

The Merkel Mail

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Chamber begins planning celebration

The Merkel Chamber of Commerce announced plans Monday for a beard growing contest and discussed numerous other events for the scheduled 4th of July Centennial Celebration and Fun Day.

Men that want to enter the beard growing contest may register at the Chamber of Commerce office and must be clean shaven when they register.

The Chamber also announced plans to set advertising rates at \$30 for a quarter page, \$55 for a half page and \$95 for a full page. The Chamber also decided to list names of current or former Merkel residents at \$1 per name. Those requests, as well as \$1 should be sent to the Chamber. The chamber also voted to add an additional color charge for the three cover pages of the publication.

Chamber representatives will visit local businesses to sell advertising in the booklet, however, a limited number of advertising pages are available. Advertising reservations may be made at the Chamber.

Chamber directors also decided Monday to hold the annual banquet the week prior to July 4 to add interest in the centennial celebrations and Fun Day.

Chamber directors also looked over logo designs, as well as possible designs for commemorative baseball hats and t-shirts. The logos are being penned by Dale Hammond.

Raffle tickets were discussed and the Chamber learned some local organizations have already reserved concession booth spaces. The Chamber is asking that all local clubs and organizations reserve a spot as soon as possible, and they must tell the Chamber what they intend to sell, so food and other items will not be duplicated.

Last year's Fun Day celebrations drew about 1,700 people and raised \$2,700. That money was used to construct a family reunion shelter at the City Park.

Proceeds from raffle ticket sales this year will go for construction of restroom facilities and camper hook-ups at the park.

Merkel voters pick mayor, council members, MISD board members

Filing deadlines for three positions on the Merkel City Council and the Merkel Independent School District Board of Trustees are set April 4th. There are a few differences in requirements for potential candidates.

City elections
Merkel voters will go to the polls Saturday, April 4th to elect a mayor and two city councilmen. City council positions are elected at large and the two top vote getters in the April election will win a spot on City Council.

In the mayoral race, a person must designate he or she is running for mayor upon filing.

There are no filing fees and no petitions are required to be placed on the ballot.

Eligibility requirements are the same for mayor and city council. The prospective candidate must be 18, live within the Merkel City limits and be a registered voter upon filing.

Filing is open now and the deadline for filing for the city election is 4:30 p.m., March 4.

Pancakes a sizzlin' some drizzle, fuzzy faces & chasing a 19 foot Pole

by Cloy A. Richards

Love that moisture!
We have not received any great amount of rain or precipitation in the last month, but we have had a few of those misty, cloudy days.

I know one large voice in this community appreciates the moisture.

Wheat!
The Annual Fireman's Pancake Supper is set Feb. 14th at Pug and Leo's Restaurant.

Tickets are \$3 each and allows you to have a plateful of pancakes and all the trimmings.

Maybe the best feature, is having a few laughs at the firemen. They dress in waitress get ups, and you ought to get an eyeful of some of those getups.

The volunteer firemen don't come to you very many times during the year and ask for support, but when they do, you should donate generously.

So what if you don't like pancakes. Pay the \$3 bucks for a ticket, and you help maintain a free labor fire department. That may not seem like such a big deal to you, but you'd hate to see what your city taxes would do if you had to hire men for a fire department.

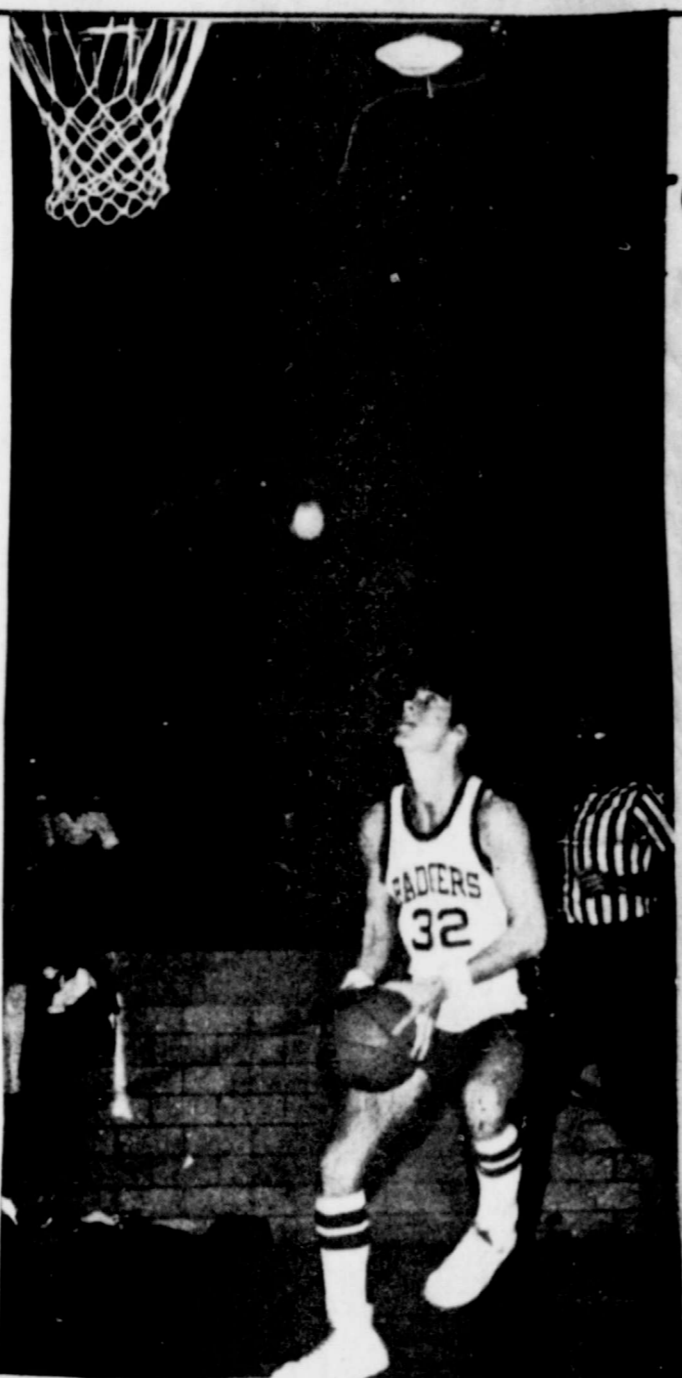
Tickets are available from any volunteer fireman, at City Hall and will be available at the door, Feb. 14th.

Youth basketball got off with a bang here this past weekend as eight teams made up of third, fourth, fifth, and sixth graders hit the floor.

Phillip Pursley told me Monday, a good crowd attended the games and the junior league would play every Saturday morning with games starting at 9, 10 and 11 a.m. at the High School Gym.

The public is welcomed to attend.

The Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a beard growing contest and all local men are being asked to register at the Chamber office.



Kevin Farmer shows his coachability as he gets away under a basket on a fast break, spots the basket and makes the lay-up. The boys lost at home Friday to C-City by two points. (Staff photo)

School election
The only major difference in the school and city elections is that school board members are elected by place.

Terms expiring this year include Charles Jacobs in Place 5, Pat Castille in Place 6 and Larry Dudley in Place 7. Prospective candidates must file for a specified place position on the board.

Filing in the school elections began Feb. 4th and will close at 5 p.m. March 4. The election is set for Saturday, April 4.

Prospective candidates must be 18 years old, be a registered voter at the time of filing, and live within the boundaries of MISD. There are no filing fees or petitions required for prospective school board candidates, although the candidate must designate the position he or she is filing for.

More information on the city or school elections may be obtained by calling MISD at 928-5813, City Hall at 928-4911 or The Merkel Mail at 928-5712.

When you register, you must be clean shaven, and prizes will be awarded in different categories.

Merkel will be celebrating its Centennial July 4th with a town party and Fun Day activities at the City Park.

A few farsighted local groups have already made their food and concession booth reservations, so your group had best lay claim to a certain popular food and drink item, Pronto! Duplication of food or drink items are not allowed. That system guarantees each club or organization the same opportunity to make money for their club's projects.

Brad Pursley will be taking some ribbing from a few of his friends until the spring tract circuit makes a few local stops.

Two weeks ago, Brad placed 7th in Dallas at a meet in full view of friends and family. Brad wasn't too tickled with the results, but, he made up for it this weekend.

Brad won two meets this weekend, one in New York City and one in Oklahoma City, against the best jumpers in the nation.

This week, he's off to Canada.

Must be tough to be a college sophomore, and already have traveled to almost every major city in the U.S., as well as a few scattered across the globe.

But then again, you have to be willing to stay in shape and try to clear a bar about 18 feet in the air, and then land safely.

Go get em' Brad. It would be something to see a Merkelite set a U.S. pole vault record. Then we will turn him loose on that Polish vaulter that's trying to push the world record to 19 feet.

Filing deadlines for city and school elections are March 4 and Merkel voters will elect three school board representatives, a mayor and two city councilmen. See related story on Page 1 of this week's Mail.

Council sets city election, rejects rate hike, approves Bingo

Merkel City Councilmen voted Monday night to call an April 4 election, passed an ordinance allowing Bingo games run by non-profit or charitable organizations, and turned down a request from Taylor Electric for a rate increase.

The council's rejection of the Taylor Electric rate increase was a mere formality. The proposed rate has already been turned down by another council in the Taylor Electric service area and the company's request was already being studied by the Public Utility Commission.

Council also made a move that pleases employees at the meeting. The city purchased employee medical and hospitalization insurance at a cost of \$28.67 per month, per employee. The plan has a \$100 deductible, pays 80 per cent on the next \$3,000 and pays 100 per cent after \$3,100 in annual medical expenses. The plan is underwritten by an Odessa Insurance broker and with Pacific Guardian Life.

Council approved the election order calling for a April 4 voting in the Merkel High Gym. Merkel voters will elect a mayor and two city councilmen. Council candidates are elected at large, meaning the two top voters getters will win the two available council seats. One incumbent of council, Emma Lois Shugart was forced to resign recently, because she moved outside the city limits.

Filing for mayor and council seats will end at 4:30 p.m. March 4. (See related story on Page 1 of this week's Mail).

Council also approved Bingo for charitable and non-profit organizations within the Merkel City Limits. The council approved a request from Chamber of Commerce manager Benny Melton.

Melton said he knew of groups interested in having a Bingo game at the Centennial Celebration and Fun Day scheduled for July 4 at the City Park.

The State Health Department acknowledged by letter their mistake of a year ago that caused bids for new ambulances were not estimated properly, causing the city to come up with another \$1,488 for the ambulance. The Health Department requested payment in the next 15 to 30 days, but council decided to table the matter.

Merkel Emergency Medical Service Director Vernon Wade presented council a report on unpaid bills to the Merkel Ambulance Service.

According to the Merkel Ambulance Service ledger, unpaid bills total \$15,500 with \$8,374 of that being bills incurred after July, 1979. The 1980 unpaid bill total is more than \$5,000, by far the worst year for collections.

Of the \$15,500, \$5,673.20 is owed by people without Merkel addresses (does include Tye-Trent) and \$9,971.55 in debts have Merkel addresses.

Wade presented council with a new billing system for the ambulance service and asked that council appoint someone from the city, a representative of the ambulance service, and someone connected with either to oversee the billing and make concentrated efforts on collections. Council appointed J.A. Sadler, Wade and Cloy A. Richards to that committee.

Council also paid monthly bills and reappointed John Hammond and Howard Carson to the Merkel Housing Authority.

Council's next session is set Feb. 23, at 7 p.m. in City Hall.

Girls whip Wylie as Clyde falls; win here Friday could clinch 3rd straight district title

The Merkel girls need only a home court win Friday over Stamford to take their third district championship in as many years.

Norma Frazier had 21, Sarah Prasarn 12 and Nancy Click 10 to lead Merkel to a 59-34 thrashing of Wylie Tuesday night. Coupled with a Clyde loss to Breckenridge, a three way tie is how the second half of district play will probably end up. Merkel, Clyde and Wylie each have a loss in the second half, but Merkel would enter the bi-district playoffs because of their outright first half victory.

Also last week, girls coach Mary Clark, learned the 7-AAA champion would play their bi-district game against Commanche and the girls would not run into Slaton until the regional tournament.

Coach Clark said her girls had little trouble disposing of Colorado City on their home court because the C-City girls were under tremendous defensive pressure. Nancy Click turned in one of her finer efforts of the year, as she poured in 26 to lead the scoring. Norma Frazier hit 12, and

Judy Castille had 7. The girls were hot at the free throw line as they hit 71 per cent of their charity shots. The final was Merkel 58- C-City 44.

In the Breckenridge game, Norma Frazier's 20 points led the way as Jackie Casey had a good effort for 12 points and Click added 8. The girls shot 66 per cent from the free throw line. The girls junior varsity, led by Donna Miller's 11 point effort, defeated Breckenridge. Donna Green had 6, Cindy Sims had 5 and Jackie Owen and Maria Moreno each added 4 in the win.

The girls varsity will play here Friday against Stamford in their final home game of the year. The J.V. game will get underway at 5 p.m.

The girls playoff dates are Feb. 16-21 and will be determined as soon as the second half championship is decided.

Also, Coach Clark learned Tuesday, if Merkel ends up in any kind of a tie (which is possible if Merkel defeated Wylie and Clyde were to lose to either Breckenridge or Wylie) that Merkel would not have to play off for the district championship because the girls won the first half outright.

New baseball parks group raising

An organizational meeting of the Merkel Baseball Parks Association was held Monday night at local J.P. Henry Guenther's office.

The parks association is made up of representatives from adult softball, girls softball and the Tri-City Baseball league. The group plans to pool resources of those organizations to pay off \$3,100 in existing debts for baseball park improvements, and start fund raising activities for more improvements the group says are needed.

The Merkel City Council appointed Connie Mack Seymore to head a committee overseeing use of city owned property.

Seymore said Monday night, "There were a lot of nights last summer, that 500 people were at those parks, either playing or watching baseball and softball. We are asking everyone who has participated or enjoyed watching games, to help us pay off \$3,100 in debts before March 1."

The Mail has agreed to publish the names of donors to the association and donations have already been accepted from Seymore, Ray Pack, Duke Pack, J.C. Sims, Roy Davis, Connie Harris, Linda Cravens, and Henry Guenther.

The association says they have plans to construct a new concession stand between the two softball fields to replace the stand demolished by vandals last year. The vandals not only demolished the inside of the building that was less than a year old, they also stuffed rocks

down a well housed in the concession stand, and a new water well will need to be drilled. The association also wants to purchase new equipment for mowing and grounds keeping and wants the parks looking their best when Merkel hosts the State Girls Softball tournament July 17 and 18 this year.

Ray Pack, former Merkel Police Chief and Taylor County Sheriff's Deputy said baseball participation last year virtually put a stop to juvenile vandalism here. Pack and J.P. Henry Guenther said they could not remember one incident last summer when they were called away from the baseball park to investigate vandalism by juveniles.

The association says they are planning some early tournaments this year to raise funds for planned projects, but emphasized they must pay off the \$3,100 in debts before they can commit any funds to future projects.

Donations may be turned in to the Farmers and Merchants National Bank and to Connie Mack Seymore, Ray or Duke Pack, J.C. Sims, Connie Harris, Linda Cravens, Roy Davis or Henry Guenther.

Also donating were: Kenneth Duncan, Billy Bob Toombs, Steve Shugart, D.L. Moore, Dink Whisenhunt, A.L. Moore, Tom Seymore, Phil Seymore, Gary Hicks, Linda Beddingfield, Wanda Moore, Ricky Meeks, and The Merkel Mail.

Top news and events from 1966-65

This week's installment covers news and main events of 1966 and 1965.

The Mail is highlighting Merkel's history for the past 100 years with weekly two year installments.

January, 1966

Merkel FFA instructor Chester Collingworth called the 1966 Merkel Livestock show the largest ever as \$600 in prizes and 117 projects entered for judging.

February
Rev. Floyd Kinser was named interim pastor at Grace Presbyterian here. The Merkel High Library received books from Congressman Omar Burleson.

March
The Merkel Hospital Authority Board was

appointed. The Merkel Chamber of Commerce began planning the Merkel Industrial Foundation. The city purchased a new firetruck. The Merkel High Band won an outstanding rating at the Lamesa Band competition. A record number of parents visited Merkel school during the public school week.

April
Bobby Dubose, Clyde Wurst and Horace Hargrove were elected to Merkel City Council. The foundation was laid for Merkel's new post office. Taylor Electric set an attendance record at their annual meeting as 710 attended.

May
The girls track team, at Merkel High, won the

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district championship. Merkel high graduated 47 seniors as Hayden Griffin was valedictorian and Youlinda Carey was salutatorian.

June
The Merkel summer recreation program began. Local farmers were pleased with the quality of the wheat crop. The Learn to Swim program was sponsored by Beta Sigma Phi and the Merkel Lions Club. Merkel had 140 boys playing Little League. The Band Parent Association Beauty Contest winners include Wynona Doan, Debbie Fincher, Patti Maxwell and Lori DuBose.

July
The Merkel Industrial Foundation appointed Lawton Finch, Max Murrell, Herman Carson, Donald Warren, Mack Fisher, Johnny Cox, Jarret Williams, W.B. Toombs and Bill Button as trustees.

August
Merkel Fun Week was kicked off with a parade. The MISD school board approved a budget of \$255,000. An open house was held for Merkel's New Fire Station and City Hall remodeling.

September
Taylor Telephone held their annual meeting. The Merkel Jay-Cee-Ettes handled the Merkel Community Fund Drive.

October
Mrs. Horace Boney was voted Coming Home Queen and Mr. Jarrett Pinckley was named Mr. X at Homecoming ceremonies. Jeannie Anderson was crowned the High School Queen.

November
The Merkel Badgers ended up their football season in a three way tie for the district championship. The Merkel Industrial Foundation outlined their plans for attracting industry here. The U.S. Postal Service began airlifting first class mail. Area farmers called the 1966 cotton crop their best in years. The Mail did not report harvest totals.

December
The Merkel Goodfellows raised \$750 for needy families here. The local VFW post hosted the district convention. The Merkel Hospital Board published their first intention notice for the formulation of plans for a 30 bed hospital facility.

January, 1965
Taylor Electric announced a rate cut for customers. The Merkel Stock Show drew a record number of entries according to Chester Collingsworth. Tommy Smith and Johnny Hardesty were named to the all state band.

February
Miss Mary Collins was named vice president of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank. S.P. Nesmith announced his five year plan for the Heart of Texas.

March
The Merkel Mail marked it's 76th anniversary. The Merkel disposal plant went into operation.

April
Mr. and Mrs. Lawton Finch announced plans to construct a 72 unit motel facility here. Johnny

Cox was elected mayor. Weldon McAninch and Charles Eager were elected to City Council here. Johnny Teaff, Ben Hicks, and Joel Henry were elected to the MISD board positions.

May
A water bond election for the City was announced totaling \$25,000. The present location of the Merkel post office was purchased. Damages from a local hail storm totaled \$300,000 according to local insurance agents.

June
The Merkel summer activity program got underway. The Farmers Union organizes here and Joe McDuff was elected President. Tommy South was invited to play with the American Band Tour. The Rev. and Mrs. W.S. Daniels moved here. Taylor Telephone announced they had received a \$192,000 loan approval for system upgrading and adding new service areas. The Rev. Bill Tanner announced plans for a First Baptist Church Homecoming.

July
A fire broke out at the construction site of the Asteroid Motel (presently the Big Country Inn) that delayed the opening of the structure.

August
The Asteroid Motel was completed and opened for business. C.H. Collingsworth received an agricultural teachers award.

September
The Merkel Restaurant announced an open house to show off their remodeled facility. Waymon Adcock was named local civil defense director.

October
Calvary Baptist hosted the annual mission conference. The local Soil Conservation district marked it's 25th anniversary with local ceremonies. A delegation of local businessmen traveled to Post to Spur industrial relocation here.

November
Merkel Homecoming facilities drew 425 former students. Marie Derrick was voted Coming Home Queen, Sylvan Mellinger was named Mr. X and Cathy Derrington was voted High School Queen.

December
Max Murrell held formal grand opening ceremonies for his 1-20 Car dealership. Earl Hughes retired as local WTU manager and Bill Button was named to replace him.



Merkel's new patrolman is Lonnie Scott Burkhalter. Burkhalter is a qualified Emergency Medical Technician and came to the city fully certified as a peace officer. He replaced Mike Herd. (Staff photo by Cloy A. Richards)

Xi Nu Chi meets

Xi Nu Chi, Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met on Tuesday, Jan. 13 at Pleasantville Hall.

President Connie Harris opened the meeting. Committee reports, International and local news were discussed.

The program for the evening was given by Mary Hill and Ginny Yaddow.

Mary Hill was elected to represent Xi Nu Chi at the Valentine Dance to be held in Abilene Civic Center on Feb. 21.

Refreshments were served to the following members: Kathy Leverich, Connie Ybarra, Pat Neff, Blanche Hewitt, Anita Allan, Betty Allday, Louise Dabose, Mamie Steck, Ginny Yaddow, Mary

Hill and special guest Annette Clark.

Local Pee Wee basketball off to good start

The Pee Wee Basketball got off to a great start Saturday. The results from those games are as follows:

5th-6th Grade Boys: Celtice 29- 76ers 22; Spurs 28- Lakers 9. 5th-6th Grade Girls: Suns 4- Nets 32; Jazz 30- Clippers 12. 3rd and 4th Grade Boys: Bucks 6- Rockets 2; Bulls 10- Pistons 12 (overtime). 3rd-4th Grade Girls: Knicks 8- Bullets 0; Hawks 8- Nuggets 0.

The schedule for the remaining five Saturdays are as follows:

Saturday Feb. 14: Boys: Rockets vs Bulls, 9:00; Bucks vs Pistons, 10:00; 76ers vs Spurs, 11:00; Celtics vs Lakers, 12:00. Girls: Bullets vs Hawks, 9:00; Nicks vs Nuggets, 10:00; Nets vs Jazz, 11:00; Suns vs Clippers, 12:00.

Feb. 21: Boys: Celtics vs Spurs, 9:00; 76ers vs Lakers, 10:00; Bucks vs Bulls, 11:00; Rockets vs Pistons, 12:00; Girls: Suns vs Jazz, 9:00; Nets vs Clippers, 10:00; Nicks vs Hawks, 11:00; Bullets vs Nuggets, 12:00.

Feb. 28: Boys: Celtics vs 76ers, 9:00; Spurs vs Lakers, 10:00; Bucks vs Rockets, 11:00; Bulls vs Pistons, 12:00; Girls: Suns vs Nets, 9:00; Jazz vs Clippers, 10:00; Nicks vs Bullets, 11:00; Hawks vs Nuggets, 12:00.

March 7: Boys: Rockets vs Bulls, 9:00; Bucks vs Pistons, 10:00; 76ers vs Spurs, 11:00; Celtics vs Lakers, 12:00; Girls: Bullets vs Hawks, 9:00; Nicks vs Nuggets, 10:00; Nets vs Jazz, 11:00; Suns vs Clippers, 12:00.

March 14: Boys: Celtics vs Spurs, 9:00; 76ers vs Lakers, 10:00; Bucks vs Bulls, 11:00; Rockets vs Pistons, 12:00; Girls: Suns vs Jazz, 9:00; Nets vs Clippers, 10:00; Nicks vs Hawks, 11:00; Bullets vs Nuggets, 12:00.

MERKEL COUNTRY CLUB

ONE MILE NORTH OF I-20 ON FM 126

February Specials

Ladies Night-Every Wednesday night from 5 pm until closing. Ladies drinks are only \$1.

The Pro Shop sale continues, with prices marked down 25 to 50 per cent off on almost all items. Sale includes golf clubs, golf bags, golf and tennis shoes, clothing, sports bags.

Our delicious prime rib will be featured every Saturday evening at a special price of \$8.95 per person.

Special Notice. Due to the rising cost of our telephone system, we have elected to have the Abilene line of 672-3942 disconnected. It is just as efficient and less expensive to use the 1+ dialing system. Please call 1-928-5514 for the Merkel Country Club.

Good golfing weather is just around the corner, so get out those rusty clubs, clean them up and get ready for the golfing season.

MINI-MALL FOOD CO-OP

HAM \$1.29 lb.
HAMBURGERS \$1.29 - \$1.69
BALONEY \$1.29
STEAKS \$1.85 - \$2.75 lb
2liter COKES, PIBB, TAB \$1.09
ALL CIGARETTES \$5.95 per ctn.
928-4437

MISD menu

The Merkel School Menu is as follows:

Thursday Feb. 12: Chicken fried steak, gravy, whipped potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, and fruit cup.

Friday Feb. 13: Sloppy Joes, sliced onion, pickle, relish, french fries, and Valentine cake.

Monday Feb. 16: Spaghetti with beef and cheese, buttered whole kernal corn, lettuce wedge with choice of dressing, garlic bread, and rosie applesauce.

Tuesday Feb. 17: Oven fried turkey steak, whipped potatoes, seasoned green beans, hot rolls, and pineapple.

Wednesday, Feb. 18: Beef tacos, taco sauce, pinto beans, lettuce and cheese, and chilled pears.

Thursday, Feb. 19: Toasted cheese sandwich, vegetable soup, slice bread, and raisin cobbler.

Friday, Feb. 20: Hamburgers, lettuce, tomato, pickle, onion, french fries, and rice crispie bars.

Monday, Feb. 23: Mexican fiesta, lettuce tomato, pinto beans, corn chips, and pineapple.

Tuesday Feb. 24: Whipped potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, and sliced peaches and whip topping.

Wednesday, Feb. 25: Pizza, Buttered corn, lettuce salad, and pink applesauce.

Thursday, Feb. 26: Fried fish with tartar sauce, cole slaw with creamy dressing, blackeye peas with snaps, corn bread, and lemon bars.

Friday Feb. 27: Hot Dogs with chili and cheese, pickle relish, sliced onion, french fries, and fresh orange wedge.

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Energy Saving tips on Electric Heating.

Check your thermostat setting. Recommended temperature setting for winter heating is 68°. Remember, the lower you set the thermostat in the winter the lower your energy cost.

Have your heating system checked regularly! Proper servicing is good preventive maintenance.

Keep filters clean. Check the filter every 30 days on forced-air systems. If filter is permanent, clean it by manufacturer's directions, if it's disposable, replace when dirty.

Use the warmth of the sunshine! On sunny days open the drapes. The sun shining through the glass will supply additional heat at no cost.

Have your home properly insulated! Adequate home insulation keeps the warmth in, cuts energy use... can pay for itself by lowering heating (and cooling) costs.

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Remember, Reddy Supplies the Energy, only you can use it wisely!

Allen-Craft wed in local ceremony

Elizabeth Ann Allen and James Perry Craft were married Saturday in Merkel Church of Christ with Larry Gill officiating.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lou David Allen. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. T.C. Edmondson, Jr. of 3049 Hickory, Abilene.

Angela Leigh Allen was her sister's maid of honor. Natalee Lauren Cravens was flower girl and Matthew Logan Cravens was ring bearer. Cole Edmondson and Rett Fewell of Albuquerque N.M., lighted candles. Shannon Boyd registered guests. Singing was by Jan McCoy, Brad McCoy, Amy McCoy, Michael McCoy, Jeanette Lipford and several ACU students. The flowers for the wedding and reception was by Ann's Flowers, of Merkel. Servers at the reception were Charlotte Watts, Trish Powell and Janice Jacobs.

The portraits were done by Logan Cravens. Chuck Knight was best man. Mike Williams and Tim Savage of Abilene were ushers.

The reception was hosted by the bride's parents in the fellowship center. Parents of the bridegroom hosted the rehearsal dinner at the Merkel Country Club.

The bride is a senior at Merkel High School. The bridegroom is a graduate of Abilene High School and is employed by Pengo Completions, Inc. in Cisco.

Approximately 300 people attended the wedding.



Mrs. Craft

Boys downed

Coach Gohlke's boys basketball team took a couple of close, tough losses last week at the hands of Breckenridge and Colorado City.

Last Tuesday, the boys lost a 48-46 squeaker to Colorado City in overtime. The boys gave it away at the free throw line, connecting on only 10 of 21 attempts. Danny Riggan led the scoring with 23, Dusty Barnhill added 9, Kevin Farmer hit for 8 and Randy Martin scored 6.

Coach Gohlke said the boys were behind by 11 with three minutes to play and came back to lose only by a bucket.

The boys also ended up on the short end of a 54-50 overtime game in Breckenridge. Coach Gohlke said it was his team's best performance of the year. Danny Riggan led the Badgers with 17.

The boys are 8-15 on the year and host Stamford here Friday night, travel to Clyde Feb. 13 and wind up the season at home against Breckenridge, Feb. 20.

FHA-HERO stresses home mgmt.

"Know-how for the 80's" is the theme for National FHA-HERO Week, celebrated by Future Homemakers of America and Home Economics Related Occupation students this

week as part of National Vocational Education Week.

The purpose of the week is to show how vocational education and FHA prepare students for the future.

More than 12,000 chapters and 400,000 members nationwide will focus on the leadership skills they have developed through projects focusing on concerns for family life, community living and personal growth.

FHA will sponsor a film this week for the student body concerning a handicapped person. Also FHA will have a "Daddy Date Night". The students and their fathers will participate during this special occasion in the Homemaking Department.

FHA-HERO members do not represent the outdated image of homemaking as cooking and sewing only. Members work on local and national projects related to child care services, clothing and textiles, foods and nutrition, family life education, home management, and career preparation.

FHA chapters emphasize consumer education, homemaking, and family life education combined with exploration of jobs and careers. HERO chapters emphasize preparation for jobs and careers.

Celebrating its 35th anniversary during the 1980-81 school year, FHA has served 15 million students since it was organized. Young men and women between the ages of 13 and 18 help determine and run the national program. This year, four of the twelve nationally elected high school officers are young men.

FFA students place in Fort Worth show

We would like to congratulate the people who placed at the Fort Worth Stock Show. The results are as follows:

Ann Melton placed 6th in the open light weight class for Chester White; Tommy Hayes placed 6th with light weight duroc in the Jr. show; Todd Robertson placed 3rd with heavy weight chester in the Jr. Show; Denise Pack placed 7th in the medium weight chester class; Gary Dickerson placed 14th with his medium weight Chester; Paul White placed 3rd in the light weight hamp class; Kenneth White placed 4th with his medium hamp; Amber Whisenhunt placed 8th with her light weight cross; Walter Elmore placed 7th with his medium weight duroc; Lynn Hayes placed 13th with his medium weight duroc; Melinda Riney placed 13th with her heavy weight cross.

This week we are spotlighting members of our V.A. I.

Gary Dickerson, son of O.W. Dickerson, is enrolled in V.A. I. He was on the leadership team. Gary is a freshman officer.

Denise Pack, daughter of Ray and Heidi Pack, is a freshman and in V.A. I. Her project this year was 3 pigs. Denise has participated in FFA activities.

Janice Jacobs, daughter of Charles and Bernice Jacobs, is a junior and in V.A. I. Her project this year is feeder calves.

Reynolds host visitor

Mrs. Dorothy Deatrage and Jimmy Ray of Abilene and Mrs. Doris Rhone of Scotland visited Mrs. O.J. Reynolds, Sunday. Do-

ris' husband is in the Navy and stationed in Scotland. She came back to Texas to visit relatives and see some sunshine, she said.

Xi Nu Chi meets

Xi Nu Chi met Tuesday, January 27th at Pleasantville Hall.

Marliyn Tittle, Xi Nu ETA, member, from Abilene, was visiting in Merkel to sell chances for a Honey-moon night in Abilene.

A program was presented by Gayle Teaff Maxey on Physical

fitness.

Refreshments were served to the following members: Mary Hill, Ginny Yaddow, Blanche Hewitt, Louise Dubose, Mammie Steck, Connie Ybarra, Liz Eager, Kathy Leve-rich, Pat Neff, Connie Harris, and special guest, Christi Quance.

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Amerine, Jackie Casey and Cristine Acosta, manager. Kneeling are (left to right) Debra Carey, Norma Frazier, Nancy Click and Loye Baker.

Sitting are (left to right) Judy Castille, Tina Bicknell, Windi Whisenhunt. The girls are coached by Mary Clark. (Staff photo by Drew Mawson)

This week's schedule

Remaining Badger Basketball Schedule
 Feb. 13, here against Stamford. Girls JV game starts at 5, followed by the girls Varsity and then the boys varsity.
 Feb. 17, Boys varsity and JV in Clyde. JV game starts at 6.
 Feb. 20, Boys varsity and JV at home against Breckenridge. JV game starts at 6.
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CARD OF THANKS

I would like to thank everyone for their flowers, cards, calls, and visits during my recent stay in the hospital. Your kindnesses are greatly appreciated.

Betty Toombs

Our heartfelt thanks to each one for their prayers, cards, visits, flowers, and calls of concern during my recent hospital stay. Your acts of kindness will always be remembered and appreciated by both of us.

Glenn & Joan Reed

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Implementation of the proposed changes is subject to approval by the appropriate regulatory authority. A statement of intent including the proposed revision of tariff and schedules and a statement specifying in detail each proposed change, the effect the proposed change is expected to have on the revenues of the utility and the classes and numbers of utility consumers affected is on file with the Public Utility Commission of Texas, and the Municipalities of Trent, Tye Lawn, Hawley, Abilene, Merkel and Clyde.

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TO: Roy Edwards, Rosa Baird, Pauline Hedges, Feimster Baird, Lorena Kersey, Troy Williams, E.L. Williams, the unknown heirs of W.P. Edwards deceased and O.S. Williams, Defendant, Greetings: YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of this citation, same being the 2 day of March A.D. 1981, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 8 day of January A.D. 1981, in this cause, numbered 36,972-A on the docket of said court and styled Joseph W. Gray and Nell S. Morgan, Plaintiff, vs. Roy Edwards, Et Al, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit: the South 50-1/2 feet of the North 150-1/2 feet of the East 150 feet of Lot No. 2, Block No 161, in the City of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas. Plaintiff prays that the Court determine what proportionate value of the property above described should be allocated to the shares of Plaintiffs and Defendants, and that the Court order sale of the property and distribution of the proceeds in accordance with such determination, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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 the 12 day of January A.D. 1981.

Attest: Irene Crawford Clerk, 42nd District Court Taylor County, Texas By Judy Smith, Deputy.

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TO: Janet Ann Phillips, 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 Douglas Duane Phillips & Brenda Phillips Petitioners filed in said Court on the 26th day of January, 1981, against Janet Ann Phillips, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 5087-C on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Interest of Melody Arlene Phillips and Duane Jan Phillips, Children" the nature of which suit is a request to terminate the parent-child relationship between Janet Ann Phillips and the children, and the adoption of the Children by Brenda Phillips. Said child, Melody Arlene Phillips, was born the 25th day of November, 1971 at Dyess AFB, Texas. Said Child, Duane Jan Phillips, was born the 15th day of July, 1975, at Dyess AFB, Texas.

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree in the child's interest which will be binding upon you, including the termination of the parent-child relationship and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the child's adoption. If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved. The officer executing this 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 the 26th day of January, 1981.

Irene Crawford Clerk, 326th District Court, Taylor County, Texas. By Johnnie Woodard, 49-4tc Deputy.

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM K. MORRISON, DECEASED

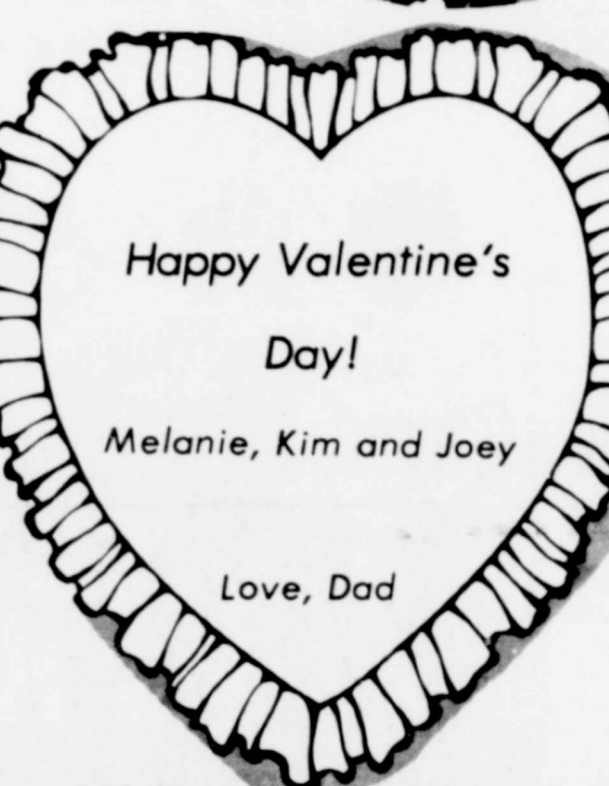
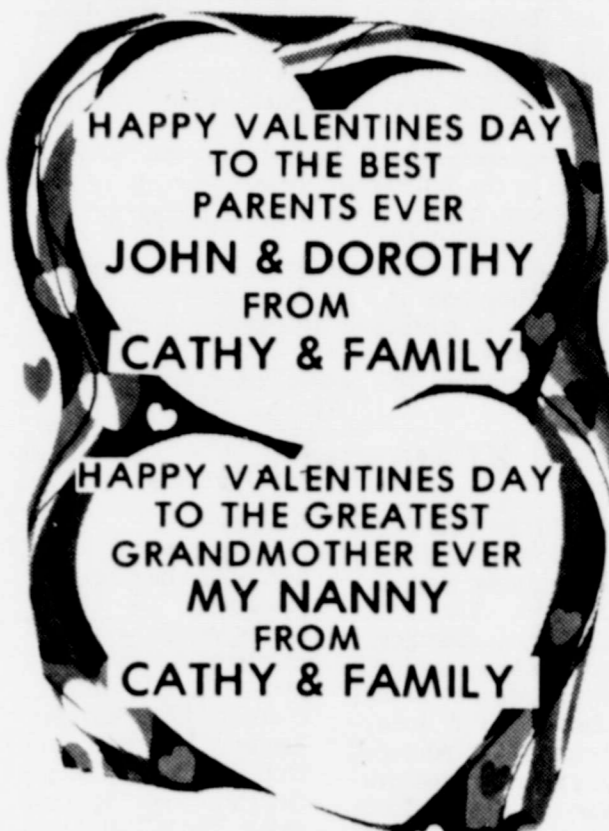
Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of William K. Morrison were issued on February 4, 1981, in Cause No. 14,831, pending in the County Court of Taylor County, Texas, to: Linda G. Morrison. The residence of such Executor is Taylor County, Texas. The post office address is: c-o Randall C. Jackson Suite 210, Bank of Commerce Building

Abilene, Texas 79605. All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

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Linda G. Morrison By Randall C. Jackson Attorney for the Estate

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The Girls Junior Varsity for 1980-81 include (top row, left to right) Sue Ann Harris and Tamra Phillips-managers, Jackie Owen, Denise Pack, Cindy Sims, Melinda Riney, Angie Allen

and Coach Mary Clark. Middle row (left to right) Kelle Burnett, Mary Bunselmeyer, Donna Miller, Brenda Hohbertz and Mandy Guenther. (Staff photo by Drew Mawson)

Tye voters will choose 3 spots

What's Happening in Tye
By Harold Boyd

February...Today is Feb. 12, Abraham Lincoln's Birthday. Boy, if he could see this country as it is today, wonder what his thoughts would be. Now, this Saturday, don't forget your sweethearts...Valentine's Day...surely, a lot of us will end up in the dog house because we just forgot.

What about Tye's happenings?? Sewer project still coming and as well as complaints etc. Sure have a mess and till people are convinced that it will be cleared up, will more than likely have pending civil lawsuits against the city and contractors alike. I've seen several areas since our last column and do feel they are just complaints and something should have been done, but still the areas are still the same. City council will be meeting and it is suggested that if

you are concerned, wanting answers, go to the meeting and listen. If you are satisfied with the results then you haven't got any quarm, if not request that you be able to speak with your council at March's meeting.

This year, there will be 3 post that come up for re-election. Those who want to file on seek these council place need to check in at City Hall for filing information and other information. At this time, I've heard mentioned names, but unofficial. We at the Mail, will wait to hear officially as to the candidates.

Gets to be something when each and every column is mentioned the need for a volunteer fire department. It's equipment, members, etc. This past Saturday, they raised another few needed dollars to raise and rebuild the tank truck. As everyone's problem is money, cost of living rising as it has the past year has slowed down. The donations, still lack some \$7350.00 to rebuild the truck to conform to standards. At the present time, the members are cutting off the old tank and are replacing it with an 500 gallon tank. This is only a temporary tank, but better than the one that is on it now. March 7, the dept. will host another "Pot Luck Supper" at 20 cents a dip, in along that evening with their monthly musical. Do circle your calendar and do attend. Just one of the many events coming up in Tye.

Should you have an event coming up, contact the Mail week to 10 days prior to your date of activity. They will be happy to give it some space and assist you in getting the news out to their readers.

Dale Hammond's cartoons...What can one say? They are clever, good taste and with plenty of talent. We enjoy them, Dale, overhere and wish you the best, Keep'em coming...They have their message and impact. Thanks.

Good Golly...weren't many notes this week and will see you next week. Till then, Peace, We love ya.

Longtime area teacher succumbs

Memorial services for C.S. Harris, 75, were held in Irving First Baptist Church with pastor Dr. Henry Kenkeade, officiating, assisted at graveside by Rev. Robert Cavanaugh, Mr. Harris' son in law.

Mr. Harris was born Sept. 16, 1905 in Oregon. He married Leola Hopkins of Caps, Texas, Dec. 31, 1931. He was a long time school teacher having taught 41 years. He began his career in area schools before going to Irving, where he taught several years before retiring due to ill health in 1971. He was a graduate of both Abilene High School and Simmons University, now Hardin-Simmons.

He is survived by his wife, two sons, Dr.

Stanley Harris, Kenia Ohio, and Phil of Irving; a daughter, Mrs. Robert Cavanaugh, Temple, Tx.; six grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. He is also survived by 3 brothers, Miller, Big Spring, Livian, San Antonio, and James, Athens; 4 sisters, Mrs. W.C. Martin Sr. of Cottage Grove, Oregon Mrs. Ed Sandusky and Mrs. Fred Johnson of Merkel and Mrs. Buddy Boyd of Trent.

He was preceded in death by a baby daughter, Judy, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P.F. Harris and brothers, Chester and Frank.

Pallbearers were: Jerry Todd, Glenn Sandusky, Buddy Boyd, Mike Neal, Clyde St. Clair and Jon Cassler.

Mrs. Putnam returns from visit

Mrs. Don Putman (formally Ethel Ford) has spent a month in the home of her mother, Ruth Ford, who is recuperating from a gallbladder surgery. She and her husband,

Don Putman, live in Long Beach, Miss., where he is stationed with the Navy at the Coastal Base there. She flew back home on Feb. 5th.

Ethel was so pleased to see her friends here.

CARD OF THANKS
We want to thank Brothers Billy Patton and Larry Gill, the choir and the Merkel Church of Christ for a beautiful service. We

also want to express our gratitude for the food, flowers and words of comfort. May God bless you. The Family of Louis S. Butman.
50-1tp



Pursley wins in NYC, Okla.

Abilene Christian Pole Vault, Brad Pursley, shook off a seventh place finish in Dallas two weeks ago and won two pole vaulting events this weekend, one at the prestigious Millrose Games in New York City.

Pursley, a sophomore from Merkel, went 17'9" to take the win at the Millrose games. Randy Hall of Texas A&M was second at 17'6". Brade had two good jumps at 18'2", which would have been a meet record, but brushed the bar off of the standard on the way down.

In Oklahoma City, Brad went 17'8" to take the win. He also had two good attempts at 18' 1/2", a meet record, but again hit the bar on the way down twice.

This weekend, he will be competing in Ottawa and Toronto Canada meets.

Brad is currently the number one jumper at Abilene Christian and the Lone Star Conference. He has a career best of 18'01-2" set in Abilene last year. That jump qualified him as a world class vaulter, which earns him invitations to the nation's most prestigious track events.

Louis Butman, pioneer family member, buried

Louis S. Butman, 87, of 2210 River Oaks, a retired rancher, died at 4 a.m. Saturday at Happy Haven Nursing Center after a long illness. Services were at 2:30 p.m. Sunday at Merkel Church of Christ with Billy Patton, of Ballinger, officiating, assisted by Larry Gill of Merkel. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery directed by Starbuck Funeral Home of Merkel.

Born June 16, 1893, in Mulberry Canyon, he attended Hardin-

Simmons University and married Jewel Anderson. He married Pauline Blackaby June 16, 1940. He received patents on the one-legged wind mill tower, the cultivator attachment for crawler tractors and an automatic steam iron. He also invented a special communion wafer.

Survivors include his wife; three daughters, Beverly Ann of Boulder, Colo., Mrs. Fred (Lucile) McCarthy of San Pedro, Calif. and Mrs. Louise Sav-

age of Long Beach, Calif.; a son, Louis Steven of 4601 Sage; two brothers, Will of Merkel and Ben of Abilene; two sisters, Mrs. Lottie Everett of Merkel and Mrs. Mary Russom of Mulberry Canyon; four grand children and one great grandchild.

Pallbearers were Billy Bob Neff, Donald Russom, Jerrell Lee Butman, Kenneth Ray James Butman, Joseph Swinney, Vernon Ray, and Tommy Swinney.

The family requests remembrances be made to the American Heart Association, 149 N. Willis, Abilene.



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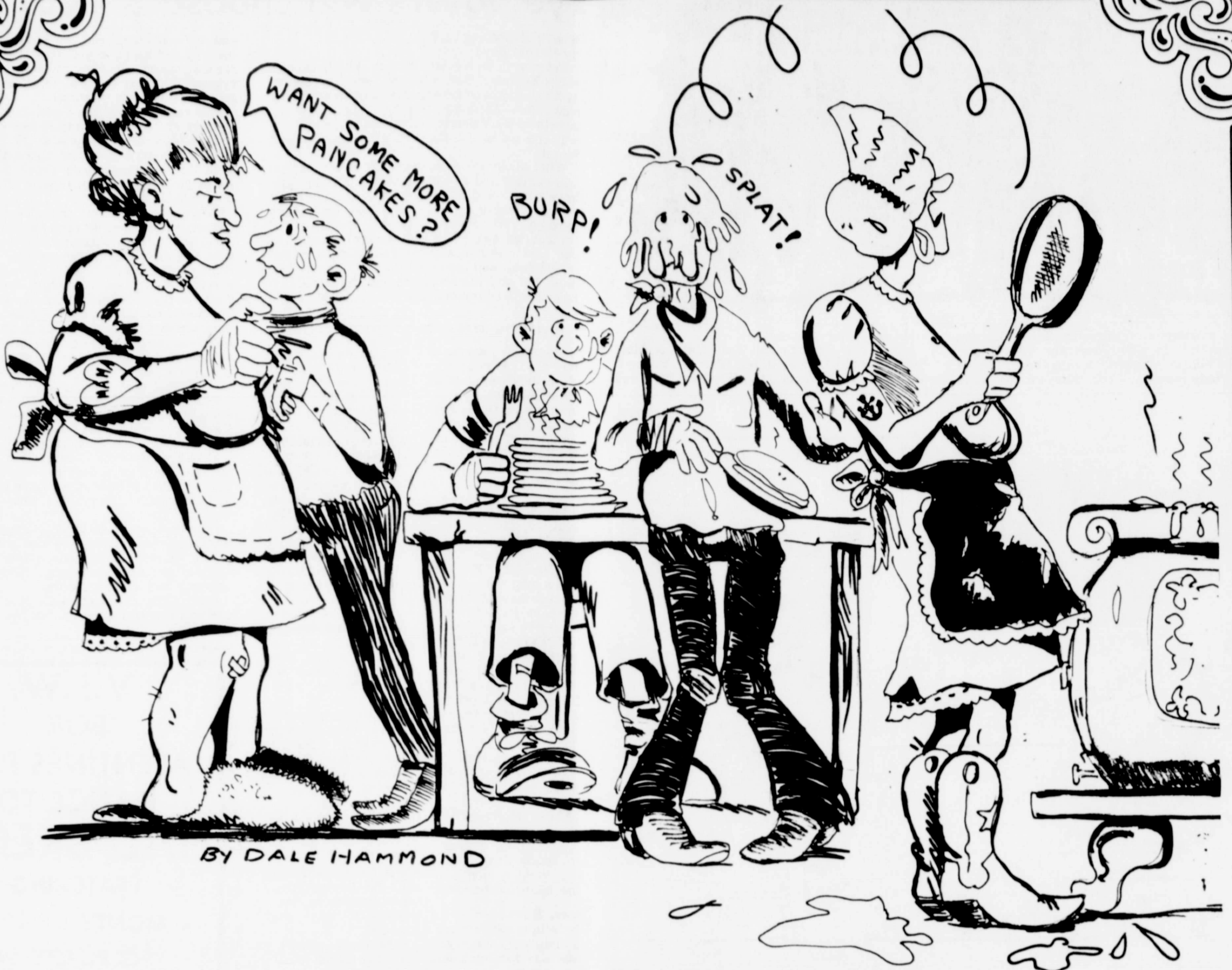
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FFA results from Ft. Worth show

The Results from the Open Barrow Show Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show in Ft. Worth are as follows:

Lt. Wt. Spots, Lloyd Williams, 6th; Hvy. Wt. Spots, Billy Williams, 4th; Hvy. Wt. Durocs, Lloyd Williams, 12th; Lt. Wt. Hampshires, Lee Hunt, 2nd and 5th; Hvy. Wt. Hampshires, Mat Jackson, 12th; Lt. Wt. Berkshires, Lee Hunt 1st, Leslie McGlothlin, 2nd; Md. Wt. Berkshire, Lloyd Williams 2nd, Debra Williams, 6th; Hvy. Wt. Chester, Kim Orr, 6th; Md. Wt. Poland, Debra Williams, 3rd; Lt. Wt. Cross, Rebecca Sipe 11th; Hvy. Wt. Cross, Casey Johnson 15th, Leigh McGlothlin 13th.

The results from the Jr. Barrow Show Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show in Ft. Worth are as follows:

Lt. Wt. Durocs Billy Williams 4th; Md. Wt. Durocs, Debra Williams, 13th; Lt. Wt. Hampshires, Lee Hunt 10th and 13th; Lt. Wt. Berkshires, Leigh McGlothlin 3rd; Md. Wt. Berkshire, Lee Hunt 6th; Lt. Wt. Chester Whites, Joe McGlothlin 8th and 10th, Leslie McGlothlin 15th; Lt. Wt. Polands, Eddie Adams, 4th.

New marketing information at Texas A&M debuts this month

A new dimension in marketing information has just been initiated by specialists with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System.

Known as Telephone Outlook and Market Information (TOMI), the system will provide a current economic analysis of agricultural products to anyone interested in commodity outlook.

"The service will be available to anyone, day or night, seven days a week, by calling telephone 713-845-6437," explains Dr. Ed Uvacek, Jr., Extension economist, livestock marketing.

Each subject matter topic will be timed so that it coincides with the release of important government or trade information, he adds. Recordings will range from two to six minutes,

Trent ISD offering \$200 reward for info

The Trent School Board is offering a \$200 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of people responsible for weekend vandalism at Trent ISD.

Vandals spray painted obscenities on the South Wall of the Trent Gym. Trent ISD superintendent Roy Neff told the Mail Tuesday morning, "We don't have any estimate of damages because we have not been able to remove the paint yet. We have tried just about everything we know of to remove the paint. If we have to strip the paint to remove the damage, and then repaint, it will be quite expensive."

Seniors eye Bahama trip

The Trent Senior Class will be leaving March 12th on their Senior Trip. The class has worked hard and has almost realized its dream, a cruise to the Bahamas. The group of nine seniors, accompanied by the class sponsor and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. John Brady, will fly from Dallas, Ft. Worth airport to Miami. They will spend one day and night in Miami before sailing for the Bahamas. The group will also visit Disney World and other Florida attractions on their trip.

Trent seniors collecting cans, newspapers, for Bahama trip

The Trent Senior Class are working on several projects to wind up their two year effort for friends to finance their senior trip. Although the final payment has been made on the cruise package, additional funds are needed for tours and sightseeing.

On Sat. Feb. 14th, a combined garage and bake sale at the home of Ruby Faye and Rebecca Sipe. The

seniors are currently selling tickets on the Trent Community Quilt, which will be given away on March 10th. Tickets sell for \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.

Also scheduled for Feb. are a trash haul and taking aluminum cans and paper for recycling. Anyone wishing to donate goods for the garage sale, buy a ticket or

have trash hauled or have cans and papers picked up, should contact a senior or leave a message at the school office.

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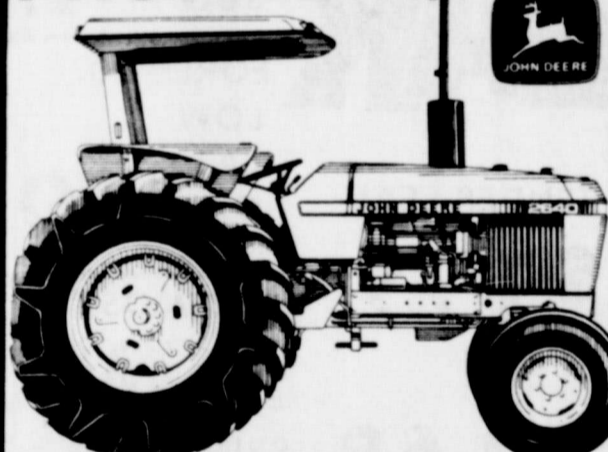
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