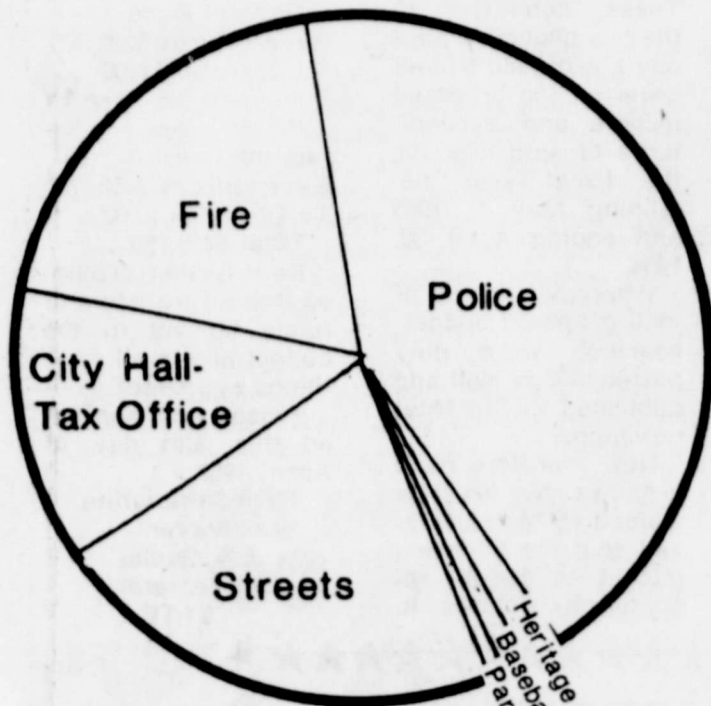


The Merkel Mail

Thursday, April 28, 1983... Merkel, Texas

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Expenses

City adopts new budget

The Merkel City Council formally adopted the new 1983-84 city budget Monday night and although the budget includes a fourth police officer, council will wait until October before deciding to hire the additional man. The budget also includes a 22 per cent increase in water purchases from the city of Abilene.

Although the city did not approve a water pass along increase Monday night, it will be considered in the near future. Council member Larry Beasley said he did not see how the city could absorb the \$37,000 increase in water purchase costs and that the fee had to be passed along. Council agreed with his suggestion.

Council did pass an ordinance that will raise the rates for new water-sewer taps. The city had been performing that work at cost but will now charge \$100 plus materials for a water tap and the same charge for a sewer tap. The total bill to a new customer will be between \$300 and \$450.

Concerning the fourth police officer, Merkel mayor pro tem Ted Smith suggested council leave the additional patrolman in the budget but wait until October, when property tax money starts coming in, to evaluate hiring the policeman. Council also agreed with that point.

Tax collections were a sore spot for the city this year and Merkel City Manager J. A. Sadler told council the city was preparing delinquent notices to go out as soon as possible. The short collections applies some budgetary problems for the city this

year because collections fell \$17,000 short of their budgeted amount.

The only other major problem in last year's budget was the cost of street lights that caused a few problems in the street department budget.

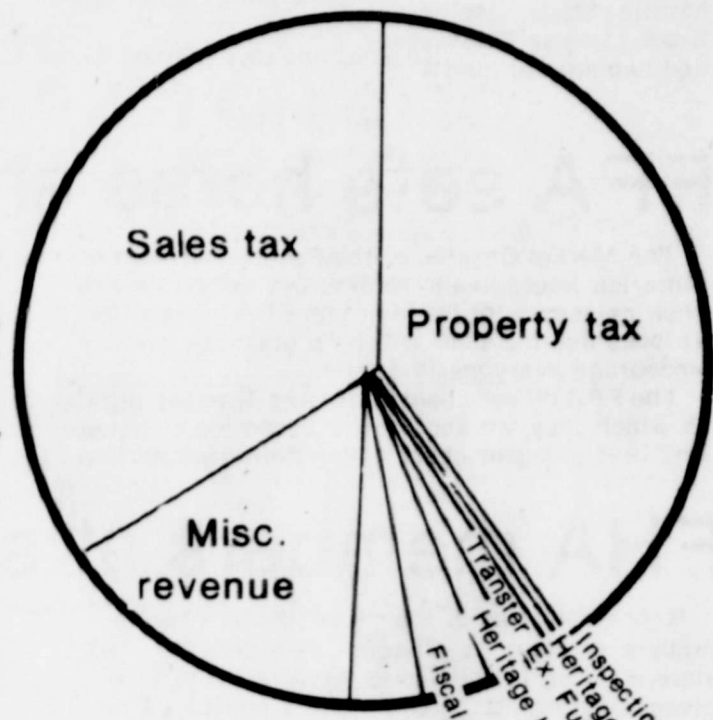
Budgets for the major departments in the city this year include \$32,520 for the tax office and city hall, \$45,260 for streets, \$39,400 for fire protection, \$95,250 for police protection, \$1,700 for parks, \$7,300 for Heritage Hall and \$4,865 for baseball parks.

The water-sewer-sanitation departments will spend \$455,750 this year and are projected to take in the same amount.

When asked by councilman Beasley if the city can live with the budget, Sadler replied yes, but it would be another close year.

Since property evaluations will not be available until July or August, it was impossible for council to set the ad valorem tax rate for new taxes.

In other action, council saw Sadler's proposal for the additional blocks of paving that will be allowed because of the low paving bids. As many as 100 blocks are projected to be paved and Sadler is now sending his plan to be scrutinized by the engineering firm and the paving contractor. The Mail will again publish a map of the streets that will be paved as soon as the map is made available to us.



Income

Lions club sale set May 17

The Merkel Lion's Club will be taking order May 17 for cleaning supplies and proceeds from the sale will benefit the Lighthouse for the Blind as well as sponsor Merkel Lions Club activities.

Merkel Lions Club member Chris Young said they will be selling mops, mop heads, wisk brooms, door mats, floor mats, pot holders, brushes, dust pans, sponges and towels as well as other cleaning supplies.

The Lions hope to have an order form printed in next week's Mail and said they would be canvassing local neighborhoods on May 17.

Scramble results

The following are the results of the two-man scramble held at The Merkel Country Club this weekend. The event was sponsored by the Merkel Golf Association.

- Championship Flight
Fudge & Wyatt-130, Aldridge & Anderson- 132, Lassiter and Reed-132 and Benson & Doan 134.
- First Flight
Harris & Robertson 139, Minor & Scoggins 143, Shugart & Shugart 143 and Hicks & Gray 144.
- Second Flight
Hendricks & Gardner 144, Thomas & Windham 146, Lomas & Lomas 147, Razor & Razor 148.
- Third Flight
Doan & Day 151, Doan & Doan 152, Jay & Edmonson 153 and Miller & Krejil 154.
- Forty-eight teams entered the tournament.

Jr. High track

The middle school track season was completed last week with district meets. The following results were turned into The Mail.

7th Grade Girls
The team placed fourth with 88 points. Scoring Merkel were Sheila White 4th and Kim Watson 5th in the shot put, White 5th in the discus, Carolyn Lally, 3rd in the high jump, Beverly Williamson 6th in the 2 mile, the 440 relay team of Kerry Rich, Amy Stuckey, White and Clara Herrera was 3rd.

Also, Shirley Jackson was second and Stuckey 3rd in the 880, Herrera 5th in the 440, the 880 relay team of Stuckey, Rich, April DuPont and Angie Moreno was 4th.

Kerry Rich took the team's only first place by winning the mile and Jana Petty was sixth. The mile relay team of Stacey Ferguson, Moreno, Petty and Shirley Jackson was third.

8th Grade Girls
The 8th grade girls finished sixth with 58 points. Scoring for Merkel were Kim Welding 3rd in the long jump, 5th in the 100 and first in the 220, Kim Taylor 4th in the 880 and the mile relay team was 3rd with Welding, Taylor, JoAnn Mendez and Anna Dela Cruz on that squad.

7th Grade Boys
The Merkel 7th grade boys finished second in their district meet to Breckenridge. The squad won three track meets this year, placed second twice and was third in the other.

Scoring for Merkel were Rodney Sittler 2nd in the mile, the sprint relay team of Albert Chavira, Britt Pursley, Ramon Moreno and Ricky Doan was first, Mike Farthing was 1st in the 880, Sittler was 2nd and Farthing 5th in the 440, Moreno was second in the 330 hurdles, Pursley first and Doan second in the 120 IM high hurdles.

Also, Chavira first in the 100 and Lynn Hays 5th and Chavira was second in the 220. Tommy Nix was second in the 3200 run and Richard Eleby was fourth, Pursley won the pole vault and Doan won the high jump and Pursley was second. Moreno was 4th. In the long jump, Hays was third, Moreno 4th and Doan 5th. Tony Roberts was 5th in the discus and the mile relay team, running their best time of the year was second. That team included Farthing, Moreno, Pursley and Sittler.

City budget, Merkel 1 Greyhound 0, band...more

by Cloy A. Richards

The new city budget looks like the old city budget in many ways, until you get to water purchase where the city will be spending an additional \$37,000 to buy water from the city of Abilene. If that costs were passed along to the average customer, it should run between 25 and 50 cents to each water bill.

Those of you who know anything about the city budget should know the city can't possibly absorb \$37,000 in additional expenses and if you can find a place to save \$37,000 you can come over to my office and show me where on my copy of the budget.

Something will have to be done about that, especially if Ray is to receive his fourth police officer.

The "Doan Invitational" (actually the Merkel Men's Golf Association 2 man scramble) went over pretty well this weekend and my partner and I did win the media flight, but that was all we won. A quadruple bogey and a double bogey broke our backs. Some locals did well, Lloyd Robertson and Walter Harris fashioned a fine six under par 66 to win the first flight, D. C. Hendricks and Terry Garder won the second flight edging local die hards Gaston Thomas and Bobby Windham in the second flight, Steve and Brad Shugart finished tied for second in the first flight and the association made a little profit to go along with a little sun burn Sunday.

I did not mind one bit being wrong last week with my guess the Hearing Examiner made last week denying Greyhound's request to drop service to 58 Texas cities. I had a short chat with Renee McRight, the hearing examiner by phone Monday morning and said she would make her recommendations to the examiners in May. She said they pretty well go along with her recommendations, although not all of the time, but said Greyhound can appeal the commission's ruling to the Interstate Commerce Commission in Washington D. C. if they are turned down at the state level. I hereby volunteer to attend the hearing in DC if Gaston and Bobby will loan me some of their golf winnings.

The Merkel High band and choir, along with the junior high band will present a concert Thursday at 7 p.m. at the school auditorium.

Trent schools will be holding kindergarten registration May 4 from 9 until 2 p.m. A child must be at least five years old by Sept. 1 and must bring a shot record and birth certificate to register. You may register your child between 9 and 2 a.m.

It's already time to start making some plans for Fun Day, set July 4th which is a Monday. Martha Sue called Tuesday and said the deadline for food booths will be May 24 if a group or organization wants to sell the same things they sold last year. After that date, those items will be released to other interested groups. Call 928-5722, 928-5017 or 928-5407 to make those reservations.

Board pays Tye school debt

The Merkel school board paid the last payment on the Tye school building, heard a report on lease purchasing a school building and committed funds to help the school annual at their regular session held at the high school library Tuesday night.

The board also expelled a 14 year old middle school student for the remainder of the year for disciplinary reasons.

The bulk of the meeting centered around a presentation by William R. Corbett who owns a firm that specializes in lease purchase of buildings for schools and other governmental agencies.

He explained to the board a \$2 million bond issue based on a 15 year payout compared to the lease payment over the same time would save the school district a little more than \$221,000 over a 15 year period. That amount just about equals a savings of one year of payments.

If a school enters into such an agreement, the money would have to come from the general operating fund of the district, according to Corbett.

The board spent most of their time asking questions concerning the legalities and ramifications of such a lease purchase and superintendent Bill Everett said the board would not be ready to speak seriously toward the subject until the start of school next year, when actual enrollment can be measured. MISD has been growing about 125 students per year in recent years. That growth has put both the elementary and the middle schools at the bursting point.

Police in bomb scare case

Merkel police are still working on the recent rash of bomb scares at Merkel Middle school as there have been five threats in two weeks.

The latest call was made Monday morning to the Tye cafeteria with the caller saying a bomb would go off in the school at 10 a.m. Monday morning.

The latest caller appeared to be an older Spanish male.

The school board has offered a \$500 reward for the arrest and conviction of the caller and persons having leads in the case are asked to contact Merkel Chief of Police Ray Pack.

Trent students fare well in UIL

Junior High and elementary students from Trent participated in the district UIL contests held at Leuders-Avoca on April 13. Students and advisors are to be commended for a job well done. Results from the meet are as follows.

Winning First places were Scott Bloodworth in storytelling, B. J. Poindexter in number sense and Luci Masonheimer in spelling and plain writing.

Placing second were Luci Masonheimer and Robert Childress in number sense.

Steve Lamm was third in number sense, John Thomas, Lisa Penton and Veronica DeLaCruz were 4th in picture memory and Kimm Orr was 4th in spelling and plain writing.

Shelli Boles was 5th in spelling and plain writing and Martha Wood, Naomi Lamm and James Funderberg were 6th in spelling and plain writing.

Newsbriefs

Omega meets

Preceptor Eta Omega chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met Tuesday at the home of Connie Ybarra.

President Mamie Steck presided over the meeting. A model meeting was presented by Jocille Brady and Louise DuBose.

Refreshments were served to the following members: Liz Eager, Kathy Leverich, Val Patterson, Opal Garner, Connie Ybarra, Mamie Steck, Jocille Brady, Louise DuBose and two special guests

Bettye Conley and Betty Satterwhite.

Baseball

Tryouts for junior division ages 13, 14 and 15 years old boys will be April 30 at 10 a.m. Tryouts will be held at the Tri-City baseball field and all boys will be on a team.

This is also a sign up day for all boys in junior division. All boys must sign up if you were on a team last year.

Any boy playing baseball in high school will not sign up until their season is over.

Recital set

The students of Tressie Lucas will be presented in recital Friday night at 8 p.m. at the Methodist Church here.

The following students will take part: Shayla Miller, David

and Albert Chavira, Jason Koford, Shayla Miller, Josh Mashburn, Dustie Baldree, Amy Sparks, Christi Moore, Sarah Edwards, Eilyn and Glynn Ann Rutledge, Mandy Barnett, Tanya Beasley, Rebecca and Rosa Oviedo, Angela Carson and Richa Hill.

The public is invited to attend.

Fortnightly on tour

Six members of the Fortnightly Study Club went to Albany April 23 for a field trip.

The tour of the museum and courtyard was conducted by Mrs. Polly Wheeler and Mr. Riley Nail.

Attending the tour were Alwynn Sandusky, Alice King, Anna Belle Shouse, Ida Mae Seymore and Maurine White.

FFA sets horse show

The Merkel Chapter of the Future Farmers of America would like to remind everyone to mark their calendars for the May 14th FFA horse show. It looks like the show will be a good one and we encourage everyone to attend.

The FFA officers held a meeting Tuesday night in which they worked on the upcoming banquet and held a degree check. The officers would like

to announce the FFA banquet will be held May 20 at Heritage Hall. If you wish to attend, please contact Mr. Naron or Mr. Riley in the ag department.

The FFA members are already working on next year's stock shows. Over the past week, they have been gathering and delivering pigs for next year's Dallas Fair and West Texas Fair. Don't forget, the horse show in May 14.

FHA members at state meet

Representatives of the "Key" Future Home makers of America Chapter attended the 1983 state meeting of the Texas Association of FHA, along with the 6,000 members and advisors from Texas. The meeting was held in the Dallas Convention Center April 22.

Attending from Merkel were Rosa Oviedo, Lisa Williamson and Mrs. Candy Martin, advisor.

The FHA is an organization sponsored by the Vocational Home Economics Education, Texas Education Agency with Mrs. Jean D. Barton, director and Miss Sharon Reddell, state advisor.

John Hamner succumbs

John Edward Hamner, 68, of Trent, a retired civil service employee and farmer, died at 2:15 p.m. Monday at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene.

Services were held 2 p.m. Wednesday at the First United Methodist Church in Trent.

The Rev. Tommie Beck, the Rev. Jack Riley and the Rev. James Carroll officiated.

He was born April 4, 1915 in Trent where he had lived all of his life.

He had been named outstanding athlete at Trent High. He married Lettie Marie McElmurry Jan. 14, 1950 in Trent. A veteran of World War II, he had been a civil service employee at Dyess Air Force Base. He had been superintendent of the Trent livestock show for 18 years and was a charter member of the Trent Community Club and had coached the Trent Hot-checks ladies' softball team. He was a Methodist.

He is survived by his wife; a daughter Sheila Jon Hunt of Trent; a son Bill Hamner of Trent; three sisters, Faye Burks and Maye Martin, both of Trent and Gladys Tittle of Merkel; two granddaughters Jennifer & Courtney Hamner both of Trent; and a grandson, Lee Hunt of Trent.

GFMAA

The family requested that remembrances be sent to First United Methodist Church.

GFMAA LC246 annual meeting April 29th at 1410 N. 3rd in Merkel.

VFW selects new officers

The Merkel VFW announced their new slate of officers.

Commander-R. G. Seago, Sr. Vice Commander-Albert Gregory, Jr. Vice Commander-J. D. Sandusky, Quartermaster-Ruben Duran, Chaplain-Herman Daniels, Post Surgeon-Jessie Moreno Jr., post Adjutant-Tony Biera 1 year trustee-L. P. Felton, 2 year trustee-Claude Childers 3 year trustee-Lewis Browne Service Officer-Ray Gilchrist.



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Notice to all persons having claims against the estate of Bruce Inman, deceased

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Bruce Inman were issued on January 27, 1982, in Cause No. 15,279, pending in the County Court of Taylor County Texas to:

Irene Wheeler Inman
 The residence of such Executrix is Taylor County, Texas. The post office address is: c/o Randall C. Jackson Suite 210, Bank of Commerce Building

TEL class meets

The TEL Class of the First Baptist Church was held at the Big Country Inn for breakfast Tuesday morning.

Attending were Mrs Wynona Scroggins, Ollie Fowler, Bessie Perry, Mack Fisher, Paralee Gibson, Bernice Smith, Billie Hartley, Ann Walker, Sylvia

Attorneys at Law Suite 210, Bank of Commerce Building by Randall C. Jackson State Bar No. 10491000 Attorney for the Estate

An Ordinance

An ordinance fixing and establishing a budget for the City of Merkel, Texas for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 1983 and ending April 30, 1984.

Whereas: The city secretary of Merkel, Texas in obedience to the laws of the state of Texas, submitted to the city council of said city a proposed budget covering the proposed income and expenditures of said city for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 1983 and ending April 30, 1984.

Whereas: Notice of said proposed budget hearings were duly posted in City Hall and published in the local newspaper.

Now therefore be it ordained by the city council of Merkel, Texas, that the following budget is hereby adopted as follows to

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Income	
General executive	fund income \$35,000
Operating	0.00 total \$35,000.
General Fund	Income \$221,395.00
Operating	5,000 total \$226,395
Water - Sewer - Sanitation Fund	Income \$435,750
Operating	\$20,000 Total \$455,750
Expenditures	General executive Fund
Expenditures	\$35,000 To Operating 0.00 Total \$35,000
General Fund	Expenditures \$226,395 To Operating 0.00 Total \$226,395
Water - Sewer - Sanitation fund	Expenditures \$455,750 To Operating 0.00 Total \$455,750
Be it further ordained that all transfers of funds set out in the budget are in all things approved:	
Passed and approved this 25th day of April, 1983	
Kent Satterwhite	Mayor
J. A. Sadler	City Secretary
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Recent cemetery donors named

The following is the Merkel Elementary School honor roll for the fifth six weeks.

First Grade All A—Jamie Alexander, Doug Alldredge, Judd Burton, Velma DeLeon, Mikki Griffith, Dana Hammond, Lisa Harding, Heather Henderson, Carmen Holden, Melanie Mitchell, Erin Sams, Nathan Stamper, Justin Williams and Mark Wright. A-B—Richard Adkins, Kelly Atkinson, Cecily Caroland, Cody Carson, Melissa Claybss, Corey Dennis, Ramiro Flores, Mandy Gregory, Nikki Griffith, Mandy Householder, Julie Johns, Laura Johns, Jamie Jowers, Linda Layher, Jennifer Martin, Jason Nalley, Cody Pack, Troy Roberts, Lana Rogers, Corley Segovia, Omar Segovia, Brian Stone, Jason Tipton, Michael Valdez, Billy VeraCruz, Kelly Warren and Ricky Ybarra.

Second grade All A—Joel Bird, Shayla Carter, Matthew Cravens, Spencer Duncan, Tiffany Gill, Tammy Graham, Gena Hawkeswood, Esther Hernandez, Jason Heuerman, Austin Hill, Susan Holden, Caleb Kelso, Jennifer McKee, Renli Reynolds, Shelly Seymore, Vutrinh Tran, Krystal West. A-B Tanner Boyd, Amanda Bunch, Jody Clemmer, Randy Cubriel, Mariette Duran, Alisha Hobbs, Russ Holloway, DeeDee Jackson, Stacy Jones, Jason Kofod, Brent Martin, Cliff Owen, Orville Pirraglia, Chad Smith, Tommy Tumlinson and James Wade.

Third Grade All A—Tanya Beasley, Queena Biqbee, Dayna Doan, Julie Harding, Michelle

Ingram, John Lally, Lillian Leach, Treska McCullough, Shayla Miller, Krista Smith.

A-B Mandy Barnett Scott Cannon, Rebecca Dunagin, Elizabeth Hernandez, Marc Jenkins, Stephanie Hones, Chrisy Minze, Eilyn Rutledge, Kriste Smith, Amy Sparks, Brandi Watts and Criswell Whisenhunt.

Fourth Grade All A—Shannon Davis, April Griffith, Caro Kelso, Keri Sams, Phuong Thao Tran.

A-B Melanie Baker, Dustie Baldree, Jamie Beasley, Christie Boggs, Brandon Boyd, Jenny Boyd, Amber Buckley, Aimee Bugg, Melissa Cuellar, James Davis, Brandy Fenton, Jayma Goldsmith, James Haisel, Jennifer Huffman, Seal Leaman, Patrick Lee, Destry Pack, Michelle Smith, Brandon Toombs, Daniel West and Travis Williams.

Fifth Grade All A Jennifer Hartley. A-B Honor Roll—Bridget Acuna, Damon Alldredge, Laura Baker, Dayna Bentley, Angela Carson, Amy Coleman, Robynn Dudley, Setphen Jacobs, David Miller, Laurinda Powell, Christy Reynolds, Penny Smith, Greg Stone.

Senior Citizens singing set

The Merkel Senior Citizens will hold their monthly singing Monday at 7 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Building.



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130-hp 4440	1,700	1,000	2,700
110-hp 4240	1,500	900	2,400
90-hp 4040	600	800	1,400
80-hp 2940	1,400	550	1,950
70-hp 2640	900	450	1,350
60-hp 2440	400	400	800
50-hp 2240	100	350	450
40-hp 2040	100	300	400
300-hp 8850	\$8,200	NA	\$8,200
235-hp 8650	6,400	NA	6,400
185-hp 8450	5,700	NA	5,700

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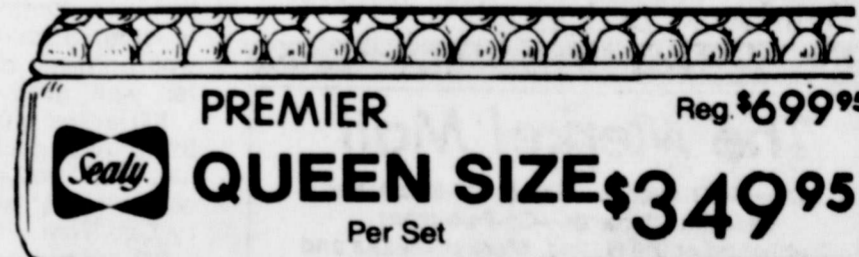
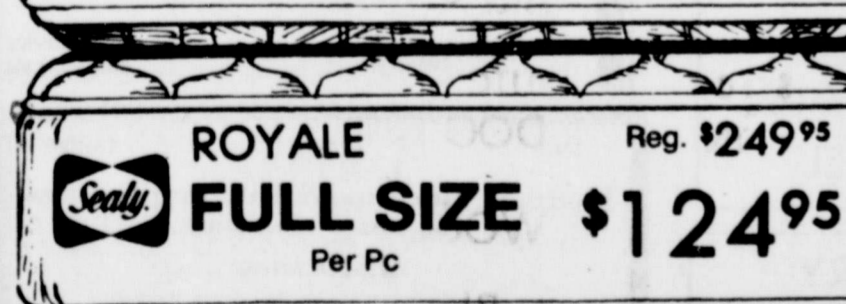
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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Since Thursday evening, April 21, 1983 there has been an organization called M. A. C. C. which stands for "Merkel Area Concerned Citizens." This is not a C.B.G. organization because we do not go along with all they stand for. Neither, is the K.G.B. as some have suggested. The K.G.B. is a Russian Government Agency which keeps watch over the people. The Merkel Area Concerned Citizens wants to represent concerned citizens in matters of common interest to all area citizens with a united voice.

Sometimes a city or community seeks participation from its citizens in Government and community activities with no success. They may decide there is no interest by the citizens in Government issues and go ahead and do what they have to do as they think best. Somewhere along the line scattered individuals become concerned and decide to become involved. Sometimes, they as individuals think no one is listening and become frustrated to the extent of despair. It is likely that neither of these assumptions are correct, but the breakdown in communications bring harmful effects to the community. It is nobody's business and everybody's business. It is to bridge this communication gap that the M. A. C. C. has been formed.

Here are just a few of the concerns voiced by many people.

No. 1 The city water problem seems to bring forth complaints and frustrations.

No. 2 The people appreciate the new paving of

city blocks. It certainly was needed and will be of benefit to many. At the same time, there is concern that some program be initiated to provide maintenance of those same paved blocks in future years. And, what about our old paved streets that have received very little attention?

No. 3 There is talk going around that concerns many people that has to do with the future of the Merkel area. Is it true that it is expected that in the near future that Merkel will simply be a bedroom for Abilene? Will Merkel not support business places in Merkel, and can no places of business as a new business and make it in Merkel? Is the Chamber of Commerce and others looking for and promoting new business and business interest or have we become satisfied with our condition and will sit down and wait for the end of the presently owned business concerns? I can only speak for myself, but "for me and my house", we buy almost all of what we can buy right here in Merkel. The gasoline is a little higher, but there are some fringe benefits. We believe our groceries which we buy in Merkel is just as cheap on the average as anywhere else. Merkel could probably support another good grocery store. The one we have is a good one. More people buying in Merkel would keep more of our tax money at home.

No. 4 We have been hearing for a number of months about another park for Merkel. There is concern over this as we can see that the park we have is used very little, and very little attention is given to it. Is Merkel willing and able to support and keep up in the future another park?

No. 5 Many good things have come to Merkel through Block Grants and other sources. But we also know that every dollar we get through this is added to our National budget deficit. Our main concern is about the future. What will Merkel do when all the government block grants have been passed out and there is no more? We know the well will run dry one of these days.

No. 6 Another concern is the way we demand that city officials give us better streets-sewer-trash-parks and then go into a tail spin when additional taxes are mentioned. We sometimes force them to do things they do not want to do to try to please us.

No. 7 The very poor voter turnout in the latest election should be a concern for all of us. A poor voting record can be blamed on a number of things. 1. It may mean that people no longer care 2. It may mean that the people no longer support the policies of governing officials and have no other choice 3. They may think it makes no difference. The M. A. C. C. intends to get away from supporting individual candidates, but try to see that in every race there is a choice and then get the people out to vote.

It will be a matter before the M. A. C. C. group to work for more information, more participation, and better communication when the people and all elected bodies, whether of City-county-school-state or other. These are a few of the concerns which will be acted on in the future.

All elected officials are under tremendous responsibility. They need our support and concern. It would help if we, the people, could make their job easier.

I am not speaking for the M. A. C. C. nor

anyone else. These are my own ideas and more than likely opposed in one way or another by the M. A. C. C. Every effort to make this a better place to live (and a lot less complaining) should be done in kindness and love. Nothing else will be acceptable.

Sincerely

Russell McAnally-Rt 3 Box 156M Merkel

4 from Trent on honor band

Miss Margaret Cooper, band director at Trent has received notification that four students from Trent have been named to the Women Band Directors National Association Junior High All-Star Band.

Selected as first chair baritone was Kim Orr. Kim is a seventh grader and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Orr. Selected as fourth chair clarinet was 9th grader Kathy Paden. Kathy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Paden. Also selected were seventh grade clarinetists Leslie McGlothlin and Tammy Collier. Leslie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce McGlothlin and Tammy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Collier.

The members of WBDNA are invited to nominate their outstanding girl musicians in grade 7-9 for this honor. The musicians for the and are chosen at the Midwest Band Orchestra Clinic held each December in Chicago. Selection for membership is based on band and solo literature each girl has played, chair position within the band and the recommendation of the band director who is a member of the ABDNA.

This year, 63 young musicians from all over the United States were selected for membership in the honor band. Of the 63 students in this year's band, eight are from Texas and four of the Texans are Trent girls.

MISD menu

The following is the MISD menu:

April 28 Bar-b-q links, baked vegetarian beans and potato salad jello squares and mixed fruit.

April 29 toast cheese sandwiches, vegetable soup, apple burritos.

May 2 burritos, spanish rice and fried okra sliced peaches.

May 3 salisbury steak with brown gravy, tater tots, vegetable beans, hot rolls cherry cobbler

May 4 fried chicken with cream gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls and pineapple jello.

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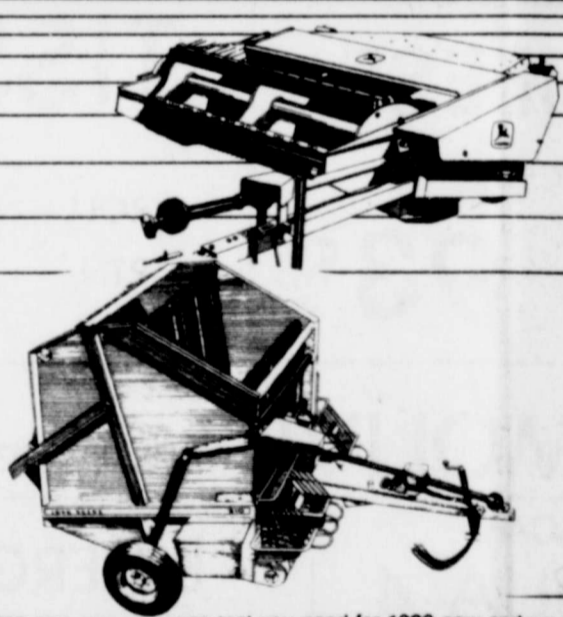
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