The Merkel Mail

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WTU service nan Glenn Teaff struggles with the Merkel Homecoming sign after a stiff West Texas wind got a hold of it as he and Bill Button were hanging the sign. A stiffer wind came by later,

The class of 1938 will

meet Sat. Oct. 20th at

Big Country Inn at 9 a.m. for breakfast and

a business meeting.

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made shreds of the first sign and the Homeco Association Folks raised another. (Staff photo by Cloy A. Richards)

Council accepts Atkinson resignation, studying higher basic service rates

A resignation and discussion of water-sewer-sanitation rates highlighted Friday's Merkel City Council

City Manager J.A. Sadler read the council a letter of resignation from council member Jimmie Atkinson. Atkinson resigned from Council because he has accepted a job in Breckenridge with an electrical

Council said they would consider nominations expected at Council's next meeting Oct. 26th to replace Atkinson for the remainder of his term.

Councilmen also discussed the possibility of raising water-sewer and sanitation minimum charges

City Manager J.A. Sadler presented council with a chart comparing Merkel's minimum city services rates with 11 other smaller communities in the Big Country. Merkel's minimum charge of \$8.20 was 80 cents cheaper than Ballinger and \$6.30 cheaper than the highest comparison, Colorado City.

Sadler also told council that pumping charges for water from Abilene have increased 300 percent in five years and that the city would have to do domething about the increased costs of city services.

Council members said every other business was passing higher costs to their customers and that the city just might have to raise basic services rates.

Council decided to study the rate change and determine how much of an increase on the basic charge for city services should be. Council last raised those services 18 months ago.

Council also accepted two bids at Friday's session. They accepted a bid from a Dallas businessman for a city owned oil distribution machine that does not work. Mr. Williams bid was \$1,252.

Council also sold a city-owned lot a to James Sanford for \$200. Council will hold a public hearing conce

application for federal funds for private using repairs on Oct. 26th.

Texas cities shared in \$22.2 million in rebates from the one percent state sales tax rebate last month. Merkel maintained last month's percentage increase in rebates from one year ago. Currently, the city has received \$31,103.43 in rebates this year compared to \$23,352.96 last year. The city received \$1,688.78 for the month.

Tye received a check for \$2,948.68 for their share and are running nine percent over last year's Texas cities receive the checks on a monthly basis

of their rebate is over \$500 monthly for their share of the five percent state sales tax charged by retail merchants across the state.

Bartee given one week suspension at Tuesday board meeting

The Merkel School Board suspended Merkel High School teacher coach Gary Bartee with pay Tuesday night following a two and one half hour executive session. Bartee will remain on suspension until Oct. 23rd when the board will meet again to make a permanent decision.

The board decision came before approximately 100 people who had gathered.

Bartee's suspension stems from an Oct 12th incident at Merkel High School following a meeting of the senior class concerning a senior trip. Bartee and Merkel High School Senior Steve Mathison scuffled and Mathison alledges that Bartee hit him twice while Bartee told the Mail that "My actions were to discipline a student who caused and outburst during a meeting, defied my athoority, and used force against me.

Coach Bartee pled no contest to class c assault charges in Merkel J.P. Court this week according to Merkel Justice of the Peace Henry Guenther

The Mgill learned Wednesday morning that high schools stove Mathison was suspended from school.

Walt Harris of Merkel made a statement to the board that said he was a spokesmen for a group of concerned parents. The statement concluded by asking that the board fire Coach Bartee and that letters to that effect be sent to the State Board of Education and the Texas State Teachers Board.

The statement also expressed concern that Steve Mathison had received proper aid immediately following the incident.

Board members also heard a statement from Merkel High School teacher Phillip Pursley who said he was an eyewitness to the scuffle and said he saw Coach Bartee try to restrain Mathison after Steve had shoved the coach.

After Pursley's statement, a Merkel High School student asked to make a statement. School Board President Charles Jacobs said "I think that all parties concerned have presented their case to the

The student said she didn't feel that the board had eard all of the facts concerning the incident. Several other questions were raised to the board and Jacobs then said that the board would be going

into an executive session to discuss the matter and that they may ask some of the persons at the meeting to come in and make further statements. (High School principal Allen Merritt was the only person asked to sit in on the executive session.)

The Superintendent's report immediately preceded the executive session and in that report, Dr. Raymond Etheridge read portions of the minutes from a board meeting in 1972 that gave approval for a Senior Trip that year and layed down by-laws for the trip. Etheridge said "No student has approached me about a senior trip. Our policies refer to student safety, liability, but as far as a policy saying no senior trips, the most recent record we have

concerning a trip is from March of 72."

Following the executive session, allen Merritt answered to a couple of points made during Harris' opening statement. Jacobs then made a statement that "The board would like for representatives of the Senior Class to meet with Mr. Merritt concerning the senior trip. Board member Pat Contille then made senior trip. Board member Pat Castille then moved that Coach Bartee be suspended for one week, with pay while an investigation continues. Her motion was approved 6-0.

In other business, the board approved the tax roll for fiscal year 1980 and heard progress reports on school construction. Dr. Etheridge also announced a self-study that the district will have done concerning administrative and managemnet activities of the district. Etheridge said that he is asking for the study and that it is not being mandated by any state agency and is being done for an in-house evaluation.

The board also learned that an additional classroom will be constructed by converting the Elementary School's teachers lounge into another third grade classroom to ease the student load on third grade teachers.

The board will meet again on October 23rd at 7:30 p.m. to make a final decision on their temporary suspension of Coach Bartee and to appoint a voting member of the Taylor County Tax Appraisal

Dr. Etheridge said Wednesday morning that the meeting on the 23rd would be held in the classroom crowd attends, the meeting will be moved to the

Youth center gets financial support

The Merkel Youth Center folks have managed to raise \$611 of the \$700 needed for a new roof for the Merkel

Youth Center. With the Homecoming weekend this weekend Youth Center officials are hoping that former Merkel residents will conate the balance of funds needed for the roof repairs.
The Community Ac-

tion Program in Abilene has said that they will fund one half of the repairs needed on the roof and the Merkel share will come to \$700.

As of Tuesday morn-ing, donors included Mr. and Mrs. Howard Carson, Ruby Ship man, Syble's Beauty Nook,

Ruth Dudley, Johnnie Teaff, Minnie Howard, Castille's Hard ware. Mrs. Viola Harris, Russell McAnalley, Farmers and Merch ants National Bank, The Merkel Mail, Hoy A. Richards, The Beauty Shack, Boney Insurance, Merkel Auto Parts, Merkel Brick and Lumber, Hi-Val, St. T. Tires. Teombs. Beal

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Estate, Ed's Feed and

Homecoming festivities

Welcome home!

Ex students of Merkel High School will be in town this weekend to catch up on old acquaintances as Homecoming weekend will get started tonight with the Bonfire.

Friday's activities will get started at 5:30 p.m. with a downtown pep rally in front of Merkel Drug. Graduating classes of 1939, 1949 and 1959 will be holding reunions throughout the weekend.

At halftime Friday night, the High School Homecoming Queen, as well as Mrs. Ex and Mr. Ex will be crowned.

The Badgers carry a 0-5 record into the contest

after falling last week to Winters 34-0. The contest was close in the first half as it ended in a 0-0 tie but Badger fumbles early in the third quarter hurt as Winters set up two touchdowns with

fumble recoveries and two others with interceptions. The Badgers offense sputtered Friday as they were unable to move on the Winters defense, Senior fullback Mark Merritt ran well but was used sparingly.

The Badgers are facing an Anson team that has also had its problems this year but have managed to play a couple of tough teams close as they were narrowly defeated by Colorado City and Stamford.

The Anson Tigers are basically a running team and are 2-3 on the year. They finished last season at 4-6. Kickoff is set for 7:30 at Badger Stadium.

Homecoming Schedule

Oct. 18th Bonfire

Oct. 19th 9 until 5 p.m. Registration, Sr. Citizens Building

Oct. 19th 5:30 Spaghetti Supper, School Cafeteria

Oct. 19th 7:30 Merkel vs. Anson, Badger Stadium

Oct. 20th 11 a.m. Parade, Downtown

Oct. 20th Lunch, business meeting, program, school open house and talent show

Spook Revue for kids set for October 31st

The Mail is sponsoring a Spook Revue this year instead of the Crazy Days Parade and the review will give the little ghosts and goblins here a chance to scare every one in town at the same time next

On Halloween evening, at 5:30 in the afternoon, the Mail is asking all of the children in Merkel to gather near the Western Auto store for a parade. Kids will be judged in six age categories: 1-4, 5-7, 8-10, 11-13, and 13 and over. Two trophies will be awarded in

each age category. One trophy will be for most original costume and for spookiest costume.

We will also award a trophy for the spookiest bicycle and a trophy for the spookiest animal.

The parade should be over by 6:15 and should give the children time to get to their other activities on

There are no registration forms, no cost for entering the contest and there will be lots of prizes to be won by the little creatures.

How the Mail celebrated International

Newspaper week, random notes

Passing thoughts . . .

by Cloy A. Richards

Last week was International Newspaper Week and I came up with a few novel approaches of how we should observe that week at the Mail.

The week started with a picture re-shoot of the students of the month at Merkel Middle School. We had already taken a picture but the flash was not properly set and the photo was unusable. In the darkroom Monday, not only did I learn that the reshoot fared no better, but photos I had taken of Jerry Miller and a new calf he was presented, as well as Trent Homecoming nominees were nothing more than blank

we published a 14 page paper last week and that was the largest paper we had put out in six months, but it did not come off as well as we had hoped.

I was approached Wednesday of last week and asked where was the Merkel Badger football story.

As soon as the person said football story I felt sickened because at the moment the words football. sickened because at the moment the words football story' flew from her mouth, I realized that I had completely forgotten to publish the story.

It was not as if I didn't write it, I had it written last Friday after the game because I was asked to turn the game in to the Abilene and San Angelo papers. I just forgot to turn it in to myself.

Another magnificent blunder on my part. But that can be a part of this crazy business. What other profession gives you the opportunity for you to mispell, mis-understand, mis-interpret and sign your name to it so that everyone will know whose fault it

The truth is, I wouldn't have it any other way. And I certainly wouldn't want to be making a living any

I just pick unusual ways of celebrating those special occasions.

The Mail welcomes all of the Merkel ex-students to Homecoming festivities this weekend. You should take a look around the school while you are here this year and see the current facilities and those under construction. Most of you would agree that MISD facilities have changed a lot in that last year and, with construction, should change a lot in the next couple of years.

The Merkel Junior Varsity played well again this week as they lost to Haskell 6-0. Haskell scored on an intercepted pass to nip the JV. In other action, the seventh graders lost to the Haskell 7th grade and the Merkel 8th grader defeated the Haskell 8th grade.

We got teased with a few drops of rain on Sunday and Monday this week, and Mother Nature is still giving the weathermen ulcers with the crasy weather lately. Last week, we had two record highs, and a record low in a three day period. As they say here, don't like the weather, stick around, it will

Merkel Drug is 60

Merkel Drug Company is celebrating its 60th anniversary of service to the Merkel area this

The store was purchased in 1919 by the late SD Gamble who was hobored for 50 years of service as a pharmacist in 1957.

W. David Gamble joined his father in the pharmacy upon graduating from the University of Texas College of Pharmacy in 1938 and received his liscense in 1939.

He was nominated for "Pharmacist of the Year" by the Abilene Drug Travelers Association. After service in World War II as aircraft commander flying B-17s with the English Air Force, he became manager and owner of Merkel Drug Company. He is active in civic activities and in 1972 was voted "Most Outstanding Citizen" by the Merkel Chamber of

Watch next week's Mail for a feature on Merkel

MSD Menu

The menu for the Merkel ISD is as fol-

Thurs. Oct. 18- Frito chili pie, green salad choice of dressing, peaches with whipped

Fri. Oct. 19- Hamburgers, lettuce, to m a t e, pickles and onions. French fries, walk to school cookies.

Mon. Oct. 22- Spaghetti with ground beef and

Wedding reception

Mr. and Mrs. R.E. Clemmer are hosting a Wedding Reception for their son, Mark and his bride, Robin on Saturday, October 20, 1979 from five until eight o'clock in their home-F.M. 126-South, about 15 miles from Merkel.

A Fall Bridal Theme will be carried out in decorations of the home. Serving at the reception table will be Mrs.

Robert Wheeler, sister of the groom and Mrs. Robert Clemmer, sister-in-law of the groom. Others in the house party will be: Miss Amelia Smith, Mrs. Doyle Richey, Mrs. Mike Fischer, Mrs. Mike Strawn, Mrs. Carter King, Mrs. Frank Brnovak, and Mrs. A.D. King.

All friends and relatives are invited to

Students say . . .

No to Sat. parade

Editors Note: The fol- your attention the ents. The Mail chose not to print the names

Dear Sirs, It has come to the attention of the Merkel High School students that the Homecoming Parade will be on the day following the Homecoming Game. A large number of students are dissatisfied with this arrangement in that we feel it would be superfluous after all other Homecoming activities are completed. We the undersigned would like to protest and request that the date of the parade be moved up to the day of the game. Editors Note: The following letter was signed by 87 high school stu-dents. The Mail chose

Dear Editor We, the students of Merkel High School would like to bring to Having A Hard Time Making Ends Meet?

not to publish names because of space con-

siderations.

My name is Bill Phillips, I'm 36 years ild and own a small company in Birm-ngham, Alabama. Until last year I worked for a local foundry and make an average living but was unable to get ahead. My wife and I came up with an idea for a part time

cheduled date for the consisted of floats and a main street. The main objective of the parade is to raise spirit for the homecoming game. We have not been given a logical explanation for the parade being scheduled the Saturday after the game. We realize that it may be too late to

change the parade date this year, however; in future years the school board will know that the students want the parade before the home-

coming game to pro-

cheese, buttered w-k corn, lettuce and tomato salad, ch. of dressing, garlic bread, chilled

pears Tues. Oct. 23- Fried chicken, cream gravy, whipped potatoes, seasoned green beans, hot

rells, fruit cup Wed. Oct. 24- Burritos with beef, beans and cheese, tossed salad, choice of dressing, sliced peaches with whip topping

happened in the past.

responsibility is used, those claiming irresponsibility must first admit that the parents have failed in raising their children in being responsible people and

Ordinance

The Tye City Council during a regular held council meeting, Oct. 9, 1979, passed and ap-proved the following ordinances: Ordinance no. TO-LAA, AN AMEND-MENT OF ORDIN-ANCE 79-14 OF THE REGUL ATING THE KINDS AND CLASSES OF TRAFFIC OF CER-TAIN STREETS WITH-IN THE INCORPOR-ATED CITY LIMITS OF

TYE, TEXAS ORDINANCE NO. 79-15, GRANT I N G TO LONE STAR GAS COM-PANY, A CORPORA-TION, ITS SUCCESS-ORS AND ASSIGNS, A FRANCHISE TO FURNISH AND SUP-PLY GAS TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC IN THE CITY OF TYE, TAYLOR COUNTY,

TEXAS, AND THE IN-

WELCOME

HOME

VIRONS THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF A FEE OR CHARGE FOR THE USE OF THE STREETS, ALLEYS AND PUBLIC WAYS, AND PROVIDING THAT IT SHALL BE IN FEES AND CHARGES, EXCEPTING AD VAL-OREM TAXES.

The City of Merkel, Texas will hold a public hearing at 7:00 a.m. October 26, 1979. Said hearing to be held in Ctiy Hall, 107 Lamar Street, Merkel, Texas.

Purpose of said hearng to discuss proposed H.U.D. Community Development Grant application and all interested persons are invited to attend. Lou David Allen

Mayor

Mail says MSD should establish senior trip policy

by Cloy A. Richards

On page one of this week's Mail, a story concerning the School Board's actions of Tuesday night appeared and in that story a couple of Merkel residents appeared before the school board to discuss an altercation between a teacher and a In order to understand what happened, we must

take a look at the facts. The disagreement that led to the altercation between Merkel High School Senior Steve Mathew-

son and Coach Gary Bartee centered around the possibility of a Senior Trip for the Class of 1980. It is easy to tell from talking to school administration folks that they are not too excited

about allowing students take a Senior Trip. In fact,

the last Senior Trip was seven years ago. The kids, on the other hand, have decided they would like to see what has to be done so that they may take a Senior Trip this year

There is a certain way to get things done in every organized activity and, Merkel High School is no exception. As I understand it, if the kids want a senior trip, they must first ask their senior class sponsors, then ask the high school principal and then seek permission from the Merkel School Board.

Merkel High has no policy concerning Senior Trips. The Board has no policy concerning senior trips and the class of 1980 is having a hard time dealing with the lack of facts concerning Senior

There are a couple of overlying trends this particular class is dealing with. First of all, the last Senior Trip taken here featured some activities that should have never happened, and as I understand it, have made school officials reluctant at best to even discuss Senior Trips

What we must all understand is, that you can't tell one group of people that they cannot do something that has been done in the past because of what

If logic that Seniors in high school cannot accept that the school system has failed in preparing our

children as responsible citizens.
But what is even more important to this newspaper, is that the Seniors of 1980 are afforded the opportunity to seek answers from the school through the established chain of command within the school. If the class sponsor and principal at Merkel High are against the trip, the Mail also hopes that the seniors realize that it is the Merkel School Board

that sets up policy and since there is no policy on Senior Trips, it is the seniors' responsibility to see that a policy is established and adhered to.

The Mail is not saying that the kids should be granted their every whim. What the Mail is saying is that the school should come up with a policy on senior trips and that the kids will be aware of when the policy will be discussed so that they may offer their inputs.

Then, when a policy is made, everyone will know the rules to the game. If the seniors do not wish to abide by the policies the board sets up for a senior trip, then they can vote not to have a trip or take proper action against those that do not abide by

The school board has a policy manual that is thicker than any textbook I had in college and I am sure there is room in the binder for a policy concerning Senior Trips. Because without the policy, things such as what happened at the school last Friday can and will happen.

When 17 and 18 year old kids are told that they cannot do something because they are not responsible and mature they have a hard time coping with it. They have an even harder time when it is a school teacher or administrator telling them that they can't handle responsibilities. They hear an awful lot in classes that completing school instills a sense of responsibility and that they should complete school so they can be ready for responsible positions

A senior in high school is at the end of his required educational conditioning. Some of the students will be going to college, some straight to work. But regardless of where they go, most will be leaving home and away from direct parental control. The

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parents of the Class of 1980 realize full well that their children are about to stake their claim on their part of the world and that they will have to make moral decisions much tougher then any Senior Trip could present, and will begin making those decisions, within the next 8 months.

If the parents have prepared their children well, and if the schools have accomplished their part in the education of our children, the students will be able to face the difficult times that lay ahead.

Being a teenager is no easy task. Niether is being a person responsible for the moral and educational background of that student. But if we accept the responsibilities of creating intelligent, capable and responsible citizens we must do it in a prescribed manner and follow rules to the letter,

What the Merkel ISD needs to do is to establish policies for Senior trips. These policies should be established to prevent misunderstandings and should be established in a manner that allows students and their parents to have input.

THE GOD OF THE VALLEY

"Whatsoever the Lord pleased, that did he in heaven, and in earth, in the seas, and all deep places." (Psalm 135:6) God is God of the valley. As well as of the hill; God when the tempest rages, God when the waves are still;

Ever the same, unchanging, Loving, and kind, and true: God when the sun shines brightly, God of the dark day too.

Never so dark but He sees me, Watches each step of the way; Helping me, comforting, cheering, Turning my darkness to day. In Him there is no darkness, Darkness is all earth - born, In Him is light and sunshine, Light of a cloudless morn.

Darkness flies at His coming, Sorrow passes away; Curse changes into blessing, Shadow, to sun's bright ray. Light - the sun of Righteousness Gilds every step of the way. Soon all will merge into glory, Bright, never-ending day.

Yes, God is God of the valley, And God of the mountain too; High and Holy and Mighty, Loving and caring for you. - Isabella (Mrs. Isaac) Page

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FFA officers and & sweetheart elected

This year the FFA Chapter is off to a busy start. When last counted, there were 120 active members enrolled in FFA. There are 16 girls and 95 boys.

This being the first week of the FFA News of 1979 and 80, we salute Jan Melton and Patti B.d for bringing us the FFA news of 1978 and 79. Great job Jan and Patti!

School is just going good but it seems like the FFA'ers have been going and going! They have been working on the Ag. barn and the livestock for the upcoming stock shows

And speaking of the Ag. barn, the FFA would like to give a "special thanks" to those who helped and donated materials that were needed.

D.A. Bishop donated sand for the barn. We really appreciate it.
Thanks D.A.! Benny Melton and J.A. SAdler filled dirt

inside the barn and spread it. We thank you Benny and J.A.! Mr. Humphrey donated sand. He also hauled

it and filled the inside of the barn. Thank you Mr. Humphrey! Shannon Side Apartments donated panels for the sides of the Ag.

barn. Thank you Shannon Side Apts! We would also like to thank Dr. Ray mond Ethridge and the Merkel ISD for the opportunity to work on the barn.

And Elmo Moore Trucking of Abilene for donating the tires for the Ag. van. Thank you Elmo Moore Trucking!

The FFA Chapter off-

icers and Sweetheart were elected last Friday. Elected were: President- Mark Bland; Mark has a been a FFA member for two years. He is a junior this year and has been to Fort Worth and Houston stock shows. Mark has been in swine and beef production. He has participated in the judging teams, radio teams, and leadership contests. Last year Mark was a local and chapter officer. This year he was elected in District office. He has received many chapter awards and he attended the Area Convention and

Vice President- Chris Cox; Chris has been a FFA member for three years and is a senior this year. He has been in swine production and has had crops of wheat and cotton. He was a local officer and a chapter officer both his sophmore and junior years. He has participated in the judging teams, leadership, and the radio team, and has

District Convention last

attended the Area Convention his sophmore

Secretary- Tar e s a English; Taresa h a s been a FFA member for three years. She has been in swine production and has been to Jones County, Dallas, Abilene, Fort Worth, Houston, San Angelo, and Odessa stock shows. She also has been local and chapter officer, on the judging team for two years, and attended the Area Convention last year. She has received

many chapter awards during her membership. Reporter- Jan Melton; Jan has been in swine production and sheep production and she also has two horses this year. She has been to.
James County, West
Texas Fair, Dallas State Fair, Abilene, Fort Worth, San Antonio, Houston, and Odessa Last year Jan was the area convention. Newspaper Reporter. She has participated in the judging teams, radio team, and leader con-

junior this year. Treasurer- Buster Brown; Buster has been a member of the FFA for two years, and is a junior this year. He is in swine production including steers and heifers. He participated on the judging team for two

tests. She also attended

the Area and State

Conventions. Jan is a

years. He has won chapter awards his freshman and sophmore years. He also attended the Area and State Conventions. As an exhibitor he participated in the Jones County, West Texas Fair, Dallas State Fair, Abilene, Fort Worth, San Antonio, and Houston stock

shows. He was an Area

Vice President.

Centinal- Patti Bird; Patti has been a member of the FFA for two years and she is a junior this year. Patti has been in swine production and attended as an exhibitor the West Texas Fair, Abilene, Fort Worth and Houston stock shows. She was a local officer last year and she participated on the judging teams, leadership contest, and radio team. She received chapter awards her freshman year and attended the

I think we have awfully busy officers and a good group too!

Our Chapter Sweetheart is Kim Mashburn, daughter of Mrs. Jo Ann Mashburn. Kim is a senior this year and this if her first year in FFA. Kim has a barrow for her FFA project. She also is a varsity cheerleader.

Also this week some of our FFA'ers are at the Dallas stock show. Good

Xi Nu Chi

A night of fun and entertainment was well planned by the social committee for members of Xi Nu Chi and their husbands, Sat. Oct. 6.

They all gathered around the camp fire and roasted marshmallows and weiners before the hay ride.

Also heard that Lee Yaddow won the hotdog eating contest. How many did you eat, Lee?

Birth Day

Lonnie and Judy Thompson of Abilene announce the birth of a son, Tanner Lane, a seven pound three ounce child born Oct. 9th at Hendrick Medical Cen-

Tanner's paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Irvin of Merkel and Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Gann of Abilene. Tanner also has a brother, Scotty.

The Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System has approved the Application of Merkel Bancshares, Inc., P.O. Box 400, Merkel, Texas 79536 (915) 928-4728, to become a one bank holding company through the acquisition of all shares of The Farmers & Merchants National Bank Merkel, Texas, owned by Texas residents.

In regard to this pro-posed acquisition, Merkel Bancshares, Inc. announces its present intention to make the following offers to The Farmers & Merchants National Bank shareholders in the coming weeks:

1. To the controlling shareholders of The Farmers & Merchants National Bank: exchange each share of The Farmers & Mer-

chants National Bank stock for one share of Merkel Bancsnares, Inc. \$1.00 par value common stock and the assumption by Merkel Bancshares, Inc. of \$15.50 of existing acquisition in-debtedness for e a c h share of The Farmers & Merchants National Bank stock so eachanged, or, in the event any controlling shareholder's remaining acquisition indebtedness is less than \$13.50 per share, the issuance of additional amounts of Merkel Bancshares, Inc. \$13.50 par value 8 percent cumulative prefetred stock in an amount equal to the difference between the indebted-

ness assumed for other

controlling share-

2. To the remaining sharegolders of The Farmers & Merchants National Bank who are residents of the State of Texas: exchange each share of The Farmers & Merchants National Bank who are residents of the State of Texas: exchange each share of The Farmers & Merchants national Bank stock for one share of Merkel Bancshares, Inc. \$1.00 par value common stock plus one share of Merkel Bancshares, Inc. \$13.50 par value 8 percent cumul a tive preferred stock.

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Representatives from the Small Business Ad-ministration, the Taylor County District Attorney's office and the Taypartment will be or hand to discuss hot checks, shoplif ting, credit card abuse and other offenses. The

1035 N. 2nd

seminar is geared toward the businessman but is open to anyone that wants to attend.

If you are interested in attending, contact Merkel City Hall at 228-4911. If you are a storeowner and would like your employees to attend, please indicate ees that will attend when making your reservation.

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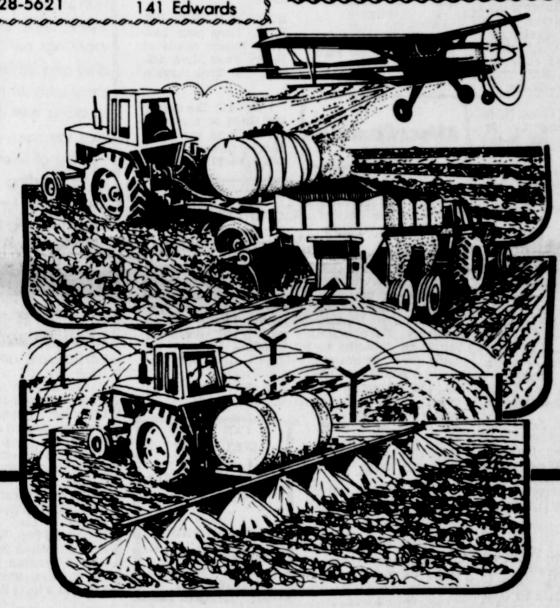
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REWARD FOR A black and tan doberman. Lost in the Mulberry Canyon area. Day 8-5379, Night 8-5884. 35-tfc

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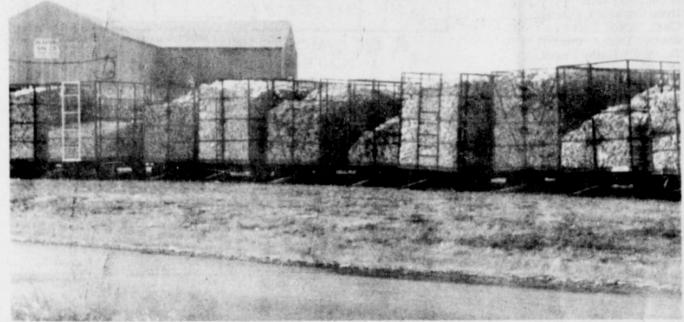
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Danny Freeman races with an intercepted pass. (photo by Jack Spradling)



Red Shafer and crew at Planter's Gin in Trent are boing kept more than busy ginning this year's cotton harvest. Farmers across

PUBLIC NOTICE

CITATION BY PUBLI THE STATE OF TEXAS

ROGER WILSON TRULL, Respondent: GREETINGS: ARE HEREBY COM MANDED 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 JEANA NORENE ROBLEY & RICHARD LEE ROB LEY, Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 20th day of September, 1979, against roger wilson

WHEN THE PROPERTY CO.

said suit being numbered 3021-C on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Interest of GINNA RENE TRULL & CYNTHIA DELORES HOWLETT, Children", the nature of which suit is a request to Terminate Parental Rights and grant adoption. Said children were born Cynthia Delores Howlett Born October 13, 1964, in Abilene & Ginna Rene Trull born December 20, 1965 in Abilene.

trull, Respondent, and

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment of 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 with authority to con-

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 accord-

ing requirements of law, and the mandate hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given un-der my hand and the

seal of said Court at Abilene, Texas, this the 24th day of September, 1979.

Irene Crawford, District

326th District Court, Taylor County, Texas By Kathy Franke, Deputy.

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Trent wins

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intercepted one, returning it 15 yds. for a T.D. Scoring for Trent was Herbert Beaver- 5 t.d.'s. Herbert scored on a 68 yd. pass from Danny Freeman, and another T.D. pass from Danny Freeman covering 16 yds. Herbert had runs of 17, 24, 30. Lloyd Williams scored on a 2 yd. run and kicked 3 extra points. Gilbert Beaver returned an interception 15 yds. for a score. Danny had his 3rd T.D. pass, a 3 yarder, to Eddie Adams. Trent travels to Southland Friday. Game time is 7:00 p.m.

The Home coming Football Sweetheart and Hero were crowned Sat. night at half time. They were: Sweetheart- Dec Dee Mason heimer. soph. and Hero- Gilbert Beaver, Senior.

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by Harold Boyd

Here we are with another week and our fall weather has shown itself upon us. All that we lack is ole man frost and you'll know it is here for sure. Appriciate your calls,

but I only write the column. Regarding the missing school lunch program, our editor usually takes care of this, but apparently overlooked this minor item. Cloy, if time permits you, see what you can do on this area....many readers depend on this through the mail. All in all, thanks and I'm confident it will appear.

On October the 9th the City Council met in regular session with a good show of concerned people that did attend. Approximately 30 some people appeared to hear the decisions that were made by your council persons. Some of the highlights that were discussed accepted were the following. Mrs. Harmon from Lone Star Gas appeared regarding the franchise for Lone Star Gas to continue to serve the city of Tye.

The council approved another 15 years with Lone Star Gas to serve us. There is apparently a disagreement over the taxation of several properties here in Tye. This matter will be investigated and those that haven't appeared on the county tax rolls, city or school rolls can rest assure that they will be on the rolls in the future. Our Police Chief appeared at the council meeting regarding the amended ordinance, Ordinance 79-14 regarding wieght limits on the city street. In general the ordinance states that no 3 axle vehicles will travel or use any street in Tye for thru traffic with the exception of state FM 707, Market

Street and Old hiway 80 . The other exception is that the vehicle, 3 axle or more may use these streets for the sole purpose of delivering or picking up merchandise. Any vehicle caught will be cited by the chief.

The Municipal Court clerk, Pat Stewart turned in the financial report in the amount of \$1798.50 for the month of September. Parking tickets??? Yes, our chief has been giving tickets to the drivers who park their vehicles in front of the truck stop. There are several signs there noting that it is a No Parking Zone while construction is in progress on interstate 20. Also readers, be careful when approaching this intersection. There are four stop

signs to let you know. City secretary, Jo Ann Moore gave her financial report and the city is in fairly good shape. The Abilene Roporter News will act as the official newspaper for the City of Tye regarding legal notices etc. Being that the city of Abilene has adopted a refuse rate for the city land fill, it now costs the city of Tye to dump each load in their landfill. This cost is \$10.00 per loed and somewhat is costing us in extra money that we haven't ted for the year.

Our Mayor will con-tact the city of Abilene

contract from the city to help reduce this great increase. The sewer project is in Step 3, all is needed is to sign the papers and let the bids out for considerations. The specs were given out but have had some required changes and now have been revised to the new and final specs. Our City Council has been looking at Medical and Life insurance for the city em-

This item has been on several meetings and

Public Notice

CITATION BY PUB-LICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: Ray McGlaughlin GREETINGS

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honor able 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 Taylor County Child Welfare, Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 2nd day of October, 1979, against Ray McGlaughlin, respondent, and said suit being numbered 2201-C on the docket of

said Court, and entitled

Order next year's

the council has tabled it once again to study rates, coverage and then will act on it at another meeting. It is a needed item for the employees of the city. If we get a policy and coverage then our city employees will have another benefit that is earned by them. Abilene National Bank will act as the oficial depository for the City of Tye. The Council members voted to place our certificates of deposits with them thus making money for

lationship. Said child was born the 20th day of

February, 1979, in Abil-

The Court has author-

ity in this suit to enter

any judgment or decree

in the child's interest

which will be binding

upon you, including the

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ene, Texas.

deposits. The city council is planning on putting up a kennel to house the animals that are caught running at large. There are some problems in this area, if your animal isn't fenced in or tied up and is caught off your property, this animal is

running at large which is against the city orthe city through interest dinance and you can be "In The Interest of Paul Allen Beasley, a Child" the nature of which suit is a request to Termina-tion of Parent-Child Re-

paid on the current

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of October, 1979. return as the law di-Issued and given under my hand and the seal of siad Court at Abilene, Deputy. Texas, this the 2nd day

The city council then

went into executive ses-

cited into court.

sion. A personnel matter needed to be discussed and a decision was made after they adjourned from the ex session. The dismissal of a city employee was voted upon after the session. This concluded the meeting for October

Other than this, this covers the big happen-ings in Tye. Do hope your week is one of health and many blessings. See you next week.

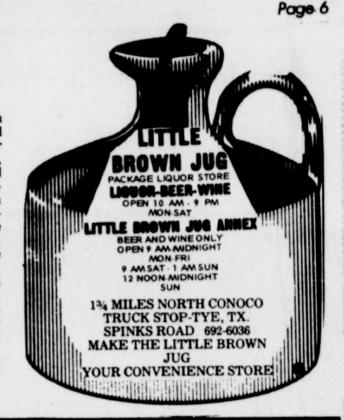
Irene Crawford, District Clerk, 326th District Court, Taylor County, Texas. By Kathy Frank,

Stith oven

demo

The Stith Extension Homemakers Club had a day out at their regular meeting day, Oct. 10, 1979. They had lunch at Wyatt's Cafe-teria. They attended a demonstration at Mc-Kissick Appliance of the Litton Microwave Oven. Flo Leslie gave the demonstration. She showed us how to cook some delicious food. Then each one got to sample it. Four members and three visitors attended the meeting.

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1. Cash and due from banks				1	857
2. Due from other depositories	and all cash items in the process of	collection		_	-0-
3. U.S. Treasury securities					650
	overnment agencies and corporations			1	153
5. Obligations of States and p	olitical subdivisions in the United State			-1	385
6. All other securities					-0-
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	rafts totaling \$3,290,00) (From				-0-
9. Lease financing receivables	d fixtures, and other assets represent				44
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other liabilities for borro	which the bank is directly liable				-0-
6. Unearned discount on loan					115
7 Letters of credit and accen	tances outstanding				
28. All other liabilities					134
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37. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND E	QUITY CAPITAL (sum of items 29, 30,	31 and 36)		10	855
NOTE: This report must be signed by a	n authorized officer and attested by not less than	three directors other than th	ne officer signing the report.		
I, the undersigned officer, do hereby d	eclare that this Report of Condition (including th	e supporting schedules) has	been prepared in conforma	nce with	the in-
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NAME AND TITLE OF OFFICER AUTHORIZED TO SIGN REPORT Robert Sayles

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.

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Alfred and Lousie Parham of Noodle were honored with a 50th anniversary party last Tuesday here.

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Parhams to celebrate golden anniversary Sunday

Now this couple we are honoring tonight can certainly be called a couple of few words. They are very reserved. But there may be a few things you don't know about them. Louise was born Louise Driver. Now she is a meek little thing but she has stayed true to her name-Driver, these many years. Haven't you not i c e d what a driver she is? She just drives Alfred

around all the time. But when it comes to feeding him well, she is among the best of cooks. As you can see, Alfred has

thrived on her cooking. Louise was born near Paris, Texas and when she was a teenager, her family moved to the Roby area. Alfred was born in Deileon, Texas and his family moved to Roby when he was a young lad. And Roby was where Alfred and Louise found each other

and got married. They were going to get married on Louise's birthday, but noticed that her birthday was on a Friday that year, so they moved the wedding to

Sunday October 20. They have been living in the Noodle community for many years. They attend the Hebron Baptist church. Alfred is a Mason and he and Louise are members of the Eastern Star.

Alfred is a rock hound and has made many things from his rock collection and also makes many things using his welding talent.

They do have a hobby that they thoroughly enjoy and that is rattlesnake hunting.

To this fine couple we pay tribute tonight for their 50th wedding anniversary. They will officially celebrate this golden wedding anniversary on October 20th.

4H news

r'orty two members and guests of the Merkel 4H Club met for a weiner roast Monday evening in the home of Dr. and Mrs. John S. Townsend, III.

Yearbooks were passwas reminded of the Taylor County Skating Party Monday 22nd. Hotdogs will be served from 5:30 to 6:30 at the city park before going

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Club plans thanksgiving supper

The Compere Exten-sion Homemakers Club met at 2 p.m. Oct. 11 in the home of Mrs. Wilson Williams.

Evoree Dillard presided in the absence of the president. The meeting opened with a prayer by Fanny Ram-sey, Mrs. Sue Mims led the game-filling in the last word on old prov-erbs. Roll call was

Williams farm- seeing the many geese, ducks, and guineas she has. Sue Mims received the hostess gift.

Our Annual Thanksgiving Supper will be at Noodle Community Center Nov. 17th at 7

Delicious refreshments were served to members: Clayton Dil-

swered by "a histor- l sight in Texas". The program on wild- was a tour of the hostess and 1 baby.	n
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A couple of Merkel women are recruiting volunteers for a grass root Senior Citizens aid program.

Joyce Keenan and Melanie Richards are adking for volunteers who will be able to help drive local elderly persons to grocery stores and doctor appoint ments as well as of

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Backing the Rams

Cindy Smith of Merkel is one of Angelo State University's twirlers this season who is providing an abundance of enthusiasm for the Ram athletes. ASU's faithful boosters are getting in the spirit for Homecoming '79 as they prepare for the October 19-20 festivities. A traditional

bonfire, Ex-Stud e n t 's luncheon, parade, foot-ball game, dance and many extras are scheduled for the busy weekend.

McCarthy, Clemmer wed in Saturday ceremony

veil. She carried a Col-

onial boquet of white

The maid of honor's

dress was Daphne rose

and her colonial boquet

The groom and

groomsmen wore cocoa

Parents of the bride

hosted the reception and

wedding supper at their

The bride groom's

parents hosted the re-

beige tux.

home.

was of rose carnations.

roses and stephanotis.

Robin Ann McCarthy and Markus Edward Clemmer were married Saturday, October 13 in the First Church of Christ at Longmeadow, Mass. with the minister, Clarke Schaaf, officiat-

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert McCarthy of Longmeadow, Mass. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R.E. Clemmer, Rt. 3, Merkel.

Mary Ann McMahon was maid of honor and Robert Clemmer of Abilene was his brother's best man.

Ushers were the bride's brothers, Ward McCarthy and Carl Mccarthy.
The bride was given in marriage by her father.
The bride's gown was
The couple's honey-

The bride's gown was of ivory satin overlaid with sheer and lace. The bride's veil was edged in antique lace from her grandmother's bridal

Kismet, Kansas where both are employed by De Kalb Ag. Swine. The bride is a grad-

uate of Morristown, N.J. High School and received a B.S. degree in animal science from the University of Rhode Island.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Merkel High School and received a B.S. and Master's Degree in agriculture from Texas A and M Univers-

Stith musical

There will be a Country and Western Musical at the Stith Community Center beginning Saturday at 7 p.m. Area

musicians are invited to participate. The public is welcome to attend. A snack bar will open at 6 p.m.

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Fortnightly Club reports

The Fortnightly Study Club net with Miss Mary Collins for the Oct. 9 meeting with Mrs. C.B. Knight Co-hostess.

After the business session and roll call, "The Dry Gulch Study Club" presented a skit on the Parliamentary Beam, which was very well recieved.

The program topic was Diversity In Education. Mrs. Allen King led in reading the collict for Club women. Miss Mildred Hamm brought

a most informative discussion on New Trends in Education. She cited the trend of back to basics in schools today. Also she told of the various courses offered to better prepare graduates to enter the business and professional fields. Mrs. Car. Hughes closes the program with the Federation Counselor's Report. She gave reports from different State Presidents about

their projects which was

quite interesting.

Members attendi n g
were Miss Mary Collins,
Mrs. Johnny Cox, Mrs.
W.R. Cypert, Miss Avis
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