

# The Merkel Mail

Thursday, March 24, 1983...Merkel, Texas

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## Details on LSG's 5.59% rate request

Abilene District Lone Star Gas Manager Marthe Harmon formally applied for her company's 5.59 per cent rate increase with the Merkel City Council last Monday night and this week The Mail is taking a closer look at the proposed rate.

In a cover letter to the council, Harmon said "The proposed increase in annual revenues is intended to allow Lone Star Gas the recovery of its expenses and also to provide Lone Star with the opportunity to earn a fair and reasonable rate of return upon their investment in the Merkel distributing system."

"Lone Star's last rate increase in Merkel occurred in August, 1980. Since that time, revenues have become inadequate to cover operating expenses and still allow a reasonable return. Even though these expenses have continued to rise, Lone Star Gas Company still has one of the lowest average gas costs and operating cost per customer among the major gas utilities."

Lone Star, in their last rate request, requested and received a winter and summer rate. The higher winter rate, is in effect seven months of the year...November through May. Lone Star requested this rate because of higher operating costs during the winter period.

### NEW RATES

The new residential rate is \$5 per month for a customer service charge for residential consumers and a charge of \$4.7428 per Mcf in the winter and \$4.4928 per Mcf during the summer.

The new commercial rate will be \$8 per month and \$4.7428 per month during the winter and \$4.4928 during the summer. You will notice that residential and commercial rates are the same for the gas actually used, the monthly customer service charge (minimum bill) is \$3 higher for commercial users.

In the rate increase request, Lone Star noted that there is no provision for a rate case expense. Lone Star said "If rate case expense is incurred in this current case, it is the intention of Lone Star to recover the current and any unrecovered prior rate case expense through a surcharge designed for a six month normal recovery period. The surcharge per Mcf would be calculated by dividing the rate case expense to be recovered by one half of the adjusted annual sales volume to residential and commercial customers. If there is not current rate expense, the Company will forgo recovery of any unauthorized prior rate case expenses."

### IMPACT HITS WINTER MONTHS

According to Lone Star's estimates, the impacts on utility bills will be easily seen during the winter months, the seven month period LSG customers are charged under the higher rate.

The new monthly bill for a residential customer using 6 Mcf of natural gas will be, \$33.46 in the winter and \$31.96 in the summer, an increase of \$1.97 in the winter and .47 cents in the summer.

A Commercial customer using 16 Mcf is currently paying \$79.83 and the new rate will find that total at \$83.88 in the winter and \$79.88 in the summer a difference of \$4.05 in the winter and only a nickel in the summer.

Lone Star is also eliminating their basic charges on service work to a rate "established by the normal forces of competition." Those services include appliance service, gas light service, air

conditioning service and yard line repair and maintenance.

Lone Star estimates it will receive \$424,461 in annual sales under the new rate from an estimated 950 customers here.

### WHAT HAPPENS IF COUNCIL APPROVES

The new rate, if approved by council at its April 11 meeting, will take effect on April 12. The April bills will be prorated with the old and new rate.

### IF COUNCIL DECLINES THE INCREASE

Lone Star will then take their case to the Texas Railroad Commission and ask for a ruling. Lone Star will also seek funds for their rate case expense and attorney fees.

The railroad commission can either suspend the case for an additional 30 days for further study, allow for a temporary rate for the period of the suspension and the increase will be put into effect until the rate case is resolved.

If the railroad commission takes no action following 90 days from the date LSG appeals, it will be placed into effect under bond.

During the test year that covered June 30, 1981 until June 30, 1982, LSG sold \$315,438 in residential gas and \$81,387 in commercial sales and \$13,722 in industrial and public authority sales. They also collected \$5,158 in fees and service charges.

Under the test year, Lone Star received a 2.51 per cent rate of return on their investment, or, made a profit of \$6,663 during the test year. Their proposed rate request would find an \$18,498 profit.

The company will also start charging a \$20 reconnect fee for gas during business hours Monday through Friday and a \$30 fee for weekends, after 5 p.m. and holidays. The \$5 fee for returned checks will remain in effect.

Lone Star will have one charge go up and that is their city and state revenue taxes that are tied to expenses. During the test year, Lone Star paid \$5,858.94 in city and state taxes and under the new rate they will pay \$6,416.27.

### MAJOR CHANGES OVER THE 1980 CONTRACT

Basically, the major change over the new contract are pretty obvious. The current contract with the city called for a minimum bill of \$2.25 per month and that will change to \$5 for residential users and \$8 for commercial users.

Also, the current base rate for gas under the old contract is \$2.0279, which is being doubled to \$4.02000 per Mcf.

### COSTS PER CUSTOMER

The new minimum of \$5 per month for residential customers will see a \$2.75 increase in the monthly bill before the add on charges of a higher rate for gas. Commercial customers will see that bill rise from \$2.25 to \$8.

The average increase per bill, according to Lone Star gas figures will go from \$69.12 to \$76.62 an increase of \$7.50 per user.

### CONTRACT SERVICES

Only the customers that use LSG's contract services will be feeling any pinch from the new rates. The old rate contract stipulated specific charges for specific types of work and the new contract allows for a cost "at private contract prices, that are competitive in the open market."

In other words, LSG will bid on a job that relates to service work outside of company maintenance and trouble shooting.

The Schulz's tried their best to keep their fruit trees from suffering major freeze damage here Sunday night. They left sprinklers on the trees overnight hoping the ice would protect young buds from damage. [Staff photo]



## Varsity boys 4th in Brownwood

The Merkel Badger varsity boys track team finished fourth of 12 teams competing in Division II of the Brownwood Bluebonnet Relays held this weekend.

Merkel's Mike McCoy was again the leading scorer as he placed third in the 100 meters and third in the long jump.

Others scoring were Wright sixth in the 3,200

meter run, the 200 meter relay team was third, Russell Lucas was third in the 800, Jimmy Don Rogers was sixth in the pole vault and 5th in the 110 hurdles, Sammy Tumlinson third in the pole vault and Roy Johnson was fourth in the shot put.

McGregor won the division with 91 points, followed by Coleman with 62, Clyde with 45 and Merkel with 44.

## FBC plans Easter special

Members of First Baptist Church, Merkel, have scheduled their Easter Musical March 27 during their morning worship hour at 11:00 a.m. The musical will be broadcast over KMIO 1500 AM dia and 102 FM. The musical will be presented by the Adult Choir under the direction of Roy Davis who is the Minister of Music. The name of the musical is Alleluia.

Alleluia is a service of praise. It is primarily intended as a praise-gathering for a body of believers. It seems that in the busy activity of the contemporary church we who are believers, those of us whose lives have been changed through a personal encounter with Jesus Christ spend too little time just praising the Lord. In this service we praise Him together as we reflect on His birth,

His life, His sacrifice on Calvary and His triumphant resurrection...we praise Him together as we share testimonies from the past and present of His marvelous dealings with men...we praise Him together for the assurance of His continued involvement in our lives as we trust Him and commit our lives to Him.

Alleluia is more than just the lyrics and notes of a musical production. It is an attitude...a spirit! From the very beginning everyone involved needs to join together in a spirit of praise and worship.

Pastor David Bugg and members of the First Baptist Church extends a cordial invitation to the community of Merkel to attend the Easter Praise service.

## Snow, school, special...and so on

by Cloy A. Richards

It snowed in Mulberry Canyon Saturday night. That's right, it snowed. It froze here Monday night, that's right, froze.

It must be spring time in West Texas, at least that's what the calendar says.

There are only a couple of more days before spring break is over and it will be back to school for MISD students as they have just a little more than eight weeks to go until the end of school.

Next year, things will be a little different around MISD, thanks to a couple of board policies adopted. One of them is being considered by the Abilene Independent School District and that is the minimum of seven periods of instruction for the class day.

Next year, all students except Seniors at Merkel High will have to pass four years of English, will have seven period class day and the new bottom grade for passing will be 70 not 60.

It's about time, even though we are way ahead in this move compared to larger school districts across the state.

There are some details in this week's Mail concerning the new rate request by Lone Star Gas.

Rate cases are among the most confusing news articles to cover because of the number of numbers, percentages and calculations used by a utility company to make a case for a rate request.

The city council postponed the rate request for

30 days last Monday and will take up the matter at their scheduled meeting April 11.

Did you happen to see NBC's Sunday movie "A Special Bulletin". It was a fake-to-life drama about some nuclear terrorists that ended with a nuclear device destroying what used to be Charleston, S.C.

The movie was well done and worth catching on the re-run when scheduled.

Don't forget that the registration for Merkel Little League and United Girls Softball will take place Saturday morning at the West Texas Utilities Building here.

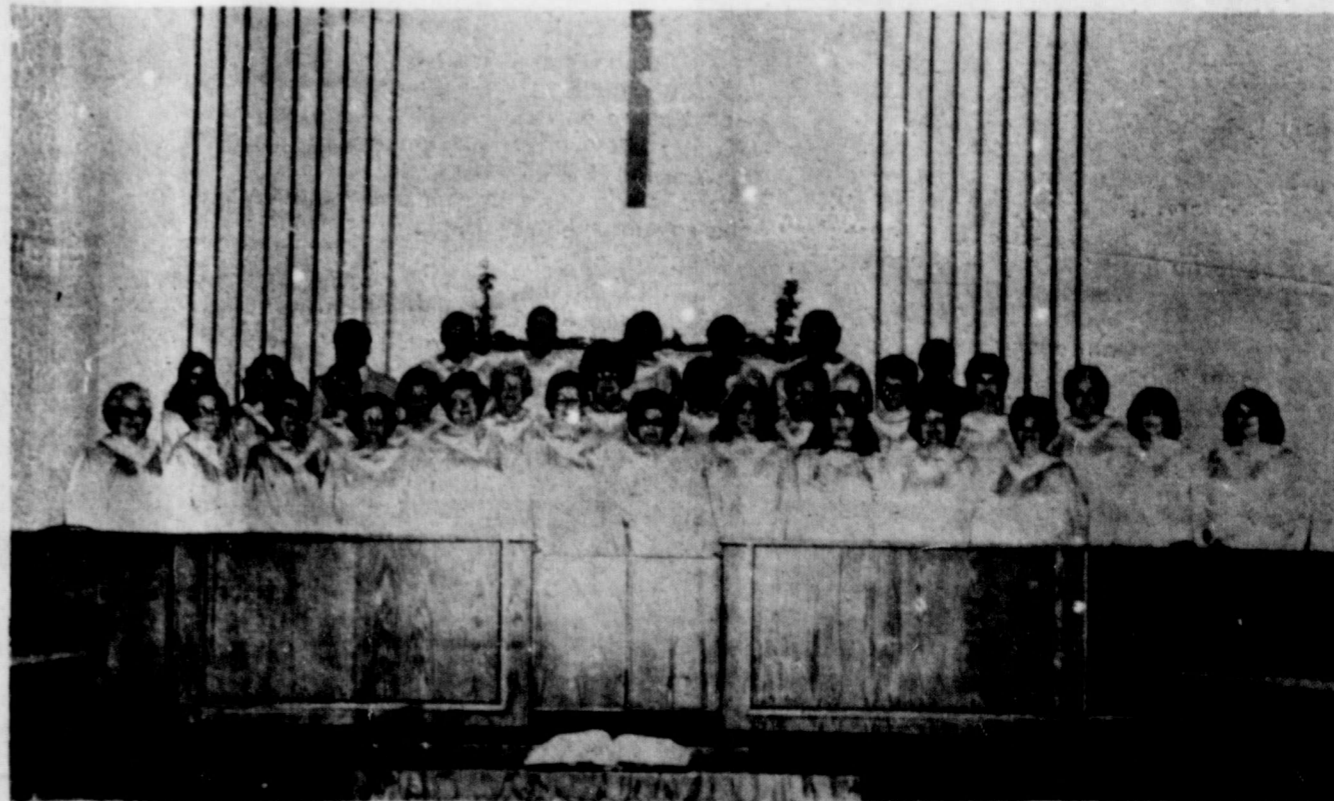
If the city council approves Lone Star Gas' rate increase request April 11, a consumer tip might be in order.

LSG will no longer be quoting prices for air conditioning and heating appliance service, trench work, yard line work or other service related.

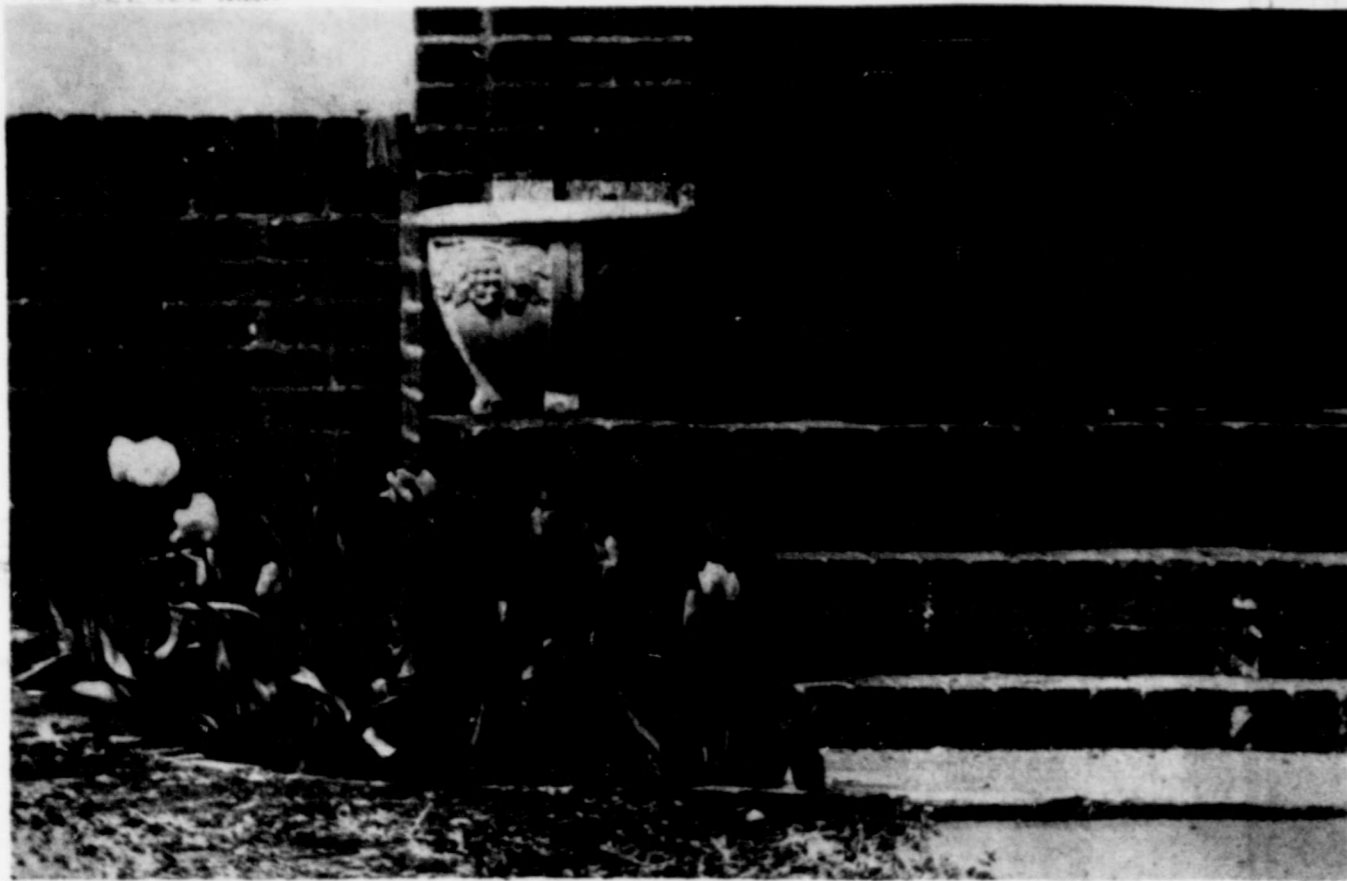
They will be basing their price on a rate "commensurate with current contract prices."

That's a nice way of saying they will charge you what a commercial contractor would charge for the work.

More details on the current rate request are on Page One this week.



Merkel's First Baptist Church Choir



Budding annuals signal the arrival of spring on Oak Street here, at least until Sunday night when the temperature dipped to 29 for seven hours and

brought on a hard freeze. There were reports of about an inch of snow in Mulberry Canyon Sunday night. [Staff photo]

## Newsbriefs

### Genealogy meeting

The West Texas Genealogical Society will meet March 26 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Later Day Saints in Abilene at 7 p.m.

The discussion will be **Indexing Pedigree Charts** and more information is available by calling 672-6996 or 692-2487.

### Tye Sr. Citizens

The Tye Senior Citizens will be holding their monthly musical March 26 at the Tye Senior Citizens Building.

Food sales will start at 6 p.m. and all area musicians are welcomed to attend.

### Son born

Mr. and Mrs. Donan Justice are proud to announce the birth of their son, Blaize Laron Justice, born March 14 at 6 a.m. at Hendrick Medical Center.

Blaize weighed five pounds and was 19 inches long at birth.

Maternal grandparents are Wanda McElmurray of Merkel and Joe Bert McElmurray of Trent and paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Larry Justice of Merkel.

### Son born

Bo and Carol Bewley Larsson of Reno, Nevada would like to announce the birth of their son Bo Tanner Wednesday March 16. Bo weighed 6 lbs and 6 ozs. Maternal grandparents are Jack and Rethel Bewley of Tye.

### Engagement

Mr. & Mrs. Jack Boone announce the engagement of their daughter, Cindy, to Joe Dan Knight of Lubbock.

Cindy is a graduate of Merkel and will be graduating in December from Texas Tech. Joe is a graduate of Lubbock High, has served in the US Army and is now employed by Metro Body Works.

The couple plans a May 21 wedding at the First Baptist Church Chapel in Lubbock. The couple will live in Lubbock.

### School menu

The school menu for Monday the 28th will be chicken fried steak with gravy, creamed potatoes, english peas, hot rolls and prunes. Tuesday the 29th is Bar B Q Links, pinto beans, cole slaw, corn bread and apricot cobbler. Wednesday the

30th is Mexican Fiesta with rice, lettuce, tomato, cheese, corn chips and rosey pears.

### Johnson named

The United States Achievement Academy announced today that Kenneth Roy Johnson has been named a 1983 United States Award Winner in Mathematics.

Kenneth Roy Johnson, who attends Merkel High School was nominated for this award by Adrian Hood and Robbie Hicks, Mathematics teachers at the school. Roy will appear in the United States Achievement Academy Official Yearbook, published nationally.

Roy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Johnson and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. T.E. Hallford of Trent, and

great grandson of Mrs. M.F. Watts of Cisco. He was also named to Who's Who In American High Schools for 1982-83.

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The wedding will be Saturday, April 23 at 4:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Estancia, N.M.

Miss Tindell attended West Texas State University in Canyon, Texas.

Mr. Tucker is a graduate of Merkel High School and West Texas State.

The couple is self-employed in Albuquerque, N.M.



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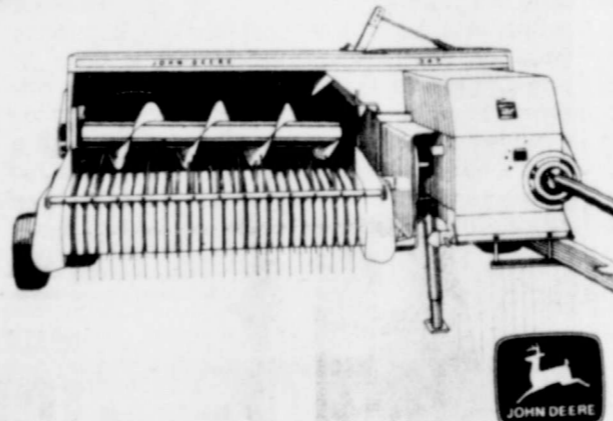
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## DWI costing Texas \$26.9 million per year

New figures showing that public drunkenness arrests cost the Texas criminal justice system \$36.53 million in 1981 will be presented at legislative hearings Monday (March 21).

The Senate Health and Human Resources Committee is scheduled to hold hearings at 4 p.m. in the Senate Chamber on Senate Bill 78 by Sen. Chet Brooks (D-Pasadena) and the House Public Health Committee at 2 p.m. or on adjournment in Room 410, Reagan Building, on its counterpart, HB 436 by Rep. Frank Madla (D-San Antonio).

This bill allows law officers the option of diverting public inebriates into alcoholism treatment, and sets up the treatment system.

The study, conducted for TCA by the Research Triangle Institute of North Carolina, shows public intoxication as the largest single category of alcohol-related crime. Total alcohol-related crime cost \$105 million in 1981.

Driving while intoxicated was the next most costly offense, with a total of \$26.9 million.

Ross Newby, TCA executive director, said that 262,451 persons were arrested for public intoxication in 1981, and 89,466 for DWI. Alcohol-related arrests of all types, including violent and property crimes, totaled 377,721.

"For 1982, the costs are undoubtedly higher," Newby commented, noting that there were 282,304 public intoxication arrests and 112,407 DWI arrests for that year, according to figures recently reported by the Texas Department of Public Safety.

## Poison Prevention

The Texas Safety Association, in connection with National Poison Prevention week, March 20-26, advised parents to follow these tips to prevent children from accidental poisonings.

1. Put away all household cleaners, solvents, paints and medicines in upper cabinets. Install child-resistant safety latches on cabinets that contain these poisonous substances.

2. Keep household chemicals in their original containers. Never store them in containers which children might associate with food.

3. Purchase medicines with childproof safety caps. Never refer to medicine as candy.

4. Children learn by imitating adult behavior. Let them know medicine is serious business.

5. Keep household plants out of the reach of children. Use hanging pots or high shelves to store them.

6. Syrup of Ipecac should be kept at home for poison emergencies. Purchase it at a local pharmacy and use it only on the advice of your doctor or poison control center. It will help induce vomiting.

7. Keep the telephone numbers of your family doctor and local poison control center near the phone. Have the poison container in hand when you call so you can describe what your child ingested.

Don't let a poisoning interfere in your child's life. Texas Safety Association says. Keep hazardous materials out of a child's reach.

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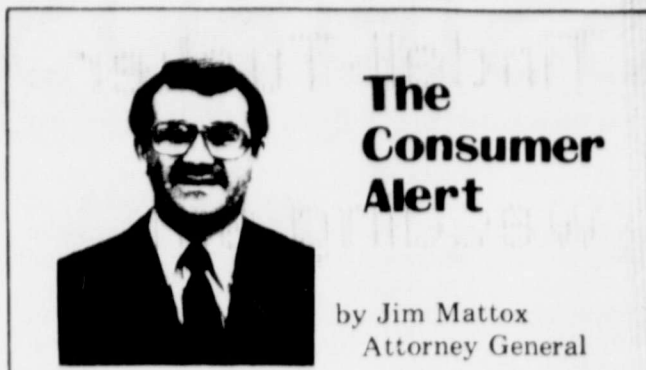
### PUBLIC NOTICE

Lone Star Gas Company, in accordance with Section 43(a) of Article 1446c V.A.T.C.S., hereby gives notice of the Company's intent to implement a new schedule of rates including a cost of service adjustment clause for natural gas service to be charged to the residential and commercial consumers in the City of Merkel, Texas effective April 12, 1983.

The rate schedule is expected to furnish a 5.59 percent increase in the Company's revenues from residential and commercial customers in the City of Merkel, Texas.

A Statement of Intent has been filed with the City of Merkel and is available for inspection at the Company's business office located at 1289 North Second Street, Abilene, Texas.

Lone Star Gas Company



## The Consumer Alert

by Jim Mattox  
Attorney General

AUSTIN—Door-to-door salespersons can provide a helpful service to some consumers, when the product or service they sell is legitimate.

But sometimes, the door-to-door technique is used by salesmen who are so overzealous they nudge customers into signing up for something they don't need, or don't want, or persuade them that they're getting a bargain which really isn't available.

The Consumer Protection Division of the Attorney General's Office has received many complaints, particularly in the area of magazine sales.

These include allegations that the salespersons misrepresented the reason for their call.

Instead of announcing that they were there for the purpose of selling magazines, they tried to invoke sympathy or interest, often using some of the following pitches:

—"I am taking a survey of reading habits."

—"I am working for points, in a scholarship contest."

—"I need your note to prove to my employer my value as a salesman."

—"I am doing special work in this school district."

—"I am offering a free magazine. All you have to pay for is the costs of handling and postage."

"Today, we can offer a free subscription to your favorite magazine, if you agree to buy these other four."

It is easy to see that all of these phrases boil down to the same basic message. The caller has something to sell.

Bonafide market surveyors are not in the business of making retail sales. And, certainly, a school district would not

authorize any firm to sell a product under the guise of conducting district research.

If you're not interested in a

## Preceptor Eta Omega meets

Preceptor Eta Omega, met Tuesday at the REA building. Hostess for the night was Mamie Steck.

Election of officers was held, they are as follows; President - Mamie Steck, Vice President - Louise Dubose, Secretary - Kathy Leverich, Treasurer - Connie Ybarra, and Extension Officer - Val Patterson.

Connie Ybarra gave a report on city coun-

magazine subscription, it would be best, of course, not to admit the person to your home.

If you are interested in buying a subscription, ask to see his credentials, and write down his name, the name of his company, his address and the company's address.

Don't be talked into signing any contract on the spot. Think it over.

Don't let yourself be fooled by a claim that a subscription will cost you "only pennies a day." Eight pennies a day would add up to \$29.20 a year.

## Public Notice

NOTICE OF ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF HERBERT BAILEY ROGERS, Deceased

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of HERBERT BAILEY ROGERS, Deceased, were issued on March 21, 1983 in Cause No. 15,755, pending in the County (Probate) Court of Taylor County, Texas, to:

BENJAMIN C. ROGERS

The residence of such Executor is Merkel, Taylor County, Texas. The post office address is:

BENJAMIN C. ROGERS

202 Ash Street  
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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 21st day of March, 1983.

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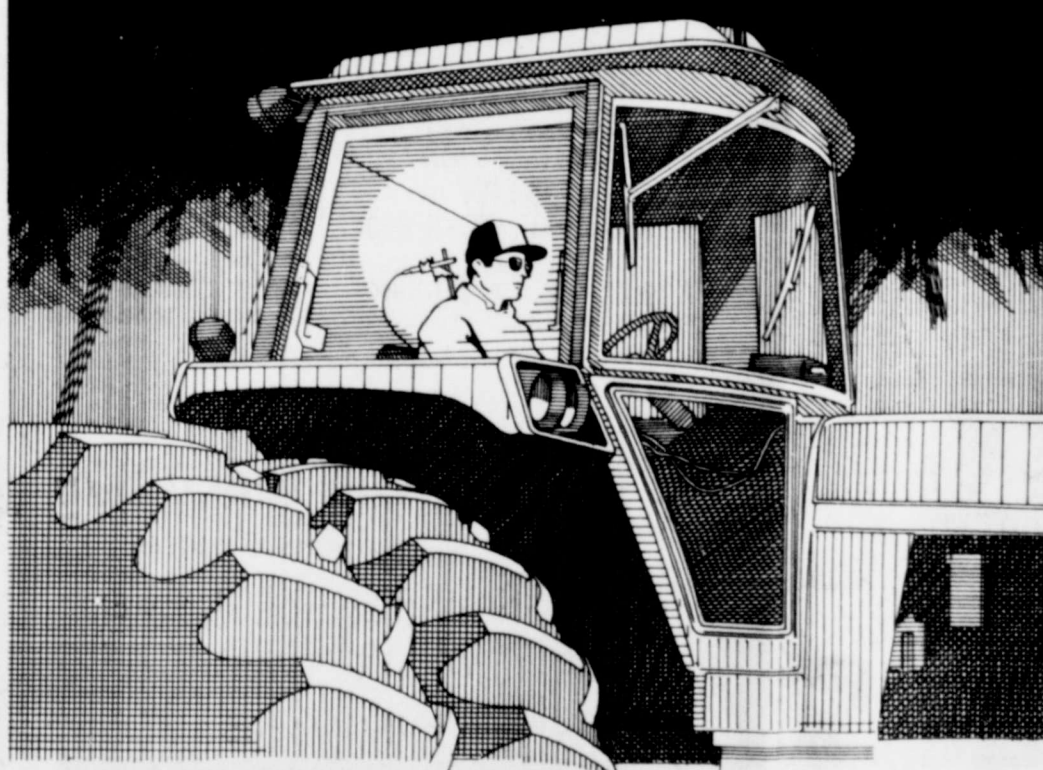
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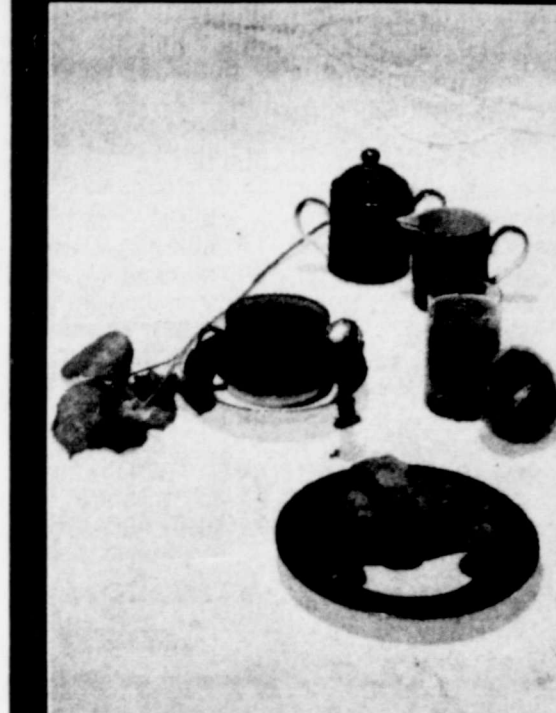
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# Chamber sets Easter egg hunt April 2

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graders at noon. Four prizes will be awarded in each category and the winners will be determined by random drawings throughout the hunt. The chamber is again asking Merkel businesses for donations in the way of candy or real eggs.

Persons wanting to donate or seeking more information should contact Martha Sue Justice or Salinda Giesler at 928-5722, 928-5017 or 928-5407. They will also be needing help in decorating the eggs.

## Junior High girls in Hamlin meet

The Merkel 7th Grade Girls participated in the Hamlin Junior High Tournament. Maxie Lang led the way as she won the 400 meter and was 2nd in the 1600 meter. Michelle Williams was sixth in the 200.

For the 8th grade, Kim Rich won the 800, Carolyn Lalley was 5th in the high jump, Clara Hererra was 5th in the 400. The 1600 relay team of Angie Moreno, Shirley Jackson, Staci Ferguson and Kim Weldrift was fourth.

## FFA horse show

The Merkel FFA is sponsoring a Horse Show May 14. The entry deadline is April 22 and there is a \$5 entry fee.

The show will start at 10 a.m. with the halter showing. The riding events will begin at 1. Contact Billy Riley or J. T. Naron for more information.

It will be an open show to anyone living in the Merkel School District.

## Walla, Luke at convention

Clara B. Walla and Esther Luke with delegates to the Woodmen of the World Life Insurance Society's 41st biennial Texas Jurisdictional Convention, March 25-27, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, in Fort Worth, it was announced today by Ruby L. Shipman, secretary of the local Woodmen Lodge.

## 7th grade boys 5th at Wall, 1st in Hamlin

The Merkel 7th grade boys placed 5th in a Junior High track meet at Wall last Friday and then won the Hamlin meet in Hamlin Saturday. At Wall, Ricky Doan lead the way as he was 4th in the long jump, 4th in the 70 yard hurdles and first in the high jump. Ramon Moreno was 2nd in the 230 meter run and 5th in the high jump. Lynn Hays was 6th in the high jump and Rodney Sittler 3rd in the 300 and 1st in the 1200.

Merkel outscored it's nearest competitor, Hamlin 96-84 to win the meet.

The 400 relay team of Albert Chavera, Britt Pursley Moreno and Doan was third, as was the 1600 meter relay team of Mike Farthing, Kenneth Jowers, Pursley and Sittler.

Moreno was 6th in the 300 meter, Sittler 2nd and Jowers 6th in the 400, Pursley 2nd and Doan 4th in the 110 hurdles, Jowers 5th in the 800, Sittler 1st and Tommy Nix 6th in the 1600, Pursley 1st, Doan 2nd and Jowers 5th in the high jump, Doan 5th in the long jump and Doan 1st in the pole vault, Pursley tied for second.



### First choice pick for this area.

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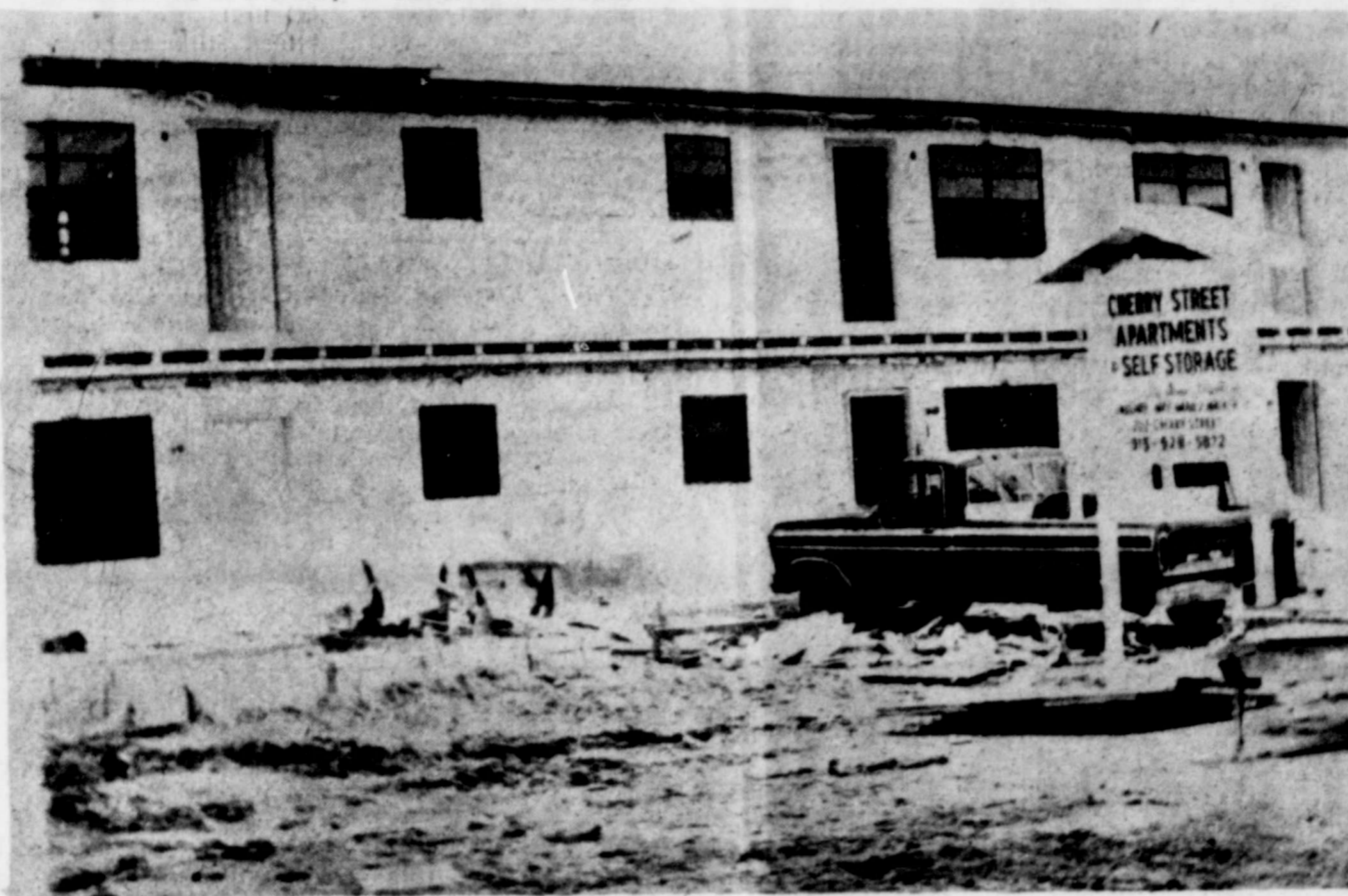
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Performance you can bank on.



Construction work on Merkel's new Cherry Street Apartments is moving right along and

should be ready for summer occupancy. They are being constructed by Omega Properties of Colorado City. [Staff photo]

## Extended Coverage



By Chris Young

It's good for a child's intellectual and emotional development to explore wherever his or her curiosity leads. It's also dangerous—unless the parent has wisely "baby-proofed" the home in advance.

Furniture with rounded edges, made of a resilient material, offers some protection. Avoid climbable etagères and bed canopies that beg to be pulled down. Painted surfaces should be lead-free.

Windows should be protected with guards or locks so that they can't be opened more than three inches. Gates at stairways should be at top AND bottom. Scatter rugs should be secured to the floor.

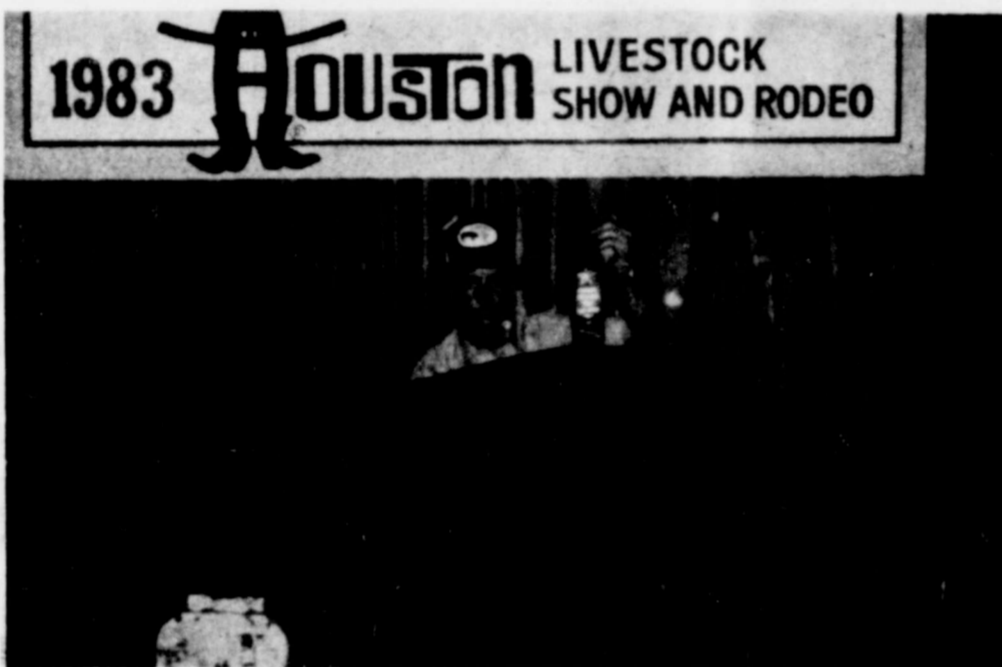
Bathroom and kitchen cabinets should be securely locked, especially those containing medicines or cleaning supplies. Keep poisonous substances in their original containers.

Dextrous children can get into trouble. Set back the water heater thermostat, so that a child who turns the hot water on won't be scalded. Put a gate around the stove, or get a cooktop with rear controls. Use outlet covers and cord shorteners to remove electrical temptations.

Your family safety is our concern. For all your insurance needs, see the experts at Boney-Young Insurance Agency, 1022 North 2nd, Merkel, Texas.



928-5151



Tommy Hays is shown here with his second place durac, that paid him a handsome \$2,800.50 in the show sale. [Complimentary photo]

### QUEENA HEARTS CLUB

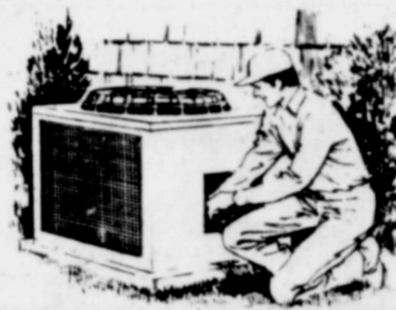
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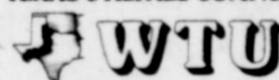


### Check Caulking and Weatherstripping!



Check all windows and doors, install weatherstripping and caulking where needed. It will save on both heating and cooling costs. An almost invisible 1/8" gap at the base of a standard 36" outside door is equal to a nine-square-inch hole in the side of your house. There are a number of easy-to-install felt and foam rubber products on the market to draft-proof doorways.

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MARCH 26 9-1

#### TIM PACK & CLEAR FORK

MARCH 27 5 p.m.

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APRIL 2 9-1

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