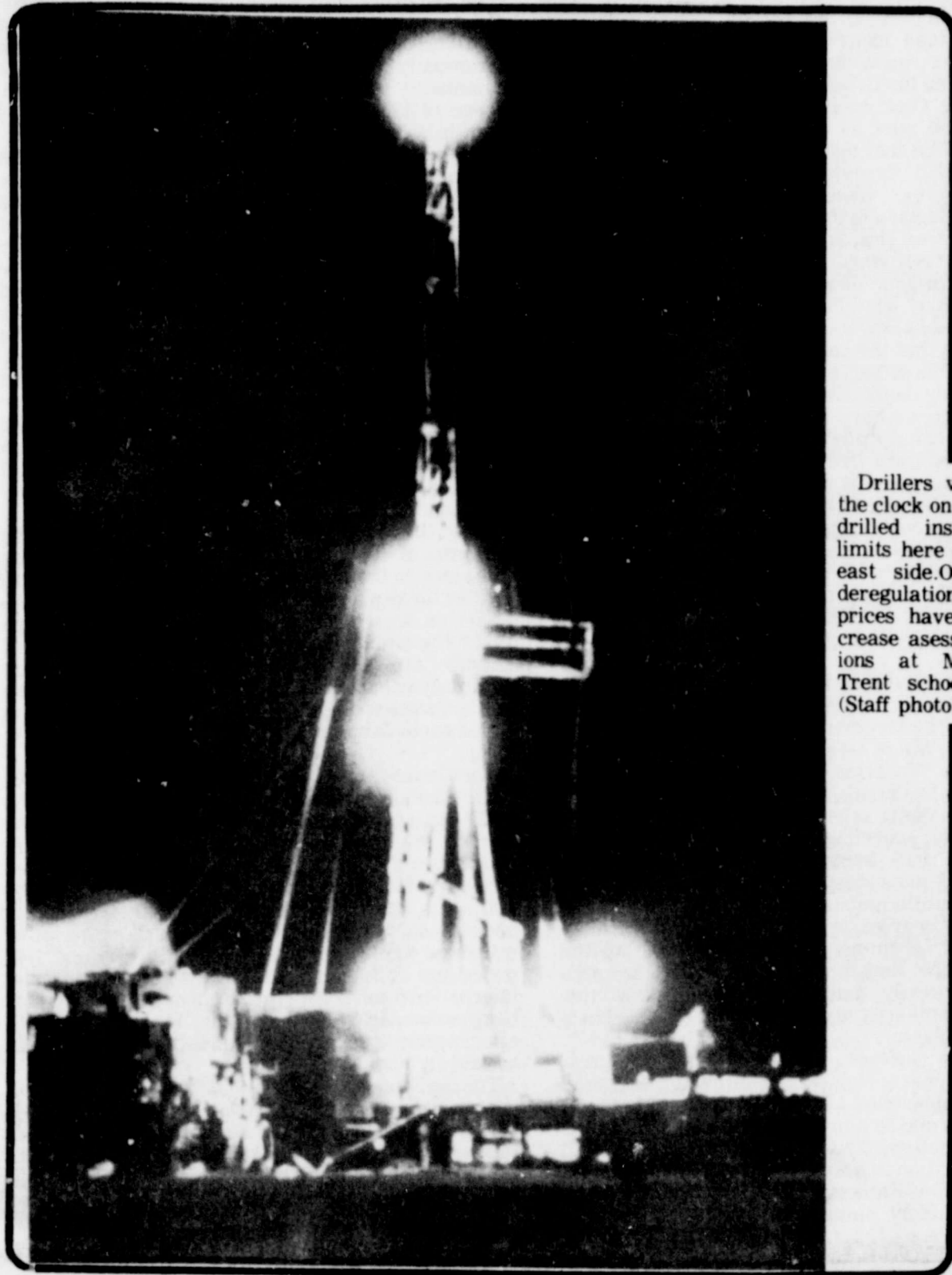


The Merkel Mail

Thursday, July 31, 1980...Merkel, Texas

15 cents



Drillers work around the clock on a well being drilled inside the city limits here on Merkel's east side. Oil and gas deregulation and higher prices have helped increase assessed evaluations at Merkel and Trent school districts. (Staff photo)

Heat wave continues, more...

by Cloy A. Richards

The Great Texas Heat Wave and Drought lingers on. I heard a golfer's tale last week (which may be equalled to fishing stories) that it was so hot that golf balls actually exploded while in a man's car trunk.

The Small Business Administration has approved disaster payments because of the drought to farmers in 46 Texas counties and Taylor County is not on that original list.

The county is not on the list, because, according to County Extension Agent Joe Wilson, the dollar damage of the drought cannot be determined now.

Wilson said that a good series of rain in the next two to four weeks could save a lot of production losses to area cotton and grain producers.

Local farmers are saying rain could help the crops, but yields will be greatly reduced because of the damage already done because of the heat and lack of moisture.

Weathermen are finally starting to admit that current conditions may well stay around into September.

Meanwhile, dust off the mocassins, and do that rain jig daily, hourly if necessary. This dry spell is getting ridiculous.

Dale Hammond's Luther and Lightin' have returned and he has indicated he will start providing them to us on a regular basis.

His foresight into this area has been depicted in the past through his drawings and he used Merkel's baseball fever in today's cartoon.

If you have some ideas for future cartoons, let Dale know about them. If you like his artistic works, tell him so. A pat on the back for good work never killed anyone. We enjoy the cartoons, and feel the readers do as well and certainly will save a spot in the paper for future cartoons.

Lone Star Gas officials certainly had nice words for our city council and the congeniality between council and Lone Star may have paid off for the good of local Lone Star customers.

At a workshop held July 22, Council asked Lone Star to come up with alternative rates that were initially requested by Lone Star Gas. Their original proposal called for a higher rate to be applied to customers during the winter months and lower rates for summer months.

That type of rate would have put the brunt of the increase in the cost of gas during months when your natural gas bills skyrocket, and would have made those already high January, February and March bills even higher.

The rate approved spreads the increase evenly, also calls for persons using higher amounts of gas to pay a proportionately higher bill, and in general, gives Lone Star the revenue they need to return what they call a fair profit of about 6.6 per cent. Under current rates, Lone Star was earning a profit of 1.1 per cent.

The Mail sends a heart best of luck to a group of local girls who are heading to Hobbs, N.M. this

weekend to play in the Regional United Girls Softball Association tournament.

Last week, coach Christie Barnett told me the girls are a good, solid team that have a very good attitude and have performed well under pressure.

Bring home that championship trophy gang, but remember, the town is already proud of your earlier accomplishments.

Yes, football season. You remember, that game that is played in November's icy evenings gets started at the local level Aug. 6.

Last year, 62 High School football players turned out for spring training and if they all return, it will be one of the largest teams Merkel High has had to work with in years. More on that in the coming weeks.

We had quite a few calls last week about the sample tax rate printed in the paper for MISD. Most folks wanted to know if their taxes really were going down because of increased evaluation.

The form printed in the paper stated MISD could raise the same amount of taxes that were required to operate the school last year with an eight cent tax reduction. That is true. What is also true is last year's budget will have to be increased about 12 per cent just to stay up with inflation, plus board members have some very serious budget decisions ahead of them in the next three weeks.

The tax rate will not be set until at least Aug. 19.

Anyone want to trade jobs with President Carter? Anyone want to trade brothers with President Carter?

It looks like it will be an exciting Democratic convention with Ted Kennedy, The American Agriculture Movement, and the Dump Carter movement.

Did you hear that DDT may be on it's way back. Researchers have come up with a DDT derivative that is without many of the chemical residues that can cause death in migratory animals and birds and say DDT really never was all that bad of a chemical, it just never was used properly, or according to label directions.

Some effective chemical is needed to eradicate crop lands from insects. Like the grasshopper. They are so bad at my house they are eating two hedges in front of the house and available chemical pesticides I have used have been totally ineffective. Those critters completely destroyed my garden in three weeks.

DDT may not be the best answer, but a lot of farmers feel it was a heck of a lot better than anything else available. If the death-causing derivatives to migratory animals can be removed from DDT, it just may be the answer to the farmer's insect problems, which get worse with hot, dry weather.

Best one liner heard last week about the heat: 'I think I will go to my garden and pick some fried okra.'

Board holds emergency session

Ten Merkel Volunteer Firemen and three Merkel fire trucks were called to fight a grass fire in the View area Tuesday afternoon.

Merkel Volunteer Fireman Robert Harris told the Mail Wednesday morning that they received the call at 3:55 Tuesday afternoon and were on the scene eight hours.

Harris said he and Merkel Fire Chief Waymon Adcock estimated 1,500 to 2,000 acres of pastureland were damaged.

Firefighters from Merkel, Tye, Abilene, Hamby, View and Dyess responded to the blaze, that started as a grass fire on US Highway 277 North.

A radio dispatch from the Taylor County Sheriff's Office appealed to private citizens and companies for additional bulldozers to the fire, to cut a fire lane, but fire officials on the scene reported the fire was almost under control at 9 p.m.

Two View fireman were injured slightly and the cause of the blaze is unknown.

10 local men, 3 trucks respond to fire

The MISD Board of Education held a four hour executive session at an emergency meeting of the board Tuesday night.

A requested personnel hearing had been set for Tuesday but was called off late Tuesday afternoon and the board decided to hold an emergency session concerning personnel.

It was the fourth special or emergency session

since May 12 and each of the meetings have ended with the board giving no clue concerning the personnel matters being discussed.

The requested personnel hearing that was scheduled for Tuesday night has been reset for Aug. 7th at 7 p.m.

The board also has a budget workshop scheduled for Aug 12 and the next monthly meeting of the board is set for Aug. 19.

Council approves Lone Star rate hike

The Merkel City Council granted a rate hike to Lone Star Gas after two workshop sessions with Lone Star officials. The rate adopted was not the original rate Lone Star had proposed.

The increase will amount to a 10.34 per cent increase in earnings to the company. The increase will show up on September bills.

Lone Star had proposed different rates for winter and summer consumption that would have had the increase higher in the winter months. City officials asked Lone Star to come up with a rate that would evenly spread the increase and the rate adopted does that.

Mayor Lou David Allen said "this increase has not been taken lightly, and we hate to see any increases going along, but it had to be done."

Both Lone Star district manager Martha Harmon and employee Rick Vaughn thanked council for their professionalism in handling the rate hike and said the council was one of the more friendly and professional groups they had dealt with in some time.

Council also decided to forward a letter thanking the Texas Highway Department for resurfacing the road near the Oak Street Missouri-Pacific grade crossing.

Missouri-Pacific had completely reworked the crossing at the request of the city and had asked the Highway Department to resurface the highway near the crossing to make it smoother.

The new gas rates break down like this.

Monthly Consumption per 1000 cubic feet	Present Rate	New Rate
0	\$ -0-	\$ 2.25
1	3.68	5.25
2	6.37	8.03
3	9.07	10.81
4	11.76	13.58
5	14.46	16.36
6	17.15	19.14
7	19.84	21.92
8	22.54	24.70
9	25.23	27.47
10	27.93	30.25
15	41.40	44.14
20	54.87	58.03
25	68.34	71.92
50	135.69	141.37
75	203.04	210.82
100	270.40	280.27

Taylor Telephone adds to building

Taylor Telephone Cooperative is adding on 1100 square feet of space to their facility because the plant department has outgrown their existing facility according to manager Derrell Farmer.

Farmer told the Mail in a Monday interview that the expansion will bring total space in the facility, to 4,600 square feet.

The addition is the second major addition to the building since 1961 and is being constructed by Lone Star Construction in Abilene.

Farmer said the facility should be ready to move into into in two months and it will contain two office spaces, as well as storage area for the Co-Ops 14 employee outside crew.

He also told the Mail a major switch over had just been completed in May. The Co-Op spent \$1.7 million

transforming all lines to one party lines. He said two construction crews have been kept busy because the system is adding about 17 customers a month in area that are rapidly growing in Buffalo Gap, Hawley, Hamby and Potosi.

The Co-Op serves 4,000 customers in nine counties and maintains over 3,000 miles of line. Farmer also told the Mail the Co-Op is about to purchase a new computer that is capable of handling all of the Co-Op's financial data and record keeping. He also said the Co-Op has not passed along to it's customers a general rate increase since 1974 and does not foresee any rate increases in the near future.

The Cooperative will be holding their annual meeting in September at the Merkel School Auditorium.

UGSA girls travel to New Mexico

The Merkel-Trent United Girls Softball League's Division I West Texas champs will travel to Hobbs, N.M. this weekend for the regional UGSA tournament.

The 8-10 year old local girls qualified for the tournament by winning the West Texas tournament two weeks ago in Colorado City.

Their first game of the tourney will be played at 2 p.m. Friday against Lovington, N.M.

The girls were led in the West Texas championships by All-Tournament players April DuPont,

Angie Moreno and Krista Toombs.

The girls took the West Texas Championship by downing Sweetwater 12-1, Colorado City 30-14 and Sweetwater 27-12.

Team members include Mandy Stewart, Amber Whisenhunt, Carolyn Lally, Pam Neff, Twila Williams, Krista Toombs, Angie Moreno, April DuPont, Michelle Barnett, Amy Stuckey, Mandy Pack, and Jamie Heyen. The team is managed by Christie Barnett and coached by Bill Whisenhunt and Duke Pack.

Football workouts start Aug. 11

Football season at Merkel High is just around the corner and according to athletic director Byron Shelley, shoes will be issued Aug. 6th to High School football players.

Physicals for athletes in grades 7-12 are scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. in the gym for boys and the girls physicals will be at 1 p.m. on Aug. 9.

Two-a-day workouts will start Aug. 11 and the first day in pads is set for Aug. 15.

Merkel High will hold football camp this year and the cost is \$20 per student. Coach Shelley told the Mail the camp will run from Aug. 18 through the 21st

and is open to high school boys. The boys will spend the night in the gym and have all meals in the school cafeteria. Coach Shelley told the Mail the camp will provide the players and opportunity to get away from all outside distractions and to concentrate on football.

Merkel will scrimmage Cross Plains in Cross Plains Aug. 21 at 6 p.m.

Coach Shelley said the weight room at the football field is open now from 8 a.m. until 10 p.m. Monday through Friday and said he expects most of the 62 boys that attended spring training to report for football this year.

19 year olds should register by Friday for draft

Men born in 1961 have until Friday to register for the Selective Service System at local Post Office's. Registration began last week and the process should take about five minutes to complete. The only records one will need when registering is their Social

Security Number.

Make up registration will last for one month for persons that missed their week to register. Failure to register is punishable by a \$10,000 fine and or five years in prison.



The draft has been around awhile

THE DRAFT AND THE AMERICAN TRADITION
by William Hawkins

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Military obligation has played a major role in Anglo-American history from at least the Ninth Century. The Anglo-Saxon fyrd or local militia was used by Alfred the Great against the Viking raiders. William the Conqueror required military service from all free men as did Henry II. It was the freemen militia that defeated the French knights at Agincourt and Crecy. Elizabeth I issued the Instructions for General Musters in 1572 to strengthen England in the face of the Spanish threat.

Both sides used drafted and impressed soldiers in the English Civil War.

In the American colonies, over two hundred laws defined the duty of military service. The Historian D.E. Leach has shown that there was a general "assumption that the colonists themselves would be ready and able to serve as soldiers, an assumption resting mainly on the English tradition and practice of compulsory military obligation."

The American Revolution did not separate the new United States from this tradition. If anything, it served to strengthen it because a citizen army was considered a better safeguard for a free government than a professional or mercenary force. The classic myth of Cincinnatus, the citizen who takes up arms in time of danger and then returns to his civilian labors once the crisis is passed, was quite popular in the early Republic. After all, had not a citizen army just beaten the best professional army then in existence?

During the American Revolution, rebel control of the militia companies had been a valuable asset, a situation we best remember in the legend of the Minutemen. Where would we have been had Paul Revere's cry "To arms, to arms," been met by a mass exodus to Canada?

Yet, the patriotic spirit was not always enough. Several states, including Virginia and Massachusetts, which had been in the forefront of the independence movement, resorted to the draft to bring their militia units up to strength. In 1778 the Continental Congress agreed to General Washington's request for authority to draft men from the militia into the Regulars. Since all healthy men were theoretically liable for the militia this amounted to authority to draft on a nation-wide basis into the Regulars.

In 1972 the Congress, operating under the new Constitution, enacted legislation enrolling "each and every free able-bodied white male citizen" between the ages of 18 and 54 into the militia and established the right to call the militia into national service. Thus the tradition of service was clearly preserved by the Founding Fathers.

Some prominent statesmen wanted to go even further. Thomas Jefferson wrote to Secretary of War James Monroe in 1813 to argue that "We must

train and classify the whole of our male citizens and make military instruction a regular part of collegiate education. We cannot be safe till this is done."

Today the contention is sometimes made that conscription is "slavery" or "involuntary servitude" as defined under the 13th Amendment. Nothing could be further from the American experience. In each and every case, service has been an obligation of free citizens only. As in the 1792 act only those considered full and responsible members of the community were to be entrusted with the community's defense. In those days the interdependence of rights and duties was better understood than it is today.

The assertion that conscription violates the 13th Amendment has never been sustained in theory or law. The Supreme Court in 1918 specifically rejected the appeal to the 13th Amendment in a series of cases arising from the use of the draft in World War I. The Court ruled that the power granted to Congress in the constitution to raise and equip armies included the power to compel service. As Chief Justice Edward D. White phrased it: "As the mind cannot conceive an army without the men to compose it, on the face of the Constitution the objection that it does not give power to provide for such men would seem to be too frivolous for further notice." Furthermore the Court ruled that such service was a duty of citizenship. To compel someone to fulfill a legitimate obligation is not a violation of any of his rights.

That this interpretation is in accord with the framers of the Constitution can be shown by reference to the Federalist Papers, which had been written to explain the Constitution to the public. Paper no. 23, written by Alexander Hamilton, stated that "The circumstances that endanger the safety of nations are infinite and for this reason no constitutional shackles can wisely be imposed on the power to which the care of it is committed... the Union ought to be invested with the full power to levy troops."

The United States has consistently used this power. Both sides used conscription in the Civil War. The draft was again resorted to in both World Wars, the Korean War and the Vietnam War. The first peacetime draft was enacted in 1940, some eighteen months before Pearl Harbor. After a brief period without a draft following World War II, another peacetime draft was passed in 1948 and conscription remained the law until 1973. In both 1940 and 1948 peacetime drafts were established because of rising international tensions. In the modern world events happen too quickly for the century to wait to act until after disaster strikes. The foundations at least must be laid in advance.

The draft registration that has been ordered is still as a large step away from a resumption of conscription, and neither of the major candidates for President in 1980 favors a return to the draft at this time. Still, registration requires a certain psychological preparedness. But if we remember that our forefathers faced times just as dangerous and trying and survived them, we should find the courage to face the future ourselves.

Tax rate notice confuses readers

In last week's Mail, a maximum tax rate calculation was printed and it has caused some confusion with some readers.

MISD published its sample calculation of maximum tax rate for tax year 1980. Several readers called the Mail Thursday and Friday and said they were confused by the sample calculation.

The Truth in Taxation Act, passed by the 66th Texas Legislative Session mandate all taxing entities to figure a tax rate that would generate the same amount of money that taxes generated last year.

Due to an increase of just under \$7 million in the assessed evaluation, that has been adjusted to a \$2.5 million increase in assessed evaluation after state mandated exemptions are deleted, MISD could generate the same amount of money it generated last year with an eight cent reduction in the tax rate. (MISD currently taxes \$1.87 at 60 per cent for each \$100 in evaluation.)

What all of that means is that if MISD maintained its 1979-80 operating budget of \$1,793,615.00 through the 1980-81 school year there would be an eight cent reduction in taxes.

The Board of Trustees has already approved a seven per cent pay raise for the food service,

maintenance, secretaries and bus drivers, as well as a pay increase to the tax assessor-collector and vocational agriculture instructor. The board has also been approached by MISD teachers requesting a ten per cent pay hike, which would cost MISD at least \$72,000.

At their June 17th meeting, school principals also presented program needs for this year, which is approved, would also add to this year's budget. Principals requested adding an additional first and fifth grade teacher at Merkel Elementary, a science teacher at Merkel Middle School and an art instructor at Merkel High.

The board has also been requested to add a coaching position at Merkel High by athletic director Byron Shelley.

Each of those moves, the ones already approved and the proposed moves would carry additional costs to the district.

MISD board members have scheduled an Aug. 12 budget workshop where board members will get their first detailed look at next year's budget.

The board has also scheduled their public tax hearing for Aug. 19 from 7 to 8 p.m. That hearing is designed to allow the public a chance to make their feelings known concerning the budget.

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What's happening in Tye

By Harold Boyd

Maybe we have heard all the jokes about, "How hot was it?"... surely, there is some relief somewhere. We'll know the effects of this hot dry spell, we all will be apart within the next few months ahead. Feed, chickens etc. will cost the consumer within the next three more due to the dry spell. Where it stops is a question that everyone is asking. Our government leaders haven't found an answer, nor do I feel like they will regarding the high cost of everything. Maybe something will come out of it all in the November elections. This is one place we all can voice our opinions as to our future of our country, the way we hope it should be. Can't satisfy everyone, but hope should be there for new, strong leadership. Be sure to look at all the candidates this November regarding all elections. Start now by studying each candidate and then vote your convictions.

Wish to take this time to say thanks to the fine people, management at the new convenience store at the truck stop for their donations of the beverages at the musical. Remember them and let them know we appreciate the donation. They are trying to be part of Tye and have never failed a group when it comes time to donate.

Your Senior Citizens will start up again musicals each 2nd and 4th Saturdays, you make it a date for an evening of entertainment. There isn't any charge, just come on out, sit back and relax and enjoy the local talent.

Moms... it will be only 35 more days when the dear ones will be back, gaining another year of education. Its been hot, boring for them but be patient just 35 some days and then you can gain your sanity back. Some of the kiddo's would have like to be back a week after the doors were opened for vacation.

Speaking of school, the new construction of the new school at Merkel won't be ready due to a strike which is beyond our control and the contractors. Wouldn't it be great if a few concerned citizens decided to grab a paint brush and took over the chore and finished the painting inside and got it ready for September.

Let me see my notes... the big pile of white plastic pipe is dwindling down, look in your back yard, they are heading your way. There will be some inconveniences, safety but when it is done it will be worth all the trouble our past and current city fathers have done and are doing.

To Cleta Barly, our prayers to you during the loss of your brother who left her this past weekend.

For another week, take care, remember your advertisers, they appreciate your patronage. See ya next week, same place time.



Claudia Hagen and Billy Diltz

Hagen-Diltz wedding set Aug. 15

Claudia Hagen and Billy Diltz will be married Friday, August 15, in a small, informal ceremony at the Merkel Country Club. Miss Hagen is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John

Hagen of New Braunfels, Texas and Mr. Diltz is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Diltz of Merkel.

The couple will live in Abilene after a honeymoon trip to Cancun, Mexico.

Blands hold annual reunion Saturday

During a business session closing the Bland family's second annual reunion Mrs. Norman Gray of Abilene was elected president and Maurine White of Merkel secretary-treasurer of the group for 1980-81.

Ninety-six persons attended the Saturday evening-Sunday gathering at the J.W. Hodges home at Lake Fort Phantom Hill.

Miss White lighted Praying Hands memorial candles honoring family members who died since the 1979 reunion: Catherine Bland of Beaumont and Molly Bland of Breckinridge.

A program of sacred music was given Sunday afternoon by guest vocalist Buddy Lytle of Anson. He was assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Hodges and Charles Baucum, also of Anson.

Relatives attending were Messrs. and Mmes. Hoyt Bland, Cecil M. Bland, Darwin P. Bland, Joe John Bland, Tanya, John and Lance, and Bill Bland, all of Post; Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Hodges, Keri, Heather and Traci of Anson, Marvin R. Bland of Coppe, Messrs. and Mmes. Bernie Schraeder of Waco, Jeff Bland of Crawford, Powell Brewer of Terrell, Michael D. Bland of Dallas; Delma Bland of Fort Worth, Mrs. J.A. Bland of Sweetwater, Messrs. and Mmes. Harley Rogers of Kerrville, E.L. Elmore of Rule, Mike Walla, Nikki Jo and Jason of Colorado City.

Also Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Hodges, Doyle Cray, Gwen, Stephen and Carrie; Mr. and Mrs. Durwood Doan, Mrs. A.E. Smith, Mrs. Esther Lewis, Mrs. Brenda Harlow and Christopher, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bland, Terry and Todd; Mr. and Mrs. Norman Gray,

Joe Grist, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sayles all of Abilene; Mrs. Nan T. Ronson of Laguna Beach, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. Lovel D. Stell of Hobbs, N.M.

Also Mrs. Roberta Bland and Mark, Maurine White, Mr. and Mrs. Robert James, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis James and Derek; Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Leamon, Sean Ray and Shelli, Mr. and Mrs. Alf Walla, Mr. and Mrs. Randy Carson, Angela and Ody, all of Merkel.

Guests were Shane Christie, Richard Gooding, Sheila Rutledge, Linda Mayfield of Jacksboro, Mrs. Nancy Robinson and children of Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle and children, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Baucum, Anson.

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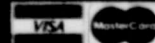
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Notices

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, 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. 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.

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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

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Bobby W. Moore, Respondent;

GREETINGS:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable 326th District Court, Taylor County, Texas, at the courthouse of said County in Abilene, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the Monday next after the expiration of 20 days from the date of service of this citation, then and there to answer the petition of Sandy M. Moore, Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 25th day of April, 1980, a-

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against Bobby W. Moore, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 3859-C on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Matter of The Marriage of Sandy M. Moore and Bobby W. Moore", the nature of which suit is a request to Obtain a divorce from the respondent, Bobby W. Moore.

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Trent News

Thursday, July 31, 1980.

Sr. Class garage sale set Aug. 1, 2

The Senior Class of Trent High School is having a garage sale Friday and Saturday, Aug. 1 and 2. The sale will be held at Rebecca Sipes home. Anyone wishing to donate items for the sale can call any Senior. The call starts at 9:00 Friday and continues through noon Sat. Come and support the Seniors.

Freeman has second operation

Robert Freeman, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Freeman of Trent, has had surgery performed for a second time this week. Freeman was injured July 19 in Abilene as the motorcycle he was riding on was struck by a

Jones succumbs

TRENT- Mary Katherine Jones, 67, a Trent housewife, died at 4:18 a.m. Saturday morning at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene. Services will be at 3 p.m. Sunday in the Trent Methodist Church, directed by Elliott-Hamill Funeral Home. The Rev. Floyd Richardson, Methodist minister, will officiate. Burial will be in Trent Cemetery. Born Dec. 13, 1912, in Merkel, she was a housewife. She grew up in Merkel, attending schools in Trent, Merkel, and Blain. She married D.H. Jones in

Colorado City Dec. 26, 1933. She was a Methodist. Survivors include her husband; two daughters, Rose Mary DeLane of Austin, and Mrs. Ruby Petree of Albany; a son, Tommy Jones of the home; a sister, Iva Mae Tinkle of Delano, Calif.; and four grandchildren. Pallbearers will be Fred Horton, Othel O'Kelly, Chock Hutcherson, Zed Bright, John Griffith, and Doug Carriker. Honorary pallbearers will be John Henry Swinney, F.H. Duncan, John Hamner, and Odell Dickerson.

Taylor 4-H reunion set

The first annual Taylor County 4-H Reunion will be held at Abilene State Park on Saturday, August 2nd. Registration will begin at 10:00 a.m. If you have ever been a member of 4-H in Taylor County or anywhere else, you are invited to come to this event to see old friends and make some new ones. All former County Extension Agents have also been invited, so you may even see some of them on the scene. For more information, contact the County Extension Office at 677-1711, Extension 321 or 322.



The Consumer Alert

by Mark White
Attorney General

AUSTIN—"No artificial flavors or colors!" reads the advertisement for Brand A's Natural Wheat Cracker! Is Brand A Company a new health food producer? No, Brand A Company, like other giants of the food industry, is merely keeping its eye on what will produce a profit. And adding such words as "natural", "no preservatives", or "organic" to their products' labels is proving to be a money-making idea for members of the food industry. Supermarket shelves are being flooded with "natural" products, some of them containing a long list of chemical additives. And some products that never have contained additives suddenly are displaying "natural" or "no preservative" labels. Along with new formulations and labels have come higher prices, since the food industry has realized that consumers are willing to pay more for products they think are especially healthful. Consumers who purchase these "natural" products are often surprised to learn after reading the list of ingredients that the food contains an additive. How can a product named Brand B's Natural Lemon Flavored Creme Pie contain sodium propionate, certified food colors, sodium benzoate, and vegetable gum, but no creme, and still be a "Natural Lemon Flavored Creme Pie?" The food industry defends this type of labeling by asserting that the word "natural" modifies only "lemon flavored", not the pie itself. Such an argument seems to have little merit when you consider that "artificial lemon flavor" probably does not exist in addition to using indeterminate modifiers in a product's name to convince consumers of the food's nutritional value. Food companies also attempt to associate their products with "natural" scenes by picturing outdoor or farm scenes on the packages. By so doing, the company hopes to create the impression that its product is as "natural" as the depicted scene. The Texas Consumer Protection Act prohibits "representing that goods...are of a particular standard, quality, or grade...if they are of another." Therefore, a representation by a food company that its product is "natural" when it is not violative of the Consumer

Protection Act. The definition of "natural" may be interpreted so broadly, however, that it is difficult to prove that the product is not "natural". At this time, the Federal Trade Commission is considering adopting a staff proposal which would allow a producer to use the word "natural" only if its product underwent minimal processing and contained no artificial ingredients. If you have any questions concerning the advertisements employing the adjective "natural" contact the Consumer Protection and Antitrust Division of the Attorney General's Office.

Legal notice

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Charles Riley, Respondent:

GREETINGS:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable 326th District Court, Taylor County, Texas, at the Courthouse of said County in Abilene, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the Monday next after the expiration of 20 days from the date of service of this citation, then and there to answer the petition of Cynthia Riley, Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 10th day of July, 1980, against Charles Riley, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 4198C on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Matter of The Marriage of Cynthia Ri-

ley and Charles Riley", the nature of which suit is a request to the Court to Grant a Divorce to the Petitioner.

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree dissolving the marriage and providing for the division of property which will be binding on you.

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 seal of said Court at Abilene, Texas, this the 24 day of July, 1980.

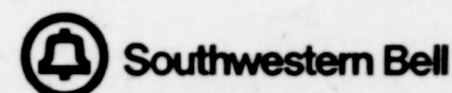
Irene Crawford, Clerk, 326th District Court, Taylor County, Texas. By Rella Mahoy, Deputy.

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Goodman club holds meeting

The Goodman Extension Homemakers Club met the 25th in the home of Mrs. Mae Seago with the president Mrs. Garland Price presiding with 6 members and 1 visitor Mrs. H.C. Reid present. Prayer by Mrs. Minnie Carey. Game by Mrs. Vivian Winters. Council report by Mrs. Garland Price. Plans for a booth at the Jones Goodman Club will work July 15 and each member will bring a pie. Quilting was discussed and decided not to quilt in August. The program, "Space Stretchers Storage"

by Mrs. Garland Price. Some points to remember- Extra hanging space and shelves in your closet, extra drawers and shelf storage space in kitchen and you can always find place to add extra storage space in the bath room. Refreshments were served to Frances Carter, Minnie Carey, Vivian Winter, Odessa Butler, Amy Price and Mrs. H.C. Reid by Mae Seago. The next meeting will be Sept. 12 in the home of Mrs. Rachel Phillips, everyone welcome regardless of race, creed, color or economic circumstance.

Hot weather stunting cotton growth

COLLEGE STATION-- Record temperature and extremely drying conditions across Texas during the past four weeks are causing the cotton crop to cease growth and shed squares and young bolls. "Statewide, the estimated 7.5 million acres of cotton could produce as low as about 4.5 million bales, with the yields likely in the direction of 4 million bales if current hot, dry weather continues through the middle of August," says Dr. Robert Metzger, cotton specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System. The siege of intense heat is speeding the cotton harvest in early producing regions of the state, including the Rio Grande Valley and Coastal Bend, reports Metzger. "Some good production and some poor production is the rule in the Rio Grande Valley. The harvest season is expected to move into high gear there in the next week, with yields likely to average from three-fourths to one bale per acre in the opinion of most individuals," Metzger says. Lack of timely moisture and heavy boll weevil pressure have been factors influencing yields in the Lower Valley. In the Coastal Bend, weather has caused the premature opening of considerable cotton throughout the region. "Hot, dry conditions-coupled with heavy boll weevil pressure-have cut into yield outlook, which could average from one-half to three-quarters of a bale per acre," Metzger predicts. Yield prospects across the Central Blacklands will start deteriorating rapidly if a good soaking rain is not received within the next few days. "Thus, far, cotton has held up well in this region, due to the good moisture situation early in the season which enabled cotton to root down well. Prolonged periods of 100-degree plus temperature are moving moisture in

a hurry," the cotton specialist reports. Similar conditions exist in the Rolling and High Plains areas. Metzger says rainfall in July and August will be critical for achieving normal yield prospects. Areas that began the season with good underground moisture are still fruiting, but will need additional moisture within the next two weeks to realize normal yields, he adds. "Irrigation is behind schedule in most areas of the state and is being stretched to the limit especially when cotton irrigation is alternated with other crops. Hot, dry summers usually result in good quality fiber and reasonable yields for the irrigated producer, provided sufficient water and fuel are available to irrigate in a timely manner," Metzger emphasizes. In 1979, cotton averaged 397 pounds of lint per acre, with the total yield 5.7 million bales on 6.9 million acres. "Much of last year's cotton crop was made on late-set bolls. This year, however, we cannot expect similar results due to lack of moisture and higher insect pressure," Metzger concludes.

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Volunteer group for nursing home being formed

We are organizing a group of volunteers to help the residents of the Starr Nursing Home. We especially want to invite members of local churches, young people, those who have friends and relatives in the home, and those of you who can give a few minutes of your time each week to brighten the lives of the residents of the nursing home. The meeting will be Friday morning (Aug. 1) at 9:00 a.m. in the Church of Christ Family Center.

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EASY STREET SHOES SOME 60%
Cushion Sole SHOES Value to \$29.99 1/2 price
Jogging SHOES Value to \$29.99 1/2 price
Jarman Dress SHOES Value to \$45.00 \$29.99
Ladies SHIFTS Value to \$18.99 \$8.99
DOGGONIT TOPS Value to \$12.99 1/2 price
DOGGONIT SHORTS Value to \$9.99 1/2 price
Infants SUN SUITS Value to \$12.99 1/2 price
Size 8 to 18
VELOUR SHIRTS \$11.99
One Lot SHIRTS and PANTS Value to \$17.99 \$2.99
Wrangler DRESS PANTS Value to \$16.99 1/2 price
Knit SHIRTS Value to \$15.99 \$9.99
It's Twice As Nice To Shop CRAWFORDS
135 Edwards 928-5612 Visa Mastercharge

ALLSUP'S CONVENIENCE STORES

RATH'S MEAT FRANKS 99¢ 12 OZ. PKG.
BRIGHT AND EARLY FROZEN ORANGE JUICE 6 OZ 3 FOR \$1.00
SHURFINE COFFEE 1 LB CAN \$2.59
32 OZ. REFRESHING COCA-COLA \$1.69 6 BTL. CTR.
SHURFINE VEGETABLE SHORTENING 3 LB CAN \$1.29
SHURFINE BLEACH 1/2 GAL 45¢
BORDEN'S ASSTD. FRUIT DRINK 89¢ GAL.
BORDEN'S ASSTD. YOGURT 3 \$1.00 8 OZ. CTNS.

WHY PAY MORE
WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO LIMIT PRICES EFFECTIVE JULY 31 THRU AUGUST 2, 1980 SPECIALS GOOD WHILE SUPPLY LASTS - LIMITED SUPPLY

RATH'S PURE PORK SAUSAGE 89¢ 1 LB. ROLL
COOKED FOOD SPECIAL 3 FOR \$1.00
TACO ROLLS 49¢ SHUR FRESH SOFT 1 LB TUB
MARGARINE 79¢ CLOVER CLUB REG 99¢
ARMOUR VIENNA SAUSAGE 49¢ 5 OZ CAN
KRAFT MIRACLE WHIP 99¢ QT JAR
ALLSUP'S ASSORTED FLAVORS ICE CREAM \$1.39 1/2 GAL. RD. CTR.



The following
 merchants are
 backing the Merkel
 Trent USGA Softball
 team in this weekend's
 Regional tournament
Good Luck GIRLS!

KBGG

- Wylie Truck Truck
- Merkel Drug
- Big Country Inn
- Merkel Restaurant
- Ninth St. Gro.
- American Testing Inc.
- Merkel Auto Parts
- Walls Factory Outlet
- Home State Bank
- Hammond Ins.
- Dairy Queen
- Handy Food Store
- Carriker Food Store
- Shannonside Apt.
- Merkel Locker Plant
- Taylor Electric Co-Op
- Circle A Western Wear
- Hi-al Farm and Home Supply

Castille's

- F&M Bank**
- Jack South Elevators
- Star Hardware
- Merkel Veterinary
- Max Murrell Chevrolet
- Allen-Cypert Tax Service
- Starr Nursing Home
- Merkel Country
- DuBose Texaco
- Ben Franklin
- Boney Insurance
- Lemens Butane
- Dale Hammond
- Taylor Telephone
- Merkel Brick & Lumber
- Cal-Tex Feed Yards
- Carson's Supermarket
- Keenan Land Developement

Amerine Heating and Air Conditioning



You Don't BUY Less
You Just SPEND LESS

PRICES GOOD
Thurs-Fri-Sat
July 31st
Aug 1-2nd
STORE HOURS
7:30 Am-6:30 PM
MON thru SAT
SHOP
AND
SAVE

ROSE MILK
LOTION
WITH DISPENSER
12 OZ BOTTLE \$1.39

OLEO
PARKAY
SOFT
TWIN PACK POUND 69¢

JOHNSON
SHOUT
12 OZ SPRAY \$1.39

DIAPERS
LUVS
MED 18 CT \$2.59

FROZEN FOODS
WHOLE SUN
ORANGE JUICE 12 OZ CAN 69¢
PEPPERIDGE FARM
LARGE **CAKE** ASST BOX \$1.43

DUNCAN HINES
BROWNIE MIX
23 OZ BOX \$1.59
A & W 16 OZ DIET OR REG
ROOT BEER
BOTS \$1.59
NO DEPOSIT

KRAFT
1/2 MOON
CHEESE
16 OZ PKG \$1.98

VIP 303 HALF OR SLICED
PEACHES 2 FOR 89¢
WHITE HOUSE QT
APPLE JUICE EA 83¢
DEL MONTE 46 OZ ITS NEW
PINEAPPLE **DRINK** CAN 69¢
ORANGE

WHIPEE VIP 9 OZ
TOPPING EA 55¢
VIP 10 OZ
CORN 2 FOR 59¢
TOOTH PASTE OZ
PEPSODENT 6.5 OZ TUBE 73¢

COFFEE
FOLGERS
1 LB CAN \$2.59 1 LIMIT
WITH \$10.00 IN TRADE OR MORE
EXCLUSIVE OF CIGARETTES

COOKING OIL
WESSON
48 OZ JUG \$2.19

DEL MONTE 303 NEW
POTATOES 2 FOR 73¢
DEL MONTE 303
SPINACH 2 FOR 79¢
DEL MONTE 303 2 FOR
SLICED CARROTS 69¢
DEL MONTE 303 WHOLE
GREEN BEANS 2 FOR 79¢
RANCH STYLE 300
BEANS 2 FOR 73¢

CRISCO CREAMY 3 LB CAN \$1.93 1 LIMIT
JELLO ASSORTED 3 OZ BOX 3 FOR 93¢
FLOUR GLADIOLA 5 LB BAG 79¢
SPAM HORMEL 12 OZ CAN \$1.19

FOREMOST
BUTTER MILK
1/2 GAL CRTN 98¢

FRENCH
MUSTARD
PURE
9 OZ JAR 39¢
KRAFT DELUXE
MACRONI -CHEESE
DINNER
14 OZ BOX 85¢

ROUND STEAK



CHOICE BEEF
FULL CUT
LEAN LB \$2.09

IG DAIRY FRESH
HOMO MILK
GAL \$2.09

IG DAIRY FRESH
LOW FAT MILK
GAL JUG \$2.05

WOLF
HOT DOG SAUCE
10 OZ
2 FOR 59¢

ROAST GOOCH BR RUMP LB \$2.09

DEL MONTE 15 OZ
SWEET CUCUMBER
PICKLES JAR 59¢

SUNSHINE GRAHAM
CRACKERS LB 73¢

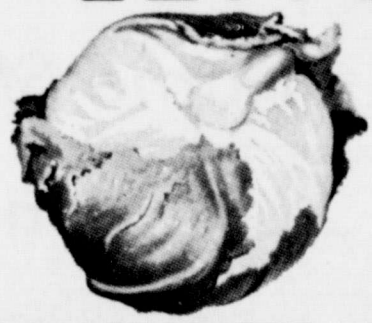
FRANKS RUSTLERS 16 OZ PKG \$1.69

BAMA 18 OZ
PEANUT BUTTER JAR \$1.09

LETTUCE

HAM PATTIES 12 OZ CAN \$1.29

CARSON'S -IS FULL SELF - SERVICE
MEATS- SO SELECT YOUR CHOICE OF
STEAKS-ROASTS-OR CHOPS YOU LIKE-
ALL MEAT IS GUARANTEED
SO COME IN AND BROWSE AROUND



ANCO
FIRM-HEAD
EA 39¢

BACON HORMEL POUND LB \$1.69

BLEACH
CLOROX
24 OZ BOX 73¢

LIQUID
DERMASSAGE
GIANT BOX 98¢

SUNK-LARGE
ORANGES LB 29¢
FRESH CELLO LB

HORMEL POLISH
STYLE **SAUSAGE** 12 OZ \$1.59

SANTA ROSA
CARROTS 2 FOR 49¢

FRESH WATER
CATFISH STEAK LB \$1.89

DETERGENT
FAB
SIZE KING \$2.49

BATH SIZE
ZEST
2 BAR DEAL 73¢

FRESH
PLUMS LB 49¢

GOOCH BR
HOT LINK **SAUSAGE** LB \$1.39

DEL MONTE
CUCUMBERS 2 FOR 39¢

GOOCH BR GOLDEN AWARD
BONELESS COOKED HALVES **HAM** LB \$2.59

WHITE
BANANAS LB 29¢
ONIONS LB 29¢



TOWELS
JUMBO ROLL 59¢

KEN-L-RATION
BURGER
72 OZ \$1.98

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