

# The Merkel Mail

Thursday, January 27, 1983...Merkel, Texas

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## Merkel FFA sweeps county swine show

Merkel FFA members walked away with four of the five championship honors of the Taylor County Stock Show held over the weekend at the County Fairgrounds.

Amber Whisenhunt came away as the big winner as she showed the Reserve Grand Champion Duroc, the Champion Hampshire and the Champion Heavy Cross as well as Overall Champion of the show. Amber also received the Taylor Electric Showmanship trophy.

FFA instructor Bill Riley said it was "Merkel's best showing at the county show in years. All of the animals that won were home raised in our breeding program and I heard a lot of people saying that Merkel was going to be tough in the future with our pigs."

Riley and assistant J.T. Naron agreed that Merkel might fare pretty well in the Fort Worth Show. Steers left for the show Wednesday and the pigs and lambs will leave next Wednesday for the show.

Naron and Riley also said they were real pleased with the support offered the Merkel FFA by the community and the merchants. Naron and Riley were happy with the prices offered for animals that made the county sale and said the average price per pound for pigs paid was \$1.65, \$1.04 for steers and \$2.87 for lambs.

The following is a list of the complete Merkel results from the show:

### Swine Show

Light Durocs: 1st Lynn Hays, 3rd Ricky Doan, 4th Tommy Hays, 5th Robyn Dudley, 6th John Paul Dudley, 8th Jay Williams, 9th Sammy Tumlinson, and 11th Melissa Harris.

Heavy Durocs: 2nd Amber Whisenhunt, 6th Lynn Hays, & 9th Amber Whisenhunt. Reserve Breed Champion was taken by Amber Whisenhunt.

Light Chester Whites: 1st Laura Glaze, 3rd Melissa Harris, & 7th Parker Wilson.

Heavy Chester Whites: 1st Chris Cutler, 2nd Todd Fielder, & 6th Billy Ray Riley. The Champion White was shown by Chris Cutler and the Reserve Champion was by Todd Fielder.

Light Hampshire: 6th Melinda Riney and 9th Amber Whisenhunt.

Heavy Hampshire: 1st Amber Whisenhunt & 9th Kevin Mitchell. Amber Whisenhunt also had the Champion Hampshire.

Light Weight Cross: 2nd Chris Mashburn, 6th Dusty Farmer, 7th Jay Gibson, 9th Eddy Harris, 10th Jay Gibson, & 14th Shane Burks.

Heavy Cross: 1st Amber Whisenhunt, 7th Tommy Hays, & 12th Lynn Hays. Amber also had the Champion Cross.

Light OPB: 1st Billy Ray Riley, 3rd Lyle Baker, 6th Lyle Baker, 7th Parker Wilson, 8th Clay Hammond, 9th Jay Gibson, & 11th Jay Gibson. Billy Ray Riley also had Champion OPB.

### Lamb Show

Southdown: 1st Chuck Peterman, 4th John Bright, & 15th Michelle Barnett. Chuck Peterman also had the Champion Southdown.

Heavy Cross: 12th Michelle Barnett.

Medium Cross: 6th Chuck Peterman, 8th Lynn Hays, 15th Lynn Hays.

Fine: 15th Lynn Hays.

### Steers

Heavy: 10th Ken Hogan.

Medium: 4th Christi Wade, 7th Christi Wade, 10th Becky Middleton & 13th Jay Gibson.

Junior Heiffers Champion was Denise Pack. Senior Heiffers Champion was taken also by Denise Pack. Heifer Calfs Champion was Scott O'Kelly and he also took the Reserve Champion.

Merkel FFA members placed 13 pigs, 31 lambs and 3 steers in the show.



Members of the Merkel Garden Club and city officials braved nasty weather here Thursday to observe Arbor Day by planting a tree at Heritage Hall. [Staff photo]

## Pigs, pigskins, papers...more

by Cloy A. Richards

Let's see, a lot has happened around here since last week's column.

The kids just came off a three day weekend, thanks to anywhere from 6 to 9 inches of snow (depends on who you ask) Thursday night.

For those attending the county stock show it wasn't a vacation, but the Merkel FFA did bring home the bacon.

And ham. Merkel FFA members won four of five breed champions in the swine show and Amber Whisenhunt, the 11 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Whisenhunt, took honors including the overall swine show championship and the Taylor Electric Showmanship award.

Many local merchants purchased animals and there is a page ad in this week's Mail thanking those contributors.

Yessir, it was easy getting Riley and Naron to talk about the stock show results.

One point that is very interesting. A couple of years ago, Merkel FFA started a breeding program and all of the champion animals are products of that program they tell me. As J.T. put it "Merkel is getting pretty well known for the quality of pigs bred here, we are selling to people all over the state."

The teams are set for Sunday's Super Bowl and it should be a dandy.

I know, it would be a lot better if it were Dallas but, for the third time in a row, the Cowboys needed one more win to get in.

Had Hogeboom! not thrown those two fourth quarter interceptions, I would have gone out and bought up all the Hogeboom stock. Had he won that game, the Cowboys would either have to pay him a lot more money or play against him next year.

So who will it be Sunday, the Miami defense or the Skins Riggan.

I'll take defense any day.

Former ACU vaulter Billy Olson has had to break two world records in two weeks to beat former Merkel High pole vaulter Brad Pursley in indoor meets so far this season. Pursley has finished second three times to Olson so far this year. Not bad, when you consider Billy is the number one rated vaulter in the world and is currently within two inches of the world's record.

indoors and out.

A reminder, February 1 is still the last date you can avoid the Mail's subscription increase. Starting in February, the new rates are \$9.50 in county, \$11 in Texas and \$12.50 for out of state.

People having advice on how to purchase a computer should share their wisdom with City Manager J.A. Sadler.

Sadler told council Monday he was in a computer shop last week asking about computers for the city and the salesman started speaking a foreign language, rattling off words like chips, disc drives, terminals, printers, scanners, joy sticks (Atari addicts know that one), mice, Lisa, Osborne, memory, adaptability and it will even dc the windows.

Sadler said, "hold on, don't you have a brochure or something."

I don't blame him, buying a computer is a lot like picking your life's mate. It has to have the ability to grow along with your needs.

Did you know the Wall Street Journal is for sale in a newspaper rack outside the Merkel Post Office?

I think it's amazing that Merkel now has four daily newspapers for sale including the Reporter News, the Journal, the Dallas Times Herald and The Dallas Morning News.

Now, if we just had USA Today.

Martha Sue Justice of the Merkel Chamber of Commerce is looking for a place to keep the Christmas decorations. Persons with some storage space available are asked to call her.

One more note about newspapers. Have you noticed that just about all newspapers carry an expanded TV listing that now includes cable listings.

Think that is being done in the name of community service?

That's what they are telling you. The real reason is to help break up the local TV audience with the cable alternatives, which will reduce the ratings of local TV which will help newspapers compete for the local advertising dollar.

And you thought Ma Bell was the only group playing hard ball.

## Varsity teams start 2nd half Friday

Both the Merkel Boys and Girls varsity teams will have to put on "second half charges" starting here Friday night if they plan to make the playoffs.

The girls are 1-2 in district play and the boys are 0-3 in district play.

### Varsity Girls

The Merkel girls won their first district game as they downed Clyde 58-49.

Donna Miller led the way with 14, followed by Tina Bicknell with 12 and Debra Carey had 10. The girls will travel to Breckenridge for a 5:30 tilt Thursday and then will host Wylie Friday at 6:30. The girls are 9-9 on the year.

### Freshman Girls

The Freshman girls downed Breckenridge in Breck Monday as Kelly Beights' 26 points set the pace for a 50-44 win. Sandy Forehand chipped in 12.

Last Monday at Clyde the girls won 45-40 as Kelly Beights had 17 and Amy Irvin 14. The girls

are 6-4 on the year and will host Breckenridge Monday but will play in the Clyde Tournament Saturday.

### Freshman Boys

The boys lost a squeaker Monday in Breckenridge 42-39. Matt Cain led the way with 8 followed by Albert Flores and Milo Harris each with 8.

Last Monday, it took a length of the court shot with one second to play for Clyde to slip by 50-48.

The frosh will play in the Clyde Tournament Saturday and will host Breck Monday.

### Varsity Boys

Thirty-five per cent shooting from the field and 0 per cent from the line spelled doom for the Merkel boys last week as Clyde took a 50-40 win.

Sammy Tumlinson led the way with 12 and Russell Lucas, David Rackley and Michael McCoy each added 8.

The boys are 0-3 in district play and 11-9 overall.

## Council accepts contract changes

A change in the consulting contract managing the Housing and Urban Development Block Grant was the major item of business for the Merkel City Council at their regular meeting Monday at City Hall.

Council also learned the engineers would present their final plans for street paving at council's next session, set Feb. 14.

The change in the contract for Western Consultants and Yeatts and Decker was predicated by HUD officials and city manager J.A. Sadler told council the new contract does not call for "one dime more" in fees from the consultants. The change must still be approved by city attorney Allen Glenn and HUD officials.

Sadler did brief council on the early results of finding a computer that can handle city record

keeping as well as water-sewer-sanitation billing and said he is still in the searching process.

Merkel Police Chief Ray Pack did present his monthly police report to council. In November, Merkel Police worked a total of 65 criminal cases including 19 citations, 2 burglaries, 11 accidents, 25 cases investigated and 9 arrests were made.

In December, police worked a total of 73 criminal cases including 21 citations, 4 burglaries, 6 accidents, 34 cases investigated and 8 arrests.

Pack also told the Mail his department had cleared 7 burglaries of cars and buildings with the arrest of four juveniles.

Pack also said he has instructed his officers to start issuing tickets for violations of the one way street and parking on the South side of Fifth Street at Merkel Elementary.

## Carriker named to Ag-Livestock committee, county affairs group

State Representative Steve Carriker, D-Roby, was appointed to the House Agriculture and Livestock Committee and the House Committee for County Affairs.

Carriker, a cotton, grain, and livestock producer says "the House Agriculture Committee will be the focus of attention now since the federal government is shifting more and more responsibilities to the states." Carriker commented further that "the serious problems facing family farmers are at crisis level. I hope to use the powers of state government to help farmers and ranchers survive while spurring Washington to provide some genuine help."

Carriker's Administrative Assistant, Larry

Holmes, added "the best part about the ag committee is that he (Carriker) is an honest to goodness dry land cotton farmer. He knows what the problems are from experience."

The County Affairs Committee deals with legislation in the area of county government including ordinance-making authority and the duties of county officers.

Carriker was previously chosen to serve on the Executive Committee of the House Democratic Caucus.

District 78, which Carriker represents, includes Cottle, Fisher, Garza, Jones, Kent, King, Knox, Lynn, Nolan, Scurry, Stonewall, and rural Taylor counties.

## FFA says thanks...spotlights 3

Congratulations Merkel Future Farmers of America! Last weekend, despite the cold weather, the Merkel FFA competed in the Taylor County Livestock Show and came out very well. For complete standings look at the Taylor County Livestock Show article. At this stock show there is a special sale in which local merchants and people from the surrounding community can buy animals. A very big special thank you goes to Farmers and Merchants Bank, Merkel Merchants, Joe Allen's Bar-B-Que, Warren Dozier DMV, Ed's Feed and Seed, Taylor Electric Coop, Carson's Super Market, Whisenhunt Grain, and the Taylor County Stock Show Association for purchasing the Merkel animals. Another thank you goes to Big Country Boots for the \$25 dollar gift certificate that was given to all exhibitors. The Merkel FFA wants to express their biggest thank you to you for your continuous support of our organization without you none of this could ever be possible. Thanks again.

Our spotlights this week are our junior members.

Michelle Barnett, daughter of Finley and Christie Barnett of Route 1 is 11 years old and in the 6th grade. She has been a junior member for 2 years in which she has shown pigs and lambs. Michelle has placed well in the past as she is doing now. She is also active in student council, church, and scouts. Michelle plans to be in ad in



Mary Grimes

## Mary Grimes buried

Mary Grimes, owner of Bragg's Department Store died at 12:15 a.m. Sunday at her home following a long illness. Services were held Monday at Merkel's First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Joe Allen officiating.

Born Aug. 8, 1896, in Merkshe had lived in Merkel most of her life. She and her husband, Dee Grimes had owned and operated Bragg's Dry Goods Store since the 1920s and Mary took over the store upon his death in 1954. She was a member of Merkel's United Methodist Church and the Merkel Garden Club. She married Dee Grimes June 24, 1920. He passed away in May, 1954. Under her direction, Bragg's was known in

the area as a well run business, offering quality lines of clothing.

She is survived by a daughter Sue Warren of Abilene; a brother, Wallace Bragg of Chillicothe; a sister Iva Marr of Stephenville; 4 grandchildren and three great-grand children. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Betty Lou Cleveland.

Mrs. Grimes' family told the Mail Tuesday that her passing was the end of a two generation era at Bragg's as they will sell the business. They also said under her direction, Bragg's has been a supporter of the Merkel Lion's Club as well as other groups boosting Merkel's prosperity.

## 5th Sunday Singing set

There will be a 5th Sunday singing at the Senior Citizens Building on Edward St., Jan. 30 starting at 2

o'clock. Everyone is welcome young or old. Come and bring a friend. Hope to see all our dear friends there.

## Preceptor Eta Omega meets

Preceptor Eta Omega, Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi, met Tuesday at the home of Val Patterson.

A Rehab 83 report was given by Louise Dubose. Plans were discussed for the Valentine Dance to be held in Abilene at the Civic Center.

The program was presented by Val Patterson. Her program was on fashions.

After the program refreshments were served to the following members: Louise Dubose, Opal Garner, Mamie Steck, Connie Ybarra, & Kathy Lev-erich.

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high school but doesn't have any plans for after high school.

Mandy Barnett, daughter of Finley and Christie Barnett and sister of Michelle is in the third grade and 8 years old. This is Mandy's first year as a junior member and she is helping raise and show Michelle's lambs. She is active in church and plays piano. Mandy plans to be in FFA in high school.

Sheri Riney, daughter of Jack and Gwen Riney of Route 3, is 13 years old and in the 8th grade. Sheri has been a junior member for 2 years in which she has shown pigs. She has shown her animals at Merkel, Abilene, Fort Worth, and San Antonio and she plans to show at these shows this year also. Sheri is a cheerleader, student council representative and in band. She has played basketball for 2 years, volleyball 1 year, and track 1 year. She plans to be in ag in high school and later to attend college.

## Blair water sets meeting

You are hereby notified of a meeting of the Blair Water Supply Corporation to be held in Merkel, Texas, on the 7th day of February, at the office of the Taylor Electric Cooperative.

Make plans to attend this important annual meeting. There will be an election of three board of director members. Those with terms expiring are Weir Joiner, John Scott Lanford, and J. D. Sandusky.

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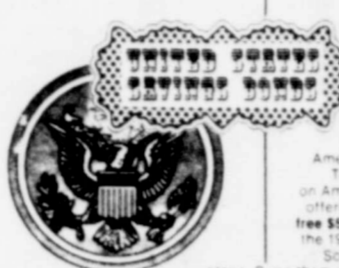
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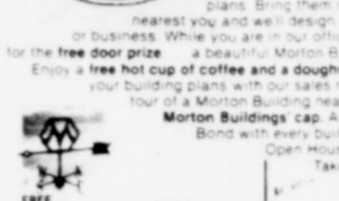
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110-hp 4240	2,300	600	2,900
90-hp 4040	2,200	600	2,800
80-hp 2940	1,800	400	2,200
70-hp 2640	1,300	350	1,650
60-hp 2440	1,200	300	1,500
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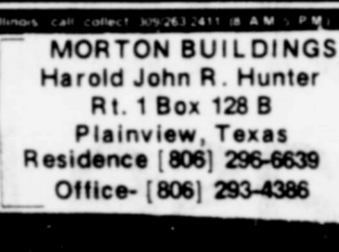
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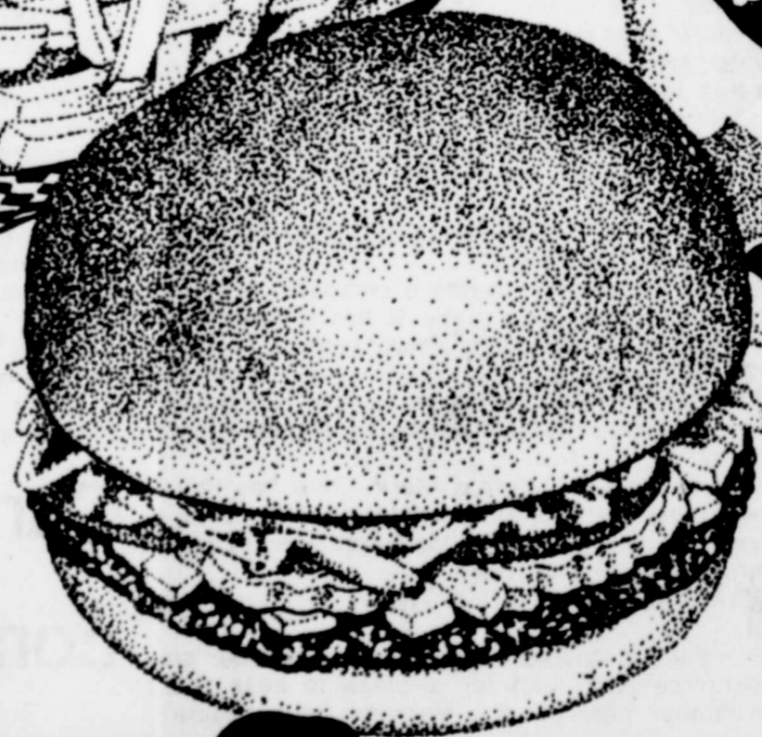
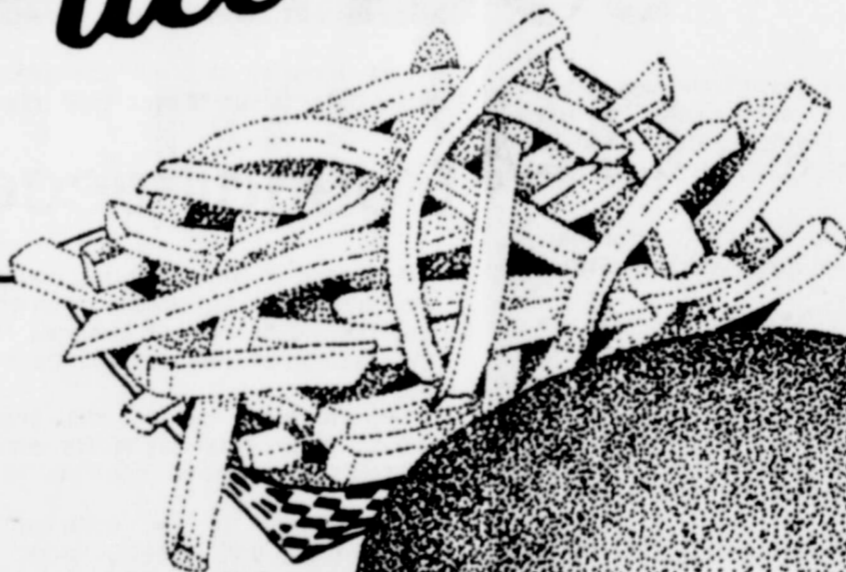


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**First Grade A**  
Judd Burton, Dana Hammond, Lisa Harding, Heather Henderson, Carmen Holden, Linda Layher, Melanie Mitchell, Lana Rogers, Erin Sams, Corley Segovia, Omar Segovia, Nathan Stamper & Mark Wright.

**First Grade A-B**  
Jamie Alexander, Doug Alldredge, Kelly Atkinson, Cecily Caroland, Cody Carson, Belma DeLeon, Ramiro Flores, Robert Flores, William Gray, Mandy Gregory, Mikki Griffith, Nikki Griffith, Eric Highers, Jamie Jowers, Kenneth Mason, Jason Nalley, Cody Pack, Jason Tipton, Justin Williams, & Ricky Ybarra.

**Second Grade A**  
Matthew Cravens, Spencer Duncan, Mariette Duran, Tiffany Gill, Tammy Graham, Gena Hawkeswood, Esther Hernandez, Jason Heuer-

man, Austin Hill, Susan Holden, Russ Holloway, Caleb Kelso, Jennifer McKee, Chad Smith, Vutrinh Tran, & Krystal West.

**Second Grade A-B**  
Kim Anderson, John Bauer, Jeremy Beal, Joel Bird, Tanner Boyd, Shayla Carter, Jody Clemmer, Randy Cubriel, Levi Ely, Trisha Evans, Alisha Hobbs, Stacy Jones, Jon Jordan, Jason Kofoed, Lonnie Liggins, Brent Martin, Norman Miller, Cliff Owen, DeLayne Pack, Orville Pirraglia, Renli Reynolds, Misti Seago, Shelly Seymore, Tommy Tuminson, James Wade & Rodney Williams.

**Third Grade A**  
Tanya Beasley, Dayna Doan, Michelle Ingram, Lillian Leach, & Treska McCullough.

**Third Grade A-B**  
Queena Bigbee, Julie Harding, Elizabeth Hernandez, John Lally, Josh Mashburn, Shayla Miller, Christy Minze, Steven Moreno, Eilyn

Rutledge, Kriste A. Smith, Kristi G. Smith, Amy Spraks, Travis Walston, & Brandi Watts.

**Fourth Grade A**  
Shannon Davis, Cara Kelso, Keri Sams, Brandon Toombs, Phuong Thao Tran, & Daniel West.

**Fourth Grade A-B**  
Melanie Baker, Dustie Baldree, Jamie Beasley, Brandon Boyd, Jenny Boyd, Melissa Cuellar, Jayma Goldsmith, April Griffith, James Haisel, Patsy Heilums, Sean Leamon, Patrick Lee, Tonya Moreno, Renae Paulsen, Jeff Skidmore, Michelle Smith, & Travis Williams.

**Fifth Grade A**  
Dayna Bentley, Laurinda Powell, & Penny Smith.

**Fifth Grade A-B**  
Damon Alldredge, Angela Carson, Robynn Dudley, Chance Ferguson, Melissa Hallford,

Susan Hammond, Jennifer Hatley, Stephen Jacobs, David Miller, & Chris Pack.

## School menu

The school menu for Thursday the 27th is Beef Tacos with taco sauce, pinto beans, taco shells and peaches with topping. Friday will be grilled cheese sandwiches & vegetable soup, mixed vegetables and fried apple pies. Monday the 31st will

be chicken pattie with cream gravy, whipped potatoes, green beans, hot rolls and sliced peaches. Tuesday the 1st is liestada, mexican corn, garden salad and apple cheese crisp. Wednesday the 2nd Burritos, macaroni & cheese, cole slaw, and jello with fruit.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS Letters of Administration in the Estate of Wendy Louise Haskell, Probate No. 15,672 in the County Court of Taylor County, Texas, were granted to David Cramer on the 19th day of January, 1983. All persons having claims against said estate should present them to: David Cramer The residence of David Cramer is 1217 S. Bowie, Abilene, Texas 79605.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. Dated the 19th day of January, 1983. Bradbury, Tippen & Rollins P.O. Box 59, Abilene, Tx. 79605 Attorneys for the Estate. By: Bryan Bradbury 47-1tc

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TO: RONNY THEODORE BALFOUR, Respondent: YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable 326th 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 THERAPEIKOS, INC., Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 11th day of January, 1983 against RONNY THEODORE BALFOUR, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 8360-C on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Interest of BRIAN ANDERSON, a Child", the nature of which suit is a request to Terminate the Parent-Child Relationship between the Child, Brian Anderson and the father or the probable father, Ronny Theodore Balfour. Said child was born the 10th day of January, 1983, in Abilene, Taylor

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County, 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 parent-child relationship and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the child's adoption. If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved. The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs. Issued and given under my hand and

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## Young qualifies for crop insurance sales

Chris M. Young of the Bob Young Insurance and Boney Insurance Agencies in Abilene and Merkel has achieved Certification from the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation to sell and service insurance coverage on cotton, wheat, sunflowers, grain sorghum, oats, barley, corn, soybean and peanuts.

According to F.W. (Ted) Crouch, Field Operations Office Director of the FCIC, Chris Young earned the Certification by participating in an intensive training program recently conducted in Big Spring and successfully passing examinations that required a knowledge of all aspects of the Federally-backed insurance program as well as of the coverage available for individual crops produced in Taylor, Jones, Nolan, Fisher & surrounding counties. The

training and testing program was initiated in the fall of 1982 to assure a high level of professional competency among private insurance agents who offer Federal Crop Insurance to farmers in their communities.

Federal Crop Insurance policies, which provide coverage against all unavoidable causes of loss, are designed to offer farmers an affordable way to protect the substantial sums of money which must be invested and risked to produce a crop. The insurance can also assure a source of income to repay outstanding production loans and to meet fixed expenses such as taxes and mortgage payments. To make the coverage as economical as possible, the Federal Government currently pays up to 30 percent of the premium cost.

## Area wheat meeting set Feb. 11

A series of area-wide meetings for wheat producers and elevator managers will be held throughout the expanding wheat growing areas of East and Central Texas to develop steps which may be taken to help improve the profitability for wheat production and marketing. The meetings are sponsored by the Texas Wheat Producers Board, Texas Farm Bureau, Texas Farmers Union and Texas Grain and Feed Association, in cooperation with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

A record 1.5 billion bushel national wheat carryover, now projected for the current marketing year ending May 31, gives a strong incentive for additional work in the areas of

market development, foreign trade policy, and farm program participation. Wheat producers throughout Texas, who export 90 per cent of their crop, face many uncertainties in the areas of foreign trade policy and export outlook. These topics and others related to market development programs and timely production practices will be discussed by Extension specialists and staff of the Texas Wheat Producers Board. The Abilene meeting will be Friday, February 11-2:00 p.m. - Kiva Inn - Business Highway 80.

All wheat growers and elevator managers in the surrounding areas are urged to attend. For more details contact the Texas Wheat Producers Board in Amarillo (806-352-2191) or your local county agent.

## Veterans announce benefit changes

Two provisions in recent legislation have had a significant impact on veteran's benefits, advises the Director, Waco Veterans Administration Regional Office.

First, he said, the legislation of last October 1st provides that any compensation or pension benefits will be payable from the first of the month after the month in which entitlement is established.

For example, if a veteran was found to be entitled to compensation on last December 15th, the compensation benefit would be payable from January 1, 1983 forward. The veteran wouldn't receive any compensation for the period of last Dec. 15-31.

The second provision, he said, requires that on the loss of a dependent be deducted as of the end of the month in which the event occurred.

Previously, such an adjustment wasn't required until the end of the year in which the event occurred.

Previously, such an adjustment wasn't required until the end of the year in which the event occurred. Therefore, it is necessary and important that veterans report any dependency changes at once to avoid or reduce payments.

For further information or assistance, write, visit or telephone the Waco Regional Office, toll free number listed in your local telephone directory under "U. S. Government" or "Veterans Administration".

## More gas found in 82 than 81

Texas operators reported 1,421 gas and 702 oil discoveries in 1982, exceeding the total reported the previous year.

In 1981, 1,279 gas and 583 oil discoveries were filed with the Railroad Commission, which regulates drilling for and production of oil and gas in the state.

Completions reported to the Railroad Commission in 1982 were also up compared to a year ago. Operators reported 16,296 oil, 6,273 gas, and 629 service completions, for a total of 23,198. Reports filed with the Commission for 1981 reflected 15,627 oil, 5,454 gas, and 460 service completions, for a total of 21,541. The 1982

completion total includes wells which were spudded in 1981 but not completed in that year.

Total new holes drilled (including wildcats, existing field, service holes, and dry holes) in 1982 were 26,797, which represented an eight percent increase over 1981's total of 24,722.

Applications to drill, deepen, or plug back, and for service wells totalled 31,569 for 1982. There were also 9,655 amended drilling applications filed, bringing the total number of drilling applications received in 1982 to 41,224, a decrease of 14 percent compared to the total of 47,940 drilling applications received by the Commission in 1981.

## NTSU sets courses

The North Texas State University, Division of Vocational-Technical Education, will offer graduate-level vocational education courses in Abilene, at Cooper High School Vocational Department for the 1983 spring semester.

The courses are designed for teachers interested in earning a master's or doctoral degree in vocational education. They can also be used by those wishing to complete Texas Education Agency vocational certification requirements. The courses can also be used to combine a master's or doctoral degree program with vocational certification.

Two courses will be offered during the spring semester for nine consecutive Saturdays. Registration for classes was at 8:15 am on January 15, 1983 at the Cooper High School Vocational Department in room V-9. However, late registration will be taken care of in classes on January 22.

For more information about the course offerings, how to obtain vocational certification, a master's, or doctoral degree in vocational education, call Dr. Roger Ditzinger at (817) 565-2093.

## Son born

Karlen & Ronnie Hardy, would like to announce the birth of their son, Jordan Gamble Hardy. He was born Dec. 6 & weighed 3 lbs. 9 1/4 oz. & was 17 1/4 inches long. Jordan has two brothers, Joshua & Scott, & a sister, Shayla. Maternal grandparents are Bessie and David Gamble. Paternal grandparents are John & Victoria Stone. Great grandmother is Mrs. S.D. Gamble. Great grandfather is Mr. Ed Ryals.

## Daughter born

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Holmes are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Krista Rebecca. She was born on Monday, January 10, at 10:30 a.m. She weighed 6 lbs. 3 ozs. and was 18 inches long.

Krista was welcomed home by her sister, Sheena, who is 8, and her brother, Willie, who is 3. Krista is the grand daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Billy Holmes and Mr. & Mrs. T.D. Santee, all of Merkel. Paternal great grandmother is Mrs. Kate Phillips of Merkel. Maternal great grandmother is Mrs. Esther A. Bertini of Montana and maternal great grandfather is James J. Horan of California.



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## Cotton group likes PIK plan

The Payment in kind (PIK) program announced by the Reagan Administration offers a way to reduce excessive stocks of cotton and to strengthen farm income, National Cotton Council President Edward Brehan said today.

Brehan said the action should reduce burdensome cotton stocks which are expected to total eight million bales or more by the end of the current season and, in turn, relieve the downward

pressure on cotton prices.

Praising the early announcement of the PIK program, Brehan said cotton producers can now proceed with their plans for the 1983 crop.

In a recent letter to Agriculture Secretary John Block, the Council president pointed out critical landlord-tenant decisions were imminent across the cotton belt and that field operations, already underway in South Texas, has been suspended pending the program announcement.

### CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF CONDITION (Including Domestic Subsidiaries)

LEGAL TITLE OF BANK			
Home State Bank			
CITY	COUNTY	STATE	ZIP CODE
Trent	Taylor	Texas	79561
STATE BANK NO.	FEDERAL RESERVE DIST. NO.	CLOSE OF BUSINESS DATE	
1398	11	December 31, 1982	
ASSETS			
1. Cash and due from banks		Mil.	Thou.
2. Due from other depositories and all cash items in the process of collection		306	1
3. U.S. Treasury securities		500	2
4. Obligations of other U.S. Government agencies and corporations		337	3
5. Obligations of States and political subdivisions in the United States		432	4
6. All other securities		017	5
7. Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell		1025	6
8. Total loans (including overdrafts totaling \$ 2,111.09) (From Schedule A, Item 8)		4171	7
9. Lease financing receivables		-0-	8
10. Bank premises, furniture and fixtures, and other assets representing bank premises		230	9
11. Real estate owned other than bank premises		002	10
12. Letters of credit and customers' liability on acceptances outstanding		-0-	11
13. All other assets		296	12
14. TOTAL ASSETS (sum of items 1 thru 13)		7316	13
LIABILITIES			
15. Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations		1821	14
16. Time and savings deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations		4143	15
17. Deposits of United States Government		-0-	16
18. Deposits of States and political subdivisions in the United States		291	17
a. Deposits of the State of Texas		-0-	18a
19. Due to banks		-0-	19
20. All other deposits		-0-	20
21. Certified and officers' checks		054	21
22. Total Deposits (sum of items 15 thru 21)		6309	22
a. Total demand deposits		1413	22a
b. Total time and savings deposits		4896	22b
23. Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase		-0-	23
24. Interest-bearing demand notes issued to the U.S. Treasury and other liabilities for borrowed money		-0-	24
25. Mortgage indebtedness for which the bank is directly liable		-0-	25
26. Unearned discount on loans		171	26
27. Letters of credit and acceptances outstanding		-0-	27
28. All other liabilities		148	28
29. TOTAL LIABILITIES (excluding subordinated notes and debentures) (sum of items 22 thru 28)		6628	29
30. Subordinated notes and debentures		-0-	30
31. Allowance for possible loan and investment losses		-0-	31
EQUITY CAPITAL			
32. Common stock (No. of shares outstanding 2000)		200	32
33. Certified surplus		350	33
34. Undivided profits		005	34
35. Uncertified surplus, reserve for contingencies, and other capital reserves		133	35
36. TOTAL EQUITY CAPITAL (sum of items 32 thru 35)		688	36
37. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY CAPITAL (sum of items 29, 30, 31 and 36)		7316	37

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

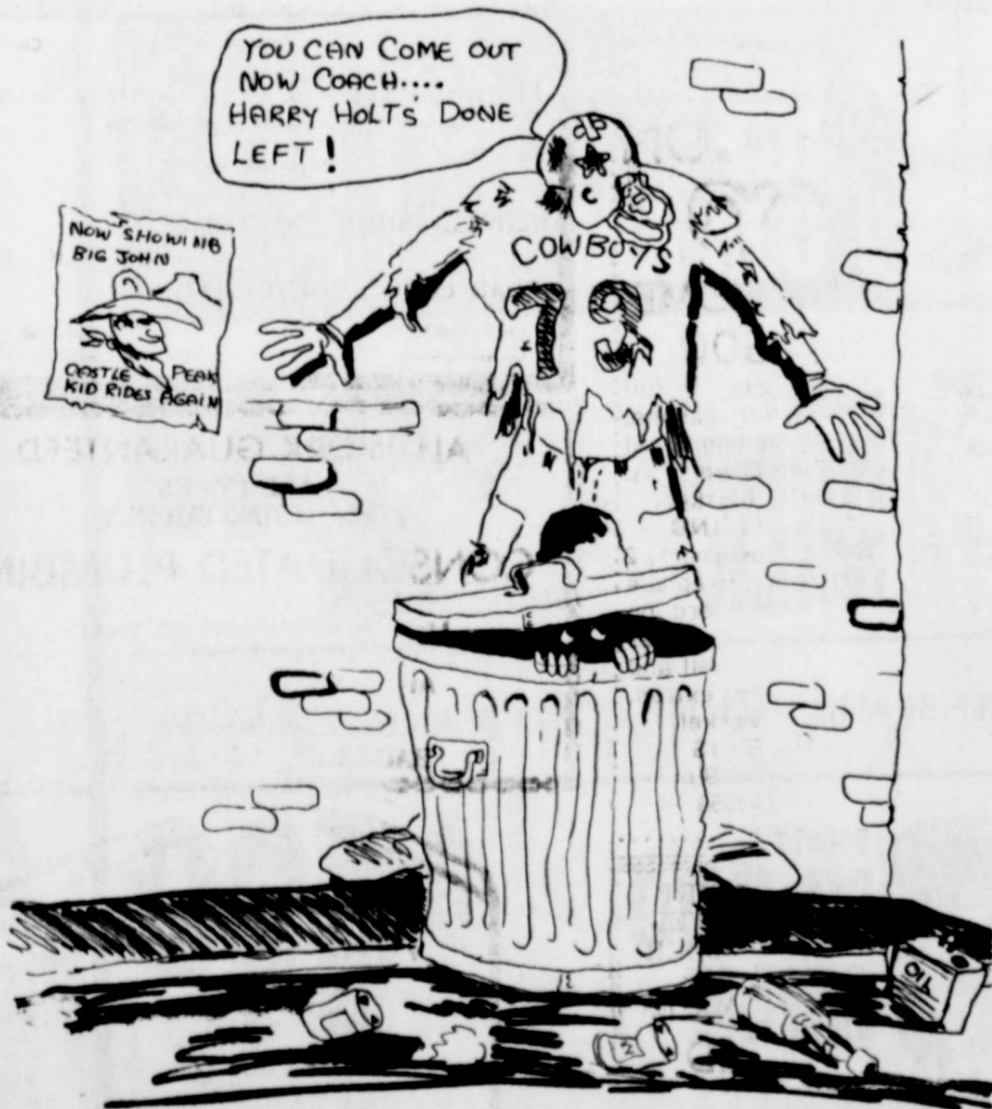
I, the undersigned officer, do hereby declare that this Report of Condition (including the supporting schedules) has been prepared in conformance with the instructions and is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

SIGNATURE OF OFFICER AUTHORIZED TO SIGN REPORT: \_\_\_\_\_ AREA CODE/TELEPHONE NO.: 915-862-6137 DATE SIGNED: January 19, 1983

NAME AND TITLE OF OFFICER AUTHORIZED TO SIGN REPORT: Mike Jones - Vice President We the undersigned directors, attest the correctness of this Report of Condition (including the supporting schedules) and declare that it has been examined by us and to the best of our knowledge and belief has been prepared in conformance with the instructions and is true and correct.

SIGNATURE OF DIRECTOR: \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE OF DIRECTOR: \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE OF DIRECTOR: \_\_\_\_\_

(MAKE MARK FOR NOTARY'S SEAL) State of Texas, County of Taylor, Sworn to and subscribed before me this 19th day of January 1983. My commission expires October 30, 1984. \_\_\_\_\_ Notary Public.



## TFU says PIK good & bad

Texas Farmers Union President Mike Moeller said last week that President Reagan's recently announced payment in kind (PIK) program represents both good and bad news for Texas farmers.

"The good news is that the Reagan Administration is announcing this very radical departure from its earlier program now admits that it's 1981 Farm Bill has been a failure. This, of course, comes as small consolation to the farmers that

## Soil service offering trees for windbreaks

The Middle Clear Fork Soil and Water Conservation District will assist residents of Taylor County and surrounding areas by ordering seedling trees to be planted around homes, farmsteads, feedlots, or cropland for windbreaks. Not only do these trees provide protection from the wind, but they can lower home fuel needs and provide cooling in the summer by shading and transpiration. Windbreaks can enhance the aesthetic beauty of the land and attract wildlife.

The Afghanistan pine is well adapted to the West Texas alkaline and droughty soils. These trees have the potential of growing 3 to 4 feet a year with adequate water and care. These species are excellent for a one-row windbreak or in a multiple-row windbreak. The evergreen breaks the drab monotony of winter.

Deciduous or broadleaf seedlings may also be ordered. Some of the shrubs and trees include plum shrubs, Siberian elm, Russian olive and the thornless honeylocust.

The cost for a two-row windbreak (300 feet long) will be about \$60. A drip irrigation system for the windbreak would be about \$100.

Once a windbreak is well established, they protect and beautify all year. They provide full protection to an area ten times the height of the trees measured in the direction the wind is blowing plus give some protection as far out as twenty times the height of the trees. Home fuel needs can be reduced by 15 percent or more and less dust will get in the house.

Order blanks are available through the Middle Clear Fork Soil and Water Conservation District. The number to call for order blanks or any assistance needed in planning and planting a windbreak is 677-7662. Orders will be taken until February 15th and trees will be shipped here within 4-6 weeks. Order blanks also give suggestions as to tree spacing, row spacing, amount of water needed, and protective devices for seedlings.

## Newsbriefs

### Townsend honored

John Townsend, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Townsend of Merkel, has been named to Who's Who among students in American colleges and universities.

Townsend is a pre-med student at Angelo State University and a graduate of Merkel High.

### TEL class

The TEL Sunday Class of First Baptist Church met Tuesday Jan. 25 for an 8 a.m. breakfast in the home of Mrs. Minnie Carey. Co-hostess was Mrs. Sylvia Newsom.

After the Secretary and Treasurer report Mrs. Hayes gave a wonderful devotional.

Fifteen members were present. Mrs. Sara Edwards, Georgia Higgins, Una Hayes, Stella McKeever, Wynona Scroggins, Billie Hartley, Bessie Perry, Trula Cox, Lina Fisher, Paralee Gibson, Maggie Renfro, Jewell Criswell, Anne Walker and the hostesses.

### CJC courses

The Abilene branch of Cisco Jr. College will again offer weekend Real Estate courses. Each course is approved by VA and is accepted by the Texas Real Estate Commission. The courses are for 45 classroom hours and 3 semester hours. The tuition fee for each course is \$85.00.

Principles and Practices of Real Estate will be taught February 5-6, 12-13, 19-20. Real Estate Brokerage begins March 5-6, 12-13, 19-20. The class for April will be Real Estate Appraisal April

9-10, 16-17, 23-24. Property Management is set for May 7-8, 14-15, 21-22.

The Saturday classes are from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. the Sunday classes are from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For further information contact Cisco Jr. College in Abilene at 696-2212.

### Dillard's suprised

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Dillard of Merkel received a surprise phone call from their grand daughter, Nancy Dillard from London.

Nancy will be attending the spring semester in Vienna. She is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Burl Dillard of St. Louis.

### McWilliams honored

Mrs. J.A. (Etta) McWilliams was honored on her 89th birthday with a surprise party in the home of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Andy Shouse, on Wednesday, January 19th. Mary Collins brought her there on the pretense that the three of them would have a visit. Then at the appointed time, her Sunday School Class came in. Poems concerning friendship were read by Mrs. Shouse and Mrs. Ruth Cox, and a game was played.

Delicious refreshments were served to: Mmes. Cox, Merkel Harwell, Mary Click, Ila Mae McClean, Jessye Shannon, Lola Stockbridge, Annie Harris, Viola Insminger, Ethel Cox, Ruth Anderson, Mary Collins, and Etta McWilliams.

were driven out of business under the Administration's 1981 plan."

He added "The bad news is that if the President fails to make some significant changes in his recently announced payment in kind-crop swap program, farmers won't be much better off than they were under his earlier plan."

Most important, Moeller said, was the need to provide for a floor price for raw agriculture commodities. Moeller said "Without such a minimum guarantee, most farmers won't be able to participate in the program, and those who do might still end up in the red in 1983." He explained that without price protection for the farmer, the new program might depress agriculture prices to the point that the overhead from just planting fifty per cent of the previous year's acreage could easily eat up all the income from 83's crop and the farmer's Payment in Kind from the government.

"We are greatly disappointed that the Administration has, to this point, failed to consider our recommendations for a floor price for commodities distributed in this new program. It's not too late for the Administration or Congress to take this kind of action and shore up the Administration's program. Failure to provide some sort of price protection will almost certainly doom the Administration's new program to failure before it ever begins."

Moeller also suggested that the Administration could allow the farmer the option of choosing to take his payment in kind or in cash. In addition, Moeller said that the Government's proposal to dump all of the excess commodities at harvest time was an extremely unwise proposal. He recommended that the commodities be distributed in an orderly fashion in twenty-five per cent increments, spaced over a period of twelve months.

"Texas farmers and their bankers are suspicious enough of any new government program as it is. The Administration desperately needs to gain the farmers confidence in this new proposal. They can accomplish that by making the amendments we have proposed and then conducting a very vigorous campaign to inform our farmers of this program."

## Obituaries

### Lota

### Lois

### Butman

Lota Lois Butman, 83 of Merkel, died at 9 p.m. Jan. 17 in the Sterling County Nursing Home in Sterling City following a lengthy illness.

Services were held at 10:30 a.m. Jan. 20 at Merkel's First United Methodist Church under the direction of the Rev. Lonnie Newton of Abilene. He was assisted by the Rev. Lynward Harrison and the Rev. Joe Allen. Burial followed in the Rose Hill Cemetery under the direction of the Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born Feb. 21, 1899 in Merkel, she had lived in the Mulberry Canyon area all of her life and had attended schools in both Merkel and Nolan. She was a member of the Nolan Methodist Church and the Order of the Eastern Star and was active in home demonstration clubs.

She married Will

Butman April 15, 1917 in Sweetwater.

She is survived by her husband, three daughters Louine Baird of Bryan, Margaret Newby Patterson of Elgin and Jerry Wilson of Sterling City; four sisters, Jackie Matthews and Lena Johnson of California, Maggie Renfro of Merkel and Virgil Harrison of Sweetwater; 14 grand children, 16 great grand children and 3 greatgreat grand children.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Banning and Jack.

### Johnnie Clarence Newton

Johnnie Clarence Newton, 82, of Merkel, a retired employee of Taylor Electric Cooperative, died after a short illness at 10:58 a.m. Wednesday at Hendrick Medical Center. Services were held at 3 p.m. Thursday at the United Methodist Church, directed by Starbuck.

The Rev. Joe Allen, pastor, officiated. Burial was at Rose Hill Cemetery.

Born Oct. 11, 1900, in Fayetteville, Tenn. he moved to Taylor County as a child and had

lived in the Merkel area most of his life. He married Hazel Lorene Hewitt Dec. 23, 1925, in Tye. She died Oct. 2, 1971. He was a member of the United Methodist Church and the Merkel Senior Citizens Club.

Three brothers, Clyde, Theo and Carl, preceded him in death.

Survivors include a son, Billy C. of Abilene; a daughter, Annette Clark of Merkel; a sister, Gladys Newton of Abilene; five grand children; seven great grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

### Elmer George Patton Sr.

Elmer George Patton, Sr., 76 of 508 Scott St., Tye, a former civil service employee at Dyess Air Force Base, died at 1:10 a.m. Monday at West Texas Medical Center. Services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday the 26th at Elliott Hamil Funeral Home.

The Rev. Morgan Ashworth of Tye Baptist Church officiated. Burial was at Sweetwater Cemetery.

Born Aug. 31, 1906, in Silverton, he married Carrie Cosby on Dec. 27, 1925, in Sweet-

water. He was employed by Gulf Oil Co. in Sweetwater from 1936 to 1956. From 1956 to 1973, he worked in civil service at Dyess Fuel Maintenance Department. The Pattons lived in Sweetwater until 1960, when they moved to Tye.

He was a member of Masonic Lodge No. 571 in Sweetwater. He was a 32nd Degree Mason and was a member of the senior citizens organization at Tye. He served with the U.S. Navy during World War II and was a Baptist.

Survivors include his wife, a son, Elmer G. Jr. of Talco; two daughters, Helen Lavirl Pendleton of Merkel and Adelle Marie Bailey of Fort Worth; a brother, Jim of Eastland; three sisters, Stella Daniel of San Antonio and Jamie Price and Lena Smith, both of Eastland; six grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Blake Patton, Scott Patton, Jimmy Hoyt, David Pendleton, Rick-y Skruhak, Ldean Hoyt, Eddie McCartney and J.W. Windland.

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RICHARD VAUGHN	1 LAMB

## PIGS :

F & M NATIONAL BANK	4 PIGS
JOE ALLEN'S PIT N BAR-B-Q	1 PIG
DR. WARREN DOZIER	1 PIG
ED'S FEED & SEED	1 PIG
TAYLOR ELECTRIC CO-OP	1 PIG
MERKEL MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION	1 PIG

JACK SOUTH ELEVATOR  
 MERKEL DRUG  
 P & L AUTO PARTS  
 STARBUCK FURNITURE  
 HICKS AUTO SUPPLY  
 S & T TIRE COMPANY  
 SEYMORE INSURANCE AGENCY  
 MID-TEX RESOURCES  
 MAX MURRELL CHEVROLET  
 BIG COUNTRY INN



DAN ALLEN TAX SERVICE	
TAYLOR COUNTY LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION	4 CHAMPION PIGS

STOREWIDE **LOW PRICES** **a BIGGER BAGFUL for the Money!**

PRICES GOOD THUR-FRI-SAT JAN 26-27-28  
STORE HOURS 7:30 AM-6:30 PM

VASELINE INTENSIVE CARE  
**LOTION**  
15 OZ BOTTLE **\$2<sup>39</sup>**

DETERGENT  
**TIDE**  
GIANT BOX **\$1<sup>69</sup>**  
WITH \*10 IN TRADE OR MORE EXCLUSIVE OF CIGARETTES

KRAFTS PRESERVES  
**PEACH**  
18 OZ JAR **\$1<sup>09</sup>**



SPRAY N VAC RUG CLEANER 24 OZ CAN  
**GLAMORENE \$1<sup>98</sup>**

KRAFT SINGLE SLICED  
**CHEESE**  
12 OZ PKG **\$1<sup>59</sup>**

HERSHEYS INSTANT  
**COCO MIX**  
16 OZ CAN **\$1<sup>39</sup>**

SUNSHINE  
**CRACKERS**  
1 LB BOX **79¢**

FROZEN FOODS  
BIRDSEYE COOL WHIP 8 OZ TUB **69¢**

MAXWELL HOUSE INSTANT  
**COFFEE**  
10 OZ JAR **\$4<sup>39</sup>**

AUSTEX  
**BEEF STEW**  
15 OZ CAN **69¢**

BAKERS COCONUT RICH & READY  
**ORANGE DRINK**  
LIQUID PALMOLIVE 22 OZ BOTTLE **\$1<sup>09</sup>**

HEFTY  
**GARBAGE**  
MED BAGS 20 CT **\$1<sup>23</sup>**

TOTINOS ASST PIZZAS 12 OZ EA **\$1<sup>19</sup>**  
BANQUET 20 OZ APPLE MINCE OR PUMPKIN PIES EA **98¢**  
VI— CUT OKRA 16 OZ BAG **98¢**

7 UP TAB OR  
**COCA COLA**  
6 FOR **\$1<sup>49</sup>**

LOG CABIN KITCHEN  
**SYRUP**  
24 OZ JUG **\$1<sup>29</sup>**

CAMPBELLS NO 1 CHICKEN & RICE  
**SOUP**  
2 CANS **69¢**

ANGEL FLAKE 7 OZ BAG **69¢**  
GAL JUG **93¢**

**SNOWDRIFT**  
WESSON 3 LB CAN **\$1<sup>69</sup>**

MAXWELL HOUSE  
**COFFEE**  
1 LB CAN **\$1<sup>98</sup>** LIMIT 1

CHICKEN OF SEA OIL OR WATER  
**TUNA**  
FLAT CAN **89¢**

FACIAL TISSUE  
**PUFFS**  
200 CT BOX **69¢**

BETTY CROCKER HAMBURGER  
**HELPER**  
ASST BOX **93¢**

**COFFEE**  
**FLOUR** GLADIOLA 5 LB BAG **89¢**  
**CATSUP** DEL MONTE 32 OZ JUG **99¢**  
**PARKAY** SOFT OLEO 2 LB TUB LITE EACH **\$1<sup>09</sup>**

COMSTOCK NO 2 CAN  
**CHERRY** PIE FILLING EA **\$1<sup>19</sup>**  
**PEARS** HALVES CAN **59¢**  
**GREEN BEANS** 2 FOR **63¢**  
**SWEET PEAS** 2 FOR **73¢**  
**SLICED CARROTS** 2 FOR **73¢**  
**NEW POTATOES** 2 FOR **73¢**  
**HUNTS NO SALT TOMATO JUICE** 46 OZ **79¢**  
**VAN CAMP 300 PORK & BEANS** 2 FOR **73¢**  
**DELSEY TISSUE** 4 ROLL CRTN **93¢**

CHOICE **BEEF ROAST**  
LEAN BONELESS  
CHOICE BEEF ROUND-POT ROAST BONE IN POUND **\$1<sup>89</sup>**  
PIKES PEAK POUND **\$1<sup>98</sup>**

CHOICE BEEF BONELESS CHUCK STEAK LEAN POUND **\$1<sup>99</sup>**  
CHOICE BEEF RUMP ROAST LEAN LB **\$1<sup>98</sup>**  
ARMOUR STAR TURKEY FRANKS 12 OZ PKG **85¢**

ARMOURS COLUMBIA BACON 1 LB PKG **\$1<sup>19</sup>**  
ARMOUR STAR CHICKEN FRIED BEEF PATTIES LB **\$1<sup>79</sup>**  
FRESH FROZEN BEEF LIVER LB **69¢**

MERKEL PLANT PURE PORK  
**SAUSAGE**  
2 LB BAG **\$3<sup>29</sup>**

ARMOUR STAR SMOKED  
**SAUSAGE**  
4 VARIETIES 1 LB PKG **\$2<sup>09</sup>**

BROASTED CHICKEN 8 PIECES FEEDS 4  
WE GIVE GIFT BOND STAMPS  
Double on Wednesday with \$5.00

**LETTUCE** FRESH FIRM HEADS HEAD **39¢**  
WASHINGTON EX FCY APPLES DELICIOUS LB **49¢**  
FRESH TOMATOES LB **79¢**  
CALIFORNIA NAVEL ORANGES LB **39¢**  
TEXAS GREEN CABBAGE LB **15¢**  
FRESH BN GREEN ONIONS **29¢**  
RUSSET SPUDS 10 LB BAG **\$1<sup>19</sup>**

FOREMOST HOMO MILK GAL JUG **\$2<sup>29</sup>**  
FOREMOST COTTAGE CHEESE 16 OZ **98¢**  
FOREMOST LOW FAT MILK GAL JUG **\$2<sup>19</sup>**  
BATH ZEST 4 BAR DEAL **\$1<sup>89</sup>**

WE WELCOME FOOD STAMPS  
**CARSON'S SUPER MARKET**  
BEST MEATS IN TOWN