

The Merkel Mail

Thursday, August 21, 1980...Merkel, Texas

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The area was blanketed by clouds that formed the Northwest and Southeast this weekend, and even though they did not provide more than one-tenth of

an inch of rain, they cooled temperatures and created some pretty sights. (Staff photo by Cloy A. Richards)

Council meets, approves LSG increase

The Merkel City Council gave final approval for a 10.4 percent rate increase for Lone Star Gas at their meeting Friday night.

Council formally passed the ordinance granting the increase in a unanimous vote.

In other action, council heard a request from local citizen Joe Dale Gregory for the placement of speed bumps near the Merkel Church of Christ's Activity Center.

Gregory explained to council a number of youths use the parking lot of the center for bike and roller skate riding and the church would like to have those children protected by installing a couple of speed bumps. The bumps would be located near the alley behind the center. Council asked Mr. Gregory to query citizens in that area to the placement of the bumps to see where they would be most beneficiary.

Mr. Gregory also asked council to take actions that would prohibit the installation of an alcohol fuel

plant within the city limits.

Mr. Gregory explained he was all for alcohol fuels, but said he had attended a workshop on the subject and had learned some of the potential hazards involved.

Gregory said an alcohol plant has the potential for fire, explosion and also can become a nuisance with emission of extremely bad odors.

Council said the city has no zoning ordinances in force and would have to study the subject before council could act on an ordinance. City Manager J.A. Sadler said it would be a good idea to create an inclusive ordinance regulating the location of any type of facility that would produce or store potentially explosive or dangerous materials.

Council also approved payment of the monthly accounts.

Their next session will be held August 24 at 7 P.M. at City Hall.

MHS registration changed to Aug. 28

The Merkel High School has announced a change in registration dates because of a schedule conflict.

Principal Allen Merritt told the Mail registration will be held from 9 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. for Juniors and Seniors and 1 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. for Freshmen

and sophomores.

Registrations have formerly been handled by the office staff, but this year, students will register themselves and have more input into what courses they will take during the year.

Weekend clouds, all show and no go

by Cloy A. Richards

Those clouds sure looked good here this weekend, but they were all show and no go as far as rain is concerned.

We received a tenth of an inch, which wasn't even enough water to keep the fish from having to swim sideways in most area stock tanks.

Don't hang up those rain-making dancing shoes just yet, good rains could still make a difference in crops in the fields in some cases, and any improvement in the crop outlook here will make a noticeable difference.

As noted in last week's column, the new Taylor County budget will include funding for three rural deputies, one will serve the Merkel-Trent area exclusively.

That is a major change in the Sheriff's Department. For years, the sheriff's department just hasn't had the man power or funding to adequately cover the whole county and only patrolled this area when requested or on occasion.

The full-time deputy in this area should help reduce crime, especially in the very vulnerable rural area.

The county budget is set at 5.1 million dollars this year, with most of the increases in spending coming through the sheriff's office, as well as a ten per cent pay increase to county workers.

Our hat is off to the county commissioners, who, for the first time in the last four years, have made a major budget commitment that will directly protect the safety of those Taylor County residents who do not live in Abilene.

The Merkel Softball Association took on a fund raising activity over the weekend to help defray medical expenses of Joe and Evone Dudley.

Mrs. Dudley has been recently diagnosed as having a rare form of blood disease and the weekend tourney helped raise about \$1000 to help meet those expenses.

Contributions are still being accepted at the F&M Bank here.

An advisory committee of the State Board of

Education has recommended competency tests be given to new school teachers. That recommendation signals the first in a series of steps that will lead to the adoption of competency tests for high school seniors before they graduate from school.

It has been a controversial subject in North Carolina, Maryland, Florida, and Idaho, where competency tests are required, before a student receives a diploma. Those that cannot pass the competency tests are given a certificate of completion from high school, but not a diploma. There are provisions in each state for the student to attend special courses designed to help them pass the test, after they have failed the test twice.

What makes the issue controversial is that it is always a decision made by the state's department of education and local school districts must carry out the state's mandates.

If teacher competency tests become a reality, it will not be long before the adoption of a competency test for high school seniors.

One thing of Ronald Reagan has learned is to tell them what they want to hear.

Do you remember when candidate Carter spoke before the national VFW convention in 1976? He used that occasion to announce an amnesty plan for Vietnam-era draft evaders and was almost shouted out of the hall.

Reagan brought them to their feet Monday when he said the Vietnam Conflict was a noble cause and he would never send troops into a fight, that Congress would not allow them to win

I guess the pre-season game between the Oilers and the Cowboys will be the only time the two meet, unless both teams make it to the Super Bowl this year. The two teams will bump heads Saturday for the Governor's Cup. Not to be outdone for early season fireworks, Texas and Arkansas will hold their annual war on Sept. 1. Since that is also the day dove season starts, we can safely say that as many as 10,000 birds will be spared since most hunters will be glued to the set.

Speaking of football, the Badgers travel to Cross Plains Thursday for a 6 p.m. scrimmage as the Badgers set out on their 1980 campaign.

Board approves \$2 million 1980-81 school budget, teacher pay raise, hires assistant superintendent

MISD board members voted Tuesday night to adopt a \$2,083,000 budget, hired an assistant superintendent, heard a report saying school construction should be completed by Sept. 20 and set tax rate hearings for early next month.

The 1980-81 school budget features a pay raise for teachers and calls for a \$110,000 surplus at the end of the next school year. Currently, the district has \$150,000 cash on hand, twice as much as the 1979-80 budget had anticipated.

Merkel Elementary principal David Casey, who presented the budget along with MISD financial officer Peggy Gibson, told the board he felt the budget was tight, but also felt the school could be operated on the dollar provided.

The main differences in this year's budget from last are increased budgets for maintenance, teacher pay, band, transportation as well as smaller increases in other departments.

On the income side, oil and gas evaluations for 1980-81 pushed the district's evaluation up \$8 million dollars and that will bring in \$85,000 in additional taxes. Local evaluation minus oil and gas increases went up \$500,000. The district's assessed evaluation is \$46,061,000.

MISD teachers had requested a 10 per cent pay raise that would have cost the district about \$78,000. They received a pay increase package that will either provide partial insurance premiums paid by the district or pay raises. That package will cost \$22,000. School board secretary James Boyd said "This pay plan is something we can work on all year. It is a starting point to create something that will be more beneficial to everyone."

The board also set aside \$2,000 for pay to teachers for helping with U.I.L. activities such as one act play, junior high academic contests and sponsors of various groups. Last minute cuts totaling \$21,500 were taken out of the budget by turning down a request to add an art teacher and classes at Merkel High, a reduction in the amount of money budgeted for legal fees, lower rebates to the firm that collects delinquent taxes and superintendent travel allowance.

Mrs. Gibson told the Mail that the district's financial outlook looks much better now that it did 12 months ago and the expected \$150,000 surplus by Aug. 31, 1981 was getting closer to having two months operating expense on hand at the end of the year, a goal that MISD started trying to achieve last year.

In next week's edition of the Mail, a one-quarter page ad will appear saying the board has voted a 4.4 per cent tax increase. That ad will confuse readers because the district intends to set the tax rate at 1.87 for the 1980-81 school year. The current tax rate is 1.87. The reason the board is required to run the ad is the Truth in Taxation Laws adopted by the 66th Texas Legislative Session. Four weeks ago, tax assessor-collector Vicki Thomas calculated the district could generate the same amount of money it raised last year by taking at the rate of \$1.79. Budget increases this year could not be supported by the 1.79 rate and the board has intentions of setting the 1.87 rate at a tax rate hearing scheduled for September 4th at 7 p.m.

In a surprise move, the board hired Bill Everett as an assistant superintendent. The board had not previously discussed hiring an assistant superintendent in public and did not say what duties the assistant would have.

In other action, the board tabled a request from Walter Harris to start a high school baseball team until more estimates could be made concerning costs. Harris cited reasons to start the program were Merkel's growing interest in baseball-softball, that facilities of the Tri-City Baseball League could be used and that 21 students had indicated they would be interested in playing baseball. MISD has not fielded a baseball team in 20 years and the board said the proposal would be studied.

The board also amended the 1979-80 school year budget because it was overspent in three categories. MISD will be reimbursed for \$27,750 in new cafeteria equipment for Merkel and Tye cafeterias and will be reimbursed for \$9,300 in equipment for the new vocational agriculture center. The athletic budget was also overspent by \$7,950.

The school's architectural firm was represented by Ralph Perkins and Charles Harper. Perkins told the board that school contractors Haney and Sivley had requested a 45 day extension on the July 20 completion date for school construction. Haney and Sivley said the painters strike had delayed them by 45 days and said they would have the school finished by Sept. 20. The board agreed they had already bent over backwards to accommodate Haney and Sivley and set the extension to Sept. 1. The school will assess a \$100 per day late charge to the contractor following that date.

Perkins told the board he felt the high school would be completed by Sept. 20 and he set a 5:30, August 26 walking tour with board members through the three completed building projects at the school.

The board also adopted a 25 per cent increase in lunch prices. Adult meals were 95 cents will be \$1.25 and student meals were increased from 60 to 75 cents. Milk prices will also be increased in October but that amount is not known. The increase will be from 10 to 12 or 13 cents.

The board accepted resignations from Sammie Keys and Laura Stegmoller and hired Carla Moore for one year as a kindergarten teacher, hired a new fifth grade teacher, Lisa Hudman, hired Donna Layne for one year to help out in the tax office, hired Bill Talbot as special education teacher, on a split vote hired Mark Gholke as boys basketball coach and hired Bill Everett as assistant superintendent.

In other actions, the board decided to:

- + Accept a bid from Palmer Pontiac for a pickup for the vocational agriculture department,
- + Decided to stay with the unemployment insurance compensation plan sponsored by the Texas Association of School Boards,
- + Tabled a policy that would require superintendents and principals to live within the geographic boundaries of the district,
- + Accepted a \$1,900 bid for approximately 235 square feet of carpet for the band hall from Broyles Carpets in Abilene,
- + Heard a recommendation that travel reimbursements go from 18 to 20 cents per mile,
- + Heard the staff dinner sponsored by the Farmers and Merchants National Bank was set for August 27 at noon.

The board will meet again Sept. 4 to set the tax rate for the 1980-81 school year and the next scheduled meeting is September 16th.

USDA announces increase target, loan prices for wheat, cotton, grain sorghum, oats, barley

The United States Department of Agriculture has announced new loan rates and target prices on grains and cotton for 1980 production.

Under the Food and Agricultural Act of 1977, the secretary of Agriculture was directed to formulate and administer a program under which the producers of wheat, and at the discretion of the secretary, feed grains would be able to store grains when they are in abundant supply and extend the time for orderly marketing.

Loan rates for the 1980 crop (with previous loan rate in parenthesis) are wheat-bushel-\$3.00 (\$2.50) with target prices set at \$3.63 within the national crop acres and \$3.08 exceeding. Grain sorghum, cwt, \$3.82 (\$3.57) target prices at \$4.46 within NCA and \$4.38 exceeding NCA.

Barley, bushel, \$1.83 (\$1.71), with target at \$2.55 within NCA and \$2.99 exceeding NCA. Oats, bushel, loan at \$1.16 (\$1.08) target within NCA \$2.55 and \$2.29 exceeding.

Cotton loan rate is 48 cents per pound with a 58.4

cent target price.

The call price for new wheat reserves is set at \$5.25 per bushel compared to \$4.38 per bushel for contracts before January, 1980 and \$4.63 per bushel for contracts from January to date.

As of August 6, 1980, reserves totaling 3,481, 378 bushels were held in barley, 32,018, 597 bushels in oats, 41,487, 067 cwt of grain sorghum and 253,040, 262 bushels of wheat.

The regulations specifically call for the secretary to require (1) repayment of loans in not less than three or more than five years, (2) payment to producers to cover costs of storing wheat and feed grains held under the program, (3) a rate of interest determined by the secretary based on the rate of interest charged by the Commodity Credit Corporation.

The USDA has also announced a new reserve program of food quality wheat with a release price of \$4.20 compared with the old agreement entered in the reserve before Jan. 7, 1980 of \$3.50 and \$3.75 for that entered after Jan. 7, 1980.

Tye council approves sale of old fire truck, studying new budget

Whats Happening in Tye
By Harold Boyd

Greetings from Tye, Texas, hope this column finds you well and hope your week has been one of blessings.

As was stated last week, we would report the happenings from your city council meeting. More than a few showed for this session, in fact, what you could call a full house. More than 35 interested citizens showed up to see and hear how your city council acted. The usual reports were read and accepted by your city council. A payment in the sum of nine hundred dollars was voted upon to be paid to Mr. M.N. Alvord for the removal of three pecan trees. The Volunteer Fire Department requested to the city council at this meeting for the sale of the old fire truck. Council approved this. Then the department, out of its funds, requested the council that it be able to replace this truck and funds derived from the sale of the old truck be returned to the department for additional equipment to the new truck, that the department has already obtained. This was voted upon and approved. Your city council meetings are held once a month in the new City Hall, air conditioned meeting room. Usually these meetings don't last more than a hour and a half. If

you are interested in whats happening at your city council, do make it a date and see for yourself what really takes place. Notices are posted at the Post Office and at the Skinny store. Your city council members have been having a budget workshop the last few days and are trying to put your new city taxes to work in the right fashion. Yes, this is a tax never heard in Tye, til this year. Taxes, whether we like them or not are becoming a necessity to promote the needs of the city. You'd be somewhat surprised to know what it takes to operate a small city such as we have here. Several thousands of dollars and property taxes are only one source of our revenue. We have other monies that are funded to us through city sales tax, revenue sharing funds and franchise tax. So when the budget is read, you can see it is actually for expenditures required and where the funds come from.

A report on the fund raising for the fire department is now over \$1,000.00 and we hope that it will grow more. As stated, in earlier columns, your fire protection is through donations, very little tax dollars help the department. Our musicals have been our only true means of support, and now, through solicitation of the town, we are inviting you to donate what you can afford. We need several more dollars to meet the standards of the fire department. If we had to buy a new truck, we would be talking in the tune of \$25,000 with volunteers, we are going to do it

for less than that. All we need is some more dollars, ones that will stay in Tye and will benefit only you. Yes, again, we need younger men and ladies. So fit it in your daily lives, learn what you can do in case of fire, how to put one out and what you can do to prevent one. They meet every Tuesday at the present time. To those of you that have graciously given, our many thanks, it has been appreciated.

Did you get a little rain this past weekend? Surely it was needed and we still lack more to be up with our yearly rainfall. Pray for rain, and hope that our neighbors that farm can make a drop and that the cattle can feed on.

No Bull... You may think beef is expensive now, but just think how much more you'd be paying for it if meatpackers didn't have a ready market for the

by-products. In fact, only about 450 pounds of meat can be obtained from a 1,000 pound steer. More than half-hide, bones, fat and blood, are raw materials for such products as soap, lubricants, animal feed, shows and cooking fat. Tallow and grease—the products of rendering, are valuable export commodities. And that's no bull...dollars that are a great important factor of West Texas.

For another week, you all take care and we will see you next week in the same place and time. If you aren't a subscriber of the Mail, you are missing the happenings of the area. Support your advertisers... they will thank you in ways that you'd never know.

Newsbriefs

Art meeting

The Merkel Art Association will resume their monthly meetings with a tea Monday, August 25th. The tea will be in the home of Mrs. Stanley Toombs, 411 Oak at 7:00 p.m. On display will be the paintings that were painted in a workshop taught by Lloyd Scott. Also on display will be the scrap books of the past presidents of the art association. All members and prospective members are urged to attend.

Graduates

Recent graduates from the University of Texas include two students from Merkel. William David Booth of 902 N. 2nd received a degree in physics with highest honors, and Karolyn Sue Davis of Rt. 1 graduated with a degree in natural sciences.

Dear Fans

Dear Badger Fans: We would like for you to come support the Badgers this season. Start off right and come see the mighty Badgers stomp the Cross Plains Buffaloes, Thursday at 6 at Cross Plains.

The Merkel High Cheerleaders

Riding club

Prizes for the month of July were given to the following winners: 8-under: 1. Bridgett Vaughn, 2. Coty Vaughn, 3. Jason Flowers, 4.

Grace Vinson passes away

Grace Irene Vinson, 71, of Merkel passed away at 6:30 a.m. July 16 following a lengthy illness.

Services were held at 10:30 a.m. July 17 at the Starbuck Chapel with Mr. Larry Gill of the Merkel Church of Christ officiating. Burial was at Rose Hill Cemetery. Mrs. Vinson was born February 23, 1909 in Gunsack County, Texas. She had lived in Jones and Taylor County most of her life and lived in Merkel the past 15 years. She was a member of the Church of Christ Church.

She married Sam Vinson, September 11, 1926 in Anson. He passed away in 1978.

Survivors include: four sons, Lee of Merkel, Dayle of McCauley, John of Ft. Worth, and Dink of Palo Pinto; a daughter, Wanda Waldon of Merkel; a brother Lloyd Galloway of Abilene; 12 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Josh Mashburn, 5. Angie Welborn.

9-12: 1. Marty Flowers 2. Kelly Russell, 3. Denise Pursley, 4. Scott Hardy, 5. Candice Henslee and Cassie Townsend (tied).

13-17: 1. Kenny Hogan and Dana Pursley (tied).

18 and over: 1. LaVina Vaughn, 2. Dana Russell, 3. Cindy Sipe, 4. Barbara Whisenhunt.

The Merkel Riding Club wishes to thank the merchants and individuals who donated to our Playnight. We appreciate it very much and would like to invite you all out Saturday, August 23 at 8:00 p.m.

for our Jackpot Play-night. For further information call, 928-5884 or 928-5718 or 862-3061.

Engagement

Mr. and Mrs. William A. Lallis of Dallas announces the engagement of their daughter, Wanda Lallis to John D. Constable, son of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Constable of Odessa, formerly of Merkel.

Wedding vows are to be exchanged November 15 in Dallas.

Bake sale

The Merkel High Cheerleaders will be sponsoring a bake sale

this Saturday starting at 10 a.m. in front of the WTU building.

Wedding

Lugenia Guenther and Charles Knight will be married Saturday, August 23 at 6:00 at the First Baptist Church on Locust Street.

All friends and relatives are invited.

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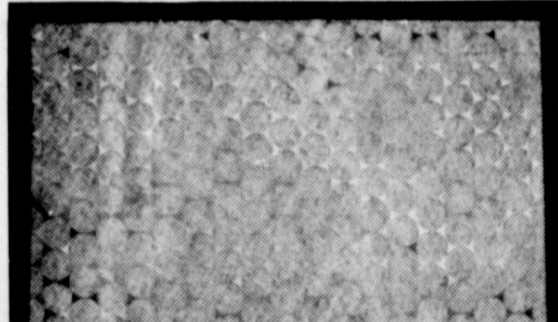
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4640—2WD, 155 PTO hp	\$1,400	\$ 800
4440—2WD, 130 PTO hp	\$1,200	\$ 700
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178 Texas counties eligible

One hundred seventy-eight Texas counties are now eligible for disaster recovery assistance because of drought and other extreme weather conditions, the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) announced today.

"SBA disaster recovery loans are available to agricultural producers in the affected counties who have suffered crop and livestock losses," said SBA regional administrator Mercurio Martinez, Jr. "The loans are low-interest and may compensate losses not already covered by insurance or other disaster or deficiency payments."

The administrative limit restricts business disaster loans to the actual amount of the damage or loss, up to a maximum of \$500,000. Larger loans may be considered in some cases and must be approved by the regional SBA office. The interest rate on the loan is either 5 percent or 8 1/4 percent depending on whether SBA determines that the producer could receive credit, elsewhere from commercial or non-federal sources. Martinez noted that it is not necessary for a producer to be turned down by a bank before applying for SBA assistance. Loan maturity is based on individual needs and repayment ability and has a maximum of thirty years.

The following formula is used in computing the amount of eligible loss on crops: ACRES

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The filing deadline for physical disaster loans is February 12, 1981. Economic injury disaster loan applications must be filed by May 12, 1981.

"SBA has two disaster branch offices ready to provide information and process loan requests," said Martinez. "Producers should note which office will be handling their applications and be sure to return their forms to the appropriate office."

In west Texas the SBA disaster branch office is located at 720 Texas Avenue, Lubbock, Texas 79401. This office will service the following counties: Bailey, Borden, Briscoe, Castro, Childress, Cochran, Coke, Collingsworth, Cottle, Crosby, Dallam, Dickens, Donley, Fisher, Foard, Garza, Glasscock, Hale, Hall, Hartley, Haskell, Hockley, Howard, Jones, Kent, King, Knox, Lamb, Lubbock, Mitchell, Moore, Motley, Nolan, Oldham, Parmer, Potter, Reagan, Runnels, Scurry, Sherman, Sterling, Stonewall, Taylor, Terry, and Yoakum.



The Methodist Church team includes (bottom row, left to right): Ann Smith, Windi Whisenhunt, Jackie Owen, Milly Bright, Kathy Doan, and Debbie Doan. (Top row, left to right): Robbie Hicks, Kathryn

Whisenhunt, Ida Seymore, Stacy Seymore, and Kathy Leverich. Not pictured is Connie Harris. (Staff photo)



Brenda Jackson's team includes (bottom row, left to right): Kay Amerine, Rhonda Whiteaker, D'Ann Whiteaker and Rebecca Sipe. (Middle row, left to right): Brenda Jackson, Patsy Williams, Debra

Williams and Shirley Whiteaker. (Top row, left to right) Debbie Jackson, Leigh Ann McGlothlin, Janie McGlothlin, Poopie Sipe. Not pictured is Robbie Freeman. (Staff photo)



The Wylie Shamrock Clovers include (bottom row, left to right): Ann Wade, Dana Faglie, Ann Williams, Mary Goodman, Suzie Massey, Connie Murphy. (Top row left to right): Coach Ray Pack, Roxie Vinson

Frances Faglie, Cathy Pack, Mary Jowers, Ann Boyd, and Coach Bill Williams. Not pictured are Heidi Pack and Nelda James. (Staff photo)

Kindergarten and first grades at Merkel Elementary will have an orientation on Friday,

August 29, 10-12 a.m. and 1-3 p.m.

This will be a time you can come with your child and acquaint them

with the school. Please bring school supplies. You may also make arrangements for lunches at this time and

find out bus information.

Please take this opportunity to visit your child's school.



The Hot Checks from Home State Bank in Trent include (bottom row, left to right): Beverly Hobbs, Melinda Simpson, Teresa Bryan, Cheri Patterson,

Syra Patterson, Pat Wallis. (Top row, left to right): Reva Carriker, Rebecca Sharpe, Cindy Sipe, Sheila Hunt, Kay O'Kelly, Debby Boles, Sue Brazelton, and Betty Freeman. (Staff photo)

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Trent News

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Calendar released, school starts Aug. 29

The Trent Independent School District school calendar for 1980-81 is as follows: School begins: teachers, Aug. 25, 1980, Students, Aug. 29, 1980. School ends: teachers, May 29, 1981, students, May 28, 1981.

Attendance reporting periods: 1st six weeks, Aug. 29-Oct. 10, (30 days); 2nd six weeks, Oct. 13-Nov. 21, (29 days); 3rd six weeks, Nov. 24-Jan. 16, (30 days); 4th six weeks, Jan. 19-Feb. 26, (29 days); 5th six

weeks, March 2-April 16, (29 days); 6th six weeks, April 21-May 28, (28 days). Total days-175.

Holidays are: Labor Day, Sept. 1; Thanksgiving, Nov. 27-28; Christmas, Dec. 24, 1980-Jan. 2, 1981; Spring break, March 16-20; Easter, April 17.

Regular professional growth and work days: (Student holidays) are: Aug. 25-27, professional growth (3); Aug. 28, work day (1); Nov. 3, professional growth (1); Feb. 27, professional

growth, (1); April 20, work day, (1); May 29, work day (1).

Graduation exercises are: Sunday, May 24, Trent High School Baccalaureate Service; Thursday, May 28, Trent Jr. High Graduation; Friday, May 29, Trent High School Graduation.

NOTE: March 16-20, April 17 and April 20, could be used as make-up days lost due to bad weather if the need arises.

Trent ISD releases free-reduced lunches

Dear Parent or Guardian:

The Trent school serves nutritious meals every school day. Students may buy lunch for 75 cents, breakfast for 35 cents and extra milk for 20 cents.

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To apply at any time during the year for free meals and free milk or reduced price meals for your children, complete the application and return it to the school. The information given on the application is confidential and will not be used for the purpose of determining eligibility for free meals and milk or reduced price meals. Within ten days of receiving your application, the school will let you know whether or not your children are eligible. If you do not agree with the school's decision you have the

right to a fair hearing. This can be done by calling or writing: Roy Neff, Box 105, Trent, Texas: Ph. Number-862-2411.

In certain cases, foster children are eligible for these benefits. If you have foster children living with you and wish to apply for such meals and milk for them, please notify us or indicate it on the application.

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If we can be of any further assistance or if your family size or income changes during the year, please contact us.

Sincerely,
Roy Neff
Superintendent.

Trent school personnel listed

Trent schools have released their personnel roster and assigned duties for the 1980-81 school year.

Roy Neff is superintendent, Andrew Nieland is principal, Don Orr is business Manager and Brenda Kraatz is secretary.

High School teachers include Jocille Brady, math; Bob Campbell, coach; Margaret Cooper, band; Zenita Gardner, history; Ruth Ann Key, english; Mike Ray, vocational agriculture; Pat Roach, business; Anita Brown, science; Lynette Sliter,

home economics; and Carolyn Baker, resources.

Trent elementary teachers include, Mary Tatum, first grade; Sherry McDuff, second grade; Elnice Coulter, third grade; Glenda Coltharp, fourth grade; Betty Kinnard, fifth grade.

Aides include Zella Orr, Syra Patterson and Vera Sharp.

Bus drivers include Betty Brazelton, Joe Brazelton, Winnie Dickerson and Nancy Boyd. Cafeteria workers are Bernice Bagby and Alice Brenem.

It should be noted that Dallas and Houston showed the largest source of competitive gains within the manufacturing sector as did

five other Sunbelt cities. Austin showed manufacturing as the second largest source along with two other cities in the Sun-

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The Speaker Reports



by Bill Clayton

AUSTIN—Texas as a Sunbelt state has enjoyed accelerated increases in employment over the last 20 years. Gains have developed in every job sector of the local economy in the Sunbelt while manufacturing showed the largest source of employment decline in the Frostbelt.

The Department of Commerce found that Frostbelt cities, by 1972, lost an average of up to 18 percent of their 1958 employment in manufacturing, retailing, and wholesaling. The average employment gains in the Sunbelt cities were 60 to 100 percent in these three sectors.

It is found when studying employment changes and competitive gains in five Texas cities—Austin, Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston, and San Antonio—that they compare like apples to oranges.

All Texas cities in the study, excepting Austin, reflected the greatest amount of employment increase in selected services, which was also the sector reflecting the highest average employment in the Sunbelt and the Frostbelt. It was discovered that not one of the Frostbelt cities exceeded the national growth rate in this sector while all but three Sunbelt cities surpassed the national rate.

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Researcher says US missile attack defense lacking

by Steven Maaranen

Dr. Maaranen is a member of the Professional staff at Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory. The opinions expressed in this article are his, and are not intended to represent those of his employer. (c) Public Research, Syndicated, 1980.

The time has arrived when the United States must consider protecting itself from a Soviet missile attack. For several years official U.S. policy has been to leave our nation open to Soviet attack, as long as the Soviets do the same. As long as both sides retained the capability to launch a devastating retaliatory strike against the vulnerable society of the other, an offensive attack was thought to be "deterred."

The mutual deterrence theory was confirmed, according to a popular view, by the SALT I agreements between the U.S. and the Soviet Union in 1972. However, in the subsequent eight years, the Soviet Union was upgraded its offensive missile force so much that it soon will be able to destroy a very large part of the U.S. retaliatory capability. The implied weakening of the U.S. Deterrent has increased the political leverage the Soviet Union may exercise through its military might, and contributed to Soviet assertiveness world-wide.

The most urgent concern being expressed currently by U.S. defense spokesmen is for the survival of our intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) force. These missiles, because of their extreme accuracy and powerful warheads, are the only weapons in the U.S. inventory capable of destroying, promptly and with high reliability, heavily protected Soviet targets such as ICBM silos and command posts. Should the Soviets launch a "counterforce" attack against strategic forces, only our ICBMs could swiftly respond in kind. But these U.S. ICBMs are becoming increasingly vulnerable due to recent additions to the number of Soviet land-based missiles, improvements in their accuracy and growth in their size. Within the next few years, and certainly by 1985, the Soviets will have high confidence in their ability to destroy a large percentage—from 80 percent to 95 percent—of America's ICBMs, while holding back a very large residual force of land and sea based missiles, and bomber aircraft.

Judging by official statements, confidence remains high that a portion of the U.S. ballistic missile submarines at sea, and of the strategic bombers on alert, will survive, posing a severe threat of retaliation to the Soviet Union. However, those residual forces would have important limitations, such as slow reaction time, limited target coverage, or inadequate accuracy. Our current submarine missiles, for example, are not powerful enough or accurate enough to destroy hardened Soviet missile silos. As a result of the character of the forces that might remain after a Soviet countermilitary strike, the United States could be limited to a type of retaliatory attack it would not prefer to initiate, such as an attack on Soviet urban-industrial targets. It certainly is not clear that such a step would be advantageous to the U.S., if the Soviets after their counterforce strike retained a much greater capacity than ours to destroy such targets.

Moreover, the survival of even a part of our submarines and bombers is by no means guaranteed indefinitely. A percentage of both would now be destroyed in any comprehensive Soviet counterforce attack. More could be endangered in the future should the Soviets make unanticipated advances in technologies such as detection of submerged

submarines, or should they design a "precursor" attack that could effectively blind or degrade the early warning network, attack assessment, or communications capabilities necessary to utilize our surviving forces effectively.

To counteract the most immediate problem—the growing vulnerability of its ICBMs—the Air Force has initiated construction of a new, mobile, land-based missile called the MX. Each of these multiple warhead missiles, when fully operational in 1989, would be rotated periodically among a number of protective shelters. To ensure the destruction of any one missile, the enemy would have to attack all twenty-three of the shelters in which it might be hidden. This system was designed to increase greatly the cost to the attacker. Under the constraints of the SALT II agreement, some analysts think the MX in multiple shelters would ensure the survival of an adequate U.S. land-based retaliatory force. Without SALTII constraints (or perhaps even with them), the Soviets can easily build enough missiles and warheads to saturate the planned MX

system. More worrying still is the concern of some defense analysts that the MX "shell game" may not work—that is, that a determined enemy might very well find ways to discover the location of the "pea" amongst the twenty-three shelters.

Because of the growth of the Soviet threat, and the uncertainties of the MX system, interest has reawakened in active defense as a means for protecting U.S. retaliatory forces. Some ballistic missile defense proponents go farther. They argue that, since the Soviet Union has demonstrated its unwillingness to accept a nuclear stalemate, and has instead pressed for a war-winning capability, we should consider setting up an "area defense" of U.S. population centers and industry as well as strategic forces.

Questions remain, however, about both the feasibility and propriety of ballistic missile defense. These questions must be raised and discussed soberly, before we pin our hopes on an ABM system as our protection against the massive Soviet offensive buildup.

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The smallest breed of dog is the Chihuahua from Mexico. It weighs from two to four pounds when fully grown, but some "miniature" specimens weigh only 16 ounces.

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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 upon you.

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 adoption.

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

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

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court at Abilene, Texas, this 12 day of August, 1980.

Irene Crawford,
District Clerk,
326th District Court,
Taylor County, Texas.
By Johnnie Wakefield,
Deputy.

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF LEON SCOTT, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Leon Scott, Deceased, were issued on July 28, 1980, in Cause No. 14,686, pending in the County Court of Taylor County, Texas, to: DONNA SUE SEYMORE and PEGGY M. SCOTT.

The residence of the executrixes is as follows:

Donna Sue Seymore
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Box 5114
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All persons having claims against this estate which is currently being administered are

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Richard M. Price,
Attorney for the Estate
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Boys campmeeting held recently

The Boys Campmeeting in the heart of the Davis Mountains, begins each year on a Tuesday evening early in August and closes the following Sunday evening.

This, the original Cowboy Campmeeting, was the first held in 1890, when a small group of cowboys and ranch families met for worship and fellowship. Many other campmeetings have been started as a result of this first successful religious encampment.

It is remembered that in the ranch home of Mr. and Mrs. John Z. Means, where worship was being held, Mrs. Means expressed the wish that all the ranch neighbors might enjoy that same privilege and come together at least once each year. Forty-eight people attended that first meeting, and now approximately three thousand attend each year.

Reverend W.B. Bloys, D.D.D., known as "The Little Shepherd of the Hills," who was pastor to all the Davis Mountain country and who was conducting the service, agreed and plans were formed immediately. Thenceforth, Dr. Bloys gave himself devotedly to the development of the idea until his death nearly thirty years later. Associated with Dr. Bloys and subsequent leaders, have been many faithful helpers both in the immediate vicinity and from distant places.

Later, an organization was formed composed of four denominations—Baptist, Disciples, Methodists, and Presbyterians—and in 1904, this was incorporated under the name of the Boys Campmeeting Association.

A section of land, including the now historic Skillman Grove, was purchased and set aside as a permanent home of the unique Christian organization. It is situated on State Highway 166, 17 miles west of Fort Davis, at an elevation of approximately 6,000 feet above sea level. There is not a more beautiful, inspiring spot in the majestic Davis

Mountains.

The purpose of the Boys Campmeeting are these: to urge upon all the claim of Christ for all of life; to study the Bible as the Word of God and the guide for living; to strengthen the vows of loyalty for these troubled times; and to provide a rich Christian fellowship in an inspiring atmosphere.

Ministers are chosen by the four cooperating denominations to do the preaching. Each of the four ministers preaches once each day in planned rotation. In addition to the ministers, able and consecrated leaders give of their best daily to further the ministry and enhance the services and prayer meetings.

In addition to regular services at the main Tabernacle, the children and young people have their own Tabernacles where they meet daily according to age levels. They, themselves, have a large part in the conduct of their own services.

There are six established camps where food is prepared "cowboy style". Camping sites, water, and electric lights are furnished by the Association.

Tabernacle preachers this year were Bishop Robert Goodrich from St. Louis, Missouri for the Methodist; Baptist Evangelist Dr. David Ray of Abilene, Texas; Dr. Gilbert Davis from Fort Worth for the Disciples; and Presbyterian Dr. Davis L. Stitt from Houston. Youth preacher was Tom Nelson from Denton and music director was Mrs. George Newman from Abilene.

The 91st Campmeeting was attended by Mr. and Mrs. Will Butman, Mrs. Lottie Everett, Mrs. Mary Russom, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Bob Neff and Pam all from Merkel. Also attending and staying in Mrs. Everett's cabin were: Mrs. Geraldine Wilson from Sterling City, Mr. and Mrs. Jerrell Lee Butman and Misty from Abilene, Ora Lee Bennett, Theta Kerney, Lucy Hinds, Nettie Frost, Corynne Sueewan, and Leah Edwards from Sweetwater.



Luther & Lightnin'

BY DALE HAMMOND

Funday set for Stenholm

Friends and supporters of Congressman Charles Stenholm are invited to the Second Annual Funday Festivities, Saturday, September 6, 1980, at the Ericksdahl Picnic Grounds near Stamford.

Stenholm and his wife Cindy, along with their children Chris, Cary, and Courtney Ann, will return to Texas for the September 6 festivities sponsored by friends of Charlie and the Stenholm '80 Committee.

Congressman Stenholm will address the gathering

of friends and supporters of the thirty-three county 17th Congressional District. A down-home fried chicken picnic will begin serving at 5 P.M. Live entertainment will also be planned.

Tickets for Funday are \$10.00 each and can be purchased by contacting the Stenholm '80 Committee office, P.O. Box 1032, Stamford, Texas 79553, or by calling 915-773-5521 for more information. In case of inclement weather, activities will be held in the Ericksdahl Lutheran Church.

Fall garden planting time here

Although there is still plenty of hot weather ahead, it's time to start getting things in shape for your fall vegetable garden.

Much of Texas is well suited for year-round gardening, and fall vegetables generally have better quality and flavor than those grown in the spring, says Sam Cotner, Horticulturist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System.

Many popular warm-season vegetables such as tomatoes, peppers, eggplants, pole beans, potatoes, okra, cucumbers and squash can be planted during the coming weeks.

Also, the so-called "winter" vegetables such as broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, greens, parsley and carrots can be planted now for early harvesting. Later plantings of these cold-hardy crops will supply fresh vegetables well into winter.

What are some of the important aspects of fall gardening?

First of all, get the land into good shape, suggests Cotner. If you had a garden this spring and fertilizer was applied, little if any additional fertilizer will be

needed before fall planting.

For new gardens, apply two to three pounds of a complete fertilizer such as 10-20-10 per 100 square feet and work it into the soil, recommends the horticulturist. If plants make slow growth, apply a light amount of fertilizer between rows and water it into the soil.

Adequate water is vital for a successful fall garden, particularly for seed germination and early plant growth. Cotner suggests "pre-irrigation" before planting followed by subsequent, light waterings three or four times a week to keep soil from drying and crusting. Water stress during early growth of plants can reduce later yields.

Transplanting is a good practice in the fall since this allows seed to be started in areas sheltered from high temperatures and drying winds. Check at garden centers for recommended varieties of vegetables and strong, vigorous, healthy plants. Or you may want to grow your own transplants, notes the horticulturist.

As with all gardens, keep a wary eye for such problems as weeds, insects and diseases.

Benefit held for Evone Dudley

The Merkel Softball Association held a benefit tournament this weekend to help Joe and Evone Dudley meet medical bills incurred as a result of Evone's contraction of a rare blood disease. The association charged players \$5 a head to play

in the games as well as passing the hat during games and collected about \$1000.00 Friday and Saturday.

Persons wishing to make further contributions may do so at the Farmers and Merchants National Bank here.

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