

The Merkel Mail

Our 99th year

Thursday, December 10, 1987 . . . Merkel, Texas

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Christmas parade is Saturday

The Merkel Chamber of Commerce has a couple of holiday events planned.

Saturday, the annual Christmas parade will be held at 2 p.m.

The following cash prizes will be awarded for first place in each category: Float \$50, Car \$35, Horseman \$25 and marcher, bicycle, and other vehicles \$15. If you would like more information concerning the parade, contact Martha Sue Justice. The parade will start at 2 p.m.

Photos of your child with Santa

Clubs will be taken at Main Street Department Store after the parade. Santa will be in the parade and will have candy for local children.

A community sing-a-long will be held Dec. 17th at the lot across from Starbuck Furniture on North 2nd Street.

A community choir will be singing Christmas songs and the public is invited to attend.

PTO spends funds

The Merkel Parent-Teachers Organization for Merkel Elementary School voted Monday night to spend \$2,500 to help establish a computer lab at the elementary school and an additional \$425 to help start a "beginning band" program.

The "band" program will consist of recorders (also called tonettes). The group also voted to spend \$800 to pay for three lectures from author John Erickson, author of Hank the Cowdog.

Two programs will be presented for Elementary students and one program will be given at night for the community.

The group also established a special needs fund that will pay for prescription drugs and emergency medical needs for local needy students. That fund was established with \$500.

The final PTO Christmas program for students in grades 3-5 will be held Dec. 14th at 7 p.m. at the school auditorium.



§ Kyle Whisenhunt (left) and Jana Beasley had the seats of

honor at the Merkel Elementary PTO Program Monday night. Staff photo

WTU rates go up

Residential customers of West Texas Utilities Company will pay about 16 percent more for the electricity as a result of a rate increase granted by the Public Utility Commission of Texas.

The Commission approved an increase of about \$28.5 million annually, which amounts to a 12.9 percent average. The Company had filed last May for a \$50.4 million rate increase, which would have been a 23 percent increase.

Under the Commission's final order, the typical residential customer would see their bill increase by about \$7.24, or from \$43.96 to \$51.19. This is an average between the summer and winter differentials. The new summer

rate will raise residential bills by 15.7 percent, while the winter rate will raise bills by 17.4 percent.

The new rates are scheduled to go into effect Dec. 22. The rates will be prorated, so that all customers will be treated equally no matter what time of the month their meters are read.

The rate increase, which had been sought to help pay for WTU's new Oklahoma Power Station, was accepted by Company officials as "fairly reasonable."

"Although we didn't get everything we needed, the results are acceptable," a Company spokesman said. As of now, it appears that another rate increase won't be necessary before the early or mid nineteen nineties.

Middle School band program planned

The Merkel Middle School Band will be presenting a Christmas concert Dec. 15th at 7 p.m. in the school auditorium.

Refreshments will be available at the concert as Band Boosters are trying to raise money to send the Merkel High Band to a contest in Nashville this spring.

Mulberry Canyon fire group will meet

The Mulberry Canyon Volunteer Fire Department will be holding a Christmas Party for the fire truck Dec. 15th at 7 p.m.

The party will include a short business meeting and refreshments. Those attending are asked to bring presents for the truck (shovels, hoes, rakes, brooms).

Memberships in the Mulberry Canyon Fire Department are \$25 per year and are due Jan. 1st.

The group is asking members to keep their dues current and remind Canyon residents that without your help, there is no Volunteer Fire Department.

MISD will discuss special education

The Merkel ISD Administrators and Special Education Personnel will hold an Advisory Committee meeting in the Conference Room at the Administration Building, 3rd & Ash Street, to review the

special education needs and programs of the Merkel & Tye schools. Interested parties are invited to attend the meeting set for 2 p.m., Dec. 14th.

Parade, Christmas, cooking . . . more

by Cloy A. Richards

The annual Chamber of Commerce Christmas parade is Saturday at 2 p.m.

Santa will be on hand and will be available for photos at Main Street Department Store following the parade. If you would like to enter in the parade, show up at 2 p.m. near the Ben Franklin Store and get in line. The Chamber will be awarding \$160 in cash prizes.

Also, Dec. 17th, the Chamber will be sponsoring a Community Sing-A-Long as a community choir made up of local church choir members will lead the singing. That will be held in the lot across from Starbuck's starting at 7:30 p.m.

The Merkel PTO will be holding their annual Christmas program for students in grades 3-5 Monday at 7 p.m. at the school auditorium.

The Merkel Middle School Band will give a Christmas concert Dec. 8th, also at the auditorium. There's a lot of Christmas happenings in town.

We did not have a boys basketball report this week, but the Badgers lost to Archer City by one in the Graham tournament. Archer City is a perennial final four team in Class AA. The reason we did not have a report is that coach Johnny Hampton was sick Monday and Tuesday and I was unable to interview him. I don't know if the one point loss had anything to do with his illness.

Quite a few local homes are brightly lit in the holiday spirit. Take a drive around and see some of the decorations your friends and neighbors have put up in the holiday spirit.

Lady Badgers take consolation trophy in Graham

The Lady Badgers went 2-2 last week in basketball games, including a district opening loss to Wylie and winning the consolation trophy at the Possum Kingdom Tournament in Graham.

The girls started off the week with a 40-34 loss to the defending district champion Wylie Bulldogs. The girls led throughout the game and then went cold in the final quarter, hitting only 25 percent of their field goals and free throws in the final quarter, while Wylie hit all of their free throws and shot 57 percent from the field.

Michele Dudley led the Lady Badgers in scoring with 12 in that game. Girls coach Jan Whisenhunt told *The Mail* Monday "We had the game won and let it slip away. We followed our game plan and they beat us with outside shooting. I thought we started very well. The girls were playing with a lot of intensity and we just didn't keep that up in the fourth quarter when we need it. It was a loss that hurt us real bad."

In the opening round of the Possum Kingdom Tournament, the girls were defeated by Archer City 35-30. Teresa Lucas led with 14 points and leading scorer, Carolyn Lally was hurt in that game and is on crutches this week. Coach Whisenhunt said "They had a 6'2" girl and she played well. We started off great and had them 9-0 and then we had a couple of turnovers and they caught up and we had a hard time settling down after that. They also outrebounced us."

In the second game, the Lady Badgers looked good by beating Breckenridge 36-22. Lucas led with 16 while Amber Whisenhunt had 10. Coach Whisenhunt said the Breckenridge game was the best all-around game her team has

played so far this season. She said they played real well and I was very pleased. They looked for their offensive options and played good defense. We had only beaten them by one point earlier this year and they just played a great ball game. We have looked good in spurts this year but this was a great effort.

In the consolation game, the Lady Badgers had no trouble dispatching Iowa Park 58-30. Whisenhunt led the way with 17 and Lucas added 11. Coach Whisenhunt said "They were a fundamentally weak team and we did a good job of rebounding on both ends of the court. Amber had her best game of the year."

The Lady Badgers are 4-3 on the young season.

This week, the Lady Badgers hosted Eastland Tuesday night and will play in the Cross Timbers Tournament in Stephenville be-

ginning Thursday at 10 a.m. On Dec. 15th, the girls travel to

against Brock. Win or lose, they Ballinger for their second district



§ The Lady Badger basketball team poses with their consolation trophy they won last week at the Graham. The girls are 4-3 on the season. Photo by Darlene Cummings

Local gins nearing 10,000 bale mark as '87 cotton harvest continues

The two local gins are nearing the 10,000 bale mark as the cotton harvest continues.

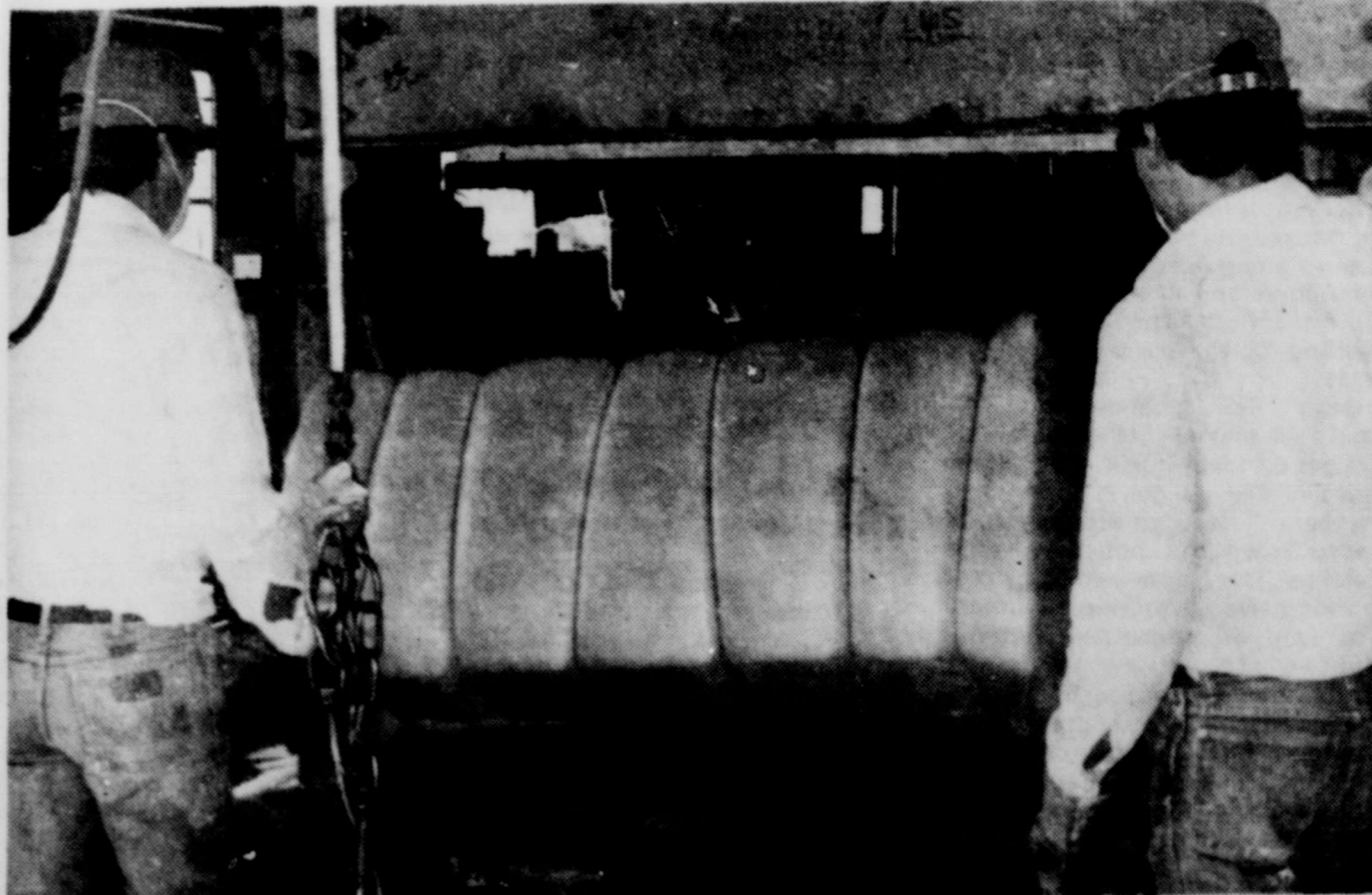
At the Farmers Co-Op Gin here, 4,500 bales had been ginned as of Tuesday according to gin manager Bennett Massey. He said they were hoping to be through by

January 1st. He said the quality of cotton still in the fields that grade cards on cotton were still showing good quality lint.

He said the price had dropped a little and said they had a few minor problems with the gin but

that it was running great.

Over at the Trent gin, 5,000 bales have been ginned and they hope to be through ginning by January 1st. They reported the gin was running good and both gins said they had about 1,000 bales on the yard waiting to be processed.



§ Another bale is finished at the Trent Gin Tuesday. Staff photo

Hunter's Insight

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by Josh Amerine

Everyone who hunted last weekend probably ran into the same problem I did: the moon was so bright that it encouraged the deer to feed at night and limited daytime activity. The thing I noticed was the relative lack of success for the stand hunters. Many of them reported seeing no deer or just yearlings. Of course, deer do not evaporate when they are not seen; they are just bedded in places that allow the deer to feel secure as possible. The only alternative for the hunter is to go in and jump the deer out. This is not a bad tactic provided the terrain offers canyons or Mesquite flats with clear hills in between. The idea is to walk the canyons and spook the deer out, taking them as they run up the sides of the canyon.

I have been noticing some problems other hunters have been having over the season that I would like to discuss. The first is

not being a stand hunter, and striking an animal a bullet has often not thoroughly completed its course. This weekend, a hunter fired at a doe, the bullet fragmented and broke a front leg on a doe standing to the rear of the first. The hunter had a very difficult time following up this doe and was fortunate to prevent its escape. The situation could have been disastrous had the second deer been an unseen cow, horse or other hunter. The second problem I have noticed is the inability or unwillingness of some hunters to allow for wind drift in the bullet's path. Even a light cross wind can make a substantial difference in impact. For example, the old stand by 30-06 can drift three feet over the course of a 300 yard shot in a thirty mile per hour wind. These conditions are not uncommon in the field. It is necessary for a conscientious hunter to be aware of such conditions to avoid causing needless pain or loss to the game animal. A very well planned and

executed shot will provide the clean kill that the quarry is deserving of.

I. B. Barnhill Jr. of Merkel



Nine year old Cody Minze of Merkel killed his first deer this season. He also killed his first turkey that same day. Cody worked during the summer learning how to fire a rifle preparing for his first buck. He is the son of Ricky and Cecilia Minze of Merkel.

Collier holds down post for THS

59. Sr. Post Tammy Collier has made the all district team every year. She's been on the court for the Lady Rillas. She was 1st team her junior year, 2nd team her sophomore year and honorable mention as a freshman.

"I like to post position," said Tammy. "By playing post, I am always around to help out the others and I'm in the best position for rebounding on the court. My idea of a perfect game is to make 80 percent from the field and free throw line, cut down on my fouls, play good defense and get lots of rebounds."

Basketball is not Tammy's only sport. She is a four year letterman in tennis, qualified for regionals her sophomore and junior years in doubles and was a regional

player for the THS track team in the state playoffs. Other school activities include being the Senior Class Secretary, treasurer, cheerleader her junior year and a member her senior year.

My individual goals are to make the all district team but the team comes first. Our goals for the year are to go as far as we can. We would love to make the playoffs that would be great," said Tammy.

She plans to attend Western Texas College in Snyder for her LVN license and continue her nursing education at Hendricks Nursing School in Abilene in her quest for her RN license.

She lives in Trent with her mother and father, Lucy and Willie has a sister, Sandy.

by W. E. Dulaney

TISD lunch menu

The following is the TISD breakfast and lunch menu:

Dec. 14: juice, cereal, milk; chicken fried steak, corn, fried okra, chocolate cake, rolls, tea or milk.

Dec. 15: juice, biscuits & sausage, jelly, milk; spaghetti/meat sauce, salad, english peas, apple crisps, garlic bread.

Dec. 16: juice, donuts, milk; tacos, pinto beans, spanish rice, jello/fruit.

Dec. 17: juice, cinnamon rolls, milk; turkey & dressing, creamed potatoes, green beans, cherry cobbler, rolls.

Dec. 18: juice, oatmeal, milk; barbecue on bun, french fries, mixed fruit, cookies.

Trent basketball news

The Rotan Yellowhammers came to Trent last Tuesday to play the Rillas and Lady Rillas. The Rillas were winners 44-39 but the Lady Rillas took their 1st defeat of the season 49-40.

In the girls game, the 'Hammers outscored the Lady Rillas 18-5 in the 3rd quarter to break open a close game. The Lady Rilla played Rotan even in the first quarter behind strong efforts from Tammy Collier and Luci Masonheimer and were down 13-12 at the end of the quarter.

Collier continued her strong play in the second quarter to score 6 of her game high 17 points. But Rotan, behind the play of Cathy Jones, outscored the Lady Rillas 12-10 to take a 25-22 halftime lead.

The fateful third quarter was all Rotan and Shanna Bennett, Lynette McOwen and Jones gave Rotan a 42-27 lead. Despite Rotan's 18-5 margin in the 3rd, Collier continued her strong play leading the Lady Rillas with 3 points.

Trent outscored Rotan 13-6 in the final quarter to make the final 49-40. Collier again led the Lady Rillas with 4 but her efforts were not enough as Trent fell to 1-3 on the young season.

In the boys game, Trent jumped out to a 12-5 lead in the 1st quarter, fell behind 37-28 at the end of three quarters before rallying to beat the Yellowhammers to up their record to 4-0 on the season.

The first quarter Lee Hunt led the Rillas in scoring with 5. This quarter gave the fans an idea of how the game was going to be with Trent scoring four from the charity line. On the night, Trent scored 14 of their 44 from the free-throw line.

Rotan began their comeback in the second quarter outscoring Trent 18-12 behind Willard Roddy's 8 points to pull within one at the half.

Trent went ice-cold in the third quarter and Rotan took advantage, outscoring Trent 14-4 to pull out a 37-28 lead.

The final quarter Trent came rolling back, outscoring the Yellowhammers 16-2 to take the victory at 44-39. In this quarter, the Massey brothers, Brian and Jason, along with Mike Payne dominated the 'Hammers combining for 14 and completely shutting down the 'Hammer offense.

Coach Ed Donahue told The Mail "We played real well tonight. We got on them quick, they came out cold and we got a good jump on them. They came back on us because we did not play good defense. Our man-to-man is not working. We are fouling too much. We want an aggressive defense but we are getting too many 'silly' fouls. Our fourth quarter comeback was tremendous. I told the men not to get down and show poise and we did. I was real proud of Lewis Knapp, he showed a lot of hustle on defense."

In Friday's action, the Lady Rillas ran their record to 4-1 with an impressive 59-42 whipping of the Sweetwater Freshmen. Renee Gibson led with 15 despite missing parts of the 3rd and 4th quarter

with foul trouble. Tammy Collier and Ginger Massey also had hot hands contributing 11 and 10 points to the Trent victory.

"We played well," said Coach Robbie Shugart. "We could have beaten them worse, everybody got to play. I was impressed by the Heath girl from Sweetwater. She was an outstanding player and kept them in the game. We got some good team play and our defense and fast break worked well but we need to work on our defensive rebounding."

The Trent basketball teams played Roby in Trent Tuesday and will be playing in the Highland Tournament starting Thursday (today) against Sterling City.

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Merkel High names honor students

The following is the All A Honor Roll for the second six weeks of school:

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Also, Kenneth Jowers, Steve Leverich, Dusty McLeod, Sheri Miles, Kenny Nault, Pam Neff, Ginger Neill, Kim Richards, Glynn Ann Rutledge, Manie Swin-

ney, Karen Tilley, Krista Toombs, Diem Tran, Phuong Thao Tran, Miley Vaughn, Diem Tran, Tommy White, Shelly White, Twyla Wilburn, Judy Williams, Michael Widdall.

The following is the A-B Honor Roll for the second six weeks of school:

Mark Aldrete, Irene Alvarez, Eric Ascencio, Stephani Ashorn, Michelle Branett, Doug Bauer, Jamie Beasley, Dayna Bentley, Chris Biera, David Biera, Trey Bird, Angie Boggs, Ava Bohannon, David Chavira.

Also, Doug Clemmer, Kyle Coker, Amy Coleman, Jimmy Collier, Melanie Damme, Jennifer Davis, Shelle Doan, Lisa Don-

ald, Toby Dupont, Brandy Smith, Todd Smith, Tracy Steverson, Kenneth Fickle, Jennifer Ficus, Marjean Flowers, Scott Graham, Melissa Harris, Besty Hellams.

Also, Caren Hendrix, Allen Isam, Tina Johnson, Tina Johnson, Sean Jeamon, Teresa Lusk, Shon Marshall, Jamie McClintock, Shawn Melton, David Miller, Shawn Miller, Ann Minor, Christi Moore, Melissa Morris, Keith Munden, Karina Neith, Neil Newman, Shane Pietzsch, Kevin Pilling, Bri Pursley, Lupe Quintero, Shondell Reneau, Anja Reyna, Kevin Riney, Tony Roberts, Gary Ross, Melissa Roys, Cheryl Rucker, Jenny Schlinder, Ted Szymore, Cole Sisco, Penny

Tye elementary honor students

The following is the Tye Elementary Honor Roll for the 2nd six weeks:

First Grade All A: Bruce Bernstein, Jamie Davis, Brandon Law, Jessica Massey, Sloan Adams, Amanda Copeland, Jason Dane, Anita Prado, Kristin Snowden, Lane Spicer, Amber Vickers, Stephanie Finch, Wendy Jones, Jessica Paterson.

First Grade A-B: Jenny Tehrani, Michael Anderson, Jessica Mendez, Michael Seaton.

Second Grade: John Cargile, Shara Day, Maggie Quintanilla, Billy Joe Jensen, Christi Molina, Alice Sheffield, Chris Wilder. Second Grade A-B: Jennifer Mendez, Ben Prado, Angela Webb, Janis Williamson, Stacy Day, Oaulk Gohlmann, Josh Greer, Deanna Knapp, Katrina Noland, Domingo O'Con, Timothy Pierson, Carrie Young.

Third Grade All A: Rebecca Killam, Terra Searcey, Tiffany Snowden, Aaron Cade, Shannon Harris, Bandi Kilpatrick, Ruthie Scoville.

Third Grade A-B: Micaela Alcantar, Wendy Finch, Christopher Harris, Kimberly Lowery,

Christi Massey, Michael McClure, Crissy Wright, Bobby Votaw, Nelda Biles, Nichole Jacobs, Randy Jennings, Josh Podrovitz, Robby Sanchez, Anthony Williamson.

Fifth Grade All A: Jessica Cade, Kellie Edwards, Crystal Gayle, Marijke Holmes, Jennifer Anderson, Heather Davis, Brad

Locke, Melissa Podrovitz, Colby Sheffield, Brandi Wilson.

Fifth Grade A-B: Donna Boulton, Tomas Newman, Marquita Shank, Anita Smith, Larry Sommers, George Votaw, Mandy Workman, Joseph Biles, Joe Casillo, Billy Furman, Naomi Hoover, Jill Jennings, Michael Tucker.

Funeral services were held Dec. 4th at the Merkel Church of Christ with Larry Gill, former pastor, officiating. Burial followed at the Bluff Creek Cemetery near the Shep community.

Born April 14, 1903 in Shep, he was a farmer there for many years. He was a member of the Merkel Church of Christ.

He was the son of James and Starr Nursing Home volunteers' bake sale set

The Volunteers and staff of Starr Nursing Home will be holding a bake sale in front of the

Tennessee (Tennie) Lewellen Ewing.

He had married the former Sallie Weber Dec. 6, 1949.

He is survived by his wife of Merkel, a son, C. A. of Seattle; a daughter, Fena Gladden of Merkel; four grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a sister, Eula Breder.

Pallbearers were O. R. Gladden, Estes Sanders, Jerry Russell, Benny Rogers, Roy Emfinger and Waymon Adcock.

Ben Franklin Store here Saturday starting at 9 a.m. and ending when items are sold out.

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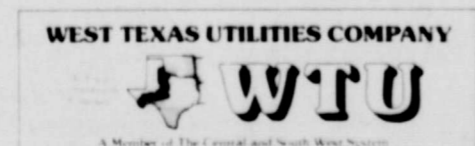
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Alcoholics Anonymous an Al-Anon closed meetings are Tuesday & Thursday at 7 p.m. at Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church.

Handy man. Try me, I may be able to help. All types of clean up jobs, trash, garage, small repair jobs. For any job around the house, inside or out, call 928-3373. 44-5tp

Overeaters Anonymous meetings will be held at the Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church annex each Tuesday at 5 p.m.

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Would like to do housekeeping. Please call 928-4586. 33-TFC

Sticks-N-Stones Day Care Center 201 Oak. Open Monday-Friday 6:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. Call 928-4381. 42-TFC

Will do housekeeping & babysitting. Call 928-3865, references available. 50-4tc

For buyer Cowboy Baker will be in Merkel at the Willie Truck Stop every Saturday from 1:30 until 2 p.m. 50-11p

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1,2x 3 bedroom mobile homes. Rents start at \$185 and \$200 is the highest rent. Mobile home lots for rent near school \$50 per month. West end of 5 7th. Call 928-4973. 23-TFC

For sale: 2 story large living room, dining room, kitchen, master bedroom & bath, down stairs, large upstairs, 3 bedrooms, bath, lots of storage room on corner lot, priced to sell. Cyrus Pee, Realtor 928-5613. 20-TFC

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For sale: 14 X 76 1/2 bedroom, 2 bath on 75 X 150 corner lot. Very good condition. 802 Orange \$14,000 Orsborn 928-5032 nights. 50-11p

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For rent: Small 2 bedroom house, kitchen, stove, wall heater, carpet, 1/2 acre shed, chain link fence. Just right for a single person or a couple. Call 928-5164. 50-3tp

For rent: 2 bedroom house, partly furnished, water paid, \$175 per month call 928-5635. 50-2tp

For Rent: 1 bedroom house, unfurnished 702 S 2nd \$150 per month, \$50 deposit. See to appreciate. 50-11c

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CARDS OF THANKS
We would like to say thank you to all our friends and relatives for their telephone calls, cards, visits, flowers & prayers while Vaughn was in the hospital. Dorothy & Vaughn Doan

Garage Sales
Garage Sale: Quilts, lots of household items, heaters, tools, 15" tires, lots of misc. Thursday, Friday & Saturday at 815 Oak. 50-11p

Garage sale: Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church, Friday & Saturday 8:30-5. baby clothes, kids clothes, lots of misc. Also tamales and peanut patties. 50-11p

Garage Sale: Friday & Saturday Christmas & household items, toddler clothes, baby furniture, crib set, toys, much more 7 miles NE of Merkel on FM 1235 at black satellite dish. 50-11p

Large garage sale at the Old Sadler Clinic: Furniture, dishes, antiques, lots of pocketbooks, and misc. Friday & Saturday 9 until 2. 50-11p

Garage Sale: Thursday & Friday 1209 S 2nd 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Also, mesquite firewood for sale \$45 a cord. Call 928-5559. 50-11p

Garage sale: Misc items & clothing (some new) Friday 9-4 at 107 Kent. 50-11p

Mini garage sale: weather permitting: electric shaver \$5, cordless iron \$10, mens & ladies watches, small size jeans & jackets (size 5-6), Christmas decorations, odds & ends. Ring door bell Mrs. Laverne Moore 1406 Sunset 8 until noon Friday only. 50-11p

Garage sale: 1412 N 6th, Thursday & Friday. 50-11c

PUBLIC NOTICES

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 42 DISTRICT COURT OF TAYLOR COUNTY, of the 9th day of OCTOBER, 1987, by WRIT OF EXECUTION of said 42nd DISTRICT COURT for the sum of ONE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED TWENTY & 26/100 Dollars and costs of suit, under a JUDGMENT, in favor of BROCK OPERATING in a certain cause in said Court, No 40-443-A and styled BROCK OPERATING vs WESLEY HOWARD, placed in my hands for service, I, JOHN W MIDDLETON as Sheriff of TAYLOR COUNTY, Texas, did on the 18th day of NOVEMBER 1987, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in TAYLOR COUNTY, TEXAS, described as follows, to-wit: ALL UNDIVIDED WORKING INTEREST BEING 0.24 PER CENT BEING 158.3 ACRES OF LAND OUT OF THE EAST SIDE OF THE A. L. VAIL SURVEY NO 427, ABSTRACT 414 TAYLOR COUNTY, TEXAS IN SO FAR AS IT COVERS THE PRORATION UNIT FOR THE JACOBS 1 A WELL BEING LOCATED 330 FEET FROM THE EAST LINE AND 1841 FEET FROM THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID A. L. VAIL SURVEY NO. 427, and levied upon as the property of WESLEY HOWARD and that on the first Tuesday in JANUARY, 1988, the same being the 5th day of said month at the Court House door of TAYLOR COUNTY, in the CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., by virtue of said levy and said ORDER OF SALE I will sell, said above

said day of sale, in The Merkel Mail, a newspaper published in TAYLOR COUNTY.

Witness my hand, this the 19th day of NOVEMBER, 1987. JOHN W MIDDLETON Sheriff, TAYLOR COUNTY, TEXAS by Eddie Swanson, Deputy 48-3tc-100

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That by virtue of a certain ORDER OF SALE issued out of the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County, of the 23rd day of November 1987, by ORDER OF SALE of said 42nd District Court for the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Four Hundred Thirty Two & 62/100 Dollars and costs of suit, under a Judgement, in favor of First National Bank & Trust in Great Bend in a certain cause in said Court, No. 40,514-A and styled FIRST NATIONAL BANK & TRUST IN GREAT BEND vs MARY KAY HERRMAN, GERALD HERRMAN, LEROY HERRMAN et al, placed in my hands for service, I, JOHN W MIDDLETON, as Sheriff of TAYLOR County, Texas, did on the 25th day of November, 1987, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Taylor County, Texas described as follows, to-wit: LOT 8 IN BLOCK EIGHT (8) SAYLES BOULEVARD ESTATES, AN ADDITION TO THE CITY OF ABILENE, TAYLOR COUNTY, TEXAS PROPERTY LOCATION: 3673 GRAND AVENUE, ABILENE, TEXAS and levied upon as the property of MARY KAY HERRMAN, GERALD HERRMAN, LEROY HERRMAN, et al, and that on the first Tuesday in January, 1988, the same being the 5th day of said month at the Court House door of Taylor County, in the city of Abilene, Texas, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., by virtue of said levy and said ORDER OF SALE I will sell, said above

described Real Estate at public vendue, for each to the highest bidder, as the property of said MARY KAY HERRMAN, GERALD HERRMAN, LEROY HERRMAN et al.

SALE WILL BE HELD AT 10:30 A.M. 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.

Witness my hand, this the 27th day of November, 1987. John W. Middleton Sheriff, Taylor County, Texas by Eddie Swanson, Deputy 49-3tc-97

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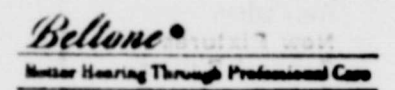
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p.m. at Taylor Electric's Meeting Room.

The auctioneer for the event will be Don Dudley.

Proceeds will help pay the Scout Hut's winter utilities and other community services.

They held a regular meeting Nov. 17th in the home of Janet McKeehan. Plans were made for the annual craft and bake sale and the club discussed other business.

A program on crafts was presented by Jerrye Carey.

Refreshments were served to Janet McKeehan, Kim Robertson, Rodin Hicks, Cindy Beaver and Jerrye Carey.

Local Brownie news

Local Brownie Troop # 276 began celebrating Thanksgiving by presenting a program at Starr Nursing Home here Nov. 25th.

The girls began the program by reciting the Brownie Promise and singing the Brownie Smile Song. They also sang the Thanksgiving Hymn with Janet Ballard

playing the piano. The group made posters showing what they were thankful for. The program ended with a Thanksgiving Prayer given by Brandi Bryan.

Members attending were Diane Pack, leader, Martelli Sanders, asst. leader, Brandy Ascencio, Brandi Bryan, Tamra Helmer, Christina McCarty, Amy Pack, Julie Sanders and Monetta Teague.

Pecan winners

Lonnie Beard and Truett Thompson of Merkel had winning entries in the Abilene Pecan Show.

Lonnie was 1st in the Burkett division in the Stuart Division while Truett was 1st in the Delma division.

There were 77 entries in the show.

John's Bowl Pick

The following is John Starbuck's Bowl Pick of the Week

California Bowl

Eastern Michigan 16- San Jose State 25 (Coach Jim Harkema and his Hurricanes of Eastern Michigan square off against a team who has the third best defense in the nation against the rush as well as the second best offensive leader in the nation, Mr. Mike Perez).

For the week 3 wins 0 losses. End of Regular season 39 wins, 24 losses and three ties.

I wish to congratulate Tim Brown of Notre Dame on being this year's recipient of the Heisman Trophy.

MISD lunch menu

The following is the MISD lunch menu:

Dec. 10: fried chicken with cream gravy, creamed potatoes, french green beans, sliced peaches.

Dec. 11: Hamburgers, fries and all the trimmings, fig bars.

Dec. 14: Salisbury steak with brown gravy, macaroni & tomatoes, english peas, rice krispie bars.

Dec. 15: Lasagne, corn, lettuce wedges with choice of dressing, chocolate peanut clusters.

Dec. 16: turkey with dressing, sweet potatoes, green beans, biglet gravy, fruit salad.

Dec. 17: grilled cheese sandwiches, vegetable beef soup, cherry cobbler.

Dec. 18: chili dogs with mustard, baked beans, combination salad and choice of dressing, applesauce cakes.

Stephans' new son

Kim & Jane Stephans are proud to announce the newest addition to their family, Ricky Duane who was born at 2:15 p.m. Dec. 1, 1987 at Humana Hospital in Abilene.

He weighed 7 pounds, 1 ounce and was 20 inches long. He has a big brother Brandon who was also proud to have him home.

Dickerson's 50th

Mr. & Mrs. O. W. Dickerson of Merkel will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday.

They will be honored with a reception hosted by their family from 1 until 3 p.m.

The couple was married Dec. 24, 1937 in Trent.

Friends and family are welcomed to attend and no gifts are requested or expected.

TISD tax rate compared to area schools

The Trent Independent School District tax rate of .996 per \$100 appraisal ranks 13th in area schools of the same relative size according to an article in the Sunday edition of the **Abilene Reporter News**.

The lowest school tax rate in the Big Country is Jayton's .2940 while the highest is Goree in Knox County with a 1.585 tax rate. Area schools that have a higher tax rate than Trent are Novice 1.36, Panther Creek (Mozelle) 1.25, McCaulley 1.25, Rochester 1.23, Weinert 1.209, Lueders-Avoca 1.40, Goree 1.585, Lohn 1.35, Star 1.12, Loraine 1.30, Strawn 1.1993, Gordon 1.185, Hermleigh 1.016, Moran 1.34 and Woodson 1.35.

Area schools that have a lower rate are Gustine .6497, Sidney .70, Paint Rock .69, Huckaby .88, Lingville .83, Three Way .6093, Rule .98, Jayton .294, Benjamin .98, Mullin and Priddy .727, Westbrook .60, Blackwell .859 and Ira .8763.

The reason for Jayton's .24 tax rate is the Mobil Oil Company, which has drilled numerous oil wells pumping tax dollars into Kent County, of which Jayton is the County Seat.

The reason for Goree's high tax rate is the unfortunate farm crisis which has caused Goree farmers to go out of business eroding the local tax base.

Average rates for the Big Country is 89.9 cents per \$100 value or 10.4 cents below Trent's .996 tax rate.

by W. E. Dulaney

Former Snyder mayor

to oppose Carriker

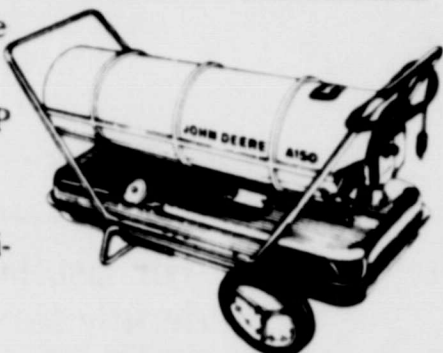
Rod Waller, 56, who has served Snyder through two terms as a city council member and two terms as mayor, announced last week that he will be a candidate for the Republican nomination for the state representative seat for District 78.

The 78th District seat is now held by Steve Carriker (D-Roby), who began his term in 1983.

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MERKEL & TRENT BASKETBALL

MERKEL HIGH SCHOOL

- Dec. 10: 11th Varsity Boys and Girls at the Cross Timbers Tournament in Stephenville
- § Dec. 10 & 11th JV Boys and Girls in the Colorado City JV Tournament
- § Dec. 15: JV and Varsity girls at Ballinger
- § Dec. 15: JV and Varsity Boys host Breckenridge
- § Dec. 14: 9th grade girls host Sweetwater
- § MERKEL JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL
- Dec. 10 7th and 8th B girls at Abilene Jefferson
- § Dec. 14: 7th and 8th grade girls host Sweetwater
- Dec. 17: 7th and 8th Boys and Girls B teams at Abilene Christian

TRENT HIGH SCHOOL

- Dec. 10-12 Girls and boys at the Highland Tournament
- Dec. 18 Boys and Girls at Hermleigh
- TRENT JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL
- Dec. 14: Boys and girls host Highland

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