

The Merkel Mail

Thursday, April 7, 1983...Merkel, Texas

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Paving bids come in \$160,000 under budget

The Merkel City Council heard the bids they were wishing for Monday night at Heritage Hall as eight area contractors presented bids on the city HUD funded paving program.

The apparent low bidder was Bob and Bobby Nobles of Colorado City, who bid \$215,903.30 on the 70 plus blocks of paving. (See graph for streets that will be paved under the program on Page One.)

That bid is now being checked over by the city's engineering firm and, if it passes their test, will be awarded next Monday night in regular session.

They estimated their time of completion at 150 consecutive calendar days.

Eight firms had submitted bids on the paving and the city will now try to negotiate more blocks of paving with the contractor since they have about \$160,000 in additional funds. At the rate the Nobles bid came in per block, mayor pro tem Ted Smith told *The Mail* Tuesday it would pave an additional 50 blocks.

City manager J. A. Sadler said the city would ask the Nobles to extend their paving at the same per square foot rate to pave as many streets as money would allow.

City engineer Billy Jacobs told *The Mail* "The Nobles have been in business around the Colorado City area for a long time, but they have never done any work with our firm. We will retabulate their bid to make sure they can complete the job for their bid and also look at additional paving in the target area with several streets on the West side in particular.

We had a feeling the bids would come in at a pretty good price because there are not many major projects to be had in this area. We did get some awfully good bids."

City Council officially canvassed the election results of Saturday's vote and all three incumbents were returned to office.

Merkel mayor Kent Satterwhite, running unopposed received 135 votes and Council members Derrell Farmer and Larry Beasley were returned. Farmer tallied 125 votes, Beasley 105 and challenger Glenn Burton polled 54.

Ted Smith was re-named mayor pro-tem at Monday's special Council session.

Local CBG organizational meeting set

An organizational meeting for a Merkel Citizens for Better Government will be held at Tessie's Snack Bar Friday at 7:30 p.m.

About 200 area citizens have already signed a document supporting the idea of the organization according to Glynn and Lynn Melton, who brought copies of the signatures to *The Mail* Monday.

They said the organization is being started to promote the citizens interest in school and city politics, as well as watching how they spend money.

Lynn told *The Mail* "We are not starting a CBG to do what they did in Tye we are starting one here to prevent things like happened in Tye."

The brothers cited a wide range of issues that have been brought to their attention since starting to collect signatures a little over a week ago and said the meeting Friday was just to organize a group to act in the public's interest.

Merkel beauty pageant is April 16

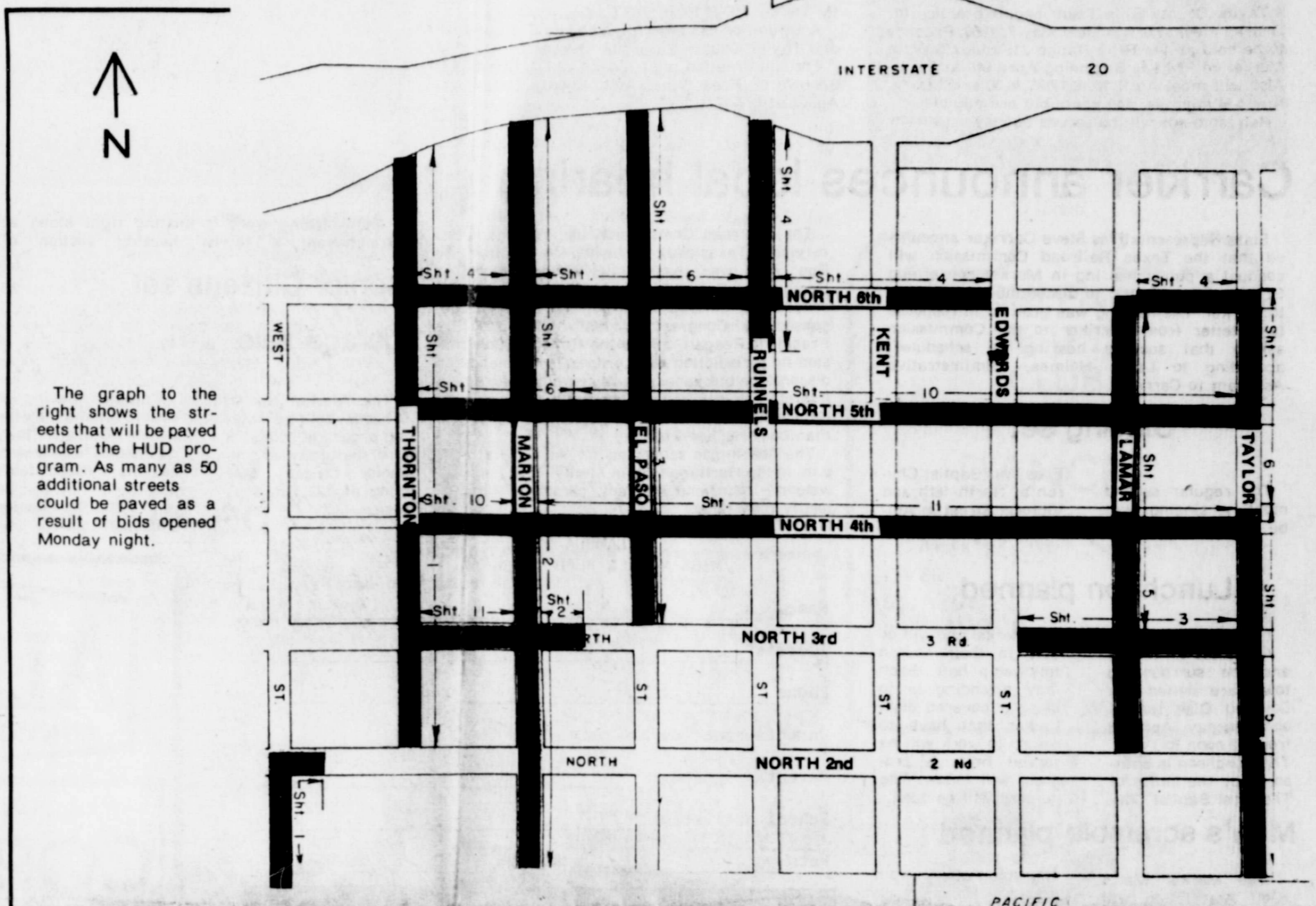
The annual Miss Merkel Beauty Pageant is scheduled for Saturday, April 16th at the Merkel High School Auditorium. Festivities will begin at 7 p.m.

All entrants are asked to fill out an entry form which you will find in *THE MAIL*. All forms must be turned in by April 11th to any member of Lambda Beta or at Ben Franklin.

Rehearsal will be held Friday April 15th at 3:30 p.m. at the High School Auditorium.

Representatives of Lambda are now in the process of contacting prospective sponsors. Sponsorship of an entrant will be \$10.00.

For more information please feel free to call Chera Hohertz at 692-3268 or Martha Sue Justice at 928-5017.



The graph to the right shows the streets that will be paved under the HUD program. As many as 50 additional streets could be paved as a result of bids opened Monday night.



Re-elected mayor Kent Satterwhite looks over Saturday's election returns with Merkel City Manager J. A. Sadler (left) at Heritage Hall Monday night. Satterwhite and council members

Derrell Farmer and Larry Beasley were reelected. Ted Smith was named mayor pro-tem. In the school race, Greg Henderson won a seat on the board and Leroy Teaff, running unopposed, was also re-elected.

Elections, CBG, bids...more

by Cloy A. Richards
The city elections are over, as well as the one contested race for a spot on the Merkel school board.

Derrell Farmer and Larry Beasley have been reelected to their seats on Merkel's city council and Kent Satterwhite reelected as mayor.

Greg Henderson will be joining the Merkel school board as he defeated Otto Brazell for that post.

Congratulations to the winners, thanks for caring to the others who sought election.

An organizational meeting will be held here Friday night for a local Citizens for Better Government Organization.

That meeting is set for 7:30 pm at Tessie's Snack Bar.

Speaking of CBG's, they took a beating in Tye and Abilene this weekend in city elections (Now don't anybody tie these comments with the above lines) and that was strange, especially in Abilene.

Harold Nixon, who happens to be a strong advertiser in *The Mail* at Abilene Farm, became the first independent council candidate elected in a while in that city and Tye's CBG lost out to the pro Snowden forces in Tye.

As Tye Turns will probably continue for a while.

Tune in the tv at 3:30 this afternoon (Thursday) for the scheduled space walk.

The good news came Monday night for people living on at least 100 streets in Merkel as they will be paved, if things work out exactly right.

Let's try to make this as clear as mud.

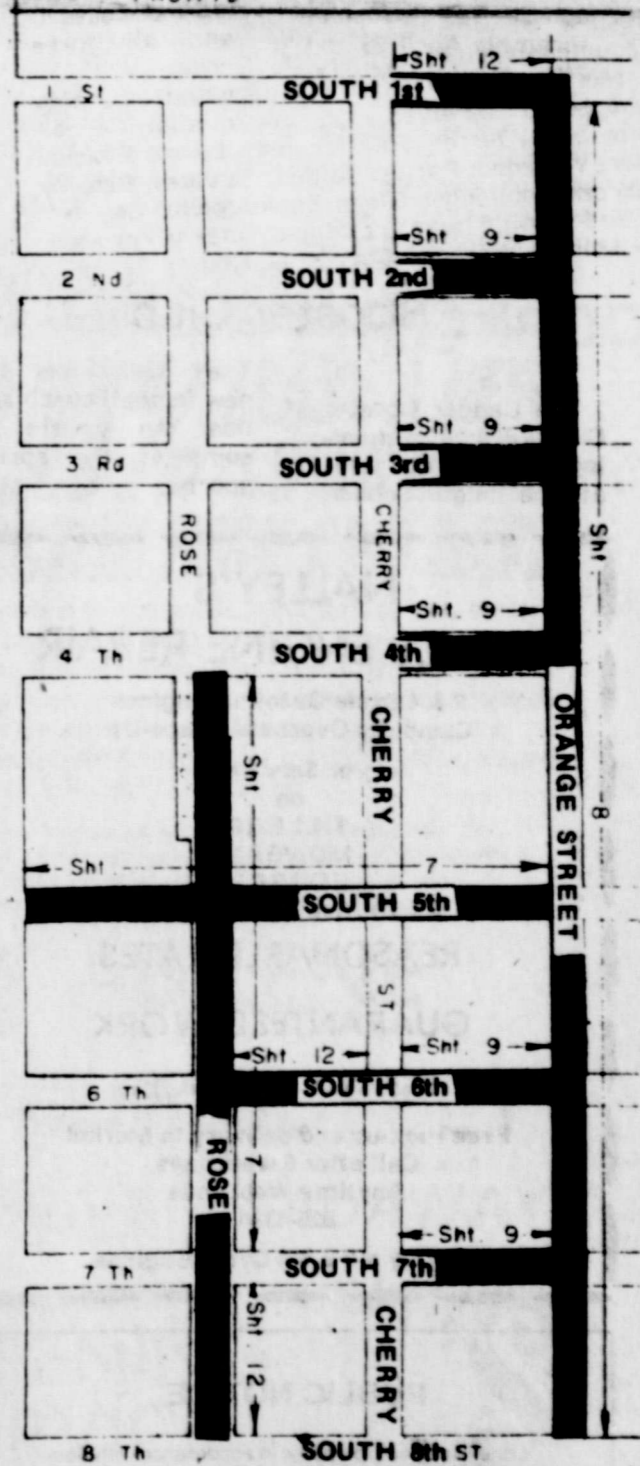
The apparent low bidder on the project bid \$215,000 give or take a few dollars on about 72 blocks of paving. The city has about \$375,000 or take a few dollars to spend on paving. That should be enough to pave about 125 streets, and the graph you see on Page One has 72 streets that will definitely be paved. The additional streets will have to be either horse traded with the low bidder, or re-bid as a separate project.

Now that I have you totally confused I will leave you with this. It's enough money to pave all the streets on the graph on this page, plus about 50 more and it doesn't cost the city a cent.

Now, we will explain the complex situation of land based nuclear weapons in Germany...

The Coogs lived, and died by the dunk.

(Please see Page 2)



Teaff elected new MISD board president

The Merkel school board held a special meeting Monday night at 7 p.m. to officially canvass Saturday's election returns and to reorganize the board.

In Saturday's elections 412 MISD voters cast ballots. Leroy Teaff, running unopposed garnered 377 votes and Greg Henderson defeated Otto Brazell 274, 107.

The new school board president is Leroy Teaff, vice president is James Boyd and Jack Ferguson has been named secretary.

Coogs slammed, scramble Sunday...

(Continued from Page One)

All over town Monday, sports fans were talking about how awesome "Phi Slama Jama" was Saturday, including this expert. No way can N. C. State put up with that.

And they didn't. Akeem had one conciliatory slam in the first half and played a heck of a game, but the Coogs saw their first ever chance

at THE CHAMPIONSHIP slammed by the jam.

Enough about sports. The Merkel Golf Association is sponsoring a Sunday Scramble at 1 p.m. Sunday and a two man scramble April 23 and 24.

County rifle team practice Sunday

Taylor County Rifle Team begins practice for District meet at San Angelo May 7, 1983. Practice to be held at 4-H Rifle Range 2 1/2 Miles S.W. of Merkel on FM 126. Beginning April 9th at 2 p.m. Also will meet April 10, 16, 17, 23, 24, 30 and May 1. Any 4-H member 9-19 years old are eligible. Refreshments will be served Sunday afternoon

by Merkel VFW Post 5683 Ladies Auxiliary. Ammunition has been furnished by F & M Bank and Taylor County Extension Officer. For information call Coach J.D. Sandusky 928-5170 or Fred Slute, Asst. County Extension Agent at 677-1711.

Carrkier announces local hearing

State Representatives Steve Carrkier announced that the Texas Railroad Commission will conduct a public hearing in Merkel concerning Greyhound's proposal to discontinue bus service to Merkel. The hearing was granted in response to a letter from Carrkier to the Commission asking that such a hearing be scheduled, according to Larry Holmes, Administrative Assistant to Carrkier.

The Railroad Commission has regulated bus service in Texas since 1927 when the Texas Motor Bus Act was passed. However, the Bus Regulatory Reform Act of 1982 has seriously eroded the Commission's powers. This statute, passed by Congress in 1982 and signed by President Reagan, allows the Railroad Commission no jurisdiction over proposals to change or discontinue bus schedules on combined intrastate interstate routes, except where a bus proposes to reduce its level of service to a Texas point to less than one trip per weekday.

The hearing is scheduled for April 13 at 1:00 p.m. in the Heritage Hall in Merkel. The public is welcome to attend and any person wishing to testify may do so.

Singing set

The regular second monthly singing will be at 2 p.m. at the

Free Will Baptist Church at North 16th and Victoria Street in Abilene.

Luncheon planned

All ladies of Merkel and the surrounding towns are invited to a Covered Dish Luncheon, Monday, April 18 from 12 noon to 1 p.m. The Luncheon is sponsored by the ladies of The First Baptist Church

Merkel and will be held in their church fellowship hall. Each lady attending is to bring a covered dish. Ladies that have to return to work will be served first. A program will follow. The nursery will be open.

Men's scramble planned

The Merkel Men's Golf Association will sponsor a two man scramble April 23 and 24th at the Merkel Country Club. Entry fee is \$80 per team and cash prizes will be awarded. The entry fee includes a meal Saturday follow-

ing the afternoon round. Carts are limited and players should bring their own if possible. More information is available at the pro shop by calling 915-928-5514 or THE MERKEL MAIL at 928-5712.

Booster Club

The Badger Booster Club will hold a meeting Thursday at 7 p.m. at the High School.

They will meet the new football coach and hear an update on some of the spring sports.

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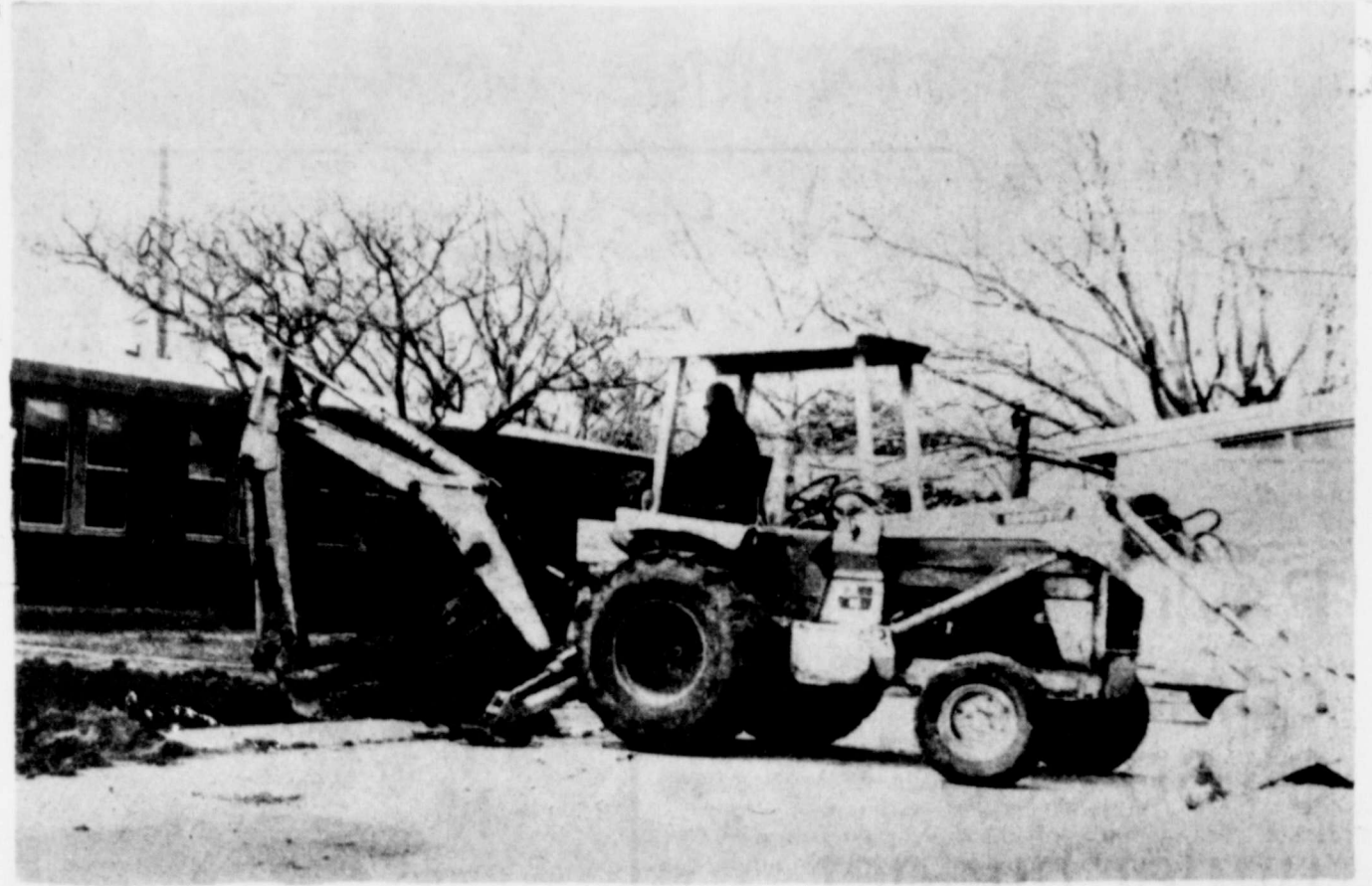
PUBLIC NOTICE

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



Refurbishing work is moving right along at Brickhaven, a family housing section of

government housing here. The project was approved last year to rehab units under a federal grant. [Staff photo]

Senior Citizens set garage sale

The Merkel Senior Citizens will be holding a garage sale at 8 a.m. Saturday at the Senior Citizens Building at 122 Edwards here.

Persons wishing to donate items to the Senior Citizens may call 928-5074. We will sell the donated items and the money will be put into the Senior Citizens Fund.

Easter visitors

Easter weekend visitors of Mrs. O. J. Reynolds and Bob were her grandson and family Mr. and Mrs. Royce Watkins and her son Andy of Hobbs, N. M. Other recent visitors

include grandson Douglas Watkins and his wife Pam of Snyder, and Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Watkins and daughter Darla and Dana of Canyon. Also, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Caperton of Eunice N. M.

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Chamber holds good hunt

The second annual CHAMBER OF COMMERCE EASTER EGG HUNT was a huge success. Almost 200 participants ran, hopped, screamed, and laughed their way into finding at least 250 dozen eggs which were a combination of dyed hen eggs and candy eggs. Pre-schoolers were the largest group and by far the most enthusiastic. Beautiful and semi warm weather with some wind made the hunt even better.

Merchants and individuals in Merkel made this hunt possible along with donations of money or eggs along with many volunteers that dyed, boiled, and hid the eggs. Contributions were made by the following:

The Dairy Bar, Amerine Heating & Air Conditioning, The Merkel Mail, P & L Auto Supply, Higginbotham Bartlett, Stanford's, Dunagin Transports, Braggs Dept. Store, Seymore Insurance, Boney Insurance, Taylor Electric, United Savings, Ann's Flowers, Shannonside, Plamer Pontiac, Merkel Drug, Farmers & Merchants National Bank, Hi Val Farm & Home Supply, Annie Walker, Ruby's Swirl & Curl, Merkel Locker Plant, Circle A Western House, Whisenhunt Grain, Bishop Auto Repair, Handy Food Store, Loretta Teague, Pat's Beauty Supply, Carson's Supermarket, Taylor Telephone, Ben Franklin, Frances Wilson, Hicks Auto Supply, Hope Patterson, Paula King, Johnnie Bowen, Emma Shugart, & Heidi Pack.

Co-Chairwoman Salinda Geisler along with the following put in many hours to make this hunt possible:

Debbie Liggin, Barbara Graham, Mychele Hammond, Lela Holden, Mrs. Bill Everett, Kathy Caroland, Cheryl and Natalie Schuknecht, Dee Goldsmith, Loretta Teague, Johnnie Bowen and Paula King. Several teenagers also helped hide eggs Saturday and they are also appreciated.

KRBC Television was on hand for our second

round of hunters and gave us an excellent coverage on the 10 p.m. newscast Saturday night. I know the parents got a big kick out of seeing their youngsters on tv that night, but during the hunt...the kiddos could have cared less about being caught on camera...they were strictly interested in finding those EGGS!

Prizes in three age groups varied from large Easter Baskets to gift certificates from the Dairy Bar. The following are the winners from each category:

PRESCHOOL

- 1st Prize - Linda Flores
- 2nd Prize - Danny Martinez
- 3rd Prize - Jeanette Lanford
- 4th Prize - Tabitha Garrett

KINDERGARDEN thru 2nd GRADE

- 1st Prize - Shera Hammond
- 2nd Prize - Jason Hammond
- 3rd Prize - Christi Brown
- 4th Prize - Denise Cargill

3rd & 4th GRADE

- 1st Prize - Benny Flores
- 2nd Prize - Stephanie Matteson
- 3rd Prize - Joshua Mashburn
- 4th Prize - Michelle Ingram

Video Game Gift Certificates from the Dairy Bar were awarded to: Chayla Miller, Virginia Flores, Terry Flores, Marc Jenkins, Rebecca Dunagin, Chad Oustead, and four teenage volunteers.

I am happy to say that we did have a few complaints from the parents concerning our hunt this year...several wanted to know when we were going to have a hunt for the adults...Well, I don't think any of us oldsters ever got over enjoying dyeing and hunting Easter Eggs...so, maybe next year we'll just have to plan something additional for all the over grown kids in Merkel!

by Martha Sue Justice

Turner-O'Dell wed recently

Laronda Turner became the bride of Carey John (Shorty) O'Dell March 5th in a ceremony read at Grace Baptist Church in Milan, New Mexico, with Rev. Ron McMillan officiating.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Turner of Bluemoon, New Mexico. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie O'Dell of Amarillo and formerly of Merkel. He is the grandson of Mrs. Truman Carey of Abilene and the great grandson of Amzy Dickerson of Merkel.

Matron of honor was Lori Turner. Bridesmaids were Carol Gowdy and Heidi Reid.

Amanda Forrester was flower girl. Ring bearer was Bart O'Dell, Brother of the groom and candlelighter was Angie Horn.

Guests were seated by David and Russell Turner, brother of the bride and Paul O'Dell brother of the groom.

Parents of the couple were hosts for the reception in the church fellowship hall. The bridegroom's parents hosted the rehearsal dinner.

A graduate of Pacific Coast Baptist Bible College at San Dimas, California, she is employed by Christian School in Amarillo.

The bridegroom graduated from Cap Rock High School and is a licensed pilot. He is employed by Royal Glass Co.

Following a wedding trip to Colorado, the couple will live in Amarillo.



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9.3 million Texas acres PIK'ed

Texas farmers have signed up en masse for the PIK (payment-in-kind) program and plan to take some 9.3 million acres out of crop production for the 1983 season.

Half of the Taylor County cotton land will be out according to the county ASCS office.

The 9.3 million-acre reduction is out of a base of almost 24 million acres of wheat, cotton, grain sorghum, corn, rice, barley and oats.

Farmers will idle 3.5 million acres of cotton out of a base of 8.1 million; 3.1 million acres of wheat out of 7.4 million; 2.4 million acres of corn and grain sorghum out of 6.9 million; 300,000 acres of rice out of 600,000; and 35,000 acres of oats and barley out of 628,000.

The land being idled in Texas is part of some 82 million acres or about a third of the U.S. cropland being taken out of production this year.

Farmers in Texas as well as the other states went for the PIK program in a big way," says Dr. Carl Anderson, economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System. "After three years of building supplies and experiencing low prices and incomes, farmers were ready to participate in PIK, a program devised to pay farmers with surplus farm commodities for taking their land out of production."

Despite the drop in cotton acreage, Texas farmers could still produce a crop equal to or better than last year's which was sharply reduced when hail destroyed some 2 million acres in the south plains, notes Anderson. Of course, weather again will be a big factor this year. And yields likely will be up because farmers will be using their best acres, having idled their least productive land.

Wheat, corn, grain sorghum and rice should be down sharply in Texas due to sign-up in PIK, but again weather conditions and farming of the most productive land will be key factors, says the economist.

"With the reduced production this year and an improving economy in the U.S. and abroad, farmers should see some strengthening in crop prices," believes Anderson. "Some price improvements have already started in some commodities in anticipation of this year's reduced production. Also, export activities may pick up soon if other countries see the current market situation as most favorable instead of risking higher prices later in the year."

Stronger market prices along with lower interest rates and lower production costs should get farmers back on the road to economic recovery in the year ahead, says the economist.

Salsbery promoted

Rocky L. Salsberry, son of John R. and Eva M. Salsberry of Tye, Texas, has been promoted in the U.S. Air Force to the rank of senior airman. Salsberry is an aircraft maintenance specialist at Dyess Air Force Base, Texas, with the 463rd Tactical Airlift Wing.

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 by Chris Young

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The wise move: a personal articles floater to cover your valuables. Usually each item must be scheduled and appraised by a recognized professional. Do-it-yourself inventories, while helpful, are not detailed enough regarding quality or current condition.

To choose an appraiser, get recommendations from friends, insurance brokers, or bankers. There are specialists such as gemologists or antiques experts; a generalist may inventory your whole house. Most charge by the hour or the day, rather than for a percentage of value.

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You can borrow money using your equity to put a wet bar in your den, but not to start or invest in a business. And if you had a real emergency, such as large medical bills or funeral expenses, you'd

have to sell your home to be able to use its value. That's right—you'd have to sell your home!

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Together, we can guarantee Texans the right to choose. If you are interested in joining the T.H.V.A., or if you would like more information, please write to me in care of the address below. Sincerely,

R.L. Knox
 Texans for Home Value Access
 409 W. 14th St.
 Austin, Texas 78701

Pecos leads state

Pecos County was the leading crude oil producer among Texas' 254 counties in 1982 with a total output of 50,472,279 barrels, according to preliminary figures tabulated by the Railroad Commission's Oil and Gas Division for last year's hydrocarbon production.

Taylor County produced 259,339 Mcf of gas, 4,541 barrels of condensate, 2,266,860 barrels of crude and 2,362,657 Mcf casinghead gas.

Pecos County was also the leading gas producer in 1982 with 299,582,487 Mcf, down from 402,237,131 Mcf the previous year when it also led the state.

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Notice

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Thomas B. Masters, address unknown, Defendant, GREETING:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock AM of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 22nd day of April AD 1983, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 7th day of January AD 1983, in this cause, numbered 37,914-A on the docket of said court and styled D&J Operating, Inc., Plaintiff, v.s. Thomas B. Masters, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff prays for judgment against the Defendant for \$6,644.71

plus interest, attorney fees, costs of court, and for such other and further relief to which plaintiff may be entitled, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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 the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this 11th day of March AD 1983.

Attest: Rilla Mahoney Clerk, 42nd District Court Taylor County, Texas By Kelly Gandy Deputy.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Merkel, Texas will hold two public hearings on the City's 1983-84 Budget and the City's General Revenue Sharing Budget.

The first hearing will be held at 7:00 p.m. April 11, 1983 and the second at 7:00 p.m. April 25, 1983 in City Hall, 107 Lamar Str.

Any interested party is invited to attend.

Mayor Kent Satterwhite

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF RUBEN CLOUD DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Temporary Administration for the Estate of Ruben Cloud were issued on March

9, 1983, in Cause No. 15,748 pending in the County Court of Taylor County, Texas, to:

DAVID LEE SMITH
The residence of such Temporary Administrator is 5117 Congress, Abilene, Texas 79603. The post office address is: GLANDON, ERWIN, SCARBOROUGH, BAKER, CHOATE & ARNOT P.O. Box 3659 Abilene, Texas 79604

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 31st day of March, 1983.

GLANDON, ERWIN, SCARBOROUGH, BAKER, CHOATE & ARNOT
By: LEE COX
Attorney for the Estate



Some studies have shown that people working at home put in 20 percent more time than those working at the office.



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Combs promoted

Joe W. Combs, President of USLIFE Title Co. of San Antonio, has announced that Janie Grimmitt has been appointed to the position of marketing representative. Grimmitt will function as direct and exclusive liaison between USLIFE Title Co. and the broker-agent market in San Antonio and Bexar County real estate business. Ms. Grimmitt is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Breaux of Merkel.

MISD menu

The MISD Menu for Thursday the 7th is

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Salisbury Steak, mixed vegetables, lettuce salad and dressing, angel biscuit and pineapple pudding. Friday the 8th will be Hamburgers and

orange wedges. Monday the 11th will be Bar B Q Links and baked beans with fried okra and apricot cobbler. Tuesday the 12th

Sliced Turkey with gravy and rice and green beans, buttered carrots and peaches

with whipped topping. Wednesday the 13th will be Tin Can Casserole with potatoes

and carrots. Also mixed salad with choice of dressing and rice crispie bars for dessert.

Harris hosts Xi Nu Chi

Xi Nu Chi met March 29 at Pleasantville with Connie Harris as hostess and captain. Connie brought a program on relaxation. Officers for 1983-84 were elected and Anita Allen was chosen as Girl Of The Year. The officers are: President-Vonne Dena Tumlinson; Vice-President-Peggy Valentine; Recording Secretary-Nancy Johnson; Corresponding Secretary-Janice Smith; Treasurer-Anita Allen; Extension Officer-Ginny Yaddow; City Council Representative-Connie Harris; Alternate to City Council-Vicki Rodriguez. Refreshments were served to the following members: Ginny Yaddow, Mary Hill, Judy Elliott, Blanche Hewitt, Minyon Seymore, Janice Smith, Anita Allen, Peggy Valentine, Connie Harris and Vonne Dena Tumlinson.



Carey

Wadley-Carey wed

Linda Wadley became the bride of Alvin (Buddy) Carey in a ceremony read by Justice of the Peace Clarence Collins. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Bill Reid and the late Mr. Reid of Borger. The bridegroom is the son of Mrs. Truman Carey of Abilene and grandson of Amzy Dickerson of Merkel. A graduate of Borger High, the bride is employed by Texas Instruments. The bridegroom attended school in Trent and Merkel. He is a technician at Texas Instruments. The couple resides at 1881 Jackson in Abilene.

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 MON-FRI 11-2
 6:30-8:30
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<p>NO. 1 5 Lbs. Cube Steaks 5 Lbs. Ground Beef or Patties 5 Lbs. Pork Chops or Steaks 5 Lbs. Fryers, Cut Up 25 Lbs.</p> <p>\$43.95</p>	<p>NO. 2 PACK U.S.D.A. CHOICE 5 Lbs. Ass'd Steaks 5 Lb. Ass'd Roast 5 Lb. Ground Beef or Patties 5 Lb. Cut Up Fryers 5 Lb. Pork Steaks 25 Lbs.</p> <p>\$43.95</p>	<p>NO. 3 PACK 10 Lb. Ass'd Steaks 10 Lb. Chuck Roast 10-1st Ground Chuck Qty. Gr. Beef 5 Lb. Boneless Beef Steaks 5 Lb. Cutup Fryers 5 Lb. Pork Sam. Patties 45 Lbs.</p> <p>\$79.95</p>	<p>NO. 4 PACK U.S.D.A. CHOICE 10 Lb. Rib Steaks 10 Lb. Rd. Steaks 10 Lb. Gr. Beef 10 Lb. Ct. Roast 5 Lb. Boneless Brisket 5 Lb. Pike Peak Roast 50 Lbs.</p> <p>\$89.95</p>
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BEEF SKIRT
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15-1 Lb. Gr. Beef
Not Less Than
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10 Lbs. Sirloin Steaks
10 Lbs. T-Bone Steaks
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Boneless	\$2.99
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RAINBOW	\$2.99
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5 LB. BAG

\$6.98

FRYER BREASTS BONELESS
5 LB. BOX

\$14.59

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3 LB. BOX

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FRESH SPLIT FRYER BREAST 1 LB \$1.39

GOOCH B R GERMAN STYLE SAUSAGE 12 OZ PKG \$1.33

HICKORY SMOKED BACON SLAB BULK LB \$1.59

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