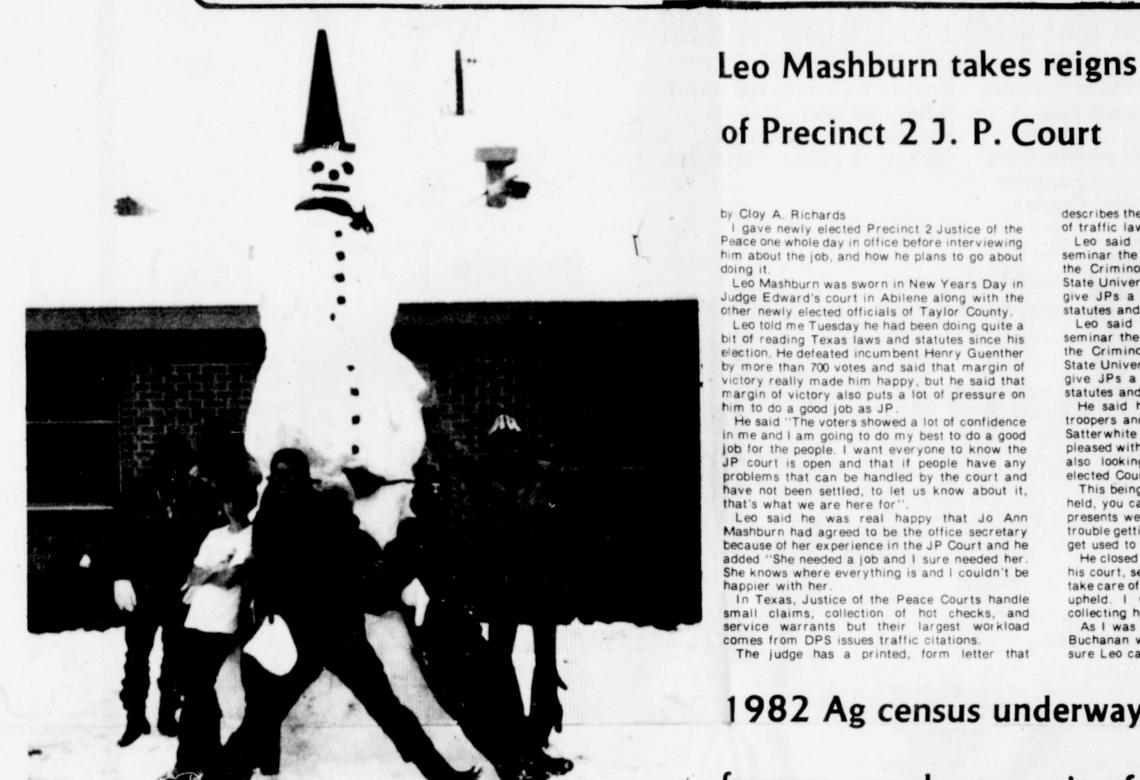
# The Merkel Mail

'Thursday, January 6, 1983...Merkel, Texas

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#### by Cloy A. Richards

I gave newly elected Precinct 2 Justice of the Peace one whole day in office before interviewing him about the job, and how he plans to go about doing it.

Leo Mashburn was sworn in New Years Day in Judge Edward's court in Abilene along with the other newly elected officials of Taylor County.

Leo told me Tuesday he had been doing quite a bit of reading Texas laws and statutes since his election. He defeated incumbent Henry Guenther by more than 700 votes and said that margin of victory really made him happy, but he said that margin of victory also puts a lot of pressure on him to do a good job as JP

He said "The voters showed a lot of confidence in me and I am going to do my best to do a good job for the people. I want everyone to know the JP court is open and that if people have any problems that can be handled by the court and have not been settled, to let us know about it, that's what we are here for'

Leo said he was real happy that Jo Ann Mashburn had agreed to be the office secretary because of her experience in the JP Court and he added "She needed a job and I sure needed her. She knows where everything is and I couldn't be happier with her

In Texas, Justice of the Peace Courts handle small claims, collection of hot checks, and service warrants but their largest workload comes from DPS issues traffic citations.

The judge has a printed, form letter that

describes the fines levied for particular violations of traffic laws.

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He said he has met most of the local DPS troopers and has met with Merkel mayor Kent Satterwhite and City Manager J.A. Sadler and is pleased with their responses to him. He said he is also looking forward to working with newly elected County Commissioner Don Dudley.

This being the first "suit and tie" job Leo has held, you can guess what most of his Christmas presents were, ties. He said he's having a little trouble getting used to the suit and tie, but he will get used to it soon.

He closed by saying "A JP should take care of his court, see that the records are kept up with, take care of the complaints and see that the law is upheld. I will make a special emphasis on collecting hot checks.

As I was leaving, longtime Precinct 2 JP Roy Buchanan was stopping by for a visit, and I'm sure Leo can take some lessons from him.

1982 Ag census underway as most local

farmers, ranchers receive forms

It was Merkel's largest snowman by the time The Pursley boys and the Tucker brother got

through with it Saturday. The snowman, 15 feet tall, was crafted in Phillip Pursley's front yard on FM 126 from the 6 inch snowfall this weekend.

## Traveling, tales, telephones...more

#### by Cloy A. Richards

We spent five days visiting grandmothers that live North and East of here and we never ran in to bad weather in Arkansas or Oklahoma, just Texas.

It snowed fairly well in Sherman, nothing to the snowfall here and the kids just loved it.

Then snow here did cause one accident on the Interstate Saturday involving a truck, but other than that, it's been quiet here.

Merkel Police Cheif Ray Pack got about \$25,000 worth of publicity out of the Reporter News and the Fort Worth Star Telegram last week with stories about his being a policeman and a part time entertainer.

He asked me why they wanted the story Monday in City Hall and we finally agreed it was due to the increased talk concerning the nationwide problem of DWI.

I'm sure the Pack's now own most of the available copies of the Fort Worth paper they can get their hands on, and that's a lot of papers, considering the amount of Pack's around here.

I wonder how many quail were saved from frostbite by hunters here once the snow hit. Plenty, I can assure you.

Most folks probably had a hard time getting kids off to school Monday morning, right.

I know you did because I saw quite a few people running things into the Middle School and Elementary school the kids had forgotten to take with them.

How did I see them, it seems Kim forgot her clarinet but it's easy to forget. The case is only five feet long.

We did visit three Mail readers on our trip and one non reader. My uncle, Coy Dean doesn't get the paper, grandmas in Sherman, Denison and Fort Smith are faithful readers, and make good critics. I like the way their prejudices run when it concerns The Mail.

You will see an ad in the paper this week to renew your subscription to take advantage of the old rate, yes, the Merkel headache is going up in price for subscriptions.

We do that whenever Uncle Sam decides to raise his mailing rates.

We do our price raising a little different from most businesses in that we tell you about it a month in advance and we also offer the opportunity to renew your subscription for the old rate.

New rates will be \$9.50 per year for in county, \$11 anywhere in Texas and \$12.50 for out of state papers.

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The rate will go into effect February 1, but readers have the opportunity to renew their paper, or extend their current subscription at the old rate until Feb. 1 by filling out the coupon you will see inside this week's paper.

You have been hearing a lot lately about

telephone deregulation and the break up of AT&T. Some experts are saying the consumer will save money because the deregulation opens the door for competition.

I'd be willing to bet you a phone call to Los Angeles your phone bill will go up because of the recent moves and the reasoning is simple.

Everyone at Ma Bell and other phone companies are saying they welcome the new changes, and those folks aren't about to say that unless they see increased revenues.

The Cowboys sure played a sloppy game against Minnesota Monday night. It wasn't the way you'd expect the Cowboys to be playing at this time of the year.

SMU tickled me by downing Pitt but I can't understand all of the hollering about them being Number One.

SMU had a chance for the National Championship with about 3 minutes left to play in the Arkansas game, after the gift touchdown set up by a horrible call against the Razorbacks, and SMU decided to kick the ball for the tie.

National Champs don't play like that.

There's a lot of political news now, especially since the newly elected public officials took office on Monday

By Tuesday, they probably felt right at home.

A former Merkelite will be making an appearance with the singing group Eternity at the First Baptist Church Jan. 9 at 7 p.m.

Steve Walker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Walker is a member of the religious musical group. The public is invited to attend.

The 1982 Census of Agriculture gets underway this week with the mailing of report forms to farmers and ranchers in the 50 states, the Commerce Department's Census Bureau announced today.

Pamers and ranchers are being asked to report on their agricultural operations during 1982 and to return the form by Feb. 15, 1983. The 1982 census is the nation's 22nd agriculture census in a series that started in 1840.

For the first time in a mail agriculture census report forms will reflect regional cropping patterns to make reporting easier.

Farm and ranch operators will be asked to report the acreage in their operations, form of ownership, type of organization, location of the place, use made of the land, and when their operations began. Other questions will cover livestock and poultry inventories and sales, amount of government crop loans, crop acreage, amount harvested, and value of crops and livestock sold.

About 20 percent of farmers and ranchers will receive a form with an additional page which has inquiries on: selected production expenses, market value of land and buildings, machinery and equipment inventory and value, interest expenses and expenditures for petroleum and other energy sources.

Assistance in completing census forms is available locally from offices of the Cooperative

Extension Service, Soil Conservation Service, Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Service, Vocational Agriculture Teachers, Production Credit Associations, and Farmers Home Administration.

A file copy of the report form is provided which operators can complete and keep for their own records.

A time extension can be granted farmers who request it. Census results will be published for each state, and the nation. The first preliminary data will be released beginning in the fall of 1983. The law which requires farmers and ranchers

to report in the census also protects the privacy of their reports. Census report forms are confidential by law and they may be seen only by sworn Census employees and may be used only for statistical purposes. Even other government agencies cannot obtain or use the individual reports, and copies retained by the farmers are immune from the legal process

Each report form will have a census file number (CFN) printed on the address label. If a report is not received for each file number, the Census Bureau will send out follow-up letters to all who have not responded.

Farmers and ranchers who have not responded. Farmers and ranchers who have not received a form should request one from the Bureau of the Census, 1201 East 10th Street, Jeffersonville, Indiana 47133.



The religious musical group Eternity will present their musical message Jan. 9 at 7 p.m. at Merkel's First Baptist Church. A former

Merkelite, Steve Walker | top row extreme with is a member of the group that tours the nation bringing messages by song. The event is open to the public.

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## Man bicycling across U. S. tells Mail his story

#### Editor's Note:

I was having the paper printed in Anson last Tuesday when a lady from the Big Country Inn called to have me come and interview a man traveling cross country on a bicycle.

Since I was not available, John Luckey a local welder and friend decided to help me out and did well with his first attempt at reporting.

#### by John Luckey

I had coffee with a very interesting man Dec. 28th by the name of Gordon Young. This 59 year old man is making his 10th trip across the United States.

So what

Well, you see, he travels by bicycle. Along with his 10 year old dog "Sassy Girl" they left Massachusetts Nov. 12 heading for California to visit old friends.

He said his money was running low and couldn't keep up with his rent, so he decided to take off for California to see why his friends weren't writing him anymore.

He said this was one of his best Christmas in a

long time, even though he has peddled through rain, snow and more rain in the past three weeks.

When he reached Ranger on Christmas Eve he found a barn to sleep in but the fire department discovered him and instead of sending him on his way, they put him in a motel.

The next day a man driving a "big, fancy car" asked why he did not fly to California, Gordon said that took money he did not have. Upon their departure, the man handed Gordon two \$50 bills.

With this Christmas present, Gordon and Sassy had the first breakfast they had for a while and Gordon made some repairs on the bicycle and purchased food for Sassy

While stopping here, he stayed at the Big Country Inn, and had pancakes, compliments of Walter Harris.

If you are planning a trip West in the near future and run into Gordon peddling his bicycle and carrying Sassy in the basket, stop and have a chat.

You might even give him a ride. He would really appreciate it.

## Recent cemetery donors named

Recent Merkel Cemetery Donations are as follows: Bill & Una Mae Hays in memory of Carroll Benson & V.A. Liner, Lois Toombs in memory of Tribla Lang, Mrs. Jewell Criswell in memory of Mrs. Lovell Rutledge, Mrs. Geo. T. Moore in memory of Don Riney, Billy Jo Smith in memory of Fayrene Reynolds, Mrs. Marie Briggs in memory of Don Riney & Dalma Rister, Mr. & Mrs. D.J. Richie in memory of Fayrene Reynolds, Linnie Hatley in memory of James Tyler, Ruby E. Hinson, Mrs. Nell Groene, Mr. & Mrs. Jack Sublett, Mary Collins et al, H.E. Spears Estate, Mr. & Mrs. John J. Rister in memory of Oma Robertson & Don Riney, Autrey Pence, Bessie T. Merritt in memory of Don Riney, George & Wanda Walden, Mrs. W.R. Cox in memory of Arthur Wilson, Mrs. W.G.

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## FFA thanks stock show donors

The Merkel Chapter of Future Farmers of America would like to thank everyone who was associated with our stock show, again; from the superintendents to spectators. We are proud to say our stock show was a great success. The chapter would like to express our appreciation to Mr. Garv Hicks and Hicks Auto for their donation to the Merkel Livestock Association. Thanks again for all of your support.

We are getting ready for stock shows again, the Taylor County Stock Show is January 21-22. We would like to invite everyone to come out and watch us show. The pigs and lambs will show Friday, 21st. The steers show Saturday, 22nd. The animal sale will be Saturday the 22nd also. We hope we will have as great a turn out as last year. Don't forget to mark your calendar for January 21-22

Our spotlights this week are from the VAI classes. Traci Thompson daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Joe R. Youngblood of Route 3. She is 15 years old and a freshman. Traci is a greenhand and her project program is a lop-eared rabbit.

David Glasscock son of Don and Melba Glasscock of Route 2. He is 15 years old and a freshman. David has three rabbits for his Greenhand project program. He enjoys video games and hunting.

Michael Reddin son of Charles and Dollye Reddin of Route 1 is a freshman and 15 years old.

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School menu The School Menu for

the trimmings and or-

ange wedges. Wed. the

12th will be Turkey

over rice with brown

gravy, green limas,

candied yams, rolls

James-Jones wed

Mr. and Mrs. Robert

James announce the

marriage of their dau-

ghter Deborah Ann to

Danny T. Jones son of

Mr. and Mrs. H. Jones

of Wilcox Arizona. The

double ring ceremony

was performed by Bro

-ther David Bugg of

First Baptist Church

in the home of the

bride's grandmother,

Mrs. O.D. Bland, on

Friday December 17th Attending was Sue

Henry, Deris Hutche-

son, and Sean Leamon

son of the bride. Shelli

Leamon daughter of the bride was flower girl. The bride is

and fruited jello.

Monday the 10th will be Chicken Fried Steak with cream gravy, potatoes, green beans, rolls and peach macaroon. Tuesday the 11th will be Tacos with all

Grandchildren; Mitch Walker, North Hollywood, Ca., Betsy & Jack Jones, San Antonio; Terry & Nancy Fox and Jerry Fox, Abilene; Nan & Mark Parr, Locke Port, La .; Great Grandchildren:

Callie and Dusty Fox, Kristi Jones and Nicole Parr.

Mr. & Mrs. T. L. Foy

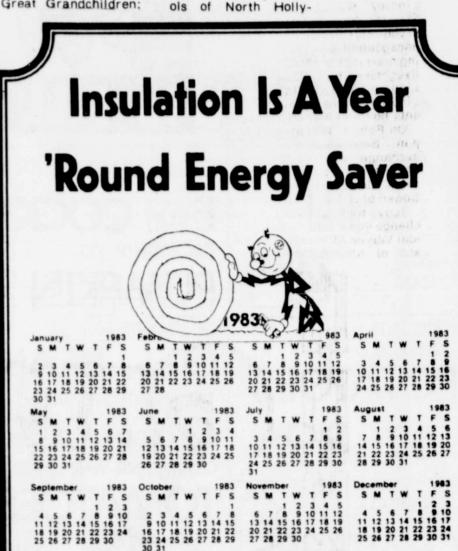
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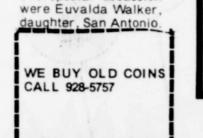
wood, Ca. Ollie & Edith will be happy to share their secret with anyone who cares to ask.



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#### employed by Bank of Commerce and the groom is employed by U.S. Pipe. The couple will make their home at 1108 S. 10th in

Merkel.

Last weekend Ollie & Edith Fox celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. The happy couple were honored with a special Sunday lunch at the Big Country Inn. Helping them celebrate this special occassion

Michael's Greenhand project is raising wheat for production. He also enjoys hunting.

James Mason son of Mr. and Mrs. James Mason of Route 3, Tye is a freshman and 15. He is a greenhand and is raising a pig to show at the county and Houston's livestock show.

## Lambda Beta holds meeting

On December 7, 1982 Lambda Beta held their meeting at the home Anita Brassfield. The program was on Maturing-Living and was presented by Christi Quance and Annette Clark. During the business meeting the group elected Tarra Flowers as Valentine Queen to replace Christi Quance. Christi and her family had been sent to Illinois and she handled over her president

## Eunice Isenburg buried here

Middle school girls downed

Eunice Mae Isenburg, 80, a longtime Merkel area resident, died at 11 p.m. Friday at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene after a short illness. Services were Sunday.

The Rev. Joe Davis, pastor, officiated. Burial was at Stith Cemetery, directed by Starbuck.

Born Feb. 19, 1902, in Albertville, Ala., she had lived in the Merkel area since mov -ing to the Stith community as a child. She was a member of Calvary Baptist Church. She married Gaither Isenburg in 1917 in Stith. He died Aug. 16, 1953.

She was preceded in death by three sons, G.W. Jr., Sherman, and Bobby, a daughter, margie Gilbert, and a grandson, Danny Isenburg.

Survivors include a son, J.W. of Abilene; two daughters, Willie Joe Hobbs of Merkel and Bertha Gilbert of Lampasas; two brothers. Homer and Lonnie Beaird, both of Merkel a sister, Ima Gene Williams of Merkel; 15 grandchildren; and 19 great grand children. Grandsons were pall bearers.

The Merkel Middle School girls dropped a pair of basketball games to Wylie here Monday night.

The 7th grade girls, led by Krista Tommbs 8 points lost 30-18 and the 8th grade girls, led by Michelle Woodard with 11 and Sheri Riney with 9, lost 31-28.

The 7th and 8th grade girls will take on Wylie in Wylie Monday

gavel to Chera Hohhertz who was elected to replace her. A bake auction was held immediately following the meeting. Each member had prepared something good and everyone enjoyed trying to purchase it. The Christmas party was held on Dec. 18 at the Methodist Fellowship hall. A Christmas meal prepared by the members was served to their families and guest. Everyone had a good time including Santa Claus who happened to show up.

On Jan. 4 the members of Lambda Beta attended the orientation for the Rehab 83 telethon. Members help with answering phone and running errands while the telethon is being presented each year, this year is Jan. 8.



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### Lindsey s announce

### two engagements

Mr. & Mrs. V.H. Lindsey, 602 El Paso St. in Merkel are proud to announce the engagement and coming marriage of their 2 daughters. Betty Sue Lindsey and Judy Nell Lindsey at their parents home in Merkel. On Feb. 4, 1983 at 4 p.m. Betty Sue will exchange vows with Michael Walter Bowen son of Mr. & Mrs. H.L. Bowen of Ovala, Texas Judy Nell will exchange vows with Ran -dal Wayne McKinnley son of Mr. & Mrs.

Clyde Texas on April 16, 1983. A wedding shower

honoring Betty Sue and Michael will be given on Jan.28 at the home of Mr. & Mrs. V. H. Lindsey by the sisters and sister in law of Betty Sue. All friends of the family of Betty Sue & Michael are invited. From 3 to 5 come and go at your convenience.

The Reverand Norman Aden from Eastland Assembly of God Church will perform both weddings.

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### Xi Nu Chi meets

Xi Nu Eta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi held their monthly meeting January 4 at the home of Maxine Harlow, 718 Victoria, Abilene. Program was given by Mrs. Harlow on

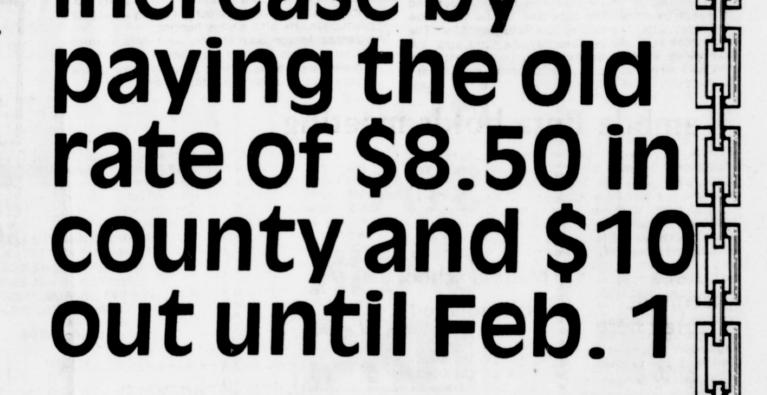
## IRS froms on the way

"Almost 6 million Texas taxpayers will receive their federal income tax packages within the next two weeks," Glenn Cagle, Director for the Dallas District of the Internal Revenue Service, said.

Based on which form they filed last year, taxpayers will receive either the Form 1040 or Form 1040EZ and 1040A package. This year, the 1040EZ, containing only 11 lines to complete, has been added to the Form 1040A package. "The 1040EZ is designed for single taxpayers who have no dependents, whose taxable income is less than \$50,000, earned from wages, salaries and tips and no more than \$400 in interest." Cagle said.

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