

The Merkel Mail

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The Badger defense stacks up a Menard runner as Ricky Mathewson (67) puts on the finishing touch. Looking on are Terry Owen (80) and Billy Walters

(77). Menard handed the Badgers a 35-0 drubbing in the season opener for both teams here Friday night. (Staff photo)



Drum Major Debbie Williams (center, white hat) leads the Badger Band to their first appearance for

the year at halftime of the Menard game here Friday night. (Staff photo)

Rain, games, shame & more

by Cloy A. Richards

As of noon Tuesday, the downtown area here had received 3.7 inches of rain and it was still coming. Lake Sweetwater, which has been seeing its water level go lower and lower throughout the summer, had at least six inches of rain as of Tuesday morning and chances for more rain were above 50 per cent according to the National Weather Service.

My buddy at the weather service told me Tuesday morning, the rain is being caused by a tropical depression that never made it to the hurricane status. The cell, making it's way from the Gulf Coast, paused in Menard Monday night and dumped 13 inches of rain in that city and sent six inches of water into the downtown area. That will teach them for beating us 35-0.

Of course, a lot of the old timers are saying it is the West Texas Fair, which runs through the weekend, that brought the rain.

We will take it any way we can get it.

The Badgers travel to Eastland Friday for an 8 p.m. contest and the Merkel home fans will get their first look at the JV, 8th, and 7th grade teams as they host Eastland Thursday. The 7th grade gets underway at 5:30, 8th grade at 6:30 and J.V. at 8 p.m.

Former Merkel ISD Superintendent Dr. Raymond Etheridge, who resigned last Tuesday night at a special meeting of the school board, has accepted a position with the San Antonio public schools. He will continue to draw his monthly salary from Merkel ISD through Jan. 31, 1981.

The Merkel Parent-Teachers Organization is now conducting their annual membership drive through September.

Annual dues in the organization are \$1 and the PTO supports learning programs of MISD through various fund raising events.

Students brought a note home from school this week and the Mail encourages people to send in their buck and take a part with the PTO.

Merkel has a new police chief as of Monday night, Jerry Cowin. Cowin will take over for Ray Pack, who will be accepting a post with the Taylor County Sheriff's Department on Sept. 15th. The Mail will run a story about the new chief, as soon as he and his family have moved here.

Have you seen the Ben Franklin flag pole lately? Some kids, parking Friday night at the famous right-of-way, could think of nothing better to do than bend the pole, but one of the young people there turned them in and Merkel Police Chief Ray Pack arrested them Monday.

It is a crying shame anytime vandalism happens, but at least this time the culprits were caught, and will pay for the damages.

I had a most enlightening conversation Monday with the new MISD Superintendent Bill Everett and he seems like an educator that is very serious about his job.

What I like most is what he had to say about enthusiasm in the education business. He said he has no patience with people in the school business that are not enthusiastic about what they are doing and that is very true.

I remember a couple of graduate student-college professors that must have hated giving classroom lectures and the only reason they were teaching was that it was a requirement. I remember thinking what a waste of time it was for both of us because the students weren't learning and their lazy attitude in class meant they were studying the wrong thing.

What I also like was his emphasis of the open door policy and truthfulness. Both are a must in modern-day school systems and he seems to be the kind of man that will deliver for the students, teachers and taxpayers of this district.

A reader came in Monday to deliver a chuckle clipped from another newspaper. It read, "The man who gets into a cage full of lions impresses everyone except a school bus driver."

The Badgers may have lost another football game Friday, but for the first time in quite a while, we did not lose at halftime.

New band director Randy Tierce, described this year's band as the New Look Badger Band and he was quite right.

Sporting a new flag corp, some new field instruments and a band that boasts about 60 members, the Badger Band has the makings of something we can be proud of.

City hires police chief, rejects water proposal, adopts tax roll

The Merkel City Council hired a new police chief and rejected a water proposal from Keenan Land Development at their regular meeting Monday night.

Jerry Cowin, a 12 year veteran in law enforcement was hired effective Sept. 15th to replace Police Chief Ray Pack, who is resigning to accept a post with the Taylor County Sheriff's Department.

Cowin holds the advanced and intermediate certification for law enforcement, which is the highest certifications offered to city-county police. He has worked for the Concho Valley Sheriff's Department as well as the Colorado City Police Department.

Council also rejected a water proposal from an

attorney representing Keenan Land Development. The proposal called for the installation of a six inch main water meter and proposed a 65 cent per 1,000 gallon charge. City Manager J.S. Sadler said the city currently only has a contract with the City of Tye and that contract is for .74 cents per 1,000 gallons.

Council also approved the 1980-81 city tax roll that sets value of real estate within the city or \$4,634,227 and personal property at \$1,442,801. That value will generate \$91,154.98 in taxes.

Those figures compare to 1979-80 values of \$4,520,147 in real estate, \$1,431,760 in personal property that generated \$90,049.69 in city taxes last year.

Menard spans Badgers 35-0, Merkel travels to Eastland Friday

Led by senior fullback Roger Saucedo, the Menard Yellowjackets blasted the Merkel Badgers 35-0 in the season opener for both teams here Friday night.

Saucedo racked up 194 yards on 22 carries and scored four touchdowns.

Badger head coach Byron Shelley said, "We were pretty disgusted with the result and we simply did not perform at all."

The Badgers took the opening kickoff and reeled off two first downs as Senior quarterback Bart Pursley scampered around left end for a 47 yard gain to the Yellowjacket 8 yard line. The next play, Pursley was hit as he attempted to pitch the ball out and fumbled, killing the drive. Coach Shelley said the fumble hurt because it was a let down for us. Had we scored, the Yellowjackets would have been let down, and things may have changed some.

Saucedo scored on runs of 9, 10, and 24 and the Yellowjackets also had another touchdown as quarterback Ronny Castleberry hit tight end Scott McHorse for a 24 yard touchdown.

Coach Shelley said the team suffered no injuries in the contest although Pursley is still not 100 per cent from an injury sustained in the first scrimmage. He said some adjustments would be made on defense, but mainly, we just have to perform a lot better.

The coach said he liked the way offensive center Tony McEnroe played and was pleased with the performance of Terry Owen, Sal Acosta and Randy Martin in the defensive backfield.

The Badgers will travel to Eastland for an 8 p.m. contest Friday. Coach Shelley said they have a real good duo of running backs and have the best team they have had in five years. They blasted Glen Rose 33-0 in their season opener and they easily beat Clyde in their first scrimmage. He said he expected tailback Thomas Sanders to cause the Badgers some problems.

The Badgers had 113 yards rushing in 18 attempts, were 4 of 13 passing with one interception, had four first downs, lost three fumbles, were penalized 6 times for 50 yards, punted three times for a 29 yard average.

Menard had 262 rushing yards in 35 attempts, completed 3 of 7 passes for 40 yards, had 13 first downs, punted twice for a 26 yard average, were penalized seven times for 109 yards and lost one fumble.

In other games this week, the Merkel 7th grade plays Eastland at 5:30 here, the eighth grade plays Eastland here at 6:30 and the Junior Varsity also takes on Eastland here at 8 p.m.

Meet superintendent Bill Everett

New MISD Superintendent Bill Everett told the Mail Monday, "I guess you could sum up my philosophy on education with an old saying that certainly is not original, Everybody is Somebody."

"Kids are somebody, too. They are all made in the image of God and they should strive to better themselves."

Everett came to MISD following a two year stint as superintendent of the Sands ISD. A graduate of Putnam High, as well as Cisco Junior College and Hardin Simmons University, Everett received his masters from Abilene Christian and has accomplished some of his doctoral work at North Texas State University.

He began his professional education career at nearby Trent, where he was a coach, but was interrupted by Uncle Sam's call for military service in the Korean Conflict. Following two years in the service, Everett coached one year at Lorraine, then went to Colorado City as a coach. From there, he went to Irving where he coached before moving into administration as an assistant principal at an Irving Junior High school. He was promoted to assistant principal at Nimitz High in Irving and then in 1972 was named principal of Colorado City High School. He stayed at C-City for eight years before taking the superintendent's job at Sands.

He said he accepted the Merkel job because he considered it a career advancement.

He is married and his wife, Fredalyn, is a teacher at Sweetwater. He has two sons, Mike, 25 and Bill 22. He also has a seventh grade daughter, Anne, who is 12.

The superintendent said, "I am a guy that likes challenges and I feel there is a healthy challenge here. I am tickled to be returning to the Big Country (he grew up in Putnam) because I love this country and the people are the greatest people in the world."

Asked to prioritize his philosophy toward school administration, he replied (1) we are here to educate children, (2) I believe in strict discipline, (3) I believe in the faculty doing the teaching while the kids are doing the learning, (4) Fairness-tough but fair, (5) I believe in an open door policy, if someone has a problem with this school, I want to hear about it and will do my best to solve the problem, (6) Truthfulness with all people, (7) Enthusiasm, I have no patience with people in the school business who are not enthusiastic about what they are doing.

Concerning money, the superintendent said, "I am slightly conservative when it comes to spending the taxpayer's dollar. I feel a keen responsibility about spending tax dollars and we won't spend money on frills."

Everett said he has been well received here and he wants to get to know the people in the community as quickly as possible. He also said he wants to become involved in community affairs and projects.

He added, "I want people to realize that I am not a know-it-all, and anyone who comes in new will make mistakes, but I will correct them. If the community will get behind us and back us, we will make this a better school. I want to emphasize the open door

policy. I feel like parents have a right to see the superintendent if they have a problem. The people will not agree with everything we do, and what we do and say may not be what they want to hear, but it will be the truth.

Everett said, "I am sold on the school board, we have a good understanding and I feel like I know what they want me to do."

As far as future goals he added, "I would like to start a superior talent skill program here. I have started one at each school I have been an administrator at. If you are not moving ahead in a school district, you will fall behind because education is always changing."

He closed by saying, "Education is not totally successful because society never knows which direction it is going. It is our job as educators to steer the children in the right direction."



New Merkel ISD Superintendent Bill Everett talked to the Mail Monday morning to explain some of his educational and administrative philosophies.

Tye city council meets, more

What's Happening In Tye?
by Harold Boyd

What didn't we get for Billy or Jane, seems like when we went to get school supplies, we got everything. Well that isn't the case, just forgot pencils, no. 2 kind but by now they should be settled and have everything till they bring home a note from the teacher that we need whatever. Sure is fall; school, football, and fair. Has your week been something of a rush, not enough time to complete everything that you set out to do? That's what it has been for me and I don't feel alone.

Just what is happening in Tye? Last week a budget hearing was held at the City Hall. Some 20 persons attended and listened to the budget. Most people that were there were concerned as to where the sewer line was coming or going. To those who called regarding police protection and as to why we only have a 40 hour week policeman, you need to petition your city council, mayor and speak up. For the tax year 1980 to 1981, we have a budget of \$20,274.00 to include salary, uniform, insurance and gasoline. Crime doesn't work 40 hours a week, crime is 168 hours a week, 365 days a year. Our Sheriff department has more to handle and cover and can not give us the protection that they would like all communities to have. So we must settle with what we have and only hope for the best. If you are interested, let your council persons know and feel. Here is the tentative budget for Oct. 1, 1980 to Sept. 30, 1981. Expenditures of \$202,000, Income \$207,000. Taxes will not be raised due to income of various area that Tye receives. This budget will have some deletions made and would have been read and past after this writing. The people who worked on this budget spent a lot of time and gave of themselves to have a surplus that will be there. This surplus could be more due to calculation over the past few years, council persons figured on a low basis. Should you want a detail of the budget, it is on file at the City Hall.

Tye "Bluebonnets" meet every 2nd Tuesday of the month at various members home. Their last meeting they held elections and elected Rhonda Griffith as president of the "Bluebonnets". Congratulations Rhonda from the staff at the Mail. At this meeting, the "Bluebonnets" made mini loafs of bread for the fair and will be on sale in the "Modern Living Mall". Go by and see their works, as well as the other many exhibits. Now this group is open to any woman and they welcome you. October 14th is their next meeting which will be held at Rhonda's home and the program will be "Updating your Kitchen" and quest speaker will be Roberta Waters from the Extension office of Abilene. Should you want more detail of the group, you can call Ann Adams at 692-8680 or Nancy Moore at 692-6403 for dates of meetings, programs, etc. So Rhonda says, "See you there at our next meeting."

The city council will have met this past Tuesday and with only 8 things on the agenda, it would be a short meeting. They are to cover the minutes of Aug. 12 meeting, Billy Jacobs of Yealts and Decker will give a report and seek payment for completed sewer

project, read Ordinance 80-4 regarding the leveling of taxes, 80-5 re budget, 2 CD's that are now renewable, have police and court report and last but not least, conditions of our finances. Again, seek your council in action, be there.

Tye volunteer fire department is working on fire protection. It was brought to the attention of the Mayor that what few hydrants, we have several were not working. Mayor Snowden took immediate action and is getting them up to standard. Yes, there are several areas that are lacking plugs, but it takes money and materials and this must be done. As you pay for house insurance, you'll have noticed a great increase in premiums and this is one factor the other factor is training, equipment. These rates can be reduced but by only having an active, trained and good equipment of protection. These rates will continue to increase, but you can help in keeping them lower by joining, training and being dedicated to the department and community. At the present we have a few who are qualified to operate our vehicles, and we can use more members and financial support. Won't you take time to join or contribute a dollar or so to the equipment fund? We'll be happy to accept your donation and soon you'll be seeing the results of a few people and business.

So in hard times and fair week we got some rain. We do appreciate your comments both ways.

Farmer succumbs

James Edward Farmer, 57, of San Antonio died at 5:30 p.m. Monday, September 1, 1980, after a short illness.

Services were held Sept. 4, 1980 at 1 p.m. by Sunset Funeral Home, San Antonio. Burial was in Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery with Chaplain Paul Garrity, officiating.

Born Dec. 8, 1923, he was the son of the late A.L. Farmer. He was a

retired Lt. Col. from the Army.

He is survived by his wife, June; two daughters, Brenda Atherton, San Antonio and Melinda Jackson, Abilene; four brothers, Eddie, El Paso; Travis, Abilene; Derrell, Merkel; Fred, Dallas; one sister, Blanche Hewitt, Merkel. Two step sons, Derrell and David both of San Antonio and one step grandson, Tom, of San Antonio.

PTO holding membership drive

The Merkel Parent Teachers Organization has started their annual membership drive and it will run through Sept. 28.

People interested in joining that organization

are encouraged to contact Jeanette Pursley or Larry Gill.

Meeting dates are planned for Sept. 29, Dec. 8, March 22, April 27 and May 27. The Halloween Carnival has been set for Oct. 25th.



Shannon Barnes

United Savings hires Barnes as manager

United Savings of Texas is happy to announce that Shannon Barnes has been assigned as the new branch manager of the Merkel Branch of the Association.

Shannon is a former Miss Merkel and a 1980 graduate of Merkel High School. She completed an Office Machines course at McMurry College in 1980. Shannon was twirler in the band, named Miss MHS, and chosen Best All-around Girl by the 1980 MHS Faculty. She was named to Who's Who among American High School Students for two consecutive years and to the Society of Distinguished American High School Students for the year 1979.

Shannon was born and raised in Merkel. She is married to Bobby Barnes. He is employed by Global Marine Offshore Drilling Company. Bob

and Shannon live south of Merkel in Mulberry Canyon.

On Friday, August 29, 1980, the Merkel Branch hosted a Back-To-School Party with fashions displayed by Circle A. Western House. Shannon had the pleasure of wearing a beautiful western suit that day, courtesy of Circle A. The Merkel High School Twirlers were a great help as they served refreshments to those attending.

The month of September has been set as WESTERN MONTH at the Merkel Branch. Western fashions are on display by Circle A Western House.

Wayne Adcock has been named Artist-of-the-month. His paintings, along with the western wear from Circle A, will be on display for the public to view during the month of September.

Starr volunteers off to good start

Our volunteer program got off to a great start in August. Our volunteers to date include: Vernice Palmer, Pearl McClain, Lloyd and Fairy Pribble, Sallie Ewing, Jessie Reagan, Darlene Williams, Mary Gill, Jessie Williams, and Ly Tran.

We will be known as the "red and white" volunteers because of the red gingham uniforms that we are wearing. The ladies are wearing the red and white gingham aprons made by Ollie Deatherage. The men are wearing red gingham vests made by Jessie Reagan. The volunteers will also have a volunteer patch and name badge which have been ordered by Brenda at the nursing home.

Our volunteers gave 54 hours of service during August and helped with such services as visiting, feeding, mending, playing the piano, singing, taking residents to town and hair styling. Residents were also entertained during the month by a singing group led by Otto Brazzell of Tye.

A special need right

now at the home is a piano. The residents love to hear the piano, but the piano is in such poor condition that it can no longer be tuned. We would appreciate the help of anyone who might know where we can get another piano in better condition.

There is some news concerning the residents of the home. The newest resident is Claude Strubling of Trent. The most recent loss to the home is Mrs. Carey who has moved. Roy Green remains in the nursing home section of the V.A. hospital in Big Spring, but expects to return to the home here soon.

A number of residents will be celebrating birthdays during the month of September. These include: Clara Payne, 9-1; W.C. Landers, 9-4; Grace Riggan, 9-11; Ila Mae Hughes, 9-13; Edith Perry, 9-17; and Ollie Deatherage, 9-17.

We are still in need of volunteers. If you would like to give a part of yourself to brighten the lives of others, please give me a call. Our next meeting is Friday, Sept. 12 at 9:00 a.m. in the Church of Christ Family Center.

Need some trees?

Applications for ordering pine and windbreak tree seedlings from the Texas Forest Service are now available. Due to limited quantities, orders should be placed early.

Pine tree species available for the 1980-81 planting season include regular slash and loblolly, and drought-hardy loblolly. Price is \$20 per thousand, or \$3 per hundred, f.o.b. nursery. Windbreak tree spec-

ies include baldcypress, green ash, honeylocust, loblolly pine, mulberry, Oriental arborvitae, Osage orange, Russian olive, shortleaf pine, Shumard oak, Siberian elm, slash pine, sweetgum, sycamore, and Virginia pine. Cottonwood cuttings and stratified black walnut seeds also are available. Cost of all windbreak species is \$12.50 per hundred. Nursery, P.O. Box 617, Alto, Texas 75925.

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Boneless Cooked

Bacon 98¢ lb

Sliced Slab

Bologna 1³⁹ lb

NINTH STREET GROCERY & MOBIL GAS

Trent News

Trent takes on Paint Creek Friday

Saying his players are anxiously awaiting their first game of the season, the Trent Gorillas will open their 1980 football season at home Friday against Paint Creek at 8 p.m.

Trent Coach Bob Campbell told the Mail his players have looked good in their first two scrimmages, but the kids are getting restless to get the season underway.

Trent's first game was cancelled and they don't know much about Paint Creek because they have not fielded a football team in three years.

Paint Creek won their first game of the season as they posted a 38-0 win over the Gorman JV Team.

Starters for this year's team include Greg Beasley at quarterback, Richard Beaver and Lloyd Williams at running backs, all-state center Edie Adams returns and offensive ends Billy Williams and Riley West. The same players will start on defense.

The Junior High football schedule was also released. Trent will host McCaulley at 6 p.m. Sept. 25, will host Lueders-Avoca at 5:30 p.m. Oct. 2, will host Highland at 6 p.m. Oct. 9, will travel to Highland Oct. 16 at 6 p.m., will travel to Lueders-Avoca Oct. 23 at 5:30 p.m. and will travel to McCaulley Oct. 30 at 6 p.m.

Vo-Ag news

All the Vo. Ag. students and Mr. Ray have been very busy the past few weeks. During that time we elected our new FFA officers. They are: President-Riley West, Vice President- Lloyd Williams Jr., Reporter-John Perkins, Secretary Leslie Masonheimer, Treasurer- Greg Beasley, and Sentinel- Carlos Garza. After that we started building a fence around the school property. It will be made out of Bull wire and

each post will be set in cement. Also about 150 pigs have been put on feed for the stock shows coming up after January.

Other activities include the West Texas Fair. Nine members have shown swine there this year. They include Lloyd Williams Jr., Debra Williams, Billy Williams, Joe McGlothlin, Leigh Ann McGlothlin, Missy Simpson, Chris Simpson, Lee Hunt, and Edie Adams.

Sr. spirit stickers

The Trent Seniors are selling spirit stickers. They come in a sheet of peel off stickers suitable for car windows or bumpers and small ones for decorating notebooks and bicycles. Each sheet has seven stickers

and sell for \$1.50. They may be purchased from any Senior and will also be on sale at the football game, Friday night. This is a good way to boost the Gorillas and Trent as well as support the Seniors.

Srs. say thanks

The Trent Seniors wish to thank all of the people and businesses in Merkel and Trent who have helped them by saving aluminum cans and newspapers. The project has netted the

Seniors over \$400.00 thus far and they will continue collecting these items until March. If you need papers or cans picked up, call any Senior or their sponsor, Mrs. John Brady.

QUICK HEALTH QUIZ

By C. H. Tracy, M.D.
Do you have a healthy idea about what it takes to stay healthy? This quiz can help you tell.

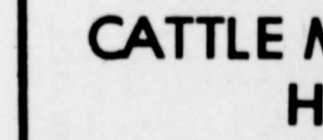
1. By taking a pulse rate, a doctor determines (a) the artery size (b) the heart beat (c) the blood condition?

2. Minor burns should be treated with (a) a general antiseptic (b) butter (c) artificial respiration?

3. It's a good idea to see your dentist (a) twice a year (b) when you think you have a cavity (c) when your teeth need cleaning?

ANSWERS

1. (b) The doctor counts the number of heart beats per minute when he takes your pulse. 2. (a) Minor burns, cuts, and other simple injuries can be treated with a general antiseptic, such as Campho-Phenique. These antiseptics are also good for insect bites and poison ivy rashes. 3. (a) See your dentist at least twice a year. He can tell if you're getting a cavity before you can.



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Driving Smarter: Gadgets, Slicker Oil and Other Additives

By Brad Byers
U.S. Department of Energy

There's never been a shortage of devices to add onto your car, or to put into your gas tank or crankcase, that claim to give you better gas mileage.

Surprise! Some of them actually work, under some conditions. A few even pay for themselves in gasoline savings.

Among the most worthwhile "additives" are the new improved-friction motor oils. On the average, they improve gas mileage about five percent. And that is equal to saving about six cents a gallon on gas, or 80 cents to \$1.00 at each fill-up.

There are two types of improved-friction oils now available at most service stations: regular motor oils with special additives, and synthetic oils. They test about the same for increased miles-per-gallon, although the range of results in different tests is very wide.

Both cost more than the regular oils, and the synthetics cost about twice as much as the other improved oils. Synthetics, however, are advertised for less-frequent oil changes (as much as 25,000 miles between changes).

If your car is still under warranty, check first with your dealer before choosing a synthetic and the less-frequent change interval.

Laboratory and road tests of the two types of oils give results ranging from small losses in fuel economy to improvements of nine percent. It is reasonable to expect an average improvement of about five percent, in combined city and highway driving, for both types of oil.

You'll have to do your own figuring to determine whether you're likely to save money as well as gasoline. It depends on how much you pay for the oil, and how often you have it changed.

Playing Our Tune
Tune-ups save gas, Right? Tune-ups are expensive, Right?

Right again. You're not likely to save enough gasoline to pay for a full tune-up; but you need occasional tune-ups to keep your car running well, and increased gas mileage is an added benefit.

In many cases, a less-expensive "minor" tune-up will yield significant gas savings. This means cleaning and regapping the plugs and points and adjusting the timing.

An evaluation for the Department of Transportation concluded that it is reasonable to expect a three percent average improvement right after a tune-up. The year-long improvement

would be about one-and-one half percent, because the tuned condition gradually deteriorates.

This means that the average driver, who spends \$1,000 a year on gas, should save about \$15 from an annual tune-up.

If you're willing to invest some dollars in hardware, there are a number of gauges and gadgets on the market that can help you help yourself to save gas. Tests show that the average driver is unlikely to save enough to pay for some of the gadgets. But if you are above-average in your determination to increase those miles-per-gallon, the gauges may pay for themselves. This is especially true if you can install the devices yourself.

Prices vary so much that none will be listed here.



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79 COUGAR XR-7 All power assists, air, tilt, cruise, AM-FM stereo, XR-7 decor, grp., green with white top, 7100 miles	80 FAIRMONT FUTURA 4 dr. 4 cylinder, Automatic, Air, Power, Cruise, AM-FM Stereo, Vinyl top, Wire Wheel Covers, rear defrost, Bumper grp, Window vents, interior decor, Group Accent stripes etc., 2,800 miles
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MISD calendar

The 1980-81 school calendar for MISD Students is as follows:
Attendance Reporting Period: 1st six weeks, Sept. 2, 1980-Oct. 10, 1980; 2nd six weeks, Oct. 13, 1980-Nov. 21, 1980; 3rd six weeks, Nov. 24, 1980-Jan. 16, 1981; 4th six weeks, Jan. 19, 1981-Feb. 27, 1981; 5th six weeks, March 2, 1981-April 16, 1981; 6th six weeks, April 20, 1981-May 29, 1981.
Progress Reporting Dates: 1st six weeks, Oct. 15, 1980; 2nd six weeks, Nov. 26, 1980; 3rd six weeks, Jan. 21, 1981; 4th six weeks, March 4, 1981; 5th six weeks, April 22, 1981; 6th six weeks, May 29, 1981.
Holidays: Labor Day, Sept. 1, 1980; Thanksgiving, Nov. 27-28, 1980; Christmas, Dec. 22, 1980-Jan. 2, 1981; Spring Break, March 16-20, 1981.
Professional Growth and Work Day (Student Holidays): Aug. 25, 26, 1980, Professional Growth; Aug. 26-27, 1980 Work Days; Nov. 3, 1980, Professional Growth T.S.T.A. Meeting; April 17, 1981, Professional Growth; May 30, 1981, Work Day.
Early Dismissal Dates: (Merkel Schools 2:00 p.m., Tye Elementary 1:30 p.m.) Tuesday, Sept. 9, 1980 (West Texas Fair Sept. 6-13, 1980); Thursday Nov. 26, 1980 (Holiday); Friday Dec. 19, 1980 (Holiday); Friday March 13, 1981 (Holiday); Friday May 29, 1981 (Last Day of School).
Graduation Exercises: Sunday May 24, 1981, Merkel High School Baccalaureate Services; Thursday May 28, 1981, Merkel Middle School Graduation; Friday May 29, 1981, Merkel High School Graduation; Friday May 29, 1981, Merkel Elementary Awards Program; Friday May 29, 1981, Tye Elementary Awards Program.
 April 17, March 16, 17, 18, etc. may be used as make-up days lost due to bad weather.

Merrell's are new parents

Mark and Judy Merrell are the proud parents of a baby girl, Mica Michelle, born August 13, 1980 in Colorado City, Texas.
 The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brnovak of Merkel, Tx. and Rev. and Mrs. James Merrell of Snyder, Texas.

Homecoming meeting set

There will be a Trent Homecoming meeting, Saturday Sept. 13 at 1 p.m. in the High School Library. All exes of Trent High are urged to attend.



Freshmen girls were initiated last Wednesday evening by the girls of the Class of 81. Seniors doused the Freshmen with all sorts of various, smelly concoctions and the initiation ended up in a wallow in a pig pen. (Staff photo)

Loyd Jinkens succumbs

Loyd Alton Jinkens, 80, of Fort Worth, a retired rancher who had several Big Country relatives, died Sunday in a Fort Worth hospital after a lengthy illness. Services were held at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday at Shannon's North Funeral Chapel in Fort Worth with the Rev. Murry Ritchey officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery in Merkel with the Rev. Bob Parsons officiating.
 Mr. Jinkens was one of 13 founders of the American Quarter Horse Association, honorary vice president and past president of the National Cutting Horse Association, and past president of the Fort Worth Horseshoe Club, and a member of Ridgela Country Club. He had been honored by the Boy Scouts of America and the Texas Christian University Ranch Management Class. He showed Quarter Horses for 17 years for the King Ranch in South Texas.
 Survivors include his wife, Lena; a daughter, Mrs. Margaret Slocum of Brady; a brother, T.C. Jinkens of Roby; four sisters, Mrs. Jewel Steele of Sweetwater, Mrs. Mable Bicknell of Odessa, Mrs. Leona Sloan of Merkel, and Mrs. Ruby Miller of Fort Worth; and two grandchildren.

Tri-College offering more courses

Tri-College Continuing Education and Vocational Technical Training mailed 40,895 brochures, announcing their fall schedule of classes, to Abilene and selected Big Country residences on September 3 and 4, according to Dr. G. Norman Weaver, executive director of the community service program.
 The schedule announces classes in seventy-three subject areas, with more than one section set for some of the classes. Six of the classes are free

community service offerings, two are weekend workshops, six specialized real estate (approved by the Texas Real Estate Commission), four vocational technical training, and fifty-five other continuing education classes in numerous areas of need and general interests.

Weaver said the offerings include repeats of popular courses as well as what he feels are exciting new learning opportunities. He especially called attention to the free opportunity entitled "Women in Transition," coordinated by Mrs. Claudine Woodriddle.

Most of the classes will be starting the week of September 15 and meeting one night per week on a specified schedule, extending from four to fifteen weeks.

Pre-enrollment and an assured place in a class may be obtained by calling the Tri-College administrative office at (915) 673-4946 or by writing or coming to the offices at 1325 Ambler Avenue, Abilene 79601. As space permits other enrollments will be possible at the place and time of the first class meeting, according to Weaver.

Weaver said the only requirement to enroll is a genuine desire for enlightenment and self-improvement. He also said that many employers are recognizing the merits of the continuing education training and are paying the nominal tuition for their employees who will give of their time to attend the classes. Certificates of completion are issued without charge to each student who satisfactorily completes any course.

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- Mrs. Earl Palmer in memory of Joe Seymore and Mildred Gilbert.
- Mrs. Irvin Thompson.
- Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hartley in memory of Mildred Gilbert.

Band boosters will meet

The first Band Booster meeting of the year will be held Sept. 16 at 7:30 p.m. in the Band Hall.
 The meeting is open to anyone who has children in any of the bands.
 Items of discussion

will be homecoming activities, and methods for raising money for needed band equipment and supplies.
 More information is available by calling Randy Tierce at the Merkel High School.

NOTICE The deadline for Classified advertising is **NOON Tuesday**. The deadline for guaranteed placement of news is **5 p.m. Monday**. We would appreciate your cooperation.

The Staff of the Merkel Mail

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The Badger 7th grade, 8th grade and Junior Varsity teams will open their 1980 season here Thursday night. Kickoff is set for 5:30 for the 7th grade, 6:30 for the 8th grade and 8 p.m. for the Junior Varsity



Badger quarterback Bart Pursley takes off around left end for a 47 yard gain, the Badgers largest gain for the night. The Badgers are hoping to fare better against Eastland Friday night.

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The Small Business Administration (SBA) has made available disaster recovery loans to farmers, ranchers and agriculture-related businesses who suffered financial hardship due to adverse weather conditions in counties declared a disaster area, as well as adjacent counties in West Texas and the Texas Panhandle.

"Applicants may borrow only up to the amount of actual loss as verified by the County ASCS Office, FmHA, other USDA Agencies or by a SBA verifier. The losses cannot be duplicated and are only for losses not already covered by other disasters, deficiency or insurance payments. Applicants may not receive disaster funds from SBA if they have already received disaster assistance from another governmental agency covering the same disaster," said Russell R. Berry, Lubbock SBA District

Director.

Applicants in the declared counties of Hartley, Hardeman, Knox, Fisher, Swisher, Wheeler and Upton and adjacent counties of Dallam, Sherman, Moore, Potter, Oldham, Childress, Cottle, Foard, Wilbarger, King, Stonewall, Haskell, Throckmorton, Baylor, Kent, Scurry, Mitchell, Nolan, Taylor, Jones, Randall, Castro, Hale, Floyd, Briscoe, Armstrong, Hemphill, Roberts, Gray, Donley, Collingsworth, Crane, Ector, Midland, Glasscock and Reagan are urged to contact their area ASCS Office or contact the Lubbock SBA Disaster Office at (806) 762-7481 for eligibility information.

Physical disaster loan applicants filed under declaration no. 1821 must be received in the Lubbock SBA Disaster Office by October 22, 1980. The deadline for agriculture-related businesses to file for Economic Injury Disaster Loans is January 22, 1981.



The Consumer Alert

by Mark White
Attorney General

AUSTIN—Since the 1981 session of the Texas Legislature begins in January, several legislative committees are currently conducting hearings on topics of major concern to citizens of our state. I recently testified before the Senate Subcommittee on Consumer Affairs to advise the Senators of the work which my office has been doing to protect Texans. I would like to share highlights of my testimony with you today.

During my term in office the Consumer Protection and Antitrust Division has vigorously prosecuted violations of the Deceptive Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Act. From January 1, 1980, to July 31, 1980, the Division filed 60 lawsuits and assurances of voluntary compliance. During this same period of time, \$2,347,205.84 was obtained by the Division in judgments for consumer victims of deceptive trade practices.

The enormous variety of consumer problems attacked by the Division during this past year is notable: In McAllen we stopped the manufacture of worthless drugs which promised to cure everything from high blood pressure to heart disease. In San Antonio we stopped a valueless work at home scheme which caused hundreds of thousands of dollars of losses. In west Texas we stopped the sale of worthless real estate through a phony contest scheme which netted 12,000 victims before the first complaint was filed.

During the past twelve months, the Division has continued to improve on its ability to respond immediately to situations when such a response is necessary. For example, two separate bands of gypsies, posing as paving contractors and preying on senior citizens, were put out of business in Nacogdoches and Amarillo. In both cases, court orders were obtained by the

Division within 48 hours of the receipt of the complaints.

Additionally, within the last ninety days, upon receipt of requests for legal action from the department of Health, and operating under the authority of the 1977 amendments to the Nursing Home Act, the Division obtained court orders taking over the operation of three nursing homes whose patients had been severely neglected. These orders were obtained in a matter of hours from the time the Health Department's requests were received.

The Division's consumer complaint process continues to operate at the same level of efficiency it has enjoyed since 1974. Approximately 60% of all complaints filed with the Division are settled to the satisfaction of the consumers involved. Through this informal mediation process, the Division has recovered \$512,495.62 for individual

consumers in the last 12 months.

Approximately one year ago, we tried an experiment in resolving those complaints which fell outside the jurisdiction of the Division and other state and federal agencies. Up until that time, consumer complaints that did not fall within the scope of the statutes enforced by the Division or other agencies were simply closed out. We felt that something should be done in an effort to provide some assistance to consumers who had legitimate complaints but for whom there was no legal redress. We contacted the Better Business Bureau of Texas and asked for their assistance. The Bureau

agreed to provide whatever assistance they could in resolving these complaints. Fewer than 10% of the complaints received by the Division are forwarded to the Better Business Bureaus but we feel that this approach has helped to insure that when we are unable to assist, at least we can suggest an alternative source of help.

I am justifiably proud of the job which my Consumer Protection and Antitrust Division has done in protecting the citizens of Texas and can assure you that this work will continue.

School menu

Thursday, Sept. 11: Ground beef tacos, taco sauce, spanish rice, lettuce, cheese, and potato pie.

Friday, Sept. 12: Hamburgers, tomatoes, lettuce, pickles, onions, tater tots with catsup, and no bake cookies.

Monday September 15: Spaghetti with beef and cheese, buttered corn, lettuce wedge, choice of dressing, garlic bread, and frosted cake.

Tuesday September 16: Beef Tacos, taco sauce, pinto beans, lettuce and cheese, and apricot cob-

bler. Wednesday Sept. 17: Fried fish, tarter sauce, seasoned black - eye peas, slaw with sweet and sour dressing, corn bread, and apple cheese crisp.

Thursday September 18: Meat loaf, seasoned spinach, whipped potatoes, hot rolls and jell-o with fruit.

Friday September 19: Hamburgers, lettuce, tomato, pickle, onions, french fries with catsup, and chocolate brownies.

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4640—2WD, 155 PTO hp	\$1,400	\$ 800
4440—2WD, 130 PTO hp	\$1,200	\$ 700
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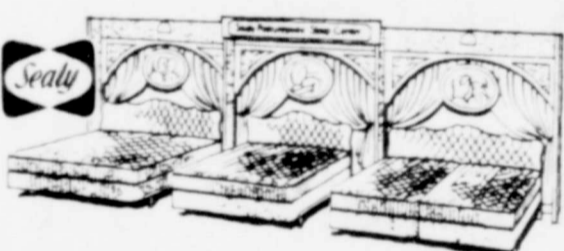
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System cruel to elderly

by Dr. John Ahrens and Dr. Fred Miller
Dr. John Ahrens and Dr. Fred Miller are Professors of Philosophy at Bowling Green State University. (c) Public Research, Syndicated, 1980.

There is a modern nation which has instituted a cruelly unjust pension plan for its elderly. A person who retired in 1970 with a pension of \$20,000 (based on a salary of \$30,000 per year) now receives less than \$10,000. And by 1995, this pensioner will receive less than \$1,500, unless he or she is lucky enough to "leave the system" in the meantime.

The country is the United States. The figures are the real dollar values based on the decline in the purchasing power of the dollar due to government fueled inflation.

These figures, drawn from the May 12 issue of Business Week, should surprise no one. It is well known that inflation causes severe economic hardships for most people, and especially for those on fixed incomes. Almost everyone has had to give up some of the luxuries that Americans have come to take for granted. Many retirees cannot even afford necessities like decent food and housing.

What may not be so obvious is that inflation causes other and equally serious ethical dilemmas. For not everyone suffers equally from the effects of inflation. Retired federal employees, for example, are protected from inflation by special laws which increase their pensions each year to keep pace with inflation.

Thus, a federal civil servant who retired in 1970 with a final salary of \$25,000 is now drawing a pension of approximately \$35,000. But the private pensioner's income has increased much less dramatically, if at all.

The private sector, itself a victim of inflation, simply cannot absorb the cost of including automatic cost-of-living adjustments in its pension programs. But the federal government has no such problems. It can simply raise taxes.

The inflationary spiral makes it all the easier for the government to increase its revenues without appearing to increase taxes. The federal income tax structure does not adequately reflect the impact of inflation. As inflation forces businesses to grant more and more wage increases, people find themselves pushed into higher tax brackets at the same time as the real value of their incomes is decreasing. The government can then divert these increased tax revenues into such areas as federal pension programs.

Social security payments are increasing at the same rate as inflation. But it is a mistake to think that social security will pick up the slack in private pension programs. For social security payments are barely above the poverty level. Many Americans hope to combine them with their private pensions in order to stay at a more comfortable standard of living, but these hopes are being dashed as inflation destroys private pension plans.

Increased reliance on social security certainly will not help the economy. It will do nothing to encourage productivity or saving. It will also require increased

government spending, which will mean either larger deficits or increased taxes. Neither of these alternatives can have a desirable effect on inflation.

Nor will increased reliance on social security cure the inequities that result from continued inflation. Higher social security taxes are an increasing burden on the most productive members of society, those who produce goods and services. These individuals are struggling to pay for their own pensions, while they also have to pay taxes for the generous pensions of government employees.

What is perhaps most noteworthy is that inflation is driving the nation unconsciously toward one of the socialist's dreams. As the real buying power of private pensions decreases and the importance of social security increases, there will cease to be any parity between an individual's level of productivity and his or her level of reward. Society's wealth will not be distributed according to merit or contribution. It will be distributed according to the dictates of the state.

The injustice of this to retirees is clear. Those who made the most valuable contributions to our current level of well-being cannot count on being appropriately rewarded.

But it is also an injustice to those who are not yet retired. For they are deprived of the means to ensure their own security and well-being in retirement. The transfers of wealth that inflation brings about force the productive members of society into a condition of dependency on the state. This an odd state of affairs in a free country.

Inflation does not create only economic problems; it creates moral problems as well. And a country that allows inflation to continue unabated faces more than economic hardship. It faces broad and far-reaching political and social changes. If inflation is to be effectively attacked, we must understand what these changes are.

We must learn who benefits from inflation and who loses. A serious social problem such as the plight of the elderly can be solved in only one way: by putting a stop to the policies of our government which are causing it.

Voter registration deadline near

If you want to have a say in the November elections, and you are not a registered voter, you have until October 3rd to register in person at the Taylor County Courthouse, according to county elections administrator Nancy Saunders.

Registration forms are available from the elections office on the second floor of the county courthouse, and the deadline for registration by mail is midnight, October 5th.



The 'New Look' Badger Band takes to the field for their part of the halftime show here Friday night.

The Badger Band sports about 65 members this year and has a new, refurbished look. (Staff photo)

Cemetery donors recognized

The Merkel Cemetery Special Equipment Donations are as follows:

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2.69¢
8 OZ CTNS

BRIGHT & EARLY FROZEN 6 oz ORANGE JUICE 4 FOR \$1.00



ALLSUP'S FRESH COOKED
BURRITO'S
3 \$1.00
FOR

Notice of Tax Increase

The City of Trent proposes to increase your property

taxes by twenty one (21) per cent.

A public hearing on the increase will be held on

September 18, 1980, at 8:00 PM at City Hall, City of Trent.

The Trent City Council has considered the proposal

and voted in a meeting of The Council as follows:

FOR the proposal to increase taxes:

- Booth West
- Ken Kraatz
- Randy Hunt
- Jerry F. Patterson

AGAINST the proposal to increase taxes:

None

ABSENT and not voting:

None

YES! YES! YES!



THE TOTAL'S LESS

PRICES GOOD
Thurs-Fri-Sat
SEPT. 11, 12, 13

STORE HOURS
7:30 AM-6:30 PM
MON thru SAT

ITS NEW
WISH BONE
BELL PEPPER
DRESSING

TOOTH PASTE
CLOSE UP 8OZ TUBE \$1.39
8OZ BOTTLE 69¢

CREAMY
CRISCO
3LB CAN \$1.89
1 LIMIT
WITH \$10.00 IN TRADE OR MORE
EXCLUSIVE OF CIGARETTES

FROZEN FOODS

HUNTS 2 1/2 CAN
PEACHES EA 63¢
COUNTRY TIME 23 OZ
LEMONADE EA \$2.19

DELMONTE 300 WHOLE
BEETS 2 FOR 69¢
DELMONTE 303 CUT GREEN
BEANS 2 FOR 73¢

V-I-P TOMATO
JUICE 46 OZ 59¢
CONTADINA TOMATO
SAUCE 8 OZ 2 FOR 43¢

CAMBELLS 303 PORK
BEANS 2 FOR 59¢
TRAPPEYS BLACK EYE
WITH BACON 2 FOR 59¢

HI DRY
TOWELS
JUMBO ROLL 49¢

BIRDSEYE
COOL WHIP 8 OZ TUB 69¢

WHOLE SUN
ORANGE JUICE 12OZ CAN 69¢

SEA PACK TREASURE
FISHSTICKS 49¢
BANQUET 8OZ ASST
POT PIES 2 FOR 69¢

NABISCO
CRACKERS LB 69¢

COFFEE
LIPTON

FLOUR
PARKAY

BORDENS
ICE CREAM
1/2 GAL CRTN \$1.49

COOKING OIL
CRISCO
24 OZ BOTTEL \$1.23

PETER PAN
PEANUT BUTTER
18OZ JAR \$1.19

MARYLAND CLUB \$2.49
POUND CAN 1 LIMIT
INSTANT TEA \$2.49
4 OZ JAR

GLADIOLA 79¢
5LB BAG
OLEO 59¢
QUARTER

PEACHES
FRESH
WASHINGTON
FREESTONE



LB 59¢
FRESH
CELERY LB 33¢
DELMONTE
BANANAS LB 29¢
FRESH
CUCUMBERS LB 33¢
FRESH
NECTARINES LB 59¢
NEW CROP
RED APPLES LB 49¢
WASHINGTON
PEARS LB 49¢

12 OZ CAN
COCA COLA
6 PACK \$1.49

GOOCH BR
CHUCK ROAST



LEAN TENDER
BLADE CUT
LB \$1.69
KRAFT
1/2 MOON
CHEESE
10 OZ PKG \$1.29
AUNT JEMINA
LITE

GOOCH BR
STEAK FAMILY

GOOCH BR
ROAST 7 BONE CHUCH

FRESH LEAN
GROUND BEEF

ARMOUR
HAM CANNED SLICED '69" 3 LB \$6.59

OSCAR MAYER
FRANKS BEEF OR REG 16OZ PKG \$1.99

OSCAR MAYER
BACON LEAN FANCY LB \$2.29

OSCAR MAYER
BOLOGNA ALL MEAT 16OZ PKG \$1.89

OSCAR MAYER
HAM & CHEESE 8 OZ PKG \$1.49

OSCAR MAYER
VARITY PACK 12OZ PKG \$2.09

OSCAR MAYER
BOLOGNA BEEF OR ALL MEAT 12 OZ PKG \$1.69

OSCAR MAYER
HAM COOKED SLICED 6OZ PKG \$1.69

OSCAR MAYER
LUNCH MEATS P&P LOAF BOLOGNA SALAMI LIVER LOAF ASSORTMENT 8OZ PKG \$1.19

LB \$1.89
SYRUP
24 OZ BOTTEL \$1.29

AUNT JEMINA
REGULAR
PANCAKE
MIX 2 LBS 89¢

SOAPLESS
CARESS
BATH SIZE 43¢

DELMONTE
SOUR OR DILL
PICKLES 22 OZ JAR 83¢

KRAFT
JELLY OR JAM
GRAPE 18 OZ JAR 79¢

PIONEER
CORNBREAD
MIX 24 OZ CAN 59¢

CAMBELLS
INDIVIDUAL SIZE
BEEF STEW CAN 39¢

LIQUID LIQUID
LUX WISK
GIANT SIZE GIANT SIZE
83¢ \$1.39

DETERGENT
CHEER
GIANT BOX \$1.49

STARKIST
WATER OR OIL
TUNA
FLAT CAN 93¢

I.G. DAIRY FRESH
HOMO
MILK
GAL JUG \$2.13

I.G. DAIRY FRESH
LOW FAT
MILK
1/2 GAL JUG \$2.09

FOREMOST
BUTTER MILK
1/2 GAL CRTN \$1.03

BROASTED CHICKEN

We take call in orders
8 PIECES FEEDS 4

WE GIVE GIFT BOND STAMPS

Double on Wednesday with \$5.00 or more

WE WELCOME FOOD STAMPS

CARSON'S SUPER MARKET

MERKEL, TEXAS
FRESH VEGETABLES



BEST MEATS IN TOWN