

The Merkel Mail

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Board extends superintendent's contract, sets April 5 election, learns gym will not be completed until March 1st

MISD board members unanimously approved a one year extension on Superintendent Dr. Raymond Etheridge's contract, heard an architect say it will be March 1 before the Middle School Gym and heard a report on a district-wide evaluation.

Dr. Etheridge's contract calls for \$6,500 above the state scale plus other benefits. The board gave the superintendent a vote of confidence with the contract renewal with the 7-0 vote.

Ralph Perkins, one of the school's architects, told the board that Haney and Sivley officials estimated a March 1 completion date on the Middle School Gym. Perkins said the March 1 date was a far cry away from the Jan. 1st estimate given by the contractors earlier.

School officials had been giving a Sept. 1, 1980 finish date but Dr. Etheridge said Tuesday that completion date for all facilities is June 6th. A \$100 a day late charge will be in effect if new facilities are not ready by the deadline. Weather days will be added to the June 6 deadline and board member Larry Dudley said he wanted school officials to be made aware of extension days and be informed of the completion date as it changes.

Dr. Etheridge also gave a partial report on an in-house evaluation conducted at the request of the district.

The evaluation was conducted by five education professionals. Etheridge said "I told them we wanted the facts and the truth. I did not agree with all of their findings and I am grateful for their recommendations."

The findings included the board's policies on curriculum and instruction are complete; job descriptions for MISD employees are satisfactory; only three teachers were teaching courses without certification, but all three had obtained emergency

permits through college transcripts; there are an average number of student appraisal services; adequate personnel evaluation system.

The findings by the evaluation team also indicated no standardized testing date for grades 9-12; students in grades 1-8 scored lower "than might be expected" in reading and math; no evidence of curriculum revision; although staff development programs meet legal requirements, and may be irrelevant to a substantial portion of the staff; and that method and criteria for textbook selection have not conformed to good practice.

The evaluation recommended the district undertake curriculum mapping, to change its staff development programs and to purchase a more recent standardized test.

The report was not discussed by board members. An April 5th election date was set for places 3 and 4 on the board. Incumbents are Kenny Hogan in place 3 and Leroy Teaff in place 4. Last day for filing as a candidate is March 5.

The board also adopted student learning goals drawn up by a citizens committee. The goals, mandated by the Texas Education Agency, were printed in the Dec. 24 edition of the Mail.

In the financial report, board members paid bills totaling \$192,239 including \$55,000 to Haney and Sivley. The superintendent reported tax collections stood at \$293,000, and were off of last year's percentage collected.

Board president Charles Jacobs also gave his impressions of the Taylor County Tax Assessment Board. Jacobs and Dr. Etheridge attended the board's first session last week. Jacobs said "C.G. Whitten, Fred Lee Hughes and County Judge James McMillon are on the board and Abilene will be well represented, but, with the way it is set up now, the rural interests will have a voice."

Girls win first half district title with 47-36 win over Anson

The Merkel girls took the first half championship of District 6-2A as they downed Anson 47-36 here Tuesday.

The first half championship guarantees the Badgers a spot in the district playoffs and puts pressure on other district teams during the second half of play. If the Badgers can win the second half, the district playoffs are cancelled and the Badgers will represent the district in the bi-district playoff.

Norma Frazier led the Badgers with 20 points, and Sarah Prasarn had her best night of the year with 10. Gwen Tarpley and Kay Amerine added 6 and

nancy Click got five before fouling out.

The girls finished first half play 7-0 and a two game lead over Wylie, Coahoma, and Colorado City.

Their first game of the second half is here Friday against Winters.

Led by Chris Cox's 20 points, the Badger varsity breezed by Anson Tuesday night 55-29 to run their district record to 2-3.

Danny Riggan added 11, Robert Fowler had 8 and Randy Martin 6.

The Badgers play Winters here Friday as the 6-2A basketball continues.

Dist. champs, federal \$, reporters ousted

By Cloy A. Richards

The Merkel girls now own a 16-5 record and the first half championship of 6 2A basketball with a perfect 6-0 district record.

They had one more game remaining in first half play Tuesday against Anson, but owned a two game lead going into that game.

To avoid a playoff for the district championship the girls will start over Friday night here against Winters and try to get through the second half of district play, undefeated.

The girls will face two tough road games in the second half, one trip to Coahoma and one to Colorado City and perennial power Wylie will play here during the second half.

They are an exciting club with one of the best inside games found anywhere. Junior Norma Frazier and sophomore Nancy Click have led the team in scoring, followed by guard Gwenn Tarpley and Kay Amerine, who lead the team to a two point victory over Wylie.

That is one of the assets the girls have shown this year. Senior guard Becky Watts, an all district performer last year has missed the last ten games and foul trouble has kept another starter off the floor in many contests.

But the bench has helped maintain a perfect record in district play. When Wylie double-teamed Frazier and Click last week, Kay Amerine took up the slack with fine outside play.

During weekly interviews with first year coach Jan Averitt, it is easy to see she is striving for perfection, or improvements at the least with each game.

The girls have a fine team this year and are on their way to their second straight district title, something that no other team, other than Wylie has done in the past 15 years.

Four teams play here Friday night and high school games can offer you more than your money's worth.

The boys and girls junior varsities will play as well as the boys and girls varsity against Anson Friday.

City council learned Tuesday that pre-application papers for federal neighborhood clean up funding has been approved and an application is being prepared for funding.

Those funds could be used for upgrading of homes, vacant lots and condemned structures.

It was announced Monday that American journalists are being thrown out of Iran for "biased reporting."

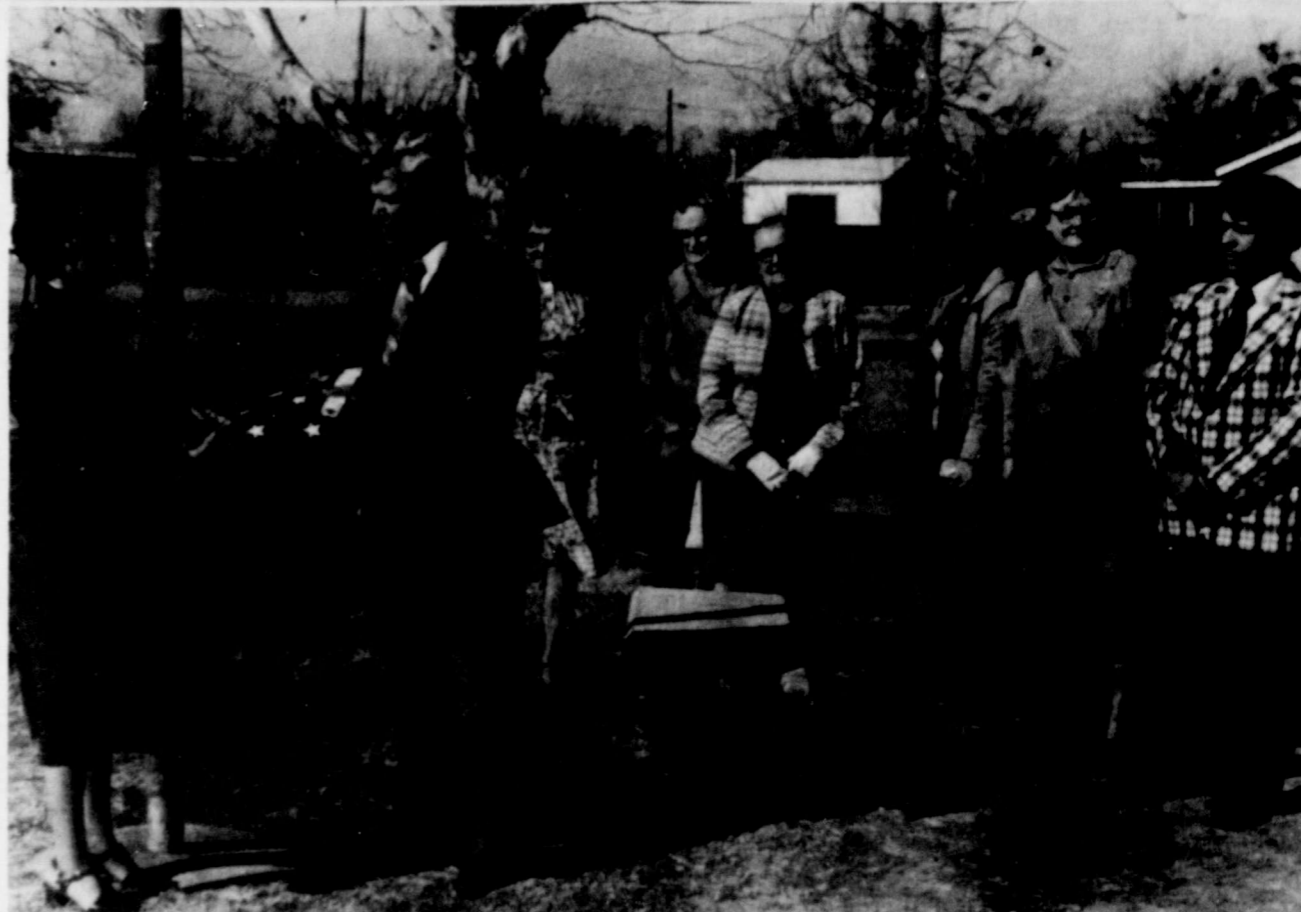
It seems strange that the religious leaders in Iran would throw out the media, when without exposure Khomeini on American television, he would have had a much harder struggle to retain power.

The Iranians have staged media events, the release of two sets of prisoners, agreeing for the hostages to be interviewed, visited, and displayed before cameras.

But when the American media turned some attention away from the hostages and started reporting Iranian opposition to Khomeini, it was seen as biased, and they were told to pack up and get out.

One point the media can be proud of is that they have received opposition for their coverage from Iran and the U.S. When you get complaints from both sides of any controversy for your coverage, it shows you are in the middle of the road, and not biased.

Once the cameras are gone, it may open the way for widespread bloodshed of Iranian rebels and other radical religious leaders. As the stories are confirmed from Cambodia, Thailand and Vietnam of genocide, and mass executions, the world has seen what the absence of a peace-keeping force, or independent observers can lead to.



Merkel High received a new flag in ceremonies Thursday.

The flag was presented by Mrs. Michael J. Wingo, regent of the

William Norwood Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Colonist.

The flag was presented to high school

principal Allan Merritt.

Other members of the chapter attending were Mrs. P.M. McKee, regent and registrar, Mrs. Jack W. Sayles, record-

ing secretary, Mrs. Jack I. Bland, chairman, Mrs. Mabry E. Navarro, historian, Mrs. Samuel C. Rodgers, national defense chairman.

Constable Wade seeking reelection

Vernon Wade, constable of Precinct 2 here has announced that he is seeking reelection in the May 3rd Democratic primary. Two school board members and three city councilmen have not made public their intentions in the upcoming city and school elections.

Local voters will have two sets of elections within one month as voters will decide two seats on the Merkel School Board and three seats on city council.

Council members Pete Morgan, Ted Smith and Jerry Byrd have until March 5th to file for reelection. Any other persons interested in running for city council may pick up necessary forms at city hall.

School board members Leroy Teaff and Kenny Hogan will also be up for reelection. Persons interested in opposing either candidate may pick up necessary forms and information from the superintendent's secretary.

Both school and city elections will be held April 5th.

Vernon Wade, Merkel's constable in Precinct 2 is seeking his second full term in office. Wade was

appointed as constable in 1976, was elected in 1976 and is seeking election in the May 3rd democratic primary.

Wade told the Mail that he feels that constable's job here is a worthwhile one and said he believes this area needs a constable that knows Precinct 2 well.

In other county elections, Tax Assessor-Collector Richard Petree has not announced his intentions for reelection and Taylor County Sheriff Jack Landrum has already announced he is a candidate for reelection.

Girls down Wylie, face Winters Friday

The Merkel girls guaranteed themselves a district playoff last Friday as they took a two point win in Wylie. The victory gave the girls the district championship for the first half of the season with a 6-0 record.

District championships in basketball are decided by taking the first half winner and the second half winner in a one game, district championship. If the girls can also win the second half of the season, the district playoff would be cancelled.

The Badgers still had one game left in first half play, as Anson came calling Tuesday night, but the game would not effect the standings of the first half of the season because Coahoma, Wylie and Colorado City had all suffered two losses.

The girls got off to a roaring start as Kay Amerine and Nancy Click got early buckets and the defense held Wylie scoreless through the first four minutes.

The Badgers took a ten point lead in at half time and Wylie waited until the fourth quarter to mount the charge. Nancy Click's offensive rebound with three seconds left sealed the win for the Badgers.

For the first time this year, the Badgers had a balanced scoring attack. Kay Amerine led the team with 13 points and her ball handling ability also played a big role in the win. Amerine was followed by Nancy Click with 10, and Norma Frazier who was double-teamed throughout the contest was held to eight. Gwen Tarpley also scored 8.

Coach Jan Averitt told the Mail Monday that foul trouble caused the Badgers most of their problems against Wylie and that the Badgers are still thin at the guard position because of Becky Watts' injury. She has been out since the sixth game of the year, tried to play last week and re-injured her knee. Coach Averitt said the doctor has no idea when the injury will heal.

The girls open the second half of the season here Friday against Winters. Key games in the second half of the season will include Colorado City and Coahoma away and another contest with Wylie.

Boys lose to Wylie

The Merkel boys took another one on the chin as they lost a ten point decision to Wylie last Friday in Wylie. The boys are now 1-3 in district play.

Coach Byron Shelley told the Mail "It seems that we can't make the easy basket. We are getting good shots, working the ball around well, but we are just missing a whole lot of easy shots."

Shelley said the Badgers have spent their last three workouts working on shooting and concentration while shooting.

Danny Riggan led the Badgers against Wylie with 9 points.

The next contest is Friday against Winters here.

Council learns city is eligible for federal dollars, hears complaint

Merkel City Council heard a complaint against the Merkel Police Department and learned the city is eligible for federal money for commercial industry.

Council requested a police department investigation of an incident of Dec. 22 between Merkel patrolman John Davis and Ann Talent.

She told council that Officer Davis came into a private business and ticketed her for speeding. She also told council that she did not agree with methods used by the officer.

Davis told council he clocked the woman at 50 in a 30 on S. 3rd and Oak. He said by the time he caught up with her, she had gone into a beauty shop. Davis issued her a citation for speeding.

Merkel Mayor Lou David Allen "If you are alleging misconduct, this is the place to come." The mayor asked Talent to document her allegations and that the police department would investigate and have an answer at the Jan. 25th meeting of the council.

Merkel city manager J.A. Sadler informed council the city had received notice that it is eligible for federal grants.

The city will now prepare an application for the grants. Sadler told council that those funds could be used to attract industry or other commercial ventures.

Cities may use the funds for extension of water, sewer, services to the sight or money could be used to construct a building and lease the structure to a business entity.

Sadler said the city would be working closely with the Merkel Industrial Foundation as well as any interested parties concerning federal money. The application process is a lengthy one and if the city receives federal grants, it would be after a lengthy review process.

Council also voted to turn over to the city attorney a list of more than 50 people who are delinquent on city taxes.

Council's next session is scheduled for 7 a.m., Jan. 5 at city hall.

Walls awards Mendoza

The first service award to be presented in the Merkel facility of the Walls Industries, Inc., went to Demetria M. Mendoza, on the completion of five years with the Company. A certificate and pin were presented to her by company president Sam Walls. Also attending the presentation were Victor Conrad, Vice President Manufacturing, Larry Stegemoller, Vice President, and Pete Devaney, Vice President Personnel.

Mendoza joined the company in Breckenridge in May 1974 and later transferred to the Merkel plant.

Officers of the company traveled to the other company locations giving out a total of 104 service awards totaling 855 years of combined service. In presenting the awards Mr. Walls stated that the contribution of all the people honored has been a major factor in making Walls the leading name in the apparel industry.

Wayne Palmer is the manager of the Merkel facility.

WONDER WOMAN CUCUMBERS



How would you like to can 25 quarts of pickles from 5 sq. feet? One gardener did and you can too. He used a new type of cucumber that is now available from mail order and seed racks.

He grew his plant on a trellis to conserve space and to make it easier to harvest the fruits.

If all the blossoms on the plant are female, then where does the pollen come from, you may ask. You don't have to borrow a cup of pollen from your next door neighbor. Mixed in the packet of seeds are seeds of a pollinator variety. So when your new plants start growing, don't pull up any plants which look different from the others.

Even if you don't get a male pollinator plant, you will still have some fruits. You won't have as many as you would ordinarily, but you will have a harvest.

Look for the designation of "gynoecious" when you are buying seeds this year. You will have loads of cucumbers for eating or for pickling.

The new type is called a gynoecious cucumber. This is the plant breeders' answer to increasing productivity. The plants have mostly female flowers. Each female flower means a cucumber for the home gardener to pick. The male flowers supply the pollen. In conventional plants, more of the blossoms are male than are female. You need twice the number of vines to produce the same amount of fruits.

Our gardener counted as many as 12 successive female blossoms on just one lateral.

Read-A-Thon

The 1979 Read-A-Thon Program for Multiple Sclerosis has been completed. Forty percent of all the funds raised in this program is sent to the national office to be used for MS research all over the world. The remaining 60 percent is retained in the 43 county Heart of Texas Chapter to be used for patient services and patient equipment.

Merkel Middle School students participating

and receiving awards were: Amy Irvin, T-shirt and Top Dawg Hat for most money raised; Alyse Ferguson, T-shirt and Top Dawg Hat for the most books read; Kelly Riney, T-shirt; Todd Yaddow, T-shirt; Wanda Lanphear, T-shirt; Dean Franklin, T-shirt; and Gina Stuckey, T-shirt.

A total of \$253.57 was raised by these students and 211 books were read.

Visitors

Friends and relatives sharing the Christmas holidays in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Foster were: Mr. and Mrs. Bill Tarpley, Scott and Gwen; Shirlyn Gunther, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Sloan, Tommy and Sheila; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wirtz, Larry and Teresa; Mr. and Mrs. Jas. B. Foster, all of Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. Mike Sloan, Monday; Mrs. Ferne West, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Roberts, Arlington; Troy Roberts, Mrs. Berta Farrington, Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. Jody Carlisle, Jena and Joey, Lovington, New Mexico; Mrs. Nola Oliver, Ron and Machiel; Mr. Fred Cohee and Jeff, San Diego, California; Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Krebs, Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Wallace and son Gregory of Port Neches, Texas, visited through the holidays with Mrs. Elmer Patterson and Mrs. Cora Reeves, grandmothers of Mr. Wallace.

Pauline Johnson

Miss Pauline Johnson died at 2:10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 31, in a local hospital. She had been in poor health for a number of years.

Services were at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 1 at Nalley-Pickle Rosewood Chapel. Graveside services were at 3 p.m. Tuesday in Rosehill Cemetery in Merkel.

She was born in Tennessee. She had been in Big Spring for two years. Prior to arriving in Big Spring, she lived in Abilene for 27 years. For many years, prior to moving to Abilene, she lived in Merkel where she and her father operated an insurance agency.

She was a Methodist. She is survived by a nephew, Floyd H. Smith of Big Spring; a niece, Mrs. F.A. Forrest of Midland; four grand-nephews and nieces; and seven great-grand-nephews and nieces.

George Smith

George Franklin Smith, 85, of Merkel,

died at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday in Merkel following a short illness. Services were at 2 p.m. Friday in Starbuck Funeral Home Chapel.

The Rev. Joe Davis, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, officiated, assisted by Larry Gill, minister of the Church of Christ. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Born Sept. 17, 1894, in Quinlan, he had moved to Merkel in 1918. He had been a farmer, truck driver and carpenter, retiring in 1969. He was a member of the Church of the Nazarene. He married Arva Bowers Oct. 16, 1918, in Durant, Oklahoma.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, U.T. and Lindy, both of Merkel; two daughters, Euveta Title of Merkel and Alvarie Stokes of Bowie, Md.; two brothers, Floyd of Sweetwater and Jim of Merkel; three sisters, Billie Seale of Fort Worth and Tina Moore of Marina, Calif., and Madie Hendricks of Merkel; five grandchildren, and six

great-grandchildren. Pallbearers were Fineless Bartlett, D.C. Hendricks, C.T. Smith, Floyd Smith Jr., Robert Gilchrist and Kent Satterwhite.

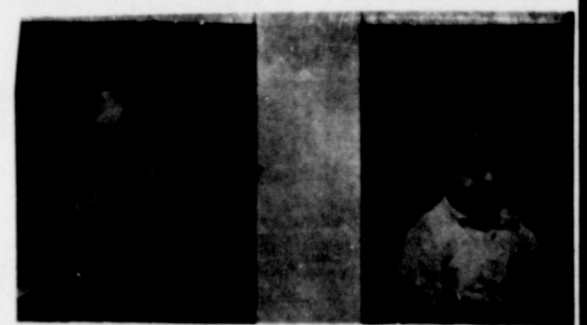
Honorary pallbearers were George Thomlinson, Ray Reynolds, Roy White, Dr. W.T. Sadler, Roy Buchanan and Fred Starbuck.

Blair water sets meeting

You are hereby notified of a meeting of the Blair Water Supply Corporation to be held in Merkel, Texas on the 4th day of February, 1980 at 7 p.m. at the office of the Taylor Electric Co-

operative. There will be an election of three members for the Board of Directors. Members with terms expiring are Opal Garner, J.D. Sandusky, and Weir Joiner. 47-3Tnc

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Trent stock show results

The school year at Trent School is one half over today as the end of the third six weeks arrives.

In basketball, Trent played a non-district contest against Highland Tuesday night and will travel to Divide Friday night for district contests. Both the Trent boys and girls are looking for their first district win as they share 0-2 records in district play.

Nine Trent seniors will be making a senior trip this year to Los Angeles, Las Vegas and the Colorado mountains. Coach Bob Campbell, Trent senior sponsor told the Mail the students would leave in early March for the ten day trip. The class has concessions at all home basketball games, and some ladies in Trent have made a quilt with over 900 names of current and past Trent residents. The senior class is selling chances on the blanket at a dollar a piece and six chances for \$5. Contact any member of the senior class or Coach Campbell.

The Trent FFA held their annual stock show this past weekend and

Debbie Jackson and Danny Freeman took top honors.

Order of names listed in each category designate order of finish.

Poultry: Saundra Griffith, 1,2, Darla Ross, 3,4, Marth Nance, 5,6, and Judy Brenner.

Horses: Lucy Masonheimer, Steer-Scott O'Kelly, and Heifer, Lloyd Williams.

Showmanship: Poltry, Darla Ross; Rabbits, Anna King; Horses, Lucy Masonheimer; Cattle, Lloyd Williams; Swine, Danny Freeman; and Lambs, Debra Williams. Danny Freeman took the Taylor Electric Showmanship award.

Rabbits: Todd Richardson 1,2 Jeffrey King, Doyle Brenem, Jana King, Richardson, Richardson, Brenem, Richardson, Richardson.

Bucks: Jana King, Scott Richardson, Doyle Brenem, Roger Brenem, Hillman Johnson, Tina Cain, Jeffrey King, Todd Richardson.

Todd Richardson had the champion rabbit and Jana King took reserve grand championship.

Lambs, Cross: Debra Williams, Debbie Jack-

son, 2,3 Williams, Jackson, 5,6.

Hampshires: Debbie Jackson, David Reed, Jackson, Reed, Debra Williams, Williams. Show champion was Debbie Jackson, reserve champion Debra Williams.

Lights: Danny Freeman, 1,2, Kris Simpson, Simpson, Freeman, Missy Simpson, Billy Williams, Debra Williams.

Medium: Danny Freeman, Lloyd Williams, Tammie Hicks, Billy Williams, Kris Simpson, Michael Dela Cruz, Leslie Masonheimer, Debra Williams, Missy Simpson.

Heavy: Danny Freeman, Greg Beasley, Riley West, Lloyd Williams, Williams, Williams, Leslie McGlothlin, Billy Williams, Debra Williams. Grand champion and reserve champion honors went to Danny Freeman.

Light Chester: Richard Beaver, Gilbert Beaver, Beaver brothers, Tammie Hicks and Lidel Valdez.

Heavy: Greg Beasley, Leigh McGlothlin, Riley West, Leslie Masonheimer and Joey McGlothlin. Champion Greg Beasley and reserve

champ, Leigh McGlothlin.

Cross: Joey McGlothlin 1,2 Leigh McGlothlin, Leslie McGlothlin, Moses Teresa, Teresa, Tammie Hicks. Champion Gilbert Beaver Heavy and reserve, Rebecca Sipe.

Heavy: Gilbert Beaver, Rebecca Sipe, Cheryl Freeman, Greg Beasley, Cheri Patterson, C. Patterson, C. Patterson, Tidel Valdez, Eddie Adams and James Freeman.

Spots light: Danny Freeman, Lloyd Williams, Freeman 3,4,5, Billy Williams. Champion was Danny Freeman and he also took reserve champion.

Heavy: Danny Freeman, Riley West, Debra Williams, Eddie Adams, Dee Dee Masonheimer, Carlos Garza, Lloyd Williams and Billy Williams.

Hampshire lights: Missy Simpson, Michael Dela Cruz, Adam Dela Cruz, Dee Dee Masonheimer and Joey McGlothlin. Heavy: Lloyd Williams, Riley West, Carlos Garza, Matt Jackson and Matt Jackson. Champion Lloyd Williams and reserve champion, Missy Simpson.



The Consumer Alert

by Mark White
Attorney General

In recent months a sales scheme used to defraud businesses has surfaced in Texas. For lack of a better name we have dubbed this scheme the "bump and run" fraud. The scheme works like this:

A salesman representing a wholesale supplier will call on a retail merchant who uses a large volume of small replacement or repair parts. The salesman then will either quote prices that are competitive or will say he is unable to give a quote because of the large number of parts carried by the wholesaler or because the prices are kept on computer and he does not have access. An assurance, however, is always given that the prices will be "competitive." Later, when the parts and invoice arrive the prices are two to ten times the amount charged for similar items by competitors.

It would seem that a scheme with so outrageous results would be easily detected and prosecuted. Such is not the case. To avoid detection, the salesmen and wholesalers who engage in the bump and run fraud employ several devices. First, the perpetrators rarely, if ever, do business with small retail concerns. Instead, they concentrate on large companies that are likely to have different individuals who perform the jobs of buying and bookkeeping. In this way, the buyers rarely see the final prices charged and the bookkeeper never hears the promises and representations made by the salesman to the buyer.

Another device employed to avoid detection is limiting orders to only a few hundred dollars. Small orders do not arouse much suspicion or concern in bookkeepers or supervisory personnel and, even if the fraud is discovered, the chances of a complaint being filed over such a small amount are slim.

When willing buyers are found, the salesmen frequently will curry their favor with small gifts, pocket calculators and the like, and promises of more gifts if the buyer will do business with the salesman. This device is particularly effective because even when a buyer innocently

accepts a gift, he will be reluctant to reveal the fraud for fear of being implicated. The natural suspicion would be that the gift was given in order to make the fraud possible.

Finally, even if a merchant discovers the fraud and ceases

to do business with the wholesaler, the wholesaler will change the company's name or create a new company with new salesmen who will continue to victimize the merchant.

There are several ways to avoid being victimized by a "bump and run" scheme:

1. Do not allow buyers to purchase merchandise without written price quotes that are then given to the bookkeeper.
2. Educate bookkeepers on the normal prices charged for items purchased by the business.
3. Carefully monitor all orders placed with new wholesalers or suppliers to

ensure that the prices are competitive.

4. Require bookkeeper approval before any goods are used by the business.

5. Have all buyers routinely review invoices on goods purchased.

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Williams buried Wednesday

Ellis Williams, 82, of Merkel died at 9:30 a.m. Sunday in the Veterans Hospital in Big Spring. Services were at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Merkel Church of Christ.

George Snyder of the Trent Church of Christ and Larry Gill of the Merkel Church of Christ officiated. Burial was in Garden of Memories in

Trent, directed by Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born Jan. 6, 1898, in Summerville, he was a veteran of World War I. He married Amie Harris in 1956 in Trent. She died in 1973. He was a retired farmer.

Survivors include three daughters, Amie Tutt and Lillie Williams,

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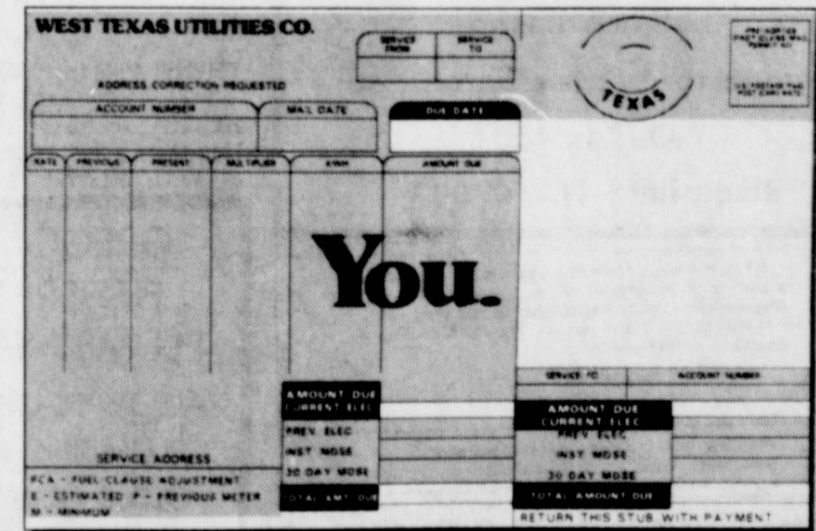
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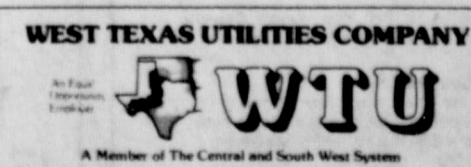
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To all of our family relatives and friends we would like to thank you for the wonderful 60th wedding anniversary you gave us. And thanks to the Trent Cafe for our noon meal on our day. We love each and every one of you. May God bless you as he has blessed us.

Albert & Abell Holt
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Mortgage Company, and any person, firm or corporation having any right, title and interest in Lot 9, Block 10, Lakeside Addition to the City of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, Defendants, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 42nd District Court 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 25th day of February A.D. 1980, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 8th day of January A.D. 1980, in this cause, numbered 36,449A on the docket of said court and styled Opal Marie Alexander Earnest and Maida Estelle Alexander Judd, Plaintiffs, vs. A. F. Gollighugh et al, Defendants.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Suit for full title to Lot 9, Block 10, Lakeside Addition to the City of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, and special pleas of Statutes of Limitation 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.

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Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this 8th day of January A.D. 1980.

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Lynn Lemond, Jackie Sims wed plan to live in Lubbock

Lynn Michelle Lemond and Jackie Lynn Sims pledged vows of marriage at 7 p.m. Friday, December 21 in a candlelight ceremony in the sanctuary of First United Methodist Church. The Reverend Wesley Putnam, pastor of the church, officiated at the service.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Lemond and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. F.F. McBeth of Hale Center. Parents of the bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Sims of Merkel, Texas.

The bride's aunt, Mrs. Ferman McBeth of Kress was organist and Miss Resa King of Lubbock was soloist. Guests arrived to strains of traditional Christmas carols and were registered by Mrs. Gary Patterson of Lubbock and Miss Leesa Shadden. Miss Alicia Logan and Miss Deanne Davis presented each guest a small scroll welcoming and thanking them for attending the wedding. Guests were seated by Kirk and Russ McBeth, cousins of the bride, Alan Davis, and Steve Black of Lubbock. Candlelighters were Kenny Sims, brother of the groom, and Mitch McBeth, cousin of the bride.

The altar of the church featured crimson poinsettias and Christmas greenery illuminated by banks of votive candles on either side. The unity candle was centered on the communion table. Brass markers holding votive candles and entwined with garlands of holly were placed at every third pew at either side of the aisle.

Mr. Lemond escorted his daughter to the altar and presented her for marriage. She chose a gown of candlelight sheer organza and English net accented with Alencon lace and seed pearls. The moulded bodice featured a high yoked neckline with wedding band collar of Alencon lace and seed pearls. Embroidered net bishop sleeves were gathered to a wide lace cuff. Alencon lace and seed pearls encircled the sleeve at the elbow. The circular skirt fell from a natural waistline and swept to a back fullness forming a court train. A narrow row of ruffled lace edged the entire undergarment. A chapel length veil was attached to a Camelot capulet of Alencon lace. The veiling was finished in petal edging and was accented with Alencon lace motifs around the entire edge. Her bouquet was a cascade of spider mums and gardenias interspersed with silk holly positioned on the white Bible carried by her mother in her wedding.

Bridal attendants were Leah Lambert of Vernon, who served as maid of honor, Mrs. Mark LaFon of Lubbock, Rhane Paschal and Cindy Sims, sister of the groom. They wore identical dresses of cranberry crepe back satin which were fashioned with full, floor-length skirts, blouson bodices attached to rounded yokes, and gathered elbow length sleeves. They carried nosegays of white spider mums and silk holly.

Mike Sims was his brother's best man.

Groomsmen were Brian Clifton of Lubbock, Mike Lemond of Midland, brother of the bride, and James Smith of Lubbock.

Miss King sang "Through the Eyes of Love" and "The Lord's Prayer" was sung by the Reverend Putnam as a benediction to the ceremony.

A reception followed in the Fellowship Hall. Mrs. Richard Drackenberg, Miss Kristi Howell, both of Lubbock, and Miss Terri Tyer presided at the bride's table which was covered with an heirloom cutwork cloth. The centerpiece was white poinsettias arranged in a silver epergne flanked by silver candelabras. The wedding cake featured poinsettias and an ornamental bride and groom. The groom's table, attended by Mrs. Gary Patterson and Miss Leesa Shadden was draped with cranberry floor length cloth overlaid with ecru lace. The centerpiece was a cranberry candle contained in a crystal hurricane globe surrounded by an arrangement of fresh holly. The groom's cake and a silver coffee service completed the table. Members of the house party were Mesdames Ronnie McBeth, Wayne Hill, Bob Lotspeich, Wesley Davis, Edward Weil, Jerry Logan, C.P. Smith, Pete Laney and Billy Don Teeter.

The bridegroom's parents hosted the rehearsal dinner on Thursday evening at the Plainview Country Club. A bridesmaid luncheon was given on Friday at the Plainview Club by Mrs. Ferman McBeth and Mrs. Ronnie McBeth, aunts of the bride. Prior to the wedding, the bride was complimented with a miscellaneous shower in the home of Mrs. Ray Freeman with co-hostesses Mesdames Wayne Hill, Bob Lotspeich, Billy Don Teeter, Jack Douglas, Wesley Davis, Claude Burnett, Don Maddin, Edward Weil and C.P. Smith. A lingerie shower was given for the bride by Mrs. Bob Lotspeich and Mrs. Charles King in the former's home. Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Logan and Mr. and Mrs. Pete Laney entertained with a Christmas ornament shower for the betrothed couple in the Logan home. Mr. and Mrs. Jeral Miller and Dr. and Mrs. Ray Freeman hosted a party in the latter's home honoring the couple. The Lubbock home of Mrs. Mark LaFon was the setting for an "anything that begins with a P shower." Misses Leah Lambert, Kathy Ahrens and Kathy Wales were co-hostesses. Misses Rhane Paschal and Leesa Shadden gave a Spice and Rice party in Horn Hall on the Texas Tech University campus.

Out of town guests for the wedding included Miss Connie LeMond of Waco, aunt of the bride.

The bride is a 1976 graduate of Hale Center High School and is a candidate for graduation in May from Texas Tech University with a degree in home economics education. Sims is a 1975 graduate of Merkel High School and attended Cisco Junior College. He is employed at South Plains Electric Co-op in Lubbock. Following a wedding trip to Ruidoso, the couple will make their home in Lubbock.



Mrs. Jackie Sims

Deborah White, Danny DuBose wed here

Deborah Jo White and Danny Bob DuBose were married Saturday at First Baptist Church with the Rev. Allen Forbis, pastor of First United Methodist Church, officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Billy Joe White and the late Mr. White. Parents of the bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. Bobby W. DuBose.

The bride was given in marriage by her brothers, Dick and Dale White.

Mrs. Tim Wozencraft of Bryan was matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Mrs. Garth Doan of Bryan and Sharon Allen. One Seymour was flower girl and Richard Seymore was ring bearer. Philip Swymour and Angela Carson lighted candles. Grant Murrell was best man. Groomsmen were Paul Tucker and Tony Shugart. John Cain, Wes Jones of Noodle and Johnny Micou of Amarillo seated guests.

The reception was hosted by the bride's family in the fellowship hall at the church. The bridegroom's parents were hosts for the rehearsal dinner at Merkel Country Club.

A graduate of Merkel High School, the bride attended West Texas State University and is employed by BST, Inc., of Abilene.

The bridegroom, also a graduate of Merkel High School, attends West Texas State University. He is employed by Texas Instruments, Lubbock.

Following a trip to Red River, N.M., the couple will live in Canyon.



Mrs. Danny DuBose

Compere meets

The Compere Extension Homemakers Club met January 10 in Mrs. Hazel Spurgin's home for their first meeting of the new year.

The president, Mrs. Ab Hunter, presided for the meeting. Mrs. Hazel Spurgin gave the prayer.

Mrs. Hugh Taylor read two poems "Conquer Inner Space" and "Beatitudes for Home." Roll call was answered with "How to improve our club meetings." Minutes were read and the finance report given.

Club members and Truby Church of Christ ladies co-sponsored a surprise party for Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Mims sixtieth wedding anniversary. Mrs. Mims is an active member in our club.

Books were filled out. The hostess gift went to Bertha Hunter.

Refreshments were served to Mrs. Ab Hunter, Don Adair, Dewey Ramsey, Bud Terry, Hugh Taylor, the hostess, Mrs. Spurgin.

Next meeting will be in Mrs. Clyde Chancey's home January 24.

Gamble's have new grandson

Mr. and Mrs. David Gamble announce the arrival of a new grandson, Samuel Christopher Leamon born Dec. 27, 1979. He is the son of Mr.

and Mrs. Bob Leamon of Wichita Falls. Mrs. Leamon is the former Bronwyn Gamble. The Leamons have an older son David who is five.

Merkel Badgers 1979-80 Basketball Schedule

Date	School	Place	Teams	Time
Nov. 17	Abilene High	Here	G-B, G-A	6:30
Nov. 20	Hamlin	Here	B-AGB, G-AGB	4:00
Nov. 27	Sweetwater	Here	B-AGB, G-AGB	4:00
29, 30, 1	Anson Tourn.	There	B-A, G-A	
29, 30, 1	Winters Tourn.	There	B-B, G-B	
Dec. 4	Hamlin	There	B-AGB, G-AGB	4:00
6, 7, 8	Merkel Tourn.			6:30
Dec. 11	Winters	There	G-AGB	6:30
Dec. 13	Ballinger	Here	G-AGB	6:30
13, 14, 15	Roscoe tourn.	There	B-A	
Dec. 18	Samford	There	B-AGB, G-AGB	4:00
Dec. 20	Abilene Christian Tourn.		Varsity Girls	
21, 22	Anson (Jr) Tourn.	There	B-B, G-B	
4, 5	Coahoma	Here	B-A, G-AGB	5:00
Jan. 4	C-City	Here	B-AGB, G-AGB	4:00
Jan. 11	Wylie	There	B-AGB, G-AGB	4:00
Jan. 15	Anson	Here	B-AGB, G-AGB	4:00
Jan. 18	Winters	Here	B-AGB, G-AGB	4:00
Jan. 22	Ballinger	There	B-AGB, G-AGB	4:00
Jan. 25	Stamford	Here	B-AGB, G-AGB	5:00
Jan. 29	Coahoma	There	B-AGB, G-AGB	4:00
Feb. 1	C-City	There	B-AGB, G-AGB	4:00
Feb. 5	Wylie	Here	B-AGB, G-AGB	4:00
Feb. 8	Anson	There	B-AGB, G-AGB	4:00
Feb. 12	Winters	There	B-AGB	6:30
Feb. 15	Ballinger	Here	B-AGB	6:00

TRENT HIGH SCHOOL AND JR. HIGH 1979-80 BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Opponent	Place	Teams	Time
Tues. Nov. 6	Ira	G (HS&JH)	6:00
Tues. Nov. 13	Jayton	G (HS&JH)	6:30
Mon. Nov. 19	Divide	B&G (JH)	6:30
Tues. Nov. 20	McCaulley	B&G (HS&JH)	5:30
Tues. Nov. 27	Hobbs	B&G (HS)	6:30
Thurs.-Sat. Nov. 29-Dec. 1	Trent Tourn.	(HS)	
Mon. Dec. 3	Divide	B&G (JH)	6:30
Tues. Dec. 4	Hobbs	B&G (HS)	6:30
Fri. Dec. 7	OPEN		
Tues. Dec. 11	Jayton	B&G (HS)	6:30
Thurs.-Sat. Dec. 13-15	Roscoe Tourn.	(HS)	
Tues. Dec. 18	McCaulley	B&G (HS)	6:30
Thurs.-Sat. Dec. 27-29	Jayton Tourn.	(HS)	
Fri. Jan. 4	Highland	B&G (HS)	6:30
Mon. Jan. 7	Blackwell	B&G (JH)	6:30
Tues. Jan. 8	Bronte	B&G (HS)	6:30
Fri. Jan. 11	Robert Lee	B&G (HS)	6:30
Mon. Jan. 14	Wingate	B&G (JH)	6:30
Tues. Jan. 15	Highland	B&G (HS)	6:30
Jan. 17-19	Blackwell Tourn.		
Fri. Jan. 18	Divide	B&G (JH)	6:30
Mon. Jan. 21	Divide	B&G (JH)	6:30
Tues. Jan. 22	Blackwell	B&G (HS)	6:30
Jan. 24-26	Highland tourn.		
Fri. Jan. 25	Bronte	B&G (HS)	6:30
Mon. Jan. 28	Blackwell	B&G (JH)	6:30
Tues. Jan. 29	Robert Lee	B&G (HS)	6:30
Fri. Feb. 1	OPEN		
Mon. Feb. 4	Wingate	B&G (JH)	6:30
Tues. Feb. 5	Divide	B&G (HS)	6:30
Fri. Feb. 8	Blackwell	B&G (HS)	6:30
Mon. Feb. 11	Divide	B&G (JH)	6:30
Unknown	Hobbs tourn.		

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Merkel High boasts 33 MOC students

Merkel High School's Multi Occupational Cooperative Education (MOC) boasts 33 students this year and class instructor Phillip Pursley said the students in MOC are "learning all about the world of work." MOC students are juniors and seniors and attend three classes per day and work part-time in a variety of jobs.

Pursley told the Mail he feels that the program exposes students to what is expected of an employee by an employer as well as how to deal with people, and how to handle responsibilities.

Classroom work is one class period a day. Instruction includes hygiene, health, basics of free enterprise system, communication skills, employer-employee relations, labor unions and more.

Students work part time in a career field they are interested in. Pursley said that local employers have received the program well and that students who wish to work in Abilene may.

A student must remain employed for the duration of the year to receive credit for the classroom and work time.

During the next few weeks, MOC students will be spotlighted in the paper.

Lambda Beta meets

Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met Jan. 8 at the home of Gloria Henslee.

The program was presented by Nancy Hogan and Judy Elliott on "People of Purpose."

Plans were discussed for a Game Night on Jan. 19 and a White Elephant Auction on

Jan. 22. Refreshments were served by hostess Gloria Henslee to Gayla Beard, Annette Clark, Judy Elliott, Belle Hammond, Mychele Hammond, Mary Hill, Nancy Hogan, Chera Hohertz, Minyon Seymour, Kay Teaff, Barbara Welch, Beverly Reed and Jodie Morris.



Dwayne Roysden is a senior and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A.C. Roysden. He is employed at Walls Manufacturing.

He said that following graduation, he plans to work for Rose and Sons Construction and begin his carpenter apprenticeship.



Jodie Jinkens is a senior and works for Pat Castille at Castille's Hardware. She sells gifts and hardware, helps with the books as well as record keeping for cable and gas customers. She plans to marry following graduation and will attend the Stenograph Institute for accounting training.



Steve Mathewson is a senior and is the son of Fumiko Mathewson. He is employed at Palmer Motor Company. Steve is responsible for new car and used car make ready as well as light maintenance.

He plans to attend TSTI in Sweetwater following graduation where he will take automotive paint and body repair and customized painting.

Stith club holds meeting

The Stith Extension Homemakers Club met January 9, 1980 in the first meeting of the year with Margaret Dickerson, president, presiding. Annie Lee Sledge led the group in prayer. A reading "I Am the New Year" was given by Margaret Dickerson. Games were conducted by Daisy Mashburn. The roll call was answered by many good ideas on how to improve our club meeting.

During the business meeting, a new vice president was elected to replace Mrs. Ophelia Mergel who had resigned. Mrs. Genoa Shaw was elected as vice president, recreation chairman, Daisy Mashburn.

The new yearbooks were distributed to the members and were filled in.

Refreshments were served to Mae Jones, Daisy Mashburn, Louise Hudson, Genoa Shaw, Vada Hudson, Annie Lee Sledge and one visitor, Irene Wilson by the hostess Margaret Dickerson.

All club meetings and programs are open to all irrespective of race, color, national origin or economic circumstance. The next meeting will be January 23, 1980.

Merkel is counting on you.

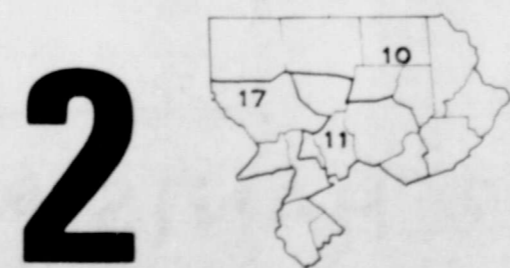
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1 APPORTIONMENT OF CONGRESS

The U.S. Constitution (Article I, Section 2) requires the apportioning of seats in the House of Representatives based on the population of each State. If everyone in our community is not counted in the 1980 census, we could have reduced Congressional representation in the Congresses to be elected in 1982, 1984, 1986, 1988, and 1990.



2 STATE LEGISLATURE REDISTRICTING

Our State legislative districts also are dependent on census population totals to assure fair representation. Other election and administrative boundary lines often are based on census statistics. It's the fair way to make sure that your vote carries the same relative weight as every other vote in the State.



3 FEDERAL AND STATE AID PROGRAMS

A significant part of our local government's budget is based on revenues received from the State and Federal Governments. Many of these aid programs use census statistics as a fair way to distribute funds. Examples: Revenue sharing, community development, health, education, highways, job training, school lunch program, economic development.



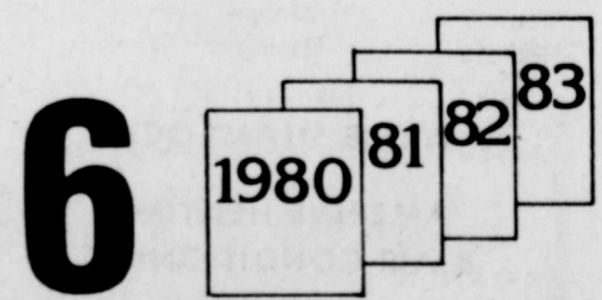
4 POPULATION FACTS

Each population question on the census questionnaire produces statistical totals which will help us better understand how our residents are doing. Age, race, sex, marital status, educational level, ethnic background, occupation, employment status, income, veteran status—these are important facts we need to have to draw a statistical profile of our community.



5 HOUSING FACTS

The 1980 census also will measure the status of our housing. The number of rooms, types of heating and cooking fuels, value of the property or rent paid, plumbing facilities, utility and other costs—all these census facts will give us a statistical snapshot of our living quarters and help our community plan for future housing needs.



6 PLANNING AHEAD

Without accurate information, no one in government, private business, or a civic organization can plan ahead with confidence. The 1980 census will give our community solid facts on which to base our future actions in many activities during the years to come. Answering the census is an investment in our future.

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Kind'a quiet this week

By Harold Boyd

Your town has been somewhat quiet this past week. City council met in regular session Tuesday. The agenda was somewhat short but will get the minutes of the meeting to you this next column to quote the meeting in text.

Sure is nice spring weather we are having and surely do like it. One thing that is not good is the warm weather and fruit trees. Fearful that the trees may start budding and then we catch a freeze thus putting down a crop of fresh fruit. But as long as this warm weather is here it is great to get out in the yard and spruce it up somewhat, transplant some things and set out new trees etc, also saves on the gas bill.

The volunteer fire department has made several runs this past few weeks, mostly grass fires. Can't emphasize this enough, be careful when burning off grass etc, it can get away from you before you know it. There is talk that the department is going to add

some equipment to the trucks that is needed for the protection of the town. Before we can say what, it will be brought up before the membership and then we can disclose it publicly.

Our dog problem has started up again, trash cans being turned over and several are popping up. As everyone knows there is an ordinance against this and a fine can be levied against the caretakers or owners of the dogs. If you have a dog either it must be tied up or confined to a fenced area. Any dog caught running loose is in violation of the city ordinance.

The senior citizens are busy with many projects. Care to know what? Well, I will not tell you for you will have to visit the center and find out yourself. Will say they have something for each and everyone. They meet each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday for lunch and fellowship and special projects.

For another week, being your town is somewhat quiet and very little to report, see ya next week.

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Legal notices

THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: Otis Leon Barton, Respondent:

GREETINGS:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable 326th District Court, Taylor County, Texas, at the Courthouse of said County in Abilene, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the Monday next after the expiration of 20 days from the date of service of this citation, then and there to answer the petition of Jack and Verna Powers, Petitioners, filed in said Court on the 21st day of November, 1979, against Otis Leon Barton, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 3249-C on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Interest of Jack Alexander and Soleta Matilda Barton, children", the nature of which suit is a request to Appoint petitioners, Jack and Verna Powers, as temporary managing conservators of the children Jack Alexander Barton, born November 18, 1963, Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, said child Matilda Barton, born October 22, 1967, Durant, Oklahoma.

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

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

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

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court at Abilene, Texas, this 4th day of January, 1980.

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

By Johnnie Woodard Deputy.

47-1tc

mas, Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 9th day of January, 1980, against unknown parents, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 3398C on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Interest of Jhuma, A Child, the nature of which suit is a request to terminate parent-child relationship. Said child was born the 18th day of November, 1977, in Hooghly (near Calcutta), India.

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

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

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

return as the law directs. Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court at Abilene, Texas, this 9th day of January, 1980.

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GREETINGS:

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Candidate pushing

CORPUS CHRISTI—Railroad Commission candidate Jim Hightower today proposed a four-point gasohol incentive program and blasted the incumbent commissioners for their failure to take the lead in the development of gasohol.

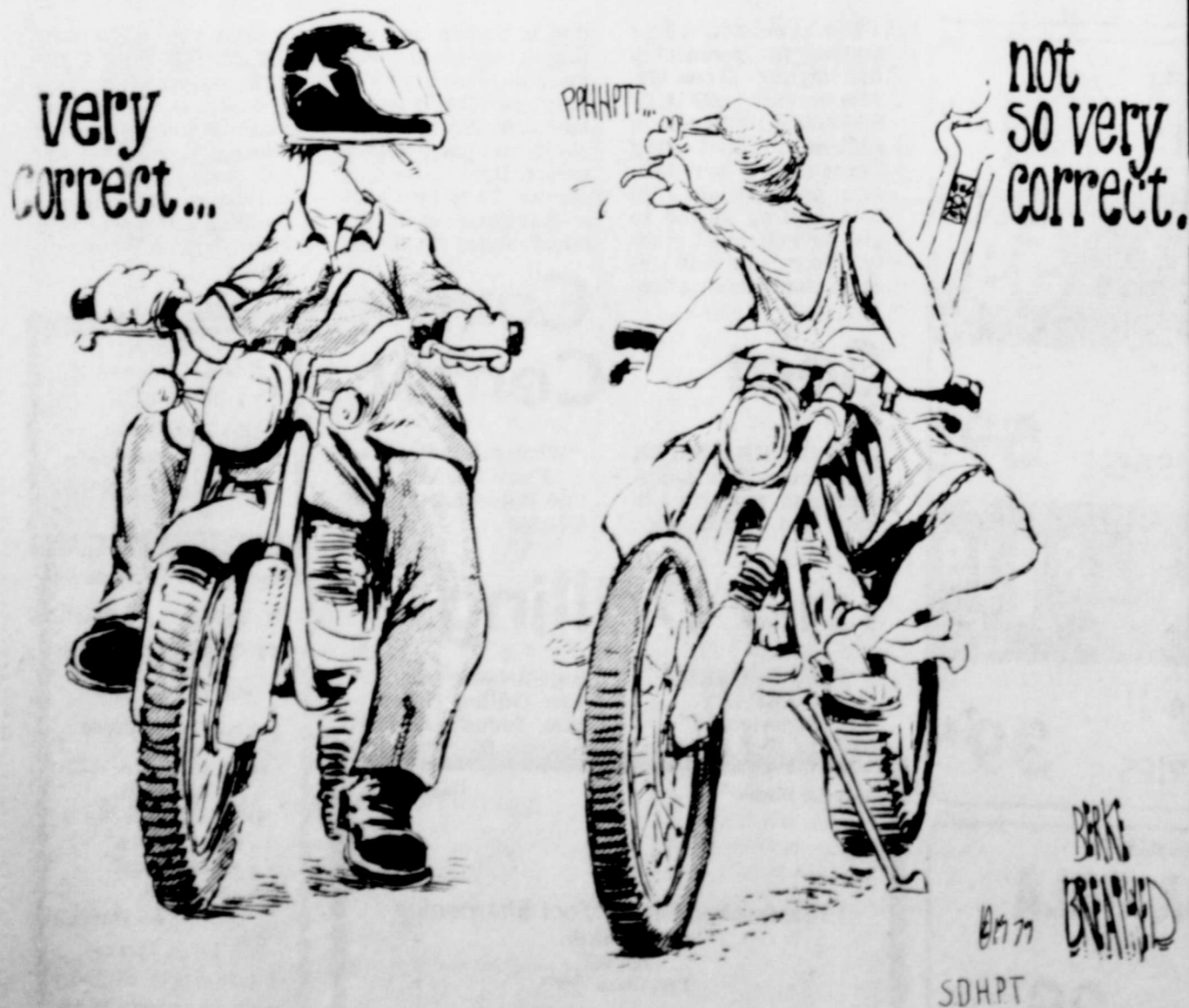
"Farmers want to produce it and consumers want to buy it," Hightower said at the state convention of the Texas Farmers Union, "and Texas ought to be leading the rest of the country in pioneering a gasohol industry. If there's one thing we have more of than oil, it's grain, and we ought to put it to work for us."

"But Texas is falling way behind in gasohol development because the Railroad Commissioners and Big Oil have had their collective head in the sand, telling Texans that gasohol isn't feasible," Hightower charged. "They've scoffed at gasohol entrepreneurs and said this new energy source needs more study. But grain producers in Texas aren't fooled—they know the time for study is over and the time to build is now. Anyone who's been to our grain producing areas knows that farmers are already working to make Texas grain a central part of our energy picture, and it's time that state officials got behind them."

"The first thing we should do is exempt gasohol from our nickel-per-gallon state gasoline tax. Other states—including Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana have done that, and they are able to sell gasohol at the same price or cheaper than unleaded. Sigmor (Shamrock) is starting to sell gasohol in Texas, but it is costing about 4 cents more per gallon than unleaded because last session our Legislature failed to provide the tax exemption incentives that gasohol needs. The Railroad Commission didn't lift a finger on this issue."

"If we have a special session this year," Hightower said, "the gasohol tax exemption should be the number one priority on the agenda. If we don't have a special session, I assure you that next year I'll be doing everything I can on the Railroad Commission to convince the Legislature to pass the exemption."

Proper Motorcycle Attire



Merkel ISD lunch menu

The school lunch menu for Merkel ISD beginning Thursday, January 17, is as follows:

Thursday-Spaghetti with beef and cheese, buttered corn, vegetable salad, choice of dressing, garlic batter bread, applesauce cake

Friday-Hamburgers, lettuce, tomato, pickle and onions, French fries with catsup, buns, no bake cookies

Monday, Jan. 21-Corn chip pie, pinto beans, green salad, fresh apple wedges

Tuesday-Fried chicken, cream gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, whole wheat rolls, peaches with whip topping

Wednesday-Meat loaf, green lima beans, seasoned spinach, cornbread, pineapple upside down cake

Thursday-Beef tacos, taco sauce, pinto beans, lettuce and cheese, snickerdoodles

Friday-Hamburgers, lettuce, tomatoes, pickle and onions, French fries and catsup, buns, chocolate brownies



Mr. and Mrs. Howard Reddin

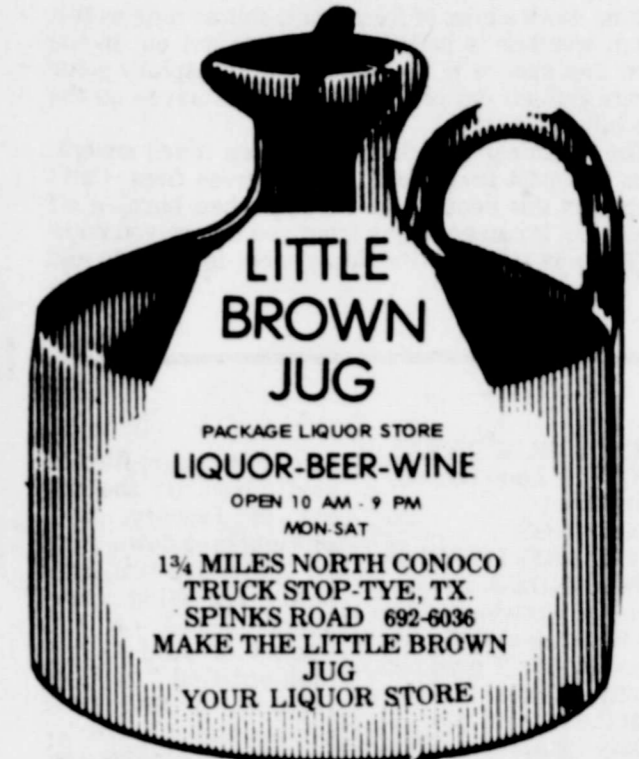
Reddin's celebrate 50th anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Reddin, 2105 Parramore, were honored with a reception December 30, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Crescent Heights Baptist Church on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary.

Hosting the celebration were their children, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Reddin of Merkel, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Fikes of Midland, Mr. and Mrs. B.M. Goode of Arlington and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry West of

Dallas. Howard Reddin was born October 9, 1906 in Anson. Mary Reddin was born November 21, 1910 in Deport. They met in 1927 in Merkel and were married December 24, 1929 in Peralta, N.M. The couple have lived in Merkel and Abilene for their married life.

He is a retired farmer and rancher. She is a homemaker. They have 14 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.



Keep microwave clean

COLLEGE STATION—Keep your microwave oven clean, advises Linda McCormack, a family resource management specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

Simply wipe it promptly with a paper towel, or clean it with a mild detergent in warm water and a soft sponge or cloth.

Wipe frequently around the door seals of the oven and the door itself to remove food particles. Grease around the door seal can allow excessive radiation leakage, the specialist points out.

If food particles become stuck to the sides or bottom of the oven, boil a cup of water in the oven—the steam from the boiling water will loosen the dried particles so they will wipe off easily.

Use a nylon scrubber if necessary, but do not use abrasive cleaners or commercial oven cleaners, she cautions.

To clean the glass shelf found in some microwave ovens, lift up shelf, remove and wash in warm water and detergent. Do not operate oven unless shelf is back in place.

To remove stains from the ceramic oven floors, use baking soda or a special ceramic glass cleaner to scrub the surface, Mrs. McCormack recommends.

Remove odors by boiling one part lemon juice to three parts water in a measuring cup in the oven, or place a small dish of baking soda in the oven when not in use and leave the oven door ajar.

Remove food from the oven after cooking to help eliminate this problem, she adds.

Wrong number

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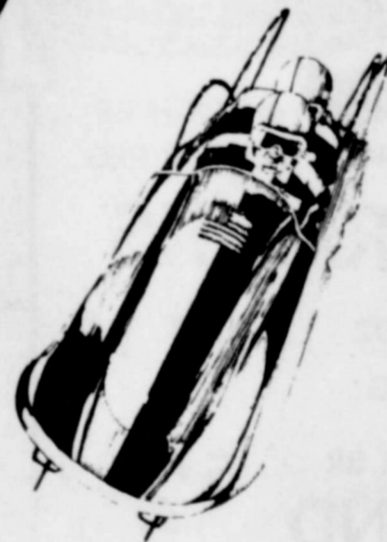

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