

The Merkel Mail

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Badgers take district crown; will face Breckenridge Friday

The Merkel Badgers are the district SAAA champs and will play Breckenridge Friday at 7:30 p.m. at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene.

The Badgers won the district title last Friday as they beat Ballinger 46-39 in Ballinger to finish the district season with a perfect 12-0 record. The Badgers will enter the state playoffs for the first time in 11 years.

Merkel and Breckenridge have met twice this season with both teams winning on their home court. Breckenridge won the first meeting 45-41 while the Badgers won the second contest 50-37.

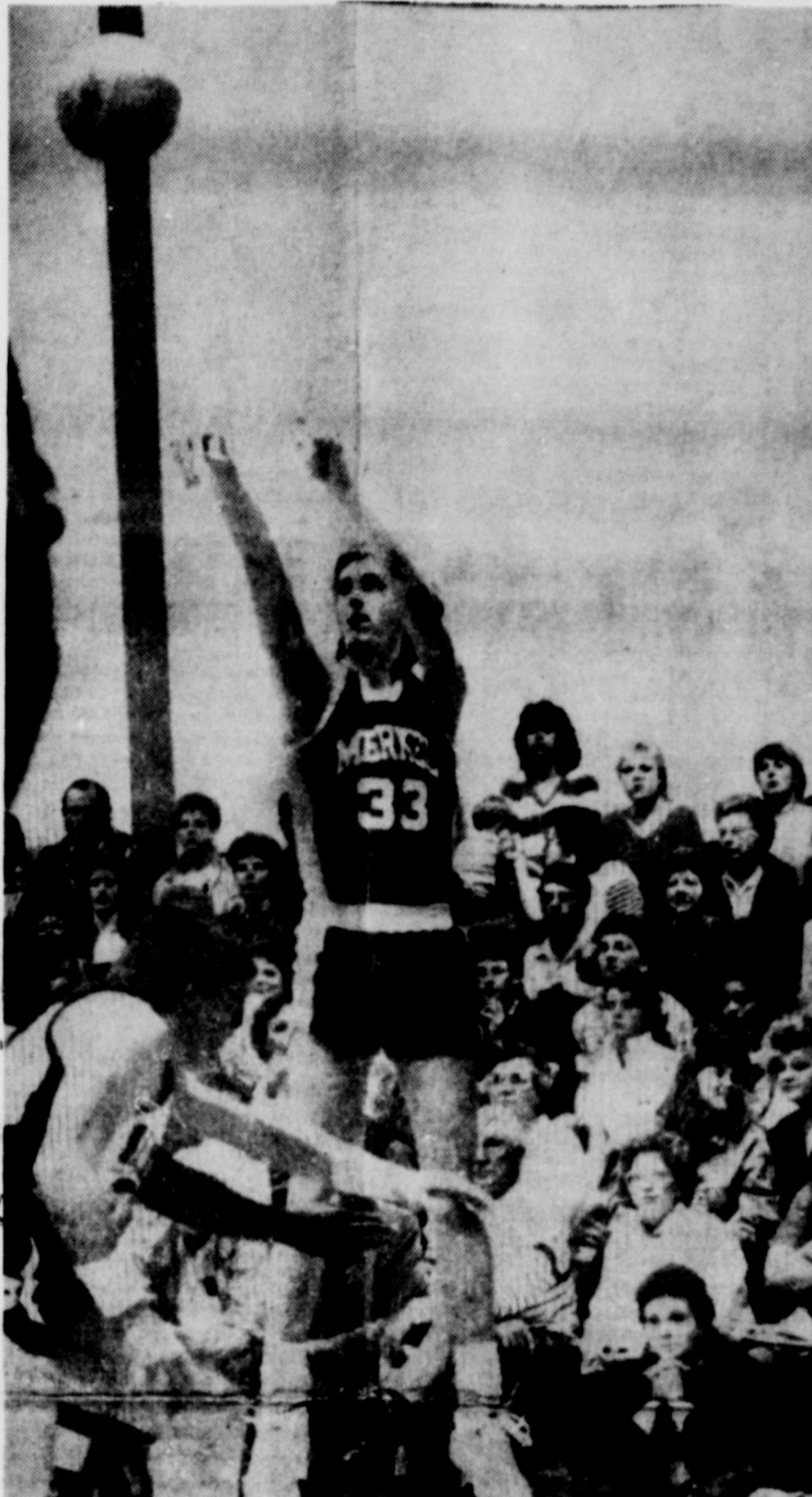
In the Ballinger game, Ted Seymore led the way with 14. Monty Griffin hit three-three pointers for 9 while Lynn Hays and Kenneth Jowers each added 8. Shayne Newberry scored six points while Britt Pursley added a bucket.

Badger head coach Johnny Hampton

told THE MAIL "It was a good game, real intense and real crowded. I thought we played a good second half because of the defense. We changed defensive assignments at halftime and we played better."

The state playoffs are a single elimination from here on in. Ballinger will be playing Decatur Thursday in Cisco while the Badgers and Breckenridge square off Friday night. A Badger win will put them in the area game and the Badgers will probably take on Marlin, the state's second ranked team and that game will be played next Tuesday either in Brownwood or Stephenville. Coach Hampton traveled to Marlin Monday night to scout their contest with Rosebud-Lott, which Marlin won easily.

If the Badgers win the area contest they will be playing in the regional tournament next weekend in Lubbock.



Ted Seymore (33) led the way with 14 points as the Badgers downed Ballinger 46-39 to take the district championship. The Badgers ended district play with a 12-0 record. (Staff photo)

Board does not extend contracts of Casey, Lepard, names girls track coach

The Merkel school board met last Tuesday in regular session and did not extend the contracts of Merkel High Athletic Director Dick Lepard and Merkel Elementary principal David Casey. Both men have a year remaining on the current contracts.

Following a special meeting Monday night, the board approved the hiring of Joe Goldsmith as Merkel High School girls track coach. That change was not approved at last week's regular meeting.

Goldsmith is the elementary PE teacher here.

In other action at last week's regular meeting, board members heard a financial report from MISD financial director Peggy Gibson. She reported 80.28% of current taxes have been collected. She said that amount was "on target" for this time of the year.

Board members also approved a resolution supporting the Central Tax Authority of Taylor County to enter a lease-purchase arrangement of a building on 340 Hickory Street in Abilene, the CTA's current location.

Board member Gregg Henderson was re-appointed as a member of the Legislative Board of the Texas Association of School Boards.

The board also approved election judges for the May 7th school board election.

Reports from MISD administrative personnel were also heard.

MISD maintenance director Hayden Reeves reported on repairs to Merkel Elementary School following a fire in January.

Tye Elementary school principal Harry Taylor informed the board of his school's plans to observe Texas Public School Week March 7-11. The PTO will be hosting a spaghetti supper at the cafeteria from 7:30 until 8:30 p.m. Admission is \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children.

Taylor said his campus would also be hosting an open house.

Merkel Elementary school principal David Casey gave reports on the recently completed TEAMS testing and an upcoming visit by children's author John Erickson of Hank The Cowdog Fame.

MISD curriculum director David Lavan presented an overview of teacher evaluations and Merkel High principal Robert Dawson and MISD superintendent James Logan reported on a new plan to help students who have problems.

The superintendent suggested a council to be established that would be made up of a representative of each church in the community. The council would be used to help identify and solve problems of students.

The board also approved a plan to add a pay step for all MISD teachers who obtain a master's degree in their teaching field. The superintendent estimated a cost of \$14,000 per year to the district.

Merkel High principal Robert Dawson also reported he had sent in the High School's Honors Program to be evaluated by the state.

The next scheduled meeting of the school board is March 15th at the Merkel High School teacher's work area.

Band concert Saturday

The Merkel High School Band will be holding a benefit concert and "Cow Drop" Contest Saturday starting at 1 p.m. at Badger Stadium.

The "Cow Drop" will be held in conjunction with the concert. The football field will be numbered off in blocks. Tickets to the concert are being sold for \$1. A cow will be turned loose on the football field. The place where the cow "drops" will

be the winning ticket. The winner will receive \$500. The person must present the ticket to win but you don't have to be at the concert Saturday to win.

Tickets are still available and they may be purchased from Jeannie West, Pam Welborn or Betty Coker.

The concert is to help raise money for buses to Nashville. If you have a student in band, please help by purchasing at least 10 tickets.

Trent homes will get numbers

Jedco Designs of Clyde will be placing house numbers on Trent homes this week as a part of the 911 implementation program.

There will be no charge for the service and homeowners may replace the numbers if they choose.

The sign placement has been approved by the city and will take place this week.

Thinning system will make it easier for emergency crews to locate your home in the event of an emergency.

Blair sets annual meeting

The annual meeting of the Blair Water Supply will be held March 7th at 7 p.m. at Taylor Electric Co-Op.

There will be an election of three directors. Those with terms expiring are R. E. Clemmer, Lloyd Gilmore and Arthur Moore. Nominees are: Station 1- Arthur Moore, Robert Malone,

Glenn Bryan; Station 2- R. E. Clemmer, Warren Harris and Don Wilson, Merkel- Lloyd Gilmore, Jack Ferguson, Arthur Stout. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor.

In addition to the business meeting, a drawing will be held for door prizes and refreshments will be served.

Exchange club honors Cannon- Williamson

The Merkel Exchange Club honored Angela Carson and Steve Williams at their regular breakfast Feb. 23rd at Pug & Leo's Restaurant.

Ms. Cannon is the daughter of Jackie and Frances Cannon of Merkel and has been active with the youth group at First Baptist Church for four years, puppet team in the 9th grade, Acteen 4 years, member of the Merkel Fire Department Auxiliary and racing team four years; Food commodity distribution 12th grade and has helped with the vacation Bible school during the summer.

Angela has been involved in band for four years and a member of the UIL Sweepstakes, Outstanding Band and Band Council; Colorguard 9th and 10th grade, National Honor Society 11th and 12th grade, Library Aide 10th and 11th, Bookmarkers Club, student council 12th. She was student of the month in 9th grade; Future Homemakers 9th and 12th; vice-president of projects 12th grade; Who's Who Among American Students and Honor Roll 9th through 12th grade.

Angela plans on attending McMurry College and majoring in Elementary Education. After college, she plans to teach kindergarten.

Steve Williams is the son of Dana and Richard Williams and is president and active in the church youth group. He has been a member of the band for four years and was last chair and all-district; vocational agriculture three years, athletics four years and National Honor Society for two years.

He is president of his Sunday School class at Calvary Baptist Church; vice president of the leadership team in Vocational agriculture.

Students who are seniors at Merkel High School are nominated by faculty members who demonstrate superior qualities of leadership, scholarship, athletic ability and industry. Each month, two students are honored and in May, the Youth of the Year will be named and honored by the Exchange Club. That winner will receive a scholarship and will advance to the district level of competition.



Lynn Hays (21) makes a move on a Ballinger defender in Friday's showdown for the district championship. The Badgers will take on Breckenridge at HSU's gym in Abilene Friday in the bi-district match-up. (Staff photo)



Kenneth Jowers puts up a shot against Ballinger Friday. Merkel's 12-0 record in district play earned the Badgers their first basketball playoff in 11 years. (Staff photo)

Basketball, band, ballots. . . . more

Well, we have at least another week of basketball and although we have known that for a while, the Badgers are entering the playoffs as district SAAA champs. They earned that right by posting a 12-0 record in district play and will face Breckenridge Friday at 7:30 p.m. on the HSU campus in Abilene.

The Badgers have split their two early season games against Breck this season and Friday's game should be a good one. If Badger fans come out like they did last week in Ballinger, we should have a very large crowd at Friday's game.

If the Badgers win Friday night, they will take on Marlin's 28-1 and 2nd in the state ranking next Tuesday either in Brownwood or Stephenville. The winner of that game will advance to the Regional Tournament in Lubbock next weekend.

The Merkel Band Boosters will be holding a concert and a very unusual contest Saturday at Badger Stadium.

The Band Boosters are raising money for the Band to travel to Nashville this spring and things get started at 1 p.m.

Following a short concert, a cow drop contest will be held. As I understand it, the football field will be marked off in blocks and a cow will be turned loose. When the mood hits the cow, that spot will be duly noted and the person holding a ticket to that spot will win \$500. I said it was unusual.

All of you would be politicians now have a chance to sign up for local elections.

Local school and city elections will be held May 7th this year and the sign up period for a spot on the

ballot runs from now until March 23rd.

Congratulations are in order for Ricky Riley as his essay was named the best in the district in the Soil & Water Conservation Contest.

Ricky, an 8th grade student, had the best essay from students in grades 7-12.

The Merkel Chamber of Commerce will be holding its annual membership banquet March 15th at 7:30 p.m. at Heritage Hall.

Entertainment this year will be provided by Abilene magician Lonnie Chevie.

A barbecued brisket meal will be served and tickets are \$7.50 for adults and \$5 for children under 12. It promises to be a good evening.

Filing open for school-city elections

Local filing for the Merkel School Board and the Merkel city council May 7th elections are open. The date for candidates to file started Monday and will run through March 23rd.

Terms for Merkel school board members Lee Yackow and Bill Sloan are expiring and Merkel city council positions belonging to Ted Smith, James McKee and Phillip Dean will also be expiring.

Persons interested in filing for those positions may do so at either City Hall from 7:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. each weekday or at the MISD Central Office from 8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. each weekday.

Trent downed in tune-up game

The Trent 'Rilla boys basketball team traveled to Highland gym Friday night to play the district 17A champions Westbrook in a tune-up for the state playoffs and were beaten 76-75.

The 'Rilla's had a slow start and trailed by eight at halftime. Westbrook came out of the locker-room and promptly went up by 19 going into the final quarter. Trent, led by Mike Payne's 33 points, tried to come back but a last-second shot barely missed the mark. Leading scorer for the Wildcats was Alex Puentes with 25 while Lee Hunt had 15 and Joe Tarin 13 for Trent.

"That was the best comeback of any basketball team I have been associated with," said Trent coach Ed Donahue. "We showed tremendous character and Mike Payne was unconscious, he played fantastic. With a small break here or there we would have won it. After they let us get back into the game, it could have gone either way."

The 'Rilla's will now play the District 21 champion Robert Lee Steers and their 20-5 record in Sweetwater Tuesday night (details unavailable).

by W. E. Dulaney

Trent Lady 'Rilla's end season



Ted Seymore (33) reacts to sinking a free throw late in the Ballinger game last week. The Badgers will face Breckeridge Friday at 7:30 p.m. on the HSU campus in Abilene for the bi-district championship. (Staff photo)

MISD lunch menu

The following is the MISD lunch menu:

Feb. 25: tacos with sauce, pinto beans, lettuce & cheese, pineapple chunks.

Feb. 26: hamburgers, fries and all the trimmings, walk-to-school cookies.

Feb. 29: burritos, buttered corn, lettuce wedges, choice of dressing, cherry cobbler.

March 1: fish nuggets with tartar sauce, black-eyed peas, cole slaw, apple cheese crisp.

March 2: beef tacos with taco sauce, pinto beans, lettuce, tomatoes and cheese, jello with fruit.

March 3: Chicken fried steak with

creamy gravy, green beans, whipped potatoes, sliced peaches.

March 4: hot dogs with chili, fries, vegetable salad, fresh apple wedges.

Two area students Hardin-Simmons University were recently honored by that University.

Paula Casaral of Trent was named to the President's list for having a 4.0 grade point average for the fall semester.

Deborah Keller of Merkel was named to the Dean's list for posting a 3.75 grade point average and she received a \$200 scholarship from the University.

Rachel Metcalf scored 21 points and Karen Smith added 18 to lead the district 21A champion Robert Lee Lady Steers to a 51-31 bi-district victory over the Trent Lady 'Rilla's.

With Hood hitting seven of 8 including two three pointers and Metcalf scoring 15 second half points, coupled with Robert Lee's 71 percent from the field, the Lady 'Rilla's were unable to continue their most successful season since 1978. Coach Robbie Shugart, in her senior season, led the 'Rilla's to a district championship.

The Lady 'Rilla's stayed with Robert Lee in the first half, trailing 21-16. Metcalf & Smith showed a sign of things to come scoring 19 of the 21 Steer points while Rene Gibson and Ginger Massey each had 6 in the half to keep Trent close.

The Lady Steers showed why they are the district champs when they outscored Trent 19-8 in the 3rd quarter. Metcalf & Smith again dominated the Steer scoring combining for 13 of the 19 points while Gibson added four for Trent.

In the final quarter, the Steers outscored Trent 11-7 with Metcalf contributing seven while Massey added four for Trent. The 11-7 fourth quarter brought the final verdict to 51-31 to send Robert Lee on to the area round against Bronco while the Lady 'Rilla's closed their season at 15-8. Leading the way for Trent were Massey with 12 and Gibson with 10.

"It was a good experience for our younger girls," said a disappointed coach Robbie Shugart. "They played hard and I was proud of them, maybe next year we can go further. We lose five seniors (Della Williams, Luci Maschenberger, Tanny Collier, Glenna Clark and Leslie Brazelton) but only Luci and Tanny were starters. We have five freshmen coming in and that will help us. Janet Marshall and Janet Gibson are two potential starters so we should be all right," continued Shugart.

The Lady 'Rilla's had some big moments during the season, including a first place finish in the Trent Invitational and a 3rd place finish in the Highland Tournament. The second game of the season saw one of the most unusual happenings in Big Country basketball this year. Meran came to Trent Gym and the Lady 'Rilla's proceeded to put a shipping on them like they had never seen and when the smoke had cleared it was 49-5 at the half and Meran's coach decided to call it quits, pulling his team off the court and going home.

The next to the last district game for the Lady 'Rilla's saw the Reserve Flowgirls, with their all-state forward Myra Richburg, come to Trent. The first game against Reserve this season was a pleasant experience for Coach Shugart and her team, losing 68-35 but the tables turned

when the Flowgirls came to Trent. Behind a tenacious full court defense led by Rene Gibson and B. J.

Jones scholarship



Sam Jones of Trent is a Weatherford College freshman majoring in communications. He was recently awarded a Doss Scholarship, a music department scholarship and a Nelson Scholarship from the Abilene Women's Club. He is playing the part of Frank in the college musical "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers" March 8-12.

He is a member of Solid Gold and Country Gold musical groups at Weatherford College and is the son of Gerald and Gloria Jones of Trent.

Masons will meet

Merkel Masonic Lodge #710 will be honoring George Washington's birthday in conjunction with the Eastern Star honoring the Masons, Saturday, Feb. 27th at 7 p.m.

The dinner will be a pot luck covered dish with cake and pie for dessert. All Masons, Eastern Star, friends and relatives are encouraged to attend.

Preceptor Eta Omega

The Preceptor Eta Omega Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met Feb. 16th in the home of Blanche Hewitt with Mamie Steek serving as co-hostess.

All standing committees presented reports. President Blanche Hewitt welcomed the guests. The program was given by Mamie Steek on "The Story of Beta Sigma Phi."

Refreshments were served to Opal Garner, Yvonne Sadler, Pat Schaubrecht, Connie Ybarra, Marie Derrick, Margaret McAvinch, Marion Shelton, Annela Richardson, Mamie Steek and Blanche Hewitt.

Pointdexter which held Richburg to six points, and a slow-down offense employed by Coach Shugart, the Lady 'Rilla's gave the powerful Flowgirls all they wanted losing 26-23.

Even though the Lady 'Rilla's lost a game early in the play-offs, it is clear to see why Coach Shugart is confident about next year. Post Rene Gibson, guard Ginger Massey along with forward B. J. Pointdexter will return along with valuable reserves Tina Holstene and Julie Clay. With the addition of junior high stars Janet Marshall and Janet Gibson, the Lady 'Rilla's will be a team to reckon with in next year's hoop action.

This writer would like to congratulate the Lady 'Rilla's and Coach Shugart for a job well done this year. You all brought a lot of good times to Trent Gym.

by W. E. Dulaney

Lady 'Rilla Season Results

Merkel Sophs	51-26
Meran	49-5
Meran	73-11
Botan	40-49
Sawewater Fresh	59-42
Ruby	29-51
Sterling City	52-49
Bronco	30-57
Highland	45-22
Rule	27-38
Sawewater Fresh	47-28
Coahoma J. V.	52-32
Lockers-Avoca	38-52
Rule	27-38
District	Blackwell 57-33
Highland	35-27
Bronco	35-68
Highland	45-38
Bronco	23-26
Blackwell	59-47
Ita	55-39
Bi-District	Robert Lee 31-51

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF LLOYD FAY HOOKER

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of LLOYD FAY HOOKER were issued on February 8, 1988 in Cause No. 17,927, pending in the County Court of Taylor County, Texas, to: ALVA MITM HOOKER and FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF ABILENE.

The residence or principal place of business of such co-executors is Taylor County, Texas.

The post office address is:

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

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Worship... 11:00 AM

Evening Worship... 6:00 PM

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Obituaries

William Witcher

William Audrey Witcher, 80, of Shady Oaks Nursing Home in Abilene, died Feb. 9th in Abilene.

Funeral services were held Feb. 18 at the Starbuck Chapel with Dr. Bob Christian officiating. Burial followed at Rose Hill Cemetery here under the direction of the Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born August 18, 1907 in Fannin County, he was the son of the late J. W. Witcher and Effie B. (Wheeler) Witcher.

He was a Veteran of World War II and was a clerk in the Taylor County Tax office in the 1940s and 50s.

He is survived by two nephews, J. D. Witcher of Abilene and Earl Witcher of Houston.

G. W. Hughes

George William (G. W.) Hughes, 78 of Merkel, died February 19 at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene.

Funeral services were held Feb. 21 at Merkel's First United Methodist Church with John Wagoner, pastor officiating. He was assisted by Wayne Keller. Burial followed at Rose Hill Cemetery here under the direction of the Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born October 14, 1909 in Merkel, he was the son of the late Charles & Isla (Holloway) Hughes.

He married Erma Faye Boyd April 5, 1941 here.

He was a Methodist and was a descendant of a Taylor County pioneer family and was a lifelong resident of Merkel.

He is survived by his wife, Erma Faye Hughes of Merkel; two sisters, Isla Mae Hughes and Lou Ella Hughes, both of Merkel; two brothers-in-

law Wayne Boyd of Wilcox, Ar, John Boyd of Trent; a sister-in-law, Mary Boyd of Trent, as well as several nieces and nephews.

Serving as pallbearers were Jay Boyd, Brooks Boyd, William Boyd, Felix Boyd, Bob Carouthers and James Masonheimer.

Neoma Byrd

Neoma Katherine Byrd, 74 of Merkel, died February 21 at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene.

Funeral services were held February 22nd at the Starbuck Chapel with John Wagoner officiating.

Burial followed at Rose Hill Cemetery here under the direction of the Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born November 8, 1913 in Hodges, she was the daughter of Thomas Earl and Ira Bessie (Hendricks) Byrd.

She was a Methodist. She was a nurse at the Abilene State School for ten years and served as a private duty nurse for homebound patients.

She is survived by a son, Tunny Byrd of Early, a daughter, Katie Cook of Comanche; two brothers, Fatsy Mashburn of Sourry and Marvin Mashburn of Lone Grove, Ok, and five grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Roy Mashburn, Lee Raspberry, J. R. Mashburn, Albert Gregory, Jerry Goode and Bob Gilchrist.

Myron Peterson

Funeral services were held Feb. 13th for Myron P. Peterson, 60, of Elgin who died Feb. 10th in Elgin.

Services were held at the First Methodist Church in Elgin. Burial followed in Pioneer cemetery.

He is survived by his wife, Margarte Newby Peterson of Elgin; two

sons, Steve M. Peterson of Great Bend, Kan and Richard P. Peterson of Liberal, Kan; step daughters Daka Goodwin of Gladewater, Phyllis Cottle of Troup and Pam Newby of Austin; his mother, J. Eloise Peterson of Sioux City, Iowa; four brothers, Kerwin J. Peterson of Denver, Verle Peterson of Riballo, S. D., Irl Peterson of Anahaim, Ca., Leone Peterson of Sioux City, Iowa; two sisters, Iola McMillan of Fayetteville, N. C. and Betty J. Darr of Denver; nine grandchildren.

Arrangements were made under the direction of the Newby Funeral Home.

Dixie Middleton

Dixie H. Middleton, 87, of O'Donnell died Saturday. Memorial services were held at 11 a.m. Feb. 22 at the First Baptist Church in O'Donnell with retired Baptist minister Dr. Frank Beyal officiating. Funeral arrangements were made by the Scholer Gordon Funeral Home of Amarillo.

She was a 34 year resident of Abilene and was a retired sales clerk at Mims Department Store in Abilene. She had lived in O'Donnell for the past 31 years. She married J. T. "Bud" Middleton in 1954. He died in 1961. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in O'Donnell.

She is survived by a sister, Gerylie Weldon of Roswell, N. M.; four nieces, Mrs. Bill J. Farris of Guadalupe, Mexico, Mrs. Ann Carroll of Olesha and Mrs. Edwin May of Waco; a nephew Rufus Grisham of Lubbock.

Francisco Garcia

Francisco Ybarra Garcia, 78 of Merkel, died February 16 at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene.

Funeral services were held February 18 at Our Mother of Mercy Ca-

tholic Church here with Father Frank Zimmermann, Priest, officiating.

Burial followed at Rose Hill Cemetery here under the direction of the Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born October 6, 1909 in Torreon, Mexico, he was the son of Lucio and Fernanda (Ybarra) Garcia.

He was a member of Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church here and had worked for the Texas & Pacific Railroad Company for 15 years.

He is survived by a brother, Reyes Garcia of Mineral Wells; two sisters, Hercolana Ramirez of Robstown and Josephina Rosas of Mineral Wells, an aunt Gregoria Ribera of Merkel, as well as several nieces and nephews.

Serving as pallbearers were Reyes Garcia, Jr., Armando Moreno, Felix Acuna, Pablo Socobedo, Adan Ramirez and Arturo Reyes.

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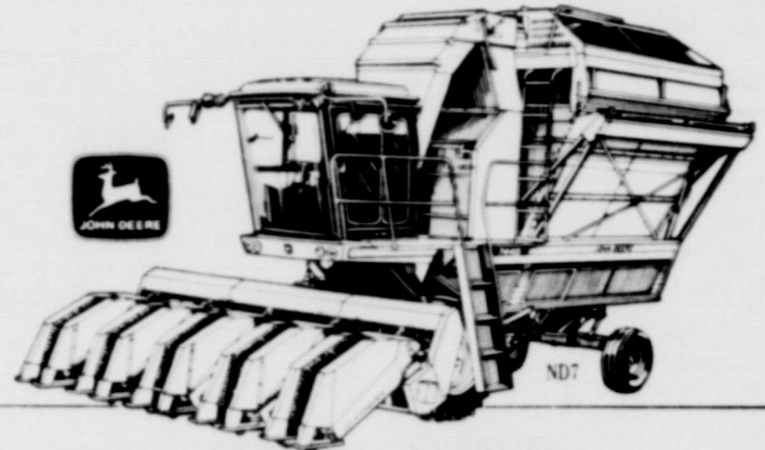
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Itemized deductions changed by IRS

By Ardy Hart, CPA
For tax years after 1986, most miscellaneous itemized deductions are deductible only if they exceed two per cent of your adjusted gross income. The following expenses will fall into this category:

- Professional society dues
- Employment-related expenses
- Office in home expenses
- Expenses of looking for a job
- Professional books and magazines
- Work clothes and uniforms
- Union dues
- Eighty percent of unreimbursed business related meals and entertainment expenses
- Other unreimbursed business expenses such as mileage on vehicle usage
- Safe deposit box rental
- Tax counsel and assistance
- Cost of work related small tools and appliances
- Investment counsel fees
- Investment expenses
- Fees paid for IRA custodian

This change will eliminate some of the tax benefits you have received in the past because you are losing two percent of items you could deduct on the front of the return in the past in some cases.

In 1987, all state and local income tax, real estate tax, and other taxes such as personal property taxes are still 100 percent deductible. State and local sales taxes are no longer deductible.

Beginning in 1987, charitable contributions may only be claimed as an itemized deduction. A donation to a qualified charitable organization can be in the form of cash, property, or out-of-pocket expenses you paid to do volunteer work. You should keep cancelled checks, receipts or other reliable records showing the name of the organization and the date and the amount given.

For tax years beginning after 1986, charitable travel expenses, which include transportation, meals and lodging, may only be deducted if there is no significant element of personal pleasure, recreation, or vacation in the travel. It does not matter whether the taxpayer pays the expenses directly or indirectly through a contribution to the charitable organization, which then pays for those travel expenses.

As required under previous law, taxpayers must still establish that any travel expenses that were deduc-

ted were incurred while performing services for a qualified organization. They must also keep records to

prove the amount of the charitable deduction. Good luck!

Newsbriefs

Essay winners

Ricky Riley, a Merkel Middle School student, was named the Sweepstakes winner in the Soil & Water Conservation Essay contest.

Ricky's essay was judged best of all students, 7th through 12th grade and his essay will now be competing in regional competition.

Susan Holden, a 7th grade student was second in the district competition and Neil Newman was 2nd in the 9th-grade competition.

These students, along with their parents and school principal, will be attending an awards banquet on the ACU campus March 3rd.

Henslee scholarship

Candice Jean Henslee of Merkel has been named to receive a Presidential Scholarship at McMurry College for the coming school year.

Candice will graduate from Merkel High in May and is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. John Henslee of Merkel.

Cannon scholarship

Angela Michelle Cannon of Merkel has been named to receive a Presidential Scholarship at McMurry College for the coming school year.

Angela will graduate from Merkel High in May and is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Jackie Cannon of Merkel.

B Gap fire dance

The second Annual Buffalo Gap Fireman's Ball will be held Saturday in Buffalo Gap at the Cotton Eyed Joe's Club.

All proceeds will go for use by the Buffalo Gap Fire Department.

Providing entertainment for the evening will be Stan Hicks and the Hog Callers.

Everyone is invited and for those who wish, BYOB.

THS essays

Five Trent students had their essays placed in the district competition in the Middle Clear Fork

Soil & Water Conservation District Poster contest which is also sponsored by Taylor Electric Co-Op.

These students will receive their awards at a banquet set for March 3rd at ACU.

Winners are: 7th grade- Britt Sipe- 3rd place; 8th grade Tammy Spraggins- 3rd place; 9th grade, Travis Walker- 1st place; 10th grade Jon Evans- 2nd place; 12th grade Scott O'Kelly- 2nd place.

TISD menu

The following is the TISD breakfast lunch menu:

Feb 29: juice, cereal, milk; steak/fingers, creamed potatoes, gravy, green beans, rolls, chocolate cake.

March 1: juice, donuts, milk; spaghetti, english peas, salad, jello with topping, rolls.

March 2: juice, biscuits & sausage, jelly, milk; beans with beef, baked potatoes, fried okra, banana pudding, rolls.

March 3: juice, cinnamon rolls, milk; pizza, corn, salad, apple crisp.

March 4: juice, oatmeal, milk; hamburgers, french fries, pork & beans, chewy cookies.

Xi Nu Chi meets

The Xi Nu Chi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met February 9th.

Nancy Johnson announced that plans were being made for the Founder's Day Banquet in April with the other chapters of Beta Sigma Phi here.

A program on Valentines was presented by the program committee.

Our 1988 Valentine Sweetheart, Nancy Duncan, was treated to an evening out at Remington's Restaurant in Abilene as a Valentine's gift.

Members enjoying the evening were Nancy Duncan, Mary Hill, Donna Bryan, Minyon Seymore, Sandra Wurst, Anita Allen and Nancy Johnson.

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MISC.

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Alcoholics Anonymous and Anon meetings are Tuesday & Thursday at the New Testament Church in Merkel on S. 5th & Trundy. 8-1tc

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CARDS OF THANKS

I wish to thank everyone for the cards, calls, letters and prayers during the illness and death of our

darling Peter. A very special thank you to the family that came to the funeral. Margaret Newby

Dear Neighbors and Friends: A very big thank you from the bottom of our hearts! A special thank you to all of the people for the wonderful food, cards, visits, calls, prayers and especially the love shown to me and my family since my accident. It's great to live in such a caring town. We love you all. Jeanie West & Family

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 350th District Court of Taylor County, of the 14th day of January, 1988 by Writ of Execution, of said 350th District Court of Taylor County, Texas, for the sum of Eight Thousand One Hundred Eight Dollars & 04/100 Dollars and costs of suit, under a Judgment, in favor of Harry W. Elliott III in a certain cause in said Court, No. 1836-D and styled Harry W. Elliott III vs. Judy Johnson, placed in my hands for service, I John W. Middleton as Sheriff of Taylor County, Texas, did on the 3rd day of February, 1988, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Taylor County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: ALL UNDIVIDED INTEREST OF JUDY JOHNSON: The surface only including any and all improvements to that 10 acres of land out of and part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 36, Block 19, T & P Railroad Company Survey, Taylor County, Texas, and described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point 1250.6 feet South 13 deg. 00' East of the Northeast corner of said Section 36, said point being a 40 d nail in the center of a paved public road, for the Northeast corner of this tract, from which a 3/8" iron rod set in a fence on the West side of the road hrs. South 76 deg. 50' West 34 feet;

THENCE South 13 deg. 11' East along the center of said road 1378 feet to a 40 d nail set on the intersection of the centerline of a public road running West and being the Southeast corner of this tract, from which a corner post hrs. South 76 deg. 50' West 34 feet and North 13 deg. 00' West 20 feet;

THENCE South 76 deg. 50' West 316.1 feet along the center of said road to a point in same, for the Southwest corner of this tract;

THENCE North 13 deg. 00' West at 20 feet pass a 3/8" iron rod set in a fence on the North side of said Road; continue in all 1,378 feet to a 3/8" iron rod set for the Northwest corner

of this tract: THENCE North 76 deg. 50' East at 282.1 feet pass a 3/8" iron rod on the West side of said paved road, continue in all 316.1 feet to the point of beginning and containing 10 acres of land with 1,205 acres being in public roadway.

and levied upon as the property of Judy Johnson, and that on the first Tuesday in April, 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 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., by virtue of said levy and said Writ of Execution, I will sell said above described Real Estate at public vendue, for each, to the highest bidder, as the property of said Judy Johnson.

This sale will be for cash or a Cashier's Check from a Taylor County Bank Only.

SALE WILL BE HELD AT 10:15 A.M. 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 9th day of February, 1988, John W. Middleton Sheriff, Taylor County, Texas by Eddie Swanson, Sr., Deputy 7-3tc

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 350th District Court of Taylor County, Texas, for the sum of Two Thousand Six Hundred Dollars & 30/100 Dollars and costs of suit, under a Judgment, in favor of Eddie Dempsey d/b/a Best Electric in a certain cause in said Court, No. 1972-D and styled Eddie Dempsey d/b/a Best Electric vs. Jay Cockrell Ind. and d/b/a Boekeys Driving Range, placed in my hand for service, I John W. Middleton, as Sheriff of Taylor County, Texas, did on the 22nd day of January, 1988, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Taylor County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: 7 light poles and fixtures 1 1/2 compressor 1 submersible pump and levied upon as the property of Jay Cockrell Ind. & d/b/a Boekeys Driving Range and that on the first Tuesday in April, 1988, same being the 6th day of said month at the Court House door of Taylor County, in the City of Abilene, Texas, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., by virtue of said levy and said Writ of Execution I will sell said above described Real Estate at public vendue, for each, to the highest bidder, as the property

of said Jay Cockrell Ind. & d/b/a Boekeys Driving Range.

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THE CITY OF TYE WILL RECEIVE SEALED, WRITTEN BIDS IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY SECRETARY, P. O. BOX

145, 205 NORTH STREET, TYE, MUNICIPAL BUILDING, TYE, TEXAS UNTIL 3:00 P.M. ON THE 6TH DAY OF MARCH, 1988 FOR A 1988 4 DOOR SEDAN POLICE PACKAGE VEHICLE. BIDS MAY BE SUBMITTED WITH OR WITHOUT THE CONSIDERATION OF TRADE FOR A 1983 FORD LTD (this vehicle may be seen by contacting the Tye Municipal Building Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. (915) 692-8588). SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE 1988 4 DOOR SEDAN POLICE PACKAGE VEHICLE MAY BE OBTAINED AT THE TYE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 205 NORTH ST., TYE, TEXAS. THE CITY OF TYE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND/OR ALL BIDS AND TO AWARD THE BID CONSIDERED THE MOST ADVANTAGEOUS TO THE CITY OF TYE. Mayor City Secretary 8-2tc

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Farm crisis far from over

By Jim Hightower

The good news for American farmers in 1988 is that the farm crisis has officially been declared "over" by the Reagan Administration. The bad news is that their good news is a lie.

With the media's attention riveted on Wall Street, the Administration is trying to spread the propaganda that the 1985 Farm Bill has proven to be a success. That is going to come as a surprise to the 235,000 farmers who have been squeezed out of agriculture as a result of the price-busting, surplus-generating 1985 Farm Bill, and it is going to offer cold comfort to the 130,000 other farmers forecast to go under in 1988.

The Administration bases its rosy assessment of agriculture's prospects on the fact that net farm income rose in 1987 for the first time in years and that the volume of our farm exports increased. That would be happy news except that the small increase in farm income came out of the taxpayer's pocket rather than from a healthy increase in commodity prices, and while export volume went up, the dollar value of those exports went down.

The hard truth is that our nation's farm economy still is a wreck. Last year was not quite as bad as 1986 or 1985, but it certainly is not a year to be celebrating, and 1988 looks even worse. Farmers will know that the farm crisis is "over" when they begin getting a fair market price for their commodities and a warm smile from their bankers.

The 1985 Farm Bill was supposed to accomplish four goals. The Reagan Administration promised that it was going to (1) increase farm income; (2) reduce taxpayer costs; (3) increase agricultural exports; and (4) lower crop surpluses.

Now after two years, we can see that the 1985 Farm Bill has failed miserably on each point. Just consider the following:

• **Net Farm Income** rose by an average of \$500 million between 1985 and 1987. When inflation is removed, that is an increase of less than two percent. Every penny of this very small increase was due to record high taxpayer subsidies, which for many producers must now account for two-thirds of their gross farm income. The prices producers were paid for most of their crops continued to fall, just as they have since 1981, often to only one-half of 1987's actual production expenses.

As bad as these prices were in 1987, they will get even worse in 1988. Under the Budget Reconciliation Act signed recently by President Reagan, target prices this year will drop an additional 1.4 percent on top of the two percent

reduction already mandated by the 1985 Farm Bill.

• **Taxpayer Costs** continued to increase by an additional 27 percent to support these failed farm policies in 1987, when compared with 1985. The projected three-year price tag of the current farm bill is now estimated at over \$68 billion—about \$16 billion more than first estimated. Between 1981-88, this Administration will spend a whopping \$122 billion on failed farm programs, making it the third largest expenditure from the U.S. Treasury behind defense spending and Social Security. This Administration has spent nearly \$50 billion more on its farm programs than the combined total spent for U.S. agriculture in the previous 40 years.

• **U.S. Farm Exports** have declined by about one-third in the last seven years, dropping from \$44 billion in 1981 to \$31 billion in 1985 to \$28 billion last year. The decline between 1985-87 was over 10 percent. Even forecasters at the U.S. Department of Agriculture now predict that the value of U.S. farm exports will decline by two percent in 1988.

• **Crop Surpluses** have not been reduced either, as the amount of U.S. wheat and feedgrains in storage is up by 10 percent over the past two years.

While farm prices have continued to fall, food-processing profits have continued to go through the roof, and the power of the food industry continues to concentrate at a dizzying pace. Five companies now control two-thirds of this country's beef industry, and one of those companies, Cargill, also is one of five multinationals which dominate 80 percent of the world's grain trade. These are the companies that benefit from a farm policy which saw the United States, in 1986, stockpile 250 million tons of unsold

grain. If there is any good news for American farmers for 1988 it is contained in the farm credit rescue package that Congress passed and sent to the President shortly before Christmas.

Riney on Texas Tech President's list

Kelly Lynn Riney of Merkel was named to the President's List at Texas Tech University for posting a 4.0 grade point average for the fall semester.

She is a sophomore majoring in secondary education at Texas Tech.

Garden club holds meeting

The Merkel Garden Club met Feb. 18th at Taylor Electric for their monthly meeting.

A short business meeting was conducted by president Marel Thompson.

Timely garden tips were given by Mary Russon. It is time to plant and prune rose bushes.

The program for the day was "Candy Samples" demonstration on microwave candy making by Linda Caton.

Each member brought their favorite candy recipes and a sample plate. Lenora Wilburn was hostess and Billie Hartley co-hostess.

Members attending were Mrs. Tom Allday, Mrs. Wynette Barkley, Mrs. Peggy Black, Mrs. Albert Criswell, Mrs. Alice King, Mrs. Shirley McHiride, Mrs. Leota Patterson, Mrs. Olga Peachey, Mrs. Hessie Perry, Mrs. Dorothy Ray, Mrs. Becky Rogers, Mrs. Mary Russon, Mrs. Leota Sherrill, Mrs. Marel Thompson, Mrs. Robbie Wilson, Mrs. Joyce Ferguson, Mrs. Billie Hartley. Guests included Mrs. Ruby Hammond, Mrs. Mabel Higgins, Mrs. Gail Ross, Mrs. Donna Eyrse and Mrs. Ruth Cox.

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- No more early releases for violent, repeat offenders. Such criminals will stay in prison until they've done their time.
- Creating "Boot Camps" for non-violent offenders in major metro areas and administered by judges.
- Mandatory sentencing for drug pushers selling to children.
- Emphasize drug and alcohol education programs in public schools.
- Beef up law enforcement and speedier trials.

Grant Jones' position is clear . . . "If a person commits a violent crime or pushes drugs to children in Texas, we want him to know he will be caught, he will be sentenced to prison, and he will serve the sentence he received."

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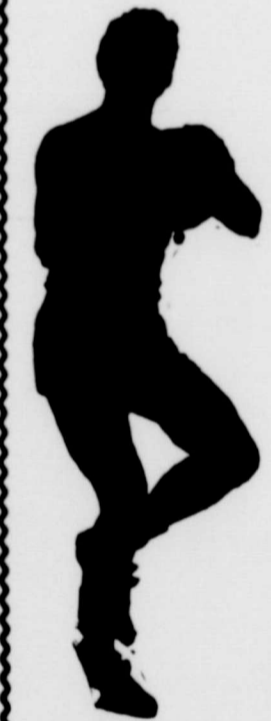
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FRESH TOMATOES LB 59c
RED SEEDLESS SWEET GRAPES LB 79c
FRESH CAULIFLOWER LB 59c
FRESH LETTUCE HEAD 49c
WASH DELICIOUS RED APPLES LB 39c
FRESH CELLO LB CARROTS 2/59c
RUSSET SPUDS 10 LB BAG 99c

OSCAR MAYER FRANKS OR WEINERS 16 OZ PKG \$1.89
OSCAR MAYER BOLOGNA BEEF OR ALL MEAT 12 OZ \$1.39
WRIGHTS BACON SUGAR CURED LB \$1.79

SKINNERS THIN SPAGHETTI 12 OZ BAG 59c

BOUNTY TOWELS JUMBO ROLL 79c

POINSETTA HOMO MILK GAL JUG \$1.89

BORDEN LOWFAT MILK GAL JUG \$1.83

BORDEN SOUR CREAM 16 OZ CRTN 93c

Freezer Pack 1
5 LBS GROUND BEEF
5 LBS PORK CHOPS
5 LBS CHUCK ROAST
5 LBS CHUCK STEAK
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 LBS FRESH FRYERS
TOTAL WEIGHT 20 LBS \$28.98

Freezer Pack 8
5 LBS GROUND CHUCK
5 LBS CUBE STEAK
5 LBS CHUCK STEAK
5 LBS SIRLOIN STEAK
TOTAL WEIGHT 20 LBS \$42.99

CAMPBELLS FOR ONE DISPLAY ONLY SOUP CANS 2 7.5 OZ 69c

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