The Merkel Mail

Thursday, December 15, 1983... Merkel, Texas

Ambulance service-city to purchase new radio system, holidays set

The Merkel City Council decided to help the Merkel Emergency Medical Service purchase a new radio system and decided to close City Hall Dec. 26 and January 2 for holidays at their regular meeting held Monday night at the Merkel Emergency Medical Service building.

The radio that is being purchased by the ambulance service will also be used by the Merkel Police Department.

Vernon Wade made the request on behalf of the ambulance service and said that the down time being suffered with the current system was one of the major reasons for the group wanting to purchase a

new system

torolla unit will have a back-up system that will continue to operate when power and telephone service is interrupted. The system will include a base station and a repeating unit. Total cost is \$10,900 and the city voted to pay \$4,500 through donations to the service from

The proposed system, a Mo-

The ambulance service will also purchase a portable generator for use when electrical power is off for extended periods.

quarterly revenue sharing fu-

In other news, city manager J. A. Sadler gave a report on water and sewer line work at a trailer park being constructed along Old Highway 80 on Merkel's West side. A group of investors are considering purchase of the park and were expected to be in town Wednesday from California.

City Hall will be closed Dec. 26 and Jan. 2 for holidays and the Merkel Sanitary Landfill will also be closed Dec. 23 and Dec. 30. While they were allowing holidays, council decided to give one to themselves by suspending their regular meeting planned Dec. 26 unless needs arose for a meeting and then a special, called meeting would be scheduled.



§ The Merkel Riding Club showed up in full strength at the annual Christmas

parade held Saturday. [Staff photo by Melanie Richards]



§ The Merkel High band follows an honor guard from Dyess Air Force Base as they led the annual Christmas parade

held downtown Saturday. [Staff photo by Melanie Richards]

Parade, 'Skins, Charlie...more

by Cloy A. Richards
l can't afford to pay any more

§ I can't afford to pay any more school taxes, I heard more than one person say last week.

Nobody has said you need to yet, and if you are over 65, your taxes are frozen, so I don't want to hear you saying that anyway. Besides, aren't we getting way ahead of ourselves?

Last week, the MISD school board hired an architectural firm and a financial planner to plan a school bond issue. Plan a school bond issue. They also set a timetable to be in the new facilities, if approved by voters, by September 1983

by September, 1983.

That means if approved, the board would like for those faci-

lities to be ready by that date.

We will be hearing more details in the months to come concerning the issue, but, for now, why don't we all wait and see what the architects come up with, what the costs will be, and what the needs of the district are. Once those facts are known, you can express your opinion in the most efficient manner possible, by casting a vote in an election, when the time comes.

We had a pretty good Christmas parade last Saturday. Most of the children in town that are under 5 were in attendance with their parents and those are the ones that the parade is planned

We'd like to thank those that participated in the parade and for the volunteers that helped the Merkel Chamber of Com-

merce pull it off.

Those dadgummed Redskins were the best team in pro football Dec. 11, 1983 and they may very well be the best in January, 1984 if Riggin's continues to run and Butz continues to terrorize linemen and quarterbacks.

Never mind the Cowboy defense, 11 points doesn't win many NFL games and the Cowboys couldn't even manage that offensively Sunday.

I can tell you one thing, if the Pokes do make it to the championship game, and that road looks like it will run through DC, they had best be ready, because the Skins certainly look like they will be, if indeed they make it to the league finals.

We'd also like to thank the Merkel school band for sending some representatives to lead the parade. It was the first time in five years they had been represented and it took a lot for them to be there because many band students were in individual contests that day.

I had a chat will MISD superintendent Bill Evertt Tuesday and he said so many ideas are bouncing around right now, he doesn't know what plans will be made, or for that matter, what the architects are considering at the moment. He added, "that's what they get

paid to do, tell us what we need to facilitate education."

That's what we all need to know. What do we need to do to facilitate the learning process at MISD. The facilitation of education is still one of the most noble of acts that government has left the people in control of to the extent we still have that control.

I wouldn't have it any other way.

First off, I have to admit a lot of personal and professional respect for 17th Congressional District Representative Charles Stenhold (D) Stamford. I think he has done a marvelous job representing the district's needs in Washington.

But seriously Charlie, John Glenn for president?

Stenholm made the endorsement Tuesday and the next time I see him I will have to ask him about that. I have a lot of respect for Charlies' opinions and maybe he can shed some light on what "Right Stuff" Glenn must have to impress Stenholm.

Donna Willis of Trent High has been named for membership into the United States Collegiate Wind Band, a group that will make a concert tour of England and several European countries next July and August. She is the daughter of Mrs. Shirley Willis and plays the french horn in the Bold Gold Band at Trent High.

Everett says bond received well

The MISD school board will hold their next meeting Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the homemaking room at Merkel High.

The Mail spoke with MISD superintendent Bill Everett this week concerning last week's hiring of an architectural firm and financial consultant to plan a school bond issue and Everett said "Of course, the superintendent is the last one to hear a lot of things, but judging from initial reactions, people have been favorable."

He added that people should not be suprised by the need of additional space because "We have been telling people for three years that we would run out of space and we have." The middle school is past capacity and had it not been for the construction of portable, temporary classrooms at Merkel Elementary, we would be out of room there as well. We have already had to add a bus route North of Tye this year and we are continuing to grow."

Evertt said the board had no plans as to what type of facilities would be needed and added "That's why we hired the architects. They will present us with growth studies and recomendation on facilities needed to meet the current student needs as well as future growth.

The superintendent recently attended sessions in Lubbock for school administrators and he

Trent NHS sets Dec. 15 induction

Trent High School's annual induction ceremony for the Trent Chapter of the National Honor Society will be Dec. 15 in the school cafeteria. The ceremony will be in conjunction with the Trent Community Club dinner.

To be eligible for membership consideration, students must be a sophomore, junior or senior and have a cumulative grade average of 90 per cent.

Additionally, potential members must meet high standards in leadership, service and character.

Candidates are screened by a faculty council consisting of High School teachers.

Those selected this year are

Janna King, Missy Simpson and

Kim Wallis, all sophomores.

Officers for the National Honor Society this year are Billy Williams, president, Roger Brenem, vice president, Christy Kinnard, secretary and Mrs. John Brady, advisor.

said he came away with some needed understanding of the statewide picture on education. A couple of facts presented during those meetings have stuck with him. He said "With the implementation of a new House Bill on education, we will be adding another year of math and science instruction at the high school level and Taxas is gaining from 700,000 to 800,000 people a year and we are getting our share of them. Something I found frightening is that 400 of Texas' 1,100 school districts are suffering financial hard times now and hey estimate the state will spend \$25 billion on public schools in the

year 2000."

One method of funding education currently being discussed is an additional 2 cent state sales

tax to reduce or do away with

the advoloerm tax system. Evertt said the state could generate an additional \$4 billion annually through the additional sales taxes.

He added "We are currently spending \$2,186 per student per year and that's about \$200 below the state average so I feel our kids are getting a better than average education at a lower than average cost. But, we have to keep up with the growth in our district and we need additional facilities and we need them pretty soon."

Harper and Perkins will appear at the February board meeting with some preliminary reports on growth and projections for the future. They are the architectural and consulting firm that will be in charge of planning a school construction



§ Lorene Lee of the Starr Nursing Home proudly displays the trophy presented by the Merkel Chamber of Commerce for best truck entry in the annual Christmas parade. [Staff photo by Melanie Richards]

Newsbriefs

Ki Nu Chi

Xi Nu Chi chapter of Beta Sigma met on lovember 8 in the nome of Nancy Johnion. She and Judy Elliott presented a program on Fondue. All nembers participated n the program by onduing their own rereshments of steak and chicken cubes with mushroom sauce and lemon butter, bread cubes with cheese sauce, and fruit cubes with chocolate sauce. A large tossed salad completed the meal served to Anita Allen, Connie Harris, Diane Parker, Vicki Rodriguez, Minyon Seymore, Janice Smith, Vonne Dena Tumlinson, Peggy Valentine, Judy Elliott, Nancy Johnson and Mary Hill.

Xi Nu Chi

The members of Xi Nu Chi met at the Pleasantville Community Room Nov. 22 to hold the pledge service for Diane Parker. A short business meeting was held before everyone proceeded to Dos Amigos in Abilene for the pledge dinner. Members present were Judy Elliott, Connie Harris, Diane Parker, Nancy Johnson, Minyon Seymore, Vonne Dena Tumlinson, Peggy Valentine and Mary

The last meeting for 1983 was held for Xi Nu Chi sorority on Dec. 12 at the Pleasantville Community Room.

The program committee hosted the "Christmas Goody" meeting where each member brought a treat to be shared by everyone. Mamie Steck, president of the chapter. presented the program on creating our own Christmas tree orna-

ments and evryone made a ball ornament. Members present included Anita Allen, Judy Elliott, Nancy Johnson, Diane Parker, Vicki Rodriguez, Minyon Seymore, Janice Smith, Vonne Dena Tumlinson, Peggy Valentine, and Mary Hill. Guests present were Blanche Hewitt and Mamie Steck, president of Preceptor Eta Omega.

Christmas party

The 1983 Christmas party for Xi Nu Chi sorority began with picture taking at Nancy Johnson's home. The party continued as everyone journeyed to the Royal Inn in Abilene for dinner. Desserts and the gift exchange completed the evening at the home of Peggy Valentine.

Members and their husbands present were Dan and Anita Allen, Ricky and Judy Elliott, Robert and Connie Harris, Robert and Nancy Johnson, Gary and Diane Parker, Frank and Vicki Rodriquez. Phil and Minyon Seymore, Janice Smith, Bob and Vonne Dena Tumlinson, Gary and Peggy Valentine and Richard and Mary

Bake sale

Xi Nu Chi chapter of Beta Sigma Phi will be holding at Bake Sale Plus Saturday at the WTU building starting at 9 a.m.

Many homemade baked goods will be available as well as Christmas and craft items. We are also taking special orders. Call 928-5303 or 928-4463.

MISD menu

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MISD lunch menu until the end of school for the holidays.

Dec. 15 Fried fish with tartar sauce, cole slaw, blackeyed peas, corn bread, pineapple pudding.

Dec. 16. Dec. 16 Cheeseburgers and all the trimmings, chocolate nobake cookies.

Dec. 19 Salisbury steak and brown gravy, whipped potatoes buttered corn, hot ro-Ils, pineapple chunks.

Dec. 20 Turkey and dressing, giblet gravy, green beans, candied yams, cranberry sauce, hot rolls, fruit

School will be dismissed until Jan. 3 for the Christmas amd New Year holidays.

Dear Editor

Dear Sirs; Editor Very many who came to see the Merkel Christmas parade were disappointed that the Merkel High School Band did not complete the parade ro-

Out of town camera men were here besides the Senior Citizens Building.

There was appreciation for all who did make the effort for our parade.

Bessie K. Gamble



§ Colin Jacobs holds up his trophy for having the best bicycle in the annual parade. [Staff photo by Melanie Richards.]

PRCA rodeo set in Abilene

The Pepsi Challenge-Texas Circuit Finals of the PRCA will be held in the Taylor County Coliseum Dec. 28, 29, 30 at 7:30 p.m. and Dec. 31 at 5 p.m.

This is a qualifying rodeo of the top 15 money winners of 1983 at Texas rodeos. The best stock from all Texas producers will be used for the top cowboys to compete upon. Besides top contestants in the rodeo events, an impressive opening flag ceremony by the U.S. Naval Corp. Benny Benion's Stage coach appearance, and a match roping will be added attractions.

Raymondd Hollabaugh of Stamford and Setve Bland of Trent will low-score two calves each night against the World's Champion Calf Roper Roy Co-

Area contestants competing in these curcuit finals include Rex Bland of Merkel, Les Cochran, Jerry Huffaker and Darrel Lambert of Abilene, John Bland of Trent and Diltzie Edmondson of McCaulley.

World's champion Roy Cooper will hold a roping school in the Bosehart Horse Arena Dec. 29. 30 and 30 assisted by Raymond Hollobaugh, Mike McLaughlin and Steve Bland. Information on entry deadline and tuition can be obtained by calling 862-6111 or 862-6179.

Tickets are \$10 for box seats

and \$6 for reserved balcony seats and are on sale at the Coliseum office. Tickets may also be obtained by calling R. L. Bland at 862-6179.

Tax rebates still up here

Merkel's tax rebates are still running 10 per cent ahead of those last year according to a news release from the State Comptroller's office.

Merkel's latests check for \$3,855.48 swelled this year's total to \$70,086.21. Merkel is the only Taylor County town that is running ahead of last year's payments.

Tye's latest check of \$4,340.15 pushed their annual total to \$54,748 for the year about 6.7 per cent less than payments received last year.

Trent community dinner set

The Trent Community Club will be having their annual Christmas dinner Dec. 15 at 7 p.m. in the Trent High Cafe-

The dinner will include turkey

and dressing and all of the

Also, the Trent High National Honor Society's new members will be inducted at the meeting.

Mail wants Santa letters

The Mail is making it's final call for Kid's Letters to Santa, that will be run in next week's paper

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send them to the Post Office in care of Santa Claus or drop them by The Mall offices before noon Tuesday.





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Church news-

Catholic Church

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Christmas falls on Sunday this year.

There will be no 5:30 Mass on Saturday evening. The Midnight Mass will begin at 9 PM and Deacon Paul Klein will give the Homily again this year. We will have the customary singing of Christmas Carols before Mass.

Christi Jowers is in charge of getting flowers to decorate the altar for Christmas and anyone who would like to contribute to this worthy cause can contact Christi.

Merkel Methodist

Sunday is the 4th Sunday in Advent, the 4th candle in the Advent Wreath will be lit. The 1st candle represents light, the 2nd warmth, the 3rd life and the 4th represents preparation for the coming of the Savior.

Sunday evening will be the church Christmas program at 6. Each Sunday school class and organization will participate with songs and readings. A Good Will basket for needy families will be

made for distribution on Wednesday night when the youth spunsors a Christmas caroling hay ride (Dec. 21st). Please bring any thing you can contribute to these baskets.

Calvary Baptist

"Christmas Gifts & Wishes", a musical play, will be presented Dec. 18 at 6 p.m. by the youth department of Calvary Baptist Church. Everyone is invited to attend.

CBC will have it's Christmas fellowship dinner and gift exchange, Wednesday night, Dec. 21 at 7:30. Members and friends, let's gather again for a great time of fellow-

First Baptist

Merkel's First Baptist Church choir will present a Christmas cantata entitles "Ring the Bells" Sunday at 7 p.m. The choir has 33 members and is directed by Roy Davis. Accompanists for the choir are Mrs. Lucy Haynes, pianist, and Mrs. Sammy Davis, organist.

The program consists of four beautiful solos and narration by various choir members. Everyone in the community is invited and encouraged to attend this special worship service. We welcome you this Sunday evening at 7 p.m.

Obituaries

William Beaird

William "Homer" Beaird, 85, of Merkel died at 9 p.m. Monday at his home following a lengthy illness. Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday (today) at the First Baptist Church here. Burial will follow in Rose Hill Cemetery under the direction of the Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born Jan. 27, 1898 in Albertville, Ala., he moved to Texas at an early age and has lived in the area since 1955. He was a World War I veteran. He was a Baptist and a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He married Nohama Keith in 1933. She had died June 15, 1938. He then married Lorene Goode June 8, 1974 in Abi-

lene He is survived by his wife; a son, George of Ira; a daughter, Shirley McMillon of Snydert; a brother, Lonnie of Merkel; a sister. Imogene Williams of Merkel; nine grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Ruby Bryant

Ruby Bell Bryant, 69, of La Porte, formerly of Merkel, died at 8:35 a.m. Saturday at her sister's home in Abilene after a sudden illness. Services were held at 2 p.m. Monday at the Starbuck Funeral Home with the Rev. Kenneth Jones of the Caps Baptist Church officiating. Burial followed at Rose Hill Cemetery.

Born May 21, 1914 in Jones County, she had lived for most of her life in the Merkel area. She married Chester Bryant Jan. 18, 1933 in Loraine. She was a member of the Church of Christ.

Her husband had died Nov. 21, 1983. She is survived by

three daughters, Barbara Vaughn of La Porte, Sue Randall of Tuscola and Billie Lankfort of Kermit; three sisters, Desta Gregory of Abilene, Pearl

Watkins of Longview and Ruthie Robertson of Colorado City; her mother-in-law Della Bryant of Merkel; 14 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

IT'S ALL IN THE MIND

Dealing With Difficult People

By Dr. Earlene Castellaw Many seem to feel that the secret to happy and harmonious relationships with others is a simple matter of tolerance. People speak of racial or religious tolerance as some ideal to aspire to.

Yet tolerance is not a virtue. Tolerance is a copout we use when we are not able to be loving. The people you see walking around with tight little smiles on their faces are practicing tolerance, not experiencing love

thing we call "tolerance"? up in proving your points, Generally, it has its roots you're really missing the in our frustration with peo- point. Perfection in relationple who are not what we ships comes from the way would like them to be, who that we deal with each othdo not behave as we wish er, from our basic love and they would behave, or who respect for other people. acceptance or respect.

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Dr. Earlene Castellaw What is the source of this If you're getting wrapped

say things with which we Oddly enough, when we disagree. Since we cannot stop trying to change others change them, we tolerate (or at least wishing we could them instead. Tolerance may do so), when we begin albe preferable to physical lowing ourselves to feel the violence as a means of deal- love and respect for others ing with frustration, but it is that is already within us, just the opposite of loving people respond in kindoften changing their behav-

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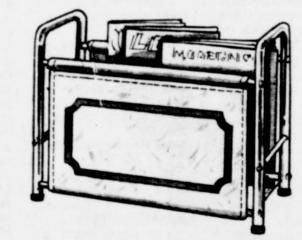


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dleton as Sheriff of Taylor County, Texas, did, on the 28th day of November, 1983, levy on certain Real Estaté, situated in Taylor County, Texas, described

as follows, to-wit: All that certain lot. tract or parcel of land, being in the City of Buffalo Gap, Taylor County, Texas, and described by reference to the Plat thereof in Volume A-540, of the Deed Records of Taylor County, Texas, recorded April 18, 1879, and being all of Lots Nos. 13, 15, 17, 19 and Nos. 21 and 23, Save and Except the West 8' of the South 25' of Lot 21 and Except the West 8' of Lot 23, previously conveyed to Biagio Faraci, of and To block No. 27, of said Town of Buffalo Gap, Taylor County, Texas.

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ton J. Smith & Winona And in complaince with law, I give this notice by publication in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceeding said day of sale, in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper pu-

blished in Taylor County. Witness my hand, this 28th day of November, 1983. John W. Middleton Sheriff Taylor County.

Texas by Frank Solis Jr. Deputy 39-3tc

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF DAVID O. JOLLY

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law. DATED this the 1st day of December, 1983. George A. Gonzales Attorney for the Estate 40-4tc

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TEXAS TO: WESLEY WIL-LIAM EASLEY Whereabouts Unknown. Respondent:

GREETINGS YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable 326th District Court, Taylor County, Texas, at the Courthouse of said County in Abilene. Texas, at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the Monday next after the expiration of 20 days from the date of service of this citation, then and there to answer the petition of RHONDA ANN EAS-LEY, Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 24 day of June, 1983. against WESLEY WI-LLIAM EASLEY, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 9111-C on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Matter of Marriage of RHONDA ANN EASLEY and WESLEY WILLIAM EASLEY", the nature of which suit is a request to the Court to

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Home inventory could be a valuable assett following disaster

by Rick Gentry Texas Insurance Advisory Asso-

§ If a fire were to destroy your home tonight, taking with it all the belongings you have accumulated over the years, how much of that property would you be able to remember for the purpose of filing an insurance claim? And would you be able to accurately estimate the value of all your lost posessions? +Probably not.

As 1983 draws to a close and we prepare to begin a new year. what better time is there to complete a detailed, up-to-date inventory of all your personal property? The Texas Insurance Advisory Association (TIAA) urges you to complete an inventory now, before a tragic loss makes it too late.

In compiling an inventory. TIAA advises you list all the najor items in each room. Record the serial numbers, purchase prices, and dates of purchase where possible. Attach iny available receipts that help erify the value of the property.

Photographs are a valuable nventory aid. TIAA suggests hat you photograph each wall of each room with all closets and abinet doors open. Particularly are or valuable items should be photographed individually.

On the back of each photo, write the date the photo was taken and give a general description and location of the property.

Store the inventory, receipts and photographs in a safe place, such as a safety deposit box. outside your home to prevent its being damaged or lost. Keep a copy of the inventory and negatives of the photographs at home so you can update your inventory from time to time.

You may find that completing an inventory will help you evaluate your personal insu- Dec. 6th in the home rance needs. For example, the standard Texas homeowners policy provides \$500 in coverage the program about for any one loss from theft of gems, watches, jewelry and

furs. If the value of property of this 'ype exceeds the \$500 limit, you may want to talk with your insurance agent about increasing your coverage through the addition of endorsements to your policy.

Some types of personal property such as antiques or unusually expensive items should be appraised to be sure they are adequately insured. TIAA recommends that you keep records which verify the value of these items, and any new personal property which is purchased after the policy is in effect.

Your inventory could also prove beneficial for tax purposes. Not all losses are covered under your homeowners policy, such as those caused by flooding. You probably also have a deductible. These uninsured los-

ses are tax-deductible, if their total exceeds 10 per cent of your adjusted gross income plus \$100.

To aid tenants and homeowners in completing an inventory of their personal property, the Insurance Information Institute offers free-ofcharge a brochure entitles "Taking Inventory." For your complimentary copy, write: Insurance Information Institute, 100 N Interregional, Suite 3200, Austin, Texas 78701.

TIAA is an advisory organization with membership consisting of insurance companies accounting for approximately 85 per cent of the premium volume in the regulated property insurance market in Texas. It is licensed to advise the State Board of Insurances on matters involving property forms, rules

Cemetery group thanks bank, Mail for help

We are most fortunate, in this community, to have people that have pride in the manner in which their Cemetery is maintained. Our friends include local and out of town residents. The support they render include both time and money.

We would like to call attention to two firms that contribute an unusual amount of time toward this program, to-wit: The Farmers & Merchants National Bank of Merkel, and, The Merkel Mail.

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Bank, as our receiving depository, donates countless hours receiving and recording the donations.

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So, to all of the above mentioned, we thank you and wish for you and yours, a most enjoyable holiday season. Very Sincerely,

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Lambda Beta holds meeting

Mychele Hammond. marriage and what a successful marriage is. The group took part and shared their ideas. The group also held a bake auction that went well. The Christmas party is planned Dec. 17 at the Methodist Church hall.

Present were Kay Bishop, Debbie Sandusky, Rita Moore, Debbie Roberson, Chera Hohhertz, Pat Schuknecht, Ann Leach, Mychele Hammond.



§ Jeanette Pursley accepted the trophy for the Fortnightly Study Club's float at the Christmas parade last week. [Staff photo by Melanie Richards]

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The High school giris, led by Melody

Moses's 10 points downed the Westbrook girls 35-34. Jo Ann Talent added 6 as did Missy Simpson.

The Trent junior high girls defeated Westbrook 20-12 behind 10 from Luci Masonheimer and 6 from Leslie McGlothlin.

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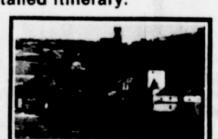
castle after another will slip into view! Winding roads will take us through the evergreen hills of the fabled Black Forest. The German farm we'll visit is in an area of

ancient, picture-postcard villages, some of which are brooded over by fortress-like castles. The countryside here is divided into a crazy quilt patchwork of small fields planted in grain and vegetables. In Switzerland, we'll board a local train that

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We'll cruise past castles on the Rhir and one in the Rhine!

In France, we'll pass through premier wine country. In Paris we'll see the Eiffel Tower, Arch of Triumph, Champs Elysees, Louvre. Cathedral of Notre Dame plus the International Livestock and Machinery Show, a magnet for exhibitors and visitors the world

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and cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until a brown "roux" is formed. Add one and a half large onions, chopped, a half green pepper, chopped, one stalk of celery, chopped. Cook about five minutes, stirring constantly, until vegetables are tender. Roll one pound of Owens Country Sausage (hot flavor, preferably) into balls. Fry. (Sausage will crumble somewhat.) Add sausage, turkey meat and two to three quarts broth (add water if necessary) to vegetables in skillet. Simmer one hour. Season with salt, red and black pepper, garlic salt and filé, if desired. Stir in quarter-cup each chopped parsley and green onion tops. Simmer ten minutes longer Serve over rice. Serves eight

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF JOHN L. BRADFORD DECEASED Notice is hereby gi-

ven that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of John L. Bradford were issued on December 5, 1983, in Cause No. 16,055, pending in the County Court of Taylor County, Texas, to: Wanda (Hansen)

Bradford The residence of such Executor is Taylor County, Texas. The post office address is: c-o Gaston Welborn Jr

P.O. Box 3812 Abilene, Texas 79604 All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to

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DATED the 7th day of December, 1983 By Gaston Welborn Jr Attorney for the Estate 41-1tc

Governor Mark White **REPORTS**

Texas, the debate over natural gas deregulation is heating up in Congress

Although the issue is far from settled, the House Energy and Commerce Committee gave an encouraging sign last month to those of us who favor allowing the free market to determine natural gas prices.

The committee refused to recommend a set of proposals, cosponsored by U.S. Reps. Phil Sharp of Indiana and John Dingell of Michigan, that could interfere with Texas' 55-year history of regulating natural gas production in our state.

The Sharp-Dingell proposal would pile more federal regulation on top of an industry which has been over-burdened under the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978 with a pricing schedule for 28 categories of natural gas and a complex timetable for decontrolling most gas prices.

Over the past five years, escalating natural gas costs have debunked the myth that the federal government can protect consumers' pocketbooks through price controls. Texas consumers pay a higher price for natural gas than many out-of-state customers purchasing gas produced in Texas, because federal regulations do not give interstate and intrastate pipelines equal access to lower priced gas supplies.

Congress should eliminate this dual treatment of pipelines, deregulate gas prices at the wellhead, allow all gas to flow at volumes and prices determined by the free market, and resist impos-

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If the free market is allowed to operate, additional sales spurred by demand for competitively priced natural gas will result in lower prices for consumers and more capital for future gas exploration and development.

The Sharp-Dingell bill, which may come up again early next year, would rol! back some gas prices to September 1982 levels and extend price controls beyond 1987 - possibly jeopardizing economic recovery in the natural gas industry.

To secure our energy future, we also cannot ignore efforts to develop coal markets and conserve energy.

Member governors of the Southern States Energy Board met last week to discuss ways to work with coal companies and railroads to reduce hauling rates and make America's coal industry more competitive in European

While the Reagan administration is pushing for more energy development, it is quietly eliminating federal standards for energy efficiency in home appliances. I have urged the U.S. Department of Energy not to take any action that would undermine appliance standards in Model Energy Codes adopted by some 50 Texas cities.

Without better energy planning and conservation, we cannot hope to build up the necessary energy bank to meet the future needs of our industrialized economy.

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Willpower a hard thing to keep

by Russell McAnally

Children build sand houses and either tear them down or watch them melt away in summer showers. Sometimes our dreams and plans dissolve right before our eyes. Christmas toys come apart and at times automobiles come apart. Most of these things can be fixed but did you ever see a person break down and come apart. I am talking about their willpower.

Many years ago two fellow pastors came by to ride with me to a District Pastor's meeting. One of the ministers was a man with many years experience. The other was young in his first church, and very much overweight. Being single he had been eating too many meals with the people of his church and it was showing up around his waist.

About a month before this meeting this young preacher had gone on a strict diet. He was looking much better and feeling fine. The District meeting we were to attend was about fifty miles away and they were having a covered dish dinner. Before we arrived this young preacher informed us that he was sure there would not be anything he could eat. As we got out of the car he said he could probably find one thing he could eat. As we got in line to get our food he had decided that he could eat two or three things but would not eat so much of it.

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Little by little we had watched this young preacher man come apart. He had a strong will when he left home, but look at him now. We saw the breakdown forming- he made excusesopened up just a little- compromised-rationalized, and finally gave in and gave up.

This was the first time I could remember watching a man lose his willpower. Since then I have watched it happen in areas of friendship - marriage - business and in moral character. It all works the same way. I do hope you will forget this presentation of the breakdown of the human willpower before you sit down Christmas Day for the great



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Reminder! Don't forget about dental, eyeglasses, birth control pills, physical exams, and travel associated with your medical care. If all this sounds confusing, read the IRS instructions carefully and work through Schedule A. This alone will make you work harder at remaining healthy. Good Luck!

Lambda Beta meets

Lambda Beta met Nov. 15 with Chera Hohhertz serving as hostess. The program was given by Martha Sue Justice. The program was quite different as Martha Sue had a few surprises up

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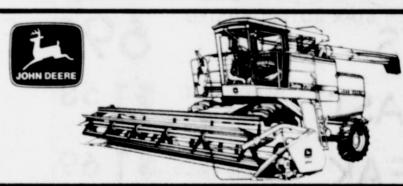
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