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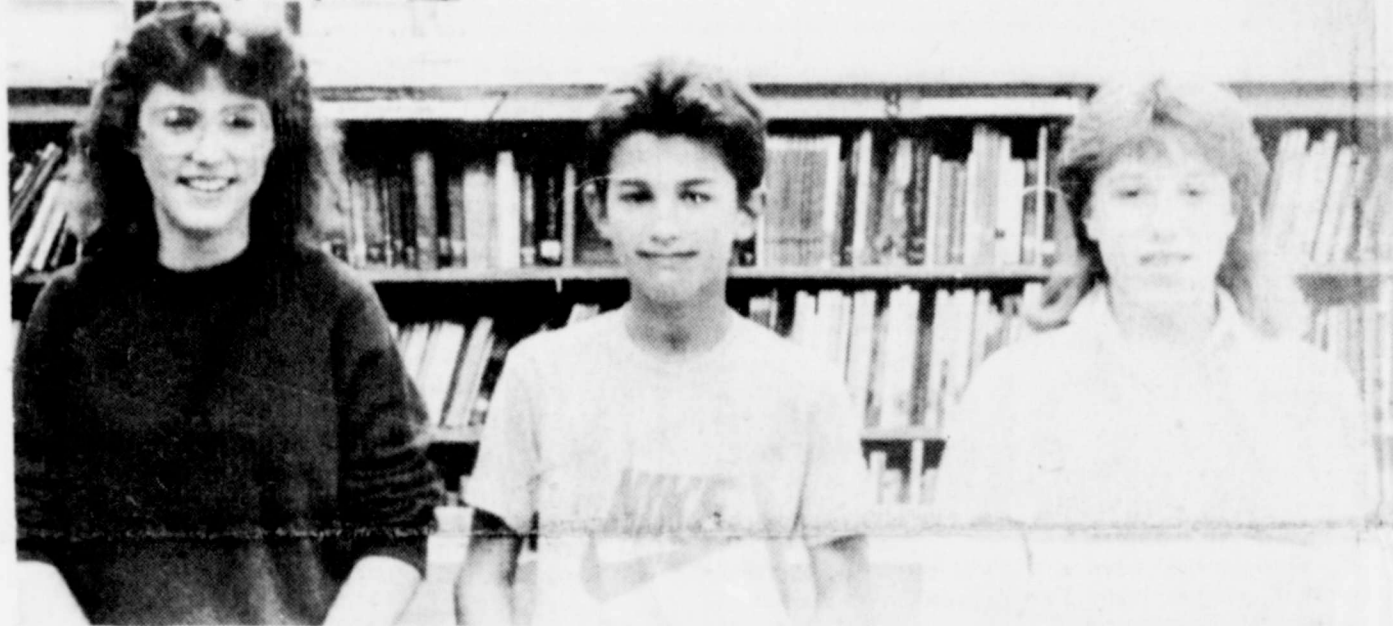
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Thursday, February 19, 1987 . . . Merkel Texas

Our 98th year



These are essay winners in the conservation contest from Merkel High School. They are [from left] Ginger Neil, 1st-10th grade; Todd Smith, 2nd 11th grade and Billy Ray Riley 1st-12th grade. Staff photo



These are winners in the Big Country Writing Day held at ACU this past weekend. They are [from left] Tanya Beasley 1st for her short story "A Broken Heart, and a Writers Cramp", Eugene Smith "Way Down Deep in my Bath-tub." and Shayla Miller for "He Wrote". Staff photo



These are the winners in the Essay and Poster Contest sponsored by the Middle Clear Fork Soil & Water Conservation District. They are essay poster winner Orville Pirraglia and essay winners Rickey Riley and Neil Newman. Staff photo

Personal, goof, dance, soccer . . .

by Cloy A. Richards

I placed myself in a very difficult position last week. I requested and received a spot on the agenda for the MISD board meeting Monday night to question the district's policy on corporal punishment. It was not in the public's interest, it was purely personal as my daughter was involved. Since the laws of privacy for juveniles apply in this case, no names of parents were used in the news article in this week's paper. I explain this only because a lot of local people know what two families were involved. I would be omitting facts I feel are pertinent to have not named myself as one who appeared before the board, and if at a later date I sue myself successfully, I doubt the monetary settlement will be too severe. As any citizen has the right to question the school boards policies and applications of those policies, all I wanted was an answer from the board on their opinion of corporal punishment at Merkel High School. The board gave me that answer. Let's just say the issue is closed, with the board reaffirming their policy on corporal punishment, and I will abide by their decision.

I just thought some readers may want an explanation and that's the best I can do, under the circumstances. I have a lot of respect for board members who donate their time and concern in the interest of local school students even if time from time you and I agree to disagree, but hey, that's what it's all about, isn't it? A benefit dance will be held Feb 28th at the old Lions Club Building here to benefit Salinda and Jim Giesler, a Merkel couple who lost all of their possessions in a fire at their home last month. The dance will be held from 8 a.m. until midnight and will feature Rocky McKinny and the Confederacy Band. Admission is \$3 per person or \$5 per couple. We omitted a couple of proud great-grandparents in an article last week about the birth of a son to Bart & Ann Whisenhunt of Merkel. Bradley Jeff's paternal great-grandparents are: Mr. & Mrs. Price Melton of Merkel and it was my mistake. There are still a couple of spots open on local soccer teams, if

you have a boy between the age of 10 and 12 or a child born in 1977 or 1978. If you have a child interested in playing on a local team, contact Leon Kelso in the 10-12 division or me in the under 10 division. Although the Merkel girls basketball team is not in the playoffs, they had their best season since the 1980 district championship team. The girls finished the district with a 7-5 record and could have been in the playoffs with a win over Wylie last Friday in Wylie. The boys will complete their season Friday night against Ballinger here Friday night. The boys are currently 19-9 on the year. Work on a state funded housing rehabilitation project here will be started soon. People interested in knowing if they qualify should contact city Hall for more information. The program is open to homeowner who meet income guidelines. Those guidelines are more liberal than those used for the federal housing rehabilitation program here a couple of years ago so you owe it to yourself to check it out.

Board rehires principals, athletic director, affirms corporal punishment

The MISD board of trustees rehired all campus principals and the head football coach and athletic director at their regular board meeting Monday night at the Merkel High library. The board also re-affirmed its policy on corporal punishment (padding) after hearing complaints from two sets of parents during the session. The board rehired High school principal Larry Curry, assistant principal Gaylon Brnovak, middle school principal Robert Damron, elementary school principal David Casey and Tye Elementary principal Harry Taylor. Each principal also received a \$114 per month raise. The board also rehired head football coach and athletic director Dick Lepard. The board presented Lepard a

\$1,500 raise to offset the \$1,500 payment he lost in career ladder payments. Two sets of parents also presented disagreements over the application of corporal punishment at Merkel High. Board member Bill Sloan said he did not agree with corporal punishment but the board decided they were in favor of current school policies applying to padding. They did ask a discrepancy printed on the back of a disciplinary notice be corrected. MISD has been notified that one of the paddlings has been documented as a case of abuse by the Taylor County Child Welfare office. In other action, the board paid February bills totaling \$152,161.66. Board members also learned that

construction on classroom facilities in Tye should be completed by Feb. 15th. Board members also gave their approval to allow officials from the Texas Association of School Boards to approach MISD personnel on a health insurance plan. MISD superintendent Bill Everett also told board members he learned the district might be eligible for \$75,000 to \$100,000 in impact aid designed to help school districts cope with loss of taxable values of more than 33 percent. He also told board members the defunct Nu Corp Supply Corporation still owes \$169,000 in property taxes from 1983. Board members also accepted the resignation of Mrs. Brnovak.

Badgers lose shot at playoffs, boys last game here Friday

by Cloy A. Richards

The Merkel Badger girls lost both of their games last week, and along with it, a shot at the basketball playoffs. The Merkel boys will complete their season here Friday night against Breckenridge. The boys can be spoilers with a win, knocking Breckenridge out of a chance for the second half playoff spot. In girls games, The Badgers lost 56-34 in Sonora last Tuesday. In that game, Stacey Newberry led with 14 and Teresa Lucas added 8. Friday night in Wylie, the girls lost 57-45. Sheri Riney and Lucas each had 14 while Newberry added 8. The girls finished the season with a 14-14 record and finished

district play with a 7-5 record. Coach Bobby Pierson told **The Mail** Tuesday "I appreciate the support we have received from the fans this season and the coverage the paper provided. We had a chance to win it right down to the end." In JV action Sonora took a 59-16 win last Tuesday. Anissa Jonas led with six points. Last Friday in Wylie, the girls were downed 72-21. Melinda Baker led with eight. In freshman action last week, the girls lost to Clyde 28-18. Angela Carson led with four points. Last Thursday, the girls lost a 46-29 decision to Abilene High. Judy Williams had eight while Tricia Garrett and Gay Lynn

Robertson each added seven. In the Sweetwater tournament last weekend, the girls lost their first game 36-30. Penny Smith led with seven while Tina Myatt added six. They lost the second game 56-32 to Ballinger. Misty Doan led with 13 points. The varsity boys split a pair of games last week. The boys took a 55-42 win over Sonora in Sonora. Lynn Hays led with 19, Kenneth Jowers added 12 and Ted Seymore had 11 in that win. The boys lost a 72-57 decision in Wylie Friday night. Seymore led with 19, followed by Hays with 17, Jowers and Brit Pursley each had seven. The boys will wrap up their season Friday here and are 19-9 on the year.

Local city hopefuls are un-contested, board race draws another candidate

The filing deadline for local city races has passed although the Mail was unable to check on filings Wednesday due to the news deadline. In the Merkel city race, mayor Kent Satterwhite is seeking reelection unopposed. There are two candidates for two city council positions and they are J. T. Naron and Juan Ybarra. In the Tye City race, all three incumbents have filed for reelection. In Tye, councilmen are elected by place and only one

incumbent is being opposed. Running are Place 1 incumbent Dewitt Isom, Place 3 incumbent A. J. Pence is being challenged by Larry Storie and place 5 incumbent is Gayland Childers. In the Trent city race, James Wallis, who had previously filed as a council candidate, will now be running for mayor. He is unopposed. Trent has two candidates for two council spots and they are Jerry Frank Patterson and Dale Rutherford. In the MISD board race, the

only new filing is Harry Stevens Jr., who has filed for place 5. He is being challenged by Gary Smith. In Place 6 incumbent Earl Laird is being challenged by Danny Malone and D. A. Bishop. Place 7 has the most crowded field and candidates are David Seymore, Edgar Graham, Vern Sutterfield Jr. and Earnest Reynolds. The filing deadline for city races was Feb. 18th and school board candidates have until March 4th to file for a spot on the ballot.

Trent inducts honor society members

Trent High School's annual induction ceremony for the Trent Chapter of the National Honor Society was held on February 10, 1987 at 7:00 p.m. in the school gym. To be eligible for membership consideration, students must be a Sophomore, Junior, or Senior, have a cumulative grade average of 90 percent. Additionally, potential members must meet high standards in leadership, service, and character. Leadership is based on the student's participation in community or school activities. To meet the service requirement, the student must have been active in service projects in the school and community. Character is measured in terms of integrity, behavior, ethics, and cooperation with both students and faculty. Candidates are screened by a faculty council consisting of High School Teachers.

Those selected this year are: Billy Clark, sophomore, Billie Jean Poindexter, sophomore and Kim Walker, sophomore. Officers for the National Honor

Society this year are: Brian Massey, President, Luci Mason heimer, Vice President; Glenna Clark, secretary, Mrs. John Brady is advisor.

Arbor Day group offers trees

Ten free flowering trees will be given to people who join the National Arbor Day Foundation during February, 1987. Two White Flowering Dogwood, two American Redbud, two European Mountainash, two Washington Hawthorn and two Flowering Crab trees will be given as part of the Foundation's efforts to improve the quality of life in America by encouraging tree planting. "These trees were selected because they will give a colorful flowering of pink, white, and red blossoms through the spring," John Rosenow, the Foundation's

executive director, said. The Foundation will give the ten trees to members contributing \$10 during February. The six-to-twelve inch trees will be sent postpaid at the right time for planting between February 1 and May 31, with enclosed planting instructions. The trees are guaranteed to grow, or they will be replaced free by the Foundation. To become a member of the Foundation and to receive the free trees, send a \$10 membership contribution to Flowering Trees, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by February 28, 1987.



§ Beta Sigma Phi held its Valentine Dance on Feb. 14 at the Civic Center. Each Chapter was represented by their Sweetheart. § Local Sweethearts are [left to right] Danna Dunagin-Xi Nu Eta; Connie Ybarra-Preceptor Et a Omea; Robin Robinson-Lambda Beta. [Not pictured is Donna Bryan, Xi Nu Chi.]

Fortnightly study group talks time management

The Fortnightly Study Club met at Polly's Restaurant Feb. 10 with Grace Lee Brown and Anna Lou Ferguson serving as co-hostesses. The president, Alice King, conducted the regular business meeting. Ruby Hammond, program chairman, introduced the program on America's greatest waste. Anna Belle Shouse was co-ordinator for the discussion by a panel consisting of Mary Collins, Mildred Hamm, Aileen Knight, Ruth Lassiter and Becky Rogers. Using the federal government's administration budget proposal of \$994 billion and the program the President asks to be abolished, an article in the Readers Digest by Donald Lambo was used as basis for the discussion both pro and con. Mrs. Shouse also asked Mary Collins to discuss Mass Transit vs the Taxpayer by Randy Fitzgerald.

Members attending were Grace Lee Brown, Pam Carson, Mary Collins, Bess Dixon, Paralee Gibson, Mildred Hamm, Ruby Hammond, Lucy Haynes, Edna Hill, Madeion Horton, Alice King, Aileen Knight, Huin Lassiter, Becky Rogers, Anna Belle Shouse, Evelyn Martin, Jeanette Pursley, Maurine White and Lucille Wilson.

TISD lunch menu

The following is the Trent ISD lunch menu.

Monday-Feb. 23 breakfast-juice cereal, milk; Lunch spaghetti with meat sauce, english peas, salad, chocolate cake, rolls, tea or milk.

Tuesday-Feb 24- juice, biscuits & sausage, jelly, milk; Lunch-chili, pinto beans, cornbread, peaches, cookies, tea or milk.

Wednesday Feb 25- juice, donuts, milk; Lunch-fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, banana pudding, rolls, tea or milk.

Thursday- Feb. 26, Juice, cinnamon rolls, milk; Lunch- Pizza, corn, salad, jello with topping and tea or milk.

Friday- Feb 27, juice, oatmeal, milk; Lunch hot dogs, french fries, applesauce, cookies, tea or milk.

Butler, Frazier HSU grads

Nancy Click Butler and Norma Jean Frazier, both of Merkel, are December graduates of Hardin-Simmons University. Butler received a BBA degree while Frazier received a BED in Secondary Education.

Butler's permanent address is Box 381 in Merkel. Frazier is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elby Frazier of Rt. 2 Box 169 in Merkel.

Kirkham honored

Staff Sgt. Jerry L. Kirkham, son of Christine M. Kirkham of 601 Rose, Merkel, has been decorated with the Air Force Commendation Medal at Dyess Air Force Base, Texas.

The Air Force Commendation Medal is awarded to those individuals who demonstrate outstanding achievement of meritorious service in the performance of their duties on behalf of the Air Force.

Kirkham is a training technician with the 96th Bombardment Wing.

Xi Nu Eta meets

Xi Nu Eta, Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi, met February 3 in the home of Lu Ann Blay for their regular meeting.

Plans were discussed to attend the Valentine Dance. Plans were also finalized for the Valentine Ball.

Members decided to meet Feb. 23rd at Casa Ole to make plans for the upcoming Convention to be held in Abilene in October.

Lu Ann gave an interesting program on French Braiding to members and one guest. The drawing for the Pig-n-Poke was held with our guest, Pat Black, winning.

Those present were-guest, Pat Black, members, Jana Nelson, Dee McCollum, Lu Ann Blay, Cindy Wilder, Carolyn Shelburn, Sondra Smith, Danna Dunagin, Sherry Vinson, Marilyn Tittle and Cathy Pack.

The next meeting will be March 3 in the home of Carolyn Shelburn.

MISD lunch menu

The following is the MISD lunch menu:

Thursday- Feb 19 home style pizza, pinto beans, lettuce and tomato salad with choice of dressing, sliced peaches.

Friday- Feb. 20 Corn dogs with mustard, baked beans, combination salad with choice of dressing, fig bars.

Monday- Feb 23 chicken nuggets, french fries, english peas, applesauce cheese crisp.

Tuesday- Feb 24 goulash with macaroni, corn and peas, lettuce and tomato salad, pineapple.

Wednesday Feb 25th chicken fried steak with cream gravy, whipped potatoes and green beans, sliced peaches.

Thursday- Feb. 26 beef and cheese tacos, pinto beans, shredded lettuce, tomatoes, taco sauce, apricot halves.

Friday- Feb 27 sloppy joes, french fries, pickle relish, chopped onions, walk to school cookies.

Sweetheart ball

The Valentine Ball sponsored by Xi Nu Eta was a huge success.

The King and Queen, Prince and Princess contest was held. Members counted the votes at the end of the night. The winners were: King Justin Amerine, Queen Shelle Doan, Prince Cliff Owen and Princes Coty Vaughn.

Xi Nu Eta wishes to thank the Methodist Church for the use of the gym, to everyone who helped make the Ball a success, and the Merkel Mail for the publicity.

Xi Nu Eta will be holding more dances. The next one will be in March. Watch the Merkel Mail for details.

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Contel of Texas, Inc., in accordance with an order of the Public Utility Commission of Texas, hereby gives notice that on November 3, 1986, the Company filed tariff revisions to comply with Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) Second Report and Order in CC Docket No. 79-105. As a result of this FCC Order, Contel of Texas, Inc. is required to deregulate (detariff) installation and repair services relating to simple (standard) inside wire, effective January 1, 1987.

The tariff revisions remove all references to the installation and repair of inside wire from the Company's General Exchange, Private Line Service and Access Service tariffs. The tariff revisions involve all inside wiring on the customer's side of the network interface.

With the deregulation of inside wiring repair and installation services, Contel of Texas, Inc. has instituted a new pricing structure which became effective January 1, 1987. The rates listed below are the charges customers would incur if they asked Contel of Texas, Inc. to perform installation or repair services on their inside wiring. Customers, however, still have the option of performing the work themselves or engaging another vendor to do the work for them.

Minimum Installation Charges	
Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.	\$65 for initial hour, \$11.25 for each additional 15 minutes or fraction thereof
Before or after working hours Monday-Friday.	\$99 for initial hour, \$16 for each additional 15 minutes or fraction thereof

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Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.	\$80 for initial hour, \$11.25 for each additional 15 minutes or fraction thereof
Before or after working hours Monday-Friday.	\$99 for initial hour, \$16 for each additional 15 minutes or fraction thereof

Sunday and holidays (for other than company reasons)	\$123 for initial hour, \$22 for each additional 15 minutes or fraction thereof
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The Public Utility Commission of Texas has assigned this matter to Docket 7171. Any person who wishes to intervene, otherwise participate in the proceedings or request further information, should mail a request no later than March 1, 1987, to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, 7800 Shoal Creek Boulevard, Suite 400N, Austin, Texas, 78757. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission's Consumer Affairs Division at (512) 458-0223 or (512) 458-0227, or (512) 458-0221, teletypewriter for the deaf.

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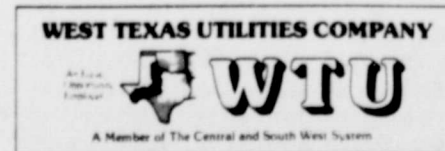
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Obituaries

Mary (Liz) Eager

Mary Elizabeth (Liz) Eager of Merkel, died Feb. 15th at Humana Hospital in Abilene.

A graveside service was held Feb 17th at Rose Hill Cemetery here under the direction of the Starbuck Funeral Home. A worship service followed at Merkel's First United Methodist Church with John Wagoner, pastor, officiating. A Beta Sigma Phi memorial service was held Feb. 16th at the Starbuck Chapel.

Born in Sylvester, she had lived in the Merkel area all of her life. She was a graduate of Merkel High School and was the daughter of the first doctor in Merkel. She was a longtime member of the Preceptor Eta Omega Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi and was a member of Merkel's First United Methodist Church.

She is survived by her husband, Charles (Peck) Eager of Merkel; two daughters, Elisa (Bitsy) Laney of Dallas and Jill Higgins of Carlsbad, NM, and six grandchildren.

Serving as pallbearers were David Gamble, Gerald Derrick, Roy Hitchings, Roy Mashburn, Kent Satterwhite and Billy Lucas.

Edna Nolen

Edna Perry Nolen, 99, of Merkel, died at 8:10 a.m. at Starr Nursing Home here Feb 15.

Graveside funeral services were held Feb. 16th at the Shiloh Cemetery under the direction of the Starbuck Funeral Home. The service was conducted by Bob Brandon.

Born August 7, 1887 in Coldwater, Mississippi, she had lived most of her life in the Merkel area. She was a member of the Church of Christ.

She is survived by two daughters, Ilene Jones of Merkel and Floy Wright of Hamlin, seven grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and four great-great grandchildren.

Jackson will be

honored on on her 97th

The nieces and nephews of Bessie Jackson would like to invite Merkel and Trent church members to attend a 97th birthday party.

The party will be held Saturday from 2 until 4 p.m. They also invite employees of the Starr Nursing Home to attend.

Sponsors of the party ask that you do not bring gifts.

Xi Nu Eta meets

On Feb. 3, 1987 members of Xi Nu Eta met in the home of Lu Ann Sherry Vinson received her Ritual of Jewel rituals in a special ceremony.

Those present were: guest, Pat Black; members, Sherry Vinson, Jana Nelson, Dee McCollum, Cindy Wilder, Lu Ann Blay, Sondra Smith, Carolyn Shelburn, Danna Dunagin, Marilyn Tittle and Cathy Pack.

Merkel High Class of

'37 needs information

Members of the Merkel High School Class of 1937 are seeking addresses or information on four former classmates.

Addresses are needed for Iva Jewell Dickson (Mrs. J. Roy Graham), Roy Hagler, Phyllis Smith and Dutton Williamson.

If you have information, contact Madine Howard at 928-5963 or write her at 1009 Locust.

Xi Nu Chi meets

Xi Nu Chi met on Tuesday evening Feb. 10th in the home of Anita Allen for a Chinese Dinner prepared by the hostess. Anita then presented a very interesting and informative program on Oriental cooking.

Donna Bryan was announced as Xi Nu Chi's 1986-87 Valentine Sweetheart. Donna is a Reading Specialist teaching 7th and 8th graders at Merkel Middle School. She and her husband, Glenn, have two sons ages 15 and 4. They belong to First Baptist Church in Merkel and are involved in the Mulberry Canyon Volunteer Fire Department. Donna's hobbies include reading and gardening.

Members attending the meeting included Anita Allen, Nancy Duncan, Judy Elliot, Connie Harris, Mary Hill, Vicki Rodriguez, Minyon Seymore, and Sandra Wurst.

Submitted by Sandra Wurst, Feb. 16 1987.



Mr. & Mrs. Mashburn Elliott's announce daughter's engagement

Mr. & Mrs. Ricky Elliott would like to announce the engagement of their daughter, Tami Lyn to James Wright, son of Mr. & Mrs. Bill Owens of Tye.

The prospective bride is a 1985 graduate of Merkel High School. She will graduate from Cisco Junior College in May with an associate degree in business.

The prospective groom is a 1986 graduate of Merkel High School. He is a member of the United States Army and will attend basic training in Alabama in late March.

A March 14th wedding is planned at Merkel's First United Methodist Church.

Alexander-Mashburn repeat vows

Jennifer Kelli Alexander and Donald Chris Mashburn were married Saturday, Feb. 14 in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Scotty Childers, sister of the bridegroom.

The bride is the daughter of Robert Wayne Alexander and Christa Alexander, both of Austin. The bridegroom is the son of JoAnn Mashburn of Merkel and Don Mashburn of Tye.

Kim (Mashburn) Trippe, sister of the bridegroom was Maid of Honor. Zak Mashburn, nephew of the groom, was Best Man. Nathan

Mashburn, nephew of the groom was Ring Bearer. The Rev. John Wagoner officiated.

The bride is a '81 graduate of Leander High School and Tarleton State and is employed by Northside Animal Hospital of Waco.

The bride groom is a 1983 graduate of Merkel High School and attended Tarleton State and is Foreman of Gross Ranch of McGregor.

Following a wedding trip to Jamaica the couple will live in McGregor.

April 1st 'safe date' for gardens

Vegetable gardening has made a come back in the past few years. With this increase many people are planting their first garden.

One of the first questions asked according to Joe Wilson, Taylor County Extension Agent is, "When do I plant what?" That question can best be answered by saying that planting time varies with what temperature is optimum for that type of vegetable to grow and produce. Therefore, that period is associated with the last average frost for spring gardening. That date for Abilene generally falls between March 20 and 25. If it is the average then half the last frosts are before that date and half are past time. Therefore, it is suggested that maybe April 1 should be used to give the gardener a better than a 50-50 chance of avoiding frost damage.

If spring comes earlier then the date could be advanced, or if weather continues cold then later dates are suggested.

Below is a planting date guide that is suggested by the extension service.

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0 - 2 weeks before
Corn

6 - 8 weeks before
English Peas and Onion Seed.

All other vegetables are damaged by frost and should be planted after April 1. Okra needs warmer soil to germinate so it should be planted two weeks later.

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Planting guides may be picked up free of charge at the County Extension Office in the Old County Courthouse.

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If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.
The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.
Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court at ABILENE, Texas, this the 11th day of FEB., 1987.
RILLA MAHONEY, DISTRICT CLERK, 326th DISTRICT COURT TAYLOR County, Texas By Patricia Henderson, Deputy
7-77-4tcg 08-11tcg

Vivian Bozich, was born on August 20, 1960 in Hibbing Minnesota. Said Child, Jessica Marie Bozich, was born on June \$6, 1982 in Hibbing, Minnesota.
The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree in the child's interest which will be binding upon you.
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The Ward Family

Ag department sets new CRP criteria

The Secretary of Agriculture has approved new criteria for use in defining highly erodible land for the Conservation Reserve Program sign-up February 9-27.

Any land that was eligible in 1986 will be eligible in 1987. That includes land that is in Land Capability Class VI, VII, or VIII, and was farmed two years between 1981 and 1985 to an annual crop or alfalfa and certain other multiyear grasses and legumes.

Cropland in Class II through V is eligible if it is eroding greater than three times the soil loss tolerance level and was farmed two or more years between 1981 and 1985.

Land in Class II through V having a predicted average annual soil loss of two times the soil loss tolerance or greater with a serious gully erosion problem is also eligible.

Another kind of land will be eligible in 1987 and it will be the only criteria used in future years. This will be highly erodible land that has both an erosion index of 8 or greater and had an erosion rate greater than that recommended by the Soil Conservation Service Field Office Technical Guide during the 1981-85 base period.

An EI of 8 identifies an area of

land that has the potential to erode at more than 8 times the rate at which soil can maintain continued productivity.

The February signups will be used to accept applications for both 1987 and 1988 contracts.

So here is what all this really means: if you have land that does not have an EI of 8 but is eligible for CRP under the 1986 criteria, this is your last chance to offer to place land in the reserve.

7th grade girls end season

The Merkel 7th grade girls downed Franklin of Abilene last week 23-19. Leading the way was Coty Vaughn with 6, Becca Dunagin with 4, Kristi S. Smith 3, Dayna Doan 2, Hope Ward 2 and Kriste A. Smith 2.

Tanya Beasley and Donna Denman each hauled in seven rebounds and Vaughn led in steals with 6.

8th grade boys finish at 11-2

The Merkel 8th grade boys finished their season Monday night in Breckenridge and rode home with a 39-27 win.

Leading the way was John Boswell with 11, Brandon Toombs with 10 and Sean Leamon had 9.

On the year, the Badgers went 11-2 with a four point loss to Wylie and a one point loss to Ballinger. The Badgers entered two

Monday, the 7th grade girls were defeated by Breckenridge 23-4. Kriste G. Smith had 3 points and Beasley 1. Kriste A. Smith led in rebounds with 9 and Vaughn led in steals with 2.

Including two scrimmages and 5 B team games, the 7th grade girls finished the season with a 9-10 record.

tournaments, placing third in the Wylie tournament and winning their own tournament. Leading scorers for the season was John Boswell who averaged 14, Sean Leamon who averaged 12 and Brandon Toombs who averaged 8.5. Brandon Boyd averaged 4.5 points, Daniel West 3.5 points and Eugene Van Gorp was the team's steady sixth man.

WAL JUST AS SOON AS I CAN FIGURE OUT HOW MANY COWS'LL DIE, HOW MUCH IT'LL RAIN AND HOW HUNGRY FOLKS WILL GIT FER MY COWS THAT LIVES THEN I CAN PREDICT MY NEXT YEARS EARNINS'!



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The Fitzgerald Foundation, 1141 Butternut Street, Abilene, Texas, Norman D. Fitzgerald, Manager.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: FATHER UNKNOWN, Respondent.
GREETINGS:
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable 326th District Court, Taylor County, Texas, at the Courthouse of said County in Abilene, Texas, at

or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the Monday next after the expiration of 20 days from the date of service of this citation, then and there to answer the petition of CHRISTIAN HOMES OF ABILENE, INC., Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 10th day of February, 1987, against FATHER UNKNOWN, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 578-CX on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Interest of AN UNBORN CHILD, a Child", the nature of which suit is a request to Determine what parent-child relationships exist between the child and any other persons and that all such parent-child relationships be terminated. Said child IS UNBORN.

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree

in the child's interest which will be binding upon you, including the termination of the parent-child relationships and the appointment of a conservator. If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved. The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the Mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs. Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court at Abilene, Texas, this the 10th day of February, 1987.

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