

The Merkel Mail

Thursday, March 19, 1981 Merkel, Texas...Merkel's 100th Year

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We ran this photo about a year ago asking if the Mail readers could help identify the players pictured. Low and behold, we found the names, right under our nose in the Mail from 1976. Pictured are (back row) Roy Medford, coach, Roger Hamblett, Leslie Brady, Hobson-Robertson, Roy Adams, Judson McRee, Paul McMurray, Vernon Coats, Erwin Brady. (Middle

row) Minor Burns, Dewey Brown, Ray Ash, Bourdon Smith, Claude Riney, Homer Laney. (Front row) Doyle Garrett, Howard Laney, Willie Stevens, Prentiss Pipes and Leonard Mills. The players were members of the 1916-17 Merkel High Baseball team. It is the oldest file photo from the Mail files and is displayed at the Merkel Dairy Queen.

Boys win Ranger track meet

The Merkel Boys Track team took the team Championship this weekend at Ranger. It was the first team win in two years for the boys in track.

The Badgers were paced by clean sweeps of the 110 meter hurdles and the 300 meter hurdles. The sprint relay also had their best time in two years and took first with a time of 44.9.

In the running events, the sprint relay team won. Randy Martin, Bart Pursley, Gary Tutt, and Dusty Barnhill are on that relay team. Tutt was 3rd in the 100 meter dash. In the 110, the Badgers swept with Martin 1st, Ty Nelson 2nd and Barnhill 3rd. Jimmy Mendez grabbed 3rd in

the 400. The Badgers also swept the 300 meter hurdles with Nelson 1st, Pursley 2nd and Alan Albright 3rd. Sal Acosta placed 3rd in the 800 and the mile relay team of Barnhill, Pursley, Nelson and Martin were beaten by a tenth of a second to place second with a 3:38.7 time.

In the field events, Nelson was first with a leap of six feet and Terry Owen placed sixth. Martin was third in the pole vault and Pursley fourth. Acosta grabbed 4th in the long jump.

The Badgers travel to Brownwood Saturday and will face Breckenridge, Comanche and Clyde as well as host of 4A teams.

Tax rebates running 33% higher

Merkel's income from the one per cent sales tax is running 33 per cent ahead of the same period last year.

Merkel's check this month was \$5,121, compared to \$8,743 the same period last year. Payments to date are \$14,248, compared to \$10,679 through the same period last year.

Tye is maintaining their 1981 pace running 43 per cent ahead of last year. Tye's check totals \$5,891, compared to \$3,844 the same period last

year. Tye has received \$13,159 so far this year, compared to \$9,167 through the same reporting period last year.

Trent did not receive a check this month. Texas cities shared in \$37.9 million in rebate checks this month with Houston leading the way receiving \$32.9 million. The city sales tax is collected along with the state tax by merchants and businesses and rebated monthly to the cities in which the tax was collected.

What? Lake Merkel?, where

by Cloy A. Richards

In preparing the two week history installments, which requires reading the Mail back issues, one can learn a lot of interesting things about our town.

Did you know there was a "Lake Merkel" at one time here. It was built by the Texas and Pacific Railroad Company between here and NuCorp Supply. There was some dispute over its existence until a former resident of Merkel sent a photograph of the lake, full of Merkel people, that was published in the Mail in 1956.

Local history buff, Mrs. H.C. Reid, also brought something by the Mail two weeks ago that I had never heard of. It was a 1922 copy of the Merkel Evening Telegram, another paper here.

We'd like more information on the Telegram, if any of the old timers here can remember the paper and the people who ran it.

I had heard of a paper that started and stopped in the same year called the Trent Banner, but never knew Merkel had another paper besides the Mail.

In doing the 1956-55 history installment, it gave me a good chance to see how the community handled their 75th anniversary.

A professional company was hired to do the planning for the celebration and it was held for three days. There were banquets, beauty shows, plays, singing, barbecues, and the event drew 5,000 people at the parade held.

The Mail said it was Merkel's largest crowd ever at a single event and nothing has happened since 1956 that drew that large of crowd.

It was obvious a lot of planning went into making the 75th anniversary celebration a hit, a feat the Chamber of Commerce hopes to duplicate with this summer's centennial celebration.

The Mail would like to welcome back Martha Sue Justice as advertising manager. Martha Sue, as you may remember, ran the paper before my wife and I purchased the Mail and we are happy to have her back serving the advertising needs of the Mail customers.

I'd personally like to thank a few Lake Canyon

white bass and crappie for reminding me how to fillet a fish.

It has been so long since I have caught a large enough fish to fillet, that when I started cleaning the first few fish, you could not tell what the finished product was.

It certainly is quiet around here, considering an election is just around the corner.

Did you make it through your children's spring break.

MISD students were off this week and it served notice to parents that summer vacation is just around the corner.

Are you ready for that?

Congratulations are in order for Jan Averitt, I mean Whisenhunt, on her basketball success this year.

Whisenhunt led her New Deal team to the state finals, but lost in the final game. She was the basketball coach here two years ago.

The Merkel City Council is now facing a problem that MISD board members will deal with this summer, an erosion of budget surpluses that has been eaten up during the last three years by inflation.

The city will have a budget surplus of about \$2,000 this year and that is cutting it too close.

To provide the same services the city provided last year, an additional \$50,000 will be needed this year to make up for a 12 percent inflation rate. To come up with that \$50,000, the city would have to charge \$1.50 per \$100 evaluation and 100 per cent. (The city currently charges \$1.50 per \$100 evaluation at 60 per cent of evaluation.)

No one wants to see a tax increase, especially these days. On the other side of the coin, people want street repairs, water tower here will have to be worked on, the city needs a maintainer that works, dump trucks that work, and other equipment that is worn out and needs to be replaced.

Cities can raise money in only two ways. They can either increase taxes, or increase service charges. They can also pass revenue bonds, but in effect, that's the same as a tax increase.

Fortnightly Club co-hosting area women's club convention here

The Fortnightly Study Club of Merkel and the Woman's Literary Club of Hamlin are co-hosts to the Mesquite District, Texas Federated Women's Clubs, for its annual convention at the First United Methodist Church in Merkel on March 20 and 21. Mrs. Bonnie McBride of Hamlin is president of Mesquite District and will preside at the convention.

Annabelle Shouse and Mrs. Earl Brown, presidents of the hostess clubs, have charge of local arrangements. Registration will begin at 1:00 Friday afternoon and the formal opening will be at 2:00. A dinner is scheduled in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 p.m. Friday, when delegates will hear reports and the district scholarship will be awarded. The convention will continue Saturday morning and a salad luncheon is scheduled at noon.

Mrs. J.W. Hammond, 2nd vice president of the District, says that the group will hear progress reports and make plans to implement work on State supported projects. These projects include,

among others, five scholarships awarded each year at the State Convention, Girls Town, TFWC Chair, M.D. Anderson Research, Sears Foundation for Beautification, Shell Oil Company Community Improvement Program, and Safety. Mrs. Edd Sandusky of Merkel, Chairman of the District Safety Committee, reports that all cities and towns are being urged to paint fire hydrants with a reflector paint for easy night time locating.

In keeping with their support of conservation, education, and public and international affairs, the featured speaker for the convention is Herman P. Propst. Mr. Propst is chairman of the Board of National Cotton Council of America and will speak at 10:45 Saturday morning.

Among the activities planned for the convention is the awarding of door prizes provided by members and local merchants of the two towns.

The convention will close Saturday afternoon. There are 30 clubs from 11 Texas counties involved in the convention.

Council begins work on budget

The Merkel City Council held their first budget workshop at City Hall Monday night as council begins to prepare the 1981-82 city budget.

Council heard cost estimates on providing the same services as last year and their increased costs.

One problem facing the city is a state mandated limit on the amount of tax cities with less than 5,000 people can charge. The limit is \$1.50 per \$100 evaluation.

On a total budget of \$477,000, inflationary costs at 12 percent means the city will need an additional \$50,000 in revenues this next year to provide the same services as last year. If the city decided to assess the maximum tax it could, that rate would generate \$50,080.

City officials also heard Monday night

projected cost estimates on a new maintainer, which is needed by the street and sanitation crews. The current city maintainer is a 1958 model and needed repairs have been estimated at \$20,000. The machine would only be worth \$5,000 after repairs are made. A new maintainer will cost about \$90,000.

The main culprit in last year's budget is the cost of landfill operations. The city is \$22,000 in the red on this year's budget on landfill costs. One more factor that could seriously effect the city money supply is the increasing chance that federal revenue sharings payments will stop soon. The city receives \$24,192 per year in revenue sharing.

Council's next budget workshop is set for March 24th at City Hall at 7 p.m.

Council meets, next session April 13

The Merkel City Council met in regular session Friday morning and swore in Stanley Toombs to hold Emma Lois Shugart's unexpired term.

Council also had their first look at 1981-82

budget figures and projections.

Absentee ballots were designated for the April 4 election.

The next scheduled session of council will meet April 13 at 7 p.m. at City Hall.

MISD Board meets Tuesday

MID trustees will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Merkel High School Library at 7 p.m.

Items on the agenda include the appointment of members for the board of equalization, a

demonstration of computer system, a proposal to limit days for ag trips, as well as an executive session.

The meeting is open to the public.

Top news & events of 1956-55

by Cloy A. Richards

We keep rolling right along with our weekly two year history installments as this week we will take a look at the top news and events of 1956-55.

The articles have generated a lot of interest locally. We have had more folks than ever dropping by the newspaper office to see back issues. They are generally pretty well amazed when they ask for and receive a Mail back issue from a pre 1920 edition of the Mail.

Local history expert Mrs. H.C. Reid made me aware of something last week that I had previously not heard of.

She brought me a 1922 copy of a newspaper called the Merkel Evening Telegram. The paper was in operation here for a very short time, and is the only other paper besides the Mail that has been published here.

There was a paper in Trent called the Trent Banner, but it started and stopped in a very short period. We'd dearly like to see a copy of the Trent Banner if any of the old timers still have a copy of that paper.

We are also starting to get in more family histories as well as quite a few old photographs. They will be included in a Centennial Edition of the Mail planned for July 3, 1981.

January, 1956

The F&M Bank here reported deposits of \$3.4 million while Home State in Trent reported deposits of \$870,000. Merkel had 80 businesses reported by Dunn and Bradstreet in January. Two deaths were blamed as local roads were covered with three inches of snow and ice. The Pioneer Drive Inn was burglarized as the crooks hauled off three machines, and about 75 chairs. E.G. Morris, a Gulf station operator in Tye was killed by a burglar.

February
At the Chamber of Commerce Banquet, state agricultural commissioner John C. White told the 218 people attending that, "The depressed farm economy can be blamed on a lower farm price for products, net farm income down by 40 percent, cost of production had increased, the annual drought in the state and the lack of a concrete national farm policy." A request was made of city council to call for a \$30,000 bond issue for the development of a city park. The Merkel population was estimated at 2,800.

March
Robert McLeod was picked by the Texas Sports Writer's Association for the Class A All State Team. The Chamber of Commerce and the Mail began making plans for a Jubilee Celebration honoring the 75th anniversary of Merkel's founding. A late March freeze destroyed fruit blooms here and growers in the Eastland area

reported late frost damage for the third straight year. Mayor Fred Starbuck announced the beginning of a group that was to keep watch for funnel clouds when threatening weather approached.

April

An order called the Brothers of the Bush was started here to celebrate the 75 anniversary of Merkel with men growing beards to join the Order. The Stith Community Center held formal grand opening ceremonies. A 162 vote for and 185 against tally killed a proposal to build a standard city sized pool for a total of \$42,000. (That same pool today costs \$350,000) The Merkel Chamber of Commerce sponsored a party for Air Force officials and personnel to tell the good points of Merkel had to offer as a place to live near Dyess. "There's Always Tomorrow" starring Fred MacMurray, Barbara Stanwyck and Joan Bennett was showing at the Queen. The Founder of Home State Bank, Lewis E. Adrian, was buried in Sweetwater. Two thousand people attended Taylor Electric's annual meeting. A woman signing "An Unhappy Wife" urged local women to organize and fight the mayors' proclamation calling for all men to grow beards for the Jubilee Celebration. Two unusually deep wildcat wells were scheduled for the area going to the unheard of depth of 5,750 feet. The new Merkel High Gym was completed. Merkel adopted an ordinance setting a \$200 a day fine for persons found guilty of any type of air pollution.

May
Plans were announced for the Golden Calvacade, to run three days in celebration of Merkel's 75th anniversary of its founding and the 50th celebration of incorporation. Sam Butman, who by 1888 had already amassed a ranch containing 4,000 sheep, 400 cattle and 9,000 acres in the Mulberry Canyon area, was buried here. Butman came here after nearly drowning at sea and started as a sheep herder. He later left that job and started his own ranch with 200 sheep. Butman loaned the money to build the first school in the area, and then donated 230 acres for the Methodist Youth Camp that bears his name. Mayor Fred Starbuck signed a proclamation demanding all men and women be attired in the official Golden Jubilee dress or face the horrible judge of the Kangaroo Court. Betty Chaney was valedictorian and Clydene Eager was salutatorian of Merkel High's class of 1956, which had 32 seniors. A two and a half inch rainfall made banner headlines all over this area of the country. It was the most rain at one time in three and a half years. Merkel Bands won two Division 1 ratings in UIL contests.

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Women's- Men's slow pitch group

There was a meeting of the Women's and Men's Slowpitch Softball Thursday Night at 7:30 at Taylor Electric. I was decided to have a four week practice season. I will start March 30 and will end April 25. The entry fee will be \$100, which will include the \$1.00 a person per night fee. The fee needs to be paid by March 30 for the each

team to play. The women pay their fees to Debbie Doan and the men pay their fee to Steve Shugart. Each team will be required to furnish their own game balls and the umpires will be on a volunteer basis.

There will be another meeting for all coaches managers, and interested parties Monday, March 23 at 7:30 p.m. at Taylor Electric.

Fortnightly meets

The Fortnightly Study Club met in regular meeting at the Big Country Inn, March 10 with twenty-three members present.

Maurine White, assisted by several club members, dressed in styles of each decade 1920 to 1980, presented a review of past and present fashions. Mrs. Dent Gibson introduced Helen Reneau, Abilene beautician, who demonstrated and discussed hair styles for today and tomorrow.

Miss White announced that the story hour at the Library is very successful and urged children ages 3 to 5 be invited each Wednesday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The group voted to assist with the Cancer Fund Drive on April 7-12.

Stith musical set

There will be a Country and Western Musical at the Stith Community Center, Saturday night, March 21 at 7:00 p.m. The snack bar will open at 6:00 p.m.

All area bands and musicians are welcome. The public is invited.

MISD menu

The Merkel School menu is as follows:

Monday March 23: Meat loaf, whipped potatoes, seasoned spinach, hot rolls and sliced peaches.

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Tuesday March 24: fried fish with tarter sauce, macaroni and cheese, seasoned mix vegetables, corn bread and chilled pears.

Wed. March 25: Turkey and dressing, seasoned green beans, carrot curls, whole wheat rolls, and fruit salad.

Thursday March 26: Beef Tacos with taco sauce, pinto beans, shredded lettuce and cheese and purple plum cobbler.

Friday March 27: Hamburgers, lettuce, tomato, pickle, onion, french fries, catsup and no bake cookies.

Monday March 30: Turkey pot pie with mix vegetables, vegetable salad with choice of dressing, biscuits and lemon bars.

Tuesday March 31: Mexican fiesta, pinto beans, lettuce, tomato, and pineapple.

Wednesday April 1: Chicken fried steak, cream gravy, whipped potatoes, green beans, whole wheat rolls, and chilled applesauce.

Thursday April 2: Burritos, buttered whole kernal corn, lettuce salad, and apple cheese crisp.

Friday April 3: Sloppy Joes, sliced onion, pickle relish, french fries, catsup, and fresh orange wedge.

Tri city meeting set

The Tri City Baseball League will meet March 20th at 7:30 to enter into the Texas Teenage Baseball Association.

Charles Crain, state director, will be the guest speaker.

The meeting will be held at Taylor Electric and all interested players and parents are

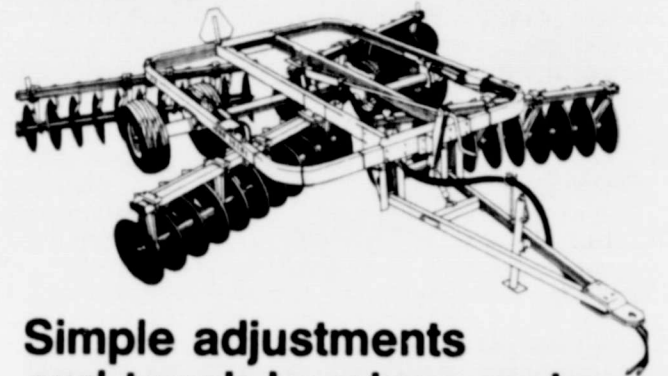
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PUBLIC NOTICE OF TAX EXEMPTIONS AVAILABLE TO HOMEOWNERS

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Application forms may also be picked up at the tax office at **3rd & Ash Street, Merkel**

Top news & events from 1956-55

June
It was probably one of the busiest, best months in Merkel's history. Local people had planned and pulled off a celebration commemorating Merkel's 75th anniversary and 50th year of incorporation. Five thousand people lined the parade route. Miss Peggy Bond was named Miss Merkel at a beauty pageant attended by 500. The city announced it was hiring a police officer for night duty.

July
A dust storm darkened the skys here for one hour as street lights had to be turned on at 4:30 in the afternoon. Billy Madding was named Merkel's Police Chief.

August
The city equalization board heard 125 complaints against their evaluations at a very lengthy meeting.

September
Two thousand people attended grand opening ceremonies for new Merkel school facilities.

October
The Merkel High football team lost their first game after winning five straight. W.J. Largent and Sons sold 132 hereford cattle for \$30,880.

November
The construction of Highway 80 through here started. The selective service board announced they would take eight from the area in December for military service. The Merkel Badgers cinched the 6A district title with a 52-0 win over Roby. Robert Gradner bought some of the Mail's interest from publisher Orville D. Roland. Mrs. Bartie Reynolds was killed when her car struck a train at the Blair crossing. The Merkel Badgers smashed Sundown 60-20 in the bi-district championship. A train was chartered to take Merkel fans to Big Spring for the game.

December
The Badgers won the regional championship by blasting Senora 51-13. Robert McLeod and Kermit Rutledge each scored four touchdowns. The Badgers were defeated 26-0 by Stinnet in the state quarter finals. That was the highest Merkel has advanced in state playoffs to date. Three Badgers made the Reporter News all area team including Kermit Rutledge, Chester Collingsworth and Edwin Mewborn.

January, 1955
A Better Community organization was formed by local businessmen. A delegation of 20 local businessmen went to public hearings at the State Highway Department to learn about the proposed Interstate's new route. The F&M Bank was allowed to expand their capital by selling \$100,000 in bank stocks.

February
The Texas and Pacific Railroad Company Gave 11 feet of their right away to the city for expansion of Highway 80. The Rural Electrification Administration approved a loan of almost \$1 million for system expansions. The Badgers basketball team won the 8A district championship. Trent's boys also won the 15B championship that year. The Badgers then defeated Cross Plains to advance to regionals.

March
The Badgers were defeated in the Regional Basketball tournament by Hale Center. The laying of a water line from Abilene to here was started.

April
Fred Starbuck was elected mayor defeating incumbent H.C. West. Earl Hughes, Joe Cypert and Ben Hicks were also elected to city council. A water line from Sweetwater to Trent was opened. Merkel voters approved a bond issue calling for \$300,000 in additions to Merkel School facilities.

May
Dr. Don Warren was named director of the F&M Bank here. Onis Crawford was hired as Merkel's Chamber of Commerce manager. A local woman, who would not give her name, called the Mail and reported seeing thousands of flying saucers in broad daylight in the Merkel-Trent area. The Merkel Baseball team won district and bi-district championships. Rev. Cloy Lyles took over as pastor of First Methodist here.

June
The Mail reported 10 and one half inches of rain during a 35 day period in May and June. City officials organized the city work crews into departments to increase efficiency.

July
Damages totaling \$39,000 were awarded to Merkel area people for property rights for Highway 80 expansions. The city held Water Day Celebrations to honor the arrival of water in a pipeline from Abilene to here. Construction cost \$140,000. One thousand-five hundred people attended a barbecue celebrating the occasion. Ford Smith Sr. won a fiddling contest in Odessa.

August
Rufe Tittle was handed the unpopular job of acquiring right-of-way for Highway 80 and he admitted it was slow at first, but found people pretty easy to work with. Steady rain had area

farmers hoping for an excellent cotton harvest.

September
Pete Burfiend delivered the first cotton bale to local gins. Merkel School announced enrollment of 678 students. The city announced it's money supply was getting tight.

October
Three hundred and fifty firemen attended the area fire convention here. Taylor county officials traveled here to raise support for a \$700,000 coliseum planned for Taylor County.

November
A fire caused \$5,000 in damages at Guitar Gin. Eighty-five bales were either burned or damaged.

December
Merkel hosted a conference for church workers that drew 500 people. Construction on Highway 80 was awarded to a San Angelo firm. It was announced the project would take 280 days. Two Tuscola men escaped death when their car was hit 8.3 miles South of Merkel while stalled on Santa Fe's main line. Merkel citizens were irate when local vandals ripped down a Christmas tree put up by the Chamber of Commerce.



Larry Land, a junior MOC student at Merkel High is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J.L. Land and is employed by Carson's Super Market here.

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Application forms may also be picked up at the tax office at _____
P.O. Box 105 Trent Tx 79561

 **NOTICE OF TRUSTEE ELECTION'**
(AVISO DE ELECCION DE REGENTES')

The Merkel Independent School District Board of Trustees hereby gives notice of an election to be held on April 4, 1981 for the purpose of electing three trustees each for positions designated as Place 5, Place 6, Place 7

(Por la presente la junta de regentes del distrito escolar independiente da aviso que se llevara a cabo una eleccion el dia Abril 4 de 1981 con el proposito de elegir un regente a cada puesto designado por number 5, y 6, y 7

ABSENTEE VOTING by personal appearance will begin on Monday (day) March 16, 1981, and continue through Tuesday (day) March 31, 1981, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on each day which is not a Saturday, Sunday, or an official state holiday. ³(VOTACION POR AUSENCIA en persona comencera el Lunes de Marzo 16 de 1981 y continuara hasta el Martes de Marzo 31 de 1981 desde las 8 a.m. hasta las 4:30 p.m. en todos los dias que no sean sabado, domingo, o dia oficial de vacaciones estatales.)

Absentee voting in person shall be conducted at Merkel Tax Office, S. 3rd and Ash St., Merkel, Texas

Applications for absentee ballots by mail should be mailed to Merkel I.S.D. Tax Box 430, Merkel, Texas 79536

(Votando por ausencia personal va ser conducido acerca de same as above

Solicitudes para una boleta de ausencia por correo deben dar vuelta por correo al Merkel ISD, Tax Office, Box 430, Merkel, Texas 79536

The POLLING PLACE(S)⁴ designated below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on the day of the election. (Los sitios de votacion indicados abajo se abriran desde las 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. el dia de la eleccion.)

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| <u>and 34</u> | <u>Merkel High School Gym, S. 3rd and Ash</u> |
| <u>1, 20, 21, 22</u> | |
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GARAGE SALES GARAGE SALE: 4 families, rifle, riding lawn mower, rabbit coat worn once, nice clothes, swag lamps, books, Harlequins to Playboy, lots of misc. 2 Ron Circle, between Avondale and Riding Club, 9 a.m. to 6 Friday March 20. 55-1tp

GARAGE SALE: Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 806 Rose, Baby things, children and adult clothes, household items, dryer 9:00 - ? 55-1tc

5 FAMILY GARAGE SALE: kids clothing and misc. Red Brick house North of Trent School, Friday and Saturday. 55-1tc

3 FAMILY GARAGE SALE: One and one half miles North on Old Noodle Road, (Next to the English's) Friday and Saturday. 55-1tc

GARAGE SALE: Sat. Only, March 21, color TV, Furniture, some clothing, etc. 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. 806 Trundy, Merkel. 55-1tp

CARPOR SALE: 512 Rose, March 21, Saturday only, 9-5. 55-1tc

GARAGE SALE in Trent, 625 Main, March 21, 8 until 5. Four families, lot's of clothes, junior sizes and others, and misc. 55-1tc

FRONT PORCH SALE Friday, 8:30 until 7:00 Yucca. 55-1tp

GARAGE SALE: Thursday and Friday, 812 Oak, Stereo, dresser chest, and lots of misc. 55-1tc

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: Tomasa H. Talavera, 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 Manuel M. Talavera, Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 11th day of March, 1981, against Tomasa H. Talavera, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 5283-C on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Matter of The Marriage of Manuel M. Talavera and Tomasa H. Talavera", the nature of which suit is a request to the Court grant a Divorce to the Plaintiff.

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 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 children 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 under my hand and the seal of said Court at Abilene, Texas, this 12th day of March, 1981. Irene Crawford, Clerk 326th District Court, Taylor County, Texas. By Wilda Jones, Deputy.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS SUIT TO ENTER ANY JUDGMENT OR DECREE IN THE CHILDREN 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 CHILDREN ADOPTION.

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The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree in the children 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 children adoption.

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Tye news abundant this week

Whats Happening In Tye

by Harold Boyd
Greeting to you all this week. Seems like our column last week was somewhat short, surely can't say it this week. The proof reader that rewrites our column surely will have plenty to re-copy.

One thing at a time. This Friday evening, treat yourself and friends to a Pot Luck Supper that will be hosted by the Tye Senior Citizens at the Community Center. That's this Friday evening, March 21 at 5 p.m. till all are served. Then Saturday, do your pet a favor. The Tye Volunteer Fire Department will host their 2nd annual Rabies clinic from 1 to 3 p.m. at the fire house. The shots will be given by Dr. Sarah Dominy, DVM for \$5 per shot. Normally these shots cost \$8 in Abilene and you can protect your pet and other that may come into contact with any rabid animal. 50 cents of this will go to the fire department for their funds that will go to the equipping of the tank truck.

Meet the Candidates....Tye Blue Bonnets will host a "Meet your candidates" Thursday, March 26th at the New City Municipal Hall. Coffee will be served, come by and talk to the candidates that are running for the offices of city council. The candidates that are running are Ms. Otto Brazell, Gayland Childers, James Dossier, Leon Van Grup, Violet E. Law and Mr. A.J. Pence. It is your alien right to vote, it is at this time, at the polls, to show your voice. If you don't vote...then you don't have any gripe coming. Show up, ask them questions and then decide on the 4th of April at the polls. The Blue Bonnets are civic minded and if you care to learn more about their group, you can inquire that evening also.

What happened last Tuesday at the City Council meeting? A large group of citizens turned out at this meeting, some 35 persons did show up and view your council in action. Minutes from last month were read and approved. Mr. Jacobs, from the firm of Yeatts & Decker, reported on the sewer project for an upto date information and to explain the additional cost incurred and to get city approval to pay for this, this item was approved. Mr. Walter Graham met with city council regarding the Nutrician program. The city of Abilene will not be able to bring out the food as they have in the past. They will help for 6 additional months after the contract runs out, after that time it will be up to the city and senior citizens to carry out the program. A stop sign was approved for erection at the intersection of Edgewood and Air Base Rd. If you don't believe

it means stop...and you are caught...then maybe you will believe it. Approved to renew CD for thirty days. Discussed the Wesley Rister park fund, city council members approved that a fund be set up and at a later time to erect a park. The financial, court and police report were approved. The last item was regarding the leasing of city equipment. Said city equipment will not be leased to outside parties. It will be strictly for the use of the city and to be operated by a paid city employee. Mayor Snowden adjourned the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

What is a 40 hour work week? Surely it isn't policing the city of Tye...care to check out some simple facts? After observing our Chief of Police, Don Parrack, it is obvious that he doesn't put in 40 hours, somewhere around 90 to 120 hours per week average. I've talked to Don regarding why. It isn't the past performance of our law enforcement. It is the needs of the city. With the in-flux of people we have, it takes more. He isn't saying that the 3 types of people are bad, but is a way of society as it is. We in Tye have three classes of personnel, that is the military, the big city dwellers, moved from the city to a smaller community, and the generation people, those who have lived here all their lives. Their lives and way of socializing are at different times, thus meaning they are up around the clock, where as law enforcement in Tye shouldn't be but is. The rising figures over the last 90 days tells, or should tell us something. It is here in Tye, you can hide like a bird and pretend it isn't, but reality has hit our town wether we like it or not. The problem has been here, one peace officer can not take it and maintain his health at the rate it is going. One, January, he did not have any figures to compare anything to, February violations, double and we are in the 17th day of March and it will exceed February's statistics by doubling it. So we can say that crime, violations have tripled for a period of 90 days, it can't go one much longer. This man needs relief, the town needs the protection from the criminals. Crime does not work 8-5, it's 24 hours per day and if you care to follow this man, observe him. This is today quote, "I don't have to look for violations, they are here, but other items of more serious nature take me from policing as it should be for the size of the community. It is a break in at Bill Love's Exxon Station, that was cleared up within some 16 hours from the time it happened. These persons that did it were placed in custody and will have been charged Monday for this crime. The officer had already spent some 12-14 hours before being called out for this crime, so there is some 30

hours, not to say about the hours of paper work that has to be completed. This is just one serious crime that was committed in over the past seven days. The drug problem is in our back yard, like it or not, but other matters take him away from controlling it. If you feel that this isn't right, Chief Parrack will give me a log as to what he did for the past week. We will write it in the column and be assured it will be like he tells it. Our sincere praise to Don should be given. Support him and he will be there when you need

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Carletta Christina Austin, 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 William Austin and Vera Jo Austin, Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 9th day of March, 1981, against Carletta Christina Austin, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 5268C on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Interest of Walter Stepon Austin & Carla Evette Jacobs Austin, Children", the nature of which suit is a request to Terminate parent-child relationships and for a decree of adoption of such children. Said child Walter Stepon Austin, a male, was born the

7th day of August, 1968, in Columbus, Ohio; Said child, Carla Evette Jacobs Austin, a female, was born the 22nd day of February, 1970, in Columbus, Ohio.

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 11th day of March, 1981.

Irene Crawford Clerk
326th District Court
Taylor County, Texas
By Rella Mahony, Deputy
55-1tc

To the students of the Tye Elementary School Saturday basketball team, you are Champs... Congratulations in your victories these past Saturdays and next year maybe there will be a play off...

Till next week, be kind to your neighbor. See you all at the Pot Luck Supper, Friday, March 20th at the Community Center, then Saturday with the dogs and cats at the Fire House. Take Care.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Jeff Hobart, Respondent:

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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.

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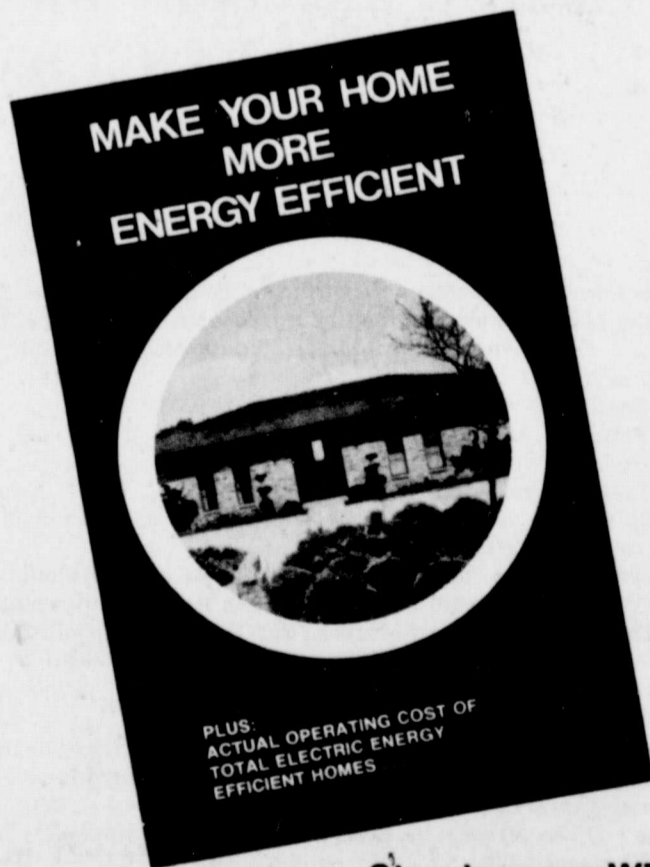
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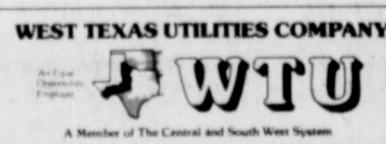
We will pay \$500⁰⁰ for information leading to the arrest and conviction of person or persons who took \$3000 worth of truck tires, truck tires and rims from behind the Wylie Shamrock Truck Terminal Sunday night. Call either Red Gladden at 928-5844 or the Taylor County Sherriff's Department.

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:
Not very often do we find two sisters who are so outstanding in their ability to play basketball, technically to make those baskets which bring about victory after victory for their home school, namely Merkel High.

We're speaking of Sherri and Norma Frazier, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Elby Frazier of the Blair Community.

But wait a minute! Maybe we are not paying a tribute to the right person. Back in the 1920's, we happen to know that the grandmother of Sherri and Norma Frazier, namely Mrs. Johnny Frazier nee Vora Turner, was a fantastic basketball player. Her position on the team, like her grand daughters, was "forward" and again like her descendants, seldom missed a basket.

When this writer reads with special interest the accounts of Sherri and Norma on the ball court, her thoughts give back an instant replay of the good ole days at Butman school. With young ladies in their ball uniforms of big bloomers and long sleeve middie blouses, all keyed up to play the visiting team either from I.X.L. or White Church schools (each traveling the distance of some five miles.)

Do you suppose the 1980 laws of nature concerning genes could have been true way back in the 1920's?

Evidently so! Therefore the 'tribute to the two sisters' should be divided three ways. One share for Sherri, one for Norma and one share for grandmother Vora, who also was a fantastic basketball player.

A Friend,
Mary Butman Russom

Girls win 3 events

The Merkel girls team scored 38 points last weekend at the Ranger track meet.

The girls had a strong showing in the field events as Sarah Prasarn grabbed first in the long jump,

Nancy Click was first in the discus and Norma Frazier was first in the shot put.

The girls will compete in a triangular meet, either here or in Sweetwater on April 28th.

Opal Dowdy, 79

Doris Opal Dowdy, 79, of Merkel, died at 8 a.m. Sunday at her home after a long illness. Services were at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Merkel Church of Christ with Billy Patton of Ballinger, officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery directed by Starbuck Funeral Home.

of her life. She married Royce Dowdy March 27, 1920. He died in 1966. She was a member of the Church of Christ.

She is survived by a brother, Clark Hamner of Merkel and several nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Joe Higgins, Joe Cyfert, Ted McAninch, Gerald Derrick, Bobby Dudley and Mark Williamson.

Born August 25, 1901 in Trent, she had lived in the Merkel area all



Charles W. Stenholm

Congressional Comment

WASHINGTON, D.C. — uses housing purchase prices which reflect not only the cost of shelter but also the investment value of housing. Savings: \$2.1 billion.

During his initial unveiling of the proposed budget cuts, President Reagan challenged Democrats in the Congress to either support his plan or come up with a better plan. The Conservative Democratic Forum (CDF) has basically given legal aid to the general level of cuts, but has continually involved itself in matters out of their jurisdiction and there is little evidence that the LSC has been effective in fulfilling this objective. Savings: \$241 million.

The Reagan budget has taken some healthy strides toward our goal of financial solvency for this country, a direction that I strongly support. It does not, in my opinion and that of the CDF, which includes 44 of the more conservative Democrats in the House of Representatives, go far enough.

We met with the President recently to present him with a five-point plan to further reduce government spending and reduce the gap between the amount of money coming in to our national coffers and the expenditures going out.

If approved, the CDF proposal would further trim the national deficit by \$11.2 billion.

Proposals included in the plan are:

- Private financing of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve. This proposal assumes that all capital and management costs will continue to be funded by the government, but that transferable equity certificates will be issued to the public to fund the acquisition of oil to fill the reserve. Proposed two-year outlay savings or revenue increase: \$7.4 billion.
- Eliminate investment value of home purchases from the Consumer Price Index used for cost of living adjustments for federal entitlement programs. The CPI, as currently figured, measures housing costs in a way that overstates the actual rise in the cost of shelter and the importance of housing in total living costs. It

- Termination of the Legal Services Corporation. The original purpose of the Legal Services Corporation was to give legal aid to the truly needy. However, this agency has continually involved itself in matters out of their jurisdiction and there is little evidence that the LSC has been effective in fulfilling this objective. Savings: \$635 million.
- Reductions in foreign and multilateral aid. Basically, the proposal entails a 10 percent across-the-board reduction in such aid and development programs, including their administrative budgets. Savings: \$241 million.
- Repeal of Davis-Bacon requirements that workers on federal projects receive the union scale, instead of an average locality rate. This then tends to increase the construction costs to the government as well as implicitly protecting unions from non-union competition. The savings assume \$30 billion in new public construction, 25 percent of which is assumed to be labor costs and a 7.5 percent wage differential. Savings: \$700 million.

In the weeks ahead, conservative Democrats in the House and the Senate plan to develop an alternative tax package to present to the President as well as the above budget cuts. We believe we can improve on the fairness of the administration's plan and reduce our Federal deficit.

I cannot say I like each and every cut that Congress is being forced to make. There are few individuals in this country who will not be affected by some area of proposed cuts. But, we must not forget the real enemy: there is no American who has not been affected by inflation. This is a national battle — and a bi-partisan effort — that America cannot afford to lose.

Stock shows over, spotlight on McKeehan, McCoy, Boyd, Gary

The stock show season has come to an end for this year. Our results this year have proved to be the best results from our past years. Everyone is looking forward to next year. We would like to congratulate Tommy Hayes, who placed 4th with his duroc at San Angelo.

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

Billy McKeehan, son of Mr. and Mrs. B.M. McKeehan, is a freshman and in V.A. I. His project, this year, has been pigs. Billy has participated in football and track.

Michael McCoy, son of Burl and Jan McCoy, is a freshman and in V.A. I. His project, this year,

has been pigs and horses. Michael has participated in football, basketball, and track. He is vice president of the freshman class.

Brooks Boyd, son of James and Jill Boyd, is a freshman and in V.A. I. His project, this year, has been pigs and horses. Brooks has participated in basketball, football and track. He is on the student council and secretary of the freshman class.

Kim Gary, daughter of Kenneth and Leneta Griffin, is a senior and in V.A. I. Her project, this year, is rabbits. Kim is treasurer in V.I.C.A. She participated on the Greenhand Skill Teams.

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NOTICE OF CITY OFFICERS' ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCION DE FUNCIONARIOS DE LA CIUDAD)

City of Merkel
Name of City (Nombre de la Ciudad)

Notice is hereby given that a City Officers' Election will be held on the 4th day of April, 1981, in the above named city for the purpose of electing the following officers for said city: Mayor,¹ Aldermen,¹ Commissioners.¹ Said election will be held at the following polling places in said city:

In Election Precinct No. 24, at Merkel High Gym Building;
In Election Precinct No. _____, at _____ Building;
In Election Precinct No. _____, at _____ Building;
In Election Precinct No. _____, at _____ Building.

The polls at each of the above designated polling places shall on said election day be open from 7:00 o'clock a.m. to 7:00 o'clock p.m.

The absentee voting for the above designated election shall be held at City Hall Building, in said city, and said place of absentee voting shall remain open for at least 8 hours on each day of absentee voting which is not a Saturday, Sunday or an official State holiday, beginning on the 20th day and continuing through the 4th day preceding the date of said election. Said place of voting shall remain open between the hours of 7:30 o'clock a.m. and 4:30 o'clock p.m.

Dated this the 17th day of March, 1981.

(Se da aviso por la presente que se llevará a cabo una Elección de Funcionarios de la Ciudad el día 4 de April de 1981, en la ciudad arriba mencionada para el propósito de elegir a los siguientes funcionarios para dicha ciudad: Alcalde,¹ Uno Concejales,¹ Dos Comisionados.¹ Dicha elección se llevará a cabo en los siguientes lugares de votación en dicha ciudad: El Precinto Electoral Núm. 24, en el Edificio Merkel High Gym; El Precinto Electoral Núm. _____, en el Edificio _____; El Precinto Electoral Núm. _____, en el Edificio _____; El Precinto Electoral Núm. _____, en el Edificio _____.

Los sitios de votación arriba designados para dicha elección se mantendrán abiertos en el mencionado día de elecciones de las 7:00 a.m. a las 7:00 p.m.

La votación ausente para la elección arriba designada se llevará a cabo en el Edificio Merkel City Hall, en dicha ciudad, y dicho lugar de votación ausente se mantendrá abierto por lo menos ocho horas en cada día de votación ausente no siendo sábado, domingo o día festivo oficial de Estado, principiando 20 días y continuando hasta el cuarto día anterior a la fecha de dicha elección. Dicho lugar de votación se mantendrá abierto de las 7:30 a.m. a las 4:30 p.m.

Fecha esta día 17 de March de 1981.)

Lou David Allen
Mayor (Alcalde)

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