

The Merkel Mail

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Our 99th Year

MISD sees record turnout in Saturday election, voters elect new board

MISD voters turned out in record numbers Saturday as they elected three new members to the MISD board of trustees. The total of 936 voters easily surpassed the 1978 bond election turnout of 671 to elect Gary Smith, Danny Malone and David Seymore to board positions.

Local voters also overwhelmingly chose the 911 emergency response phone system. Voters also re-elected Merkel mayor Kent Satterwhite. Two city councilmen, running unopposed, were also elected for the City of Merkel as Juan Ybarra and J. T. Naron won those seats.

In Tye, city council incumbent A. J. Pence defeated challenger Larry Storie.

In Trent, W. L. Massey and Owen O'Kelly were elected to the Trent ISD board.

MISD board results

In Place 5, Gary Smith received 53 votes in Tye and 455 in Merkel for a total of 508 to defeat his leading challenger, write in Billy Lucas by a 2-1 margin. Lucas received 14 votes in Tye and 235 here for a total of 249. Gerald

Rutledge had 21 in Tye and 114 here for a total of 135. Harry Stevens, Jr. received 30 votes in Tye and 13 here for a total of 43 and Allen Ries received one write in vote. There were 936 votes counted in the Place 5 race.

In the Place 6 race, incumbent Earl Laird was defeated by challenger Danny Malone. Malone gathered 48 votes in Tye and 386 here for a total of 434. Laird received 43 in Tye and 305 here for a total of 348. D. A. Bishop was the only other announced candidate in that race and he received 20 votes in Tye and 113 here for a total of 133. Billy Lucas received four write in votes, Farris Neill one, Brian Gary one, Barbara Peak one and Johnny Bernstein one for a total of 923 votes in the Place 6 race.

In the Place 7 race, David Seymore was elected with 47 votes in Tye and gathered 302 here for a total of 348 votes. Write-in candidate Farris Neill received 10 votes in Tye and 204 here for a total of 214. Earnest Reynolds received 17 votes in Tye and 153 here for a total of 170. Edgar Graham received 15 in Tye and 104 here for a total of 119. Vern Sutterfield

received 26 in Tye and 47 here for a total of 73. Others receiving write in votes in that race were Billy Lucas six, while David Perry and Leon Van Gorp each received one vote. Place 7 had a total of 932 votes cast.

In the Merkel City election Merkel mayor Kent Satterwhite was re-elected with 346 votes. Receiving one write-in vote each were David Carter, Cloy Richards, Jack Keenan and Jerry Gibson.

In the city council race, Juan Ybarra was elected with 301 votes and J. T. Naron was elected with 253 votes. Bobby Windham had filed for the race but then removed himself from the race because his employer, WTU, has a policy that prohibits employees from serving in elected positions. He took in 109 votes. Receiving write-ins for council were Donnie Edwards, David Seymore and Jimmy Leverich.

MISD's new board members were sworn in Monday night and the two new city councilmen and the re-elected mayor will be sworn in Monday at council's next regular session.

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Members of Masonic Lodge # 710 of Merkel have joined hundreds of other organizations in Texas in an attempt to keep Texas highways clean of litter. Members are [from left] Buddy Hunter,

Pete Morgan, Peck Eager, George Starbuck, Jack Keenan, Jake Martin, Dick Leach, Benny Williams, Lloyd Gilmore, Roy Mashburn and David Robertson. Staff photo

Smith, Malone, Seymore sworn in Monday, MISD talks finances

The Merkel School Board met Monday night and re-elected Leroy Teaff as board president. The board also picked Gregg Henderson as vice-president and Lee Yaddow as secretary.

Those positions were picked after three new board members took their oath of office. New board members elected Saturday were Gary Smith, Danny Malone and David Seymore.

Board members also heard a presentation from MISD superintendent Bill Everett concerning the state of Merkel schools.

The board also set down some ground rules for the hiring of a new superintendent. Everett announced his early retirement last month. He will be leaving the district Sept. 1st.

Board members opted to go outside the district to hire the new superintendent. The board will be requiring 10 years of experience in school work and five years of experience in school administration. Board members will also ask the applicants to have the Texas Administrator's certification. Everett told the board "I will be very frank with you, there won't be a whole lot of people applying for the job in light of all the recent controversy. In the past four weeks since I announced my retirement, we have only received three inquiries."

He added "thanks to the tv coverage we received, a lot of people will stay away. I will be happy to do the leg work and help in any way I can."

Everett told the board that most contracts for superintendents start July 1st and he also suggested MISD offer a multi-year contract to prospective candidates. Board members agreed on a two year term and set June 1st as an application deadline. The position opening will be advertised in two state-wide publications.

Everett also presented board members an update on decisions they would be facing between now and final budget planning sessions this summer.

He told the board the district has \$1 million in surplus funds and that would pay the school's bills for about three months. He told the board that was the good news.

He also told the board some bad news. The effective tax rate set this year was \$1.35 (The effective tax rate is the amount of money the district would have to collect to generate the same amount of money it spent the previous year). The 1986 rate was set at \$1.07 and the district picked up the 27 cent differential. When the school year started last September, the district had \$1.3 million in surplus funds.

For next year, the district is looking at a 19.8 percent reduction in the school's taxable evaluation

due to a loss in oil production value and declining home and property values. State law mandates districts may not charge more than \$1.50 for maintenance and operation and 50 cents for bonded indebtedness. Currently, the district is paying 7.5 cents for bonded indebtedness for the new high school building. With those facts in mind, Everett told the board they would be spending surplus funds to operate the school next year. The MISD budget for 1986-87 is \$4.6 million and 80 percent of that amount is in salaries.

He said the district did have a few options that would save money, but added the options would not be popular. The options he listed were Freeze wages Remove the \$1,000 above state scale MISD pays teachers Eliminate the gifted & talented program Cut back the FFA program Cut back the home-making program Cut teachers sick days back to 10 from 15 Cut back on local aides Do away with golf, tennis, baseball and volleyball Cut the size of the coaching staff.

The superintendent told the board he did not feel MISD had any programs that were not

needed. He also said to keep existing programs, the district would have to spend \$400,000 of the surplus next year.

He suggested the district fully fund existing programs for the 1987-88 school year and then look at financial conditions in the spring of next year.

The board did agree to spend \$36,000 for two permanent classrooms for Merkel Middle School. As in the past, the buildings will be constructed by the local maintenance crews at a cost of less than \$20 per square foot.

The superintendent also answered a few questions from board members concerning the status of Merkel High's discipline procedures. He told the board "We are trying to come up with a plan on discipline-The thing the people here don't understand is parents are responsible for discipline of kids-- we are here to teach school."

He said no Saturday detention halls have been held since their creation last month. He added the high school is working on a plan that would feature a demerit system for violations of school rules. He said that plan might be ready for the April 14th regular school board meeting.

Taylor Electric annual meeting April 16

Taylor Electric Cooperative will hold its annual members meeting April 16th at the Taylor County Coliseum in Abilene.

Registration will get underway at 9 a.m. with a catered lunch at 11:30 a.m. The business session will begin at 1 p.m.

The morning will be devoted to entertainment by A. Z. Decker and the Country Five. Special drawings will be held throughout the morning.

A special slide presentation will be presented, prepared by per-

sonnel from Texas Electric Cooperatives in Austin.

During the business session, members will hear reports from the president of the board-Clovis McElmurray; the secretary-Dick Atkins and the manager-Don Hart.

Directors will be elected, one from each of the three zones in the cooperative's service area. In addition, a director will be elected to fill the unexpired term of Tommie Johnson.

Nominees from Zone 1 (Taylor County) are Paul Holloway and

Dick Atkins, incumbent; Zone 2 (Callahan, Eastland, Jones and Shackelford Counties) for the regular three year term are Derrell Dean, incumbent and Leon Kelso; from Zone 2 for the two year term, Mrs. Sybil Johnson and Douglas Bagley; and in Zone 3 (Coke, Fisher and Nolan Counties) are Clovis McElmurray, incumbent and Charles Cupp.

During the afternoon session, six employees and one director will receive service awards.

LIFE group elects officers

On March 14, 1987, one of the young people of Merkel took his own life. In this tragic moment, we lost one of God's most precious gifts to the world. Why does this happen, you ask? This question is asked but nothing is ever done to find out or to solve it.

Today there is an organization in Merkel that is dedicated to help answer problems the young people might come across. This program is called L.I.F.E. (Life is For Everyone). It is a program to give the youth an alternative to many of the problems that they meet growing up. Keep in mind, this program is not just for the youth, but all ages in Merkel.

The newly elected board of Directors are Steve Carter, chairman, Kerry Tandy, Warren Harris, Jackie Caulder, Bobby Williams, Jan Whisenhunt, Randy Graham, Doug Carter, Melissa Harris and Dean Franklin. These people will serve for one year.

The executive board of directors includes Richard Hill, president; Alyce Carter, secretary; and Ann Smith, treasurer. As the executive board it is their duty to work to make this organization a working and active program in Merkel. If you want to know more about this organization or want to give of your talents, time, or any other support, please call one of the executive board or board of directors.

Janet Lawler, Director of the Abilene Mental Health Association has set up a training program in Merkel. This program will start today (Thursday) at 7 p.m. at Heritage Hall. Anyone can take the training, but you must be 18 or older to be certified as a Crisis Line Counselor. If you take the training before age 18, you don't have to repeat the training at 18 to

be certified.

A check for \$500 was given to L.I.F.E. organization by the Merkel Emergency Medical Service. We wish to express our gratitude to this organization for its support and appreciate working with this organization toward making a safe and enjoyable surrounding in Merkel to grow up and expand into the every day life in this world.

On Friday, April 17 from 8 until

midnight in the Merkel Methodist Church Gym the Xi Nu Chi chapter of Beta Sigma Phi. A DJ from KISS radio in Dallas will provide the music and light show. There will be a \$3 charge per person and the proceeds from the dance will go to the L.I.F.E. organization. We are grateful to Xi Nu Chi for their help in promoting our organization and invite any organization to get actively involved in L.I.F.E.



§ Blanche Hewitt of the Merkel Emergency Medical Service presents a check to Ann Smith,

treasurer of L.I.F.E. The ambulance group donated \$500 to the organization. Staff photo

Lions Club sets pancake supper

The Merkel Lions Club will hold a pancake supper April 14th at Heritage Hall. The event will be held from 5:30-8. Tickets are \$3 a piece and are available from any Lions Club member or at Hicks Auto, P&L Auto Parts, Starbuck

Furniture, Carsons, Merkel Drug or the Seymore Insurance Agency.

Money raised from the event will be used for the Lion Eye Glass project that provides glasses for local needy children.

Lambda Beta pageant is Saturday

The Miss Merkel and Little Mr. Merkel pageant will be held Saturday at the Merkel High Auditorium.

Dean Taylor and Larry Davis of Abilene KTLC radio will be this year's host. The pageant will begin at 7 p.m. and all contestants are asked to be there by 6:30.

A photographer will be on hand from 5 to 6 p.m.

Awards will be presented to the top three winners in each division. Admission is \$1 for adults and 25

Trent UIL one act play advances

The High School U.I.L. Play "The Diviners" advanced once again in competition last Saturday. Out of the 6 area schools they were selected along with Hermeligh as the top performers. Sam Jones was selected as best area in the area competition. All Star Cast members included B. J. Poindexter, John Evans, Lewis

cents for students. Rehearsal for the pageant will be Friday at the auditorium at 5:30 p.m.

The members of Lambda Beta would like to thank the sponsors and contestants for making the pageant a success each year. Proceeds from the pageant are used for community projects. In past years, the pageant has made it possible for a Merkel resident to be the recipient of a Life Line, and it has also helped make Christmas a happier time in many needy homes in the Merkel area.

Chamber plans annual Easter Egg hunt

The Merkel Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual Easter Egg Hunt Sunday at 2 p.m. at South Park.

Three different age groups will be participating. The divisions are

ages 3 and under, four through seven year olds and eight through ten year olds. Five hundred eggs will be hidden for the event, as well as a prize egg for each age group. Bulk candy eggs will also be hidden.

Girls golf team 1st in

Winters, 3rd in Breck

The Merkel High girls golf team won the Winters tournament and placed 3rd at Breckenridge recently.

Anissa Jones was medalist at Winters and 3rd in Breckenridge. Michelle Barnett was 3rd in the Winters tournament and placed at Breckenridge. Other members of the team are Richa Hill and Kim Richards.

Xi Nu Chi meets

Xi Nu Chi met March 31 at Pleasantville Apartments Club room. Members discussed the Founders Day Dance to be held in Abilene.

The dance is April 25th and the chapter is responsible for the decorations for the dance. The club held a work night April 7th.

Plans were also made for a spring dance to be held at the Methodist Gym. Proceeds from that dance will be donated to L.I.F.E. program here.

Connie Harris presented a program on stress and how to relax. Refreshments were served to Anita Allen, Donna Bryan, Nancy Duncan, Judy Elliott, Mary Hill, Nancy Johnson, Vicki Rodriguez, Minyon Seymore and Sandra Wurst.



Sam Slaton, a sales rep for WTU here, caught the biggest bass of his life Feb 22nd at Lytle Lake in Abilene.

The 9 pound 8 ounce female was caught on a minnow type lure and put up a 20 minute fight. Sam

caught the bass on ultra light equipment on 4 pound test line. He said the first move the bass made was straight up out of the water and he said it was quite a thrill to have the biggest bass you have ever seen on the end of your own line.

Voters send loud, clear message

by Cloy A. Richards

MISD voters, in a loud, clear, strong voice, let their feelings be known Saturday as they set new voter turnout standards in electing three new board members.

Voters elected three new board members in Gary Smith, Danny Malone and David Seymore.

Malone defeated incumbent Earl Laird while Malone and Seymore defeated two write-in candidates.

By doing so, MISD voters also sent a clear message to the school's administration that the natives are not too tickled with the way things are going for MISD. That fact is evident.

The previous record turnout was the 671 vote bond election in September, 1978. Saturday, 936 MISD voters cast ballots.

The turnout spilled over into the city election as 350 cast ballots in the uncontested races.

Those that did vote Saturday should be proud of themselves. That kind of turnout indicates a lot of interest and that kind of turnout is something we should strive for each time we have the opportunity to vote.

We had a lot of comments on the Mail's edition last week. It was a fun paper to put out, although it was twice as much work in a given period than we are used to.

We printed more copies in order to have them delivered all over Merkel, Trent and Tye and it was an experience my wife and I won't forget.

We did make a mistake on an ad that needs to be corrected. We printed a 1/2 page ad for Argo Tire Company. That should, of course, read Agro. We apologize for that error.

You are just about out of time if you want your child to play Little League Baseball and you still have until the 18th to register your daughter in UGSA softball.

The little league will be holding a final registration from 6 until 7 p.m. at the field Friday. Tryouts for the league will be held that night at seven. Registration fee is \$15 per child or a \$25 family maximum. The age breakdown is T-Ball 6&7, T-Shirt 8,9 &10 and Little League 11 & 12. The birthdate is August 1.

Softball registration will be held this Saturday and next Saturday from 9 a.m. until noon at WTU here. The registration fee is \$20.

Both leagues are open to children in the Merkel, Trent and Tye area.

Parents of local kindergarten and 2nd grade students will see a musical presentation tonight at the school auditorium at 7 p.m.

The elementary PTO will also elect officers for 1987-88.

Monday was a pleasing sports day for me as Sugar Ray Leonard downed Marvin Hagler and Mike Scott & Jose Cruz led the way as the Astros took a 4-3 win over the L.A. Dodgers to start their defense of the NL West title. Houston will probably face a

tough challenge from Cincinnati this year and I can't wait to see a rematch with those nasty ol' New York Mets. Hey, it's only six months away.

The Merkel Badger track team won the Wylie track meet Saturday, handing Breckenridge its first track loss of the season. The district meet is April 16th, again at Wylie and coach Luke Taylor and his gang hope the results are the same.

Speaking of the Badgers, the baseball team behind a two hit pitching performance and a 3-4 two RBI hitting of Ramon Moreno downed Clyde 4-2 in the first game of a doubleheader here Tuesday afternoon. The Badgers lost the nightcap 5-4 on a last inning home run.

The Chamber of Commerce's annual Easter Egg hunt is Sunday at 2 p.m. at North Park.

There will be lots of eggs and the event is free and open to the public.

I hope you read the story about MISD board meeting Monday night. MISD trustees will be facing some tough financial decisions between now and August and the superintendent presented an excellent overview during the meeting.

Trent Jr. High track team runs in Jayton meet

Trent's Patricia Clark won the 1600 meter run last Friday at Jayton's Jr. High meet. Clark, a 7th grader also helped her 400 meter relay team win 5th in the meet by being the lead leg in that relay. The other girls in the relay were Julie Clay, Janet Marshall, and Cynthia Velazquez.

Clay also won fifth place in the 100 meter low hurdles, and Marshall tied for the 6th place in the high jump.

For the boys, Travis Walker took a second place in the pole-vault and Jackie Swinney took the third place in the 1600 meter run.

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 70th District Court of Ector County, of the 24th day of March, 1987, by Writ Of Execution of said 70th District Court of Ector County, Texas for the sum of Forty Six Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty One & 75/100 Dollars and costs of suit, under a Judgement, in favor of First National Bank of Louisville in a certain cause in said Court, No A-70,812 and styled First National Bank of Louisville, vs Harley Reeves, placed in my hand for service, I John W. Middleton as Sheriff of Taylor County, Texas, did on the 28th day of March, 1987, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Taylor County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: All undivided interest Section 140, Block 64, H & TC Railroad Company Survey, Taylor County, Texas, and evied upon as the property of Harley Reeves

and that on the first Tuesday in May, 1987, the same being the 4th 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 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.

Sale Will Be For Cash Only!

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, Texas.

Witness my hand, this the 27th day of March, 1987.

John W. Middleton Sheriff, Taylor County, Texas by Eddie Swanson, Deputy (Seal) 14-80-3tc

December 31, 1986, will be available for inspection by any citizen upon request at its principal office at 1850 Elmwood, Abilene, Texas, Monday through Friday, for a period of 180 days from May 15, 1987.

The Claude and Mae Moss Charities, Inc., 1850 Elmwood, Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, Richard L. Spalding, Sr., Registered Agent.

NOTICE OF INCORPORATION In compliance with Article 1302-2.02 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, notice of intention to become incorporated without change of name is given by ABBOT PIPE & SUPPLY, INC., Abilene, Texas. 15-4tc-12

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of JOHN WALDO STEPHENS, Deceased, were issued to JANET ODELL SCROGGIN STEPHENS on March 3, 1987, in Docket No. 17,452, pending in the County Court of Taylor County, Texas. The residence of the

Executrix is in Callahan County, Texas and the address is:

Rt. 1 Box 50AA Baird, TX 79504

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

DATED this the 6th day of April, 1987.

Sam J. Chase State Bar # 04149500 Post Office Box 726 Abilene, Texas 79604 (915) 673-3745

Attorney for the Estate

NOTICE OF INCORPORATION

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Texas Revised Civil Statutes Article 1302-2.02 that the sole proprietorship owned by GERALD RUTLEDGE doing business as MANUEL'S DOZER SERVICE, whose principal office is located two (2) miles West of Merkel on Interstate 20, P. O. Box 421, Merkel, Taylor County, Texas 79536, became incorporated as of December 1, 1986, under the name of MANUEL'S DOZER SERVICE, INC. 12-21-4tc

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Badger track team wins Wylie meet



§ The Merkel Badger track team captured the first place trophy at the Wylie Track meet in Abilene Saturday.

Photo by Iris Amerine

The Merkel Badger track team won the Wylie track meet Saturday, beating Breckenridge for the first time this track season.

Brit Pursley led the way as he was 2nd in the high jump, 1st in the pole vault and ran on two relay teams.

Justin Amerine was 3rd in the pole vault and was on two relay teams. Shayne Newberry was 2nd in the quarter mile, 3rd in the discuss, 4th in the long jump and was on the mile relay.

Ramon Moreno was 2nd in the 100 dash and on the relays.

Kenneth Jowers won the 800 and was on the relays. Lynn Hays ran the hurdles and was in the long jump and hurdlers Steve Leverich and Kevin Wright had their best efforts of the season. David DeLeon is running the distance races.

Track coach Luke Taylor told **The Mail** "The JV team performed well at the Wylie meet. We have 30 on that team and they will be ready for the varsity next year. Our weight people are continuing to improve. Billy Hair, Chris Bierra and Robert McFadden are getting better and better each week."

The Badgers have won two track meets this year and will compete in Colorado City Saturday. The district meet will be April 16th at Wylie.

Russell performs well in UIL meet

Kelly Russell of Sonora High School fared well in recent UIL competitions.

She was the first regional qualifier in prose reading; 2nd qualifier in literary criticism, a member of the district and area

champion one act play cast and named the best actor in the district and area competitions.

Her grandparents include Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Russell, Mack Bigbee and Mrs. Lee Vinson.

Local Tiger-Boy Scouts set bake sales

The Merkel Tiger Scouts and Club Scouts will be holding a bake sale in front of Ben Franklin and Carsons from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

They will be raising money to fix up the scout hut and to send some of the boys to summer camp.

EMS sets Cloyd scholarship rules

The Merkel Emergency Medical Association is sponsoring two scholarships in memory of Donnie Cloyd. One scholarship of \$500 will be awarded to a high school student and another \$500 scholarship will be awarded to a graduate of Merkel High.

The following are the rules for these scholarships.

Applicants will use social security numbers or drivers license numbers for identification only. Name, address will not be used to identify the student.

A committee of two Merkel teachers and two members of the Merkel EMS will decide the recipient of the scholarship.

A parent or teacher who has a student applying for the scholarship will not serve on the committee to determine the recipient of the scholarships.

The recipient of either scholarship shall enter a school of higher learning within 12 months of the date of receiving the scholarship or graduating from Merkel High School.

The scholarships will be paid to the students upon letter from school of higher learning stating the student has met all requirements of enrollment of the school of higher learning.

Should the recipient be a freshman, sophomore or junior of Merkel High School, the scholarship will be kept in trust until the student starts classes at a school of higher learning.

All applicants will apply for the scholarships by writing a request using the following guidelines. Theme using the following guidelines will be used as request.

A. Subject: choose one of the following topics 1. Education-purpose. 2. Community-values. 3. Health care-needs and Life-reason.

B. Content: 1. No more than 2,000 words will be used. 2 may be typed or hand-written. 3 subject may not identify the applicant. 4 someone elses quotes will be referenced.

C. Theme paper will be received by the (1st) day of May each year in the office of the Superintendent of Merkel High School.

D. Four originals or copies will be presented by applicant for distribution to selection committee.

E. Student shall give to the Superintendent his name, social

security number and/or drivers license number, address and telephone number of purpose of identification.

F. Selection committee shall meet before the 15th of May to select the recipient.

G. Committee will select the first recipient, then the second recipient, then the third recipient and so forth, because committee will not know if applicant is the recipient of high school scholarship or former high school graduate. Therefore, the recipient receiving top honor in each category will receive the scholarship in that category.

H. Recipient of scholarship will be announced at the graduation of Merkel High School.

Trent vaulters 1-2 in meet

Chris Simpson and Lewis Knapp were the only two vaulters to clear the opening height of 10' in the pole vault last Saturday at the Double Mountain Relays in Aspermont. Simpson took the Gold and Knapp the silver because Simpson had fewer misses. A strong crosswind hampered all of the vaulters. Simpson and Knapp

both failed at 11' on all three of their attempts.

Chris Evans took 4th place in the 200 meter dash with a personal best of 23.49 seconds.

For the girls, Tammy Collier took 4th place in the shot put.

Trent will be competing in the Pied Piper Relays at Hamlin Saturday.

Little League tryouts- registration is Friday

Final registration and tryouts for the Merkel Little League will be held starting at 6 p.m. Friday at the Little League field.

Registrations will be taken from 6 to 7 p.m. and tryouts for the Little League will start at 7 p.m.

The league offers three age groups. T-Ball is for children ages 6 & 7, T-Shirt is for children ages 8, 9 & 10 and Little League is for 11 and 12 year olds.

Registration fee is \$15 or a \$25 family maximum.

Fortnightly members win awards

The Fortnightly Study Club won awards at the Mesquite District TWC Convention held recently in Snyder.

Winners include Evelyn Martin Mesquite District Poet Laurette; Lucy Haynes 1st place in the all over program in the Fine Arts Department and Clara Walla 1st place program and 2nd place project in the Home Life Department. Also, Evelyn Martin was 2nd in the short story contest.

Those attending the convention from Merkel were Evelyn Martin, Alice King, Anna Belle Shouse, Ida Seymore, Mary Collins, Edna Hill and Alwyne Sandusky.



§ These members of the Fortnightly Study Club won awards at their recent district convention. They are [from left] Evelyn Martin, Clara Walla and Lucy Haynes.

Staff photo

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I am contacting your newspaper because since childhood, I have suffered from a rare, debilitating and potentially fatal disease called scleroderma. Not only did I feel frustrated and alone growing up, but to complicate matters, my mother recently came down with this devastating disease.

In our search for answers and support, we eventually located the United Scleroderma Foundation. Not only did we receive information, we received a renewed hope that we were no longer alone. We learned that this disease affects some 700,000 people and that President Reagan declared the second week of June as National Scleroderma Awareness Week.

I am so thrilled to no longer feel isolated that I want to shout from the rooftops so others won't have to suffer alone as I did these last 40 years.

Please make your readers aware of the USF, P. O. Box 350, Watsonville, CA 95007. Their toll free number says it all 1-800-722-HOPE. They have information and answers I never believed existed. In California, call (408) 728-2202.

Thank you for your assistance
Barbara Wolniakowski
Anaheim, California

Dear Editor:

How nice it is to have a hometown druggist like Danny Woodall that gives that old-time personal service.

At Merkel Drug, you are more than just a name in a computer.

Thank you, Danny, for taking the time to go the second mile on our behalf. May your tribe increase!

Mr. & Mrs. Raph Caffey

MISD menu

The following is the MISD lunch menu:

April 9: Frito pie, lettuce & tomato salad, spanish rice, pineapple chunks.

April 10: Hot dogs with chili, baked beans, chopped onions, relish & mustard, fresh orange wedges.

April 13: Salisbury steak with brown gravy, whipped potatoes,

mixed vegetables, apricot halves.

April 14: lasagne, lettuce & tomato salad, buttered corn, chreey cobbler.

April 15: Chicken nuggets with catsup, french fries, green beans, cherry cobbler.

April 16: Meat loaf, blackeyed peas, seasoned spinach, fig bars.

April 17: corn dogs with mustard, combination salad and baked beans, rice krispie bars.

TISD menu

yellow cake, tea or milk.

April 15 juice, cinnamon rolls, milk - lunch pizza, corn, salad, chewy cookies, tea or milk.

April 16 juice, toast jelly lunch sausage casserole, blackeyed peas, salad, cherry cobbler, corn bread, tea or milk.

April 17 breakfast juice, donuts milk lunch barbecue on buns, french fries, pears, cookies, tea or ...

The following is the TISD school menu:

April 13 breakfast juice, cereal & milk - Lunch chicken patties, mashed potatoes, green beans, chocolate pudding, rolls, and tea or milk.

April 14 breakfast juice, biscuits & sausage, jelly, milk - lunch frito pie, potato beans, applesauce

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John Hudson,

Serviceman, Hamlin, Texas, is a certification coordinator of training in the volunteer fire department and has served for ten years.



Robert Bryson,

Serviceman, Alpine, Texas, is involved in many civic activities with youth, including Little League.

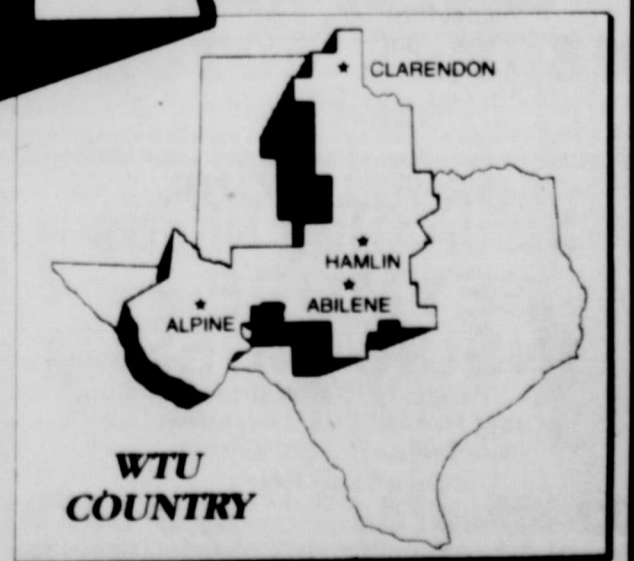
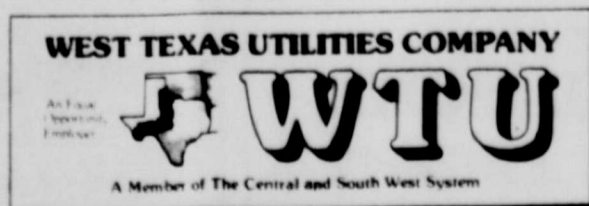
Carolyn Myers,

Bookkeeper-Cashier, Clarendon, Texas, has served her community as a Girl Scout leader for the past nine years.



Myra Harris,

Accounting Supervisor, Abilene, Texas, is much appreciated by many folks. She is a volunteer in the weatherization program.



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Renee Denise Drake of Merkel and David Allen Held were married Saturday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

Mr. & Mrs. Donald L. Stamper of Merkel are the bride's parents. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Tony F. Held of Abilene.

Leigh Anne McInroe of Clyde was honor attendant. Bridesmaids were Amy Harrison of Clyde, Teri Merck of Austin, Janet Carvotta of McGuire AFB, N.J. and Donna Harrison, both sisters of the bridegroom.

Tony Held Jr. was his brother's best man. Groomsmen were Gary Harrison, Eddie Eichler, Larry Maxwell of Austin and Kevin Held, brother of the bridegroom.

Ushers were Ronnie Stamper and Donnie Stamper, both brothers of the bride, and Roger Littleton.

Amanda Carvotta of McGuire AFB, N.J. was flower girl and Brandon Eichler was ring bearer. Donnie Stamper and Nathan Stamper were candlelighters.

The Rev. Mark Woodruff officiated.

The bride graduated from Merkel High School. The groom is a graduate of Cooper High School and is employed by Wyatt's Cafeteria in Dallas.

The couple will live in Dallas.



Mrs. David Allen Held

Art group sees demonstration

The Merkel Art Association met April 6th at Taylor Telephone.

The program was presented by Esmé Glenn, a well known artist and instructor from Abilene. She gave a very interesting and fascinating demonstration in pastel painting which held the member's attention at all times.

She stressed the importance of the color wheel as she painted a large, colorful painting of flowers. She invited the members to view her booth at the Abilene Fine Arts Festival April 25th & 26th.

The business was conducted by Betty Toombs in the absence of the club president. Two members

were on the sick list, Bonnie English and Robbie Wilson.

Marie Beard served refreshments to Ted Allen, Evelyn Stribling, Gay Featherston, Betty Toombs, Dot Coker, Ruth Cox, Benny Rogers, Ethel Pee, Ruth Hogan, Marie Beard, Imogene Coleman, Pat Neff and Ruth Buster.

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Middle school

students do well
in history fair

Merkel Middle School students came home from the Big Country Regional History Fair with a few awards.

A group project "Ima Hogg, Lady of Culture" created by Ricky Riley, James Johnson, Dayna Doan and Randy Davidson, won two awards. They won the People's Choice award and the Texas Heritage Award.

Cheryl Wood won the best table display award on her project "Slavery, A Right to be Free." Julie Harding won third for her project, "Ma Ferguson, The Only Lady Governor."

The Middle School also won the Best Banner award.



These middle school students won awards at the recent Big Country History Fair. The banner they are in front of also received the best banner award. Students

are [from left] Cheryl Wood, Julie Harding, Dayna Doan, Randy Davidson, David Johnson and Ricky Riley.

Staff photo

Masonheimer in Region UIL meet

Luci Masonheimer, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. James Masonheimer of Trent, placed 1st at the District UIL spelling meet in Rotan.

She will be competing in the

regional meet April 25th at McMurry College. She is a junior at Trent High and was 4th in the state UIL spelling contest last year.

Trent tennis teams look to district meet

The Trent Junior High tennis team took most of the top honors at their junior high district meet.

Winning 1st in boys singles was Jamie Masonheimer while Terry Dean was second. Ginger Massey won the girls singles and Janet Marshall and Lisa Penton were second in the doubles. Britt Sipe and Lonnie Clark were 2nd in boys doubles.

In high school action against Rotan Luci Masonheimer and Vernocia DeLa Cruz won singles

matches while Tammy Collier and B. J. Poindexter and S. Gilchrist and Poindexter lost doubles matches.

In boys action, Simon DeLa Cruz, Sam Jones won singles matches while Dock Carriker and Billy Clark and Chris Jones and Mark Payne lost doubles matches.

The high school district meet will be held April 9 & 10 at the Sweetwater middle school. There are plenty of seats for spectators.

H Hall sr. citizens traveling

The Senior Citizens of Heritage Hall went to Grandy's in Abilene Friday for dinner.

Attending were Henry Brady, Leta Brady, Bobby Mansfield, Annie Walker, Maurine White, Mary Collins, Bessie Perry, Ralph

Miller, Jo Owens, Evelyn Martin, Donnie Casady, Genevive King and Leota Sherrell.

Waymon and Johnnie Adcock took their van and carried Fred Perry, Annie Perry, Carrie Tip-ton, Zada Byrd and Leona Hogan.



Phuong Thao Tran is presented at her recent recital. The plaque was presented to Miss Tran for outstanding achievement in piano.

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Ag service saving farmer's income

Texas cash receipts from farm and ranch production have remained around the \$10 billion level the past few years and farm income has satiated despite a poor agricultural economy. Educational programs of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A & M University System, have played a big role in this effort, and adequate funding for the agency is essential if Texas agriculture is to remain a viable force in the state's economy.

"We are continuing to impact farmers and ranchers so that they can survive financially in this time of tight profit margins," says Dr. Zerle L. Carpenter, Extension Service Director. "Our education-

al efforts are aimed at increasing production efficiency by reducing operating costs.

"We are directing many of our resources to helping agricultural producers make a living and thus contribute to the Texas economy," Carpenter points out. "A strong Texas agriculture is paramount to our state's economy; it is the solution to many of our economic woes. Because the Extension Service can help boost the economy, it is an investment of state revenue that offers a substantial payoff."

Carpenter lists a few of the major impacts the Extension Service has had on Texas crop production during the past few years:

-Blackland cotton farmers have increased net returns by almost \$50 per acre through improved production practices, including pest management.

-Cotton farmers in the El Paso Valley saved more than \$1.7 on pink bollworm control.

-Peanut producers increased yields 17 to 35 bushels per acre by following recommended production practices, increasing net returns by almost \$100 per acre.

-Wheat leaf rust control practices increased yields 15 to 40 bushels per acre and returned \$2 to \$2.50 for every \$1 invested.

-Cotton farmers in the Rio Grande Valley increased net income by \$270 per acre through a cultural program to control boll weevils for a regional impact of more than \$31 million.

-A cotton bollworm management program in the High Plains saved farmers about 32 pounds of lint per acre for an overall impact of \$7.5 million.

-A boll weevil suppression program in the High Plains increased farmer's net profits by \$27 million.

-Cotton producers in the Coastal Bend region increased yields by 200 pounds per acre with new varieties and reduced insect control costs about \$15 per acre for a savings of some \$2.5 million.


-Improved use of soil insecticides saved Coastal Bend region increased yields by 200 pounds per acre with new varieties and reduced insect control costs about \$15 per acre for a savings of \$2.5 million.

-Improved use of soil insecticides save Coastal Bend corn and sorghum growers about \$9 per acre for a total increase of almost \$2 million dollars.

-Effective mite control saved High Plains corn growers about \$6.5 million a year.

-A delayed uniform planting program to suppress boll weevils in the Rolling Plains increased net profits to cotton producers by \$3.5 to \$7 million annually.

"The Extension Service has played a major role in these kinds of efforts to help producers reduce their costs and thus add to their profit margin," Carpenter points out. "Given adequate resources, such educational programs can continue to attack problem areas so as to boost the agricultural industry and the state's economy."



CAPITOL JOURNAL

STEVEN A. CARRIKER
House of Representatives

The teacher protests that arose from last year's TECAT literacy testing may seem mild compared to what can be expected if Governor Clements newest teacher testing plan is adopted. The Governor has endorsed drug testing of public school teachers, suggesting spot urine tests to check for traces of illegal drugs. Teacher groups are already complaining that the proposed tests, in addition to being an insulting violation of privacy, often give inaccurate results such as mistaking over-the-counter cold remedies for substances like methamphetamines.

Texas Treasurer Ann Richards has warned the legislature of imminent trouble ahead if new revenues are not adopted to address the state's looming financial crisis. Richards says state checks will bounce by the fall of this year if the legislature and Governor don't take immediate action to deal realistically with the problem. In response, Clements maintains that things aren't all that bad and continues his vow to veto any tax measure that produces more than the \$2.9 billion in new taxes that he has called for.

The House Agriculture Committee is considering a bill to allow Texas to join the Interstate Grain Doan 4th in pageant



Shelle Doan of Merkel, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Sammy Doan, was fourth runner-up in the recently held West Texas Junior Miss pageant.

She is a junior at Merkel High School.

Softball group plans registration, meeting

The Executive board of the United Girls Softball Association met Monday night at the Merkel Dairy Queen.

Plans were made to hold registration April 11 & 18 at WTU from 9 a.m. until Noon. Parents are urged to register their girls at this time. The season will start May 18th and last until June 19th. The registration fee is \$20.

If you would like to sponsor a team, the fee is \$125. If you are unable to sponsor a whole team, you can sponsor a third of a team for \$40.

In order for this program to work successfully, the group needs a lot of volunteers. The group needs coaches, fund raisers, concession stand workers, field maintenance, scorekeepers, chaperones and managers. The program is open to all girls in the Merkel, Tye and Trent areas.

A general meeting will be held April 13th at 7:30 p.m. at Taylor Electric.

Interested adults are encouraged to attend.

Compact. I am the House sponsor of the bill and strongly support the concept as a means of giving Texas farmers a stronger voice in the formulation of agricultural policy. While the Texas Farmers Union and the Department of Agriculture are supporting the Compact, the Texas Farm Bureau is opposing it. TFB testified that "Higher grain prices... would be a disaster for Texas agriculture." They also said that, although Federal farm policy has been a failure, farm states should remain silent." The Farmers Union differed by saying that it is time "to get on the ball" and join the Compact.

Former Virginia Governor and LBJ son-in-law Charles Robb visited the House Chamber last week, just to check and see if anyone would like to draft him to run for president. He is the third in a string of potential contenders to visit Austin, joining Bruce Babbitt and Gary Hart. Hart also made a return visit last week to announce his endorsement by Lt. Governor Bill Hobby.

Little League registration

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T-SHIRT SIZE (FOR T-SHIRT AND T-BALL S (8-10) _____ M (10-12) _____ L (12-14) _____
PARENTS SIGNATURE _____

Softball registration

UGSA REGISTRATION FORM

Name: Last _____ First _____ Middle _____
Address: number and street _____ city _____ state _____ ZIP _____
Telephone: _____ School Attended: _____ Fee Paid: _____
Birthdate: Mo. _____, Day _____, Yr. _____ Age: _____ Division: _____ Team: _____
Uniform: _____ Total Softball Experience: _____ Rating: _____
Proof of Age: _____ Birthdate verification _____ Date: _____
POSITIONS IN WHICH PARENTS/GUARDIANS ARE WILLING TO WORK:
____ Manager (Female) _____ Assistant Coach _____ Fund Raising
____ Chaperone (Female) _____ Scorekeeper _____ Future Board Member
____ Coach (Male or Female) _____ Concession Stand _____ Sponsor
Occupation of Parents:
Father: _____ Bus. Phone: _____
Mother: _____ Bus. Phone: _____

I hereby consent for the above UGSA player to participate in the United Girls Softball Association program during the current season. I will assume all risks and hazards that are incidental in her participation of these activities. I further agree to release, absolve, indemnify and hold harmless, this local league and the UGSA office, their sponsors, organizers and supervisors, of all legal responsibilities.

I understand that proof of age will be furnished, as required by UGSA, to make the girl eligible to play. This will be no later than the opening game of the season. I understand that failure to return the uniform issued to my child will result in the purchase of the uniform at current replacement prices. Signed _____

EMERGENCY AUTHORIZATION

We, the undersigned, parents of the participant, a minor, do hereby authorize the coaches, assistant coaches or parents of team members acting in the capacity of activity supervisor/vehicle drivers, as Agents for the undersigned to consent to Medical, Surgical, or Dental Examination, Treatment, etc.

In case of emergency, I/we hereby authorize emergency treatment and/or care of _____ and if I/we cannot be reached, please contact _____

If you wish a family doctor contacted in case of emergency, list doctor's name: _____
Signed: _____ Phone _____ DATE: _____

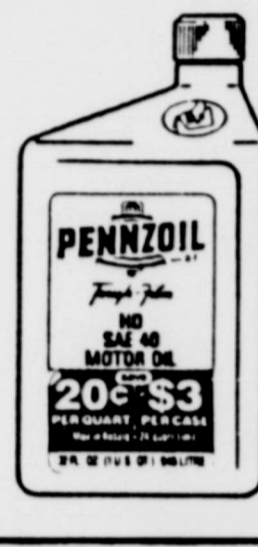
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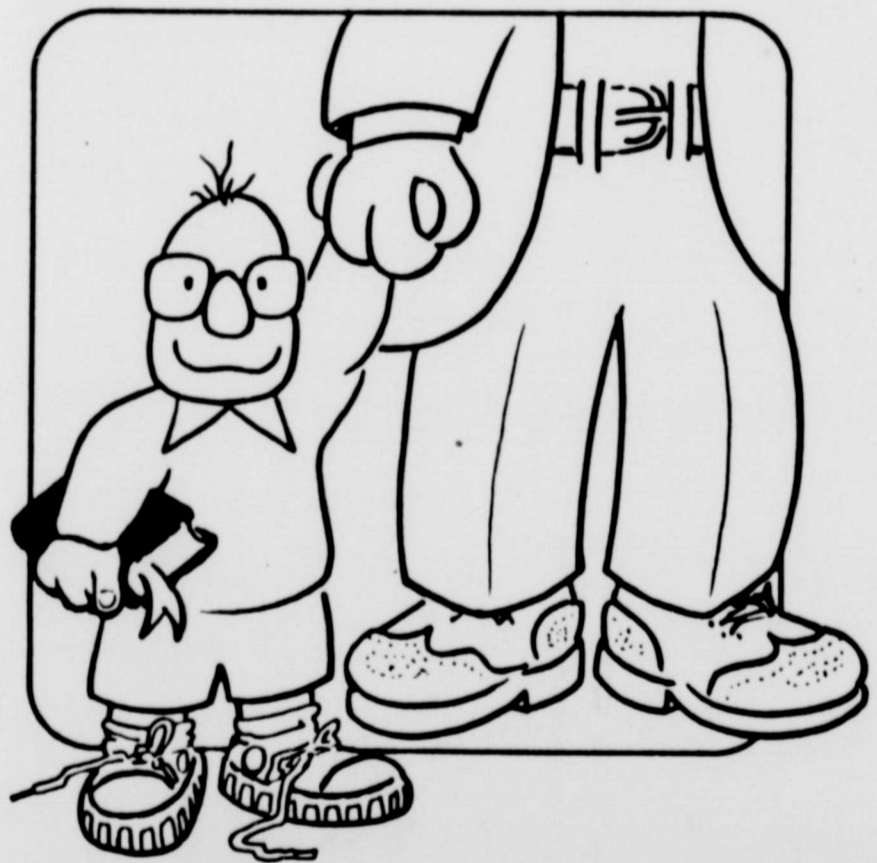


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State legal groups oppose legislation

Several bills under consideration in the 70th Texas Legislature would have a devastating effect on the Texas court system. At present, members of the legislature are pondering bills that would reduce judicial funding ranging in amounts from 15 percent, 17 percent, even up to a mind boggling 27 percent.

The Supreme Court of Texas, along with the State Bar of Texas, is uniting in their effort to educate the citizens of Texas as to the effects that will be felt throughout the state should the courts be subjected to any radical cutback in funding.

Both Justice Robert M. Campbell of the Supreme Court of Texas and Bill Whitehurst, President of the State Bar of Texas, are soliciting the help and support of Texas citizens to avoid the ill effects such cuts, if passed, would have on the people.

"The courts are the one part of government which touches every citizen," Justice Campbell said. "This is the one place provided by our government where everyone has a right to go to seek solutions to every day problems which have become too complicated to handle alone.

Whitehurst said the judicial

system is the only part of state government open to 100 percent of the people 100 percent of the time. "Millions of our citizens use our courts every year. It is to the courts that families in trouble reach out in their difficulties. Divorce, child custody, and child support make up the largest portion of our civil dockets," Whitehurst said. "A fact that is not well known is that more than 70 percent of the cases filed in our district (trial) courts are civil in nature, and of these over 44 percent involve family matters. Of all cases filed, only 25 percent are criminal cases, and about 3 percent are juvenile cases. Appeals of cases from our trial courts tell another story - almost 60 percent of the appeals are in criminal cases.

"If the people of this state fully understood the importance of our courts and the matters they deal with every day - juvenile delinquency, child abuse, child custody and support, divorce, automobile accidents, business relationships, including today, unfortunately, too many business failures, inheritance matters - in other words people problems of the rich and poor alike - the educated and uneducated - problems affecting

every one of our citizens, regardless of race, sex, age, color, or condition - they would be more supportive of strengthening the ability of our courts to do their job in a fair and timely fashion.

"In addition, we have a very serious responsibility to be able to dispose of criminal cases as rapidly as possible. People who

are guilty of violent and serious crimes must be removed from the streets, where they can continue to threaten our decent and law-abiding citizens, at the earliest opportunity. On the other hand, innocent people who are jailed in error must be given an early hearing and released from jail so that they can get about their family responsibilities."

Services held for Olivia Aldrete

Olivia Talamentez Aldrete, 63, member of the Graham Street Church of Christ, died April 2nd at an Abilene Hospital.

Funeral services were held at 10 p.m. Saturday at the Graham Street Church of Christ with Dr. J.W. Treat officiating. Burial followed at Elmwood Memorial Park in Abilene.

She was born in Del Rio. She had lived here for the past 14 years. She had previously lived in San Angelo.

She was a homemaker and a Softball tourney set

A benefit softball tournament for the Anson Girls Softball Association will be held in Anson April 10 & 11.

A fee will be charged. For more information, contact Tom Nix at 823-3564 or Don D. Jones 823-3253.



Amy Ferguson

Ferguson-Page set

April 19th wedding

Amy Elizabeth Ferguson and Larry James Page will be married April 19th at the First Methodist Church here.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. James L. Jay Jr. of Merkel and Mr. & Mrs. David C. Ferguson of Ft. Worth. The prospective bridegroom is the son of Mr. & Mrs. James L. Page of Merkel.

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