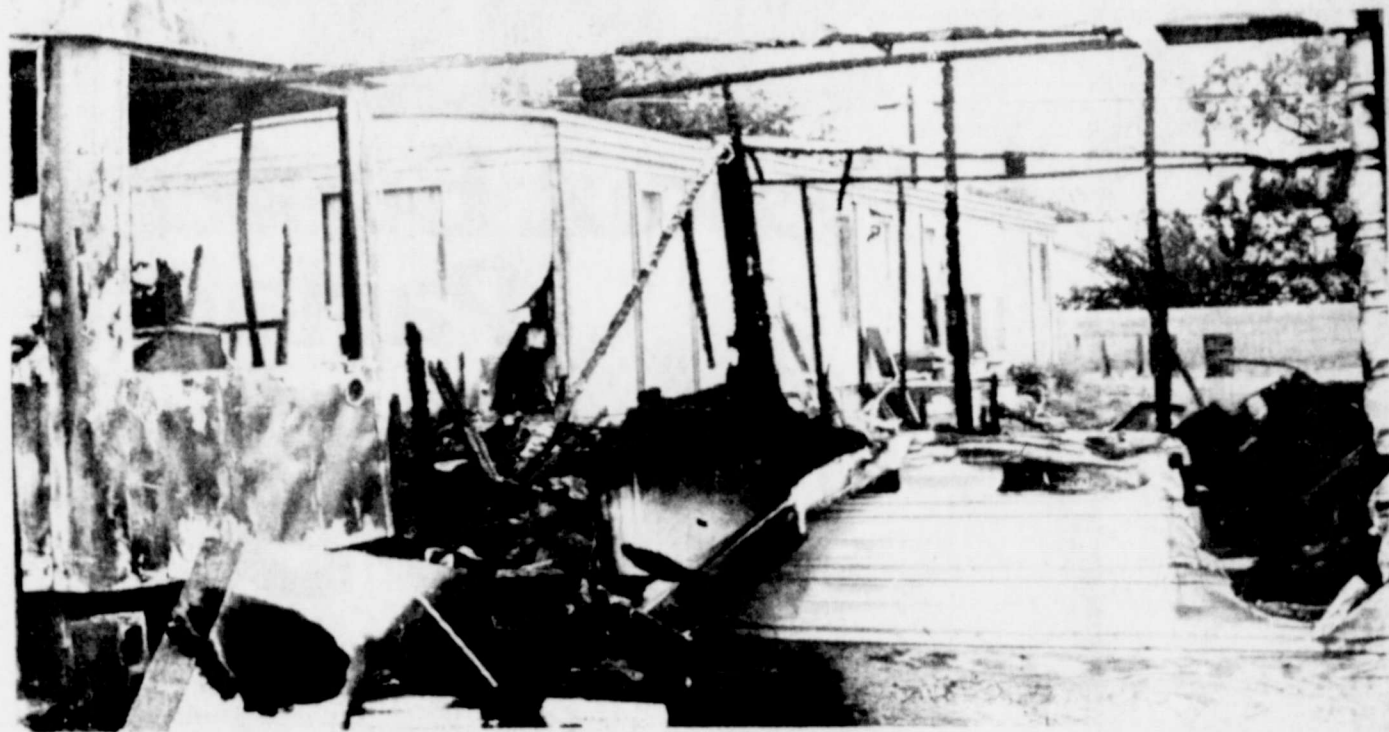


The Merkel Mail

Thursday, July 19, 1984...Merkel, Texas

Our 96th Year

Pursley wins jump-off; is first Merkelite to be on US Olympic team



There's not much left of Dairy Bar here after a fire destroyed the building July 7th. The Cunningham's hope to open a convenience store and deli at the site in the next two months. See related story on Page 3. [Staff photo by Melanie Richards]

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Former Merkel High Pole Vaulter Brad Pursley has made the U. S. Olympic Team as an alternate as he won a two way jump-off in Los Angeles Sunday.

Pursley, a recent ACU graduate, out jumped Dave Kenworthy in the jump-off to take the alternate's spot. That selection will allow Pursley to participate in the opening ceremonies, will have uniforms, tickets to Olympic events. It would also allow him to jump in the case of an injury to the three on the team. Pursley is the first Merkelite to earn such a sports honor.

sports honor.

Pursley cleared 18' 5" to win the spot and took three jumps at 19' 1", which would have been the American record.

According to his bride, Amy, he was over the bar twice at the record height, but hit the bar on the way down both times.

Pursley was unavailable for comment as he was competing in Canada Monday night and was due back in Eugene, Oregon for a weekend pre-Olympic meet.

Joe Dial, an Oklahoma State vaulter chose not to compete in

the jump-off as he has already joined the European tour for the summer. Dial was heavily recruited by ACU while a high school senior, and spent a lot of time around the Pursley household here, placed second in a meet in London Saturday, at which the Russian pole vaulter Bubka raised his own worlds' record to 19'4".

Pursley's former ACU roommate Tim Bright, who is a member of Team USA as a decathlete, picked up Pursley's Olympic uniforms Monday while Brad was in Canada competing.

Water conservation starts July 24th

The Merkel City Council will consider a water conservation plan at their next session Monday night, and the plan will be the same as Abilene residents will have. The plan will start July 24th.

The plan will allow residents to water their yards every five days. These are also the only times people will be allowed to wash cars on their own property or to fill or refill a swimming pool. Residents will be allowed to water by hand with a five gallon bucket any day and car wash facilities will remain open.

The map adjacent to this story will let customers know when they can water. The last digit of your address will be matched with a symbol on the map showing the days you can water lawns. A maximum fine of \$200 can be assessed for violations of the ordinance. The ordinance will also forbid failure to fix a controllable leak, the washing of pavement and or allowing water to run into the street for 75 feet or more.

Under an agreement with the City of Abilene, Merkel is required to adopt the same water conservation steps when enacted by Abilene.

As mentioned earlier, the days you will be allowed to water are

shown on the map. You determine what day to water by matching the last digit in your address, with the proper symbol. A circle represents 0 or 1, a triangle 2 or 3, a diamond 4 or 5 and square 6 or 7 and X 8 or 9.

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New \$12,000 radio system being installed at City Hall

A new Motorola communications system was being installed Tuesday here at City Hall that will greatly improve the communications between Merkel's Fire, Police and ambulance personnel.

The system cost \$12,000 and was paid for by the Merkel Emergency Medical Service with funds raised in Bingo games.

Association director Vernon Wade told *The Mail* Tuesday "This new system will greatly improve our communication abilities here. Under the current system, we share a frequency with the Taylor County Sheriff's office and there have been plenty of times we needed access to the radio and it was being used. That system is also old and hard to repair. There have been times when it was down for up to three weeks.

The new system will have a back up power system so communications can still take place, even during a complete blackout here.

The new system will also have paging capabilities that can contact from 1 to 30 individuals at the same time.

Wade also said there were

plenty of occasions when local police, fire and ambulance personnel need to be in contact with each other. The new system will facilitate that need.

Wade added "I think it will increase our capabilities to respond to emergencies here.

New state law requires safety seats, belts for children under 4

A new state law will require Texas motorists to transport children up to the age of 2, in federally approved child safety seats and children from 2 until 4 in either the seats or a safety belt.

An offense is punishable by a fine of \$25 to \$50, and the Court shall dismiss the charge if a person shows proof of acquisition by purchase, loan or rental within 10 days after the offense.

The law exempts violations involving a person operating a vehicle for hire and a person

transporting a child in a vehicle in which all seating positions equipped with the child passenger safety seat systems or safety belts are occupied.

The law will go into effect October 31 but persons violating the law will not be prosecuted until after Jan. 1, 1985.

The Texas Safety Association, a non-profit, privately funded organization had been pushing for the implementation of the child restraint law at the past two sessions of the Texas Legislature.

Cain, Franklin, Lang qualify for AAU nationals

Matt Cain, Dean Franklin and Maxie Lang have qualified for the national AAU track meet, but probably will not be able to attend because of the start of school.

The national meet, set Aug. 15-16 in Jacksonville, Fla. would cause the trio to miss a couple of days of school, and probably won't attend according to their coach Eddie Lang.

Lang told *The Mail* Monday "It's a shame because Matt has the best time in the nation in his age group and Franklin has the 7th best.

Cain ran the 110 meter high hurdles in 14.5 and Franklin ran

the 400 intermediate hurdles in 59.0. Coach Lang's daughter, Maxi placed third in the state meet in the discus with a toss of 84 feet.

The Region 9 meet was held in Houston and 1,300 athletes from 5 states competed.

In other results, James Wright was 5th in the 800 with a 2:07. Cain was 6th in the long jump with 19 feet 6 and 3-4th inches and the 400 relay team of Franklin, Cain, Wright and Milo Harris ran its best time of the summer but did not qualify for the finals. They ran a 46 flat.

Coach Lang told *The Mail* Monday, "I would like to thank the

J. H. Strain Company of Tye for making a donation to help us meet out of pocket expenses for the meet.

TAAF MEET IS SATURDAY

Lang also said the Texas Amateur Athletic Federation regional meet will be held in Wichita Falls Saturday and those interested in competing need to bring \$1 for membership to the middle school office by noon today (Thursday).

The meet will start at 8:30 a.m. and persons wanting to compete must furnish and entry fee of \$1, transportation and a birth certificate.

Trent FFA at state confab

Casey Johnson, Pat Penton and Billy Williams received their state Lone Star Farmer degrees at the state FFA convention held in

Lubbock July 11-13.

The degree is the highest state award an FFA member can receive.

Others from Trent attending the

convention as voting delegates were Willie Brazelton, Doyle Brenem, Scott O'Kelly and Chris Simpson.



Five MISD personnel were among 53 public school teachers and administrators from 12 Texas school districts who attended the first week-long Classroom Dis-

ciplinary Management and Strategy on the campus of Southwest Texas State University. Shown here are [from left] Margaret Dunn, director of the Texas Juvenile Justice Center

and MISD personnel Billy Riley, J. T. Naron, David Laman, Larry Curry and Lance Morton. [Complimentary photo by Southwest Texas State University.]

Brad makes us proud, ...ramblings

by Cloy A. Richards

We had some rain last Thursday and some places got a lot more of the precious stuff than others, but we are pleased with what we received and would take all we can get, in any amount.

The lack of rain has been affecting the area farmers for the past who knows how long, and will soon be felt by many here if the City of Abilene does not get some rain on its water sources. The City will institute their mandatory water conservation plan at the end of the month, and that means the city will also adopt those measures as well.

Area water users will see their rates go up with next month's statements. The city of Abilene, as most of you know by now, raised their wholesale water rates by 50 per cent.

The Merkel school board decided last Tuesday night to further delay a bond issue on a proposed new high school here.

Board members received personal briefings from the schools' architects last Tuesday and made that decision after hearing details and particulars concerning the new high school.

I know that most of you are still recovering from all the excitement generated by the USFL's league championship played Sunday, or so they tell me.

You may have noticed some different headline styles in last week's edition, but we have a machine here that is a lot like I am, not too crazy about working in hot weather, in a non-air conditioned building. We finished up last week in Anson.

Speaking of headlines, I notice the evening Reporter News has switched their headline style to one that exactly matches ours.

They made that change as an overall re-design of the paper that has made the Reporter News a better looking paper, except for those awful crops (cutting off the top of the head) of their columnists. They had a team of staffers that helped in the re-design and I think they showed exceptional taste in their choice of headline styles—for the evening paper.

Our team re-design decision was made about a year and a half ago when a company had a half price sale on new headline film strips. The team took a vote, I won 1-0 and we bought it.

Life is a lot easier at a weekly newspaper in rural America than what the journalists face in the "big city."

The only way the Merkel Volunteer Fire Department will start reaching the scenes of fires without dodging onlookers, will be for the Merkel Police Department to start handing out warning tickets for people that park on the same block at a fire scene.

The were more cars around a small house fire Sunday than were in the last Homecoming parade.

A passing thought on columnists. You may have noticed earlier in this piece that I don't particularly care for the way the Reporter News uses the pictures of their columnists in their new format, but going through the cash register Monday, I discovered that The Mail treat's its own contributing columnist worse. I saw Russell McAnally's check in there Monday for his subscription renewal. Not only does he not get paid, we charge him to read what he writes for us.

He would have known that in advance if he had spoken with Dale Hammond. We haven't affected his IRS return in years.

Q. Who has to be known as the most successful athlete to hail from Merkel, Texas?

The answer used to be Jack Patterson, who is a former track coach at Houston at athletic director at Baylor.

The answer now has to be Brad Pursley.

Brad made the U. S. Olympic Team Sunday as an alternate

when he outjumped Dave Kenworthy for that spot. Pursley will have all of the honors and rights of team members at the Olympics, as well as the uniforms. He would also have a chance to compete in the event of an injury to any of the three on the team.

Although I haven't talked to Brad since last week, his mom, Jeanette told me Monday Brad has decided to take a job in Austin, working for the mayor in his private business and spend the next four years training for the 1986 games.

Although it is not out of the realms of reality and could still jump in The Olympics, Brad has given us all something to be proud of.

Brad's spot on the team should serve as a reminder to all Merkel youth, whether in sports, programming a computer, changing a tire, or anything for that matter.

It matters not where you come from, only where you want to go. Big dreams don't have to be born and nurtured in big places.

Brad will, and does, offer that ray of hope to all the youth of small communities. If you dream big, train hard, and have the "want to" bad enough, you can pretty well write your own ticket. With a pole in your hand or not.

Well, we got to see a good rain Thursday, but we were at Six Flags on Joey's birthday trip.

We caught the Rangers in a 5-0 loss to Cleveland Friday night and had fun Saturday trying to nurse the blue car in with an over-heated radiator.

Next year, Joey says we are going to the Gulf of Mexico so he can catch a fish bigger than he is. We have already started saving dimes for that.

It was a little hard for me to understand how Marie and J. E. Cunningham could consider themselves lucky after a fire that destroyed their business, plus a lot of personal possession ten days ago.

They felt they were lucky because their home, located directly behind their business came

so close to going up in flames with the rest.

They plan to re-open in a couple of months as a convenience store and deli.

You noticed the story in Page One about water conservation procedures that will probably be enacted here next week.

The City Council of Merkel does not really have a lot to do with the plan, because we are obligated to adopt any conservation measures

that are adopted in Abilene.

Basically, the plan says that residents can water their lawns every five days, and those days will be designated by a chart with symbols that will let residents know when they can water.

Anything resident can do to conserve water until the Abilene watersheds are increased by rain, will help, and may help prevent further, and more drastic water conservation measures.

Country side sets old fashioned revival

Countryside Baptist Mission will hold an "Old-Fashioned tent revival through July 22.

The evangelist each evening will be lay ministers and area pastors. The services will begin each evening at 7 p.m.

Countryside Baptist mission started last April. It has grown to more than 125 members in the past year. It is located 6 miles North of Merkel on FM 1235 near the old Stith Community.

The pastor, Bro. Rudy Fambrough, and all the members invite everyone to attend the services in the tent by their new log church building. For information about the church or services call 662-5934.

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Cunningham's will re-open Dairy Bar

Marie and J. E. Cunningham felt they were lucky, even though ten days ago they lost their business, storage sheds, cooking equipment and a rental trailer, plus other damages by a fire at 3 a.m. July 7th at Dairy Bar.

The fire completely destroyed the business and its equipment, as well as a camper trailer that was loaded for a weekend trip to the lake.

They had plans to re-open the first food and game room by the start of school, but they feel it will be at least two months before they

can re-open. They had praise for the job the fire department did containing the fire and said "if they had arrived a little later they would have lost their home, and could have threatened surrounding property."

J. E. said an airconditioner in their bedroom woke him up and when he looked outside "the utility pole looked like a Christmas tree, with sparks and flames."

J. E. added "It's real hard to stand there and watch all you have worked for 14 years go up in

flames, but we have been lucky. We haven't had any kind of fire in our 14 years, but I guess this one made up for all of the good luck we have had in the past."

Although insurance settlements have not been made as of Tuesday they agree that although they had insurance "you can't ever have enough."

Their current plans are to clean up the site in the next three weeks, when a new metal building will be delivered and then they plan to re-open a convenience store with a deli inside.



In just a few days the Earth gets as much heat and light from the sun as could be produced by burning all the oil, coal and wood on the planet.

Injuries, Anson take Merkel

The injury-ridden Merkel Racers bowed out of the Texas Teenage Baseball League playoffs Monday night with a 15-13 loss to Anson.

Anson ran to a 15-5 lead before the Racers came back.

Pitcher Steve Farthing, who tossed a one hit shut out at Anson

recently, pitched with a couple of small fractures in his arm, second baseman Clay Carey played second with a cast, Casey Johnson played left field with a fractured bone in his foot and Sean Woodard was out of the line up a couple of weeks ago.

The area champions will take

three of the Racers into the playoffs Jerry Ray Davis, John Warkala and Tommy Joe Bolden.

The Racers were sponsored by Rae Rac and were coached by Jerry Dawson and Gary Farthing. They said they were already looking forward to next year.

HECE students sign up July 23-26

All students who are interested in taking Home Economics Cooperative Education (HECE) this fall, need to contact Mrs. Pam Rosenbaum at Merkel High Room 13.

Prospective students are asked to come by between the hours of 9 and 3:30, July 23-26.

If you are unable to attend one of these meetings, please contact the high school so alternate arrangements can be made. All parents are encouraged to attend this meeting as they are a vital

part of this program. These meetings are essential for scheduling purposes and to make sure everyone has a job at the start of school.

At this time, we are completing plans for the coming school year and contacting possible employers. We need information on students interests and work hours needed, or if you are employed right now.

The course is open to all Juniors and seniors, 16 or older. Students

will have the option of being employed in a Home Economics or related occupation and must work at least 10 hours per week to earn two credits or 15 hours a week for three credits. The students will spend at least half a day at school taking regular classes.

Any area business people who would like to employ a student part time are encouraged to contact Mrs. Rosenbaum for more information.

Freeze effects worse than predicted

(RIOGRANDE VALLEY)—The freeze that devastated much of the Valley's citrus and winter vegetable crop—and left thousands of farmworkers jobless—has had deeper and more wide-ranging consequences than previously thought.

A recent survey of the major citrus organizations in the Rio Grande Valley by Texas Department of Agriculture Marketing Specialist Ann Smith indicates that everyone concerned agrees that there will be virtually no oranges and grapefruits available for the 1984-85 season.

"It looks like the number of trees lost to the freeze is higher than originally reported, especially now that some of the growers are experiencing dieback on trees already pruned back," Smith said.

Based upon her survey, Smith said, "as much as 40 to 50 percent of last year's 69,000 citrus acres could be lost, instead of the one-third previously reported."

Though many of the growers intend to replant, Smith says, the freeze took much of the available nursery stock with it. "The growers could possibly plant another crop and then decide whether to go back to citrus when the stock becomes available," she said, adding that there is a possibility that the industry will never again reach last year's level of 69,000 acres planted.

Some of the groves may succumb to expansion, whether they survived the freeze or not. Smith said that

growth and development are raising property values, especially along Highway 83, an area where many of the groves could be bulldozed.

As dark as the outlook appears, Smith says that all the major citrus organizations have indicated to her that a new grapefruit variety, and better maintenance and grove planting methods will allow for increased production on the groves that do remain.

Small-acreage producers

The outlook is as bleak for the small-acreage citrus producers as it is for the large ones.

Bill Thompson, a citrus grower whose only income came from his groves, agrees that the damage done to the citrus trees has turned out to be worse than expected.

"This year, we'll have basically no citrus. Next year, that is, in the 85-86 fruit year, we'll have enough to supply our gift and fund-raising efforts, our specialty markets, but not a whole lot of commercial fruit," Thompson said.

Thompson predicted the state's citrus industry could come back strong in a few years, barring any more freezes.

"If there aren't any freezes, I would imagine it would be five or six years until we could get back to where we could keep Texas and most of our old markets supplied in fruit," Thompson said.

The trees, though, are tender and still vulnerable to even the slightest freeze.

"It wouldn't take much of a

freeze to be devastating. The trees are tender and putting out a lot of new growth," Thompson said. "This type of wood on the trees doesn't have much resistance because it's so tender and succulent."

But the ramifications of the freeze extend far beyond the lack of citrus fruit in grocery store bins.

Thousands have been

thrown out of work and most citrus-related businesses will not be able to return to full employment for several years, thereby freezing workers and the Valley economy into a holding pattern.

Farmworkers

Sister Carol Messina, United Farm Workers spokeswoman, likened the situation in the Valley to "the domino theory."



CITRUS TREES IN THE RIOGRANDE VALLEY all look more or less like trees pictured above. The effects of last winter's freeze are being felt for several years to come, not only by growers, but by Valley residents, citrus industry employers and employees and farmworkers.

Compere will not meet this month

The Compere Cemetery Association will not hold an August meeting. Their next meeting is planned September 15.

Gospel concert set here

A free gospel concert will be presented by the First Assembly of God Youth Department July 28th at 7 p.m. at the church, located at Runnels and North 2nd here.

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Mail takes a look at new businesses here

Editor's note: There have been a few new businesses open in the past few months in Merkel and we will be featuring them as space is available in the next few weeks.

§ by Melanie Richards
GREGORY'S HOUSE OF TOOLS
 § Stephen Gregory with the help of his wife Rhonda, and their four children Jason 5, Amanda 4, Bud 2 and Jacob 5 months, have recently opened Gregory's House of Tools. Their establishment is located at 1412 N. 1st in Merkel.

Stephen tells me that his father and grandfather were both long-time residents of Merkel. Stephen attended Merkel schools and graduated by going to Adult Education classes in Abilene to receive his GED. His immediate previous experience had been working in refrigeration with Franklin Heating and Air Conditioning in Abilene.

The House of Tools, as any new business here, is slow getting started but the response has been fairly good. Stephen feels he has a lot to offer Merkelites, especially the way the economy is now. Since he has eliminated the middle man, Stephen feels his prices are much lower. All of the items Gregory sells are discounted, drastically. You can find tools of any description through Stephen. What he doesn't have in the shop he can get. All but his \$1 specials are fully guaranteed.

He has recently purchased a distributorship in Conklin Company. A few of those items he has are rapid roof roofing systems, motor oil, all purpose cleaners, laundry detergent, lubricants and conditioner for farm-industry-and-home; additives for fuel systems, seed germination aids and ag chemicals.

He told us of a mixture called WEX that can be sprayed on plants that cause the plant to absorb any mixture in the air or ground and send it to the root system in 45 seconds. That product is also guaranteed.

MICHAEL'S INN

§ Leo & Pat Michael of Bloomington, Minn. took over the operation of the former Shelton Inn and Merkel Restaurant four weeks ago.

Leo is a former machinist who found out that he would be replaced by a computer in a few years and Pat is a former accountant so when they heard of the opportunity to purchase the motel and restaurant they figured they were the ideal couple for the job. They heard about the property through their daughter, Debbie Shelton.

They haven't had much time to enjoy their new surroundings but they have been trying to get into the Texan lingo so they can communicate with their patrons. Pat said that a man came to the register the other day and asked for a room for himself and his hands. All she could picture were a pair of hands she thought he was putting on, until he explained. During the interview, Leo explained that he had learned something else new. The Ford dealership or Chevy, or etc. was called the Ford House and he thought someone was talking about a historical site or something.

The couple has five children, all in their twenties, two are in the Army, one in Alaska and the other in Germany. Leo has already transferred his VFW post membership from Post 6212 in Bloomington to 5683 here.

The Michaels have done much improving in the short four weeks they have been here. They have

put in new air conditioning in the restaurant and the rooms. They have also painted, cleaned and fumigated and have opened the pool to the public. The pool has supervised swimming from 1-5 p.m. with the after 5 slot reserved for families who wish to come and swim with their kids. They also have added a great asset in June McDaniels, who as some Merkelites know, is a great cook. She specializes in fried chicken, homemade rolls and pies and biscuits.

They seem to have really thrown themselves into the project and would like for you to come and visit them. As Leo said "We hope Texans will adopt us."

SKEET'S RESTAURANT

§ For those who have not met the lessors of the former Pug & Leo's Restaurant, they are Joyce and Carl Cain and they call their establishment Skeet's Restaurant. They specialize in southern style fish and batter fried fish and other items.

The story goes that Skeet Smith (Joyce's son) started a restaurant in Lubbock in 1975 called Penny Lane and from that point started developing the recipe for several items including the fish that Joyce and Carl now serve. Skeet then moved to Sweetwater and opened Skeet's Landing and recruited mom and dad to work with him. One local, Billy Bob Toombs, frequented Skeet's and encouraged other Merkelites as well, such as Kent Satterwhite and Calvin McPherson. Calvin was so taken with the place that when Pug & Leo's came open, he took the phone number to Joyce and Carl and asked them to come to Merkel and open another Skeet's.

The rest is history. They have been pleased with the patronage here and plan to stay around.

The new news is that Joyce's daughter, Karen Benson and her husband, Bob, who have also been in the food service business for a long time, have just moved to Merkel two doors down from mom and dad at the Cherry Street Apartments to help with the business. They moved in Tuesday from Lubbock with their three children David 11, Danielle 4 and Lindley, 2 months. Goifers here will be able to meet Bob at the course.

Since taking over the site, Joyce and Carl have added additional seating and deep fryers, and other kitchen equipment.

The Cains also offer a catering service which has kept them quite busy since coming here. They will cater any menu and always have their trusty, portable fryers in order to cater their specialty.

RAE RAC

Rae Rac, to my surprise has almost been established here for three years. Jerry & Pat Dawson, owners, came to us from Victoria via Midland. They looked all around the Big Country and felt Merkel to be the most logical, logistic location. Besides, Jerry loves the people here.

Together, they have six children and 4 grandchildren. Two of the children, John Warkala and Jennifer, live at home. There is also soon to be more of the Dawson family here when Jerry's dad, the Rev. James Dawson and wife Dorothy, retire and make Merkel their home from Vernon.

Rae Rac is a company that services the oil field relating to natural gas production. They

repair and rent all types of compressors. They operate, maintain, rent and provide sales and service to such equipment and their auxiliary components. They service a 150 mile radius of Merkel. Before Rae Rac customers would have to go to Mineral Wells, Odessa, Graham or Breckenridge for service. After working for others like Tenneco Oil Company, Jerry decided from

22 years of experience he could open his own business so he sold his house in Vernon and started coming up again. He was very encouraged even after the first year of business and says now he can see things running smoothly for his family.

He has worked up to 3 trucks with 11 rental units with the capacity of 25 to 2000 horsepower. Also, pressures from 40 to 3,500

pounds. He services Tom Green, Brown, Keen, Palo Pinto and Sterling counties to name a few. Some of his key accounts are Sun Exploration, Hydro Carbon, North Ridge Exploration, Crown Exploration and Red Top Oil, to name a few.

The Dawsons are here to stay and soon there will be more Merkelites with his parents retiring here.

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Freeman's 50th celebration set



Mr. & Mrs. Odell Freeman of Trent will be honored July 22, when their children and grandchildren host a reception in observance of their 50th wedding anniversary. The reception will be held from 2:30 until 4:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the First Baptist Church in Trent, where Mr. Freeman is a Deacon. Hosts will be Ronnie & Betty Freeman, Roy & Rebecca Sharp; Robbie & Steve Shugart and

Danny Freeman. Also, their two great granddaughters, Daron and Braid Sharp. Mr. Freeman was born Dec. 5th in the White Flat Community west of Trent and has lived in the area all of his life. He attended schools in White Flat and graduated from Eskota High in 1931. He is a retired farmer and rancher. Mrs. Freeman, the former Opal Barnhill, was born July 14, 1917 in

Gap, Oklahoma and came to Texas with her family in 1925. She was reared at Eskota and attended schools there but graduated from White Flat High School in 1934. The couple met at school and were married July 19, 1934 in the Methodist Parsonage by the pastor in Sweetwater and have lived in the Trent area since their marriage. All relatives and friends are invited to attend.

Gilmore's tell of wedding plan

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd W. Gilmore of Merkel have announced the engagement of their daughter, Carolyn Jean, to Douglas Mark DeBerry, son of Mrs. James DeBerry and the late James DeBerry, of Winters.

The couple will be married August 25 at the First Baptist Church here. The bride-elect is a graduate of Merkel High School, and currently a senior at Hardin-Simmons University, and is employed at West Cen-

tral Texas Council of Governments. The prospective bridegroom is a graduate of Winters High School, of Texas State Technical Institute in Waco and is employed by the Wilder Tire Company.

Farm Bureau sets queen contest August 25th

Taylor County Farm Bureau is seeking entries for its annual queen contest tentatively set for August 25th. To be eligible for the Senior Division, a girl must be between the ages of 16-21 by Sept. 1. She must also be the single daughter or sister

of a Farm Bureau member. The Taylor County winner will advance to the District contest. The district winner will receive a \$500 scholarship and advance to the state contest. The winner will receive a \$1,500 scholarship. The runner-up will also receive a \$1,000

scholarship. There will be a junior miss division for girls age 11-15 as of Sept. 1 and a little miss division for girls age 6-10. All interested persons should contact the Taylor County Farm Bureau at 692-1213 or Sonja Toliver at 928-5566 or 928-4842.

Public notices

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS -TO: CHARLES BRINKLEY, Residence 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 Christian Homes of Abilene, Inc., Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 28th day of

June, 1984, against CHARLES BRINKLEY, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 91-CX on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Interest of ERICA LYNN McCLEERY, a Child", the nature of which suit is a request to the Court to determine what parent-child relationship exist between the child and the respondent and that such parent-child relationship be terminated. Said child was born the 26th day of June, 1984, in Abilene, Taylor County, Texas. The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgement or decree in the child's interest which will be

binding upon you, including the termination of the parent-child relationship and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the child's adoption. 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 the

2nd day of July, 1984. Rilla Mahoney, Clerk 326th District Court, Taylor County, Texas by JoAnn Lackey, Deputy. 72-11c

THE STATE OF TEXAS -TO: GUY VAN DELL, Residence, Address and Location Unknown Cross-Defendant, Greeting: You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Cross-Plaintiff's Petition at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of issuance of this citation, same being Monday, the 13th day of August, 1984, at or before ten o'clock A. M. before the Honorable 104th District Court of Taylor County, Texas, at the Court House of said County in Abilene, Texas.

Said Cross-Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said Court, on the 25th day of May, A. D. 1984, in this cause, numbered 15,868-B on the docket of said court, and styled, GUY VAN DELL Plaintiff and Cross-Defendant vs GERALD TURNBOW Defendant and Cross-Plaintiff.

The names of the parties to the cause are as follows:

GUY VAN DELL are Plaintiff's and Cross-Defendant and GERALD TURNBOW are Defendants and Cross-Plaintiff's.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit:

On April 21, 1983, Cross-Defendant executed and delivered to Cross-Plaintiff a contract for the purchase of a 1965 Cessna C-310 aircraft and delivered a Grumman aircraft as partial down payment of the purchase price of the Cessna and entered into a certain agreement between Cross-Plaintiff and Cross-Defendant regarding payment of the balance of the purchase price of the Cessna. Cross-Plaintiff complied with his part of the agreement. Cross-Defendant has failed and refused to comply and complete his part of the terms of the agreement and has failed to deliver the balance of the purchase price or complete the conveyance of title to the Grumman to the Cross-Plaintiff. Cross-Plaintiff is entitled to repossession of the Cessna aircraft as well as entitled to the conveyance of the record title of the Grumman aircraft as per the agreement. In the alternative, Cross-Plaintiff is entitled to quantum meruit for services, parts, and labor provided by Cross-Plaintiff and for the value of the Cross-Defendant's use of the Cessna 310. Cross-Plaintiff asks for judgement exceeding the minimum jurisdictional limits of this Court with interest as provided by law for court costs and reasonable attorney's fees. Cross-Plaintiff asks for such other and further relief as to which it may be justly entitled, as is more fully shown by Cross-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 execute the same according to law, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 26th day of June, A. D. 1984.

Attest Rilla Mahoney, Clerk District Court, Taylor County Texas by JoAnn Lackey, Deputy. 70-11c

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: William Jeffery Wilson, Defendant, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable County Court at Law of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 21 day of June, A. D. 1984, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said Court, on the 21st day of June, A. D. 1984, in this cause, numbered 14,478 on the docket of said Court and styled Joseph Williamson, Plaintiff, vs. William Jeffery Wilson, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows-to-wit:

Past due rentals at the KOA Campground, Abilene, Taylor County, Texas. Amount being \$1,550.00.

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 the 21st day of June, A. D. 1984.

Attest Janice Lyones Clerk County Court at Law Taylor County, Texas by Vicki Rister, Deputy 70-4tc

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Riney's hold reunion here

The descendants of the late B. J. & Catherine (Hays) Riney had their annual reunion Sunday, July 8 and had 123 in attendance. The oldest attending was Sis Thompson of Merkel and the youngest Ryan Conley of Midland. The Mary Denton family traveled the longest distance to attend. They live in Kansas. Entertainment by Sybil Riney and family, and others. Bobby Campbell of Abilene was MC. Next year's reunion will be held at Abilene State Park the 2nd Sunday in July.

Recent Merkel cemetery donors

The following people have made recent donations to the Merkel Cemetery Association.

Mrs. S. D. Gamble, Mrs. W. G. Richardson, Daniel L. & Katherine Weeks, Eva Mae & Murphy Dye, Mrs. John West, The Union Ridge Club, Mr. & Mrs. H. A. Vick, Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Davis, Mrs. George Smith, Patricia A. Dalziel, Mr. & Mrs. Weldon

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Attending were Sis Thompson, Christi Jowers, Bink Smith, Betty Conley, Tom Davis Hogan, Joyce Sanders, Amanda, Jeremy, June, Loena Hogan; Scott & Wendy Motley, Jack & Ruth Hogan; Kenny, Nancy, Ken and Kody Hogan; Robert & Nan Campbell; Lee & Vikki Reddin, Leroy & Polly Riney; Jack, Gwen Melinda and Sheri Riney; David, Donna, Kelly and Kevin Riney; O. D. & Eva Faye Allamen, Clifford & Lois Orr, Lila Perry; Lanny, Lynda, Lance, Laci & Lynsi Perry, Sybil Riney, Bob Riney, Ray & Willie Jo Orsborn; D. J., Nina Richie, all of Merkel.

Williams reunion set

The descendants of Lee D. & Callie Horton Williams will have a reunion July 28th and 29th in the home of Mr. & Mrs. Delmon Wilson, 7962 Forrest Hill Road in Abilene.

call the Wilson's after 6 p.m. or on weekends at 692-3189.

The Lee D. Williams family home was located in Noodle. All friends and relatives of both Williams and Horton families are invited. Please let the Wilson's know if you plan to attend.

Also, Lee & Elanor Mae Darden; Snookie Toombs of Lubbock; Walter & Ruth Riney of Trent; John & Donna Wilson of Haskell; Tommy, Mary, Angie, and Melanie Riney of Plainview; Larry & Sherri O'Neal; Jeremy Riney of Baird; Ann & Tessa Kay King; Aaron Kiser of Munday; Nancy Jus-

First Baptist sets Vacation Bible school

Merkel's First Baptist Church will be holding Vacation Bible School July 23-27 from 9 a.m. until noon each day.

VBS is open to all the children of the community from 3 years old to 6th graders. A pre-registration will be held July 20th from 10 a.m. until noon.

Russom-Swinney reunion set

The Russom-Swinney reunion will be held July 21 & 22.

On the 21st, they will meet at the Senior Citizens Center with the meal furnished.

On the 22nd, they will meet at Heritage Hall with a pot luck lunch. All old and new friends are invited to come by and visit at any time.

Noodle ice cream supper planned

An ice cream supper and business meeting will be held at the Noodle Community Center Saturday night.

Methodists set fish fry, car wash

The Methodist men will be sponsoring a fish fry July 25th at 7 p.m. at Heritage Hall.

Funds derived will be used for the Van Fund. A quilt will also be auctioned. The community is encouraged to attend.

The Youth will be having a car wash July 28 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the church.

Some days good

by Russell McAnally

Some days start out in normal fashion. A few days ago, I was trying to decide whether to take my cows to sale or wait a little longer. With feed as scarce as rain, there was little choice. I decided I would let fate decide the question for me. I would call Jack Hogan, and if his trailer was available, the cows would go, if not, they would stay a little longer. I was told he was out at the farm and it would be an accident if I found him. I drove out anyway and found him even before I got to the farm. The trailer was not in use. I hooked onto the trailer and lit out for home because the cows needed to be at the sale by 11 a.m. It was 9 and I had to hurry.

This looked like it was going to be my lucky day. My decisions were made for me. Loading cows into a stock trailer has never been an easy job for me. There were four cows to be loaded and the rest left at home. I knew I would have trouble separating the four to be loaded. A little Cow Chow in a bucket got their attention and they followed me into the small pen from where they were to be

loaded. To my surprise, the first four cows coming through the gate were the ones to be taken to the sale. The bucket of feed was placed at the front of the trailer and without fear or hesitation, all four went into the trailer and I shut the gate. This was almost too much.

On the way to Abilene and the auction sale, I reflected on the way that everything had worked out just right. The sale starts at 10:00 but if you wait until about 11:00 you don't have to wait to unload. I turned off I-20 to go the one-half mile to the auction barn. As I turned off the highway, I saw a trailer stopped on the road to the unloading place. I pulled up to see if I could be of some help as three or four men were around the stock trailer. It was then that I learned the stock trailers were lined up there to the sale barn. Three hours later it was my time to unload. When I looked back up the road, the trailers were still backed up almost to the highway.

A stop had to be made at 84 Lumber on the way home and the drive home would give me time to think about whether or not this

had really been a good day. I left the lumber yard and headed for the I-20 underpass. Two or three blocks away I saw a strange thing. A record-a-disc-the thing you put on a turntable to play- to make music- was rolling down North Pine on the opposite side of the street but going in my direction. I looked around and there was noone in sight. There was no telling where it had come from, but the wind was blowing from the South and there it was. I passed the rolling record on my way to the underpass. Going under the overpass, I turned left to take I-20. After waiting for a car, I turned and then looked back and there was that record still rolling along. I stopped and caught it as it passed by. Perhaps there was something on the record that I ought to see. The title of the first song was "You May Lose Your Heart Tonight."

That was enough. The record was broken and I sailed it across a vacant lot. I headed home with my hand over my heart for protection.

I reflected, No day is all good, and no day is all bad.

REPORT OF CONDITION

Consolidating domestic and foreign subsidiaries of the

The Farmers & Merchants National Bank of Merkel
Name of Bank City

In the state of Texas, at the close of business on June 30, 1984
State Date

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 Charter Number 7481 Comptroller of the Currency 11 District

Statement of Resources and Liabilities

	Thousands of dollars
ASSETS	
Cash and balances due from depository institutions	1,177
Noninterest-bearing balances and currency and coin	5,000
Interest-bearing balances	7,362
Securities	1,030
Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell in domestic offices of the bank and of its Edge and Agreement subsidiaries, and in IBFs	7,670
Loans and lease financing receivables:	99
Loans and leases, net of unearned income	-
LESS: Allowance for loan and lease losses	-
LESS: Allocated transfer risk reserve	7,571
Loans and leases, net of unearned income, allowance, and reserve	-
Assets held in trading accounts	195
Premises and fixed assets (including capitalized leases)	-
Other real estate owned	-
Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries and associated companies	-
Customers' liability to this bank on acceptances outstanding	569
Intangible assets	22,904
Other assets	-
Total assets	20,352
LIABILITIES	
Deposits:	6,281
In domestic offices:	14,071
Noninterest-bearing	-
Interest-bearing	-
In foreign offices, Edge and Agreement subsidiaries, and IBFs	-
Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase in domestic offices of the bank and of its Edge and Agreement subsidiaries, and in IBFs	-
Demand notes issued to the U.S. Treasury	106
Other borrowed money	-
Mortgage indebtedness and obligations under capitalized leases	-
Bank's liability on acceptances executed and outstanding	-
Notes and debentures subordinated to deposits	454
Other liabilities	20,912
Total liabilities	-
Limited-life preferred stock	-
EQUITY CAPITAL	
Perpetual preferred stock	375
Common stock	375
Surplus	1,242
Undivided profits and capital reserves	-
Cumulative foreign currency translation adjustments	1,992
Total equity capital	22,904
Total liabilities, limited-life preferred stock, and equity capital	-

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[Signature]
 Directors

Betty Jane Tittle
Name
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Title

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 SLICED **BACON** BULK LB **\$1.69**

GOOCH B R
FRANKS ALL MEAT 12 OZ PKG **\$1.19**

GOOCH B R FROZEN
STEAK FINGERS 12 OZ PKGS **\$1.59**

ARMOUR STAR
HAM BONELESS COOKED 3 LB CAN **\$6.98**

HORMEL MARKET SLICED
 SPICED **MEATS** LB **\$1.59**

LOUIS RICH FROZEN
TURKEY LB **\$1.29**

FRESH LIVER LB **69¢**

WESSONS
SNOWDRIFT 3 LB CAN **\$1.79**

FOREMOST
HOMO MILK GAL JUG **\$2.33**

FOREMOST
SOUR CREAM 16 OZ CRTN **98¢**

FOREMOST
LOWFAT MILK GAL JUG **\$2.23**

FOREMOST
COTTAGE CHEESE 16 OZ **98¢**

FOREMOST
FRUIT DRINK ASST GAL JUG **98¢**

SKINNERS
EGG NOODLES
 8 OZ WIDF **43¢**

KEEBLERS
VANILLA WAFERS
 12 OZ BOX **98¢**

DETERGENT
RINSO
 GT BOX **\$1.29**

LEMON
SUNLIGHT
 LIQUID
 22 OZ BOTTLE **98¢**

SOAP
CARESS
 BATH SIZE **59¢**

CLEANER
LYSOL
 40 OZ BOTTLE **\$2.39**

STRAWBERRIES
 BEST of the BERRY PATCH! CALIFORNIA

 Pint **59¢**

FRESH
LETTUCE EA **39¢**

GEORGIA
FRESH PEACHES LB **59¢**

CALIFORNIA
HASS AVOCADOS 2 FOR **39¢**

CALIFORNIA
CANTALOUPE LB **29¢**

SEEDLESS
 RED OR **WHITE GRAPES** LB **79¢**

WASH EX FANCY DELICIOUS
RED APPLES LB **59¢**

HOT SHOT
 FLYING INSECT
SPRAY
 AEROSOL
 11 OZ CAN **\$1.89**

ZIP LOC
BAGS
 20 CT BOX **\$1.19**

ZEE
TOWELS
 JUMBO ROLL **59¢**

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