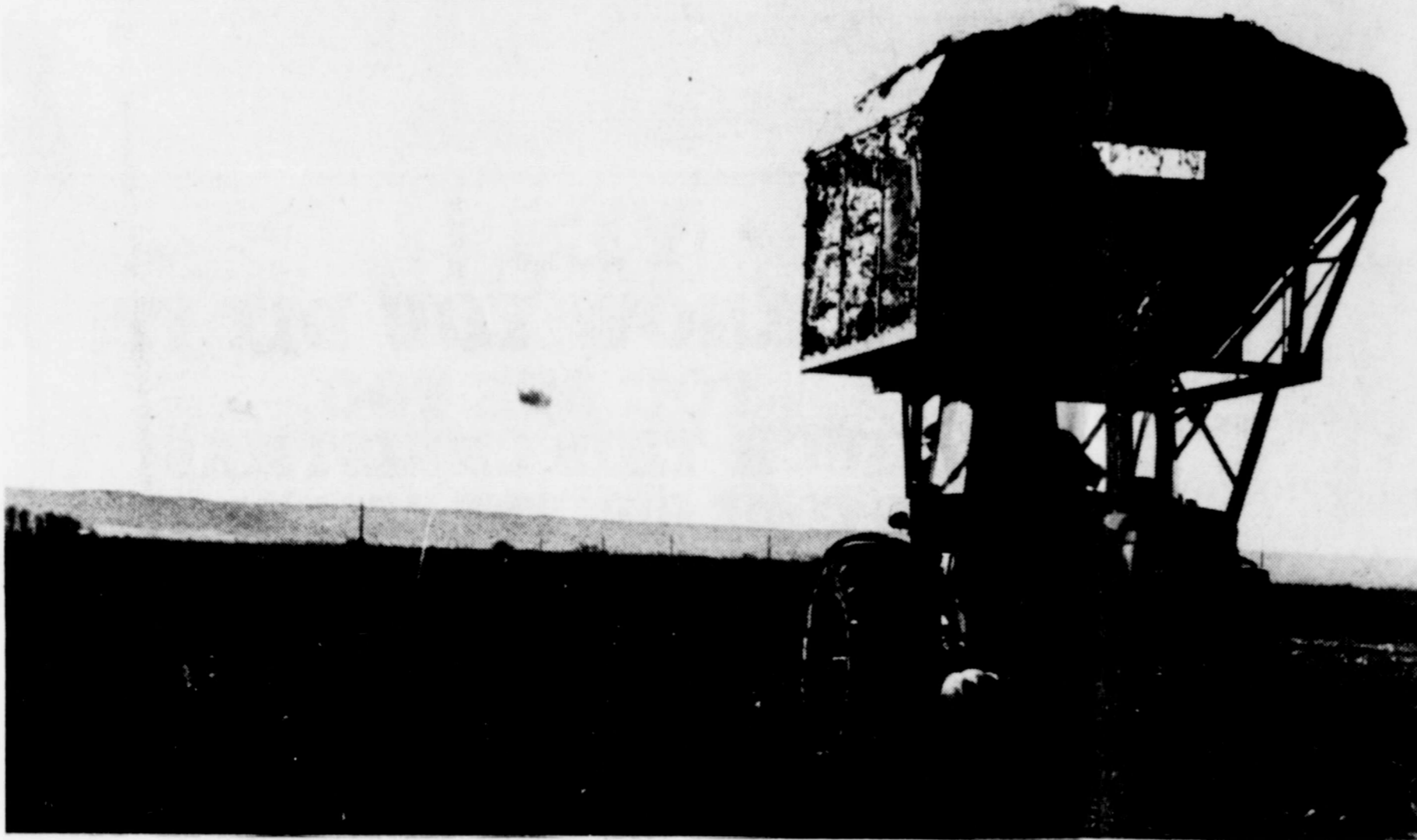


The Merkel Mail

Thursday, January 8, 1987 . . . Merkel, Texas

Our 98th Year

Cotton harvest over 2,500 bales here



The cotton stripper was rolling at the W. B. Toombs farm Southwest of Merkel Tuesday. The

local cotton harvest got started late last week as the fields and the

cotton became dry enough to work.

Staff photo

The local cotton harvest is finally back in full swing after an almost three week delay because of dampness.

Both local gins went over the 1,000 bale mark as they started working around the clock last week.

At Farmer's Co-Op Gin here, 1,513 bales have been ginned so far. The seed price is still at \$100 and they had not received any grading cards back recently.

They said the recent dry weather had made the cotton

easier to gin and they were reporting very good turnout.

Over at Trent Gin, Mrs. Red Shafer said Tuesday that they were busy, for a change. They had ginned 1,000 bales and had a lot on the yard waiting. She said the seed price is \$95 and they had not received and grading cards recently.

She said she had heard yield averages between one fourth to one half bale to the row acre and that most of the local cotton was placed into the federal loan program.

Boys take 13-4 record into district play

The Merkel girls varsity basketball team placed third in the Eula tournament over the holidays, and the Merkel boys were 7-1 over that same period running their season record to 13-4.

The girls action started Dec. 19th as Stacey Newberry led the way with 26 points in a 64-34 home win over Anson. Teresa Lucas had 12.

In the opening round of the Eula tournament the day after Christmas, Hawley took a 74-52 win. Newberry and Michelle Barnett each had 12 and Sheri Riney had 10.

In the second round, the girls took a 67-44 win over Winters. Lucas led with 20 and Newberry added 15. The girls beat Anson for the consolation trophy 48-23. Newberry and Lucas each had 10.

The girls then played Vernon Dec. 30th. Vernon won 56-49 but Newberry had a fine game as she scored 29. On Jan. 2nd, the girls lost to Stephenville 76-36.

The girls traveled to Coahoma Tuesday and will host Clyde here Friday. The girls are 7-9 on the season.

In other high school girls action, the Junior Varsity lost to Winters 42-34 lost to Coleman 51-25 and lost to Vernon 49-10.

The freshmen girls were defeated here Monday night by Wylie 25-9.

The Merkel Badgers boys team went 7-1 over the holidays to run their season record to 13-4.

The boys opened district play in Coahoma Tuesday night and will host Clyde Friday.

On Dec. 19th, the Badgers were rude hosts to the Anson Tigers as they took an 85-39 win. Ramon Moreno led with 18, followed by Ted Seymore with 15, Lynn Hays 14 and Kenneth Jowers 11.

In the opening round of the Eula Tournament, the boys took an easy 98-68 win over Hawley. Shayne Newberry led the way with 22, Seymore 18, Moreno and Brit Pursley had 14, Hays 10, Jowers 9 and Lance Jones 7.

In the second round, the boys lost to Haskell 55-50. Newberry led with 12 and Moreno and Jowers each had 10.

In the consolation game, the boys beat Anson 74-48. Jowers had 15 and Moreno had 12.

The boys hosted Early here Dec. 30th and took a 69-33 win. Pursley led the way with 19, Seymore 13, Newberry and Moreno each had 11.

On Jan. 2 the boys beat Bangs 72-59. In that game, Newberry and Seymore each had 20 as Hays added 12 and Moreno 11.

Coach Skip Townsend said Tuesday his team was shooting a "Not bad" 45.8 per cent from the field and 64.1 per cent from the free throw line.

Bump, policy, new judge, rehab, football, more

by Cloy A. Richards

Let's take care of the black eye first.

I have repeated this story quite a few times since last Wednesday and maybe this will be the last.

New Years Eve, Joey and I went to the dock at Lake Canyon to see if we had any catfish on our drop lines. To get there, one must enter a code to get the gate to open. The 'automatic' gate had closed wrong and I tried to right it. The gate did not appreciate it because it slapped me in the head, knocking me to the ground and placing a good size bump on my head, which turned the colors of the rainbow and finally settled around the eye for a classic shiner.

Yes, I have heard it's supposed to be a door that hit you.

The Merkel school board met in an emergency session Monday night and accepted the resignation of Merkel High teacher Richard Hill. The Board also created a new policy that states any student found in possession of any illegal drug on campus will be automatically suspended for one semester. The punishment is in-line with House Bill 13 dealing with conduct of Texas' public school students.

We received a letter to the editor this week concerning the resignation of Mr. Hill but we were unable to publish it because it was unsigned.

New Precinct 2 Justice of the Peace Jack Keenan has been busy since he took over Friday. Keenan was elected last June in a run-off election between he and for JP

Melton retires after 41 years

A former Merkelite has retired from the Chevron USA Corporation.

D. R. (Slim) Melton retired Nov. 30th after serving 41 years with Chevron. He was a senior production supervisor.

A native of Merkel, Melton was born here May 2nd, 1925, the son of Mr. & Mrs. Price Melton. He was graduated from Merkel High in 1943 and served in the U. S. Army during World War II, stationed in Europe. He married

Jean Grayson of Merkel, Dec. 3, 1945. They are the parents of three children, Mike of White Oak, Sharon Hale of Lubbock and Karen Parker of Odessa. The Meltons have seven grandchildren.

He was very active in civic affairs in Kermit. He was on the Kermit ISD board of trustees for nine years, serving eight as president. He was also active in the Kermit Little League program.

He was honored at a retirement party Nov. 20th in Kermit at the Wickett Community Center.

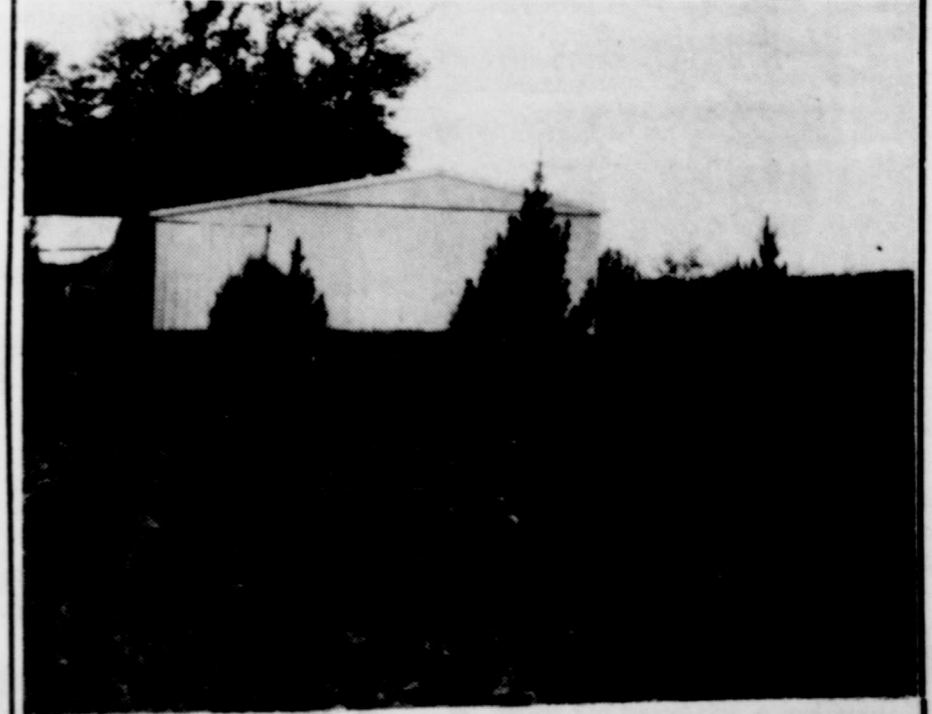


Seed hulls are piling up at the local Co-Op Gin as machines started rolling again last week. Recent damp weather had given area farmers and ginners a "holiday break."

Windbreak trees offered by soil group

The Middle Clear Fork SWCD is now taking orders for its sixth annual windbreak seedling program. The district is offering technical assistance in planning windbreaks and has a list of quality seedlings for sale. These seedlings for plantings are not available commercially. These

trees are small seedlings priced so a large number needed for windbreaks, screen plantings, etc. are affordable. For information on the program call 677-7862 or 672-1781. Orders will be taken through Feb. 15th. Trees will be delivered the last week in February.



A windbreak of Arizona Cypress and Afghanistan Pine planted on the Duane Bartee farm in South-

west Taylor County. These trees were about four years old when the photo was taken.

USDA-SCS photo



DALE DARMOND

Walls honors long-time employees



Service Certificates and Pins were awarded to seven employees in the Merkel facility of Walls Industries, Inc., Wednesday, December 17, 1986. Presenting the awards were Wayne Palmer, Plant Manager, and Ron Istre, Vice President of Manufacturing. Receiving their five year awards were: Emma Shugart, Outlet Store Manager; Olga Martinez, Supervisor; Faye Farthing, Yolanda Gonzales, Florinda Martinez, Teresa Martinez and Mary Sue Shugart. In presenting the awards, Mr. Istre, said the contribution to all the people honored has been a major factor in making Walls the leading name in the apparel industry. Walls Industries, Inc., Cleburne based apparel firm has eight locations in Texas employing over 1400 people. This year 127 employees were honored with service awards totaling 1145 years of combined service to the Company.

7th grade girls beat Wylie in OT

The 7th Grade Girls won a close game in overtime against Wylie Monday night 29-27. The lead exchanged hands several times, but the Badgers came out the winner.

Kriste A. Smith led the Badgers in scoring with 10. Other scorers were Becca Dunagin 8, Lori Raynor 6, Son Hui Chon 2, Jennifer Hobbs 2, and Becky Donaldson 1.

Shooting percentages from the floor included Chon and Hobbs with 100 percent, Smith 44 percent Dunagin 27 percent and Raynor 21 percent. From the free throw line was Smith 100 percent and Donaldson 33 percent.

Dunagin led the team in rebounds with 9, Smith had 6, Raynor 5, Kristi G. Smith 4, Doan 3, Donaldson 3, Chon 2, Hope Ward 2 and Hobbs 1.

Dunagin also led the team in steals and recoveries with 7, Chon had 5, Raynor 4, Donaldson 4, Doan 2, A. Smith 2, and Ward 1.

The Badgers next game is against Abilene Christian next Thursday night. 7th and 8th grade girls and boys play there beginning at 4:00.

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Whisenhunt is sweetheart runner-up

Amber Whisenhunt was recently named First Runner Up Sweetheart for the Big Country FFA District; a twenty two school member district. Amber is the Merkel FFA Sweetheart. She is the sophomore daughter of Bill and Kathryn Whisenhunt. She has been active in FFA for the past six years showing pigs at all the major shows and also received the Star Greenhand Degree of Merkel FFA last year. Currently, Miss Merkel for 1986, she also participates in basketball and has lettered in volleyball the past two years.

Livestock group will meet

The Merkel Livestock Association will meet next Tuesday night at 7 p.m., January 13 at the Merkel Ag Building. This meeting is open to all interested in the Merkel Livestock Show.



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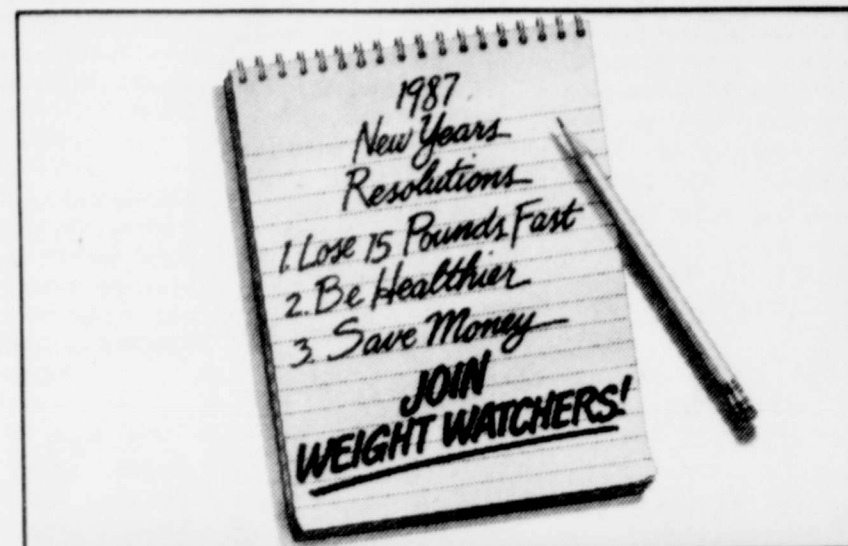
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Taxpayers over 65 can delay

Texas aged 65 or older can postpone paying delinquent property taxes on their homesteads by taking advantage of a tax option called over-65 deferral. The elderly homeowner simply signs a deferral affidavit at the Central Tax Authority office at 340 Hickory.

This special form of tax relief can also halt a lawsuit already filed to collect delinquent property

taxes on an older Texan's homestead, according to Richard Petree, Chief Appraiser. "To stop a delinquent tax suit, the over-65 homeowner files the deferral affidavit with the court in which the suit is pending. This law means that, if the proper affidavit is on file, an older homeowner cannot lose a homestead because of delinquent taxes," Petree said.

Once a homeowner files an over-65 tax deferral affidavit with

the appraisal district, no taxing unit can initiate or pursue a suit for delinquent taxes as long as that person owns and lives at that homestead.

Mr. Petree stressed, though, that tax deferral for the elderly postpones paying delinquent taxes on the homestead; it does not cancel them. During the deferral period, taxes and delinquent penalties and interest continue to add up. "When the elderly taxpayer no longer owns or lives in the home, those accrued amounts become due. Taxing units can then sue to collect all the deferred tax, penalty and interest."

Forms for filing a tax deferral affidavit are available at the appraisal district office. "The homeowner should fill out the form and have the signature witnessed by a notary public," Petree said. For more information taxpayers may contact the Central Tax Authority office. (915) 676-9381.

Xi Nu Eta plans Valentine's ball for local High school-Middle school students

Xi Nu Eta, Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi, will sponsor a Valentine Ball on February 7 from 8:00 to 12:00 at the Methodist Gym.

Tickets are \$3 per person, which will include refreshments. It is semi-formal or Sunday attire and a professional photographer will

MISD lunch menu

The Merkel School menu is as follows:

Wednesday January 7: beef tacos, pinto beans, sliced pears.

Thursday January 8: crispitos, buttered corn, broccoli with cheese, apricot cobbler.

Friday January 9: Hamburgers with all the trimmings, potato rounds, peanut butter chewy strips.

Monday January 12: fish nuggets, blackeye peas, macaroni & cheese, corn meal twist, pineapple

Tuesday January 13: fiesta, pinto beans, rice, peach macarons.

Wednesday January 14: bar-b-q links, baked beans, fried okra, corn bread, jello with fruit.

Thursday January 15: burrito with cheese stick, spanish rice, lettuce wedge, apple cheese crisp.

Friday January 16: hamburgers with all the trimmings, french fries, rosie applesauce.

TISD lunch menu

Monday January 12: Breakfast: juice, cereal, milk. Lunch: chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, english peas, cookies, rolls, tea or milk.

Tuesday January 13: Breakfast: juice, donuts, milk. Lunch: frito pies, corn, salad, chocolate cake, tea or milk.

Wednesday January 14: Breakfast: juice, cinnamon toast, milk. Lunch: fried chicken, sliced potatoes, green beans, peach halves, rolls, tea or milk.

Thursday January 15: Breakfast: juice, malt-o-meal, milk. Lunch: barbeque beef patties, macaroni and cheese, buttered carrots, jello, rolls, tea or milk.

Friday January 16: Breakfast: juice, biscuits with sausage, milk. Lunch: Hamburgers, trimmings, mixed fruit, cookies, tea or milk.

Williams honored

Jay Williams, a senior at Merkel High, has been selected as a national award winner by the U. S. Achievement Academy.

Jay was nominated by local FFA instructors Bill Riley and J. T. Naron.

Jay is the son of Mr. & Mrs. J. W. Williams of Merkel. His grandparents are Ada & I. L. Williams of Merkel and Mrs. Asa Bohrer of Erie, Kansas.

His photo will appear in the academies' annual publication.

be available. Price of the photographs will be announced at a later date.

The Valentine Ball is for students of Merkel Middle School and Merkel High School. Tickets can be bought at the door or in advance by contacting Marilyn Tittle at 928-5722 or 928-5003 after 4:30, Dana Dunagin at 928-5253, Sherry Vinson at 928-5854 or Cathy Pack at 928-4959.

Local art group meets

The Merkel Art Association met at 7:00 P.M., Jan. 5, 1987 at Taylor Telephone. The business meeting was presided over by Bonnie English, Club President.

The New Year was started off with a very interesting program, oil painting of Bluebonnets; this procedure being a "Must" for all Texas Artist. The demonstration was given by Dorothy Whisenhunt, artist from Abilene. Dorothy's most recent accomplishment was the winning of 1st place,

over many Texas artists, in Christmas Ornaments for the Texas Christmas Tree in Austin.

Art members drew for a door prize, an oil painting of a beautiful Yellow Rose, drawn and donated by Dot Coker. The prize was won by Ruth Cox.

The following members were present: Imogene Coleman, Ruth Hogan, Evelyn Stribling, Dot Coker, Ted Allen, Bonnie English, Marie Beard, Pat Neff, Ruth Cox, Ethel Pee, Robbie Wilson, and Ruth Buster.

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For Rent: 4 bedroom, 2 bath house, central heat and air, fenced back yard, close to school, available Dec. 1, \$375 per month plus \$200 deposit, Call 846-4715 or 846-4696. 191-TFC

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MISC. Lost: male tomcat gold with dark gold stripes on legs and head. Last seen at Methodist church eher Dec. 20th. Call 928-5613 Cyrus Pee

Found: English Pointer adult female, white and liver with ticking, will be available for adoption if not claimed, Merkel Vet Clinic 928-5235. 02-1tnc

For Watkins Products call Larry or Martha Sue Justice at 928-5217. 196-TFC

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Auction Jan. 10 & 11 at the Kenneth Ray place, 16 miles SW of Merkel on FM 126 South. Items included are tractors, farm equipment, shop equipment, grain & hay equipment, trailers and misc. equipment. 197-1tc

Lost In Merkel: 1 pair of prescription glasses in a black case. Ross Merritt 736-6477. 02-1tnc

We make hydraulic hoses. P & L Auto Parts 135 Edwards 928-4738. 186-TFC

Granny's Playhouse Day Care Center. Open 6 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Hot lunch and snacks provided. More information call 928-4904 or come by 207 Orange. 184-4tp

Al-Anon, a self-help support group for the families and loved ones of alcohol and or drug abusers is meeting every Tuesday at 8:00 p.m. at the Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church, Merkel. 185-TFCNC

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A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff prays that Defendant be cited to appear and answer herein, and that upon final hearing she have and recover from the Defendant an amount in excess of the minimum jurisdictional limits of this Court, for costs of suit, and for such other and further relief, at law or in equity, that the Court may deem proper, 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 process 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 30th day of December, A. D. 1986. Attest: Rilla Mahoney, District Clerk, 350th District Court, Taylor County, Texas by Rita Moore, Deputy (Seal) 197-4tc

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF THE ESTATE OF IONE JONES -Letters of Administration were granted to Robert Milton Jones, 718 Vine, Abilene, Texas 79602, in the Estate of Ione Jones, Cause No. 17,386 in the County Court of Taylor County, Texas, on the 29th day of December, 1986. All persons having claims against said estate shall file same with the undersigned in the time and manner required by law. Robert Milton Jones 718 Vine Abilene, Texas 79602 197-23-1tc

THE STATE OF TEXAS -TO: TOMMY CRAIG MCGOWEN, ADDRESS UNKNOWN, Defendant, Greeting: You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the 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 the issuance of this citation, same being Monday the 16th day of February, 1987, at or before ten o'clock A.M. before the Honorable 350th District Court of Taylor County, Texas at the Courthouse of said County in Abilene, Texas.

Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court, on the 29th day of August, A. D. 1986, in this cause, numbered 1451-D on the docket of said court, and styled, Linda Riley Plaintiff, vs. TOMMY CRAIG MCGOWEN, Defendant. The names of the parties to the cause are as follows: LINDA RILEY is Plaintiff and TOMMY CRAIG MCGOWEN is Defendant.

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Obituaries

Deverl Teaff

Deverl Teaff, 62, of Merkel died Dec. 22nd at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene.

Funeral services were held Dec. 24th at the Tye Baptist Church in Tye with Rev. Leonard Payne of Leonard, officiating. He was assisted by Rev. Temple Lewis of Tye. Burial followed at Rose Hill Cemetery here under the direction of the Elliott-Hamill Funeral Home.

A native of Taylor County on April 23, 1924, he was a farmer until his health forced him to retire. He attended schools at Cross Roads and was a graduate of Merkel High. He was a member of Tye Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, LaVerne Douglas eaff of Merkel; his daughter Vickie (Mrs. Kenneth) Hays of Merkel; his brother, Berniel Teaff of Merkel; and two grandsons, Tommy and Lynn Hays, both of Merkel, one niece, two nephews.

Pallbearers were Tony Ferguson, Jack Moore, Melvyn White, Greg Reed, James Claxton and Elmo Moore.

Paul Orsborn

Paul Benjamin Orsborn, 76 of Merkel, died Dec. 31 at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene.

Funeral services were held Jan. 2 at Merkel's First United Methodist Church with Rev. John Wagoner officiating.

Burial followed at Rose Hill Cemetery here under the direction of the Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born Oct. 1, 1910 he was a farmer/rancher. He had married Eileta Foster May 25, 1940.

He is survived by his wife of Merkel; two sisters, Nina Orsborn of Merkel and Catherine Shook of Albuquerque, NM; two brothers, Ray of Merkel and Luther of Trent, and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a brother, Jerry Von Orsborn in 1943.

Serving as pallbearers were Don Hart, Don Dudley, Arthur Moore, Kent Satterwhite, Mack Seymore and Ronnie Doan.

Carl Walker

Carl D. Walker, 80, of 1102 N. Third, died Saturday at a local nursing home.

Services were at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Sweetwater Cemetery with the Rev. Joe Walker, officiating, directed by McCracken Allen Funeral Home, 1443 N. Second.

Born in Merkel, he was a longtime Abilene resident.

He was a retired Santa Fe railroad employee and U.S. Army veteran.

Survivors include two brothers, Bennett Walker of Abilene and Harold Walker of Merkel; a sister, LaDeen Roberts of Longview.

Pauline Powers

Pauline Powers, 71, died Saturday at an Abilene Hospital.

Services were at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday at the First Baptist Church with the Revs. Carl Rea and Sherman Lawson officiating. Burial was in the Trent Cemetery, directed by Elliott-Hamill Funeral Home, 542 Hickory in Abilene.

Born in Palo Pinto County, she moved from New Orleans to Trent in 1983.

She attended school in Throckmorton. She was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include three daughters, Edna Mae Cain of Trent, Leo Nita Barrois of Swartz, La., and Patsy Crosby of New Orleans, a son, W.M. Pittman Jr. of Slidell, La.; a sister, Nannie Walton of Abilene; four brothers, J.T. Crawford of Luling, La., Alvin Crawford of Graham, Joe Crawford of New Orleans and Clifton Crawford of Magargel; five grandchildren; and six great grandchildren.

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The 8th Grade Girls defeated Wylie in overtime, Monday night, 23-22. It was a close game, but the Lady Badgers came out on top.

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High rebounder was Tankersley with 7, followed by Moore with 6, Goldsmith with 5, Pierson and Leverich with 4, Fenton and Griffith with 3 and Melissa Cuellar with 1. Also contributing to the victory were Ava Bohannon and Phuong Thao Tran.

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Hundred twenty three and 25/100 Dollars and costs of suit, under a Judgement, in favor of H. E. COKE & THOMAS COKE in a certain cause in said Court, No. 15,653 and styled H. E. COKE & THOMAS COKE vs CALUMET CORPORATION, placed in my hands for service, I, John W. Middleton as Sheriff of Taylor County, Texas, did, on the 11th day of December, 1986, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Taylor County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: All undivided in-

terest down hole as well as personal property: Arrington Lease, Section 61 Lunatic Asylum Survey - 5 miles S.E. of Potosi, G. A. Crain "A" Lease Sec. 9S, P. "R.R." Survey Block 7-4 miles south of Potosi; and levied upon as the property of CALUMET CORPORATION and that on the first Tuesday in February 1987, the same being the 3rd day of said month at the Court House door, of Taylor County, in the City of Abilene, Texas, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. by virtue of said levy and said Writ of Execution, I will sell said above described Real Estate at public vendue, for each, to the highest bidder, as the property of said CALUMET CORPORATION. Sale will be held at 10 a.m.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the "Merkel Mail", a newspaper published in Taylor County.

Witness my hand, this 11th day of December, 1986.
John W. Middleton,
Sheriff Taylor County, Texas
By Eddie W. Swanson,
Deputy.
02-3tc

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: JESUS SAMANIEGO CRUZ, ADDRESS UNKNOWN, Respondent:

TO ALL PERSONS CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN CERTAIN SEIZED MATERIAL: GREETINGS: YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED IN accordance with Article 6687-1 of the Texas Civil Statutes that the Texas Department of Public Safety seized certain property at locations in Taylor County, Texas and this property is being held at Rhoades Automotive at 4210 Sayles, Abilene, Taylor County, Texas. The following property was seized: A 1984 Chevrolet Pickup on May 29, 1986 1985 Chevrolet Pickup on August 11, 1986, 1981 Chevrolet Pickup on August 12, 1986, 1986 GMC Pickup on August 12, 1986, 1981 Chevrolet Pickup on August 15, 1986, and a 1979 Chevrolet Pickup on November 21, 1986. The original Vehicle Identification Number is unknown on each of these vehicles.

APPLICATION FOR RETURN of said vehicle may be made to the 350th District Court by the owner or any lienholder not later than twenty (20) days after this notice is issued. On the payment of towing and storage costs, the vehicle may be reclaimed pursuant to such application to the Court. A failure of the owner or any lienholder to reclaim this vehicle is a waiver of all right, title and interest in the vehicle or part.

Jorge A. Solis
Criminal District Attorney
\$96-58-4tc

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: EDWARD H. KLEIN and ISABEL KLEIN, Defendants in the hereinafter styled and numbered cause: You are commanded to appear and answer the Plaintiff's petition at or before 10:00 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday

days from the date of service of this citation, then and there to answer the petition of MARTINA CRUZ, Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 18th day of December, 1986, against JESUS SAMANIEGO CRUZ, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 14,202-C on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Matter of Marriage of MARTINA CRUZ and JESUS SAMANIEGO Cruz", the nature of which suit is a request that the Court grant a divorce and decree such other relief requested in the petition. Petitioner prays for general relief.

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgement or decree in the children's interest which will be binding upon you, including the termination of the parent-child relationship, the determination of paternity and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the children's adoption.

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Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court at Abilene, Texas, this 23rd day of December, 1986.
Rilla Mahoney
District Clerk
326th District Court
Taylor County, Texas
by Rita Moore, Deputy
197-89-1tc

after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this citation that day being February 16th, 1987, in the 42nd District Court of Taylor County, Texas, to be held at the County Courthouse in the City of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas. This case is No. 40,183-A, styled STEVE MCMANAWAY, TRUSTEE v EDWARD H. KLEIN and ISABEL KLEIN, in which STEVE MAMANAWAY is Plaintiff, and EDWARD H. KLEIN and ISABEL KLEIN are Defendants, and the Petition was filed on December 29, 1986. The nature of the suit is as follows:

Suit for claim by Plaintiff for title and possession of Lot 9, Block 2, Henry James Replat of Lots 7 through 16, Block 1, and a Subdivision of Block 2 and 3, WESTWAY PARK ADDITION to the City of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, by reason or peaceful, uninterrupted use and occupancy by Plaintiff by virtue of Articles 16.025, 16.026 and 16.027, Civil Practice and Remedies of Vernon's Annotated Code of Texas, being the ten (10) and twenty-five (25) year statutes of limitation, barring all claims therein by Defendants.

If this citation is not served within ninety (90) days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved. SIGNED AND SEALED on this 29 day of December, 1986.
Rilla Mahoney
District Clerk
Taylor County, Texas
by JoAnn Lackey
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