

The Merkel Mail

Thursday, November 29, 1984...Merkel, Texas

Our 96th Year

Council planning more paving; looking for more houses to re-model

The Merkel city council held a short, routine meeting Monday night and decided to go along with a locally funded paving program, as soon as the weather is right for shooting asphalt.

The paving is being paid for by a fund set up that uses past due property taxes owed to the city.

City manager J. A. Sadler sought and received council's permission to move ahead with the paving because city crews have been applying and smoothing the

base material and Sadler feared rough weather would ruin work already done.

In another move, council authorized Sadler to seek bids on digging a new household garbage pit at the Merkel City Landfill. The last pit cost \$4,000 and was dug during the holiday season last year.

They also approved a change in the contract between the city and Randolph & Gilreath, a consulting

firm that has been handling the implementation of Community Development block grants here. They will now also be responsible for housing inspections.

Sadler wanted to emphasize to local homeowners that there is still plenty of money left in the remodeling funds and all people have to do is meet income guidelines, live within the target area and own their home. More information is available by contacting City Hall at 928-4911.

1985 USDA cotton-wheat program set, outlook not bright

by Cloy A. Richards

Outlooks for the 1985 USDA cotton and wheat programs show stable prices, surpluses and federal program changes that will have impact here.

According to **Food and Fiber Economics**, a newsletter published by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, some major changes were announced in mid-September.

According to the report, the outlook for cotton said foreign consumption of cotton should decrease after a good 1984, and possibly decline. They also predict weak prices due to the stable market. Carryover July 15, 1985 was set at 4.6 million bales.

The target price will remain at 81 cents.

In the Feed Grain Program, the carryover was set at 1.1 billion bushels. Not surprisingly, the nation's production was set 70 per cent ahead of 1983 and that increased carryovers by 37 per cent.

The feed grain program is basically the same and the USDA is predicting a 1985 increase in production and stockpiles, which will have a negative effect on prices.

USDA is expecting a maximum percentage of farmers claiming maximum and minimum deficiency payments, so they are preparing for the worst in 1985.

Wheat

USDA was pessimistic about any chances for better exports or prices for the two basic reasons. A strong dollar makes US wheat less of a bargain and large surpluses will keep prices down.

USDA says production will be up in 1985.

Major provisions are the same target price; maximum deficiency payments will remain the same and the acreage limit has been set at 90 per cent. As in the cotton program, producers may request half of their projected payment.

Those who accept advance payment, and then don't comply with the acreage limit, will be required to refund the payment plus interest, as in the cotton program.

Grazing will only be allowed outside the five month growing period permitting one less grazing month than the 1984 plan. Add immediate entry into the Farmer Owned Reserve will also not be permitted. Participants will be required to sign contracts that are binding.

Evaluated in the same manner as the cotton program, the Texas Agricultural Extension Service has found that it would be profitable to participate in the program. The service estimated that farmers would realize anywhere from \$8 to \$24 per acre for dryland producers and \$33 to \$41

for irrigated producers.

In their report, the service concluded "Absent diversion payments, the feed grain program was a surprise to many observers of farm policy. Since corn is the barometer for the prices of all grains and oilseeds, questions arise regarding the potential for a recurrence of large surplus stocks. Anticipation of such conditions combined with appropriate action to prevent their development is the key to success in farm policy development."

Conclusion

The report said farmers should contact the local ASCS office before making any decisions about participating in the program and to verify the accuracy of files on themselves at the ASCS office. They also said penalties for not abiding by acreage set-asides would be strictly enforced with stiff penalties awaiting violators.

And although they predicted that farmers would make more money by participating, they said a little leg work and some simple math may be the best advice available.

They also recommended that farmers who belong to various farm organizations, to start learning more about the provisions of the 1985 Farm Bill and to make their feelings known to farm organizations they belong to.



§ These volunteers handed out sacks of fruit to participants in last Thursday's meal program here. The fruit was donated by local businessman Virgil Hunt of Merkel Brick & Lumber. Volunteers are [front row, from left] "Nanny" Brown, Audrey Barnett, Donnie Cassidy, Genevive King, Mrs. Claude Dye [back row] Esther Wheeler, Henry Brady, Annie McDonald and Marie Wheeler

Staff photo

Texas circuit finals in Abilene Dec. 27

The Texas Circuit Rodeo Finals will be held at the Taylor County Coliseum Dec. 27th through the 30th.

The entrants will consist of the top 15 Texas Cowboys that have won the most money at Texas Rodeos in 1984.

These top competitors will be

facing top stock.

Some entrants from the local area include Raymond Hollobaugh of Stamford in calf roping; Rex Bland of Merkel in steer wrestling; Diltzie Edmondson of McCaulley in barrel racing. In another event, there will be a special attraction featuring Steve

Bland of Trent against World Champion Roy Cooper. Cooper will also hold a roping school on Dec. 27 & 28.

Tickets are available locally by calling or going by Cal-Tex at 862-2611.

Box seats are also available by calling Cal-Tex.

School board wants your input; no Christmas lights here...more

by Cloy A. Richards

The Merkel school board met last Thursday and agreed, in principal, that they should come back to the voters and ask their consideration of another bond issue, probably in the spring.

What they would seek was and is a mystery. What they would like is some good direction from voters.

What caused the last bond issue to be defeated? Was it too much money?

If it was, what does the school board take out of their proposal? Was it defeated because people want to see something other than a new high school built? If, so, what do they want constructed?

There are many questions unanswered and the board can better answer those questions if they know how you feel and why you voted against the last school bond.

One can tell these guys are dead serious about needing more space for education here, but are at a loss in trying to plan the facilities. Elections are expensive undertakings. It would be good business for local voters to make their feelings known to the board.

We know we need additional school facilities when we are already out of room in the ones we have.

Don't take that wrong. I am not making a public statement that we need facilities and we need them now, no matter the cost.

In fact, I am stating the opposite. I know we have needs at MISD for additional classroom space, but I personally am not convinced that we need a new high school. Elementary or middle school, yes.

That's what the board needs is opinions, they need to know what you, the voter, has on their mind. Your opinions may save us all a lot of time and money, along the way.

One problem with space I know MISD is having is space enough for ten basketball teams to hold games and practice sessions.

Some teams managed only two practices before their first game and that is clearly not enough.

Gyms are expensive. In the last school bond election, the cost of a full "Varsity display gym" was set at \$900,000. It's another thing we need to think about between now and the next school bond election.

Locals having household goods or furniture they don't need are asked to contact Waymon Adcock or Lela Holden, so those items can be delivered to the Windham family, who lost their home to a fire almost two weeks ago.

People wishing to donate should contact Lela Holden at 928-5277 or take their donations to the Merkel Volunteer Fire Department Station.

Trent residents interested in seeing a new community meeting facility built are asked to attend a meeting Sunday at the Trent School Cafeteria at 3 p.m.

The idea of the building is a facility that people can use for functions, meetings, like Heritage Hall.

We all know how much that is used here and it would be a tremendous asset to our neighbors to the West.

Russell McAnally hit some nails on the head with his column this week. The subject, talking to yourself.

He also finally ran into the writers wall, that of having his written word ready at a regular, given time.

Welcome to the world of columnism, journalism, whatever they call it.

It's been a while since I have run into a joke for the column but

this one is pretty good.

It seems a man who liked his cat very much was about to go on an extended vacation and asked his brother to feed and care for the animal.

After a couple of weeks, the traveler decided to check in with the brother to see how things were going.

His brother said, abruptly, the cat got on top of the house, got scared, fell down the chimney and died a horrible death.

The traveler was stunned. He thought for a moment and then began to chastise his brother for the manner he chose to break the tragic news. He told his brother that the matter should have been handled with a soothing voice. He said, it would have been much better for you to tell me that the cat got on the roof, he and the fire department did all they could to try to save the animal, and that the cat passed on without pain or suffering. He told his brother to keep that in mind if he ever had to inform anyone of a tragedy again.

A couple of weeks later, the traveler called his brother to ask him to pick him up at the airport and inquired as to how things were going. The brother said, in a soothing voice "Everything is going well, except for mom. She got up on the roof and the fire department came

We have had a couple of phone calls asking when the Christmas lights and decorations would be put up and the answer is they will not be.

The decorations owned by the Chamber of Commerce are too old to display and replacements cost lots of money, something the Chamber does not have an abundance of here.

People interested in raising money for decorations for the next Christmas season should contact Chris Young or Melanie Richards at the Chamber office.

Cotton

§ Highlights of the cotton program has some major changes over the 1984 program. Producers will have until March 1, 1985 to sign up.

This year, USDA has established an advance on deficiency payments. Producers may request half of their payment at sign-up and the payment rate has been set at .198 cents per pound.

Producers will also be limited to 70 per cent of their established base and also unlike 1984, there will be a paid land diversion of up to 30 per cent. The diversion payments will be .30 cents per pound of lint. As with deficiency payments, producers may request half at sign-up.

According to the newsletter, the Texas Agriculture Extension Service analyzed participation from the five major Texas cotton producing regions and they say, based on figures already published by USDA, producers would find it profitable to participate.

The "increased return above variable costs" is expected to range from \$15.58 per acre in the Rolling Plains to over \$63.00 for irrigated cotton.

As always, the newsletter said producers should consult the local ASCS office for a complete explanation of the program and its provisions. They said it was important to restate that upland cotton producers who do not reduce their planted acreage to no more than 70 per cent of their established upland cotton base will

Someone was talking and I should be listening

by Russell McAnally

Writing a column one time a week sometimes gets to be too regular. The thing I am doing today is brought on by two or three different reasons. One of them is because I was all out of fresh ideas. There is another reason why my article today will be a revamp of last Sunday's sermon. I have never done this before. I have deliberately worked on keeping these articles from being of the preaching variety. The other reason I am using this material is because I think it is worth talking about and the other reasoning is that since only 13 people heard me last Sunday, it will be all right to repeat. The other 20 to 30 people in my congregation were busy finishing Thanksgiving weekend with their families. That is good.

My subject last Sunday was "Do you talk to yourself?" Have you really thought about how much you do talk to yourself? Even more important, is how important do you think talking to yourself really is? There is a good

possibility that you talk to yourself even more than you do to other people. My guess is that you are what you are more from what you say to yourself than from what you say to others or what they say to you.

Where do you get the ideas that you are discouraged—lonely—that nobody cares for you—that you are overworked—underpaid—mistreated—nothing to wear or over one hundred things? Haven't you talked it over with yourself and decided these things are true?

Where do you get the idea you were handsome or beautiful—ugly or unwanted? What do you say to yourself when you look in the mirror? Do others tell you that your problems are getting you down—or do you convince yourself that it is happening? A person who commits suicide does not do so because someone tells them that there are problems are too great—that they are no good—or that life is not worth living. They convince themselves that this is true.

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Talk to yourself & listen

Something good can happen after we talk to ourselves. The Prodigal Son of the Bible was having all sorts of problems until he started talking to himself and convinced himself that it would be better off for him to go home. I have heard many people say "I just sat down and gave myself a good talking to." It can also be the other way. The Pharisee of the Bible "stood and prayed thus with himself—" he wasn't talking to

God, but to self and he told himself that he was better off than others and did better than anyone else. We are rather simple in that we believe almost anything we tell ourselves.

Others can talk to you and encourage you- and try to get you up and going, but your greatest encouragement will come from yourself. You must convince yourself and challenge yourself that you can do it. Talk to yourself- tell

yourself that every day will be a good day. You will be more what you are-by what you say to yourself than from anyone else. Above all things- be honest with yourself. I have told myself so often that what I say to myself is more important now that I believe it. It is not what others say about you that is important- but what you say about yourself. I guess I should say "Amen" now.

81 study club meets at Talent's home

All members of the 81 Study Club met at Ann Talent's home for a social get-together.

Attending were Lorene Beard, Vernie Bryan, Evorie Dillard, Katie Griffith, Golida Malone, Cleo Reese, Betty Stautzenberger, Doris Summers, Ann Talent and

Catherine Winn.

Each member told the group what they were thankful for.

They met yesterday (Wednesday) to discuss a Bazaar they will hold Dec. 8 from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the recreation room at

Pleasantville.

Their next regular meeting will be Dec. 10 at 4 p.m. in the home of Betty Stautzenberger, who will also be hostess. The theme will be "How to protect your home and be aware of self-crime prevention."



Merkel High Students of The Month for August were [bottom row, left to right] April Duncan, Shelly Brandon, Robin Ray, Shelly Sherrill; [back row] Todd Smith, Billy Ray Riley, Ronnie Hines and John Starbuck.

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SHORTENING MRS TUCKER PRE CREAMED		173
FOLGER COFFEE WITH 10 PURCHASE	1 LB	199
MELLO CRISP BACON	LB	139
BANANAS	1 BS	3/89
PURPLE TOP TURNIP CALIFORNIA		39¢ LB
		2/50¢ PK
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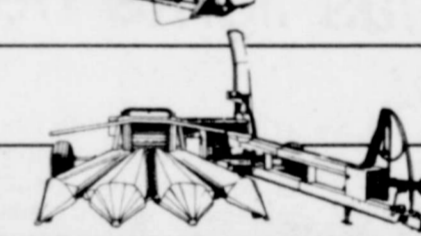
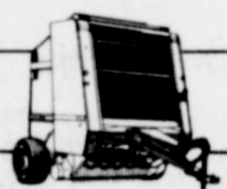
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Model	During November
4420	\$ 525
6620	625
Side Hill 6620	650
6601 PTO	225
6622 Hillside	850
7720	725
7721 PTO	375
8820	825
FORAGE EQUIPMENT	
Model	During November
PTO Forage Harvester	\$ 625
SP Forage Harvester	4550
Forage Wagons	350
HAY EQUIPMENT	
Model	During November
Square Balers	\$ 400
Round Balers	500
Mowers/Conditioners	375
SP Hay Windrows	1250

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Starr nursing home news

by Mary Wimberly

Sorry we haven't had much news lately but when it did, it exploded.
Mrs. Gamble was admitted to Hendrick's last week with a fractured hip. We hope she recovers soon and comes back.
We welcome a new resident, Mr. T. R. Klass of Merkel, into the home. We hope they will be happy here.
We would like to thank Bonnie Horton for the tomatoes they donated to the home.
We also thank the Merkel Garden Club who came last week and brought plants, cookies and punch to the residents.

Dana Henderson, a first grade teacher at Merkel Elementary brought her students and they brought art gifts for Thanksgiving to put on the residents' doors.
We also thank Ester Carson for the birthday cake she made. She and Howard have just returned from Canada where they were on a missionary tour. What a blessing they are to people.
Thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Pinckley for sharing their anniversary cake with the home. We congratulate them on their 50 years of marriage.
Joyce Moore and Laurie Baker, employees at the home were hurt

recently while attempting to get a patient into a wheel chair. We hope they will soon be better.
We'd like to thank Bob Deen for bringing turnips. Almost all of our residents like turnips & greens.
Buddy Smith wanted to thank his musicians who go to the home each Thursday evening at 7 p.m. to play. They are Mrs. Henry Brady-Piano; Barney Barnhill-guitar; Dinson Griffen-guitar; and Rex Martin-harmonica.
Henry Brady also plays something, but I forgot. Sorry.
We thank the ladies WFV for the prizes they brought for the Bingo party.

Masonheimer wins recipe contest

Nelda Masonheimer of Trent won a recipe contest sponsored by the Fort Worth Star Telegram with her recipe for Cabbage Patch Bread.
She won a ceiling fan from a Fort Worth business for her efforts.
Her recipe for the bread contains: 1 package yeast; 3-4 cup evaporated milk; 1 egg; 1 carrot, cut up; 1-4 cup snipped parsley; 1 teaspoon salt; 1-2 cup wheat bran; 1-3 cup warm water; 1-4 cup vegetable oil; 3-4 cup coarsely

chopped cabbage; 1-4 cup sliced celery; 2 tablespoons honey; 3 cups whole wheat flour and 3-4 cup all purpose flour.
Directions are: In a large bowl, dissolve yeast in warm water. In blender or food processor, combine milk, oil, egg, cabbage, carrot, celery, parsley, honey and salt. Cover and blend until smooth, add to yeast mixture. Using a spoon, stir in oil, wheat flour and bran. Knead in enough of the all purpose flour to make a moderately soft dough, that is smooth

and elastic, about 8-10 minutes. Shape into a ball. Place in greased bowl; turn once. Cover, let rise about an hour and a half. Punch dough down. Divide dough in half. Shape into two loaves. Place in greased loaf pans. Let rise until double, about 1 hour. Bake in 350 degree oven until done.
If necessary, cover with foil during last baking minutes to prevent over browning. Cool on wire rack. Serve warm. Cream cheese and chives make a delightful spread for this bread.

MISD lunch menu through Christmas

The following is the MISD lunch menu through the Christmas Break.
Nov. 28 Beef stew, potatoes & carrots, combination salad with dressing, pineapple pudding.
Nov. 29 burritos with chili & cheese, corn, lettuce and tomato salad, brownies.
Nov. 30 hamburgers and all the trimmings, fries, orange wedges.
Dec. 3: Pizza, mixed vegetables, lettuce wedges with dressing, pink applesauce.
Dec. 4: Fried chicken, cream gravy, seasoned green beans, whipped potatoes, sliced peaches.

Dec. 5: Mexican fiesta, taco sauce, pinto beans, rice, lettuce & tomatoes, pineapple chunks.
Dec. 6: burritos with chili & cheese, buttered corn, vegetable salad & dressing, vanilla pudding.
Dec. 7: Hamburgers, fries & all the trimmings, Hawaiian cookies.
Dec. 10: Chicken fried steak with cream gravy, english peas, whipped potatoes, rolls, sliced peaches.
Dec. 11: Burritos with cheese & chili, lettuce salad, chocolate pudding.

Dec. 12: Beef stew, potatoes-carrots-onions, fried okra, apple cheese crisp.
Dec. 13: Tacos, taco sauce, pinto beans, lettuce & tomato, pineapple chunks.
Dec. 14: Hamburgers, fries & trimmings, snickeedoodles.
Dec. 17: Pizza, buttered corn, lettuce & tomato salad-dressing, fruit salad.
Dec. 18: Turkey and dressing, giblet gravy, sweet potatoes, green beans, cranberry sauce, fruit salad.
Dec. 19: Hot dogs with chili, fries and all the trimmings, rosey pears.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY

EGGS PILGRIMS PRIDE GRADE A LARGE DOZEN **99¢**

COUNTRY SAUSAGE OWENS 1 LB **\$1.99**

PIZZA JENOS CRISP & TASTY 10 OZ **\$1.69**

CRISCO 3 LB **\$2.99**

SYRUP KARO RED LABEL 16 OZ **\$1.29**

TOMATO SAUCE HUNTS 8 OZ **3/\$1.00**

TUNA CHICKEN OF THE SEA 6 1/2 OZ **\$1.24**

SALMON HONEY BOY CHUNK 15 1/2 OZ **\$2.03**

CREAM HILNOT DAIRY VEGETABLE 13 OZ **62¢**

CERIAL GENERIC CRISP RICE 13 OZ **\$1.39**

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HUD reserves the right and sole descretion to accept offers less than the listing price.
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COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES AND SIMILAR TRUST FUNDS

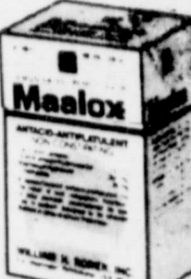


	Year Ended August 31, 1984			Totals (Memorandum Only)
	Governmental Fund Types			
	104 General Fund	204/304/404 Special Revenue Fund	504 Debt Service Fund	August 31, 1984
REVENUES:				
5700 Local, intermediate, out-of-state	\$ 1,501,144	\$	\$ 113,588	\$ 1,614,732
5800 State program revenues	1,560,406			1,560,406
5900 Federal program revenues	81,873	57,575		139,448
5000 Total Revenues	\$ 3,143,423	\$ 57,575	\$ 113,588	\$ 3,314,586
EXPENDITURES				
11 Instruction	\$ 1,568,230	\$ 57,575	\$	\$ 1,625,805
22 Instructional resources and media services		40,044		40,044
23 School administration		235,938		235,938
31 Guidance and counseling services		20,024		20,024
33 Health services		9,701		9,701
34 Pupil transportation - regular		126,888		126,888
36 Co-curricular activities		106,182		106,182
37 Food services		155,680		155,680
41 General administration		179,406		179,406
42 Debt service			115,716	115,716
51 Plant maintenance and operations		419,828		419,828
52 Facilities acquisition and construction		39,383		39,383
6000 Total Expenditures	\$ 2,901,304	\$ 57,575	\$ 115,716	\$ 3,074,595
OTHER RESOURCES AND USES:				
5060 Other resources	\$ 304	\$	\$	\$ 304
6060 Other uses	25,000			25,000
7000 Total Other Resources and Uses	\$(24,696)	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$(24,696)
1200 EXCESS (DEFICIT) OF REVENUES AND OTHER RESOURCES OVER EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	\$ 217,423	\$ -0-	\$(2,128)	\$ 215,295
0100 BEGINNING FUND BALANCE SEPTEMBER 1	523,641	-0-	24,850	548,491
1300 INCREASE (DECREASE) IN FUND BALANCE	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
3000 ENDING FUND BALANCE AUGUST 31	\$ 741,064	\$ -0-	\$ 22,722	\$ 763,786



This financial statement fairly presents the financial position of the various funds and account groups of the Merkel Independent School District as of August 31, 1984.

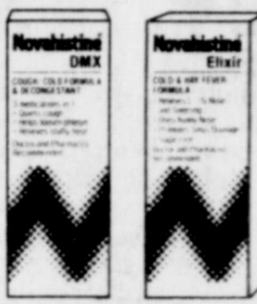


Leroy Teaff
Board President

Great Values IN DECEMBER AT MERKEL DRUG

CHLOR-TRIMETON DECONGESTANT 24 TABLETS \$2.29	pamprin  \$1.49 24 TABLETS	 \$1.29	 \$3.59	 69¢ 2 ROLL PACK
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 \$2.29 12 OZ	EXTRA-STRENGTH TYLENOL  50 CAPSULES \$3.49	 \$1.39 TUMS 75'S SODIUM FREE	VICK'S SINEX NASAL SPRAY REG \$3.27 \$2.57	VALUERITE DENTAL FLOSS 50 YD 79¢
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TIMEX QUARTS ALARMS \$7.99	 \$1.89 TRAC II 5's	VICKS DAY CARE 44 M OZ 44 D 6 OZ COUGH SYRUP NYQUIL 6 OZ COUGH CONTROL DISC	 89¢ KLEENEX SOFTIQUE 150's
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WE HAVE A LARGE SELECTION OF CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

FFA named superior chapter

Merkel FFA had 30 members and guests attending the District banquet Monday night in Abilene at the Briarstone Manner. Mandy Pack competed in the District Sweetheart contest. Lyle Baker, District Vice President, received several awards, including the Lone Star Farmer

degree as well as two proficiency award. Others receiving the Lone Star Farmer degree were Dannie Britton, Chris Cutler, Tommy Hays, Ken Hogan, Jerry Miller, Chuck Peterman, Melinda Riney and Shane Smith.

Proficiency awards were presented to Chuck Peterman, Dusty Farmer, Chris Cutler, Spencer Scott, Mike Myers and Tommy Hays. Merkel FFA was also presented as a Superior Emblem chapter for their activities above and beyond the local level.



Students of The Month for September at Merkel High were [bottom row, from left] Angie Cannon, Debbie Keller, Gayle Landeros, Christie Martin, [back row] Brit Pursley, David Ray, Kevin Mitchell and Lyle Baker.



Students of the month for October at Merkel High were [bottom row from left] Kristy Elliott, Stacey Newberry, Anne Everett, Melissa Davis [back row] Lynn Hays, Shane Reagan, Keith Watson and Donny Brady. Staff photos

TRENT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT COMBINED STATEMENT REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 1984				Total Revenues (Only)
	Governmental Fund Types			August 31 1984
	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Unit Service Fund	
Revenues:				
Local, Intermediate, Out-of-State	9515,751		943,927	10,459,678
State Program Revenues	221,469			221,469
Federal Program Revenues	17,493	801		18,294
Total Revenues	9754,713	801	943,927	10,709,441
Expenditures:				
Instruction	9308,890	8801		10,189,691
Instructional Resources and Media Services	1,406			1,406
School Administration	27,625			27,625
Guidance and Counseling Services	233			233
Pupil Transportation - Regular	38,023			38,023
Co-curricular Activities	25,306			25,306
Food Services	39,231			39,231
General Administration	108,296		45,375	153,671
Debt Services				
Plant Maintenance and Operations	111,345			111,345
Total Expenditures	9662,435	8801	945,375	10,610,631
Other Resources and (Uses):				
Other Resources	9321			9321
Other Uses				
Total Other Resources and (Uses)	9321	80	80	9381
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Resources Over Expenditures and Other Uses	992,278	90	(1,448)	990,820
Beginning Fund Balance September 1	229,309		18,957	248,266
Ending Fund Balance August 31	1,221,587	90	17,509	1,239,096

The financial statement referred to above presents fairly the financial position of the Trent Independent School District as of August 31, 1984.

Weldon Beasley, President Board of Trustees

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Xi Nu Eta holds recent meeting

Xi Nu Eta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi held their November meeting in the home of Kathy Dacy of Abilene Nov. 6th.

Members present included Jana Nelson, Kathy Dacy, Cathy Pack, Marilyn Tittle and Carol Norman. Pledge rituals for Carol were held and she was presented with a Beta Sigma Phi pledge pin and the sorority flower, a yellow rose, to welcome her into the chapter.

Kathy Dacy presented her programs on "Mexican Thanksgiving" and "The Use of Leisure". After the meeting was adjourned, all members had a "Turkey Gobble" salad supper and dessert & recipe swap to celebrate Thanksgiving.

Their next meeting will be Dec. 4th at the home of Marilyn Tittle.

Rt. 2 Merkel. The program will be given by Dusty Portie of Dyess Air Force Base on self-defense. Anyone wishing to visit Xi Nu Eta should contact Marilyn at 928-5921 or 928-5003.



Carol Norman of Merkel took her Beta Sigma Phi pledge rituals Nov. 6 at the regular meeting of Texas, Xi Nu Eta, Abilene. After six months of pledge training and active membership, Carol will be eligible for the Ritual of Jewels degree in April. Photo by Marilyn Tittle

Newsbriefs

8th grade boys downed 35-27

The Merkel 8th grade boys basketball team lost to Sweetwater 35-27 Monday night in their season opener.

Freddy Gonzales led all scorers with 14 points. Kenneth Jowers added 5, Corey Hines 4, Lee Cain 3 and Monty Griffin 1.

This was a disappointing loss for the 8th graders according to their coach. He said there are 10 teams trying to use two gyms and they had only had two practice sessions before their first game. He said the team was not discouraged and would get better.

Their next game is Monday in Clyde and the following Monday will be a re-match with the Sweetwater team.

7th graders drop overtime game

The Merkel 7th grade boys basketball team lost a heartbreaker in their first game 29-27 in overtime with Sweetwater.

Scoring were Kyle Doan and Brandon Rice with 6, Stephen Jacobs 5, Jerry Ellis 4, Dusty McLeod 2, Tommy White 2 and David Thomas and Michael Blue each had 1.

Their next game will be Monday in Clyde with tipoff at 5 p.m.

Clemmers have new daughter

Dawson and Elaine Clemmer are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Lauren Ashley, born Nov. 5th at Hendrick Medical Center.

She weighed 7 lbs. 1 and 1-2 oz., and was 20 inches long. She has two brothers, Douglas and Jeffrey.

Maternal grandparents are Joe McElmurray of Sweetwater and Wanda McElmurray of Merkel.

Phillips wins VFW turkey

San Phillips was the winner of a turkey in time for Thanksgiving. The drawing was sponsored by the Merkel-Trent Ladies Auxillary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Trent to discuss building

There will be a meeting held in Trent for anyone on the community wishing to see a building in Trent to be used for community functions.

The meeting will start at 3 p.m. Sunday at the Trent Cafeteria and all interested are encouraged to attend.

Rummage-bake sale

The ladies auxillary of the Merkel-Trent VFW will be holding a Christmas Rummage-Gift-Bake sale Dec. 3 & 4th at the Merkel VFW building.

The sale will start at 10 a.m. Monday and will feature Christmas gift items, baked goods and a rummage sale.

Dulaney's have new daughter

Eddie & Kay Dulaney of Trent are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Tiffany Shannel, born Nov. 27 at Rolling Plains Hospital in Sweetwater.

Tiffany weighed 4 lbs. 5 ozs. at birth and has two brothers, Scott & Aaron.

Maternal grandparents are H. B. & Maxine Reynolds of Trent and paternal grandparents are Allen & Sharron Dulaney of Abilene.

Pancake supper

A community-wide pancake supper will be held Dec. 1 at Heritage Hall sponsored by the youth of the Assembly of God church here.

Proceeds raised will go for mission work.

Breakfast will be served from 7 until 11 a.m. and prices are: Adults \$3 with meat \$2 without and children \$1.25 with meat and 75 cents without.

Sr. Citizens set schedule

The Merkel Senior Citizens will have a covered dish luncheon tonight (Thursday) at 6:30 p.m. Music will also be included.

Their monthly singing will be held Dec. 3 from 7 until 9 p.m.

Both events will take place at the Merkel Senior Citizens Center at 122 Edwards Street here.



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Tournament Nov. 29, 30 & Dec. 1

JV Boys & Girls at Talpa-Centennial
Tournament Nov. 29, 30 & Dec. 1

7th, 8th & 9th Grade girls
at Clyde Dec. 3 5 p.m.

7th, 8th & 9th Grade Boys
at Clyde 5 p.m.

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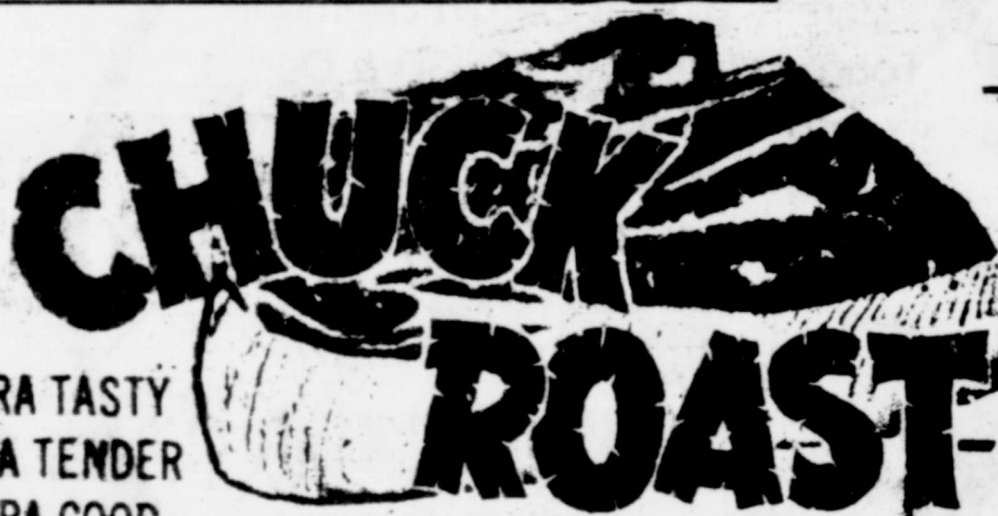
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