

Top news & events of 1954-53

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after Spann had cornered the man at the Lemon Corden Service Station on Highway 80 here. The summer wheat harvest average was between 8 to 10 bales per acre.

July
In the largest voter turnout up to 1954, Merkel voters approved issue of \$175,000 in revenue bonds for water lines from Abilene and a \$100,000 general obligation bond. The vote on both issues was 433 for and 9 against. The city of Abilene offered water to Merkel at 25 cents per 1,000 gallons. Dink Whisenhunt signed as a pitcher with an Abilene semi-pro baseball team. A new fire truck was delivered here, replacing a 1922 truck.

August
The Merkel Little League All-Stars won the area Little League championship. Taylor Electric requested a \$500,000 loan from the Rural Electrification Administration for system improvements. Local farmer, Curtis Chandler, had the first bale of cotton ginned in 1954.

September
The J. Hamp Campbell home here was destroyed by fire. Taylor Electric celebrated its 5th anniversary. Merkel, Trent and Noodle school enrollments dropped. Merkel enrollment was 679, Noodle 141 and Trent 175. The Merkel fire department installed its first two way radio.

October
The Merkel Band marched in new uniforms paid for by a community fund raising effort.

November
The F&M Bank here celebrated its 50th Anniversary. The original statement of condition listed assets at \$38,403. Mrs. Louis Butman won a new Cadillac in a nationally sponsored jingle writing contest. "Gone With The Wind" made its first appearance at the Queen Theatre here.

December
The contract to lay a water line from Abilene to here was let. The LS Hereford ranch here held their annual sale that brought in \$262,000 for 261 animals. A half interest in C-W Prince Domino 2st was sold to W.J. Largent for \$39,900. He already owned the other half interest. Bull calves bred by that bull sold for \$10,000 at four months. A crowded Merkel downtown witnessed the annual Christmas parade and Santa made his first appearance here.

January-1953
The Merkel Post Office reported an increase in postal receipts.

February
The home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Perry was destroyed by fire. Jimmy Russel of the Merkel FFA won first in the steer division at the Ft. Worth Stock Show.

March
Sixteen Merkel citizens attended a Commissioners Court hearing in Taylor County to make their feelings known concerning the planned route of Highway 80.

April
Merkel Telephone announced their \$100,000

switching system was in full operation. Joe Seymore, Ellis Harris and David Gamble were re-elected to the Merkel school board as only 15 votes were cast. J.G. Wilks was voted to the county school board. O.D. Anderson and Paul Honeycutt were voted to Merkel City council. In Trent, Alan King, Frank Carter and S.A. Driggers were elected to the school board. An area pioneer, James Henry Campbell, died at the age of 99. He settled here in 1880, one year before the T and P built their rail line. A late freeze, April 19, 1953, played havoc on local crops and gardens.

May
Local ASCS and county agents were conducting an extensive campaign to get local farmers to try guar as a cash crop in this area. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Childress was destroyed by fire. Tommie Jean Maddox was valedictorian and Carolyn Jane and Marilyn June Teaff tied for salutatorian honors at Merkel High. Merkel high graduated 32 seniors that year.

June
The wheat crop here was estimated at 100,000 bushels. The price was between 17 and 20 cents per pound.

July
One thousand acres of grassland in the Canyon area was burned in a range fire. The Merkel Drug store had 1,000 pills stolen. All of the drugs were on the controlled substance list. The largest rain of the year hit and left 1.8 inches. Fernando Moreno hurled a no-hitter in a Little League game here. Merkelites Robert Nolan was missing in action in the Korean conflict and Robert Jenkins, Jerome Kinsey and Van Dave Carson received injuries in the conflict.

August
Merkel reported its highest temperature reading in three years as the mercury rose to 109 degrees. A five inch rain in the Canyon ran the Mulberry Creek to its banks. Gilberto Biera was killed in an auto crash here. School enrollment here was set at 692.

September
Tye schools faced closing as their enrollment was set at 52. Robert Nolen, who was previously reported missing in action, was proclaimed dead in the Korean conflict.

October
Lonnie Smith of Merkel was killed at the Oak Street crossing when his car ran into the side of a passenger train. Local citizen Bill Brazzil wrote a page one Letter to the Editor saying the public crossings in town needed to be protected by gates. The Merkel Church of Christ held formal dedication ceremonies for its new building.

November
C-W Prince Domino the 1st, owned by the Merkel Largent clan, set all time stock show point records in a bull show in San Francisco. A former Merkel pastor, The Rev. J.N. Russel was buried in Garland.

December
A rail siding fire at a cotton depot here destroyed \$25,000 worth of local cotton. Wesley Rister's home near Truby, was destroyed by fire.

Merkel elementary honor roll

The Merkel Elementary School Honor Roll is as follows:

First Grade: A Honor Roll: Tanya Beasley, Dayna Doan, Becca Dunagin, Elizabeth Hernandez, Lillian Leach, Travis Michelli, Robert Pace, Ellyn Rutledge, Kristi Smith, Kriste Smith, Carrie Spofford. **A-B Honor Roll:** Mandy Barnett, Donna Denman, Amanda Biera, Queena Bigbee, Scott Cannon, Shayla Hardy, Marc Jenkins, Josh Mashburn, Shayla Miller, Christy Minze, Steven Moreno, Zacky Rodriguez, Amy Sparks, Steven Williams.

Second Grade: A Honor Roll: Coby Archa, Dustie Baldree, Robert Frazier, Collin Jacobs, Missy Jones, Sean Leamon, Phuong Thao Tran, Daniel West. **A-B Honor Roll:** Jamie Beasley, Jenny Boyd, Aimee Bugg, Lois Campbell, Devir B. Jayma Goldsmith, April Griffith, Betsy Hellums, Cara Kelso, Michael Moreno, Destry Pack, Lupe Quintero, Tracie Thomas, Brandon Toombs, Terry Trevino, Maria Uribe.

Third Grade: A Honor Roll: Misti Doan, Toby Dupont, Lisa Cannon, Chris Pack, Penny Smith. **A-B Honor Roll:** Bridget Acuna, Laura Baker, Stevie Biera, Sabrina Boswell, Robynn Dudley, Angela Carson, Chance Ferguson, Ricky Haggard, Melissa Halford, Stephen Jacobs, Tricia Newsom, Kevin Pilgrim, Jenni Quance, Gay Lynn

Robertson, Jimmy Townsend.

Fourth Grade: A Honor Roll: Michelle Barnett, Mary Dillon, Anissa Jones, Julie Koflanovich, Melissa Morris, Kim Richards, Wade Toombs, Diem Tran. **A-B Honor Roll:** David Biera, Camilla Bright, Norma Cuellar, Jennifer Davis, Michele Dudley, Ricky Hernandez, Richa Hill, Krista Johnson, Kenneth Jowers, Jon-David Layher, Steve Leverich, Taylor Michelli, Pam Mf, Glyn Ann Rutledge, Max Trevino, Kevin Waller, Amber Whisenhunt.

Fifth Grade: A Honor Roll: April Duncan, Kristy Elliott, Ted Seymore, Amy Stuckey, Todd Smith, Krista Toombs, Misty Vaughn. **A-B Honor Roll:** Mark Aldrete, Angie Cannon, Kyle Coker, Shelle Doan, Staci Ferguson, Jerry Flowers, Gina Gober, Melissa Harris, Jamie Heyen, Lee Leverich, Ramon Moreno, Stacy Dorton, Karrie Rich, Craig Spofford, C.J. White, Pam Williams, Steve Williams.

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Two types of homestead exemptions from school taxes are available to taxpayers who owned their residence homesteads in this school district on January 1 of this year. First, the general homestead exemption is available to all homeowners and exempts \$5,000 from the market value of the homestead.

Second, any person who is 65 years of age or older or who is disabled can be exempted an additional \$10,000 from the market value of the homestead. Proof of age or disability may be necessary.

"Disabled," in this case, refers to the definition found in the Federal Old-Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance Act under the Social Security Administration. Disability is defined as inability to engage in any substantial gainful employment which exists in the national economy, or, in the case of someone who is 55 and blind, inability by reason of such blindness to engage in the employment in which he was previously engaged. *The person claiming disability does not necessarily have to be drawing benefits from Social Security.*

Homeowners age 65 or older who apply for their exemption will be granted a tax freeze. If application is not made, the tax freeze will be lost for this year.

Application forms were mailed earlier to all homeowners who qualified for a homestead exemption in 1980. If you did not receive an application, or if you have questions about qualifying for exemptions or filing application forms, contact the school tax office at **928-4760** (Phone Number).

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

Dear Editor...

Dear Editor:
This letter is in regard to Merkel's Ambulance Service. I think the ambulance is one of the finest things that a city can have. In fact I feel like I owe my life partly because of the quick response we had when on April 16, 1978, I had a severe heart attack. It seemed only minutes they were there and on their way to Sweetwater Hospital. When I came home later, I never did receive a bill. My son in law went up to the office and asked for the bill, which I paid. He asked about a medicare form, but we never did get one. Cost of the ambulance was \$65.00.

In March 1980, the ambulance was called again for a trip to the Sweetwater hospital. We got the same quick service. The price was \$113, which I was happy to pay. I asked at the office for a medicare form and they insisted on sending one in themselves. Although I felt it was my place to send it in, I waited and waited. No response from medicare. I contacted the office on 3 occasions about it and they

would say you will hear shortly. Well it has been a year and I never did hear from medicare. It meant a loss to me of around \$140.00 for 1 or 2 trips. Most elderly people need that help from medicare. \$9.60 is deducted each month from social security checks to pay that insurance. Beginning July 1 it will be \$11.00 per month. When my husband became ill in Abilene, the Abilene ambulance was called and when they sent me the bill, a medicare form was sent with the bill all filled out for me to sign. I sent the ambulance service the check, mailed the medicare form to medicare and in 3 weeks I got a check from medicare.

I believe if medicare forms were sent out with the bills to the elderly, and sent filled out, it would make a difference. Some might not be able to fill out the forms but could sign their names and S.S. no.

If you need an ambulance, it's good to know you can get it. They do need the money to keep on going.

Estelle Humphreys

Xi Nu Chi meets

Xi Nu Chi met Tuesday, March 10th at Pleasant Ville Hall. Hostess for the evening was Pat Neff.

The program for the evening was presented by Pat Neff and Louise Dubose on Art. Each member created their own piece of art.

Refreshments were served to the following members: Kathy Leverich, Ginny Yaddow, Val Patterson, Liz Eager, Blanche Hewitt, Mamie Steck, Betty Allday, Connie Ybarra, Louise Dubose, Pat Neff, Mary Hill, and Connie Harris.

Citizens set singing

A singing has been set for Sunday afternoon at the Merkel Senior Citizens Cen-

ter. The singing will be held from 2 until 4 and everyone is invited.



Ruth Camp stirs another pot of beans at Pug and Leo's Restaurant, here. (Staff photo by Cloy A. Richards)

Ruth Camp; cookin' at 80

She's 80 years old and co-workers say you almost have to tie her down to get her to take a coffee break at work.

For Ruth Camp of Merkel, her job as a cook at Pug and Leo's Restaurant, here, "keeps me busy and active."

Mrs. Camp moved to Taylor County with her family when she was five years old. Her family traveled by train from Tennessee.

Merkel FFA news & spotlights

This Monday night will be the District Banquet in Abilene, where D.W. Best, FFA Sweetheart will compete in the Sweetheart contest.

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

Steven Davis, son of Woodrow and Eva Rogers, is a freshman and in V.A. I. His project this year was a Heifer.

Jerry Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Miller, is a freshman and in V.A. I. His project this year was a calf. Jerry participated in football this year.

Eddy Sparks, son of William David Sparks, is a sophomore and in V.A. I. His project this year was a pig. Eddy was on the FFA Quiz Team.

David Schultz, son of Mr. and Mrs. D.R. Schultz, is a freshman and in V.A. I. His project this year was a pig. David was on the Greenhand Skills Team.

White Church donors

Donations for the White Church Cemetery is as follows:

Dale Shugart, Luiton Brown, Mrs. A.C. Windom and girls, Mrs. John Swinney, Mrs.

Viola Ensminger.

Please send your donations to White Church Cemetery Fund, F&M National Bank, Merkel, Texas. Let's all help to keep our cemetery clean.

Mrs. Camp said, "I work because I like to stay active and I intend to work as long as I am able, or as long as Pug lets me work." She added, "I like everything about cooking. I am very healthy and do everything I can to stay that way."

Mrs. Camp has two sons who both live out of state and has six grandchildren. Mrs. Camp said she has worked all of her life and has been with Pug and Leo's for four years.

Pug Harris said of Mrs. Camp, "there is no better help than Ruth. She is a hard worker and she likes to work."

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

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TO: Pamela Lynn Winkler, 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 Roy Paul Winkler, Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 3 day of February, 1981, against Pamela Lynn Winkler, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 5132-C on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Matter of The Marriage of Roy Paul Winkler and Pamela Lynn Winkler", the nature of which suit is a request to Petitioner seeks a divorce from the Respondent.

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 child interest which will be binding upon you, including the termination of the parent-child relationship and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the child adoption.

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

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

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court

at Abilene, Texas, this the 3 day of February, 1981.

Irene Crawford, Clerk 326th District Court, Taylor County, Texas

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PERSONAL DATA

Age: 38 Occupation: Case Equipment Service Manager
 Address: Rt. 3 Box 94 Merkel, Texas
 Education: B.B.A. Degree McMurry College
 Phone: 928-5687

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Fortnightly club contributors

I want to express my appreciation, on behalf of the Fortnightly Study Club, for the co-operation and support of the Chamber of Commerce and the citizens of Merkel for helping to make the Mesquite District Convention one of the best ever.

Thanks to the Farmers and Merchants National Bank for the beautiful floral decorations for the banquet and luncheon and also two fifty (\$50.00) bonds for door prizes.

We especially appreciate the cooperation of the Merkel Chamber of Commerce for the Merkel Centennial "Tote" bags and the following merchants who provided door prizes: Starbuck Co. Furniture Store, Circle A Western House, Carson's Super Market, Shell Oil Station on 211 Kent, Merkel Brick and Lumber, Ann's Flower Shop, Ben Franklin Store, Merkel Drug Company, Brags Department Store, Ed's Feed and Seed, and to the Merkel and Hamlin Merchants who provided pens, pencils, notepads, and the many other miscellaneous items to fill the tote bags: Boney Insurance Agency, Seymore Insurance Agency, Toombs Real Estate, Hicks Auto Supply, Taylor Electric Co-op, Marie's Beauty Korner, United Savings of Texas, Ben Franklin Store, Ed's Feed and Seed, Max Murrell Chevrolet, D.A. Bishop Shell Station, Big Country Motel and Restaurant, Taylor Telephone Cooperative, Carson's Super Market, Walls Industries Inc., Dairy Queen, Stuckey's, Hammond Insurance Agency, Mrs. Joe Patterson-Watkins, Eganbothan Bartlett Lumber Co., Bobby Kubise Texaco, Merkel Mail, Hamlin National Bank, Hamlin Board of Community Develop-

ment, Neinda Gin Company.

Those who helped to paint our miniature arts for place favors outside our club members were: Elizabeth Hicks, Ruth Cox, Ethel Pee, Cora Reeves, Dale Hammond.

We especially want to express our appreciation to the First United Methodist Church for the use of their building and to the newspaper for its coverage. Also Taylor Electric for lending us the use of its slide projector and the sound system, we thank you all, and if I have forgotten anyone, I am sorry for I do appreciate everyone and what you did.

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Hart's named drive co-chairpersons

Mr. and Mrs. Don Hart, Co-Chairmen of the local American Red Cross fund raising drive, announce that drive dates for the Merkel area have been set to begin on March 23 and end on April 6.

The American Red Cross offers various services to those who are in need. Hundreds of people attend tuition-free Red Cross classes annually. Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) is a newly-expanded program offered which teaches how to save a person's life whose breathing and heart have stopped.

Last year, Taylor County Red Cross Chapter provided over 1600 services to military families and veterans. This was in addition to on-base residents at Dyess. Services included emergency communications, counseling, and or financial assistance.

A new Disaster Action Team is in training for all phases of disaster relief, ready to move quickly if a disaster strikes our area.

One of the programs, hundreds of area youth

We're re-newing because of Luther & Lightnin'

Dear Editor:

We are re-subscribing to the Merkel Mail because we think you have a very good and fair minded manner of news coverage in all areas, local, school, personal, farm and politics. Yours was one of the few newspapers who gave our hard working and clean moraled out-going president Jimmy Carter, the credit he deserved in getting our hostages back and other good things he

did while in office.

To be absolutely honest, though, I have to tell you that you have "Luther N Lightnin'" and their good creator, Mr. Dale Hammond to thank for this subscription. My neighbors and friends around here look forward to each one and don't want to miss any more issues so I want to hurry and mail this. You have my permission to print this letter. Mrs. Jerry Hall and Family.

Weekend visitors

Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Collins, Lubbock, were weekend visitors of Elmo's sister, Mary Collins. They also were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Jarrett pin-

ckley at Hendrick Memorial Hospital, Abilene, where Jarrett is recuperating from major surgery. Jarrett is the brother of Mrs. Elmo Collins.

have benefited from is the Red Cross Learn To Swim Program. This is offered each summer to provide free swimming and water safety classes at Abilene State Park, Abilene and in Merkel.

Mr. Hart has served on the Taylor County American Red Cross Board for the past five years. Currently, he is on the executive board, having previously held the offices of vice president and treasurer.

This year, Mr. Hart will conduct the fund raising in the business area, and Mrs. Hart will coordinate the residential area drive. Anyone who wishes to help should call 928-4715 or 928-5290 after 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Hart expresses his appreciation to the workers who have helped in previous years and also to the people in the community who have contributed.

He states further, "Mitzi and I look forward to working for this worthy cause. We know that we will have the support and help from the community to make the drive a success."

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Thursday March 26, 1981

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Seniors return from annual trip

The Trent Senior Class returned last Thursday from their Senior Trip. The group left Thursday, March 12th for Dallas where they boarded a Braniff flight for Miami. On Friday the nine seniors and their sponsors, Mr. and Mrs. John Brady began a cruise aboard the S.S. Emerald Seas to Nassau, Bahamas.

While at the Bahamas, the group enjoyed sightseeing tours, the beach and shopping along with the activities provided on board the ship. After returning to Miami on Monday, the group

drove to Orlando. Tuesday and Wednesday were spent at Disney World, "Wet 'n Wild" and other area attractions.

The Seniors worked very hard for the money to pay for this trip, but all agreed it was worth the effort. They want to thank all of the many individuals and merchants who have been so very supportive these past 2 years.

Members of the Senior Class going on the trip were: Rebecca Sipe, Marcie Brenem, Leslie Masonheimer, Carlos Garza, Riley West, Fidel Valdez, Todd Richardson, Eddie Adams and David Reed.

Trent FFA attends meeting

The Trent Chapter attended the Big Country District Banquet of the FFA. Those attending were: Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Williams, Mr. and Mrs. James V. Ross, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Ray, Riley West, Carlos Garza, Lloyd Williams Jr., Greg Beasley, Todd Richardson, Leslie Masonheimer, Darla Ross, Eddie Adams.

The Trent Chapter received the outstanding chapter award. Lloyd Williams Sr. received the Honorary State Farmer Degree, Lloyd Williams Jr. and Eddie Adams were recognized for receiving the Lone Star Farmer Degree, Darla Ross entered the Sweetheart Contest, Riley West served as our voting delegate.

Trent residents at wedding

The marriage of Tammy Swinney and Buster Jenkins was solemnized March 21 at the First United Methodist Church in Hobbs.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Swinney and the bridegroom is the son of Mrs. Homer Jenkins, Plainview, Texas.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride was attended by Kelly Galyean, Hobbs as matron of honor and Kelye Stradley, Hobbs, and Valerie Miller, Lubbock, were bridesmaids.

Ted Davis, Plainview, served as best man. Groomsmen were Gil Vining and Clyde Williams, both of Plainview. Ushers were Roland McWhorter, Brock, and Jay Swinney, Hobbs.

Following the ceremony, a poolside reception was held at the

home of Mr. and Mrs. Crawford Culp.

For the wedding trip to Ruidoso, the bride wore a white linen blazer with pink slacks and a blouse of soft pastels.

Pre-nuptial court-essies were a shower in the home of Mrs. Dick Marshall, Hobbs. Other hostesses were Mrs. Roy Willman, Mrs. Crawford Culp, Mrs. Larry Gregory, Mrs. Sam Buchanan, Mrs. Max Curry, Mrs. Matt Pye and Miss Cindy Marshall. The second grade teachers hosted a shower in Plainview.

The couple will make their home in Plainview where the bride is a teacher and the bridegroom is service manager for Texas Farm Machinery.

Attending were Mr. and Mrs. John Swinney and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Patterson, Kerry and Cheri all of Trent.



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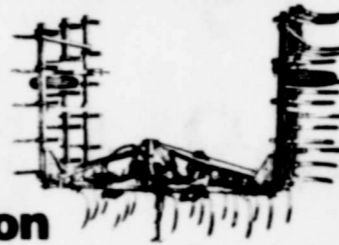
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Bland's have daughter

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Kaci has two brothers, Brandon and D.J. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Jones and Mr. and Mrs. R.L. Bland, all of Trent.

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Mail cartoonist signed

Merkel Mail Cartoonist Dale Hammond signed a contract with Indian Meridian Vocational-Technical School at Stillwater, Oklahoma for a series of cartoons dealing with electrical safety. Hammond, who is already under contract to the Oklahoma Association of Rural Cooperatives, a newspaper with over 191,000 circulation said that The Indian Meridian contract deals with "in-trade" humor with a serious note in dealing with building and maintaining power lines. The cartoons he draws for the Oklahoma Assn. of Rural Cooperatives deals with public awareness in electrical safety around the home, factory or farm.

Hammond is best known locally for his cartoons in the Merkel Mail dealing mostly with his two best known characters, Luther and Lightnin'. A broke down cowboy and his horse, trying to get by in a modern high technology world.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF TAX EXEMPTIONS AVAILABLE TO HOMEOWNERS

The Trent Independent School District tax office is currently accepting applications for residence homestead exemptions. The deadline for filing is April 1, 1981. Applications should be filed as early as possible to avoid inconvenience to the homeowner.

Two types of homestead exemptions from school taxes are available to taxpayers who owned their residence homesteads in this school district on January 1 of this year. First, the general homestead exemption is available to all homeowners and exempts \$5,000 from the market value of the homestead.

Second, any person who is 65 years of age or older or who is disabled can be exempted an additional \$10,000 from the market value of the homestead. Proof of age or disability may be necessary.

"Disabled," in this case, refers to the definition found in the Federal Old-Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance Act under the Social Security Administration. Disability is defined as inability to engage in any substantial gainful employment which exists in the national economy, or, in the case of someone who is 55 and blind, inability by reason of such blindness to engage in the employment in which he was previously engaged. The person claiming disability does not necessarily have to be drawing benefits from Social Security.

Homeowners age 65 or older who apply for their exemption will be granted a tax freeze. If application is not made, the tax freeze will be lost for this year.

Application forms were mailed earlier to all homeowners who qualified for a homestead exemption in 1980. If you did not receive an application, or if you have questions about qualifying for exemptions or filing application forms, contact the school tax office at 862-6221 (Phone Number).

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

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