

The Merkel Mail

Thursday, January 8, 1981...Merkel's 100th year

15 cents



Mrs. S.D. Gamble, now 93 and a resident of the Big Country Inn is shown in a picture made in 1904 in a Merkel Mail dress she wore in a parade. She was 17 at the time. Mrs. Gamble worked for the Starr Store (now Braggs) as a young clerk. After her marriage to S.D. Gamble, they moved to Weatherford before returning here to open Merkel Drug in 1919. They had two children, David and Mrs. Doyle R. Cypert. She has five grandchildren, one deceased, and eight great-grandchildren. She was honored with a birthday dinner given by Mrs. Sadler and Mrs. Bill Haynes in Abilene last October. The Merkel Mail headlines seen on the dress were furnished by the publisher Mr. Frayer. (Photo compliments of Mrs. W.D. Gamble)

Mail continues backward journey; a look at headlines from 1976-75

This week, the Mail continues its look at the top news and events of the past with a brief history of 1976 and 1975. The Mail is running history of the area in two year installments, leading up to the Centennial Celebration sometime this summer.

January-1976

Dr. John Townsend of Merkel, was named to the Who's Who of Texas Educators. The Jimmy King residence, 4 miles northwest of Noodle, was destroyed by fire. Big winners at the Merkel Stock Show included Cindy Boone for showmanship, Dede Mitts for grand champion lamb, Dwain English for grand champion barrow and Merissa Sandusky for grand champion steer. The show drew 89 entries. Construction began on the SUN water line at an estimated cost of \$540,000. Robert Roysden resigned as the city's judge. Farmers and Merchants National Bank reported \$2 million in deposits. Roy Buchanan week was proclaimed in honor of Mr. Buchanan's 16 years of service as Justice of the Peace for Precinct 2. Big winners in the Trent Livestock show included Allen Morse, Overall Showmanship and Patricia Boyd, who won four divisions with her livestock.

February

Jerry McLeod was hired as athletic director and head coach at Merkel High. Carolyn Davis won a national contest sponsored by Betty Crocker. The award carried with it a \$1,500 scholarship. Robert Harris was named Fireman of the Year at the annual Volunteer Fire Department Banquet. Lee Presswood was named principal of Merkel High.

March

Shannonside Apartments, built with federal dollars, opened its doors to renters. Jessie Sparks of Tye received his Eagle Scout pin. Waymon Adcock and Don Hart shared citizen of the year honors at the annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet. Mrs. Ellen Reynolds was honored as Woman of the Year. Netta Stephen and Cindy Byrd were named to the first team all district in basketball. John Curtis retired after 43 years as a minister for the Assembly of God, his past 14 years he had pastored the Merkel Assembly of God. The boys basketball team lost in the regional playoffs to Sanford-Fritch 73-63.

April

Ronnie Whisenhunt earned his Eagle scout ranking. First Baptist Church here held noteburning ceremonies for loans retained to build the new chapel. Pete Morgan, Jerry Byrd

and Jimmy Atkinson were re-elected to posts on the Merkel City Council. In the school board elections, Jacky Reynolds, Dink Whisenhunt and James Boyd were elected. Bob Reed was named valedictorian and Debbi Wells salutatorian at Trent High. Deborah White won the Miss Merkel pageant.

May

Netta Stephens was named valedictorian and Jerre Law salutatorian at Merkel High. Mack Fisher Day was held in honor of Mr. Fisher's 27 years of service to MISD. Merkel High graduated 46 seniors. Trent graduated five.

June

Abilene Savings held grand opening ceremonies for their new Merkel Branch. Christine Collins, who the Mail described as a "staunch Merkel Booster" died at the age of 75.

July

Merkel joined in celebrating the nation's 200th birthday. Pinkey Cypert retired after 35 years of service with the Merkel Post Office. The Merkel school board voted to move the Tye sixth grade here.

August

Leroy Teaff was named as a MISD board member to fill the unexpired term of Jerry Gibson. Steve Bland of Trent won top cowboy honors at the American Junior Rodeo Association finals.

September

The Merkel School Board approved \$1,600 million budget for the 76-77 school year. A group of Merkel area rural residents approached the federal government for grants to construct what is now the Blair Water line.

October

The city received an \$81,000 grant for the upgrading of the city water system. Merkel radio station KWFA was sold to a Killeen businessman.

November

MISD trustees approved a five classroom addition for Merkel Elementary to be built without a bond issue.

December

Swine Flu shots were given to Merkel residents. Lone Star Gas filed for a 5.2 per cent increase in gas rates. The Trent girls basketball team won their second straight district title.

January, 1975

The Merkel Police Department took over ambulance operations that were provided by Starbuck Funeral Home. Merkel Precinct 2 Justice of the Peace Roy Buchanan retired after 16 years of that post. Robert Roysden took over as the city judge replacing Sam Hill. Wanda Braune won the all around championship award at the Merkel Livestock Show.

February

The Badger Boys basketball team won the 8-A basketball district by going undefeated in district play. J.A. Sadler was hired as city manager. Roy Neff was hired as superintendent of Trent Schools. Jim Boussard resigned as Merkel Police Chief after a year and a half service. The Tri-City baseball league was given seven lots by the city. The Badgers advanced to the regional basketball tourney as they downed Knox City 59-55 in the bi-district championship.

March

A mobil home at Cal-Tex Feed Yard was destroyed as it was flipped by high winds. There were no injuries. Bill Button was named outstanding citizen and Mrs. H.C. Reid was named woman of the year at the annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet. Charles Jacobs and Bobby Toliver were re-elected to the Merkel School Board and Jerry Gibson was elected to fill the unexpired term of Danny Doan. Derrel Farmer and Ken Satterwhite won re-elections to the Merkel City Council. Teri Hamner was named Miss Merkel at the annual Lambda Beta Beauty Pageant.

April

SUN Water Corporation was awarded a grant of \$380,000 and a loan of \$540,000 from the Farmer Home Administration.

May

A fire completely destroyed Carrier Food Store in Trent. Mrs. Paul Orsborn was named Merkel Teacher of the Year by the Lion's Club. Merkel Mayor Lou David Allen ran from Tye to Merkel, 9 miles in 90 minutes, to raise money for the Tri-City Baseball League. Derrel Riggan qualified for the state track meet in the high jump. Beverly Gilmore was valedictorian and Jim Wharton salutatorian at Merkel High. Cindy Lou Beasley was valedictorian and Rebecca White salutatorian at Trent High. Twelve seniors were graduated from Trent High. Riggan placed second in the state track meet high jump. Trent resident Curtis Crocker turned 100. MISD trustees rejected a land appraisal prepared by an independent firm.

June

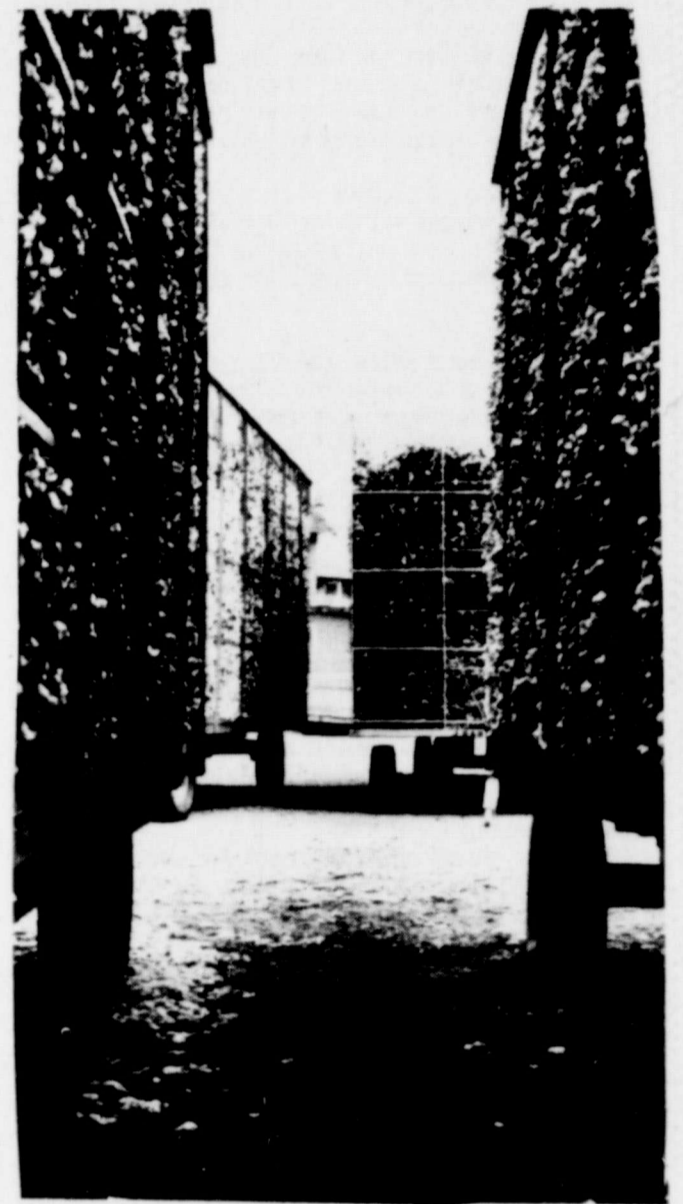
The wheat crop was estimated worth \$2 million by Jack South. Work began on picnic shelters at Merkel City Park. Merkel TV Cable was given approval by the Merkel City Council to install.

July

Vietnamese refugees Nguyen Minh Tran and family arrived here under the sponsorship of Judge and Mrs. Lewis Milet. Max Murrell was named director of the Texas automobile dealers association for this area. Col. L.L. Millett, local JP and congressional medal of honor winner was invited to tour Korea.

August

Mrs. Marv Outlaw sold Starr Nursing Home.



Cotton trailers sit at the Merkel Co-Op Gin Yard waiting to be ginned here Monday. (Staff photo by Drew Mawson)

Cotton activity strong

This week's cotton report finds the three local gins pretty busy.

The Merkel Co-Op Gin still leads the way with 2,210 bales ginned so far and about 450 bales were on the yard Monday morning to be ginned.

At Planter's Gin in Trent, 2,155 bales have been ginned and 600 were on the yard Monday waiting. Stith Gin has processed 1,480 bales and they reported 100 on the yard Monday morning.

South Grain reported receiving a small amount of milo and the Mail will have those figures next week.

Most area wheat fields are off to an excellent start and a warm weather rain would better chances for an excellent local crop this season.

Badger basketball results

Basketball in the area seems to be flailing at least for the boys, as they dropped to a .500 record of 7 and 7.

Anson started the trend turning the Badgers away 58-49, even though Merkel had a good showing with Danny Riggan putting up 19 points, and Dusty Barnhill throwing in another 13.

Merkel went into the Stamford Tournament with a 7 and 4 record, and watched it erode with Knox City beating the boys 47-40. Danny Riggan had 13 points and Dusty Barnhill had 11.

Haskell was next to edge the Badgers 42-40, with Danny Riggan the only one in double digits with 17 points.

Along came Jim Ned to even the Badgers record putting them away 74-60. Danny Riggan had 24 points and Dusty Barnhill added to with 16 points.

Visiting the Stamford tournament, the girls came on strong putting the Bulldogs down 69-30. The outcome could of been worse for Stamford if it weren't for the Freshmen girls winding up the game.

Along came Knox City and the girls put them away 28-24, with Norma Frazier leading the way with 22 points.

The Badgers put the frosting on holidays putting away Jim Ned 70-34. The junior varsity dropped their game to Jim Ned 25-23. A real heartbreaker since they had led the whole game until the end. Jackie Owens led the J.V. with 13 points. Norma Frazier led the varsity with 29 points, and Nancy Click had 10 points.

According to Coach Clark, the girls played their best team game this season. Miss Clark was high in her praise saying that if the girls keep playing the way they did in that game, that they'd not have much in the way of competition, and the polls seem to agree with Coach Clark since they place Merkel as 17th in the state.

MISD board holds meeting

MISD Board members met in executive session Tuesday morning at the Big Country Inn and Superintendent Bill Everett told the Mail Tuesday no vote was taken, but he indicated some personnel decisions would be made, possibly at the regular meeting of the board, scheduled for January 22nd at 6:30 a.m. at the Big Country Inn.

Patterson in sports hall

Merkel native Jack Patterson, whose teams at Baylor and the University of Texas won six Southwest Conference track titles, was inducted in the Texas Sports Hall of Fame.

Patterson is also a member of the Badger Hall of Fame here.

Patterson was an outstanding athlete excelling in track and also served as athletic director at Baylor University.

Mail article honored by association

The Merkel Mail will be awarded the Award of Merit by the Texas Safety Association for an editorial on grade crossing safety published last year.

The Mail will receive a plaque at the Saturday Luncheon of the Texas Press Association's Mid-Winter Convention in Dallas January 17.

The contest was open to all Texas Newspapers and the Mail's article, written by Cloy A. Richards and illustrated by staff photographer, Drew Mawson, was chosen the second best article published by a newspaper.

It is the first statewide award won by the 94 year old weekly paper.

Vacation, Cowboys, optimism in 81

By Cloy A. Richards

For the past two years, my family and I have taken our annual vacation during Christmas time, partly because that is really the only week we can afford to not put out a paper. Also, it has been nice to travel in the off season.

Just don't ever think you can go to Brownsville during the Christmas period and it be the off season.

The snowbirds or Winter Texans invade the golf courses, camping facilities, hotel rooms, and fishing charter services.

We also included some trips to my wife's parents home as well as my mom and dad and we had a good vacation.

It sure is nice to get home and rest a little.

Another personal note. I have been called a lot of things in my days, but now I can be called an uncle.

My sister gave birth this week to a 9 lb. 5 oz. son named Jonathan Thompson. (I forgot the middle name.) I am as proud as I can be for her and the boy will go well since they already have two daughters, Terry and Tracy.

Way to go little sister.

I liked what Danny White, the Dallas quarterback, had to say following Sunday's great come from behind win over Atlanta. Danny said, "I am tired of being compared to Roger Staubach."

White, who for all practical purposes is a rookie quarterback, guided a two touchdown comeback in the final three minutes to pace Dallas to the win and the right to play the Eagles for a berth in the Super Bowl.

It will at least keep my interests going in the playoffs since the Oilers were beaten by Oakland. One note on that. I don't think the Oilers should have fired Bum Phillips. They should have fired Kenny Stabler. The Oilers need Stabler like this part of the country needs another drought.

The Mail received four more of the coupons we have been running in the paper concerning family histories from this area. We have received 13 so far, but that response is a little disappointing. There are a lot of old family names from these parts who have not responded

to our call for family history backgrounds. Make sure your family is included in a special edition being planned for this summer concerning pioneers of Merkel and this immediate area.

Now that the holi lays are over, it is time to get serious about planning special celebrations for Merkel's 100th anniversary of its founding.

Ideas are still being encouraged by the Chamber of Commerce and the Mail.

So what does 1981 hold for us?

Personally, I am glad that 1980 is over. I look at this year with nothing but optimism.

We are about to have a different philosophy at the upper echelons of political power. That prospect did not thrill me too much at first. If the Republican administration and Senate can bring a feeling of optimism to Wall Street, major industry, agriculture, and financial institutions, I am all for it.

This country has seen enough of inflationary and recessionary attitudes of its most trusted institutions, if they themselves are not extinct.

We have seen enough of nations of people reacting negatively to American presence. We have also found out from the Iranian Crisis, that even some government have no idea of how the American Political System operates. They though negotiations with Reagan would start immediately following the elections.

I voted for Jimmy Carter because I happen to feel it would be naive to hold one person responsible for inflation, high interest rates, and a recession. The election outcome quickly changed that line of thought. With the Republicans controlling the majority of the U.S. Senate, and a Republican President, to go along with his cabinet, Reagan has the opportunity to make things happen.

Changes in the federal jungle do not happen swiftly. Reagan has four years to make good on promises to begin eliminating mounting economic pressures.

And he only has four years to do it. If you don't believe me, ask Jimmy Carter.

Two hundred thousand dollars a year plus presidential perks, and for the job, the man is grossly underpaid.

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News and events from 76-75

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Paul Crose was named Merkel Police Chief. Don McDonald rode Wyman Wilkerson's Jacket Bars to the National Senior Cutting Horse Championship in Kansas City.

September
Gen Stuckey, Tye Elementary Principal suffered a heart attack and died while officiating a football game. Groundbreaking ceremonies were held for the Wilkerson manufacturing plant.

October
Kelly Wolf received his Eagle scout rank. Travis Davis was named to replace the retiring Max Fisher as MISD superintendent. Neta Stephen was Homecoming Queen at Merkel High.

November
Fire destroyed Castille Hardware and temporary quarters were set up at the old Ben Franklin Building. The new Ben Franklin facility opened and a time capsule was placed inside the building.

December
The city received a \$30,400 grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development for water line improvements. Cecil Todd was hired to the post at Tye Elementary.

Big Country Spirit

Local farmers gather Williams crop

Merkel farmer Buddy Williams, who was active in supporting area FFA, died October 12th and some of his friends in the area harvested his cotton crop December 26th.

Nine strippers harvested 200 acres of cotton in six hours according to Goldia Malone, and some local women helped out by hauling cotton trailers and preparing food.

Persons donating equipment to the harvest were Billy Hamner, Lloyd Williams, Billy Bob Toombs, Kenneth Duncan, Owen O'Kelly and Othello Kelly. Drivers were Lesa Byron, Billy Williams, Lloyd Williams Jr., Berit Harris, Gary



Tank leaks in the Tye Volunteer Fire Department fire truck are clearly visible. Tye citizens are trying to raise money to repair the

tanks, as well as other work on equipment. (Staff photo by Drew Mawson)

Tye fire trucks in need of repairs

By Drew Mawson
The residents of Tye, and many of the people living in the surrounding area, have a serious problem, that many of them don't know about. Others simply don't care, some people though, like Tye's Fire Chief Leon VanGurp, that do care a lot.

What's the problem you say? The Tye Fire Department is in drastic need of refurbishing, to the tune of \$7,500.00. Money that the city council would not loan the fire department. Money that would be paid back in 4 years.

Representatives of the fire department approached the city council, asking for \$5,600.00 of the amount needed. Mr. VanGurp said, "They just refused to do it. They do have the money in savings and C.D.'s. Our community is not hurting for money. They just don't want to do anything to help."

Already, the fire department has refurbished one fire truck. Paying the \$2,600.00 with all of those funds coming from the fire department. With that money they furnished one truck with a power take off unit, a 250 gallon water tank that can be emptied in 3 1/2 to 5 minutes, water pump, and mounted a reel with 100 feet of 3/4 inch hose.

The truck the fire department wants to rejuvenate now, has already been patched more than 4 times. Plans for the truck are to furnish the truck with a 1,200 gallon tank to replace the rusted out 750 gallon tank, a P.T.O. unit, a Briggs & Stratton unit for brush fires, and two reels that would hold 100 feet of 3/4 inch fire hose each. It would also carry 400 feet of 1 1/2 inch hose.

"The main thing I want to get across to the people, is that the money the fire department has taken in, the money has not been spent wisely before," said VanGurp. "Since elected fire chief in October, I want to get the money put back into the fire department, and get these trucks rebuilt."

For now, the fire department will go ahead and start rebuilding with the funds they have, and get the tank built. "We are asking for donations from the community. We really need to get up to standards, so we can protect the community," said VanGurp.

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A CHILD'S FIRST PLAYMATE — YOU

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1. **Observe.** Determine through close observation a child's skill levels and play interests.

Adult involvement in play with children is important to their emotional and intellectual development. Alone to practice and learn. After the new skill is mastered (it will take months in some instances,

2. **Play along.** Enter and play at the child's level. Be careful not to impose a play level that is too sophisticated and adult, for this may cause disenchantment for both you and the child.

The installed value of products which use chlorofluorocarbons in the United States is more than \$135 billion.

3. **Play a little above.** After playing awhile at the child's level, you can then introduce a newer, slightly more complex play level. A conversation between two dolls, for example, can be demonstrated by you after the child has mastered playing with one doll.

minutes or hours in others), you can then playfully demonstrate another, more advanced concept. Nevertheless, play should be spontaneous, says the Toy Manufacturers of America. Never attempt to force or rush children through these various stages of play and learning. While the toys children play with are vital to their education and development, it is also important to note that play sessions with a child should be fun.

4. **Back away and observe again.** After demonstrating a new concept and arousing a response, leave the child

alone to practice and learn. After the new skill is mastered (it will take months in some instances,

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MERKEL COUNTRY CLUB

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Tuesday, January 13, Hot Steak Sandwiches-served on toast points, with french fried potatoes, \$3.95.

Wednesday, January 14, Rib Eye (12 oz.) served with soup or salad, \$7.95.

Thursday, January 15 Jumbo Deep Fried Shrimp, \$6.95.

Thursday, January 15 Jumbo Deep Fried Shrimp, \$6.50.

Friday, January 16, Lasagna, \$4.95.

Every Saturday Night, Prime Rib, \$8.95.

Tuesday, January 20 Chicken Fried Steak, with cream gravy, choice of baked or mashed potatoes, to 50 per cent off. \$3.95.

Wednesday, January 21, New York Sirloin Steak (10 oz.) \$7.95.

Friday, January 23, Land and Sea Combo, 6 oz tail, 10 oz steak, \$13.95.

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Obituaries

Edith Crocker

Edith Pearl Crocker 97, of Trent, died at 3:25 p.m. on Saturday December 27th in the Starr Nursing Home, following a short illness. Services were at 3 p.m. Monday at the Trent Church of Christ with burial in Trent.

Born October 3, 1883 in Van Buren, Arkansas, she moved to Texas in 1923 and to Trent in 1937. She married Curtis Crocker, September 14, 1924 in Waco. He died April 26, 1977.

Survivors include one son, Kyle Crocker of Trent; one daughter Vera Koen, of Jacksonville; 6 grandchildren; 14 great grandchildren; 3 great great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Jack and Francis and one daughter, Cathrine.

James Doar

James Herman Doan, 84, of Levelland, died at 11:50 a.m. Wednesday, December 24th, at Cook Memorial Hospital in Levelland following a short illness. Services were 2 p.m. Saturday in Broadville Baptist Church in Abilene with burial in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Born July 16, 1896 in Anderson County, he moved to Merkel in 1903 and had lived in the area most of his

life. He had lived in Whiteface for the past two years. He married Vera Provine, October 8, 1916 in Merkel. She died August 27, 1974.

Survivors include one son, Sammy Doan of Merkel; and one daughter, Joy Moore of Levelland; Ten grandchildren; and 18 great grandchildren.

Loyd Harris

Loyd Randol Harris, 79, of Houston, died at 8 p.m. on Wednesday night at his home in Houston following a lengthy illness. Services were at 2 p.m. Saturday at the First Baptist Church with burial in White Church Cemetery.

Born Nov. 30, 1901, in Comanche County, he had been raised in Mulberry Canyon. He has lived in Houston since 1945. He married Mary Riggan June 19, 1926 in Mulberry Canyon.

Survivors include his wife; 3 sons, Jerry and Roger both of Houston, Warren of Mulberry Canyon; one daughter, Betty Levritt of Houston; one brother Tom of Houston; 3 sisters, Ester Luke and Opal Cooper both of Merkel, Bonnie Kelley of Abilene; 12 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren.

John Harris

John Harvey Harris, 55, of Rusk, died at 6

a.m. Tuesday in Nacogdoches, following a short illness. Services were 2 p.m. Friday at the Starbuck Funeral Home Chapel. Burial was in Trent cemetery.

Born July 27, 1925, in Trent, he had worked 28 years for the Panama Canel. He had moved to Rusk in April of 1980. He married Mildred Lowery, September 1961 in Houston.

Survivors include his wife; 4 sons, Joe of Rusk, Mark of Denver, Colorado, Johnny and David both of Longbeach, California; 3 step daughters, Joann Goff of Rusk, Jeanne Reno of Wichita Falls and Judy Leesville, Lousi; two brothers, Billy of Midland and Bobby of Orangeville, Calif.; 16 grandchildren.

R.D. Reece

R.D. Reece, 70, of Merkel, died at 1 a.m. Wednesday at the V.A. Hospital in Big Spring following a lengthy illness. Services were 4 p.m. Friday at the First Baptist Church. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Born Jan. 8, 1910 in Sidney, Texas he had lived in the Houston area most of his life. He lived in Merkel for the past 6 months.

Survivors include 3 sons, Jimmy of Rusk, John of Reklew, Mich-

ael of Henderson; 3 daughters, Carol Caldwell of Henderson, Edith Moore of Chrystal Bay and Florida Wheeler of Texas; 2 brothers, Loid of Seagoville, Floyd of Dallas; 3 sisters, Cleo Reece and Lorene Beaird both of Merkel and Monty Criswell of Petersburg; 32 grandchildren; and several great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Kenneth

TEL class holds Christmas dinner

Hostess for the Christmas luncheon of the T.E.L. Class of the First Baptist Church were Mrs. Dent Gibson and Mrs. L.J. Renfro.

Guest were Mrs. Diana Bugg who gave the devotion, Syble Riney and Sand Davis brought the music and songs, Mrs. Ila McLean and Ruth Cox and Dent Gibson.

Members were Mable Higgins, Estelle Humphry, Billy Hartley, Minnie Carey, Jewell Criswell, Trula Cox, Bessie Perry, Mary Mosier, Jewell Dunagan, Wynona Scroggins, Dewie Fleming, Lennie Fisher, Fannie Keith, Bessie Clack, and the hostess

MISD lunch menu

The Merkel School Menu is as follows:
 Thursday Jan. 8: Chicken pot pie, vegetable salad with choice of dressing, biscuits, and apricot halves.
 Friday Jan. 9: Hamburgers, lettuce, tomatoes, pickle, onion, tater tots, and fresh apple wedges.
 Monday Jan. 12: Beef tacos, taco sauce, lettuce, cheese, pinto beans, and chocolate cake with creamy white frosting.
 Tuesday Jan. 13: Fried chicken, cream gravy, whipped potatoes, seasoned green beans, hot rolls, and sliced peaches.
 Wednesday Jan. 14: Corn chip pie, buttered corn, lettuce and tomatoe salad, and plum cobbler.
 Thursday Jan. 15:

fried fish, tarter sauce macaroni and cheese, seasoned spinach, corn bread, and fresh apple wedge.
 Friday January 16: Hamburgers, lettuce, tomato, onion, french fries, and peanut clusters.

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Group meets

The World War I Merkel Barrack and Lady's Auxiliary members enjoyed their Christmas luncheon.

Members were: Mr. and Mrs. Dee Poland, Anson, Mrs. Karl Bonneau, Mrs. E.E. Harwell, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. Dent Gibson, Mrs. Mary Mosier, Billye Hartley Jewell Criswell, Maggie Renfro, Trula Cox, Dewie Fleming.

The Regular meeting date is the 3rd Tuesday of each month.

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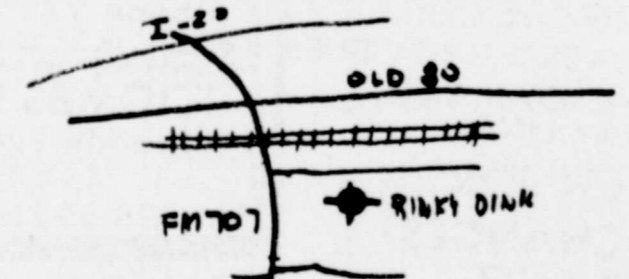
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The Families of Loyd R. Harris.
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The recent bereavement in the loss of our dear mother and grandmother has made us realize more what friends and neighbors really mean to us. We thank every one for their kindness, prayers, cards, flowers, and food, that was served at the Trent Church of Christ. May God Bless the Starr Nursing Home, and the ones who cared for her there also Dr. Sadler and Dr. Pruitt. The Pearl Crocker Family.
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I wish to thank the Veterans of Foreign Wars and Ladies Auxiliary for the beautiful corsage they gave me at the Christmas dinner. It was lovely.
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TO: Lawrence James Dattilo, Respondent GREETINGS:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable 326th District Court, Taylor County, Texas, at the Courthouse on said County in Abilene Texas, at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the Monday next after the expiration of 20 days from the date of service of this citation, then and there to answer the petition of William Herbert Feltenberger, Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 24th day of November, 1980. In RE: Neil James Owens, A Child, and said suit being numbered 4819-C on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Interest of Neil James Owens, a Child", the nature of which suit is a request to Determine what parent - Child relationships exist between the child and any other persons, that same be terminated, that William Herbert Feltenberger be granted a decree of adoption of such child. Said child was born the 11th day of May, 1975, in Elgin Air Force Base, Florida.

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree in the child's interest which will be binding upon you, including the termination of the parent-child relationship and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the child's adoption. If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved. The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs. Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court at Abilene, Texas, this the 31 day of December, 1980.

Irene Crawford, District Clerk, 326th District Court, Taylor County, Texas, Johnny Wakefield, Deputy.
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A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: The Balance due and owing to Plaintiff on the account is \$18,487.73. Attorney's Fee would be \$6,000.00 Plaintiff asks that Citation issue and that Plaintiff have judgment against Defendant for the Principal sum of the account, interest, attorneys fee, cost of court and for general relief, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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Tye news abundant this week

Whats Happening in Tye
By Harold Boyd

Here we are for this year and since our last column, much has happened. Several families were together for the last of the old year and the new.

Our city employees deserve a gratitude of thanks for the job that they accomplished during the holidays. Only that it took dedications and cooperations of the citizens, to remove the several tons of refuse, read meters and take care of the water leaks, on behalf of several citizens, much thanks for a job that was well done.

Since our last column, we have seen our new policeman on the job. Don, has extended himself and would like to get to know you and as well as to get to know him. Should you need his services, you may contact him thru the city hall between the hours of 9 to 3 or thru Taylor County Sheriff Department.

Tye ended the year with a two vehicle wreck in which injuries were received on the corner of Coke Street and Drummmon. Don investigated the accident and speed was a factor and failing to observe street signs.

Merkel Volunteer Fire Department will host their annual pancake supper on the evening of February 14th at Merkel. They have extended you all an invitation to their supper. This is one of their annual fund raising programs and can use all the support they can muster. Do make it, fine eats and fellowship and they will be more than appreciative for your support.

Tye Volunteer Fire Department held their open house on the 20th of December. The open house hosted some 90 people from this area and James Pogue, Abilene's Fire Chief. After the open house, there was a musical. Featuring John Roys and family playing for those who attended. If you haven't been to the musicals that are now being held at the fire station, you should. Plenty of room to dance, listen and do have plenty of heat to keep you warm. A few members bought a new heating system so as we can save money on gas. It is a central heat unit with a thermostat and it does the job. The kitchen has been remodeled and cleaned up as well as the restroom being straightened up. Still plenty of work to be done and will be done in the future. It is now time that the department must raise enough money to cover the expense of rebuilding a tank truck. The tank truck we now have is not in service now due to its many leaks, so now we have a truck with only 250 gallons of water, which is not enough water to take care of any thing big. In the past, several citizens have pitched in and helped, it

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Reynolds have holiday visitors

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The Merkel ag students would like to thank the people who participated in the Merkel show, it was a great turnout. We would also like to thank the people who contributed to the stock show with belt buckles, trophies and prize money. We are now preparing for the county show, which is January 16-21. There will be a Horticulture Short Course class for the adult education, January 19-22, 1981 at 7:00 p.m. John Williamson, Horticulture Specialist, will be speaking on indoor and outdoor horticulture. Enrollment fee is \$5.00 per person. The whole community is invited to come listen. This will be in the Merkel High School Vocational Agriculture Building. This week, we are spotlighting members of our V.A. II Class.

Randy Leverich, son of Jimmy and Kathy

Leverich, is a sophomore and enrolled in V.A. II. His project program consist of rabbits, 1 Barrow, and 2 gilts. He has participated in the Merkel Stock show and plans to go to the Abilene Show. Randy went to area convention 79-80, the state convention in 79-80. He was on the livestock judging contest at Stephenville in 79-80. He is also band secretary.

Roy Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Johnson, is a sophomore and in V.A. II. His project program is pigs. Roy has participated on the football and basketball teams. He was also on the FFA Skills Team.

Johnny Glisson, son of Mrs. Deenna Glisson, is a sophomore and in V.A. II. His project is a crossbreed gilt. He participated in the Merkel Stock Show.



Wilbur Reagan buried here

Wilbur Hoyt Reagan 75, of Merkel died at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Happy Haven Nursing Center in Abilene following a short illness. Services were at 2 p.m. Monday at the Starbuck Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Kenneth Jones, pastor of Caps Baptist Church and the Rev. David Bugg, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Merkel, officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery.

He was born April 1, 1905, in Pumphrey. He had lived in the Merkel area since 1909, and attended school in the Noodle Community. He was a member of the First Baptist Church and Woodmen of the World.

He is survived by a brother, A.A. of Merkel; a sister, Ruby Jinkens of Merkel; and several nephews and nieces.

Pallbearers were Sammy Doan, Johnny McDaniel, Oliver Rister, Alf Walla, Kent Satterwhite and Leo Harris.

Lockner in England

Airman First Class Sharon D. Lockner, daughter of Edna M. Cates of Trent, Texas, has arrived for duty at RAF Bentwaters, England.

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- High School
- Jan. 9, Boys and Girls, Varsity and J.V. here against Hamlin.
- Jan. 9, Freshmen girls and boys in Sweetwater tournament.
- Jan. 13, Boys and girls varsity and JV in Albany.
- Middle School Basketball schedule
- Jan. 8, 9, 10, Blackwell tournament
- 7th grade boys and girls.
- Jan. 15, 16, 17, Baird tournament, 8th grade boys and girls.
- Jan. 16 and 17, Wylie tournament, 7th grade boys and girls.
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Trent News

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Thursday January 8, 1981

Trent FFA ready for Saturday show

The Trent Livestock Show, featuring 170 entries, is set for Saturday at the Trent FFA Livestock Farm.

The show will get started at 10 a.m. with the judging of rabbits, horses, steers, goats and lambs. Lunch will be served by noon by the Trent FFA-FHA and the plate of barbecue will be sold for \$2.50.

Following dinner, gilts and barrows will be judged. The judge will be Billy Miller of Tohoka. Special awards will be presented for showmanship and a grand and reserve champion will be picked in each division.

Trent boys in slump

Basketball in Trent is experiencing a slump with the boys losing the last 4 out of 5 games. In the Roby Tournament, Trent dropped their opening game to Roscoe 39 to 26. Hermeleigh turned them away again in the finals 44-34.

When the Roscoe tourney came up, the Gorilla's dropped another one to Roscoe 60-38. Sweetwater junior varsity was Trent's next opponent and Trent slipped by a score of 60-52.

Trent finally wound up the holidays on a bright note defeating Moran 57-43.

Trent's girls fared better, winning 4 out of 7 games. In the Roby tournament, Roscoe came away with a 65-40 win. Trent went on to turn Hermeleigh down 35-33, and then took their punishment from Robert Lee 76-43.

In the Roscoe tourney, Roscoe opened defeating Trent 43-34. The girls went on to 3 straight wins defeating the Roscoe junior varsity 30-16. Beating Roby 43-35 and Moran 39-35.

So far for the year, Rebecca Sipe leads the girls in scoring with a 12.9 seasonal average, Leigh Ann McGlothlin is averaging 10.4 and Pam Massey has an 8.9 average.

The boys leading scorers are, Greg Beasley with 13.2, Richard Beaver has an even 11 percent, and Riley West has 8 percent.

Trent opens district play next Tuesday against Roby.

TMA says it's flu time

If you're suffering from a fever, coughing, sore throat, runny nose, and generally just ache all over, guess what you have? January marks the beginning of the peak influenza season, so brace yourself to ward off or weather the attack, says the Texas Medical Association (TMA).

Anyone can come down with the flu, especially if it is widespread in a community. It is more likely to be serious for those with chronic diseases, the aged or women who are pregnant.

The flu usually takes one to three days to develop. When it does come out into the open, you may notice chills, fever, headache, backache, muscular pains and a loss of appetite. Your temperature may go up quickly during the first day of symptoms, and will gradually drop over a few days. Fever usually lasts for about three days, but it may go on for as long as seven.

As your fever drops, you may notice more stuffiness in your nose and the cough may continue. There might also be a pus in the discharges from your nose and throat. From that point on, however, you'll begin healing quickly.

While most patients recover completely within a week, many continue to feel unusually tired for some time. The standard remedies of getting plenty of rest, drinking fluids and taking aspirin still hold true says the TMA. Hot chicken soup coupled with tender loving care couldn't hurt either.

In most cases, the flu leaves no permanent after effects, but occasionally, people do develop other illnesses. The most common complication is pneumonia. Other sicknesses that piggyback the flu are persistent cough or bronchitis, sinus trouble and ear infections.

SPEAKING OF SOAPS

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Recap: 1/5-1/9
Preview: 1/12-1/16

THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS -- Sending Victor's hostility Julia is drawn closer to Michael. Nikki continues to make life difficult for Greg by blocking all his efforts.

THE GUIDING LIGHT -- Amanda is very confused and Jennifer can not help her. Mike admonishes Jennifer for her recent actions. Eve has found a new lease on life.

SEARCH FOR TOMORROW -- Lee gets closer to understanding Cissy. Janet pleads with Ted to open his eyes before it's too late. Liza and Travis have a tense moment.

AS THE WORLD TURNS -- John insists that he is innocent and tries to make Dee seem unstable by blackmailing her with the past. Kim and Nick are having strained relations.

THE EDGE OF NIGHT -- The gun that Raven thought would protect her is turned on her instead

and she is in mortal danger. Kelly's life is in turmoil as his job falls through. April gets a visitor at her home.

THIS WEEK: The Dorn murder is solved. Another crime is revealed.

RYAN'S HOPE -- Siobhan comes back home. Seneca becomes suspicious of Michael and Kim sets a trap but the trap catches Michael and Rae. Rose worries that Siobhan's reappearance may rekindle an old flame. Delia misinterprets Frank's actions. Frank proposes to Faith.

THIS WEEK: Faith tries to reason with an angry Frank. Proudful Jill goes off in another direction.

ALL MY CHILDREN -- Erica is falling for Brandon. Carrie is leaning on Mark's shoulder. Ellen picks up on Devon's drinking habit. Leora leaves the shelter to go to her new apartment only to return there when she finds out that Kurt is following her in order to find out where she is living.

THIS WEEK: Despite the kidnapping, Nina and Cliff still have many problems to resolve. Joe is confused about his feelings.

ONE LIFE TO LIVE -- Ed confronts Herb on the day of the wedding and resigns. In order to avoid a scandal, the party leaders feel that Herb should resign before he takes office. Dorian says no and locks Herb out of the bedroom on their wedding night so that she can think of a way to solve the problem. Rail is beginning to believe Nicole's story.

THIS WEEK: Brad is lying through his teeth again. Dorian puts more pressure on Peter.

GENERAL HOSPITAL -- Heather overhears Diana asking Leslie to take care of P.J. if anything should happen to her, and calls Sara to tell her that time is running out. The truth about P.J. almost comes out when Jeff accidentally gets hold of Peter's note. Diana takes it from him before he can read it. Diana and Heather have an ugly confrontation when they accidentally meet at the Floating Rib. Suspecting that Heather is back to her old tricks, Mrs. Grant wants her back in the sanitarium where she can do no harm. Scorpio tries to recruit Luke. Luke demands some answers from Alexandria.

THIS WEEK: Alex pulls a nasty move on Laura. Luke is feeling a bit squeezed in his new role.

THE DOCTORS -- Having

found Greta and Billy making love, Matt has another attack. Greta tells Billy that they will have to postpone their wedding plans because she fears it will be harmful to Matt's health. Billy learns that Theodora is dying and he isn't married to Greta yet. Nola succeeds in tempting Jason into bed with her but has to leave when the truck arrives to fix her car. Garner learns that Bennett had Ashley's invitation cancelled.

THIS WEEK: Greta and Billy plan their happy day as onlookers fear the worst. Ginny encourages a heartless Brad.

TEXAS -- Kevin walks out on his wedding when Courtney arrives late with Jeb. Ginny tells Elena the whole story about Suzanne. Max finds out that Reena gave Jeb the key to Striker's cabin. Reena asks justifying if she should marry Max.

THIS WEEK: There may be more hope for Reena on the horizon. Iris is back to her old ways again.

DAYS OF OUR LIVES -- Chris sees Leslie and Alex together and decides he can't trust her anymore. Alex reveals his feelings about Marie and even though she feels the same way, she discourages him. Lee offers Doug divorce

knowing fully well that he won't take her up on it because she is still in a wheelchair. Doug, however, doesn't tell Julie about it. Lee starts to get mysterious phone calls.

THIS WEEK: Lee gets an unexpected visitor which makes her very nervous. Jessica is wooed by two different men.

ANOTHER WORLD

Philip pressures Pat to shape up and stop drinking. Leigh's presence is greeted with suspicion by Ada. Rachel is being pursued as she pursues Mitch. Mac stands by and waits for word about Rachel as he feels quite helpless.

THIS WEEK: Mitch's recent history becomes clearer. Russ and Tracy have a misunderstanding.

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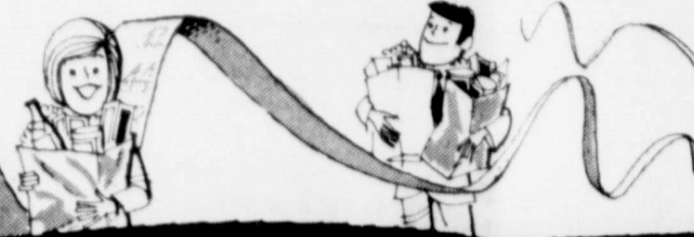
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