The Merkel Mail

Thursday, November 8, 1984...Merkel, Texas

Our 96th Year



§ Badger quarteback Jerry Davis Friday. The Badgers lost to the their last game of the season.

[8] heads downfield against the league leading Wylie team 37-16 Kickoff is at 7:30. Wylie Bulldogs at Wylie last and will host Clyde he Friday for]Staff photo]

Booster Club's parents night is Friday at final game of year

The Merkel Badger Booster field house at 6:30 p.m. Club met Monday at the high . The Booster Club school building for their weekly business meeting and viewing of the game film of the Wylie game.

The Friday, has been designated game of the season. All parents of varsity players should be near the

operating the concession stand at individuals to buy a one line ad in Fall Bazaar and dinner at the all home basketball games begin- the program of the Caprock ning Nov. 20. Volunteers are Tournament, in which the varsity needed to work in the concession boys basketball team will play in and will last until 3 p.m. Featured as Parents Night at the final home stand for middle school games, as the latter part of December. well as high school. If you can Deadline for the ads is November work, please contact Sandy Laird 12.

future of MISD. We will have to

answer that question again in the

future, and noone knows, or is

"I told ya's" are everywhere; elections are finally over

saying when.

by Cloy A. Richards

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Its funny how people become experts after an election.

The "I told ya so's" seem to come out of every nook and

The school bond election outcome was surprising to some, old news to others.

The margin of defeat was almost the same in Merkel and Tye, and the outcome was really not even close for passage.

What will MISD do next? Your quess is as good as mine, but if MISD is very sincere about obtaining new classroom space for students because of overcrowded conditions, then I feel they will come back for a bond issue in the near future, lest say a year.

That ought to flush a few of the "I told ya so's" out of the woodwork.

Sometime today, I will speak with Bill when he returns from a seminar he was attending last

I haven't really talked with him since he saw the results of last Tuesday's election, but I did read a comment in the Reporter News that it would be ridiculous to call another election after the results of last Tueday.

It's a hard question, one that we have not heard the last of, because of the alternatives to building a new school or additional classroom space.

Noone wants to see kids going to school in split shifts, which would eventually happen, once the state says we have too many students for the size of space we have. I also don't think we'd find a heck of a lot of teachers that would be willing to work those hours. .

That scenario only happens when the situation is so bad the big bad State of Texas comes down on you and says that is the way it is going to be. We are a ways from

p.m. with a Team game for the 7th Still, we have an unanswered

> freshmen travel to Clyde tonight with games starting at 5:30.

Remember, I told ya so. Latest sales tax rebates here are reflecting the depressed ag comvote twice. munity here as Merkel' rebates

are 12 per cent off the same period

last year, the only such down report in Taylor County. That's not great news to report would be early Tuesday during the and reflects the need of Merkel general election. people shopping in Merkel and

keeping all of the dollars you can did the right things. here, where they do the most good.

don't complain. You didn't use the I'm glad to see the election most powerful weapon the aveseason over for two reasons. rage citizen has and that is their One is no more paid political lies counted vote. and the other is the cartoon strips will get away from election

Speaking of cartoonists, Dale Hammond had quite a bit of exposure when his cartoon illustrating a political ad, was used in The Reporter News. He didn't report offers coming in from everywhere but I am a little nervous that he will be discovered and start drawing for those "big

city papers." We will start the bidding war at a cup of coffee per.

The Merkel Badgers play their last home game of the year Friday against Clyde, a team that has managed only one more win than the 2-7 Badgers this year.

Kickoff is 7:30 p.m. here Friday as the Badgers hope to put the Bulldogs in a share of the cellar

with a win. The undefeated Merkel 8th grade team hosts Clyde in t he middle school's annuam Mum Day. That action will start at 4

question looming before us on the grade.

The Merkel junior varsity and

A lot of us, and I mean a lot of us renewed our license to gripe in the last ten days as we were asked to

And vote we did. The turnout for the MISD bond election was an all time record, and they said it looked like it

To those of you who voted, you To chose of you who did not,

Call in your

Classifieds 928-5712

To subscribe

Texas' farm economy has gone downhill steadily in the past few years, and farmers have found themselevs in the worst economic Call 928-5712

That assessment comes from Dr. Carl Anderson, an economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension

squeeze since the Great Depres-

The adjusted farm income for inflation nationwide in 1983 was the lowest since the bleak years of 1932-33," Anderson points out.

State suffers rough '84

Net farm income in Texas this year will be only half of what it was in 1979, says Anderson. This means that purchasing power of Service, Texas A & M University the farm dollar is only 25 to 30 per

cent of what it was five years ago.

The current farm financial stress stems largely from depressed crop and livestock prices, steady increases in costs, adverse weather conditions and high real interest rates that increase costs and strengthen the dollar a-

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Wylie eases past Merkel 37-16; Badgers host Clyde in finale

was intercepted, returned 30 yards in the first half. and then, two plays later Wylie scored and never looked back.

Wylle went on to win 37-16 behin Davis to Brandon. strong running by Mark Redwine Bobby Lillijedahl.

The Merkl Badgers stayed with The Badgers were led by the the league leading Wylie Bulldogs running of Dean Franklin and the last Friday in Wylie until less than pass-catch combination of quara minute was left in that opening terback Jerry Davis and receivers Tim Brandon and Tim Jasobs, Merkel was trailing Wylie 14-8 who brought the game close with a and drving when a Badger pass 76 yard touchdown reception late

> The Badgers other scoring play came on an 11 yard pass from

The Badgers take on Clyde for and pinpoint, downfield passing by their last game of the season here Friday night. The Badgers, with a

win, would end up tying Clyde for last in the district, and a Badger loss will place the Badgers in the cellar.

Seniors playing their last game tonight (except for an injured Lyle Baker) are Jerry Davis, Steve Farthing, Tommy Joe Bolden, John Warkala, Donny Brady, Keith Watson, Spencer Scott, Chris Cutler, David Glasscock, Tim Brandon and Tim Jacobs.

Kickoff is 7:30 at Badger Stadium.

Tax rebates here off 12%

Merkel's latest share of the state ty that have shown a decline in to 985 Texas cities. Statewide, sales tax rebate is \$7,561.36 and continues to run well behind the pace of last year.

collected \$57,735.37 compared to \$66,230.73 through October, 1983. Merkel and Impact are the only two communtities in Taylor Coun-

So far in 1984, Merkel has

rebates so far this year.

In June, Merkel was running 12 per cent ahead of last year's figures but that rate has been falling rapidly in the last four

Almost \$100 million was rebated

rebates were running 13 per cent ahead of the 1983 pace according to a news release from the state comptroller's office.

The comptroller also said that rebates are generally much higher in the next three reporting periods

Merkel Methodist set bazaar

church Saturday.

The Bazaar will open at 9 a.m.

The First United Methodist items include an art gallery, served from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. We still need more businesses or Church will sponsor its' annual peanut shop, homemade crafts, Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$1.50 granny's pantry and a sweet shop.

The dinner consisting of spa-

for children under 12.

A churchwide affair, the event is ghetti, meat sauce, salad, garlic being sponsored by the women in toast, tea or coffee, banana the church with assistance from pudding or fruit cobb'er will be the men of the church.

Pioneer's 34th Lord's Acre sale set

Pioneer Memorial Methodist is promising everyone an "old fashioned good time" Nov. 17 at the church in Mulberry Canyon.

The annual Lords Acre Sale will start at 6 p.m. with a basket dinner. It is the 34th annual sale.

A. D. Scott, chairman, vill begin the sale following supper, where everything from plates of candy, pies, cakes to sacks of food and seed are sold to the highest bidder.

He wanted to thank the many merchants and friends who donate

to the sale each year.

The ladies of the church have also made a beautiful friendship quilt that will be sold.

"We extend invitations to all the people of the Big Country to attend this exciting event, said



§ Dean Franklin gets nailed trying last week. Franklin led the Badger to get a first down against Wylle rushing attack for the second week

Ag purchase power lowest since 1932

(From Page One)

and encouraged imports and values have declined. foreign production," he added.

persisted over much of Texas this rise in farm debt of nearly 50 per sound he believes. Debt, as a year, lowering forage and crop production and increasing production costs. Prices paid by farmers for inputs have increased almost a third in the last five years while average prices received for crops and livestock have fallen slightly.

But, Anderson says the persistant crunch on agriculture results mainly from action outside its confines. National economic policies, trade subsidies of other countries, tariffs, trade restrictions and other forces have influenced interest rates, inflation and other economic conditions abroad and at home.

"Extremely high interest rates which support the strong dollar have been the number one problem to farmers. When the dollar rises in value, exports decrease and imports increase. All this gives farmers overseas incentives to produce more to satisfy their own needs as well as to export when possible.

Mechanization and chemicals for pest control encouraged farmers to expand and take on lower profit margins in the 1970s. "When interest rates skyrocketed, export markets began to dissappear and stockpiles of surplus grain, cotton and dairy products appeared in

Meeting set to protest H. B.

Dear Sir: While there are some good aspects of the Education Reform Bill, H. B. 72, passed in special session of the Legislature last summer, there are many aspects which need

A meeting of the negative aspects of the bill for both teachers and students will be held in the cafeteria of Sweetwater High, Nov. 13, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. This is being sponsored by the Sweetwater Classroom Teachers Association, but it is open to the general public:

Jeretta Thompson, State Classroom Teacher President and Susan Crocker will be present to address the group, answer questions, and prevent some positive steps toward seeking remediation of the bill.

A recent survey of our school shows 49 per cent of our teachers thinking or leaving the profession by the end of the 1985-86 school year. Similar reports are coming in from other areas. Without career teachers who are dedicated to the profession, the quality of education will become less for the students. State mandates are meaningless without dedicated career teachers to carry them out. As the bill now exists, there is little incentive for the career teacher to stay in the profession. Therefore, this is a problem which cannot be ignored.

We invite all area educators, news media, and other concerned persons to join us Nov. 13 for this very important meeting.

Mitzi Hart President, Sweetwater Classroom Teachers Association

FHA at Abilene conference

by Sandra Britton

The Merkel FHA chapter was represented Oct. 27 at the Abilene FHA officer training workshop. The workshop was held at Madison Junior High.

Activities were presided over by Debbie Allen, president of the exas Association at Abilene

Merkel students attending were Tommy Joe Bolden, Sandra Britton, Teresa King, Beverly Williams and advisors Candy Martin and Pam Rosenbaum.

The students were provided opportunities to attend workshops on the responsibilities of their adividual chapter offices. These sions were conducted by area

During the lunch break, memers were netertained by the

the early 1980s," notes Anderson.

These low returns to investments are beginning to show now, gainst foreign currencies, the especially in the less populated economist points out. "A strong areas where agriculture is the dollar has discouraged exports dominant use of land and land

Outstanding agricultural debt many agricultural borrowers are since 1980. unable to generate a cash flow 1 Inis year's farm income may that can support commercial improve slightly from the depreslending practices, the economist sed levels of the last two years.

some farmers will either be forced out of agriculture or they will have to come under the Farmers Home Administration's emergency loans procedures," he added

Despite depressed income, Tex-Extreme drough conditions have now exceeds \$13 billion in Texas, a as agriculture is still financially cent since 1979. And though ample percent of assets, is averaging less loanable funds are available to than 20 percent, and agricultural agriculture, the problem is that loan losses have increased slightly

The improvement is a mixture of stronger prices early in the year and livestock liquidations by ranchers due to drought conditions he explained.

"The greater cash flow is from ranchers being forced to sell livestock. The liquidation of breeding herds has increased the cash flow this year but will decrease it in years to come.

However, more Texas farmers and ranchers will likely be in serious financial trouble by yearend due to heavy debt and adverse weather conditions, adds Ander-

Texas Consumers Look For Specific Information

Did you know that more than 8 out of 10 readers of this newspaper read the advertisements as they shop for specific items of merchandise?

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Advertising	Usually	Sometime	TOTAL
Grocery	71.9%	13.5%	85.4%
Department Stores	69.2%	16.4%	85.6%
Clothing	66,3%	17.3%	83.6%

Newspapers are the overwhelming choice for reaching a specific audience of shoppers!! SOURCE: 1984 Consumer Data Service (CDS) Survey of Texas Consumers



§ No. 45 Hohn Warkala § This is not the John Boy we all grew to know and love on Walton's Mountain. This John would have tore the mountain up. John is like all the rest of the Badgers, he never quit.

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Pastor gets charge out of fence



by Russell McAnally

§ There are problems and there are troubles. Some problems are not related to troubles. A problem may be troublesome, but a choice between two good things could be a problem. We are saying here that problems can be either good or bad but troubles are always bad. To be troubled is to be in distress- pain or disturbed in body or mind. Troubles always bring problems, but problems do not always create troubles.

A problem has bothered-confused and amazed me all my days of my ministry. When I go into the church by the front door I am immediately confused. How

does a person know whether they are facing the front or the back of

As I said, I went through the front door of the church and stood just inside the entrance where I could hear the song leader urge the people in the back of the church to the front of the church. Now, the front of the church becomes the back of the church. All new converts and prospective church members are urged to come to the front of the church. Then the announcer urges the people on their way out of the front of the church to pick up pampthe church to the front of the

Now the pastor goes to the back of the church and stands by the door that goes out the front of the church to shake hands with the people. If you ask the pastor if he is standing in the front of the church or the back of the chruch, and he smiles and says nothing, you know he has a problem- if he frowns when he is asked that question, and says nothing, you will know he is troubled.

Problems and troubles can come together. Two of my ten calves kept getting out and I put up an electric fence around part of the pasture to make them afraid of all fences. A red calf and a black one touched the fence and they stayed away from the fence for awhile. When I came from the barn to the house I forgot and walked into that electric fence. I repeated that act two more times in the next three days. If you think a calf gets in high gear when coming into contact with an electric fence, you when he does the same thing.

There is a reason to believe I really fell better after my encounter with the electric fence. My problem is- I do not know whether I feel better because of the electric plets. Now he is calling the back of shocks I received or from all the

exercise I got from trying to get away from the fence. I feel a little like a friend of mine wno was almost baldheaded. He was almost scalped in a car wreck. They sewed that part of the scalp and when all had healed his hair started growing again. He did say,

however, that he would not reccommend that as a cure for baldness. Now, the thing that really troubles me is that I walked into that fence for the third time. Anyone who does that has problems that could indicate real

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86.3% read newspapers weekly

80.1% read their local newspaper

87.6% say newspaper ads are important 78.4% households have more than 1 reader

Keep your messages before the majority of

Texas consumers . . . put them in newspapers.

SOURCE: 1984 Consumer Data Service (CDS) Survey of Texas Consumers

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Volunteer Firemen purchase, donate

lifeline unit to local woman

Justin Knight, son of Chu ck & month division at a baby pageant Lugenia Knight of Merkel, was in Abilene Saturday. [Staff photo named the winner of the 24-35 by Melanie Richards)

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TEXAS NEWSPAPERS Have An Appeal

The Merkel Volunteer Fire Department recently purchased, and presented a Lifeline Emergency Response Unit to a Merkel

The recipient is Mrs. Wells who lives at Brickhaven. The unit is linked with emergency medical

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The unit was paid for by the fire department and Mrs. Wells wanted us to pass along thanks to them for their compassion and

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87-4tc

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87-1tnc

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80-TC

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87-TFC

§ For rent: 1 bedroom house, deposit required,

87-2tc

Thank You

The Senior Class of Trent would like to thank everyone in Merkel and Trent for your support of our class auction.

A special thanks to Don Dudley for serving as auctioneer 87-1tc

Garage Sales

Garage sale: Little bit of everything, 4th house East of County Barn in Merkel. Saturday only

87-1tc

Front Yard Sale: Portable dishwasher, rockers, toys, womens & boys clothing, metal china hutch, lots of misc. Last house on right on Cherry Street, 928-4352. Saturday 9 until ?. 87-1tp

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The Classifieds

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87-1tc

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dant, Greeting: You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to Plantiff's Original Petition at or before ten o'clock A.M. of the Monday next after the expiration of twenty days after the date of service of this citation before the Honorable 350th District Court of

Taylor County, Texas. at the Court House of said County in Abilene,

Said Plantiff's Petition was filed in said Court on the 30th day of April A.D. 1984 in this cause, numbered 152-D on the docket of said court and styled TRI-CONTINENTAL LEAS-ING CORPORATION Plantiff VS KINGSTON

BOOKSTORE dba DRAGON TREE PRESS, Defendant. The nature of Plantiff's demand is fully shown by a true and correct copy of Plaintiffs Original Petition,

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84-4tc

NOTICE +On October 19, 1984. an application was filed with the Federal Communication Commission in Washington, D. C. for authority to assign the

license of AM Broadcast Station KMXO, 1500 kHz, Merkel, Texas, from B & D Broadcasting, Inc. to Jerry G. Benavides, d-b-a Flamingo Broadcasters.

The officers, directors and stockholdres of B & D Broadcasting, In. are R. E. Ditmore and Bill J. Starks.

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His grandparents are Jerry & Mary Nance of Trent and Imogene King of Merkel. Mr. & Mrs. J. L. Fisher of Merkel celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Nov. 3 Nieces and nephews hosted the celebration with a reception in Fellowship Hall at the

First Baptist Church

latives attended. Out-oftown relatives attending were Mr. & Mrs. Bill Spencer and Eddie of Abilene, Mr. & Mrs. C. E. Miller and Mrs. E. R. Lee of Garland, the R. O. Fisher's, Kay Harris and Keith Fisher of Dallas, Mr. & Mrs. R. T.

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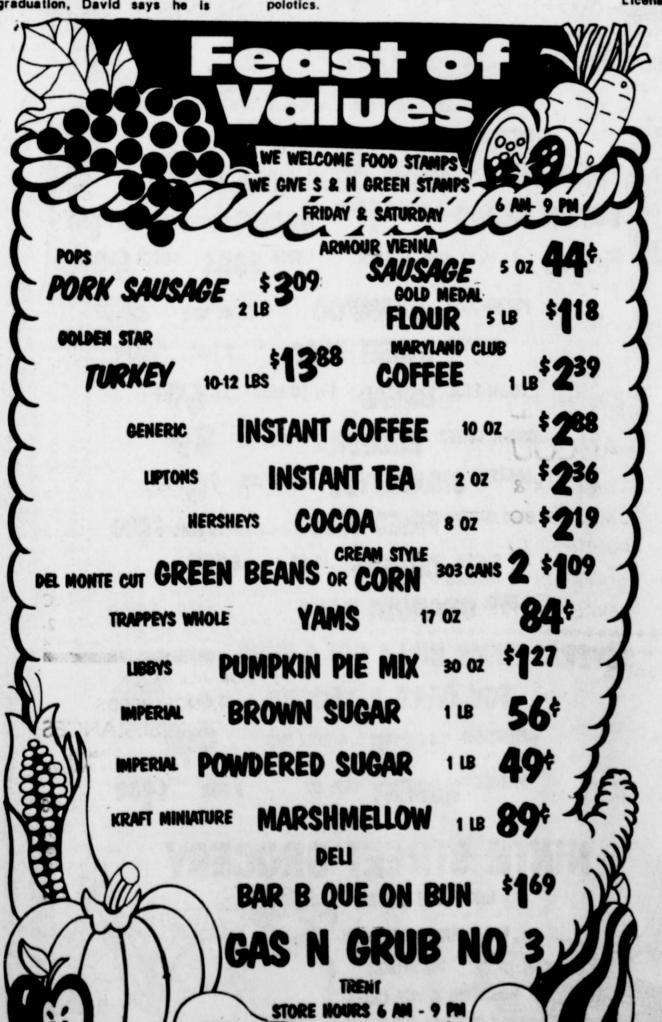
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Brownie Girl Scout troop no 311 went on a field trip to visit the Central Fire Station in Abilene.

Two firefighters explained their job of firefighting along with giving the girls safety tips that might save their lives.

They were allowed to try on the jackets, boots and helmets. The troop then stopped at Mc-

Donald's for Treets. Attending were Tiffany Butman, Rikki Casady, Tiffany Hill, Marijki Holmes, Hallie Shipley, Jackie Rogers and leaders Mamie Steck and Cynthia Casady.



Debra Carey, daughter of Mr. & mrs. Milton Carey of Merkel, will be appearing in the annual Macv's

Thanksgiving Day Parade with the Cisco Junior College Wrangler Belles. She is a Merkel High

Xi Nu Eta meets

Xi Nu Eta chapter of Collum, Marilyn Tittle Beta Sigma Phi held its monthly meeting in the

home of Jana Nelson. The programs, given by Jana included music and hobbies.

Members present included Kathy Dacy, Ja- Yale in Abilene. na Nelson, Dee Mc-

and Cathy Pack. Guests present were Carol Norman, Carol Portie and Karen Landers.

The next meeting is November 6 in the home of Kathy Dacy, 3662

81 Club's bike-a-thon

The 81 Study Club held a successful bike-a-thon Saturday that benefited the St. Jude's Research Center

A 10 speed bicycle won won by Scott Bloodworth. Second was won by Janet Marshall and third by David Claxton.

Others participating and raising money were Tomothy Childress, Brad Clark, Nick Littrell, Danny Martin, Eric Armstrong, Cindy Summers and Toby Golson.

Edith Butman buried in Stith

Edith Coleman Butman. 27. of Merkel, was pronounced dead at 9:50 p.m. last Monday here. Graveside services were held at 4 p.m. Friday at the Stith Cemetery under the direction of the Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born. Dec. 3, 1956 in Eden, N. C., she married Dennis Butman Oct. 24, 1984 in Abilene. She was a nurses' aid and had previously been employed at Starr Nursing Home here. A Baptist, she had lived in Merkel for six years.

She is survived by her husband; a son, Barry Coleman of Merkel; a daughter Amy Coleman of Merkel; her mother Doris Massey of Merkel; four brothers, Ricky Massey of Memphis, Paul Massey and Johnny Massey of Merkel and Russell Waller of Tyler; and a sister, Patsy Thorp of Merkel.

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81 club meets

The 81 Study Club met Oct. 23 at the home of Ann Talent. President Betty Satutzenberger called the meeting to order and Grace Holt, who was hostess, gave a program on how to run a bike-a-thon.

Attending were Bernie Bryan, Paula Forehand, Grace Holt, Cleo Reece, Betty Stautzenberger and Ann Talent.

Their next meeting will be in the home of Cleo Reece Nov. 12 at 4 p.m. She will be hostess and present a program

Twins born

Tabitha and Tiffany Garrett are proud to announce the birth of their twin brothers, Michael and Matthew.

They were born Nov. 2 at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene. Michael was born at 9:50 and weighed 7 pounds and Matthew was born one minute later and weighed 5 lbs. 5 ozs.

Their parents are Ikey & Cathy Garrett of Merkel. Grandparents include Mr. & Mrs. Paul Crouse of Merkel and Mr. & Mrs. I. V. Garrett

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Hogan's hold festive reunion

families of the late F. T. and Anna Maude Hogan joined in fellowship Nov. 3 at Heritage Hall here.

A put luck luncheon was served. Saturday afternoon, the Hogan's drove to the old home place of the late F. T. Hogan Sr., where the seven children were raised, seven

miles South of Merkel. There, the Jack & Kenneth Hogan families had an afternoon of ranch fun.

Three and four wheel rides were furnished by Kenny & Kody Hogan those wanting to ride across the

Cameras were kept busy. After the fly by day rides came hay

The Hogan children and their rides Again young and old had a Derring, Tuscola; Christi & Kelly joyous ride over hills and valleys around the beautiful mountains such as "East Peak" and the other ranch mountains.

> The highlight of the afternoon was when the hay ride stopped to allow all to climb the mountain. The mountain echoed many happy voices.After that, all went back to Heritage Hall for an evening meal. and said their good bye's until next year.

Attending were Bud & Margie Hendrick, Plainview; Roy, Nancy, and Chuck & Sandy Doby for Treilyn, Scotty & Rusty Justice Houston; Sam, Carole & Mackenzie Smith, Fort Worth; Ricky, Cathy & Ryne Conley, Midland; Chuck & Sandy Dolby, Abilene; Delbert, Kay Lynn, Matt and Lacy

Hogan and Sandy Dawkins, Seymore. Lee & Elanor Darden, Lubbock: Bobby, Marilou, DeLinda and Connie Campbell, Abilene; Jerry, Joyce, Amanda & Jeremie Sanders, Noodle; and Mrs. Morris "Bink" Smith, Tom & Doris Hogan, June Leona Hogan, Robert & nan Campbell, Lee & Vickie Reddin, Betty Conley, Scott & Wendy Motley and Kenny, Nancy, Ken, Kody, Jack & Ruth Hogan, all of Merkel.

Visitors were Robert Holmes, Houston; Tricia Kriger, James Williams and Earl & Hattie Shatts, Abilene; Ken Mabes, Buffalo Gap; and Della Henslee, Zade Bird and Anna Mae Darden, all of Merkel.

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DECEASED - Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of J. S. Owen were issued on October 12, 1983, in Cause No. 15,988, pending in the County Court of Taylor County, Texas, to

Roberta McMillan The residence of such Executor is Mason County, Texas. The post

office address is: Box 368, Junction Route Mason, Texas 76856

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED the 1st day of November, 1984.

by Gerald Johnson Attorney for the Estate

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS +TO: RONALD PHIL-IP WHITE, 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 netition of BRENDA

GALE WHITE, Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 10th day of August, 1984, against RONALD PHILLIP WHITE, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 10.854-C on

the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Matter of The Marriage of BRENDA GALE WHITE and RONALD PHILIP WHITE", the nature of which suit is a request to obtain a divorce from the Respondent. Petitioner requests the Court to order a division of the estate of Petitioner and Respondent in a manner

ded by law. The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgement or decree dissolving the marriage and providing for the division of property which will be binding upon you.

that the Court deems

just and right as provi-

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 id-

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court at Abilene, Texas, this the 25th day of October,

Rilla Mahoney, Clerk 326th District Court Taylor County, Texas by Johnnie Woodard Deputy (Seal) 86-78-4tc

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS +TO: JERRY SPEN-CER, Residence Un-

known, 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 DANIEL CODY CLAXTON and LAURA JANE CLAX-TON, Petitioners, filed in said Court on the 23rd day of August, 1983, against JERRY SPEN-CER, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 9384-C on the docket of said Court, and entitled, "In The Interest of DAVID ALLEN LIN-DSEY, a Child", the nature of which suit is a request to the Court to determine what parentchild relationship exist between the child and Respondent, that same

requested be given. Said child was born the 7th day of February, 1979, in Trent, Taylor County, Texas.

be terminated, that Dan-

iel Cody Claxton be

granted a decree of

adoption of such child,

and that any other relief

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 appiontment 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 19th day of October,

Rilla Mahoney, Clerk 326th District Court Taylor County, Texas by JoAnn Lackey, Deputy (Seal) 85-87-4tc

> NOTICE OF INTENTION TO INCORPORATE

+ Notice is hereby given that Toni Lambert doing business in Merkel, Taylor County, Texas, with its principal place of business at Rt. 1 Box 10, Merkel, Texas 79536, was dissolved on October 24, 1984 and incorporated as T. J. & T Tire Company, Inc. on October 24, 1984. The business will be conducted by T. J. & T. Tire Company, Inc. at Rt. 1 Box 10, Merkel, Texas 79536. This notice is given pursuant to Article 1302-2.02 of the Texas Miscellaneous Corporation Laws Act, Section 6.103(7) of the Texas Business & Commerce Code, and Section 35 of Article 6132b of the Texas Civil Statues.

T. J. & T. Tire Company , Inc BY: Toni Lambert 85-31-4tc

Hutchins-Austermann repeat vows

Johnson officiating. Given in marriage by her uncle, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Ronnie both of Merkel.

Williams of Carrotton.

Mrs. Angle Radford, sister of

termann were married Nov. 3 at and Mrs. Soundra Austermann of the First United Methodist Church Abilene, Mrs. Sharon Gross, sister of Abilene with the Rev. Ray of the bride, and Robin Weaver of Carrolton were bridesmaids.

Flower girl was Wendy West Wilson Weaver, the bride is the and ring bearer was Kevin West,

Lonnie Jowers was best man. The bridegroom is the son of Frankie Austermann, brother of Lery & Harriet Austermann of the bridegroom and Craig Land and Donnie Tutt, both of Merkel

were groomsmen.

Ushers were Ken Radford of Honey Grove and Larry Land of

The bride attended high school at Heritage Christian in Dallas and is a student at Cisco Junior

The bridegroom is a graduate of Merkel High and is employed by Wes-Tex Drilling of Abilene.

They are living in Abilene.

FFA second in district contest

by Stephanie Boyd
The Merkel FFA chapter com-

peted in the district leadership contest and was rated 2nd overall out of the 22 schools participating. The individuals teams placing

were the radio team 6th, quiz team 11th, junior chapter conducting 11th, senior chapter conducting 4th, junior ckills 5th, senior skills 3rd and extemporaneous speaking

We are starting once again to make plans for the Merkel Stock Show. The first meeting will be held Nov. 13 at 7 p.m. at the ag

Public Notices

CITATION BY **PUBLICATION** THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: MRS. W. C. NO-RTON, and unknown heirs, devisees, legal representatives, successors and assigns of said name individual Defendant, if she is deceased, Defendants, Greetings:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 104th District Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 29th day of October, 1984, A. D., in this cause, numbered 16,277-B on the docket of said Court and styled:

PAUL R. MAYO

MRS. W. C. NORTON +A brief statement of the nature of this suit is a follows, to-wit:

Suit by owner of oil and gas leases covering the hereafter described property for the appointment of a Receiver

to give oil and gas leases covering the mineral interest of the Defendants, whose whereabouts are unknown. The Defendants

own minerals in the

following amounts, in and to the following described property: Mrs. W. C. Norton 1-32 The Northwest Quarter (NW-4) of Section 7, Lunatic Asylum Lands,

Taylor County, Texas. as is more fully shown by Plantiff's Petition on file in this suit. If this citation is not served within ninety

(90) 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 man-dates hereof, and make due return as the law

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court at Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, this the 29th day of October, 1984. Attest: Rilla Mahoney

Taylor County, Texas by JoAnn Lackey, Deputy (Seal)

Clerk 104th Districte

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: STEVEN MITCH-ELL SEROT * Whereabouts Unknown, He-

spondent: **GREETINGS:** +YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable 326th Dis-

trict Court, Taylor Co-S unty, 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 Sharyn Frey and Michael Eugene Frey, Petitioner's, filed in said Court on the 29th day of June, 1984, against STEVEN MIT-CHELL SEROT, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 92CX on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Interest of Jarrod Michael Serot and Cindy Leigh Serot, Children"

the nature of which suit is a request to the Court to determine what parent-child relationship exists between the children and Respondent, that same be terminated, and that Michael Eugene Frey be granted a Decree of Adoption of such children. Said children were

born the 15th day of

March, 1973 (Jarrod Michael Serot), in Montreal. Canada. Said child was born the 17th day opf January, 1975 (Cindy Leigh Serot) in Mon-

treal, Canada. The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgement or decree in the chi'd'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

Issued and given under my hand and the of said Court at Abilene, Texas, this the 30th day of October,

Rilla Mahoney, Clerk 326th District Court Taylor County, Texas by JoAnn Lackey, Depu'ty (Seal)

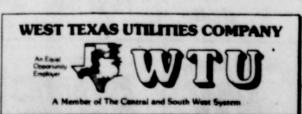
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