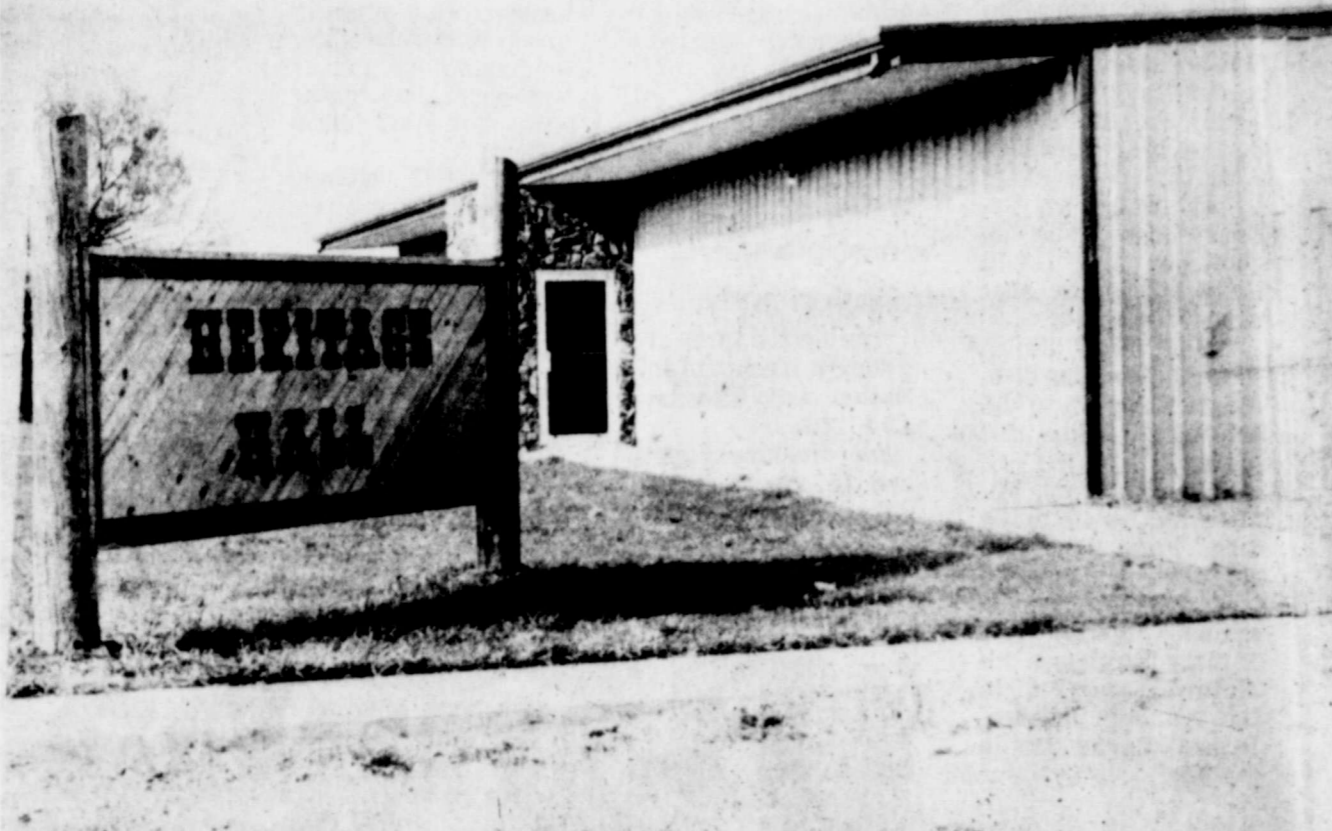


The Merkel Mail

Thursday, August 19, 1982...Merkel, Texas

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Merkel's Community Center, Heritage Hall is now properly marked with a sign. The Hall has been used steadily since early summer for reunions, dinners, luncheons, wedding parties

Numerous dog cases filed

Merkel Police Chief Ray Pack told the Mail Tuesday his department had filed numerous complaints against dog owners recently and said five people here had been bitten by dogs in the past three weeks.

Pack told the Mail he and his officers would file

and showers and is the new home for Monday night Bingo, sponsored by The Merkel Emergency Medical Service. (Staff photo by Cloy A. Richards)

on every single dog owner that does not keep their dog according to the latest city ordinance.

That ordinance states that a dog has to be kept inside a fence, on a leash or at the heel of a competent handler at all times.

Failing to comply is a class C misdemeanor.

EMS starts Monday Bingo

The Merkel Emergency Medical Service started their leagl Bingo games here Monday night.

The games are scheduled to be held each Monday night at 7:30 p.m. at Heritage Hall.

About 40 people attended Monday's game according to Vernon Wade of the Emergency Service and said the gross take was \$260. Players took in 200 in winnings.

Profit made by the games will go toward purchasing advanced life support equipment for the ambulance.

Wade told the Mail Tuesday the ambulance service game and the one held by the Tye Volunteer Fire Department are the only legal games in a three county area including Jones, Taylor and Nolan.

Wade added the ambulance service sells sandwiches, soft drinks, snacks and said players don't need a babysitter to play because there is a fenced back yard.

Bingo elections in Nolan and Justice Precinct 1 in Abilene were defeated over the weekend by voters.

New MISD students asked to register

Classes at MISD will start in two weeks and students who have not previously attended MISD are being asked to pre-register.

Students pre-registering are asked to bring last year's report card, shot records and may do so at the campus office between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Monday through Friday.

New students at Merkel High may register between August 23 and August 25.

Also, High school football players, twirlers and cheerleaders will have their pictures made Monday at 9 a.m.

Conservative tax proposal? New sign,

Bingo, paramedics, ...more

by Cloy A. Richards

President Reagan's tax package brought forth to the people Monday night in a nationwide address is not the type of tax package I expected from candidate Reagan two years ago.

Nor is it the type of tax legislation the country needs in times of high unemployment and interest rates.

The president is proposing a closing of 'loopholes' for business, while keeping the 'three martini lunch', a contradiction in terms from the outset.

I am not much of an economic theorist but I do know a couple of things about business.

When the government is telling me my tax bite will go up in a year, I know I have to keep a hard line on business spending throughout that year. I will be less likely to hire an employee, I will be less likely to purchase new equipment, compounding the trouble manufacturers have selling their finished products and my spendable income will go down, compounding problems for any type of business you use in day to day life.

What really baffles me is what seems to be an abandonment of Reagan's beloved supply side economics and tax cuts, which he has spoken of time and time again.

I don't care if you call a tax bill 'reform', you can call it what you want, but when the bottom line comes up to increased revenues for the feds, you have to call it a tax increase.

Reagan does have to be given credit for supporting this bill. It is unpopular with telephone companies because of the new tax, it is unpopular with the cigarette companies because of the new additional tax, it is unpopular with big business because of a repeal of business tax credits that were opened up only a year ago, it is unpopular with oil companies and royalty owners because it does nothing to repeal windfall profits, and it is unpopular with Conservative Republi-

cans who are trying to be re-elected because it is a tax increase.

If he is going to take on all of these people, the man has guts.

It will be a fight in Congress to get this bill through.

All of us had best start bucking for pay raises because the feds are proposing to take more money away from you.

And that will lead to unemployment, inflation...

Merkel Elementary will be holding an orientation Wednesday for Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade students. It will be held from 9 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.

Have you seen the new sign at Heritage Hall? It's a dandy, or did you look at the top of the page already?

Did you know there are 11 homes under construction, some storage sheds and of course the work on the Baptist Church.

Say there's not much happening here, well just look around.

The Merkel Emergency Medical Service has four new paramedics.

Mitch Atkinson, Vernon Wade, Cynthia Cassidy and John Davis received word this week they had passed the state test for training and certification.

The tests culminated more than two years of training and hundreds of hours in classes and study.

All to serve on a volunteer basis.

I'd say they all deserve a hand.

The Merkel Emergency Medical Service has started their legal Bingo games at Heritage Hall on Monday nights.

O-72 you said, what about 71?

Board hears compliments, complaints

The Merkel Independent school district board of trustees heard compliments from a group of athletic backers, complains from taxpayers at a public hearing and toured the renovated multi-purpose center at Merkel Elementary Tuesday night.

Also, a representative of the Merkel Classroom Teachers Association, Ken Elliott, sat in on the session and said a representative of that organization would attend the meetings on a regular basis.

Before the regular session began, the board heard some very kind words from a small delegation of athletic backers at MISD. The group delivered a letter to the board thanking them for recent improvements in the band, computer science, music and art and expressed home for success in athletics at MISD.

The board then went on a tour of the multi-purpose center that has recently been renovated into a special learning center, resource room and teacher work area. The building has not been used since constructed because of noise levels inside the structure. Hayden Reeves' maintenance crews did the remodeling this summer and Merkel Elementary School principal David Casey told the Mail the building would free two portable classrooms for use in the already crowded elementary school.

The board raised the price for school lunches this year to 90 cents, up from 75 cents. The breakfast charge will be 40 cents and those qualifying for reduced price meals will be charged 40 cents for lunch and 30 cents for breakfast. Guidelines for qualification will be published in next week's Mail.

Ken Elliott, president of the Merkel Classroom Teachers Association attended the meeting and said a member of the organization would attend all meetings of the board. Elliott said it was his groups desire to further the professional standards of teachers at MISD and to learn of board actions first hand. He heard some good words from school board secretary James Boyd who told him "I think the Texas Legislature is way out of line when they set a pay rate that isn't even at minimum wage and expect teachers to educate their children. It's got to where a teacher's income is really a second income."

The board then decided to build a permanent perimeter fence around the agriculture barn area to try to keep the kids' projects from wandering into neighbors yards.

Merkel residents have told the board they would take some form of civil action unless something was done to keep pigs from wandering off of the ag property.

Gene Amerine, a local heating and air conditioning contractor received the bid for adding central air and heat at the administrative offices. They are currently being cooled with

window units and were heated last winter by portable, electric heaters. Amerine's bid was \$6,600.

In other action, the board payed their annual insurance bill of \$9,638 for insurance on building and contents and heard a report on the recent MISD yard sale which netted the district \$400. Hayden Reeves said some property was still left and would remain for sale about a week.

The board then accepted resignations from Jeanette Conley, Pam Welborn, Gail Maxey and Evelyn Fowler. They then hired Lana Hatfield, Kay Lofton, Laura Motes, Brenda Palmer, Jan Richard, Celeste Smaler, Le Ann Tarpley, Cheryl Jinkerson, Lisa Walker.

Before ending their meeting, school board president Kenny Hogan read the following statement concerning freshman initiations.

"The Freshman girls initiation is not a school sponsored project and the MISD will not be responsible for any injuries or damages resulting from the event."

PUBLIC HEARING

Four local residents appeared before the MISD board during a public hearing Tuesday night to protest recent evaluations on their property and the impending tax increase those evaluations will cause.

Bob Fowler told the Mail late Tuesday night he went in to the board because he was concerned about his school tax, which will jump from about \$399 to \$1,117 this year, something Fowler calls a pretty fantastic increase.

He said he was told by the board the reason the homeowners share of the tax increased this year was because industrial evaluations, such as Missouri-Pacific Railroad, WTU, Lone Star Gas and the like had always been taxed around 100 per cent of evaluation and their evaluations did not go up under the new evaluation.

Fowler told the Mail he could not understand that reasoning because if the industrial taxes remained the same and the homeowners went way up like his, there had to be an enormous amount of additional money.

The board however, is budgeting basically the same amount a tax income this year as last and is looking at a 92 cent tax rate this year at 100 per cent of evaluation.

Fowler told the Mail "I believe in carrying my fair share of the burden and I am not trying to get out of paying my tax, I just don't feel this kind of jump on my taxes are justified." He added "I suppose I have the choice of not paying my tax and putting the money into a savings account and not paying until the district offers to sell my property for taxes."

Fowler is the city code administrator for the City of Abilene and said he had been approached by a number of people in Abilene who want to start a Proposition 13 type rollback of taxes.

Merkel's tax rebates still way up, over 20 per cent ahead of 81

Merkel's one per cent share of the state sales tax is 12.29 per cent ahead of payments received last year, compared to a 7.60 per cent increase county wide.

Merkel latest check, of \$9,553.16 puts Merkel's total for the year at \$45,172.15 compared to \$40,228.14 through the same period last year.

Trent's rebates, which are payed quarterly, are running 21.56 per cent ahead of those last

year. Trent has received \$1,198.61 so far this year.

Tye's rebates are 4.67 per cent ahead with a year to date total of \$40,771.28.

Abilene's rebates are running 7.5 per cent ahead of those last year.

The state sales tax is collected by merchants and sent to the state comptroller's office, of which one per cent is rebated to the town in which it was collected.

Orientation set for K-2 students

An orientation has been scheduled for kindergarten, first and second grade students at Merkel Elementary Aug. 25th from 9 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. in the respective classrooms.

Please bring your child and his or her supplies.

If you have not registered your child, please bring shot records and a birth certificate. You will be able to meet and visit with your child's teacher.

You will find a supply list for elementary in The Merkel Mail.

TFU president Moeller says Reagan, Block to blame for low grain prices

The president of the Texas Farmers Union said last week that Ronald Reagan and John Block have no one but themselves to blame for the recent crash in grain prices.

Speaking at a statewide rally in Hico, TFU head Mike Moeller said that the Reagan Administration had single-handedly created the situation which this week resulted in record setting low prices for soybeans, corn and feedgrains.

Noting that some agriculture economists are now acknowledging that U. S. Agriculture is in a full fledged depression, Moeller said, "In the 1880s, my great grandfather sold shelled corn for \$2 per bushel. Now, 100 years later, our farmers are being offered less than \$2 per bushel for their corn. How many industries could survive these inflationary times while receiving less for their product than they did 100 years ago.

Moeller went on to enumerate the steps the Reagan Administration has taken to insure low farm prices. First, he said, there was the four month delay in lifting the Soviet grain embargo, second the passage of the Administration's 'Anti-Farm Bill' in late 1981, third what Moeller called the administration's "Mickey Mouse" 1982 set aside program and finally the refusal to negotiate a long term grain agreement with the Soviets.

"By driving this series of nails in the American farmer's coffin, Ronald Reagan and John Block guaranteed the surplus commodities and low prices we are now experiencing," Moeller added.

He called on the Administration to support the Farm Crisis amendments in the budget reconciliation package currently before Congress and to use all existing authority to pump new life into the failing U. S. Farm economy.

Newsbriefs

Tuesday school starts Sept. 7

Notice Tuesday School will begin Sept. 7. Limited openings. For further information contact Bernice Jacobs at 928-5176.

Trent sets drivers ed

Students who will be enrolled in the 10th grade or above in Trent High School and will be 15 years of age or before September 1, may register for the fall driver education class on Tuesday, August 24, 1982 at

MERKEL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST

- KINDERGARTEN**
- Large box Kleenex
 - School box
 - Crayons 1 box of Jumbo (8) NO regular size
 - 2 Primary pencils
 - Blunt scissors (no plastic handles)
 - 2 bottles glue 4 oz. (no paste)
 - 2 packages construction paper (12x18)
 - 1 package manilla paper (12x18)
 - 2 guide line writing tablets (Nifty 2047, Epci, Alladin Guide Line Paper 2112, Hyton No. 48 2110)
 - Plastic Rest Mat—Optional

FIRST GRADE

- 2 bottles Elmer's glue
- 1 pair blunt scissors
- 2 pencils No. 2 (regular size)
- 1 box of crayons (please do not get a large box)
- 1 package of assorted construction paper
- 2 guideline writing tablets (Nifty 2047, Epci, Alladin Guide Line Paper 2112, Hyton No. 48 2110)
- 1 Big Chief Pencil tablet
- 1 small box Kleenex
- 1 package manilla paper (large package)
- 1 eraser
- 1 school box

SECOND GRADE

- 1 Spiral note book
- Crayons-24 to box
- Scissors-blunt end
- 2 pencils No. 2
- 1 small bottle of Elmer's glue 4 oz.
- 1 small package of manilla paper 9x12
- 1 small package of construction paper-one color(black, red, yellow, orange, green or blue)
- 1 small box Kleenex

THIRD GRADE

- Notebook and notebook paper
- scissors
- Crayons
- 2 pencils No. 2
- 1 large eraser
- Construction paper (mixed) 9x12
- Red lead grading pencil
- 1 bottle Elmer's glue 4 oz.
- Manilla drawing paper 12x18
- 1 box Kleenex (large)
- 1 ruler

FOURTH GRADE

- Notebook paper (no notebook)
- 4 pencils No. 2
- eraser
- Map colors
- 1 box crayons
- 12 inch ruler
- 2 red lead grading pencils (no felt tip)
- Elmer's school glue
- 1 package of assorted construction paper
- 1 package of manilla paper
- 1 pair scissors (pointed)
- 3 spiral notebooks (60 sheets per spiral notebook)
- 2 folders-(1 blue, 1 red)

FIFTH GRADE

- Pencils No.2
- eraser
- 2 red pencils
- scissors
- Elmer's glue
- Notebook paper—(NO notebook)
- Map colors
- 12 inch ruler
- 2 Spiral composition books (large size)
- box for supplies
- 1 package manilla paper 12x18
- 1 package construction paper (assorted 12x18)
- Kleenex
- 5 colored folders (yellow, red, green, orange, and black)
- Crayons or markers (watercolor)

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10:00 a.m. at the school. The fee will be \$82 and must be paid at the time of registration. If you wish to take the course please make every effort to register at this time. The class will be during the months of September and October, 1982.

Masons will meet

All Master Masons are cordially invited to attend the Eight Annual Mulberry Canyon Confab, Aug. 28th. Dinner will be served by Hamlin Lodge No. 958 at 6 p.m. It will be followed by an outdoors Master Mason's degree on the banks of the Mulberry

Canyon creek in Suez Shrine Temple, Children's Park 9.2 miles South of Merkel on FM 126.

Newsom engaged

Mr. and Mrs. Mickey Newsom have announced the engagement of their daughter Cynthia Ann Hagar, to Kenneth Scott Elliott, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Elliott.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Merkel High and is employed by Montgomery Wards

The prospective bridegroom is also a Merkel High graduate and is employed by Sojourner Drilling.

The couple plans to be married Sept. 10 in a garden ceremony at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Hicks.

Stith set C&W musical

The Stith Country and Western musical will be held Aug. 21 at the Stith Community Center at 7 p.m.

All area bands and musicians are invited

to attend.

The snack bar will be open at 6 p.m. and the public is invited to enjoy the music and fellowship.

State TAAF meet results

The following are the results from the state TAAF track meet held in Brownwood.

Nine and under-Sha Lang fourth in the 800, the 400 relay team of Amiee Bugg, Coty Vaughn, Shayla Hardy and Angie Leverich was 7th.

Ten through 11, Teresa Lucas 7th in the shot put and David Bugg 7th in the shot put.

David Bugg 4th in the 50 low hurdles, Maxie Lang 6th in the 400 and 8th in the 1500 meter.

Sixteen and up, Michael McCoy 4th in the long jump, the 400 relay team of Jimmy Rogers, Russel Lucas, Michael McCoy and Sammy Tumlinson 7th Jimmy Rogers 7th in the 110 high hurdles, Russell Lucas 7th in the 400.

Martin honored

The family and friends of Hester Martin honored her with a surprise birthday party at Starr Nursing home here. She is celebrating her 80th birthday.

Guests came from Irving, Plainview, and Sweetwater. The party was hosted by Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Gibson and co-hosted by Faye Brown, Ruby Horton and Juanita Bodien.

Thomas promoted

Melinda L. Thompson, daughter of C. W. Scott of Rt. 1 Duncan,

Okla. and Jo Scott, of Trent, has been promoted to Senior Airman in the U. S. Air Force.

She is a computer operator at Lackland Air Force Base.

Hughes is

McMurry grad

Lisa Jon Hughes of Merkel has earned a bachelor of Business Administration degree in general business from McMurry College.

Lisa is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Hughes of Rt 3 Merkel.

Senior plan

initiation party

The Senior girls are giving a freshman initiation party Tuesday, Aug. 24th.

All freshmen girls are to meet at Ben

Franklin at 7:00.

Parents are welcomed to attend.

MHS council

at conference

Four Merkel High student council officers attended the Texas Association of Student Council's Summer workshop in San Angelo.

Each officer was assigned to a different group to develop their leadership qualities as well as exchanging ideas with other school officers.

The MHS officers attending were Rosie Biera, Brenda Hohertz, Jackie Owen and Lorne Sloan. Mrs. Gayle Baker is the sponsor of the group.

The Past Matrons Club of the Order of

The Eastern Star of Merkel met Aug. 10th for their regular monthly meeting at the Masonic Hall Dining Room.

The president, Mrs. Bill Hays opened the meeting followed by a beautiful and inspiring devotional "A Cup of Cold Water" given by Mrs. Bryan Dunagin.

The program was a delightful time with everyone telling of vacations or plans for a future vacation.

The door prize was received by Mrs. Anna Zelle Bright.

Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Ted Pargament, Mr. and Mrs. Dunning McConnell, Mrs. Thelma Griffin, Mrs. C. B. Knight, Mrs. Andy S h o u s e, Mrs. Bryan Dunagin, Mrs. H. C. Reed, Mrs. Wade Ensminger, Mrs. Annazelle Bright, Mrs. J. W. Hammond and Mrs. Bill Hays.

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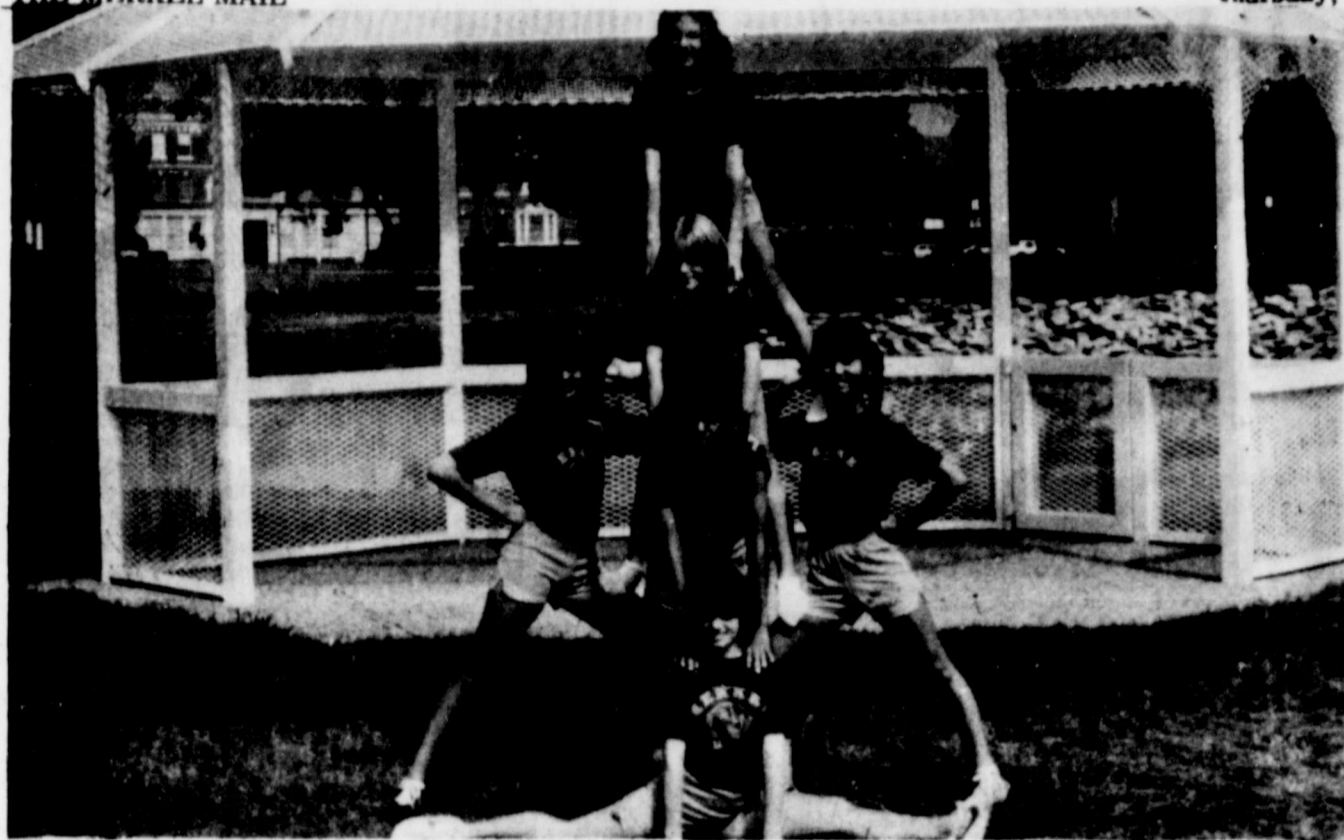
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The Merkel Middle School cheerleaders attended Cheerleader Camp in Abilene last month. They are (top to bottom) Sheri Riney, Karrie Rich, Angie Moreno, Michelle Woodard. (left) Tracy Bicknell and (right) Son Mi Chon. Not pictured is sponsor Robbie Shugart.



It is recorded of Philip IV of Spain that he only laughed three times in his entire life.

Shugarts' announce Lisa's engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Duane Shugart of Merkel are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Lisa to Van Roy Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. V. R. Miller of Fort Worth.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Merkel High and is a Junior at Southwest Texas State University. She is also employed by the University.

The prospective bridegroom graduated from Richland Hills High in Fort Worth and is a senior at Southwest Texas State. He is employed by Vico Real Estate as an apartment manager.

The couple plans to be married December 18 at Merkel's First Baptist Church.



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Chancey's hold reunion

Five generations of the Mrs. Hamilton Chancey Sr. family were present during their 12th annual reunion held at the Butman Encampment the weekend of July 23rd.

The occasion also marked the 90th birthday of the former Elizabeth (Betty) Cash Whitescarver, born July 26 1892 in Bynum, Texas. Betty came to West Texas with her parents in 1906 where she married Hamilton Randolph Chancey, Jan. 3, 1890. Mr. Chancey died Feb. 16, 1948.

Mrs. Chancey has been a resident of Taylor and Jones County for 76 years, living in the Mulberry Community for 14 years before moving to Comper in 1923 and then to Merkel in 1958. She currently lives in the Pleasantville Apartments.

Mrs. Chancey had six sons and two daughters. Jeff of Abilene, Clyde of Merkel, Ed of Abilene, Albert (deceased) of Merkel, H. R. Jr., of Abilene, Paul of Oklahoma City, Oma Reece of Combine and Jewell Jennings of Abilene.

Mrs. Chancey's direct descendents include 89 children

Mrs. Chancey's direct descendents include 8 children, 23 grandchildren, 31 great grandchildren and 2 great great grandchildren. Sixty-five family members attended the reunion of a total of 90 living family members.



Five generations of the Chancey family are pictured here. They are (left to right) Mrs. Elizabeth (Betty) Chancey of Merkel, Kathy Nightingale of Arroyo Grande Calif., and (sitting) Renli Louise Nightingale. Second row is Clyde Chancey of Merkel and Douglas Chancey, also of Arroyo Grande.

Riggan reunion held Aug. 7 & 8

The annual Riggan reunion was held Aug. 7 and 8 at Abilene State Park in Buffalo Gap.

Games and home cooked food highlighted the occasion which was attended by the children and descendents of Ulysses Grant and Permelia Ann Riggan.

Those attending were Mary Harris, Leona Conley, Martin Gold Riggan, Nathan and Clarice Riggan, Al and Betty Sue Leverett, Jerry and Wanda Harris, Warren, Claudette and Milo Harris, Audrey Conley, Berdon and Louise Conley, Donna Rosia and Laura Conley, Dewey, Maggie and Chad Conley, Steve and Margie Cloud, Lena V. Riggan, L. D. AND Lanelle Riggan, Jimmie Lee Smith and Roy Riggan.

Also attending were Ron Riggan, Gloria Dean Stone, Dolly Christine Sloan, Larry Munson, Su Ann Harris, K. Denise Harris, Lonnie Riggan, Harold and Peggy Riggan, Gary Don Harris, David Murrell and Willie Mae Riggan, Ann Rice and son Brandon, Mr. and Mrs. Travis Swinney, Bettye Conley, Delbert and Kaye Lynn Dearing and children Matt and Lacy, Lew, Melanie and Aubrey Riggan.

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Ford Smith family meets in B Gap

Over 50 family members got together Aug. 6, 7 and 8 at Abilene State Park in Buffalo Gap for the 13th annual family reunion of the Ford Smith Jr. family.

Mrs. Smith is the former Frankie Lee Graves, daughter of the late Lota and Pete Graves of Junction.

The group gathered each day for swimming, games, visiting, picture taking and eating.

Those attending were Dr. Carl and Mrs. Lota Mae (Hughes) Yarborough, traveling the longest distance from Scottsdale Ariz., and James and Peggy Graves, David Michael, Robert and Lota Margaret (Graves) Davis and children Angie and Doug Davis, all of Houston, Berry Doyle and Joyce Smith of Amarillo, Randy Smith and sons Brian and Jason Smith of Abilene, Billy Pete Hughes and son Russel Hughes. Randy and Pam (Hughes) Wood and son Kenneth Wood Jr., Mrs. Billy (Teresa Wood) Priddy and daughter Amy and Amber Priddy all of Pauls Valley Okla., and Delbert and Kaye Lynne (Conley) Dearing and children Matt and Lacey Dearing of Tuscola, Vivian Farmer of Coleman, Ford Smith Jr. and Frankie Lee (Graves) Smith, Ronny and Ann n (Smith) Doan and sons Kyle and Clint Doan, Gary Lee and Ann Smith and children Gary Shane, Todd Lee and Kristie Ann, Bettye Conley, Bink Smith, Della (Smith) Henslee and granddaughters Dawn and Candice Henslee, Jack and Ruth (Smith) Hogan, Kenneth and Nancy Hogan and sons Ken and Kody all of Merkel, and Bud and Joyce Wilfong and children Debbie, Susan and Casey Wilfong of Albany.

Texas wheat farmers expect near record harvest this year

AUSTIN--Wheat farmers across the state are harvesting the second largest crop on record this year in spite of inclement weather conditions, Agriculture Commissioner Reagan V. Brown has reported.

"The wheat production this year is estimated at 163.8 million bushels, an 11 percent drop from last year's record crop but still one of the largest harvests on record. The poor grain harvest in the Soviet Union should stimulate our export market," Brown said.

Texas Crop and Livestock Reporting Service reports that this year's estimated rye production of 560,000 bushels is 18 percent above last years with a record yield of 20 bushels per acre.

Other Texas grain farmers have not been as lucky. Oat producers expect to harvest 13.7 million bushels, a 27 percent decline from last year's production. Oat yields

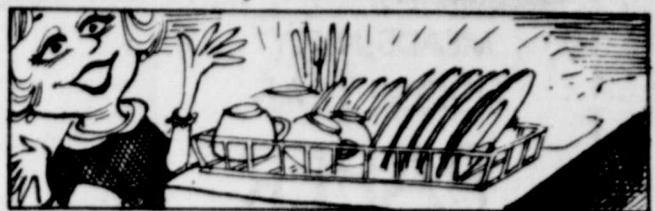
are down 10 bushels from last year and harvested acreage is down 7 percent. Barley production is down 31 percent at 1.4 million bushels with an expected yield of 36 bushels per acre. Small grain harvest is well behind schedule as the result of adverse weather conditions and several fields are being abandoned because of poor grain quality.

Cotton farmers throughout the High Plains and Central regions of the state have had many fields severely damaged or totally destroyed by high winds, hail and heavy rain.

Replanting is underway on some of this storm damaged cotton acreage; however, many producers have chosen to replant alternate crops.

The state's peach production continues to decline, dropping more than 50 percent from last year. The July 1 peach harvest estimate

of 16 million pounds is six percent below the June 1 estimate. Heavy rains have caused disease and insect problems in peach orchards throughout the state.



When washing a sinkful of dishes, add a few tablespoons of vinegar to the water along with detergent. Dishes will be grease-free and sparkling.

Elma Sifried buried here

Elma Mae Siefried, 62, of San Antonio, a nurse and former Merkel resident, died at 11:16 a.m. Sunday at Brook Army Medical Center after a short illness. Services were 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at First Baptist Church, directed by the Starbuck Funeral Home.

The Rev. David Bugg officiated. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Born Aug. 20, 1919 in Fort Worth, she was reared in Merkel and graduated from Mer-

kel High. She completed her nursing training at Hendrick Medical Center. A member of the First Baptist Church and Beta Sigma Sorority, she was instrumental in organizing a Girl Scout program.

Survivors include a son Richard Gamble of Stuttgart Germany, a daughter Sharon Shepperd Wright of Santa Rosa, Calif., a brother David Gamble of Merkel, her mother Mrs. Lidge Gamble of Merkel an 3 grandchildren.

Laura Hays buried in Houston

Laura Harris, 74 of Houston died Aug. 7 at her home.

She was the former Laura Freeman and attended the White

Flat school West of Trent.

She was the cousin of Marvin Freeman and Odell Freeman of Trent and Homer Freeman of Merkel.

The Consumer Alert



by Mark White
Attorney General

AUSTIN--Every home budget should have an allotment for the payment of insurance premiums. Along with the insurance policy on the house, there should be coverage for the personal contents in that house. Most homeowners policies include coverage for personal property in the home.

Take an inventory of personal property, taking one room at a time and list every item with a brief description, its present condition, and value. Amend your list to reflect any replacements or additions. Make a second copy. Keep one in a safe place in your home and one where you work. The list will help you and your insurance agent determine the value of your personal property after a loss and will help you prove what you had in your home at the time of loss.

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Mei-Chu Toucey, Respondent.
GREETINGS:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable 326 th District Court, Taylor County, Texas, at the Courthouse of said County in Abilene, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the Monday next after the expiration of 20 days from the date of service of this citation, then and there to answer the petition of Christopher Scalon Toucey, Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 23rd day of July, 1982, against Mei-Chu Toucey, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 7637-C on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Matter of The Marriage of Christopher Scalon Toucey and Mei-Chu Toucey", the nature of which suit is arequest that the Court grant a divorce and decree such other relief requested in the petition.

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree dissolving the marriage and providing for the division of property which will be binding on you.

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 seal of said Court at Abilene, Texas, this the 23rd day of July, 1982.

Rilla Mahoney Clerk, 326th District Court, Taylor County, Texas. By Elsie Mitchell, Deputy.

NOTICE OF INCORPORATION
In compliance with Article 1302-2.02 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, notice of intention to

become incorporated without change of name is given by J & S Battery, Inc., doing business as AAA Battery Co., Abilene, Texas.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Wilburn J. Napier Respondent:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable 326 District Court, Taylor County, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the Monday next after the expiration of 20 days from the date of service of this citation, then and there to answer the petition of CHERYL NAPIER Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 11th day of May, 1982, against WILBURN J. NAPIER, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 7286-C on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Matter of the Marriage of CHERYL NAPIER and WILBURN J. NAPIER" the nature of which suit is a request to obtain a divorce from the Respondent.

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgement or decree dissolving the marriage and providing for the division of property which will be binding upon you.

If this citation is served within ninety days 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 seal of said Court at Abilene, Texas, this the 6th day of August, 1982.

Rilla Mahoney Clerk, 326th District Court, Taylor County, Texas, by Johnnie Woodard, Deputy 24-1TC

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: LARRY GENE VANBRUNT, Address Unknown, Respondent.
GREETINGS:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable 326 District Court, Taylor County, Texas at the Courthouse of said County in Abilene, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the Monday next after the expiration of 20 days from the date of service of this citation, then and there to answer the petition of SUSAN ANN VANBRUNT, Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 4th day of August, 1982, against LARRY GENE VANBRUNT, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 7702-C on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Matter of the Marriage of SUSAN ANN VANBRUNT and LARRY GENE VANBRUNT", the nature of which suit is a request to the Court to grant a divorce and decree such other relief requested in the petition.

The Court has authority in this suit to enter and judgement or decree dissolving the marriage and providing for the division of property which will be binding upon you.

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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 seal of said Court at Abilene, Texas, this the 5th day of August, 1982.

Rilla Mahoney Clerk, 326th District Court, Taylor County, Texas by JoAnn Lackey, Deputy

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Hope G. Rodriguez, Respondent.

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable 326 District Court, Taylor County, Texas at the Courthouse of said County in Abilene, Texas at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the Monday next after the expiration of 20 days from the date of service of this citation, then and there to answer the petition of Willie Diaz Rodriguez, Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 30th day of October, 1981, against Hope G. Rodriguez, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 6398-C on the docket of said Court and entitled "In The Matter of the Marriage of Willie Di-

az Rodriguez and Hope G. Rodriguez", the nature of which suit is a request to the Court grant a divorce and decree such other relief requested in this petition.

The Court has authority in this suit to enter and judgement or decree in the children'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 children's adoption.

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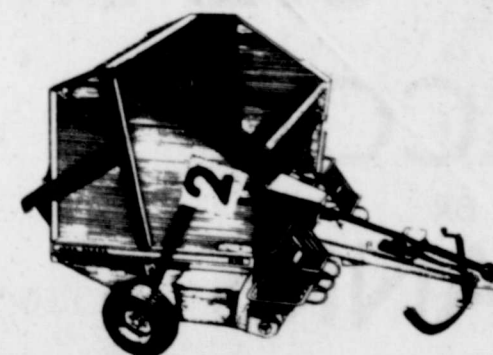
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Rilla Mahoney, Clerk 326th District Court, Taylor County, Texas by Kelly Gandy Deputy 24-4TC

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