

The Merkel Mail

1981

Thursday, January 22, 1980...Merkel, Texas-Merkel's 100th year

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The Badger girls took sole possession of first place in the district basketball race with the win over Colorado City coupled with a Wylie loss Tuesday evening.

Girls 18-3, 2-0 in district

The Merkel girls ran their season record to 18-3, but more importantly, their district record to 2-0 in games last week.

The girls are tied with Wylie with identical 2-0 records and will have a showdown here Friday night to determine the undisputed lead in the 7-AAA Basketball race.

Norma Frazier ripped the nets for 26, while Nancy Click tossed in 18 and Sarah Parsarn added 8 as the girls demolished Clyde 60-42. The Badgers also hit 22 of 26 free thrown in that game.

The Badgers had a lot more trouble with Breckenridge here Friday night and Nancy Click led the way with 19 points. Frazier added 12 and Prasarn hit for 8.

Girls Coach Mary Click told the Mail, "We were devastating against Clyde, but we did not play very well at all against Breckenridge. We played well enough to win so I guess I should be happy, but we did play poorly."

Coach Clark called this week's schedule the most crucial of the season. The girls traveled to Colorado City Tuesday, (details not available at press time) and will host Wylie here Friday in what should be a match between the unbeaten.

The Merkel girls junior varsity split their two games last week, one a one point loss to Breckenridge and a one point win over Clyde.

Jackie Owen led the way in both games scoring 9 against Breckenridge and hitting for 8 against Clyde. Kelly Burnett added 4 against Breckenridge and Donna Miller and Mandy Guenther added against Clyde. The JV is 7-6 on the year.



Nancy Click dribbles her way through the Breckenridge traffic here Friday night. Nancy's 19 points led the Badgers to a 10 point win over Breckenridge and puts the Badgers in a tie for first with Wylie. (Staff photo by Drew Mawson)

3, 5, 9th graders take state basic skills test next month

Third, fifth, and ninth grade students from the Merkel Independent School District will participate in the second Texas Assessment of Basic Skills test program scheduled for February 4-16, 1981.

The assessment plan, first of its kind in this state, is scheduled once each year under requirements set by the Texas Legislature during its 1979 regular session.

The Merkel ISD students will be among 700,000 expected to take the reading, writing composition and mathematics tests during the February 2-20 statewide testing period. Each of the tests will require a maximum of 40 to 60 minutes to complete.

The Merkel ISD will report its district and campus aggregate scores to the public at a May or June meeting of the board of trustees, according to Mr. Bill Everett, district superintendent. "However, individual student scores will be reported only to the student, parents or guardian, and the school personnel directly involved," Mr. Everett adds.

"This testing program is designed to help the student and the school improve achievement," Mr. Everett points out. "For this reason, results will be reported in a manner that will help everyone become more effective."

"Third grade students were added to the annual testing sequence for the first time this year. The three tests will make up an annual

assessment effort designed to help both state and local officials improve their services," Mr. Everett says.

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

CTB-McGraw-Hill of Monterey, California will help administer the 1981 test program and develop and field test new items for the 1981-82 series under contract to the State Board of Education. The California firm will also operate a computerized inventory of all test booklets to assure strict security at all times.

"Each test question will relate to a specific objective or skill students are expected to learn by the time they complete the particular grade," Mr. Everett points out.

"We use the term 'criterion-referenced' simply because it is a short way of saying the answer to each question must lead back to a specific objective," Mr. Everett explains.

Ninth grade students who do not make a satisfactory "exit level" score may re-take the test each year they remain in high school. However, they will not be required to take it more than once. Later attempts to improve scores and evaluate any remedial programs will be voluntary.

The annual test program will be administered by specially-trained personnel in each school district under the guidelines and supervision of the Texas Education Agency.

MISD board meets Thursday

The MISD School Board will meet Thursday morning (Jan. 22) at 6:30 a.m. at the Big Country Inn.

The board meeting for the month has a lengthy agenda and includes a resignation from Middle school coach and teacher, Luke Reynolds, words of support for girls basketball coach Mary Clark from Mrs. Hohertz, as well as an executive session.

During that session, the board will hear fall term professional reports on MISD staffers.

The public is invited to attend the meeting that should get started around 7 a.m. The meeting starts at 6:30, but the first order of business is to order breakfast.

Riding club sets chili supper

The Merkel Riding Club is planning a chili supper, Thursday, January 22 at 7:30 p.m. at the Methodist Church here.

A club spokesman said, "We have a lot of business to take care of and we have to start planning our play days, ropings and horse shows. We also would like to sponsor a rodeo if we can generate enough interest."

Members and persons interested in joining or helping the club in any way are encouraged to attend the chili supper. Persons attending are also asked to bring a salad dish or dessert dish.

Merkel rebate totals \$1,137

Merkel's share of the state sales tax came to \$1,137 according to a news release from the state comptroller's office.

Merkel did not receive a payment in January of last year and the check is the first one received for 1981.

Tye started off the year right as they received a check for \$4,070, compared to \$2,687 for the same period last year. That represents a 51 per cent increase.

Trent did not receive a check for January. Texas cities shared in \$33.1 million in rebates as Houston once again led the way with a check for \$6.6 million.

The city sales tax is collected along with the state sales tax by merchants and businesses and rebated monthly to the cities in which it is collected by the state comptroller's office.

Hostages released

By Cloy A. Richards

This writer cannot think of a more fitting way for the Carter Administration to leave office than to have worked out a settlement for the return of the American Hostages in Iran.

If you will remember, the first move made by the Carter Administration after the hostage takeover, was to freeze Iranian money held in American controlled banks. They also stopped delivery of military supplies that were already bought and paid for by Iran.

Those two initial moves, in the end, proved to be the two moves necessary to finally end the madness of the hostage crisis.



It was hard to realize Tuesday the nation was about to have a new president. Reagan's inauguration was a bit overshadowed Monday and Tuesday by the news of the imminent release of the American hostages.

The American people owe a debt of gratitude to Algiers for their help in conducting the successful negotiations for the release of the hostages.

For 14 and a half months, the American people have taken and seen a lot of abuse from the Iranian Government and people. We have seen the flag burned, we have seen the flag used to carry garbage, seen seven brave soldiers die in a dommed rescue attempt.

But we also saw a man work to the very end of his term, struggling to bring an end to the madness, and for that, Jimmy Carter, can be

proud.

It is also a blessed relief for the new Reagan Administration to not have to deal with the Iranian government.

With the hostages out of Iran, the U.S. can get back to worrying about Soviet troops going beyond their border, inflation, outrageous interest rates, and the sagging American economy in general.

U.S. Senator Lloyd Bentsen addressed the Mid-Winter Convention of the Texas Press Association in Dallas Saturday. As usual, the Senator had some very valid things to say.

Senator Bentsen told the print journalists, "Our government has been saying the American people have lost their willingness to save money. How can you save money when it takes most of your spending money to just pay the bills. Then there is the banking industry, they are begging you to deposit money into savings that pays about 5 and a quarter per cent, then charge you at least 21 per cent for loans. Those programs do not encourage savings."

Bensten also went on to say he had been preaching bi-partisan politics for years and was more than ready to get to Washington to work with the new Republican controlled Senate.

I'd like to thank Mrs. Robert's 5th grade class at Merkel Elementary for their kind letters I received congratulating us for our recent safety article award.

One child wrote, Dear Merkel Mail, "We have a box at your post office and I am glad, because I know I will be safe."

The things those kids say. My boy, Joey also came up with a gem. He was checking out the plaque dad won, saw the insignia of a grade crossing warning device and said, "Stop for the train."

The things those kids know at 3 and a half.

The Merkel boys and girls team will host Wylie here Friday night with varsity action getting started around 7:30. It should be the girls biggest test of the year in district play, after their 2-0 start. Wylie has already defeated Colorado City's girls, to give Merkel and Wylie breathing room at the top.

by Cloy A. Richards

This week, the Mail takes a look at the top news and events of 1972 and 1971.

We are working our way back through the Mail files and hope to be back to 1881 by July 4th of this year. The Mail will publish a special edition on July 2nd this year.

January-1972

Randy Scott won top honors at the Merkel Stock Show and Mike Ray won top honors at the Trent Stock Show. City Council approved repair work on Merkel's water tower. Former Merkel resident, Mrs. Roy Largent, was inducted into the Texas Hereford's Association Hall of Fame.

February

Merkel native, Sam Swann, owner of the oldest polled Hereford operation in the world, was named to the Hall of Fame by the American Polled Hereford Association. The boys basketball team won the district championship in a one game playoff with Anson. The Merkel Senior Citizens held their first meeting.

March

Long distance direct dialing service was started here. Four local men received awards for the rescue of an injured man here. Walter Whisenhunt, Mack Bigbee, Boyd Baker and Jerry Horton were cited for effecting a safe and professional rescue of Herman Doughty. Doughty was injured while working inside the municipal water tank here.

April

Mrs. Annette Clark Jr. was named as Beta Sigma Phi's first woman of the year. Mack Fisher and Betty Jane Tittle were honored as Outstanding Citizens for 1971. Local private water wells were discovered to contain nitrate. Incumbents Pete Morgan, Ted Smith and Mack Seymour were re-elected to the Merkel City Council. Charles Jacobs and Robert Stephen were re-elected to the Merkel School Board and in Trent, incumbents Mrs. R.L. Bland, Billy Hamner and Frank Brnovak were re-elected. The Merkel High girls won the district volleyball championship. The Merkel High One Act Play won the district competition.

May

Sandra Cox earned herself a berth at the State Track meet in the 80 yard hurdles. Patricia McDuff was named valedictorian and Kerry Thames was named salutatorian from the Merkel High Class of 1972. Trent's new water system line from Sweetwater, was activated by US Congressman Omar Burlison.

June

Winners in the annual Beta Sigma Phi Beauty Contest were Rebecca Freeman, Terri Hamner, Monica Atkinson, Shannon Bagby, and Christi Brady. The Merkel Chamber of Commerce purchased a building to be used as a library.

July

Merkel Mayor Horace Hargrove was found dead from a self inflicted gunshot wound. Travis Davis was named principal of Merkel High. Leon Walker was named Mayor by the Merkel City Council. Dean King was named superintendent at Trent schools.

August

Merkel Drug filled its 400,000th new subscription. The store had been open 53 years.

September

West Texas Telephone filed for a rate increase. Glene Manufacturing started business here.

October

Dave and Elanie Brombuea sold the Merkel Mail to Steve Lanham and Cecil Plyler.

November

Richard Nixon was elected with the support of Merkel voters. Direct long distance telephone dialing started in Trent.

December

Mail completes look at the 1970s with top news from 72-71

Bryan Dunigan retired from the Merkel Post Office after 19 years of service. The Hardin Simmons six white horses led the Merkel Christmas parade. Jack Patterson was inducted into Rice University's Hall of Fame for sports.

January-1971

Carolyn Gilmore won top honors at the Merkel Stock Show and Mark Williamson won top honors at the Trent Stock Show. Joe McDuff, of Merkel, was sworn into a position on the Taylor County Commissioners Court.

February

Suzie Wilson won the Bettye Crocker Home-make Award here. Joe Holloway was named outstanding farmer for 1970 by the MCFSWC soil district. The Merkel City Council granted a TV Cable franchise. The Merkel Badger boys team won the district championship and then lost in bi-district playoffs. Don Hart was named the manager of Taylor Electric here.

March

The Merkel Housing authority began accepting applications for low rent housing here. Two suspects were arrested in connection with an armed robbery of Merkel Drug.

April

Joe Cypert was named Outstanding citizen and Bobby Toliver was named Outstanding Farmer for 1970 at the annual Merkel Chamber of Commerce Banquet. Truett Thompson was named postmaster here. Horace Hargrove was re-elected mayor and Lou David Allen and Leon Walker were voted to the Merkel City Council. MISD board incumbents Ben Hicks, Johnny Teaff and Joe Henry was re-elected. Charles Jacobs also won a spot on the board. Sixteen hundred people attended Taylor Electric's annual meeting here.

May

Paul Thames was named valedictorian and Mike McLean was named salutatorian of the Merkel High Class of 1970. The approval of a \$1,100,000 million loan was announced for Taylor Telephone to upgrade services. Mark Williamson was named valedictorian and Owen O'Kelly was named salutatorian at Trent High. Merkel High graduated 41 seniors in the class of 71. Six seniors were graduated from Trent High.

June

The Merkel elevator was sold to Jack Laroe.

July

A new state law required children to show proof of immunization before entering school.

August

758 students registered for classes at Merkel schools.

September

The state highway department decided to spend \$1,500,000 for street and interstate highway lighting projects. The Mail ran a feature story on Hollis Horton, one of the last in the area to use a horse and wagon for transportation.

October

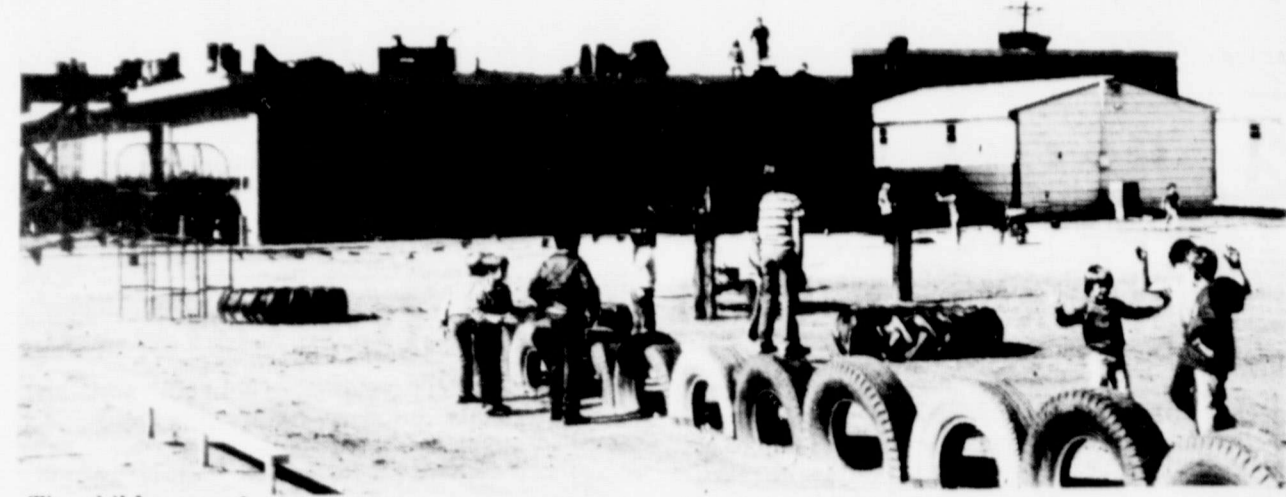
The Badger band won a superior rating at district band contests. The West company, Merkel's oldest business excluding the Mail, was sold to a Midland man. Mrs. Tom Russon was honored for 37 years service with local 4-H clubs.

November

Mrs. Carlton King was named Coming Home Queen and Ford Smith Jr. was named Mr. X at Merkel Homecoming festivities. The Pioneer Methodist Church Lord's Acre Sale raised \$2,431.

December

Mrs. Louise Gregory's home in Trent was completely destroyed by fire. The cotton yield was estimated at a quarter bale per acre by Joe Higgins, manager of the Merkel coop gin. The Taylor County 4-H judging team placed 7th nationally.



The children on the Merkel Elementary school playground don't seem too impressed that their roof is being repaired. Plans call for the Middle

School and Elementary roofs to be patched. (Staff photo by Drew Mawson)

Rich, Cooper, Beddingfield, Gary

This week the Merkel ag students are participating in the county and regional stock show at Abilene. Watch for the results in next weeks Merkel Mail.

This week we are spotlighting members of our V.A. II class.

Ken Rich, son of Lyle and Jane Rich, is a sophomore and in V.A. II. His project program is a horse. Ken has participated in football and basketball.

Jimmy Cooper, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jackie

Cooper, is a sophomore and in V.A. II. His project program is a Hampshire Barrow. Jimmy showed at the Merkel Stock Show.

Keith Beddingfield, son of Billy and Linda Beddingfield, is a sophomore and in V.A. II and an aid in V.A. I. His project program is a duroc pig. Keith is on the J.V. football team.

Brian Gary, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Griffin, is a sophomore and in V.A. II. His project program is a commercial calf. Brian participated in football this year.

Garden club cemetery fund growing

The Merkel Garden Club has the Cemetery Fence Fund in a savings account so it will draw interest until it is used to extend the fence to enclose the resting place of our loved ones.

Anyone wishing to make a memorial or honor someone can contact Mrs. Johnny Cox or Mrs. Mack Fisher and a beautiful card will be sent.

These memorials have been made recently: Mrs. Carl Hughes honoring Mrs. W.S.J. Brown; Mrs. Carl Hughes honoring Mrs. C.B. Gardner; Mrs. Lottie Everett honoring Mrs. C.B. Gardner; Mrs. Mary Russom honoring Mrs. C.B. Gardner;

Mrs. Lottie Everett honoring Mrs. W.S.J. Brown; Mrs. Mary Russom honoring Mrs. W.S.J. Brown; Mrs. Ruth Cox honoring Mrs. W.S.J. Brown; Miss Minnie Coats honoring Ruby Higgins; Hazel and Ted Pargament honoring Ruby Higgins; Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Brown honoring Mrs. W.S.J. Brown; Mrs. Allen D. King honoring Mrs. W.S.J. Brown; Mrs. Allen D. King honoring Loyd Harris; Mrs. Allen D. King honoring Mrs. C.B. Gardner; Mrs. Mack Fisher honoring Mrs. Ruby Higgins; J.E. and Louis Boaz honoring Mrs. Ruby Higgins; and the Merkel Garden Club honoring Mrs. W.S.J. Brown, a charter member.

Newsbriefs

School menu

The Merkel School Menu is as follows:

Thursday Jan. 22: Turkey and dressing with giblet gravy, buttered English peas, cranberry sauce, hot rolls and fruit salad.

Friday Jan. 23: Hamburgers or cheese burgers, lettuce tomato, pickles, onions, french fries, and no bake cookies.

Monday Jan. 26: Spaghetti with beef and cheese, buttered whole kernal corn, lettuce salad, garlic bread, and sliced peaches with whip topping.

Tuesday Jan. 27: Meat loaf, potato salad, buttered mixed vegetables, whole wheat rolls, and apple sauce.

Wednesday Jan. 28: Tin can casserole, vegetable salad with choice of dressing, corn bread, and apricot cobbler.

Thursday Jan. 29: Fried chicken, cream gravy, whipped potatoes, seasoned green beans, hot rolls, and diced pears.

Friday Jan. 30: Hamburgers, lettuce, tomato, pickle, onion, later tots, and raisins.

Son born

Janie and Jerry Barber of Del City, Okla. announced the birth of a son, Chad Micheal, November 21. He weighed 8 lbs. 11 ozs. and was 21 inches long at birth.

Grandparents are Junior and Annette Clark of Merkel, Roy and Ann Barber and the late Mary Barber of Borger, Texas. Great Grandmothers are Mrs. J.H. Clark, Sr. of Merkel, and Mrs. Vella Barber of Midwest City, Okla. His great grandfather is Clarence Newton of Merkel.

Domino tourney

A "42" tournament is being sponsored by the Methodist Men of the local Methodist Church.

The tournament will be held at 6:00 p.m. January 24th at the

Church gym.

Trophies will be awarded for 1, 2, and consolation finishes and a \$5 entry fee per team will be charged.

For more information, contact Connie Mack Seymore or Gary Hicks. Everyone is invited to play.

Water meeting

You are hereby notified of a meeting of the Blair Water Supply Corporation to be held in Merkel, Texas on Monday, February 2, 1981 at 7:00 p.m. at Taylor Electric Co-

operative.

Make plans to attend this important annual meeting. There will be an election of three board of directors members. Those with terms expiring are Pauline Butman, Frank Brnovak and Richard Scott.

There will also be a drawing for two door prizes.

Fund drive

Merkel Cub Scout Pack 220 is collecting aluminum cans for their fund raising project.

The drive will run from January 19 through January 24.

Persons wishing to donate cans may call 928-5744 or 928-4883 to arrange for pick-up.

Bookmarkers meet

The Bookmarkers celebrated the end of the semester by attending a movie in Abilene last Wednesday night. Fun!

About three dozen new books have been put on the shelves since Christmas.

Starr volunteers working hard

December is the greatest month that we have had thus far in our volunteer services. December is that time of year when we give more of ourselves than at other times of the year. We are thankful for those of you who provided services and gifts to residents of the Starr Nursing Home during the recent holiday season.

Thanks, first of all, to the churches who provided services. We appreciate the singing and visits by the Tye Baptist Church and the G.A.'s. Thanks to First Baptist Church of Merkel for the visits and singing and especially for the wheelchair pads and fruit. Finally, thanks to the Merkel Church of Christ for the weekly worship services, for the visits, for the bus ride in the new white van, for the sweets provided by the Dorcas Room.

A number of other groups are also deserving to our thanks. We appreciate the students of Trent Elementary School who came and sang. Thanks also to the Tye Senior Citizens who sang and brought the gifts including the beautiful powder boxes which you made. Thanks to all of the Girl Scout and Brownie troops who sang and brought cards, food and gifts. We also want to express appreciation to the Merkel Garden Club for the

beautiful Christmas corsages. Some of the patients are still wearing them.

The Christmas party for the residents on December 19th was one of the highlights of the month. The REA deserves special mention for donating the fruit and candy for the party. Thanks also to you ladies who brought the cakes and cookies. Finally, thanks to the families of residents, the nurses' aides, and to Santa Claus. Santa passed out fruit to each resident including those confined to their rooms.

A number of individuals provided other services through the month such as decorating, bringing gifts, food, etc. Each of you are deeply appreciated. We will not list your names individually for fear of leaving out someone, but we want you to know that you are appreciated!

There are two residents who will celebrate birthdays this month. Bill Holly's birthday was Jan. 1st and Eva Horton's is Jan. 26th.

Two residents remain in the hospital. Mr. Martin and Mr. Richardson are in the hospital, but Mr. Martin will probably return to the home soon.

We welcome two new residents, Mrs. Ora Griggs and Mrs. Eunice Massey.

We express our sincere sympathy to Kyle Crocker and his family in the loss of his mother, Pearl Crocker.

As you can see, December was a great month for residents of Starr Nursing Home. We hope that each of you will continue to provide these services throughout 1981. No one appreciates you more than those lovely people.

Finally, our appreciation to the Merkel Mail for running our monthly news column. We appreciate Cloy and all of his staff and offer our congratulations on the recent award.

Garden club meets

The Garden Club met Thursday, January 15 at the Big Country Inn.

The meeting was called to order. Alice King introduced the program, Landscape to Conserve Energy with County agent, Joe Wilson. Landscaping improves the beauty as well as making a home comfortable. Trees to shade the home will save energy. Select trees and plants that will grow in this climate. Live oak, willow oak, elm, sycamore, pecan and mulberry grow in this area.

Plant shrubs around windows, but not in front of them. Shrubs should be kept trimmed. It is best to have a basic plan before landscaping.

Refreshments were served to Mmes: Tom Allday, Bill Black, Oda Clark, Albert Criswell, Lottie Everett, Mack Fisher, Earl Hughes, Allen King, Tom Russom, W.T. Sadler, John Shannon, Charlie Sherrell, Ralph Wilburn, visitors, Ed Sandusky, Comer Haynes, Andy Shouse, Miss Mary Collins, hostess, Johnny Cox and Dee Grimes.

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JANUARY SPECIALS

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RESTAURANT SPECIALS

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, \$6.50.
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, \$3.95.
Wednesday, January 21, New York Sirloin Steak (10 oz.) \$7.95
Thursday, January 22 Spaghetti \$3.95.

Friday, January 23, Land and Sea Combo, 6 oz tail, 10 oz steak, \$13.95.
LADIES NIGHT: Every Wednesday from 5 p.m. till 12 midnight, all ladies get their drinks for \$1.
Tuesday thru Saturday dance to the exceptional music of Jan Matney and Bill Young. Never before in this area have you been able to hear music of this quality. Last summer Jan and Bill recorded an album with the Rainbow Boogie Band, at Castle Sound Production in Abilene. Together and separately they both have outstanding musical backgrounds. Don't miss this opportunity to get acquainted with Jan and Bill.
PRO SHOP SALE: It is the same old story, clear out the old, bring in the new. golf shoes, tennis shoes, clothing, clubs, bags, tennis raquets, sports bags—Everything 25 per cent to 50 per cent off.
MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL is over. Once again the club will be closed on Monday night.

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RATH MEATS \$1.79 8 OZ. PKG.

CRISCO \$2.19 3 lbs Reg \$2.61

BORDEN'S BUTTERMILK \$1.59 1/2 GAL. CTR.

AMERICAN CHEESE 99c 8 OZ. PKG.

TORTILLA CHIPS 99c 7 OZ. PKG.

KRAFT VELVEETA \$1.79 1 LB. BOX

PARKAY MARGARINE 69c 1 LB. QTRS.

KRAFT GRAPE JELLY \$1.29 2 LB. JAR

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Merkel Newsbriefs

Albany blasts Badgers

Merkel boys played Albany last Friday night and came out on the short end of the 67-42 score. Danny Riggan was the only player in double digits with 17 points. Following Riggan in scoring, was Dusty Barnhill with 8 points.

The Badgers were down by only one point at the half, but could score no more than 12 points during the rest of the game.

Kid's Basketball

Parents with children in the third through sixth grades, who are interested in forming basketball teams, are asked to attend an organizational meeting Thursday night at 7 o'clock in the high school.

Williams pass GED

Sherry Williams, a member of the Merkel Adult Education Class, has passed her G.E.D. Tests. These tests cover writing skills, social studies, science, reading skills and mathematics. She is continuing her education by working on the new diploma program.

Classes are held on Monday and Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 in room 1 of the Merkel Middle School. The instructors are Glen and Milly Bright. For more information call

Legal notices

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Charles Hatten, Defendant, Greetings: YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable County Court at Law of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the

issuance of this citation, same being the 23 day of February A.D. 1981, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 15 day of Aug. A.D. 1980, in this cause, numbered 12,164 on the docket of said court and styled The Citizens National Bank in Abilene, Plaintiff, vs. Charles Hatten, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Suit on promissory installment note as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

If this citation is not

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Roy Edwards, Rosa Baird, Pauline Hedges, Feimster Baird, Lorena Kersey, Troy Williams, E.L. Williams, the unknown heirs of W.P. Edwards deceased and O.S. Williams, Defendant, Greetings:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 2 day of March A.D. 1981, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said

court, on the 8 day of January A.D. 1981, in this cause, numbered 36,972-A on the docket of said court and styled Joseph W. Gray and Nell S. Morgan, Plaintiff, vs. Roy Edwards, Et Al, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit: the South 50-1/2 feet of the North 150-1/2 feet of the East 150 feet of Lot No. 2, Block No 161, in the City of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas. Plaintiff prays that the Court determine what proportionate value of the property above described should be allocated to the shares of Plaintiffs and Defendants, and that the Court order sale of the property and distribution of the proceeds in accordance with such

928-5680 or come to class any Monday or Tuesday. Classes are free and books are furnished.

Cotton report

The Merkel Co-Op Gin is leading in the number of bales already ginned with 2700 reported and about 100 bales in the yard.

Planters Gin has turned out 2,748 bales to date, and estimates of between 500 to 600 bales in the yard.

Stith Gin has produced around 1800 bales so far and has 15 to 20 bales in the yard.

County show early results

Some local students fared well at the Taylor County Swine Show in Abilene Saturday.

Missy Simpson, of the Trent FFA, showed the third place champion duroc. Chris Simpson placed third in that division.

Melissa Harris, of the Merkel FFA, showed the third place chester and Lloyd Williams showed the third place hamp.

Billy Williams showed a winning OPB and his entry was also named reserve grand champion. Billy Williams also won the Steve Knight Showmanship Award.

Chamber sets July 4th fete

The Merkel Chamber of Commerce voted Thursday to hold the town's centennial celebration.

Dennis James earns degree

Dennis James received a B.B.A. degree in accounting at McMurry College in December.

McMurry is a four year liberal arts college jointly owned by the Northwest Texas and New Mexico Conferences of the United Methodist Church. The college is located in Abilene, Texas.

Mr. James is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert James of Merkel.

served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unreserved.

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 7th day of January A.D. 1981.

Janice Lyons Clerk County Court at Law Taylor County Texas By Marie Gill, Deputy 46-4tc

determination, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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Attest: Irene Crawford Clerk, 42nd District Court Taylor County, Texas By Judy Smith, Deputy. 47-4tc

tion in conjunction with Fun Day. The events are planned July 4 at the City Park.

The Chamber is asking that all persons who have ideas concerning the celebration, as well as persons wanting to volunteer work, should contact the Chamber office.

The Chamber also decided to tentatively set the annual Chamber banquet for July 2 or 3.

Another meeting of the chamber is planned for February 9 at 10:30 a.m. at Boney Insurance.

Jasper Massey, 82

Jasper Hugh Massey 82, of Abilene, a long-time Merkel resident, died at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday at Shady Oaks Nursing Home after a long illness. Services were Friday at 2 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church directed by

grandchildren, 40 great grandchildren and several great great grandchildren.

William Tomlinson

William A. Tomlinson, 73, of Merkel, a retired oilfield worker, died at 3:05 p.m. Monday at Hendrick Medical Center after a long illness. Graveside services were at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday at Rose Hill Cemetery in Merkel, directed by Starbuck Funeral Home with the Rev. Joe Davis, of Calvary Baptist Church, officiating.

Born Feb. 11, 1907, in Alvord, he had worked in the oilfields near Snyder about 25 years. He had lived in Merkel since 1973.

Survivors include a brother, George of Merkel; a sister, Mrs. J.F. Cason of Merkel; and several nieces and nephews.

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Dear Editor, why not Page 1 obituaries?

Dear Editor:

On the week of December 18th, you printed obituaries on two of our longtime, outstanding citizens of Merkel. I knew of the deaths because I was home for Christmas, so when my paper arrived I started to look for them. I could not believe that they were not on the front page, or at least near the front part of the paper, but to find them on the very back part of the paper. These notices are very important to very many of your readers. I loved these two dear people, and I am sure

a lot of others did, and feel as I do that they deserved a better place in the paper. Not only these, but all obituaries should be printed in the front part of the paper. I do hope you will consider my request as this is a very important part of the paper and is of interest to all who read your paper. I say this only out of love and respect to those who lived and played a big part in our home town and in our lives for so many years.

Sincerely,
Margaret Newby
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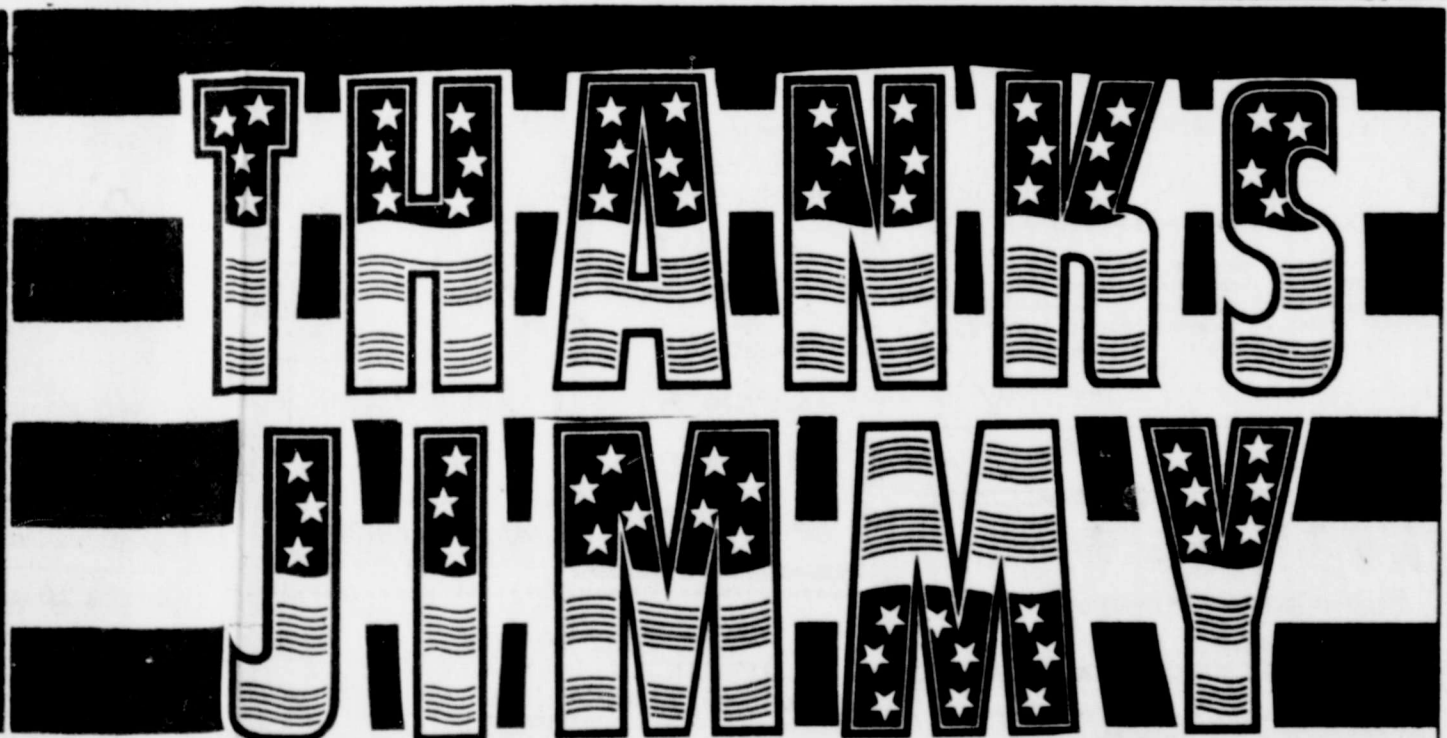
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38-TFC

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CARD of THANKS

Thank you for all your kindness and thoughtfulness and prayers while Robert was in the hospital and at home recovering from the tractor accident. May God Bless you all. Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. James.

47-1tp

We cannot find words to express our love and appreciation for the food, cards, visits and other kind deeds you did for us during the illness and death of our brother and uncle, Hoyt Reagan. May God Bless each one of you. Ruby Jinkens, Aub & Jessie Reagan, Loyd & Dorothy Gilmore, Gerrie Dunlap.

47-1tc

We wish to express our thanks and appreciation for the kindness shown us at the loss of our father and brother. For all the food and flowers, we want to thank the Rev. Bugg, pianist, and singer. The R.D. Reece children and Brothers and Sisters.

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NOTICES

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

To: Carl Peskor d-b-a Peskor Oil Company, Defendant,

Greetings: YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 9th day of February A.D. 1980, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 11th day of December A.D. 1980 in this cause, numbered 36,888-A on the docket of said court and styled General Transmissions, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Carl Pes-

45-4tc

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF GLADYS MERRELL, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of GLADYS MERRELL, Deceased, were issued on January 14, 1981, in Cause No. 14,855, pending in the County (Probate) Court of Taylor County, Texas, to: WILMA JO FINN. The residence of such Independent Executrix is Abilene, Taylor County, Texas. The post office address is: WILMA JO FINN 3501 Santa Monica Dr. Abilene, Tx 79605

47-1tc

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. DATED the 19th day of January, 1981.

Don R. Wilson P.O. Box 2875 Abilene, TX 79604 (915) 677-1351 Attorney for The Estate

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 29th day of December A.D. 1980.

Irene Crawford, District Clerk 42nd District Court Taylor County, Texas Johnny Wakefield Deputy.

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kor d-b-a Peskor Oil Company, Defendant.

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 columnist writes about scouts, govt. waste...

What's Happening in Tye
By Harold Boyd

Where did the week go? Here it is the 15th of the month and just a few more months more and it will be that annual event of Taxes. Then in another 5 days, we will seat our new president of the United States, President Ronald Reagan. With the welcomed rains, we should have somewhat a better crop this year. Do hope your week had some joyest events.

Our city has been somewhat quite with only the usual events that happen around here, not much in the way of news.

Your city council will have met by this time and the following items were on the agenda, reading of December minutes were read, Yeatts and Decker Assoc. will have given a brief summary on the sewer project, Fire Chief Leon Van Grup will meet with the council in regards to amending the department funds, renewal of CD's, Zoning Committee report, discussion of street repairs, minutes of police report and court report. As always, we will report them in next weeks column.

Last Saturday, Jan. 3rd, the Fire Department hosted their musical. The turn out was really appreciated, 80 plus people turned out to listen and visit others at the fire hall. Again this is the only fund raising Tye Volunteer Fire Department has, all the support is appreciated to keep it going. What we could use is musicians...if you have a group or play any type of instrument, do contact the department and we would like to have you. As always, they need members, won't you give some of your time? They meet on the 1st Stith club

The Stith Extension Homemakers Club met January 14, 1981 at the Community Center. Margaret Dickerson, president, called the meeting to order. Mrs. Nocy Wilburn, extension agent in Anson, installed the new officers. Installing the president, Daisy Mashburn, Mrs. Wilburn presented her with a set of hands and Genoa Shaw, the vice president with a set of footsteps to follow, the secretary treasurer, a fine cutter and the council delegation a pair of suction to keep the club and council close together.

A thank you letter was read from the Abilene State School for the Christmas box. Mrs. Wilburn gave a report on the officer training meeting to be before the council Wednesday, January 21st at the Anson Activity Center at 1 o'clock.

A motion was made and passed to send \$10 to the West Texas Rehabilitation Center in Abilene.

The members are to meet early January 28th to put in a quilt. Mrs. Nocy Wilburn will bring the program on Decorating With Sheets. It is to be a covered dish luncheon.

Those attending were: Louise Hudson, Anne Lee Sledge, Lenora Wilburn, Mae Jones, Genoa Shaw, Margaret Dickerson, Grace Lee Brown, Daisy Mashburn, Vada Hudson and the guest, Nocy Wilburn.

Bertha McElmurray

Bertha Olivia McElmurray, 85, a resident of Trent since 1918, died at 11 a.m. Thursday at Hendrick Medical Center. Services were at 3 p.m. Friday at the First United Methodist Church in Trent, directed by McCoy Funeral Home in Sweetwater with the Rev. Floyd Richardson, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Trent Cemetery.

Born March 12, 1895, in Georgia, she married Walter Welsey McElmurray Feb. 12, 1920, in Trent. He died Dec. 20, 1979. She was a member of the First Methodist Church in Trent.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. John (Lettie) Hamner of Trent; two sons, Joe Bert of Sweetwater and Marklin of Cleburne; seven grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Bill Hamner, Gene Melton, Bert Melton, Randy Hunt, Owen O'Kelly, and Paul Tamparello.

and 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the fire hall. It is their hope that they can raise enough money to put into the tank truck that is now out of service due to the tank will not hold water. This is very important to Tye due to our water system and placement of fire hydrants. We have to haul water to the source of the fire says Chief Van Grup, Abilene's response time is 17 minutes and fire doesn't wait on firemen.

Several lads and dads are busy making those pinewood derby cars. Tye's Cub Scouts annual project of getting cars ready for the year to be used in the meet at one of Abilene's shopping centers. This is a big event for scouts from Tye, Trent, View, Merkel and other cities gather to run against each others in competition for prizes, ribbons and just good ole fun. Several winners were from Tye in the past, do hope that we have some more here this year. If your boy is of age and isn't in scouting, contact Bill Adams, he will direct you to and give you the information you may want. Scouting is for all ages.

Government spending...wasted...here is an example of waste. It is said that Lords Prayer has some 57 words in it, the Gettysburg address has some 266 words, the Ten Commandments presented in some 279 words, the Declaration of Independence has some 300 words. It seems last fall the Department of Agriculture ordered a setting on the price of cabbage which netted some 26,911 words. As William Freund has said, "if the government has given the Ten Commandments, Moses would have come down not with 2 tablets, but with a double herina. Isn't it a waste of dollars, time that our government waste so much...they tell us to conserve.

Conserve isn't in their word vocabulary, cause they are the most wasteful place of business we have, tons of paper work that isn't even read, only filed away. Any conservation should start at home, that is in Washington, D.C. Ought to be a law...just what we need more of...can't enforce the ones we now have.

How about Human relations...I'll admit that I could use a refresher course in human relations, how about the rest of us? This year I am going to follow these simple guides to the 10 Commandments of Human Relation rules. 1. Speak to people, a cheerful greeting is always nice. 2. Smile...it takes 72 muscles to frown, only some 14 to smile. 3. The persons name is an important item and it's the sweetest sound to anyone's ears. 4. Always be friendly and helpful to all persons, never know when you may need help. 5. Speak act as if everything you did were a pleasure, regardless of it's tasks. 6. People...be genuinely interested in people, you can learn to like everyone if we try. 7. Be generous with praise, very cautious of criticism...bite your tongue. 8. Be considerate of the feelings of others, they hurt also. 9. Be very thoughtful of the opinions of others, there is always 3 sides to

every controversy; yours, other persons and the right one. 10. Most important, be alert to give service, what counts most in life is what we do for others. If I can live these commandments, I feel like I will be better to communicate with others, be a friend to all. Won't you join me in trying this.

Till next week, you all take care and do remember we appreciate your reading the Mail, supporting it's advertisers. Have a good day.

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Tye cop sick, supper set

Whats Happening in Tye
By Harold Boyd

Forgive the Mail, Whats Happening in Tye was just overlooked by the Mail, but will appear this week along with the news or happenings of Tye.

This week over 40th President of the United States will have in office for 2 days. Also at the time of this writing, maybe our 53 hostages will have been freed. It is my prayer that they are free today, if not soon to be freed.

Your city council met in regular session this past Tuesday, January 13th and approved the usual business reports. Council approved the transfer of fire department monies from one fund to the other for the repair and rebuilding of the tank truck. Also approved, the zoning commission recommendations of rezoning property at FM 707 and access road (north side) for the new home of Oilfield Trucking. The CD was reinvested for 30 days.

Where is the Tye Policeman? He is at home recuperating from pneumonia. Don was hospitalized for several days and has incurred a very expensive bill. There has been a fund set up to help off set this large bill and if you can see it, your donation will be appreciated. His insurance company coverage will not be enforced til next month. Turn in your donation to Jo Ann Moore at City Hall and thanks.

Tye Volunteer Fire Department will host a pot luck supper, Saturday, Jan. 31, 5:30 p.m. til whenever. Cost is 10 cents per dip for the goodies, no limit. Cash donations will be welcomed as well as food. All proceeds will go for rebuilding the tank truck. The goal is \$7500.00 to complete this project and it is hoped that it can be ready by May or June. There is a need for the tank truck in Tye and its rural area for the protection of all. Tell your neighbor, friends about this fund raising. Home cooked foods a plenty, good ole fashion eating. Don't miss it.....

It has come to my attention as well as the news media about the unsafe large hole at Tye Town Estates, its dangers and a good potential danger for some child. There is a petition being circulated for someone or the city to take care of this before someone ends up in it. The hole is

filled with water, big enough to bury a truck in it. I've viewed this situation and feel it is dangerous as well as the families living there with children and something should be done before it is too late.

Has your pay check got smaller? Beginning this month, Social Security payroll tax will be taking a deeper bite out of all pay checks, as well as your employer also having to ante up matching your tax. Tax was 6.13 per cent and now will be 6.65 (1/2 of 1 percent increase) the biggest jump since 1965 when medicare was introduced. In 1982 it goes up .05 percent more for 3 years at which time it will go up again. It seems at times thats all we working people get to do, pay taxes. Smile is all we can do. May be things will change for the betterment of all.

Reading an article about gasoline prices, think about this, comparison of U.S. and European prices prepared by the Society of Petroleum engineers last summer indicates that the pump price of gasoline remains dramatically lower in the U.S. than in European countries. Primarily because of lower taxes. The U.S. tax was 14 cents a gallon, in United Kingdom \$1.15, West Germany \$1.16, Belgium \$1.46, France \$1.69 and Italy \$1.82. Total pump price in the U.S. was \$1.29, West Germany \$2.38, United Kingdom \$2.43, Belgium \$2.89, France \$2.91, and Italy \$2.95. These European countries place a stringent energy conservation tax on gasoline while the U.S. does not. I hope Washington doesn't think about this. The rich getting richer, the poor stay at home.

The welcome moisture will aid in helping with the growth of crops but could use more besides what we have already gotten. If you have forgotten those 100 degree plus days we had this past year, they took a lot of moisture out of the soil and it will take plenty to replace it and then some.

Do appreciate your calls on this column. Tell others of the Mail and should you like a copy, you may pick up one at our local convenience stores. Plenty of interesting news and happenings.

So for another week, be careful and have a healthy and fun week. See you next week.



Newsbriefs

Art meeting

The Merkel Art Association met Jan. 5 in the Methodist Fellowship Hall at 7:00.

Mrs. Hayes, art teacher from Borden Palet Art Shop of Abilene, gave an oral landscape demonstration to the members.

Those present were Marie Beaird, Ruth Cox, Elizabeth Hicks, Ruth Hogan, Frankie Smith, Ethel Pee, Mary Stanley, Betty Toombs, Lorene Lee, Gay Featherston, Imogene Coleman, Frances Hudman, and Evelyn Stribbling.

Art President, Mary Stanley, called a short

business meeting after the demonstration.

Lambda Beta

Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met in the home of Kay Teaff with Beverly Reed and Belle Hammond presenting the program, "Esthetics perception of Beauty" on Tuesday, Jan. 6, 1981. Plans were made for members to answer telephones at the Rehab 81.

Those present were: Judy Elliott, Belle Hammond, Mychelle Hammond, Gloria Henslee, Nancy Hogan, Chera Hohbertz, Jodie Morris, Beverly Reed.

Kay Teaff, Barbara Welch, and Barbara Peterson.

Engagement

Mr. and Mrs. James E. Israel, of Noodle, are proud to announce the engagement and forth coming marriage of their daughter, Alison Sue, to Jackie Ray Langford, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold E. Langford of Anson.

Alison is a 1980 graduate of Anson High School and is employed by the Jones County Texas Agricultural Extension Service of Anson. The prospective groom is a

1977 graduate of Anson High School and is attending Hardin Simmons University for a BFA degree. He is employed by White's Home and Auto of Anson.

The couple plans a June 20th wedding at the First Baptist Church of Anson.

Promotion

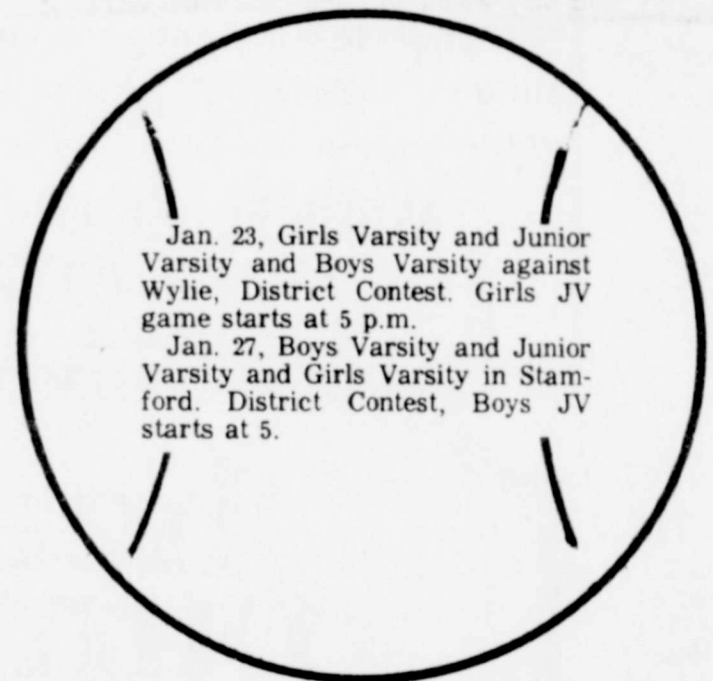
The Canadian School Board named Charles Lynn Russell as their new high school principal at their January meet. Charles is a Merkel graduate receiving his B.S. from McMurry.



The Merkel 8th grade girls basketball team includes (top row to bottom row, left to right) Leigh Anne Allen, Lisa Cantu, Mum Prasarn (second row) Jo Ann Talent, Dusti Whisenhunt, Marsha Tutt, Cindy Williams, Cindy Toney,

Jennifer Roby (bottom row) Sandy Nalley, Melissa Davis, Kelly Stovall, Joyce Patterson, Shelly Sherrill, Tami Elliott and not pictured is Kelly Sherrill. The girls are coached by Carla Gohlke. (Staff photo by Drew Mawson)

This week's schedule



Jan. 23, Girls Varsity and Junior Varsity and Boys Varsity against Wylie, District Contest. Girls JV game starts at 5 p.m.

Jan. 27, Boys Varsity and Junior Varsity and Girls Varsity in Stamford, District Contest, Boys JV starts at 5.

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Trent News

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Thursday January 22, 1981

Trent news abundant this week

The Trent High School girls were cold shooting free throws last Tuesday night, hitting only 2 of 11, and lost to Roby 43-42 in the district opener for both schools. Leigh Ann McGlothlin had 17 points and Rebecca Sipe had 11 points for Trent in the losing effort.

In the boys game, Trent was defeated by Roby 69-45 despite 22 points made by Greg Beasley. Riley West contributed 10 points in the defeat.

The Girls High School basketball team defeated the girls from McCaulley 60-22 for their first district win Friday night. Trent was led by Leigh Ann McGlothlin with 23 points, Pam Massey contributed 15 points to the victory.

It won't be the same without Walter... or will it?

by Cloy A. Richards

Me and ol' Walter have gone through some pretty tough times together.

Yessir!

Yes sir!

We've seen things together I don't ever want to see again. We've been places I hope are forever behind us.

We've had our moments too. Ol' Walt showed me things Tuesday evening that pleased me so much I cried.

That was a round-a-bout way to tell newspaper readers how the CBS Evening News handled the wild and joyous events of January 20, 1981.

CBS should record about 10,000 video tapes of that broadcast to provide to folks when they criticize the media for always presenting 'bad' news.

Mr. Cronkite's stories Tuesday evening included a comprehensive report on the release of the 52 American Hostages from Iran, the swearing in of a new president, a former sports champion saving a distraught man's life, and the reactions of the hostage families.

Those were the stories, the reaction of the American people interviewed on CBS was incredible.

One Hostage family said they would not, and could not forget the eight servicemen who gave their lives in the aborted rescue attempt.

The daughter of another hostage said "Daddy's coming home."

Ronald Reagan, excuse me, President Reagan, giving a toast at a reception, informed the crowd the American Hostages had left Iran and that news was something "We could all drink to."

CBS also reported former President Carter's final hours in office, as well as his Administration's last ditch efforts to bring freedom to the Hostages.

We also saw gala events at ceremonies marking the beginning of the Reagan Administration.

At the end of the broadcast, we saw a woman's reactions to an eventful day. January 20, 1981 marked her 64th birthday, the release of her son after 14 months of captivity, and the gathering of her family.

When that family went in to "God Bless America", and CBS faded to an overhead shot of the Statue of Liberty, followed by Walter saying "And that's the way it is, Tuesday, January 20, 1981. A day that started out being the 444th day of captivity for the American Hostages in Iran, ends up being Day 1 of their Freedom," it was too much for me.

Yes sir! I remember Jan 20, 1981 well. Dang proud to be an ASmerican that day for sure.

Ol' Walter will be retiring soon. He's been at it a while you know.

That got me to worryin' a little bit. What will I do when he is gone?

Ol' Dan is not that bad of a guy, besides, my grandad had to learn to live without Edward R. Murrow, my dad had to give up Douglas Edwards and Chet and David, and they somehow survived.

Besides, I have learned one thing about the good ol' U S of A. At times, there may be a lot of things goin' on beyond your control, that you have to learn to like, try to change, or be depressed all of the time.

Most things in the good ol' U S of A you don't have to learn to like, it just comes naturally.

Between the two, the race isn't even close. I'd put \$100 to win on the US horse in most any race.

The Trent boys team went down to defeat at the hands of McCaulley after putting up a valiant struggle. The game ended up 37-35 with Greg Beasley leading Trent with 13 points.

Basketball schedule

The girls and boys opened district play last Monday with both teams losing to Roby. The junior high has 3 district games left, a district tournament, which will be at Roby, February 12-14 and the Highland tournament Jan. 22-24. Both teams will play Highland Thursday. Game time is 6 p.m. for the girls. Boys will start about

get Todd out of her mind. Leslie and Mary get in each other's way at Anderson's.

ANOTHER WORLD — Rachel tracks down Mitch's cabin and crashes in a jeep on the way there. Mitch finds her on the road but does not know who she is. Jamie is arrested for aiding a fugitive. Rick has Denghi fever and his condition is critical. Tracy meets some new people in Las Vegas who are friends of Jordan's. Rachel convinces Mitch to go back to Bay City with her.

THIS WEEK: Mitch's returning memory causes complications for Rachel and her newborn child.

RYAN'S HOPE — The Ryans are not happy about Frank's and Faith's wedding plans. Kim collapses and calls for Michael. Kim and Michael tell Rae they have been planning a birthday party when she becomes suspicious of their sneaking around. When Siobhan receives a note about Joe, Jack leaves Rose and rushes to Siobhan's side when she asks for his help.

THIS WEEK: Joe's reappearance creates havoc in more than one life. Frank and Faith persevere despite heavy objections.

ALL MY CHILDREN — Shaun sets his sights on Nina while Nina thinks of reconciling with Cliff. Ed English dies after suffering another heart attack and Brooke is puzzled by his

dying words. Brandon spends the night at Erica's. Palmer and Donna go skiing. Benny and Estelle are married.

THIS WEEK: Palmer sets out to destroy Nina's reconciliation plans. Donna finds herself wanting to please Palmer more and more.

ONE LIFE TO LIVE — Ed Hall opens a detective agency and Pat hires him to find Nicole. Raff and Sam start spending some time together. Vicki helps Ted open his art gallery. Herb resigns. Johnny confesses his love to Becky.

THIS WEEK: Richard's and Becky's differences push her closer to a receptive Johnny. Dorian makes up some tall tales as a face-saving gesture.

GENERAL HOSPITAL — Diana throws a "black tie" party as Heather plots to kill her. Jeff, needing some comforting, stays after to help clean up and ends up in Diana's bed. Heather lets herself into Diana's apartment with gun in hand and comes face-to-face with the woman she hates most in the world—Diana Taylor! Luke tricks Edward and Alexandria into telling him the truth—the Ice Princess is a diamond that is worth millions!

THIS WEEK: Ann experiences great feelings of guilt. Luke and Laura continue to taunt each other.

7. The junior high boys have a record of 4-4. Games remaining are McCaulley, there, Monday Jan. 19 at 5:30; Jayton, here, Monday, Jan. 26 at 5:30; Aspermont, here, Monday, Feb. 2 at 5:30.

Voters decide tax cut

Trent voters will decide April 5th whether or not to grant \$10,000 exemptions for city residents aged 65 or older.

The Trent City Council had a petition delivered calling for homestead exemptions from city property taxes for those 65 or older. Trent Mayor Zula Darby told the Mail Monday, "I guess the

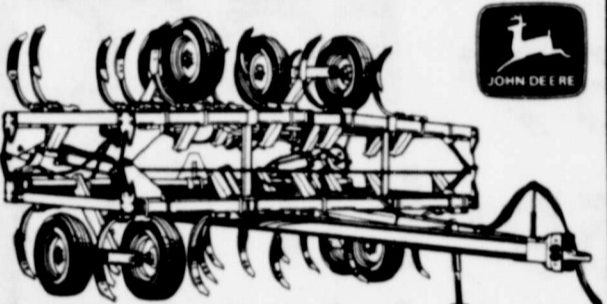
THE EDGE OF NIGHT — The prime suspect in the Dorn murder case turns out to be the hero of the hour for April Scott. Nancy has an idea that could save April's and Draper's marriage. Deborah loses her bet with Chief Mallory and to his surprise, keeps to the terms of the wager. Jody is out of danger and is expected to have a speedy

recovery.

THIS WEEK: Nancy starts putting the pressure on Emily. Emily's secret is threatened.

TEXAS — Max and Reena are married in grand Texas fashion. Elliott arrives on the yacht in St. Croix and almost sees Alex.

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petition would reduce the city revenue between 30 and 40 per cent. If the petition is passed, it will cause us some problems, but we will deal with those problems as we get to them."

The petition was never presented to council and has been certified by Nancy Saunders, Taylor County Elections Administrator as being proper and legal.

The tax reducing petition will be the only matter on the April 5th ballot.

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SPEAKING OF SOAPS

THE DOCTORS - Jason and Nola fight their way up the stairs to save Jessica only to discover that Catherine has taken her for a walk and the child is out of danger. Natalie tries to convince Greta to elope. The fire report indicates that the fire at Jason's was of suspicious origin. Matt returns to his office where he learns that Althea may return as a guest lecturer. After bitter arguments with both Matt and Maggie, Greta goes away with Billy unaware that he has chosen for their haven an inn with a justice of the peace Theodora arrives.

THIS WEEK: Ashley looks at John in a totally different light. Jason wonders about the fire's origin.

DAYS OF OUR LIVES — After arguing over Doug's decision not to divorce Lee, Julie and Doug split. Liz agrees to marry Neil. Marie tells Alex that Alice knows Jessica is Alice's grandchild, but is interrupted before she can tell him that Alice is unaware that Alex is Jessica's father. Alex blurts out the news to a shocked Alice.

THIS WEEK: Jessica can't

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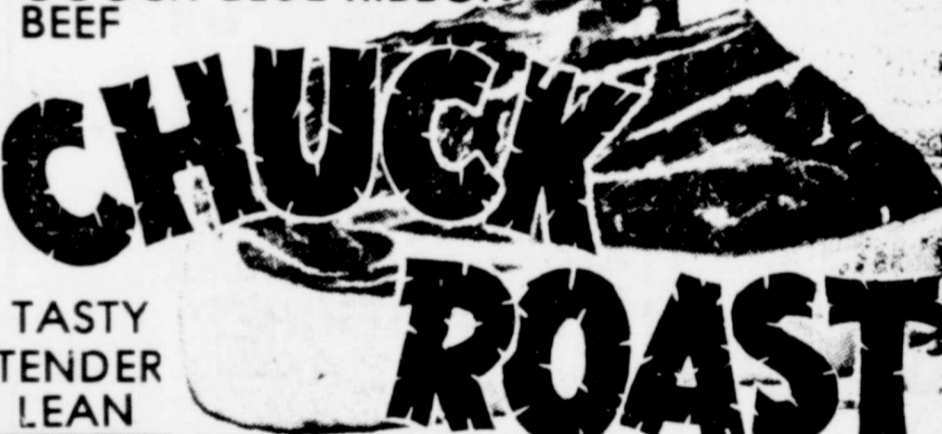
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