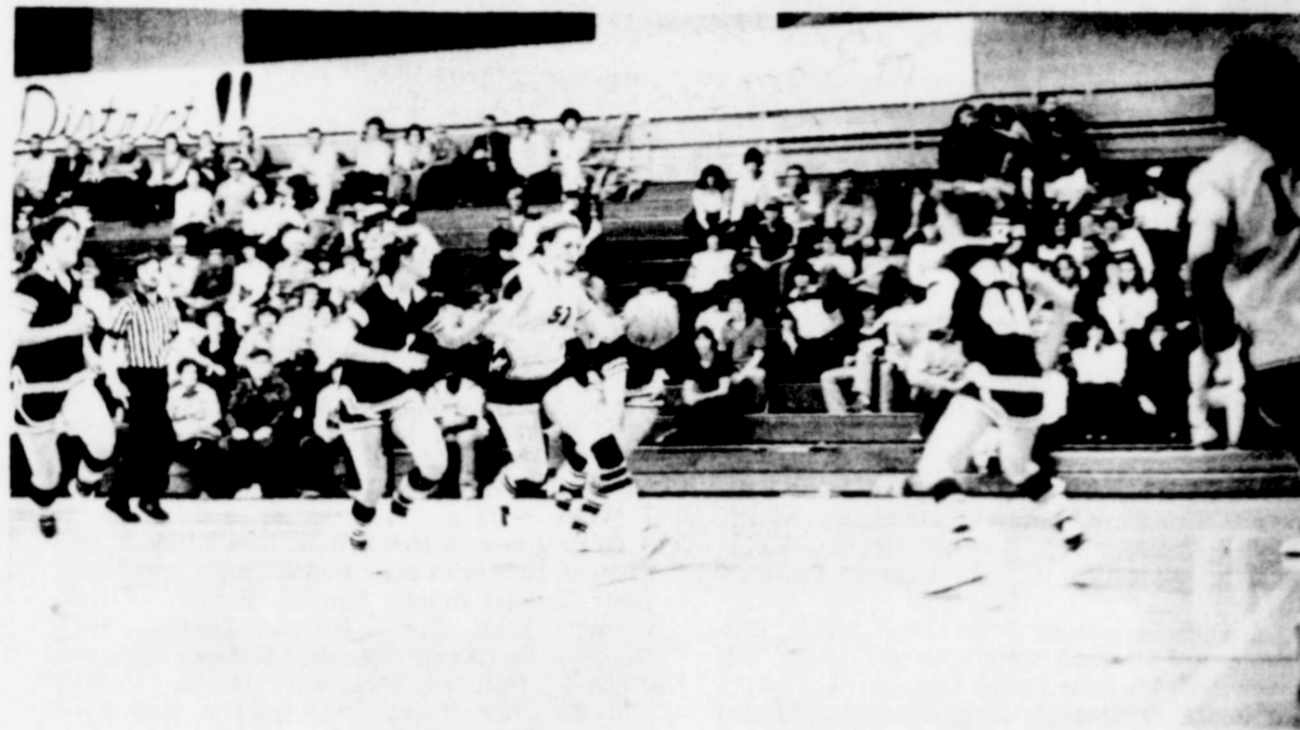


The Merkel Mail

Thursday, January 29, 1981, Merkel, Texas...Merkel's 100th Year

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Norma Frazier (51) gets loose on the fast break against Wylie here Friday night. (Staff photo by

Drew Mawson)

Girls take district lead

The Merkel girls are 4-0 in district play with last week's results, including impressive win over Wylie and Colorado City. Last Tuesday, the girls had 28 points from leading scorer Norma Frazier, 10 from Nancy Click, 6 from Sarah Prasarn and 5 from Jackie Casey, as they ran past Colorado City 49-34. Merkel had a bad night at the free throw line, hitting only 11 of 33 attempts.

The Wylie game here last Friday night was a very physical contest. Sarah Prasarn, Merkel's 3rd leading scorer, had her best night of the year as she scored 13, while Frazier added 18, to lead the way. Casey had her second good game in a row with 8 points and Click added 7.

In the JV contest, Donna and Donna led the

Badgers. Donna Green poured in 15 and Donna Miller added 14 while Jackie Owen tossed in 6 to lead the way to a 46-28 win over Wylie.

The girls faced Stamford, the weakest team in the district, Tuesday night (details not available at press time), will host Clyde here Friday night, travel to Breckenridge Feb. 3 and will host Colorado City, at home Feb. 6th.

The girls are 20-3 on the year and was rated 17 in the state. With Friday's mauling of tenth rated Wylie, the girls should definitely be rated in the top 10 in the next poll.

Frazier leads the girls in scoring with 415 points and a 20.1 average. Click is second with 248 points and a 15 average, followed by Prasarn with 146 points and a 7.3 average.

Girl scouts start cookie sales

A tradition to remember...the melt in your mouth taste-tempting treat...satisfying and wholesome Girl Scout Cookies! For the 29th year, West Texas Girl Scouts will be selling cookies in their communities.

Mrs. Jayree Shaw, Cookie, Coordinator for the West Texas Council, has announced February 27-March 14 as the time for the 1981 Cookie Sale. Cookie Chairmen for the Service Units from the sixteen counties of the West Texas Council will attend one of three pre-sale training meetings.

February 9, Girl Scout Service Center, Abilene,

6:30 p.m.; February 10, Furr's Cafeteria, Big Spring, 10:30 a.m.; February 11, Girl Scout Service Center, Abilene, 9:30 a.m.

There are seven varieties in this year's sale: Peanut Butter Patties, Sumores (melted caramel Toasted Coconut, chocolate coating), Shortbread, Peanut Butter Sandwich, Assorted Sandwich Cremes, Thin Mints, and the Old Fashioned Oatmeal (raisins and spice). All seven kinds sell for \$1.50 a box, all seven can be kept in the freezer for year round enjoyment.

The West Texas Girl Scout Council is a participating agency of the United Way.

Super Sunday, new president, Pursley in Paris, Slaton hexes anyone?

by Cloy A. Richards

Super Sunday was indeed that. The 52 came home.

Some presumable 'details' have been made public concerning the negotiations to free the hostages, but there are only a handful of people in the world that know the behind-the-scenes dealings to gain the hostages' freedom.

We do know the results. Iran got some of their money frozen here back in the form of cash, some went into escrow to satisfy claims that will undoubtedly be made in the future, and agreement from the U.S. to stay out of internal affairs of Iran.

Remember, their first demands. The ones they stood by for a year? Return the Shaw, return his wealth, make a public apology for past U.S. actions in Iran, and money....lot's of it.

What they got was partial payment for their property and money here confiscated by the Carter Administration.

What they got was 52 Americans home, safe, relatively healthy, and FREE. I admit it was frustrating for it to take 444 days, and 8 lives to accomplish their release, but if any U.S. actions would have caused one less hostage to come home, I don't think that effort would have been worth it.

If you've ever had the opportunity to hear Don Newberry speak, you remember him well.

Mrs. Don Hensley called me last week to say Mr. Newberry had tried to catch me in the office last week (which can be difficult at times) to tell me he had been selected president of West Texas College in Snyder.

Congratulations are in order for him, and we hope to see him again soon as speaker at a local function.

Former Merkel High Pole Vaulter Brad Pursley placed 7th in international competition in Paris, not Texas, but Paris France.

Pursley, jumping with schoolboy vaulter Joe Dial of Morrow, Okla., plans to jump Dec. 31 at Reunion Arena in Dallas. Brad cleared 18 feet last year once as a freshman at Abilene Christian.

If you put \$100 on Oakland to win the Super Bowl last July at Caesar's Palace in Las Vegas, they have a check for \$740 waiting for you to pick up.

Coach Mary Clark has not told me to start this drive yet, but it looks as though Merkel and Slaton are heading for a showdown, again.

Slaton is undefeated in district play this year, as Merkel is. The Mail is already asking for chants, spells, recipes for hexing Slaton. With the talent on this year's team, the girls could very easily wind up in Austin on the victors stand of the State Tournament, if we can find a Slaton hex that works.

Got any ideas?

The Mail would like to say good bye to former Merkel Athletic Director Byron Shelley.

Coach Shelley has always been cooperative since he has been here. I know it wasn't easy for him to give those Monday interviews following football games over the past two years, but he never once complained to me.

He and his staff have always been cooperative in aiding the Mail cover High School sports here, and we hope to have the same arrangement with new athletic director Eddie Lang.

Happy trails to you and yours, Byron.

Did someone move the gulf coast just outside of San Angelo?

Why then, are we getting all of this warm weather?

Don't get me wrong, I don't mind at all. One thing has me worried.

If electrical utilities and the major oil companies are not selling enough heating fuel, will they have to raise their rates again to make up for the loss of revenue?

The Emergency Medical Technician Course here will start Feb. 16th according to Vernon Wade. The course is open to any one that has had Emergency Care Training or similar training. A minimum of 15 students is needed to start the class. For more information, contact City Hall or Vernon Wade at Ann's Flowers here.

As a part time photographer, I couldn't be any more tickled that the price of silver is falling, falling almost as fast as it was artificially raised by the Hunt Brothers two years ago.

Silver is a basic ingredient in film used for photographs and page negatives here. Those costs to the Mail have more than doubled since August of 1978. It looks like, they are finally on the way down.

Board hired Lang as athletic director, sets election, releases contractor from late charges

MISD hired a new athletic director and head coach, accepted a resignation, and heard an appeal for support for the girls basketball coach.

The board held a four hour meeting Thursday at the Big Country Inn.

The board hired Eddie Lang, currently an assistant football coach here, as athletic director, to replace Byron Shelley, who resigned. Lang was hired on a 4-2-1 abstain split vote for one year at \$4,000 above state scale.

Board members also extended Superintendent Bill Everett's contract until July 1, 1983. Everett's salary is \$7,500 above state scale and includes auto expense, actual travel, memberships and dues in professional organizations. Board president Charles Jacobs told Everett, "We think you have done a good job and we have enjoyed working with you." Everett then thanked the board for their vote of confidence.

Local citizen Chera Hohertz asked the board to either let Coach Mary Clark know whether the board supports her or not. Mrs. Hohertz said, "Coach Clark has received some not so favorable comments. This is a small town and there is too much talk and too much gossip. I know the coach would appreciate knowing where she stands."

The board did not take any action on her request Thursday.

April 4th was set as election day to fill three spots on the Merkel School Board. Pat Castille, Charles Jacobs and Larry Dudley's terms expire this year. Filing for the race will start February 4 and end March 4. Filing information may be obtained from the superintendent's office or the Merkel Mail.

Mail talks with Coach Lang

The school board, this week, promoted Coach Lang to the position of Athletic Director, replacing the outgoing Byron Shelley.

Coach Lang originally from Rotan, began his coaching career in 1970 in Goldthwaite, Texas, he received his degree from Texas Tech, and his masters degree at Tarleton. Since he began his coaching career in 1970, he has been a head coach 4 of those years. Three years at Tom Bean and one year at Phillips.

"I want the people to know my door is always open, and my number is in the phone book. The public can get explanations from us (the coaches) for our actions. They may not agree with us, but they can voice their opinion. I want the public to voice their opinion, and to support us." Mr. Lang said the coaches next year would meet on Monday mornings at 7:30 down at the Big Country Inn and during the fall, at the Drug Store on Saturday mornings at 8:00 and that all of the Friday night quarterbacks, and Saturday

After reading a letter of resignation from Merkel Middle School teacher-coach, Luke Reynolds, Everett said, "This is a local case of a person leaving teaching because they can make more money in private business and industry. The current salary recommendations will not solve the problem either. The proposed pay raise is 22 per cent now, and that won't even cover inflation over the next two years. Getting teachers is going to be a serious problem everywhere in this state."

The board also gave final payment to Haney and Sivley contractors for their work on school construction. The school has retained \$1,000 to cover and needed minor repairs for one year. The payment also gave final settlement for the contract time, which had remained disputed until Thursday.

Under the agreement, the board released Haney and Sivley from \$2,700 in late charges. Board members also heard ways to improve acoustics at the multi-purpose center. The facility is going practically unused now and was designed as a place for children to exercise and play during bad weather, but poor acoustics make the facility unusable, Everett called the building a "\$60,000 albatross", and Charles Harper and Ralph Perkins, the school's architects, mentioned building materials that could be added to improve the acoustics.

Board members also paid bills totaling \$163,083. They also heard a report estimating school tax collections for the 1980 tax year are only 40 per cent complete.

morning specialists to come on down and mull over new ideas.

"Our main objective is to build strength into the program, and to build a positive mental attitude. I'm going to bring in a coaching staff that has a positive attitude." Lang added, "Our program will consist of the student body, parents, and the town getting involved. We're going to push the booster club, we really want the people's support." The truth is that no one can have a winning program without support first. Without people backing them, commenting to the athletics on their performance, when they see them. Without support first, it's hard to prepare yourself with a positive attitude before going into competition.

Coach Lang said that, "We want to step onto the field and know that they are in for some competition. I don't want people to think of Merkel as a stepping stone. We've got a long way to go, but the people I bring in will help me to change the attitude."

City receives notice of Taylor Electric rate increase, discuss bad debts

The Merkel City Council, last night, learned Taylor Electric would ask for a rate increase in February and also discussed ways to solve the problem of unpaid ambulance bills.

The council also went into an unusual executive session to discuss a personnel policy city employees are required to work within.

Taylor Electric officials will appear before council at the Feb. 9 meeting. Taylor Electric is seeking \$677,718 in additional revenues, or about a 12.6 per cent increase. In the volumes of material presented for study by council, Taylor Electric estimated last year's fuel charges at 22.03 cents per kilowatt hour (KWH).

New, requested minimum rates for farm and home service is \$6 for the first 20 KWH, the next 180 KWH would be 0.03370 per KWH for the next 180 KWH, and 0.02170 per KWH over 200 KWH per month. Those rates would be in effect April through October.

The November through March rate, under the plan, would be \$6 for the first 20 KWH, the next 180 KWH would be 0.03370 per KWH, the next 600 KWH is 0.02170 and over 600 KWH is 0.01870 per

KWH.

City Council also turned down an unofficial request from the Merkel Motorcross Association to begin riding again at the landfill. Since landfill operations have changed since the riding season last year, the council felt it would be better if the club finds another spot to ride their motorcycles.

Councilmen also requested last night to see a breakdown on bad debts to the Merkel Ambulance Service.

Merkel Emergency Medical Association director Vernon Wade, told the Mail about 60 per cent of ambulance charges have been collected over the past 18 month period. Part of that problem in unpaid accounts are from Medi-Care and Medi-Caid accounts and some of those problems have been ironed out through an arrangement with Starr Nursing Home and the city.

Council also agreed to extend a water and sewer line from Avondale Street south to FM 126. The extension will be 1,000 feet of 6 inch line.

Council also met new Merkel Partolan Lonnie Burkhalter. He replaced Mike Herd, who was dismissed.

Fire department sets pancake supper Feb. 14

The Merkel Volunteer Fire Department is holding their second annual pancake supper, February 14 at Pug and Leo's Restaurant from 5 p.m. until 7.

Tickets are available for \$3 each and can be bought at City Hall, Pug and Leo's, as well as

from any volunteer fireman. Tickets will also be available at the dinner.

A drawing for a \$75 gift certificate from Circle A Western Wear will be held at 10 p.m. Firemen will again dress in waitress uniforms and other 'attributes' out of the ordinary.

A look at the news of 1970-69

By Cloy A. Richards

We have worked our way through the 1970's with this week's installment of a capsulized history of Merkel.

This week, we will look at the news and events of 1970 and 1969.

January, 1970

A winter storm stranded 20 travelers on I-20

and they spent the night in the Merkel High gym. Taylor Electric officials estimated 200 poles were down because of the ice. Big winners in the Merkel stock show were Carolyn Gilmore, Rusty Holloway and Grant Sandusky. The Merkel Volunteer Fire Department reported they

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Top news of 1970-69 highlighted from Mail files

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answered 188 fire calls in 1969. Mark Williamson, Randy Scott and Tom McLeod were the big winners in the Trent stock show.

February
Mellinger Dry Goods, in business here for 50 years, was sold to an out-of-town association. The Trent girl's basketball team qualified for the state tournament in Austin.

March
The district meeting of the Veterans of World War I was held here. Congressman Omar Burlison was announced as the speaker for the annual banquet for the Merkel Chamber of Commerce.

April
Pete Morgan was named outstanding farmer and Joe Lassiter was named Outstanding citizen during the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet. The next week, many local farmers helped harvest Mr. Morgan's crop because of his illness.

May
Joe McDuff was elected commissioner of the newly created Precinct 2, which covers most of the Merkel area. A hail storm caused \$150,000 in property damages here. Patricia Moore was valedictorian and Cathy Beaird was named salutatorian at Merkel High.

June
Wrenn Durham retired as Merkel's postmaster. He had been employed by the Merkel Post Office for 26 years. Former Merkel Mayor Johnny Cox died. Winners in the Lambda Beta Beauty Pageant were Shannon Bagby, Jan Beck, Sheila Hamner and Windi Whisenhunt.

July
Twenty-two Merkelites attended a youth for peace rally in Ft. Worth. One of the featured speakers was Billy Graham. Nolan Palmer was named area director of the Texas Auto Dealers Association. The Farmers and Merchants Bank reported a new milestone when deposits went above \$5 million.

August
Albert Maberry was named a lifetime member in the Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association. Merkel school reported an enrollment of 712.

September
Candidate Lloyd Bentsen campaigned here and told Merkelites he had a plan to offer tax incentives for industries to locate in small towns. Three years later, Bentsen had a bill through Congress to that effect.

October
Bob Dye, of Merkel, turned in the first bale of the cotton season. A petition was being circulated calling for the hiring of 24 hour patrolman. Michael Briley resigned as Merkel's police chief. About 256 Merkel High exes attended homecoming festivities.

November
Boyd Baker was named Merkel's new police chief. Chaplain Jerry D. Reynolds of Merkel received the Bronze Star while serving in Vietnam.

December
Pierce Manufacturing burned to the ground.

Lambda Beta won the float competition in the annual Christmas Parade.

January, 1969.
The Merkel Hospital Board announced their intentions to sell bonds for the construction of a medical facility here. Suzie Riney, Johnny Gray, Katie Neill and Terry Wade were the big winners in the Merkel Stock Show. Taylor Telephone started construction on telephone lines in the Hawley and Buffalo Gap area. Betty Jane Tittle was named cashier at the F & M Bank.

February
Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church was dedicated here. Bill Holloway of Merkel won reserve grand champion with his steer at the Ft. Worth stock show.

March
Johnny Cox was named Outstanding Citizen and Comer Haynes was named Outstanding Farmer at the annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet. Stan Hicks, of Trent, signed to play football with the University of Texas. Horace Hargrove was selected mayor and Derrell Farmer and Leon Walker were voted to city council positions.

April
Taylor Electric held their 28th annual meeting here. Cal-Tex Feed Yard operations in Trent went into full swing as 27,000 head of cattle were on the lot.

May
Merkel High graduated 48 seniors. Janis Long was valedictorian and Kay Conley was salutatorian. Paul Thames placed second in state UIL spelling contests. The Merkel Volunteer Fire Department's rescue vehicle was pronounced ready for action.

June
The Merkel wheat harvest was proclaimed a good one by Up the Canyon columnist Tom Russom. Wheat was selling for \$1.16 per pound. Tammie Thomas, Cresta Sipe, Debbie Fincher and Christi Brady were named the winners of the Lambda Beta Beauty Pageant.

July
Max Murrell was named area director of the Texas Automobile Dealers Association. The F&M Bank celebrated 10 years in its current location. Merkelite's reacted to U.S. Astronaut's Neil Armstrong's walk on the moon. Tom Russom wrote in this week's Mail, the moon looked drier than the Merkel area.

August
The Texas Air Control Board gave the city another 90 days to stop burning trash at the landfill. David Pursley signed to play semi-pro football with Odessa. Merkel school enrollment reached 608 students.

September
Roy Davis was named City Judge following the resignation of Roy Kimbrell. Jacky Reynolds was ordained as a baptist minister here. E.A. Conley and Mrs. Robert Malone were named Mr. X and Homecoming Queen at the Homecoming ceremonies. Carolyn Gilmore was crowned High School Queen.

October
A garbage ordinance providing the details for Merkel's first home garbage collecting service was passed by city council. Robert Winter received the Navy Commendation Medal for outstanding bravery and leadership while serving with the U.S. Marine Corps in Vietnam. Benny Melton was named Chamber of Commerce Manager. He replaced Johnny Cox. "Up the Canyon" columnist Tommie Russom died. His column, the most popular ever run in the Mail, was carried for six years by the Mail. Joe

Lassiter wrote, "When Tom described a frosty morning, you could almost feel the bite of the frost."

November
Lone Star Gas announced plans for a Trent rate increase. The next week, they filed for an increase here. The annual Pioneer Methodist Church Lord's Acre Sale netted the church \$2,000.

December
Goodfellow donations here totaled \$395 for helping needy families properly celebrate Christmas.

Local school honor rolls

Tye Elementary

The Tye Elementary Honor Roll is as follows:

First Grade: A Honor Roll: Becky Donaldson, Brent Schrantz, Hope Ward, Michelle Villarreal, Son Hui Chon, Michelle Guerney, Glorietta Acosta. A-B Honor Roll: Dewayne Dossier, Ivy Molina, Melissa Huble, Luis Gonzales, Zac Walker.

Second Grade: A Honor Roll: Christi Moore, Billie Jo Dobiez, Jonnie Sever. A-B Honor Roll: Eugene Van Gorp, Amme Blair, Katina Neith, Crystal Arnold, Billy Kimbro, Johnny Wells, Carolyn Hall, Kevin Watson, Melanie Andrews, Richard Neal.

Third Grade: A Honor Roll: Shawn Miller, Lisa Donaldson, Mi Hwa Chon, Jennee Koja. A-B Honor Roll: Michelle Davis, Lee Kotrlík, Patricia Martin, Mary Turner, Greg Goodgion, Sandra Marshall, Sheri Miles, Steven Starky.

Fourth Grade: A Honor Roll: Irene Alvarez, Tracy Moore, Cissy Sever. A-B Honor Roll: Shannon Pence, Melissa Roys, Mendy Bunselmeier, Mike Villarreal, Davy DeLeon, Dewayne Clark.

Fifth Grade: A Honor Roll: Son Mi Chon, Michelle Goodgion, Tami Israel, Stacie Johnson. A-B Honor Roll: Clara Herrea, Allan Isom.

Trent

The Trent A Honor Roll is as follows:

A Honor Roll: 3rd 6 Weeks: Janna King, Missy Simpson, Kim Wallis, Matt Jackson, Greg Beasley, John Perkins, Leslie Masonheimer, Todd Richardson, Riley West.

Merkel Elementary

The Merkel School honor rolls are as follows:

First Grade: A Honor Roll: Tanya Beasley, Scott Cannon, Dayna Doan, Becca Dunagin, Marc Jenkins, Lillian Leach, Steven Moreno, Kriste Smith, Kristi Smith. A-B Honor Roll: Amy Baker, Mandy Barnett, Amanda Biera, Donna Denman, Elizabeth Hernandez, Travis Mechilli, Josh Mashburn, Shayla Miller, Robert Pace, Mark Reed, Zacky Rodriguez, Elyn Rutledge, Amy Sparks, Criswell Whisenhunt, Steven

Williams.

Second Grade: A Honor Roll: Dustie Baldree, Lois Campbell, Jayma Goldsmith, Collin Jacobs, Cara Kelso, Phuong Thac Tran, Daniel West. A-B Honor Roll: Coby Archa, Jamie Beasley, Brandon Boyd, Jenny Boyd, Aimee Bugg, Devin Ely, Brandy Fenton, Robert Frazier, April Griffith, Missy Jones, Sean Leamon, Mary Monahan, Destry Pack, Brandon Toombs, Terry Trevino.

Third Grade: A Honor Roll: Laura Baker, Lisa Cannon, Rebecca Cates, Penny Smith. A-B Honor Roll: Bridget Acuna, Sabrina Boswell, Angela Carson, Misti Doan, Robynn Dudley, Toby Dupont, Chance Ferguson, Rickey Haggard, Melissa Hallford, Stephen Jacobs, Denise Moreno, Chris Pack, Jenni Quance, Gay Lynn Bishop, Jimmy Townsend.

Fourth Grade: A Honor Roll: Michelle Dudley, Richa Hill, Kim Richards, Diem Trang Tran. A-B Honor Roll: Walter Best, Camilla Bright, Norma Cuellar, Jennifer Davis, Mary Dillion, Stephen Faulkner, Stacy Flowers, Krista Johnson, Amy Jones, Anissa Jones, Howard Kelly, Kenneth Jowers, Jon-David Layher, Melissa Morris, Pam Neff, Glyn Ann Rutledge, Taylor Michelli, Wade Toombs, Max Trevino.

Fifth Grade: A Honor Roll: April Duncan, Ramon Moreno, Ted Seymour, Amy Stuckey, Krista Toombs, Misty Vaughn. A-B Honor Roll: Mark Aldrete, Angie Cannon, Kyle Coker, Shelle Doan, Kristi Elliott, Staci Ferguson, Jerry Flowers, Melissa Harris, Lynn Hays, Candice Henslee, Jamie Heyen, Lee Leverich, Angie Moreno, Stacy Norton, Shayna Reynolds, Karrie Rich, Todd Smith, Craig Spofford, C.J. White, Pam Williams.

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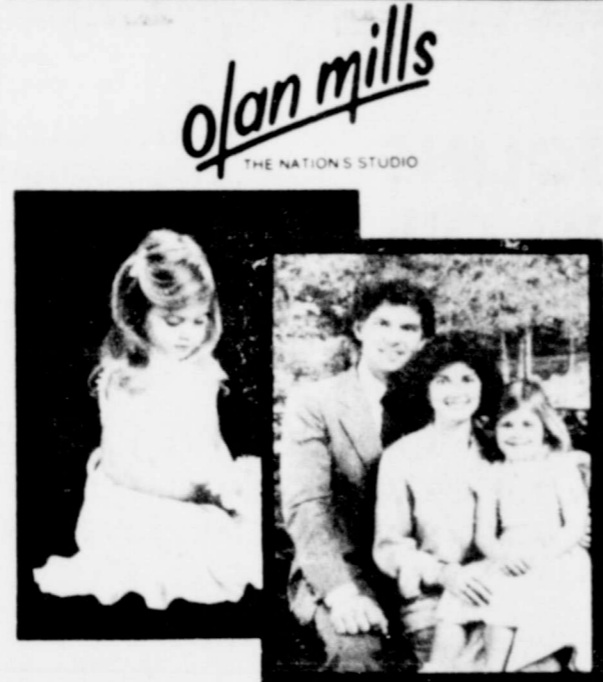
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Would you be willing to help plan the Centennial Celebration? If you need more space than provided on the form, feel free to include more information. Mail to Box 428, Merkel, Tex 79636

Photo winners named

The winners of the recent Crawford's Children's Pictures are as follows:
 (Pictures, Left to Right) 1st Place-Robin Cochran, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Cochran; 2nd Place- Joshua Wayne Ross, son of Mrs. Carolyn Ross; 3rd Place- Chastity Savage, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Savage. Others in the contest include: Teri Brazelton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Brazelton; Christopher Merritt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Merritt; Timothy Fisher, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Fisher; Tamra Helmer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Helmer; Scooter Harris, son of Mrs. Linda Harris; Aimee Bugg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Bugg; Elizabeth Painter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Painter; Bryan Denman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Denman; Judd Burton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Burton; Krystal West, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Danny West; Jayson Williams, son of Mrs. Sherry Williams; Monica Bugg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Bugg; Rebecca Cochran, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Cochran; Byron Byars, son of Mrs. Tina Byars; Nathan Bugg, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Bugg; Brittany Burton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Burton; Monty Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Shawn Moore.



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**Featherston named
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Mrs. Leon Featherston was named Artist of the month at United Savings. Her paintings will be on display through the month of January.

United Savings is honoring Gay with a coffee, Friday morning, January 30th from 10:00 until 12:00 a.m. The Public is invited.

Gay has been painting about 4 years. Three years at Coleman under Mrs. Edna Dunn, well known artist in Coleman Co. Mrs. Dunn taught mostly still life.

Gay is taking art lessons at the present time, taught by Mrs. Belna Bennett of Abilene. Mrs. Bennett teaches mostly landscape.

Gay and her husband moved to Merkel nearly two years ago.

They like Merkel very much and find everyone very friendly. They live at 1111 So. 6th.

Gay has one daughter, who lives in Houma, Louisiana and has two granddaughters, one in college and one in high school.



Mrs. Leon Featherston

Luncheon held

A salad luncheon was enjoyed Monday, by the United Methodist Women, who met at the church at 9 a.m. to quilt.

They are making these quilts to sell for the benefit of the Methodist Men's gym fund.

The first one being given in a drawing Saturday evening at the conclusion of the men's domino tournament held in the new gym.

Lonelle Teaff, of Merkel, was the lucky

recipient. Another quilt made by the ladies will be ready for a drawing in February at a chili supper the men are planning.

We are still in need of quilt tops, linings, batting, and money to buy what we do not get donated. And if you like to quilt join us at 9 a.m. on Mondays.

For more information call, Jessie Shannon, Lorene Harrison, Ruth Cox, Ila Mae McLean or Frankie Smith.

Parent council meetings set

The Parent Advisory Council will hold a meeting concerning the Trent Title I Program on Monday, February 9, 1981 at 8:00 p.m. in the Tax Office at the High School. All interested persons are invited to attend.

Merkel High, Middle schools honor rolls

The Merkel High School Honor Roll is as follows:

6 Week: A Honor Roll: Ray Walters, Brenda Hohbertz, Diana Landeros, Debra Carey, Susan Smith, Stacy Seymore, Judy Castille, Christi Brady, Matt Merritt, Becky Dunlap, Debbie Williams, Mary Fariello, Maria Moreno, Billy Walters, Ed Herrera, Chris Brockey, Todd Gregory, Norma Frazier.

Mid-Term: A Honor Roll: Denise Pack, Ray Walters, Melinda Riney, Brenda Hohbertz, John Ybara, Susan Smith, Debra Carey, Stacy Seymore, Judy Castille, Christi Brady, Becky Dunlap, Debbie Williams, Mary Fariello, Maria Moreno.

6 Week: A-B Honor Roll: Shiela Adair, Connie Page, Roberta Duran, Rhonda Hurley, Loyce Baker, Christine Franklin, Cristina Acosta, Rene Akin, Alan Glick, Nancy Click, Sirtarn Prasarn, Joan Fariello, Mandi Dillon, Wayne

Horton, Tammy Davis, Brenda Kinder, John Ybarra, Kim McCasland, Karla Terral, Jeff Scott, Mike Fisher, Tammy Townsend, Janet Schuknecht, Kelli Burnett, Chris Brockmeyer, Brian Gary, Lorne Sloan.

Mid-Term: A-B Honor Roll: Matt Merrill, Shiela Adair, Connie Page, Roberta Duran, Loyce Baker, Christina Acosta, Rene Akin, Janice Jacobs, Nancy Click, Karla Terral, Kim McCasland, Jeff Scott, Mandi Dillon, Alan Glick, Lorne Sloan.

Middle School

The Merkel Middle School Honor Roll is as follows:

6th Grade: A Honor Roll: Sherri Riney, Tracy Bicknell, Abby Irvin, Tina Jaramillo, Debbie Pack, Danny Santee. A-B Honor Roll: Wayne

Cronk, Joseph Miles, Brit Pursley, Shane Reagan, Billy Riley, Douglas Taylor, Angela Thomas, Fondale Watson, Michelle Woodard, Henry Howk, Lance Jones, Dusty Moore, David Ray, Mary Kinder.

7th Grade: A Honor Roll: Kevin Coker, Alyse Ferguson, Amy Irvin, Kevin Mitchell, Clay Carey, Keith Watson. A-B Honor Roll: Cammie Bright, Matt Cain, Pam Ely, Tim Kellogg, Gina

Stuckey, Chris Horton, Gayle Landeros, Ronna Casey, Barbara Kinder, Kelly Riney, Lucretia Wade.

8th Grade: A Honor Roll: Shelly Sherrill, Trung Tran. A-B Honor Roll: Nanci Stevens, Becky Teague, Greg Spurr, Justin Dupont, Donny Brady, Tim Jacobs, Kelly Sherrill, Cindy Marie Williams, Tami Elliott, Jennifer Roby, Kelly Stovall.

Gins report 7,922 bales so far

The local gins as of Monday had ginned a total of 7,922 bales and had approximately 600 bales in the yard.

Planters Gin in Trent reported a total of 3,080

ginned and about 500 in the yard.

The Co-Op Gin in Merkel has ginned 2,932 bales, and has 100 bales in the yard.

Stith gin has none in the yard and has ginned 1,910 bales.

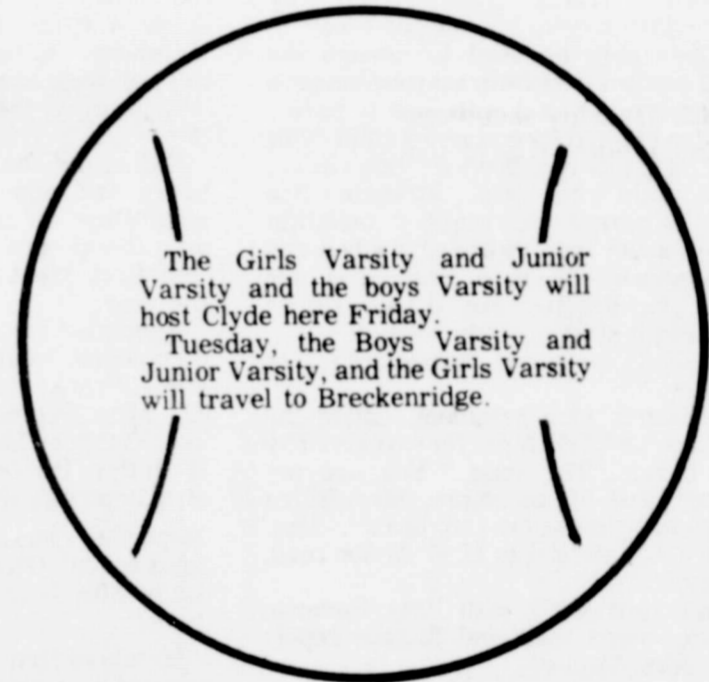


This week's schedule



The Merkel 8th grade boys basketball team, coached by Luke Reynolds includes (top row, left to right) Chuck Peterman, Jerry Davis, Martin Cuellar, David Rackley, Todd Hensley, Jimmy Rogers, Carl Jower, Todd Fielder, Tim Jacobs,

Chris Cutler and manager John Starbuck. (Bottom row, left to right) Ken Hogan, Randy Davis, Tim Barber, Mike Myers, Sean Woodard, Kenny Sims, Lyle Baker, Donny Brady, Mike Reddin and Trung Tran.



The Girls Varsity and Junior Varsity and the boys Varsity will host Clyde here Friday.

Tuesday, the Boys Varsity and Junior Varsity, and the Girls Varsity will travel to Breckenridge.

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Trent students taking basic skills test soon

Third, Fifth, and ninth grade students from the Trent Independent School District will participate in the second Texas Assessment of Basic Skills Test program scheduled for February 9-13, 1981.

The assessment plan, first of its kind in this state, is scheduled once each year under requirements set by the Texas Legislature during its 1979 regular session.

The Trent ISD students will be among 700,000 expected to take the reading, writing composition, and mathematics tests during the February 2-20 statewide testing period. Each of the tests will require a maximum of 40 to 60 minutes to complete.

The Trent ISD will report its district and campus aggregate scores to the public at a May or June Meeting of the board of trustees, according to Roy Neff, district superintendent. "However, individual student scores will be reported only to the student, parents and guardian, and the school personnel directly involved," Mr. Neff adds.

"This testing program is designed to help the student and the school improve achievement," Mr. Neff points out. "For this reason, results will be reported in a manner that will help everyone become more effective."

"Third grade students were added to the annual testing sequence for the first time this year. The three tests will make up an annual assessment effort designed to help both state and local school officials improve their services," Mr. Neff says.

Overall student performance, both by campus and by district, will be reported each year to the

public by the local board of trustees.

CTB-McGraw-Hill of Monterey, California will help administer the 1981 test program and develop and field test new items for the 1981-82 series under contract to the State Board of Education. The California firm will also operate a computerized inventory of all test booklets to assure strict security at all times.

"Each test question will relate to a specific objective or skill students are expected to learn by the time they complete the particular grade," Mr. Neff points out.

"We use the term 'criterion-referenced' simply

because it is a short way of saying the answer to each question must lead back to a specific objective," Mr. Neff explains.

Ninth grade students who do not make a satisfactory "exit level" score may re-take the test each year they remain in high school. However, they will not be required to take it more than once. Later to improve scores and evaluate any remedial programs will be voluntary.

The annual test program will be administered by specially-trained personnel in each school district under the guidelines and supervision of the Texas Education Agency.



Divorce was possible in early China. However, a man could not divorce his wife if: she had no family to return to, she had shared his three year mourning period for his parents, or she had married him when he was poor and he had since become rich.

Trent girls, boys have tough week

The Trent High School girls could not buy a basket last Tuesday night losing to Jayton 38-28. The team shot only 27 per cent from the field. Leigh Ann McGlothlin led the scoring with 10 points.

Last Friday night, the girls team traveled to Aspermont. Unfortunately their poor shooting from the free throw line cost them the game 38-31. Rebecca Sipe had 11 points for Trent. The girls only made 25 per cent of their free throws.

The Trent boys team fared no better, despite two outstanding game by junior guard Greg Beasley. On Tuesday night they played a very large Jayton team and were defeated 57-31. Greg Beasley and Richard Beaver combined for 28 of the team's 31 points.

On Friday night the boys team lost to Aspermont, 46-32. The Gorillas were ahead at the end of the 1st quarter, but once again the lack of size on this year's team proved their downfall. Greg Beasley led all scorers with 19 points.



You can thaw frozen bread quickly by putting it in a brown paper bag in a 325 degree oven for five minutes.



Waiters have been known to call double order of coffee a "pair of drawers."

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF CONDITION (Including Domestic Subsidiaries)

| LEGAL TITLE OF BANK | | Home State Bank | |
|--|---------------------------|------------------------|----------|
| CITY | COUNTY | STATE | ZIP CODE |
| Trent | Taylor | Texas | 79561 |
| STATE BANK NO. | FEDERAL RESERVE DIST. NO. | CLOSE OF BUSINESS DATE | |
| 1398 | 11 | Dec. 31, 1980 | |
| ASSETS | | | |
| | | Mil. | Thou. |
| 1. Cash and due from banks | | 825 | 0 |
| 2. Due from other depositories and all cash items in the process of collection | | 0 | 0 |
| 3. U.S. Treasury securities | | 330 | 0 |
| 4. Obligations of other U.S. Government agencies and corporations | | 150 | 0 |
| 5. Obligations of States and political subdivisions in the United States | | 0 | 0 |
| 6. All other securities | | 0 | 0 |
| 7. Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell | | 400 | 0 |
| 8. Total loans (including overdrafts totaling \$ 15,225.82) (From Schedule A, Item 8) | | 2,782 | 0 |
| 9. Lease financing receivables | | 0 | 0 |
| 10. Bank premises, furniture and fixtures, and other assets representing bank premises | | 15 | 0 |
| 11. Real estate owned other than bank premises | | 2 | 0 |
| 12. Letters of credit and customers' liability on acceptances outstanding | | 0 | 0 |
| 13. All other assets | | 2 | 0 |
| 14. TOTAL ASSETS (sum of items 1 thru 13) | | 4,510 | 0 |
| LIABILITIES | | | |
| 15. Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations | | 1,849 | 0 |
| 16. Time and savings deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations | | 2,144 | 0 |
| 17. Deposits of United States Government | | 0 | 0 |
| 18. Deposits of States and political subdivisions in the United States | | 171 | 0 |
| 19. Due to banks | | 0 | 0 |
| 20. All other deposits | | 0 | 0 |
| 21. Certified and officers' checks | | 42 | 0 |
| 22. Total Deposits (sum of items 15 thru 21) | | 4,206 | 0 |
| a. Total demand deposits | | 1,979 | 0 |
| b. Total time and savings deposits | | 2,227 | 0 |
| 23. Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase | | 0 | 0 |
| 24. Interest-bearing demand notes issued to the U.S. Treasury and other liabilities for borrowed money | | 0 | 0 |
| 25. Mortgage indebtedness for which the bank is directly liable | | 0 | 0 |
| 26. Unearned discount on loans | | 0 | 0 |
| 27. Letters of credit and acceptances outstanding | | 0 | 0 |
| 28. All other liabilities | | 2 | 0 |
| 29. TOTAL LIABILITIES (excluding subordinated notes and debentures) (sum of items 22 thru 28) | | 4,208 | 0 |
| 30. Subordinated notes and debentures | | 0 | 0 |
| 31. Allowance for possible loan and investment losses | | 33 | 0 |
| EQUITY CAPITAL | | | |
| 32. Common stock (No. of shares outstanding 500) | | 50 | 0 |
| 33. Certified surplus | | 100 | 0 |
| 34. Undivided profits | | 119 | 0 |
| 35. Uncertified surplus, reserve for contingencies, and other capital reserves | | 0 | 0 |
| 36. TOTAL EQUITY CAPITAL (sum of items 32 thru 35) | | 269 | 0 |
| 37. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY CAPITAL (sum of items 29, 30, 31 and 36) | | 4,510 | 0 |

NOTE: This report must be signed by an authorized officer and attested by not less than three directors other than the officer signing the report.

I, the undersigned officer, do hereby declare that this Report of Condition (including the supporting schedules) has been prepared in accordance with the instructions and is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

SIGNATURE OF OFFICER AUTHORIZED TO SIGN REPORT: *Bruce McGlothlin*
 AREA CODE/TELEPHONE NO.: 915-862-6151
 DATE SIGNED: 1/12/81

NAME AND TITLE OF OFFICER AUTHORIZED TO SIGN REPORT: Bruce McGlothlin, Pres.
 We the undersigned directors, attest the correctness of this Report of Condition (including the supporting schedules) and declare that it has been examined by us and to the best of our knowledge and belief has been prepared in conformance with the instructions and is true and correct.

SIGNATURE OF DIRECTOR: *Johnnie*
 SIGNATURE OF DIRECTOR: *Alvin*
 SIGNATURE OF DIRECTOR: *Betty*

(MAKE MARK FOR NOTARY'S SEAL)
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Trent students fare well at county-regional

The results of the Taylor County and Abilene Regional Livestock Show are as follows:

COUNTY
 Lt. Wt. Duroc: County: Debra Williams-5th, Leslie McGlothlin-6th, Billy Williams-7th, Lloyd Williams-9th, Chris Simpson-10th. Regional: Lloyd Williams-12th.
 Heavy Wt. Duroc: County: Missy Simpson-1st, Lloyd Williams-2nd, Chris Simpson-3rd, Billy Williams-5th, Debra Williams-8th, Leslie McGlothlin-13th, Lloyd Williams-16th. Regional: Lloyd Williams-2nd, Leslie McGlothlin-3rd, Leigh McGlothlin-7th, Chris Simpson-8th, Lloyd Williams-Reserve Champion Duroc, Abilene Regional, Missy Simpson-Champion Duroc Taylor County.
 Lt. Wt. Chesters: County: Joe McGlothlin-6th, Mike Delacruz-8th, Benjamin Beaver-9th. Regional: Joe McGlothlin-7th, Eddie Adams-8th.
 Hvy. Wt. Chesters: County: Riley West-4th, Melody Orr-7th, Rebecca Sipe-9th, Kim Orr-10th. Regional: Melody Orr-1st, Riley West-3rd, Rebecca Sipe-6th, Champion Chester, Abilene Regional-Melody Orr.
 Lt. Wt. Hamps: County: Lee Hunt-8th, Joe McGlothlin-10th.
 Hvy. Wt. Hamps: County: Lloyd Williams-3rd, Leigh McGlothlin-5th, Matt Jackson-6th, David Greenwood-8th. Regional: Lloyd Williams-9th.
 Lt. Wt. Cross: County: Greg Beasley-4th, Debra Williams-7th, Casey Johnson-10th. Regional: Greg Beasley-15th.
 Hvy. Cross: County: Billy Williams-13th, Leslie McGlothlin-15th.
 Lt. Wt. OPB: County: Lloyd Williams-1st, Debra Williams-4th, Billy Williams-5th, Lloyd Williams-9th, Reserve Champion OPB-Lloyd Williams. Regional: Lloyd Williams-2nd, Debra Williams-9th.
 Heavy Weight OPB: County: Rebecca Sipe-5th, Regional: Rebecca Sipe-8th.
 Steers: Hereford: County: Scot O'Kelly-6th. Regional: Scot O'Kelly-9th.
 Cross: County: Scot O'Kelly-3rd. Regional: Scot O'Kelly-3rd.
 Lambs: County: Debra Williams won 6th, 10th, and 13th.
 County Swine Showmanship: Billy Williams.
 Regional Swine Showmanship: Leslie McGlothlin.

Merkelites have new granddaughter

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Dails of Fort Worth are the proud parents of a daughter, born January 13, 1981 at 2:35 p.m. in a Fort Worth Hospital. The little lady weighed 6 lbs. 12 1/2 oz. and was 19 1/2 inches long. She has been named Crystal Rene'. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Herman Aiken, of Merkel, and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dails of Abilene. Great grandmothers are Mrs. J.B. Aiken and Mrs. Ellen Simons of Cross Plains.



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Reagan; Mr. and Mrs. Joe McDuff in memory of Lilly Pratt Brown and Cynthia Pinckley; Mr. and Mrs. R.H. Hinch; Mr. and Mrs. Byers Petty; Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Noah in memory of Cynthia Pinckley and Claude Stribling; Mrs. L.J. Renfro; T.E. Meek; Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Noah in memory of Mrs. Gardner, Lilley Pratt Brown and Herman Doan; Mr. and Mrs. F.R. Stanford in memory of Ruby Higgins; Mr. and Mrs. W.A. Steele in memory of Hoyt Reagan; Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Noah in memory of Laura Morgan and Howard Tarven; Mr. and Mrs. Neely Tittle in memory of our Fathers; Mrs. Andy Shouse in memory of Mrs. C.J. McCormick, Irvin Reneau and Mrs. Dean Higgins;

Also: Mrs. D.H. Thomas; Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Mitchell in memory of Mae Perry; Children of J.W. and Nora Tiner in memory of Loyd and John Harris; H.F. Jeffery; Mrs. Earl Hughes Sr. in memory of Rubye Higgins; Ruth Rupert; Alvin and Mattie Lou Wozencraft in memory of Rubye Higgins; Bessie Perry in memory of Rubye Higgins; Ethel Horton in memory of Mother and Dad, Mr. and Mrs. A.L. Walden; Ethel Lee Horton; J.W. Seymore Children in memory of Mrs. Perry; Mr. and Mrs. C.M. Brown in memory of Rubye Higgins; S.W., Faye and Lou Ella Hughes in memory of Mrs. Dean Higgins; Byron Curb; Mrs. Clyde Beasley.

Merkel FFA has large group showing

The following people placed with their pigs at the Abilene Show this past week. O.C. McKeehan, Lynn Hayes, Tommy Hayes, Billy McKeehan, Jerry Jowers, Ann Melton, Gary Dickerson, Mark Bland, Melissa Harris, Todd Robertson, Kenny White, Mike Pape, Paul White, Melinda Riney, Randy Leverich, Chris Mashburn, Eddie Harris. These people placed with lambs: Ann Melton, Willy Townsend. We would like to congratulate these people. We are now preparing for the Ft. Worth Stock Show, which is Feb. 4th thru 7th.

This week, we are spotlighting members of the V.A. II class.

Ricky Biera, son of Mr. and Mrs. Manuel C. Biera, is a sophomore and in V.A. II. His project program is a barrow.
 Frank Lindsey, son of Mr. and Mrs. V.H. Lindsey, is a sophomore and in V.A. II. His project this year is chickens.

Dewayne Tucker, son of Jerry and Reita Cowin, is a sophomore and in V.A. II. His project this year is pigs.

Stay tuned next week for more ag news.

Boys downed by Wylie 61-49

The boys Varsity dropped to 0-2 in district Friday night when Wylie turned them away 61-49. Danny Riggan led the Badgers scoring with 20 points and Dusty Barnhill followed with 10.

Coach Gohlke said the boys were doing better in the second half than they had been recently, but that they still had a long way to go. The shooting percentage is getting better with a nearly 50 percent mark.

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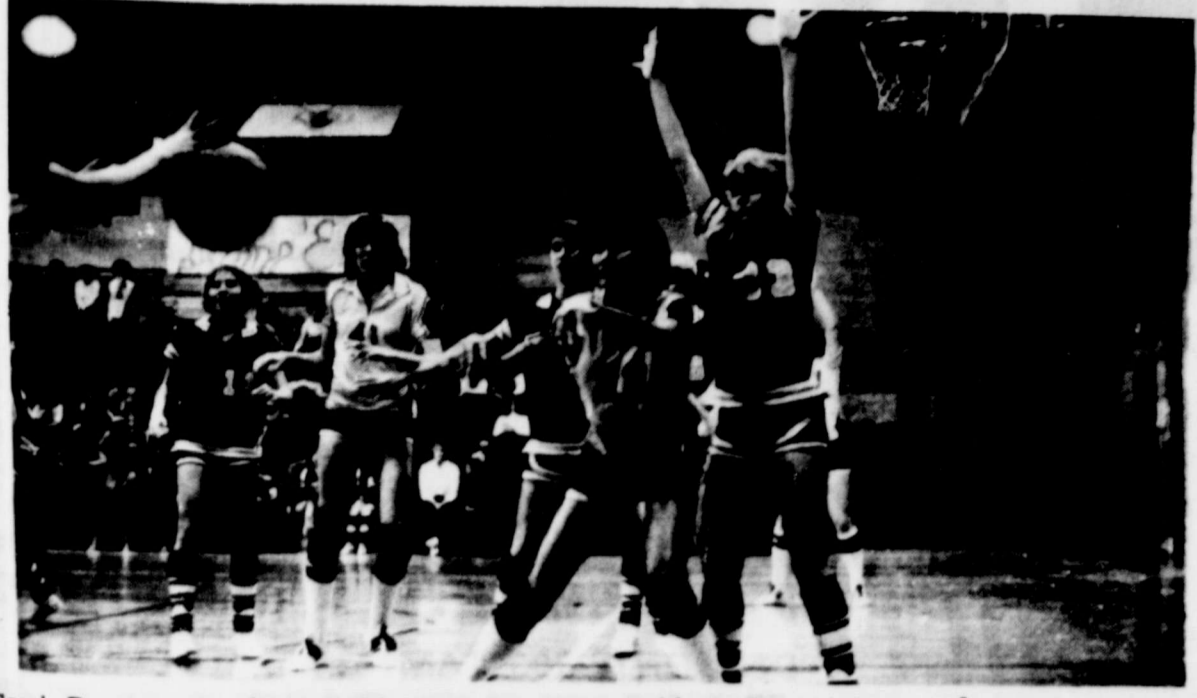
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Jackie Casey (43) and Nancy Click (in white) get on the floor to cover a loose ball in the Wylie game here Friday night. The girls blasted Wylie

and took the district lead in the process. (Staff photo by Drew Mawson)



Sarah Prasarn (13) decides to pass the ball back out as Wylie's 33 poses a defensive problem. Nancy Click (41) looks on intently. (Staff photo by Drew Mawson)

Wayne Dyess

Mr. Wayne Cicero Dyess, 68, died in a Waco hospital Monday. He was a resident of Hillsboro, Texas at the time of his death.

He was born in Merkel, December 17, 1912. His parents were Alfred D. and Carrie Dyess.

In 1930, he moved to Waxahachie and lived there until 1970. He owned and operated a service station and cafe in Waxahachie.

The funeral was at 2

o'clock Wednesday at the Bose-Mitchell Funeral Home in Waxahachie.

He is survived by three sons, A.B. of Alvarado, Tx., Charles of Alvarado, and Melvin of California; two daughters, Bonnie Dyess of Terrell, Tx., Laquita Parker of Ft. Worth; two sisters, Mrs. Mertell Mooningham of Palestine, Tx. and Mrs. Stacy Jarrett of Garland, Tx.; five grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.



Bart Pursley (20) puts one up against Wylie here last Friday. (Staff photo by Drew Mawson)

Ruby Higgins

Ruby Mae Higgins, 72, a Merkel resident since 1933, died at 8:50 a.m. Thursday at Hendrick Medical Center after a long illness. Services were at 2 p.m. Saturday at the First Baptist Church, directed by Starbuck Funeral Home with the Rev. Kenneth Jones, of Capps Baptist Church, and the Rev. David Bugg, of First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Born Sept. 7, 1908 in Ovalo, she moved to Merkel in 1933. She worked for Southwestern Bell for 41 years prior to her retirement and was a member of the company's Retired Employees Association. She was a member of First Baptist

Church in Merkel, where she taught Sunday School and was youth director prior to becoming ill. She married Dean Higgins, November 11, 1939, in Eastland.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Raymond.

Survivors include her husband; a son, Eddie of Cross Plains, a brother, Randall McNiece of Abilene; three sisters, Mrs. E. F. (Edna) Shotwell and Mrs. H.D. (Flora) Steakley, both of Abilene, and Mrs. Ted (Bessie) Richmond of Tulsa, Okla.; and two grandsons.

Palbearers were Lloyd Robertson, Eddie Higgins, Ricky Higgins, Deverle Higgins, Richard McNiece and Buster McNiece.

Troop 175 is busy

Girl Scout Junior Troop No. 175 has had a busy month. During December, the girls attended the Nutcracker Ballet in Abilene. On the 17th, the troop visited Starr Nursing Home in Merkel. They distributed decorated jars of cookies and candies and sang carols for the residents. Their Christmas party was an old fashioned carolling party. Mrs. Willie Collier, of Trent warmed the scouts with spiced tea, cookies and candies, after

which gifts were exchanged.

January is a month to review our patriotism. The William Norwood Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Colonists donated an American Flag to the troop. A skating party, at Joyland in Abilene, was held the 17th.

Tammy Collier has earned her Tending Toddlers badge.

The troop is sponsored by the Trent Church of Christ.

Goodmen club meets

Members of the Goodman Extension Homemakers Club discovered the versatility of sheets for decorating at their January 23 meeting. Mrs. Elvilyn Wilburn, County Extension Agent, gave a slide presentation of the many ways of using sheets - the home of Mrs. Donna Carter.

The many designs of sheets can be used in a variety of ways. Sheets as, wallcoverings, wall hangings, upholstery material, canopies, to form alcoves, quilted for comforters, screens, window shades and curtains, and dust ruffles for a start.

Mrs. Vivian Winter led members and guests in prayer and a quiz for recreation.

Mrs. Frances Carter gave the council report during the business meeting. Enrollment cards were filled out to update Mrs. Wilburn's records.

Refreshments were served to two guests, Mrs. Irene Pomeroy, and Elvilyn Wilburn, and seven members, Mrs. Belvie Butler, Odessa Butler, Frances Carter, Vivian Winter, Minnie Carey, Amie Price, Miss Shayla Carter, and Mr. David Carter by the hostess, Donna Carter.

Next club meeting will be held with the Stith Extension Homemakers Club, Feb. 11 at the Stith Community Center.

All club meetings are open to all irrespective of race, color, sex, national origin or economic circumstance.

Legal notice

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Charles Hatten, Defendant, Greetings: YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable County Court at Law of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 23 day of February A.D. 1981, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 15 day of Aug. A.D. 1980, in this cause, numbered 12,164 on the docket of said court and styled The Citizens National Bank in Abilene,

Plaintiff, vs. Charles Hatten, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Suit on promissory installment note as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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 7th day of January A.D. 1981.

Janice Lyons Clerk County Court at Law Taylor County Texas By Marie Gill, Deputy 46-4tc

Jones is ill

Clyde Jones was a farmer just north of Stith until his retirement in 1967. He was active in the old Hope Church of Christ where he served as a member and elder for more than 50 years.

He is now a member of the Merkel Church of Christ.

He has 2 children, Bill Jones and Mrs. Norman Bicknell, both of Abilene.

Due to ill health, Mr. Jones is now living with his daughter, Mrs. Bicknell of 641 Westmoreland, Abilene, 79603.

Cards would be appreciated.

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Shayla weighed 8 lbs. 14 oz. and was 21 1/2 inches long at birth.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Scotty Knox of Sweetwater and Mr. and Mrs. J.F. Dozier of Anson.

Great grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. A.F. Dozier of Sylvester, Mr. Chester Kniffin of Chicago, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Baker of Archer City and Mr. and Mrs. B.D. Graham of Electra.

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