## The Merkel Mail

Thursday, December 15, 1983...Merkel, Texas
Ambulance service-city to purchase new radio system, holidays set
The Merkel City Council de-
cided to help the Merkel Emergency Medical Service pur chase a new radio system and 26 and Jonuary 2 fory Hall Dec. 26 and January 2 for holidays a Monday night at the Merkel Emergency Medical Service bu ding. purchased by the ambulance service will also be used by the Merkel Police Department. Vernon Wade made the re-
quest 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 the major reasons for the
group wanting to purchase a

## new system,

The proposed system, a Mo
torolla unit will have a back-u system that will continue to operate when power and tele-
phone service is interrupted. phone 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 quarterly revenue sharing fu quarter The ambulance service will also purchase a portable gene rator or use when electrica
power is off for extended periods.
In other
In other news, city manager J
A. Sadier gave a report on water
and sewer line work at a trailer park being constructed along West side. A group of Merkel's
Investors are considering purchase of the park and were expected to be
in town Wednesday from Caliin town
fornia.
City
City Hall will be closed Dec. 26 City Hall will be closed Dec. 26
and Jan. 2 for holidays and the
Merkel Merkel Sanitary Landill 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 Decting and then a special, meeting and then a special,
called meeting would be sche-
duled.

## Everett says bond received well



SThe Merkol High band follows as
honor guard from Dyose Alr Force Bas as they lod the annual Christmas parade
held downtown Saturday. [Staff photo by
Melanie Richards

Parade, ‘Skins, Charlie...more
by Cloy A. Richards
chool taxes, I to pay any more school taxes, I heard more than
one person say last week one person say last week Nobody has said you need to
yet, and if you are over 66 , your laxes are frozen, sol don't want
tat to hear you saying that anyway.
Besides, aren't we getting way head of ourselves? Last week, the MISD school board hired an architectural plan a school bond issue. Plan a school bond issue. They also set a timetable to be in the new racilities, if approved
by September, 1983 . That means if approved, the board would like for those faciilties 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 coe what the architects come up
with, what the costs will be, and
andit the needs of what the needs of the district are. Once those facts are known,
you can express your opinion in you can express your opinion in
the most efficient manner possithe most efricient manner possi-
ble, by casting a vote in an
election, when the time comec. Wo had a pretty good Christ-
masa parade last Saturday. Most of the children in town that are
under 5 were in attendance with under 5 were in attendance with
their parents and those are the onee that the parade is planned Wo'd like to thank those that participated in the parade and
for the volunteers that helped or the volunteers that helped
the Merkel Chamber of Com-
merce pull it off.
Those dadgummed Redskins were the best team in pr may very well' be anuary, 1984 if Riggin's conti to terrorize linemen and quar terbacks.
Never mind the Cowboy de ense, 11 points doesn't win Cowboys couldn't even manage that offensively Sunday. I can tell you one thing, if the
Pokes do make it to 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 cer tainly look like they will be, if
indeed they make it to the league finals.

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 mos
noble of acts that government 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.
Fi-st off, I have to admit a lot of personal and professiona respect for 17th Congresssional
District Representative Charles Sterict Representative Char les
Stenhold (D) Stamford. I think he has done a marvelous job representing the district's needs
in Washington in Washington.

## Glenn for president?

Stenholmm made the endor sement 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" light on what "Right Stuff"
Glenn must have to impress stenholm.
Donna Willis of Trent High has been named for member-
ship 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 trench horn in the Bold Gold

The MISD school board will
hold their next meeting Tues
 The Mail spoke with MISD week concerning last week's hiring of an arehitectural firm a school bond issue and Everet said "Of course, the superintendent is the last one to hear
a lot of things, but judging from 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 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 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 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 Evertt said the board had no
plans as to what type of 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 recs with growth studies and recc-
omendation on facilities needed to meet the current student needs as well as future growth. The super intendent recently
attended sessions in Lubbock for attended sessions in Lubbock for
school administrators and he

Trent NHS sets
Dec. 15 induction
Trent High School's annua induction ceremony for the Trent Chapter of the National
Honor Society will the school cateteria. The ceremony will be in conjunction with the Trent Community Club To be eligible for membership consideration, students must pe a sophomore, junior or senior and have a cumulative grade average of 99 per cent.
Additionally, 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 Janna King, Missy Simpson and Kim Wallis, all sophomores. Honor Society this year are Billy Williams, president, Roger Brenem, vice president, Christy
Kinnard, secretary and Mrs. John Brady, advisor.


Lerone Lee of the starr
Nursing Home proudly displays the
rophy presented by the Morkel Champhoto by Molanio Richarde]

Newsbriefs



PRCA rodeo set in Abilene

The Pepsi Challenge-Texas
Circuit Finals of the PRCA be held in the Taylor County Coliseum Dec. 28, 29, 30 at $7: 30$ 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 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. Stamford and Setve Bland of Trent will low-score two calve
each night against the World' Champion Calf Roper Roy Co-
Area contestants competing in these curcuit finals include Rex
Bland of Merkel, Les Cochran
Jerry Huffaker and Darre -ambert of Abilene, John Blan
of McCaulley.
World's champion Roy Coope Will hold a roping school in the 30 and 30 assisted by Raymond Hollobaugh, Mike McLaughlin
entry deadline and tuition can or $862-6179$.
Coliseum office. Tickets may also be obtained by
Bland at $862-6179$.
Tax rebates still up here
Merkel's tax rebates are still $\left.\begin{array}{l}\text { Taylor County town that } \\ \text { running ahead of last year's }\end{array}\right)$ per cent ahead of those last year according to a payments. new s release from the State Merkelis's office.
$\$ 3,855$ Mer's latests check for , He's latest check or satal to pushed their annual total to $\$ 54,748$ for the year about 6.7 per ed last year.

Trent community dinner set
The Trent Community Club and dressing and all of the Christmas dinner Dec. 15 at 7 Also, the Trent High Nationa Honor Society's new members
will be inducted at the meeting

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atter the 7 PM Mass, after the 7 PM Mass, M,
Sat. the 17th after the Sat. the 17th after the
5:30 Mass, Wed. the 5:30 Mass, Wed. the
21 st after the Holy Hour which begins at 7
Hour Thurs. the 22nd from 7 to 8 PM, Friday the 23 rd from 7 to 8
and Sat. the 24 th from 6:30 to 8 . Christmas falls on
Sunday this Sunday this year.
There will Mass on Saturday evening. The Midnight Mass will begin at 9
PM and Deacon Paul Klein will give the
Homily again this ar. We will have the customary singing of
Christmas Carols Christmas Carols before Mass.
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altar for Christmas altar Christmas
and anyone who would
like this worthy cause can contact Christi Merkel Methodist Sunday is the 4 th
Sunday in Advent 4th candie in the Advent Wreath will be represents 1 candle 2nd warmth, the the life and the 4th represents preparation for
the coming of the Savior.
Sunday be the church Christmas program at 6. Each Sunday school class and organization
will participate with songs and readings. A songs and readings. A
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ed to attend. ed to attend.
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CBC will have it's
Christmas fellowship
dinner and dinner and gift ex change, Wednesday night, Dec. 21 at $7: 30$
Members and friends Members and friends great time of fellow

First Baptis Merkel's First Bap-
tist Church choir will present a Christmas cane Bells" Sunday at 7 p.m. The choir has 33 members and is dir-
ected by Roy Davis. ected by Roy Davis
Accompanists for the choir are Mrs. Lucy Haynes, pianist, and
Mrs. Sammy Davis Mrs. Sammy Davis
organist. organist.
The program con
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Home inventory could be a valuable assett following disaster
by Rick Gentry

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 home tonight, taking with your the belongings you have it al umulated over the years, how much of that property would you be able to remember for the purpose of filing an insur anceclaim? And would you accurately estimate the value of all your lost posessions?
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 persona
property? The Texas Insurance Advisory Association (TIAA) urges you to complete an inventory now, before a tragic
loss makes it too late oss makes it too late.
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Some types of personal property such as antiques or un-
usually expensive items should usually expensive items should
be appraised to be sure they are adequately insured. TIAA rec ommends that you keep records which verify the value of these items, and any new persona
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Soon the holiday season will be over and a new song will be heard throughout the land. "Tis the season to be taxed". As we all know, the Federal Income Tax law becomes more and more complex each year. Your local Certified Public Accountant is aware of the changes and is an experienced expert in taxation and offers a wide range of professional services including Individual, Corporate, Partnership and Fiduciary return preparation.

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9 Ricky Riley won the trophy tor boses Marcher at the Christmas parade last
week sponsored by the Merkel Chamber of Commerce.[Staff photo by Meianie Richard

## Income Tax-Accounting-Auditing When preparing your records for the 1983 Income Tax Return, special care should be taken in identifying your deductable medical expenses. Effective this year, you can no longer claim a this year, you can no longer claim a separate deduction of up to $\$ 150$ for health insurance premiums. The cost of these premiums are included with other medical expenses. Also, a separate calculation is required for drugs and medicines with only the amount exceed- ing 1 percent of your adjusted gross ing 1 percent of your adjusted gross income includable in your total medical expenses. When totaled, these deductions can only be claimed to the extent they exceed 5 percent of your adjusted they exceed 5 percent of your adjusted gross income. gross income. Reminder! eyeglasses, birth control pills, physical exams, and travel associated with your medical care. If all this sounds confusing, read the IRS instructions contusing, read the IRS instructions carefuly and work through Schedule A. This alone will make you work harder at <br> 

Lambda Beta meets

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| was given by Martha | op, Debbie Sandusky, |
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