The Merkel Mail

Thursday, June 4, 1981...Merkel, Texas...Merkel's 100th Year

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Three N-7 Allis-Chalmers combines roll across James Boyd's farm here Monday as the 1981

wheat harvest gets into high gear. The combines are owned by Jim McDaniels of Rolling Fork,

Mississippi, a custom wheat cutter. The harvest is expected to last three weeks, if the weather stays dry. (Staff photo by Cloy A. Richards)

Mail reviews top news & events of 1

by Cloy A. Richards

This week we will be taking a look at the top news and events of 1924-23-22 as we work our v back to Merkel's 100th Anniversary of 100 settlement.

January-1924 Merkel voters approved, by a slim margin, a bond issue to build a new high school. The vote carried by 12. George Ebehart began a 3,100 foot well at Stith.

February The Merkel Ministerial Association was organized. The Mail began an editorial campaign to build a sewer system here.

March The A.C. Rose Dry Good Store and Carson's were hit by robbers the same night. The Census Department reported Taylor County farmers harvested 40,737 bales of cotton.

Merkel's mayor was H.C. West and city councilmen were W.O. Boney, A.T. Sheppard. Swann, W.W. Campbell, J.P.

Winter was city marshall. School board members included A.C. Rose, H.C. West, A.T. Sheppard, R.O. Anderson, A.R. Booth, W.O. Boney and omas Durham. A mass meeting was held to

termine support for a sewer bond. The \$40,000 contract to construct a new high school was awarded to J.R. Horn and Sons.

Twenty-eight were graduated from Merkel High City voters approved a \$55,000 sewer bond. Johnny Sears was valedictorian and Imogene Hays was saluatorian at MHS. A Merkel man was injured when a train struck his truck near

The city purchased a tractor to use in road building. Senator Collins of Dallas announced he would make a campaign trip here in his quest for

E.S. Tucker, of Merkel, a minister and Civil War veteran, was killed when he was hit by a

More info on July 4 Fun Day

by Martha Sue Justice

Tickets, Tickets, Tickets-Yes, we have donation tickets available throughout town. If you have not purchased yours, please do so now. This money will be used to build our restroom and shower facility at the Merkel City Park. Tops in ticket sales, so far, are Edna Cain of Trent (holding the number one spot), Johnny Starbuck, Hazel Pack, and Higginbotham Bartlett. Outright donations will also be appreciated. Help us. We did it last year and I know we will succeed again

Excitement is building more each day and will continue to build until the 4th of July arrives. The excitement is based on a lot of participation and enthusiasm throughout Merkel and surrounding towns. Last year, we had 36 spaces filled with food concession, arts and crafts, etc. So far this year, we have 44 spaces spoken for with four more weeks yet to go. We are going to have all kinds of activity throughout the park to suit everyone's tastes

The Methodist Church Rythmic Choir is going to supervise a three legged race. The Abilene Shriners are sending over several clowns, which will appear and make animal with baloons. We also still have a capwalk, ring toss, wet sponge throw, cake walk, dunkin Sam, egg and face painting, sack race, tug a war contests, and a basketball throw. This list is still not complete, because we have many other contests and games pending at this time.

Other booths include: wood work, garage sales, aloe vera, flea markets, jewelry, flower arrangements, ceramics, and other misc. arts and crafts.

If you have already made your space reservation, and still owe the \$5.00 fee, please take care of this as soon as possible. Come by the Merkel Mail anytime, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 12:00 noon or 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Prizes donated so far include: Pat's Beauty Salon- 3 curling brushes, Merkel Locker Plant- 5 2 lb. packages sausage, Pug & Leo's Restaurant-1 lb. sliced bar b que brisket and 1 lb bar-b-que sausage, Handy Food Store- 1 case cokes and 1 case of Dr. Pepper, Hicks Auto Supply- 2 carskin reconditioners, 1 enginair power tire pump and 1 Rally wax, Super Taco- 2 Mexican dinners, Farmers and Merchants National Bank- a Loud Mouth II (this is an AM-FM radio and 8 track tape player combination), Things In General- 2 \$10.00 gift certificates, Allen-Cypert Tax Service-\$10.00 off on any tax return and Terry's Auto Supply of Abilene will be giving away oil filters

and oil throughout the day. Merkel Senior Citizens are really planning on having a outstanding show for all of us, Thursday Night, July 2nd, with a Centennial Talent Show Night. The time and details will be given later. Refreshments of all kinds will be on sale that night. So mark your calendar and plan to attend this fun filled event.

City signs consulting, purchase contracts

The Merkel City Council met Tuesday night to consulting contracts for projects being built by federal and state funds.

Council agreed to a contract with Western Consultants and Associates and engineering services will be provided by Yeatts and Decker. The consulting firms will be paid out of project

Council also signed the lease-purchase agreement for the new motor-grader and signed a contract with the State Highway Department to purchase a used dump truck for \$2,300.

Wheat, Centennial Edition, tickets again

By Cloy A. Richards

Graduation ceremonies at Merkel High went well Friday evening and the Coleman County Cowboy did an excellent job as the speaker.

Stegall told the students a college education was one of the greatest things that can happen to a youngster and challenged them to be active and concerned members of society.

The combines are rolling and the cotton planters are busy. It must be the first of June. The local wheat harvest is a good one with the

quality of wheat being the best in several years. Yields are being estimated at 25 to 30 bushels per acre and barring any high wind storms, should put some money into the economy locally.

Monday's price at the local dealers was \$3.70. which was not so hot.

We are getting closer and closer to the Centernial Edition of the Mail, planned for July 2nd. We are making a final appeal for histories .; local families, who helped to settle the area. That deadline is set for June 15th.

Fun Day tickets are here and on sale. The proceeds from this years sales will go to build restroom facilities at the park. The materials are already here and now all we have to do is put the building up and pay for it. No sweat, right.

Summer recreation events for Merkel youth

are shaping up, a little this year. There are a couple of private camps being offered. Merkel has a summer track program for youths, here, and will also be holding a basketball camp beginning June 15th. All of that on top of Little League and Softball, as well as camps and events being planned by local churches.

A Klu Klux Klan donation to a local elderly and unhealthy man made front page. Andy Shouse turned in the season's first bale of cotton. City sewer bonds were sold and work started immediately. City taxes went up 35 per cent to pay for the bond.

Seventeen of Merkel's twenty-eight graduates attended college from the Class of 1924. O.R. Rodden opened a photography studio here.

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Learn to swim

Registration for participation in the Taylor County Red Cross Learn to Swim program is scheduled for June 15, 16, and 17 at the Merkel

Classes will be held June 22 to June 26 at the Merkel Country Club, according to Don Hart member of the Taylor County Red Cross, board of directors and Red Cross Community Chair-

The courses are open to all children ages 6 and up. Written parental consent is required upon registration.

The Volunteer Red Cross instructor for the training is John Wall of Abilene.

Mr. Hart announced there will be no charge for the instruction or admission to the pool during the class. Classes will be held from 8 a.m. until

Merkel vet reports 2 area rabid animals

Merkel Veterinarian Dr. Warren Dozier told the Mail Tuesday the second case of rabies within a five mile radius of Merkel was confirmed Saturday

A skunk, between Merkel and Trent, entered a yard during the daytime and tangled with a dog. Austin health officials confirmed the skunk was Dr. Dozier said, "I am just afraid rabies will

creep into town and someone here will have to

take the shots. There are enough strays running around to bring the disease into town. An official with Region 4 of the Texas Department of Health, which covers a 19 county area told Dr. Dozier four cases of rabies were

confirmed over the weekend. He recommended all pets should be vaccinated against the disease and people should be suspicious of any animals acting odd.

One woman, who lives two miles North of town,

underwent the rabies shots after a stray cat attacked and bit her.

Wheat harvest going well

The combines are rolling as the 1981 wheat harvest got underway, here, late last week and was immediately delayed by rains on Friday night. High winds accompanied the early Saturday rains and some farmers reported wheat was laying over, most however, will be recovered

The Mail talked with Jack South at South Elevator and Walt Whisenhunt at Henderson Grain here.

Whisenhunt said they had already shipped 1.6 million pounds and said the wheat was weighing between 60 to 64 pounds per bushel. He said it was good, heavy wheat. Henderson and South were both paying \$3.70 Monday morning but wheat futures in Kansas City were off Monday

Whisenhunt said they had increased their storage to 12 million pounds and said they should have no hopper car shortages this year.

Jack South told the Mail Monday morning he had shipped out 12 cars or 2.4 million pounds. He expects to take in about 400,000 bushels this season and said he expected the harvest to be over in about three weeks

South said farmers had been reporting yields of 20 to 43 bushels per acre with a safe estimate over the territory being 24 or 25 bushels per acre.

He also reported an excellent supply of grain hopper cars and said they had increased their storage capacity to 100,000 bushels and had enough cars on the side to take another 70,000

South called the wheat, "the best I have ever

seen here" and said it was "heavy wheat". Most of the custom cutting crews are in and Jim McDaniel of Rolling Fork Mississippi may have one of the most impressive collections of cutting equipment participating in this year's harvest. He was 3 N-7 cutters with 27 foot headers which cost around \$500,000. His crews are cutting about 400 acres per day

Cotton planting is still in full swing as most of the planters are wrapping up the last of the planting, except for the "June planters". The area cotton lands got a decent rain with a half inch falling twice this weekend which should guarantee excellent stands.

Frazier signs with WTC

Norma Frazier, of Merkel, and Luann Kennedy of Post have signed to play basketball for Coach Joe Cushing at Western Texas College.

Miss Frazier, 5-9, a four-year starter at Merkel High School, was a district Most Valuable Player in 1980 and 1981 and was also a first team All District selection in 1979. She was named Outstanding Giri Basketball Player for Merkel in both 1980 and 1981 and was named to the Anson Tournament All Tournament Team in 1979, 1980

She lettered in track for three years at Merkel and was named the Outstanding Girls Field Eventer in 1981 when she advanced to regionals. She is a member of the National Honor Society, was named to the annual class Honor Roll four times, was named Most Likely to Succeed, and was the Outstanding Art Student of 1981.

Miss Kennedy, 5-11, averaged 13 points and 7.4 rebounds a game for Post where she was named All District in her senior year. She received honorable mention in her junior year.

A member of the National Honor Society, she graduated seventh in her class and was a state qualifier in the high jump. She qualified the regional high jump and 800 meter competition as

a junior, and in the high jump, as a freshman. Cushing had previously signed Vicki Teal from New Deal, Dale Pieper from Roscoe, Shara Fredenburg from Lubbock Cooper High School, Brenda Jameson from San Angelo, Sheila Heflin of Portales, N.M., and Darla Henry from Coahoma. Returning from the 1980-81 team will be Cindy Maddox from Canyon, Jackie Briggs and Valerie Wells from Amarillo, Dorcas Perkins from Lubbock and Cindy Goltl from San Angelo.



MHS Seniors turn the tassel, formally signifying graduation at ceremonies held at the Merkel School Auditorium. Forty-eight received

their high school diploma. (Staff photo by Cloy A.

Top news of 1924-23-22

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October

A fire destroyed 30 bales of cotton at the local yard. The 680 foot long U.S. Navy derrigible, the Shenendoah, flew over Merkel.

November

Mrs. Miriam Ferguson was elected governor. The state announced confederate pensions would resume in 1926. A steer, owned by C.M. Largent, set a world's record, when it sold for \$2.75 per pound.

W.N. Hall was named the new city marshall. Prominent Trent citizen, Mr. McLeod, died.

January-1923 The Cooperative marketing act of Texas was declared unconstitutional.

February

Almost 6,700 people in Taylor County payed the poll tax.

March Merkel made it's bid for West Texas College to be built here. A smallpox case forced closing of Le Noodle School for one week.

The first boy scout troop was organized here. Blanche Durham was chosen Miss Merkel. Ford Motor Co. announced a weekly purchase plan.

Hattie Proctor was valedictorian and Carvel Tucker was salutatorian at MHS. Merkelite's were invited to a free showing of a film of the Colorado City tornado. The state recommended Merkel needed more classrooms and teachers.

June A grasshopper invasion had city residents along with farmers, in the fields with sticks to kill the critters. G.A. Lilly, who lived near Castle Peak since 1896, was buried here.

The Farm Bureau announced a \$75 advance on cotton bales.

August The country and the Mail mourned the death of Warrent G. Harding. W.A. Sheppard turned int the first first bale of cotton. A new state law made it a felony to drive a car while intoxicated. Klan speakers appeared at Trent, Noodle and Blair

September

Many local farmers began a 5 year moratorium on quail hunting after learning quail like to eat boll weavles.

J.C. Carson, of Abilene, announced he was opening a grocery store here. November

Thursday June 4, 1981

The city purchased a Dodge fire truck for \$2,500. MHS enrollment was set at 203 students.

December The Mail ran a front page drawing of the proposed new high school building. Pictures in newspaper were not the norm then.

January-1922 Uncle Fran Sears passed away here. A.C.

Boney, of Merkel, was buried here. March It took two steers to feed the participants of a

Compere Rabbit Drive. April Thomas Durham was elected president of the Merkel Volunteer Fire Department. Flooding damaged the Mulberry bridge.

Raymond Ferguson, an MHS senior, drowned while on a senior outing. Thomas Durham was editor and publish of the Mail.

June A man and woman were fined for registering in a hotel, here, under false names. The city charged a \$1 tax for male dogs and \$3 for females.

Seventy-six Abilenians took the KKK pledge. Merkel voters decided what their next tax rate should be.

August A gin being built at Truby was blown down and two local men were injured. R.E. Johnson announced he would open a drug store here. M.G. King brought in the first bale of cotton.

September Merkel Ku Klux Klan Number 137 had 62 members. The city announced it would haul trash on a regular basis.

October Two new drilling projects started another flurry of oil leasing.

November Taylor County announced a crack-down on school truants.

December An oil lease on 120 acres brought the unheard of price of \$15. Dr. R.I. Grimes' car was demolished when he was hit by a train. He suffered slight

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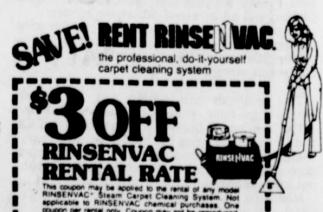
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from West Texas Maury C. Moore, of

Rt. 3, Merkel, was among the students Melo Dee receiving certificates of technology at Western Texas College in commencement exer cises held May 21. Moore has been a

student in the Residential Construction program directed by Abel Garza Dr. James Stewart,

president of the University of Texas in Tyler, was guest speaker for the commencement exercises in which associate degrees were awarded 154 students and certificates of technology to 25 students.

Old Fashioned

service at FBC

George Havens, a cowboy evanagilist, will deliver the services Sunday at Merkel's First Baptist Church.

The event is being called "Old Fashion Day" and lunch will be served on the grounds at noon.

The service is being held to kick off First Baptist's summer program and the public is invited to attend. Havens will deliver

messages at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. People attending the

events are being en-

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old fashion.

Byrd wins at state

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Teddy Byrd of Granado, a former Merkel resident for eight years, won the high jump and the 100 meter hurdles at the state track meet in Austin.

Miss Byrd ran a 14.4 in the hurdles, nipping her old state record of 14.6 in that event. She jumped 5'7" in the high jump for the state title. She has won four state championships in track and field in three

She is the grand daughter of Mrs. Sarah Byrd, of Rt. 1, Merkel.

Tejanitis downed

The Big Spring Red Sox's took advantage of five errors by Merkel to take a 4-1 victory over the Tejanitos. Merkel outhit the visitors six to five. Richard Hernandez went the distance for

Merkel suffering his

first loss of the year.

Daniel Moreno had the

now 3-2. The Abilene Pirates will visit Merkel Sunday, June 7.

Merkel's record is

sixth inning.

Cub Scouts goin' fishin' Calling All Cub Scouts.

We are going fishing this Saturday. Meet at the Scout Hut at 10 a.m. Parents are welcomed to come along. The scouts will return at 2 p.m. Leaders will see that the scouts get

Eastern Star

instalation set The public is invited to attend the installation of officers of Merkel Chapter 212 Order of Easter Star.

The ceremony will be held June 9 at 8

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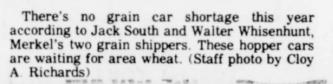
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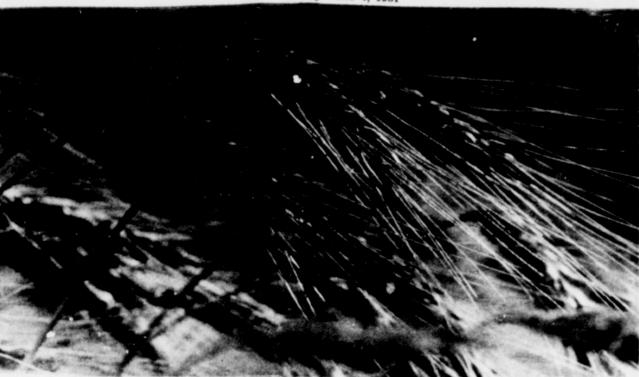
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Wheat!

by Cloy A. Richards
Jim McDaniel's custom wheat cutting contractor treated me to a beautiful sight Monday, as he lined up three Allis-Chalmers N-7 combines on James Boyd's farm just east of Merkel.

The wheat harvest here is in full swing after a two day rain delay and should be completed in about three weeks, if Ol' Mother Nature will

Twenty cars have already been shipped from Jack South and Henderson Grain and the going

price Monday was \$3.70 per bushel.

A couple of farmers were standing around Monday watching the combines roll and one commented he had never seen such a sight as the

three N-7's chomping their way through the field. Imagine, the three combines each cut a 27 foot sweep and can work 400 acres per day, every day. It's a far cry from the horse drawn McCormick reaper.



Jim McDaniel's combines chew through a wheat field here Monday, as the local wheat harvest gets into full swing. (Staff photo by Cloy

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11-1tp GARAGE SALE: 1205 N. 4th, Friday only, lots of goodies.

11-1tc GARAGE SALE: Saturday, June 6, 8:00 to 4:00. Girls 10 speed bike, jeans and junk, across street from the Trent school cafeteria, 862-6344

11-1tc GARAGE SALE: 107 Marion Behind Handy Food Store, Friday and Saturday 11-1tp

GARAGE SALE: Bicycle, large picture frames, innerspring mattress, boys clothes etc. Saturday, June 6, Jerry Gibson Residence, 1/2 mile North of Merkel, FM 126, 8 to 1. 11-1tc

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I would like to thank each and every one of you for the food, flowers, cards and prayers during the loss of Earl. Your thoughtfullness will always be remembered.

The Mashburn Family 11-1tc Thank one and all who were so nice while I had surgery, friends, neighbors and relatives for the cards visits, and prayers. My son, Mitchell, in the ICU section of the VA hospital in Big Spring, will always be remembered. May God Bless you all.

Terry Chancey. 11-1tc We would like to thank all of our friends in Merkel for kindnesses shown to the family of Lola Cox.

Willie Mitchell and

Bill Cox NOTICES NOTICE OF INTEN-TION TO INCORPO-RATE

Notice is hereby given that Auto-Chlor System of West Texas, whose principal business office is at 738 South 11th, Abilene. Taylor County, Texas, intends, on or before June 1, 1981, to become incorporated without a change of

firm name. Dated: May 14, 1981. Mike McPhail, Owner NOTICE OF INTEN-TION TO INCORPO-RATE

Notice is hereby given that BARNHILL OFFICE EQUIP-MENT, whose principal business office is at 1930 North First Street, Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, intends on or before June 1, 1981, to become incorporated without a change of firm name.

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Whats Happening in Tye By Harold Boyd

Tis summer...graduation behind us, children home and the long awaited vacations that are now among us. To the class of 81, best of luck, may your paths lead you on to higher goals and success that you have brought among yourselfs over the past twelve years of education. Now mothers, beings that you will have the little ones the next 2½ months, there are several Bible Schools that would love to have them for a few hours. Check your church for times and dates.

Freddie....which piece of cake would you like? Getting older every day. Freddie Ocon was hosted a surprise birthday party at City Hall this past Friday and was elated by this. Freddie Ocon has been with the City of Tye for the past 4 years in the maintenance department.

This Saturday at 7:30 p.m. the Volunteer Fire Department will host another musical for your enjoyment. Yes, you may cut the rug by some two stepping or what ever you care to do. The house band will be John Roys who bring you plenty of that good music. We will look forward to seeing you this Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at the fire house.

Over in Merkel, they are getting ready for their 2nd annual fun day. If it is like anything of last year, this certainly should be a success. You make plans for the 4th of July and be in Merkel at the park for a long day of fun and activities. There will be most everything that ones mind can imagine, cakes to knitting projects and maybe that something that you haven't got. So while we are on this, circle your date book for this day and come on out to Merkel. Fun Day 1981.

Can't stress the word SAFETY enough. Beings that it is vacation time, don't mar your vacation

lookout for the bicycles, children and farm implements that will be out along the roads. During the next 90 days, we will remind you of the word safety. Life is fragile, handle it with care as a company I work for stressed. When near water, wear proper safety equipment, check it out before hitting the water, this is one of our leading causes of death. Be careful of campfires. They not only cause injuries, but can result in damage to property and waste of our natural surroundings.

For all you folks in Tye and it's immediate area: west to Wells Lane, North to FM 1812 and east to the Hayter Rd and back south to the Pride Refinery road, Your new fire Number is 692-9382. This is a 24 hour a day number and is answered by members of the Tye Volunteer Fire Department. Again our special thanks to the management and staff of El Tye O Mobile Home Sales for the installation fee of these phones. A special thanks to the Government of the city of Tye for allowing these phones to be put in at the expense of the city. Again this number is answered 24 hours a day and when you need the fire department, rest assured your plea for assistance will be answered.

This Tuesday another city council meeting will be held at the muncipal building at 7 p.m. At this time, the agenda hasn't been posted but will appear at the usual places. These meetings are open to the public. See you there.

For another week, do drive, play and keep in mind safety. We do want to see you next week. If your subscription has run out on the Mail, do send in you next year subscription money, check in the amount of \$7.50 to the Merkel Mail, Merkel, Texas. Again, till next week, may He keep watch over us till then.

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Moreno blasts home run

by Ronny Powell

Ramon Moreno got his first homerun of the season, as the Bankers beat the Greenbacks, 28-2. And the Supers sweeped the killowatts 3-2 and 6-1. In Merkel Little League Action, here are the scores: Monday, 25: Game 1: Bankers smash the Greenbacks 28-2. Game 2: the Vets in a close game downed the Willies 11-10. Tuesday Game 1: Braves beat the Pipers 10-3. Game 2: Supers just slip by the Killowatts 3-2. Thursday, 28. Game 1: Supers sweep the Killowatts 6-1. Game 2: Bankers shut out the Greenbacks 15-0. Friday Game 1: Vets 12-4 victory over the Willies. Game 2: Braves-Pipers game was delayed because of rain and lightening. It will be made up later. Monday June 1, game 1: The Supers stop the Braves 3-1, game 2: the Bankers blank the Killowatts 7-0. All the games this week were real good. In T-Shirts action Saturday the 30th. Game 1: Eagles by 2 over the Yankees 8-6. Game 2: Angels just beat the Tigers 11-10. In T-Shirt League baseball the Angels appear to be the front runner, they have not lost a game. Back in Little League action. It's still the Bankers and Supers on top of the standings. The standings look like this. 1. Bankers and Supers tie with 9-0. 2. Braves 5-3. 3. Vets 4-4. 4. Pipers 2-5. 5. Killowatts 2-7. 6. Willies and Greenbacks tie with 1-7.

These are the standings as of Monday. We invite all of you out to the ball park and see these teams in action. Concessions are available at the park. T-Shirts play every Saturday at 6:00 and 8:00 p.m. The Little League play Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, at 6:00 and 8:00 p.m. See you at the park

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The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stephan of Route 4, Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. Tegart Brown of Kountze, Texas are the bridegrooms parents.

Best man was Tegart Brown, father of the groom and groomsman was Robbie Brown, son of the groom. Curtis Brown, son of the groom, lighted candles and Andy Stephan, Midland, brother of the bride, and Johnny Brown, Diboll, brother of the groom, seated guests.

The reception was hosted by the parents of the

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bride in the fellowship hall. Members of the houseparty serving were Mrs. Andy (Dianne) Stephan, Midland, Mrs. Jack (Glenda) Van-Cleave, Ft. Worth, and Karen Carter, Winters.

The rehearsal dinner hosted by the bride-

grooms parents was held at Moncla's.

The bride is a 1975 graduate of Merkel High School. She attended West Texas State University and Stenograph Institute of Texas. She is a Certified Shorthand Reporter employed by Beaumont Court Reporters.

The bridegroom graduated from French High School in Beaumont and attended Lamar University. He is the owner of Wilson Brown Specialty, Inc. of Beaumont.

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Second Grade: A Honor Roll: Coby Archa, Dustie Baldree, Jamie Beasley, Aimee Bugg, Melissa Cuellar, Jayma Goldsmith, Collin Jacobs, Cara Kelso, Mary Monohan, Phuong Thao Tran, Brandon Toombs, Daniel West. A-B Honor Roll: Kathy Bennett, John Boswell, Brandon Boyd, Jenny Boyd, Amber Buckley, Devin Ely, Brandy Fenton, Robert Frazier, April Griffith, Sean Leamon, Patrick Lee, Tonya Moreno, Destry Pack, Tracie Thomas.

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Fifth Grade: A Honor Roll: Kristy Elliott, Kim Graham, Ramon Moreno, Amy Stuckey, Krista Toombs, Misty Vaughan, Pam Williams. A-B Honor Roll: Mark Aldrete, Chris Biera, Angie Cannon, Kyle Coker, Shelle Doan, April Duncan, Staci Ferguson, Jerry Flowers, Jamie Heyen, Michelle Langlinais, Aretha McKinney, Angie Moreno, Janna Pettit, Karrie Rich, Ted Seymore, Todd Smith, Chad Way, C.J. White, Steve Williams.



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A member of the 1981 graduating class at Merkel High School, he has a 94.25 grade average, is a member of the National Honor

NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF REQUEST FOR RELEASE **FUNDS** (MULTI-YEAR)

City of Merkel 107 Lamar Merkel, Texas 79536 915-928-4911 TO ALL INTEREST-AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PER-

On or about June 22, 1981, the above-named City will request the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to release Federal funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (PL 93-383) for the following project:

HUD B-81-DS-48-0013 Community Development Block Grant Merkel, Taylor

County, Texas

\$1,297,800 An Environmental Review Record respecting the within project has been made by the above-named City which documents the environmental review of the project. This Environmental view Record respecting the within project

has been made by the above-named City which documents the environmental review of the project. This Environmental view Record is on file at the above address and is available for examination and copying, upon re-

City of Merkel will undertake the project described above with Block Grant funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, City of Merkel is certifying to HUD that City of Merkel and Kent Satterwhite in his official capacity as Mayor, consent to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to views, decisionmaking and action: and that

environmental these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that upon its approval, City of Merkel may use the Block Grant funds. and HUD will have satisfied its responsi-bilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

Society, president of the Senior Class and president of the Bookmarker Club. He also was a three year football letterman, won a UIL Science contest award and One Act Play award, and was named to Who's Who Among American High School Students.

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Team trophies will be awarded to the top three teams, with individual trophies being given to first and

HUD will accept an objection to its approval of the release of funds and acceptance of the certification only if it is on one of the following bases: (a) That the certification was not in fact executed by the chief executive officer or other officer of applicant approved by HUD, or (b) that _pplicant's environmental review record for the project indicates omission of a required decision, funding, or step applicable to the project in the environmental re-

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Club meets

The winners of a team contest were honored on Tuesday night May 26, 1981 by the losers at Pleasant-

Secret sisters were revealed and new ones were drawn for another year.

Those present were Blanche Hewitt, Ginny Yaddow, Glenda Teaff Pat Neff, Betty Allday, Val Patterson. Connie Harris, Minyon Seymore, Anita Allen, Kathy Leverich, Connie Ybarra, Vickie Rodriguez, Louise Dubose, Mamie Steck, Mary Hill and Liz Eager.

Operators meet

The Merkel Ex Telephone operators had a salad supper on May 21, 1981 in the home of Ada Clark.

Those attending were: Elsie McDonald

tions must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedure (24 CFR Part 58), and may be addressed to HUD at 2001 Bryan Tower, Dallas, Texas, 75201. Objections to the release of funds on bases other than those stated above will not be considered HUD. No objection received after July 9, 1981, will be considered by HUD.

Kent Satterwhite. Mayor 107 Lamar Merkel, Texas 79536

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Thursday June 4, 1981

Ethel Hicks, Allwyne Patton (of Abilene), Evelyn Martin and the hostess, Ada Clark. This group had a combined of 77 years as operators for the

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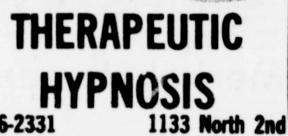
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Project is not detrimental to the environ-

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the City will not request the release of

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project prior to the date specified in the preceding sentence. Kent Satterwhite,

(PL 91-190).

follows:

It has been deter-

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NOTICE OF INTEN-

DED TRANSFER Notice is hereby given that on or before June 1, 1981, the entire assets of Auto-Chlor System of West Texas, whose address is 738 South 11th, Abilene, Texas, will be transferred to a new enterprise organized to take ever and continue the business under the name of Auto-Chlor System of West Texas, Inc., a Texas corporation, whose address will be 738 South 11th, Abilene, Texas.

The corporation will assume all of the debts of the transferor, and the transferor will receive nothing more than an interest in the corporation which will be subordinate to the claims of existing cre-ditors of the corpora-

Dated: May 14, 1981. Auto-Chlor System of West Texas, Inc. By Mike McPhail, President 10-2tc

NOTICE OF INTEN-TION TO INCORPO-RATE AND TRANS-

Notice is hereby given that The Kitchen Shop, Etc., a partnership of Evelyn C. Sleeper and Gloria G. Bentley, whose principal place of business is at 4693 South 14th Street, Abilene, Texas, intends on or about July 1, 1981, to be incorporated without a At that time, the entire assets of The Kitchen Shop Etc., a partner-ship, will be transferred to the said corporation, whose princi-pal place of business will be at the same address, and the said corporation will become bound to pay the debts of the said The Kitchen Shop, Etc., a partnership. The said

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The Kitchen Shop, Etc Evelyn C. Sleeper, Partner Gloria G. Bentley, Partner 11-4tc

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TO: Charles Farr, Defendant, Greeting: YOU AREHEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County Courthouse at the 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 20th day of May A.D., 1981, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said

court, on the 20th day of May A.D., 1981, in this cause, numbered 36,947-A on the docket of said court and styled The Citizens National Bank In Abilene, Plaintiff, vs.

Charles Farr, Defen-

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: The residence of the defendant therein is unknown to the Affiant and after due Diligence, such Plaintiff and Affiant have been unable to locate the whereabouts of such Defendant, as is more fully shown by Plain-

this suit. If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

tiff's Petition on file in

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 20th day of May, A.D. 1981

Attest: Irene Crawford, District Clerk, **42nd District Court** Taylor County, Texas by Wilda Jones, Deputy 11-4tc

NOTICE OF FIND-ING OF NO SIGNIFI-CANT EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT Date: June 4, 1981 City of Merkel

Trent cubs take outdoor trip

Trent Cub Scouts, Den 1 and 2 had a spring outing Saturday May 23, at Lake Sweetwater. Twelve boys attended along with 3 parents and 4 leaders. The group left Trent at 9:30 a.m. and returned after supper that evening. Picnic lunches were taken and supper was a mess of stew cooked over the campfire. Cornbread and cobbler were also served. Nature hikes, baseball, and assorted contests were on the agenda.

Michael Jackson was

the top performer in the match contest, lighting 2 and splitting another for 55 points. Den 2 won the tug of war and also the rope relay. Den 1 partici-pants were Michael

Jackson, Michael La-Salle, John Thomas, Steven Baker and Joey Bredemeyer. Den 2 participants included Lee Hunt, Jeff Hobbs, Dock Carriker, David Conatser and Scott Richardson. Boy scout Chris Simpson came along to assist the cubs in their outing.

Merkel, Texas 79536 107 Lamar

Watch those work at home proposals

Tempted by a "work-at-home" offer? Be careful, and proceed with caution-or create your own "work-at-home" business, advises Linda McCormack, a family resource manage-

ment specialist. Mrs. McCormack is on the home economics staff of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

In many "work-at-home" cases, the potential "employee" or "investor" (you) is asked to send a membership or registration fee to a company "for more information" or "to obtain the materials necessary to start the job," Mrs. McCormack notes.

Too often, these "job materials" and "investment secrets" turn out to be simply promotional literature-not work, she says.

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