## The Merkel Mail

School board considering budget

## calling for no new taxes

MISD's proposed 1983 s4 sch-
ool budget is projected to be less han last year's budget and tha is good news to MISD taxpayers Everett.
Everett told The Mall Tuesday afternoon There should not be remain $\$ 1.00$ and that's good news because a lot of schools in this area are having to go up and we are hoping (he same lax prettv good."

MISD will be operating on lees money than last year and came in Maintenance which went from expindutures of $\$ 351,600$ to a budgeted amount of
$\$ 346,920$ that cut $\$ 14,680$ in maintenance spending. The district will also buy only one additional school bus this
year, compared to past practice
of purchasing two per year The board was expected to
take action on the budget Tuesday evening following a oublic hearina.
MISD will operate on six per
cent less fund than last year, if the budget is passed intact. Everett said he felt. the district could operate properly within the proposed budget but
did point to a couple of items that could add to expenses. A bid was reviewed Tuesday night for root work on tho auditorium. Everett said he felt
hat bid would be approved because of projected price inEreases in roofing costs. Enroilment is steadily ellimbing, having swelled from / $1 / 2$ ? $1 / 4$ to 1,300 in the first nine days of school and should hit 1,350 by he second week in September MISD's enrollmpent peaked at 1,301 last year.

Salaries will almost reach 2 million this year, purchase n additional se0e, 154; Suplies and materials are budgeted a 2032,741, Other operating expen-
ses total $\$ 111,22$. es total 5111,22 Also, MISD proposes to pay
$\mathbf{1 1 5 , 6 3 7}$ in debt and loan services; and proposes to outla 135,685 in capital

Total expenditures under the proposed budget equal $\$ 2,825,79$ Everett said "We may have to add an additional toacher if the anrollment continues to clim and we may have to add an
gdditional class in Tye to take care of a crowded class there Other than that, we are in good shape. This has been the best
start to a year since I came to start to a year since I came to
Merkel and we are all very excited about it.'

Dudley Holloway, Reynolds named

Don Dudley, Thurman Hollhave been appointed chairmen for the Merkel area for the Cattioman's Round-Up for Crippled Children, according to Jim The Round-Up benefits the West Texas Rehabilitation Center with campuses in Abilene, and San Angelo
nchmen are collected at a designated point in each community and transported free to the auction site"', Alexander
explained. "The area chair-
pledge, then ask trienas anu neighbors to join them in the The sale of the livestock is converted into dollars and the amount provides for care for about 11,000 handicapped perat Rehab campuses.
The Cattle sale will be held in Abliene Sept. 26 at Abliene Auction and the hor se saie will ocation. The Round-Up is now 23 years old. The idea began in Bronte on
he late Conda Wylie's Fort Chadbourne Ranch. His idea
was to cut the top 20 steers from his herd to be sold to help defray operational costs of the rehab With a goal of treating the whole patient rather than just the handicap, services offered include physical therapy, oc-
cupational therapy, speech therapy, social services, psychology, orthotics, diagnostics services, education programs, ada-
ptive equipment shops, audiolptive equipment shops, audiolcounseling and transportation.

Talk, taxes, Trent, traffic...more
by Cloy A. Richards
There sure is a lot of talk
around town about all of the demolition going on around here as another landmark, the old bus station came down to make Gregg Fisher and Pat Warren are demolishing the site, that is If they don't burn it down first I would Imagine the old bus. station holds a lot of memories for some folks and that was about all it was
old condition.
Yes, people went in to and
came out of the service f:om there, went to and came from ones they once took from the old T\& P station here.
Bye the way, there are seven
local houses that local houses that are Clity that should be coming down in the near future. These houses are unlivable and will be torn down with federal funds. J. A. bulldings Thursday and they will leave, in some cases, a city block of land that can be makes a lot of difference to potential investors. At least they don't have to go through the

Ruseell Mo... ily of Merkel recenity came to me and said he wanted to try his hand at column writing and I glady said
OK. His first effort is in the paper this week and he does cuingell with the weather businees.
It's getting to the point where a rain must come and come soon or some of the cotton that is ahape. That's in very bad don't meed here, especially with the reduced acreage planted due
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You get different stories from ust about every farmer you talk vary tr because the rain can most agree ence to fence but we can take is another 30 days. some can't even take that.

Merkel High starts it's football season with JV a J. V. game and freshmen in Hawley Thur-
sday night and the Varsity hosts Hawley here at 8 p.m. Friday. The Badgers got off to a fast start last year, winning their first four home games and we'd
like to see a win here Friday inke toe a win here Friday.
Matt Cain played well at quarterback in last week's scrimmage against Haskell and Michael McCoy played a good
game at receiver. It looks as though Merkel will be able to move the ball in the air, providing the quarterback is
given time to throw and the oround game still needs some work, which I am sure it is getting. Let's support the Badgers in show a good crowd. Sentior
show Citizens have the least excuse for not attending, MISD will
give them a free pass to all athletic events, just by dropping by the super intendent's office and asking for one.

MISD tax payers can breathe collective sigh of relief when the school announced they proiected no additional taxes tnis year. When I interviewed the superbudget Tuesday, he sounded like

Last minute details were past couple of weeks and school officials are planning to operate the school on less money than actually received.

Quite a few locais will hit the highways this weekend, going to Monday and The Mall urges you 0 drive with care.
A recent news release from
the DF; has estimated that 5 Texans will die on the state's highways and half of those
deaths will be directly related to deaths will be directly related to and automobiles.
Trent opens their footbal eason Friday in Novice with trent schedule in next week's paper because Mrs. Kraatz has
promised to send us one.

Trent's school enrollment as of Tuesaday stood at 16
about 12 from last year.

Local patrons can take consolation knowing my wifte, Mel nie will be back at The Mell las me starting Tuesday, She has been working more than
part time in Abilene, off and on for the last three years. OI' Cloy
will be attending TSTI 'sir will be attending TSTI starting
next week taking a computer next week taking a compufer programming course
Melanie is a very person (some a say about 20 times
more so more so than myself) and she will be more than able to take away from the office.


Hold it!
The Badger dotense closes in on a Haskell runner in scrimmage action in Haskell last Friday. The Badgers open
their season here Friday against Hawley Klickoft is set for 8 p.m.

Student council busy already

The Merkel High Student council got their activities for
he year underway with the election of officers.
Brenda Hohhertz is president, Angie Kelly is vice president, Angie Allen is secretary, Cindy and Russell Lucas is reporter. Class representatives include Seniors Michael McCoy, Bra da Riney; Juniors Tim Jacobs,

fation of a friendhsip gift to the opposing teams' student council. Each month, the council will put out a calendar of events that will ist school activities for the Council members also served refreshments to teachers on their work day before school started and gave each teacher a survival kit containing artic
donated by local merchants.

Assembly of God sets pastor fete
 the church.


Almost gone

Some of the debris of the old Bus tation is loaded for hauling here
Tuesday. The building is boing torn down and a Itre stor
Staff photo]


Rain: unless it stays dry longer


Hightower after Mexican ag sales

| Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower returned from a four day trip to Mexico City last Thursday night "greatly encourgaed' about the possibility of arranging agricultural sales direct from Te xas farmers to Mexico. <br> Accompanied on the trip by Texas Farmers Union President Mike Moeller and Department of Agriculture international marketing personnel, Hightower met with the Mexican undersecretary of agriculture, the secretary of commerce, the director of | the Mexican nationa export-import agency the secretary of ag riculture economy, the secretary of agricu ture reform, the dir ector general of In dustrial de Abastos, United Nationa dele gation on food, the president of the Me xican Farm Organiza tion Federation, a re presentative of the A merican Soybean As sociation, and the $A$ merican ambassado to Mexico. <br> 'I believe we laid the groundwork for a long term relationship that will benefit both |
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Coming down?
 The Badger offensive line lays down some blocks in a scrimmage agains
Haskell in Haskell Friday. photo)
Ghis is one of seven, unilivabie homes that council wil seek landowners'
permission to tear down. The program is permission to tear down. The program is
funded by the current Community navalooment Grant. IStaff ohotol


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