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# The Merkel Mail

Thursday, July 9, 1987 ... Merkel, Texas

### Our 99th Year



§ A large crowd enjoyed the shade at South Park Saturday at Fun on a hot day under the large tent Day.

# Starbuck's sell local business

week

Fred Starbuck purchased the company from Ace Sheppard in Ann.

will be assisted by his wife Lu

spent with the Merkel citizens ter High School and the Dallas They ask that you come in and Locker Plant- Bob Hammond, sundaes from Dairy Queen- Ken- \$25 gift certificate from Main George & Charlotte moved here served his apprenticeship with the exciting things coming in after

George Starbuck announced the emphasis on personal service. Wichita Falls and came to Merkel sale of Starbuck Funeral Home Benny Williams will be the funeral from Sullivan Funeral Home in Car Wooh the Village Truck & and Furniture Company this director and also will be in charge Vernon. He has been working with of the day-to-day operations. He George & Charlotte now for over a breaklast Mary Richards, an oil year and a half. He and his wife change from Tims Shell- Chelsea have a four year old daughter, Payne, sausage from the Merkel

until his retirement in 1978. Institute of Mortuary Science. He visit. They will be having new and Sundaes from the Merkel Dairy neth Wood, a ray o vac flashlight Street- Walt Harris, a free Queen- Orlene Windham, hair spray from Kut N Kurl- Mary

# Winners from local Fun Day drawings named

The following is a list of prizes won at Merkel's Fun Day, held Saturday at the South Park. If you have not claimed your prize, they are available at Independent American Savings here.

A \$50 savings bond from F & M National Bank- Bobby Reynolds, three free movie rentals from Video Country- Mary Hewitt, an oil change from Palmer Pontiac-Lee Tucker, sausage from the Merkel Locker Plant- Tom Sliter a free breakfast from the Merkel Restaurant & Motel- John Starbuck, sundaes from the Merkel Dairy Queen- Evelyn Thames, a free movie rental from Watts Backhoe- Bobby Biera, a vase from Wilson's Jewelry- Kathryn Banner, a case of soft drinks from Handy Food Store- Jackie Reynolds, a flashlighlight from Higginbotham-Bartlett- Cary Acuna, sun out screen from Wylie Truck Terminal-L.C. Whisenhunt, a cap from Carson's- L. J. Gray, 10 gallons of gas from DuBose Texaco- Joey Richards.

Also, a manicure from Pat's Beauty Shop-Suzy Richards, a car Car Wash- Mrs. Ray Wilson, a

jorie Bratcher, a gift certificate to Country Cloth & Canvas- Beverly Helmer, two lunch specials to Polly's Restaurant- April Fisher, two free movie rentals from Video Country- T J & T Tire, an oil change from Palmer Pontiac- Cri cket Sloan, sausage from Merkel Locker Plant- Ruth Tipton, sundaes from Dairy Queen- Seymore Insurance- a dinner from Dairy Queen- Andy Hart

Also, sun screen from Wylie Truck Terminal- Jack South, a can of peanuts from Higginbotham-Bartlett- Betty Jane Tittle, a pair of thongs from Carsons- J Moore of Tye, a telephone from Taylor Telephone- Barbara Tankersly, a tropical snot shirt from Bec & Bo Enterprises- Monah Sue Cannon, visors from Fit N Firm-Syble South and Daniel West, a sun screen from Wylie Truck Terminal- Tony Aldrete, a backgammon game from Carsons-Joey Richards, a car wash from Village Truck & Car Wash-Sevmore Insurance.

Also, a free breakfast from Merkel Restaurant & Motel- Sandy Laird, two movie rentals from Today's Video's, Frank Duran, a steak finger baket from K & M's Place- Billy E. Proffit, a free movie rental from Watts Backhoe & Construction- Dollye Reddin,

Bar- H. C. Jowers, a steak sandwich from K & M's Place-Joey Richards, a free movie rental from Watts Backhoe & Construction- Peck Eager, sundaes from Dairy Queen, Duke Pack, a jacket from Walls- Wanda Hendricks, five plaques from Starbucks- John Wagoner- a tool kit from Max Murrell- Opal Lindsey

Also, sun screen from Wylie Truck Terminal- Mary Richards, 10 gallons of gas from DuBose Texaco- Mary Richards, visors from Fit N Firm- Jack South and Svbil South, \$20 gift certificate from Whisenhunt Grain- Bonnie English, 2 lunch specials from Polly's Restaurant- Kevin Roberts, oil change from Palmer Pontiac- April Fisher, 2 movie rentals from Today's Videos- John Wagoner, cheeseburger from K 8 M's Place- Mike Stewart, a movie rental from Watts Backhoe & Construction- Cody Cox, sundaes from Dairy Queen- Jack South.

Also, a Black & Decker jig saw from Taylor Electirc- Marjorie Bratcher, sun screen from Wylie Truck Terminal- Iris Amerine. thongs from Carsons- Melissa Harris, a flashlight from Hig ginbotham-Bartlett- Bradley Teaff, visors from Fit N Firm Fern Gladden, Mary Richards, a

owned and operated with a heavy Owens-Brumley Funeral Home in with the people of Merkel.

and took over the business in 1973. Uni-Service Corporation which they go to the furniture market Richards, an air sprayer from & A Travel Center- Randy Dun- Browne Enterprises- Eugene De-Starbuck Funeral Home and has five funeral homes in Dallas. this month. They look forward to a Mrs. Bill Haynes- Danny Woodall, agin, a planter from Wilson's laCruz, a \$50 savings bond from Furniture will still be family He was a funeral director for long and eventful relationship

a sprinkler from Hi-Val- Melanie Richards, a hammer from Merkel Brick & Lumber- Wesley Burton, sun screen from Wylie Truck Terminal- Sue Doan, a visor from Fit N Firm- Jo Ann Doan, a visor from Fit N Firm- Jean Teaff, two lunch specials from Polly's Res-

Without additional state revenue most area school districts would taurant- Crystal Beaird, a oil now, numerous institutions such exceed the legal maximum rate, change from Tims Shell- Junior Clark

Also, a large hamburger and For MISD, the projected aver- coke from K & M's Place-University Medical School would age daily attendance for 1938 will Seymore Insurance, a movie be closed. Also, vocational educa- be 1,518 and MISD will receive rental from Watts Backhoe & Construction- Danny Woodall,

proposed law will fund \$349 less sundaes from Dairy Queen, Sandy Davis, a jacket from Walls- Andy Hart, a screwdriver set from Ed's Feed & Seed- Sandra Doan. sun screen from Wylie Truck-Billy Profitt, a pair of things from Carsons- Melanie Richards, a box of groceries from Handy Food Store- Matt Smith, 10 gallons of gas from DuBose Texaco- Don Hensley, a case of soft drinks ards. from Marilyn Tittle Bookkeeping-

ba Doan, a quick cook grill from A Robert Harris, a \$35 repair from Jewelry, Foster Grant sunglasses the F & M National Bank- Ed from Merkel Drug-Bobby Biera, a Sandusky, a Tony Lama belt from box of groceries from Handy Food Joe's Boots- Kenneth Wood. Store Bill Everett, visors from Fit

from Gregory & Goode- Joy Texaco- Sammy Doan, a sun McElmury, a sun out screen from screen from Wylie Truck Termi-Wylie Truck Terminal- Bo Dun- nal- Marjorie Bratcher, a backagin, a air freshner from Mrs. Bill gammon game from Carsons- Ed Havnes- Jack South, a car wash Sandusky, visors from Fit N from Village Truck & Car Wash- Firm- Dollye Reddin and Mary E Patrick Bryan- three movie rent- Smith, 10 gallons of gas from als from Video Country- Becca DuBose Texaco- Larry Cox, pla-Dunagin, an oil change from ques from Starbucks- Mary Smith, Palmer Pontiac- John Brady, two visors from Fit N Firm- Annette family specials from Los Ascencio Melton, Esther Carson and Dollye Restaurant- Larry Cox, two sun- Reddin, a recipe box from Wildaes from Dairy Queen- Wanda son's Jewelry- Bill Hays, a cooler Tittle, a dinner from Dairy Queen- from Hi-Val- Zane Wright, a case Orien Higgins, a can of hair spray of soft drinks from Handy Food from Kut-N-, Kurl- Hazel Pack, a Store- Joan Gayosa, a sun screen pair of thongs from Carsons-Bill from Wylie Truck Terminal- Mary Everett, visors from Fit N Firm Richards, a bunny rabbit from Bernice Bagby and Mary Rich- Ben Franklin's- Stacy Tumlinson,

Bradley Teaff, an atlas from Queen- Cricket Sloan, a breakfast of tires from T J & T Tire- John Barbara Graham & World Book- from the Merkel restaurant & Starbuck, and the grand prize Clyde Gayosa, visors from Fit N Motel- Marie Estep, a steak winner of \$300 in cash- Ronnie Firm- Bonnie Fariello and Mar- dinner for 2 from the L & W Snack Whisenhunt.

Also, sausage from the Merkel N Firm- Connie Ybara and Andy Locker Plant- John Hester, sundaes from Dairy Queen-Bill Hays, Also, a storm door installation 10 gallons of gas from DuBose a lifetime subscription to The Also, a dinner from Dairy Merkel Mail- Irene Barnes, a set

## Carriker says current proposed state spending bill will close schools across Texas

Gov. Clements' continued vow to veto new state taxes will mean very severe cuts in programs and huge increases in local property taxes, state Representative Steve Carriker (D-Roby) announced this week.

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The appropriations bill adopted by the Texas House of Representatives last week makes major categories of state spending contingent on passage of an adequate revenue-raising bill. If the Legislature failts to approve the required tax measure, slated cuts in basic state services will automatically take effect.

"The House appropriations bill mandates grave consequences for the entire state," Carriker said, "and our area is by no means exempt.

as Texas State Technical Institute those school districts would be in Sweetwater, Abilene State forced to close. School, and the Texas Tech tion would be eliminated from \$2,143 for each student. The Texas public schools. Absence of a tax bill will have a 'universally devestating" impact receive \$3,251,630 and the propos-

on local school districts and local property taxes, Carriker warned. 37 percent cut in state funds. Because the state will shift costs from state funds to local sources, propsed ADA for 1988 is 196 and drastic increases in local poperty the current law spending per taxes would be inevitable. In the student is \$1,531. The proposed 78th Legislative District, for ex- law cuts \$674 per student. The ample, the tax rate in Roby, current law would fund \$300,773 Tahoka and Hawley would have to for Trent ISD and the proposed more than double to make up for law would fund \$132,514 less the shortfall. Since the tax rate of

The current law states MISD will ed law will fund \$528,800 less for a At the Trent school district, the

# Fun, Johnny, food . . . more

#### by Cloy A. Richards

Another Fun Day is behind us now, our 9th.

The event seems to change a little each year, while a lot of things stay the same.

I don't think we had as many people attend this year. The event being on Saturday on a holiday weekend didn't help the attendance.

WE of course saw the traditional impromptu water fights that break out in the hot afternoon along the South fence. This year, a lot of local kids were shooting fireworks in the park, something I don't think should be happening. There's too large of a crowd, we did have a lady who was burned when a Roman Candle shot hit her in the back of the head. Hopefully, we can put a stop to that next year.

The ticket selling efforts of John Starbuck were again outstanding. John finished Fun Day 1987 with almost \$750 worth of donation tickets, and at 50 cents a shot or 3 for \$1, that's a lot of tickets. It was the 9th year in a row that John led

the way in ticket sales. Hazel Pack did almost \$200 worth and he efforts are to be commended. The Chamber ended up selling about 600 of their locally famous fajitas ( that will also be available at home football games this

season). Don Dudley did a good job as master of ceremonies and Mychelle Hammond performed admirably handling the children's games.

The City employees did their normal good job getting the park ready, and then cleaning up after Fun Day. The Chamber wanted to thank the volunteers who worked in the fajita booth throughout the day and my mom and dad got put to work in the booth as well.

I look forward to the event each year just to see folks from Merkel getting togther and having a good time. It's a lot of work and it usually takes me a couple of days to recover, but it has always been worth the effort.

Thanks again to all who did anything to help pull off Fun Day 1987. We look for a bigger and better Fun Day next year.

While on the subject of Fun Day, a couple of other folks deserve our appreciation. They are the Country Kin Band, the Confederacy Band, the Big Country Prominaders, the St. Vincent Children Dancers for the entertainment.

Randle Browne of Browne Enterprises and Pat Warren of Consolidated Plumbing saw a lot of work go up in flames early Monday morning as their shops were totally destroyed by fire.

The building, on Old Highway 80, was gutted and the fire also cut off phone service west of the scene

We offer our condolences for their loss

The fire department had a busy holiday weekend. They also fought a grass fire in the Glenn Sandusky farm North of Merkel and a grassfire neat T J & Tire Company that was started by fireworks.

for the Merkel Chamber of destroyed as a fire broke out at 4 Browne Enterprises were gutted Kent Street for most of Monday. Commerce cookbook is July 15th. a.m. Monday. The office and shop by the early morning fire. Local



telephone service was out West of The deadline for recipe entries § Two local businesses were of Consolidated Plumbing and the scene, on Old Highway 80 and Staff photo



Walter Henslee won the saddle for the 65 & over roping at the

Stamford Rodeo July 4th Staff photo

### Please return our stolen flowers

reach the person it is meant for.

but have relatives in Merkel. One 37 years. Relatives said the stop and possibly take Etta McWilliams passed away and was buried at Rose Hill Cemetery, His mother, Iva Ruth flowers had been stolen in the past something we never expected. human being can do, and evident-

Ruth has been buried at Rose Hill if it is happening in Merkel. The my heart, I decided to write this was the flowers that were put out he saw the flowers gone would **Call for Details** letter in hopes that you will put it by Gaylon's father. Herein here herein herei letter in hopes that you will put it by Gaylon's father. Harlin Hobbs in your paper and maybe it will on Mother's Day, were gone. He has had flowers put out every My husband and I live in Canton Mother's Day and Christmas for

June 9th, Gaylon's grandmother, flowers were there a week prior to

I am writing this letter in hopes that who ever took the flowers will lowers on his mothers grave is

Teresa Hobbs Canton, Texas

# Ryal's services held here

Welch's services held in Abilene

Mannie Edward Ryals, 95 of Born Sept. 12, 1892 in William- ters. Bessie Gamble of Merkel and Merkel, died June 30th

the Rev. Kenneth Jones officiat- Anna Laura Richie Ryals. ing. Burial followed at Rose Hill

He had married Effie Myrtes of the Starbuck Funeral Home. 1913. She preceeded him in death. ard Carson and Fred Heady.

is survived by two daughson County, he was a die maker Beatrice Black of Sonora; four Funeral services were held July and also delivered newspapers. grandchildren, nine great-grand-3rd at the Starbuck Chapel with He was the son of H. F. Ryals and children and numerous nieces and nephews

Serving as pallbearers were J. Cemetery here under the direction Dosser in Georgetown Dec. 24, V. Hester, Robert Higgins, How-

# Thanks to Fun Day volunteers

Rodeo

Dear Editor

As entertainment chairman for annual Merkel Chamber of

At a time when most peoples chedules and burigets are stretched about as far as they can be, its people who will still help our community celebrate the 4th of

Thank you to Pam Wellborn, will be sponsoring a trail ride July Don Dudley, the Country Kin 11th from Novice to the Coleman K. W. Wright at 695-2951 or L. J. Band (Bill Beddingfield, Barney

Hughes, Ailene Barber Yavonne played the games. Bush) Big Country Prominaders, This is a very big task to ommerce Fun Day, I want to say the St Vincent Dancers, The Con- undertake every year and without big thank you to everyone federacy Band ( Lisa & Rocky lots & lots of help it just wouldn't tributed to the success of McKinney, Jeffrey Wells, Kenny be possible to do. Nance, Donald Ray Clarence, Mr. Frazier, Steve Bland, Larry To-

really wonderful that we have Mule riders set trail ride

Thank you again.

Barnhill, Fate Kinsey, Randy liver) and all the children who

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ine ride will start at 8 a.m. and

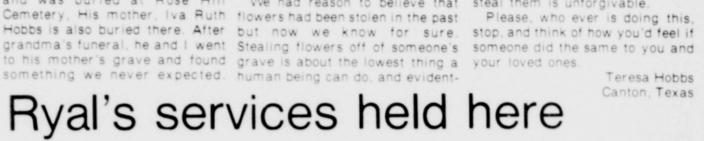
The Big Country Mule Riders riders are asked to bring a lunch. For more information, contact

Gray at 928-5685.



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Marvin Edward Welch, 85, died July 4th at an Abilene nursing an automobile salesman in Has- Opitz of Haskell, Frankie (Mrs. home.

the Revs. Victor Anderson and First Baptist Church here. Paul Bullman officiating, Burial neral Home of Haskell.

Gloria (Mrs. Carl) Wolf of

me was born in Bettie. He was Houston, Ladelle (Mrs. Milbert) kell for several years. He retired Paul) Bullman of Phoenix, Char-Services were held July 7th at from Arrow Ford in Abilene in lotte (Mrs. David) Wilson of Los the Trinity Lutheran Church with 1973. He was a member of the Angeles and Linda (Mrs. Glenn) Thomas of Abilene: two sisters, He is survived by his wife, Ina Mrs. J. W. Mullins and Mrs. G. W. will be in the Willow Cemetery Mae Welch of Merkel; two sons Mullins, both of Haskell; a directed by Holden-McCauley Fu- Gerald Welch of Coleman and Sog brother, A. G. Welch Sr. of Welch of Abilene; five daughters, Franklin; 14 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

# Tips on staying cool

beat the heat, and expensive specialist says. energy costs.

conditioner isn't always the best remarks. way to try to keep cool, though it's often the easiest. A little effort in thing to do.

"Air conditioners remove heat and moisture from a room, and blow it outside. Closing windows, doors and fireplace dampers tightly, and cutting long steamy showers will help the air conditioner run more efficiently." she says.

To save on air conditioning costs, the specialist suggests turning up the thermostat a few degrees. The savings from this small sacrifice can add up over a long, hot summer

"Fails are regaining their popularity," says Owens. "Ceiling fans and portable fans circulate air around the room and often make a room feel much cooler than it actually is. They can effectively cool a room or a home. and are less expensive to run than air conditioners."

whole house, or attic, fans widely used before the invention of air conditioning, and are making a comeback. They are mounted in the attic, to pull outside air through windows and exhaust it through the attic. An attic fan increases air circulation through the house, and carries out built-up heat, but shouldn't be run simaltaneosuly with an air conditioner." says the specialist. "Cutting back on the use of

major appliances will help too. appliances, especially water

doesn't have to be as difficult as it off a lot of heat, which works help. So can using light colored sounds. There are many ways to against any cooling efforts," the shingles on the roof. These efforts

"Little things like closing Dr. Peggy Owens, a housing shades and draperies to keep out through the ceiling. Extra inspecialist with the Texas A & M direct sunlight, and turning off sulation in the attic also is a good University Agricultural Extension unnecessary lights will also make idea. Service says "Turning up the air for a cooler home," Owens Owens adds, "Check the air-

trees which will shade not only the cooling costs.

Trying to stay cool this summer heaters, dryers, and ovens, give windows, but the whole house can will keep the attic cooler and less heat will get into the house

conditioners periodically and Owens suggests long term cool- make sure to clean the filters ing plans for those who are really Keeping the units running efother areas may be the coolest cost conscious. Planting large ficiently is the key to controlling

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won that event

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# CAPITOL JOURNAL

#### STEVEN A. CARRIKER House of Representatives

money from the Texas Depart-

ment of Agriculture's marketing

program and transfer it to TDA

statistics operations. As I told the

House in opposing the plan

farmers do not need any more

statistics telling the how quickly

The House took the first step to avoid closing our state's public schools, as the Legislature is finally making headway on the state budget. The House last week forwarded to the Senate both a spending plan and a tax bill to fund it. The \$38.4 billion state budget adequately funds basic state services without excessive spending. The final face of the tax measure will be shaped to a great extent by the Senate, while the House spending plan should remain largely intact.

In trimming state spending, the House voted to eliminate the Texas Commission of the Arts. The move was requested by 91 percent of my constituents responding to the questionnaire at the beginning of the regular session. A portion of the funds previously used for the Arts Commission were transferred to deal with the child abuse problem in Texas.

In the frenzy of trying to package a spending plan, some create jobs and diversify its legislators get out of hand. One Republican proposed to take

they are going out of businessfarmers need markets. The House saw the folly of trading markets for paperwork, voting with me to preserve the TDA marketing funds In another attack, the Republicans sought to dismantle vocational education. This ill-conceived mistake also failed, as every Democrat in the House voted to keep vocational education. The Democrat unity left the Republicans standing alone in opposition to a vital education program. In the current economic

especially crucial to have productive educational programs which train our youth in practical and marketable job skills. Vocational education is one of the economy.

condition of our state, it is

#### UGSA benefit dance Friday

A mid-summer dance will be held Friday from 8 until midnight at the First United Methodist Church Gym for area students in grades 6-12.

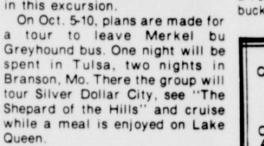
land Fit-N-Firm hosting cheerleader camp

per couple. Proceeds from the dance will be If you have thought how nice it stars to the tournament in Mid- Mother Nature puts on her fall

Fit N Firm Fitness Center will 7-14 and will be held each week

information

fee to the first class.



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If you are interested there are used to help send the UGSA all would be to visit the Ozarks when still a few places left and deposits are being taken now to assure you couple resides at 3520 Burke Road show, then you may be interested a reservation. Call Mildred Star- in Pasadena. The bride is employ-

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# Carey-Gorton repeat vows in recent local ceremony

Debra Ann Carey and Randal Radio and Speedometer in Hous-Adam Gorton were married May tor 23 in the First Baptist Church.

are the bride's parents. The Science Degree and is presently bridegroom is the son of Mr. & attending the University of Hous-Mrs. Harry Allen Gorton of Deer ton College of Pharmacy. The Park.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride for a full length dress of white lace and satin and hand sewn pearls with a chapel train and a three layered veil of illusion with a headpiece of pearls and orange blossoms.

Daina Wright of Abilene was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were the bride's sisters, Janet Rogers, Janice Phillips and Cathy Hillin. Flower girl was Alana Clason, niece of the groom. All the bridal attendants wore tea length dresses of red taffeta and lace.

Burkland of Deer Park. His ate, 9 associate and 87 master's groomsmen were Tommy Wayne degree recipients. Pelteir of Irving, Matt Simpson of Bonham, Kent Deshazo of Deer White Church donation Park.

The candlelighters and ushers were Clay Carey of Merkel, Gorton of Mobile, Ala., brother of memory of Cody Culp Redden. the groom

Wedding music was provided by Sandy Davis and Amy and Micheal McCoy.

The reception was held in the church reception area. The bridal table was attended by Leah Moon of Deer Park and Karen Gorton, sister of the groom, of Deer Park. The groom's table was hosted by Kimberly and Staci Deike of Winters

After a trip to the Bahamas, the ed by the City of Pasadena and the groom is employed by Austin

The bride graduated from Cisco Mr. & Mrs. Wilton W. Carey Junior College with an Associated groom attended Kilgore Junior College, Cisco Junior College and Angelo State University.

The rehersal dinner was hosted by the groom's parents at Pug & Leo's

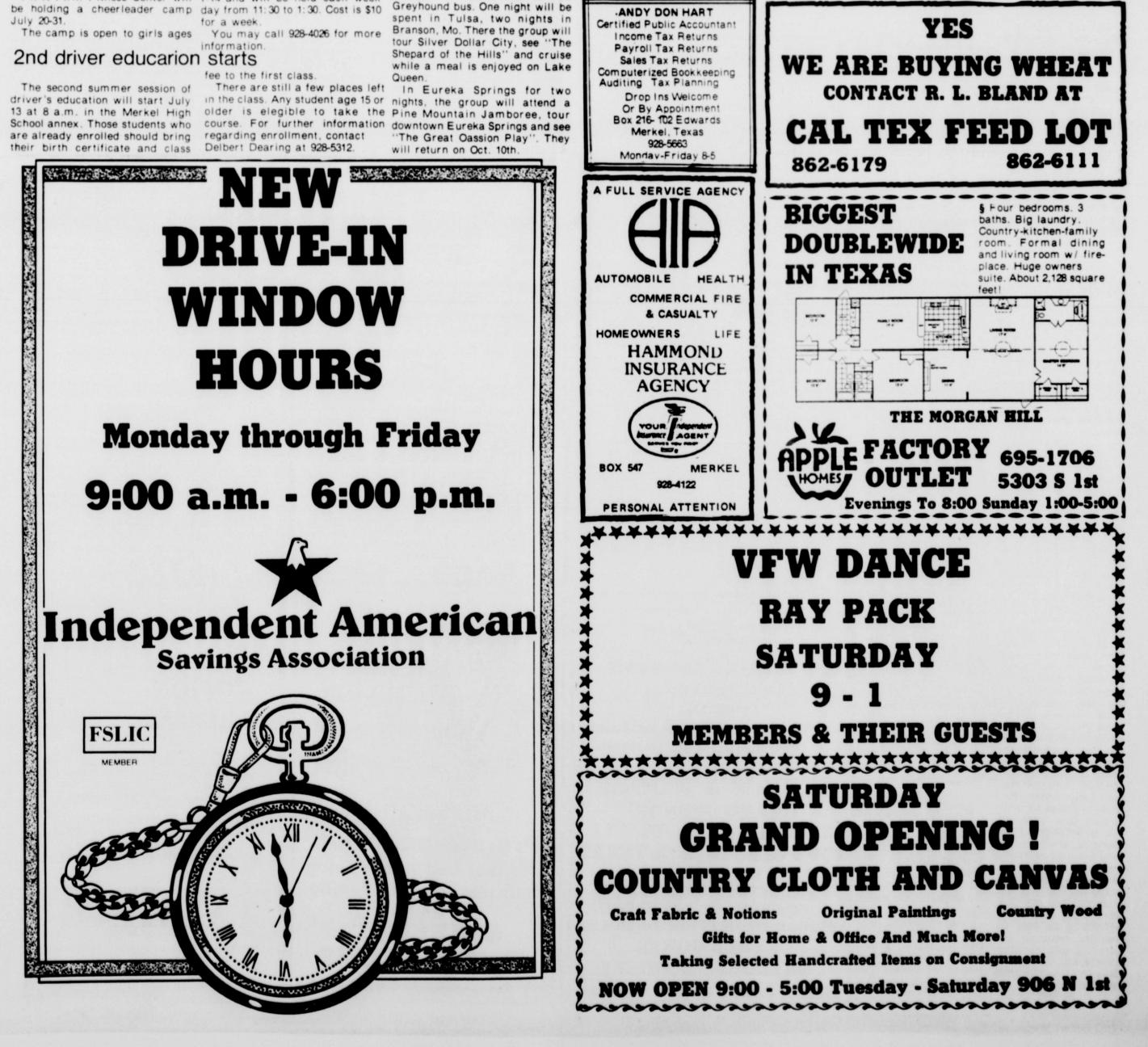
Allen is ACU graduate

Elizabeth Ann Allen of Rt 3 Merkel, was one of 640 students to receive degrees during commencement ceremonies May 9th at Abilene Christian University.

Allen received an AS degree in Word Processing. Among the The groom's best man was Mike graduates were 544 baccalaure-

The White Church Cemetery Association has received a donabrother of the bride, and Scott tion from Mrs. F. D. Wyatt in





Mr. & Mrs. Randal Gorton

Admission is \$2 per person or \$3 Ozark fall tour planned

# buck at 928-4712 for details.

#### FUH SALE

Golf cart for sale, like new \$1,095. Call Bobby Pierson 928-5847 24-TFC

danas, buckles, etc. Western Store I-20 West, come by 207 Orange.

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For Sale: 2 standard Now Open: J L's size mattresses, 1 spring Small Engine Repair. in fair condition. 1 new Open most evenings Uniroyal tire size P from 7-10 p.m. Owner 235/ 75R 15. Call 928-5602 Jeffrey Wells. July 28-1tp

#### For Sale: Mattress & parts Tune ups up to 5 box springs. Hand pain- H.P. Briggs & Stratton ted China. Will do sew- \$17.96. Most other wing for the public. Call brands \$18.95. Includes 928-4895.

#### 28-11p

For Sale: King size water bed 928-5696. 28-11p

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Good clean top soil.
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septics and drives,
backhoe work, cleanups
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#### Call 928-5534. 12-TFC

For Sale: double oven electric range \$175. ranch oak double bed frame \$50, 2 double bed mattress sets \$25-\$45. Washing machine \$25 toy box with shelves \$5 paneling, floor tile, sewcall 928-4559.

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#### 28-11p

#### MISC.

Found: black female chow with hair trimmed black male lab-setter cross wearing Pasadena Texas tags; male adult border collie; also have free kittens. Merkel Vet Clinic 928-5235.

All types of building & remodeling. Concrete work done. Call 673-5393

For Watkins Products cail Larry or Martha Sue Justice at 928-5217. 25-TFC

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25-TFC sonable rates call 862-Equal Housing Oppur-28-1tp tunity

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homes. Rents start at 25-TFC \$185 and \$200 is the highest rent. Mobile CASH for used airhome lots for rent near conditioners, any type, school \$50 per month any condition. Amerine West end of \$ 7th. Call Mechanical 928-4876. 928-4973 17-TFC 23-TFC

> at night. 27-2tp



#### Ads pay

For Sale: 3 bedroom Huge multi-family ga-11/2 bath, all brick, all rage sale, mens largeladies small clothes, weelectric, home near school. Central heat and sterns, paperbacks, encentral air in the middle cyclopedias, dishes, Miof two lots, ask for ckey Mouse telephone, Dorothy 698-4484 or 695- jewelry, guppies, ferrets, cocker spaniels, misc. galore. FM 1235 N For Sale: Two bed- & Wimberly Road. Sat-

room, bath, washer-dry- urday only. er connections, cellar. 28-11p storage shed. \$7,000. 692-Garage sale: Corner of S 2nd & Lois. Thurs-Austin stone house for day & Friday 9-5. sale at 308 Rose in 28-11p Merkel. Call 928-5921 or Garage Sale: Friday 10-TFC

& Saturday- starts at 10 a.m. at 906 Oak 28-11p

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Back porch garage
sale: Friday & Saturday
only at 8th & Cherry
North of the County
Barn.
       28-11c
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Yard Sale at 409 Manchester: stereo, clothes of all sizes. Lots of misc. 28-1tc

Carport sale at 407 Ash Friday & Saturday 8-6: girls bike, swing set, B&w tv, trombone, clarinet, clothes & misc items.

#### 28-11p

3 family garage sale at 410 Yucca Friday & Saturday 8:30 until ? Little bit of everything. 28-11p 4 family yard sale Saturday No sales before 8 a.m.; 2 mud grip

28-1tc

Abilene, Texas 79604 hutch, tables & chairs, 915-677-6291 lots of misc. Friday & State Bar No. 06908200 Saturday behind the Sr ATTORNEY FOR THE Citizens building. Hazel ESTATE Pack. 28-11c-43 CARDS OF THANKS

P. O. Box 360

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INCORPORATION

is at 3202 Woodhollow

Dated June 8, 1987

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County of Taylor

Court of Dallas County,

NOTICE IS HEREBY

Garage sale: lots of

antiques, flower pots,

We would like to thank everyone who was so that Finale's, whose nice to us during the loss principal business office of our loved one. For the food, flowers, Circle, Abilene, Taylor cards and for caring. We County, Texas, has bewill be ever grateful come incorporated on for your friendship and March 27, 1987, without prayers. May God bless a change of firm name. all of you. The Family of

The Anson volun teer Fire Department would like to express their appreciation to the Merkel Volunteer Fire Department for their help with a grass fire on GIVEN That by virtue

Raymond Miller

July 5th. PUBLIC NOTICES

of the 22nd day of May, NOTICE TO 1987, by Writ of Exe-CREDITORS cution of said Dallas - Notice is hereby given County Court of Law for that original Letters Testamentary for the Esthe sum of Twenty Six Thousand One Hundred tate of DOYLE PRE-Twenty Two and 75/ 100 STON HERNDON, De-Dollars and costs of suit. ceased, were issued or June 8, 1987, in Docke under a, Judgement, in favor of W.F.G. BREM-No. 17.614, pending ir SON, INC. in a certain the County Court of cause in said Court. No Taylor County, Texas cc-85-9152-B and styled to: ROSANNA TAYLOR W.F.G. BREMSON, INC HERNDON. The resi-SUCCESSOR IN INdence of ROSANA TAY-TEREST TO BREMSON LOR HERNDON is in Taylor County, Texas. PHOTO INDUSTRIES vs. WILLIAM D.

of Execution, I will sell for County. above described Real for each, to the highest bidder, as the property of said William D. Bunch, THIS SALF Notice is hereby given

#### How People Use **Personal Computers**

Michael Kelley of Longwood, Fla., tells this story: "One day, as we prepared to visit my bedridden mother. our 7-year-old daughter announced, 'I want to do something special for Nana." Sherry Smith "Preoccupied, we didn't Karen Johnson notice her going into the room

About 20 minutes later, she emerged holding a banner with two doves of peace and the words, I LOVE YOU THE STATE OF TEXAS NANA-KIRSTEN. We were amazed she could use a comof a certain Writ of Execution issued out of source of loving comfort for \$6X10, 10X10, 10X15. the Honorable County Kirsten's Nana. That anecdote appeared in



10X 20, and 10X 30's. You! ock it, you keep the key. a unique advertisement by \$\$15 deposit, low monthly Apple Computer in a recent Apple Computer Digest Merkel 928-4336. Trates, 701 Cherry Street Apple is paying readers \$250 for similar stories sent to Living and Learning, P.O. Box





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Texas: and levied upon WILL BE FOR CASH as the property of Wil- ONLY: SALE WILL BE liam D. Bunch and that HELD AT 10:00 A.M. on the First Tuesday in And in compliance August 1987, the same with law. I give this being the 4th day of said notice by publication. month at the Court in the English Lang-House door of Taylor uage, once a week for County, in the City of three consecutive weeks Abilene, Texas, between immediately preceeding the hours of ten a.m. said day of sale, in The and 4 p.m., by virtue of Merkel Mail, a newssaid levy and said Writ paper published in Tay-Witness my hand, this Estate at public vendue. 22nd day of June, 1987.

John W. Middleton Sheriff, Taylor County, Texas by Eddie Swanson, Deputy

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# Save-the-Family-Farm Act will do what it claims

#### By Jim Hightower Texas Agriculture Commissioner

The Save-the-Family-Farm Act is the one farm proposal before Congress that will do exactly what its name says --save America's family farm system.

Drafted in dozens of grassroots rural forums across the country, the Save-the-Family-Farm Act is sponsored by Senator Tom Harkin (D-IA) and Congressman Richard Gephardt (D-MO).

Specifically, the Save-the-Family-Farm Act is the one option offered to Congress that could help Texas farmers start earning a profit again, according to a study recently released by Texas A&M University. A&M's policy analysts found that the Save-the-Family-Farm Act would do the most to increase farm prices and profits at the same time it would drastically cut taxpayer subsidies. (See charts.)

Of the 640,000 full-time commercial farmers that remain in the U.S., about 120,000 are predicted to be put out of business before this bill can help them. Another 160,000 are on the brink of broke, but this Act would save at least 44,000 of them immediately, and the debt restructuring provisions would let another 120,000 work their way back to financial health during the next 10 vears

#### Taxpayer Relief

By selling America's farm commodities in the marketplace instead of to the government's warehouses, our legislation zeroes out the humongous sums that taxpayers have been forced to pay in the form of crop subsidies to farmers, conglomerates and syndicates. Our supply-management approach would eliminate all crop subsidy payments to farmers, saving taxpavers \$18 billion in its first year, and \$22 billion thereafter. Under this Act the only taxpayer outlays are for Food for Peace purchases, a conservation reserve and a disaster reserve.

#### **Debt Restructuring**

In addition to providing a significant tax savings, the Act defuses a massive 'debt bomb' that is set to go off in our agricultural economy. The debt owed by American farmers is a staggering \$205 billion -- more than the combined debts of Mexico and Brazil. Under current farm policy, at least one-fourth of that debt (\$66 billion) cannot be repaid, precipitating either a massive federal bailout of farm lenders or causing a default of crash proportions



The Save-the-Family-Farm Act now before Congress was developed during dozens of farmers' meetings held around the country, like this one held last year in St. Louis, Missouri. Here, Texas Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower addressed the crowd of more than 2,000 farmers who came from 40 states to the gathering.

Eating this debt, either by public or private institutions, will result in an estimated increase in consumer interest rates of two to 2.5 percent. By preventing default on more than half of the \$66 billion in otherwise unrecoverable farm debt, the Save-the-Family-Farm Act also softens this major blow to consumers.

#### **Falling Farm Prices**

Of course, someone has to pay the true cost of America's food production. Since 1981, farmers have been forced to pay by receiving ever-lower prices that have fallen well beneath their breakeven costs. In these last six years, the farmers' share of U.S. food expenditures has fallen \$18.8 billion (with inflation removed), even though consumer expenditures have risen by 30 percent. Consumers have been paying more and farmers getting less. It's as simple as that

Since 1981, farmers have seen their wheat prices fall from \$4.21 per bushel to \$2.42 -- a 42 percent drop. Yet in that time, a box of Wheaties has gone from \$1.04 to \$1.41 -- a 36 percent increase. In the manufacture of many food items, conglomerates can hold prices down on the farm and up on the shelf, pocketing the difference. The majority of consumers have accepted this practice without major outcry because the price increases have been modest but steady

tures, have declined from 20 percent in your benefits) 1980 to 15 percent in 1986.

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#### Sharing the Cost

competitive family farmers producing our food, their share of the consumer's food expenditure must at least allow them to break even. The Save-the-Family-Farm Act achieves this goal by reestablishing a fair price floor at a costof-production level for several of our basic commodities.

This floor will pump farm-saving income directly from the marketplace to thousands of family farmers, and it will produce either no increase, or a very modest increase, in consumer prices. For example, going back to the 1981 price the farmer received for wheat would increase the value of wheat in a box of Wheaties by only 1.5 cents. Since General Mills has already raised the price of Wheaties by 37 cents a box in the last six years, it can certainly afford to absorb that 1.5-cent increase now.

### Tips on dealing with Social Security

Chances are, you or a famil member will contact Social Security in the near future: A teenager needs a Social Security card; someone applies for monthly retirement, disability, or survivors check; an older indivisual wants to discuss the effect of part-time work on his or her benefits.

Visiting any government office can be trying. There may be long waits and forms to complete. Then, there's the nuisance of finding a parking spot and possibly another visit if you forgot something. Here's how to avoid some of these problems. Use the phone! Most Social

Security business (including applying for benefits) can be handled by the phone. Look in the telephone directory under "Social Security Administration" or "U.S. Government." The number for the Abilene office is 698-1360.

Time your contacts. The best and least busy time to contact Social Security are generally the last half of each day, week and month. There are times, however when you should get in touch with Social Security as quickly as possible (such as reporting a and because food costs, as a percent of change of address, work activity overall personal consumption expendi- or other event that may affect

Find out what you need. If The decline in the farmers' share of you decide to visit with Social food prices which has been imper- Security, call first and find out ceptible to consumers has devastated what information and proofs you American farmers. In Texas, it is need so you can avoid a second causing us to lose about 150 farmers a trip. Evidence required for most claims include: Proof of age and Social Security number for each If our society is to have a structure applicant; most recent W-2 form of independent, decentralized, or tax return; and possibly marriage, divorce, military or other documents.

If you apply for disablity benefits, you will be asked for names, addresses, and phone numbers for doctors, hospitals,

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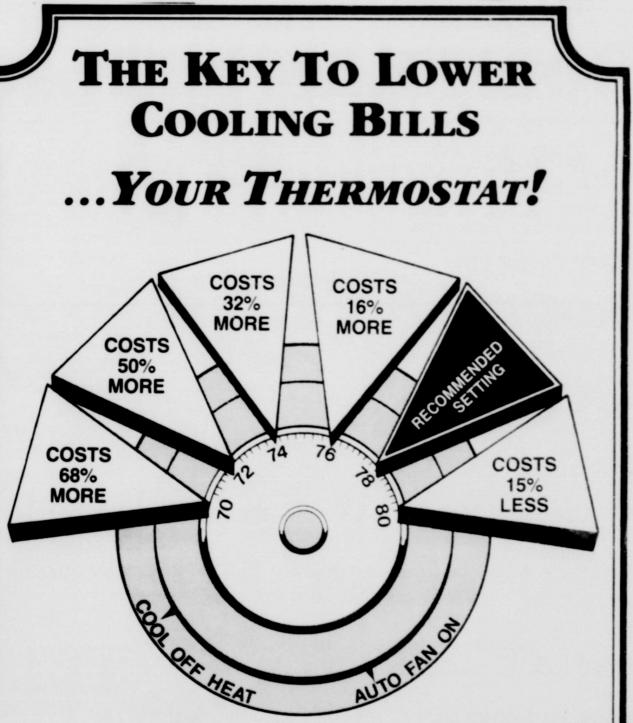
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Ft. Concho will host reunion

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etc. that have treated you and The buffalo soldiers will return union in San Angelo July 30-Ausite of last year's reunion.

Staff photo





### **RAISE YOUR THERMOSTAT SETTING TO LOWER YOUR COOLING BILLS**

WEST TEXAS UTILITIES COMPANY

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You can lower your cooling bill up to 50% by raising the temperature in your home from 72° to 78°. West Texas Utilities recommends that you set your thermostat at 78° or higher for efficient summer cooling. Portable fans or ceiling fans can help the higher thermostat settings feel more comfortable

Also, check the filter in your air conditioning system regularly. A dirty filter could keep your system from operating as efficiently as possible. Clean permanent filters according to manufacturer's instructions, and replace nonpermanent filters.

For more conservation tips on summer cooling, call your local WTU office.

