

# The Merkel Mail

Thursday, April 2, 1987 . . . Merkel, Texas

Our 99th Year

## Local races will be decided Saturday

Merkel, Trent and Tye voters will be asked to choose local school board members, city councilmen, mayors and the fate of a 911 telephone system in Taylor County Saturday in general elections.

Voting booths will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. Saturday.

**County wide 911 Election**  
Taylor County has called for a 911 Emergency Response election April 4th.

Voters in Precinct 24 (Merkel) will vote at the Merkel High Gym, the same place Merkel city and school elections are being held. Voters in precinct 21 (Tye) will

vote at Tye Elementary. Voters in Precinct 27 (Butman area) will vote at the Pioneer Methodist Church and voters in Precinct 25 (Trent) will vote at Trent City Hall.

The special election was called to see if voters want to pay 26 or 27 cents per month on their

telephone bills for the convenience of dialing 911 to contact fire, police or ambulance crews. The calls will be routed by computer to a dispatcher in your area. The calls can be traced.

Members of the Merkel, Trent and Tye volunteer fire departments have expressed support for the approval of the 911 system,

saying response time will be faster and people will no longer have to keep emergency phone numbers handy.

**Merkel School Board Race**  
The MISD trustee race picked up two write-in candidates last week.

Candidates for place 5 are Gary Smith, Gerald Rutledge and Har-

ry Stevens Jr. The write-in candidate is Billy Lucas.

In Place 6, candidates are incumbent Earl Laird and challengers Danny Malone and D. A. Bishop.

In Place 7, candidates are David Seymore, Edgar Graham, Vern Sutterfield Jr., and Earnest Reynolds. The write-in candidate is Farris Neill.

You may no longer vote absentee as that deadline was Tuesday.

**Merkel City Election**

The city races are uncontested. Running for mayor is incumbent Kent Satterwhite. Seeking the two council positions are Juan Ybarra and J. T. Naron. The name of candidate Bobby Windham will appear on the ballot, but he has withdrawn from the race. His employer, WTU, prevents its employees from serving in elected positions.

**Trent City Election**

The city election in Trent is also uncontested. Running for mayor is James Wallis. Running for the two available council seats are Jerry Frank Patterson and Dale Ruth-erford.

**Trent School Board**

Incumbents are seeking reelection. Incumbents are Randy Hunt and Owen O'Kelly. Challengers are Rex Bland, W. L. Massey, W. E. Dulaney, Gerald Jones, and write-in candidate Dick Griffith.

All Trent elections, including the 911 vote, will be held at Trent's City Hall.

**Tye City Election**

In Place 3, incumbent A. J. Pence is being challenged by Larry Storie. Place 1 incumbent Dewitt Isom and Place 5 incumbent Gayland Childers are both running unopposed.

That election, along with the 911 vote and the MISD board race, will all be held at the Tye Elementary school.



Groundbreaking ceremonies were held at the Merkel Church of Christ Sunday. Having the honors were (from left) Joe Gregory, Lou David Allen, Burl McCoy and Jimmy Russell. The new facility will

feature an auditorium that will seat 600 as well as office facilities and 18 classrooms. Sunday's groundbreaking was held in unseasonably cold weather as the afternoon temperature was 27.

Staff photo

### Food distribution is set here Saturday

The City of Merkel will be holding a USDA surplus commodity distribution Saturday at 8:30 a.m. at the Merkel Volunteer Fire Department Station on the corner

of Lamar and North 2nd streets.

People who have filled out applications for the food commodities will be able to participate.

Local volunteers man the food distribution.

### Parenting seminar is here tonight

Merkel Elementary school will be hosting a Positive Parenting Seminar on April 1 & 2.

The first seminar was held Wednesday and the second will be tonight at 7 p.m. at Merkel Elementary.

Bob Utley, M. S. Counselor at Merkel Elementary will be the

host presenter. He holds a Master's Degree from Abilene Christian University in the field of Bible, Family Ministry and counseling.

The seminar is free and open to the public. The seminar is adult oriented and it would be best if children did not attend.

### 4-H will organize local group

The Merkel 4-H Club will have an organizational meeting April 2nd at 7 p.m. in the high school library.

Anyone interested in learning more about the 4-H program in

Taylor County should attend the meeting.

For more information, contact Jeff Howard, county extension agent and 4-H program coordinator at 677-1711.

### EMS sets Cloyd memorial scholarship

The Merkel Emergency Medical Service Association is sponsoring a local scholarship in memory of Donnie Cloyd.

Scholarships will be awarded to students who write and request using the subjects of the purpose of education, community values,

health care needs and the reason for life. The entries may be no more than 2,000 words and must be turned in to the superintendent's office by May 1st.

The high school counselor has the details on the scholarship and application procedures.

## UGSA will register next weekend

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

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

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

In order for this program to work successfully, the group needs a lot of volunteers. The group needs coaches, fund raisers,

concession stand workers, field maintenance, scorekeepers, chaperones and managers. The program is open to all girls in the Merkel, Tye and Trent areas.

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

Interested adults are encouraged to attend.

## Little League registration Saturday

A coaches and managers meeting for the Merkel Little League is being held tonight at 7 p.m. at Taylor Electric.

The league will be holding its registration Saturday from 9 a.m. until Noon at the WTU Building. Registration forms are also

being handed out at local schools and are printed in the paper this week.

Cost for the league is \$15 per child and a maximum of \$25 for a family.

Tryouts for the Little League (Ages 11 & 12) will be held at 7

p.m. April 10th. A registration will begin that night at 6.

The Merkel Little League offers three age divisions. T-Ball is open to children 7 & 8, T-Shirt is open to children 9 & 10 and Little League is open to children 11 & 12. The birthdate is August 1st.

## Elections, more readers, sales . . .

by Cloy A. Richards

This local election has been a lesson for me and hopefully I have learned a few things.

On Saturday, local citizens have the opportunity to the most powerful thing we allow in this country, they can go to a poll and give 'em your best shot.

It's the one glaring difference in our way of doing things.

All local voters will be able to decide Saturday if each telephone subscriber wants to pay 26 cents per month for having the convenience of a 911 dialing system for emergency response crews.

Voters in Tye will be able to choose a city councilman. City voters in Merkel and Trent will be reelecting incumbents, as well as welcoming a few new faces as those races are uncontested.

School district voters in Merkel and Trent will choose who will help run their school systems as all local school board races are contested.

No matter what you have heard, we will be voting at the same places as we do for all city and school elections. Those being different are rural citizens of Taylor County will cast their 911 ballots in their normal county election polling places.

MISD and the Trent school

board all have choices in each election. Three write-in candidates also came on the scene last week with two running in Merkel and one in Trent.

Now, for a couple of personal thoughts in the MISD school board race.

The interesting race will be the Place 6 race as incumbent Earl Laird is seeking reelection. He has two challengers, Danny Malone and D. A. Bishop.

I think all three would agree that Mr. Laird is standing on MISD's record and the two challengers would like to see some changes made. That might be too limited of a description, but that's it in a nutshell.

As far as I can see, the result of that race will tell you how the voters feel things are going at MISD. Notice, I did not say the majority or people. That would depend on the turnout and the margin or percentage breakdown of the votes that are cast.

As far as the 911 election is concerned, I haven't heard that much about it. I have talked to a lot of emergency related 'officials' in Merkel and Abilene, and they are all for it. I haven't had anyone tell me they do not want their phone bill to go up 26 cents per month because of the 911 system.

Yessir, Saturday evening ought to be interesting around here

A few more people are seeing the paper this week as all rural boxholders in Merkel, and Tye received this edition, thanks to the U. S. Postal Service.

We don't want you new readers to get the wrong impression, this edition is quite abnormal for us.

We are renewing our offer for three free classified ads for new subscribers. That almost pays the cost of the \$10 in county subscription price.

There's lots of things going on in the next few weeks, as we get ready to end another school year. We will do our best to keep you posted.

The Merkel High School drill team will be holding a bake sale April 4th (Saturday) starting at 8 a.m. in front of Ben Franklin here. Funds raised will be used to support the drill team and to pay for outfits for their summer camp.

The Exchange Club of Merkel will be holding a donut sale Saturday from 7 a.m. until 11 a.m. April is Child Abuse Prevention Month and money raised through the sales of donuts will be donated to the Noah Project in Abilene.

Cost of the donuts is \$3 per dozen and home delivery is available by calling 928-5249.



DALE HAMMOND

# MISD board hopefuls answer questions

**Editor's Note:** When there are contested Merkel elections, The Mail provides space to the candidates to express their opinions on subjects we select, and are provided space to make comments as you wish. These responses from candidates are being published in the same order they will appear on the MISD ballot Saturday.

We would like to thank the candidates for their responses, as well as for their interest in serving the taxpayers of MISD.

The candidates responded to the following questions:

1. Give the voters some details on your personal background, education, community activities, clubs and organizations you may belong to and other facts you feel are pertinent to your personality.
2. Why are you running for the school board?
3. What are MISD's largest needs?
4. Facility wise, what kind of shape is MISD in?
5. Financially, what kind of shape do you feel MISD is in?
6. What are your opinions on the MISD corporal punishment controversy and how well do you feel MISD handled the controversy?
7. What do you want to see happen during your term on the board, if elected?

Open statement...  
The candidates were asked to limit their responses to 150 words per question.

## Place 5

Gary Smith

1. My wife, Ann, and I, have three children: Shane, Todd and Kriste. I was born and raised in Merkel. I received my education at Merkel schools. I have been involved as a coach or manager of T-Shirt, Little League, and also helped with Pee Wee basketball. My family and I are Booster Club members and try to be involved in all school activities. I am a member of the First United Methodist Church and of the Methodist Mens Organization. I am currently serving on the board of directors at the Farmers Co-Op Gin. I have worked for Taylor Electric of Merkel, Jack Covington Engineering of Abilene, and I am now a self employed farmer.

2. I have been considering running for the school board for the past two years. I have given it great thought. I have discussed it with my family, the public, and some of the current board members. I feel I can be a good listener to the public's opinion and use my best judgement to serve the students, the people, and Merkel schools at their best interest. I want to see Merkel schools continue to improve in all areas: academics, athletics, and attitude. Serving on the board is a great responsibility to our children, to parents, and tax payers. If elected, I will do my best to serve each of you fairly.

3. I feel the largest needs of the school is going to be the budget. As everyone knows, a close watch on the budget will be imperative. We need to make sure the money we spend meets the basic needs of the students and increases the quality of education.

4. To my knowledge, at present, MISD is in good shape, facility wise. We have the new annex building at the high school, the new building at Elementary, and are near completion of a new building at Tye. The buildings and grounds at our school look good and are well kept, and are something to be proud of.

5. Financially, at present, MISD is in good shape. The above mentioned buildings were paid for with existing funds at no additional cost to taxpayers. As I have stated, the budget and how it is spent, will be of utmost importance.

6. I feel that the MISD corporal punishment issue was very uncomfortable. It is not a popular issue. As parents, we do not feel that corporal punishment be used with young adults- that other forms of punishment be used. But, all parents should have a right to judge for themselves, whether or not corporal punishment should be or should not be used on their own children.

I feel the school board and the principals should sit down and work together to set guidelines for discipline for each age group. Guidelines that are fair, just and fitting for the infraction of the rules. These guidelines should then be explained to the students and to the parents. It is my belief that the majority of parents want and expect their children to behave at school. With the school board, administration and parents working together, we can all provide a well-balanced system of handling discipline in our schools.

7. While on the board, I would like to check into some kind of vocational classes for those students who do not wish to continue their education after high school, to help them compete in the job market. I would like to see continued improvement in our academic programs, along with athletics and our Ag program.

I would like to see a program started to help students with problems and I want to see our tax money spent for the betterment of our schools.

8. I would like to take this opportunity to thank The Merkel Mail for the space they have provided for the candidates to introduce themselves and voice some of their opinions. I have talked with a number of people in Merkel and Tye, but due to time and work, I have not talked to as many people as I would have liked. If elected, I will be available for your opinions, whether it be to complain or to praise, either in person or by phone.

I do not believe any candidate running wants to see the accomplishments of the past years destroyed. I do believe there are changes that can be made for the betterment of our schools and for the concern of the taxpayer.

Your vote will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely  
Gary Smith  
Candidate, Place 5

Gerald Rutledge

1. Gerald Rutledge, age 39, married, three children (two currently enrolled at MISD), 32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason, Baptist, currently serving on SUN Water Corporation's board of directors and president of the Merkel Riding Club's board of directors. A 1968 graduate of TCU. Farmer- oil operator and MISD taxpayer.

2. I feel that my experience on other board's has helped me to be more of an asset than someone who hasn't been involved on a board. I also wanted to run because I am interested in helping our community in any way possible and realize a need for some changes.

3. Our greatest needs are for cooperation between faculty and students; good management of school business; and, forever looking for improvements in all aspects of the school systems' operations.

4. As far as our facilities are concerned, I think we are extremely fortunate to have a group of men working here in our system. The maintenance crews have saved the district thousands of dollars each year because they are able to do the work instead of us having to hire contractors, costing much more.

5. The financial condition of MISD should be solid because, unlike many other school districts, the system is not as dependent on oil production as others. Our taxes come mainly from land- mostly crop land, which maintains its value from year to year.

6. My opinion of the corporal punishment controversy is that, in a last resort situation, corporal punishment is acceptable. But, there are many other means of discipline that are more effective, especially for high school age. I don't think it is ever acceptable for a man to apply corporal punishment to a girl without a female teacher present.

I think the school board handled the issue poorly in that they seemed to ignore or neglect the problem, which could have been solved before it got out of hand and became so widespread.

7. I would like to see the board have an upper hand on the management of the school system's operations and would like to see a workable program of discipline adopted. I would also like to see a more friendly environment and better relationships between teachers and students.

8. I think a student should be encouraged to stay in school if at all possible. I think discipline should be administered according to the degree of seriousness of the individual case. I don't agree with the use of the same discipline for a kid skipping a class one time and a kid caught with drugs or stealing or other major instances. As stated before, I am positively against a man spanking a high school girl, more especially, without a female teacher present. I don't think a board member should disagree with everything said or done at a board meeting, but if an item arises that he knows is wrong or needs his opposition, he is not doing his job if he does

not stand up for his beliefs or his thinking, and his ideas should at least be brought up for discussion in the meeting.

Harry Stevens

1. I am retired from the Air Force with 20 years service. I have a B. S. degree in management. I have lived in this school district since 1971, except for the five years I was stationed in North Dakota.

2. I believe I can bring new ideas to the school board and I also want to become involved in the community.

3. Increase in the academic standing, increase in the quality of overall education, Harmony within the school system and the community.

4. With the completion of the Tye addition, facility wise, the MISD will be in pretty good shape.

5. Financially, I think the MISD is in pretty good shape.

6. I do not have the needed first hand facts on these subjects to voice any guess on this controversy. My only information is hearsay and the news media and these are not the best sources to sit in judgement on this controversy, or the way it was handled.

7. I would like to see the academic standing of the school system increase. I would also like to see the school system and the community become harmonious.

Billy Lucas

I moved to Merkel from Noodle in 1967. I graduated from Merkel High School in 1963. I married Sarah Harris in 1964. She graduated from Merkel High School in 1964. We have two children, Russell-21, a Junior at Abilene Christian University and Teresa, 15 a Sophomore at Merkel High School.

I have been a welder for 23 years, a member of the Merkel Volunteer Fire Department for 15 years, an assistant fire chief for 25 years. I have coached in the Merkel Little League, Merkel T-Shirt League, Girls softball and Pee Wee Basketball. I was the Merkel Booster Club president for 4 years, a member of the Merkel Band Boosters, past member of the Merkel PTO, a charter

member of the Merkel Exchange Club and a member and deacon at the Merkel Church of Christ.

2. I am running because of my concern and interest in the school. My children have been in MISD since 1972. I have been involved in the school for some time. My roots are in this community and I feel a good school system is important and must continue. I believe it is my duty to do every thing I can to help keep our school at a high standard.

3. One of the great needs at this time, because of the recent controversies, is working on a better relationship between the teachers, parents, and students. As for other needs, I do not know all of them. But, if elected, I will make it my job to find out those needs and work on them.

4. It seems like the school is in pretty good physical shape. With the new freshman annex, new elementary building, parking lot, and other jobs going on, it seems to be staying with our growth or maybe a step ahead.

5. There again, in my opinion, I feel the MISD is in good financial shape. It will depend on the economy as to how long it will continue in good shape.

6. Corporal punishment? I believe an individual has a mind of his own. One thing will work on one child and not on another. Sometimes detention hall, writing sentences, spanking will work for one but not another. I believe swats should be left available. I believe as adults we have to control the students and as parents we have to control our children.

I think the MISD handled the situation pretty good. We are all human and apt to make mistakes. Foresight is sometimes blurry and hindsight 20/20. Hindsight is what everyone sees now. I think everyone involved would like a second chance. Even some might make a different decision.

7. I would like to see our facilities improve year by year. I would like to see parents as concerned on parent-teacher conferences in all ages, as they are in the early years. We are all concerned about our child's grades, discipline, and activities. We should show interest every

chance we can.

8. I have wanted to run for the school board for a number of years. I decided to file this year, but did not because my wife,

Sarah, had opened a new business and she felt we might be over-committed. But as time got closer for the election and much praying

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GENERAL ELECTION  
(ELECCION GENERAL)

MERKEL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT,  
MERKEL, TEXAS  
(DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE  
MERKEL, TEXAS)

APRIL 4, 1987 (4 de abril de 1987)

## OFFICIAL BALLOT (BOLETA OFICIAL)

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Vote for the candidate of your choice in each race by placing an "X" in the square beside the candidate's name.  
(Vote por el candidato de su preferencia en cada carrera marcando con una "X" el cuadro al lado del nombre del candidato.)

Trustee, Place 5, Vote for 1  
(Regente, Lugar 5, Vote por 1)

- GARY SMITH
- GERALD RUTLEDGE
- HARRY STEVENS, JR.
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5 SAMPLE BALLOT

Trustee, Place 6, Vote for 1  
(Regente, Lugar 6, Vote por 1)

- D. A. BISHOP
- EARL LAIRD
- DANNY MALONE
- 

Trustee, Place 7, Vote for 1  
(Regente, Lugar 7, Vote por 1)

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# MISD trustee hopefuls answer questions

and consideration on our part as parents and persons interested in our community and school, I decided to run as a write-in candidate. My family is behind me 100 per cent. I feel I am an open-minded, non-biased, patient and reasonable person. I feel I can and will try to work with anyone or any problem. I will appreciate and thank you for your vote of confidence in me.

## Place 6

D. A. Bishop

1. Lifelong Merkel native, graduated from Merkel High School. Attended McMurry College for three years. Have been self employed most of my adult life.
2. To help maintain a high quality of education with a minimum amount of expense to the taxpayers.
3. Closer financial management as well as policy enforcement within the school system.
4. I feel the school system is in fairly stable financial shape.
5. The facilities at Merkel are fairly adequate with the possible exception of the cafeteria.
6. If corporal punishment is kept it should be used only as a last resort and then only with parents permission. The situation so far has been handled very poorly.
- 7 & 8. If elected, I would like to see the controversy settled and see the school board get back to the business of running the school in an efficient manner.

Earl E. Laird

1. Earl E. Laird, Age 38, married (wife Sandy, children Sean, Michelle, McKinsey), Merkel resident for 11 years, employed by Taylor Telephone Coop., 9 years, Abilene High School graduate, U. S. Army two years, McMurry College two years, Merkel Little League coach four years, Merkel Pony League coach three years, Merkel Booster Club six years (Past President), Merkel Lions Club four years (Past President).

2. I have been a school board member for three years and I am running this time on the same principles as I did the first time I was elected. Those principles being, not to govern or run the school myself but to set policies and guidelines for the administrators to follow, so they can develop a sound school system for our community. My decisions will be based on what will be good for the system as a whole. I will not allow personal vendettas or grudges to influence my decisions in any way.

3. MISD's largest need is additional state aid, due to the drop in oil values and the loss of a major businesses, but, as you know, the state's financial condition is in no better shape than ours.

4. A major decision facing the board will be replacing a superintendent, who has done an excellent job with the school system, and regaining our reputation and stature as a community and school system.

5. As I mentioned before, our tax base has dropped considerably due to oil values and loss of major businesses, which has hurt our district financially. This increases the burden of our taxpayers. We do have surpluses, but we must be able to operate our school system for at least three months, as a rule of thumb, if our state aid should stop for any reason.

6. At this point, we are in good financial condition but we do not know what the future holds in store for MISD.

7. The MISD corporal punishment controversy did not represent the feelings of the majority of the taxpayers in our school district. The people involved in initiating the controversy are concerned about our administrators diplomacy in handling the situation, maybe those people should analyze their own diplomacy. They severely hurt our community and district by involving news media before allowing the board to make a reasonable decision. They did not gain any respect from the district or neighboring towns. I feel MISD is suffering from the controversy in many ways, pressure on the students as well as the adults. People are tired and I believe we gave those involved a fair

8. alternative. I will continue to support corporal punishment as a parent and a taxpayer.

9. I would, if elected, like to see a unified board working with the administration and staff of our district to provide the best education and environment for our children. I would like to see teachers come to Merkel, not as a last resort, but because they see it as an opportunity to develop and further their careers. Also, I would like to see us gain respect as a community and a school district.

10. I would like to sum up the time I have spent as a board member in the past few years with this verse, which was given to me by a friend:

This is the beginning of a new day, God has given me this day to use at will,

I can waste it or I can use it for good,

What I am doing today is important because I am trading a day in my life for it.

When tomorrow comes this day will be gone forever,

Leaving in its place that which I have traded,

Want it to be gain not lost, good not evil, success not failure,

In order that I might not regret the price I paid for it,

The future is just a string of nows.

If your job was based on your personality, there would be a lot of us out of work.

Danny Malone

1. Merkel has always been my home. My parents and grandparents have lived in the Merkel area most of their lives. I grew up with country living as a way of life.

2. I received my education from the Merkel Public Schools. I graduated from high school in 1966. To further my education, I attended Cisco Jr. College for two years, majoring in range management. I attended ACU for one semester. At that time, I joined the Army National Guard for a period of six years.

3. In 1971, I married Cathy Derrington, also a local native. She teaches fifth grade at Merkel Elementary. We have two children who attend Merkel Elementary School. Farming is a way of life for us. We have lived on a farm southeast of Merkel for the past 16 years. In connection with farming, I have served on the Farmer's Co-Op gin board for four years.

4. My main reason in running for the board is concern for the school and its students. There seems to be some changes needed.

5. New and fresh ideas are important to a well-operated school district. Sometimes, members may become caught up in the routine of school business. Therefore, at certain intervals, the board needs new members to express the new ideas of the public and of themselves. When serving on a school board, much stress and hard work are involved. Thus, each member should delegate this stress and hard work to other concerned community persons.

6. MISD is fine school and I am proud to live where the school is the key asset of our community. However, I feel the main purpose of our school, which is to teach and train children to the best of our ability, has been lessened. The rapport between the students and the administration seems to be lacking something. Respect is important! It is also two-sided. Students and the public need to respect the administration. In return, the administration and teachers need to respect the students and the public. When respect is recognized on both sides, MISD can again begin to function as it has in the past.

7. At present, I feel MISD has fine facilities. If needs arise due to the enrollment, I feel the district can compensate for this by adding to our present facilities.

8. Necessary repairs and construction can be done at a much lower cost, than a complete new facility.

9. I have no facts or figures to access an answer on how MISD is doing financially. As a concerned taxpayer and with economy at a low, I would like to see our budget as low as possible, not endangering the education of the students.

10. Discipline in the schools is a must! However, as outlined in the Merkel Handbook, corporal punishment is one of the last two on the list. More communication between parents and administration, counseling, on campus suspension, and others need to be considered before corporal punishment. For some students, corporal punishment is the least kind. Personalities need to be

11. considered when choosing the right kind of punishment. If corporal punishment is chosen for young ladies, I feel a woman should administer it.

12. I feel more thought and consideration should have been given to the MISD corporal punishment controversy. Administrators and board members need to always keep an open mind when dealing with students and parents. The concerned parents of this young lady seemed to be initially ignored.

13. As human beings, we all make mistakes and it does not belittle anyone to admit to those mistakes. Valuable knowledge can be obtained when we do fall into the hands of human error.

14. If elected to the school board, I would like to see the communication lines strengthened between the student body, the administration, and the public. Achievements, as well as problems, need to be made known to all involved.

15. The board will be faced with selecting a new superintendent. As a prospective member of this board, I sincerely hope to find a man who can meet the public well and have high regard for his entire faculty and student body.

16. Also I would like to see the board and the administration search diligently for the best teachers in the area. There always seems to be a great turnover of teachers in the middle school and high school. I would like to search for those teachers who will be more stable and will stay for longer periods.

17. I would like to thank Cloy for giving each candidate an equal opportunity to express his thoughts on topics of interest in the upcoming election.

18. I would like to comment on two other topics not covered in the previous questions. In the past, land was purchased on which to build a new facility for the Merkel schools. This land was bought before a school bond election was held. This land was purchased for \$5,000 an acre, and the school bond was defeated. This land is sitting there, idle. I would like to see all efforts made to sell the land and use the money wherever it is needed.

19. The last topic is not a major issue, but a touchy subject with a great many people in the community. School pride comes from wearing the school colors. Purple and gold have been our school colors forever. I like to go to all sporting events and see that rich purple and shiny gold worn with pride.

20. I realize the color of uniform does not effect the quality of performance.

21. However, supporters of the Merkel Public Schools have pride in the PURPLE & GOLD BADGERS.

## Place 7

Earnest R. Reynolds

1. I am a product of this community. Born in Taylor County in 1932. I obtained my elementary and high school education all in Merkel except for two or three years at Blair during the pre-World War II times. I attended Cisco Junior College, Hardin-Simmons University and Texas Tech. I received a B. S. degree in Civil Engineering from Texas Tech in 1963. I am a member of the First Baptist Church in Merkel. I am engineering manager of a consulting engineering firm in Abilene. I have been associated with the same firm for approximately 20 years.

2. I am indebted to this community and our local school system. The future of our school and our children is very near and dear to me. I have a moral obligation as a product of the Merkel school system to see that it continues to provide quality education for our children -- the adults of tomorrow. I have further interests as a parent of a high school student and as a taxpayer of the district.

3. Our greatest needs concern quality education without the fanfare, outbursts, and un-needed public display on the television networks. Other needs include maintenance of existing facilities, additional facilities to enable the district to provide educational services in accordance with existing state and federal guidelines, and quality teachers.

4. We have many good teachers, administrators, and maintenance people at Merkel ISD. We need to continue to strive for good people, and at the same time find other places for those who are not as concerned with the goals we have

5. for our schools. I honestly believe we are in pretty good shape, but there is always room for improvement.

6. Financially we are in fairly good shape. As long as the price of crude oil stays around \$20 per barrel and we have no further influx of new people moving into our district, we may be able to stay with the present tax rate. Any remarkable change in these two variables will effect a change in the tax rate. Hopefully, the completion of the classroom addition at Tye will take care of our present and near future needs for space. The decline of state revenues and deterioration of oil

7. prices at the same time would be painful to the local taxpayers.

8. I agree with the principal of corporal punishment. I also agreed with some of our parents and others that the principals did not always execute good judgement. I do not agree with spanking or paddling young women who have attained the age of 15 or better. Our administrators executed poor judgement in the incident that was the root of the present controversy.

9. I would like to see the turmoil of the past few weeks cease at once. I would also like to see our children, parents and educators on the television and in the

10. newspapers as a result of excellence in education and sports. The present system is a quality one because we have had quality leaders in the past. We have moved from near the bottom of the ladder upwards toward the top in the past several years, and we need to continue to strive to find areas of improvement.

11. We face some tough days ahead in the field of public education. The taxpayers of the local school district will be plagued with additional costs for education in the days ahead as

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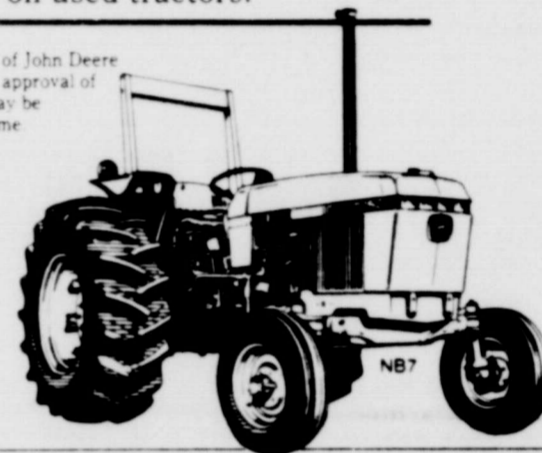
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some of the existing sources of revenues decline. Any further decline in the tax base or drop in oil prices will place a big hurt on the taxpayers. The school tax rate at present is much too high, but little can be done at present to decrease it. We can work together to control it as we move into the future.

### Vern Sutterfield, Jr.

1. Born in Sweetwater in 1951, I moved to Abilene in 1963 where I attended public school until graduation in 1969. I am a 1971 graduate of Oklahoma State and have continued my education from such schools as Southwest Texas State University, Sears Technical Institute in Dallas, Allen Brady training facilities in Dallas and a computer maintenance school in Milwaukee. I currently serve in the Technical Advisory Board for the Waco-based vocational college (TST). I am employed by General Dynamics in Abilene as a master electronic machine specialist. I have taught since 1979 when I received my teaching certification from the Texas Education Agency.

2. With the consent of my family, I have chosen to offer my services to you, the community of Merkel.

3. With inflation on the rise, parents must be concerned for our children's future. The basic education our children receive while attending MISD must be the very best you and I can provide and for this reason I have placed myself as a candidate for Place 7 of the MISD board of trustees.

After much deliberation and research, I can honestly say the largest needs at this time for MISD are unity, support and respect from parents, teachers, administrators and students.

4. I feel we have fine teachers, good facilities.

5. With increased cuts in educational support from our State, you and I are faced with higher taxes and better management from our trustees.

6. The students learning environment has been disrupted with the recent problems concerning corporal punishment. An issue I feel was handled wrong. Any time rules or regulations are changed that affect our tax dollars, then we as taxpayers should be given a chance to vote on these changes. No individual or minority group should ever have the privilege of making decisions that affect you and I without our input. This could be done on a voter's ballot at our upcoming election. If elected, I would expect to represent you in matters such as corporal punishment and if the majority votes to make a change in our school regulation, and we can stay within state guidelines, then it shall be done.

7.8. Regardless of the outcome of this upcoming election, I hope all of us the very best for our children and pledge to you I will do my best to represent you, our teachers, students, administrators and all employees of MISD. To communicate our differences and respect for each and every person regardless of race, religion or financial worth.

Thank You  
Vern Sutterfield

### David Seymore

1. I was born in Merkel and grew up South of Merkel in Mulberry Canyon. I am a 1969 graduate of Merkel High. My wife, Dian, and I have been married for 17 years and have three children: Phillip is 15 and a freshman at MHS, Richard is 13 and a 7th grader at MMS and Cne' is 10 and a 4th grader at MES. I have been farming for the past 15 years. My family attends the First Methodist Church. We also attend most of the MISD and community functions as we think this type of activity is important to the growth of our children.

2. Having three children (one in high school, one in middle school and one in elementary), I feel it is necessary to get involved, to see that my children, along with every child in MISD, get the best education they can possibly receive. I would like to see MISD excel in more areas, such as: band, sports, FFA, interscholastic and academic achievements, etc. I feel that as a taxpayer, a farmer, a sports fan, an FFA supporter, and most of all, a concerned parent, I can help the MISD in all areas.

3. Some of the largest needs of the MISD are to put more emphasis on teaching and less on maintenance. I would like to see our teachers be allowed to handle the problems that arise in the classroom themselves instead of having to take them to the office each time. Only when a teacher

cannot handle the situation themselves, should the school administrators become involved. Every time a teacher takes a student to the office, he or she takes away from the class they are teaching. I am speaking mostly of high school. We do not see that many problems in middle school or elementary.

I also feel that our economy is in bad enough shape as it is, without giving raises and making jobs available to certain individuals when it is not necessary.

4. Facility wise, I think the school is shaping up; however, I do see a lot of wasted space, especially in the high school. Classrooms are being used for offices and these rooms could and should be put to better use. I do see some room for improvement around the middle school and around the portable building area especially. Every time it rains, I see students and teachers wading through water to get from one building to another.

5. I feel as though the MISD could be in better shape financially if certain spending were controlled. If we were in too bad a shape, I don't see how the Merkel School Board could have given the pay raises they did.

If the new tax law Governor Clements is proposing were to go into effect, the MISD would lose a lot of state funding, and I don't feel that the taxpayers of the MISD can stand many more tax increases. This is when cuts will have to be made. I don't think our children's education should suffer. I am against teacher's aides and classroom cuts. These cuts should be made in other areas. I see a lot of people standing around drawing salaries that either need to be working or have their jobs disposed of.

6. I have seen the corporal punishment controversy tear this town apart. I am not totally against corporal punishment, especially in the middle and elementary schools. Children need discipline to grow into responsible adults. I do feel, however, that high school aged children should be dealt with differently, under most circumstances. We would offer detention or on-campus suspension. A lot of school are using these methods with great effectiveness. I feel that if corporal punishment is to be given to a girl, a woman should administer it. I do not think that first time offenders should receive licks or suspension. Some changes are going to have to be made in the MISD disciplinary action and especially the first time a child disobeys.

The school board and administrators could have resolved the problem in one board meeting. Instead, the issue goes on. Students should have never been allowed to get involved. The news media has really let our town and school system have it. The controversy is still not over.

7. If elected, I would like to see that every child get the best education they can possibly receive. The purpose of education is to educate all school aged children. Stronger measures need to be taken to keep every child in school. A child who is kicked out of school and not allowed to get an education faces hard times. Not only does he lose his self-esteem, but he has little or no chance to grow into a responsible adult or to find a decent job.

8. As a candidate for the MISD, I can and will listen to any problem a parent or taxpayer may have. I will voice my opinion and will not vote for anything that I do not believe in. I will not vote for something just because everyone else does. I realize that one man on a seven man team cannot change anything by himself, but maybe one voice for the people of MISD can help.

I also feel there is a large amount of money to be spent on buildings or land that this should be voted on by the taxpayers.

Again, my main interest is to see that each child of the MISD be treated fairly and equally and receive the best education possible.

### Edgar Graham

Education: Arlington Baptist College.

Community activities: music director, Calvary Baptist Church, former Cub Scout leader, Lifeline responder for senior citizens, Badger and Band Booster member.

Employment: machinist for General Dynamics.

Parent and husband: Wife- Barbara, Library Aide, MHS; Children: Randy, senior MHS; Scott, sophomore MHS; Tammy, 6th grade, MMS; Kevin, 4th Grade, MES.

2. Having children in the Merkel schools, my interest in the school district is great. I want to see MISD schools continue to advance toward becoming the best possible system. My desire is to serve the children, parents and educators of the district.

3. MISD needs facilities and finances in order to keep up and add to its existing programs district wide. More than that, MISD needs greater parent involvement in the children's education, more attention and concern (including discipline) in the home. Another great need is better and more communication through all channels involving students, parents, teachers and administrators.

Facility wise, MISD is barely making it. Recent building projects are temporarily easing some of the crowded conditions.

5. Financially, MISD is tight.

6. Corporal punishment needs to stay, but guidelines need to be established for its use. Licks or swats is not the answer to every discipline problem at home or school. Discipline is necessary in order for teachers to maintain classroom control and get their job of teaching done. If the possibility of corporal punishment hangs over the head of students, it can act as a deterrent to repeated discipline problems. Corporal punishment needs to remain in the program somewhere.

High schoolers shouldn't need licks to keep them in line, but the fact remains that a small number of students are going to be repeated offenders and may need licks to move their attention toward better behavior.

MISD is still "Handling the corporal punishment controversy". Obviously, steps are being taken to fix the problems. This needs to continue until each school and each teacher arrives at a workable discipline plan. Parent involvement needs to increase and continue. Communication efforts by all concerned need to continue.

7. If I am elected to the school board, I hope to see (1) continued progress and pride in all of MISD's programs, from academics to athletics, (2) workable, more specific discipline plans, (3) greater overall cooperation among parents and school personnel in seeing to the education of MISD children.

8. Think about it! There is much good to be said about MISD-- good things have happened in recent years and are still happening. Let's not lose the ground that's been gained. Let's go on and build on these positives to make MISD even better. Walk through any of our schools. Notice our beautiful young people. Each one is a special individual. MISD has a great responsibility to see to the education of each of these young people. I want to be a part of that by serving you and your children (and my own children) as a trustee on the MISD board.

### Farris Neill

1. a. Born in Merkel, 1944, graduated from MHS in 1962.

b. B.S. Ed Abilene Christian 1976.

c. Taught high school Biology 1976-1980.

d. On education committee of Chamber of Commerce.

e. Two teenagers in Merkel schools.

f. Branch manager of Graybar Electric Company.

g. Member of the Rotary Club.

2. I am running for the school board because I feel that I will be able to contribute positively to the decisions that must be made in the immediate future. I would like to be a part of the decision-making during this transitional period. I have experience in areas that I feel qualify me to help in the decisions made by the school board.

3. I feel that MISD is in reasonably good shape financially. Thanks to the recent administration and school boards, MISD is virtually debt-free, except for the high school building. However, with the continued low oil and agricultural prices, we have lost some of our tax base. The next two or three years will require skillful management to maintain the current status of MISD financially.

4. MISD is in good shape with its physical plant. Three new additions have just been completed and are paid for. Except for the possibility of one or two additional classrooms in the lower grades, MISD has very adequate facilities.

5. MISD's greatest need at this time is for all parents and supporters to pull together to improve the educational opportunities available to our children.

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To the Editor:  
I would like to express my gratitude to the present and past members of the Merkel Independent School Board, whom I have had the opportunity to serve with, the past six years. Also, to all the professional personnel, both administrative and non-administrative, in the Merkel and Tye schools. I appreciate the community support, which I have received, and know, even though some of you may not always agree with me, you have still supported me.

In the recent controversy, I would like to go on record on a couple of points. The main one being, out of all the "hoopla" taking place over the past month, I personally received one (1) phone call and two (2) letters, concerning the issue. The first dealing I had with any of this, was at a full blown board meeting with numerous T. V. cameras and other news media. I feel it is time to bring this to an end and each party directly involved to use some sort of normal means to resolve their problem.

The second point I would like to make is, only one (1) person asked my opinion of the issue at hand. I could go on and on pointing

fingers and quoting many facts on numerous people involved in all of this, but it would be futile.

I would like to make a request of all voters in the upcoming school board election. Please do some homework and find out what each and every candidate thinks and feels, on not only the current issues, but past issues as well. Then go vote for the person you really feel will represent the entire district for the benefit of our children's education.

Sincerely  
Jack Ferguson

To the Editor

Whoever is elected to the school board needs to acknowledge there is no money and start showing some restraint in spending. I do not think much consideration has been given in the past. Why were positions established when not required by state law and were never necessary before? Why are we paying double for teachers... the ones that are dismissed and their replacements? Why are teachers re-hired before thorough investigations of serious matters are made? Why are policies affirmed by the board when possibility of law suits prevail?

There have been several incidents of beatings and bruises, not just one. The include first time offense honor students, minor offenses (such as not saying Yes Mam), skipping a class, etc. Parents have asked for other alternatives and were told their child would be expelled for the rest of the year if they did not accept a whipping. A child was whipped who is a hemophiliac, after the school had been notified verbally and by a medical report. Another required extensive counseling. Recently, I understand, students have been put in closets. Is such as this necessary?

I know these are difficult times and it takes a special person to be a dedicated teacher. Are we asking too much when we expect a teacher to instill respect-not fear; have patience-not impetuosity; guidance-not domination and most of all, maintain equity. Is it fair for some students grades to be adjusted to enable them to participate in extra-curriculum

activities when others are not? Is it fair for some to remain in school while others are thrown out for the same offense? Is it fair for a board member to vote no on a student's appeal when he wasn't there to hear it? Is it fair to condemn parents as unfit or troublemakers when many have tried and failed to communicate with school disciplinarian?

My concern for a long time has been that many students have been deprived of their education. They have been thrown out, dropped out, quit or had to change schools. I realize there are students who are destructive, violent, etc. These cannot possibly remain in the classroom, but what about the others? They can't all make straight A's. Some have problems, many come from broken homes, some have to work.

I've seen report cards showing no discipline problems from students that were thrown out. I have a copy of prior school records showing excellent behavior for

'supposedly problem child'. A parents told me of her son that was expelled for a can of snuff at the store at lunch while others stood smoking. According to a letter I have, education was denied one boy on hearsay, not only in Merkel, but in the entire state. What future do these young people have?

I believe every effort should be made to conserve our tax dollars, to encourage students to stay in school and harsh punishment used only as a last resort. I believe changes must be made to accomplish this.

Each one of us has a right to our opinions and also for the option to remain friends when we disagree. May we all work together for a better school and community.

Betty Vinson

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As a member of the Merkel EMS, the 911 number would benefit everyone in the surrounding area of Merkel. Voting will be held at the High School in Merkel, Pioneer Methodist Church, Trent City Hall and Tye Elementary.

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Paramedic, Merkel EMS

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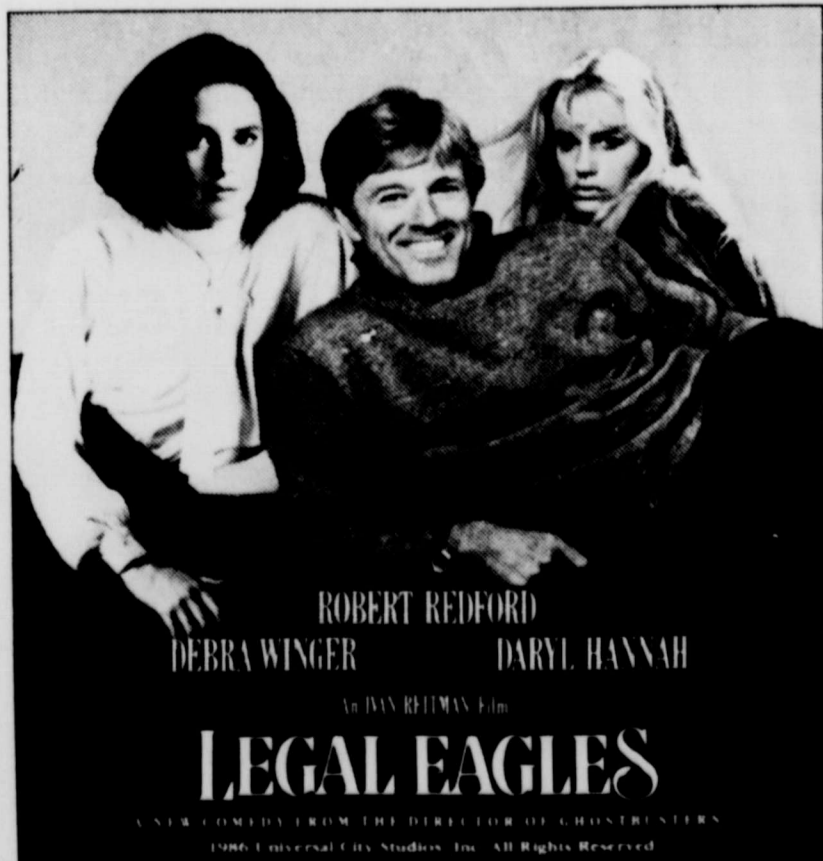
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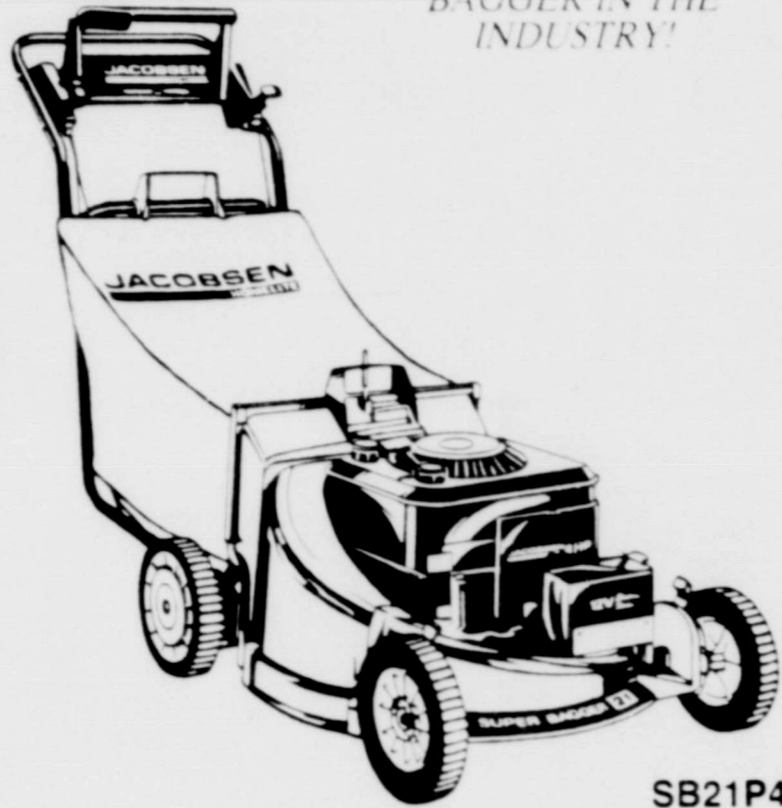
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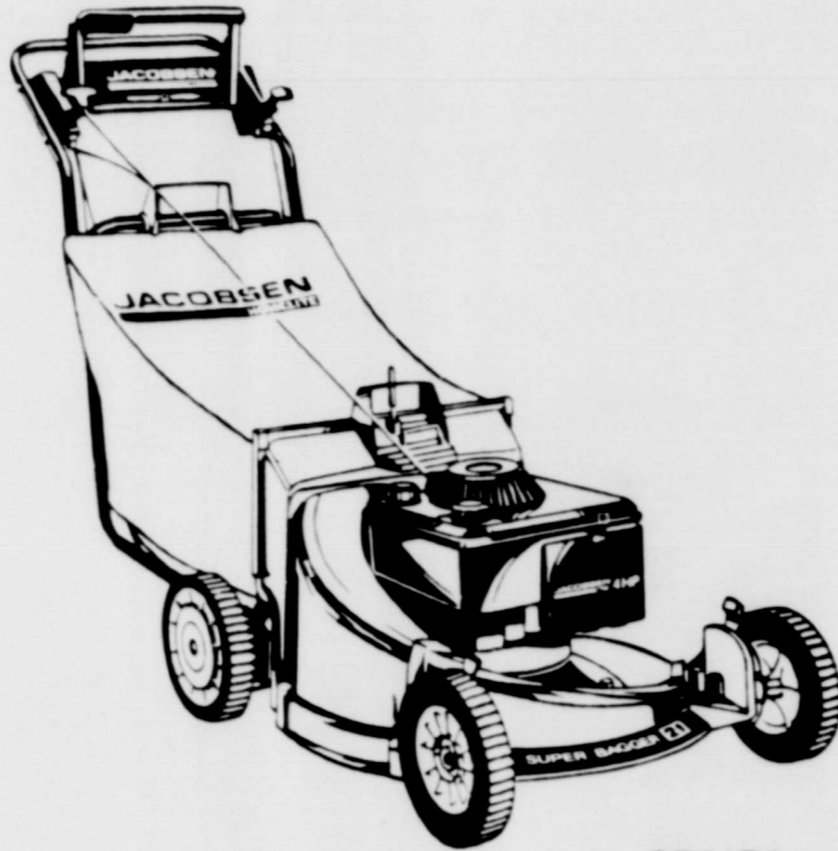
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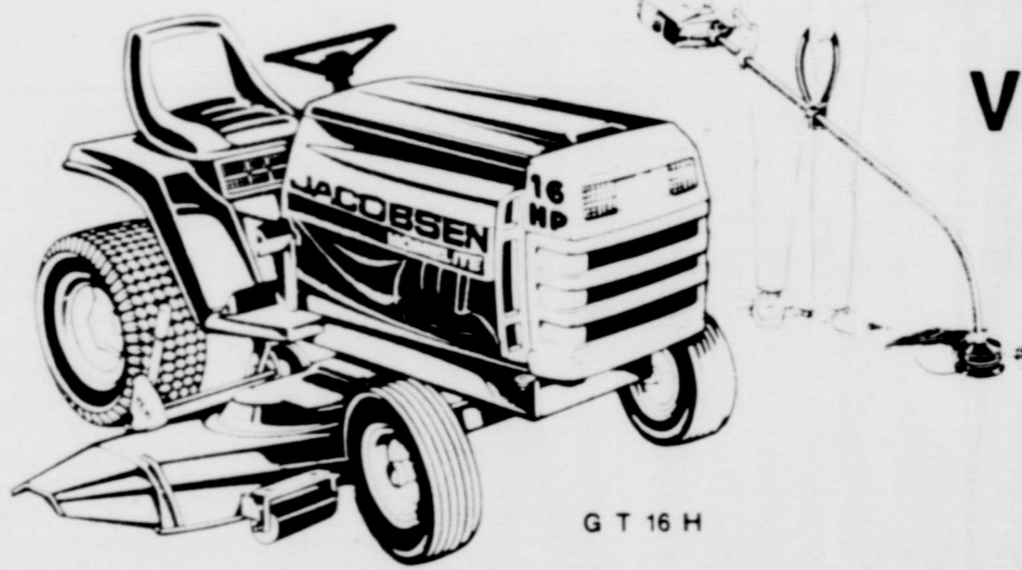


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UT. no.	30065A

SB21P4	
Drive type	Self-propelled
Controls	Zone Start
Engine type	B&S MAX
Engine hp	4
Fuel capacity	1.5 qts. (1.4 L)
Cutting width	21 in. (53 cm)
Discharge	Optional side
Rear catcher	Std. 3-bushel
Shipping wt.	78 lbs. (35 kg)
UT. no.	30060

SB21C	
Drive type	Push
Controls	Blade/Brake/Clutch
Engine type	B&S MAX
Engine hp	3.5
Fuel capacity	1.5 qts. (1.4 L)
Cutting width	21 in. (53 cm)
Discharge	Optional side
Rear catcher	Std. 3-bushel
Shipping wt.	76 lbs. (34 kg)
UT. no.	30064

SB21P4C	
Drive type	Self-propelled
Controls	Blade/Brake/Clutch
Engine type	B&S MAX
Engine hp	4
Fuel capacity	1.5 qts. (1.4 L)
Cutting width	21 in. (53 cm)
Discharge	Optional side
Rear catcher	Std. 3-bushel
Shipping wt.	84 lbs. (38 kg)
UT. no.	30063

SB21	
Drive type	Push
Controls	Zone Start
Engine type	B&S MAX
Engine hp	3.5
Fuel capacity	1.5 qts. (1.4 L)
Cutting width	21 in. (53 cm)
Discharge	Optional side
Rear catcher	Std. 3-bushel
Shipping wt.	70 lbs. (32 kg)
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# Teenagers parents are told of warning signs for depression

A recent teenager's suicide here and highly publicized suicides in other states, have once again focused parents' concerns closer to home.

"Like adolescents everywhere, many Texas youngsters are under a great deal of stress," says family life education specialist Diane Welch. "This stress may lead to distress and then to depression."

"Depression takes many forms and has a wide variety of symptoms. It can range in intensity from a case of the blues to a chronic and recurring state of despair so severe that outside help is needed to overcome it," she adds.

Many mental health professionals think adolescents experience masked depression or behaviors that are indirect evidence of their depression, Welch says. These indirect signs include low school achievement, school phobia, drug and alcohol abuse, anorexia nervosa, social isolation, sexual promiscuity and delinquency.

"While depression is associated with a wide variety of behaviors, it's not always clear whether depression precedes or follows the behaviors," she emphasizes.

According to the Texas A&M University Agricultural Extension Service home economist, parents may help reduce stress and the possibility of depression in their teenagers.

"Recognize that youngsters can be under stress even from daily school activities such as getting good grades, succeeding in sports or making friends," she says. "Major life changes such as the death of a parent, friend or family member, pregnancy, parent's divorce or starting to take drugs are even greater stressors."

The specialist advise parents to communicate acceptance to their teenagers. "Communication is a key to positive parent-teen relations. It is as important to listen as well as speak. Be willing to share your feelings as well as accept differences."

Providing clear guidelines is also important, says Welch. Even though teenagers may outwardly reject parental authority, they need clear guidelines and expectations. They will respect you for providing responsible standards and explaining the reasons behind the rules.

"Don't feel rejected," she says. "Accept the fact that teenagers turn to the peer group for emotional support and acceptance as a part of growing up. The teenager is not rejecting you as much as reaching out for new relationships and independence."

Help is available in many communities, including Merkel, for parents who want to improve their parenting and communication skills, the specialist empha-

sizes. Courses and workshops are offered through churches, community education and county Extension offices and other programs in most Texas communities.

"Parents who are concerned that their child is at risk of serious depression which may lead to suicide should not hesitate to call for help," she advised.

## Little League registration

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PARENTS SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

## Softball registration

USSA REGISTRATION FORM

Name: Last \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ number and street \_\_\_\_\_ city \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ School Attended: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Fee \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Division \_\_\_\_\_ Team \_\_\_\_\_

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Mother: \_\_\_\_\_ Bus. Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

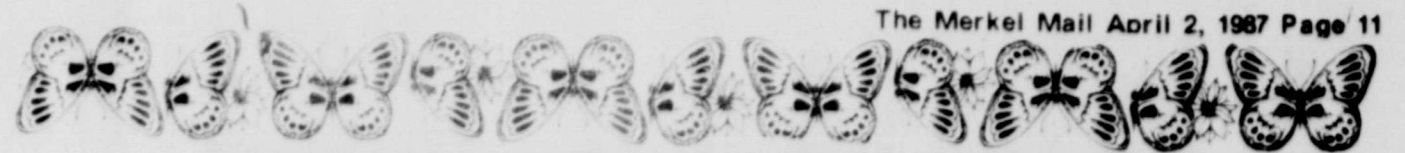
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We, the undersigned, parents of the participant, a minor, do hereby authorize the coaches, staff, coaches or parents of team members acting in the capacity of activity supervisor/vehicle drivers, as agents for the undersigned to consent to Medical,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

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Due to the recent events concerning the Merkel Schools, many friends of Billy and Sarah Lucas are organizing to elect Billy to the Merkel School Board. Billy and Sarah have given unselfishly to the Merkel Schools. They do not want to see the progress made the last 10 years be destroyed. Billy and Sarah attend most school activities and are a source of inspiration and encouragement to our children.

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The Merkel School system is starting to be recognized as one of the better AAA schools in the state. In the March 12th edition of The Merkel Mail, there was a full page ad listing many of the Merkel Schools' accomplishments. The School Board is responsible for building and maintaining this successful program. Billy Lucas takes pride in our schools and will work hard to keep improving them. His love and concern for this community, his church, and his family guarantees this.

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Electing Billy will be difficult but not impossible.

His name WILL NOT appear on the ballot. You will have to write in his name.

In Place 5, AND ONLY IN PLACE 5, write in BILLY LUCAS.

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Trustee, Place 5, Vote for 1  
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- GERALD RUTLEDGE
- HARRY STEVENS, JR.
- Billy Lucas*

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If you want our children to continue to attend an improving school system, now is the time to thank Billy and Sarah for their example and devotion in our communities.

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A Billy Lucas Campaign Fund has been established at the F & M National Bank of Merkel.

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Bart Pursley & Tonda Smith

## Middle school band earns sweepstakes at Cisco festival

The Merkel Middle School band travelled to Cisco March 20th to compete in the Cisco Junior Music Festival. The MMS Honor Band received a 1st division rating in concert and a 1 in sight reading. They received the sweepstakes trophy.

Most of the individuals in the band participated in the solo and ensemble portion of the competition. The students came home with 50 first division medals.

Earning Division 1 ratings for solos were Angie Leverich, Billy Page, Christy Russom, Jamie Beasley, Cara Kelso, Eugene Smith, Taylor Scott, Neil Newman, Tanya Beasley, Jayma Goldsmith, Elizabeth Hernandez, Robert Frazier, April Griffith,

James Melendez, Zacky Rodriguez, Scott Cannon, Kenneth Fickle, Robin Golson, Trisha Trevino, Stephen Santee, Cheryl Wood, Josh Gilmore, Mitchell McAndrew, Shayla Miller, Lori Best, Amanda Biera, Renee Melendez, Melissa Cuellar, Phuong Thao Tran, Sean Leamon, Lisa Fenton.

These students received division 1 ratings for the duets or ensembles: Stephen Santee and Eugene Van Gorp, Sean Leamon and Brandon Toombs, Cara Kelso and Tracie Thomas, Scott Cannon and Chad Taylor, Angie and Amy Welborn, Angie Leverich and Jana Daniell, Robin Golson and Trisha Trevino and Phuong Thao Tran, Cheryl Wood, Jayma Goldsmith and Tanya Beasley.

## Local garden club meets

The Merkel Garden Club held its March meeting at the Senior Citizens Center here. Following a brief business meeting, presided over by club president Becky Rogers, members exchanged starter plants that they had brought from their home gardens.

Refreshments were served by co-hostesses Georgia Allday and Wynette Barkley and Muri

Thompson. Members present were Inez Detrick, Alice King, Leota Sherrill, Olga Peachey, Bessie Perry, Leota Patterson, Mary Rusom, Lenora Wilburn and Ms. Rogers.

The April meeting will be a tour of local gardens and visits to Summers greenhouses, followed by a dutch treat luncheon. Members are to meet at 9 a.m. on April 15th at 112 Oak Street.

## Compere group holds meeting

The Compere Extension Homemakers Club met March 26th in the home of Mrs. Hugh Taylor. Judy Devaney presided.

Four members and two children attended. The council report was given by Aimee Price. She also presented the program on insur-

ance. Their next meeting will be April 9th at Pug & Leo's Restaurant here.

Refreshments were served to Mrs. Ailene Terry, Judy DeVaney, Aime Price, Jason and Stephanie DeVaney by Annie Taylor, hostess.

## Trent ISD lunch menu

The following is the MISD lunch menu:

April 2: tuna salad sandwich, macaroni & tomatoes, buttered corn, peach cobbler.

April 3: sloppy joes, french fries, pickle relish, chopped onions, walk to school cookies.

April 6: crispitos with cheese sticks, macaroni & cheese, carrot sticks, lemon bars.

April 7: Pizza with beef & cheese, lettuce wedges, buttered corn, sliced peaches.

April 8: Bar b q links, potato salad, pinto beans, applesauce.

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

April 10: hot dogs with chili, baked beans, fresh orange wedges.

## Masonheimer leads Trent in Rotan

The Trent tennis team played in the Rotan tennis tournament March 27th.

In girls doubles, Poindexter and Collier defeated Gonzales & King from Rotan 7-5, 6-2. They lost their second match to Moore & Hall from Hamlin 2-6, 2-6. In boys doubles, Carriker & Clark lost to Mata & Hawthorne from Anson

7-5, 3-6, 2-6.

In girls singles, Veronica DeLa Cruz defeated Halley from Hamlin 6-0, 6-0 and lost her second match to Summers of Guthrie 1-6, 3-6.

Luci Masonheimer won the girls singles by downing Underwood of Stamford 6-0, 6-2; Ellis of Patton Springs 6-0, 6-0; Riggan of Aspermont 6-2, 6-0 and Pham from Stamford 7-5, 6-4.

## Trent ISD lunch menu

The following is the Trent lunch and breakfast menu for April 6-10.

April 6: breakfast-juice, cereal, milk Lunch- chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, jello with topping, rolls and tea or milk.

April 7th breakfast- juice, oatmeal, toast, milk Lunch- spaghetti, english peas, salad, strawberry shortcake, rolls and tea or milk.

April 8 breakfast- juice, do-

nuts, milk Lunch- chicken enchiladas, corn on cob, salad, cinnamon rolls, crackers, tea or milk.

April 9 breakfast juice, cinnamon rolls, milk Lunch- beef and beans, baked potatoes, fried okra, applesauce, cornbread, tea or milk.

April 10 breakfast- juice, biscuits & sausage, jelly, milk Lunch- chili dogs, french fries, peach halves, cookies and tea or milk.

## Local boy wins money for classroom

Gabriel Rogers, a second grade student at Merkel Elementary won \$50 for his classroom in a

coloring contest sponsored by Wal Mart. Rogers is in Mrs. Valentine's room.

## Pursley-Smith will repeat vows June 20th in Brady

Mr. and Mrs. Luther E. Smith of Rochelle have announced the engagement and approach in g marriage of their daughter, Tonda Evon, to Philip Bartley Pursley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip L. Pursley of Merkel. The wedding date has been set for June 20 at the Sunset Ridge Church of Christ in Brady. Miss Smith, a graduate of Brady High School, attended Abilene Christian University and is employed by McMillon, Ladyman, and Parker as a legal secretary. Her fiance, a Merkel High School graduate, is a 1985 graduate of Abilene Christian University. He is a teacher and coach now in the Sweetwater School District.

## Local senior citizens travel to Tyler

Members of the Senior Citizens Nutritional program here enjoyed a trip to Tyler over the weekend. The highlight of their trip was the azalea trail on the county's bus.

They have also made trips to Buffalo Gap and Abilene.

Those making the azalea trip were drivers Henry Brady and Waymon Adcock, Leta Brady, Johnnie Adcock, Genevive King, Annie McDonald, Annie Walker, Carrie Tipton, Zada Bird, Leona Hogan and Leota Sherrill.

More travelers include Bobbye Mansfield, Fred Perry, Bessie Perry, Wynona & John Herron, Donnie Cassidy, Evelyn Martin, Crickett Sloan, Leam & Martha Allison, Ralph Miller, Maureen White, Aline Knight and Paratee Gibson.

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## Recent cemetery donors named

The following are the recent donations to the Merkel Cemetery Association:

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The following donation were made in memory of Bernard Clark: The Fedelis Matrons Sunday School Class, Ted & Hazel Pargament, Mr. & Mrs. Joe E. Lassiter, Mr. & Mrs. A. L. Moore.

The following donations were made in memory of Hollis Mitchell: Mrs. Ray Wilson, Gene & Lamont Willis, Mr. & Mrs. Frank chell; Mrs. Ray Wilson, Gene & Lamont Willis, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Mitchell, the J.F. Cox Family, Jim & Dorothy Russell, Mr. & Mrs. Don Hart and Betty Jane Tittle. Also Mabel McRee in memory of Anna Dunn.

## Fortnightly Study Club wins honors at district meeting

The Fortnightly Study Club met March 24th in the home of Mary Collins with Aileen Knight co-hostess.

Alice King presided over the business meeting. Committee reports and reports from the district meeting in Snyder were made. Anna Belle Shouse reported on Carol Silvas' TFWC's president's speech at the dinner Friday evening at Willow Inn. Alice King reported on projects and contest awards. The Fortnightly club won 1st in home life program and project-Clara Walla; first religious poetry- Evelyn Martin; 2nd place short story- Evelyn Martin

and 1st place over all program fine arts, Lucy Haynes. Others attending the convention were Mary Collins, Edna Hill, Ida Seymore and Alwyne Sandusky. Each reported on the program, style show and luncheon Saturday.

Ruby Hammond introduced our program by saying the Society for the Protection of Endangered Species has done a remarkable job. Yet, it is our responsibility to study the issues and express our opinions. Stacy Dam versus the snake and the coyote versus the farmer were given by Evelyn

Martin. The discussion on the coyote versus the rabbit and Florida and the alligator were presented by Maurine White.

Members present were Grace Lee Brown, Pam Carson, Mary Collins, Bess Dixon, Anna Lou Ferguson, Mildred Hamm, Ruby Hammond, Lucy Haynes, Edna Hill, Madelon Horton, Joyce Jay, Alice King, Aileen Knight, Ruth Lassiter, Evelyn Martin, Leota Patterson, Jeanette Pursley, Becky Rogers, Alwyne Sandusky, Ida Seymore, Anna Belle Shouse, Clara B. Walla, Maurine White and Lucille Wilson.

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## MERKEL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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AS A LIFETIME RESIDENT OF THE MERKEL SCHOOL DISTRICT, I CAN ONLY OFFER MY VERY BEST. I AM ASKING FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN THE RACE FOR SCHOOL BOARD AND IN RETURN, I WILL TAKE A LONG HARD LOOK AT EACH ISSUE, LINE BY LINE BEFORE I CAST A VOTE FOR OR AGAINST. THIS MAY SEEM LIKE A SIMPLE PROMISE, BUT WITH TODAY'S SAGGING ECONOMY, AND A FAILING TAX BASE, NOTHING IS SIMPLE. EVERY ITEM, NO MATTER HOW POPULAR OR UNPOPULAR MUST BE LOOKED AT LONG AND HARD. WITH ONE QUESTION IN MIND. WILL THIS BE THE MOST EDUCATION FOR OUR CHILDREN FOR THE DOLLAR SPENT? I AM ASKING FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN THIS ELECTION, AND IF YOU SHOULD CHOOSE ME TO REPRESENT YOU ON THE SCHOOL BOARD, I WILL BE ASKING FOR YOUR INPUT ON HOW WE CAN MAKE THE MERKEL SCHOOL DISTRICT SAFE, SOUND AND FINANCIALLY SECURE.

I WILL BACK THE TEACHERS AND ADMINISTRATION TO THE BEST OF MY ABILITY WHEN THE PROGRAM IS SOUND AND RIGHT. IF I SEE SOMETHING THAT I THINK IS WRONG, THEN I AM GOING TO ASK WHY? IF I THINK YOU, THE PARENTS AND TAXPAYERS, ARE NOT GETTING YOUR MONEYS' WORTH, THEN I AM GOING TO FIGHT TO GET THINGS SET STRAIGHT.

IF I AM ELECTED, I WILL NOT FORGET WHO PUT ME THERE. LET'S PUT THE PUBLIC BACK IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.....THANK YOU  
DANNY MALONE

Ad Paid for By Danny Malone

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That by virtue of a certain Writ of Execution issued out of the Honorable 70th District Court of Ector County, of the 24th day of March, 1987, by Writ Of Execution of said 70th District Court of Ector County, Texas for the sum of Fourty Six Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty One & 75/ 100 Dollars and costs of suit, under a Judgement, in favor of First National Bank of Louisville in a certain cause in said Court, No A-70,812 and styled First National Bank of Louisville, vs Harley Reeves, placed in my hand for service, I John W. Middleton as Sheriff of Taylor County, Texas, did on the 26th day of March, 1987, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Taylor County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: All undivided interest Section 140, Block 64, H & TC Railroad Company Survey, Taylor County, Texas, and levied upon as the property of Harley Reeves and that on the first Tuesday in May, 1987, the same being the 4th day of said month at the Court House door, of Taylor County, in the City of Abilene, Texas, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., by virtue of said levy and Writ of Execution, I will sell said above described Real Estate at public vendue, for each, to the highest bidder, as the property of said Harley Reeves.

Sale Will Be For Cash Only!

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English Language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper published in Taylor County.

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

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

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS -TO: CRUZ RAMIREZ Address Unknown, Respondent: GREETINGS: -YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable 326th District Court, Taylor County, Texas, at the

### THE STATE OF TEXAS -TO: JOHN LAYNE ANDERSON, Address Unknown, Respondent: GREETINGS:

-YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable 326th District Court, Taylor County, Texas, at the Courthouse of said county in Abilene, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the Monday next after the expiration of 20 days from the date of service of this citation, then and there to answer the petition of RAMONA WYLEN ANDERSEN, Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 24th day of March, 1987, against JOHN LAYNE ANDERSEN, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 14,579-C on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Matter of the Marriage of RAMONA WYLEN ANDERSEN and JOHN LAYNE ANDERSEN", the nature of which suit is a request to be appointed Managing Conservator of the minor child; a division of estate that the Court deems just & right; and the Court to grant a divorce.

The Court has authority in thei suit to enter any judgement or decree dissolving the marriage and providing for the division of property which will be binding upon you.

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall eb returned unserved.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court at Abilene, Texas, this the 28th day of March, 1987. Rilla Mahoney, District Clerk, 326th District Court, Taylor County, Texas by Patricia Henderson, Deputy 14-1tc-76

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### -YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable 326th District Court, Taylor County, Texas, at the Courthouse of said County in Abilene, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the Monday next after the expiration of 20 days from the date of service of this citation, then and there to answer the petition of Christian Homes of Abilene, Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 26th day of March, 1987, against CRUZ RAMIREZ, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 620-CX on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Interest of An Unborn Child", the nature of which suit is a request to determine what parent-child relationships exist between the child and any other persons and that all such parent-child relationships be terminated.

Said child is unborn. The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgement or decree in the child's interest which will be binding upon you, including the termination of the parent-child relationship.

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court at Abilene, Texas, this the 27th day of March, 1987. Rilla Mahoney, District Clerk, 326th District Court, Taylor County, Texas by Patricia Henderson, Deputy 14-74-1tc

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS -TO: BILLY CASAUS, Respondent: GREETINGS: -YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable 326th District Court, Taylor County, Texas, at the

### Courthouse of said County in Abilene, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the Monday next after the expiration of 20 days from the date of service of this citation, then and there to answer the petition of An Unborn Child, Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 26th day of March, 1987 against BILLY CASAUS, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 619-CX on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Interest of AN UNBORN CHILD", the nature of which suit is a request to determine what parent-child relationships exist between the child and any other persons and that all such parent-child relationships be terminated.

Said child is unborn. The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgement or decree in the child's interest which will be binding upon you, including the termination of the parent-child relationship.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court at Abilene, Texas, this the 27th day of March, 1987. Rilla Mahoney, District Clerk, 326th District Court, Taylor County, Texas by Patricia Henderson, Deputy 14-73-1tc

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Physicians of the nineteenth century often prescribed the wearing of beards for persons with delicate throats, as they reasoned that a good substantial beard was a permanent muffler; many may have been able to beat a cold by a whisker.

The motto of the U.S. Navy's Seabees is "Can Do."

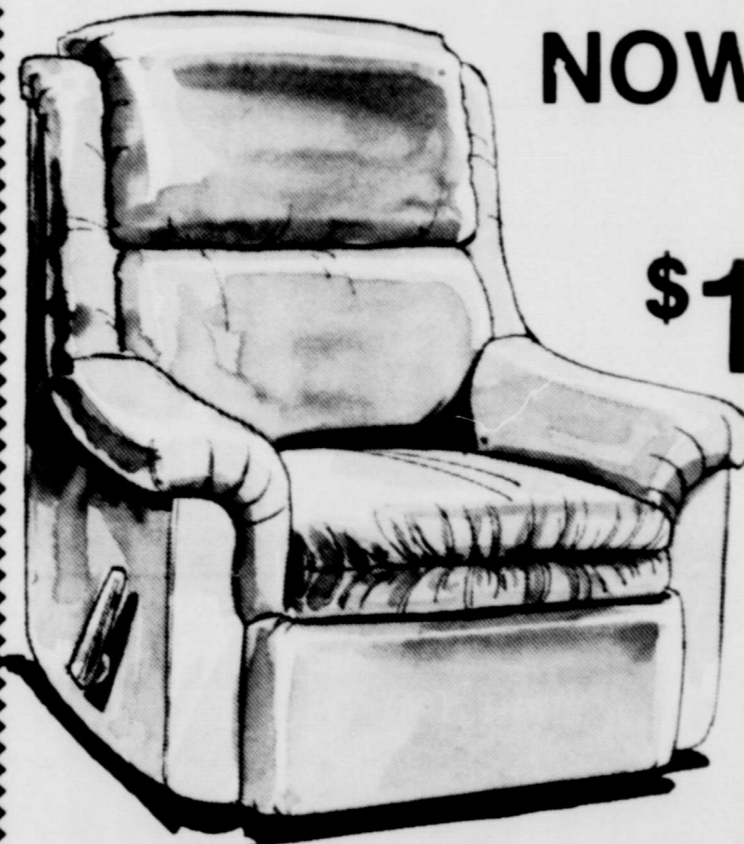
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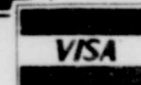
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Wed thru Sat  
April 1, 2, 3 & 4  
STORE HOURS  
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MON THRU SAT  
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HAIR SPRAY  
AQUA NET  
9 OZ SPRAY \$1.09



FRUIT LOOPS  
CEREAL  
20 OZ BOX \$2.09

BLEACH 45 OZ BOX  
**BIZ \$2.19**

HUNTS SNACK PACK PUDDING \$1.19 EA

BORDENS ICE CREAM  
1/2 GAL CRTN \$1.69

DISINFECTANT CLEANER  
**PINESOL**  
15 OZ SIZE \$1.29

LIQUID PALMOLIVE  
22 OZ BTL **98c**

BATH SOAP **PARADE TONE**  
2 BAR DEAL EACH **98c**

DETERGENT **CHEER**  
42 OZ BOX \$1.79

FROZEN FOODS  
CITRUS HILL **ORANGE JUICE**  
12 OZ CAN \$1.19

PARADE **BAR-B-O SAUCE**  
GEBHARDTS 16 OZ JUG **59c**

**JUMBO TAMALES**  
29 OZ CAN \$1.19

PARADE **MILK**  
12 OZ CAN **2 FOR 89c**

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BREADED **OKRA** BAG \$1.29  
GREEN GIANT MICROWAVE SINGLE EAR ITS NEW PKG **63c**

AUNT JEMIMA **LITE SYRUP**  
24 OZ \$2.09

**SNOWDRIFT**  
3 LB CAN \$1.39

PARADE **POTATO**  
ASST BOX **98c**

PARKAY LIGHT **SPREAD COCA COLA**  
3 LB TUB \$1.39

FREE \$2500 GIFT CERTIFICATE  
EACH WEEK 3 LITER BOTTLE \$1.49  
SIGN UP EACH TIME IN STORE-NOTHING TO BUY

BETTY CROCKER SCALLOPED-AU GRATIN OR HASH INSTANT **POTATO**  
ASST BOX **98c**

PARADE 7.4 OZ **MAC-CHEESE DINNER**  
FOR 2 **49c**

NABISCO **VANILLA WAFERS**  
12 OZ BOX \$1.29

TEA BAGS **LIPTON**  
24 CT BOX \$1.49

COOKING OIL **CRISCO**  
48 OZ JUG \$1.69

AMERICAN BEAUTY **THIN SPAGHETTI**  
16 OZ PKG **79c**

CARMEL **FIDDLE FADDLE**  
6 OZ BOX **79c**

CHOICE BEEF **CHUCK ROAST**  
EXTRA TASTY  
EXTRA TENDER  
EXTRA GOOD

GOLD MEDAL **FLOUR**  
5 LB BAG **89c**

PARADE INSTANT **TEA**  
3 OZ JAR \$1.69

PARADE **FRANKS**  
ALL MEAT 2 12 OZ PKG **99c**

EXTRA TRIM **LEAN POUND**  
\$2.09

TREE TOP **APPLE CIDER**  
64 OZ \$1.79

PARADE 303 CUT **GREEN BEANS**  
MIX 'EM OR MATCH 'EM

THOMPSON SEEDLESS **WHITE GRAPES**  
SWEET POUND **99c**

CHOICE BEEF **RIB STEAK**  
LEAN SMALL LB \$1.59

CHOICE BEEF **ARM ROAST**  
LEAN POUND \$1.59

PARADE 303 CUT **GREEN BEANS**  
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FRESH **BROCCOLI** LB 49c  
TEXAS RUBY RED **GRAPEFRUIT** LB 39c

CHOICE BEEF MEATY **BEEF SHORT RIBS**  
LEAN LB \$1.19

GOOCH B. R. **BACON**  
TRAY PACK POUND \$1.59

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FRESH CELLO LB **CARROTS** 2 FOR 49c  
GOLDEN **BANANAS** LB 39c

OWENS SMOKED **RING SAUSAGE**  
ASSORTED LB \$2.09

ARMOUR STAR CHICKEN FRIED **BREADED BEEF PATTIES**  
LB \$1.79

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HASS **AVOCADOS** 5 FOR \$1.00  
D'ANJOU **SWEET PEARS** LB 69c

ARMOUR STAR WITH GRAVY **ROAST**  
ALL WHITE 24 OZ BOX \$2.79

MIXED & WHITE **ROAST**  
24 OZ BOX \$2.59

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RUSSET **SPUDS** 10 LB BAG \$1.29

PARADE **CHICKEN-LIVER DOG FOOD**  
300 CAN **3.69c**

CHARMIN **TISSUE**  
4 ROLL CRTN \$1.09

KRAFTS **CHEESE**  
SINGLE SLICED 12 OZ PKG \$1.79

COFFEEMATE **CARNATION**  
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# Candidates responses continue

at Merkel. We should join together and support the students, teachers, administration and school board. Any changes that need to be made should be done in a positive and reasonable manner that protects the best interests of MISD and its students.

6. The corporal punishment controversy succeeded in creating interest among the residents of MISD. Without being privy to all the facts concerning this controversy, I would not attempt to second guess the handling of the situation by MISD. I do feel that corporal punishment should be

kept as a viable means of discipline at our school.

7. I would like to see continued improvement in academics, athletics, and all extra-curricular activities sponsored by MISD. To continue to improve we must all support the efforts of the employees and students of MISD.

8. I believe that the selection of a superintendent is the single most important job that a school board does. As with other organizations, the person at the top sets the tone for the entire organization. If the correct leader

is chosen, MISD will continue on its path of improvement and its reach for excellence. Choose the wrong leader, and our school system can once again slip into the doldrums of mediocrity and malaise.

Having had experience as a school teacher, business man and parent, I feel I am qualified to help guide MISD through the next three years.

As one who has had ties with Merkel since birth, I feel a strong concern to help Merkel be the best place it can be for our children our families and our friends.

## Mayor proclaims child abuse prevention month

### PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, as all Americans of reason and conscience unambiguously agree, this nation's most precious asset is that which we and, for that matter, all of humanity worldwide, most zealously guard and cherish beyond all else—the living extensions of ourselves and our country's primary entitlement to the future—our children; and

WHEREAS, while we understandably rain down upon these, our irreplaceable children, all of our love and affection, patience and forbearance, and hopes and aspirations, there are others who, to bewilderment, inflict grave injury, both physical and psychological, upon their offspring; and

WHEREAS, the social malignancy called child abuse and neglect respects no racial, class or geographic boundary, and, in fact, has reached epidemic proportions in nearly all regions of our nation; and

WHEREAS, the arrest and ultimate elimination of this damaging and sometimes deadly disease cannot be achieved without the full and total support of every responsible and compassionate American;

NOW, THEREFORE, as Mayor of Merkel, Texas, I hereby proclaim that the entire month of April, 1987, shall be observed as Child Abuse Prevention Month, and I urge all citizens to utilize this period to learn to better understand, recognize, and respond to this grievous problem;

AND FURTHER, I commend

the Exchange Club of Merkel for providing such information to our people and urge full public support of their successful effort, in concern with all other Exchange Clubs in America and their Child Abuse Prevention

Foundation, to establish a nationwide network of Child Abuse Prevention Centers where abusing parents and their children are at last finding new hope and effective help.

Kent Satterwhite, Mayor  
City of Merkel, Texas

## Services held here for Verdie Patterson

Verdie Belle Patterson of Arlington, a former Merkel resident, died March 29 at Arlington Memorial Hospital. Funeral services were held Wednesday at Merkel's First United Methodist Church with Lynward Harrison and John Wagoner, pastor, officiating. Burial followed at Rose Hill Cemetery here under the direction of the Starbuck Funeral Home.

She had married Elmer Patterson June 2, 1924 here. She was a housewife. She had lived in the Merkel area most of her life. She was a member of the Methodist Church and the Woodmen of the

World. She had moved to Arlington in 1966.

Her husband preceded her in death. He died Jan. 21, 1973.

She is survived by a son; E. J. Patterson of Arlington; a brother, Virgil Turner of Abilene; four sisters, Vivian Masserang and Viola Ensminger, both of Abilene, Vada Martin of both Abilene and Frazier of Sweetwater.

She is also survived by five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Arthur Moore, Dewitt Campbell, H. L. Hammond, Joe Weston, Rex Martin and Carl Poe.

## Barnes' services held in California

Services were held at The Church of Christ, 7300 Stockdale Highway, Tuesday at 10 a.m. for Woodrow Wilson Barnes, 68, who passed away March 14th in a Bakersfield hospital.

Interment followed in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Mr. Barnes was born here and had resided in Bakersfield since 1945. Before retiring in 1973, he had been a plumber for 30 years, employed by the Plumbers &

Steamfitter Union Local # 460 and # 411.

He was a veteran of the U. S. Army, having served during World War II, and was a member of the Westside Church of Christ.

He is survived by his wife, Beatrice of Bakersfield; daughters Glenda Wright of Atascadero, Carol Mariott and Anita Williams, both of Bakersfield; mother Irene Barnes Hurd of Merkel; 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.



Debra Carey & Randal Gorton

## Carey-Gorton announce wedding plans

Mr. and Mrs. Milton W. Carey of Merkel, Texas, are pleased to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Debra Ann, to Randal Adam Gorton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry A. Gorton of Deer Park. The wedding is planned for May 23, 1987 at 3 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Merkel with Pastor Kenneth Jones presiding. The bride is a 1983 graduate of Merkel High School. She also graduated from Cisco Junior College in 1985 and is presently attending the University of Houston College of Pharmacy. The groom is a 1982 graduate of Deer Park High School. He attended Kilgore Junior College, Cisco Junior College and is currently a student at Angelo State University in San Angelo, Texas.

All friends of the bride and groom are personally invited to attend the wedding and reception.

## Merkelites are new grandparents

Freddy and Cathy Hillin of Clyde are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Cassi Richelle, born March 6th.

Her grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Milton Carey of Merkel.

# Springtime SAVINGS

<p><b>BAUSCH &amp; LOMB SALINE SOLUTION</b> 12 oz. Preserved or Sensitive Eyes <b>2.99</b></p>	<p><b>RIOPAN PLUS</b> 60 Chewable Tablets 12 oz. Liquid... <b>2.69</b></p>	<p><b>COLGATE</b> 7 oz. Regular, 6.4 oz. Gel, Reg. Tartar Control or Tartar Control Gel <b>1.39</b></p>	<p><b>RIGHT GUARD</b> 5 oz. Deodorant or 4 oz. Anti-Perspirant 1.99 -1.00 Mail-in Rebate <b>99¢ FINAL COST</b></p>
<p><b>BAYER</b> REGULAR OR MAXIMUM STRENGTH 60 Ct. Maximum or 100 Ct. Regular <b>2.89</b> Tablets or Caplets</p>	<p><b>FIBER GUARD</b> 100 Ct. 3.89 -1.00 Mail-in Rebate <b>2.89 FINAL COST</b></p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">Today doctors are recommending a high fiber, low-fat diet. The average American diet is deficient in fiber. Stop by today to pick up a free Fiber Test brochure from your Associated Druggists Pharmacist and the makers of Fiber Guard.</p>		<p><b>KLEENEX</b> 130 Ct. <b>69¢</b></p>
<p><b>METAMUCIL</b> REGULAR OR SUGAR-FREE 14 oz. Regular, Orange or Strawberry, 7.4 oz. Sugar-Free Reg. or Orange <b>5.49</b></p>	<p><b>NEUTROGENA</b> HAND CREAM 2 oz. Regular or Unscented <b>2.69</b></p>	<p><b>ALKA-SELTZER PLUS</b> COLD MEDICINE 20 Ct. <b>2.19</b></p>	<p><b>JHIRMACK</b> 8 oz. Shampoo or Conditioner <b>2.19</b></p>
<p><b>CHILDREN'S PANADOL</b> 30 Tablets <b>1.89</b></p>	<p><b>CHAPSTICK</b> PETROLEUM JELLY PLUS Regular or With SB15 <b>77¢</b></p>	<p><b>OS-CAL 500 + D</b> 60 Ct. 4.49 -1.00 Instant Coupon <b>3.49 FINAL COST</b></p>	<p><b>TAMPAX</b> 40 Ct. 3.50 -1.00 Mail-in Rebate <b>2.50 FINAL COST</b> Regular, Super, Slender or Super Plus</p>

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- GARY SMITH
- GERALD RUTLEDGE
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## Sandusky's daughter will repeat vows

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Sandusky are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Marissa Lynette, to Phillip Calvin Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Jones of Fluvanna.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Merkel High School and Hardin-Simmons University with a bachelor's degree in Education. She is employed by Tye Elementary.

The prospective bridegroom graduated from Snyder High School and Western Texas College with a degree in Residential Construction. He farms and ranches with his father.

A June 6 wedding is planned at the First Presbyterian Church in Snyder, Texas.

## Farm ponds can increase values

Farm fish ponds can be an economic asset to land owners just like game. It is becoming more common for owners to lease farm ponds for fishing and recreation just like hunting.

A meeting explaining managing a farm fish pond and leasing it will be Tuesday, April 14 at 7:30 P.M.

Dr. Jim Davis, extension fisher specialist from Texas A & M, will discuss raising catfish, bass and redfish in farm ponds. He will cover clearing the pond of rough fish, stocking, feeding, harvesting, and pond weed control.

Dr. Ashley Lovell, extension economist from Stephenville, will talk about leasing ponds. This will include day leasing and yearly leases. Some success and rates of area landowners will be given.

Dr. Lovell states that there are city people that are willing to spend the money for outside recreation such as fishing and overnight camping in rural settings. The landowner might as well use his assets and increase his income, particularly during these economically tough times. Very little capitol is necessary to generate this extra income.

The public is invited to the meeting, and there will be no charge.

From the Office of Joe Wilson, County Extension Agent, Agriculture, Taylor County.



Marissa Sandusky & Phillip Jones

## Capitol Journal

by Steven A. Carriker

A new wind is blowing in Austin: Business interests are now talking about supporting a personal income tax. They see the income tax as one way to avoid broadening the sales tax to include professional services. Business is also fearful that unless they push for a personal income tax now, the legislature might adopt a corporate income tax instead which might hit big corporations with a higher rate).

Meanwhile, the momentum behind the move to broaden the sales tax base seems to be faltering: Governor Clements has endorsed it, but only if it results in no additional revenue to the state. While a majority of the legislature probably favors it, they see no point in waging the battle to change the tax code if it doesn't help get the state out of its deficit situation. So, a stalemate continues.

In order to avoid slicing money for things like rural schools, aid to the elderly, and to pay off the deficit, the legislature must raise

more revenue that Clements said he would approve. The major obstacle to getting the revenue thus far has been the Governor's firm pledge to veto any tax bill, no matter what the consequences. However, the deepening SMU "Ponygate" scandal has many legislators believing that a Clements veto might be overridden. Another perspective was voiced by one rural legislator after surveying the Clements budget: "Someone is going to raise your taxes \$6 billion this year. If the state doesn't do it, then your local property taxes will go up instead. Name your poison."

West Texas legislators waged a spirited fight against being "dumped" on by low level nuclear waste. We succeeded in getting several amendments on the nuclear waste bill that would restrict the siting Authority from putting it wherever they please.

Representatives Larry Don Shaw (D-Big Spring), L. B. Kubiak (D-Rockdale), and members of the Mexican-American Caucus deserve a pat on the back for helping with this issue.

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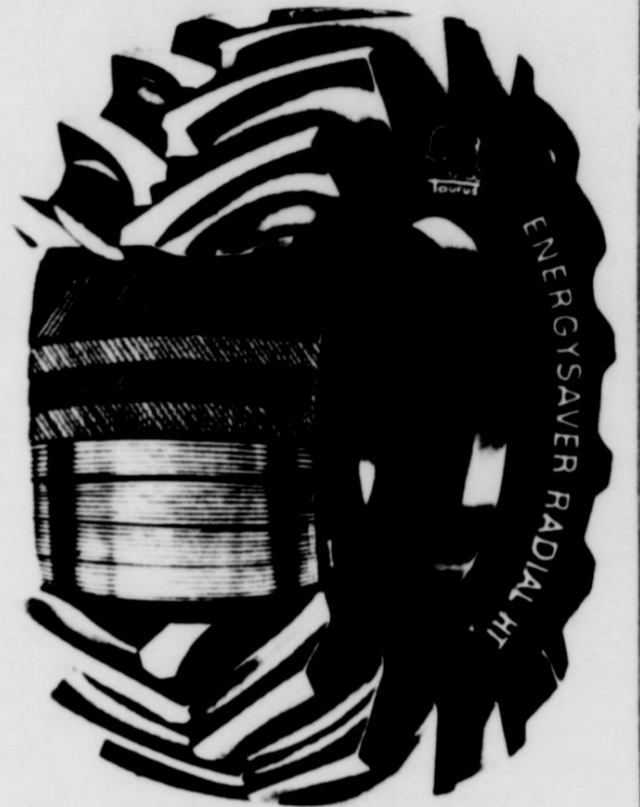
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Thank You  
Linda Kinder  
Bill & June Lambert  
Ollie Deatheredge

We would like to thank everyone for their contributions made to the fund for Lance Aaron Jowers.

We appreciate all the gifts, prayers, and concern from the town of Merkel. It is nice to know that someone really cares. Your donations and kindness will always be remembered. Thanks again.

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