

The Merkel Mail

Thursday, July 16, 1981...Merkel, Texas Merkel's 100th Year

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West Texas may not be known for waterfowl but this family of mallards seem to like the lake near the Merkel Country Club. (Staff photo by Cloy A. Richards)



The members of the team representing Merkel in next weekend's regional teenage baseball tournament includes (front row, left to right) Milo Harris, Tim Jacobs, Kenny Sims, Jeff Richards, Clay Hammond. (Second row, left to right) Billy Williams, Billy McKeehan, David

Fuston, Randy Goins, Russell Lucas, John Ybarra, and Tommy Hays. Not pictured are Sean Woodard and Jeff Maddox. The manager is Earl Laird and Coach is J.C. Sims. (Staff photo by Cloy A. Richards)

County-wide appraisers here

Appraisers will be knocking on your door soon. Representatives of the Central Appraisal District of Taylor County will start appraising Merkel property today within Merkel City Limits.

According to the Central Appraisal Office, the representatives will be wearing a identification badge that will include a photo. The appraisal will be from the outside of the house only. The appraiser may want to go into the back yard of a home.

No notices or appraisals will be made available to the property owner until early in 1982.

If the appraiser finds a home empty, a tag will be left on the door stating an appraiser has been at the home site to make a re-verification of the property values.

The Appraisal District said the recent notices received by county tax payers was merely a notification of the change of the assessment ration from 35 per cent of evaluation to 100 percent evaluation. That notification will have no bearing on the property evaluation currently being done by the Central Appraisal District.

Currently, one half of Abilene has been re-evaluated and all of the Buffalo Gap-Tuscola area.

Tax, Russia, Cukes, softball, reunion

by Cloy A. Richards

Just who in the heck are these Taylor County Appraisal District people and why are they trying to raise my taxes?

That seems to be a fairly common question and will become even more so this week.

The Taylor County Appraisal District was formed after the 66th Texas Legislative Session mandated all parcels in a county would have the same tax value for any agencies collecting tax in that county.

Under the old system, your property could have a different taxable value from the city, county, school district, hospital authority, water board and so on. The intent of the law was to standardize property evaluations and set them at or near market value.

The appraisal district has absolutely no control over the amount of taxes that will be paid to any taxing entity. Their purpose is to assess, bill and collect taxes. Each local government will decide how much the taxpayer will pay.

During the re-evaluation this week, in Merkel, appraisers from the Appraisal District will be determining market value on all parcels within the Merkel city limits. The appraisers will not need to enter a home for that process, but may have some questions they want to ask about the property.

Each appraiser will wear identification, complete with a photo identification of the appraiser.

Some of you may have been wondering what

happened to local sports star Brad Pursley.

Brad jumped in the US-USSR duel meet in Russia last week and placed fourth with a vault of 17'8 1/2".

Brad jumped in Dublin, Ireland Tuesday and is in or traveling to Bucharest for the University Games.

Clarence and Pearl Melton dropped in the office Monday morning to show off some of those large, foreign cucumbers raised on their farm this year.

They both agreed it has been one of their best gardening seasons in 40 years here and said they have had so many black-eyed peas, they almost did not know what to do with them all.

The UGSA State Softball Tournament will be held here Thursday, Friday and Saturday and the tournament is drawing 21 teams meaning at least 252 girls will be here and no telling how many parents and relatives.

The State Tournament being here is an indication of facilities that Merkel has to offer for softball and that credit goes to the parents and other interested parties in girls softball here.

We welcome the weekend residents and hope your experience here is an enjoyable one.

The Old Settlers Reunion at Buffalo Gap will be held Friday, starting with a parade at 10 a.m.

The activities will really begin Thursday night with a singing scheduled for 8 p.m.

Board meets, hires three teachers, hears update on plan

The Merkel School board hired three teachers and heard their surplus at the end of the year will probably be \$110,000 at their monthly meeting held Tuesday night.

The board took care of the monthly business in a one and one half hour meeting that included a brief executive session.

In the financial portion of the meeting, the board paid bills totaling \$31,071 and heard the lawyers in charge of collecting school taxes were about to get firm in their collection tactics.

Superintendent Bill Everett told the board the district had literally thousands and thousands of dollars in unpaid taxes and said people would be receiving some nasty letters in the near future from the collection lawyers.

Merkel Elementary school principal David Casey presented a report on the progress of the state mandated five year accreditation process. Key issues cited in the report were the upgrading of math and language instruction, specifically at Merkel and Tye Elementary.

Everett told board members part of that problem will be addressed this school year with the advent of a gifted and talented program in fifth grade.

Casey also told board members that many of the elementary teachers would be using a program called assertive discipline this year. That program sets down, in writing, a list of things that will not be tolerated in a classroom and the consequences for students who break the rules. Casey said a few of the elementary teachers tried the program last year and were happy with the results.

The board also set tentative dates for budget workshops and the public budget hearing.

The workshop has been scheduled for August 6 or 8 and the budget hearing has been set for 7 p.m. August 18. Those dates are subject to change.

The MISD Board of Equalization will meet July 22.

The board accepted the resignation of Merkel Middle School Library aide Mrs. Nally and hired Peggy Valentine to replace her.

The board also hired Pat Sims as an elementary teacher in either the second or fourth grade and hired Carol Oden as a teacher in the middle school.

The next regular session of the board is August 18th in the High School Library.

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Moreno's 1 hitter sinks Winters

by Ronny Powell

The Merkel Little League All Stars got an RBI from Brit Pursley in the 4th that scored Gary Sutterfield and exploded for five runs in the sixth to take Winters in the opening round of Little League play 6-0 in Abilene Monday night.

Ramond Moreno tossed a one hitter to earn the win for Merkel. Merkel was set to play Anson Tuesday night (details will be in next week's Mail because of press deadline).

The first three innings went scoreless until Merkel's 4th inning. Gary Sutterfield walked, Todd Yaddow singled to left moving Sutterfield to

second. Britt Pursley then doubled to center scoring Sutterfield.

Winters then came back and moved a runner to third with two outs, but Pursley shut down the inning with a diving catch on a Texas Leaguer in center field.

Merkel put the game out of reach in the sixth. Scoring for Merkel in the sixth were David Doan, Todd Yaddow, Pursley, Ricky Doan, and Ramon Moreno.

Winters ended the game with no runs on one hit and did not commit an error. Merkel had six runs on six hits and had one error.

Fire Dept. auction set July 25th

The Merkel Volunteer Fire Department will try their auction, originally planned for July 4th Fun Day, next Saturday, July 25 from 9 a.m. until they are sold out.

Persons who still want to donate items for the auction for the benefit are encouraged to contact Waymon Adcock.

People who would like to continue their Fun Day booths are being invited to set up in the street between Hicks Auto and the block where Adcock Cleaners is located on North Second.

People wishing to set up may contact the Mail before noon Tuesday and we will advertise your booth and items for sale.

Merkel hosts UGSA state tourney

Merkel will play host to about 252 girls this weekend as the State United Girls Softball Association (UGSA) will hold their tournament here.

Play will begin Thursday evening and Merkel will be fielding an all star team in each of the

divisions.

A program has been printed by the Merkel-Trent League that will be available at the park Thursday night. The brochure will have brackets indicating where and when games will be played.

Merkelites qualify for state track meet

Here are Merkel's results from Saturday's TAAF track meet in Wichita Falls. The top two in each event will go to the state meet in Laredo, July 31-Aug. 1. They are:

Boys
400 meter relay- 1. Kyle Doan, Dusty McLeod, Sha Lang, Chance Ferguson. 800- 1. Sha Lang, 5. Josh Mashburn. 50- 2. Kyle Doan. 400- 2. Sha Lang, 3. Criswell Whisenhunt. Long Jump- 3. Kyle Doan, 4. Sha Lang. High Jump- 1. Kyle Doan, 3. Chance Ferguson. Shot Put- 2. Chance Ferguson, 4. Dusty McLeod.

Girls
400 Relay- 1. Pam Neff, Amber Whisenhunt, Teresa Lucas, Melissa Hallford. 800- 1. Melissa Hallford. 50- 2. Teresa Lucas. 100- 2. Amber Whisenhunt, 3. Teresa Lucas. 200- 3. Pam Neff, 4. Amber Whisenhunt.

Midget
Boys
50- 2. Lynn Hayes. 80 Hurdles- 1. Lynn Hayes, 2. David Bugg. 100- 2. Lynn Hayes, 4. David Bugg. 1,500- 3. David Bugg. Long Jump- 1. Lynn Hayes. High Jump- 1. Lynn Hayes. Shot Put- 1. David Bugg.

Girls
400- 1. Maxie Lang. 800- 1. Kayce Ward. 1,500- 1. Maxie Lang. 50 Hurdles- 2. Maxie Lang, 3. Kayce

Ward.

Juniors
Boys
200- 3. Justin Amerine. 400- 3. Justin Amerine. 80 Hurdles- 1. Donnie Brady. 1,500- 1. Donnie Brady. Shot Put- 1. Justine Amerine.

Girls
800- 1. Ronna Casey. Shot Put- 1. Ann Everrett. Discus- 1. Ann Everrett.

Intermediate
Boys
400 Relay- 1. Michael Tutt, Ronnie Williams, Michael McCoy, Russell Lucas. 100- 1. Michael McCoy, 2. Michael Tutt. 200- 2. Ronnie Williams. 400- 1. Russell Lucas. 1,500- 3. Tim Brady. 110 High Hurdles- 1. Tommy Hayes. Mile Relay- 1. Michael Tutt, Michael McCoy, Ronnie Williams, Russell Lucas. Broad Jump- 1. Michael McCoy. High Jump- 2. Russell Lucas, 3. Michael Tutt. Shot Put- 1. Roy Johnson. Discus- 1. Roy Johnson.

Senior-Boys
110 High Hurdles- 1. Mark Turner. 400 Hurdles- 1. Mark Turner. Shot Put- 1. Greg Arnwine. Discus- 1. Greg Arnwine. Pole Vault- 1. Randy Martin.

University
400 Hurdles- 1. Randy Martin. 110 High Hurdles- 1. Randy Martin.

Council meets; hears request, pays bills

The Merkel City Council heard a request from Yeatts and Decker, an engineering firm, for sewer facilities at Nu Corp Supply, as well as a HUD project report at their meeting Friday night at City Hall.

Council agreed to allow Yeatts and Decker to come up with plans and alternatives that will be reviewed by Council before any type of decision

will be made.

City Manager J.A. Sadler spent Monday and Tuesday in Arlington attending a workshop for cities that are receiving HUD money and he will report on his trip at the next council meeting.

Council also paid accounts and heard a Fun Day report.

Cemetery donors

Recent donations to the Merkel Cemetery Association Fund are as follows: Jim Daniel in memory of Edna Coats; Bernard Clark Family; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Higgins in memory of Ruth Coats; Evelyn Parmely, Louise Hudson, Bessie Clark, Leona Conley, Bessie Perry, Willie Huddleston, and Callie Anderson in memory of Ruth Coats; Mae E. Jones in memory of Mary Walker; Dr. and Mrs. W.T. Sadler in memory of Ruth Coats; Clarence Newton in memory of Ruth Coats; Mr. and Mrs. Ted Pargament in memory of Tom Watson; Mr. and Mrs. C.O. Patterson; Mr. and Mrs. Paxton Hays in memory of Tom Watson; Mr. and Mrs. Jarrett Pinckley in memory of Tom Watson; The John Boyds in memory of Nola Pursley; Family of A.C. & O.D. Pruett; Mr. and Mrs. John Herron in memory of Thomas Watson; Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wilson in memory of Thomas Watson; Marvin and Fredia Eager in memory of Julia Lawson; J.D. Witcher; Mr. and Mrs. Pete Morgan in memory of Nola Pursley, Ruth Coats, Jimmie Riggan and Brother Richardson; Roy and Sandy Davis in memory of Tom Watson; Mr. and Mrs. John L. Rister in memory of Nola Pursley; Mrs. Earl Hughes in memory of Jimmy Riggan; Mr. and Mrs. W.A. Steele; Dewey Hutchins in memory of Mr. and Mrs. J.S. Blair; Edrie Buchanan in memory of Nola Pursley; Edna Teaff in memory of Nola Pursley; J.O. and Lola Lusby; Shirley N. Williams; Mr. and Mrs. Travis Farmer and Family in memory of Jimmy Riggan; Blanche and Lawrence Hewitt in memory of Julia Lawson; Bernice Jones in memory of Ruth Coats; Ganevera Middleton in memory of Annie Pinckley; Mr. and Mrs. Buster Horton in memory of Nola Pursley and Tom Watson; Lenora Bond in memory of Randy Bond; Thomas and Jane Watson in memory of Jimmy Riggan; Mr. and Mrs. W.L. Frizzell in memory of W.E. Petty Family; Mr. and Mrs. Tom Allday; J.W. and Eva Cole; Mrs. Geo. Smith.

Pageant slated

The 1981 Miss West Texas Rodeo Contest will be held this year on Friday, September 11.

The competition is open to young women from the West Texas area between the ages of 18-24. Horsemanship western attire, and personality are the three categories in which the contestants will compete.

Miss West Texas Rodeo will reign over the West Texas Fair Rodeo each night September 12-15 and will

compete in Miss Rodeo Texas Pageant to be held in San Antonio in January 1982.

Clubs and organizations are encouraged to sponsor a contestant.

KWKC and the West Texas Fair are sponsoring the contest. Applications can be obtained at KWKC Radio Box 2201, Abilene, Tx. 79601, 915-673-2545, the West Texas Fair Office, or Bill Reed Distributing Co., 4290 S. Treadaway, Abilene, Texas.

Sandra Hogan, Charles Doby planning September wedding here

Mr. and Mrs. F.T. Hogan, Jr., of Merkel, have announced the engagement of their

daughter, Sandra, to Charles Doby, son of Mr. and Mrs. F.A. Doby of 2801 Palm.

Abilene Christian University. She is employed by Wylie Oil Drilling Corp.

The couple plans to exchange wedding

vows Sept. 26 in First United Methodist Church in Merkel.



Sandra Hogan & Charles Doby

Clark honored

The children of Mrs. J.H. Clark, Sr. honored her with a birthday dinner on her 90th birthday, July 1, 1981.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Jr. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Joe McDuff, Mrs. Bernice Jones and grandchildren, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hester and great grandson,

Jerod. Another son, Woodrow, visited her by telephone from Kansas, plus many cards and phone calls from other grandchildren, great grandchildren and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark were born and lived in Taylor County all their lives. Mr. Clark died in 1972. Mrs. Clark now lives at 509 Yucca in Merkel.

Williams daughter born

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Williams, Jr. of Trent are proud to announce the birth of a daughter, Jennifer Tia, born July 12 at Hendrick Medical Center. The girl weighed 9'5" at

birth. Grandparents are Annette and Benny Melton, of Merkel, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Williams, Sr., of Trent and Fannelle Boney, of Merkel.

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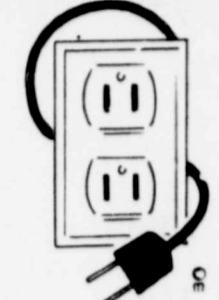
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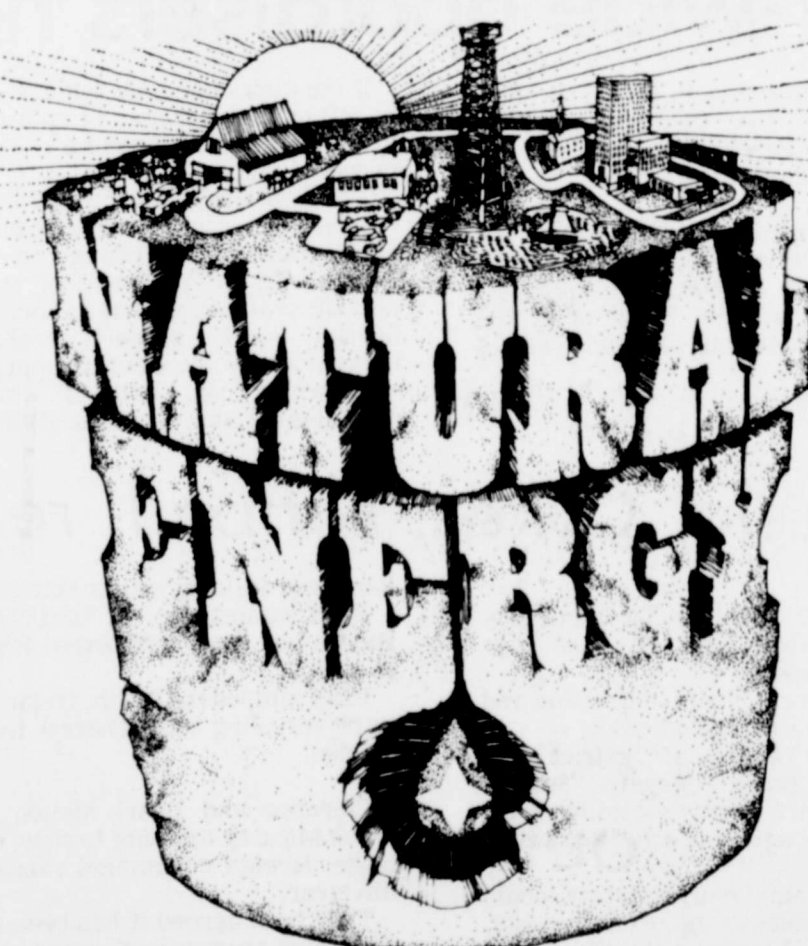


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Mary Russell-Dwain English wed

Mary Danna Russell and Dwain Bennett English were married Saturday in Merkel church of Christ with Larry Gill officiating. Given in marriage by her father, the bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Wayne Russell. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Bennett English. Sheila Kay Sloan was the bride's honor attendant. Bridesmaids were Tammy Hutchings, Sheila Adair and Taresia English of San Angelo, sister of the bridegroom. Flower girl was Cara Lynn Kelso. Rodney Warren Russell, brother of the bride, was ring bearer. Craig Hutchings was best man. Groomsmen were Ronny Whisenhunt, Clifford Dye, and Doyle

Wayne Russell, brother of the bride. Jeff Jones and Grant Murrell and Rusty Watts, both of Canyon seated guests. The bride's parents hosted the reception in the church family center. Parents of the bridegroom hosted the rehearsal dinner at the Big Country Inn. A Merkel High School Graduate, the bride is a junior at Abilene Christian University where she is employed. Serving at the reception were Dawn Crowder, Laura Price, and Jacki Reed. The bridegroom, also a Merkel High School graduate, is employed by Taylor Electric Cooperative. Following a wedding trip to Colorado, the couple will live in Merkel.

Minnie Gregory feted at birthday

Mrs. Minnie Gregory was the honoree of a uprise back yard party on her 90th birthday. A few friends and neighbors brought covered dishes. Mr. Dan offered thanks for the meal. After the meal, pictures were made, and wishes were extended to Mrs. Gregory for many more happy years. She in turn, wished that she could be at each one there on their 90th birthday. Mrs. Gregory has lived in Merkel for 70 years. She is a Methodist and has belonged to the church

for as many years. She was active for many years with her husband in running a cafe known as Ed's Cafe. Many will remember the food at Ed's Cafe.

Although she is unable to get around like she used to, she loves people and would enjoy a visit now and then from her friends.

Mrs. Gregory has one daughter, Margrett Guillam and two sons, E.L. and John L. Turner and several grandchildren.



Santee's engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas D. Santee of Merkel, Tx, are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter, Tomie Dee to Russell L. Miller, of Wheeler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Miller. The bride-elect is a graduate of Merkel High School and is planning to attend LVN school at Stephenville Hospital, where she is employed. A Wheeler High School graduate, the prospective bridegroom attends Tarleton State University and is employed at Fibergrate Corp. in Stephenville. The couple plan to be married August 14 at St. Brendon's Catholic Church in Stephenville.

Cotton market may be depressed

Faced with a record world cotton crop and a lackluster demand for their product, cotton growers need to map out a sound marketing strategy. A key part of this strategy is keeping a close eye on the market itself. Dr. Carl Anderson, marketing economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System, suggests a number of marketing options for cotton producers: -Establish a selling price by forward contracting or hedging in the futures market and arrange delivery at some future date.

-Sell at harvest. -Hold and sell later. -Place cotton under the Commodity Credit Corporation loan program and hope the price will go up. "Growers can develop a 'feel' for the cotton market by watching daily and weekly reports on prices and worldwide production and use," says the economist. "Bumper 1980 crops in Russia and China have burdened the market, and U.S. prices have fallen about \$35 per bale since January." According to Anderson, two developments will bear heavily on the cotton market for the season ahead—low carryover stocks and export demand. "During the summer, the market will move up, and down between low supplies and good and bad reports on crop conditions," says Anderson. "A decline in interest rates might also give the market a boost."

Periods of market strengths may offer an opportunity to forward-price some cotton between now and the time harvest gets into full swing, he adds. "Export demand will be the main factor influencing cotton prices this fall and winter," believes Anderson. "The growing importance of exports to disappearance of U.S. cotton suggests even more price uncertainty than in the past. Export demand is subject not only to the uncertainty of foreign production but also to political disruptions." Any major change in the cotton market will likely stem from a change in exports from current projections of about 7 million bales, notes the economist.



Mary Turner buried in Trent

Mary Turner, 59, of Merkel, a cook at Merkel Restaurant, died at 3 p.m. Tuesday at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene. Services were at 1 p.m. Friday at Morning Star Baptist Church with the Rev. Jerry Turner, associate pastor of Faith Baptist Church, officiating assisted by the Rev. Joe Jackson, minister of Morning Star Baptist, and the Rev. Grant Oliver, pastor of Faith Baptist. Burial was in the Trent Cemetery directed by Curtis-Starks Funeral Home of Abilene. Born June 25, 1922, in O'Donnell, she was reared and attended school there. She was a member of Faith Baptist Church in Abilene. Survivors include seven daughters, Mrs. Dorothy Hunter, Mrs. Florence King, Mrs. Jeanette F. Williams, Mrs. Marie Turner, Carolyn Turner, Mrs. Lizzie Roberta Morgan, and Mary Mead; three sons, the Rev. Willie Turner, Charlie Turner, and John Robert Turner; two bro-

Griffith engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Griffith, of Tye, are proud to announce the engagement of their son, David, to Machele Barrett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Barrett, of Tye. David attended Merkel High and is employed at E.C. Tool. Machele attended Abilene High and is employed at Ace Auto. The couple plan to marry July 18 at First Baptist in Abilene.

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HOUSEWARMING
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 Selections are at Ben Franklin.
 Friends and Relatives are invited.

Mrs. DeBolt will speak

The adoptive mother of 14 children with handicaps or special needs will be the featured speaker at the Christian Childcare Conference meeting Saturday, July 18, at the University Church of Christ activity center. The conference is being conducted in conjunction with the National Christian Education Conference on the ACU campus, July 17-19. Mrs. Dorothy DeBolt, along with her husband and their family of 19 children, was featured in a 1978 ABC TV documentary entitled, "Who are the DeBolts, and where did they get 19 kids?" Since that program aired, the couple had adopted a 20th child. Co-founder of AASK, Aid to the Adoption of Special Kids, Mrs. DeBolt travelled widely speaking to adoptive parents and childcare agencies about the opportunities and rewards of raising children with special needs. Nancy Miller, executive director of Christian Homes of Abilene, which will serve as host for the conference, said she was especially hopeful that Abilene area families who have had children or adopted children with special needs will attend. "Mrs. DeBolt's topic will be 'Children: Our Greatest Resource,'" said Miss Miller. "She'll talk about what can be done with the life of a child, whom some people may have thought to be less valuable because of handicaps." A film about the DeBolt family will be shown at the beginning of the two-hour session so that those attending can identify with the children Mrs. DeBolt talks about, Miss Miller said.

Howes a Tech grad
 More than 2,000 students at Texas Tech University received degrees in commencement exercises at the conclusion of the 1981 spring semester. Degree recipients included Randall Howes of 138 Indian Creek Drive, Tye.

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FOR SALE: 14 ft. boat and trailer, 17 horse power motor, 928-4968. 17-1tc

FOR SALE: Cucumbers, squash, and zucchini, next Wednesday will have corn and peas. Call 928-4448 after 8 p.m. 17-1tc

FOR SALE: 1978 Chevrolet, Impala Station wagon, good gas mileage, call 928-5717. 17-2tc

GARAGE SALES
GARAGE SALE: 212 West Street, Friday, Mattress, decorating items, furniture, clothes, starts at 8. 17-1tc

GARAGE SALE: Clearance, Saturday, July 18, 8:00-12:00 only reduced prices, golf clubs, golf bag, typewriter, misc. items, Don Hart, 1/2 mile north of Merkel, FM 126. 17-1tc

GARAGE SALE: 112 Locust, Thursday 9-5, Friday 12-5, children's clothes, toys, dishes, and misc. 17-1tp

MOVING SALE: all household items, Kenmore Washer, Trent, 3 blocks S. of railroad, Frances Tittle, Sat. only, 9 to 5. 17-1tc

GARAGE SALE: (weather permitting) 306 El Paso, Thursday and Friday, 8 til ??, lots of everything. 3 Family 17-1tp

2 FAMILY YARD SALE: Friday only, beginning at 8:30 a.m. 704 Locust, good men, women, and childrens clothes, and lots of misc. 17-1tc

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Said child was born the 14th day of December, 1972, in Breckenridge, Texas. The Court has the authority in this suit to enter any judgement or decree in the child's interest which will be binding upon you, including the termination of the parent-child relationship and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the child's adoption. If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved. The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs. Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court at Abilene, Texas, this 15th day of June, 1981. Irene Crawford Clerk 326th District Court Taylor County, Texas By Rella Mahoney, Deputy 16-4tc

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Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court, on the 27 day of March A.D. 1981 in this cause, numbered 12,541 on the docket of said court, and styled, The Citizens National Bank in Abilene, Plaintiff, vs. Cynthia Lou Ann Henson, Defendant.
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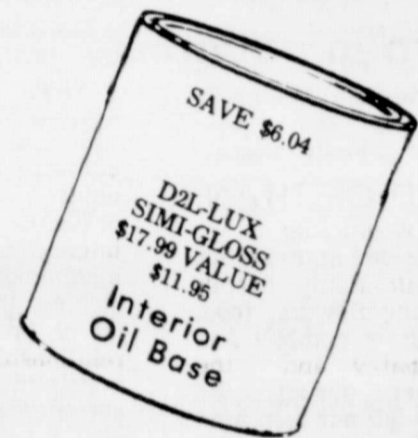
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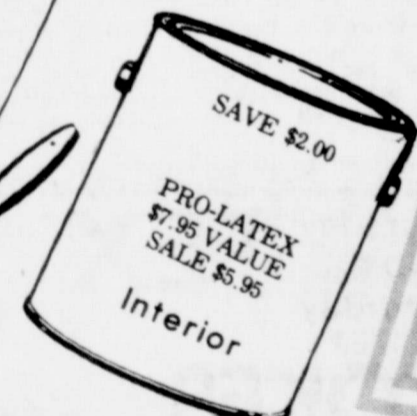
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by Christopher Flannery
Dr. Flannery is an Editor at Public Research, Syndicated

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"What a happy land the New World is, where man's vices are almost as useful to society as his virtues!"

This sage paradox issued from the pen of Alexis de Tocqueville, a Frenchman who travelled our country during the 1830s taking voluminous and memorable notes, which have come down to us in the form of his two volume classic Democracy in America.

It is fashionable these days to think that any idea antedating the 20th century is hopelessly outmoded. Indeed, novelty has won such a name for itself that to say an idea is new is as much as to prove it is true! Intellectual epochs are measured in decades, if not in days. Earnest souls eager for direction scan the best-seller lists so as not to miss the latest philosophy of existence rendering irrelevant all previous thought of man. Still, there is reason to suspect that the wisdom, and that what Tocqueville saw in the New World 150 years ago is not without meaning in the merely newer world in which we live.

What had caught Tocqueville's eye was the enterprising, independent spirit of the Americans of his day, which counted for so much of their prosperity and was so central to the functioning of their political institutions. This quality, which was seen by the Americans as a virtue, was viewed by Old World Europeans as a vice. And far from being central to their own institutions, the Europeans considered it a dangerous threat to political stability. What the New World welcomed as "praiseworthy industry", Old World aristocrats eschewed as a dangerous "love of gain".

And who can gainsay them? That restless search for a better life that first led oppressed Europeans to these shores (and still brings millions of immigrants across our borders today), and then drove them further west to populate the vast expanse of the country's interior; that independence and self-reliance that sustained numberless families while they eked out a living on an inhospitable frontier, was absolutely essential for the well-being of such a country as America. But such attributes would be disruptive in the extreme in a static, semi-feudal, traditional aristocracy.

What is remarkable is that, in recent years, the most progressive and least aristocratic-minded Americans have looked upon this peculiarly American trait with a disdain and dread even more intense than that of the 19th century European aristocrat. Until only a few months ago, it seems, hardly anyone with an ounce of social consciousness would admit to harboring a "profit motive" in his bosom. Seeking, or worse yet, making a profit was almost anti-social. It was worse than eating peas from a knife. One blushed and excused himself.

The awful decline of our economy may have revived—for the moment—some of the customary and common-sensical regard for this useful American "vice". What wonders might not be achieved, if we recalled some of our ancient virtues!

Tarpley's have son

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Gym closed

After Thursday, July 15, the Middle School Gym will be closed for the summer. This is necessary in order to get ready for the new school year.

Tarpley are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby, Adam Lee, born June 26 and weighing 10'12". Adam has two sisters, Brandi and Tamara.

Nothing can be burned again that has already been burned once.

Bland reunion

The annual reunion for the Bland families will be held Saturday evening and Sunday, July 25th and 26th at the J.W. Hodges home at Lake Fort Phantom Hill.

Laura Orr buried here

Laura Edith Orr, 75, of Merkel died at 5 a.m. Saturday at Starr Nursing Home after a long illness. Services were at 2 p.m. Monday at Starbuck Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. David Bugg, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Born Aug. 4, 1906, in Nolan, she had lived in the Merkel area most of her life. A school teacher for 30 years, she married Burnett Orr March 28, 1936, in Abilene. She was a member of First Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband; one son, Beall of Jacksonville; a daughter, Dana Beth Norris of Holliday; and four grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Grimes Seago, Carl Hobbs, Waymon Adcock, R.T. Dunlap, Leonard Rotan and Frank Breaux.



Glenda Watts bends, Wanda Hendricks kicks and Jo Ann Smith watches as Glenda's putt slides by the hole in the recent Ladies Scramble held Saturday at the Merkel Country Club. (Staff photo by Cloy A. Richards)

Williams reunion

The family of Mrs. E.G. Williams met at her home for a 3 day reunion. Those attending were: Mrs. E.G. Williams and Grady of Merkel, Pat, Linda, Debbie and Billy of Merkel, Sidney, Ana, and James of Pecos, Robert of Abilene and his son and daughter,

Jimmy and Deanna of Kilgore, Mary, David, Dana, Wilburn and Tim Loflin of Garland, Jerry and Dorothy of Lewisville. Guests attending were: Jim Giesler, Stuart Bishop Larry Townsend, of Merkel, Robert, Barbara and Wendy Miller of Snyder.

Turn in uniforms

Attention Ex-Band Students from Trent High School: Please turn in any band uniforms you may have

Visitors here

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Watkins, of Snyder and Royce Watkins, of

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Attendants were the bride's daughters, Mmes. Debbie D. Gregg and Susan C. Adams. The bride was accompanied to the altar by her son, Mr. Thomas E. Turner. Best man was Mr. Orlyn E. Master of Seguin. Mr. Cecil M. Gregg, Jr. served as groomsmen. Mr. Mark Webster of Houston was usher.

The couple will make their home in San Antonio.

Mr. and Mrs. O.E. Harwell of Merkel, Mrs. Youlinda Hester of Bedford, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Harwell and David of Odessa attended the wedding.

Installation

The Merkel Masonic Lodge are having an open installation at 7:30 p.m. July 18th. Bring ice cream or a cake and join us.

Dear Editor

Dear Editor: I would like to thank

Newsbriefs

you (Cloy Richards) and Cathy Pack for all the help in taking reservations for Fun Day booths, answering the phone and the misc. chores that are required to make an event like this successful. I would like to issue a special thanks to the whole City of Merkel crew for their all out effort in building the restrooms and making our park so attractive, also Pat Byrd for her never ending task in recording tickets during the day along with Annette Melton. They did an outstanding job.

My daughter, Salinda Giesler, stood beside me from beginning to end in regard to Fun Days. I couldn't have made it without her.

An event as large as this takes many many people with lots of hard work. I am deeply in debt to these people for putting Merkel on the map as a Fun Day place to visit anytime, but especially on Fun Day, July 4th.

The rains came and ended our fun much earlier than we expected. However, during the time we had, it was a great day and naturally, next year will be even better.

Martha Sue Justice

Birth

Mr. and Mrs. Randy Flowers, of Rt. 1, Tye, are proud to announce

the arrival of a daughter, born July 12. She weighed 5'2"

urday and Sunday from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m.

Flea Market

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The Consumer Alert
by Mark White
Attorney General

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Association tips on keeping your summer cool

The dog days of summer are with us again. As the temperature outside rises, so does our need to keep cool. There are some positive steps you can take to make the heat at least somewhat bearable, says the Texas Medical Association (TMA).

Summer heat should not be taken lightly, except, when it comes to clothing. Wear light colored clothes that reflect the light away from the body. Loose-fitting clothes allow air to circulate, keeping your skin cooler. Also, try to choose fabrics that "breathe", such as natural cotton.

Stay out of the direct sun as much as possible, especially during the middle of the day when the sun's rays are hottest. Do your heavy work, including gardening, either early in the day or in the evening when it's cooler. Strenuous sports also should be reserved for the cooler times of the day. Cooking, which heats up the house, should be done at these times, too.

Cool off whenever you can by taking showers or by going for a dip in the pool.

Sweating isn't just normal, it's necessary. Be sure to replace body fluids lost through sweating by drinking lots of liquids. Don't take salt tablets except on advice from your physician.

If you have air-conditioning, keep it set on moderate. Going from the hot outdoors to a freezing home or apartment is hard on the body's own temperature controls. The heat will seem even worse when you go outside again. Gradually increase your heat tolerance by spending more time outdoors each day, but slow your pace to match the weather. The key to healthy summer activity is moderation. Too much or too sudden activity in the heat can result in heat illness, says TMA.

Heat illness is an extreme rise in body temperature. It is characterized by profuse sweating, fatigue and perhaps muscle cramps. Heat exhaustion includes these symptoms, plus a rapid pulse and nausea. Heat exhaustion can progress rapidly to heat stroke, the main sign being the cessation of sweating. All heat illness is potentially dangerous.

The ideal treatment for heat illness is prevention. Beat the heat by learning the best ways to live with it.

Trent's Campbell resigns

Trent's head football coach for the past three seasons has resigned and accepted a coaching position at Woodson.

Coach Campbell had piled up an impressive record in six man football at Trent as his teams only lost three games in the past three seasons.

His team advanced to the state semi-final two years ago, but nine Trent fumbles spelled doom for their state championship bid.

Trent ISD Superintendent Roy Neff said they are looking for a coach at the moment.

Campbell will replace Terry O'Dell at Woodson.

TFU urging Farm Bill at 75% parity

"This could be the last year many farmers in Texas and this nation will be growing crops because of the low prices they are receiving," Texas Farmers Union President Mike Moeller warned Thursday. Moeller spoke at the Wells Brothers Grain Elevators in Plano, an area which contains many wheat and grain farms.

"Many farmers plunged deep into debt last year because of the devastating drought. This year, they are faced with even higher prices for seed, fertilizer and equipment, unparalleled high interest rates and a depressed market for their crops," Moeller stated. "And on top of all that, the prospects of having a Farm Bill in 1981 which will benefit the family farmer does not appear all too rosy," he added.

In Texas, wheat production is at an all time high, with the state agriculture department estimating 179 million bushels, 38 percent more than last year's production. Also 29 percent more

acreage was planted in wheat this year in the hope that many farmers could offset last year's losses with a good wheat crop.

"It is a sad comment that the price of wheat and grain in this country may be determined by what the Soviet Union may or may not order this year," Moeller said. "What we need to do is raise the loan rates for wheat and other grains and sell our crops to the Russians which will guarantee our farmers a fair profit. Instead of getting \$3 or \$4 at most for a bushel of wheat, they should be getting \$6 or \$7 a bushel from the Soviet Union."

"What we are seeing is a step by step attempt by the Reagan Administration to water down the various commodities included in the 1981 Farm Bill with continued low prices for American farmers' crops," Moeller said. "Unless we have a Farm Bill which provides for realistic loans and prices for farm products, we will see even more farmers go bankrupt or sell their farms this year," Moeller predicted.

AUSTIN—With inflation pushing the price of a new car out of the reach of many pocketbooks, consumers are searching for lower-costing transportation. Many, for the first time, are considering buying a used car.

If you are one of the many who decide to purchase a used car, take a few precautions when shopping so you will end up with one you can be satisfied with, one that won't cause any unpleasant surprises when you get it home.

Why should the purchase of a used car so often lead to misunderstandings? Well, primarily, because the typical consumer doesn't enter the market often enough to know what to look for, and what to avoid. If the consumer does his "homework", he will know how to shop for an automobile.

Our Consumer Protection and Antitrust Division attorneys recommend the following steps when buying a car: Select several established dealers and shop carefully. Reputable dealers will not object to comparisons with competitors.

Remember that every used car you look at has a history, and it's your job to find out what it is. One step is to copy the Vehicle Identification Number from the engine block or dashboard, the license plate number, the number from the inspection sticker, and the mileage.

Then call the Motor Vehicle Division of the Department of Public Safety in Austin (512-475-7611) and give them the VIN and license plate number, and ask for the name and address of the title owner of the car. (Usually the used

car dealer won't have the title in his name.) Call or write the owner and ask for information about the car, the mileage when sold, the selling price, and any problems he might have had with the car. Then compare what he tells you with the information given by the used car dealer.

Check the odometer of the car. Examine the tires, the grease and oil stickers, the brake pedal and the interior of the model you choose. A low odometer reading won't mean much if other indicators point to heavier use.

While some reconditioned used cars will have a limited warranty, most are sold "as is," so you should be very careful to check for any potential problems. This means thoroughly test driving the car, being on the lookout for odd noises, oil burning, "mushy" brakes, or unusual shakes. Try all equipment, testing heater, air conditioner, windshield wipers and radio. Also, check the tires. If anything needs repair or replacement, you can bargain to have the price of the car reduced by the amount you'll have to pay to fix it.

If you're seriously interested in the car, take it to a trustworthy mechanic for an expert's opinion of its condition.

Then think over the car and price for at least a day before making up your mind. It's a good idea to check at least three dealers before making your final decision.

Demand a detailed written receipt describing all of the promises and representations the salesman makes to you.

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The editors of this 1981 Big Country Who's Who Business Guide recommend Abilene Computerland to all progress-minded businessmen of this area.

Tri - J Drilling Company

Bob Roberts-General Manager

Drilling can be a risky business. You need to have just the right equipment and men who know just how to run it if you expect to have any success in the competitive oil field industry. One firm which has distinguished itself as being a leading well drilling contractor is TRI J Drilling Company of Abilene. This outstanding firm specializes in all types of oil well drilling operations. Their record of successful completions is one of the region's finest! Call them today at 698-8026, or stop in at 1331 Industrial and talk

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TRI J DRILLING COMPANY is licensed to drill throughout the area. Their modern rotary equipment is manned by skilled operators, who know everything there is to know about drilling for oil. Trust this fine concern to get the job done for you!

The editors of this 1981 Big Country Who's Who Business Guide remind you that Tri J Drilling Company is in business to HELP US ALL!

West Texas Medical Center

David Collins-Administrator

"We're Looking For A Special Kind Of Person Because We're A Special Kind Of Hospital Interested In Our Interests. ARE YOU?"

Dedicated to providing the finest medical care that modern science is capable of, West Texas Medical Center is well known as a major factor in the growth and development of the community. This respected hospital has been prominent in caring for the health of local residents for 13 years now, and is widely acclaimed for its staff of general practitioners and specialists in many fields.

Located at 650 E. Highway 80 in

Abilene, phone 672-4321, this quality medical facility offers a full range of services from out-patient to surgical to specialists. There's no better place to receive the type of care that only modern medical science can provide.

WEST TEXAS MEDICAL CENTER recognizes all Medicare benefits and has several credit plans available. It's one hospital which is staffed with skill and run with compassion.

In compiling this Abilene Review of leading community members for 1981, we, the editors, are pleased to be able to list and recommend such an outstanding facility as this fine hospital.

Aldridge Auto Sales

There has been more jokes about used cars and used car salesmen than almost any other occupation. But, at Aldridge Auto Sales, used automobiles are no joking matter, it's a serious business. This fine firm offers the people of this area the finest in good, used transportation, that are clean, top-quality and checked to make certain all the vehicles they sell are in the very best possible condition.

It has often been said that "Business goes where it's invited and stays where it's well treated." That accounts in a large measure for

the success and popularity of Aldridge Auto Sales, in Abilene, located at 1702 Butternut, or call them at 676-1931.

This reliable used car specialist features the kind of quality autos that keeps smart consumers coming back and telling all their friends. It's this person-to-person recommendation that has earned Aldridge Auto Sales their position as one of the local community leaders.

We, the editing staff of this 1981 Big Country Who's Who Business Guide, highly recommend this reputable used car expert to all our readers for the BEST deal in town!

Hall Air Conditioning

Authorized Dealer for Carrier Heating & Air Conditioning Equipment, World's Largest Manufacturer.

James R. Hall-Owner

As one of the area's leading specialists in all types of heating and air conditioning installations and repairs, HALL AIR CONDITIONING has gained an enviable reputation with contractors and homeowners alike.

This full service concern, located at 145 Shelton in Abilene, phone 672-2541 (if no answer 673-2102), features skilled journeymen who are thoroughly schooled in all phases of ductwork, heating and air conditioning equipment installation. They feature famous Carrier heating and cooling units and can design a

complete "weather control" system for your home or business. From room and whole house air conditioning to the largest units required for commercial and industrial application. HALL AIR CONDITIONING has it all including window units, energy saving heat pumps, energy saver gas furnaces, humidifiers, electronic air cleaners, solar systems, duct work and parts.

HALL AIR CONDITIONING is well known as one of the finest heating and air conditioning shops in the Abilene area.

The next time you're in need of heating or air conditioning service, call the professionals. As the editors of this 1981 Big Country Who's Who Business Guide, we know you'll be glad you did.

Byrd Power Tong Service, Inc.

24 Hour Service

Serving the oil field industry's need for quality POWER TONG RENTAL AND INSTALLATION OF CASING AND ALL CASING TOOLS is the full time job of Byrd Power Tong Service, Inc. This is the recommended power tong service company in the local area, and they'll do a better job on YOUR well! Call them whenever you need help...the number is 576-2781.

This well established firm is located at 619 N. Central in Hamlin, Texas. They're ready to come to

your site anytime, with their modern equipment and trained personnel. They'll take care of all your power tong, installation of casing and all casing tool problems quickly and easily. After all, it's their only job! Of course they are fully insured for your protection.

The editors of this 1981 Big Country Who's Who Business Guide would like to recommend the services of BYRD POWER TONG SERVICE, INC. to all of our readers who require the utmost professionalism in power tongs, and installation of casing and well casing tools.

VFW Bowling Lanes

Jack Bowman-Manager
Bowling, the great American fitness program, is ALWAYS more fun at the VFW BOWLING LANES! This well-known facility features the very latest in equipment and your score will improve whenever you stop in and bowl a game!

Conveniently situated at 200 Kirkwood in Abilene, phone 673-7897, this fine facility has more to offer for the beginner or experienced bowler. They utilize the very best in automatic pin setters and all modern equipment. Leagues for all ages and abilities are forming right now,

including a league for kids, mixed leagues, and men and women leagues.

Jack Bowman, the manager of this modern bowling alley, urge EVERYONE to keep in shape the fun way with bowling! They feature free instruction, a bowler's "pro shop", a fine snack bar, a nursery, and many other convenient and enjoyable services to help you enjoy your game a little more.

The editors of this 1981 Big Country Who's Who Business Guide suggest that YOU become a better bowler by bowling regularly at the VFW Bowling Lanes in Abilene.

Abilene Title & Abstract Inc.

Donnie Dennis-Vice President

Janice Regeon-Escrow Officer

Located at 4607 So. 14th in Abilene, phone 692-3570, the ABILENE TITLE AND ABSTRACT INC., has considerable experience in matters regarding land and its ownership. They are one of the area's leading title insurance firms and they perform many invaluable services to homeowners and businessmen throughout the Big Country!

Contact them first for complete title insurance and escrow real estate closings. Their staff of trained financial and real estate consultants

will minimize ANY problem you may have in securing a clear title to your property. If you're contemplating buying some property, you should contact this reliable firm FIRST and find out about the low, low cost of proper title insurance and related matters.

As the editors of this 1981 Big Country Business Guide, we suggest that all prospective property owners contact ABILENE TITLE AND ABSTRACT INC. for fast, friendly service on all your title insurance and escrow needs. See them first because THEY CARE!

Pratt's Coin Shop

Mike Dunigan-Owner

Butch Luedtke-General Manager

All types of rare and valuable coins await you at PRATT'S COIN SHOP in Abilene at 2155 South 1st, phone 672-6991. This respected dealer buys, sells, and trades in U.S. and foreign coins, including Krugers, precious metals and related commodities.

This well established firm will gladly appraise your coins for you. They are always interested in purchasing any quantity of coins

from a single rarity to an entire collection and you may count on fair and just treatment whenever you deal with them. They are also available for up-to-minute quotes on gold and silver prices and will arrange transactions of most any size. See PRATT'S COIN SHOP on current investment opportunities in gold and silver.

The editors of this 1981 Big Country Who's Who Business Guide are pleased to be able to list such a reliable coin dealer and we recommend them to all of our readers.

A-1 Paint & Body Works

24 Hour Wrecker Service
W. L. Stevens

Many people have looked far and wide for someone who does good body work. The automobiles of today require a specialist to repair or replace body panels and to refinish them with the original paint.

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wet sand the surface until it's as smooth as glass before laying on the paint. They have gained a reputation second to none throughout this entire area. So whether your job is a small crease or a roll-over, we know you will be entirely satisfied with their work.

And, please remember that most insurance companies now permit you to choose the body shop you like best to repair your car, so choose them to do all your insurance work.

We, the editors of this 1981 Big Country Who's Who Business Guide, advise you to see A-1 Paint and Body Shop for all your bent fenders and repaint work.

Jim Townsend Welding J&S Townsend Dozer Service

Locally owned & operated

by Jim & Sue Townsend

Men in the oil producing business KNOW that their biggest enemy is equipment down time. When a piece of needed gear breaks down, it costs the driller time and money. In this area, oil men have come to know the name of Jim Townsend Welding Service, located on FM 1235, phone 915-673-7611, or 915-928-5459, as being the finest, fastest oil field welding specialist anywhere!

Jim Townsend Welding Service

specializes in oil field equipment fabrication and repair work in the shop or in the field. Contact them whenever you're in need of an oil field welding specialist.

As the editors of this 1981 Big Country Who's Who Business Guide, we would also like to remind our readers that if you need quality DOZER WORK, you should call on J&S TOWNSEND DOZER SERVICE. They have a history of well done jobs and satisfied customers. Call them soon because they appreciate your business.

B-T Oil Field Supply Inc.

"24 Hour Service"

One of the region's largest suppliers of new and used oilfield equipment is B-T Oil Field Supply, located at 2118 So. Treadway in Abilene, phone 673-5745. This well known firm specializes in supplying the needs of the oil industry with quality drilling and pumping equipment and supplies.

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For your convenience, they are open from 12 noon to 5:00 P.M. Monday through Friday.

You needn't sacrifice quality when it comes to your eyes. See NOMA WILKINS FASHION OPTICAL and get the best eye glasses available.

The editors of this 1981 Big Country Who's Who Business Guide know you'll be pleased with their personal, professional service.

Serendipity Travel Agency, Inc.

Locally Owned by Dana Wilburn Mallewick

With travel as your business and service as their product, the Serendipity Travel Agency, Inc., located at 301 North Willis in Abilene, phone 677-3351, is the place where smart people go when they want the aid of a professional travel agency.

Regardless of where you are planning to travel, in the States, Canada, Mexico or Abroad, you'll find that their professional travel consultants can make your trip more enjoyable and relaxing with prearranged reservations for your travel accommodations and tours. You'll enjoy the friendly way they serve you and the money they can save you by selecting the things they know to be good, and there is NO charge for their comprehensive service.

As the editors of this 1981 Big Country Who's Who Business Guide, we commend this agency for their fine service and honest representation to our readers. Remember to contact the SERENDIPITY TRAVEL AGENCY, INC., FOR ALL YOUR TRAVEL NEEDS. They can make your vacation as enjoyable and relaxing as you really want it to be.

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Float to sleep on a new waterbed from ONCE A TREE. This store specializes in a complete line of SOLID WOOD FURNITURE and WATERBEDS, and they carry ALL sizes and styles of the better way to sleep. You can enjoy the soft, yet firm support of a waterbed for a fraction of the cost of conventional mattress sets.

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Besides carrying a full line of waterbeds, ONCE A TREE also carries a complete line of accessories. There's a world of sleeping comfort awaiting you here.

As the editors of this 1981 Big Country Who's Who Business Guide, we would like to remind our readers that they also specialize in quality solid wood furniture for every room in your home. You'll like doing business at ONCE A TREE as much as you'll like their distinctive furniture and waterbeds! Stop in soon. We know you won't be disappointed!

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Myrle Greathouse-President

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WES-TEX DRILLING COMPANY is always ready to help out or offer expert consultation on any drilling problem. Give them a call or stop by their offices. This is one of the finest drilling contractors in the entire area.

As the editors of this 1981 Big Country Who's Who Business Guide, we are proud to include WES-TEX DRILLING COMPANY and remind our readers to call them for all your well drilling needs!

Doty Farm Equipment

Jack Doty-Owner

Located at 366 Chestnut in Abilene, phone 677-4349, your ALLIS-CHALMERS dealer, Doty Farm Equipment Co., stands ready to serve you with the very latest in top performance farm machinery! They also carry Owatonna and Gehl hay machinery and Continental Belton post hole diggers and sprayers.

Their reputation as the region's most reliable dealer is just one of the reasons that they've enjoyed an extensive patronage from the area's agriculturists. With the kind of quality that ALLIS-CHALMERS builds into every machine and the kind of service that this outstanding dealer has to offer, the farmer can put his machinery problems in their hands and use his own time and energy to further his personal goal. Harvesting becomes a breeze with fine equipment from DOTY FARM EQUIPMENT COMPANY!

This reputable firm also offers the farmer the ultimate in parts and service for his equipment. The editors of this 1981 Big Country Who's Who Business Guide would like to take this opportunity to commend this farm equipment dealer and recommend them to all our readers.



An elated John Garcia exchanges his lucky Coca-Cola Bottle Cap for \$100.00 in prize money offered by Freddie Chappell, Route Manager for

Texas Coca Cola Bottling Company in Abilene and Tommy Carson. John Purchased the cold drink from Carson's Supermarket 217 Edwards in Merkel.

WTU emphasizes Research

Research and Development are two of the biggest words in the energy business, Glen D. Churchill, president and chief executive officer of West Texas Utilities Company, declares.

"We're not 'just' interested in new sources of energy, we're 'vitaly' interested," the WTU president said in discussing his company's R&D activities.

Churchill said that when a new, practical source of energy for conversion to electricity, or a new economically feasible method is developed, it will be done by, or at least welcomed by, the investor-owned electric utility industry.

Long before the perceived fuel crisis developed in the early 1970s, electric companies, including WTU, were seeking the most efficient and least costly methods of producing and distributing energy. WTU, for example, developed its generating system logically by using low-priced West Texas natural gas as boiler fuel for its power plants.

The Company's power plants (it has eight major stations) were located throughout the 52-county service area, near load centers and near the natural gas pipelines. Gas was extremely cheap, Churchill recalls, and for many years electric rates went down instead of up.

But the honeymoon ended in the mid 1970s as the fuel crisis began. With gas shortages viewed as inevitable, the Texas Railroad Commission ordered utilities to begin phasing out natural gas as a boiler fuel. The state order was lifted later, but a rule under the federal Fuel Use Act still calls for eliminating gas fired plants by 1990 unless exceptions are made. WTU's current plants apparently qualify for exemptions, but it can build no new gas-fired plants.

Coal, then is the answer for WTU in the foreseeable future. Planning of the company's coal-fired Oklahoma plant near Vernon is complete, and actual construction is slated to

determine and equalize the value of your property for taxable purposes for the current tax year.

By order of the Board of Equalization of Merkel Independent School District, Taylor and Jones Counties, Texas.

Vicki Thomas
Tax Assessor

Collector
Merkel Independent
School District
17-2tc

NOTICES
NOTICE OF INTENTION TO INCORPORATE

Notice is hereby given that D.B. Electric whose principal business office is at

start next year.

Fortunately for WTU and its customers, two other members of the Central and South West Systems will be partners in the huge Oklahoma plant, which would have been too large for WTU to build alone. Under the agreement, WTU will own 350,000 kilowatts of the first 640,000-kilowatt unit, Central Power and Light Company will own 115 and Public Service Company of Oklahoma 175. The fourth CSW company, Southwestern Electric Power Company, will not participate.

Beyond coal, WTU is taking part in a number of studies and research projects aimed at developing new energy sources at feasible costs.

Gasification research in which WTU is involved is being done at the La Palma Power Station in South Texas to produce gas from coal and or heavy oil in order to use gas fired boilers without conversion.

Solar experiments are being planned for the Paint Creek Power Station. A proposal has been prepared for Department of Energy to convert one unit of the plant to solar heat through the use of mirrors, storage facilities and other technology already known.

The project is being undertaken in cooperation with Rockwell International and others, Churchill said.

504 Kent, Merkel, Texas, Taylor County, intends, on June 1, 1981, to become incorporated without a change of firm name.

Dated: July 8, 1981.
K.W. Depew, Owner
17-4tc

LEGAL NOTICE
Trent Independent School District Meeting of Board Of Equalization
The Board of Equalization of the Trent Independent School District will hold a public hearing at 10:00 a.m., July 28, 1981 at the Trent School Tax Office.

The hearing will be for the purpose of determining, fixing, and equalizing the va-

lue of any and all taxable property situated in the taxing jurisdiction of the Trent Independent School District.

Any and all persons interested or having business with said Board are hereby notified to appear.

Dear Editor

Letter To The Editor
Dear Merkle Friends,

I have just returned to my home in West Virginia after having spent two weeks with my sister, Dodie Rigan. I want to express my thanks to all of you for the concern you have shown during this time of sorrow. Never have I seen such compassionate, caring people.

I have visited Dodie and Jimmy for twenty five years and have come to know many of you. If I ever had a choice and could make my home in another place, I would chose Merkel.

Continue as you are and your rewards will be great.

I know that God must smile on your town, because you show his love so clearly. Have a good year and I will look forward to seeing you again.

Sincerely,
Opal Marsh
Alum Bridge,
W.V., 26321

Don Orr
Tax Assessor-
Collector
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Clemmer Monument Works

Serving Abilene Since 1955
Creating masterpieces in stone and fine metal is the full time job of Clemmer Monument Works located 2 miles North of the city limit sign on Highway 277 North, just North of Abilene. Open Monday through Saturday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (however, call anytime for appointment, 7 days a week) phone 673-8881: one of the region's most highly regarded monument makers.

It's a beautiful final tribute when your family seeks one of the many fine designs in granite, marble or bronze that this experienced craftsman has to offer. They have one of the area's largest selections to choose from and every stone has the touch of the master on it. Artistic quality and eternal beauty is what you get when you choose your monument from the outstanding collection available here.

Clemmer Monument Works is always available to help you select the monument or marker which best suits your needs and desires. Their prices are exceptionally reasonable and their work is among the very best! They now have beautiful marble table tops, vanities, and etchings in glass.

As the editors of this 1981 Big Country Who's Who Business Guide, we urge all area residents to make this fine monument works their first choice.

Arrow Ford Inc, Of Abilene

Seaton Higginbotham
Owner

Economic progress is like a wheel. When it loses speed, it wobbles, and when it stops, it falls.

To keep our economy rolling, Americans must not be afraid to buy what they want and need.

Roberson Rent-All

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As the price of merchandise, tools and equipment continues to climb, more and more people are beginning to realize that by renting whatever they need from Roberson Rent-All, located at 1150 So. Treadaway, in Abilene, phone 677-8148, they can save many dollars over buying the merchandise and then maybe never using it again.

Whether you need household or guest items, heavy equipment for construction use or automotive supplies, they have it and for your convenience they are open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

To the people of this section, we, the editors of this 1981 Big Country Who's Who Business Guide, make the recommendation that you rent whatever you need from Roberson Rent-All. You'll enjoy doing business here because they are the area's TOTAL RENTAL DEPARTMENT STORE.

Demand means production; more production means more jobs, stronger businesses, and more revenues, for our towns, and cities, our states and the nation. It adds up to prosperity and everybody gains.

The automobile is basic to America's economy. It accounts for one sixth of our Gross National Product. Thirteen Million jobs (one in every six) and 800,000 businesses, from steel companies to corner service stations, depend on the automobile.

Right now is the time to buy a new car. Used car values are high. Operating costs on our cars are reduced, and less scheduled maintenance is required on the 1981 models.

In this 1981 Big Country Who's Who Business Guide, we, the editors, offer our praise to this well-liked Ford dealer who has served this area honestly and faithfully and suggest to our readers that they make ARROW FORD at 4001 So. 1st in Abilene, phone 692-9500, their headquarters for new and used car purchases. A fine service and parts department gives the added plus. These men don't guess at your problems or your needs, for with their experience they KNOW the answers. KEEP THE WHEEL OF PROGRESS ROLLING... GO TO ARROW FORD INC., OF ABILENE TODAY!!!

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NOTICE
Notice Of Board Of Equalization Meeting
Dear Sir:

You are hereby notified that the Board of Equalization of Merkel Independent School District in Taylor and Jones Counties, Texas, duly and regularly convened and now sitting for this year.

You are hereby notified to be and appear before said Board of

Equalization at 9:00 a.m., July 22, 1981, at the School Building, Merkel, Texas, at which time and place said Board will then consider any evidence you may elect to submit as to the value of said property for taxable purposes. The Board, on said date, will from the evidence now before it, and such additional evidence as may then be before it, finally fix,

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF CONDITION (Including Domestic Subsidiaries)

LEGAL TITLE OF BANK		CITY		COUNTY		STATE		ZIP CODE	
Home State Bank		Trent		Taylor		Texas		79561	
STATE BANK NO.		FEDERAL RESERVE DIST. NO.		CLOSE OF BUSINESS DATE					
1398		11		June 30, 1981					
ASSETS		Mil.		Thou.					
1. Cash and due from banks		1		247		1			
2. Due from other depositories and all cash items in the process of collection		NONE				2			
3. U.S. Treasury securities		480				3			
4. Obligations of other U.S. Government agencies and corporations		200				4			
5. Obligations of States and political subdivisions in the United States		NONE				5			
6. All other securities		NONE				6			
7. Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell		750				7			
8. Total loans (including overdrafts totaling \$ 32,361) (From Schedule A, Item 8)		3		415		8			
9. Lease financing receivables		NONE				9			
10. Bank premises, furniture and fixtures, and other assets representing bank premises		20				10			
11. Real estate owned other than bank premises		2				11			
12. Letters of credit and customers' liability on acceptances outstanding		NONE				12			
13. All other assets		4				13			
14. TOTAL ASSETS (sum of items 1 thru 13)		6		118		14			
LIABILITIES		Mil.		Thou.					
15. Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations		2		317		15			
16. Time and savings deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations		2		796		16			
17. Deposits of United States Government		NONE				17			
18. Deposits of States and political subdivisions in the United States		323				18			
19. Due to banks		80				19			
20. All other deposits (Includes \$56M in N.O.W. account deposits)		56				20			
21. Certified and officers' checks		27				21			
22. Total Deposits (sum of items 15 thru 21)		5		599		22			
a. Total demand deposits		2		459		22a			
b. Total time and savings deposits		3		140		22b			
23. Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase		NONE				23			
24. Interest-bearing demand notes issued to the U.S. Treasury and other liabilities for borrowed money		NONE				24			
25. Mortgage indebtedness for which the bank is directly liable		NONE				25			
26. Unearned discount on loans		NONE				26			
27. Letters of credit and acceptances outstanding		NONE				27			
28. All other liabilities		10				28			
29. TOTAL LIABILITIES (excluding subordinated notes and debentures) (sum of items 22 thru 28)		5		609		29			
30. Subordinated notes and debentures		NONE				30			
31. Allowance for possible loan and investment losses		15				31			
EQUITY CAPITAL		Mil.		Thou.					
32. Common stock (No. of shares outstanding 1,000)		100				32			
33. Certified surplus		250				33			
34. Undivided profits		144				34			
35. Uncertified surplus, reserve for contingencies, and other capital reserves		NONE				35			
36. TOTAL EQUITY CAPITAL (sum of items 32 thru 35)		494				36			
37. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY CAPITAL (sum of items 29, 30, 31 and 36)		6		118		37			

NOTE: This report must be signed by an authorized officer and attested by not less than three directors other than the officer signing the report.

I, the undersigned officer, do hereby declare that this Report of Condition (including the supporting schedules) has been prepared in conformance with the instructions and is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

SIGNATURE OF OFFICER AUTHORIZED TO SIGN REPORT	AREA CODE/TELEPHONE NO.	DATE SIGNED
<i>Bruce McGlothlin</i>	915-862-6151	7-7-81
NAME AND TITLE OF OFFICER AUTHORIZED TO SIGN REPORT		
Bruce McGlothlin, President		
We the undersigned directors, attest the correctness of this Report of Condition (including the supporting schedules) and declare that it has been examined by us and to the best of our knowledge and belief has been prepared in conformance with the instructions and is true and correct.		
SIGNATURE OF DIRECTOR	SIGNATURE OF DIRECTOR	SIGNATURE OF DIRECTOR
<i>[Signature]</i>	<i>[Signature]</i>	<i>[Signature]</i>

(MAKE MARK FOR NOTARY'S SEAL)

State of Texas County of Taylor ss:
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 7th day of July, 1981.
My commission expires 9-30-81 *[Signature]* Notary Public.

PLUMBING SUPPLIES
 FISHING SUPPLIES
 FARM TANK FISH FOOD
 PAINT
fertilome
 &
 SEEDS
HOME
 ACCO FEEDS
SUPPLY
 VET SUPPLIES
 WATER HOSES
 FERTILIZER
 HARDWARE

910 N. 1st
928-5632



PRICES GOOD THURS-FRI-SAT. JULY 16, 17, 18
 STORE HOURS 7:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.
 MON. THRU SAT. CLOSED ON SUNDAY
 ATTEND THE CHURCH OF YOUR CHOICE

ZIP LOCK
 FREEZER BAGS
 20 CT QTS \$1.19

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

NICE N SOFT **TISSUE**
 4 ROLL



98¢

NICE N SOFT FACIAL **TISSUE**
 BOX



53¢

DETERGENT

CHEER

GIANT BOX \$1.79

KRAFTS MACARONI CHEESE

DINNER
 7 1/2 BOX 2 FOR 69¢

SOFTENER SHEETS **CLING FREE**

24 CT BOX 98¢

LIQUID **JOY**

GIANT \$1.09

SOAP **LIFEBOUY**

SUPER SIZE 2 FOR 98¢

LIQUID **WISK**

64 OZ SIZE \$2.98

BEST MAID **SALAD DRESSING**
 QT JAR 73¢

DEL MONTE HALVES 303 CAN **PEARS**

59¢

VIP 2 1/2 CAN **PEACHES**
 GREEN GIANT 303

CAN 69¢

SWEET **PEAS**

2 FOR 83¢

KOUNTY KIST 303 CUT **GREEN BEANS**

2 FOR 63¢

OUR DARLING 303 C S **GOLDEN CORN**

2 FOR 83¢

DEL MONTE 303

SPINACH

2 FOR 79¢

DEL MONTE 17 OZ MEXICAN STYLE PINTO **BEANS**

2 FOR 89¢

DEL MONTE **TOMATO SAUCE**

2 FOR 79¢

CANTALOUPE



VINE RIPE

POUND

29¢

CALIFORNIA **NECTARINES**

59¢

FRESH GREEN **CABBAGE**

19¢

DEL MONTE **BANANAS**

29¢

FRESH **CELERY** STALK

49¢

WASH DELICIOUS **RED APPLES**

49¢

RUSSET **SPUDS** 10 LB BAG

\$2.39

MARYLAND CLUB **COFFEE**
 1 LB CAN

\$1.89

COFFEE

FLOUR GLADIOLA 5 LB BAG

95¢

CRISCO COOKING OIL 48 OZ JUG

\$2.29

TUNA CHICKEN OF SEA FLAT CAN

98¢

FROZEN FOODS

SHOP AND SAVE

HORMEL

CHILI

HOT OR REG

PLAIN 15 OZ 83¢

MEADOLAKE SOFT **OLEO**

LB TUB 53¢

VIP **WHIPEE TOPPING** 9 OZ TUB

59¢

MAGIC GARDEN 10 OZ **STRAWBERRIES**

CTN 53¢

VIP 12 OZ

BREADED OKRA

PKG 73¢

VIP 18 OZ BAG **BRUSSEL SPROUTS**

98¢

CARNATION **COFFEE MATE**

11 OZ JAR \$1.19

CATTLEMEN **BAR B Q SAUCE**

18 OZ JAR 79¢

VLASIC **BUTTER CHIPS PICKLES**

22 OZ JAR 93¢

ROUND STEAK



CHOICE BEEF

FULL CUT

BONE IN POUND \$1.79

GOOCH B R **ROAST RUMP** LEAN POUND \$1.89

FRESH LEAN **GROUND BEEF** FAMILY PACK LB \$1.59

GOOCH B R **ROAST BEEF** PIKES PEAK BONELESS LB \$2.09

ARMOUR STAR BUTTER BASTED **TURKEYS** 10 to 14 HENS LB 83¢

GOOCH B R **FRANKS** 12 OZ PKGS BEEF OR REG EA \$1.29

GOOCH B R **BACON** POUND \$1.69

GOOCH B R **SAUSAGE** 12 OZ GERMAN STYLE PKG \$1.39

FRESH SKINNED **BEEF LIVER** LB 89¢

FOREMOST **HOMO MILK**

GAL JUG \$2.33

FOREMOST **LOW FAT MILK**

GAL JUG \$2.23

FOREMOST **BUTTER MILK**

1/2 GAL CRTN \$1.15

BROASTED CHICKEN WE TAKE CALL IN ORDERS 8 PIECES Feeds 4



WE GIVE GIFT BOND STAMPS

Double on Wednesday with \$5.00 or more

RAGU **PIZZA QUICK**
 16 OZ JAR 83¢

PRICES PIMENTO **CHEESE SHAMPOO**
 14 OZ CRTN \$1.49 16 OZ BOTTLE 98¢

WE WELCOME FOOD STAMPS

CARSON'S SUPER MARKET

MERKEL TEXAS FRESH VEGETABLES



BEST MEATS IN TOWN