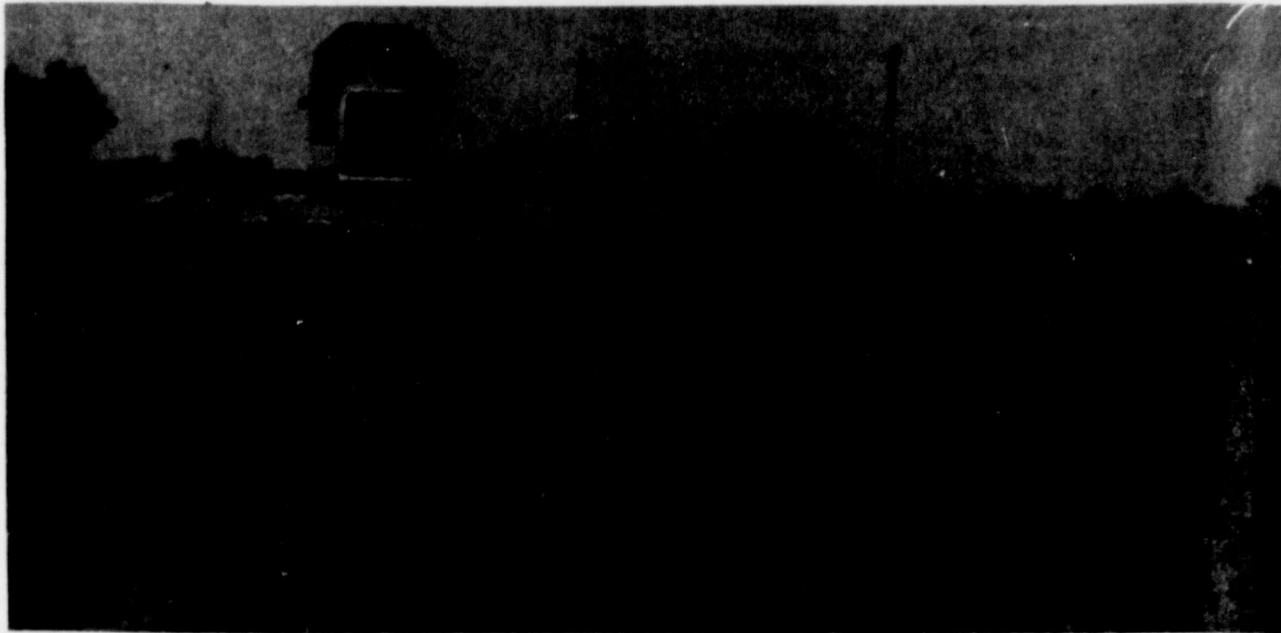


The Merkel Mail

Thursday, November 13, 1980...Merkel, Texas

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The cotton strippers are rolling this week, as they have for the past two weeks, and will continue until the harvest is over. Local gins are

reporting a steadily increasing amount of cotton on the yards for ginning. (Staff photo by Drew Mawson)

Cotton stripping underway here

Although it doesn't look like there is too much cotton in the area this year, local ginners are beginning to get into their busy time of the year.

Stripping activity was picking up in the last week and the local ginners pretty well agree there is going to be a lot of cotton coming into their yards late this week and next week.

At Planter's Gin in Trent, they have ginned 450 bales with 40 on the yard as of Monday. Red Shafer said cotton quality has been pretty good and said prices are running 68 to 78 cents per pound, depending on grade.

Planters Gin ginned 13,000 bales last year and Shafer said he expects between 3, and 3,800 bales this year.

At Stith Gin, they have turned out 165 bales and had about 20 bales on the yard. They had not received any grading samples back and said they are ginning about 12 hours per day.

At the Farmers Co-Op Gin of Merkel, they have already ginned 361 bales and had about 15 bales on the yard. Quality of the cotton there was running mostly in the strict low light spot ranges.

Most local ginners did not want to make an estimate on how much cotton would be ginned this year, last years harvest was set at 23,000 bales here and it is expected to be about 8,000 bales this year.

Republicans on county court, Open house, Santa, Beat Highland...more

by Cloy A. Richards

A republican President, U.S. Senate and even two Republican Taylor County Commissioners. Imagine that.

Those, my friends, are facts following elections held last week across the country.

There are two things this writer would like to see changed before the 1984 elections.

One would be a standardized polling time. NBC news had predicted the outcome of the presidential election about two hours earlier than the polls closed on the West Coast. You can't blame NBC for that because news coverage is a very competitive world in network television.

At the same time, it has to be a little disheartening to voters to hear predictions on the outcome of an election, before they have even voted.

Secondly, I would like to see the federal election commission look into ways to limit the amount of money a special interest group can spend to defeat a candidate in unendorsed political advertising.

I don't mean to suggest that type of advertising should be abolished, but I also don't think that special interest groups should be able to spend more money trying to get a man defeated, than the man is spending trying to get elected.

Other than that, it was American politics in action at it's finest last week. There was, in effect, a bloodless coup, a change of power that will go on until Jan. 20, 1981.

About 300 Merkelites attended Open House Ceremonies at Merkel School campuses Sunday.

Although the outcome of the Dallas Cowboy football game was very much in doubt until almost 4 p.m., a good crowd attended the Open House and saw first hand what their tax dollar has built.

Santa Claus is coming to town.

He will make his first Merkel appearance at the Christmas Parade, scheduled for Dec. 6 at 10:30.

Some county taxpayers are not too excited about having to pay landfill use charges at the city landfill. Persons I have talked with usually say the same thing...the county pays for us to use the landfill.

They may pay, but their payment will just about cover what the county hauls into the landfill.

Taylor County pays the city \$150 per month for use of the landfill. That payment was not intended to cover the costs of each county resident to use the Merkel landfill, it basically offsets the county's own use of the landfill.

And for rural residents that are not searching for a spot to dump their household garbage, you'd best be real careful where it is dumped. Almost all household garbage bears the owner's name on letters and other correspondence. If that garbage is found on a county road or in a bar ditch, the owner will be getting a call from the local justice of the peace to retrieve the garbage or pay a fine of \$203.50. Believe me, that is a heck of a lot more expensive than any fee assessed by the city at the

landfill.

Trent Mayor Zula Darby said she hoped the council's of Merkel and Trent came up with an equitable charge for Trent City residents at Monday's meeting and she said she felt obliged to offer support for Merkel's landfill operation, because it is used by the people of Trent.

Nice going, Mrs. Darby. Your words of support are appreciated.

As far as the pending lawsuit from the State against the city concerning the landfill, the ball is on the State's court.

The Merkel city attorney, Allen Glenn, filed a formal motion of denial of all charges of alleged improprieties at the landfill.

The state must now decide whether or not the lawsuit is worth pursuing or efforts by the city have been successful in taking care of problems that exist at the landfill.

As far as the University Interscholastic League's investigation into the competitive classification of Merkel students, no decision has been made.

The UIL's executive committee has discussed the Merkel enrollment figures at their last meeting, but will bring the matter up again in their December meeting.

Leaving football and entering basketball.

That's right. The Merkel Badgers Basketball season begins here Tuesday night against Abilene Christian High School. Games will start at 5:30 and the boys and girls varsities and junior varsities will be in action.

The Merkel girls varsity has been the most successful in sports at Merkel High for the past two seasons and the girls are returning some quality players. Norma Frazier was last year's most valuable player in the district, Nancy Click was one of the top three scorers in the district and those two will carry the bulk of the scoring burden for the Badgers this year.

The girls will be tested early, as Merkel will host a tournament here Nov. 20, 21, and 22. Hamlin has been invited to attend and The Badger girls will get most of their district competition this year from Hamlin.

As far as boys basketball is concerned, the boys should finish their third or fourth in district play, under new head coach Martin Gholke.

If you'd like to see some basketball, make it to Badger Gym Tuesday night for the season opener.

Coach Bob Campbell's Trent Gorillas and Highland will collide head on Friday night for all the marbles in six man football locally.

The game will be played in Highland with a 7:30 kickoff. Both teams are undefeated and the winner will advance to the playoffs.

Trent has been very, very successful in football the last three seasons although nine fumbles stopped their strongest drive for a state championship last year.

All we can say is BEAT HIGHLAND.

Landfill use fees, rules discussed by City Council

The Merkel City Council voted Monday night to keep the landfill open five days per week, instead of the proposed seven day schedule and adopted a set of pricing rules for non-Merkel resident use of the landfill.

Council also voted to use coupons for paying fees to use the dump. The coupons will be on sale at the landfill and at City Hall.

Trent Mayor Zula Darby appeared before council Monday and said, "We would like to offer the City of Merkel some financial help if we can reach an agreement. Merkel has been extremely nice to us and we appreciate your help very much."

Council did vote to allow students from Trent High to use the landfill without charge for their fund raising efforts called "Trash Hauls".

Costs of providing one full time grader operator and one full time person manning the gate, plus diesel fuel was set at \$27,500 per year.

Persons will be allowed to use the landfill Tuesday through Saturday from 7 a.m. until 4 p.m. The landfill will be closed between 12 and 1 for lunch. The landfill will be closed Sunday and Monday and persons attempting to use the landfill when it is closed will be fined on for trespassing.

Council members said the people of the area do have a couple of misconceptions about the landfill. Merkel Mayor Lou David Allen said he had heard for folks that live outside the city limits saying they should not be charged for using the landfill because the County pays the city for the landfill use. Taylor County does pay the city \$150 per month, but City Manager J.A. Sadler said that payment just about covers what the county itself dumps in the city landfill.

Council also said they have had reports that indiscriminate dumping in rural areas in the county has already started. Taylor County Justice of the Peace Henry Guenther has been successful in obtaining fines or getting areas cleaned up from people that dump in unauthorized areas in the country. Council also re-emphasized Monday that no scavenging or pilfering will be allowed at the landfill.

The new landfill rules will go into effect December 28 and the charging system will also be put in effect at that time.

It is still unclear how the man at the landfill will determine who is a city resident and who is not. The landfill user will be asked to provide a city water billing card or identification that will be checked against a master roll of Merkel residents. All other people will be assessed fees

to use the landfill.

The fees adopted Monday night look like this: Vehicles of residents of the city, regardless of capacity and hauling said resident's non-commercial wastes, upon presentation of acceptable identification--no charge.

Vehicle of resident of city without presenting proper identification--\$2.

For vehicles, including but not limited to vehicles of government units other than the city, whether loaded to capacity or not, hauling commercial and any other wastes, the charge shall be as follows:

Vehicles of less than 2 cubic yard capacity--\$2.

Vehicles of 2 to 4 cubic yard capacity--\$4.

Vehicles of over 4 but less than 10 cubic yards capacity--\$6.

Vehicles of 10 but less than 20 cubic yard capacity--\$10.

Vehicles of 20 but less than 30 cubic yard capacity--\$14.

Vehicles of more than 30 cubic yard capacity--\$16.

Increased fees will be assessed for the following:

Vehicle hauling tires or rubber wastes, up through a tractor tire in size--2 times fee shown above for type of vehicle.

Vehicles hauling animal body wastes, tires larger than tractor tires, offal and other deleterious materials--3 times the fee shown above for type of vehicle.

Vehicles hauling certain dead animals (without regard to residency of person) 1. Equine, bovine, deer, elk, and other animals of similar size--\$10 per animal.

2. Goats, sheep, and swine--\$6 per animal.

The fees may only be payed by coupon, which will be on sale at City Hall and at the landfill.

In other action Monday night, council voted to allow the city manager to inspect and purchase a used dump truck from the Texas Highway Department in Waco.

Council voted to spend \$250 to string the Christmas lights and to have them taken down. The lights are supposed to be turned on the day after Thanksgiving. Council also payed monthly bills.

Council's next session will be held November 24th, and an ordinance setting the landfill fees will be read for approval.

The ordinance will go into effect 30 days after publication, but since that will fall about December 28th, City Manager J.A. Sadler said Tuesday morning the fees will probably be assessed beginning January 1, 1981.

MISD holds open house at new school facilities Sunday

Students and Faculty of Merkel High School have been in their new facilities for a month now, and Sunday the public was invited to an official open house.

High School Principal, Al Merritt, was pleased by Sunday's turn-out. He said there were 190 people that came through and registered and felt sure that there were several people which had not registered. "Of course, we had that other open house Homecoming, and there were quite a few people here then. Had we not had that one, there probably would have been 300 to 400 people," said Merritt.

The new building has 19 classrooms and space for minimal expansion. As for the way teachers and students feel about the new high school, Martin Gohlke sizes it up like this, "The opening

of our new building has caused an abrupt, yet much needed change in the lifestyles of both students and teachers. The students are discovering a new sense of pride and acceptance that has not been present in the past few years. New rules and enforcement of old rules has brought some responsibility to these young adults, and they are handling it very well." Mr. Gohlke added, "Teachers, on the other hand, have greater accessibility to the office for discipline and counseling purposes. Also, the availability of office machinery aids in preparing for classes."

All of the teachers seem pleased being able to work with the new equipment they have now and the extra space. As Candy Martin put it, "The new building is fantastic", and it's something that all the residents of Merkel can take pride in.

Badgers take on Albany here in last game Friday

The Merkel Badgers take on Albany here Friday night in the last game of the year and a win could place the Badgers no worse than 5th in a nine team district.

The Badgers, 2-6-1 on the year take on Albany with a 4-5 record and Badger head coach Byron Shelley said Albany was the most underrated team in the district.

Albany bumped Hawley 46-14 last Friday night and the Badgers were off. Coach Shelley said the team learned a few new offensive plays during the off week and Shelley said his team would have to depend on the run Friday night.

Shelley said, "In order for us to win, we have to have good field position, which means a good kicking game, and we have to keep them from turning their speed loose."

Thirteen Badgers will be taking the field for the last time here Friday and Coach Shelley said of the group, "I have been pleased with their

performance this year. They got off to a slower start than I had expected and then injuries started giving us a few problems, but they have pulled together, shaken off injuries, and turned in some pretty good performances this year. Playing their last game Friday night for Merkel High are Tim Jones, Bart Pursley, Dusty Barnhill, James Turner, Willie Marsh, Ty Nelson, Terry Owen, Mike Fisher, Allen Allbright, Ricky Mathewson, Billy Walters, Sal Acosta, and Randy Martin.

Kickoff for the game is set for 7:30 at Badger Stadium.

There won't be a lot of rest for most of the male athletes as they will turn from football to basketball overnight.

Boys basketball practice will start Saturday as the team prepares for their home season open against Abilene Christian High School, Nov. 18 here.

Adult education classes offered

Big Country Adult Ed. Coop is offering Free Adult Education Classes every Monday and Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8:30 in Room 1 of the Merkel Middle School.

Classes are taught by Milly Bright, who is a teacher at Merkel Middle School. All books are furnished.

The classes provide opportunities to improve

skills in reading, writing, math, English, and general knowledge in order to achieve successful results on the General Educational Development (G.E.D.) Tests. Plans for a Diploma Program are being made.

Anyone interested in enrolling, come any Monday or Tuesday evening from 6:30-8:00 to Room 1 at Merkel Middle School or call 928-5680.



D. W. Best

D.W. Best is FFA sweetheart

D.W. Best recently was named sweetheart of the Merkel Chapter of Future Farmers of America. She will represent the local group in the district Sweetheart Contest in March. Miss Best, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C.W. Best, is a junior at Merkel and has been a member of the local FFA Chapter for two years. D.W. has been active in MHS since moving

from Abilene two years ago. Some of her accomplishments include: sophomore class favorite, junior class favorite, and 1980-81 Homecoming Queen. Her project program includes both calves and swine.

We would like to congratulate D.W. on a job well done.

Dr. Dozier attends brucellosis seminar

Dr. Warren Dozier of Merkel, recently attended a two-day seminar in San Angelo in conjunction with the Texas Brucellosis program. It was co-sponsored by the Texas Animal Health Commission, Texas Agricultural Extension Service and the Texas Veterinary Medical Association.

Dr. Dozier is now certified to work with livestock producers in accordance with the

Some spots left in ECA course

There are still a few spots in the Emergency Care Attendants Course that will be offered here according to Merkel Emergency Medical Service Director Vernon Wade.

The ECA course, a pre-requisite for the Emergency Medical Technician Course is a 40 hour course.

Persons interested in the training, which includes CPR and first aid, are encouraged to contact Vernon Wade at Ann's Flower Shop here.

Middle school honor roll

The Merkel Middle School Honor Rolls are as follows:

6th Grade: A Honor Roll: Fondale Watson; A-B Honor Roll: Suzan Alberts, Alicia Baxter, Boyd Dela Cruz, Joseph Miles, Brit Pursley, Sheri Riney, Angela Thomas, Michele Woodard, Tracy Bicknell, Henry Howk, Abby Irvin, Tina Jaramillo, Dusty Moore, Debbie Pack, David Ray, Danny Santee, Sandra Kotlik.

7th Grade: A Honor Roll: Mindy Jarvis; A-B Honor Roll: Ann Everett, Missy Jarvis, Clay Carey, Kelly Riney, Lucretia Wade, Keith Watson, Becky Best, Cammie Bright, Matt Cain, Kevin Coker, Alyse Ferguson, Tim Kellogg, Kevin Mitchell, Gina Stuckey.

8th Grade: A Honor Roll: Shelley Sherrill, Becky Teague; A-B Honor Roll: Rhonda Anderson, Bill Adams, Elane Bodine, Jerry Davis, Todd Hensley, Kenny Sims, Shane Smith, Trung Tran, Melissa Davis, Mum Prasarn, Kris Rich, Jennifer Roby, Renee Stamper, Greg Spurr, Nanci Stevens, Debbi Green, Tim Jacobs, Cindy Williams.

MOC officers

The Multi-Occupational Careers class has elected officers for the 1980-81 school year. These are: President-Alan Allbright, Vice President-Angie Wells, Secretary-Kim Rich, Treasurer-Kim Gary, Reporter-Vicki Campbell, Sergeant at Arms-Owen Franklin, Parliamentarian-Ricky Mathewson, and Club Advisor-Mr. Pursley.

We have recently had a fund raising project. We sold 550 13 ounce glass mugs. The mugs have Badger Country on them with a Badger head on the front and the school song on the back of the mug.

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Newsbriefs

Basketball

The girls, two time defending district champions in AAA will also open their season here on the 18th.

Merkel's basketball tournament is scheduled for Nov. 20, 21, and 22. Eight boys and eight girls teams will compete. More information on that in next week's Mail.

Riding club

The Merkel Riding Club Chili Supper, set for Nov. 15th at the Henderson Grain Building has been cancelled.

Art show

Students of Belva Bennett will display paintings at an Art Show and Sale at the Quail Run Apartments 1000 South Clack in Abilene, Nov. 14 and 15.

The sale will run from 10 a.m. until 9 p.m. on the 14th and 15 and from noon to 6 p.m. on the 16th.

Local artist participating are Lorene Lee, Evelyn Stribbling, Gaye Featherston, Kathleen Jones, Pat Byrd, Sonja Toliver, and Betty Toombs.

Junior scouts

invested

Invested into the Junior Girl Scouts' Troop No. 175 this past Nov. 5 were the following girls: Rhonda Payne, Dawn Buskirk, Sandy Collier, Luci Masonheimer, Kim Orr, Kate Wood, Tammy Collier, and Martha Wood. The Scouts received their Girl Scouts' Trefoil Pins and their World Association Pins. They chose Bluebirds as their troop crest.

Reita Cowin of
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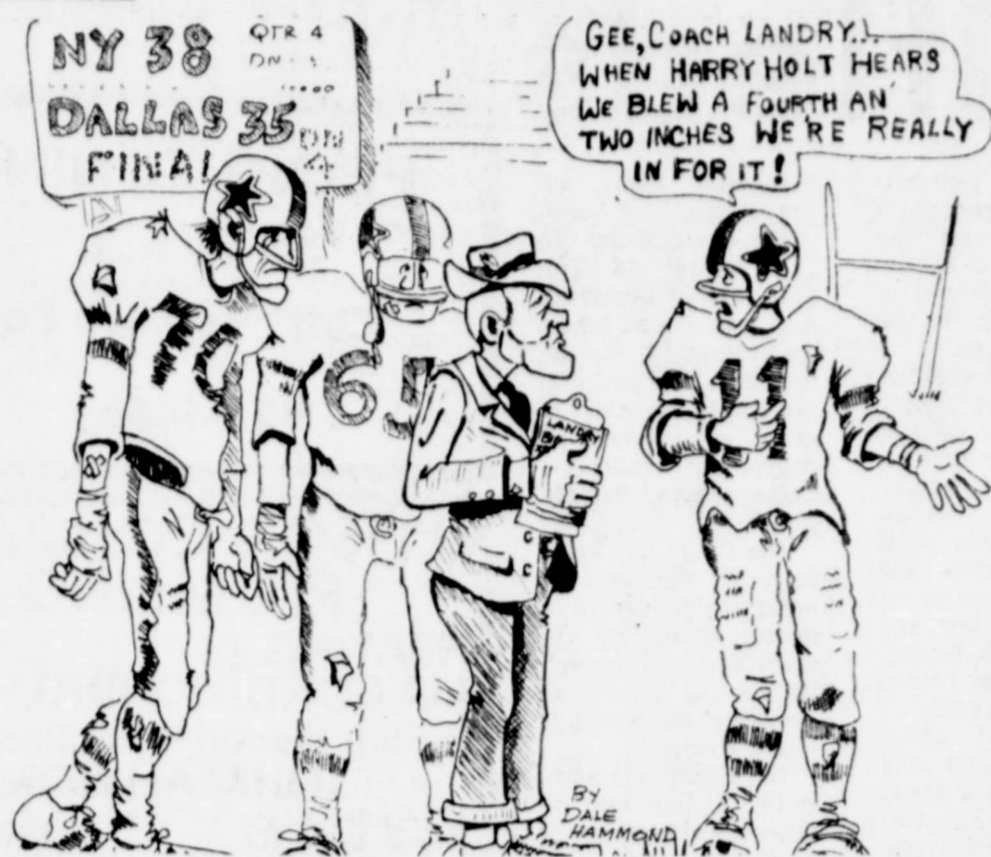
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Ag show set Dec. 20th

The Merkel FFA has set their stock show date for December 20, 1980. The AG students will be asking for donations for prize money for the stock

show November the 17, 1980 thru December 5, 1980.

This week we are spotlighting members of the VA III 3rd period class.

Willy Townsend, son of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Townsend III. Willy has been enrolled in FFA for three years. He is a junior this year. The past two years he has raised lambs. This year he has one lamb, wheat, maize and five heifers.

Gayle Irvin, daughter of Glen Irvin. Gayle has been in ag for three years. She is a junior this year. Gayle has raised calves for the last two years in ag and she is raising a calf this year.

We would like to thank the people who bought fruit this year, we had a great turnout.

See ya next week with more ag news.

Stith roof fund drive

We are Stith are on our way to the new roof. The citizens of our community enjoyed the Halloween Carnival as we collected a total of \$157.70, making the carnival a successful fund raiser.

Apart from contributions and concerned citizens of our community and others, we have collected a grand total of \$571.25, making us only \$328.75 from a new roof.

Our appreciation to the following concerned citizens for their contributions: Mr. and Mrs. Bill Tarpley-\$25.00; Mr. and Mrs. Jack South-\$50.00; Mr. and Mrs. H.M. Shaw-\$25.00; Mr. and Mrs. Benny Hobbs-\$10.00; and Frank Munday-\$25.00. Thank you for your contributions.

Now, as you all know, we still have \$328.75 to complete this project. The time is now before the inside is damaged by winter rains. Everyone can do a little to get alot! After all we have our new Butane tank making the center more serviceable to our community...provided it doesn't rain!

Store opening tops Tye news

By Harold Boyd

Seems like when you lose law enforcement, minor things start happening. Take for instance the speeding on 707, Air Base Road, and wherever you see black tire marks. Some minor vandalism that has been reported to the sheriffs department, only a few people are responsible for this.

Were you out of water this weekend? Can't blame it on the contractors, the reason as to why we were out of water this weekend was due to some person that ran over the meter at the Mr. M. Store during the night. Getting a valve replaced is no easy thing, plenty of plumbing needs to be undone and then replaced. Water was turned on some time that Saturday afternoon.

The city council will have met for this month and as usual we will report this happening to you next week. As the agenda shows just 6 items are on the program for this meeting. Again it is open for anyone to attend and it is encouraging for each and everyone to attend to get it first hand instead of through us or your neighbor.

Your Fire Department will host an open house on December 20th with a band and dance. So mark your calendars for this event. The few members that are a part of it want to show what was done with the current fund raising money and in hopes that we can adopt new members, get some interest built up. This will be a free dance and refreshments will be served. B I N G O.....watch Tye Volunteer Fire Department... they will host Bingo starting the first of the year. The time and place will be announced for you players.

Tye Grocery had their grand opening this past weekend, and if you missed out on the tremendous specials, you missed out. Drawings were held and the winners of the door prizes were, Ralph Borders won the hot dog cooker; Micheale Langinois won the coffee pot; and Teddy Young won the Slow Cooker. Congratulations to you winners. Tye Grocery is owned and operated by DeWitt and Mildred Isom, who are Tyeions and they appreciate your patronage. The Mail thanks them for their support in the Mail. Best wishes from this writer and the staff of the Merkel Mail.

As I glance around for news items, I have noticed very little news coming from the Senior Citizens, Bluebonnets, and a host of others.

Now that Crazy Daze are over, what are the folks in Merkel going to come up with next? Soon will be time for the plans of the annual Christmas Parade in Merkel. In any case, do put Merkel Merchants on our coming shopping list, shop with the finest people you will ever want to meet.

As most people know by now, we have a new president and I do believe the people voted their convictions. They wanted a change and not it is only a matter of time to see if the decision of the voters are right. We can only hope for the best. It did not get that way over night, so don't expect changes overnight. It is the hope that this nation can once become strong again in Morals, Citizenship, and world wide leadership, strong in our beliefs that all people should be free in choice.

Coming up will be a start of the holidays, Thanksgiving, thus begins the holidays off. Then after that the most joyest time of the year, ugh...Christmas. The ugh is for the shopping part and not for what that day really means. Then six days after that we will thus begin a new year, one of many complex unanswered questions. So, now the baking, etc will begin before the holidays so as everyone will be somewhat ready for these days that are forth coming. Where did the year go? That is the food for thought this week....

Till next week, let Him hear our prayers for the 53 that still remain captive that they will be home with their families soon. Again, thanks for reading the Mail and good health and see you next week.

Contest held

The Merkel Middle School had a Tacky Day contest, sponsored by the Student Council on Friday, October 31, 1980. There were alot of people who took place in the fun and there were many unusual costumes.

The first place winners received \$5.00 each and they were 6th grade-Jay Williams, 7th grade-Mike Monahan, and 8th grade-Kris Rich.

The third place winners received \$2.00 each. They were 6th grade-Tracy Jordan, 7th grade-Kirk Heyens, and 8th grade-Mike Myers.

We all had a good time and the judging was tough. Thanks to everyone that entered and congratulations to all the winners.

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Brownie officers

The 3rd grade Brownies met on Nov. 4th and elected their officers for the year. Officer's elected included: Sabrina Boswell-president; Lisa Cannon-vice president; melissa Hollford - secretary; Angie Carson-treasurer; and Penny Smith-reporter. Troop leaders are Rita Moore and Kay Bishop.

Teachers

elect officers

The Texas State Teachers Associations District 14 House of Delegates picked 1981-82 officers and committee members Sunday night at Briarstone Manor, according to Jerry Schuchert current district president from Stamford.

Officers elected are: Aline "Andy" Cleveland of Abilene, president elect; Earlene Kent of Abilene, secretary; Jerry Jay of Sweetwater, treasurer; Steve Hardman of Abilene, executive committee member; Louis Tobias of Abilene, Pat Neff of Merkel and Jaryl Young of Abilene, audit committee members.

The officials assume their duties next July, when current president elect, Carol Simmons of Abilene will become president.

Chamber sets

Christmas

parade

The Merkel Chamber of Commerce has scheduled the Christmas Parade for Dec. 6th at 10:30 a.m.

The Chamber made that announcement at a Monday morning meeting.

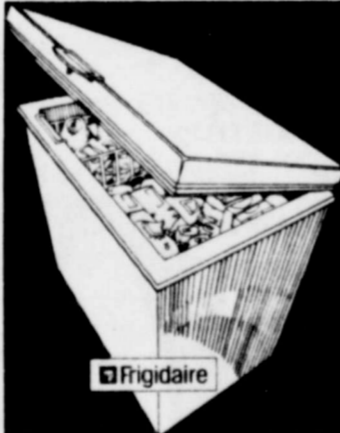
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TO: Albert Olguez, Respondent: GREETINGS: YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable 326th District Court, Taylor County, Texas, at the Courthouse of said County in Abilene Texas, at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the Monday next after the expiration of 20 days from the date of service of this citation, then and there to answer the petition of Taylor County Child Welfare Unit, Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 14th day of October, 1980, against Albert Olguez, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 4454-C on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Interest of Victoria Caballero, a Child" the nature of which suit is a request to Terminate the Parent-Child relationship between the child, Victoria Caballero and the biological father, Albert Olguez. Said child was born the 12th day of September, 1975, in birthplace unknown.

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 a parent-child relationship and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the children's adoption.

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Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court at Abilene, Texas, this the 3rd day of November, 1980.

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

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numbered 3606-C on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Matter of The Marriage of Christelda Ann Ramos and Mario Avila Ramos", the nature of which suit is a request to the court to grant a divorce and decree such other relief requested in petition.

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.

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree in the children's interest which will be binding upon you, including the termination of a parent-child relationship and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the children's adoption.

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.

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Howell's hold family reunion

The family of the late Lige and Ivy Howell met in Merkel Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 1st and 2nd in the Senior Citizens Building for their family reunion, which they have met each year since the death of their parents in 1949. A bountiful meal was served Saturday and Sunday. The afternoon was spent visiting and taking pictures. 65 was present.

Those attending were: Pete and Lillian, Bud and Madge, Tillman and Rowena Howell, John L. Angella, Ben, La Ree, Kelly, Jonny, Jimmy Morgan of Austin, Alice Howell, Laura Winter, Edna, Earl, Edd Clayton, Roscoe, Mary Jo Owen, Anna Bowers, Jerrell, Glenda, Misty

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Rutledge all of Merkel, Charlie Howell of Albuquerque, N.M., Barny Howell of Long Beach, Calif.
Everyone said good bye and "God Bless us all until next year 1981".

Newsbriefs

Davis

Services for W.L. (Spud) Davis, 68, of Amarillo, formerly of Hobbs, N.M., was held at 3 p.m. Wednesday at the Griffin Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Johnny Dowell of Channelview, Tx. and Rev. Bill Houck, pastor of the Highland Baptist Church, officiating. Burial was in Prairie Haven Cemetery of Hobbs.

Davis died Sunday in his home in Amarillo of a massive heart attack, on his birthday. He was born in Merkel, Oct. 26, 1912. He moved to Hobbs, N.M. in 1941 then to Amarillo in 1970. He married Lilly D. Foster in Merkel in 1932. She preceded him in death in 1959. Before retirement, he was a truck driver for the N.M. Construction Co. and then for the K.L. Tolde Construction Co.

He is survived by one son, Melvin Davis of Hobbs; a daughter, Delores Owens of Amarillo; two sisters, Marie Dowell of Hobbs and Allene Richardson of Merkel; one brother H.D. Davis of Hobbs; and 14 grandchildren.

Reid

Ace Reid Sr., 82, of Santa Anna, father of western cartoonist Ace Reid Jr., died at 6:30 a.m. Monday at Ranger Park Hospital in Santa Anna after a brief illness. Services were held at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday at First United Methodist Church.

Born March 22, 1898, in Taylor County he was the son of the late C.M. Reid and Susie E. Baker Reid. He married Callie Bishop Sept. 7, 1919, in Electra. He was a resident of Electra for 65 years, moving to Santa Anna in 1976. He was a Methodist. He was a retired rancher, retiring in 1976.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Mrs. Stanley (Doris) Ernst of Fredericksburg; a son, Ace Jr. of Kerrville; three brothers, Willis of Olney, John of Lipan and Hugh of Orange; and four grandchildren.

Mr. Reid had four cousins here in Merkel. They are Mrs. Hollis McCoy, Ralph Miller, and H.C. Reid.

Defensive

driving course possible

If 15 students can be found, a defensive driving course will be held here, taught by Alvin Jefferies of Abilene.

The course is recommended by the American Association of Retired Persons and the National Retired Teachers Association. Cost of the two day, 8 hour total course is \$4 for members of the two associations and \$6 for non members.

The course offers instruction in defensive driving, and completion of the course can mean a substantial reduction in collision insurance rates.

Anyone interested in signing up for the course is encouraged to contact Anna Belle Shouse at 928-5110.

Daughter

John and Debi Weaver of 2702 Ripplesprings, Arlington, Tx, are proud to announce the arrival of a baby girl, Courtney Anne born Oct. 29, 1980 and weighed 7 pounds 1 1/2 ounces. She was born in Arlington Memorial Hospital. Courtney has one brother, Stephen Paul.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Dale Weaver of Arlington. Maternal grandparents are Rojean and Eldon Hicks of Trent. Other grandparents are Marvin Freeman of Trent, Ethel Hicks of Merkel, and Hazel Smith of Roby.

Menu

The Merkel School menu is as follows:

Thursday Nov. 13: Fried fish with tartar sauce, blackeye peas, seasoned spinach, corn meal twist, and pineapple pudding.

Friday Nov. 14: Hamburgers, Lettuce, tomato, pickle, onion, french fries, and fresh orange wedge.

Monday Nov. 17: Spaghetti with beef and cheese, buttered whole kernel corn, lettuce, tomato salad, garlic batter bread, and happy apple raisin cake.

Tuesday Nov. 18: Fried Chicken, cream gravy, cream potatoes seasoned green beans, hot rolls, and chilled apple sauce.

Wednesday Nov. 19: Beef Tacos, taco sauce pinto beans, lettuce, cheese, taco shells, and pineapple.

Thursday Nov. 20: Turkey Pot Pie, vegetable salad choice of dressing, biscuits, and sliced peaches.

Friday Nov. 21: Sloppy Joes, onions, relish, tater tots with catsup, and peanut butter butterscotch cookies.

Noodle

homecoming

The Noodle Homecoming Association had their second planning meeting Oct. 28 at the Merkel Restaurant. Final plans

Claxton in

were made for the Homecoming to be held Saturday, Nov. 29 at the Senior Citizens Building on Edwards Street across from the Merkel Drug. Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday.

Lunch is to be catered by Pug and Leo's in Merkel. Reservations are to be made by Nov. 22 with payment of \$4.50 each and mailed to Mary Stanley, Rt. 1, Box 132, Merkel, Tx. 79536. Cancellations may be made if notification is given Mary Stanley or Opal Garner of Merkel, by Nov. 26. Letters have been mailed to those that we have been able to secure addresses.

Juanita Zachry is planning a program for the afternoon and is making plans for information on the Noodle School when the homecoming is held again in two years.

Claxton in

Kernal Blitz

Marine Sgt. James E. Claxton, son of Bill and Thelma Claxton of Rt. 3, Box 42M, Merkel Texas, recently participated in exercise "Kernel Blitz."

He is a member of the 1st Battalion, 7th Marines, based at Camp Pendleton, California.

"Kernel Blitz" was conducted to reinforce the amphibious landing capabilities of the 5th Marine Amphibious Brigade, of which his unit is a part, across a simulated hostile shore. The exercise culminated with a live-fire training exercise conducted at Camp Pendleton.

A 1976 graduate of Cooper High School, Abilene, Texas, Claxton joined the Marine Corps in January 1976.

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Scoring for Trent was:
Lloyd Williams-53 yard run. Lloyd Williams kicked P.A.T.; Riley West, Billy Williams scored a safety; Matt Jackson-15 yard pass from Greg Beasley, Lloyd Williams kicked the P.A.T.; Greg Beasley returned a kick off 57 yards, Lloyd Williams kicked P.A.T.; Greg Beasley 20 yard pass to Richard Beaver, P.A.T. was no good; Lloyd Williams 4 yard run, P.A.T. was no good; Matt Jackson 3 yard pass from Greg Beasley, Lloyd Williams kicked P.A.T.

Friday Trent host Highland. Game time is 7:00 p.m. Both are undefeated with an 8-0 record.



Shown here are the winners from the recent fruit sale sponsored by the Trent FFA. (Pictured left to right) The winners included Jeffrey King, 3rd, Billy Williams, 1st and Joey McGlothlin, 2nd. (Staff photo by Drew Mawson)

Seniors supporters

The Trent Seniors and their class sponsor Mrs. John Brady want to express their appreciation to all the area people and merchants who helped make their last two projects so successful.

The musical held Oct. 24th was well attended and the area talent who gave their services provided a very entertaining evening. Thanks to each of you.

The auction held during the Halloween Carnival added over \$1000 to the Senior Class Fund. Without the generosity of many merchants in Trent, Merkel, Abilene, and Sweetwater, we could not have held the auction. We are grateful to John Hamner who was the Auctioneer and Don Dudley who assisted. Also without the generous bidding of many faithful supporters, the auction would not have been so successful. We do appreciate each one who came and bid on the merchandise.

Seniors selling

The Trent Senior Class members are taking orders for "Name Plaques". These plaques are made of red wood with the edges and lettering routed and painted black. The plaques are also sanded and a clear finish applied. Eye hooks are inserted for easy hanging. The senior students will be making these plaques with the help of their parents and sponsor. Each plaque sells for \$10.00 and make excellent Christmas presents as well as a nice addition to your own home. Delivery is promised before Christmas.

To order call any senior class member or their sponsor, Mrs. John Brady at 928-5705. A \$5.00 deposit is required at the time the order is taken.

Use word 'no' with caution, respect

"No" has a special place in people-to-people communications, for those who know how to use the word effectively, says a family life education specialist, Dorothy Taylor.

"The 'terrible' two-year-old often gets credit for saying 'no, no, no.' But all ages—children and adults—use the word frequently, and oftentimes out of habit," the specialist notes.

"'No' need not be a harsh word, but it should be definite, clear and firmly based on the conviction that you mean it," Ms. Taylor says.

"In dealing with young children, especially, it must appear to be unchangeable," she adds.

Ms. Taylor is on the home economics staff of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

"'No' reinforces limits, the specialist says. 'In setting limits, though, you have to know what the limits are before you can enforce them."

"On the other hand, being over-permissive (without limits or having total freedom) and never saying 'no' is confusing to others—they don't know where you stand. As a result, the 'never-say-no' person lacks authority and respect," Ms. Taylor explains.

Saying "no" need not threaten friendships, love relations or parental authority, the specialist assures. Yet this doesn't mean to over-use the word, either. Nagging, negative attitudes about everything or using "no" just to be "different" is misusing the word "no" she adds.



The Trent senior class is selling name plates in efforts to raise class funds. Pictured with an example of the signs are Trent Senior President Leslie Masonheimer and Riley West. Orders are being taken from any member of the senior class. (Staff photo by Drew Mawson)

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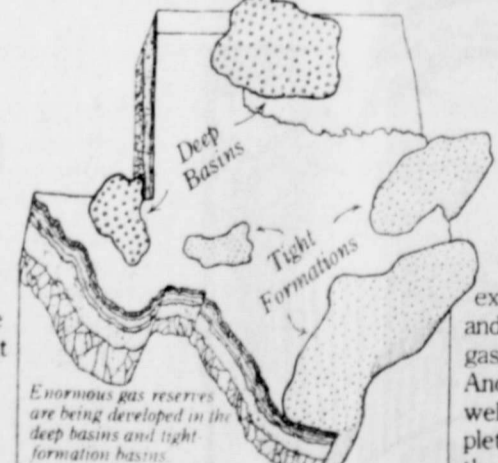
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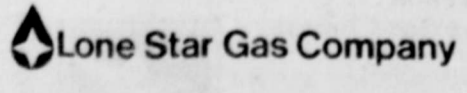
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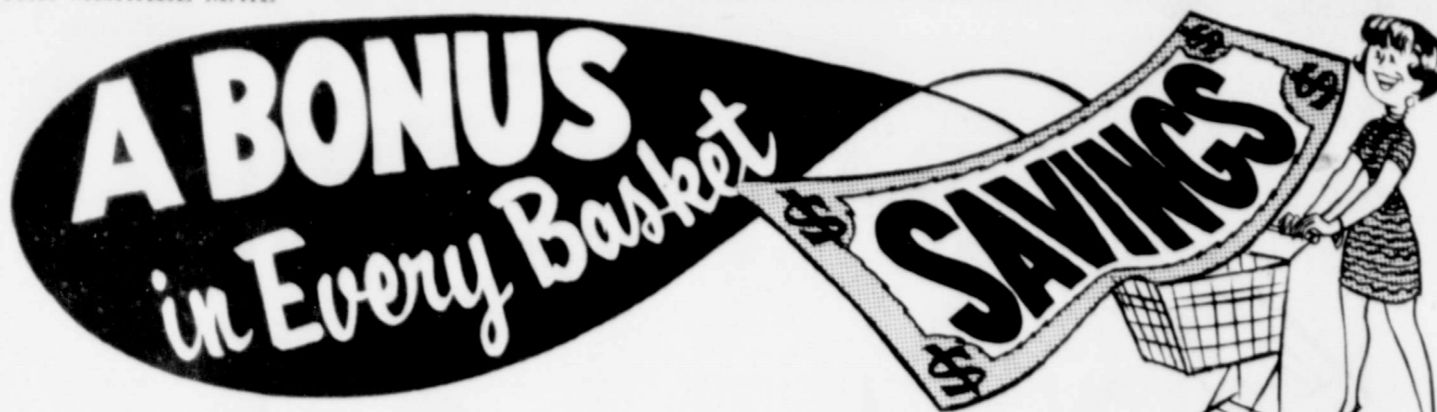
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ROAST GOOCH BR \$2²⁹
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GOOCH BR BONELESS LEAN \$3¹⁹
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