that they should place a stake as to where you want the sanitary tee put so as you may tie in on the line after it is approved for service. When you put the stake in, flagge it so as the contractors know this is where you want to tie in on

"Allen" has died and made its way into history as the 2nd worst himicame. The damages will be assessed by now and it will be somewhat high, but not a costly as it would have if the storm had continued it furry.

Last week we made an appeal regarding the Tye Volunteer fire department. At last Tuesday meeting, the few members that were there voted to spend all its money to get another truck for the protection of Tye. Also voted on was to reorganize the department in a new charter and by-laws. All this was approved by the members present. Saturday we purchased a 34 ton truck and now are in the process of outfitting it for use as a fire fighting appartaues. As some of our businesses have been contacted, and to those who gave, we thank you. Yes, the department is on a current fund drive for any support we can get. This department is supported by our musicals, through donations of food, entertainment only. We receive very little assistance through city tax revenue funds.
Our support is soley donation

people who care. So beings what is cost for a new truck, we are now born Aug. 6th at Rolling grandmother is Mrs. asking and will be contacting every nome in Tye for money. This money will go into repairs, equipment Sweetwater. That is and has been desperately needed for a long Christophe time. "Got to have something to work with before long and weighed 7 lbs of Oklahoma.

you can do anything" That is where the department is now heading. Better updated equipment, learning newer tactics in fighting fires and learning safety going to an alarm, etc. Again we are seeking new members and would appreciated any and all help that we can get. Don't be surprised if someone is knocking on your door asking for whatever you can give, also extending an invitation for you to join and

When we get the truck done, more than likely we will have an open house for you to view what we had and now what we have.

Your city alderpersons will have met at the new city hall Tuesday and this reporter will report the items in our next column.

The city budget will be read sometime this month before it is finally approved, at this time no date has been set, but it will be prior to September 1st. Be sure you attend, this is an open meeting to the public and you can hear how and where your new city taxes will be going for the fiscal year. Notices are posted at the city hall and post office as to the dates and

For this week, you all take care and shall see you

### Crouses have son

Plains Hospital in

Mike and Andrea and 3 oz. His paternal Crouse of Merkel have grandparents are Mr. announced the birth of a and Mrs. Paul Crouse of son, Christopher Gene, Merkel and maternal

His maternal grandfa-Christopher was 20 in. ther is Johnny Sansom

## Riggans reunion held Saturday

The Riggan Reunion was held Saturday and Sunday August 9 and 10 at Abilene State Park, Buffalo Gap. Those attending the reunion were Mr. and Mrs. Gold Riggan, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Riggan, Christy and Nat of Lamesa, Tx. Mrs. Mary Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Al Leveritt and Mari Sue. Mr. and Mrs. Berdon Conley, Audrey, Dewayne of Houston, Tx. Mrs. Cleric Description Dewayne of Houston, Tx. Mrs. Gloria Dean Stone, Dolly, Chrstine, Susan Domino of Spring, Texas. Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Riggan, Linda Riggan and daughter. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Riggan. Mr. and Mrs. Lew Riggan and baby. Mr. Larry Riggan of Colleyville, TX. Leona Conley, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Swinney, Betty Conley, Mr. and Mrs. Kent Satterwhite, Renee Perry, Grace Riggan, Lonnie Riggan of Merkel. Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Riggan, Donnie, Danny. Jeanette Conley, Mr. and Mrs. Murrell Riggan, Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Holmes and Ryan, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Harris, Sue Ann and Milo of Merkel. Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Conley, Fort

Stockton TX. Mr. and Mrs. Steve Conley, Makinzie of Abilene. Mr. and Mrs. Tim Riggan, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Riggan. Ricky Conley, all of Midland, TX. Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Dearing and Matthew of Albernathy, TX. Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Russom of Kelso Albernathy, TX. Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Russom of Kelso Washington. Remona, Trace, and Ricy Watkins of Stephenville, TX. Mr. and Mrs. John Riggan of Columbus, Georgia. John and Jane Riggan of Blacksburg, Virginia, John and Gloria Riggan of Columbus, Georgia. Velna Riggan of Boonsville, North Carolina, Jerry Riggan of Waynesboro, virginia, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Riggan and Teresa of Austin TX., Jerry Riggan of Plain, TX, Yvonne Swinney of Anson, TX., Mr. and Mrs. Larry Bankhead, Jason, LaShay and Brad of Austin, TX. Guests who attended were: David Kraatz of Guests who attended were: David Kraatz of Midland, TX., Esther Luke, Merkel, Bob Campbell, Trent, TX., Bonnie Kelly Abilene, TX., Tammy Martin, Merkel, Kim, Merkel, Lucille Allen, Merkel, Pearl McNat and husband of California.

## FmHA disaster loans available

Emergency loans for farmers, ranchers, or aquaculture operators are available through county offices of the Farmers Home Administration (FmHA), Don Newhouse, FmHA county supervisor,

Newhouse asked that those who need farm credit as a result of drought make their needs known at the Farmers Home Administration office at Abilene or

Applications for assistance in the disaster stricken counties will be accepted by Farmers Home until May 7, 1981 for physical losses and May 7, 1981 for production losses.

FmHA loans covering actual physical and production losses may be used to replace installations, equipment, or buildings, (including homes) lost through this disaster. Funds may be used to buy feed, seed, fertilizer, livestock, or to meet interest and depreciation payments on current real estate and chattel debts. Other loans, beyond actual losses, can be made for annual operating

expenses or to make major adjustments in a farming (or ranching or aquaculture) operation.

"Funds can be used for essential operating and living costs," Newhouse said.

Loans covering actual losses are made at an interest rate of five percent and are scheduled for repayment as rapidly as feasible consistent with the applicant's reasonable ability to pay. Loans beyond actual losses have various maturities, depending upon the purpose of the loan.

The interest rate for short-term loans for farm operating purposes is 5 percent. Long-term loans are being made at an interest rate of 101/2 percent.

To be eligible for an emergency loan, an applicant must have suffered lossed from the disaster and be unable to get credit from other sources

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re-school children. For further information, please contact Bernice Jacobs at 228-5176 or 928-5852

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Dear Editor:

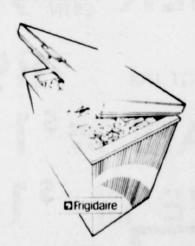
Census '80 is about completed here and I could not leave without expressing to you my appreciation for the splendid help you ave to publicizing the It was a ensus. deasure working with

The Census Bureau in Vashington and we here the Abilene office hank you for the generous publicity you gave the census.

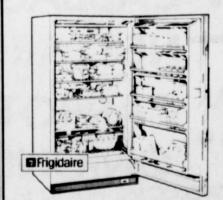
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