

The Merkel Mail

Our 99th year

Thursday, December 17, 1987 . . . Merkel, Texas

30 cents

Burglars break in to post office



For the first time anyone here can remember, burglars broke into the Merkel Post Office late Saturday night or early Sunday morning.

Missing were several coils of postage stamps and three calculators, according to Merkel Postmaster D. C. Hendricks.

Burglars gained entry by removing a portion of the suspended

ceiling in the lobby and came back through the ceiling inside the Post Office.

The break-in was discovered at 5 a.m. Sunday morning by the local **Abilene Reporter News** delivery agent.

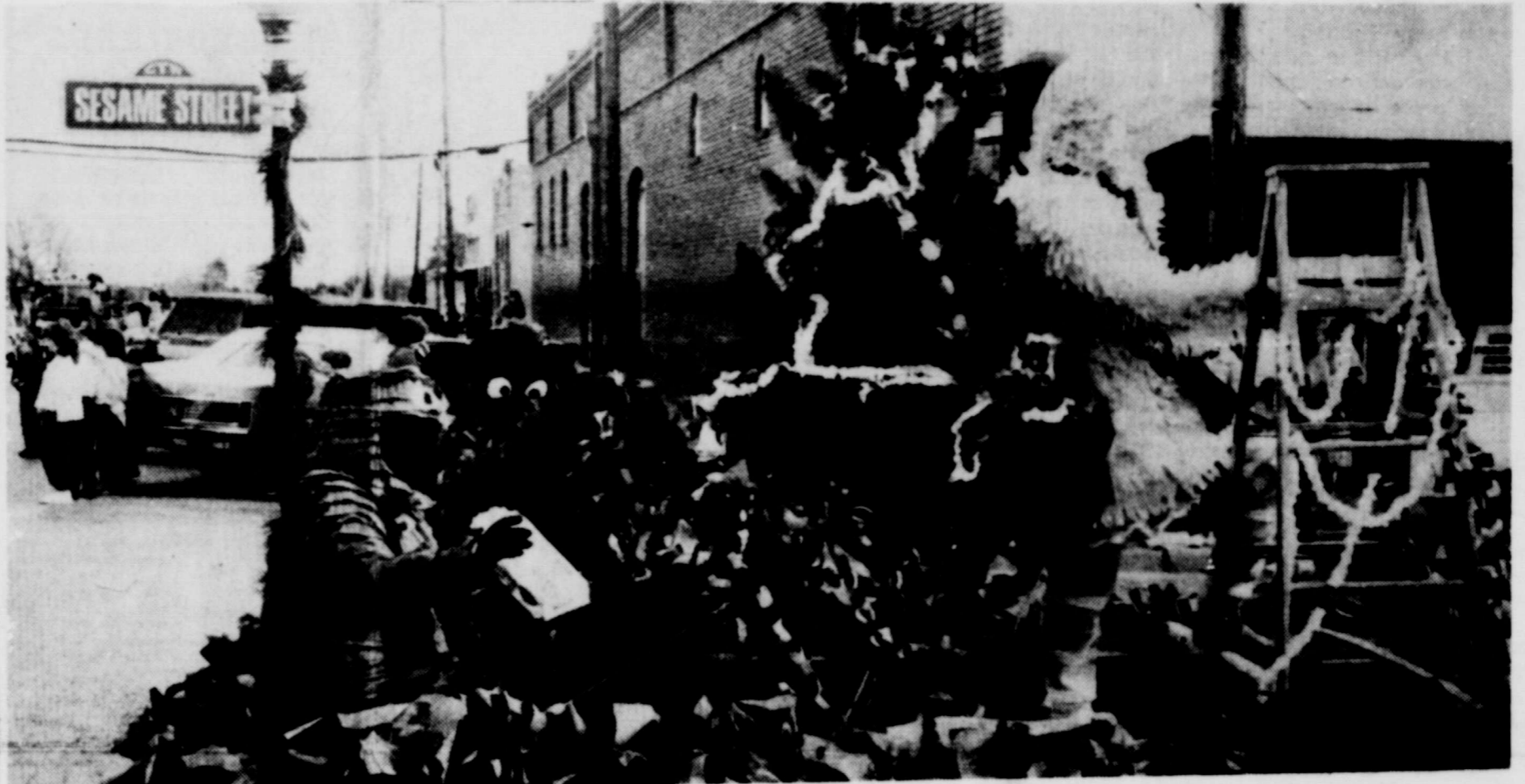
Postmaster Hendricks told **The Mail** Monday "We couldn't tell if they tried to break in to the safe. They did pry open the service

drawers behind the counter. No money or mail was stolen."

The break in was investigated by the Postal Inspector from Lubbock and the Merkel Police Department.

Postal employees from Abilene secured the ceiling Monday and also reinforced the area to discourage future break-ins.

The U. S. Postal service is offering a \$5,000 reward for information that leads to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the break-in. If you have any information, contact S. C. Prose, Postal Inspector by calling 806-762-7821 (collect) or the Merkel Police Department at 928-4766.



Members of the Merkel Garden Club recreated a scene from Sesame Street in the annual

Chamber of Commerce Christmas parade here Saturday. Staff photo

U. S. Postal surface employees repair damage to the rood ceiling of the Merkel Post Office following a weekend break-in. Criminals stole postage stamps as well as

office machines in the break-in. The postal service is offering a reward for information that leads to the arrest and conviction of persons responsible. Staff photo

City asks for bids, sets holiday schedule

Tax rebates are 6.8% off

Merkel's sales tax rebates increased in October and Merkel now stands 6.80 percent behind rebates of a year ago, according to a news release from the State Comptroller's Office.

Merkel's October check of \$3,969.80 pushed the yearly total to \$59,631.94, compared to \$63,983.28 for the same period last year.

In Tye, rebates are down 4.72 percent. Tye's latest check of \$4,757.09 pushed their annual total to \$59,192.42, compared to \$62,122.42 for the same period a year ago.

In Trent, rebates are down 2.35

percent as they have collected \$3,205.44 so far this year, compared to \$3,282.52 for the same period last year.

Abilene's rebates are down 9.41 percent; Buffalo Gap's are down 16.91 percent; Impact's are down 0.21 percent; and Tuscola's are down 8.15 percent.

December rebates represent taxes collected in October and repaid to the State Comptroller by Nov. 20th. October was also the first month that the broadened tax base went into effect. The tax base was widened as a result of state legislation passed during last summer's special session of the Texas legislature.

The Merkel City Council met in its last scheduled meeting of 1987 Monday night at the Merkel Emergency Medical Service Building.

Councilmen approved an out-of-town water service request from a Mr. Gonzales in the Cedar Hill Estates. Mr. Gonzales must still receive permission from the City of Abilene for water service.

Council also authorized City Manager J. A. Sadler to advertise for bids on the refurbishment of six more local homes under a state program.

So far, 12 local homes have been remodeled under the program, administered by the Texas Department of Community Affairs. The program should fund the refurbishment of 26 local homes.

The City also announced their holiday schedule. City Hall will be closed Dec. 24th and 25th, as well

as January 1st. Sanitation service Christmas week will be completed by Wednesday (Thursday pick-ups will be made Wednesday).

Councilmen also voted to dispense with the Dec. 28th regular meeting.

Council also heard the monthly

police report from police chief Bob Jones. Merkel police worked a total of 32 cases in November.

Police investigated two cases of burglary of a motor vehicle and six home burglaries.

Police investigated three cases of assault, two thefts, three cases

of criminal mischief (vandalism), and a case of trespassing.

Police also investigated four traffic accidents, two cases of the unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, issued six traffic citations, made one arrest for public intoxication and answered two dog calls.

Newsbriefs

January 4th, 1988.

The Merkel PTO Christmas program, cancelled earlier in the week because of the snow and ice will be held tonight (Thursday) at 7 p.m. for students in grades 3-5.

Early Mail deadline

The Mail will have an early deadline for the Christmas edition.

All ads and news need to be turned in by noon Monday, Dec. 21st. The Mail's offices will be closed until Dec. 28th. The deadline for the New Year's edition will be noon Tuesday, December 29th.

Your cooperation will be appreciated.

Sing-a-long set

The Merkel Chamber of Com-

merce is sponsoring a community wide sing-a-long Thursday at 7 p.m. at the lot across from Starbuck Furniture.

The community choir will lead Christmas carols. The lot has been decorated by the Chamber and the City and everyone is invited to attend.

Local merchants have been asked to stay open late for those last minute Christmas shoppers.

Band collects cans

The Trent High School Band is collecting aluminum cans as a fund raising project to purchase new equipment.

A trailer is located North of the School Cafeteria to hold the cans. The band would appreciate the cooperation of everyone is helping with this project.

Snow, singing, sadness, scare. . more

by Cloy A. Richards

After a very mild Autumn, we finally had some winter-like weather earlier this week.

Merkel and the area received a couple of inches of snow. It's still a novelty to me, even though this is our tenth winter here. Lots of snowball fights broke out after school Monday and a few snowmen were created Monday afternoon.

We did need the moisture and it's a pretty way of getting it.

The local post office was robbed here over the weekend and no one can remember that happening before.

Burglars didn't get much for their efforts but they'd better hope they don't get caught. The feds don't take too well to that kind of thing.

The girls basketball team had a bad evening Saturday.

In the finals of the Stephenville tournament, they could only manage two points in the final quarter

and lost by five.

On the way home, their bus was hit by a pick-up that didn't stop following the accident. Girls coach Jan Whisenhunt said the wreck kind of put things in perspective. She found herself not so worried about her team's disappointing final quarter when she realized it could have really been a final quarter. The vehicles narrowly avoided hitting head on. No one was injured.

The kids get out of Merkel and Trent school early Friday and will be with you until January 4th for the Christmas vacation.

Merkel schools will dismiss at 12:50 Friday.

I enjoyed Saturday's Christmas parade. People participated well, the kids I saw enjoyed the event and there were some very creative entries.

Martha Sue Justice deserves a pat on the back for her efforts. She was in charge of the event for the Merkel Chamber of Commerce.

With sadness, we note the passing of former **Merkel Mail** publisher Dave Brumbeau.

I didn't know Dave all that well. I met him when we were negotiating with former **Mail** publisher Steve Lanham when we purchased the newspaper. Dave gave me some helpful insights on this community and I sought his advice on occasional trips to Abilene. Dave died Saturday and we wanted to acknowledge his efforts on Merkel's and **The Mail's** behalf for his ten year tenure here.

Don't forget the community sing-a-long here Thursday night at the lot across from Starbuck Furniture. It won't last long and the cold air will get your circulation going.

Things get started at 7 p.m.

Dale's cartoon this week is a classic. It fits a lot of folks I know of the male persuasion.

Board will meet

MISD trustees will meet tonight (Thursday) for their final meeting of 1987.

The meeting will start at 8 p.m. in the High School Lounge.

The board will hear a proposal for resurfacing the middle school and elementary school gyms, will approve teachers for the career ladder, will present and approve the annual performance report and will hear reports from campus principals, as well as other management departments.

Early out Friday

Merkel schools will be dismissing early Friday for the Christmas holidays.

School will be dismissed at 12:50 p.m. Friday and will reconvene

Former publisher's services held

Dave Brumbeau, publisher of **The Merkel Mail** from 1962-72, died in Big Spring Dec. 12th.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at 2 p.m. in Abilene. Burial followed at Elmwood Memorial Park.

Born in El Paso, Brumbeau served in the Army Air Corps in World War II. His plane was shot down and he was a prisoner of war for 18 months. In September, he was awarded the Air Medal at Dyess Air Force Base.

He was a graduate of the University of Texas School of Journalism and began his writing career with **The Houston Post**. He

also worked for newspapers in Austin, Palestine, Terrell and Abilene.

He worked for the **Reporter News** until 1955. He published the Dyess Air Force Base newspaper until 1965 and he and his wife Elaine published **The Merkel Mail** for 10 years.

He was a member of the St. Paul United Methodist Church in Abilene, was past president of the Abilene Chapter of American Advertising Federation, past commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2012, a member of the Taylor County Ex POW's, the Abilene Business League, the

Abilene Chamber of Commerce, the Kiwanis Club of Abilene and the development Council for the Hendrick Home for Children. He was also a Mason.

He is survived by his wife, Elaine of Abilene; his daughter Jan Brumbeau of Abilene; a sister, Mable Hummer of Booker, as well as several nieces and nephews.

The family requested that memorials be made to the Hendrick Home for Children P. O. Box 5195 Abilene, TX 79608.

He and his wife owned and operated AAA Printing in Abilene since 1958.

Girls 2nd, boys 3rd in Stephenville tournament

The Merkel Boys basketball team won the consolation trophy while the girls placed second in the Cross Timbers basketball tournament held over the weekend in Stephenville.

The girls had a memorable trip home as their bus was struck by a pick-up, who left the scene of the accident. No one was injured in the incident.

In boys action for the past two weeks, coach Johnny Hampton said his team played well in the opening game and lost to Archer City 57-56 as the Archer City team hit a free throw with no time on the clock. In their next game, the boys lost 60-56 to Iowa Park in overtime. Hampton said his team did not play well in that contest.

The boys came back with a 69-50 win over Eastland here Dec. 8th. Hampton said his team started slow and were down by eight at the end of the first half of play.

Last weekend in Stephenville, the boys lost to Trinity Valley in the opening round 55-52 in overtime. Trinity Valley (a Ft. Worth school) went on to win the tournament. In the second game, Merkel beat Springtown 55-52 in overtime and then beat Mineral Wells 42-38 for the consolation trophy.

This week, the boys played Breckenridge here Tuesday night and won't play again until Dec. 21 when they host Coleman. After that, the boys have a few days off before they play in the McMurry

Tournament Dec. 28th and 29th.

The boys are 6-4 on the season.

The Merkel girls started off last week with a cancellation here against Eastland. The Lady Mavericks cancelled the game after several of the players came down with the chicken pox. The girls also played in the Cross Timbers Tournament in Stephenville, placing 2nd.

The girls opened with a 35-29 win over Brock. Teresa Lucas led with 11 points and coach Jan Whisenhunt said her team did not really play very well, despite the win.

In the 2nd round, the girls beat Lingville 38-32 as Teresa Lucas had her best scoring game of the season with 16 points. Coach Whisenhunt said her team played very well in that game, especially on defense.

In the tournament finals, the girls were beaten by Gracord 40-35. The Lady Badgers were in a position to win that game but only scored two points in the final period. Lucas again led with 12 while Michele Dudley added 8.

Lucas, Dudley and Amber Whisenhunt were named to the all-tournament team and Lucas won a free throw contest hitting 9-10 attempts. This week, the girls played their second district game in Ballinger (details not available at press time) and will take on Roscoe in the first round of the Roscoe Tournament tonight (Thursday) at 7 p.m. The girls then host Coleman Dec. 21 and will be off until Jan. 2nd.

The girls had quite a scare returning from the Stephenville Tournament Saturday night when their bus was hit by a pick-up, which left the scene of the accident.

Coach Whisenhunt was driving the bus and she said a truck, with bright lights on, crossed the center stripe and sideswiped the school bus. No one was injured. She said "I was glad we didn't take a smaller bus to the tournament, the impact could have turned it over." The driver of the truck left the scene, although he left behind his vehicle's left front fender. No arrests had been made as of Monday in the incident. Coach Whisenhunt said she had logged a lot of miles in her coaching career and said that was the first time anything like that had happened.

She said "I have never even had a ticket."

Depressed?

The blues. The blahs. The dumps. It doesn't matter what you call it. Being depressed is certain to be part of your life from time to time. We don't know how to prevent it, but we have learned that it's not nearly as bad when we have each other—and God—to help us through. We're UnitedMethodists.



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SALE ON CHRISTMAS ITEMS

LITTLE GIRLS FASHIONS ALL SIZES

SOME BED & BATH ITEMS

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Trent has rough week on the court

Both Rilla basketball teams were busy last week traveling to Roby Tuesday and playing in the Highland basketball tournament over the weekend.

Last Tuesday night, the Roby Lions dealt both Trent teams a sound defeat. The boys game saw Jason Massey lead the Rillas with 17 points but it wasn't enough as Roby raced to an 86-53 win. The girls game was all Roby as the Lady Lions roared to a 51-29 win over the Lady Rillas.

The Lady Rillas had a successful weekend bringing home the 3rd place trophy from the Highland tournament. In the first game, Tammy Collier had 17 to lead the Rillas to a hard-fought 52-49 win over Sterling City. In Trent's second game, the Bronte Longhorns broke up a close game in the last quarter to win 57-30. The Lady Rillas had 16 from Ginger Massey in the losing effort. In the 3rd place game, Massey had 11 to lead the Lady Rillas to a 45-22 massacre over the host Highland Lady Hornets. In this game, the Lady Rillas were never

behind, outscoring Highland in every quarter to bring home the 3rd place trophy.

The boys were not as successful. Trent was defeated in both games, 75-39 by Sterling City and 60-55 by Blackwell. In the first game, Lee Hunt led the Rillas with 16 while Brian Massey had 17 in the Blackwell loss.

Coach Robbie Shugart of the Lady Rillas told The Mail "We played good defense in this tournament and had good team play. We hit 50 percent from the floor and 65 percent from the free throw line against Sterling City, in the 3rd place game, we had a good all around team effort."

The Lady Rillas are attempting to arrange a game Tuesday against the Snyder Freshmen while the boys and girls will travel to Hermleigh Friday. The boys record fell to 4-3 after losing three straight last week while the Lady Rillas increased their season record to 6-3 while going 2-1 last week.

by W. E. Dulaney

THS band will present concert

The Trent High school band will present their annual musical program Dec. 17th in the high school gym at 7:30 p.m.

The Concert Band will perform Children's Christmas March, Diable, Christmas Kings, Twist and Shout and a Christmas Sing-A-Long.

Also featured on the program will be the newly formed Trent Jazz Ensemble. The Jazz Ensemble

will perform Woodchopper's Ball (Herman), Jingle Bells (Ann Clark) and Louie, Louie (Ann Sweeney).

The Trent band is under the direction of J. R. Reed.

Brownies will sing

Local Brownie Troops 265 and 276 will be singing Christmas carols Friday night at 7 p.m. at the Pleasantville Apartments.

MERKEL & TRENT BASKETBALL

MERKEL HIGH SCHOOL
Dec. 18 & 19th Varsity Girls and JV Boys in the Roscoe Tournament
Dec. 21: Varsity Boys and Girls host Coleman
MERKEL JUNIOR HIGH AND 8TH GRADE
7th, 8th, & 9th Grade Girls and Boys host Abilene Christian Middle School

TRENT HIGH SCHOOL
DEC. 18th BOYS AND GIRLS AT HERMLEIGH

THE FOLLOWING SUPPORT AREA BASKETBALL

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Fortnightly group holds programs

The Fortnightly Study Club met Dec. 8th in the home of Comer Haynes for the annual Christmas program.

Mrs. Allen King, president, presided for the business meeting. Reports of officers were made. Roll call was each one giving a Christmas quotation. Mrs. Orville Hill gave the Federation Counselor's report from the Texas Clubwomen's on Leadership agenda for the 1990s.

Mrs. Johnny Hammond, program chairman, introduced the program Celebrating Christmas-Birthday of a King. Neidlinger, sung by Mrs. Ed Sandusky and Mrs. Andy Shouse. Mrs. Henry Martin read a Christmas meditation Mrs. Comer Haynes gave the Love Story of Mary and Joseph, a fictional narrative based on Marjorie Holmes' book Two From Galilee. The story tells of events and reactions of the families and friends of a young couple being married. Mary asked herself—Is my mother's pride more important than the happiness of my whole life? After the birth of baby Jesus the wise men followed the star to find the baby—they said "We have studied the stars for many years and this Star is more unique and different from all the rest." After the plan of Herod to kill all baby boys two years and younger was known, as the angel revealed, the story

closed with Mary saying "Let's get started to Egypt for we have a long way to go." All joined in singing Christmas carols, and to close our celebration, Mrs. Hill directed the Christmas gift exchange.

Those enjoying this festive occasion were Grace Lee Brown, Pam Carson, Mary Collins, Bess Dixon, Lena Dunigan, Anna Lou

Ferguson, Mildred Hamm, Ruby Hammond, Lucy Haynes, Edna Hill, Nina Belle Hughes, Joyce Jay, Alice King, Aileen Knight, Mary K. Logan, Evelyn Martin, Leota Patterson, Jeanette Pursley, Becky Pyburn, Becky Rogers, Alwyne Sandusky, Ida Seymore, Anna Belle Shouse, Clara B. Walla, Maurine White and Lucille Wilson.

Hunter's Insights

by Josh Amerine

We have finally gotten our first taste of winter weather eight days before the official start of winter (December 22nd). I am really glad to see it; hunting in bad weather always seems to be more productive. Cold weather forces the deer to move around in search of food and keep their body temperature up. Another thing I like about hunting in snowy or icy conditions is that the deer are more easily seen. Their color is sharply contrasted by snow were

normally they blend extremely well into the surroundings.

I was informed by someone that there are "Other seasons" in progress during deer season. I don't know why anyone would hunt something other than deer, but I will run down the seasons anyway. Duck season is now open in the High Plains Management Area and throughout the rest of the state running through January 17th. Those of you who would like to pursue pheasants had better hurry; the season is only open from December 12th through the 27th. The normal trapping season

opened December 1st and runs through January 31st for fur bearers. Bobcats can be trapped up until February 15th. Of course, hunters and trappers must remember to purchase appropriate licenses and stamps or be in violation of the law.

It always seems as though the last few weeks of deer season goes by way too fast. I will be hunting every day that it is possible, and I hope everyone has enjoyed the season as much as I have. Maybe before the season is over, I will have shot one of those great big deer to brag about.

Good hunting.



John's bowl game picks

The following are John Starbuck's Bowl picks for this week: **Independence Bowl:** Tulane 14- Washington 28 (The Green Wave of coach Mack Brown versus Coach Don James' Huskies. The Huskie offense features talented

quarterback Chris Chandler. **The All American Bowl:** Virginia 20- Brigham Young 21 (BYU quarterback Bob Jensen will have to be very precise on his passes because the Virginia defense has a player who leads the nation in interceptions.)

'87 cotton crop setting state records

It's all but in the bag, the 1987 Texas cotton crop. And it should be a record for the state.

Latest estimates place the crop at 469 pounds per acre on 4.2 million harvested acres. That would surpass the previous high yield of 430 plus pounds per acre in 1969, points out Dr. Bob Metzger, cotton specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A & M University System.

Since 1960, the 400 pound-yield level for the state has been only exceeded in 1965, '68, '72, '77, '79 and '85.

"This year's cotton crop survived a shaky start to get in position to reach the projected record," notes Metzger. "There was some freeze damage to the south Texas crop in early spring, late plantings in the plains and monsoon rains in parts of West Texas."

But summer brought a dramatic turnaround in crop conditions, points out the cotton specialist. Cotton plants fruited quickly, especially the late planted crop. And the favorable summer weather continued throughout September and October, months that often tend to usher in cold weather to stop fiber development in the plains.

I like parades but where's the band?

Dear Editor: I appreciate the efforts of the hearty souls who were in this year's Christmas parade.

I really enjoy parades. The excitement and different floats are really special.

Nothing is more inspiring than a "silent" parade. The clip-clop of horse hooves, the Ho-Ho-Ho from Santa and the loud "Yeee-haaaaa" from riders were the highlights of this year's parade.

Where were the Merkel school bands, drill team or flags? I find it hard to believe that none of the school groups participate in Merkel's Christmas parade.

How about it, Merkel Public Schools—come blow your horns in our towns parades.

Kay Bright

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
THE STATE OF TEXAS
County of Taylor
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That by virtue of a certain ORDER OF SALE issued out of the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County, of the 23rd day of November 1987, by ORDER OF SALE of said 42nd District Court for the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Four Hundred Thirty Two & 62/100 Dollars and costs of suit under a Judgement, in favor of First National Bank & Trust in Great Bend in a certain cause in said Court, No. 40-514-A and styled FIRST

NATIONAL BANK & TRUST IN GREAT BEND vs. MARY KAY HERRMAN, GERALD HERRMAN, LEROY HERRMAN et al. placed in my hands for service, I, JOHN W. MIDDLETON, as Sheriff of TAYLOR County, Texas, did on the 25th day of November, 1987, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Taylor County, Texas described as follows, to-wit: LOT 8 IN BLOCK EIGHT (8) SAYLES BOULEVARD ESTATES, AN ADDITION TO THE CITY OF ABILENE, TAYLOR COUNTY, TEXAS PROPERTY LOCATION: 3673 WY

GRAND AVENUE, ABILENE, TEXAS and levied upon as the property of MARY KAY HERRMAN, GERALD HERRMAN, LEROY HERRMAN, et al., and that on the first Tuesday in January, 1988, the same being the 5th day of said month at the Court House door of Taylor County, in the city of Abilene, Texas, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., by virtue of said levy and said ORDER OF SALE I will sell said above described Real Estate at public vendue, for each to the highest bidder, as the property of said MARY KAY HERR-

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SALE WILL BE HELD AT 10:30 A.M. SALE WILL BE FOR CASH ONLY.

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

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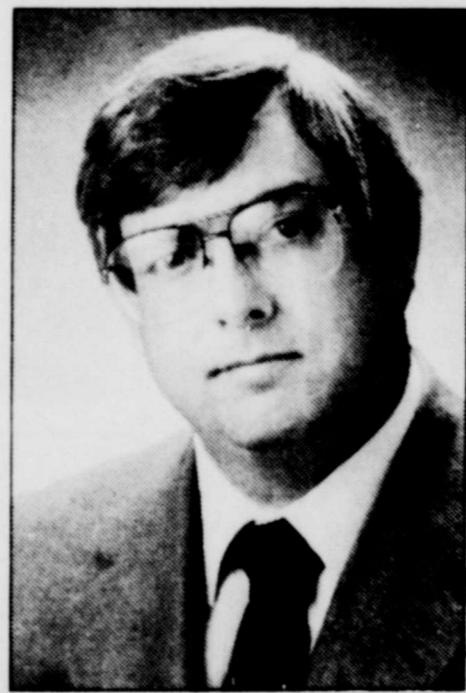
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42-TFC

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For sale: 10 foot satellite system, 4 piece living room suite, full grown Alaskan Spitz. Call 928-4913.

50-2tc

For sale: Stuffed animals, 36" dinosaurs, lions, dogs, 3 sizes of bear dolls. Call Sarah McCauley 928-5669.

51-2tp

For sale: 1982 Toyota Celica GT, lots of extras, black, 5 speed. Call 692-5960.

51-1tc

For Sale: 1973 Ford Galaxy 500. In good condition, call 928-5120.

51-1tp

For Sale: Two housefuls of furniture and gift shop. Lots of new pillows and toys. Friday, Saturday & Sunday, 6 miles NW of Abilene on FM 2024 toward Hodges.

51-1tc

For Sale: 21 cubic foot deep freeze, chest type. Call 928-5289.

51-1tc

MISC.

Heliers Strayed JM brand Call Jerry Miller 928-5343.

51-1tp

Lost: Dark grey female toy poodle, Reward, 928-3392 last seen at 509 Locust Saturday.

51-1tp

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44-TFC

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49-4tc

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50-4tc

Needed: Pianist for Noodle Baptist Church- call after 7 p.m. 736-6740 (local).

51-1tp

Trent, Texas Just For Kids Open 7:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. Monday-Friday. Breakfast, lunch and 2 snacks. Free insurance. Call 962-6115.

51-2tc

FOR RENT

For Rent or Sale: Trailer house \$225 per month. Call 928-5052 or 928-5054.

51-1tc

For rent: 2 large bedroom house, near school, low rent; first two or three months for someone to help clean up lot. Call 928-5189.

51-1tp

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TFC

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48-TFC

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50-3tp

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50-2tp

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Need assistance with government acquired properties? Some with 0 down, minimum closing costs. Call Ken Hogan at Century 21 Abilene Big Country 692-8311 or 928-4826.

TFC

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

TFC

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TFC

House for sale in Trent: 3 bedroom, 2 bath, living room, dining room, kitchen, utility room, steel siding, storm windows, carpet, central air & heat, built in range & oven, dishwasher, water well. Cyrus Pee Realtor 928-5613.

TFC

For Sale: 14 X 76 3 bedroom, 2 bath on 75X150 corner lot. Very good condition 802 Orange \$14,000. Orsborn 928-5032 nights.

51-1tp

GARAGE SALES

Garage sale: Thursday- Friday & Saturday. Baking and keeping small children. Contact Margie Baker at 512 Rose or call 928-3811.

51-1tc

Inside garage sale at 906 N 1st. Every day the sun shines, lots of clothes, appliances, furniture. Need to move it quick, come & get it.

51-1tp

PUBLIC NOTICES

THE STATE OF TEXAS, TO: MRS. J. H. TERRELL, PAULINE TERRELL, CHARLES TERRELL, MRS. FRANCES BOOKHART, JAMES E. ROSS, HUGH W. ROSS, JR., MATTYE Z. POGUE BURKS, DOYLE POGUE, NORA POGUE, STEVEN THOMAS JONES, and THELMA DECKER, Defendants.

GREETINGS: YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Second Amended Original Petition at or before ten o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being Monday, the 25th day of January, 1988, at or before ten o'clock a.m. before the Honorable 104th District Court of Taylor County, Texas, at the Courthouse of said County in Abilene, Texas.

Classifieds

ed Petition was filed in said Court on the 8th day of December, 1987, in this cause, numbered 16,912-B, on the docket of said Court, and styled, THE FIRST STATE BANK, ABILENE, TEXAS, PLAINTIFF v. BILL MUNDEN, INDIVIDUALLY AND D/B/A M-CINCO RANCH AND BILL MUNDEN WELDING, PAUL-ETTE HICKS MUNDEN, CARY MUNDEN BY AND THROUGH HIS NEXT FRIEND BILL MUNDEN, KEVIN MUNDEN, BY AND THROUGH HIS NEXT FRIEND, BILL MUNDEN, BY AND THROUGH HIS NEXT FRIEND, BILL MUNDEN, LINDA MUNDEN, BY AND THROUGH HER NEXT FRIEND, BILL MUNDEN, BILL MUNDEN, THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK, ABILENE, TEXAS, TRUSTEE FOR THE CHARLES TRACY MUNDEN TRUST, NO. 1, MRS. J. H. TERRELL, PAULINE TERRELL, CHARLES TERRELL, MRS. FRANCES BOOKHART, JAMES E. ROSS, HUGH W. ROSS, JR., MATTYE Z. POGUE BURKS, DOYLE POGUE, NORA POGUE, STEVEN THOMAS JONES, and THELMA DECKER, DEFENDANTS.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows to-wit: A suit against BILL MUNDEN, INDIVIDUALLY AND D/B/A M-CINCO RANCH and D/B/A BILL MUNDEN WELDING on a debt; a trespass to try title and partition of certain real property located in Taylor County, Texas, including the improvements thereon, described as follows, to-wit:

TRACT ONE: The Southwest one-fourth (SW 1/4) of Section 7, Block 5, T & P Ry. Co. Lands, Taylor County, Texas, less ten (10) acres conveyed to G. W. WILSON on April 15, 1907 by Deed recorded at Volume 55, Page 616, Deed Records, Taylor County, Texas.

TRACT TWO: The North 171.9 acres of Section No. 15, Block No. 4, T & P Ry. Co. Survey, Taylor County, Texas, and the North one-half (N 1/2) of Section No. 7, Block No. 5, T & P Ry. Co. Survey, Taylor County, Texas.

as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Second Amended Original Petition on file in this suit. If this citation is not served within ninety (90) days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

The officer executing this process shall promptly execute the same according to law, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, this 9th day of December, 1987.

Attest:

Rilla Mahoney, District Clerk, 104th District Court, Taylor County, Texas. By: JoAnn Lackey, Deputy (Seal) 51-4tc-111

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: CHRISIELDA ANN GONZALES MORA AND MARIO RAMOS ADDRESS UNKNOWN, Respondents. -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 LUCIA CARRILLO AND WILLIAM CARRILO, Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 4th day of DECEMBER, 1987, against MARIO RAMOS AND CHRISIELDA ANN GONZALES MORA, Respondents, and said suit being numbered 773-CX on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Interest of MARIO RAMOS, JR. AND ROSALINDA RAMOS CHILDREN", the nature of which suit is a request to TERMINATE THE PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN MARIO RAMOS AND CHRISIELDA ANN GONZALES MORA AND TO GRANT THE ADOPTION OF MARIO RAMOS, JR. AND ROSALINDA RAMOS CHILDREN TO THE PETITIONERS. -Said children were born the MARIO RAMOS, JR. FEBRUARY 25, 1976 in ABILENE, TEXAS AND ROSALINDA RAMOS, born March 15, 1977 IN WEST PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA.

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgement or decree which will be binding upon you, including the termination of the parent-child relationship and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the child's adoption. 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 10th day of DECEMBER, 1987.

RILLA MAHONEY, DISTRICT Clerk, 326th DISTRICT Court, TAYLOR County, Texas by PATRICIA HENDERSON, Deputy (Seal).

51-1tc-74

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That by virtue of a certain WRIT OF EXECUTION issued out of the Honorable 350TH DISTRICT Court of TAYLOR County, of the 22nd day of OCTOBER, 1987, by WRIT OF EXECUTION of said 350th DISTRICT COURT for the sum of SEVENTY FIVE THOUSAND NINETY NINE DOLLARS AND 17/ 100 Dollars, and costs of suit, under a JUDGEMENT, in a certain cause in said Court, No. 1617-D and styled M BANK ABILENE, vs WILLIAM F. HUNT, placed in my hands for service, I, JOHN W. MIDDLETON, as Sheriff of TAYLOR County, Texas, did on the 2ND day of DECEMBER, 1987, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in TAYLOR County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: LOT 4 BLOCK 37 ORIGINAL TOWN OF ABILENE; LOTS 9, 10, 11 BLOCK 37 ORIGINAL TOWN OF ABILENE; and levied upon as the property of WILLIAM F. HUNT and that on the First Tuesday in FEBRUARY, 1988, the same being the 2nd day of said month at the Court House door of TAYLOR County, in the CITY OF ABILENE, Texas between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. by virtue of said levy and said WRIT OF EXECUTION, I will sell said above described Real Estate at public venue, for each, to the highest bidder, as the property of said WILLIAM F. HUNT.

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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, Texas.

Witness my hand this the 10th day of DECEMBER, 1987. JOHN W. MIDDLETON, Sheriff, TAYLOR County, Texas by EDDIE SWANSON, Deputy (Seal) 51-3tc-63

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS -TO CHARLES HARTSFIELD WHEREABOUTS ARE 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 CHRISTIAN HOMES OF ABILENE, INC., Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 14th day of DECEMBER, 1987 against CHARLES HARTSFIELD, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 778-CX on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Interest of AN UNBORN CHILD, A Child", the nature of which suit is a request to DETERMINE WHAT PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIP 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 and the appointment of a conservator.

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 14th day of DECEMBER, 1987.

RILLA MAHONEY, DISTRICT CLERK, 326th DISTRICT COURT TAYLOR COUNTY TEXAS BY PATRICIA HENDERSON, DEPUTY (SEAL) 51-1tc-62

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Dear Friends:
Pioneer Methodist Church has just experienced the best Lord's Acre Sale in our 37th year (\$7,900).

It is friends like you who deserve the big part of the success and we do appreciate your gift so much. People can't end the week without **The Merkel Mail**.

May the Lord Bless each of your efforts to serve Him in our prayer.

Sincerely,
Mary Russom
Secretary-Treasurer

2 in HSU band

Two Merkel residents are demonstrating their musical talents while performing for campus bands at Hardin-Simmons University.

Chris Horton and Andy Fambrough are the two Merkel natives that take part in HSU's Concert and Cowboy bands.

Horton is a percussionist in the band and is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Horton. Fambrough, the son of Mr. & Mrs. Rudy Fambrough, is a trumpeter.

The Concert Band is a large ensemble designed for the study and performance of a wide variety of band literature. The Cowboy Band has entertained crowds in the United States and abroad with their unique western style and flair.

Both musicians will take part in a tour of Texas planned for the spring semester.

TISD out early

Classes at TISD will be dismissed early Friday at 1:30 for the Christmas holidays. School will resume January 4th.

The band presented a Christmas concert Tuesday night and a repeat of that concert will be held from 8:30 until 9:30 a.m. in the Trent Gym Friday morning. The band concert will be followed by the Elementary school Christmas program.

Calvary musical set

Calvary Baptist Church here will be presenting a **Night of Miracles** Dec. 20th at 6 p.m. The

church is located at 506 Runnels. The musical will be presented by the church choir and will feature solos by Scott Graham, Steve Williams and Kathy Caroland. The musical is being directed by Edgar Graham.

Parade winners

The following were the prize winners in last week's Christmas parade:

Floats: Polly's Restaurant, 1st runner up The Merkel Garden Club, 2nd The Merkel Senior Citizens and 3rd Choo Choo Barbecue.

Car or Pick-up Grand Prize: The Abilene Auto Club, 1st runner-up Handy Food Store, 2nd runner up the Merkel Art Club 3rd runner-up Starbuck Company.

Horses: Grand Prize-The Taylor County Sheriff's Posse, 1st runner up the Hawley Riding Club, 2nd runner up a mule rider and 3rd runner-up the Merkel FFA.

2, 3 and 4 wheelers Grand Prize: Pat's Beauty Shop, 1st runner-up Lori Pirraglia, 2nd runner-up Lonnie Liggins and 3rd Mandy Gregory.

Bicycles: Grand Prize Courtney Hamner, 1st runner up Cody Pack, 2nd Leslie Jacobs and 3rd Randy Dudley.

Marchers: Grand Prize Thomas Jowers, 1st runner-up Trina Tittle and 2nd The Cowboy.

Preceptor Eta Omega

The Preceptor Eta Omega Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met

Gibson likes to score, rebound for THS

"I like to score and I love rebounding," said 5'10" sophomore Renee Gibson. "In fact, my idea of a perfect game is to score enough points to win, get lots of rebounds, don't foul out and play as a team," she added.

Renee is a transfer from Dawson where she was 8th grade valedictorian and 8th grade cheerleader. Her other activities at Dawson including being in BETA, qualifying for regionals in news writing and being elected cheerleader her freshman year before transferring to Trent. She is listed in Who's Who of American High School Students and is a member

for their regular meeting Dec. 1 in the home of "Y" Sadler. President Blanche Hewitt asked for all committee reports. "Y" Sadler was elected Valentine Sweetheart. A candle and cookie exchange was held and then the following members were served a delicious meal of cornbread and stew: Mamie Steck, Marilyn Baker, Opal Garner, Blanche Hewitt, Pat Schuknecht, Connie Ybarra and hostess "Y" Sadler.

Carey's granddaughter

Mr. & Mrs. Winford Carey of 507 Yucca are proud to announce the birth of a granddaughter, Leslie Michelle Rogers was born Nov. 30th, 1987 and weighed 6 pounds and 11 ounces. The proud parents are "Butch" Ivan Paul and Janet Rogers of Abilene.

Maternal great grandmother is Ms. Truman Deiker of Winters and Ms. Mildred Carey of Baytown. Paternal grandfather is Paul Rogers of Abilene; a paternal great grandmother is Ms. Mamie Rogers, also of Abilene.

Dorcas class party

The Dorcas Sunday School Class of the First Baptist Church here held their annual Christmas dinner in the home of Jarrett Pinckley Dec. 14th.

Brother Wayne Keller, pastor gave the devotional and the group sang Christmas carols. Members present included Marie Briggs, Edith Fox, Sarah Byrd, Edna Finch, Ollie Deatheridge, Irene Pomroy, Goldia Malone,

of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. She is also involved in tennis and track and qualified three time for the national championships in trampolines.

"I would love to make all-district, that would be great," said Renee. "But I really want to work harder and improve my all-around play in hopes of getting a scholarship. Our team goals are to get better, win district and state."

Renee hopes to attend the U. S. Air Force Academy in quest of her dream to be a pilot. She lives in Trent along with her father Don, mother Debbie, twin sister Denise and sister Janet.

By W. E. Dulaney

Minnie Coates, Marie Reeves, Lorraine Baird and guests Jean Irvin, Evelyn James, Brother & Mrs. Wayne Keller, Mr. & Mrs. Ted McAninch and Mr. & Mrs. Ted Pargament.

Massey's anniversary

Pam, Brian, Jason and Ginger Massey, the children of W. L. and Janie Massey, request your presence at a reception honoring their parents 25th wedding anniversary Dec. 20th, 1987, at the Taylor Electric Meeting Room, 1610 North First, here.

The reception will be held from 2 until 4 p.m.

Have A Safe and Happy Holiday Season

Texas Coalition for Safety Belts

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS TO KEVIN (LAST NAME UNKNOWN) 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 CHRISTIAN HOMES OF ABILENE, INC., Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 14th day of DECEMBER, 1987, against KEVIN (LAST NAME UNKNOWN), Respondent, and said suit being numbered 776-CX on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Interest of AN UNBORN CHILD, a Child," the nature of which suit is a request to DETERMINE WHAT PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIP EXIST BETWEEN THE CHILD AND ANY OTHER PERSONS AND THAT ALL SUCH PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIPS BE TERMINATED.

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Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court at ABILENE, Texas, this the 14th day of DECEMBER, 1987.
RILLA MAHONEY, DISTRICT CLERK
326th DISTRICT COURT
TAYLOR COUNTY, TEXAS
BY PATRICIA HENDERSON, DEPUTY (SEAL)
51-11c-62

TRENT CHURCH OF CHRIST

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

Bible Study... 10:00 AM

Worship... 11:00 AM

Evening Worship... 6:00 PM

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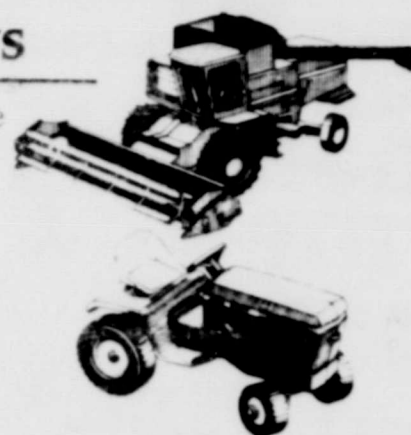
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