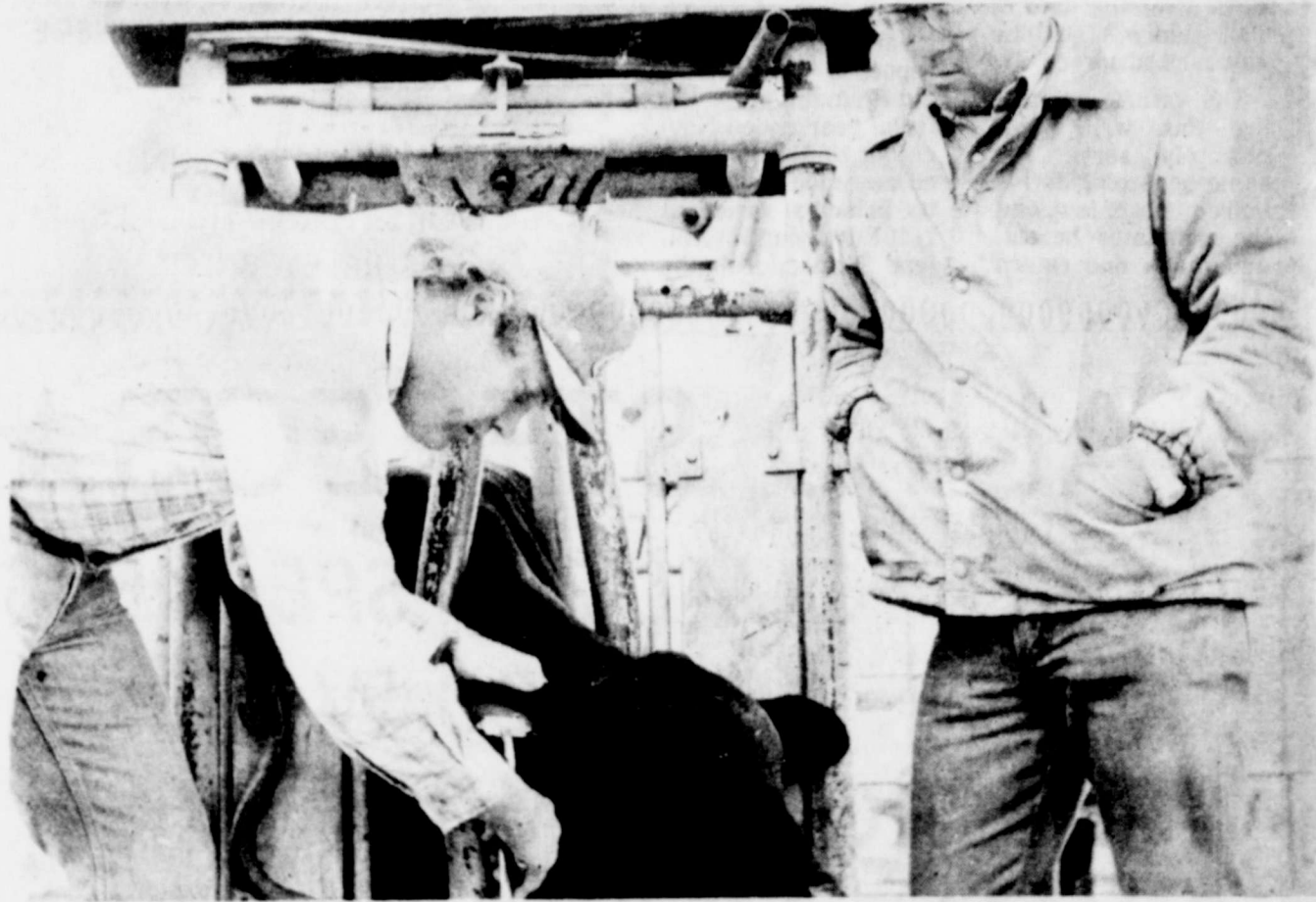


# The Merkel Mail

Thursday, April 8, 1982...Merkel, Texas

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Merkel veterinarian Dr. Warren Dozier is seen marking a cow with the state's official brucellosis vaccination marking. A meeting

concerning the local brucellosis problem will be held at the Merkel FFA building Monday night. (Staff photo by Cloy A. Richards)

## Chamber egg hunt set Saturday

The Chamber of Commerce will be sponsoring an Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, April 10th at the City Park. There will be four divisions in which the children will be able to enter. Pre-school, Kindergarten through 2nd, 3rd through 4th, and 5th through 6th.

The schedule will be as follows: 8:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m. pre-school; 9:30-10:30 a.m. Kindergarten through 2nd; 11:00-12:00 p.m. 3rd through 4th; 12:30-1:30 p.m. 5th through 6th. Prizes will be awarded.

Due to the Chambers limited resources, we are

asking any individuals or businesses that would care to donate some eggs to please feel free to contact the chamber. Also anyone wishing to volunteer with the dyeing and hiding of the eggs should contact the chamber. You may call 928-5722, 928-5017 or 928-5407 for information.

The Chamber is asking all parents to please call the Chamber to register children for the hunt so that they will have an idea of how many eggs will be needed to insure enough for everyone. This registration is not required, but would be appreciated to help the Chamber make the necessary arrangements.

## Taylor Electric annual meet April 15

Taylor Electric Co-op will hold their annual meeting at the Taylor County Coliseum April 15 starting at 9:30 a.m.

Taylor Electric will be celebrating their 41st

year of service to rural electric customers. Entertainment will start at 9:30, followed by a catered barbecue lunch at 11:30. The business session will start at 1 and drawing for door prizes will be held throughout the day.

## Middle parents get questionnaire

Merkel Middle School has prepared a questionnaire that was sent to the parents of all Middle School students on Monday, April 5, 1982. These questionnaires were hand carried by the students and should be returned to the school office by Friday, April 9. If a Merkel Middle School parent did not receive a questionnaire,

extra copies are available and may be completed at the school office.

The purpose of this survey is to give the parents an opportunity to express their opinions concerning various school activities and procedures. For more information call David Laman at the school office, 928-5521.

## Good voter turnout, wildflowers, golf tourney, Fred, brucellosis...more

by Cloy A. Richards

Merkelites should be proud of themselves considering the heavy voter turnout in the city and MID elections.

That type of turnout, 562 in the school and 342 in the city races, is a good record, one that local election officials would love to see every year.

By the way, we had some phone calls asking where the rest of the candidate's responses to questions from the Mail were.

The answer is simple. We printed all of the responses, unedited, that we received.

Man o' man the wildflowers around College Station are downright gorgeous.

My dad's land was on fire with color in certain places, and at least one transplanted Merkelite is really enjoying the flowers.

My brother's fiance, Suzy Rister, has been taking evening walks and stopping to pick a fresh bouquet of Indian paintbrushes and pink and purple flax.

March showers bring April flowers...or something like that.

You know where I will be this weekend. Merkel's first men's tournament will be held Saturday and Sunday at the Merkel Country Club.

Entry is \$40 per man or \$80 per team and there are still some spots left.

Congratulations are in order for my father-in-law, who was recently named the commander of the San Antonio Power Squadron.

Melanie and I are attending a formal ceremony honoring her father tonight at the San Antonio Country Club.

What is it they say. As nervous as a cat on a...

Don't forget the brucellosis meeting being held Monday night at the Merkel FFA building.

Area ranchers need to attend to find out what the state programs are to fight this disease. More information is available from the Merkel veterinary clinic.

I never said to anyone at anytime that I knew that much about the cattle business.

It seems a gentleman rancher here seems to think I said I did in last week's paper.

He didn't like the ten tips to keeping a brucellosis free herd in the Mail. Those tips would drive me broke.

One thing I have learned about the USDA, or the federal government.

They seem to have answers on some problems before people even realize how serious the problem might be. That's their job.

Later, when the problem is more popular, and a lot more study has been accomplished, better solutions to the problem may be identified.

Right now, the best plan to eradicate brucellosis from your herd is the plan of the USDA, the plan the Texas Agriculture Commission endorses.

Area ranchers and cattle producers have a chance to get that information first hand Monday night at the Merkel FFA building.

Ranchers that have experienced quite a few aborted calves this spring would do themselves a favor by attending.

## Animal health commission releases tips on brucellosis

Commissioners of the Texas Animal Health Commission are launching a statewide program aimed at encouraging livestock producers to vaccinate their animals for brucellosis control.

"Vaccination is a key element of the Texas brucellosis control program. We can build up immunity in the Texas cattle population by vaccination of all eligible heifers," John Armstrong, Kingsville, chairman, Texas Animal Health Commission, explained.

He noted these are other advantages for vaccination:

1. Vaccinated cattle can move more freely in accordance with brucellosis regulations;
2. Vaccinated cattle have more value.

"Financial assistance is available. You should contact your veterinarian or area Texas Animal Health Commission office for details," Armstrong said.

The program to encourage vaccination is a part of the ongoing efforts of the TAHC in this phase of the Texas brucellosis program. Recently, a statewide committee, made up of several livestock organizations, recommended

that the TAHC pursue an educational program among livestock producers and the general public informing them of the economic advantages of vaccination.

"In the past three years, Texas cowmen have shown their awareness of the need for vaccination for brucellosis. In 1979, about 20 percent of the eligible calf crop in Texas was vaccinated; in 1981, this figure had increased to almost 32 percent. This is a good record, but we need to improve it," Dr. John W. Holcombe, executive director, TAHC, said. He said a 70 percent level of vaccination of eligible calves is needed to significantly reduce the disease.

Vaccination ages for heifers as official vaccinates are 4 to 12 months of age. A one-time vaccination is normally sufficient for the life of the animal. Bulls are not vaccinated. The reduced dosage of Strain 19 vaccine is recommended.

"Although vaccination alone is not the single answer to the Texas' brucellosis problem, it is the single most important thing cowmen can do not in their efforts to control brucellosis," Armstrong said.

## Heavy turnout approves Bingo, elects Byrd, Smith, McKee

### MERKEL

A heavy voter turnout in the Merkel City elections found Bingo passed by a 2-1 margin and returned two incumbents to their seats as well as elected James McKee to council. Jerry Byrd and Ted Smith were also re-elected to council.

Merkel's total vote cast was 342, about twice higher than normal elections.

The total vote cast was 221 for and 115 against in the Bingo election.

The vote breakdown in the city council election was Jerry Byrd with 251, Ted Smith with 242, James McKee with 233, Jeff Jones with 113 and Elinor Dagestad with 101.

### MERKEL ISD

Ronny Doan defeated two challengers in a fairly heavy voter turnout as 562 votes were cast.

Doan garnered 267 votes, 235 from the Merkel box and 32 in Tye.

Challengers Bobby Toliver garnered 128 in Merkel and 45 in Tye for 173 votes and J.C. Sims received 99 in Merkel and 26 in Tye for 125 votes.

James Boyd, running unopposed had 401 votes in Merkel and 87 in Tye for a total of 488.

### CITY OF TYE

Tye voters, in a light turnout, re-elected their mayor and voted in two council members. 168 of 505 registered voters cast ballots.

Jim Snowden defeated A.L. Ries 85 to 78 for the mayor's race. There were two additional write-in votes.

In the Place 2 city council race, Ruby Kennedy was elected with 55 votes. LuAnn Goodgoin had 41, Booth Childers had 35, Dean Sipes 32 and Louise Carroll had 1.

Ernest Tyler was also elected to council as he easily outdistanced Melvyn White 121 to 45.

Tye voters approved Bingo by an overwhelming 115 to 34 margin.

## Boys win Pied Piper relays

The Merkel High boys track team got warmed up for their April 20th district track meet in fine fashion last week as they won the Hamlin Pied Piper Relays.

The boys took a one point win over Breckenridge and will not compete this weekend. Mike McCoy, Russell Lucas and Jay Campbell led the way as they scored wins in their events. McCoy won the long jump, Lucas the 800 and Campbell won the pole vault.

Placing second for Merkel were Jimmy Don Rogers in the 110 hurdles and Jimmy Mendez in the 400.

Placing third for Merkel were Lucas in the high jump, Sammy Tumlinson in the pole vault,

Campbell in the hurdles, Lucas in the 400, McCoy in the 300 meter hurdles, and Mike Tutt in the 200.

Placing fourth for Merkel were Greg Arnwine in the shot, Roy Johnson in the discus, Merkel's 400 meter relay, Tutt in the 100 meter.

Placing fifth for Merkel were Johnson in the shot, DeWayne Brown in the high jump, and Brown in the 200 meter.

Placing sixth for Merkel included Acosta in the 3,200 meter, McCoy in the 110 hurdles, Brown in the 800 meter, Rogers in the 300 meter hurdles and Acosta in the 1,600 meter run.

The boys will compete in Hamlin April 18 and will go to Colorado City for the district meet the 20th.

## Merkel girls paced by Viola Eleby

The Merkel girls ran into some burners this past weekend in the Ballinger Relays.

Viola Eleby led the way as her seasons best effort, and the best effort in district as she heaved the shot 35'5" to win that event.

Others scoring for Merkel included Janet Schucknecht was fifth in the 100 hurdles, the sprint relay team was sixth, the 880 relays was fifth, the

mile relay was fifth and Debra Carey was 6th in the 440.

Coach Blair told the Mail Monday the girls would not run again until the district meet April 13th at Colorado City.

Blair said the Badgers have a shot at Eleby to regionals in the shot, Debra Carey in the 440, Janet Schucknecht in the hurdles, and possible entries in the mile relay and the 880 run.

## Baker, Fariello, Seymore in regionals

Three Merkel High School senior girls qualified last week to attend the Region I U.I.L. meet at Texas Tech University on Saturday, April 17. Stacy Seymore qualified in District 7-AAA short-hand competition last Wednesday at Hardin Simmons University. Loyce Baker and Mary Fariello qualified in the district calculator contest held at Wylie High School last Saturday.

Mary and Loyce also entered the science contest. Other students participating in the district competition were Debra Carey, typewriting; Roberta Duran, Shorthand; Stacy Seymore,

calculator, Angie Allen and Becky Teague, number sense; Cindy Williams and Cristina Acosta, spelling; Edward Herrera, 6th in spelling; Bill Adams, 6th in persuasive speaking; Melinda Riney, 5th and Trung Tran, 6th in number sense.

Sponsors for these events are Mrs. Joan Walker, spelling; Adrian Hood, science and calculator; Lance Morton, persuasive speaking; Mrs. Gayle Baker, shorthand and typewriting; and Mrs. Robbie Hicks, number sense.

## Welch places mare in Heritage sale

Buster Welch, owner of Welch Ranches of Merkel, will consign a top Quarter Horse to the 1982 Western Heritage Sale, America's most prestigious sale and auction of art, cattle, and horses.

Gaies Mae West, a two-year-old sorrel mare,

will be offered for auction at the seventh annual event, scheduled for May 14-15 at the Shamrock Hilton Hotel in Houston. Buyers will include leaders in finance, business, ranching, and the arts from across the country and around the world.



# Newsbriefs

## Merkel men set golf tourney

The Merkel Men's Golf Association will be sponsoring a 2 man, low ball tournament April 10 and 11 at the Merkel Country Club. Entry fees are \$80 per team and cash prizes will be awarded.

The field is limited to 42 teams. More information is available from the Country Club or Steve Shugart.

## MISD menu

Thursday April 8: Turkey and dressing with giblet gravy, green beans, cranberry sauce, hot rolls, and fruit salad.

Friday, April 9: Hamburgers, lettuce, tomato, pickle, onion, and choco. no bake cookie.

## Ladies set Jr. golf tourney

The Merkel Ladies Golf Association is sponsoring a Junior Golf Tournament April 17th at the Merkel Country Club.

Deadline for entry is April 14 and the tournament is open to boys and girls age 17 and under. Players will be grouped by age.

Entry fee is \$5 and more information is available from Helen Jones, Tournament Chairman.

Dear Editor...

## save the 'dillo

Dear Mr. Editor: Our school worked hard so the armadillo could be the State Mascot. Now a man in Hallettsville wants people to kill thousands of them. We are very sad.

Armadillos can't see well or hear well and they aren't afraid of people so it isn't fair to kill them. What will the baby armadillos do if someone kills their mother?

Will you help us save the armadillos? Maybe people can write to Texas Parks and Wildlife at 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, Texas 78744. And may-

be they won't buy silly things made from armadillos.

Please help us. Kenny Hoover, President; Armadillo Council Age 10

## Hogan's announce engagement

Mr. and Mrs. F.T. Hogan, Jr., of Merkel, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Wendy Lou, to Robert Scott Motley son of Mrs. Mary Anding of Needville and Mr. and Mrs. W.R. Motley of Colorado City.

A graduate of Merkel High School, the bride-elect is attending McMurry College. She is employed by Kiva Inn, Inc.

The prospective bridegroom graduated from Colorado High School and is employed by Taylor Electric Co-Op in Merkel.

The couple will exchange marriage vows May 22 in a home wedding ceremony.

## Catholic's set Easter services

Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church of Abilene has set their service schedule for Holy Week.

Thursday, confessions are at 6:45 p.m., Lord's Supper at 7:30, Adoration of Jesus in Blessed Sacrament at 8:30 until midnight.

Friday, confessions are at 6:45 p.m., Celebration of the Lord's passion at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, confessions are at 7:15 p.m., Easter Vigil Mass at 8 p.m.

Sunday, Resurrection of Our Lord, Mass at 10 a.m.

## Obituaries

### Jessica Trevino

Jessica Ramon Trevino, 30, died from injuries received in a car accident Saturday morning. The Merkel resident was buried at 10:30 Monday. Mass was held at St. Francis Catholic of Abilene. Burial followed in Abilene City Cemetery.

Mrs. Trevino was raised in Abilene and married Max Trevino, a Merkel area farmer, in 1970. She was employed by Nu Corp.

Survivors include her husband; three sons, Max Jr., Martin and Frank, all of Merkel; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesus Moreno of Abilene; five sisters, Sylvia Martinez, Angela Rocha, Julia Ramon, Gloria DeLagaza, Tina Ramon, all of Abilene, three brothers, Frank, Jesus Jr., and Daniel Trevino all of Abilene.

## CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: J.R. Joyce and his Unknown Heirs, Defendant, Greeting: YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 12 day of April A.D. 1982, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 15th day of September A.D. 1981, in this cause, numbered 37,213-A on the docket of said court and styled Hamco Exploration and Development Company, Plaintiff, vs. George Gregory McLeod, et al,

Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Defendant is entitled to receive from the money presently held in suspense from the sale of oil, gas or other minerals, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return

as the law directs. Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 25th day of February A.D. 1982.

Attest: Irene Crawford, District Clerk, 42nd District Court, Taylor County, Texas. By Faye Terry, Deputy.

2-4tc PUBLIC NOTICE Notice is hereby given that the annual report of the FitzGerald Foundation for the fiscal year ended November 30, 1982, by any citizen upon request at its principal office at 1141 Butternut St., Abilene, Texas, during the

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### FFA gives thanks for show helpers

We would like to take this time to thank Ray Pack and the Halfbreeds, Jimmie Peters and the Texas Tradition, Jim Shugart, Monty Tittle, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hohhertz and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harris for making our benefit dance a great turnout. And a special thanks to Finless (Cracker) Bartlett for his donation toward the benefit.

I would like to remind everyone to join us at 7:00 in the Ag Shop where the State Vet will be speaking on the subject of brucellosis. Hope to see you there.

This week our spotlight is on members of our V.A. III class.

Donald Tutt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Tutt is a junior and enrolled in V.A. III. His project this year is a chester white barrow.

Gary Tutt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Tutt, is a senior and enrolled in V.A. III. His project, this year, is a barrow. Gary has been active in football, basketball and track.

David Vinson, son of Roxie Fuston, is a sophomore and enrolled in V.A. III. His project, this year, is a barrow.

### 81 study club meets

The 81 Study Club met April 5th at the home of Cleo Reece. The meeting was called together by president Mrs. Grace Holt.

Nine members attended. Anna Talent read the minutes of the previous meeting. The upcoming white elephant bake sale was discussed. The sale will be held Friday and Saturday, May 7 and 8, weather dates are the following weekend.

Committee and members of the White Elephant Sale are Ann Talent, Goldia Malone, Grace Holt and Betty Stautzenberger.

Food sale committee is Marge Wood, Cleo Reece and Patty Hackney.

A report on organic gardening was given by Marjorie Wood. Refreshments were served by Cleo Reece.

### RRC says 100%

The Railroad Commission today set the Texas oil production rate for April 1982 at the market demand factor of 100 percent for the 62nd month in a row and the 118th time since the Commission first went to the ceiling level in April 1972.

Chairman Jim Nugent and Commissioners Mack Wallace and Buddy Temple directed the continuance of the maximum statewide allowable after receiving and reviewing purchaser nominations for Texas oil in April totaling 2,420,367 barrels per day, a decrease of 39,025 barrels daily when compared with March 1982 buyer requests. April 1981 nominations totaled 2,590,116 barrels daily.

Next month's permissible rate of output is calculated to average 2,990,139 b-d with actual production estimated at 2,415 million b-d. The maximum allowable applies to all but 10 fields in Texas that are assigned lower legal rates of flow for conservation purposes. Actual production in April 1981 was 2,463,100 barrels daily.

Nugent reported that April 1982 nominations for the purchase of Texas gas totaled 23,350,693 Mcf-d (thousand cubic feet per day). Gas nominations for March amounted to 24,523,689 Mcf-d. April 1981 gas nominations totaled 24,237,960 Mcf-d.

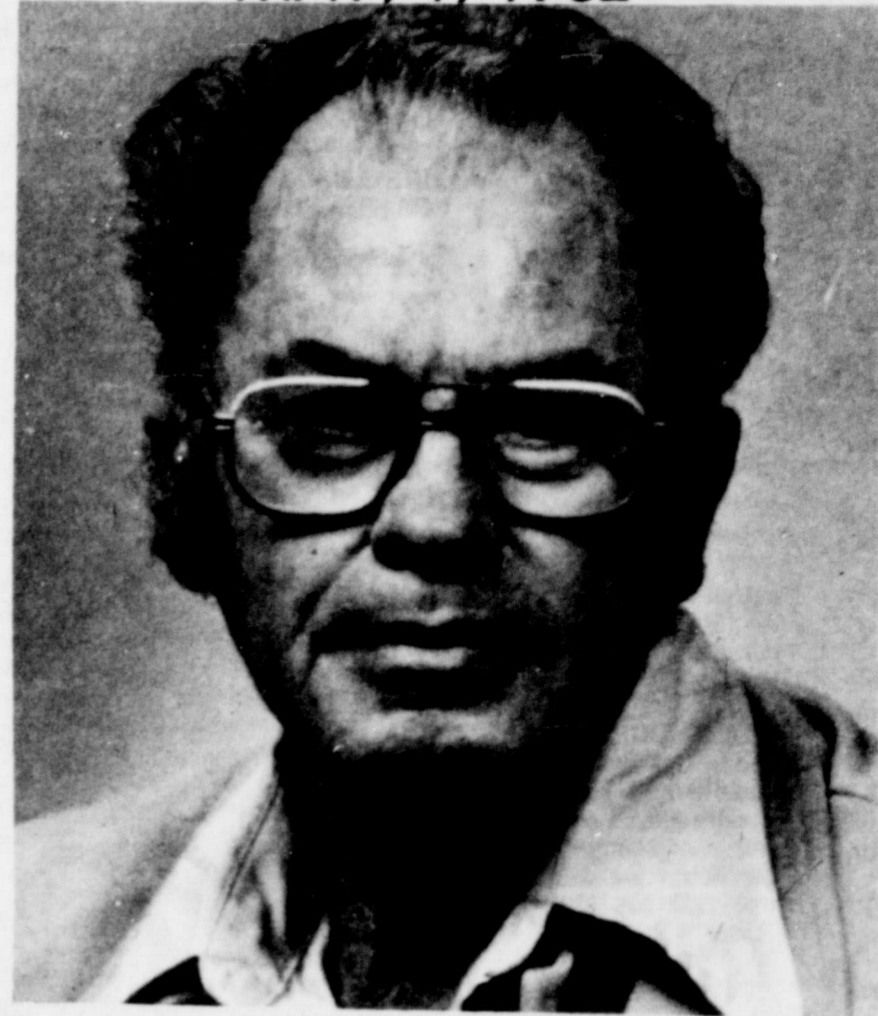
The next statewide oil and gas hearing will be held Tuesday, April 20, at 9 a.m. in Midland at the Holiday Inn-Country Villa (Holidome).



Merkel's 7th grade tennis team this year included (bottom row, left to right) Michelle Woodard, Tina Jaramillo, Sheri Riney. (Top row, left to right) Danny Santee and Brit Pursley. (Staff photo by Cloy A. Richards)

The 19th century composer Giuseppe Verdi wrote an inspired choral work, "Stabat Mater," at the age of 84.

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4-2tc

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3-TFC

**FOR SALE:** Oak trees wholesale prices, 2 in. cal. \$95, 3 in. cal. \$195 call after 4, 928-4118 or before 8 a.m.  
4-4tc

**FOR SALE:** Going out of Business sale. Everything in store 20 percent off. Auctioning whole store off Saturday, April 24 at 10:00. 1033 N. 2nd, Merkel.  
5-2tp

**FOR SALE:** 1/2 bed and electric sewing machine. Mrs. Albert Chancey, 408 Cherry.  
5-1tp

**FOR SALE:** 1978 Ford Lariat Super Cab LWB 460 V-8, dual tanks, power brakes and steering, air, tilt, cruise, am-fm tape, \$4,500. 928-5069 after 7:00.  
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**FOR SALE:** 1971 Pontiac Catalina, 4 door, 1979 Yamaha 650 special, 2,650 miles, 106 Cherry, 928-4948.  
5-1tc

**FOR SALE:** Boys suit, like new, Size 20, 928-5208.  
5-1tc

The Fortnightly Study Club will hold a Bake Sale in front of Ben Franklin's Store Friday starting at 9:00 a.m.

This is a good time to buy Easter cakes and pies.

**GARAGE SALE**

**GARAGE SALE:** (inside), men's, women's clothes, suits, jeans, shorts, tops, etc. Thursday, 710 S. 8th, Ralph Miller Residence.  
5-1tc

**GARAGE SALE:** electric lawn mower, \$125, used one time, electric desk calculator \$25, little bit of everything, come and browse, Friday morning 9 until 6, Mrs. Laverne Moore, 1406 Sunset, no sale beforehand, ring doorbell.  
5-1tc

**CARPOR SALE:** clothes of all sizes, some handmade items and appliances. Thursday, Friday, Saturday 9-5, 806 Rose.  
5-1tc

**PORCH SALE:** Friday No Sales before 9:00 a.m., 210 Rose, childrens, womens, clothes and misc.  
5-1tp

**MISC.**  
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49-TFC

**KEEP COOL** this summer. Get your automobile and home air conditioners serviced and ready to go. Autos \$9, home a-c \$15 and up, call 928-4338, 211 Rose.  
3-4tc

**REGISTERED Child Care** in may home, reasonable rates, before and after school care, delivery to and from school, 928-4868.  
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**WANTED:** person with transportation to care for elderly couple no more than two days per week. Duties will include shopping trips and light household chores. Call Noodle, 763-6022.  
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5-1tc

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## The Consumer Alert

by Mark White  
Attorney General

AUSTIN—When a mobile home owner rents space on which to park a mobile home, the home owner should be well

informed about making improvements. Most leases for space are for only a short period—six months or a year. If there is no lease, then the

home owner may be required to move upon thirty day notice if the home owner wishes to landscape, or to build a driveway, carport, patio, porch or another room, the home owner should have a written and signed agreement with the park owner that improvements may be removed legally by the home owner, or that the park owner will reimburse the home owner for such improvements if the home owner is required to move.

Recently a mobile home owner from the Valley brought a problem to the attention of my office. She had lived in a mobile home park for several years and had made many improvements to the lot which she was renting. The park ownership changed. The home owner has received notice that she must move within 30 days. She has no lease or understanding in writing. Her addition to her

mobile home probably will break up if moved. In fact, the lot owner could raise the question of whether she could legally remove the addition which is attached to the land. More than 200 other people live in this park. Moreover, the new land owner could have brought the land to use for another purpose and required everyone without a lease to move in 30 days. In this case, the Attorney General's office can do very little other than to alert mobile home owners that such a situation could occur.

The cost of buying and repairing mobile homes is becoming more expensive, as is almost everything else. Any number of problems may be created by moving a mobile home. Mobile home buyers and owners are protected by state and federal laws to some extent, but mobile home residents should protect themselves, where possible.

Before any document is signed, the mobile home buyer or owner should read, understand and agree thoroughly to what the document says that he or she is to sign, and if possible, have a lawyer approve any agreement the home owner plans to enter into before signing.

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## Council says cotton exports up

Cotton growers, as well as producers of other agricultural commodities, find themselves in the position this spring of "sorely needing the ability to see today with the eyes of tomorrow."

That's what Frank M. Mitchener, Jr., chairman of the National Cotton Council's board of directors, told American Cyanamid's 65 Club at a meeting in Washington, D.C., March 17.

Mitchener, s Sumner, Miss., grower, said there's a bright outlook for cotton producers in the years just ahead.

The Council official pointed out that U.S. cotton's markets have changed tremendously in the past decade. While American textile mills ten years ago were consuming an annual 8 million bales or so, now 6 million is more normal, he said. While exports were averaging 4 million bales ten years ago, now they're 7 million.

Mitchener noted that domestic market losses were more than offset by the growth in exports.

Indications point to market growth for cotton both at home and overseas in the next few years, he said. In the '70s, cotton's losses to man-made fibers were halted when consumer preference swung to natural fibers and promotion efforts financed by the producer check-off program were greatly stepped up.

Cotton consumption held at a fairly steady level for a few years until the overly strict cotton dust standard led to substitution of man-made fibers for cotton and cost producers "roughly a million bales of market a year," Mitchener stated. Cotton textile and apparel imports made chiefly of foreign-grown cotton also hurt domestic consumption.

The Council chairman said a modest growth in

the domestic market now appears possible in the next five years because (1) most of cotton's losses to man-made fibers and the cotton dust standard seem to be behind the industry now, (2) a more reasonable cotton dust standard is under consideration, and (3) textile import losses may be reduced as the result of trade negotiations that call for more orderly sharing of market growth.

Overseas, Mitchener said, it appears that a promising new growth era in terms of both population and per capita fiber consumption is opening up. This is especially important, he added, since cotton markets depend on these two factors. Population experts are predicting that the world will have 420 million more people in just five years, and 90 percent of them will live in the less developed countries. This is encouraging because when income increases in those countries, much of the extra money is likely to be spent on clothing needs, Mitchener added.

He said cotton exports should average at least 7 million bales a year over the next five years and could be even more if the need arises to build stocks to accommodate growing consumption abroad or if foreign yields flatten out.

To turn cotton's potential into actual sales, the Council official said, will require additional export credit, and especially appropriations for the revolving fund that was authorized in the new farm law. Also needed will be intensified research to make new gains in production efficiencies so cotton growing will become more profitable, find out why cotton yields have stopped advancing like those of most other crops, and figure out how to make better use of scarce energy and water supplies.

### KIDS!!!

April 17, the Ladies Golf Association will sponsor a Junior Golf Tournament for kids 17 and under. Please register at the Merkel Country Club. Entry fee is \$5.00 and includes a meal. Trophies will be awarded. For more information call Helen Jones 928-5892.

Enter now for the Merkel Mens Golf Association Low Ball Partnership planned for April 10 and 11. Entry fee is \$40.00 per man or \$80.00 per team. Cash prizes will be awarded. For more information contact Steve Shugart or call Merkel Country Club.

Keep June 12 in mind, that's the day of the Ladies Tournament. Also, the couples Tournament on July 10 and 11. More information will be available at a later date.

For those interested Monday evening ladies play and Tuesday evening Scrambles will begin as soon as weather and time permits.

We have now completed verticutting, seeding, and fertilizing the greens on the front nine. Dick Dixon, Donan Justice, Steve Love, John Luckey, and Freddie Toombs worked very hard to complete this.

We would like to express our appreciation to the Ladies Golf Association for their work on the ladies T-boxes.

We would like to invite everyone to the

Wednesday night all you can eat shrimp peel. This weekly event has been a great success and also a lot of fun. Beginning next Wednesday, March 31, due to the cost of shrimp, the shrimp peel will go up to \$5.95.

Don't forget our noon buffet Monday thru Friday from 11:00 until 2:00. All you can eat for only \$3.95. Also happy hour from 5:00 until 7:00 Tuesday thru Friday.

Friday night will feature a Mexican dinner, prepared by an excellent chef, Mr. Adam Ramirez. Come out, meet Adam and enjoy his excellent Mexican food.

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Remember Tennis lessons will begin in mid April and continue throughout the summer. Cost of lessons will be \$40.00 for 5 sessions. Each group session will last from an hour to an hour and a half and will be taught by Andy Cummings, Merkel High School Tennis Coach. If you prefer individual lessons, they will be offered for \$12.00 per hour.

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## Fortnightly club honored in Knox City

The Fortnightly Study Club received many top honors at the Mesquite District, Texas Women's Clubs, Spring Convention recently held in Knox City. The club won seven first places and three second places and its nominee was named woman of the year.

In the Performing Arts, Mrs. Comer Haynes, as chairman, the club won first for its contributions the number of hours devoted to the arts, and its programs on hobbies and crafts, "Bells From Around The World," and Poets Laureates of Texas.

Mrs. Alf Walla's Committee on Home Life placed first for its program on energy in conservation, family living and holiday preparations.

The community education committee chaired by Maurine White placed first with its programs on metrics, operation post cards to news media on program content and "Clubs in Germany". Sharing the program of metrics and its contributions to "Care" won a first for the International Policy Committee chaired by Mrs. Buster Horton.

Conservation was a major program area which

accounted for two first places and one second place. Mrs. Ed Sandusky, Conservation chairman, won first place with home energy check program and a project for landscaping at the new community center. Two divisions of conservation also took honors. Mrs. Don Hart won first place in the Energy Division and Mrs. Aaron Sudderth won a second place in the Beautification Division.

Mrs. Cecil Brown, Chairman of Texas Heritage Committee took two honors. Her committee won first place in the over all program with a total of nine programs on Texas Heritage including historical people, places and things, Texas Tales, "Memories of the past - Ghost towns". Her committee was awarded a second place for its continuing program on historical people, places and things, a part of which was presented at each meeting as a historical tour of Texas.

A second place award went to the Public Affairs Committee, Mrs. S.C. Dixon, chairman, for its over-all program.

Top award for the club was the naming of its nominee as the Woman Of The Year for the District. Mrs. Andy Shouse, club president, received the award for the club's over-all programs and for its project of writing a brief history of Merkel, "Merkel, Texas - 100 Years" which was completed in July and published by the Merkel Chamber of Commerce. All members of the club participated in collecting and writing the history which was edited by Mrs. Comer Haynes, Avis Deavers, Bess Dixon and Mrs. Shouse.

Attending the Mesquite District Convention were Mmes. J.W. Hammond, a district officer, Orvel F. Hill, Allen King and Mrs. Shouse of the Fortnightly Study Club and Mmes. H.A. Holt, president, Goldia Malone, Patty Hackney and Willo Ramsey of the Trent 81 Club.

## Fortnightly hears about Texas writers

Texas authors, both native and adoptees, were the subject for the recent Fortnightly Study Club program held March 23, 1982, in the home of Mrs. Bill Evers. Mrs. S.C. Dixon and Mrs. Evers participated in reading as a good hobby with excerpts from authors Lula Grace Erdman; Katherine Anne Porter of Brown County; A.C. Greene, author of "A Personal Country" who grew up in Abilene; Pres on Jones whose "Texas Trilogy" was performed at the Kennedy Center and who wrote about the Colorado City area; and Larry King who is a cousin of club member Mrs. Ed Sandusky and who collaborated with Carol Hall of Abilene to write a Broadway hit which is

being made into a movie with Burt Reynolds and Dolly Parton. Mr. King has written about Pecos where he lived for a time.

Members who were given awards at the recent spring meeting of Mesquite District of Women's Clubs received certificates from Mrs. Andy Shouse, president, who conducted the business meeting.

Mrs. Johnny Cox was remembered at the memorial service at the District meeting.

As a special treat we heard a recording of "Texas Our Texas" made by the composer, William J. Marsh, as he conducted a girls choir from Ft. Worth.

Mrs. Curtis Rister was co-hostess.

## MHS sophomores get job information

Merkel High sophomores were exposed to their first career workshop this week as biology teacher Andy Cummings and Merkel High Counselor Barbara Neely aided the students in looking at different career fields.

The student used a variety of audio-visual aids and could look up information on hundreds of career fields.

Merkel High Counselor, Barbara Neely, told the Mail she wanted to make the career workshops an annual event for students below the Senior level. She said it was most beneficial to the students because the information provided included technical as well as vocational professions. In the descriptions of profession, students learned what skills or education would be needed to perform that particular job.

Merkel High Teacher Andy Cummings said it would help the students to know the number of careers that are available, as well as the education requirements to perform those jobs.

The Mail talked to a few of the students involved in the workshop. Gary Love told the Mail he wanted to be an electrician and he was busy looking up information on that subject. Ray Walters told the Mail he wanted to be a science teacher or an electrical technician and he hoped the workshop would help him know what is required of him to perform those tasks.

The counselor told the Mail she would be very interested in obtaining the help of local business people and professionals to discuss their occupation with students.

Interested parties are encouraged to contact her at 928-5511.

## DPS cracking down on uninsured

The 90-day DPS warning period for the new mandatory liability insurance law expires this week. After midnight Wednesday, March 31, state troopers will begin issuing citations to drivers who fail to show proof of insurance when such information is requested.

The law, which became effective January 1, 1982, requires all drivers to carry minimum liability coverage for bodily injury of \$10,000 per person (\$20,000 for two or more persons) and property damage of \$5,000.

Colonel Jim Adams, DPS director, said the law is encouraging more drivers to obtain the required coverage.

"DPS figures show that during 1981, approximately 73 percent of drivers involved in reportable accidents had the insurance," Adams pointed out. "That number increased to 81 percent for the first two months of this year."

Drivers who fail to carry the required coverage risk being fined from \$75 to \$200 for the first offense and from \$200 to \$1,000 for subsequent violations. In addition, a conviction under the new law will result in the suspension of the violator's driver license and motor vehicle registration unless the violator establishes and maintains proof of financial responsibility for five years from the conviction date.

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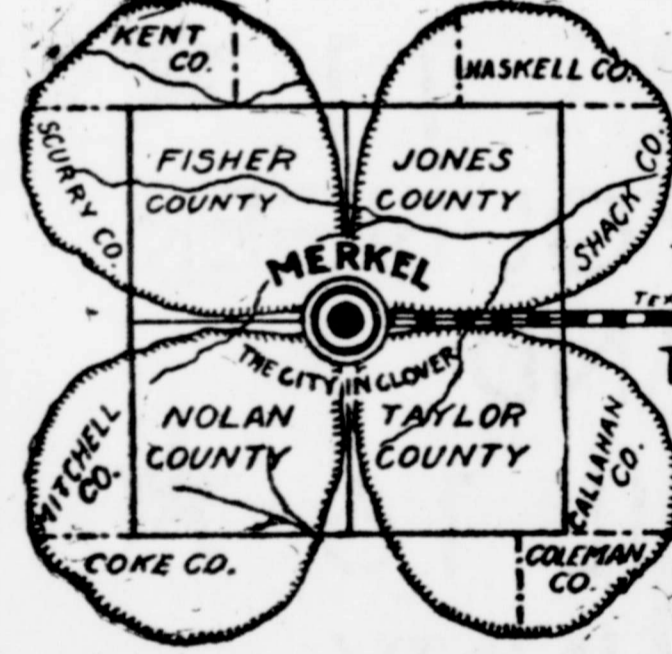
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## Reed-Cosby marriage

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Sheri is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cosby of Sweetwater. David is the grand-

son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Riney from Trent. He was a graduate from Trent High School and is employed with the highway department in Merkel. They will live in Merkel.



Kim Smith, daughter of Jim Smith, is 18 years old and a senior at Merkel High. She is employed by Stuckey's Pecan Shoppe. She enjoys working in the yard. She is planning to attend Abilene Commercial College.



David Reed & Sheri Cosby



Judy Lindsey, age 19, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. V.H. Lindsey, is a senior here in Merkel and is employed by Walls Industry in Merkel. She enjoys skating and fishing. She plans to remain working at Walls following graduation.

## MISD athletic dept. apologizes for Jr. High late arrivals

Merkel ISD athletic director Eddie Lang told the Mail he was sorry the Jr. High Track team didn't get home until 2:45 Saturday morning and he suggested that anyone upset about that time should write a letter to Austin.

It seems a new UIL rule prohibits track meets for junior high students starting before 2:30.

Lang said that starting time rule, and the combination of so many teams entered in the C-City meet, led to the late arrival of the teams.

He said the Badger teams were actually at home before the track meet ended in C-City.

Lang said a letter to the UIL, Box 8028, University Station, Austin, Texas 78712, might go a long way in that rule being considered for change at the next UIL meeting.

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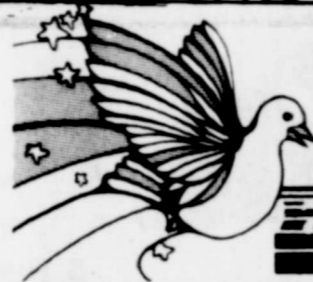
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DEL MONTE TOMATO JUICE 46 OZ CAN 79¢

CONTADINA 8 OZ TOMATO SAUCE 2 49¢

VAN CAMPS 300 PORK & BEANS 2 FOR 73¢

CRISCO 3 LB CAN \$1.98 1 LIMIT

ARMOURS VIENNA SAUSAGE 5 OZ CAN 2 FOR 89¢

KRAFTS MINIATURE MARSHMELLOWS 10 OZ PKG 45¢

MORRISONS CORN KITS 6 OZ 2 FOR 43¢

FLOUR GOLD MEDAL 5 LB BAG 93¢

DEL MONTE CATSUP 24 OZ JUG 89¢

## PORK CHOPS

Extra Lean  
Tender...Tasty...Terrific  
END CUTS

TUNA STAR KIST 6.5 OZ CAN 89¢

JELLO ASSORTED 3 OZ BOX 3 FOR 89¢

DEL MONTE CATSUP 24 OZ JUG 89¢

OWENS COUNTRY SAUSAGE MILD ONLY LB \$1.39

FAMILY PACK SAUSAGE POUND \$1.45

NABISCO RITZ 16 OZ BOX 89¢

DEL MONTE SWEET CUCUMBER CHIPS 15 OZ JAR 83¢

## SUGAR SWEET STRAWBERRIES

BEST of the BERRY PATCH! CALIFORNIA

Pint 79¢

HORMEL SMOKED HAMS 1/2 OR WHOLE LB \$1.49

REYNOLDS HEAVY DUTY FOIL WRAP 18 IN 25 FT 98¢

FRESH CORN ON COB 3 FOR 69¢

FRESH CENTER CUT PORK CHOPS LEAN LB \$1.89

CLEAN & SHINE MOP & GLO 32 OZ BOTTLE \$2.09

FRESH CELLO RADISHES 2 FOR 49¢

SUNDAY HOUSE SMOKED TURKEY 10-12 LB \$1.29

HI DRI TOWELS JUMBO ROLL 53¢

FRESH YELLOW SQUASH 59¢ LB

GOOCH BR FRANKS BEEF OR REG 12 OZ PKG \$1.25

LIQUID IVORY GT SIZE \$1.19

DETERGENT GAIN KING SIZE \$2.98

FRESH GREEN ONIONS 49¢

GOOCH BR BACON POUND \$1.75

DISHWASHER CASCADE 50 OZ BOX \$2.09

SUNKIST ORANGES LB 39¢

GOOCH B R SAUSAGE GERMAN STYLE PKG \$1.49

FRESH CELERY LB 49¢ RUSSET SPUDS 10 LB BAG \$1.59

FRESH LIVER BEEF OR PORK LB 79¢

FOREMOST HOMO MILK GAL JUG \$2.39

FOREMOST COTTAGE CHEESE 16 OZ CRTN \$1.19

FOREMOST LOWFAT MILK GAL JUG \$2.29

BROASTED CHICKEN FRANKS ALL WHITE BREAST

WE GIVE GIFT BOND STAMPS Double on Wednesday with \$5.00 or more

WE WELCOME FOOD STAMPS

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