The Merkel Mail

Thursday, November 4, 1982...Merkel, Texas

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Mashburn downs Guenther, Dudley wins in commissioner race, White new governor

Merkel and rural Taylor County votas pretty well follwed the Democratic party line in elections held here Tuesday that saw Box 24, the Merkel box set a voting record for votes cast. When the votes were finally tabulated for the county at 11:22 p.m. Tuesday night found incumbent Justice of the Peace Henry Guenther had been defeated by Leo Mashburn by a 3-1 margin and Don Dudley had defeated Jack Keenan in the County Commissioner Precinct 2

Merkel voters pretty well voted with the rest of the state on the statewide races, while Taylor County as a whole did not. Merkel voters went heavily for Mark White for governor while the county leaned toward Clements and U.S. Senator LLoyd Bentsen won easily in Merkel and had a close total vote in Taylor County. Bentsen won easily in the statewide results.

The vote also saw Taylor County Criminal District Attorney Pat Elliott defeated by a republican challenger Jorge Solis. Solis was the only republican to win a local race in the county. Quanah Parker, the Republican challenger for Judge Henry Strauss' 326th District Court seat gave the icumbent quite a scare but Strauss has retained his seat.

The Merkel vote was the heaviset turnout for Box 24. At least 1,017 people cast ballots at the Merkel Senior Citizens Center where election workers there said there were lines of people waiting all throughout the day to vote when the polls closed at 7 p.m. All in line when the polls closed at 7 p.m. were allowed to vote.

The official results of the Taylor County races was not official until 11:22 p.m. and Taylor County Elections Administrator Pauline Pittman told the Mail the lateness was due to the write in campaign of Henry Guenther that had to be hand counted and the fact people were in line at 23 of the 39 voting stations when the polls were

supposed to close. Results from the Merkel Box 24 are as follows. For U. S. Senator-Bentsen 670, Collins 301, For U. S. Representative Stnholm 896-Cooley 44, For Governor-White 639, Clements 341, For Lt. Governor-Hobby 660, Strake 327, For Attorney General-Maddox 718, Mier 258, State Comptroller-Bullock 635 and Richards 343, State Treasurer Richards 691, Clark 283, For Land Commissioner Mauro 755 Glasscock 186, For Agriculture Commissioner Hightower 756, Thornberry 204, For Railroad Commissioner Nugent 776, Henderson 178, For Supreme Court Place 1 Robertson 693. Bates 251. For Criminal Appeals Place 2

ive Carriker 802 and Jenkins 185, STate Board of Education Harris 679 and Hunter 244, 326th District Court Strauss 699 and Parker 276, For Criminal District Attorney Elliott 619, Solis 389, For County court at law, Saringer 688 and Grant 264, County Commissioner Precinct 2 Dudley 696 and Keenan 328. Merkel voters approved all six Constitutional ammendments.

Post-election thoughts

by Cloy A. Richards

Some thoughts on Tureday's esuits.

First of all. Me needs to send a letter to Mark White and L yd Bentsen reminding them that Merkel voters were in their can, p, although Taylor County was not. That may make a difference when a loan, grant or aid program comes across their desk. We may not be in one of their statewide power camps, but Merkelites did not vote like county voters on those two races. we were with the winners.

I was real suprised at the margin of victory for Leo Mashburn in the Justice of the Peace Precinct 2 race over write-in challnger Henry Guenther. Mashburn was elected by a 3-1 margin in a race that was not close at all. I don't recall hearing anyone say that race would not be close.

I also thought the Keenan-Dudley County Democrats seem to have a strong hold on Precinct 2, as they always have.

The number of people voting here was excellent as more than 1,000 cast ballots in Box 24 at the Senior Citizens Center

Mark White's satewide victory was a mild upset, although Clements probably had as much to do with that as anyone.

Lloyd Bentsen was probably guaranteed victory when NCPAC got invloved in the race. None of the "target senators" NCPAC spent at least \$7 million trying to defeat lost.

The Mail would like to congratulate all of the winners in all of the races. We would also like to express our gratitude to all of the challengers that tried and failed for elected office. Without choices on election day, democracy is only a

It's not known how many votes Richard Nixon

on the winning Crazy Car entry at the Crazy Days



Parade. [Staff photo]

Middleton named FFA sweetheart

Becky Middleton, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. John Middleton was elected FFA Sweetheart for the current year. She is a junior and 16 years old. Becky is a greenhand in ag and has a brahman cross steer which she plans to show at Merkel, Abilene and Fort Worth Stock Shows. Becky is involved in training horses and barrel racing. She is a 3rd year member of the Flag Corp and a member of the Merkel Riding Club. Becky will compete for the Big Country District Sweetheart

garnered in voting Tuesday, but he campaigned

We would like to remind you of our Fruit Sale which is still going on. We are selling oranges, grapefruit, apples, and a combination box. Please contact any FFA member if no one has contacted you. This money will help us pay for our truck.

We would like to express our appreciation to Mr. Tommy Cutler and Starbuck Furniture for their donation to the FFA Chapter. A big thanks to you from the FFA!

We would also like to thank Hi Val Farm Suuply for their continuous support to the FFA Everyone enjoyed the banquet they sponsored for us. The food was delicious! Thanks again for



Crazy Days parade goes well

The Merkel Chamber of Commerce had an extremely successful Crazy Days Parade here las Saturday and the Chamber has already started work on another project.

Chamber manager Martha Sue Justice told the Mail Monday the chamber would be selling chances on a half of beef, cut and wrapped, for 50

cents each or 3 for \$1. Winners at the parade included Girl Scout Troop 292 first in floats and Junior Girl Scout Troop 241 second; the winning car was "The Mayor's kinfolks" and second was the Stith pick-up; Winning marchers included Candy Merritt first, Bill Cody and Shawn Leman tied for second, Josh Mashburn was third, Dusti McCloud fourth and Joe Sandusky fifth. The first place horse was ridden by Rodney Russell, second was Shelley Seymore and an honorable mention went

to Walt Harris's golf cart. Judging for the kids dress contest was held Friday at Merkel schools and the results follow. Judges were Ray Pack, Iris Amerine, Rita Moore and Salinda Giesler.

Merkel Elementary

Matt Smith 1st, Lisa Cannon 2nd, Melissa Halford 3rd, Laura Baker 4th, Brandon Boyd 5th and Matt Cravens was 6th. Runners up included David Stuckey, Cheryl Schunkent, Queena Bigbee, Chris Harris, Delayne Pack, Tonya Mason, Ricky Riley, Rosa Reiz, Spencer Duncan, Wendy Hudman, eredith Arnold, Cory Cave, Chad

Thomson, James Talent, Pam Boyd, Phillip Seymore, Penny Smith, Tim Hohhertz, Billy Williams, Manie Swinney, Betsy Hellums, Rodney Russell, Lori Wilburn, Steven Jacobs, Angle Mason, Daniel West and Amy Bugg. Junior High

Jessie Ragsdale 1st, Janna Pettit 2nd, Richard Lacy 3rd, Bena White 4th and Casey Borrego was fifth. Runners up included Sherry Archer, Lisa Harris, Marty Flowers, Robert Grewell, Sissy Server, Darla Swinney, Jimmy Mendez, Michele Dudley, John McNeal, Mike Davis, Billy Collins, Mary Kinder, Liz Reddin, Chris Brown, Chris Reymer, Cassie Townsend, Joseph Graham, Mandy Pack and Tony Roberts.

Merkel High In order of finish (tie) Cindy Sims and Ronny Powell, (tie) Matt Merritt and Sam Mashburn, (tie) Sammy Tumlinson and Gloria Richards, (tie) Jim Richards, Mandy Guenther and Becky Middleton; Joyce Patterson, (tie) Dana Brown and Natlie Schukneckt and Gary Miller

Tye Elementary Mark Patterson and Tracy Martin, 1st, Robbin Martin and Chris Moore second, Patricia Martin and Chris Ashworth third, Michelle Da., and Owen Teveraugh fourth, effrey Ashmore and Jennifer Davis fifth, Mesha Teir and Grer Goudgion were sixth. Runners up included Michael Wells, Chrystal Gayle, Buster Davis, Donald Martin, Laurie Snowden, Danny Williamson, Mychele Rose, Kim Tucker, Danny Sheffrield, Cheryl Woods, Johnnie Seber, Katina

Badger Band, happy birthday Mom, parade, bets, Badgers ...more

by Cloy A. Richards

The Badger Band this year went about 6-0-2 on half time performances

They were scheduled to put on their UIL contest

routine at contests Wednesday at Shotwell Stadium in Abilene. The Mail will have details on that next week, but don't be surprised if they garner Division 1

Randy Tierce has done one heck of a job with the Badger Band in the last two years and football fans have had something to cheer about at halftime each week.

One personal note, today is my mother's birthday.

Considering the luck I had with my new nephew, that really was a niece I decided to use the KISS method on this note (Keep It Simple Stupid).

Happy birthday Mom, as usual your present will probably arrive a couple of days late, but at least this year I can say I remembered it before

Of course you won't read this until Saturday when the Mail arrives in College Station.

The Crazy Days parade held here Saturday came off well, don't you think?

Martha Sue Justice of the Merkel Chamber of Commerce did an excellent job organizing this year's parade and it was the largest Crazy Days parade held in four years.

The Chamber has something else planned that you might be interested in.

They will be selling tickets for a chance on a half beef, cut and wrapped. The beef will be given away Dec. 23 and tickets are on sale for 50 cents

each or three for \$1 Those tickets will be on sale at various business locations here and from individuals.

I've recently had some people try to push me into "wagering situations"

The elections came up the other night and a certain party was making some rather bizarre claims about some of the local races. He was casting bait on the water to get me to

take TCU and three against Houston Saturday. Then he offered me Guenther plus 50 over Mashburn, pick em with Keenan and Dudley and 2-1 Solis over Elliott.

If the outcome of the Houston-TCU game is any indication, he deserved to win some money for those wagers.

I just hope he finally found someone that would take the bets.

I have learned in life things for me not to bet on. They include politics in all forms, The Aggies, TCU, golf (unless it's under \$5) and the Houston Oilers-Astros.

The Merkel Badgers have run into some problems on the football field since the Rotan game a few weeks back, but Friday, they ran into a kid that has talent and was hot.

Breckenridge's Kyle Parker turned in the best performance on the field I have seen this year as he threw three touchdown passes and ran for

It wasn't a whole lot of fun watching the Badgers get beat 42-6, but Parker's performance was worth the \$3 for the ticket.

The Badgers will close their season Friday in

Stamford against the district leading Bulldogs. The Badgers can take some pride in their efforts this year and they certainly played well here winning 4 of 5. If we can do that on the road next year and keep it up at home, we will be playing more than one game in November.

Girls host Sweetwater Nov. 8

The 7th & 8th Girls basketball team will have a scrimmage at Merkel against Sweetwater Nov. 8 at 4:00. The Varsity and JV Girls have a scrimmage at Roby Nov. 9 at 4:00.

The 82-83 Girls Basketball teams are as

Varsity Seniors Debra Carey, Windi Whisenhunt, & Tina Bicknell, Varisty Juniors Melinda Riney, Cindy Sims, Mandy Guenther, &

Varsity Sophomores

Kelly Stovall & Angie Green

JV Sophomores Elisa Cantu, Melissa Davis, Debbie Green, Mum Prasarn, Kris Rich & Cindy Toney.

Freshmen Kelly Beights, Sandra Britton, Alyse Ferguson, Sandy Forehand, Amy Irvin, Barbara Kinder, Jill Laman, Martina Moreno, Liz Oertli, Kelly Riney, Jennifer Sherman, Gina Stuckey & Ronna

Team Managers are Varsity-Pam Wheeler, JV-Marsha Tutt, & Anne Everett & Missy Beddingfield for the Freshmen team.



Lambda Beta

On October 26, 1982 Lambda Beta held the pledge ritual for Rita Moore, Kay Bishop and Debbie Roberson who are seeking membership into Lambda Beta of Beta Sigma Phi. Everyone enjoyed a buffet of all variety of salads. Members present for the dinner were Christi Quance. Annette Clark, Chera Hohertz, Ann Leach, Barbara Peterman & Vicki Havs.

Xi Nu Chi has meeting

The October 26th meeting of Beta Sigma phi Chapter Xi Nu Chi was held at the home of Vicki Rodriguez. It was a model meeting in which special guest, Janice Smith, was given an overview of a typical meeting and a short summary of the duties of each commi-

The members present who enjoyed refreshments in a Halloween atmosphere were: Ginny Yaddow, Minyon Seymore, Peggy Valentine, Judy Elliott, Blanche Hewitt, Anita Allen, Nancy Johnson, Mary Hill, Vicki Rodriguez and Vonne Dena Tumlin-

MHS council

in Stephenville

The Merkel High Student Council attended the 32nd annual Oilbelt District 2 Convention in Stephenville at Tarleton State University.

23 schools around the area attended. The candidate schools running for an office performed skits relating to the office they were seeking. Merkel had a well performed skit written by Ronny Powell

The cast was Debra Carey, Kim McCasland, Todd Hensley, Ronny Powell, and Rosie Biera, others attending the convention were Jackie Owen

tion were Jackie Owen Tammy Selman, Kelly Riney, Missy Beddingfield, Matt Cain, Greg Arnwine, Lorne Sloan, Kevin Mitchell, Russell Lucas, Michael McCoy, Cindy Williams, Tim Jacobs, and sponsor Mrs. Gaye Baker. Special discussion group on the SMILE project was given by a few members of the Student Council. The officer schools are as follows: President - Abilene High, Vice-President-Merkel High, Secretary-Wylie High, Parliamentarian - Ballinger High.

Beta Sigma Phi has meeting

Preceptor Eta Omega Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi invites the women of the community to attend Kathyrn Cawley's Christmas Program on Monday, November 8, at 7:30 PM at the Taylor Electric Building.

Kathyrn Cawley is a representative of Lone Star Gas Company and her program will be entitled "Symbols of Christmas". This is an excellent opportunity to see great Christmas ideas. We hope to see you Monday, November 8.

Chicken dinner in Stamford

The Merchants of Stamford will have a fried chicken with all of the trimmings supper at the High School Cafeteria on Nov. 5th prior to the Merkel-Stamford game.

he cafeteria is !

Newsbriefs

cated on the High School campus across the street from the big parking area and the entrance gate to the football field.

Tickets for adults will be \$3.50 and \$2.00 for children 12 and under, available at the door. Serving will begin at 5 PM and go on until 7:30 PM.

We urge our friends and neighbors from Merkel to enjoy this fine meal and fellowship with us. Proceeds will go toward the purchase of new Christmas decorations for the town and other projects in the planning.

Aken honored

Herman Aiken of Merkel was among West Texas Utilities Co. employees honored at the Company's annual awards banquet this past week in Abilene.

Aiken, a serviceman, received an award for having coma lost-time accident.
The banquet was for all personnel in WTU's
Abilene District,
which includes local offices in 10 area

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Tursday, November 4 1982

Townsend qualifies

Gene William Townsend a 1982 MHS graduate and a member of the Army Reserve spent the past week end at Camp Buleise, San Antonio, Texas, in competition for a position on the 90th ARCON Rifle Team. His expertise qualified him as first place in his catagory, thus assuring him a place on the team.

Willie was a member of the Taylor County 4H Rifle team for eight years and gives credit for his marksmanship to J. D. Sandusky and his yeares of dedicated training.

The three military shooting positions include standing sitting and prone are almost the same as in 4H, but the distances are from 100 to 400 meters. Willy will travel to Arkansas and Georgia in the spring competitions.

Booster club

The Merkel Booster Club met Monday night at the High School. The next booster club meeting will be November 16 at 7 at the High School.

Players of the week are Offensive- John Warkala and Russell Lucas; Defensive & Lineman-Sean Woodard. Last week players of the week were Offensive-Russell Lu-

Open house

There will be an open house in the new home of Delbert and Kaye Lynne Dearing in Tuscola on Sunday afternoon, November 7 from 2:00 to 3:30 pm.

Directions from Buffalo Gap are- turn left on 8th street, go 2 blocks, turn left. Go all the way to the end of that street.

From Abilene turn right at first street after High School (8th) turn right at first street after crossing railroad tracks, go all the way to the end of the street. Signs will be posted.

FHA names new officers

Future Homemakers of America have elected Officers for the school year 1982-83; President-Pam Wheeler, Vice President-Lisa Williamson, Secretary-Kelly Boswell,

Treasurer - Brenda
Kinder, Reporter-Stacy Cowling, Parliamen
-tarian-Brenda Rackley.

FHA will sponsor a Christmas Gift Idea Program. This program will be presented by West Texas Utilities' Home Economist. Everyone is welcome and there is no charge for this program. The program will be November 11th at 7 pm in the school auditorium.

Fresh peas should squeak when the pods are rubbed together. Store them unshelled in your refrigerator.

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Kids aren't the only one who enjoy Crazy Days



The F&M National Bank staff



Starr Nursing Home employees



Walls employees

by Doc Blakely

Two great ways to get nearly everyone to accept something as the truth are to whisper or claim Will Rogers said it. If you whisper something that Will Rogers was supposed to have said, however, everybody knows it's a lie because Will never told those kind of jokes.

I've become a student of Rogerisms because they apply so well even today. To wit:

"I read in the paper where the bars are going to have to close down by 3 a.m. and there is a public outcry. Seems to me that if a fellow can't get drunk by 3 a.m., he ain't really trying."

"You know hardly a day goes by that some innocent bystander ain't shot in New York City. All you got to do is be innocent and stand by and someone will shoot you."

"There was four innocent people shot in one day last week. Did you see that in the paper? It's hard to find four innocent people in New York

"That's why the gun men don't have to aim. They just shoot anywhere. Who ever they hit, he's

"Youthful kids are marching on the nation's capitol. Boy the kids are marching. They don't want to get invloved in military action. They're marching to keep us out of it. Seems to me they are getting about the same training they'd be getting in the military. Of course, when you got to go 7,000 miles to find a war, folks, you really got

to be looking." "But we got scouts out, you know. We got scouts out just looking for 'em. But of course the jokes on the kids. We ain't got no war over there. We say we ain't got no war, the other side says we ain't got no war, so there you are. Of course, the guys getting shot at sayit's the best immitation they have seen yet.

"The kids don't really believe that the politicians can get us out of this mess. But, I do. Ignorance got us in, why not."

"But do you know something?. We got a great country in spite of our government, not because of it. Listen, everyone of those guys and gals down there in Washington is no better, no worse than the folks that voted them in there. They're a lot better than the folks that didn't vote at all, boy, I tell ya that."

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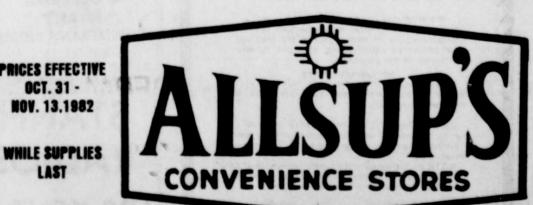


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29 TFC

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+TO: Arnulfo Garcia, Respondent: GREETINGS: YOU ARE HEREBY

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Garcia", the nature of

which suit is a re-

a divorce be granted and decree such other relief requested by petitioner. Petitioner prays for general re-

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.

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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 12th day of October 1982.

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

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: James Stephen

Nicholson, Where- a bouts unknown, Respondent: GREETINGS: YOU ARE HEREBY

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of October, 1979, in Abilene, Texas. The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree in the child's interest which will be binding upon you, including the termination of the parentchild relationship and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the child's adoption.

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326th District Court, Taylor County, Texas, By Jo Ann Lackey, Deputy.

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PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: Mary Graves, Respondent: GREETINGS:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable 326th District Court, Taylor County, Texas, at the Courthouse of said County in Abielne, Tex -as, 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 Texas Department of Human Resources, Petioner, filed in said Court on the 17th day of November, 1982, against Mary Graves, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 5548-C on the docket of said Court, and entitl-

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The King and Queen at Merkel Elementary School this year are Coty Vaughn [left] and Brent Toombs from Mrs. Wilson's 3rd grade room. They were crowned at a ceremony held at the Merkel school auditorium Saturday evening. [Staff

Farm economy improvement means hard choices

Everyone knows that the agricultural industry is currently in a severe slump. But there are few answers for a turnaround.

Dr. Ron Knutson, economist in marketing and policy with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service of the Texas A&M University System, offers three options for reviving agriculture.

"One option is to buy our way out of the current slump through production control programs," he says. "These programs cost either money or producer freedom. They cost money if you pay farmers to retire their land from production. This is currently going on, but land retirement levels are not high enough nor are the programs tight enough."

Mandatory production control programs would be effective, but farmers would have to give up substantial amounts of freedom to produce. Knutson points out. For many Texas farmers that are on the brink of bankruptcy, survival is more important than this loss of freedom.

The economist says that economic recovery would be another option to ending the agricultural slump. But recovery from this nation's recession is coming slower than most economists had predicted.

"Were still months to a year away from an improved economy in the U.S. while the worldwide recession may not be over for another two years or so," says Knutson. "Many farmers cannot wait that long. They tend to favor more decisive action in the form of production controls.

A third option is to let economic forces take their toll-to let farm prices an dincomes fall to the point where the excess capacity is weeded out. This "survival of the fittest" option would force more and more farmers out of business. Bankruptcies would be even higher and land and used farm machinery prices would fall even further. Removal of excess agricultural resources would bring higher farm prices-after considerable agony, notes the economist.

"Among these options, the choice seems easy enough-economic recovery," says Knutson. "But that recovery may not come fast enough to avoid falling into the economic forces of the third option, that of a reduction of agricultural



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Mr. & Mrs. Smith were chosen as part of the cast by the show's choreographer at dance auditions held in Midland at the Stardust Club where the dance scenes were

filmed. On Oct. 22, the Smiths attended the premiere in Midland and later performed at the Midland Country Club after the \$100-aplate dinner.

Saturday, Oct. 23, the cast and stars danced at Midland Park Mall and held interviews with the

audience. Presently, Mrs. Smith is a Junior accounting major at The University of Texas, Permian Basin in Odessa. She attended WTSU in Canyon in 1980-81. Mr. Smith is employed by Bass Oil Company in Midland.

School menu

The School Menu for Thursday will be Fried Fish with tarter sauce, English Peas, Salad, Corn Meal Twist & Lemon Pudding. Friday will be Hamburgers with prune bars for dessert.

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Monday will be fried chicken patties with gravy, whipped potatoes, pea salad, hot rolls, & peach macaroons for dessert. Tuesday, Beef Ravioli, corn, lettuce, garlic bread, and pear halves Wednesday's menu is mexican Fiesta, Pinto beans, lettuce, tomato rice, corn chips and apple wedges.

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REVENUES: Local and intermediate sources State sources Federal sources	\$ 1,033,391 1,198,709	\$ 15,115	\$ 85,716 11,297	\$ 71	\$ 1,124,178 1,198,709 26,412
Total Revenues	\$ 2,237,100	\$ 15,115	\$ 97,013	\$ 71	\$ 2,349,299
EXPENDITURES: Instruction Instructional resources and media services School administration Guidance and counseling Health services Pupil transportation Co-curricular activities General administration Debt service Plant maintenance and operation Facilities acquisition and construction	\$ 1,094,632 30,439 170,641 15,788 1,690 116,456 65,033 179,649 647 309,837 550	\$ 9,290 5,218 607	132,703	*042.03 948.94 908.409 9.214.0	\$ 1,103,922 35,657 170,641 16,395 1,690 116,456 65,033 179,649 133,350 309,837 550
Total Expenditures	\$ 1,985,362	\$ 15,115	\$ 132,703	\$ -0-	\$ 2,133,180
EXCESS REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	\$ 251,738	\$ -0-	\$(35,690)	\$ 71	\$ 216,119
Fund balance at September 1, 1981	89,064	-0-	42,040	254	131,358
FUND BALANCES AT AUGUST 31, 1982	\$ 340,802	<u>s -o-</u>	\$ 6.350	<u>\$ 325</u>	\$ 347.477

The financial statement referred to above presents fairly the financial position of the Merkel Independent School District as of August 31, 1982.

> Kenny Hogan President Board of Trustees



There were all kinds of people wearing all kinds

of things at the Merkel Crazy Days Parade held downtown Saturday. [Staff photo]

Oil discoveries about average

Texas crude oil production totaled 73,380,503

The figure compares with reported July adduction totaling 73,487,527 barrels and August 31 production of 75,175,649 barrels.

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Tye Elementary honor roll

The Tye Elementary School Honor Roll is as follows:

Second Grade

Lauri Ashmore, Casey Bateman, Rebekah Carter, Chad Doan, Mendy Law, Bobby Sever, Lori Snowden, Donnie Windland, Michael Stanley & Eric Snowden.

Michael Diaz, Jenifer Hicks & Kim Israel Third Grade

Son Hui Chon, Becky Donaldson, Hope Ward, Cheryl Wood, & Trilena Dortch A-B Roger Adkins, Gregg Parker, LaFonda Schimnowski, Danny Sheffield, Kimberly Tucker &

Fourth Grade

Jana Daniell & Christi Moore A-B

Crystel Arnold Fifth Grade

Chad Taylor

Shawn Miller, MiHwa Chon, Lisa Donaldson & Sheri Miles.

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Castille named to CJCs Blue Jackets

Judy Castille, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R.L. Castille, has been elected to the Blue Jackets Organization at Cisco Jr. College for the 1982-83 school year. Blue Jackets is an honorary service club made up of sophomore students. These students have maintained a better than 2.0 grade average and have been recommended by the faculty on the basis of their academic excellence and leadership abilities.

Judy was also initiated into Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Fraternity on October 27. Because of her academic standing, she is on the Dean's List. She has been an active member of the Student Government Association, and she was elected by the sophomore class as Sophomore

Class Treasurer

in addition to these activities, Judy spends much of her time as student asssistant for the Lady Wrangler basketball team.

Blue Jackets will act as hostesses for Parents' Day on November 6. Parents' Day is also CJC Homecoming, and Blue Jackets invite all CJC Parents and Exes to attend the festivities. Parents are invited to a reception in the CJC Maner Memorial Library at 10 A.M. Parents of CJC students are also invited to a luncheon in the Corral Room at 12 Noon and of course, the football game at 2 P.M. The CJC Wranglers will play Northeastern Okiahoma A&M for the Homecoming Game.



Mr. & Mrs. Jim Price

Fortnightly meeting

The Fortnightly Study Club met in regular session on Oct. 26 in the home of Maurine White, with Clara B. Walla as co-hostess. The Halloween theme was reflected in decorations, and also in the refreshments. The president, Alwyne Sandusky, presided for the business meeting. In keeping with the program subject, roll call was answered with the name of a famous building.

The club voted to purchase two trees, to be planted at Heritage Hall. A contribution was also made to a Mesquite District scholarship.

Interesting reports on the Mesquite District Meeting held in Stamford on Oct. 23 were given by six members of the Merkel Club who attended the meeting. These included Alwyne Sandusky, Alice King, Ruby Hammond, Anna Belle Shouse, Maurine White, and Lucile Wilson.

Mildred Hamm and Ruby Hammond, subsituting for Louise Sudderth, presented the program on Famous Buildings of America and Famous Buildings of Texas. Some of the buildings included in Miss Hamm's talk were: The White House, Mt. Vernon, Monticello, the Empire State Building, Rockefellar Center, The Little Church Around The Corner, and the Morman Temple.

Mrs. Hammond's talk included interesting information about the Alamo, The Adolphus Hotel in Dallas, the Governor's Mansion, Judge Roy Bean's Home, and the State Capitol. "A bit of nitty-gritty", she said, "is the fact that we do not have a clear title to the land on which the Capitol stands".

Delicious refreshments were served to 19 members: Mrs. C.M. Brown, Miss Mary Collins, Mrs..S.C. Dixon, Mrs. Mack Fisher, Mrs. Dent Gibson, Miss Mildred Hamm, Mrs. J.W. Hammond, Mrs. Comer Haynes, Mrs. Buster Horton, Mrs. Carl Hughes, Mrs. C.B. Knight, Mrs. Allen D. King, Mrs. Curtis Rister, Mrs. Ed Sandusky, Mrs. C.M. Seymore, Mrs. Andy Shouse, Mrs. Alf Walla, Miss Maurine White, and Mrs. Ray Wilson.

Price's celebrate 50th Nov. 19

Jim and Elsie Price of Merkel will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on November 19th. Jim was born in Oklona, Arkansas. Elsie was born in Grandberry, Texas. The couple met in Merkel. Texas and were married in Merkel. They are both life time residents of Tex-

as. They have lived in Merkel the last 50 years.

A reception will be held in their honor on November 19th from 7:30 till 9:00 at the Shelton Inn Rest. in Merkel. The host will be Margie Baker and Mrs. S.C. Lemond. All are welcome.

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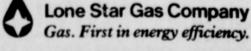
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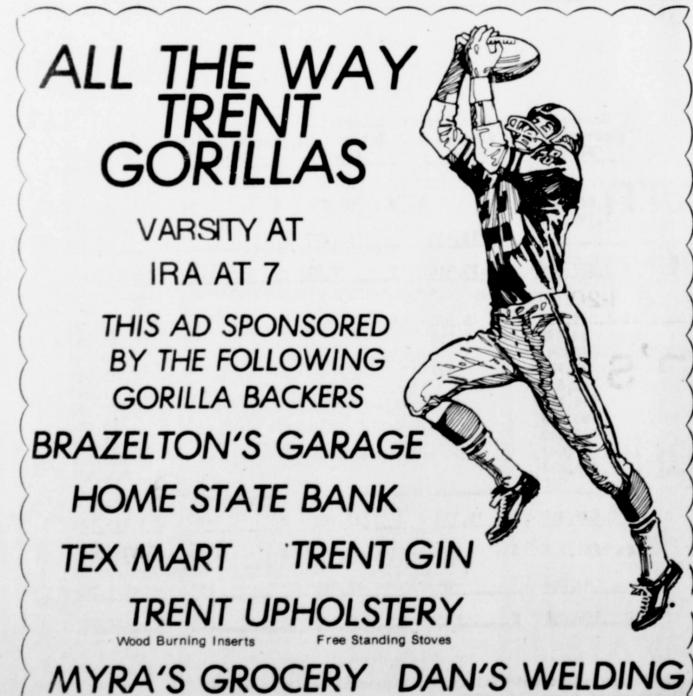
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