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Chamber of Commerce officials hope the South Park doesn't look like this Monday as they are getting ready for the 8th annual Fun Day celebration.

The event will start at 10 a.m. Monday. This is the way the park looked after more than three inches of rain over the weekend and Monday (Staff photo)



Work is moving right along on Merkel's new City Hall. Adding metal "sk-

in" to the structure is the next step. (Staff photo)

Ammons is new elementary principal

The Merkel school board hired William Edward Ammons (Ed) as the new principal of Merkel Elementary School Monday in a special board meeting.

MISD superintendent James Logan told *The Mail* "I am tickled to get someone with 32 years of experience in public schools."

Ammons comes here from Hart High School in Hart where he has served as principal for 16 years. Prior to that, he had coached for 11 years in Rotan, Iraan, Clyde and Weatherford.

He is a graduate of Haskell High

School, McMurry College and holds a Masters Degree in Education from McMurry. He received his Counselors Certificate from Sul Ross University as well as his Administrative Certificate.

He is married and has three children. He has two children in college and a fifteen year old son. He is a Baptist and is a member of the Lions Club.

MISD is still looking for a coach who can teach spanish to round out the faculty for the 1988-89 school year.

Fun, food, games, music ...more

by Cloy A. Richards

It's that time of the year again as Merkel will celebrate its eight annual Fun Day.

To me, July 4th is the best day of the year in town, although to be honest with you, a group of us dread the amount of work that goes on the day before, of and after July 4th.

This year, quite a few things will be different about the event.

The entertainment will be outstanding. The food will be good as always and there will be a couple of more activities for the kids.

Canyon will highlight the musical entertainment and the Chamber of Commerce are banking on the drawing a good sized evening crowd.

Come on down to the South Park starting at ten Monday morning for a good ol' fashion 4th of July celebration.

The Chamber will have some excellent fajitas waiting on you.

John Starbuck and Hazel Pack will be selling donation tickets to help the Chamber raise money for street signs in town.

Pack up the kids, take along a few lawn chairs and come enjoy the day.

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Everyone but wheat farmers who are still trying to cut are probably tickled to death with all of the rain we have received over the past few days.

We got a half an inch Saturday, a little over a quarter of an inch Sunday and then Monday the bottom fell out and we had an additional two inches.

You can't beat that for the end of June. Local cotton will have enough moisture for the next three or so weeks and my favorite, the local quail, should have excellent conditions for the next month or so.

I hope the rain will now stay away until Fun Day is over, and after midnight Monday night, let it rain.

Fun Day is Monday

The 8th annual Merkel Chamber of Commerce Fun Day Celebration will be held Monday at South Park from 10 a.m. until midnight.

The day will start with opening ceremonies at 10 a.m. Deborah Leeson will be singing and the Phantom Squadron of the Confederate Air Force will perform a fly-over.

The man that started Fun Day musically will then play as Ray Pack's band returns after a two year absence. Ray, the former Chief of Police here will play from 10:30 until 2:30.

A diaper derby for non walking aged children will be held at 11:15 a.m. A bubble gum blowing contest will be held at 1:15 p.m.

A karate demonstration will be held from 2:30 until 3 p.m. and then the La Garage band, led by Abilene disc jockey Dean Taylor will play from 3 until 7 p.m.

A balloon toss will be held at 4:45 p.m. and the band Canyon will perform from 8 p.m. until midnight.

Donation tickets are being sold at a cost of 50 cents each and the grand prize winner will receive \$300, 2nd is a car and third is four tickets to Sea World. Tickets are available from John Starbuck or Hazel Pack and will be available at the park.

You still have time to make booth reservations by contacting Marilyn Tittle or Mary Littrell at 928-5722. Many food and drink reservations have already been made but some items are left.

Fireworks are illegal in city limits

The City of Merkel and the Merkel Police Department wanted to remind the citizens of Merkel (especially the younger ones) that discharging fireworks within the city limits is dan-

gerous... and illegal.

Merkel police will enforce that law over the holiday period, especially at the City Park July 4th. A woman was burned last year when a roman candle spark landed in her hair.

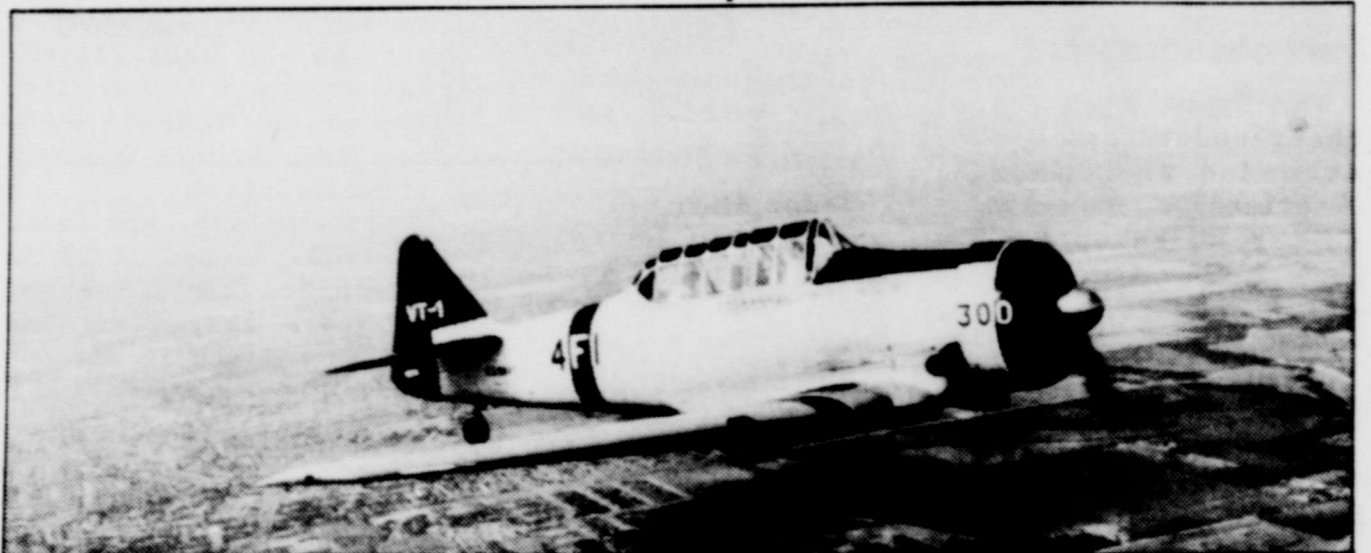
Again this year Continental Telephone is leading the way in donations for the event as they are paying for the rental of a large tent for people to use for shade.

Sponsorships of \$100 have been received from B. Moreno Paint & Body Shop, the Farmers & Merchants National Bank, Rutledge Operating, Butler Insurance, Manuel's Dozer Service, Gem Drilling, Merkel Drug, Independent American Savings, Andy Hart, CPA, Max Murrell Chevrolet, Starbuck Company, Carson Supermarket, Merkel Veterinary Clinic, Trent Gin, Ben Franklin Store, Stevens Hair Emporium' KTAB television and Wilder Tire.

Other groups making donations as of Tuesday afternoon were Dairy Queen, Jim Carlin Insurance, David Wagner-Attorney, David Higgins, Young's Supply, Palmer Pontiac, Taylor Electric, Taylor Telephone, King's Auto, West Texas Utilities, Seymore Insurance, Wylie Truck Terminal, Wylie Shamrock Restaurant, P & L Auto Repair, Mr. Jiffy Printing, Cal-Tex Feed Lot, Walls Outlet Store, Abilene Candy Company and Skinny's. T. G. & Company.

There will be plenty of food and drinks available as well as cotton candy, funnel cakes, homemade ice cream, baked goods and so on.

The chamber will again be selling their locally famous fajitas (that made it to the final judging round in the world championship fajita contest this year in Moran) and will serve both chicken and beef fajitas.



This Confederate Air Force Navy SNJ and several others like in will perform a flyover at 9:45 a.m. July 4th

at Merkel's Fun Day celebration at the South Park. (Photo by Don Hensley).

Council holds regular business session

The Merkel City Council met in regular session Monday night and discussed Fun Day Security, the July 4th schedule and water for a new Little League Park.

Council held their session at the Merkel Emergency Medical Service Building.

The Merkel Little League had asked the city to furnish water for a new baseball park. The league is planning on building that facility just East of the current park. Council members agreed to sell the league water at cost plus pumping charges. Merkel mayor pro tem Ted Smith said "We couldn't give raises to employees this year and I can't see asking the citizens to pay for water. As long as it doesn't cost the city anything we can sell it at cost."

Local Masons will install officers Saturday

Merkel Masonic Lodge #710 will have an open installation of officers July 2nd. The ceremony will start at 7 p.m. and will be followed by an ice cream and cake supper.

Officers being installed are: Lloyd Gilmore- Worshipful Master; Curtis Summers- Senior Warden; Jake Martin- Junior Warden; Peck Eager- Treasurer;

Council members also discussed security for the 8th annual Fun Day celebration at the South Park. Merkel Police Chief Bob Jones told Merkel City Manager J. A. Sadler that all three police officers would be on duty that day and that an officer would be available at the park if needed.

Although City Hall will be closed Monday for the 4th, normal residential trash service will be performed.

During the city manager's building report, Sadler told council members that work on the new city hall building was moving right along. Last week, iron was welded into place and Sadler estimated skin would be placed on the building this coming week.

Council's next session will be July 11th at 7 p.m. in the Merkel Emergency Medical Service Building.

Saturday

Roy Mashburn- Secretary; Buddy Hunter- Chaplain and Rodney Mashburn- Tiler. Other officers being installed are Brad Banner- Senior Deacon; Kirkson Summers- Junior Deacon; Roy David- Senior Stewart and Bob Jones- Junior Stewart.

All families and friends are encouraged to attend this important Masonic function.

Glover-Perkins repeat vows

Elizabeth Ann Glover of Littlefield and John Emmett Perkins of Knox City, were married June 11th at the Duggan Avenue Church of Christ in Littlefield.

The bride is the daughter of Bertram & Viola Glover of Littlefield. The groom is the son of Vaughn & Dorothy Doan of Merkel and the late Borden Perkins.

Larry Cash, pastor of the church performed the service.

Serving as maid of honor was Teresa Ann Haynes of Lubbock. Bridesmaids were Linda Glover of Littlefield, Michelle Brock Damron of Levelland, and the bride's sister, Velma Perkins of Hico.

Serving as best man was Michael De La Cruz of Weatherford. Groomsmen were Randy Fenter of Jacksboro, Lynn Hatter of Sweetwater and Eddie Wheeler of Huntsville.

A reception followed at the church's Fellowship Hall.

The bride is a 1988 graduate of South Plains College with a degree in marketing and management.

The groom is a 1986 graduate of Texas A & M University and is employed by the Farmers Home Administration in Knox City.

Following a wedding trip to Lubbock, the couple will make their home in Knox City.



Wozencrafts' celebrate 50th

Editor's Note: The following story was omitted from last week's paper. We apologize to the Wozencraft's and wish them many more years together:

Alvin and Mattie Lou Wozencraft celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary June 25th at a reception at the Fellowship Hall of the First Baptist Church.

Alvin is a retired mail carrier and Mattie Lou is retired from the F & M National Bank here.

Johnson honored by national group

The United State Achievement Academy named Roy Johnson an award winner in Agriculture.

Roy attends Texas Tech University and was nominated by Tech professor John Hunter.

Roy is the son of Beverly and Odie Davis and the grandson of Joyce Hallford of Trent.



Trent school honor roll

The following is the Trent Honor Roll for the last six weeks of school:

All A's

Brooke Bigbee, Amanda Callas, Erin Sliter, Kaci Bland, Aaron Dulaney, Laramie Gorbett, Ashlea Parker, Mindy Ray, David Rios, Kevin Sanford, Cody Smith, Chris Wofford, Melesa Alexander, Steven Dickerson, Tye Christensen, Wendy Harwell, Amanda Keith, Ryan Bigbee, Scott Dulaney.

Also, Derek Galvin, J. P. Marburger, Allison Davis, Belinda Falcon, Crystal Christensen, Suzanne Elmore, Krista Pruett, Britt Sipe, Janet Gibson, Julie Clay, Jamie Masonheimer, Travis Walker, Jon Evans, Denise Gibson, Renee Gibson, B. J. Poindexter, Tammy Collier, Brian Massey, Luci Masonheimer.

A-B Honor Roll

Michael Bishop, Stacy Brazelton, Kelly O'Kelly, Mandy Brenem, Kathy Callas, John Eaves, Jason Moore, Nolan Munoz, Misty Simpson, Jared Cabral, Matt Davis, Lindsay Jones, D. J. Bland, Jamie Dean, Becky Galvin, Adam Pruett, Teri Brazelton, Tammie Dean, Rebecca Evans, Jamie Ray, Brad Clark, Justin Williams, Jamie Alexander, Brandi Dickerson, Jason Jontra.

Also, Sara Rios, Jennifer Cabral, Timothy Childress, Tory Dean, Juanita Fair, Clint Jones, Paul McDaniel, Tricia Ussery, Scott Bloodworth, Scotty Hudson, Anna Rios, Tammy Spraggins, Cipi Falcon, Ginger Massey, Sheli Boles, Brenda Galvin, Tina Holstine, Kristy Keeling, Keith Oden, Dock Carriker, Sandy Collier, Lewis Knapp, Jason Massey, Joe Tarin, Leslie Brazelton, Glenna Clark, Scott O'Kelly.

Softball group raising money

The Merkel & Trent softball association has planned several fundraisers to help send their All-Star teams to a tournament in Midland July 21-23.

Saturday they will be selling doughnuts downtown starting at 7 a.m. Anyone wanting doughnuts delivered may call Virginia at 928-4379. Cost is \$3 per dozen.

July 9th they will hold a car wash at DuBose Texaco starting at 9 a.m. On July 15th they will hold a barbecue dinner featuring Sammy Doan's and Orville Pirraglia's cooking. Advanced tickets are \$5 (\$2.50 for children under 6) and they can be obtained at Ben Franklin's, Hammond Insurance, Young Supply or from any All-Star player. Tickets at the door are \$6 and \$3.

Wilson pledges

John Wilson, son of Donna Wilson of Merkel, was inducted into Phi Eta Sigma during the spring semester at Abilene Christian University.

That group is a national collegiate scholastic honor society for freshmen. He is a biology major at ACU.

McCoy is grad

Army National Guard Private Tommy L. McCoy, son of Donald R. and Maxine Smith of Merkel, has completed basic training at Ft. Sill, Okla.

He is a 1988 graduate of Latter Rain High School in Abilene.

Trent cheerleaders

The Trent High school cheerleaders and mascot attended the National Cheerleaders Association summer workshop at HSU June 20-24. Cheerleaders are B. J. Poindexter, Denise Gibson, Renee Gibson, Julie Clay and Janet Gibson. Ginger Massey is the mascot.

Newsbriefs

The group earned a blue ribbon for each day's performance and were nominated for the Award of Excellence. They received the award for the Most Spirited Squad.

Ginger Massey also earned the Most Outstanding Mascot award.

Peterman honored

Chuck Peterman, a 1985 graduate of Merkel High and a junior at Texas Tech, has been named to Tech's Dean's List.

Howard's services

Weldon Gyrllie Howard, 84, of Amarillo, died June 27th. Funeral services are at 11 a.m. today at the Temple Baptist Church in Abilene. The Rev. Rodney Watson will officiate. Burial will follow at Rose Hill Cemetery here. A memorial service was held yesterday at the First Baptist Church in Roswell with the Rev. Robert Holcomb officiating.

She was born here Sept. 2, 1903. He had lived in Lovington for 14 years, 19 years in Roswell and had also lived in Albany.

Merkel Little League Vets end season with 10-4 record

The Merkel VFW Vets were 1-1 in Little League playoff action last week in Ballinger.

On Tuesday the Vets beat Rotan 15-9 with Marcus Malone going the distance on the mound. Brandon Howard and Joey Richards were both 3 for 4 at the plate.

On Wednesday, the Vets were eliminated from the tournament 7-6 in an extra inning game.

Howard tied the game in the last inning with a solo home run as Hamlin scored in their half of the seventh

season for the win. Richards was 5-5 at the plate.

The Vets ended their season with a 10-4 record. The team was managed by Danny Malone and assisted by Cloy Richards. The team included Malone, Howard, Richards, Eric Dye, Bryan Sparks, Clint Doan, Chris Powell, Kevin Graham, Cole Manahan and Corey Strange.

The Merkel Little League All-Stars have started practice and will play their first game July 11th against Ballinger in Winters.

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