

# The Merkel Mail

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Thursday, January 29, 1987 . . . Merkel, Texas

Our 98th year

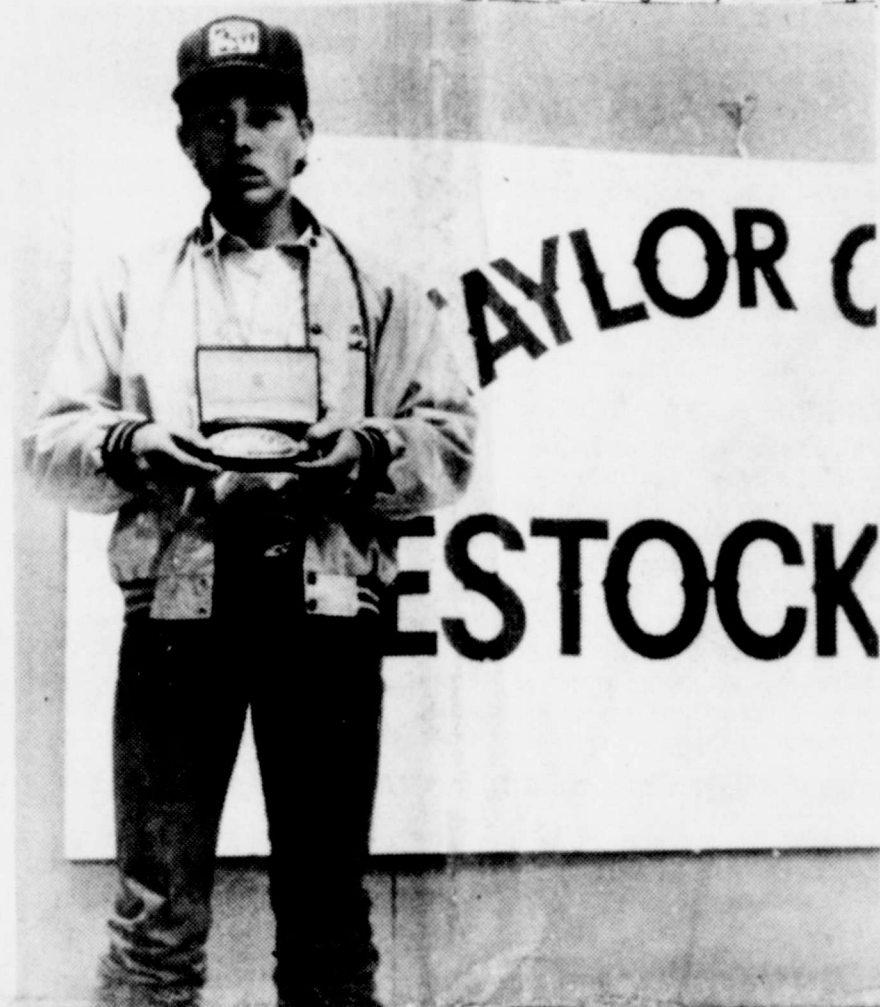


Merkel mayor Kent Satterwhite, [left], city manager J. A. Sadler [center] and a member of the Tye Volunteer Fire Department look at the break in the city's main water line. The leak was discovered by the city's crew at 3 p.m. Sunday and was quickly repaired overnight. A replacement collar was welded and then cemented into place early Monday morning. Water service was restored in most parts of the city by 8 a.m. Staff photo

## Four have filed in local elections

Three people had filed for position on the April 4th MISD school board election. Three positions on the board will be up for reelection this year. The seats are currently held by Ray Pack, Earl Laird and Jack Ferguson. As of Monday, three had filed for positions on the ballot. David Seymore and Edgar Graham both filed for the seat currently being held by Ray Pack. Earl Laird filed for reelection as well. Prospective candidates have until midnight, March 4th to file. In the Merkel City election, candidate have until February 13th to file for a spot on the ballot. Terms expiring this year belong to

Merkel mayor Kent Satterwhite and councilmen Derrell Farmer and Larry Beasley. In the Trent school board race, two seats will expire this year. They are currently being held by Randy Hunt and Owen O'Kelly. Over in Tye, three councilmen's terms will expire. Tye's councilmen are elected by place. The place 1 incumbent is Dewitt Isom. Place 3 incumbent is A. J. Pence and Place 5 belongs to Gayland Childers. Tye resident Larry Storie has filed for place 3. Prospective candidates and incumbents in Trent's city election have until February 13th to file for a place on the ballot.



§ Russell Morgan of the Merkel FFA won the showmanship honors at the Taylor County Livestock show Friday. Staff photo

## Merkel's ag students take honors at county show

The results of the County Show are as follows: Hvy Durocs: Lynn Hays 1st and 6th, Criswell Whisenhunt 8th, Lynn Hays had the Champion Duroc; Lt. Wt. Chesters: Ricky Riley 1st, Russell Morgan 4th, Daniel West 5th, Lee White 9th; Hvy. Chesters: Russell Morgan 3rd, Brad Cockran 4th, Carolyn Lally 5th, Mathew Davis 6th, David Thomas 7th, Mandy Pack 8th, Phillip Seymore 9th, Julie Johns 10th, Coty Sutterfield 11th; Md. Wt. Hampshires: Russell Morgan 6th, Cole Manahan 12th; Hvy. Hampshires: Lynn Hays 4th, Brandy Gray 9th; Med. Crosses: Russell Morgan 9th, Sean Leaman 10th; Lt. Wt. Over Pure Breeds: Billy Ray Riley 1st, Russell Morgan 2nd and 6th, Steven Ross 7th; Hvy. Wt. Other Pure Breeds: Cne' Seymore 10th, Richard Seymore 11th; Billy Ray Riley had the Champion O.P.B. Grand Champion Market Swine- Lynn Hays; Swine Showmanship was won by Russell Morgan; Russ

Holloway had a 4th place Middle weight steer and was named The Steer Showmanship Award. Lambs: Lt. Wt. Finewools: Cole Manahan 1st, Gary Tilly 15th; Hvy. Wt. Finewools: Roy Manahan 1st, Ricky Riley 8th, Ricky Riley 11th, Billy Ray Riley 16th; Reserve Champion- Cole Manahan; Lt. Wt. Crosses: Roy Manahan 1st, Cole Manahan 2nd, Cody Vaughn 9th; Hvy. Wt. Crosses: Bridgett Vaughn 4th; Grand Champion Cross- Roy Manahan; Reserve Champion Cross- Cole Manahan; Lt. Wt. Med. Wools: Roy Manahan 5th, Cole Manahan 6th, Ava Bohannon 7th and 8th, Cassie Townsend 11th, Melissa Harris 13th, Ginger Neill 16th, Cassie Townsend 23rd; Heavy Medium Wools: Angie Welborn 10th, Amy Welborn 15th, Gary Tilly 17th; Southdowns: Melissa Harris 1st, Kris Harris 3rd, Bridget Vaughn 15th, Cody Vaughn 16th; Melissa Harris had the Grand Champion Southdown.

## Board re-hires superintendent

The Merkel School board met Saturday and extended the superintendent's contract. MISD superintendent Bill Everett's contract was extended Saturday as the school board met at the Royal Inn in Abilene. The meeting had been postponed from last Tuesday. Board members extended Everett's contract until 1990 and presented the superintendent a \$114 per month pay increase. In other action, board members approved minutes from a special meeting in early January. The board, at that meeting, accepted a letter of resignation from Merkel High teacher Richard Hill. Hill was relieved of his duties January 5th, while his resignation will take effect in May 31. Hill will be paid his salary through that period, according to the minutes. Board members also approved a new policy that will automatically suspend any student for the remainder of the school year, if that student is found to be in possession of drugs. The policy does allow for "special mitigating circumstances." Board members paid monthly bills of \$197,792.77 and also decided to lease a pick-up for the two local ag teachers. The trucks will be leased from both local auto dealers but the board changed the reimbursement procedures for operating costs. The two FFA teachers will now receive reimbursements for the actual cost of gasoline. The board also approved election judges for the April 4th school board election. Officers will be Howard Sliger and Mrs. Floyd Kimmy. Two resignations were also accepted Saturday. Vicki Brady and Rhonda Elston, both Merkel High teachers, resigned. A counselor, Barbara Neely was moved to Tye Elementary and Bob Utley was named counselor at Merkel Elementary. The board hired Kelly Melson, Rhonda McGaughey and Bill Caruthers. As of Monday, no candidates had filed for the April school board election. Three terms belonging to Jack Ferguson, Earl Laird and Ray Pack, will expire. Prospective candidates have until March 4th to file for a position on the ballot.

## Water line, county show, local fire, banquet. . .

by Cloy A. Richards

People around here will remember Super Bowl 21. No, there wasn't a local boy made good in the game, no it didn't feature any Texas teams, it will be remembered as the waterless Super Bowl. A leak (about the size of a football) caused the water to be turned off here Sunday afternoon and the city crew worked through the night Sunday to restore water service. A patch clamp had to be brought in from Dallas to repair the hole and everything was back in working order early Monday morning.

Local FFA students took a good deal of top awards at Friday & Saturday's Taylor County stock

show. Russell Morgan won the swine showmanship award, Lynn Hays had the grand champion swine, Wade Toombs had the reserve champion steer, Melissa Harris had the grand champion Southdown, Billy Ray Riley had a class champion in the swine show and Cole Manahan and Roy Herd Manahan took top honors in the lamb show. Complete results are in this week's paper.

ARN sportswriter Brandon Berry said in his column Monday the only way he could get into the Merkel gym for a recent game was to tell the people at the door he was with **The Merkel mail**.

I have a hint for Mr. Berry. If he wants to continue his access here, he better tell them

another story. That same line could get him escorted away the next time and tell him not to try that in Cisco. That's the only football field I have ever been refused permission to enter on my press card.

Jim and Salinda Giesler lost all of the contents in their home Monday as fire gutted the inside of their home on Herring Street.

They are staying with mother and mother in law Martha Sue Justice, who is our ad salesperson.

Today is the last day to register for the Feb. 7th surplus commodity food distribution here.

People interested in the program must re-register each calendar year.

In an obituary concerning the death of Dr. Jimmy Walker of El Paso, published in last week's edition, two names were omitted.

Dr. Walker was born in the Blair Community and was a 1948 graduate of Merkel High.

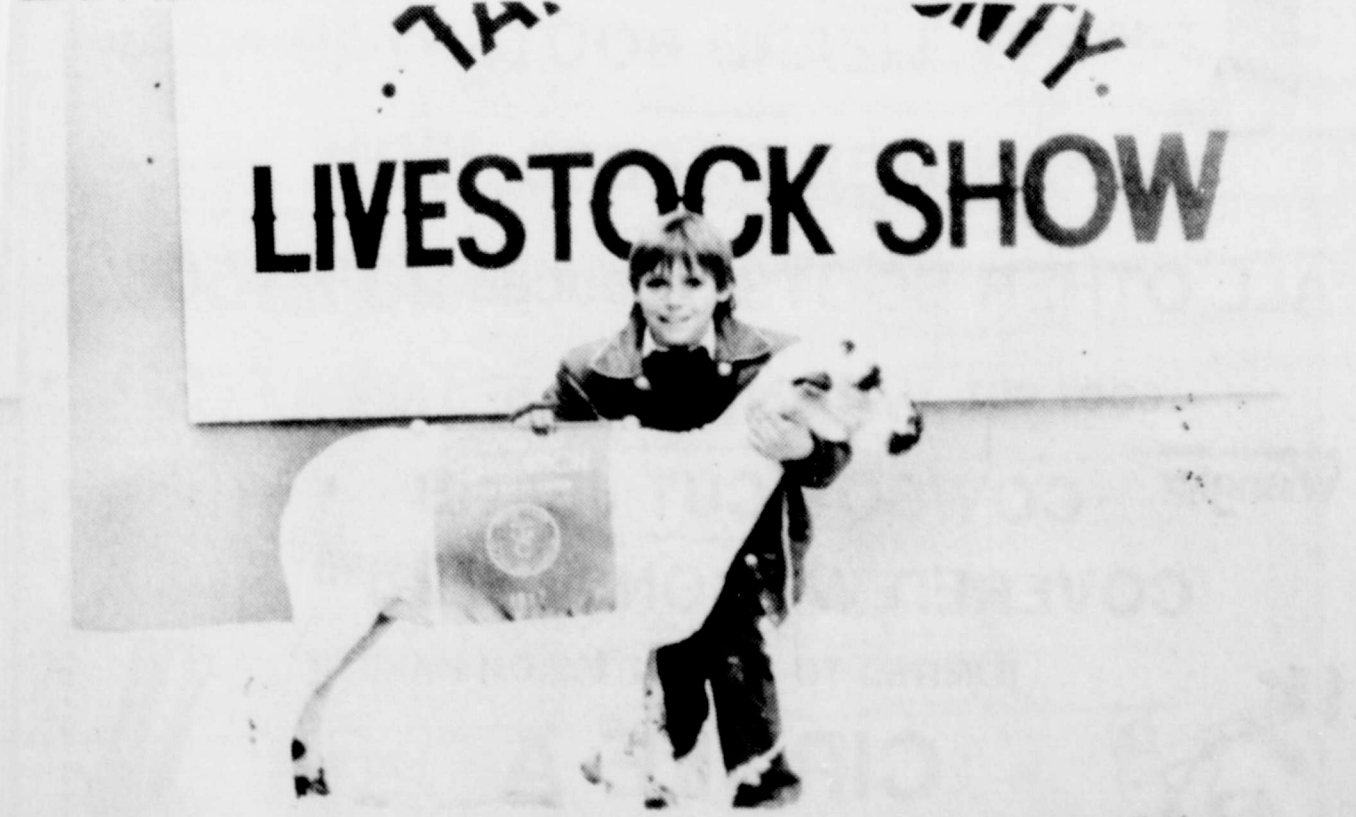
His brother and sister were not listed in the obituary. They are Dr. Gaston Walker of Hurst and Irlene Brown of Liberty Hill.

The football signed by some of the Dallas Cowboy football players, that will be given away at the annual Merkel Chamber of Commerce banquet, March 10th, is resting happily at Hicks Auto Supply.

The chamber is selling donation tickets for a chance of winning the ball at \$1 per chance or 6 for \$5.



§ Lynn Hays had the grand champion in this weekend's Taylor County Livestock Show. Staff photo



§ Cole Manahan's lamb was named grand champion at the county livestock show Friday. Staff photo

## Badgers start 2nd half of district play here Friday

The Merkel Badger boys basketball team had their backs to the wall Tuesday night as they traveled to Ballinger to end the first half of competition in the district basketball race.

The Badgers needed a win Tuesday to tie for second place in the first half of play.

In their only game last week, the Badgers were downed by Wylie before a packed house here 88-74. The Badgers twice pulled to within six points in the last quarter but were unable to get any closer. In that contest, Ted Seymore led the way with 21, Kenneth Jowers had 17 and Lynn Hays had 12.

Friday, the boys host Coahoma. In girls varsity action last week, Teresa Lucas hit a free throw to give the Lady Badgers a 61-60 win in overtime.

Friday, the girls traveled to Eula and lost 52-49. Stacy Newberry led the way with 26.

In the JV game last Tuesday, Wylie had no trouble as they took a 81-26 win.

The freshmen girls competed in the Eula tournament over the weekend and were downed by Eula 44-33 in the first round and lost to Abilene High 58-40 in the second round. Misti Doan led the way against Eula with 8 points and Penny Smith led with 7 against Abilene High.

## Compere group meets

Members of the Compere Extension Homemakers Club learned about Medicine Safety and Environmental Health at the meeting January 22. Mrs. Julie Tanner presented the program at the home of Mrs. Amie Price.

Statistics were given on accidental deaths from poisoning, firearms, suffocation, fires and burns, falls, and motor vehicles. A list of safety questions were asked by Mrs. Tanner.

Early warning signs of serious illness was discussed. Medicine Safety was stressed on several common drugs, their uses and side effects.

Mrs. Annie Taylor read, "The Station" by Robert J. Hastings. Prayer was given by Mrs. Ailene Terry.

Eight members and one guest answered roll call with "What Liked Do You Take Your Medicine With?" Minutes were read and Treasurers report was given by Mrs. Taylor.

Sgt. Rackley is assigned in Germany

Sgt. Ronald M. Rackley, son of Freda Bryan of 1619 E. Grauwler Irving, Texas, and Paul R. Rackley of Merkel, Texas, has completed a U.S. Army primary leadership course.

Students received training in supervisory skills, leadership

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Mrs. Ginger Hoog, Council Delegate, gave the council report. A fundraiser Valentine Luncheon is planned for February 13 in the Anson Womens Building. The menu: Ham or chicken, different salads, vegetables, pie or cobbler, coffee and tea. Everyone is invited. Cards were signed by all for Mrs. Louise Chancey and Mrs. Fanny Ramsey. They are in the hospital.

A donation was made to the Womens Building Fund in memory of Mrs. Sue Mims.

Next meeting will be at the Valentine Luncheon.

Programs are open to all regardless of age, social economic level, race, color, sex, religion or national origin.

Refreshments were served to Mmes. Frances Carter, Bertha Hunter, Ginger Hoog, Ailene Terry, Jessie Williams, Annie Taylor, Delores Adair, and Julie Tanner by hostess Amie Price.

principles and small unit training techniques essential to a first-line supervisor in a technical or administrative environment.

Rackley is a multichannel equipment operator team chief with the 3rd Infantry Division, West Germany.

dean's list

of Merkel were named to the Hardin-Simmons University Honor Roll for the 1966 Fall semester.



Mr. & Mrs. Herbert McKee

## Stenholm chairs ag committee

Congressman Charles W. Stenholm is the newly selected chairman of the Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy and Poultry of the U.S. House Committee on Agriculture.

Congressman Stenholm, the first Texan ever to serve as its chairman, will have complete oversight jurisdiction on all issues affecting the livestock, dairy and poultry industries. These account for more than half of the total U.S. ag receipts.

"It is with great pleasure that I accepted this chairmanship," Stenholm said. "Livestock and dairy are vital industries to the 17th District and many other sections of rural America. I look forward to producing legislation out of this subcommittee that will

help, not impede, successful agriculture programs."

Commenting on the current farm policies affecting livestock, dairy and poultry producers, Congressman Stenholm said, "The 1965 Farm Bill is not perfect, but it is the best piece of legislation that could be put together given the diverse interests involved." The fifth-term congressman added, "I believe the 1965 Act will continue to serve as the benchmark for comparison of other farm policy modifications that undoubtedly will be discussed during the 100th Congress."

As chairman, Congressman Stenholm will head a 10-man subcommittee. He is one of only 8 chairmen on the 40-member Agriculture Committee.

loans for crop losses that could have been insured under multiple-peril crop insurance programs sponsored by the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC)," said Futch.

"I urge every family-size farmer in the state to seriously take into account this new relationship between insurance coverage and emergency loan eligibility."

"All family size farmers should be aware that a newly-effective provision of the 1965 farm bill prohibits our making emergency

Preceptor Eta Omega making Valentine's plans

Preceptor Eta Omega, of Beta Sigma Phi, held its monthly meeting, January 20, at the Big Country Inn.

Members made plans to honor their Valentine Sweetheart on February 3, at the Embassy Suites in Abilene.

Members enjoying the evening were: Mamie Steck, Connie Ybarra, Y. Sadler, Blanche Hewitt, Kathy Leverich, Betty Satterwhite and Ruth Tipton.

## McKee's celebrating 50th anniversary here Sunday

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert McKee wish to invite you to their 50th anniversary on Sunday, February 8th, at the Taylor Electric Co-op from 2:00 to 4:00. They were married Feb. 6, 1937 in Abilene and attended school at

Potosi. They are retired from farming in the Potosi and Merkel areas. They love to travel now.

Their nieces and nephews will host the reception. They are: Rose and Jerry Putman, James and Shirley McKee, Pat and Joe Howell, Don and Ethyl Putman.

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## Elementary honor students

The Merkel Elementary Honor Roll is as follows:

1st Grade: A Honor Roll: Eric Beaird, Shayla Boone, Brandy Bryan, Candice Carson, Kacy Casady, Wesley Carter, Brandon Cobb, Natalee Cravens, Kelli Delp, Cheryl Dodd, Anna Dutton, Nieves Gonzales, Brandi Gray, Tamara Heller, Guillermo Hernandez, Brad Hicks, Tony Layher, John Ledezma, Brian Lerma, Christina McCarty, Monty Moore, Elisa Morales, Esther Morales, Amy Pack, Tanya Rister, Nicholas Rodriguez, Diana Rogge, Jeremy Sanders, Daniel Samples, Clay Sparks, Beki Stephens, Cameron Strange, Monetta Teague, Tamara Tarpley, Rachelle Van Zandt, Carolina Vera Cruz, Michael Voyles, Aneka Wood. A-B Honor Roll: Brandi Ascencio, Christine Baker, Brandon Blue, Brittany Burton, Monty Clay, Chris Crouse, Jason Davis, Brandy Emberlin, Bryce Freeman, Justin Gray, Jamie Hellums, Johnny Hester, Justin Mann, David Moody, Mark Moreno, Jason Myers, Tommy Navarrette, Duane Parsons, April Phillips, Brandy Rifenburg, Scotty Rodriguez, Julie Sanders, Clint Sparks, Sharlet Sutterfield, Justin Tucker, Cory Walker, Robby Welborn, Stephanie Young.

2nd Grade: A Honor Roll: Taras Beasley, Hether Bentley, Sara Boggs, Brandon Cowling, Matt Dearing, Crystal Evans, Shawn Fenton, Brent Fisher, Tabitha Garrett, Chris Gilmore, Justin Goldsmith, Amy Haley, Cam Hendricks, Jeffrey Jacobs, Leslie Jacobs, McKinsey Laird, Amanda Love, Cody Minze, Craig Mullins, Melissa Paden, Jane Roberts, Artie Rollins, Eric Stegemoller, Jeremy Tipton, Crystal Watson. A-B Honor Roll: Anthony Alexander, Matt Boswell, Bryan Cruz, Randy Dudley, Sheri Ely, Kristie Fuller, Roberto Hernandez, Francisco Hernandez, Adreane Holloway, Jason Hudman, Kenlea Jones, T. J. King, Jeanette Lanford, Valarie Luteral, Imelda Martinez, Marisela Martinez, Shawna Maxwell, John McCullough, Michael McMurray, Dustin Necessary, Jacob Necessary, Saul Prieto, Scotty Reed, Travis Rogers, Nicky Rucker, Misty Turner, Katie Webb, Josh Welch, Shaun West, Rawdy White, Tristan-Wilborn, Christie Williams.

3rd Grade: A Honor Roll: Lanae Baker, Chrystal Beaird, Holly Browning, Jenny Browning, Rachel Buddin, Rhett Buntin, Brandy Casper, Wendy Elliott, Jennifer Folkles, Shera Hammond, James Hester, Rebecca Hobbs, Ryan Holmes, Sandra Juarez, Shelli Leamon, Beth McClintock, Jessica McKee, Rendi Meeks, Michael Minor, Tabi Reed, Ryan Reynolds, Tina Rister, Robin Willingham, Angela Worley. A-B Honor Roll: Elizabeth Acuna, Heath Braddock, Nicole Burch, April Burns, Jeremy Burt, Cullen Coolman, Christina Danielski, Mac Dotson, Ravan Emberlin, Mandy Fuller, Tessa Fudge, Jessie Gray, Michelle Gray, Molly Griffith, Scooter Harris, Jesse Jackson, Paul King, Jessica Martin, Andy Miller, Michelle Reyna, Tabatha Sumrall, Amy Williams, Candice Williamson.

4th Grade: A Honor Roll: Crystal Boone, Bryce Buntin, Jason Clinton, Rachael Haley, Marcus Malone, Cole Manahan, Amanda Myers, Ray Pace, Lori

Pirraglea, Scott Richardson, Christy Rister, Aimee Roberson, Amanda Sanders, Trinity Tankersley, Brandi Tarpley, Gregg Valentine. A-B Honor Roll: Karly Byers, Roberto Cano, David Carter, Teresa Cuellar, Steven Deitz, Holli Delp, Cole Demsey, Eric Dye, David Fenton, Erin Folkes, Stormie Golson, Augustine Gonzalez, Kevin Graham, Fred Heady, Laurie Hellums, Martin Hernandez, Sharon Holt, Josh Kofoed, Amy Lindsey, James McFadden, Felicia McIntyre, Zolie Moreno, Stacy Morris, Chad Pettyjohn, Chris Powell, Alma Prieto, Joey Richards, James Rogge, Jason Seyfert, Cne' Seymore, Brian Sparks, Cory Strange, Trina Tittle, Ricky Vaughn, Nancy White, Charlotte Williams.

5th Grade: A Honor Roll: Judd Burton, Velma DeLeon, Cody Fudge, Dana Hammond, Lisa Harding, Heather Henderson, Carmen Holden, Bryan Leopard, Hyrum Mills, Troy Roberts, Corey Teichilman. A-B Honor Roll: Doug Aildredge, Wendy Cummings, Julie Johns, Linda Layher, Ray Lehman, Maracio Martinez, Melanie Mitchell, Cody Pack, Kathryn Rister, Corley Segovia, Jason Tipton, Billy Vera Cruz.

### Merkel hosting junior high basketball tournament

On Thursday, January 15, the 8th grade girls team lost to A.C.M.S. 24-20. It was a close game and everyone did a good job. Leading scorer was Phuong Thao Tran with 7 points. She was followed by Ava Bohannan with 6, Jamie Beasley with 5, and Sundae Melton with 2. Other girls who contributed to the game were Melissa Cuellar, Amy Welborn and Angie Welborn.

On Monday, Jan. 26, the Lady Badgers were defeated by a tough Breckenridge team 40-22. Leading the scoring was Betsy Hellums with 14, followed by Jayma Goldsmith, Brandy Fenton, Angie Leverich, and Phuong Thao Tran each with 2 points. Hellums, Goldsmith, Fenton, and Ava Bohannan all brought down 5 rebounds. Other girls who contributed to the team were Melanie Tankersley, Tammi Pierson, Cristie Moore, April Griffith, Tracie Thomas, Lori Stockard, and Tonya Moreno.

### Fisher enlists in Air Force

Michael Gene Fisher, son of Billy Fisher and Carolyn Fisher of Merkel, Texas enlisted in the Air Force's Delayed Enlistment Program today, according to Sergeant George Clay, Air Force Recruiter located at, 4201 North 1st Street, Abilene, Texas. Michael Gene Fisher, a 1981 graduate of Merkel High School, is scheduled for enlistment in the Regular Air Force on March 31, 1987. Upon graduation from the Air Force's six-week basic training course at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas, he is scheduled to receive technical training in the Mechanical career field.



Pct. 2 JP Jack Keenan on left

### Local JP attends seminar

Ninety-six justices of the peace attended a 40-hour seminar Jan. 11-16 in Austin conducted by the Texas Justice Court Training Center headquartered at Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos. The seminars are held in compliance with Article 5972, Section B, of the Texas Revised Civil Statutes. Topics covered included a review of the newly published revision of the Justice Court Deskbook, Civil Law, Code of Judicial Conduct,

Attorney General's Opinions, the Texas Property Code, Disposition of Stolen Property, the Penal Code, Probable Cause, the new Criminal Rules of Evidence and Bond Setting. Attending were Jack Keenan of Merkel, Taylor County, Precinct 2; Roland Jones of Cross Plains, Callahan County, Precinct 6; Eston Shelnett of Clyde, Callahan County, Precinct 5; and Randall W. King of Sweetwater, Nolan County, Precinct 1, Place 1.

### MISD lunch menus

The Merkel School menu is as follows:

Monday February 2: Salisbury steak with brown gravy, whipped potatoes, seasoned green beans, angel biscuits, rosie applesauce.  
Tuesday February 3: meat loaf, buttered mixed vegetable, spinach hot rolls, whipped jello.

Wednesday February 4: tuna salad sandwich, macaroni and tomato, pork and beans, sliced bread, peach cobbler.

Thursday February 5: corn chip pie with cheese, pinto beans, potato salad, sliced pears.

Friday February 6: hamburgers with all the trimmings, french fries, fresh orange wedge.

## MHS band has 18 named all district, MMS adds 8

Merkel High and Middle school band members fared well at the all-district band tryouts held at Hardin-Simmons University Saturday. The high school band placed 16 members in the band while the middle school placed eight band members.

Band members from Classes AAA, AA and A in the south zone of region 2 were eligible for tryouts. Members selected will meet Saturday at Abilene Christian University for an all day clinic and concert that evening. Eddie Green, band director at the University of Houston will conduct the high school band and Tim Jones from Cisco Junior College will direct the junior high band.

Receiving special recognition from the judges were Stacy Norton who was in the 1st chair position on the Alto Saxophone;

David Doan 1st chair Trombone and Phuong Thao Tran was 1st chair Oboe from the Middle School.

Named to the all-district band from the high school were Diem Tran and Shelly Brandon, flute; Twilla Wilburn and Stacy Newberry, clarinet; Pam Neff, bass clarinet; Stacy Norton and Chris Gaona, alto saxophone; Andy Fambrough, Kyle Cokerm and Mark Aldrette, trumpet; David Doan, Shane Reagan, Steve Leverich, and David Biera, trombone; William Norton and Chris Brown, tuba.

From the middle school, all district members include Angie Leverich, flute; Melissa Cuellar, clarinet; Phuong Thao Tran, Cheryl Wood, oboe; Gene Henderson, trumpet; Brandon Toombs, Sean Leamon, trombone and Michael McFadden, tuba.

## Over 5,000 bales ginned locally so far in 'late' harvest

Both local gins started back in operation after last week's ice storm.

At the Merkel Co-Op Gin, 2,900 bales have been ginned as of Tuesday. They will be working around the clock starting today.

They reported most grades are coming back in the 52-62 range and said most local cotton is going into the federal loan program and was drawing an \$85 to \$90 per bale equity.

At the Trent Gin, they reported 2,200 bales and said they started ginning again last Tuesday. They reported a lot of cotton on the year and said they had not received any grade cards back in the last week. The cotton seed price is still at \$100 and they said the longer the cotton stayed in the field, the worse shape it would be in.

Mrs. Red Shafer told The Mail "we just hope it stays pretty and warm."

### CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF CONDITION (Including Domestic and Foreign Subsidiaries)

LEGAL TITLE OF BANK		STATE BANK NO.	
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		CLOSE OF BUSINESS DATE	
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Dollar Amounts in Thousands			
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<b>ASSETS</b>			
1. Cash and balances due from depository institutions			
a. Noninterest-bearing balances and currency and coin			457
b. Interest-bearing balances			700
2. Securities			1,050
3. Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell in domestic offices of the bank and of its Edge and Agreement subsidiaries, and in IBFs			065
4. Loans and lease financing receivables			
a. Loans and leases, net of unearned income	3,015		
b. LESS: Allowance for loan and lease losses			019
c. LESS: Allocated transfer risk reserve			000
d. Loans and leases, net of unearned income, allowance, and reserve (item 4 a minus 4 b and 4 c)			2,996
5. Assets held in trading accounts			000
6. Premises and fixed assets (including capitalized leases)			230
7. Other real estate owned			000
8. Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries and associated companies			000
9. Customers' liability to this bank on acceptances outstanding			000
10. Intangible assets			000
11. Other assets			110
12. Total assets (sum of items 1 through 11)			5,608
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
13. Deposits			5,129
a. In domestic offices			
(1) Noninterest-bearing			716
(2) Interest-bearing			4,413
b. In foreign offices, Edge and Agreement subsidiaries, and IBFs			000
(1) Noninterest-bearing			000
(2) Interest-bearing			000
14. Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreement to repurchase in domestic offices of the bank and of its Edge and Agreement subsidiaries, and in IBFs			000
15. Demand notes issued to the U.S. Treasury			000
16. Other borrowed money			000
17. Mortgage indebtedness and obligations under capitalized leases			042
18. Bank's liability on acceptances executed and outstanding			000
19. Notes and debentures subordinated to deposits			000
20. Other liabilities			073
21. Total liabilities (sum of items 13 through 20)			5,244
22. Limited-life preferred stock			000
<b>EQUITY CAPITAL</b>			
23. Perpetual preferred stock (No. of shares outstanding)		000	
24. Common stock (No. of shares: a. Authorized)		2,500	
b. Outstanding		2,500	
25. Surplus			150
26. Undivided profits and capital reserves			036
27. Cumulative foreign currency translation adjustments			
28. Total equity capital (sum of items 23 through 27)			364
29. Total liabilities, limited-life preferred stock, and equity capital (sum of items 21, 22, and 28)			5,608
<b>MEMORANDA</b> Amounts outstanding as of Report Date			
1. a. Standby letters of credit, Total			000
1. b. Amount of Standby letters of credit in memo 1. a conveyed to others through participations			000
NOTE: This report must be signed by an authorized officer(s) and attested by not less than three directors other than the officer(s) signing the report and is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.			
SIGNATURE OF OFFICER(S) AUTHORIZED TO SIGN REPORT		DATE SIGNED	
<i>Betty Hamner</i>		January 27, 1987	
NAME AND TITLE OF OFFICER(S) AUTHORIZED TO SIGN REPORT		AREA CODE / PHONE NO.	
Betty Hamner - V.P. - Cashier		(915) 862-6137	
We, the undersigned directors, attest the correctness of this Report of Condition and declare that it has been examined by us and to the best of our knowledge and belief has been prepared in conformity with official instructions and is true and correct.			
SIGNATURE OF DIRECTOR	SIGNATURE OF DIRECTOR	SIGNATURE OF DIRECTOR	
<i>[Signature]</i>	<i>[Signature]</i>	<i>[Signature]</i>	
State of	Texas	County of	Taylor
(MAKE MARK FOR NOTARY'S SEAL)	I sworn to and subscribed before me this		27th
	day of		January
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My commission expires February 10 19 89			
<i>[Signature]</i> Notary Public			

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The City of Tye, Texas is soliciting qualified consultants for management/administration services required for the implementation of its Community Development Program Grant. Statements of Qualifications will be received and will be evaluated according to the firm's overall qualifications, background of the principals involved in the proposed project implementation, and previous work experience and demonstrated technical competence in community development planning.

Bids until 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 12, 1987, for a one-year service contract on the heating and air conditioning equipment at the Taylor County Coliseum Abilene, Texas. Bid No. 87-112

The Commissioner's Court of Taylor County will be receiving sealed bids until 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 26, 1987, for a one-year service contract on the air conditioning equipment at the new Taylor County Courthouse, Abilene, Texas. Sealed bids will be received at the County Judge's Office, 2nd Floor, Taylor County Courthouse, 300 Oak Street, Abilene, Texas 79602, until the deadline dates stated above, at which time said bids will be publicly opened and read. Bids should be unit priced. Purchases will be on a cash basis. Exact specifications for bidding may be obtained by contacting the Taylor County Judge's Office, 300 Oak Street, Abilene, Texas 79602 or by calling (915) 677-1711 ext. 235. Taylor County reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

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## Trent's results from county show

The results of the Taylor County Show from Trent are as follows: Hvy. Wt. Hampshire: 3rd Lewis Knapp, 6th Jason Massey, 7th Swine: Lt. Wt. Duroc: 1st Sara Griffith, 5th Jaime Ray, 8th Lee Hunt; Reserve Champion Duroc Sara Griffith; Lt. Wt. Chester White: 3rd Mark Payne; Md. Wt. Hampshire: 11th Mindy Ray; Hvy. Wt. O.P.B.: 11th Brandon Bland. Steers: Md. Wt.: 5th Scott O'Kelly, 6th Scott O'Kelly; Hvy. Wt.: 9th Britt Sipe, 10th Britt Sipe. Broiler Rabbits: 2nd and Reserve Grand Champion Mike Wallis, 9th Mike Wallis, 10th Teri Brazelton.

### 7th grade girls play in Merkel tournament tonight

The 7th grade girls defeated Abilene Christian Middle School 19-1 January 15.

High scorer for the Lady Badgers was Tanya Beasley with 6. Jennifer Hobbs had 4, Sheila Bynum 2, Ellyn Rutledge 2, Amy Gilmore 2, Donna Denman 2 and Lori Thompson 1.

Plans finalized for local youth Valentine's ball

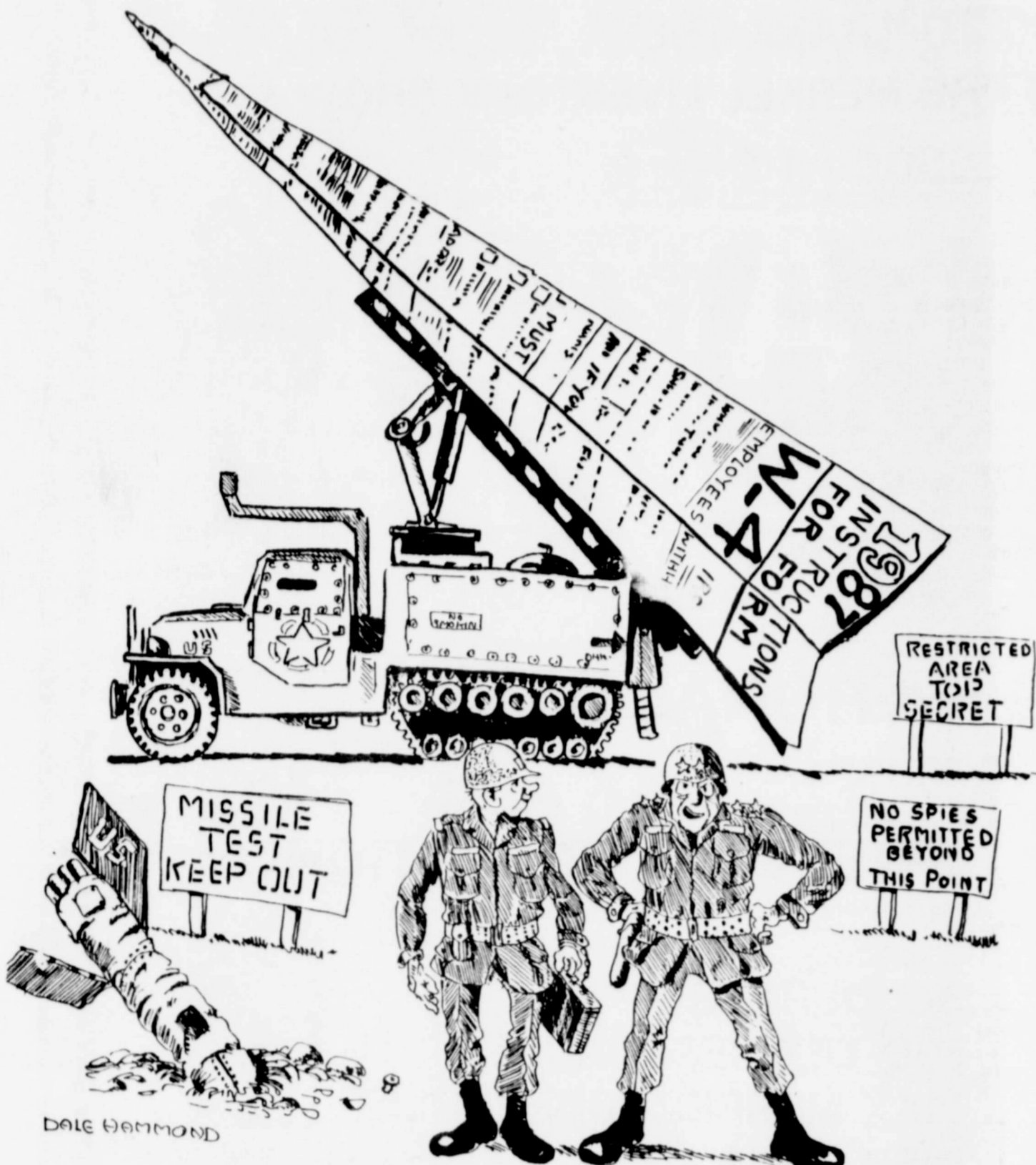
Final plans are being made for the Valentine Ball, sponsored by Xi Nu Eta.

Tickets are \$3 each. They can be bought in advance or at the door. Votes will also be sold for the King-Queen, Prince-Princess, 4. Son Hui Chon had 2, Kriste A. Smith had 2, and Becky Donaldson had 1.

The girls next game is Thursday night at 4:30 and 6:30 in Merkel at the Merkel Tournament.

They are 25 cents for each set. The dress code will be jackets and ties for the boys and dressy dresses for the girls.

The Ball will be held at the Merkel Methodist Gym from 8 until 12 on February 7th.



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### Priddy's announce daughter's engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie M. Priddy have announced the engagement of their daughter, Donna Lynn, to Stuart Wayne Douglas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Wayne Douglas. The bride-elect graduated from Abilene High School and received a diploma in senior accounting from American Commercial College. She is employed by American General Life and Acci-

dent Insurance Company. The prospective bridegroom graduated from Cooper High School and Cisco Junior College with an associate degree in electronics. He is employed by Design Communications of Abilene. An April 25 wedding is planned at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Abilene.

### Trent ISD breakfast & lunch menus

The Trent School menu is as follows:  
Monday February 2: Breakfast: juice, cereal, milk. Lunch: chicken nuggets, potatoes, green beans, chocolate pudding, rolls, tea or milk.  
Tuesday February 3: Breakfast: juice, malt-o-meal, milk. Lunch: beef patties, mushroom gravy, baked potatoes, salad, chocolate cake, rolls, tea or milk.  
Wednesday February 4: Break-

fast: juice, donuts, milk. Lunch: barbeque weiners, creamed potatoes, gravy, buttered carrots, peach cobbler, rolls, tea or milk.  
Thursday February 5: Breakfast: juice, cinnamon rolls, milk. Lunch: burritos, corn, salad, sliced pears, tea or milk.  
Friday February 6: Breakfast: juice, biscuits, sausage, milk. Lunch: barbeque on buns, ranch style beans, mixed fruit, cookies, tea or milk.

### Tripe is on SWTSU dean's list

Kimberlie R. Tripe, of Merkel, was among the 1,505 students who earned them places on the Dean's List at Southwest Texas State University.

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## Statement of Condition

December 31, 1986

### ASSETS

Cash on Hand and Demand Deposits	\$ 4,851,530
Securities and Certificates of Deposit	1,203,855
Stock in Federal Home Loan Bank	2,195,764
Mortgage Loans	204,207,512
Other Loans	26,743,733
Real Estate Owned	3,785,417
Investment Real Estate	992,990
Office Bldg. (net of depr.) and Land	2,103,178
Furniture, Fixtures, Equip. and Leasehold impv. (net)	1,110,960
Investment in Subsidiary Corporations	39,665,349
Deferred Charges and other Assets	22,269,291
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>309,129,579</b>

### LIABILITIES

Deposit Accounts	\$269,418,439
Advances from FHLB of Dallas	29,200,000
Other Borrowed Money	4,000,000
Other Liabilities	2,223,313
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$304,841,752</b>

### EQUITY CAPITAL

Preferred Stock	—0—
Common Stock	648,015
Paid-in Surplus	3,233,863
Other Capital Accounts	56,711
Appraised Equity Capital	—0—
Retained Earnings	349,238
<b>TOTAL EQUITY CAPITAL</b>	<b>4,287,827</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY CAPITAL</b>	<b>309,129,579</b>

### State of Texas County of Taylor

We, Burl D. Greaves as President, and Ronnie C. Kidd as Controller of the Southwest Savings and Loan Association located at Century Plaza 1, Abilene, Texas, each of us do solemnly swear that the statement of condition as of December 31, 1986 submitted herewith is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 16th day of January, 1987.  
Brenda Skaggs, Notary Public, Taylor County, Texas.

Board of Directors (Chairman designated by asterisk)

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## Since when is it a crime to turn 18?

Of course turning 18 isn't a crime at all. However, turning 18 without registering with Selective Service is.

That's why we need your help. We need parents to tell their sons to register with Selective Service within a month of turning 18. And we need teachers, friends, employers and others who can influence these young men to reinforce the message.

Why? Because, for one reason, it's the law. But in addition to risking prosecution by not registering, your son or young friend is disqualifying himself from eligibility for federal student loans, federal employment and job training programs.

America's future security depends upon today's young men registering with Selective Service on time. Having a complete registration list saves our country six vital weeks in mobilizing its manpower should Congress ever declare a national emergency.

Unless he is on full-time active duty in the armed forces, attending a service academy, confined in an institution, or a non-immigrant alien, the law requires every young man to register within 30 days of his 18th birthday by completing a simple form at any post office.

All of today's 18-year-olds and all of tomorrow's 18-year-olds must be informed about the registration requirement.

You can help. Ask a young man you know if he is registered.

Selective Service Registration.  
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A public service message of this publication.



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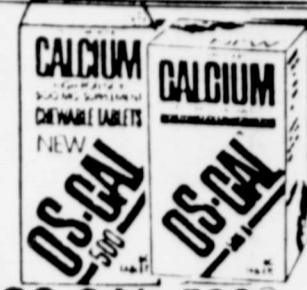
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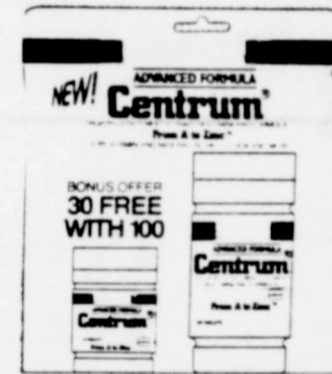
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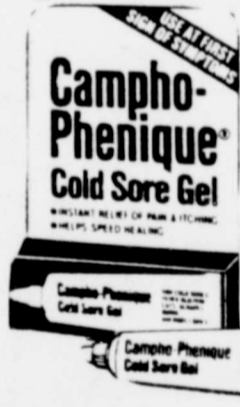
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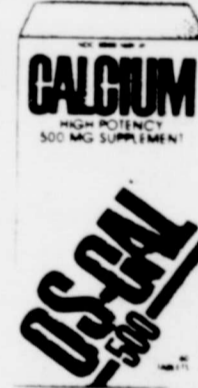
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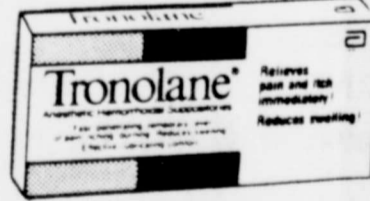
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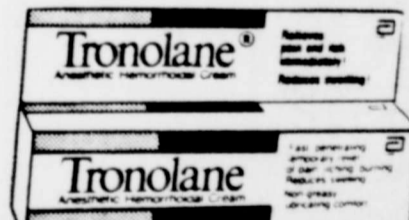
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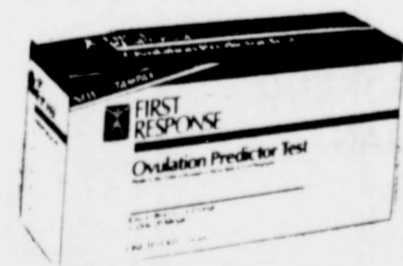
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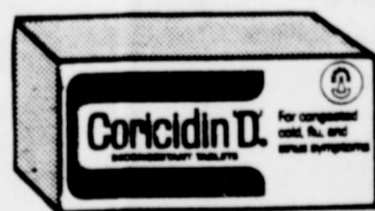
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# THE TEXAS EXPERIENCE

For Texans, the Galveston Hurricane, a gusher at Spindletop, and a bicycle craze marked the dawn of the twentieth century. Less obvious perhaps was a substantial shift within electoral politics. Not only was the Democratic Party consolidating power—aligning Texas with the Solid South—but Texas blacks were seeing their newly gained voting rights eroding.

Previously, Texas politics had differed somewhat from that in other states of the former Confederacy. Partly because the proportion of the Texas population that was black—about one-quarter in 1880, and less than one-fifth by 1910—was smaller than in other southern states, the Democratic Party tolerated opposition more readily. In the two decades after Reconstruction, Texas Democrats faced strong challenges from disoriented farmers who joined the Greenback and Populist parties. As historian Norman Brown notes in *The Texas Experience*, Texas blacks, with the skillful leadership of Norris Wright Cuney of Galveston, regularly voted for the Republicans and for third parties.

After 1896 the Populists virtually disappeared from Texas politics, leaving the Democrats as the undisputed moguls, Brown says. In November, 1902, voters approved a poll-tax amendment to the state constitution, which the Democrats presented as a white-supremacy measure. Democrats had made repeated efforts to enact laws restricting the suffrage, but since white Democrats from "black belt" counties—those with large numbers of blacks—had less power in Texas than elsewhere, the state took 27 years to enact the proposed poll tax.

Proponents of the poll tax argued that the restriction would eliminate "irresponsible" voters, Brown adds. Voting was not a natural right, they contended, but a privilege the state should extend only to those willing to commit themselves by paying the tax.

Alexander Watkins Terrell, a lawyer, plantation operator, farmer, former Confederate general and U.S. minister to Turkey (1893-97), and state legislator, became the most prominent and constant advocate of a poll

tax in Texas. In 1903 Terrell returned to the legislature to author the first of what became the Terrell election laws.

Together with a more comprehensive statute passed two years later and written by Terrell, the 1903 law, in accordance with the new constitutional amendment, provided for a noncumulative poll tax to be paid six months before each election. Brown says this stipulation effectively reduced the size of the electorate, removing many blacks, Mexican Americans, and poor whites from the political process. Historian James Smallwood found that the number of blacks voting declined from about 100,000 in the 1890s to 5,000 by 1906.

Black Republican lawmaker and educator R.L. Smith joined with others in seeking legal means to end segregation and discrimination in Texas. "Lynch law, peonage, white-capping (Klan activity) and all kindred evils have their root in the rape of the ballot," Smith declared.

Terrell's election laws also institutionalized the party primary system in Texas. They required a statewide nominating primary for all state, district, and county officials for any party polling more than 100,000 votes in the previous election. As Democratic support gathered strength, any candidate who gained that party's nomination could count on being elected to office.

But the party controlled "membership" and participation in the primaries, and eventually the Democrats excluded blacks from membership, indirectly denying them the right to vote. Terrell's legislation, along with the runoff primary established later, makes up the basic framework of current Texas election laws. Although Federal court orders eliminated the poll tax and white primary, some elderly Texans unaware of the change still ask voter registrars how much poll tax they must pay in order to vote.

The Terrell election laws also squelched opposition parties in Texas until after World War II. In *The Texas Experience*, Brown explains that the Democratic Party became the only serious forum for discussing and resolving economic and social ques-

## Tailoring the Vote

tions in Texas till then. The one-party system caused Texas Democrats to split into factions. In 1911 Governor Oscar B. Colquitt com-

mented, "We have only one political party in Texas but there are enough political fights in that one for half a dozen."

## John Deere company commemorates 150 years

John Deere, the largest farm equipment company in North America, is celebrating its 150th anniversary in 1987.

Abilene Farm Supply in Abilene is especially pleased with the historical milestone. Harold Nixon of Abilene Farm Supply, notes, "We've been selling John Deere farm equipment since 1948. That's only 39 years, not nearly as long as John Deere has been around. But the reason we became a John Deere dealer was our confidence in the way John Deere does business."

The farm equipment business has changed a lot in 150 years. In fact, according to Harold Nixon, many of the biggest changes have been fairly recent. "Many people don't realize that John Deere is now the only full-line manufacturer," he said.

Harold Nixon thinks that is an important distinction between John Deere and other large manufacturers. "John Deere still views farmers as their most important customers. Other companies view the farm equipment business as a sideline or another

market for products designed for other uses. And of course, many companies have left the agricultural field altogether," he said.

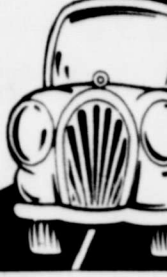
That's a complete reversal of the situation that existed in 1837 when John Deere built his first steel plow. Back then, there were literally thousands of companies selling all sorts of farm imple-

ments. Harold Nixon thinks there has been a similar evolution in the dealers that sell farm equipment. "You have to be in farm equipment for the long run. We see a bright future. After all, we have some of the best customers in the world. And they're in the best business in the world: raising food and fiber," he stated.

John Deere manufactures and markets a full line of tractors, tillage, planting and harvesting equipment. The company also has become a major factor in industrial equipment and lawn and garden equipment, as well as the insurance and financing fields. John Deere has factories and sales offices located in most major countries of the free world.

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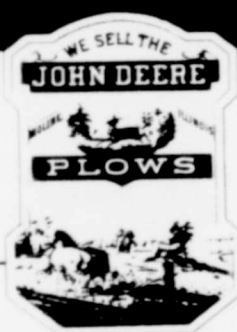


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## REPORT OF CONDITION

Consolidating domestic and foreign subsidiaries of the

Farmers & Merchants National Bank of Merkel

In the state of Texas, at the close of business on December 31, 1986  
published in response to call made by Comptroller of the Currency, under title 12, United States Code, Section 161  
Charter Number 7481 Comptroller of the Currency 11th District

### Statement of Resources and Liabilities

	Thousands of dollars
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Cash and balances due from depository institutions:	
Noninterest-bearing balances and currency and coin	1,976
Interest-bearing balances	5,300
Securities	7,462
Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell in domestic offices of the bank and of its Edge and Agreement subsidiaries, and in IBFs	4,350
Loans and lease financing receivables:	
Loans and leases, net of unearned income	11,474
LESS: Allowance for loan and lease losses	48
LESS: Allocated transfer risk reserve	-0-
Loans and leases, net of unearned income, allowance, and reserve	11,426
Assets held in trading accounts	-0-
Premises and fixed assets (including capitalized leases)	318
Other real estate owned	-0-
Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries and associated companies	-0-
Customers' liability to this bank on acceptances outstanding	-0-
Intangible assets	868
Other assets	-0-
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>31,700</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Deposits:	
In domestic offices:	
Noninterest-bearing	7,153
Interest-bearing	21,812
In foreign offices, Edge and Agreement subsidiaries, and IBFs	-0-
Noninterest-bearing	-0-
Interest-bearing	-0-
Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase in domestic offices of the bank and of its Edge and Agreement subsidiaries, and in IBFs	-0-
Demand notes issued to the U.S. Treasury	174
Other borrowed money	-0-
Mortgage indebtedness and obligations under capitalized leases	-0-
Bank's liability on acceptances executed and outstanding	-0-
Notes and debentures subordinated to deposits	-0-
Other liabilities	536
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>29,615</b>
Limited-life preferred stock	-0-
<b>EQUITY CAPITAL</b>	
Perpetual preferred stock	-0-
Common stock	325
Surplus	375
Undivided profits and capital reserves	1,335
Cumulative foreign currency translation adjustments	-0-
<b>Total equity capital</b>	<b>2,085</b>
<b>Total liabilities, limited-life preferred stock, and equity capital</b>	<b>31,700</b>

We, the undersigned directors, attest to the correctness of this statement of resources and liabilities. We declare that it has been examined by us, and to the best of our knowledge and belief has been prepared in conformance with the instructions and is true and correct.

*Don W. [Signature]*  
*[Signature]*  
*[Signature]*

Directors

Betty Jane Tittle  
Name  
Vice-Pres.-Cashier  
Title

of the above-named bank do hereby declare that this Report of Condition is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

*Betty Jane Tittle*  
Signature

January 21, 1987  
Date



## Postal service frowns on chain letters

Have you ever been asked to participate in a chain letter which is guaranteed to earn you lots of money with one small investment? Don't waste your money - chain letters are a form of lottery and may violate federal mail fraud laws. The same three elements that apply to lotteries (payment, prize and chance) also make chain letter schemes illegal. The payment may be money or any other item of value. The prize is the large amount of money you are led to believe you will receive in the end if you participate. The chance is that the chain will break, and it must, because the chance that all participants in a chain letter will receive mail is mathematically impossible. For example, a typical chain letter may require participants to mail letters containing money to six new participants, each of whom must mail six letters to six more individuals, and so on. By the 11th level of mailing, the entire population of the United States (almost 300 million) would be exhausted. By the 13th level, the population of the world (over 4 billion) would be exhausted. And remember, even if the chain letter itself is not mailed, as long as the payment or prize is sent through the mail, the entire scheme is illegal.

Some chain letters masquerade as Multi-Level Marketing Plans. These require an original promo-

tor to sell products and enlist several other people to become sellers, who in turn recruit others. Most multi-level marketing plans are schemes to sell the plan rather than the product, and the fact that selling a product is involved, instead of winning money, or statements saying the plan does not violate federal law, do not ensure legality.

Do not confuse regular chain letters or multi-level marketing plan chains with prayer chains that promise good luck but require

no investment. These are not illegal, they're just a nuisance. You should not be intimidated by implied threats of bad luck, personal injury, or disaster for breaking the chain. Feel free to throw the chain letter away.

Remember, you are under no obligation to participate if you receive a chain letter, and to do so you may be in violation of federal law. Turn the letter in to the local post office or send it to the Postal Inspector in Charge, Box 162929, Ft. Worth 76161.

### Trent All A students named

The Trent A Honor Roll is as follows:

Kindergarten: Aaron Dulaney, Ashlea Parker, Chris Wofford, David Rios, Kaci Bland, Kevin Sanford, Laramie Gorbett, Mindy Ray, Valarie Benites.

First Grade: Melesa Alexander, Tye Christensen, Matt Davis, Christina Galvan, Wendy Harwell, Tracy Jennings, Lindsay Jones, Amanda Keith, T.J. Roberts.

### Trent's 1st semester A-Team listed

The following students from Trent ISD received all A report cards and received a A Team tee-shirt during the first semester: Ashlea Parker, David Rios, Mindy Ray, Melesa Alexander, Tye Christensen, Matt Davis, Christina Galvan, Wendy Harwell,

Second Grade: Amy Barnes, Ryan Bigbee.

Third Grade: Teri Brazelton, Allison Davis, Rebecca Evans, Jesse Niell, Jaime Ray.

Fourth Grade: Crystal Christensen, James Clark, Sarah Griffith, Brad Clark, Justin Williams.

Eighth Grade: Travis Walker.

Tenth Grade: Billy Clark, Jason Massey.

Eleventh Grade: Luci Masonheimer, Brian Massey.

Lindsay Jones, Amanda Keith, T.J. Roberts, Amy Barnes, Ryan Bigbee, Teri Brazelton, Allison Davis, Rebecca Evans, Jesse Niell, Jaime Ray, Crystal Christensen, Sarah Griffith, Justin Williams, Jason Massey, Luci Masonheimer, Brian Massey.

## Public Notices

Ordinance No. 87:1: An Ordinance providing that portion of the streets of Linder, Townsend, Ruth Haskell (Also spelled Haskell) and King Lying North of Interstate 20 Highway and East of Farm and Market Road 707, City of Tye, Taylor County, Texas be vacated, abandoned and closed; providing for the reversion of fee in said land; repealing all Ordinances in Conflict herewith; and providing that this Ordinance shall become effective immediately.

05-11c-20

The City of Tye, Texas is soliciting qualified consultants for engineering services required for the implementation of its Community Development Program Grant. Statements of Qualifications will be received and will be evaluated according to the firm's over-all qualifications, background of the principals involved in the proposed project implementation, personal knowledge of the project design, and previous work experience and demonstrated technical competence in community development engineering and related areas. Other requirements should be registration to practice engineering in the State of Texas, and the ability to provide the engineering capabilities for preparing plans and specifications, conducting inspections, and providing monitoring required during project construction. The firm selected will be given an opportunity to negotiate a contract for engineering services involved in the implementation of the program. Statements of Qualifications will be accepted until 3:00 P.M. February 5, 1987 at 205 North St. Tye, Texas. The City of Tye, Texas is an Affirmative Action Equal Opportunity Employer.

05-11c-50

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
+TO: TOMMY CRAIG  
McGOWEN, ADDRESS  
UNKNOWN, Defendant,  
Greeting:

You are hereby com-  
manded to appear by  
filing a written answer  
to the Plaintiff's Petition  
on 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.

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

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

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 Sub-division 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 adverse possession thereof 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.

SINGED AND SEALED ON this 29 day of December, 1986.

Rilla Mahoney District Clerk Taylor County, Texas by JoAnn Lackey Deputy

Issued on this 27 Day of December, 1986.

Rilla Mahoney District Clerk Taylor County, Texas by JoAnn Lackey Deputy (Seal) 197-83-4tc

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE THE STATE OF TEXAS County of Taylor

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That by virtue of a certain Writ of Execution issued out of the Honorable County Court at Law Court of Taylor County, of the 1st day of December 1986, by WRIT OF EXECUTION of said Taylor County Court At Law for the sum of TWO THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS and costs of suit, under a JUDGE-

MENT, in favor of OIL PATCH POLLUTION SERVICE in a certain cause in said Court, No. 15,625 and styled OIL PATCH POLLUTION SERVICE vs. DALE COX OPERATING, placed in my hands for service, I, JOHN W. MIDDLETON as Sheriff of Taylor County, Texas, did, on the 9th day of January, 1987, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Taylor County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: ALL UN-

DIVIDED INTEREST OF DALE COX OPERATING LOT 1 GRIMMER COUNTY SCHOOL LAND # 147, LOCATED 2 1/2 MILES SOUTH-EAST OF MERKEL, TEXAS, TEXAS RAILROAD COMMISSION # 19058, PHILYAW & LAIL ENGINEERING COMPANY 5 MILES EAST OF SHEP, TEXAS SECTION 144 BLOCK 64, H & TC SURVEY, SALE WILL BE HELD AT 10:00 A.M. and levied upon as the property of DALE COX OPERATING 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 of Public vendue, for each, to the highest bidder, as the property of said DALE COX OPERATING.

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 12 day of January, 1987.

John W. Middleton Sheriff Taylor County, Texas By Eddie W. Swanson Sr. Deputy. 03-3tc-75

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 the 12th day of January 1987.

John W. Middleton Sheriff, Taylor County, Texas by Eddie Swanson, Sr. Deputy (Seal) 03-79-3tc

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That by virtue of a certain Writ of EXECUTION issued out of the Honorable COUNTY COURT AT LAW Court of Taylor County, of the 1st day of December 1986, by WRIT OF EXECUTION of said Taylor County Court At Law for the sum of TWO THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS and costs of suit, under a JUDGE-

MENT, in favor of OIL PATCH POLLUTION SERVICE in a certain cause in said Court, No. 15,625 and styled OIL PATCH POLLUTION SERVICE vs. DALE COX OPERATING, placed in my hands for service, I, JOHN W. MIDDLETON as Sheriff of Taylor County, Texas, did, on the 9th day of January, 1987, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Taylor County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: ALL UN-

DIVIDED INTEREST OF DALE COX OPERATING LOT 1 GRIMMER COUNTY SCHOOL LAND # 147, LOCATED 2 1/2 MILES SOUTH-EAST OF MERKEL, TEXAS, TEXAS RAILROAD COMMISSION # 19058, PHILYAW & LAIL ENGINEERING COMPANY 5 MILES EAST OF SHEP, TEXAS SECTION 144 BLOCK 64, H & TC SURVEY, SALE WILL BE HELD AT 10:00 A.M. and levied upon as the property of DALE COX OPERATING 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 HARLEY REEVES.

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 12 day of January, 1987.

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*You Are Invited...*

**FEB 6TH AT  
HAMLIN 6014 VFW  
BENEFIT DANCE  
FOR MERKEL VFW  
MEAL 6 - 8  
DANCE 9 - 12  
\$5 PER PERSON  
TRIPLE SHOT BAND**

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**FEB 7 & 8  
DISTRICT CONVENTION  
IN ABILENE POST 2012  
ALL MEMBERS  
ARE INVITED**

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**SUNDAY FEB 1  
CLOVER CLUB  
S 14th ABILENE  
BENEFIT  
FOR MERKEL VFW  
\$5 PER PERSON**

WHILE SUPPLIES LAST

PRICES GOOD JAN. 29, 30, 31, 1987

PERFECT FOR THE LIGHTER TASTE  
NEW ALLSUP'S MILD

**LINKS**  
89¢ EACH

FILLED WITH FRESH HOT COFFEE  
JUST RIGHT FOR THE DRIVE TO WORK

**MUGS**  
99¢ REFILLED FOR ONLY 25¢

"BIGGER THAN BIG"  
44 OUNCES OF YOUR FAVORITE  
FOUNTAIN DRINK-ALLSUP'S

**HONCHO**  
99¢ EACH

BORDEN'S HOMO MILK  
\$1.09 1/2 GAL. CTN.

BORDEN'S ASST. FLAVORS ICE CREAM  
\$1.89 1/2 GAL. CTN.

BORDEN'S BUTTERMILK  
69¢ QT. CTN.

HOT FOOD HEADQUARTERS

AVAILABLE AT ALLSUP'S... SUPERVISORS LIST 10 COOKED FOOD ITEMS AVAILABLE IN EACH STORE

**\$1.99**  
6 PK

BREAKFAST BURRITOS  
HAM & CHEESE SANDWICH



# MICROWAVE GIVEAWAY

See details at Carnation • Contadina Display.



12 CT BOX \$1.19



3 8 OZ CANS 59¢



**TOMATOES**  
2 300 CANS 79¢



JAR \$1.69



ASST BOX \$1.39



6 PACK BOX \$1.39

BRING US YOUR COUPONS IN SUNDAY R N PAPER

PRICES GOOD THUR-FRI-SAT Jan 29, 30 & 31 STORE HOURS 7:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. MON THRU SAT CLOSED SUNDAY

HAIR SPRAY REG OR H TO H **STYLE** 8 OZ CAN \$1.19

**COCA COLA**  
ASSORTED  
2 LITER BOTTLE \$1.09

**SALAD DRESSING**  
BEST MAID  
32 OZ JAR 79¢

BETTY CROCKER H B HELPER **SLOPPY JOE**  
9 OZ BOX \$1.19

G M NACHO CHEESE **BUGLERS**  
6 OZ BOX 98¢

PARKAY **OLEO**  
QUARTERS  
2 LBS FOR 99¢

KRAFTS **CHEESE**  
SINGLE SLICED  
12 OZ PKG \$1.79

KRAFTS **MAC CHEESE DINNER**  
2 7.4 OZ BOX 83¢

BETTY CROCKER **BROWNIE MIX**  
23 OZ BOX \$1.59

PIONEER **BISCUITS MIX**  
40 OZ BOX \$1.59

DELSEY **TISSUE**  
4 ROLL CRTN 93¢

JOHNSONS **PLEDGE**  
LEMON OIL  
16 OZ BOTTLE \$1.89  
WITH MAIL IN \$1.25 CASH BACK

**FROZEN FOODS**  
JENOS 11 OZ **PIZZA** ASST BOX 99¢  
MORTONS EA **TV DINNER** 98¢  
EXCLUSIVE OF BEEF-HAM OR FISH  
AUNT JEMIMA 10 OZ PKG **WAFFLES** 79¢  
BIRDSEYE 8 OZ TUB **COOL WHIP** 79¢ EA  
JEWEL 42 OZ CAN **SHORTENING** \$1.19

**GLADIOLA FLOUR**  
5 LB BAG 89¢

**HORMEL VIENNA SAUSAGE**  
2 5 OZ CANS 93¢

**BEST MAID WAFFLE SYRUP**  
16 OZ JUG 59¢

**BEST MAID BREAD AND BUTTER PICKLES**  
32 OZ JAR \$1.29

**COOKING OIL CRISCO**  
48 OZ JUG \$1.69  
LIMIT 1  
WITH \$15 IN TRADE OR MORE EXCLUSIVE OF CIGARETTES

**COFFEE FOLGER**  
2 LB CAN \$5.29  
LIMIT 1  
WITH \$15 IN TRADE OR MORE EXCLUSIVE OF CIGARETTES

**ARMOURS TREE T**  
LUNCHEON MEAT  
12 OZ CAN 89¢  
LIMIT 2  
WITH \$15 IN TRADE OR MORE EXCLUSIVE OF CIGARETTES

CHOICE BEEF  
**CHUCK ROAST**  
EXTRA TASTY  
EXTRA TENDER  
EXTRA GOOD

**DETERGENT SURF**  
FAMILY SIZE \$4.98

**LIQUID WISH**  
32 OZ BOTTLE \$1.49

**BATH SIZE TONE**  
2 BAR DEAL 98¢

**ARMOUR STAR FRANKS**  
ALL MEAT 12 OZ PKG \$1.33

**EXTRA TRIM LEAN POUND** \$1.69

**DEL MONTE PEACHES** 303 CAN 69¢

**RICH & READY ORANGE DRINK** GAL JUG \$1.29

**DEL MONTE 303 CUT GREEN BEANS** 2 79¢ FOR

**DEL MONTE 303 CS GOLDEN CORN** 2 79¢ FOR

**DEL MONTE 303 SWEET PEAS** 2 79¢ FOR

**PREGO 32 OZ SPAGHETTI SAUCE** \$1.69 EA

**CHEFS CHEESE PIZZA MIX** 15 OZ BOX \$1.49

**GRAPEFRUIT**  
TEXAS RUBY RED SWEET  
LB 39¢

**FRESH CELERY** STALK 49¢

**WASHINGTON DELICIOUS RED APPLES** LB 49¢

**FRESH BELL PEPPER** 2 49¢ FOR

**GOLDEN BANANAS** LB 29¢

**HASS AVOCADOS** 2 49¢ FOR

**YELLOW ONIONS** LB 29¢

**RUSSET SPUDS** 10 LB BAG \$1.39

CHOICE BEEF **ARM ROAST** LEAN POUND \$1.79

CHOICE BEEF **RIB STEAK** LEAN LB \$2.29

CHOICE BEEF BONELESS **RIBEYE STEAK** LEAN LB \$3.59

GOOCH B R **BACON** SMOKED LB \$1.79

GOOCH GOLDEN AWARD **HAMS** BONELESS HALVES COOKED POUND \$2.89

GOOCH B. R. **HOT LINKS SAUSAGE** LB \$1.33

**SMOKED HAMHOCKS** LB 63¢

**CAMPBELLS VEGETABLE SOUP**  
2 NO 1 CANS 83¢

**AMERICAN BEAUTY WIDE NOODLES**  
12 OZ BAG 63¢

**POINSETTA HOMO MILK**  
GAL JUG \$1.99

**BORDENS LOW FAT MILK**  
GAL JUG \$1.93

**BORDEN COTTAGE CHEESE**  
12 OZ CRTN 89¢

**BORDEN ASSORTED DIPS**  
8 OZ CRTN 69¢

**DOUBLE GIFT BOND STAMPS**  
EACH WED'S WITH \$5.00 IN TRADE OR MORE

WE WELCOME FOOD STAMPS  
**CARSON'S SUPER MARKET**  
Fresh Vegetables Best Meats in Town  
Merkel, Texas  
WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO LIMIT QUANTITY