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Our 99th Year

Evans takes top UIL drama award

Trent Freshman Jon Evans received the "Samuel French" Most Outstanding Performance award at the state UIL Once Act Play Competition Saturday in Austin.

The award is a separate honor from best actor and actress and it can be presented to either a male or female. It is the highest award given in the state competitions.

Billie Jean Poindexter also received recognition in the honorable mention category. She is a sophomore.

The play *The Diviners* did not place in the top three and that is as far as the judging procedures will evaluate the play. However, the cast and crew were one of eight plays advancing to the state competitions.

About 315 Class A One Act Plays competed this year.

by Rebecca Sharp

Board accepts

Curry's resignation

The Merkel School board met Tuesday night in a special session and accepted the resignation of Merkel High principal Larry Curry.

Curry has accepted the superintendent's position with the Iola school district in central Texas.

Board members were also to discuss promoting a new high school principal from within the district, and were to discuss vacancies on the coaching staff.

The board has also been interviewing candidates for the superintendent's job this week.



Trent Freshman Jon Evans received the Samuel French Award for the best performance at the State UIL One Act Play competitions. Staff photo



Groundbreaking ceremonies held Saturday for the new location of Handy Food Store. The new location will be just West of the current location on Loop 39 here. Shown are From left) Martha Sue Justice, John Beall, Mozetta Dye, Eugene Dye and Kent Satterwhite. Staff photo by Melanie Richards

Council approves higher rates

The Merkel City Council met Monday night and adopted a new \$800,000 city budget. Council also decided to raise minimum water-sewer-sanitation rates 75 cents each, as well as approved higher rates for non-residential use of the city's landfill.

In a letter to the council, city manager J. A. Sadler said "The 1987-88 budget will reflect a \$9,000 deficit between income and expenditures. To offset this loss and keep services at the same level, I am recommending that the Council consider raising the fees charged for the use of the city landfill by non-water customers. As you will note in the budget, the most expensive department in the city operation is the Sanitation department, with expenditures of \$105,580.00 and an income of only \$6,000 from non-water users. This should be adjusted to represent a more fair picture."

He added "Due to the high cost of insurance and compliance with County, State and Federal regulations at the landfill, water department and sewage treatment plant, it will also be necessary to look at charges for water-sewer-sanitation service."

New Water-Sewer-Sanitation Rates

Residents of the city will be paying 75 cents more for water-sewer-sanitation charges. The old basic rates were \$9 for water and \$8 each for sewer and sanitation. The new rates are \$9.75 for water and \$8.75 each for sewer and sanitation. The new minimum bill will be \$27.25, compared to the old minimum of \$25. Those rates will go into effect on the June bills.

The new rates will go into effect on the bills mailed by the City July 1st.

Rates for outside the city limits will be as follows: Basic charge for water service will be \$16.75 (up from \$16.00) and new basic charges for sewer and sanitation charges will be 15.25 each (Up from \$14.50). The new minimum charge will be \$47.25.

New Landfill Charges

Non Merkel residents who use the city landfill will now be paying higher rates.

The new rates are as follows: (Old rates are in parenthesis)
2 Cubic yards \$3 (\$2)
2-4 cubic yards \$5 (\$4)
4-10 cubic yards \$8 (\$6)
10-20 cubic yards \$15 (\$10)
20-30 cubic yards \$20 (\$14)
30 cubic yards & over \$30 (\$20)
Large animals \$20 (\$10)
Small animals \$6 (same)

Those new rates will go into effect as soon as the rate sign at the landfill can be changed.

Council held two public hearings on the new budget, which was not attended by any local citizens.

Also, Monday night, Merkel Police Chief Bob Jones presented his department's activity report for April.

Merkel police worked one traffic accident, investigated seven cases of theft, one case of burglary and two cases of burglary of a motor vehicle. They also investigated a case of criminal mischief, made one arrest and issued two citations.

Sports banquet here May 23rd

The Merkel Badger Booster Club is hosting the annual All Sports Banquet, honoring Merkel athletes May 23 at 6:30 p.m.

This year's dinner will be held at the Church of Christ Family Center.

Families and friends of Merkel athletes are invited to attend.

Police worked a total of 23 cases in April.

Council was also informed by local cable system manager Mark Reeves that rates for basic cable service will be increased by 95 cents per month starting in June.

Reeves said increased costs of decoding devices to unscramble signals were the biggest reason for the need of the increase.

Pursley will leap, vault in Austin

Merkel Badger junior Brit Pursley is making his second consecutive trip to the State Track meet this weekend and he hopes things turn out different from last year.

Pursley suffered an injury while warming up for the pole vault last season and could not compete.

This year, Pursley has qualified in two events as he won the pole vault and high jump at the regional track meet May 1 & 2nd.

In last weekend's state qualifying meet in Abilene, Pursley was 3rd in the pole vault at 15'6" and third in the high jump with a leap of 6'10". In placing third in those



events, Pursley was not bettered by 3AAA competitors.

The pole vault starts Friday at 1 p.m. and the high jump starts at 11 a.m. Saturday. Both events are

being held in Memorial Stadium. Pursley's oldest brother, Brad, was the last state track champion from Merkel. Brad won the AA pole vault title in 1978.

Badgers take 6-3 win over Wylie

The Merkel Badger baseball team downed Wylie Friday 6-3 to run their district record to 5-2. The Badgers have one district game remaining as they will face Clyde either Monday at Rose Park in Abilene or Tuesday at Clyde. The district championship can be

Merkel's if Clyde lost Tuesday night, or if the Badgers beat Clyde next week.

The Badgers will then face either Bowie or Iowa Park in the first round of the playoffs. Playoff games cannot start until after March 23rd.

Coach Doug Hadley told *The Mail* Tuesday "We played well against Wylie Friday. We played a few kids that haven't had much playing time this season and we hit the ball pretty well. Tony Juarez was 2 for 3 and Stacey Newberry was 2 of 4 at the plate."

Bills up, Evans' day, Luci . . . more

by Cloy A. Richards

Our basic charges for water-sewer-sanitation went up as the city council increased minimum bills by \$2.25 per month. The old minimum was \$25.00 and we will now all be paying \$27.25. The increase was necessary because of a \$9,000 deficit in the city budget of a little over \$800,000.

Council also increased charges non-residents have to pay for use of the city landfill, saying the sanitation department had more costs with less income than any other city department.

Those new rates are found on Page One.

Trent Freshman Jon Evans had a day he won't forget in Austin Saturday.

Evans won the Samuel French Most Outstanding Performance award at the State One Act Play competitions.

That honor goes to the person turning in the best performance.

male or female, and that's quite a coup, especially for a freshman.

Trent's Luci Masonheimer was 4th in the state spelling contests, also held Saturday in Austin.

It was the second year in a row she has placed fourth in that competition.

All I ask is that Luci does not read *The Mail* closely.

Xi Nu Eta's dance planned for Saturday has been cancelled because of scheduling conflicts.

They will be holding the dance this summer for high school and middle school students.

A men's slowpitch softball tournament will be held here May 30 & 31.

Entry fee is \$100 per team and trophies will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd & 3rd place teams and individuals. The tournament is open to Rec 2 and under teams

with a two man pick-up limit. Teams will furnish their own Blue Dot balls and more information is available by calling Cathy Pack at 928-4959 after 5 p.m. or Marilyn Tittle at 928-5722 or 928-5003 at night.

The Merkel Little League is looking for volunteers to help run an All-Star tournament here in mid-July.

Merkel will be hosting the district playoffs for the Little League and volunteers will be needed for concession work, as well as other chores.

To volunteer, contact Terry Wade, Gwynn Tipton or Fred Hunt.

Good Luck
Brit

Reagan's send recipes for book

Recipes for the Merkel Chamber of Commerce's book, to be published this summer, are coming in according to Chamber manager Marilyn Tittle.

She has received recipes from President & Mrs. Ronald Reagan as well as Charles Stenholm.

Recipe blanks are available at the Chamber office and will be printed periodically in *The Merkel Mail*.

Local sales tax rebates

Merkel, Trent & Tye's sales tax rebates are all lower compared to the same period last year, according to a news release from the State Comptroller's Office.

So far this year, Merkel is running 9.15 per cent behind payments last year. Merkel's latest check was for \$7,637.23, compared to \$8,954.01 in May, 1986. Merkel has received \$25,354.87 in 1987, compared to \$27,907.98 through the first five months of 1986.

Trent's rebates are running 4.74

per cent behind last year. So far this year, Trent has received \$1,796.83, compared to \$1,886.15 through the same period last year. Trent's latest check was for \$251.44.

Tye's rebates are down 11.80 per cent. So far this year, Tye has received \$23,948.83, compared to \$27,153.99 through the same period last year.

Only Lawn is showing an increase in Taylor County. Abilene's rebates are down 15.37 per cent.

Softball tourney planned here

A men's slowpitch softball tournament will be held here May 30 & 31.

Entry fee is \$100 and team and individual trophies will be awarded for 1, 2 & 3. The tournament is open to Rec 3 teams with a 2 man pick up limit. A 15 man roster

must be turned in before the 1st game.

Teams will provide their own blue-dot balls.

For more information, contact Cathy Pack at 928-4959 after 5 p.m. or Marilyn Tittle at 928-5722 during the day of 928-5003 at night.

Lions re-set pancake supper here

The Merkel Lions Club has re-set their pancake supper for May 14th at Heritage Hall.

The supper will be held from 5:30 until 8 p.m. and tickets are \$3 each. Pancakes and ham will be

served. The supper was originally set for May 7th but was changed to the 14th.

A pancake eating contest will also be held.

MHS principal pens open letter

§ An open letter from the principal of Merkel High School:

I made a strong personal commitment to Merkel High School for four years as high school principal. Upon interviewing with the Board of Education for the position, I shared with them my deep belief that the fundamental goal of any school should be to produce an effective learning environment.

I was given the opportunity to serve the young people. I did so. I was given very specific instructions when I was hired to create a more effective learning environment for the students of Merkel High School and move all the students towards a higher level of excellence in all areas of the school. I did so. I approached the job as high school principal with a single-minded determination to be a strong school leader and make decisions that were in the best interest of the students. I did so.

My personal philosophy of education was:



This philosophy was successful. Merkel High School became one of the finest 3A schools in the state of Texas. The teaching staff was dedicated, professional and caring. Students had the opportunity for a truly quality education within the halls of Merkel High School. Under my educational leadership during four years of service and in conjunction with a dedicated school board, a supportive and caring superintendent and staff, concerned parents and quality young people, Merkel High School made giant steps forward in the drive for excellence. The greatest teacher of all, the Lord Jesus Christ, has stated that you judge the quality of a tree by the fruit it brings forth. A few of the good fruits which Merkel High School produced in four years were:

1. Academic accomplishments of Merkel High School: developed an academic awards program; A team letter jackets, medals for semester A-B students; six weeks and semester Honor Roll certificates; creation of the academic awards banquet; draping ceremony for graduating seniors.
2. Instituted the Honors Program: Only 3A school in this region to participate in the National Academic

decathlon; Created and hosted the Super Brain Bowl; Significant improvements in test scores: In 1986, 9th grade students performed higher on the TEAMS tests than any class on record; In 1986, 10th grade students scored PHS (post high school graduate) on the Metropolitan Achievement tests in reading skills; In 1986, 11th grade students increased in twenty four learning areas on the TEAMS test; In 1986, the 12th grade students scored higher on the Metropolitan Achievement Test in reading than any class on record.

Also, in 1986, more students were inducted in the National Honor Society than ever before; Forty per cent of the students of Merkel High School earned academic honors during the first semester of 1986-87; there was only a two percent failure rate; a five point plan to continue academic improvement was approved for the future.

Also, Discipline accomplishments of Merkel High School: authority and respect were restored to the classroom teacher; a strong and effective discipline management system was developed; developed a four point discipline plan that proved to be very effective; communicated high expectations; gave strong support to the classroom teacher; corrected misbehavior; gave positive feedback for correct behavior; Discipline facts: 80 per cent of the students had no misbehavior and 15 percent had only one behavioral problem.

Instituted an effective attendance program with 96 percent average daily attendance; created a positive school climate with an 8.02 drop-out rate compared with a 32 percent rate in the state; developed and implemented the Alpha Center to positively meet students educational, social and personal needs; developed a communications network for parents with a discipline referral system, students handbook, attendance notice systems and progress reports; instituted a special job training program for students who were at risk; implemented a program to make Merkel High School a drug free learning environment.

Also, physical plant improvements: In 1986, a new eight classroom annex was built; In 1986, a student gathering area was created; In 1986, a new student parking lot was constructed; In 1985, tennis courts were added; In 1985, an athletic weight room was

built in conjunction with an athletic office/ storage building.

Special student accomplishments: The number of student accomplishments within four years were numerous. Some examples are: Merkel High Band won Sweepstakes; More MHS band students earned all-district honors than any band in the region; MHS developed the best band program in 25 years; the student council was selected as outstanding by the State of Texas; FHA chapter was selected as outstanding at the state FHA convention; FFA had the largest participation rate of any school in West Texas- they received more honors and awards than any chapter in the State of Texas; in 1986-87 two varsity cheerleaders were selected for national recognition; the total athletic pro-

grams demonstrated improvements unequaled in 25 years.

Also, the following are examples of student activities which were begun: Golden Girls drill team; Junior/ Senior prom; student lead Bible study; Spanish Club; Science Club; HECE Banquet.

I sincerely appreciate the opportunity to have served the young people of Merkel High School. It is my prayer that they shall always allow God to fill their lives with HIS light, HIS love and HIS life. As I leave you to assume new educational responsibilities, my prayer to all is: "The Lord bless you and keep you, let HIS face shine upon you and be gracious to you! May HE look upon you kindly and give you peace."

Larry Thomas Curry



—Twenty-seven students from the Dyess Air Force Base child development center visited residents of Starr Nursing Home last week. § The three, four & five year olds visited the residents because their theme of the week was on families. They wanted to spend time with some grandparents and organizers said it was hard to tell who enjoyed the visit more, the children or the Starr residents. Photo by Iris Amerine



§ Luci Masonheimer, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. James Masonheimer of Trent, placed fourth in the State UIL Spelling Contests held Saturday in Austin. She also placed fourth in that competition last year.



§ Billie Jean Poindexter was mentioned honorably in the State One Act Play contest for her performance in Trent's production of The Diviners. Staff photo

Son born to Earlene Childress

A son was born to Earlene Childress May 5th. Charles Weldon was born at 6:50 p.m. at Hendrick Medical Center.

He weighed 6 pounds, 14 ounces and was 19½ inches long. Maternal grandmother is Birdie Pippins of Trent.

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 under the same or similar name is given by NEMCO Electric, Inc., Abilene, Texas.

17-4tc-12

NOTICE TO BID

Bid No 87-121

The Commissioners Court of Taylor County will be receiving sealed bids until 10:00 a.m. on Friday, June 5, 1987, for a roofing contract for 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 10:00 a.m. on Friday, June 5, 1987, at which time said bids will be publicly opened and read. Bids should be priced as a lump sum. Purchases will be on a cash basis. Each bidder must submit a Bond payable to Taylor County Commissioner's Court in the amount of five per cent of the largest total amount of Bidder's proposal.

Exact specifications for bidding may be obtained by contacting Obie Coker at the Taylor County Courthouse, 300 Oak Street, Abilene, Texas 79602, or by calling (915) 677-1711 extension 201.

Taylor County reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Jesse A. Holloway
County Judge
Taylor County, Texas
20-2tc-47

Notice is hereby given that Rural Taylor County Aging Services is

seeking financial assistance from the U. S. Department of Transportation under the Section 16 b (2) grant program. Grant funds will be used for the purchase of one (1); 15 passenger van to be used in the Tye/ Merkel areas for the purpose of transportation of Senior Citizens and the handicapped into the urban areas as well as local transportation. Copies of the grant proposal are available for inspection by the public at 105 Scott Street, Tye, Texas 79563.

Any person wishing to comment on the proposed project may submit comments in writing to 105 Scott Street, Tye, Texas 79563 prior to June 4, 1987.

20-2tc-30

THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: T. L. Walker, d/ b/ a Lenco Constructors Defendant, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before ten o'clock A.M. of the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation before the Honorable County Court at Law, Taylor County, Texas, at the Court House of said County in Abilene, Texas.

Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court, on the 1st day of April, A.D. 1987, in this cause, numbered 16,314 on the docket of said court, and styled Interfirst Bank Abilene, N.A. Plaintiff vs. T. L. Walker d/ b/ a Lenco Constructors, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Defendant maintained a checking account with Plaintiff known as ac-

count no. 038-5254 in the name of Lenco Constructors. By check no. 192, dated 2-4-87 Defendant withdrew \$699.75 from that account. By check no. 197 dated 2-4-87 Defendant withdrew \$2,660.75 from that account. The balance in the account immediately prior to the withdrawals was \$64.37. Defendant, therefore, has overdrawn the account. Together with insufficient funds and service charges, Defendant is obligated to pay Plaintiff that sum pursuant to the terms of the parties' agreement. Plaintiff prays that Plaintiff be granted judgement in the sum of \$3,546.56 for the overdrafts and \$1,000 as reasonable attorney's fee; Plaintiff be granted judgement for all costs of court; Plaintiff be granted judgement for post-judgement interest at the highest legal rate of interest on the total amount of the judgement from the date of judgement until paid; Plaintiffs be granted such other and further relief, special or general, legal or equitable as Plaintiff may be shown to be justly entitled to receive; 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 4th day of May A.D. 1987.

Attest: Janice Lyons, Clerk, County Court at Law, Taylor County,

Texas by Sandra Harris Deputy, Seal 20-4tc-106

The Tye City Council, at a regular held council meeting, April 21, 1987, designated, as allowed by Ordinance # 86-4 Section 1 (6), as a "No Parking" Zone:

"On the West side of F.M. 7070 from the South Railroad Right Of Way to McCartney Lane".

PENALTY: Any person violating any of the provisions to Ordinance # 86-4 shall be deemed guilty of a Class C Misdemeanor, and upon conviction, shall be subject to a fine of not more than two hundred (\$200.00). Each transgression in violation of any of the provisions hereof shall be deemed as a separate offense.

Jo Moore
City Secretary
20-1tc-28

AN ORDINANCE

—An ordinance fixing and establishing a budget for the City of Merkel, Texas for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 1987 and ending April 30, 1988.

Whereas: The City Secretary of Merkel, Texas, in obedience to the laws of the State of Texas, submitted to the City Council of said City a proposed budget covering the proposed income and expenditures of said city for fiscal year beginning May 1, 1987 and ending April 30, 1988.

Whereas: Notice of said proposed budget hearings were duly posted in City Hall and published in the local newspaper.

Now, therefore, be it ordained by the City Council of the City of

Merkel, Texas, that the following budget is hereby adopted as follows, to-wit:

INCOME

GENERAL FUND
Income \$258,300.00
From Operations .00
\$258,300.00

INCOME
Water-Sewer-Sanitation
Income \$533,700.00
From Operating .00
\$533,700.00

G. F. & W.S.S
Income \$792,000.00

EXPENDITURES
GENERAL FUND
Expenditures \$242,014.00
To Operating .00
\$242,480.00

EXPENDITURES
Water-Sewer-Sanitation
Expenditures \$490,480.00
To Operating .00
\$490,480.00

EXPENDITURES
G. F. & W.S.S Operations
Expenditures \$732,494.00
Insurance, Notes & Transfers \$68,495.40
\$800,989.40

SUMMARY:
TOTAL EXPENDITURES \$800,989.40
TOTAL INCOME \$792,000.00
(\$8,989.40)

Be it further ordained that all transfers of funds set out in the budget are in all things approved.

Passed and approved this 11th day of May, 1987.

Kent Satterwhite
Mayor
J. A. Sadler
City Secretary
20-1tc-83

THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: NICK CARL WARD Defendant, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before ten 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 25th day of May, 1987, at or before ten o'clock A.M. before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County, Texas, at the Court House of said County in Abilene, Texas.

Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court, on the 23rd day of January, A.D. 1987, in this cause, numbered 40,220-A on the docket of said court, and styled, **FIRST STATE BANK Plaintiff, vs. NICK CARL WARD AND KENNETH A. MOWDY, Defendant.**

The names of the parties to the cause are as follows: **FIRST STATE BANK** are Plaintiffs and **NICK CARL WARD AND KENNETH A. MOWDY** are Defendants.

A brief statement of the nature of the suit is as follows, to-wit:

On or about August 5, 1985, Defendant signed and executed a certain promissory note for \$6,600.65. Defendant accepted the terms & conditions of said promissory note and therefore became bound to pay Plaintiff as specified in and according to the terms of the promissory note, which terms and conditions are reasonable and fair. Plaintiff ask the Court to enter Judgement against Defendant for:

1) For sum of \$6,600.65, plus pre-judgement at the rate of 15.9981 per annum to date of judgement. 2) For interest at the rate of ten per cent per annum from date of judgement until paid. 3) For attorney fees 4) For all costs of court. 5) For all other and further relief, at law or in equity, to which Plaintiff may be justly entitled.

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 serve 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 10th day of April, A.D. 1987.

Attest: Rilla Mahoney
District Clerk, 4nd District Court, Taylor County, Texas By Patricia Henderson, Deputy (Seal)
19-2tc-104

THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: GARY B. BYRD, Defendant, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before ten o'clock A.M. of the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of service of the issuance of this citation, same being Monday the 25th day of May, 1987, at or before ten o'clock A.M. before the Honorable 350th District Court of Taylor County, Texas, at the Court House of said County in Abilene, Texas.

Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court, on the 6th day of August A.D. 1986, in this cause, numbered 1423-D on the docket of said court, and styled O.B. STEPHENS, JR. Plaintiff, vs. GARY B. BYRD Defendant.

The names of the parties to the cause are as follows: **O. B. Stephens, Jr.** are Plaintiff's and **GARY B. BYRD** are Defendants.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit:

On May 21, 1985 Plaintiff leased to Defendant certain properties for a 32 month term for which Defendant agreed to pay according to the terms of the lease. Defendant entered into possession of the premises, and despite Plaintiff's full performance of all obligations, Defendant has breached the lease contract. Plaintiff ask the court to enter Judgement against Defendant for: 1) Past due rentals in the sum of \$16,659.00, with interest from the due date until judgement. 2) Damages for breach of lease in a sum in excess of the minimum jurisdictional limits of the Court. 3) Damages to the leased property caused by Defendant in the sum of \$10,571.00. 4) Attorney's fees 5) Costs of Court 6) Interest of the judgement from its date until paid, and such other and further relief to which Plaintiff may be justly entitled.

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 10th day of April, A.D. 1987.

Attest: Rilla Mahoney, District Clerk, 350th District Court, Taylor County, Texas by Patricia Henderson, Deputy (Seal)
19-2tc-103

Hammond's celebrate 50th

Mr. & Mrs. Hershel L. Hammond will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary May 17th.

The reception will be held at Heritage Hall May 17th from 2 until 4 p.m.

Hosts will be their children, Mr. & Mrs. Dale Hammond of Merkel and Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Hall of Sunset.

Mr. Hammond was born Aug. 26, 1916 in Florence. At an early age, he moved to Nolan. She was

born in the same town Dec. 22, 1918 here.

They met in 1936 in Nolan and were married May 22, 1937, also in Nolan.

They farmed in Nolan and Taylor County until 1960 when they moved to Arlington. They lived there until 1981 after retiring from Bell Helicopter and L.T.V. Aircraft.

They are members of the Baptist Church and have two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.



Rodriguez honored on 15th

Monica Rodriguez celebrated her 15th birthday with a Holy Mass given in her honor at Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church Saturday.

Monica is the daughter of Robert & Angelita Rodriguez. Her grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Juan C. Biera and Jose Acuna of Merkel and Anita Rodriguez of Abilene.

Monica is a freshman at Abilene High School where she participates in the tennis program as well as the Abilene High Eagle Band.

Monica was escorted by Roman Martinez. Her court of honor included Michelle Valdez, Ericka Valdez, Gracie Gomez, Melissa L. Rodriguez, Maria Soto, Melanie

Rodriguez, Melissa M. Rodriguez, Diana Barrientos, Julie Rodriguez and Cissy Rodriguez, all of Abilene and Cassandra Moreno, Amanda Biera, Vicky Aldrete and Tonya Moreno, all of Merkel.

Their escorts were Ramon Moreno, Steven Biera, Zack Rodriguez, Joe Biera, David Biera, Eric Ascencio, David Chavira, Mark Aldrete, Michael Ybarra and Martin Landeros, of Merkel and Mark Cortez, Anthony Rodriguez and Abilene and Michael Moreno of Mineral Wells.

The Rev. Frank Zimmerman and Paul Klein of Abilene officiated. A reception hosted by her parents in Merkel was followed by a dance at the Embassy Suites.



Fern Bland assumes chapter post

The William Norwood Chapter of the Daughters of the American Colonists met May 8 at the home

TISD breakfast-lunch menu

The following is the TISD lunch menu for May 18-22.

The breakfast menu is listed first.

May 18: juice, cereal, milk; chicken patties, mashed potatoes, green beans, cherry cobbler, rolls, tea or milk.

May 19: juice, donuts, milk; barbecue smokies, potatoes-sauce okra, pears, rolls, tea or milk.

May 20: juice, cinnamon rolls, milk; pizza, corn, salad, apple crisp, tea or milk.

May 21: juice, toast, jelly, milk, frito pies, pinto beans, salad, cake, tea or milk.

May 22: Juice, biscuits/ sausage, milk; hamburgers, french fries, fruit, cookies, tea or milk.

of Mrs. Marjorie Sayles, 1118 Sayles in Abilene.

Mrs. Danny (Roenna) Thomas of Bronte installed the incoming officers: Regent (Mrs. Jack (Fern) Bland; first vice regent Mrs. Edd (DeLona) Fishel; second vice regent Mrs. Bessie

Mayes, chaplain Mrs. Henri Gay Ison; recording secretary Mrs. Marjorie Sayles; corresponding secretary Mrs. Harry (Dorrace) Haynes; registrar Mrs. P. M. (Annabel) Murphey; librarian Mrs. Michael (Lorraine) Wingo.

will be open to the public. Ticket and other information from Chamber of Commerce, Box 1096, Paris 75460 (214-784-2501).

May 21-24—Oakdale Park's 16th Bluegrass Jamboree. Glen Rose Bluegrass groups from across Texas and seven states gather for planned programs and jam sessions. There will be contests on Saturday for guitar and banjo players in junior (under 17) and senior divisions, and bands with at least four instruments. Band winner will be invited to play at next year's festival. Admission per person: \$9 per day; \$27 for 4-day; children under 16 free with parents. No alcohol allowed. Camping available. Schedule and reservations from Oakdale Park, Box 548F, Glen Rose 76043 (817-897-2321).

May 21-June 1—Folk Festival; May 23-24; 30-31—Texas State Arts & Crafts Fair, Kerrville. These twin events offer an enjoyable visit to the Hill Country. The Folk Festival at Quiet Valley Ranch has a full program: evening concerts by songwriters and musicians from all over the country; songwriter and guitar schools; concert-lectures on history of American popular music; and more. Bring lawn chairs and rugged clothing. Camping available.

May 15-17—Stagecoach Days, Marshall. This little town near the Louisiana border commemorates their history as a transportation hub with stagecoach rides, parades, trail ride, historic homes tour, arts, crafts and entertainment. More information from Chamber of Commerce, Box 520, Marshall 75670 (214-935-7868).

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May 18—Doug Kershaw Celebrity Golf & Tennis Tournament, Paris. Big-name recording artists, TV movie personalities and sports figures such as Willie Nelson, Charley Pride, James Garner, Bob Eubanks, Darrel Royal, Jack Youngblood and many more, will participate in the benefit tourneys. The gallery and evening celebrity concert

Leverich's honored

Kathy Leverich was presented Preceptor Eta Omega's Woman of the Year April 25th at the Founder's Day Dance held at the Abilene Civic Center. Jimmy Leverich was presented as the Man of the Year.

Members and guests attending the dance were Kathy & Jimmy Leverich, Connie & Jan Ybarra and Mamie Steck.

They met May 5th in the home of Val Patterson. Val presented a program on Beta Sigma Phi's Torch Magazine.

Members attending that meeting were Jane Carson, Y. Sadler, Mamie Steck, Betty Lu Satterwhite, Val Patterson and Ruth Tipton.



The ladies Auxillary of Merkel VFW Pst 5683 selected Jeanie West, a Merkel Elementary teacher as their teacher of the year. Mrs. West taught Americanism and loyalty, along with ideas of freedom, love and respect for the flag and our country.

Mary Hicks, Americanism and Loyalty Chairman of the Auxillary, presented Mrs. West with a corsage of "Buddy Poppy" flowers. These are made and sold each year by the Disabled Veterans of America.

Photo by Sally Tittle

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Local couple needs financial help

To the Editor:

Help a Child

A grandmother in Merkel told a story about her little granddaughter this week and I know Merkel residents will want to help this child and her family.

Her name is Jennifer and she is

six years old and will have to have a heart operation in June.

Her parents are Joey and Leta Brennan, his grandmother is Billie Walters.

I know all of you know Billie. She has helped so many in Merkel so many times and ways. Jennifer's mom and dad need help going to Fort Worth and staying with the child. Money is scarce but that's why they need Merkel. Please help them.

Mary Lindsey

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO NOMINATE BY PETITION

The Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) is accepting nominations for County Committee elections for Taylor County. This notice is issued to inform eligible voters of the right to nominate candidates by petition. Copies of the petition and instructions on its completion can be obtained from your local FmHA office.

Persons nominated should be currently engaged in the operation of a farm, have their principal farming operation within the County or area in which activities of the County or area Committee are carried out, derive the principal part of their income from farming (that is more than 50 percent of their gross income must come from agricultural production), be a citizen of the United States or an alien lawfully admitted to the United States for permanent residence, not have an FmHA insured or guaranteed loan, and be well qualified for committee work. Nominations must be received in the FmHA office no later than June 10, 1987. FmHA committee elections are open to all eligible voters without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, age, political affiliation, marital status, sex, and/or handicap.

Form FmHA 2054.5 (3.86) U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FARMERS HOME ADMINISTRATION

NOMINATING PETITION
(FmHA County/Area Committee Election)

PETITION MUST BE RETURNED BY:

I. NOMINEE
NAME AS WILL BE SHOWN ON BALLOT (Print) ADDRESS

II. PETITIONERS (Must be signed by 3 eligible FmHA voters in the community)
NAME (Print) SIGNATURE DATE

III. FmHA COUNTY OFFICE USE ONLY
NAME OF COUNTY/AREA STATE DATE PETITION RECEIVED

INSTRUCTIONS TO PETITIONERS: The nominee must be:
1. Eligible to vote in the designated FmHA election; 2. Eligible to hold office of FmHA Committee member; and 3. Willing to serve if elected.

Dr PEPPER HOT ONLY
6 PACK \$1.89 2 LITER 99¢

SLICE
2 LITER 89¢

FRANKS 99¢

GERMAN SAUSAGE GOOCH \$1.59

TURNIP GREENS ALLENS 15 OZ 49¢

RANCH STYLE BEANS 300 CAN 2/89¢

CORN BREAD MIX ASST 4/\$1.00

KOZY KITTEN CAT FOOD LIVER FLAVOR 3/\$1.00

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ANY LAST REQUEST?

FROM WHAT A NIGHT! LAST NIGHT I HALUCINATED THAT I WAS A CONCHO WATER SNAKE AND THE ENVIRONMENTALISTS GET ME UP IN A THREE MILLION DOLLAR CONDO!



PRICES GOOD
WED, THUR, FRI, SAT
May 13, 14, 15 & 16
STORE HOURS
7:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.
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HAIR SPRAY
9 OZ CAN
AQUA NET \$1.29

DUNCAN HINES
23 OZ BOX
BROWNIE MIX \$1.69

BEST MAID
WHOLE DILL
PICKLES
16 OZ JAR
89¢

DETERGENT
AJAX
FAMILY SIZE
\$3.98

LIQUID
DAWN
22 OZ BOTTLE
\$1.09

FROZEN FOODS
PARADE ORANGE JUICE 12 OZ CAN
69¢

GEBHARDT'S
JUMBO TAMALES
28 OZ CAN
\$1.19

COOKING OIL 48 OZ JUG
CRISCO \$1.89

AUTO DISHWASHER
CASCADE
50 OZ BOX
\$2.29

CHARMIN
TISSUE
4 ROLL CRTN
\$1.09

BIRDSEYE 8 OZ TUB
COOL WHIP \$1.89

GREEN GIANT IN SAUCE 21 OZ
LASAGNA \$1.89

MINUTE MAID 6 OZ CAN
LEMONADE 39¢

LIBBY'S
VIENNA SAUSAGE
5 OZ CAN
2/69¢

FREE PET CHECK-UP

See details at display.

Fancy Feast 3 OZ CANS **4/\$1**

Instincts 18 OZ BOX **93¢**

Mighty Dog 6 OZ CANS **3/\$1**

Chewy Blend 3 1/2 LB BAG **\$2.39**

Comen Cell 20 LB BAG **\$5.98**

CARNATION
TURKEY HAM-CHICKEN-TUNA
SPREADABLES
ASST CAN
\$1.19

CARNATION
COFFEE
MATE
16 OZ JAR
\$1.69

PARADE
LARGE EGGS
LARGE DOZ
69¢

PARADE
TEA BAGS
FAMILY SIZE
24 PK BOX
\$1.29

PARADE
CATSUP
32 OZ JUG
79¢

LIBBY'S 3 OZ
POTTED MEAT 2/53¢

CARNATION
MILK
12 OZ CAN
2/89¢

POST TOASTIES
CORN
FLAKES
12 OZ BOX
98¢

PARKAY
OLEO
QUARTERS
2 LBS 89¢

PARADE
1/2 MOON
CHEESE
10 OZ PKG
\$1.19

POINSETTA
HOMO MILK
GAL JUG
\$1.99

BORDENS
LOW FAT 1 1/2% MILK
GAL JUG
\$1.93

PARADE
FLOUR
5 LB BAG
59¢

COFFEE
FOLGER
1 LB CAN
\$1.99 2nd \$2.49

WITH \$15 IN TRADE OR MORE EXCLUSIVE OF CIGARETTES

SHORTENING
JEWEL
42 OZ CAN
89¢

BORDENS
BUTTER MILK
1/2 GAL CRTN
\$1.09

PARADE
WEENIES
ALL MEAT
12 OZ PKG
88¢

KRAFTS
CHEEZ WHIZ 8 OZ **\$1.19**

PARADE
WAFFLE SYRUP 32 OZ **89¢**

DEL MONTE 21 OZ
PINEAPPLE CRUSHED CAN **79¢**

GATORADE ASST
FRUIT DRINK 32 OZ JUG **93¢**

CONTADINA 300

APPLES
WASHINGTON RED DELICIOUS POUND
59¢

FRESH FRYER LEG QUARTERS LB **89¢**

FRESH FRYER BREAST QUARTERS LB **\$1.19**

CHOICE BEEF
ARM ROUND STEAK LEAN POUND **\$1.39**

CHOICE BEEF
SHORT RIBS MEATY LEAN LB **\$1.29**

OWENS 12 OZ PKG
BISCUITS & SAUSAGE 99¢

WHOLE TOMATOES 2/89¢

CONTADINA
TOMATO SAUCE 8 OZ **2/39¢**

PARADE
CUT 303
GREEN BEANS MIX'EM OR MATCH'EM
W K 303
GOLDEN CORN 3 CANS FOR **99¢**
W-SNAPS 300
BLACKEYE PEAS 300 CAN
PINTO BEANS 99¢

FRESH
CELERY STALK **49¢**

CALIFORNIA NAVEL
ORANGES LB **39¢**

FRESH
BROCCOLI LB **49¢**

GOLDEN
BANANAS LB **35¢**

FRESH CELLO LB
CARROTS **2/49¢**

YELLOW
ONIONS LB **39¢**

RISSET
SPUDS 10 LB BAG **\$1.49**

FREEZER PACK 1
5 LBS GROUND BEEF
5 LBS PORK CHOPS
5 LBS CHUCK ROAST
5 LBS FRYERS
TOTAL WEIGHT 20 LBS
\$30.99

FREEZER PACK 3
5 LBS GROUND BEEF
5 LBS CHUCK ROAST
5 LBS CHUCK STEAK
5 12 OZ GERMAN SAUSAGE
TOTAL WEIGHT 19 LBS
\$28.89

FREEZER PACK 8
5 LBS GROUND CHUCK
5 LBS CUBE STEAK
5 LBS CHUCK STEAK
5 LBS SIRLOIN STEAK
TOTAL WEIGHT 20 LBS
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