

The Merkel Mail

Thursday, July 17, 1980...Merkel, Texas

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Santa Fe's 805 derails

Santa Fe's 805 freighter, heading from Sweetwater to Brownwood derailed Thursday, six miles South of Merkel at the FM 126 crossing.

Santa Fe's district maintenance supervisor, Ray Hogan told the Mail at the scene "Right now, we don't have any idea what caused the accident" but Monday, Santa Fe Regional Public Relations Director Tom Murphy said "The cause of the derailment was a defect in the ribbon-rail and cost of the accident was \$28,650.00."

Eleven cars left the tracks at approximately 3 p.m. Thursday. Two chemical car-tankers were a part of the 17 car train and were both loaded with Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) but neither car derailed.

The Merkel Volunteer Fire Department was called to the scene to put out a small grass fire started by flying sparks from the derailment.

Cars that derailed were loaded with wheat, cottonseed cake, and general cargo.

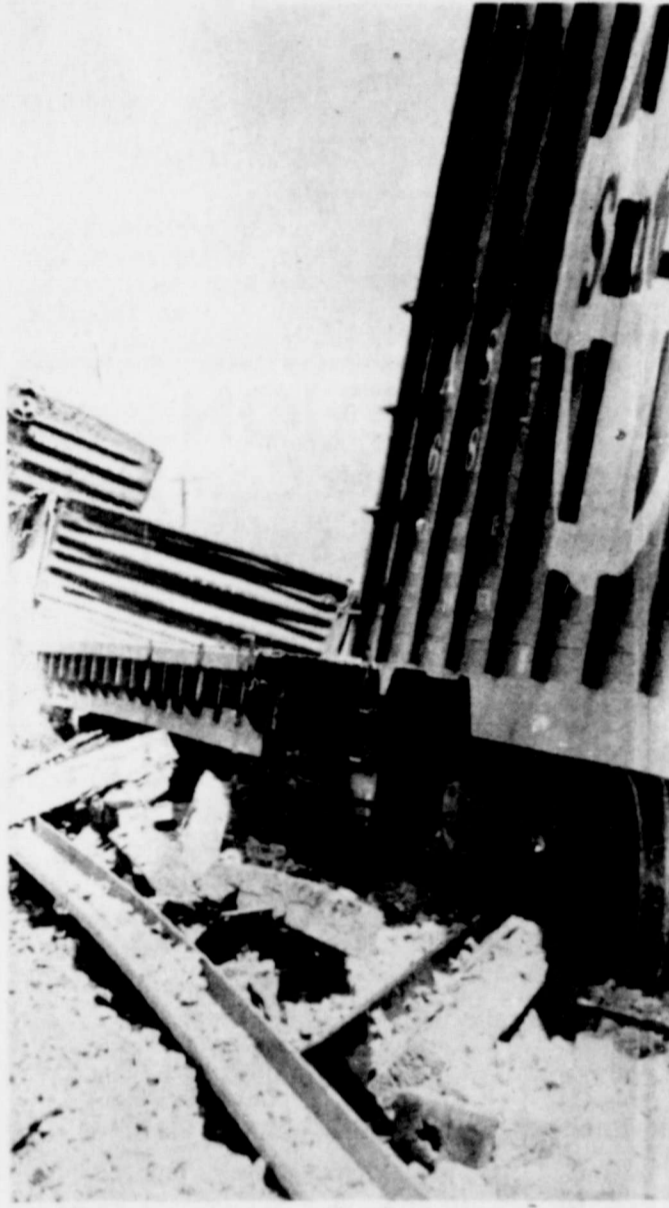
The maintenance superintendent seemed baffled at the accident. The first two cars behind the engine stayed on the track, the next three cars jumped the track, the next 4 stayed on, and the next eight cars left the track.

Hogan said "having spots between cars that leave the track during a derailment is not all that uncommon but what is strange about this accident is that it occurred on a straight stretch of track, and a part of the line that is in better shape than any main line in this State."

Santa Fe crews had completely worked a stretch of the track between Merkel and Sweetwater just six months ago and Thursday's derailment tore up one quarter of a mile of that track.

Santa Fe dispatched heavy equipment and about 35 men from the Brownwood Yard Thursday afternoon and service was restored to the line after the accident.

The accident comes just short of four months since the last derailment in here. Santa Fe's 508 freighter derailed March 23rd six miles South of Merkel and two miles east of the sight of Thursday's accident.



About one-quarter mile of track was damaged when Santa Fe's 805 freighter derailed six miles south of Merkel Thursday. Santa Fe crews worked through the night to get the track repaired and back in operation Friday.

Board sets budget workshop

MISD board members set an Aug. 12 budget workshop and learned the district's evaluation had climbed to just over \$48 million at their monthly meeting Tuesday night.

Superintendent Dr. Raymond Etheridge gave the \$48 million figure as a rough estimate. The 1979-80 evaluation was set at just over \$40 million. The increase in the evaluation was mainly attributed to an increase in costs of oil and gas.

The superintendent said rough budget estimates call for a \$1.9 million operating budget for the 1980-81 school year and that early budget work indicates the district may be \$100,000 short on a \$1.9 million budget.

The superintendent added "There is one good picture, we did not budget any money rebated from the state because of lost revenues for homestead, over 65 and ag land use exemptions."

He added "The board has some very difficult decisions to make over the next month and I suggest that you hold a budget workshop so you can get a closer look at the financial situation."

The tax rate hearing was also set and is scheduled from 7 to 8 p.m. Aug. 19. Tax rate hearings are designed to allow the public a chance to air their views concerning the district's budget.

The current budget was amended \$2,500 Tuesday night. If a school district over-spends its budget in any particular category, the budget must be amended.

The board also decided to retain the tax on automobiles. The board had tabled that resolution at their June meeting but decided unanimously to keep the tax. The tax brought in \$18,000 in revenues to the district last year.

Board members also learned that the current strike by a painting union is going to add to delays for the completion of the new high school. Maintenance supervisor Hayden Reeves told the board that the Middle School Gym, the Multi-Purpose room and the vo-ag center are ready for use. He also said the painter's strike is entering its third week and that only a couple of workers have crossed the picket line at the new high school since the strike began.

Haney and Sivley Construction will not have to pay the \$100 a day late charge on days lost due to the strike. Dr. Etheridge added "It looks as though we won't be starting school this fall in the new high school."

The board also learned Tuesday night that no bids were received on the football field lighting project.

Advertisement for bids were printed in the Mail, as well as the Abilene and Sweetwater papers. An Abilene firm had earlier expressed interest in the job. Dr. Etheridge said "I am real sorry that we could not get the new lights in place. We will just have to fix and replace the existing lights and see if we can legally negotiate with a contractor for the lights."

Other board actions included:
+ Sent a letter of appreciation to Henderson Grain for their donation and application of fertilizer for the football field.
+ Learned that teachers aides and educational

secretaries will have to be certified during the 1980-81 school year.

+ Paid bills totaling \$193,117.

+ Accepted a resignation of JoAnn Gardner.

The board's next scheduled meeting is the budget workshop on August 12. The August monthly meeting is scheduled for the 19th.

Stith musical set

The Stith Country Western Musical will be July 19th at Stith Community Center at 7:30 p.m. Carl Westfall and

the Southern Drifters from Big Springs will be there and all other bands, singers and musicians are invited to come.

Compere cemetery working

A cemetery working has been scheduled for the Compere Community Cemetery July 19th. Work will get started at 9 a.m. and lunch will

be served at the cemetery's tabernacle. Anyone interested is invited to come and are asked to bring a covered dish for lunch.

Struck line causes blackout

A partial blackout of Merkel occurred at 12:35 p.m. Sunday when a truck hit a West Texas Utility down guide at the Merkel Restaurant.

The truck hit a down guide, a band that is used to keep power lines tight, and caused the

blackout. All but six West Texas Utilities customers had their power restored in 37 minutes, according to Glenn Teaff of the Merkel WTU office.

Those six were without power for three hours while WTU crews made repairs.

Beaver fires 1 hitter, Merkel downs Anson 3-1, play tonight

Benjamin Beaver fired a one-hitter Tuesday night as the Merkel Little League All-Stars stayed alive in the Area 2 tournament being held in Abilene by downing Anson 3-1.

Merkel will again face Winters Thursday night at 7:30 in a rematch. Winters squeaked by the Merkel All-Stars Monday.

Merkel's two run rally in the last inning spelled doom for the Anson club, last year's defending champions. In the sixth, Sean Woodard belted an infield single, Britt Pursley followed with a single, Kevin Mitchell knocked in Woodard with a sacrifice and Pursley scored on a balk.

If Merkel wins Thursday, they will face Ballinger Friday at 7:30. If Merkel also wins that game, the championship game, again against Ballinger will be played Saturday night.

All-Stars downed by Winters, 10-9

A two run Merkel rally in the last inning fell one run short for Merkel Little League All-Stars as they lost their first round to Winters 10-9 in Abilene's Sears Park.

Leading the hitting attack for the Merkel All-Stars were Todd Yaddow and Sean Woodard, with three hits apiece. Woodard and Britt Pursley each drove in two runs.

Winters jumped off to a 5-0 lead as two key Merkel errors allowed three of those runs after Merkel pitcher Woodard struck out the first two batters.

Merkel made a come back in the third with four runs, making the score 7-5 and tied the game in the fifth 7-7.

The last inning was a dandy with Winters adding three runs and Merkel scoring twice.

Winters scored their two runs on singles in the fifth. Merkel put on a valiant effort in the last of the fifth inning, but left the tying run stranded on second.

Yaddow and Woodard opened the inning with singles and, with runners on second and third, Kevin Mitchell knocked in Yaddow with a sacrifice fly, then Pursley belted a double, scoring Woodard.

Pursley, the tying run in scoring position went no further as Winters pitcher Brett Gray struck out the last two Merkel batters.

June rebate drops

Merkel's rebate of the one per cent optional sales tax dropped this month, as compared to last June's total as the city received a check for \$1,352.00. Merkel's rebates are running four per cent ahead of the pace of last year.

In 1980, Merkel has received \$22,207.04, compared to \$21,217.19 at the same time last year.

Tye is maintaining an 11 percent increase for the year. Tye's June check was \$2,772.15 and Tye has been rebated \$22,837.28 so far this year.

Texas cities shared in \$25 million for their share of the one per cent Comptroller's Office. The release also said statewide rebates are running 20 per cent ahead of last year's pace.

The one per cent sales tax is collected by merchants with the state sales tax and is rebated on a monthly basis by the Comptroller's office.

Council tables LSG rate request

The Merkel City Council tabled a rate increase request from Lone Star Gas and decided to take up the rest of the tab, for now, for building expenses from the new Reunion Shelter at the City Park, Thursday night.

Lone Star is seeking a 10.34 per cent rate increase and district manager Martha Harmon told council "I realize rate increases are not very popular items, but, put simply, our earnings are down and we need an increase."

The last rate increase for gas was put into effect in February, 1977. LSG is asking that the new rate take effect Aug. 12th.

Also, LSG is asking for winter-summer gas rates. The current rate is \$3 for the first 1,000 cubic feet of gas and \$2.80 per 1,000 cubic feet after that. The new rate asks for an approximate 12 per cent increase in winter months and an 8.4 per cent increase in the summer months.

Harmon told council that LSG's earnings returned 1.51 per cent return on investments and the new rate would allow a 6.5 per cent return.

Mayor Lou David Allen asked Mrs. Harmon what recourse the city has as well as the rate review authority of the Texas Railroad Commission. Mrs.

Harmon replied that the Railroad Commission would take up the rate hearing only if the city council and LSG does not reach an agreement concerning the amount of the rate increase and that all delays after the Aug. 12 target date would be passed along to customers once the Railroad Commission does determine the acceptable amount of increase.

Council also decided to pay the \$343.83 remaining in bills from construction expenses of the Reunion Shelter and Merkel's First Fun Day.

Chamber of Commerce manager Benny Melton told council "Actual cost of the building and Fun Day expenses totaled \$2,876.43 and have actually collected \$2,530.80. We have another \$275 in donations pledged that have not been collected and if all of that money comes in, we would only end up being \$69 shy."

Council had agreed in May to make up any deficit the Chamber encountered in building the Reunion Shelter at the City Park.

Accounts were paid totaling \$26,773.41 and council also received a letter from Jeanette Pursley thanking the city for providing a bus driver and gasoline for summer track program held at ACU. About 30 local youths participated in the program.

High of 103, low of 78

by Cloy A. Richards

You might as well turn the television off when it comes time for the weather forecasts of late. Fair and hot, with a high of 103 and a night-time low of 78. No chance of rain.

I heard on the noon news over KTAB that the recent hot spell in Texas would spell doom for 3,000 farmers and ranchers, who will be put permanently out of business.

Hot, dry weather is common in the Big Country, but it has rarely been this hot, for as many days. Already, Abilene has set 12 different all time high temperature readings.

Crops are burning, range land grasses are dying or already dead, and stock tanks, that haven't benefitted for the spotty rains of this season are drying up rapidly.

The forecast isn't so bright. We are heading into the traditionally hot part of the year and, with that time, poor chances for much rainfall.

It is a very typical Texas summer.

The painter's union strike has and will further delay the completion of Merkel High. Construction is already two months behind schedule and the strike virtually guaranteed what everyone had already suspected, that school will not open in the new building this year.

The strike issue with the painter's union is the lack of collective bargaining power for the union members. Question is, what kind of union is it, that does not have collective bargaining power and how

the heck do you settle a strike when one side does not have the authority to air their views.

It may be a long strike. Negotiations have not taken place since May 24 and none are currently scheduled.

Stephenville is the scene Friday night when Herbert Beaver and Danny Freeman will play in the Texas Six-Man All Star game. Beaver was an all state performer who gained 1700 yards this season at 15.1 yards per carry and Freeman was named to the all state team at defensive back, with 13 interceptions.

Some folks had a chance to see just how hot it was Sunday, as well as having their dinner delayed when a power break occurred when a truck ran over a WTU line.

Electricity, was off for 37 minutes just as most folks were returning from church in parts of town, as of course, were air conditioners and fans.

Did you notice a definite weakening in your city water pressure over the weekend?

According to city water superintendent Robert Harris, an electric motor had to be replaced at the pumping station, near the Armadillo Competition Speedway.

Water pressure was low, and off at some locations starting Saturday evening and complete repairs were made by noon Monday. The motor failure cut the pumping capacity in half, according to Harris.



Bevo Beaver heads for home after Britt Pursley slapped a hit in Monday's Little League All-Star playoff, The Merkel All-Stars lost to Winters in a real squeaker, 10-9. (Photo by Randy Leverich)



Rex Martin of 211 Baker here shows off soem of his yard-long cucumbers. Martin told the Mail that the smaller cucumber he is holding grew to that size in two days. (Staff photo)

Newsbriefs

Engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. R. Peachey, of 112 Oak St., Merkel, TX., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Beth, to Akbar Boozari, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ahmad Boozari, of Arah Iran.

The bride elect is a graduate of Merkel High School and received a BA degree in Social work from Wichita State University, in Wichita, Kansas.

The prospective bridegroom is a graduate of Arah High School in Iran and received a BA degree in Business Administration from Houston Tillotson College in Austin. Mr. Boozari plans to further his education this fall by working on his Masters degree at St. Edwards University in Ausin.

The couple plan to be married Aug. 9, 1980 in Zilker Garden in front of Butler's Window in Austin.

Birth

Rev. and Mrs. Steve Carter of Loveland, Colo. announce the birth of a son Wesley Michael born June 21, 1980. He weighed 5 lbs and 7 oz. He is the grandson of the Wesley Risters of Merkel and Tip Carters of Noodle Community. Wesley Michael has two brothers, Timothy Allen and Douglas.

The Stith Extension Homemakers Club met at the Community Center at July 9, 1980 at 2 o'clock. The hostess, Louise Hudson, read a poem and Mrs. Jones led the prayer. Daisy Mashburn had the recreation and the game prize went to Louise Hudson. Genoa Shaw, v. president was in charge of the business meeting. The program-Give your bathroom a lift was discussed by all the members. The hostess gift brought one dollar and seventy five cents and went to Genoa Shaw.

A salad plate of fresh fruit was served to the following members, Mae Jones, Genoa Shaw, Daisy Mashburn, and Vada Hudson by the hostess Louise Hudson.

Visitors

Recent visitors of Mrs. O.J. Reynolds were Mrs. Peggy Talles, a niece, of Houston, Mrs. Kathy Mitchell of Monahans, and Mrs. Cecil Black of Eula.

Riding Club

The Merkel Riding Club will hold it's monthly potluck supper and meeting Thursday, July 17 at 8:00 at the R.E.A. building.

Members are to bring a covered dish and their own eating utensils. Prizes for the month of June will given.

Visiting

Mary Collins attended funeral service of her Uncle, J. Elmer Barron in Lamesa July 1st. Mr. Barrons was Officer and Director of First National Bank in Lamesa, retired, at time of his death. Mary remained in Lamesa to attend High School Reunion, known as Tornado Jubilee on July 4, 5th, and 6th, visiting at same time in home of her brother, Q.A. Collins and wife, Lamesa.



Rev. Buggs

Rev. Buggs is new pastor

The First Baptist Church has called David F. Bugg as their new pastor. Re. Bugg has been here since June the first. Rev. Bugg and his family came from the First Baptist Church in Rotan.

Rev. Bugg attended school at Odessa Permian High, Howard Payne College, and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary where he earned his Masters Degree. He has served churches in Brownwood, Ft. Worth, Bangs and Rotan.

The Bugg family includes David, his wife Diana, and their four children David Lee 9, Nathan 3, Aimee 7, and Monica 16 months.

Mrs. Bugg attended San Angelo Central High, Howard Payne College, and John Robert Powers Modeling School.

Rev. and Mrs. Bugg and there family are looking forward to serving the church and becoming a part of the Merkel Community.

Volleyball group

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Russell reunion held

The children of the late Selma and Mary Russell met Saturday July 12th for a reunion at the Church of Christ Family Center. After a golf tournament everyone enjoyed sandwiches and tea. After visiting and picture making all afternoon, a chicken and Bar-b-q dinner was served to Mrs. Mabel Dunn of Phoenix, Mr. and Mrs. John Narlick, Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Bill John Warlick, Tami, Todd of hodge, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Russel of Bosier City, La. Mr. and Mrs. Chester Price and Nancy of Brownwood, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Shive of Lubbock, Mrs.

Mary Jo Knox of Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. S.G. Russell, Mr. and Mrs. James Russell, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Russell, Rodney and Dana Dwayne English, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harris, Melissa, Kris, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Lucas, Teresa, Russell Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Ferguson and Mrs. Leo Harris all of Merkel. Robert Harris won the golf trophy, Kris Harris won a trophy for world's best golfer. Anna Lou and Raymond were presented a trophy for the Honored Russell. Anna Lou and Mary Jo are daughters of the late Mr. and Mrs. C.K. Russell.

Tejanitos blast Winters

A 17-hit attack that included Daniel Moreno's ninth home run and B. Moreno's triple led the Tejanitos to a 14-5 victory over the Winters Rebels. Juan Ybarra led the attack with three hits and three runs scored. John (Boy) Biera, Robert Rodriguez, Daniel Moreno, Robert Moreno, Herman Ybarra drilled two hits apiece. Tony Biera was

the winning pitcher allowing three runs and four hits in five innings. Tony struck out eight batters. David Stout relieved Tony and he allowed two hits and two runs and striking out five men. Merkel will play in the Abilene Invitational Hardball Tournament being played at Rose Park on Sunday, July 20.

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8 from Merkel attend State FFA meeting; Bland, Jordan get awards

The fifty-second Convention of the Texas Association of the Future Farmers of America, held at the Astrodome in Houston, was attended by six members from Merkel; along with five thousand other FFAer's from across the state. Those attending from Merkel included six students; Amye Amerine, Jan Melton, Mark P'and, Randy Leverich, Chris Mashburn, Eddie Harris, Annette Melton was girls sponsor and J.T. Naron, FFA Advisor. At the Convention Mark Bland and Michael Jordan

received the Lone Star Farmer Degree which is the highest degree granted on the state level. Jan Melton and Mark Bland were two of the eight Area Members to be chosen to serve on the Courtesy Corp, while Amye Amerine, Randy Leverich, Chris Mashburn and Eddie Harris served as Voting Delegates representing the Merkel Chapter. Along with State FFA business, keynote speakers such as John Connally, ex-governor, and Gil Stricline, well-known humorous speaker, were heard.

Attending the State FFA convention from Merkel were (left to right) Amye Amerine and Jan Melton (top row), Annette Melton, Mark Bland, Randy

Leverich and J.T. Naron, as well as Chris Mashburn and Eddie Harris (kneeling). (Complimentary photo)

Brook's hold reunion Saturday

The Descendents of J.E. Brooks met on Sat. July 6 and 7th for their annual family reunion in the Merkel Lions Club Building Sat. afternoon was spent in visiting and games of 42 and dominoes. An evening meal of fried chicken, salads and deserts was served about 7 p.m. Sunday. Other relatives arrived along with several friends.

Pictures were taken and pictures of other reunions were viewed, along with some really

old pictures and some history of the family was shared.

A door prize drawing was held, and Mrs. Louise Cole was the winner. Then another drawing for our family American flag was drawn, Mrs. Sue Barton will keep the flag until next year, at which time, it will be drawn and passed on to someone else.

A delicious lunch was served at noon with just about a n y a n d e v e r y - t h i n g anyone would

want.

It was voted to change our reunion time to be the last week-end in July each year from here after to get away from the 4th of July Holiday.

Those attending were: Mr. and Mrs. Earl Brooks, Eddy and grandsons, Kenny and Billy from McLean, TX, Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Brooks, Abilen, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Green and fam. Abilene, Ir. and Mrs. Don Herring and fam Abilene, Mrs. Margie Bird from Germany

and Patti Bird, Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Cole, Abilene, Mrs. Aline Dickerson, Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Pyror of Waco, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Williamson Trent, Mrs. Leroy Riney Merkel, Mr. and Mrs. Kelton Miller San Antonio, Mr. and Mrs. Sid Barton and fam., Austin, Mrs. Ruth Vancil, Merkel, Mr. and Mrs. Odell Dickerson, Trent, Mr. Wylie Noah, Merkel, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Wimberly and host Mr. and Mrs J.L. Casady of Merkel.

What's happening in Tye

by Harold Boyd

There are about 1600 people in Tye and may as well expect more if the trend is continued in the future.

Las weeks column I stated I'd get more information on the granddaughter of Lynn and Truman Harrison. Chuck and Rhonda Drew, former Tye girl gave birth to a girl. Mary Kathaline tipped the scales at 7 lb and 1 oz and both mother and baby are doing fine. Rhonda is a 1973 Merkel High graduate, Chuck is from Great Falls, Colo. and his parents are George R. Drew. Congratulations to both families. Rhonda has had two kidney transplants and is one of the few women to give birth natural.

How about some home made ice cream and cake. Well set yourself up for a treat the weekend of July 19th. The Senior Citizens will host their third annual Ice Cream Social starting at 5 p. till all are served. Come on out and enjoy the ice cream, cakes and fellowship plus entertainment. Money raised is to benefit their programs. Should you care to donate a pie, cake or a freezer of ice cream, contact Mrs. Cates and they will be happy to accept your donation. But most of all, come on out and partake of the best eating in Tye.

Regarding other news in and around Tye, haven't heard of any, if you have heard of anything won't you let us know? We'd be most appreciative for it.

For now and till next week, do take care and we'll be seeing you.

Seems like another week has passed me quicker than anything I know of. Hot and dry and no relief in sight for this coming week, pray for rain or cooler weather.

Your city council met in regular session this past Tuesday and adjourned within an hour. The main highlight of this council was that approval of partial payment on the materials of the sewer project was authorized. The senior citizens program; Nutrition Program contract was brought up and approved in the amount of some \$3,000 plus city tax dollars for the year of 80-81 Mr. Kenneth Arnold was given a year to remove junk automobiles from the Indian Creek area, council approved this. Council approved the renewal of the CD in the amount of \$90,000 at Abilene National Bank at current interest rate. City court, police and other reports were read and approved. The next council meeting will include the 80 to 81 expenditures budget for the city of Tye. This will be posted as to the date, time and place. If you really want an idea as to where and how much it takes to run this city, then you should plan to attend.

Our neighbors to the east are in doubt as to the true census count as well as other cities. We in Tye have an increase, but feel our count is low also.

Use sun power to dry foods

COLLEGE STATION--Utilize that solar energy from those hot summer days to dry foods, advises Mary K. Sweeten, a foods and nutrition specialist.

Most fruits or vegetables can be sun-dried, air-dried or dehydrated in a home dehydrator or oven, she points out.

Mrs. Sweeten is with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

Peppers are an easy vegetable to dry. Use the finished product, crumbled or powdered in a blender, as a spice in favorite foods.

Or, rehydrate diced, dried peppers to use in casseroles or soups, the specialist says.

When drying peppers in the sun, daytime temperatures must fall in the range of 85-90 degrees F. or higher.

If nighttime temperatures drop to the point where dew forms, bring them indoors, Mrs. Sweeten instructs.

Large peppers are better if cut in half to dry--remove seeds, stems and membranes, or slice and cut into cubes.

Dry small peppers whole, but hasten the drying process by slicing the pepper with a knife, if you wish.

To dry, place the peppers on shallow wooden trays with slotted, perforated or woven bottoms which allow air circulation.

To prevent insects from contaminating the peppers, cover trays with cheese cloth.

Peppers are dry when they are brittle. Store dried peppers in moisture-vapor-proof packaging in a cool, dry, dark place.

JULY Sale

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The Family of Leon Scott

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: Jun Ortiz, Respondent:

GREETINGS: YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable 325th

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 John L. Platt, Jr. and wife Liberty Atienza Platt, Petitioners, filed in said Court on the 7th day of July, 1980, in Re: Dona Yvietta Atienza, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 4173C on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Interest of Dona Yvietta Atienza, a Child", the nature of which suit is a request to terminate parentchild relationship between Jun Ortiz and Dona Yvietta Atienza. Said child was born the 5th day of December, 1974, in Capas, Tarlac Province, Republic of the Philippines.

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 shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs. Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court at Abilene, Texas, this 7th day of July, 1980.

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

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF LUDIE BELLE LANDERS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of Ludie Belle Landers, Deceased, were issued to me, the undersigned, on the 8th day of July, 1980, in the proceeding indicated below my signature hereto, which is still pending, and that I now hold such Letters. All persons having claims against said Estate, which is being administered in the county below named, are required to present the same to me, at the address below given, before suit upon the same is barred by the general statutes of limitation, before such Estate is closed, and within the time prescribed by law. The residence of the undersigned Della Landers is in Taylor County, Texas, and my mailing

address is P.O. Box 120, Ovalo, Texas 79541. DATED this 8th day of July, 1980.

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Trent News

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Thursday, July 17, 1980

Trent water rates will double; mandatory conservation in effect

The City of Trent has doubled the water rate and according to Trent mayor Zula Darby, the rate increase was necessary because the city of Sweetwater, who provides water to Trent, doubled their water rates in June.

According to mayor Darby, the Sweetwater decision to double the rates was intended to force conservation of the dwindling water supplies in Sweetwater.

The new rates will show up on the July bills that Trent residents will receive in early August. The minimum charge for the first 2,000 gallons will be \$12.50 and the charge per 1,000 gallons after the minimum will be \$3.

All conservation rules adopted by the Sweetwater City Council are also in effect in Trent as well. Mayor Darby said those rules include mandatory provisions prohibiting outside watering of lawns and

gardens, washing cars, or watering shrubbery.

Mayor Darby said conservation measures have never had to be taken by Trent residents because the Sweetwater water supply had always been ample. She said the city is currently seeking an alternative water delivery system, but they had found no new options.

She said she felt most of the Trent residents already knew about the rate increase and rationing rules but that city water consumption figures "are not going down any." She attributed the water consumption to the increased use of evaporative air conditioners during the dry spell and also said people just normally use a lot more water when it is so hot.

The Trent City Council adopted the new rates last month and if Trent residents have any questions, they are asked to call Zula Darby at 862-3324 or Mr. R.O. Payne at 862-2931.

Stop...Look...Listen

71 Texans died last year at crossings

More than 1000 car-train accidents occurred in Texas last year causing 71 deaths and 638 injuries.

Failure of motorists to exercise caution and accept individual responsibility for their own safety is the primary cause of these accidents.

Operation Lifesaver, inaugurated in Texas in 1977 by the Railroad Section of Texas Safety Association, is a nationwide public education program aimed at reducing grade crossing accidents. In a recent report from the National Transportation Safety Board, Chairman Jim King said, "Rail-highway crossing fatalities last year were down 17.5 percent, and state-by-state totals indicate the primary factor may be the spread and impact of statewide 'Operation Lifesaver' programs attacking this specific problem area."

Each of Texas' 14,700 public grade crossings, the highest number in the nation, is equipped with one or more of the "Lifesaver" signs-- the octagonal stop sign, the X-shaped crossbuck, the yellow and black advance warning sign, flashing lights, bells and or automatic gates-- yet one-half of all grade crossing collisions are caused by drivers who ignore mechanical warning devices.

Tom Murphy, state chairman of Operation Lifesaver, believes that although the railroads play a significant part in the program, Operation Lifesaver is not strictly a railroad program. "Grade crossing safety is a public problem, a community problem. The Operation Lifesaver program needs involvement at all levels for utmost effectiveness: Railroads, state and local government, law enforcement, industry, news media and the general public."

Operation Lifesaver urges all motorists to be aware of the most common causes of grade crossing

accidents and know how to avoid them:

1. Impatient driver races train to crossing, misjudging train's speed. A freight train going 50 mph needs over a mile and a half to stop. Motorists should always stop and wait for a train to pass.

2. Driver ignores warning signs, often driving through flashing lights or lowered gates. Motorists should be alert for these signs and always slow down when approaching a grade crossing.

Driver is stopped at a multiple track crossing. As the train passes, driver starts across tracks without checking for trains on adjacent tracks. Motorists should not proceed across tracks until visibility is good and flashing lights have stopped.

Drivers who cross the same tracks everyday become too familiar with train scheduling and are not cautious at crossing. Nearly all grade crossing accidents occur within 25 miles of the driver's home. Motorists should approach every crossing as if a train were coming.

5. Driver overdrives car's headlights and does not slow down at night or in bad weather. Motorists should be especially alert at night and in bad weather and be able to stop within the distance illuminated by their headlights.

The driver is the only person who can prevent grade crossing accidents. Support Operation Lifesaver by observing all railroad warning signs.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS:

TO: David C. Shelby and Edward G. Woodbridge, Jr., their unknown heirs at law, devisees, legal representatives, successors and assigns of said Defendants who are deceased, if they are deceased.

DEFENDANTS, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 42nd District Court, Judge Don Lane, of Taylor County, at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10:00 o'clock A.M. on the first Monday next after the expiration of 42 days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 18th day of July, A.D. 1980, to Plaintiff's Petition, filed in said Court, on the 6 day of June, 1980, in this cause, numbered 36,696-A on the docket of said court and styled:

Matthew L. Marshall Plaintiff vs. David C. Shelby and Edward G. Woodbridge, Jr. Defendants

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit:

Suit by owner of part of the oil, gas and mineral leasehold interest covering the hereafter described property for the appointment of a Receiver to give oil and gas leases covering the mineral interest of the Defendant whose whereabouts are unknown. The Defendants own an individual mineral interest in and to the following described property:

112 acres out of the M.P. King Survey No. 436 in Taylor County, Texas, described as follows:

BEGINNING at the NEC of the M.P. King Survey No. 436;

THENCE S with the EBL of said Survey 447 vrs.;

THENCE W parallel with the NBL of said Survey 382-1/2 vrs.;

THENCE S parallel with the EBL of said Survey No. 436, 72 vrs.;

THENCE W parallel with the NBL of said Survey No. 436, 887 vrs.;

THENCE N parallel with the NBL of said Survey No. 436, 519 vrs.;

Thence along the NBL said Survey No. 436, in an easterly direction to the place of beginning.

and is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

If this citation is not served within 90 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 mandate hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Abilene, Texas, this the 9 day of June, 1980.

ATTEST: IRENE CRAWFORD Clerk 42nd District Court Taylor County, Tx BY: Judy Smith, Deputy

Public Notice

Southwestern Bell, in accordance with the rules of the Public Utility Commission of Texas, hereby gives notice of the company's intent to implement a new schedule of telephone rates in Texas effective August 12, 1980, unless otherwise determined by the Commission.

It is expected that the requested rate schedule will furnish an 11.65 percent increase in the company's intrastate revenues.

A complete copy of the new rate schedule is on file with the Public Utility Commission at Austin, Texas, and with each affected municipality, and is available for inspection in each of the company's public business offices in Texas.



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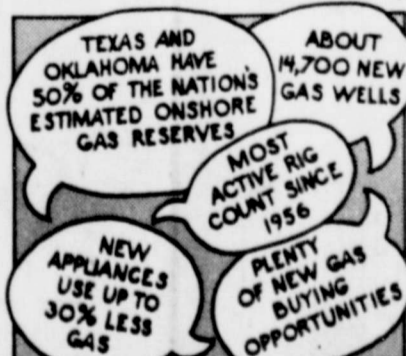
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Jinkens-Minze married in local ceremony

Jodie Diane Jinkens and Jackie Wayne Minze were united in marriage Saturday, July 12th in the United Methodist Church in Merkel with the Rev. Ray Elmore officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Deanie Jinkens 501 Ash of Merkel and Jimmy Jinkens, 201 Ash of Merkel.

The bridegroom is the son of the late R.L. Minze and the late JoAnn Smith. Jackie is also the stepson of Jim Smith of Merkel.

The bride was given in marriage by her uncle, Donald Wayne Douglas of Abilene, Texas.

Becky Watts of Merkel served as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Kim Mashburn, Lisa Shugart and Judy Jinkens, sister of the bride, all of Merkel. They wore floor-length dresses fashioned of yellow eyelet with a wide ruffle around the neck and bottom of the skirt accented with a wide sash. They carried long stem yellow silk roses.

Jeff Jones of Merkel served as best man. Groomsmen included Mike Hicks, cousin of the bride, Lee Reddin and Johnny Holmes, all of Merkel. Seating guests were Stuart Douglas of Abilene and Kirk Hicks of Merkel, both cousins of the bride.

Mark Hicks of Mineral Wells, cousin of the bride, was the soloist. Annette Clark of Merkel, was organist. Clejuan Carson registered guests.

The bride wore a gown of chantilly lace styled with an empire bodice trimmed with seed pearls with a lace edged scalloped U neck. The dress had bishop sleeves edged with lace and pleated ruffles and a full skirt bordered with lace and a wide pleated flounce extending to a chapel length train.

Her fingertip length veil of tulle was gathered onto a chantilly lace cap, trimmed with seed pearls and iridescent stones.

She carried a bouquet of yellow silk roses and with white ribbon streamers.

The bride wore a pearl necklace which has been worn by all the brides in her family for more than a quarter of a century.

The bride's mother hosted the reception in the church Fellowship Hall and the rehearsal dinner was hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Mike Koflanovich of Merkel in their home.

Following a wedding trip to Dallas, the couple will live in Merkel.

The bride is a graduate of Merkel High School and plans to attend McMurry College. She is employed by Castille's Hardware and Gifts in Merkel. The bridegroom attended Big Lake High School and is employed by Ace Pipe and Supply.



Mrs Jackie Minze

Obituaries

Candelario

Moreno

Candelario Moreno, 56, died July 12 at 9:00 P.M. Union City California. Services were Wednesday morning.

Moreno served in the U.S. Army from 1942-45. He served in Normandy, Northern France, Germany Ardenne Rhineland, and Central Europe.

He received a Campaign Medal with 5 bronze stars and good conduct medal.

Moreno was born February 2, 1924 and is a former resident of Merkel.

He is survived by his wife Dolores Moreno of Union City, 2 sons, Richard and David, 3 grandchildren, 3 brothers Albino Moreno, M.C. Moreno, 1 sister Cecelia Duran of Abilene, Jesus Moreno, Sr. of Merkel.

Ruby Duncan

MERKEL- Ruby Edna Duncan, 91, of Avondale, La., and formerly of Trent died at 10:20 a.m. Wednesday in New Orleans. Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in

Comptroller of the Currency Administrator of National Banks

Starbuck Funeral Home Chapel.

Burial will be in Trent Cemetery.

She was born April 17, 1899, in Gail.

Survivors include two sons, Othell Bransford of Las Vegas, Nev., and Earl Bransford of New Orleans; a daughter, Alta Mae Sperandeo of Avondale; two sisters, Mrs. B.T. Vessels of Pecos, Mrs. Nolan Duncan of Trent.

She was preceded in death by two children.

Floy Hicks

MERKEL- Floy Celia Hicks, 70, of Merkel died at 1:30 a.m. Sunday at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene following a lengthy illness. Services were at 4 p.m. Monday at the First Baptist Church, directed by Starbuck Funeral Home.

The Rev. David Bugg officiated, assisted by the Rev. Kenneth Jones, pastor of the Caps Baptist Church. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery in Merkel.

Born March 6, 1910, in Merkel, she was a graduate of Merkel High

School and of Draughton's Business School in Abilene. She was a member of the First Baptist Church. She married Robert Hicks in 1958 in Merkel. He died Jan. 7, 1960, in Merkel.

Survivors include a brother, Eric Ash of San Angelo, and three nephews.

Pallbearers were L.B. Gibson, Ben Hicks, Gary Hicks, Joe Cypert, David Gamble and Naylor Eoff.

Goodman club meets

Goodman Extension Homemakers Club met July 11th in the home of Mrs. Frank Carter with the vice president Mrs. Dennis Butler presiding over the meeting in absence of the president. Prayer by Mrs. Mae Seago, game bky Mrs. Vivian Winters. Roll call answered with Tips on Keeping Coll. Treasure report was given by Mrs. Frank Carter.

Yearbook dates were filled out for the rest of

1980. Club members were asked to start planning for the Jones County Fair the 14-15-16 of August.

The next meeting will be July 25 in the home of Mae Seago. Program storage place Stretchers.

Everyone's welcome regardless of race creed, color or economic circumstance. Refreshments were served to Belvie Butler, Odessa Butler, Vivian Winters, Mae Seago, Minnie Carey by Frances Carter.

Noodle Baptist sets ordination service

Ordination services are set for Dick Griffith, Jerry Sanders and pastor Lee Doffer as deacons of the Noodle Baptist Church.

The services are set for 3 p.m. Sunday at the Noodle Church and the public in cordially invited.

Keith's celebrate 66th

Mr. and Mrs. S.C. Keith of 803 Brickhaven here, celebrate their 66th wedding anniversary Saturday.

The Keith's were married July 12, 1914 in Hood County, Texas and moved to this area in 1922.

Mr. Keith farmed mostly in the Mulberry Canyon area and started by farming on the

halves. He retired in 1975 and drove tractors until he was 75.

The Keith's have three children, Rosalie Darling and Leatha Thomas, both of Merkel and the late Calvin Keith, who passed away in 1975. The couple also have 10 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren. Mrs. Keith is a Baptist and Mr. Keith is a Methodist.

REPORT OF CONDITION

Consolidating domestic subsidiaries of the

The Farmers & Merchants National Bank of Merkel

In the state of Texas, at the close of business on June 30, published in response to call made by Comptroller of the Currency, under title 12, United States Code, Section 161.

Charter number 7481 National Bank Region Number 11

Statement of Resources and Liabilities		Thousands of dollars	
ASSETS			
Cash and due from depository institutions		3,040	
U.S. Treasury securities		2,948	
Obligations of other U.S. Government agencies and corporations		500	
Obligations of States and political subdivisions in the United States		454	
All other securities		20	
Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell		800	
Loans, Total (excluding unearned income)	8,088		
Less: Allowance for possible loan losses	55		
Loans, Net		8,033	
Lease financing receivables		-0-	
Bank premises, furniture and fixtures, and other assets representing bank premises		93	
Real estate owned other than bank premises		13	
All other assets		451	
TOTAL ASSETS		16,352	
LIABILITIES			
Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations		5,809	
Time and savings deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations		7,563	
Deposits of United States Government		-0-	
Deposits of States and political subdivisions in the United States		1,029	
All other deposits		-0-	
Certified and officers' checks		160	
Total Deposits		14,561	
Total demand deposits	6,165		
Total time and savings deposits	8,396		
Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase		-0-	
Interest-bearing demand notes (note balances) issued to the U.S. Treasury and other liabilities for borrowed money		78	
Mortgage indebtedness and liability for capitalized leases		-0-	
All other liabilities		328	
TOTAL LIABILITIES (excluding subordinated notes and debentures)		14,967	
Subordinated notes and debentures		-0-	
EQUITY CAPITAL			
Preferred stock	No. shares outstanding	-0-	(par value) -0-
Common stock	No. shares authorized	132,000	
	No. shares outstanding	132,000	(par value) 330
Surplus		330	
Undivided profits and reserve for contingencies and other capital reserves		725	
TOTAL EQUITY CAPITAL		1,385	
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY CAPITAL		16,352	
MEMORANDA			
Amounts outstanding as of report date:			
Standby letters of credit, total		-0-	
Time certificates of deposit in denominations of \$100,000 or more		290	
Other time deposits in amounts of \$100,000 or more		363	
Average for 30 calendar days (or calendar month) ending with report date:			
Total deposits		14,417	

We, the undersigned directors attest the correctness of this statement of resources and liabilities. We declare that it has been examined by us, and to the best of our knowledge and belief is true and correct.

I, Betty Jane Tittle
Name
Vice-Pres.-Cashier
Title

Don W. Hensley
Directors

of the above-named bank do hereby declare that Report of Condition is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Betty Jane Tittle
Signature
Date July 9, 1980

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ZEST

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POT PIES BANQUET
2 FOR 69¢

AUNT JEMIMA
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TOPPING 9 OZ 55¢

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3 LB CAN \$1.49

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COOKING OIL

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CATSUP

HUNTS 32 OZ JUG 89¢

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PLUMS

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2 EARS 45¢

KANSAS
CORN
CALIFORNIA

NECTARINES LB 59¢

CALIFORNIA

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CALIFORNIA

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LB

FRESH
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39¢

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