

The Merkel Mail

Thursday, January 31, 1980...Merkel, Texas

15 cents

Council tables police complaint, annexation request

City councilmen tabled two items Friday, one concerning a complaint by a local resident against the Merkel Police Department, and tabled actions on an annexation petition.

Ann Talent, a Merkel resident filed a complaint before city council at their Jan. 16 meeting. Her complaint alleged that Merkel Patrolman John Davis had acted improperly while issuing her a traffic citation. A statement from officer Davis disputed her allegations.

At their Jan. 16 meeting, council instructed Merkel Police Chief Leroy Austermann to investigate the complaint and Austermann's report to council Friday shed no new light concerning Ms. Talent's allegations, or the officer's statements.

Council also tabled annexation action on a tract of land east of Rose Hill Cemetery. Humphrey's Village residents petitioned to be included in the city limits in November. Council has delayed action on the annexation while other landowners east of the city could be contacted to be included in the annexation.

Local seniors favor draft registration

Merkel High School seniors, by a margin of 43-4 said they favored draft registration and 31 of 47 students approved registration of females.

The poll, taken in Richard Hill's civics course, for the Mail, also expressed conditions or events leading to draft registration. Two questions were asked: What is your opinion of selective service; Do you think females should be required to register?

Of 28 males responding to the poll, 21 said they'd rather volunteer than be drafted.

Sixteen negative replies were made to registration of women. Of those 16, ten males said they did not feel women should register. Nine other people felt women should register, but not if they had children.

Twenty-one of the respondents said they felt the draft would be necessary to answer an urgent call of military manpower needs.

Twelve respondents, ten of them male, said they felt women should be required to register because of the Equal Rights Amendment.

Slick roads cause wrecks, close school

It wasn't your classic ice storm of last year but it got nasty here Monday night after a day long drizzle turned into a film of ice Monday evening.

Two major accidents on I-20 during the night blocked traffic, although no serious injuries were reported.

An accident reported at 9:05 p.m. Monday evening blocked traffic on I-20 as an eighteen-wheeler flipped on the overpass one mile west of Merkel. It took three wreckers to flip the tractor-trailer rig back up.

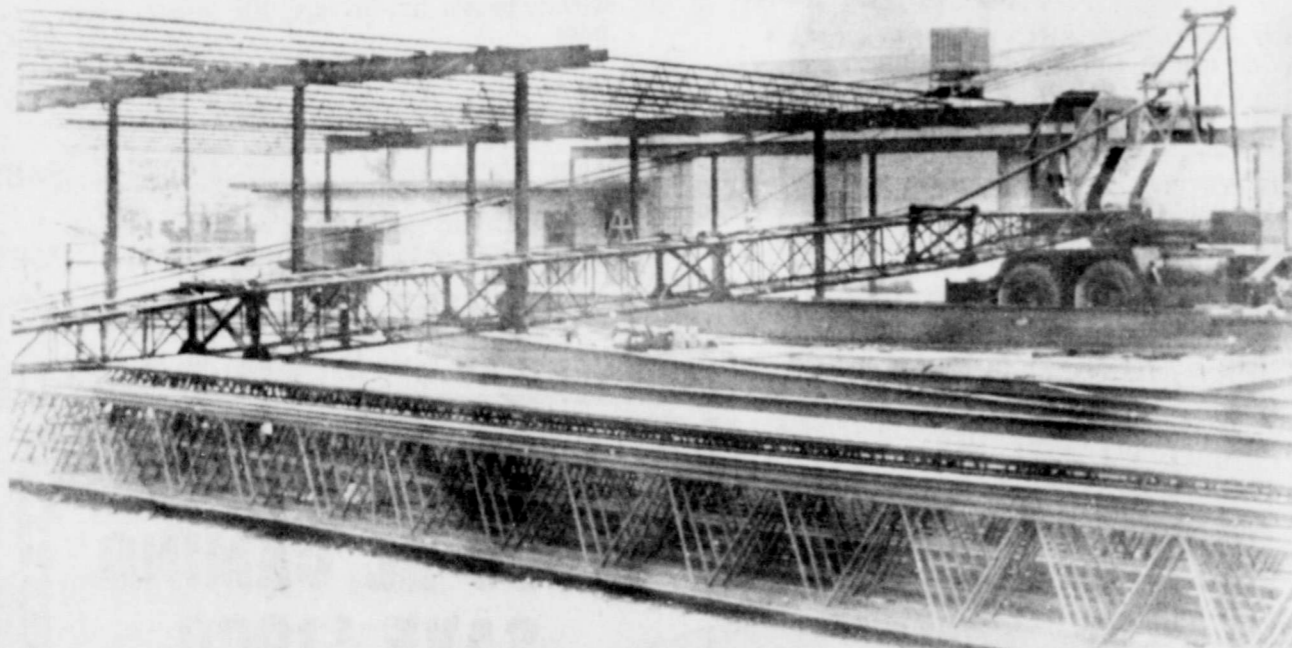
Local, county and DPS officers stayed at the scene more than one hour directing traffic away from the accident site.

There were no injuries reported.

Walt Harris of the Big Country Inn told the Mail Tuesday morning that they did not run out of rooms last night, but they had a lot of folks decide to stop here, rather than head down the interstate.

Mr. Harris said "One man that registered told me that he started looking for the first hotel sign after he saw the overturned truck west of town." Harris said the people started coming in at 9:45 and kept checking in at all hours.

The icy roads also caused school to be called off for MISD students Tuesday and no telling what conditions will exist Wednesday morning, while we drive to Sweetwater to have the paper printed.



Steel frames for walls have been raised at Merkel High School last week and miserable weather in the early part of the week forced things to stay that way for a few days. A crane and more steel frames are in

place and will be raised when the weather breaks. (Staff photo by Cloy A. Richards)

60 years ago

1920s booming

The 1920s started off with a bang for Merkel and the Merkel area when the Sears well, seven miles north of town was tested and ready for production.

Sears pumpers told the Mail that the original estimate of flow was 500 barrels and production was 38 barrels per day.

The Sears well sparked the formation of the Merkel Oil Field No. 1 and saw as many as 75 students enrolled in school compared to 1919.

Land speculation was also booming as the Mail reported that leases and royalties were being traded daily. Many prominent Texas and U.S. oil men came to the area for purchase of leases.

Five local gins were also spitting out record cotton crops as they reported a season harvest of 18,250 bales. The yield was the largest of any rural community in West Texas and the Merkel area also received record rains in late fall and early winter, making for a good start on the winter wheat crop.

Thomas Durham of Merkel purchased the Mail from Mr. and Mrs. Walter Johnson. Durham was later remembered in the Merkel Mail for being one of the most progressive, and liberal editors the Mail had seen.

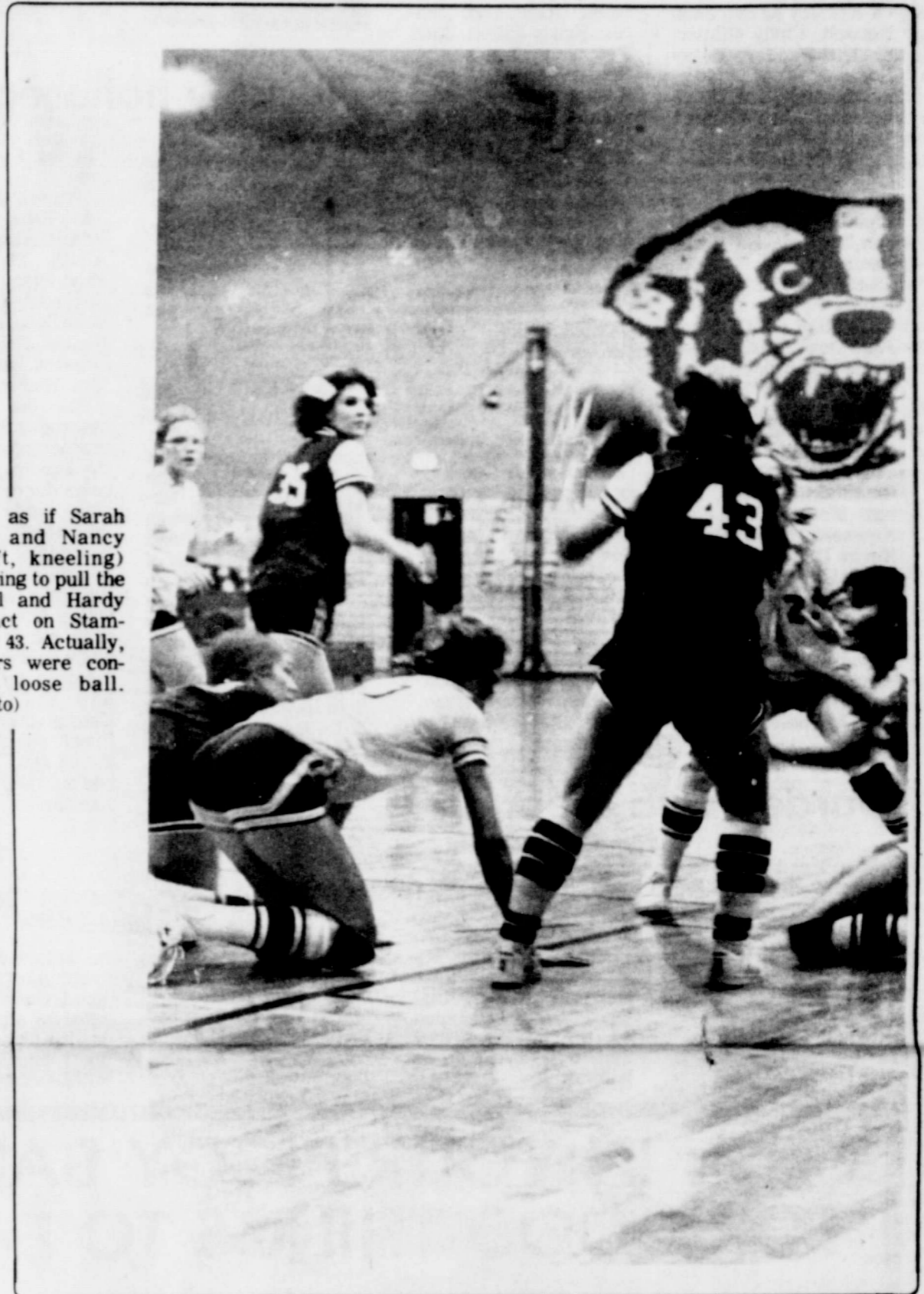
City Council voted in 1920 to purchase 15 more street lights for the town.

The First Baptist Church in Merkel announced plans to construct a \$40,000 worship house. Pastor J.L. Parraack made the announcement.

New cars were selling for \$350, average price of a four room rent home was \$15 per month. A bale of cotton was selling for \$93 and meat (roasts) were going for 26 cents per pound at local merchants.



Chris Cox gives his Stamford defender a head fake before going up for a shot. Cox and Robert Fowler added 13 in the win over Stamford here last week. (Staff photo)



It looks as if Sarah Parasarn and Nancy Click (left, kneeling) are preparing to pull the old Laurel and Hardy tripping act on Stamford's No. 43. Actually, the players were contesting a loose ball. (Staff photo)

Register by Feb. 6 for beef vote

Local cattlemen have until February 6th to register in the upcoming Beefeferendum.

The Beef and Information Act would set aside 20 cents per \$100 in total sales at market for promotion, advertising of beef. The program would be

administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. According to election guidelines, a cattleman must have sold one animal during 1979, must have registered at a local ASCS office before Feb. 6th, 50 percent of the registered cattlemen must vote, and a simple majority will carry the election.

Bombarded by information, editors try to weed out good info from bad

by Cloy A. Richards

It is amazing both the amount and quality of information that this paper is beseeched with.

Examples "called the telecast the single most important campaign activity to date." That is from Conally campaign literature and describes a local telecast to be shown over a handful of stations.

A news release from the Independent Cattlemen's Association starts off by urging cattlemen to vote in the upcoming Beefeferendum, and gives rules for two paragraphs and then lists a page and a half of reasons why cattlemen to vote against the Beefeferendum.

The Texas Farm Bureau sent a news release stating it had joined in a lawsuit against Longshornmen that refused to load grain ships headed to communist countries.

A Texas A&M University Home Economics filler stated "When a person seems oblivious to offensive odors, it may indicate a diminished sense of smell." Either that or something is wrong with their nose.

Another one started off "All people have feelings, even children." That hurts already.

A release from the Texas Beefeferendum people has two pages why people should vote for the Beefeferendum.

The Beefeferendum, if passes, will set aside 20 cents per \$100 sale to promote beef. The cattlemen will have the money taken out at time of sale and can request a refund, or choose not to participate on the spot.

From World of Wheels it says "Donny and Marie Osmond's customized \$80,000 van to be shown in Abilene." The story never mentions them owning the vehicle or ever having traveled in it, if anyone cared.

That is one of the jobs of an editor, he also has to weed out the hundreds of news releases that contradict each other, make wild claims, make no

sense at all or have no effect on the reader.

It is little wonder to this small town newspaper editor that people can be so confused concerning current events when they are surrounded with nothing but information from credible sources.

Credible sources.

As a former military journalist, I have had the opportunity to deal with big time journalists. They knew how to get answers from the government, you work from the bottom of the power pole and the base newspaper editor was pretty low on the pole.

On one occasion, I spent half a day briefing a camera crew and military correspondent for a network news story and reporter and photographers from wire services and major dailies around, a group of 30.

Our base was prepared to respond to airlife Americans and others from Zaire a year and a half ago. As a matter of fact, we had already landed ground crews of communications, supplies.

We had prepared fact sheets, had answered literally hundreds of questions, and I had the impression the briefing had gone well.

I turned on the XYZ evening news and the correspondent started "Good Evening, The planes and men of the 317 TAW stand ready tonight as the workhouse of the fleet C-5 rumbles down the runway headed for Zaire."

I could have died, visions of court martial danced through my head. To begin with, the plane was the much smaller C-130 and not one Air Force official had permission to acknowledge we had landed or sent any type of flight to Zaire, and since I briefed them, the future looked pretty bleak.

The point is, this respected journalist had made two blunders in his opening sentence.

How could that happen.

Merkel honor roll

Merkel Elementary School honor roll is as follows:

FIRST GRADE

(A) Dustie Baldree, Brandon Boyd, Jenny Boyd, Lois Campbell, Melissa Cuellar, Jayma Goldsmith, Collin Jacobs, Cara Kelso, Sean Leamon, Michael McFadden, Phuong Thao Tran, Debbie Whitaker, Daniel West

(A-B) Coby Arch, John Boswell, Cindy Gilmer, Shellie Hecker, Betsy Hellums, Tonya Moreno, Destry Pack, Lupe Quientero, Brandon Toombs, Maria Uribe

SECOND GRADE

(A) Bridget Acuna, Chad Barte, Angela Cannon, Chance Ferguson, Melissa Hallford, Penny Smith

(A-B) Victoria Aldrete, Laura Baker, Sabrina Boswell, Lisa Cannon, Kyle Doan, Misty Doan, Carla Dorrell, Robynn Dudley, Toby Dupont, David Dutton, Susan Hammond, Heather Henson, Stephen Jacobs, Sandra Melendez, Cassandra Moreno, Denise Moreno, Tricia Newsom, Staci Pack, Kevin Pilgrim, Christy Reynolds, Brandon Rice, Gay Lynn Robertson, Matt Smith, Martin Trevino, Russell Waller, Harold Welty, Billy Williams

THIRD GRADE

(A) Michele Dudley,

Ricna Hill, Anissa Jones, Kim Richards, Diem Tran

(A-B) Michelle Barnett, Walter Best, David Biera, Camilla Bright, Mary Dillon, John Paul Dudley, Duane Hamrick, Glyn Ann Rutledge, Chris Shugart, Wade Toombs, Chris Wright

FOURTH GRADE

(A) Angie Cannon, Shelle Doan, April Duncan, Kristy Elliott, Staci Ferguson, Tammy Hecker, Angie Moreno, Ramon Moreno, Ted Seymore, Todd Smith, Mindy Steward, Amy Stuckey, Krista Toombs, Misty Vaughn

(A-B) Mark Aldrete, Doug Bauer, Chris Biera, Ray Browning, Brad Cochran, Kyle Coker, April Dupont, Jerry Flowers, Kim Graham, Randy Graham, Melissa Harris, Lynn Hays, Lee Leverich, Janna Pettit, Karrie Rich, Kim Waller, Chad Way, C.J. White

FIFTH GRADE

(A) Suzan Alberts, Tracy Bicknell, Abby Irvin, Debbie Pack, Sheri Rinney, Danny Santee, Fondale Watson, Michelle Woodard

(A-B) David Doan, Tina Jaramillo, Lance Jones, Kristen Kennedy, Marlo McCauley, Bridget Palarez, Brit Pursley, David Ray, Shane Reagan, DeAnn Stevens, Angela Thomas



Pinckley honored

Mrs. Cynthia Pinckley was honored with a birthday party on her 98th birthday Saturday, Jan. 26.

The party was given by her children in the home of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jarrett Pinckley.

Her children present were: Mr. and Mrs. Jarrett Pinckley; Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Collins and Mr. and Mrs. Otha Castle of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Patterson of Turkey; and Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Morgan of Perryton. Her other daughter, Mrs. Fay Reeve of Friona was unable to attend.

Other relatives present were Mr. and Mrs. Stan Hawkins and Sarah of Dallas; Teila, Teresa and Tony Patterson of Turkey; Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Abbott and Mrs.

Shirley Smith of Abilene.

Friends present were Mrs. Edna Teaff, Mrs. Vada Hudson, Mrs. T.M. Allday, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Perry, Mrs. Ruth Cox, Mary Collins, Anna Belle Shouse, Nina Belle Hughes, Fay Doan, Avis Deavers, and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Sliger.

The tea table was covered with a linen and crochet cloth made by the honoree, a birthday cake decorated with pink candy roses and inscribed "Happy Birthday, Mom" with the numbers 98 standing. The centerpiece was a floral bouquet of pink carnations and white daisies sent to the honoree by her niece Mrs. Ira Johnson of Kansas City, Missouri. Punch was served from a milk glass punch bowl and nuts and mints were also served.

Tye honor roll

Tye Elementary School Honor Roll is as follows:

FIRST GRADE, A-Kevin Watson, Melanie Jones, Cody Sutterfield, Carolyn Hall, Melanie Andrews, Amme Blair, Melanie Damme, Billied Jo Hempel, Kristy Hengel, Crystel McGan, Cristi Moore, Judah Reese, Jennifer Rucicillo, Jonnie Sever

A-B -- Gena Bills, Billy Kimbro, Charles Swift, Katina Neith, Jimmy Russell, John Wells

SECOND GRADE, A-Lisa Donaldson, Shanna Key, Shawn Miller, Mi Hwa Chon, Michelle Davis, Lora Herring, Hope Howell, Sheri Miles,

Matthew Thornton

A-B -- Lee Kotrlík, Greg Goodgion, Stephanie Jones, Lori Willborn, Travis Johnson

THIRD GRADE, A-Irene Alvarez, Lori Owen, Cissy Sever, Tracy Moore

A-B -- Mendy Bunselmeyer, Davy DeLeon, Dewayne Clark, Joey Howell

FOURTH GRADE, A-Michelle Goodgion, Clara Herrera, Tami Israel, Maury Oler, Staci Johnson, Paula Allen, Son Mi Chon, Joe Alvarez

A-B -- Kim Watson, Kim Rucicillo

FIFTH GRADE, A-Joe Miles

A-B -- Dusty Moore.

FFA spotlight

This week we would like to take this opportunity to spotlight three of our FFA members. They are Todd Robertson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Robertson, Dana Faglie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Faglie and Patti Bird, daughter of T.J. and Margie Bird.

Todd is a sophomore this year and is enrolled in V.A.II this year. Todd attends all major shows.

Dana Faglie is a sophomore and is currently enrolled in V.A.II this year. Dana will

attend the Ft. Worth and Houston stock shows. She had the county reserve champion checker white at Abilene this year.

Patti Bird is a junior this year and in V.A.III class. This is her third year in Ag. She has participated on all leadership activities. Patti is sentinal for the Merkel Chapter and attends all major stock shows with her dogs.

At this time the Merkel FFA Chapter would like to take the opportunity to thank the following businesses for buying animals at the premium sale at Abilene Auction last Wednesday.

Fortnightly meeting

Mrs. Bryan Dunigan was hostess for the Fortnightly Study Club when it met in her home for the Jan. 22 meeting. During the social time members looked at snapshots made by Mrs. Dunigan on her trip to the near East where she visited countries on three continents.

Mrs. Johnny Hammond presided for the business meeting and heard committee reports from Project and Finance and nominating Committees.

Mrs. Carl Hughes brought the Federation Counselor's Report concerning outstanding work being done for

under-developed children in clinics and hospitals today.

Those present for this enjoyable program were Mrs. C.M. Brown, Mary Collins, Mrs. W.R. Cyper, Avis Deavers, Mrs. S.C. Dixon, Mrs. Bryan Dunigan, Mrs. Mack Fisher, Mildred Hamm, Mrs. J.W. Hammond, Mrs. Comer Haynes, Mrs. Carl Hughes, Mrs. Earl Hughes, Mrs. Allen King, Mrs. C.B. Knight, Mrs. Ed Sandusky, Mrs. Andy Shouse, Maurine White, Mrs. Ray Wilson, and Mrs. Allen Forbis.

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Garden club meets

The Merkel Garden Club met Jan. 17 at Big Country Inn. Alice King, president, presided for a brief business meeting. Lola Cox reported the amount of money given to the cemetery fence fund.

Olga Peachy presented the program, Conservation of Birds.

Refreshments were served to Georgie Allday, Peggy Black, Ada Clark, Mary Click, Lola Cox, Linnie Fisher, Mary Grimes, Alice King, Verdine Patterson, Olga Peachy, Jesse Shannon, Leolo Sherrill, Louise Sudderth, and Lenora Wilburn.

Art assoc. sets talk

The Merkel Art Association will have an art demonstration Monday, March 4th, 7 p.m. at the United Savings, downtown Merkel. The demonstration will be given by Frances Cravin

an art teacher in Abilene. All members in good standing are invited to attend. Following the demonstration, a short business meeting will be conducted.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27 Full Moon 1st	28 Last Quarter 9th	29 New Moon 16th	30 First Quarter 23rd	31	1 New Moon 17th	2 First Quarter 24th
3 Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church CCD Class 10 a.m. Mass 11 a.m.	4 Blair Water Supply Meeting 7 p.m. Taylor Electric	5 Wife of TRENT	6 Last Day for REFERENDUM Registration	7	8 TRENT of Blackwell MERKEL of Anson	9
10	11 Pancake Supper 5:30 Pkg & L&L's WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY	12 Merkel of Winters LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY	13	14 ST. VALENTINE'S DAY	15 Ballinger of MERKEL	16
17	18 Merkel Volunteer Fire Dept	19	20 ASH WEDNESDAY	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	

Boys, girls down Stamford here

The Merkel girls got a little help from Winters last Friday as Winters downed Ballinger and Merkel's win over Stamford put them to within one game of first place in the second half of the district season. Ballinger downed the Badgers 44-40 last Tuesday in Ballinger and their loss Friday mean the Badgers will control their own destiny. The Badgers must defeat their remaining opponents to get into bi-district playoffs without going through a district playoff.

They face a tough Coahoma team Tuesday (details not available at press time) and travel to Colorado City Friday night in another important district game.

The Badger boys, behind 13 from Robert Fowler and Chris Cox, overcame a terrible first quarter to beat Stamford 44-40. The Badgers scored two points in the first quarter and eight in the second before getting on a track.

60 attend tea honoring Carrie Brown

Approximately sixty guests attended a gift tea honoring Carrie Anne Brown, bride-elect of James Matt Hellums, held in the home of Mrs. Carroll Benson, Thursday evening, January 24th. The bride's chosen colors of pink and white were used in the table decorations.

Guests called between 6:30 and 8 p.m. and were received by Carrie Anne Brown, formerly of Phoenix, Arizona, her mother, Mrs. Ray Brown of Merkel, and the mother of the groom, Mrs. Bob Hook, of Trent. Hostesses for the house party were Mrs. George Peachy, Mrs. Ralph Wilburn, Mrs.

Robert Higgins, Mrs. Ralph Miller, Mrs. Johnny Hammond, Mrs. Dodie Riggan, Mrs. Lena Dunigan, Mrs. Pat Byrd, Mrs. Truett Thompson, Mrs. Anna Belle Shouse, Mrs. Anne'te Clark, Mrs. Pat Neff, Mrs. Judy Pape, Mrs. Jack Boone, Mrs. Jackie Cannon, Mrs.

Linda Williams, Mrs. Merled Barnhart, Mrs. Vernon Wade, Mrs. George English, Mrs. Barbara New some, Mrs. Aletta Chancey, Mrs. Bobby DuBose, and Mrs. Benson. Miss Brown and Mr. Hellums plan to be married Feb. 14, 1980, in the First United Methodist Church, Merkel.

Obituaries

Lawrence Kingsbury

Lawrence Sullivan Kingsbury, 87, of Merkel died at 2:20 p.m. Friday at Hendrick Medical Center following a lengthy illness. Services were at 2 p.m. Sunday in the Merkel Church of Christ.

Larry Gill, minister of the church, officiated. Burial was in the Rising Star Cemetery, directed by Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born Aug. 17, 1892 in Gatesville, he had lived in Merkel since 1939. He was a retired pumper from the Exxon Company. He married Anna Ransone Sept. 17, 1925 in Rising Star. He was a member of the Church of Christ.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Ala Jeanne Bickers.

Survivors include his wife, Anna; two sons, Pillman of Austin and U.L. of Cisco; two daughters, Maydelle Curb of Abilene and Reba Rae Warren of Granburn; 12 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

served with the army during World War II. He married Mary Helen Mashburn in 1941 in Merkel. He was a member of the Methodist Church. He had lived in Lubbock since 1954.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Tommy of Lubbock; three sisters, Mrs. Irven Thompson of Merkel, Mrs. Warren Higgins of Segun and Mrs. Joe Risinger of Odessa; and two grandchildren.

Ada Demere

Ada Brandon Demere, 92, of Merkel, died at 8:45 p.m. Tuesday at a local nursing home after a brief illness. Services were at 2:30 p.m. Thursday at United Methodist Church.

The Rev. Lynward Harrison of Merkel, officiated, assisted by the Rev. Allen Forbis, pastor. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery, directed by Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born Dec. 15, 1887, in Brownwood, she lived in the Merkel area the past 70 years. She was a Methodist. She married Fraser Demere Oct. 26, 1904 in Nolan County.

He died Aug. 7, 1960. Survivors include a daughter, Rebia Toombs of Merkel; a grandchild; two great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Mack Seymore, Phil Seymore, Freddie Toombs, Billy Bob Toombs, Jimmy Leve-rich and Billy Joe Toombs.

Beatrice Anderson

Beatrice R. Anderson, 81, of Rt. 1, Merkel, died

at 10 a.m. Saturday in Tye after a sudden illness. Services were at 2 p.m. Monday in Noodle Baptist Church.

The Rev. Ed Nowell, Abilene Baptist minister and the Rev. Bill Williams, Rotan Baptist minister, officiated. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery in Merkel, directed by Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born June 30, 1898, in Roby, she had lived in

the Noodle community for the past 35 years. She married Bennie Anderson Jan. 16, 1944, in Abilene.

She was a Baptist. Survivors include her husband; a daughter, Joyce Fern Barrington of Garland; two step-daughters, Bennie Jones of Livermore, Calif. and Majorie Beddingfield of Kingsville; and a sister, Minnie Ola Turner of Abilene.

Goodmen club meets

The Goodman Extension Homemaker Club, met Jan. 25 in the home of Mrs. Garland Price, with the president, Mrs. Garland Price presiding with eight members, two children, and two visitors.

The TEHA creed and TEHA prayer was repeated by the members. The recreation leader Mrs. Vivian Winters directed a game.

The 1980 officers are President, Mrs. Garland Price; vice president, Mrs. Dennis Butler; Secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Frank Carter; Council chairman, Mrs. David Carter. The president named the committee officers. The year books were passed

out and filled in. It was reported the quilt the club had quilted, had been carried to the Rehab 80 as a donation.

The program: How is your weight? was presented by the agent, Mrs. Nocy Wilborn.

Low calorie refreshments were served to Mrs. Dennis Butler, Mrs. Frank Carter, Mrs. Vivian Winters, Mrs. Dan Butler, Mrs. Zone Adams, Mrs. Rachel Phillips, Mrs. Garland Price and Mrs. Nocy Wilborn.

The next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. Zone Adams, Feb. 8. Everyone is welcome regardless of race, creed, or color or economic circumstance.

MISD lunch menu

The Merkel ISD school menu beginning Thursday, Jan. 31 is as follows:

Thursday-Tin can casserole, vegetable salad, choice of dressing, cornbread, purple plum cobbler

Friday, Feb. 1-Hamburgers, lettuce, tomato, pickle and onions, french fries with catsup, buns, fresh apple wedge

Monday, Feb. 4-Pizza, buttered corn, green salad, choice of dressing, fresh apple wedge

Tuesday, Fried fish

with tarter sauce, cabbage slaw, with sweet and sour dressing, cornbread, lemon bars

Wednesday-Beef tacos with taco sauce, pinto beans, lettuce and cheese, February child's birthday cake

Thursday-Chicken pot pie, vegetable salad, choice of dressing, biscuits, apricot cobbler

Friday- Hamburgers, lettuce, tomato, pickle and onion, french fries, with catsup, buns, fresh orange wedge

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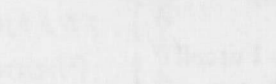


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Card of Thanks

We wish to express our thanks to all who were so kind during the recent illness and loss of our loved one. The visits, calls, foods, flowers, and cards were all appreciated. Mrs. Murry Toombs, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Toombs, Bryan and Tyler 49-1tp

Dear Friends: I wish I had the words to express what is in our hearts. Thank each of you for the kindness shown during our great loss.

Don always said the best people in the world live in Merkel, and he was so right.

Thank you for the food, cards, visits, the beautiful flowers and your prayers.

"We'll always love you for being there when we thought we just couldn't go on. God Bless you and Thank You again."

"The Kings" Imogene Mike, Phyllis, Kathy David, Pam, Cody 49-1tc

We want to extend our sincere thanks to everyone who brought food and flowers concerning our Dad and special thanks to Starr Nursing Home employees for the care they have given him the past 2 1/2 years. And also the Starbuck Funeral Home, Sherman Driggers, the pallbearers, Roy and Rebecca Sharp, and Ann's Flowers. May God Bless every one of you. The John Brenem Family 49-1tc

I wish to thank each and every one who came see me and sent cards, gifts and flowers while my stay in hospital. May God bless you all. Margie Baker 49-1tc

I would like to thank everyone who prepared and served food at the Methodist Church following my mother's (Ada Demere) funeral. Mrs. Leon Toombs Sr. and Family 49-1tc

Your kind and warm expressions of sympathy, cards, flowers, and food sent during our time of sorrow in the loss of our mother, is greatly appreciated.

Prayers voiced in petition of our grief gave us a special comfort. May the Lord bless you and keep you. Joe and Ruth Lassiter The Ellwood Family 49-1tc

THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: A.F. GOLLIGHUGH Deceased, the Unknown Stockholders of W.C. Belcher Land 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.

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 8th day of January A.D. 1980.

Attest: Irene Crawford Clerk, 42nd District Court, Taylor County, Texas. By Rella Mahoy, Deputy. 46-4tc

STATE OF TEXAS TO: Fernando da Ponte and Luis De Sousa, Respondents GREETINGS:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable Judge of the 326th Judicial District Court of Taylor County, Texas, at the Courthouse of said county in Abilene, Texas, at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. of the Monday next after the expiration of twenty (20) days from the date of service of this citation, then and there to answer the petition of Henry Wayne Shurts and Carolee Peterson Shurts, Petitioners, filed in said Court on the 22nd day of January, 1980, against Fernando Da Ponte and Luis de Sousa, Respondents, and said suit being number 3237-C on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In the Interest of Cristalia de Jesus da Costa da Ponte and Teresa Paula da Costa Sousa, Children," the nature of which suit is a request to terminate the parent-child relationship and adopt the children. Said Cristalia de Jesus da Costa da Ponte was born on November 4, 1969 in Angra do Heroismo,

Portugal and Teresa Paula da Costa Sousa was born on March 29, 1975 at Ponta Delgada, San Jose, Portugal.

The Court has authorized on this suit to enter any judgment or decree in the children's interest which will be binding upon you, including, but not necessarily limited to, the termination of the parent-child relationship, the determina-

tion of paternity, and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the children's adoption.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Abilene, Texas, this 22nd day of January, 1980.

Irene Crawford, Clerk of the District Court of Taylor County, Texas By Judy Smith, Deputy 49-1tc

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Trent News

Thursday, January 31, 1980

Honor roll

The following Trent students maintained a 90 or above average during the past six weeks.

SIXTH GRADE-Missy Simpson
SEVENTH-Christy Kinnard

EIGHTH-Ida Griffith
TENTH-Mike De La Cruz, Darla Ross, John Perkins, Greg Beasley
ELEVENTH-Leslie Masonheimer, Riley West
TWELFTH-Tammie Hicks

Sr. garage sale

The Senior Class will be having a Garage Sale, Saturday, Feb. 2 at Syra Patterson's. Time

will be from 9-5. The Pattersons live on a block north of the high school.

Basketball

The high school teams went 1-1 last week. Both girls and boys beat Blackwell while both lost to Bronte. The girls first half record is 2-2 while the boys is 1-3.

The Gornias travel to Robert Lee Tuesday, with an open date Friday. Trent has two games left. Divide at Trent on 5 and finishing the season at Blackwell on Feb. 8.

Trent-Merkel FFA students place in regional show

Several Merkel and Trent FFA students placed in the regional stock show taht concluded last week in Abilene.

Placing were Richard Beaver, Ann Melton,

Riley West, Billy Williams and Debra Williams and Roy Johnson. Ann Melton was the only divisional winner in the heavyweight chester whites.



The Consumer Alert

by Mark White
Attorney General

AUSTIN—So you've picked out a brand new mobile home and are eagerly awaiting its delivery. If your home was specially ordered, you should know that the dealer cannot legally require a downpayment of more than three per cent of the selling price.

If you are financing your home through a bank or finance company, that institution will determine the amount of down payment. You should not make that downpayment until credit has been approved, although you may pay a small amount to the dealer to "hold" a home parked on the lot.

Before the home is delivered, you should carefully choose the site. As noted last week, a mobile home placed on a concrete foundation is more likely to remain in good condition and will provide a better environment. You should select a site not subject to flooding or subsidence and decide exactly where you want the home on that site. (Every time you move the home, you risk damaging it.)

While you are waiting for your home, it's a good idea to

make out a check list. Include on the list everything you consider important, all items specially ordered, and the following:

- 1) Check the plumbing for defects.
- 2) Look at the frame of the home; compare its appearance on the lot with its appearance on your site to make sure it hasn't been damaged during the moving process.
- 3) Check all the joints to see whether light filters from one room into another. (This is a sign of poor construction. You can make this survey with a flashlight.)
- 4) Make sure all screws in siding and storm windows are tight.
- 5) If the electricity is on, check to see that it works properly. For example, make sure the living room light switch turns on only the living room lights.
- 6) Be sure the orifices on the stove and furnace are the proper ones for the type of fuel you intend to use.
- 7) Make sure you receive all the necessary papers, including the warranty, installation manual and various tax and title papers.

Keep a copy of your contract and any other documents you signed in connection with the purchase.

8) Check the home's "data plate," which will indicate the name and address of the manufacturer and the areas of the country for which the home was designed.

All of these items should be checked BEFORE you accept the home. If any important item is unsatisfactory, you should insist that it be repaired (or in some cases that the home be replaced) before you accept the home.

If you have a problem with a mobile home, you may write to our Labor Division at P.O. Box 12548, Austin, Texas 78711.

Merkel fire department sponsoring pancake supper

The Merkel Volunteer Fire Department is sponsoring a Pancake Supper on Feb. 18th at Pug and Leo's Restaurant here.

The dinner will get started at 5:30 and for \$2.50 you can get all of the pancakes you can eat.

Volunteer Firemen will dress as waitresses and will also be selling tickets for chances on a pair of boots.

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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	Stamford	There	B-AGB, G-AGB	4:00
Dec. 20	Abilene Christian Tourn.		Varsity Girls	
21, 22				
Jan. 3, 4, 5	Anson (Jr) Tourn.	There	B-B, G-B	
Jan. 4	Coahoma	Here	B-A, G-AGB	5:00
Jan. 8	C-Qty	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-Qty	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

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

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Activities planned next month

Here we are with another week gone as well as this month. Somewhat quiet here in Tye but we have some activity coming up.

The Tye PTO will be having their annual Valentines Box Supper the week after Valentine's Day to put some money in the treasury. Also another project will be undertaken. That is a photographer will take portraits for \$6 a person. Coupons are on sale now. Barbra Kotrlak has more information on this as well as the coupons. Tye PTO is trying to raise money for another copier machine that is needed at the school.

As the last few weeks passed since the city council met, in short on January 17 a workshop session where Citizens Advisory Committee responsibilities. Basically this committee looks at the needs of the city and attends a workshop held in Abilene to find and look for funds or grants. Then they report back to the city council with their findings and let your city council make some decisions as to proceed or what. The workshop also went over the budget on amendments of income and expenses for the 79-80 fiscal year was reviewed. City legal matters were discussed also at this time. At the city council meeting, the city council approved checking with Abilene on entering an agreement to use their city attorney for Tye. As you know when we need legal advice we have to retain an attorney which costs extra money, where as if we had one on a co-op basis we could save money and have an attorney on a call basis. City council approved the budget amendments on income and expenses for the fiscal year 79-80. The budget amendments will allow for the construction of a new city hall, land purchasing, equipment for the fire department and personnel payroll. Meeting was adjourned.

"Ken" Law has entered the already crowded Taylor County's Precinct 1 race with Bill Greenhaw of View, Constable Lee Thomas and real estate broker J.W. "Joe" Moore. May 3rd will be the primary and then June 7 run off race. Let's look briefly at Ken's background. Ken is a businessman with experiences in government of organizations, school, city of Tye and served on the Merkel Tax Equalizations Board, been a director of the Abilene Boys Ranch as well as director of Taylor County Red Cross. Ken is a retired Air Force man and one of his main goals will be law enforcement and closer coordination between the county and the city of

Abilene. On a personal note as a resident of Tye, Ken has always been for the small town in helping them as we here in Tye can see. Very active in the community and I'd encourage you to look at all the candidates now and study their qualifications and when it comes time to go to the polls you will have your mind or decision already made.

Beings that our spring weather has left and now ole man winter has really appeared and personally I'd like for it to get on its way. The month of January is gone and then the short month of February is here, but watch it, it will pass as quickly.

So for another column, you all take care and we'll see you next week. Tell your neighbor hello and good health to you.

The Speaker Reports



by Bill Clayton

AUSTIN—Increasing sales of U. S. agricultural land to foreigners are generating fears of a new colonization of America by absentee alien landlords.

Many Americans are wary that foreigners are driving up the price of farms beyond the reach of family farmers, that foreigners may gain control over U.S. agricultural production, and that foreign absentee landlords may let the land lie idle or otherwise adversely affect community, social, and political life.

This issue is of particular interest to Texans because of the importance of agriculture in the economic and social structure of the state. As of 1978, the greatest amount of foreign investment was in Southern states, and Texas was among the leaders.

Foreign investment in the U. S. is on the increase, and with further devaluation of the American dollar, these investments may rise even more dramatically unless preventive steps are taken.

Several bills dealing with foreign ownership of agricultural land were introduced in the 66th Legislature. One of the strongest, House Bill 431, would have prevented nonresident aliens from acquiring title to more than 320 acres of land in Texas and would have required alien owners to register their ownership with state and county officials. Although the bill was defeated, several other agricultural states have introduced similar legislation.

At the federal level, bills have been introduced to ban alien ownership of farmland

or at least deny the tax advantages on capital gains on profits foreigners might enjoy.

Many unanswered questions are left regarding alien ownership of farmland. Still unknown is the extent of alien ownership of land and its effects on land prices, the family farm and communities.

During this interim period of the Texas Legislature, the Agriculture and Livestock Committee is charged with reviewing non-resident alien ownership of agricultural land and considering the registration of alien property owners in

Texas. A determination of the effects of alien ownership on the local and state economy should also be made.

In restricting alien purchases, lawmakers should consider the consequences for economic development, foreign relations and private property rights.

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SHEILA YOUNG

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Compere

club meets

The Compere Extension Homemakers Club met Jan. 24 at Mrs. Clyde Chancey's home. The president, Mrs. Ab Hunter, presided over the meeting. Mrs. Dewey Ramsey offered prayer.

Mrs. Hugh Taylor read two poems, "Post Christmas" and "Calling Names" and directed a game. Roll call was answered with "An Eating Habit I need to Improve." Mrs. Taylor read the minutes and gave the finance report.

Mrs. Clyde Chancey gave the council report. She offered her resignation as club council delegate, since she is council chairman. Mrs. Don Adair was elected chairman. Mrs. Don Adair was elected club council delegate and Mrs. Hugh Taylor alternate. Mrs. Nacey Wilburn, county extension agent gave the program on "Nutritious Today and Weight Control Tomorrow." She stressed knowing your individual needs. Start your day with a good breakfast, keep charts of food and your weight. The organs must function properly. If on a diet, measure food. Have a good protein diet with vitamins and cutting out carbohydrates completely is not good. One can have three full meals or six light snacks each day provided it is the right food.

Material was given each member to keep records of date, weight and kind of food eaten.

Refreshments were served to Mrs. Ab Hunter, Hazel Spurgin, Dewey Ramsey, Don Adair, Hugh Taylor, Wilson Williams, Clayton Dillard, Nacey Wilburn, a visitor, Mr. Clayton Dillard, the hostess, Mrs. Clyde Chancey.

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King, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mike King; Julie Lanford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Lanford; Shera Hammond, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hammond; Dana Hammond,

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hammond; Willie Holmes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Holmes; Cam Hendricks, daughter of David and Suzette Hendricks; 2nd Prize, Rikki Casa-

Left to right: Cody King, son of Mr. and Mrs. David King; Amy Roysden, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Doug Roysden; Jaime Ray, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Ray; Crystal Boone, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Galen Boone; Travis Rogers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Rogers; Shawn Michael, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike McAndrews; April Roysden, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Doug Roysden; Lana Rogers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Rogers; Patrick McElmurray, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard McElmurray; Tabitha Garrett, daughter of Ikey and Cathy Garrett; Paul King, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray King; Robin Cockran, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Cockran; Jeanette Lanford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John

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