

The Merkel Mail

Thursday, May 15, 1980...Merkel, Texas

15 cents



Lee Hines belts an RBI single for the Merkel Drug Yankees against Lambda Beta Monday in a T-Shirt game. (Staff photo)

City will underwrite Chamber's plan to build reunion shelter

Merkel City Councilmen decided to underwrite the Merkel Chamber of Commerce's plan to build a reunion shelter at the Merkel City Park.

Council voted Thursday night to commit a maximum of \$2,500 to pay for the construction of the 1,000 square foot shelter.

Merkel Chamber of Commerce officials told council they only wanted a guarantee on a 60 to 90 day note for \$2,500. The Chamber has started selling donation tickets that are to pay for the structure, and told council that if the Chamber did not come up with the money for the shelter from proceeds of their 4th of July Fun Day, that the Chamber would repay the city any money they would have to come up with to meet the note. The funds to guarantee the construction will come from federal revenue sharing money.

The City held their public hearing on revenue sharing plans for the July 1980-81 money. City Manager J.A. Sadler told council that if President Carter's proposal for revenue sharing funds goes through Congress, that the city can expect a three per cent increase in revenue sharing money over last year and the city projects income of \$28,561 for the year. That money will be used to buy two police cars, as well as two dump trucks for the city street department.

Sadler also told council that the city planned to purchase two used cars for police work once a year so they may keep away from maintenance and upkeep costs on the patrol cars. The city purchased two cars last summer and plan to sell those cars this summer. He said the city definitely needs vehicles for the street department because they only have two in the department, and last week they were both in the shop being repaired.

Council also discussed, but tabled water sales to contract haulers. Sadler told council of the city of Sweetwater's plans to halt sales to water hauler and Sadler said, when and if that happens, we will be flooded with people who want to purchase water from us. Water hauling contractors pay \$1.50 for each 1,000 gallons of water they purchase. Councilman Jerry Byrd suggested that the city look into pre-contracting water sales, to eliminate billing problems.

The city also decided to bite the bullet on a ten per cent increase in water rates from the city of Abilene.

Beginning May 1st, Merkel will be charged 46 cents per 1,000 gallons of water, the old charge was 42 cents. Council voted to have the city pay for the increase and to not pass along the increase to water customers.

Merkel Emergency Medical Service Director Vernon Wade appeared before council to get a policy on using the ambulance on out of town service. The Armadillo Racetrack asked the Merkel Ambulance to stand by last Saturday at their races and Wade was trying to get a policy from council on whether or not the equipment could be taken to a non-service area.

Council decided to leave those decisions up to Wade and his association.

Council also discussed and tabled a decision on a change in the city judges' hours.

The city judge now has one office day a week and council is seeking to increase the hours the judge will hold court, or to make provisions with Taylor County J.P. Henry Guenther to take over the city judge post.

The city paid bills totaling \$25,000 and has a bank balance in checking and savings of about \$43,000 after those bills were paid.

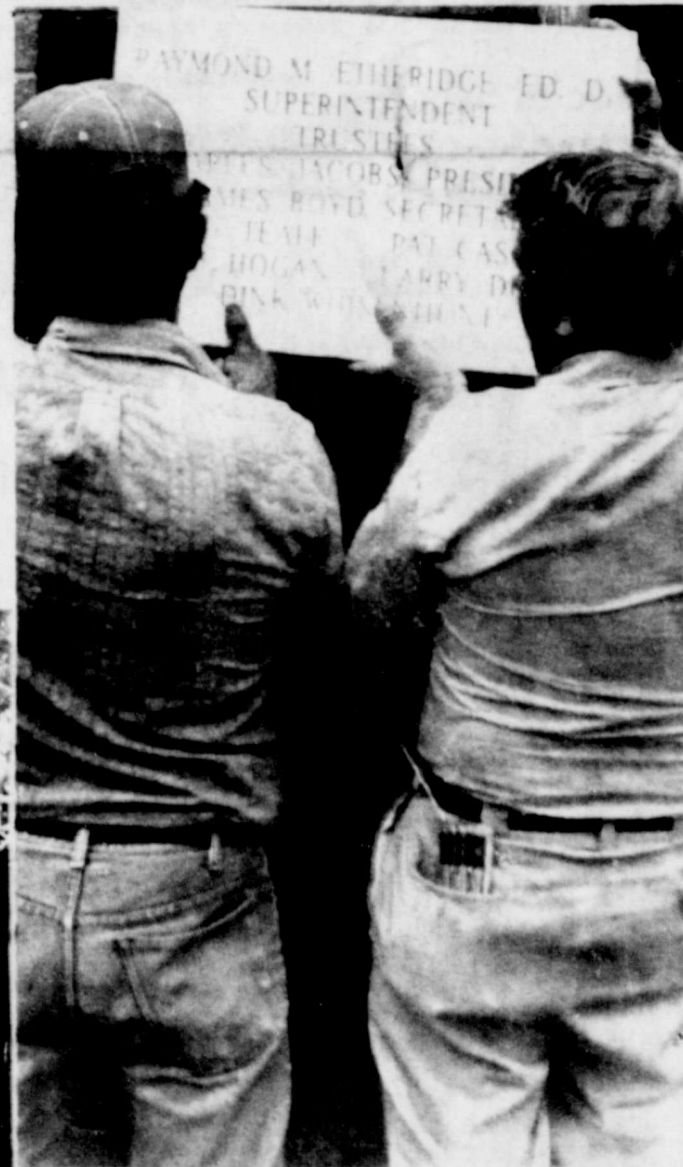
Cornerstone installed in Thursday ceremony

The Merkel Masonic Lodge held formal dedication ceremonies for a cornerstone donated by them at ceremonies at the new Merkel High School Friday.

The Merkel lodge donated a stone, cut in Georgia that had the Masonic emblem, as well as the current administration and board members names.

The stone was set in the Friday ceremonies, led by Masonic Grand Master Sam E. Hillburn.

Other Masons participating in the ceremony included H.C. Robason, Buddy Killion, Walter Harris, Ben Wiggam, Roy Mashburn, Ted Pargament, Hayden Reeves, Pete Morgan, A.B. Parham, R.O. Payne, Glenn and David Robertson, Ed Jones and Peck Eager.



Workers place the cornerstone at the new Merkel High School in ceremonies last Thursday. The stone was donated by the Merkel Masonic Lodge. (Staff photo)

Chamber's 4th of July Fun Day taking shape, money for shelter being raised

Plans for the Merkel Chamber of Commerce's Fun Day on July 4th are shaping up.

Plans call for the day to include entertainment beginning at ten p.m. and Ray Pack will be the talent coordinator. He has indicated that the original Halfbreed Band will make an appearance at the festival.

Martha Sue Justice and Emma Lois Shugart are heads of the Chamber's special events committee and they have already received pledges from various Merkel and Trent clubs and organizations for food booths, games, vegetable tables and have included a farm equipment auction.

The Chamber is taking donations for 25 cents each

and for the donation, persons may sign their name and address on a ticket, making them eligible for prizes that will be offered by local merchants.

The ticket proceeds are to fund the construction of a reunion shelter at the city park.

The shelter will have 1,000 square feet and will be located just off Ash Street in the park. The shelter will be a painted metal building and will be built with volunteer labor, which chamber manager Benny Melton says, we will need plenty of.

Melton also said the fund raising event would be a good opportunity for everyone in the community to get involved in. Donation tickets and further information on the fund-raiser are available at the Chamber office.

Ouch! Gasoline price increases by ten cents today

by Cloy A. Richards

Today is the day for that new ten cent a gallon gasoline tax to hit the pumps. The tax is designed to force conservation by making the gas more expensive, and to hold down imported oil.

The new tax seems, to me anyway, to be designed to keep summer driving down, with the timing of the increase. You certainly can't say it was a political move. President Carter is in enough trouble with some of the voters without adding any new burdens on the common folks.

That new tax increase will also not effect everyone in the same way. I don't need to tell you that the price of gasoline has now become down-right ridiculous. The average wage earner is not able to stretch his already out-of-shape paycheck anymore.

There was an ad in the Abilene paper Sunday supported by a few Abilene businesses that called for people to write their Congressional representatives concerning the new tax. It is a tax that was levied by the President and not voted on in Congress. Cards and letters may not obtain a reversal of the tax, but they will dang sure let some folks in D.C. know that you aren't too tickled with the new price of gas.

The Mail has jumped on the Chamber of Commerce's bandwagon for their upcoming 4th of July Fun Day by donating tickets and a prize in their donation drive.

The way this thing will work is: The Chamber will

be selling donations at 25 cents a shot, and purchasers may, if they like, sign their name and address on the tickets. That signature will make you eligible for prizes that will be drawn July 4th. You won't have to be present to win, but you also won't want to miss out on the Fun Day.

The Mail has already pledged two prizes, first place will be \$10 and consolation will be a lifetime subscription to the Mail. We encourage our merchants in the area to come through with their donations and Martha Sue Justice at the Chamber and Emma Lois Shugart are in charge of the event. The money earned from ticket sales will go to the construction of a reunion shelter at the city park. Start buying those tickets at a quarter a shot.

An impressive group of flyers will be at Dyess Saturday, the Air Force Thunderbirds.

Many of you have seen their demonstration before and will agree that it is never a bad show.

The Dyess Air Force Base Open House is set for 1:30 Saturday and it will give you a chance to see how those men in blue spend some of your money.

The base has displays and demonstrations scheduled throughout the day and the kids are especially welcomed to attend.

The last rain dance you performed must have worn out so it is time to get out the moccasins and do another jig for rain.



Masonic Grand Master Sam E. Hillburn prepares some mortar for placement of a cornerstone donated to the school by the Merkel Masonic Lodge. The ceremonies were held at the new high school Thursday. (Staff photo)

Homecoming group meets today

The Merkel Homecoming Association has planned a meeting for 5 p.m. today (Thursday) at the Big Country Inn.

Anyone interested in

helping the Merkel Homecoming Association plan next fall's event is encouraged to attend.

The meeting is scheduled to start at 5 p.m.

Six cases of parvovirus reported by local vet

Six cases of parvovirus in dogs which the Texas Veterinary Medical Association says may be a new disease, possibly caused by a muted virus, were reported here last week according to Merkel Veterinarian Dr. Warren Dozier.

Parvovirus has been reported in near epidemic proportions in the Dallas-Ft. Worth area and the disease can be prevented with a pre-exposure vaccination.

Of the six cases diagnosed by Dr. Dozier, two of the dogs died. Initial symptoms of the disease are depression and loss of appetite, followed by feverish symptoms. This is followed by vomiting and diarrhea, and bloody diarrhea may occur.

Death can occur quickly, within as little as 14 days from exposure and veterinary care should begin immediately after noticing the symptoms and the treatment involves intravenous fluids to combat dehydration as well as intestinal relaxants to reduce vomiting. Minerals and antibiotics are also used.

Dr. Dozier said the disease can be prevented with pre-exposure vaccinations but that once the disease is in its advanced stages, it is difficult to treat.



Victor Herrera (right) is the valedictorian for the Class of 1980 and John Townsend is salutatorian. (Photo by Ruth Windsor)



The 1980-81 Merkel High cheerleaders include (top) Head cheerleader Lisa Allen (second row) Shannon Boyd, Jackie Owen, (third row) Trish Powell, Rosie Biera, Judy Castille, and Kyle Wolf (center) is the mascot. (Photo by John Townsend)



The 1980-81 Twirlers at Merkel High include: Rene Aiken (top) and (left to right) Windi Whisenhunt, Mary Fariello and Kim McCasland. (Photo by John Townsend)

MISD hires band director

MISD has a new band director following a three hour personnel session Monday night. Randy Tierce, presently band director at Hamilton High School, was hired at \$3,750 above state scale. Tierce led the Hamilton bands to their first ever Sweepstakes Award last year and is a graduate of Howard Payne University. He has also done post-graduate work at North Texas State. Tierce has also had professional radio experience

in announcing and radio commercial production and is married. He also has one child. In other personnel moves, two teachers resigned. Deborah Morgan resigned because her husband has recently completed post-graduate work at Hardin Simmons and they will be leaving the area. Andrea Fox resigned and will pursue private business. The board hired Beverly Tierce and Danna McGlothlin.

Vets being honored

Flags will be placed on all soldiers' graves here May 22 and 23 in honor of Memorial Day. Flags will also be placed on lost graves, if Kyle Crocker is contacted at 862-2301.

Social Security by phone?

People in this area can use the telephone to take care of almost any business they have with Social Security, a social security representative said recently.

Using the phone saves almost everybody time and effort, the spokesperson said. The best time to call social security is after the middle of the month. That is because social security checks are delivered early in the month and the phone lines may be tied up much of the time early in the month.

The telephone can be used to:

- Apply for social security payments, Apply for Medicare, Find out how to change your name or address on social security records, Report a change in marital status, Report a change in work or earnings, Report a lost or stolen check or delayed payment, Find out how to replace a lost or missing social security or Medicare card, Get help in completing Medicare claims forms, Get information about direct deposit of checks, Get a benefit estimate, Request a statement of earnings record, Find out if a particular health facility takes part in Medicare.

The telephone number for the Abilene Social Security Office is 698-1360 and locality is 142 South Pioneer.

Stith C&W musical

The Stith Country and Western Musical will be held Saturday night, May 17th, at 7 p.m. All area bands and musicians are invited to participate. The snack bar opens at 6 p.m. with live music. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the fun and

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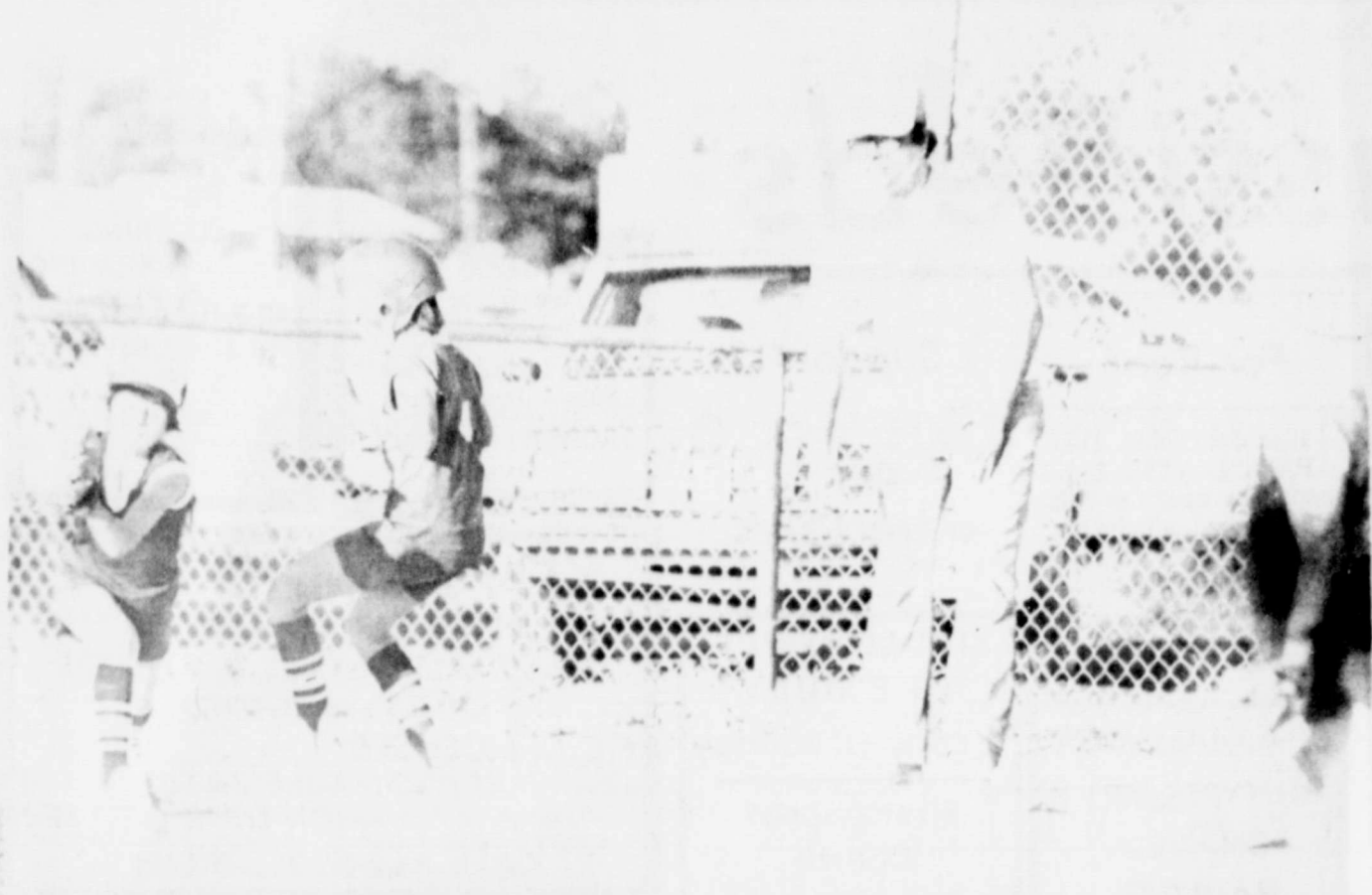


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April DuPont is out at first, by a half-step after she knocked in a run on the fielder's choice play to first.

April plays for Wylie Shamrock and their Monday opponent was United Methodist. (Staff photo)

Construction on sewer line begins June 1, Tye folks respond to needs

By Harold Boyd

Good Golly -- Another week has passed. Seems like I no more finish one and start another column. Thanks for the little rain. Can we have some more?

Your reporter will bring you up on the city council meeting that was held this past Tuesday. Some long agenda and very important reading of the animal control ordinance that will now be enforced by state law now.

On or about June 1st, H&S Contractors will move into Tye and start on the long drawn out affair of the sewer collection system. A lot of people worked hard on this over the past few years and should be commended for the tireless results. The list of names would be long but a vote of thanks should be mentioned to them. This is a step forward for Tye due to the septic conditions in Tye, this will be an expense, but the convenience and health of it will be worth it. Should you have any questions, contact city hall. They will have someone to contact you.

Visiting with candidate Kennon Law the other day, he wishes to express his sincere thanks for all the financial, moral and workers support during his bid for Precinct 1 campaign. He met a host of great people and wishes to thank them for their time in listening to him and his ideas. Again, mark your

ballot on June 7th for the run-off election of the two offices.

Ya know what's great about a town like Tye? It's their support and feeling that I witnessed this past week. Our chief of police, Joe Ruzciclo, experienced a tragedy in his family. His brother was seriously injured in Pennsylvania and Joe hasn't been home in several years. Now, making what little he does, with the cost of living like the rest of us live with, doesn't leave much at the end of the month. Within an hour, Joe has plane fare through the generous people of Tye and the Volunteer Fire Department and was heading home. The Taylor County Sheriff's Department stepped in to help a fellow officer by giving us the same coverage of protection. It's great to live in Tye regardless of our emotions or feelings of one another. When the going gets rough, the people rally around and do without to help their fellow man. We always can find the bad in any small town, but never look for the good of a town. As the saying goes "Can't see the forest for the trees." Speaking for Joe, I'm sure he was relieved and most thankful for the help and generosity shown by the people of Tye.

Going on to another week, we bid you a good week of health and happiness and thanks for reading the Mail.

Bike-A-Thon goes well

We have completed all parts of the Bike-A-Thon for St. Jude Children's Hospital and make the following report. There were twenty-one riders in the Bike-A-Thon but only eighteen of these rode and collected for their ride. Those who rode and those who will be receiving prizes are listed below. The first five finishers in boys and the first four finishers for the girls (only four girls finished) will be awarded prizes. They will be delivered soon.

No. 1. John Fred Henson; No. 2 Lynn Gregory; No. 3 Ronnie Walden; No. 4 Brandon Rice; No. 5 Dusty McLeod; No. 1 Karrie Rich; No. 2 Janna Pettit; No. 3 Kris Rich; and No. 4 Angie Marino. Others riding were David Ray, Michael Ybarra, Russell Morgan, Edwin Etheridge, Shain Burks, Kenny Deen, Marshall Gill, Eddie Biera, and Johnny Ray Thomas.

It was sort of a hectic day and if a rider was left out we would like to know about it. You might be interested in knowing that all the riders traveled over five hundred miles. We sent a check today which they brought in for \$769.09. We are very proud of these young people and thankful to them for their work. Some of the boys rode over forty miles and most of the girls rode thirty miles.

Even now there are preparations for asking St. Jude Children's Hospital to help a young person here in Merkel. It has been a pleasure to have a part in this great cause, and I want to thank Richard Hill for helping with the Bike-A-Thon. The T-shirts have been ordered and will be delivered as soon as they arrive. Thanks to all who helped, but especially the school

authorities, and Joan Reed, and Minyon Seymour.

Russell McAnally

Twirlers' bake sale

The Merkel Middle School twirlers will have a bake sale in front of Ben Franklin's Store

Saturday morning beginning at 9 a.m. Proceeds will help send the twirlers to camp.

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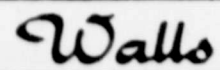
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The Trent annual sports and academic awards banquet is tonight (Thursday) at 7 p.m. at the Trent cafeteria. Awards from all sports, as well as classroom work will be presented.

Trent News

Thursday, May 15, 1980

Tips for making the swamp box work better

One of the sure ways to beat the heat this summer is to tune up your evaporative cooler before hot weather settles in.

New pads, a touch of oil and paint here and there and a quick check to see that belts are tight, the water level is right and the unit is clean are about all you need to do to insure cool inside weather on those hot summer days.

The International Metal Products Division of McGraw-Edison Company, the world's largest evaporative cooler manufacturer, recommends that homeowners who maintain their coolers follow the specific brand and model use and care manual carefully when performing the work.

If maintenance work is not your cup of tea, your local air conditioning contractor will be happy to perform routine maintenance work for you.

International Metal Products Division produces TrimCool and Arctic Circle, Wright, Alpine and Universal brand coolers from its manufacturing plant in Phoenix for national and international residential, commercial, industrial, and agricultural markets.

Be sure all power to the evaporative cooler is disconnected before beginning your maintenance tasks. It is also a good idea to wear shoes with non-slip soles if you will be working on the roof. And never drain water on a roof. Instead, use a hose to drain water to the ground or rain gutter. Wear gloves when handling cooler pads.

Cooler pads should be changed at least twice each year—at the beginning and midway through the season. In areas where mineral content in the water is high pads might need to be changed more often. Mineral deposits could build up on the pads to restrict water and air flows.

When changing pads, carefully remove all pad frame retainers. Wash dirt and scale from the cooler pad frames with a mild detergent and rinse with fresh water. If you use McGraw-Edison's Microglas filters with your cooler, clean with a fine spray of water. A strong blast of water will damage the filter.

Pre-soak each pad and lay in the frame, starting at the trough end. Make sure the pads are snug against the trough and outer edges. Pad thickness should be uniform across the frame. Each pad must also completely fill each frame. Pad retainers should lock under the edges of the frame and the sharp points buried in the pads.

After installing the new pre-soaked pads, start the pump and allow troughs to fill. Then check the water levels in the troughs by slightly tilting each pad frame out.

Each time you inspect your cooler be sure to check the belt tension on the motor-blower assembly. Replace the belt if it is frayed or appears damaged. At the same time check the alignment of the blower and motor pulleys.

Blower shaft bearings will need lubrication every two or three months under normal use. Fill the oil cups on the blower shaft with a good grade SAE 20 or 30-weight oil. Do not over oil. Pump and blower motors do not require lubrication.

Your cooler pump also needs periodic cleaning. With the power supply to the cooler unplugged, disconnect the pump from the switch and remove. Remove the impeller base plate from the pump body

by carefully releasing the four snap-out tabs. Wash all deposits from the inside, around the impeller and base plate with a mild detergent solution. Then rinse, re-install impeller and base plate and replace pump.

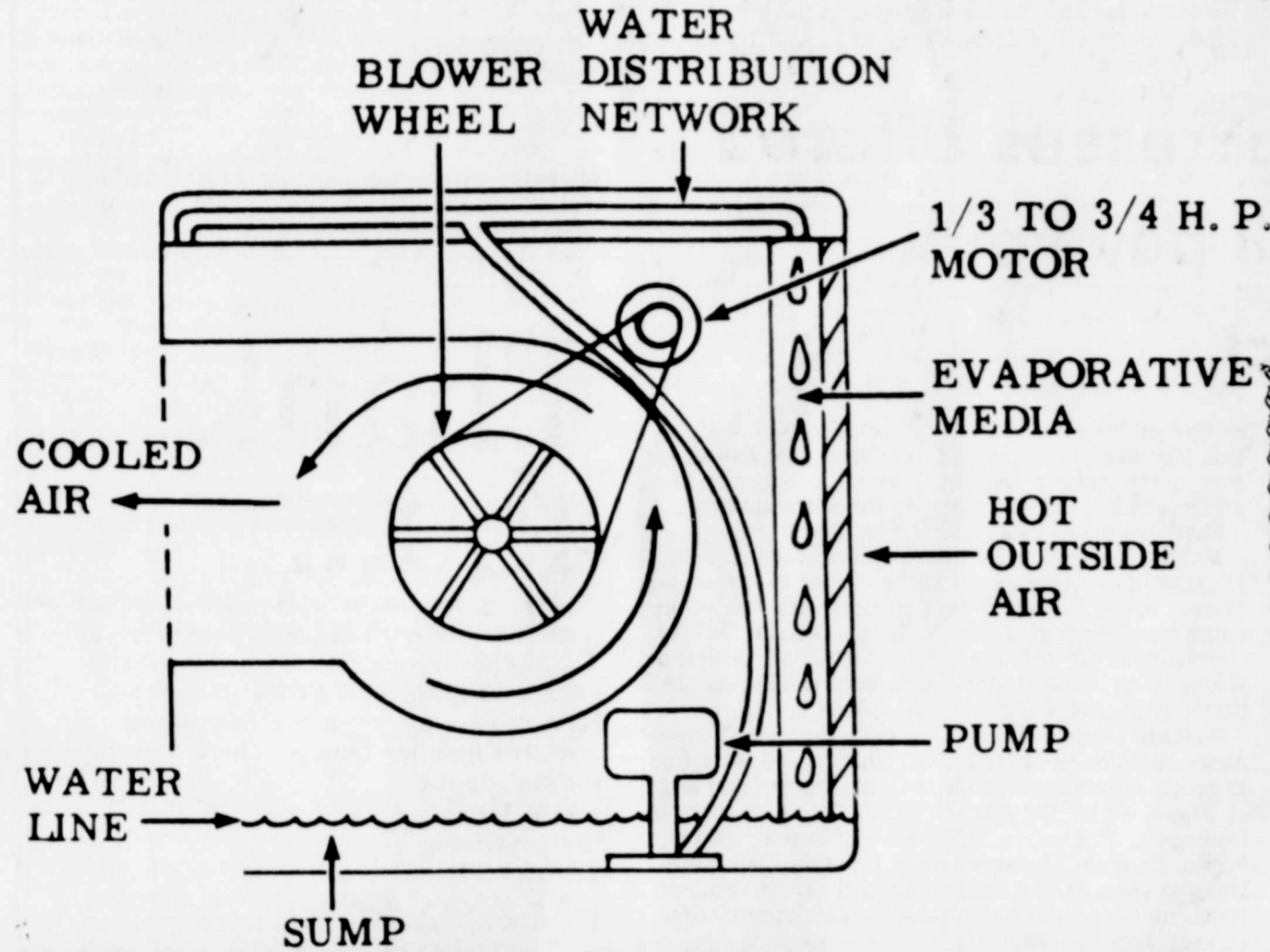
Never wash your cooler's cabinet with a garden hose because water could harm the motor and pump, or seep into the ductwork.

Clean the cabinet with power off and frames

removed. Connect a drain hose to the drain fitting on the bottom of the reservoir. Then remove the standpipe from the drain fitting, drain and clean. Do not drain water onto the roof.

Bare metal spots should be retouched with a good grade paint or rust inhibitor when necessary. Cabinet and internal parts should be primed and painted and the reservoir interior should be coated with an asphalt base paint.

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Trent holds FFA-FHA awards banquet

The annual Trent FFA-FHA Banquet was held Tuesday, April 29th at 7 p.m. at the Trent Cafeteria.

Winners of the agricultural awards were as follows: Sheep production award went to Debbie Jackson, daughter of Ms. Brenda Jackson; swine production award went to Lloyd Williams Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Williams; crops proficiency award went to Eddie Adams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Adams; chapter farmer award went to Danny Freeman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Freeman. Danny also won DeKalb Agricultural Achievement

award. The Agricultural Honorary Member for FFA went to Mr. Owen O'Kelly, a special appreciation plaque was presented to Mike Ray, chapter advisor.

Home economics department awards went to Pam Massey and Sharon Jackson were recognized for level 1 Encounter recognition. The Home Economics Academic award went to Kim Richardson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Richardson, and the FHA officer award went to Leslie Masonheimer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Masonheimer. The FHA honorary member was Mrs. Janie McGlothlin.

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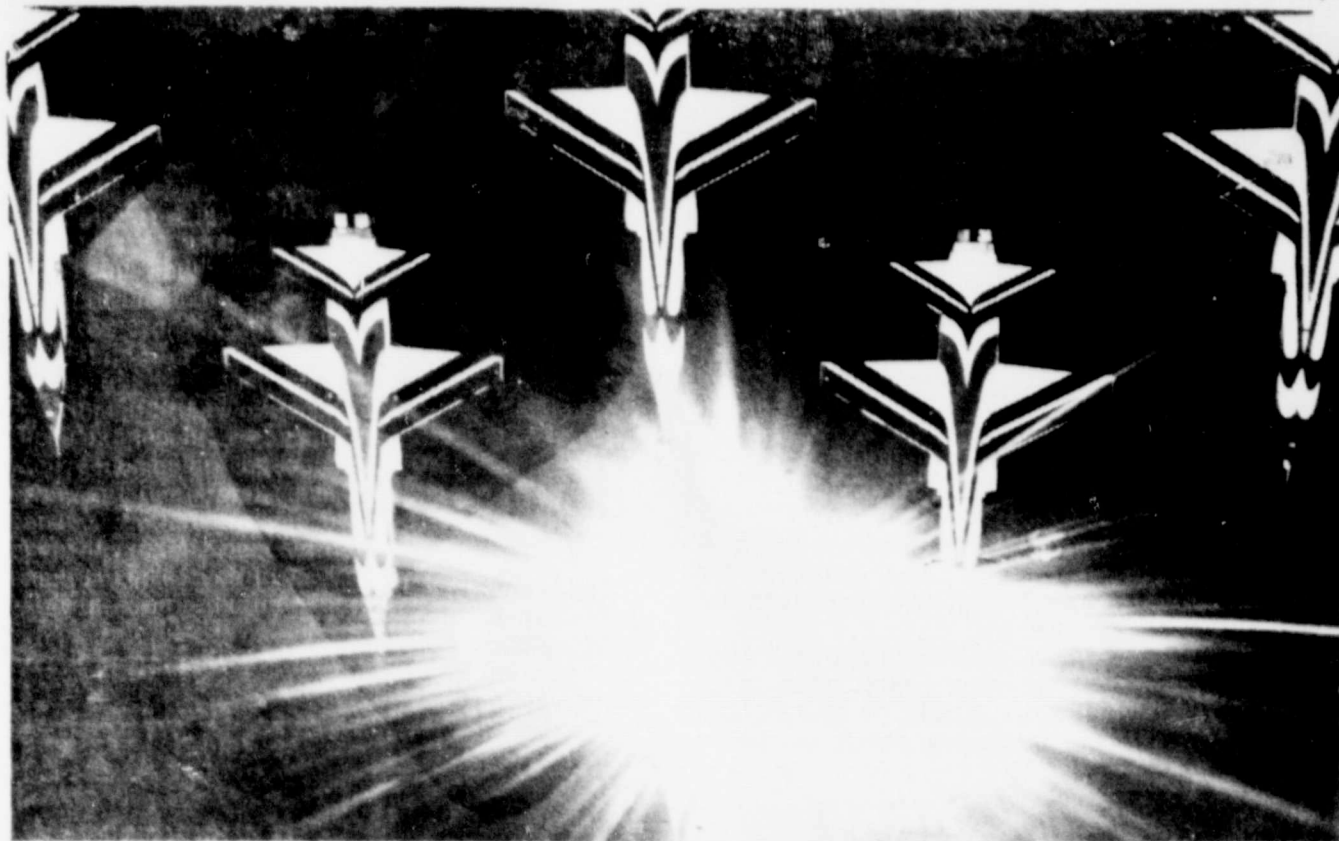
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the Thunderbird formation call for the planes to fly as little as 9 feet apart. Other military aircraft will be on display and the event is open to the public. The Open House will get underway at 10 a.m. (U.S. Air Force Photo)



Michelle Dudley of Lambda Beta belts one in Monday's game against Allen-Cypert in a Monday United Girls' Softball game. (Staff photo)

Lou B. Gray, 79

Lou B. Gray, 79, of Merkel, died at 3:45 p.m. Monday at a local nursing center after a long illness. Services were at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Merkel Church of Christ, directed by Starbuck Funeral Home.

Larry Gill, minister, officiated. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Born July 1, 1900, in Limestone County, she had moved to Abilene in 1927 and had lived in

this area since then. She was a member of the Church of Christ. She married Rex T. Gray March 1, 1919, in Coolidge.

He died Dec. 4, 1954.

Survivors include a son, Doyle R. of Abilene; two daughters, Fannelle Boney of Merkel and Lou Dale Sears of Abilene; a sister, Mrs. T.G. (Mae) Hamilton of Mexia; three grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

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husband promoted

GRAND FORKS, N.D. Bobbie L. Holder, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Holder of 1708 15th Ave., Tampa, Fla., has been promoted in the U.S. Air Force to the rank of staff sergeant.

Sergeant Holder is a security specialist at Grand Forks Air Force Base, here.

He is a 1974 graduate of Leto High School, Tampa.

His wife, Joyce, is the daughter of Enice Smith of Merkel, Texas.

Energy payments available

The Community Action Program on 720 Pine Street has received additional funding for the "Energy Crisis Assistance program, 1980". The E.C.A.P. program is designed to help families who experience energy needs due to the direct result of the high cost of utility bills. Counties include Taylor, Haskell, Jones, Throckmorton, and Shackelford.

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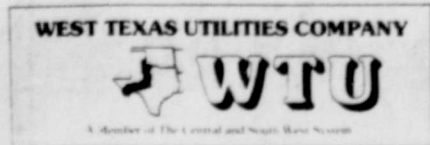


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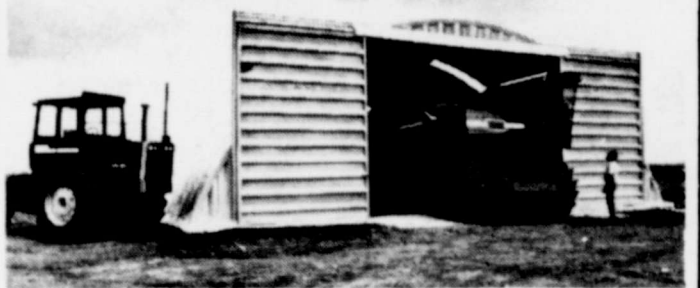
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Little league in full swing here

By Ronny Powell

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Teams and coaches this year include the Supers, sponsored by Carson's Supermarket, coached by Obie Coker, Teddy Hallford and John Lucky. The Willies, sponsored by Taylor Electric are coached by Bud Oler, Aury Roys and Tommy Ham. The Braves are sponsored by Farmers Union Insurance and are coached by Billy Riley and J.T. Narron. The Killowatts are sponsored by WTU and their coaches are Earl Laird, Ken McCasland and Lee Yaddow. The Bankers, sponsored by the Farmers and Merchants National Bank are coached by Richard Hernandez, Raymond Moreno and Tony Trevino Sr.

The Vets are sponsored by the VFW and are coached by Connie Mack Seymore and Gary Smith.

So far, the standings show the Supers at 3-1, Killowatts 2-1, Braves 2-2, and the Bankers, Vets and Willies are 1-2.

The first home run of the season came when Benjamin Beaver sent one over the wall Friday in the Vets-Bankers game.

The president of the Merkel Little League is Jimmy Leverich and the vice president is Ronny Doan. Scorekeepers are Randy Leverich and Ronny Powell and Teddy Hawk. The umpires are from the Abilene Umpire Association.

Games are held Tuesday, Thursday and Friday beginning at 6 and 8 p.m.

Concessions are available at the park.

Annual staff presents awards, recognition

The Merkel High annual staff held their award announcements and annual presentations Friday.

The 1980 annual was dedicated to Merkel High teacher Richard Hill. Merkel High students obviously agreed with the selection as Mr. Hill received a standing ovation when the dedication was announced.

Other student awards included Chris Cox as Mr. MHS and Shannon Bagby was named Miss MHS.

Best All Around awards went to Shannon Bagby

and Victor Hererra, Sherry Ascencio and Victor Herrera were named most likely to succeed.

The editor of the yearbook, Christie Brady was named as most valuable annual staff member.

Class favorites were also named. They include Chris Cox and Shannon Bagby as senior favorites, Dusty Barnhill and June Adair as junior favorites, James Goode and D.W. Best as sophomore favorites and Lorne Sloan and Darla Gartman were named freshman favorites.

M-T softball league schedule offered

Following is a schedule for the Merkel-Trent Girls Softball League for this season.

May 26-8:30-Abilene So. vs M&T-at Merkel

June 2-8:30-Abilene So. vs M&T-at Merkel

June 5-8:30-Abilene So. vs M&T-at Merkel

June 9-8:30-Abilene So. vs M&T-at Sweetwater

June 12-8:30-Sweetwater vs M&T-at Merkel

June 13-8:30-Abilene So. vs M&T-at Merkel

June 17-8 p.m.-Sweetwater vs M&T-at Sweetwater

June 23-7:30-Sweetwater vs M&T-at Merkel.

The Slow Pitch Tournament sponsored by Merkel-Trent League will be June 19, 20, 21 & 22.

Lambda Beta sponsors pre-screening clinic

Lambda Beta sponsored a high blood pressure and diabetes pre-screening clinic last week at United Savings and drew a good crowd, according to the ladies.

Volunteers and technicians from the Taylor County

Health Department conducted the screening. Results from the tests were forwarded to the individuals' doctor.

There was no charge for the clinic and Lambda Beta hopes to make the clinic an annual affair.

The clinic was held at United Savings here.

Griffin gets PHD

Odus Hayden Griffin, Jr. is to receive his Doctorate in Engineering Mechanics on June 7th from Virginia Polytechnic Institute. Hayden is a 1966 graduate of Merkel High School. He got his BA in Mechanical Engineering from Texas Tech in 1970 and his Masters in 1971.

He went to Dalghren, Virginia, where he was employed as a civil service worker in the Weapon's Laboratory at

Dalghren Naval Base. He has been employed by B.F. Goodrich Tire Co. since November, 1979 in Akron, Ohio.

He and his wife, the former Soudra Jo Reed of Colonial Beach, Virginia, have two children Odus Hayden III and Angelo Jo. They now live in Mogadore, Ohio, a suburb of Akron.

Hayden is the son of Mrs. O.H. Griffin, Sr. and the late O.H. Griffin Sr. of Merkel.

Lambda Beta meets

Lambda Beta chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met May 6th at the home of Chera Hohertz.

Program Review was given by Annette Clark.

Plans were made for the final meeting of the year. The meeting will be held at the Pleasantville Community Center at 7 p.m. May 20th.

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

Goodman Club meets

Goodman Extension Homemakers Club met in the home of Mrs. Cal McAninch May 9, 1980.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Amy Price. Mrs. May Seago led in prayer. Recreation was led by Mrs. Jennings Winter.

Business was conducted as usual. Rally Day will be May 21st at the Activity Center in Anson. All members were urged to attend.

The members also discussed putting up a quilt in the home of Mrs. David Carter.

Mrs. Nancy Wilburn (county extension agent) gave a very interesting program on gardening. She told of when to plant things, different insects and how to control them.

Refreshments were served to: Mrs. Mae Seago, Mrs. Amy Price, Mrs. Dan Butler, Mrs. Iome Adams, Mrs. Cal McAninch, Mrs. Nancy Wilburn, Mrs. Donna Carter.

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Administration upon the Estate of Mary Ruth Norwood Likins, Deceased, were issued to the undersigned on the 5th day of May, 1980, in the proceeding indicated below which is still pending, and that I now hold such letters. All persons having claims against said estate are required to present the same within the time prescribed by law. My post office address is:

Edward Wentreck, Sr., 1401 Minter, Abilene, Texas 79603 Administrator and Administrator With Will annexed of the Estate of Mary Ruth Norwood Likins, Deceased, Cause No. 14,489, in the County Court of Taylor County, Texas.

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NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF VICTOR S. SCHULTZ, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the

Estate of VICTOR S. SCHULTZ were issued on April 11, 1980, in Cause No. 14570, pending in the County Court of Taylor County, Texas, to: FRANCES R. SCHULTZ, ROBERT W. SCHULTZ and FRED J. SCHULTZ.

The residence of such Executor is Taylor County, Texas. The post office address is:

Gary L. Hacker, WHITTEN, HAAG, COBB & HACKER P.O. Box 208

Abilene, Texas 79604

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED the 9th day of May, 1980.

Frances R. Schultz
Robert W. Schultz
Fred J. Schultz
By: Gary L. Hacker,
Attorney for the Estate
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Frazier-Lindy engaged

Mr. and Mrs. Elby Frazier are announcing the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Sherry, to Mr. Billy Dee Lindy of Sweetwater. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill M. Lindy. He attended Sweetwater High School and is employed by Bullock Electric Company of Sweetwater.

Sherry is a 1979 graduate of Merkel High School. She is employed at Abilene Cattle Seeders.

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EPA 17 City Hwy 29

LTD'S

SAVE \$900 ON...

EPA 23 City Hwy 38
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SAVE

\$1200 ON...

EPA 17 City Hwy 29
EPA 19 City Hwy 28

SAVE

\$600 ON...

EPA 23 City Hwy 38
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THUNDERBIRD 2 DOOR SEDANS GRANADA

FAIRMONT
MUSTANG
PINTO

BIG SAVING BUYS



LOOK! You get extra B-I-G BUYS and extra LOW PRICES like THESE - EVERY day - AT CARSON'S This means MORE CASH SAVINGS on MORE fine foods when you do ALL your marketing here. Come prove it! Fill your cart with all your favorite foods and look at the LOW TOTAL of your order! WOW! You'll quickly realize our STOREWIDE LOW PRICES and many BIG SAVING BUYS make food bills smaller EVERY time - ALL THE TIME!

PRICES GOOD Thurs-Fri-Sat May 15-16-17 STORE HOURS 7:30 Am-6:30 PM MON thru SAT

CREAMY CRISCO
3 LB CAN \$1.73

WITH 10.00 IN TRADE OR MORE EXCLUSIVE OF CIGARETTES

HAIR SPRAY 7.5 OZ CAN
WHITE RAIN 89¢

MAKE FOOD BILLS SMALLER

Tooth Paste
PEPSODENT
6.5 OZ Tube 89¢
Save 70¢

BAMA 16 OZ
RED PLUM JAM JAR 83¢

12 OZ CAN
COCA COLA
6 FOR \$1.29

BIRDSEYE FROZEN FOODS
COOL WHIP 8 OZ TUB 69¢

TOPPING
DREAM WHIP 6 OZ BOX \$1.29

BEST MAID WHOLE SOUR OR DILL
PICKLES QT 89¢

BETTY CROCKER
Stir AND Frost
CAKE MIX ASSORTED BOX 93¢

MRS GOODCOOKIE BOX \$1.09
COOKIES ASSORTED
AUNT JEMIMA WAFFLES 15 OZ BOX 89¢
BANQUET EXCLUSIVE OF BEEF & MEAT LOAF T.V. DINNERS PKG 69¢
BANQUET APPLE OR PEACH FRUIT PIES 20 OZ EA 69¢

KRAFT SLICED SINGLE
CHEESE 8 OZ PKG 93¢

AUNT JEMIMA COMPLETE
PANCAKE MIX 2 LB BOX 93¢

PIONEER
BISCUIT MIX 2 LB BOX \$1.09

PRINGLE
POTATO CHIPS TWIN PACK 93¢

LIBBYS VIENNA
SAUSAGE 9 OZ CAN 79¢

HUNT 300
PEARS HALVES CAN 2 FOR 53¢

COFFEE MARYLAND CLUB 1 LB CAN \$2.69
FLOUR GOLD MEDAL 5 LB BAG 89¢

TEA BAGS \$1.59
FAMILY 24 CT BOX
TIDE DETERGENT KING SIZE \$2.49

MEADOLAKE SOFT
OLEO LB TUB 53¢

WHITE HOUSE 303
APPLE SAUCE 2 FOR 79¢

LIBBYS 303 CUT
GREEN BEANS 2 FOR 73¢

HUNT 300
SPINACH 2 FOR 73¢

SUNSHINE 303
TURNIPS & TURNIP GREENS 2 FOR 69¢

OUR DARLING 303 C.S.
GOLDEN CORN 2 FOR 69¢

VAN CAMP NO. 2 CAN
PORK & BEANS 2 FOR 89¢

HI-C DRINK 46 OZ CAN 63¢

KEN-L-RATION DOG FOOD BEEF & LIVER TENDER
CHUNK 5 LB BAG \$1.59

1 G DAIRY FRESH
LOWFAT MILK GAL JUG \$2.05

1 G DAIRY FRESH
HOMO MILK GAL JUG \$2.09

FOREMOST COTTAGE
CHEESE 16 OZ TUB 98¢

FRENCH
MUSTARD 24 OZ JAR 69¢

HORMEL
CANNED HAM
a Truly Great Buy for Great Eating



GOOCH BR HOT
LINKS POUND \$1.19

COOKED BONELESS
3 LB CAN \$5.99

FOREMOST BUTTER MILK 1/2 GAL CRTN 98¢
MEDICATED SHAMPOO
TEGRIN LIQUID 3.75 OZ \$1.29



FRESH
LETTUCE POUND 33¢

ARMOUR STAR BEEF OR REG 12 OZ
FRANKS \$1.09

ARMOUR STAR POUND
BACON \$1.29

GOOCH BR SIRLOIN LB
STEAK \$2.39

FRESH LEAN
GROUND BEEF LB \$1.69

GOOCH BR GERMAN STYLE
SAUSAGE PKG \$1.39

GOOCH BR T-BONE \$3.09
OSCAR MAYER
BOLOGNA 8 OZ PKG 98¢

TOWELS
ZEE ROLL 63¢



LIQUID
IVORY GIANT BOTTLE 93¢
SOFTNER
BOUNCE 20 CT BOX 89¢

SUNKIST LARGE SIZE
ORANGES LB 29¢

FRESH
CUCUMBERS 2 FOR 33¢

FLORIDA RED
GRAPEFRUIT LB 25¢

FRESH
BELL PEPPER 2 FOR 49¢

GOLDEN DELICIOUS
APPLES LB 49¢

RUSSET NO 1
SPUDS 10 LB BAG 98¢

BROASTED CHICKEN
WE TAKE CALL IN ORDERS 8 PIECES FEEDS 4

WE GIVE GIFT BOND STAMPS
Double on Wednesday with \$5.00 or more

WE WELCOME FOOD STAMPS
CARSON'S SUPER MARKET
MERKEL TEXAS FRESH VEGETABLES
BEST MEATS IN TOWN