

The Merkel Mail

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Candidates for MI SD and Merkel City elections were invited to respond to various issues in this week's edition and their responses appear on Page 2.



This fashionable looking group is the MISD faculty of 1916-17. Shown left to right are (Front row) Flora Wright, Pearl Wilshire, Agnes Powell, Glenn Lasseter, Amber Lewis. (Middle

row) Edna Munden, Addie Rogers, Mae White, Hattie Smith, Jesse Sutphen, Alice Burns. (Back row) R.M. Parker, R.A. Burgess, R.B. Mefferd. (Photo compliments of Mrs. H. C. Reid)

Little League registration Saturday

Registration for Merkel Little League will be Saturday, April 4th, from 9:00 until 1:00 at the West Texas Utilities Building.

All boys who want to play ball need to register, even if they played on a team last year. To be eligible to play a boy must attain the age of 9 before August 1st and not attain the age of 13 before August 1st. Registration fee is \$8.00.

Because there was not a vice president elected

for the Little League and the ladies auxiliary, there will not be a T-shirt league this year unless someone is willing to take these two jobs on. T-shirt is for boys ages 7 thru 9 years. The vice president of both organizations are in charge of T-shirt games. The Ladies Auxiliary is in charge of the concession stand. Surely there are some interested parents who want to see these boys get to play baseball. If you want to help, contact Jimmy Leverich at 928-5167, after 5:00.

County Farmers Union dinner here

The Annual Taylor County Farmer's Union barbecue and meeting will be held at the Merkel School Cafeteria Friday night at 6:30 p.m.

The guest speaker for the event will be Texas Commissioner of Agriculture Reagan Brown. Also appearing will be Texas Farmer's Union President Mike Moeler.

All Taylor County Farmer's Union members and their families are urged to attend the meeting and dinner. Families attending are asked to bring a salad or dessert.

The Taylor County Farmer's Union has about 250 members from all Taylor County towns.

Cast your ballot, donation, oil well hits, nut takes a shot

by Cloy A. Richards

Saturday is local election day and voter turnout should be pretty good, considering all local races except the Merkel mayor race are being challenged.

Voting will be held at the High School Gym and you can cast a ballot any time between 7 a.m. until 7 p.m.

This newspaper does not and will not endorse candidates in any election. We did send a questionnaire to prospective candidates and their responses are printed in this week's Mail.

The local, democratic, election process is one of the truly amazing ideas of man. It allows for a civilized, efficient system for people to choose their leadership in government. If people are not happy with the job their elected officials are doing, they may fire them by voting them out of office. If the electorate is satisfied with elected officials performance, the voters can indicate that by re-electing their officials.

If the system does have a fault, it is that people must cast the ballots. If the voters stay away from the election booth in large numbers, the outcome of the election will not represent a majority of the vote.

Voter turnout is the only way the voters can determine whether they voted with majority opinion or not.

The number of voters also gives the elected official a good idea of whether or not the voter likes the way things have gone since the last election.

Cast your ballot Saturday. It's the only way you can effectively voice your opinion on the make-up and direction of our local governmental bodies.

The Merkel-Trent United Girls Softball Association received one of their largest shots in the arm they have ever received. Local citizen Bill Black wrote them a check for \$3,000 and donated a tractor for upkeep of the softball field. That will go a long way in keeping those facilities in tip top shape.

Can you believe the Centennial Oil Well at the Taylor County Fairgrounds hit? Can you believe the Reporter News, in a picture outline said it would make Abilenians happy?

There are other residents in this county that don't call themselves Abilenians and we are just as happy if the well proves to be a producer. Especially since 25 per cent of the royalties will go to the county coffers.

Last week's hard frost killed a lot of vegetable plants in gardens and I am not about to say that was the last frost of the year. I read in 1954 there

was a 30 degree night on April 22. On the same hand, I don't think you'll have to wait quite that long to plant.

Those warm weather crops can't stand even the slightest frost.

We'd like to thank the people who have already contributed photographs and family histories for our Centennial Edition, planned for July 2. If you have information that you would like to see included, bring it by the Mail office.

Disgusted.
Infuriated.
Sickened.

Use any of those words and you would probably come closest to describing most people's reaction to the news that President Ronald Reagan had been hit by an assassin's bullet.

Sure, it was a nut who had pulled the trigger. But our society allows nuts or anyone else to purchase guns, whenever, wherever. The gunman was a man the Secret Service should have known about, considering the October, 1980 arrest while trying to board an airplane carrying three weapons. He was in the same city President Carter had been in that day and was traveling to New York City, where Carter and Reagan were to appear the next day.

The people of this country owe a great debt of honor and thanks to Secret Service Agent Timothy J. McCarthy. Heroic deeds such as his are rarely repeated. McCarthy, after hearing the first shot ring out, located the gunman and placed his body between the gunman and the President, and took a bullet intended for the President.

One disturbing incident of the sad events of Monday came through.

Alexander Haig went before national TV and said that "constitutionally, I am in charge of the operation of the government."

That is wrong. The order of succession to the Oval Office goes President, Vice President, Speaker of the House, President pro-tem of the Senate, then Secretary of State.

The Taylor County Farmers Union will have their annual meeting and barbecue here Friday night at the Merkel School Cafeteria.

Featured speaker for the event is Texas Agricultural Commissioner Reagan Brown. If you have not had a chance to hear Mr. Brown's dinner speech repertoire, you should not miss this chance. He's one of the funniest men around and I'm sure he will offer some thoughts on the U.S. Farm Policy, now being formulated and discussed.

Local election set Saturday, most races contested

Merkel voters will go to the polls in City and School elections Saturday.

Voting will be held from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. at the Merkel High Gym.

In city elections, Kent Satterwhite is running unopposed for mayor. Two councilmen will be chosen from Don Dudley, Stanley Toombs, and Larry Beasley.

In school Elections, Place 5 candidates are Jack Ferguson and Charles Jacobs. Place 6 candidates are Jack Riney, Tom Williamson, and Pat Castille, and Place 7 candidates are Larry

Dudley and Ray Fack.

In the Trent School board race incumbents Jerry Nance and John Griffith are being challenged by Randy Hunt, Ted Simpson, Mac Sipe and Rex Bland.

In Tye elections, Place 1 incumbent Violet D. Moore is running unopposed, Place 3 candidates are Gayland Childers and A.J. Pence and Place 5 candidates are James Dossier, Leon W. Van Gorp and Mrs. Otto Brazell.

Voters will either need to bring their voter registration card or legal identification before voting.

Farm Bill hearing talks in Abilene

The House Agriculture Committee will hold field hearings on the 1981 omnibus farm bill in three Texas cities next month, Chairman Kika de la Gara, D-Texas., announced today.

De la Gara said the hearings will be held April 20 at the Abilene Civic Center, 1100 North 6th Street, Abilene; April 21 in the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center, 1501 6th Street, Lubbock; and April 22 at the Villa Inn, I-40 and Grand Street, Amarillo.

Rep. Charles Stenholm, D-Tex., a Member of the Agriculture Committee, will preside at the hearings. Reps. Kent Hance, D-Tex., and Jack Hightower, D-Tex., are also expected to attend.

All three hearings will run from 9 a.m. to noon and from 2 to 4 p.m.

Anyone who wishes to testify at the hearings should notify:

-For April 20, Elaine Talley in Rep. Stenholm's Abilene office at Box 1101, Abilene,

Texas 79604, phone 915-673-7221.

-For April 21, Vicki Nixon in Rep. Hance's Lubbock office at 1205 Texas Avenue, S-611, Lubbock, Texas 79401, phone 806-763-1611.

-For April 22, Marjorie Errington in Rep. Hightower's Amarillo office at Box F-13207, Amarillo, Texas 79101, phone 806-376-2381.

Witnesses are requested to bring 25 copies of their prepared statements to the hearings for the use of Committee Members and staff. If possible, copies should be sent in advance to the person with whom you arrange your appearance at the hearing.

Chairman de la Gara said, "I know that many West Texans who are deeply interested in this year's farm bill and what it may mean to the future economy of the state and the nation, have not been able to testify at Committee hearings in Washington. I hope these hearings in Texas will help give the Committee a sharper view of the situation as our people see it at the grass roots."

Miss Merkel pageant set April 11

The Miss Merkel Beauty Pageant will be held April 11 at 7 p.m. at the Merkel School Auditorium.

Registration forms are available from the Merkel School offices as well as Hammond Insurance Agency.

The contest is open to all girls from age 3 through High School.

For more information, call Gloria Henslee at 928-5576.

Deadline for entry is April 4.

Big Country Inn fire causes damage

The Big Country Inn was partially damaged by fire last Wednesday morning as a fire started in the second floor of the East wing.

The fire started between two rooms in the ceiling and was contained by the Merkel Volunteer Fire Department.

The fire call was turned in about 8 a.m. and tenants in three rooms had to be evacuated. There were no injuries to patrons or fire fighters.

Fire, smoke and water damaged about 12 rooms in the facility.

Top news & events of 1952-51

By Cloy A. Richards

We have almost finished another decade in Merkel's past with this two year installment of the top news and events of 1952-51.

We would like to remind everyone that has not already turned in their family histories to the Mail, to do so. They will be included in a special centennial edition of the Mail, planned for July 2, 1981.

January, 1952

A Trent pioneer, Enoch Martin, was buried in Trent. He had moved to the area in 1885. A renewed interest in Merkel area drilling leases sent lease prices up as almost 40 spots were located to drill wells here.

February

Honeycutt Motors, the local Ford dealer, opened. Oilmen also started trying to lease property rights within city limits for drilling. The Merkel Badgers, who had tied for the regular season district basketball crown, lost a one game playoff to Munday.

March

Construction began on Merkel's new post office. The Bookmans sold the Merkel Mail to Mr. and Mrs. Hy White.

April

City oil lease prices went to \$50 per acre. Taylor Electric held their annual meeting here and 1,600 people attended. The co-op reported sales of \$258,000 for the year. A new low voter turnout record was established as 18 people turned out to elect M.H. Ely and J.W. Hammond. An eleven month drought was broken as the area received about 2.2 inches of rain. The Merkel High Band received a Division 1 rating at UIL Band Contest's.

May

Elmer Sandusky was valedictorian and Don Hunt was salutatorian of the Class of 1952 at Merkel High.

June

Bell Telephone and the Taylor Telephone Co-op were having trouble reaching service agreements. Wanda's Flower Shop held their formal grand opening.

July

Tye Baptist held their formal dedication service.

August

Lt. William Cook, of Merkel, was credited for a kill when he downed a Soviet made MIG in air battles over Korea. Almost 1,500 people attended an area church convention here. The Merkel Police department received its first two way radios.

September

Merkel school reported enrollment at 675 students. The Merkel Volunteer Fire Department put out an urgent call for more firemen. Merkel was included in a \$3 million loan program to aid farmers in Taylor-Jones and other Texas counties cope with drought losses.

October

Marilyn Monroe and Richard Widmark were starring in the Queen's feature movie, "Don't bother to knock." A Merkel high student, Becky Ann McLean was killed at the Ash street crossing when her car hit a Texas and Pacific freighter.

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Winners in the FFA District Quiz Team included (left to right) Denise Pack, Brenda Hohbertz and Melinda Riney. Not pictured is Donna Miller. (Staff photo by Cloy A. Richards)

School-City candidates speak out on issues

Dear Candidates:

The Mail is providing this public forum to you to allow your un-edited responses on certain issues we feel Merkel voters have on their minds. We need to have the questionnaire returned to the Mail by noon, March 31. Feel free to use as much space as necessary.

Name _____ Age _____ Occupation _____
Background and general personal information (For all candidates)

1. Why are you running for a (city-school) post?
2. What are your qualifications for the post?
3. Do you feel the (city-school) budgets are adequate or do you see a need for a tax increase for fiscal year 1981-82?
4. What is the (city-school) not doing you feel it should be doing?
5. Do you favor cutting the (school-city) budget?
6. Do you feel (school-city) facilities are adequate to serve our immediate and five year needs?

FOR SCHOOL CANDIDATE ONLY

- A. Do you feel a new Elementary and Middle Schools will be needed in the next 5 years?
- B. Are you satisfied with MISD's tax collection performance? Why?
- C. What is your opinion for continuing contracts for MISD teachers?
- D. Do you support pay raises for teachers above current MISD pay tables?
- E. What programs are being offered by MISD you feel should not be offered?
- F. What programs are not being offered you feel should be?

FOR CITY CANDIDATES ONLY

- A. List by priority, work areas the City could place emphasis on?
 - B. Do you favor tax increases or obligation bonds to make repairs on city streets and equipment?
 - C. What should be done about unpaid ambulance bills?
 - D. Do you think city workers are adequately paid?
 - E. Would you support a bond issue for work on City streets?
- Please feel free to use as much space as necessary to answer the questions. We appreciate your cooperation very much and are happy to participate in this project.

Cloy A. Richards
Editor-Publisher
The Merkel Mail

City-Mayor

Kent Satterwhite

Kent Satterwhite, Age 51, Married- Betty Lu, one daughter, Kim, one granddaughter- Renee'. Occupation: Sales Mgr. Palmer Motor, Member Methodist Church.

1. To be able to serve the citizens of Merkel.
2. A. Life long resident of Merkel.
B. 10 years experience as a Council member.
C. 2 years experience as Mayor Pro-Tem.
3. The tax question cannot be properly answered until the state improved valuation process is complete.
4. I feel that they are doing everything possible with the budget that they have to work with.
5. There is no surplus in the City budget and a cut would mean a cut in service.
6. With the newly received HUD Block Grant, our facilities will be greatly enhanced.
 - A. Streets and sewer plant.
 - B. With the City's present tax structure generating \$76,000 per year in property tax dollars and the cost of Police and Fire Depts. in excess of this amount by several thousand dollars, it is hard to see how at 10 percent interest plus principal. I feel that equipment purchases should be by a lease purchase method.
 - C. Continue the efforts being made to collect these over-due accounts so as not to be forced to inject tax dollars into the ambulance operations.
- D & E. I feel that the questions, D & E, are the same as B.

Council

Larry Beasley

Larry S. Beasley, age 35, Mechanic for Texas Army National Guard; 807 Oak St., Merkel, 928-4967; mechanic 10 years for National Guard; member of 111th Engr. Bn. Abilene 17 years service; graduate of Abilene High School, attended H.S.U. Abilene; moved to Merkel from Abilene in 1969. Married to the former Linda Rutledge (life long resident of Merkel). We have 2 daughters: Tanya (7 years) and Taras (23 months). Active member of Merkel Church of Christ.

1. I am running for this office to represent the tax payers interests in the city government. To make Merkel, Texas a better place to raise a family and a place the citizens can be proud to say they live.
2. My qualification for this office: 1. I am a interested citizen living here for 12 years. 2. I am familiar with paving and dirt working machinery operations and maintenance. I hope with the acquisition of some more equipment, we can see an improvement in our city streets and roads. I am aware of inflation and what it has done to our city tax base and also what it has done to people on fixed incomes.
3. The city budget is greatly inadequate, but the new assessment will hopefully correct this problem.
4. I think the citizens deserve to be better informed on why something can or can not be done with existing funds. I am definitely against cutting the city budget.
5. We are going to have to have a city barn and maintenance facility to keep and repair city equipment. We also need someone responsible for

maintaining equipment and keeping records on servicing equipment to insure the most performance and life from equipment.

6. I am definitely against cutting the city budget.

A. The city could place emphasis on these items: 1. Streets, roads, and alleyways. 2. Performance checks and balances on city employees labors including everyone in city hall. 3. Flood control and drainage to take care of run off water from rains. 4. Enforcement of animal control and patrol of city streets.

B. I am in favor of holding off on tax increases or obligation bonds until after the appraisal board of new evaluation of property is completed.

C. The unpaid ambulance bills should be continually mailed statements or future service denied to outstanding indebtedness if other arrangements haven't been made.

D. I do not know what city employees salaries are, but I feel the better the salary, the better qualified help you can attract.

School board

Tom Williamson

Tom Williamson, age 38, Service Manager Case Equipment; Raised on a farm until 19 years of age, then joined the U.S. Air Force for a 7 year tenure. While in the Air Force, Received the Air Commendation medal for meritorious service while in charge of a squadron training program. Discharged in May 1968 with an honorable discharge. Moved to Texas in 1968, most of my time in Texas was spent in Odessa. I have resided in Merkel for the last 4 years. Former cubmaster at the Merkel Scout Hut, played men's softball, graduated from McMurry College in 1977 with a B.B.A. in Business management, certified engineering technician, member American Society of engineering technicians.

1. I believe that the people within the Merkel, Tye school District are wanting a change from the norm. There is no cohesion between the people, the school administration and the school board. We need to look at the reason or reasons for the constant turnover of teachers, particularly in the athletic department.

2. I believe that anyone having the best interest at heart concerning a well rounded education for their children and mine would have the basic qualifications. I have one child in school, myself, and another to start in about 2 years. I am concerned that your children and mine are given the best educational opportunity feasible. With a B.B.A. degree in Business, I feel that I know enough concerning financial matters to perform in an understanding way which will benefit the school administration greatly.

3. This question should be asked in a different way, perhaps (Do we want our children afforded the best education possible?) Rather than produce a tax issue from the matter. I believe that one with any understanding of economics will readily see that the cost of operating a school system based on the cost-price and the inflationary conditions are not going to change for the lesser overnight. Therefore to say no to a tax increase would be detrimental. On the other hand to say yes would be overly presumptuous. I reiterate, let's think of our children's future, rather than so much of the dollar sign.

4. I believe that we should have more input from the Merkel-Tye people as to what they feel we need additionally. We are, however, governed by the Texas Board of Education to what extent the mandatory courses we have to offer. I also believe, as whole, the Merkel-Tye school community should be pulling together to better our school system.

5. I believe that anyone who has eaten a roast will note that after the fat has been trimmed off and the lean meat eaten you are left with a bone (unless it was boneless) and when you get to the latter that's all there is and the same holds true with the MISD budget. I believe the passage of the former 1.4 bond issue short changed the school system drastically. After the new high school was built, I believe we were left with some loose ends, for example: I was in the superintendent's (Bill Everett's) office and noted that an electric heater was necessary to heat the room. Obviously the heating system was left out or not enough money to complete the work.

6. I believe for our immediate needs we can suffice. However, I feel we can not suffice for a period up to 5 years. From a private source, there are about 2000 new homes forecasted for the Tye area alone. Also I don't think that the Merkel area is going to get any smaller in the near future. Humphrey's Village, just east of the cemetery, is expanding also. Sooner or later, we are prone to running out of class room space. We should also look at the re-alignment of all classes to insure that we are driving maximum benefits from our existing classrooms to their fullest extent.

A. As previously stated in question 6 above, the forecast of 2000 new homes in the Tye area alone, tells us the hand-writing is on the wall, plus the construction of new homes throughout Merkel. I feel we are going to have to keep a watchful eye on the growth or rather the population and the additional influx of children into the school district and thusly contemplate and discuss any further building expansion.

B. I believe that every effort should be made to collect all taxes due and outstanding. I believe what is being done by Mrs. Vicki Thomas is being done in a most efficient manner as anyone in her capacity could do. There must be a better or resourceful way to collect all delinquent taxes with all the legal ramifications. However, I cannot speculate, at this time, on other methods of collection. I will say, to great extent, that delinquent taxes cripple the school budget severely.

C. I do not favor one year contracts at all. I

believe that teachers should have their contracts based on tenure. A teacher with say 5 or 10 years service, should not have to look forward to just a one year contract renewal.

D. I believe that if we are to attract and retain good teachers due to differences in pay, then salaries should be commensurate to the surrounding school districts.

E. I believe the programs offered at this time are good.

F. I believe that we should look at a broader music program with possibly a graded choir. We might also look at the possibility of a baseball team for the school. We should look also at supporting and expanding our agricultural program (FFA). We need to look also at some type of foreign language, as most colleges or universities require this in their curriculum.

Charles Jacobs

Charles Jacobs, age 42, occupation: Farmer, Wife: Bernice; children-Janice, Tim, and Stephen. Graduate of Merkel High School and a B.S. from ACU. Deacon of the Merkel Church of Christ.

1. (a) I am the father of three children in our school system and am most interested in seeing that mine as well as all other children in MISD are provided a quality education.

(b) I feel that the present board works together very well and has the best interests of the students and the school district at heart and I would like to continue to work with them to implement improvements that have been planned for the future.

2. Past years of service on the board have provided experiences that will enable me to make efficient decisions for critical issues facing the board in the future and also help me to avoid needless mistakes.

3. MISD, like everyone else, is faced with runaway inflation. The only factor that helped us avoid a tax increase in the past school year was a sharp increase in district evaluation, mostly brought about by an expansion in the oil industry in our district. We're expecting a certain amount of increase in evaluation again this coming year, and when you match this increase against runaway inflation, it's difficult to say whether or not a tax increase will be necessary. It will take a great deal of planning and efficient management to avoid a tax increase in 1981-82.

4. In the public's eye, probably the most apparent area needing improvement is our athletic program. I am extremely excited about the prospects provided by our new Athletic Director, Eddie Lang, a very conscientious and energetic young man who is giving 100 percent. Eddie has gone out this early in the season and handpicked a group of quality coaches to fill the vacancies in the program. The prospects for the upcoming season are exciting and my hope is that this group can be with us for several years to come.

5. No. There's not an ounce of "fat" in the current budget and any cutting would only handicap much needed programs.

6. Generally speaking, yes. We have several portable classrooms for our disposal, and we are not unique in the use of these, it has become common practice in area schools (Abilene included). In fact, we have been contacted by several other schools wanting to purchase ours. Now is not a good time to construct complete new buildings since cost of construction and interest rates have gone out of sight. Bursts of student enrollment sometimes fluctuate or disappear (i.e., Two years ago Tye Elem. was "bursting at the seams" and today there are several classes at Tye with only 10-12 students.) Also, we currently have underway a program of renovation of the Elem. and Middle School buildings-with work being done as funds become available.

A. See question No. 6.
B. Yes, Vicki and Donna have done an excellent job. I have received no complaints.

C. I am very much opposed to continuing contracts. For all practical purposes the school board's hands are tied in regard to dismissing teachers during the contract year even under term contracts. A school board should not be forced to keep disruptive or unproductive people on the payroll simply because they have a continuing contract. For example, sometimes a board gets complaints from parents about a teacher mistreating a child and under a continuing contract the board can do very little about the situation.

D. Yes, inflation has destroyed the buying power of current teachers' salaries. The governor and legislature seems to have closed their eyes to the problems and are promising only token raises. Because of this, a teacher shortage has developed since many teachers are forced to take much higher paying jobs in industry. If we are to continue to keep quality teachers, we must be willing to pay adequate salaries. Because of this, at the last board meeting, the present board demonstrated its commitment to quality education by giving all teachers a raise.

E. None.
F. I feel that vocational training is the area that needs the most improvement. Many of our students today will be unable to attend college and are leaving high school completely unprepared to enter the job market. It is my desire to see vocational training greatly expanded in the next three years.

Jack Ferguson

Jack Ferguson, age 33, Engineer Southwestern Bell.

1. I am running for MISD Board of Trustees to insure our children receives the best possible education they can get thru high school. The major concerns facing the MISD are: 1) large turnover of personnel, 2) increasing school enrollment, 3) spending our tax dollars wisely. These concerns must be dealt with now to insure a quality education for all of our children. I feel it is essential for all children to have a good education before entering college, vocational

training school, or going into life's work. To obtain this quality education, it is essential we prove the personnel and environment to our children.

2. I feel I am qualified because of a sincere concern for our children's education. I have worked with them in softball, Girl Scouts, basketball, and other youth activities and feel I am aware of their needs and desires. Through my job, I have had six years experience in personnel and budget management.

3. Due to the effect of inflation, the budget will have to be increased for the fiscal year 1981-82. However, this does not mean an automatic increase in taxes. In December, 1980, the personal property tax was removed from automobiles. At that time, the tax rate was increased from 60 percent to 100 percent (as dictated by law). Our present tax rate was \$1.87 as increased on September 29, 1980. As you can see, an adjustment will have to be made in the present tax rate. If not, your taxes would be unbearable. With increased taxes coming from oil and oil related industry, I do not feel a tax increase will be necessary.

4. I feel that the school system as a whole should unite and strive to improve it's community relations. I would like to elaborate in a positive way. Taken from Today's Education, Feb.-Mar. issue, the following quote by Nancy B. Jones, an English Teacher from Dayton, Virginia, in response to why she teaches. "Where else is there such instant response for doing a good job? When the eyes I teach to, glow with attention, I am euphoric. When puzzled or bored, they entreat instant improvement of my technique. Where else does everyday living a new encounter, offer an opening to try something different, to present something afresh? Whether I take advantage of the opportunity or not, it is there. And on the days I try and fail, I remember that another day will bring another chance to succeed." I would like to see this kind of enthusiasm in our school system.

5. With the present rate of inflation, it is impossible to cut our present school budget.

6. It is my opinion that our present facilities are adequate to serve our immediate needs, however with Texas being the fastest growing state in the United States, Tye and Merkel will naturally grow through the influx of businesses in our area. This necessitates additional space. Overcrowded classrooms is the number one deterrent to a good learning situation.

A. We are already experiencing an over crowded situation in Merkel Elementary school, but with the use of the existing portable buildings, this problem can be remedied. A cluster or individual classrooms could be looked at as an economic approach to this problem. I do not feel that a new middle school will be needed. A long range study should be made to forecast out growth and plans made accordingly.

B. With the elimination of personal property taxes on automobiles, the tax collection performance will be greatly improved. Next year this will be handled by the Central Appraisal District. I do feel that the tax burden on our Senior Citizens should be further relieved. I would favor more exemptions to achieve this goal.

C. I believe a policy of continuing contracts for all school personnel would have a positive effect in soliciting and keeping the most efficient people. With proper personnel management, through coordination of the school board and the superintendent-who is educated and hired to perform this function-a continuing contract would be beneficial to MISD. Goals should be established for each job in the school system, between the teacher and the superintendent, and these goals should be worked toward.

D. Since September 1980, six teachers have resigned from the MISD. Certainly all of these resignations cannot be attributed to money, but some of them can be. The Texas State Public Educational Compensation Plan, which the MISD uses as a base, is a guideline, and not a law. At the last board meeting, our teachers were given a raise of \$1,000.00 above state scale. I feel that teachers, who spend as much or more time with our children as we do as parents, should be paid fairly and equally. By fairly and equally, I mean their pay should be based on equal terms with other jobs in our area requiring the same or equal education. Part of the MISD's problems has been due to not being able to attract and keep better people.

E. I feel that all of the programs now in existence should be continued. Most of these programs are dictated to us by the Texas Education Agency and are required to maintain accreditation.

F. More electives should be offered to our students such as Choir, Fine Arts, Automotive Classes, College Prep classes, etc. With additional electives, our students could become better prepared for their life after high school. I also think more electives need to be offered to the gifted and talented students. There is a myth, "that the gifted and talented will do fine on their own. They do not need special help." Unfortunately, this statement is far from the truth. Just as children of less-than-average mental ability frequently have trouble keeping up with their classmates, so children of above-average mental ability have trouble staying behind with their classmates. Prevention from moving ahead by the rigidity of normal school procedures and assigned to classes with others of the same age, but not necessarily the same ability, gifted youngsters typically take one of three paths, 1) they drift into a state of indifference, 2) they conceal their ability, anxious not to embarrass others or to draw their ridicule, 3) or they become discipline problems. These children are our future and we should provide a program for them.

Larry Dudley

Larry N. Dudley, age 37, occupation: Administrator, Texas Department of Human Resources. Born and raised in Merkel and graduated from Merkel High School. Graduated from McMurry College in 1970 with Bachelor degree. Served in U.S. Navy 1964-1970 with Honorable Discharge in 1970 (1966-1967 in Vietnam). Have worked for State of Texas eleven years.
Wife, Paula Arwine Dudley, also a native of

Candidate responses continued

Quannah Dudley of Merkel.
 Member of Merkel ISD School Board since 1978. PeeWee basketball coach 1981. United Girls Softball Assn. umpire, coach and board member. Member of First Baptist Church of Merkel.

1. I feel it is a duty to help our children in school, and I think I have something to offer. I believe in education and training as a must.
2. I have been an administrator for State of Texas for eleven years and served on Merkel ISD school board since 1978.
3. School budgets are prepared each year in the summer and we develop our needs at that time. The Texas Legislature is in session now and what they do will make a big difference in our budget. Since our evaluation and growth have risen locally, it should assist us in meeting our needs. We have just given the school staff pay raises to help them in beating inflation, but this will not cause a tax increase because of the increased evaluation. Creating new programs without eliminating old ones generally creates new taxes.
4. The schools are doing a good job this year and I'm very proud of our staff.

5. I do not feel there is a need to cut the budget, although we do review it each month and create a new one each year.
6. Yes. General and preventive maintenance is required at all times. Recently, we had a drop in student population at Tye, but Merkel Elementary has increased considerably. I'm happy to have the new high school completed and most of the other buildings have added renovation such as new heating and air conditioning.
- A. No one knows for sure what will happen in the next five years. Presently our plans are adequate. If an increase comes, then we'll deal with it.
- B. Yes. Generally above 95 percent collection is good. Collection for automobile taxes was not good and we have discontinued that tax.
- C. I feel if a teacher does a good job, they don't have to worry about a contract from year to year. No, I am not in favor of continuing contracts for Merkel ISD. It is much more difficult to discharge or terminate someone if they have a 3 year contract than a 1 year contract. I stress that it is performance that counts.
- D. Yes, definitely. Last year we started paying all teachers above state scale and this year still more above the state scale.
- E. I do not feel any programs we now offer should be dropped.
- F. I would like more vocational education programs for boys and girls in case they do not want to attend college, or it would also help them work their way through college. Other programs, art, music, choral, should be added if funding is available. We need a well rounded sports program starting in the lower grades and continuing through high school.

Top news & events

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Merkel opted for Stevenson, but America elected Dwight D. Eisenhower as president.

November
The Ft. Worth Star Telegram thought it was odd the large headline November paper was Badgers 14-Rotans 13 the same week Eisenhower was elected.

December
Seventy people attended Trent's Community Club annual banquet. The Farmers and Merchants Bank were reported year end deposits at \$3,498,000.

January, 1951
Taylor County Commissioners, at the invitation of Merkel commissioner, C.R. Tittle, surveyed local roads for work needed.

February
Pioneer Methodist held formal services honoring the church's facelift.

March
Mrs. Alice Coats, who moved to the Mulberry Canyon area in 1879, was buried here. PFC Alton Bell, of Trent, was killed in action in the Korean Conflict. Taylor Electric's tenth annual meeting drew 900 here.

April
A full page ad ran in the Mail and sponsored by local businesses said, "We Want Rain". The La Sista Hotel opened here. A fire downtown damaged five local businesses.

May
Emerson Derrington, Borden Perkins, Carlton King, E.W. King, Lewis Spratlin, Byrd Hughes and Frank Meritt won \$1,000 cash prizes for their work in conservation. Dorothy Perkins was valedictorian and Annette Newton salutatorian as Merkel High graduated 38 from the class of 1951.

June
High winds and rain caused about \$10,000 in local damages here.

July
James O Kemper of Merkel, received the Purple Heart for injuries received in the Korean Conflict. Riggs Shepperd, manager of Taylor Electric, was named to the national REA office and Lester Dorton was named manager. Merkel pioneer, J.W. Teaff, was buried here. Ronald Reagan and Rhonda Flemming starred in "The Last Outpost" at the Queen Theatre.

August
The Merkel faculty was completed as the 34 teachers got ready for a new school year.

September
School enrollment was set at 715. A pioneer woman, Mrs. Susan Doan, was buried here. FM Rd. 126 South improvements were announced. The new road was built from Mbia to the Nolan County line.

October
Roy Largent was named head of the American Hereford Association. The first well drilled in city limits started on the Horton lease.

November
PFC William G. Frazier, of Merkel, was awarded a Purple Heart for wounds suffered in Korea.

December
Sessions Hammond, George Starbuck, Kenneth Moore, Johnny Hammond, and Bobby Mayfield were awarded their Eagle Scout pins.

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 The residence of such Executor is Long Beach County, California. The post office address is:
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 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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Mrs. Alf Walla also attended. They visited Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Wheeler where Thomas is a law student at Southern Methodist University. Mrs. Wheeler being the former Donna White.
 Maureen White, treasurer of the Woodmen Grove 6563 Merkel, was elected delegate to attend the Woodmen of the World State Convention in Dallas, March 22, 23 and 24th.
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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.
 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.
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 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 19 day of March, 1981.
 Irene Crawford Clerk,
 326th District Court,
 Taylor County, Texas.
 By Judy Smith, Deputy.

TO: Beneficio Lopez 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 con-

servator with authority to consent to the child's adoption.
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 District Court,
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 By Jo Ann Lackey, Deputy.
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Play results

The Merkel High Drama Club competed in the district UIL One Act Play Contest Friday night at McMurry College and Billy Walters and Sheila Adair won honors for their role in the play.
 Evelyn Fowler is in charge of the Merkel High drama club and cast members included Walters, Adair, Ronny Powell, Rhonda Hurley, Christi Brady, Nina Morris.
 The crew included Mike Fisher, Shannon Boyd and Janet Schuknecht. Alternates were Judy Castille, Joan Fariello, Matt Merritt and Kyle Wolf.

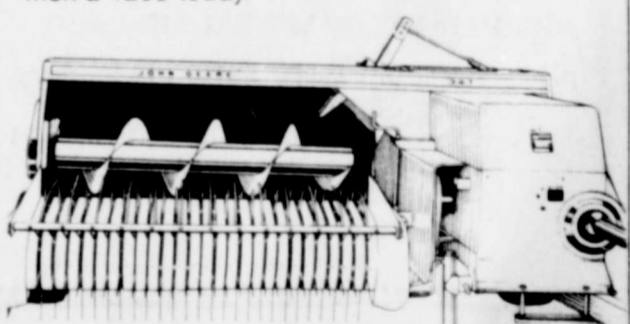
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Perkins-Biera wed in El Paso

Catherine Ann Perkins and John Biera Jr. exchanged marriage vows Saturday, March 14 at St. Patrick's Cathedral in El Paso, Texas with Rev. Ramon Duran officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald B. Perkins Jr. of El Paso. Mr. and Mrs. Juan C. Biera Sr. of Merkel, are the parents of the bridegroom. The bride was given in marriage by her father.

Mrs. Gordon Thigsen, sister of the bride, was matron of honor. Tracy Homard and Christina Biera, sister of the groom of Merkel, were honor attendants. Bridesmaids were Mrs. Rudy Biera of Abilene, Rosie Biera, Mrs. Frank Rodriguez both from Merkel, and sisters of groom, Cecilia Jeron, Becky Cox, Anne Sanchez, all from El Paso.

Rudy Biera of Abilene was his brother's best

man. Groomsmen were David Cordova, Oscar Bustamante, Bobby Sanchez, Dan Hudson, George Carasco, Tony Vea, Edward Cairo, all of El Paso and Frank Rodriguez of Merkel.

Jr. Bridesmaids were Michelle Valdez and Monica Rodriguez of Abilene. Ericka Valdez was flower girl. Steven Biera, brother of the groom and Zack Rodriguez were ring bearers. Joe Biera, brother of groom and Eddie Biera lighted candles.

The parents of the couple hosted the reception at the Travel Lodge Ballroom.

The bride graduated from Irvin High in El Paso and is a senior at the University of Texas at El Paso.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Merkel and is also a senior at the University of Texas in El Paso.

The couple will live in El Paso.



Mr. and Mrs. John Biera Jr.

Greenbugs attacking wheat

Greenbugs have increased to damaging populations in many wheat fields in the area.

The small aphid insect reproduces very rapidly between temperatures of 40 F to 60 F. The weather has been ideal for them while predator or beneficial insects do not reproduce rapidly until temperatures reach the 60 F to 80 F range.

Wet weather has also stopped or slowed down chemical treatment of the pests. It is recommended that fields be sprayed when populations of about 300 per row feet are found in wheat about six inches tall. Many populations are running almost 1000 per row feet in spots in some fields. Also, visual appraisal of the plants should be made to determine if spraying is necessary. If leaves are being killed and plant growth is being stunted, then control measures should be applied.

Symptoms that appear in fields are yellow to brown spots that first appear and then spread very rapidly. Plants then start dying and thinning out.

At present prices it would take a little over one bushel of wheat per acre to pay for one spraying. If damaging populations are left unchecked, then disastrous losses could occur.

Producers should check their wheat field every three days as greenbugs reproduce very rapidly and damage can occur in a few days time.

As if grain sorghum growers didn't have enough to worry about, they must now deal with the perennial villain, the midge.

The new greenbug, or aphid, labeled biotype E, was found in 1979 in the Texas Panhandle. Now it's a potential threat to the entire sorghum crop in Texas because it attacks sorghum hybrids that were previously greenbug resistant. It is known to exist presently in Northwest Texas from the Panhandle to Vernon, south to the Roby-Rotan area and west to the Midland-Odessa area.

"This means that Texas producers can no

longer depend on greenbug resistant sorghum hybrids for battling the tiny green aphids," points out Dr. Thomas W. Fuchs of San Angelo, area entomologist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System.

"It also means that producers need to check their fields more closely than ever for greenbugs—at least weekly from the time the crop comes up until it reaches the hard-dough stage. Spray programs at particular levels of greenbug infestations will become critical to reduce damage from the pest."

Insecticides currently recommended for greenbug control are effective on the new biotype. Fuchs notes that details on determining spraying needs are spelled out in the publication "Insect and Mite Pests on Grain Sorghum—Management Approaches" which is available at county Extension offices.

"Hopefully, sorghum hybrids that are resistant to the new greenbug biotype will be available in a few years," says Fuchs. "Texas Agricultural Experiment Station scientists have already identified sources of resistance in certain plants and are including these in their breeding programs."

While greenbug damage can be severe, the real culprit in sorghum production is the midge, a tiny orange colored fly that can reduce yields more than 90 percent.

According to Fuchs, the key in avoiding midge damage is uniform early planting of sorghum. Since midge only attack sorghum during the flowering stage, farmers that plant early usually escape damage to their crop because the pests have not yet increased to damaging levels.

Along with these two key sorghum pests, growers also need to keep their guard up for wireworms, white grubs, chinch bugs, headworms and seed-feeding bugs. It's enough to boggle the mind.

April named cancer month

The month of April has been designated by President Reagan as "Cancer Month." Cancer is a serious disease which affects 2 out of every 3 homes in America. Chances are that cancer will strike someone you love or perhaps even yourself.

You may help us in our Cancer Drive in two ways.

First, you may volunteer to collect mon-

ey on your block for the American Cancer Society. Over 60 percent of the money raised will be used right here in Taylor County.

Secondly, you may give generously when a volunteer calls at your door.

For more information, please call local chairman, Larry Gill at 928-5801.

The life you save, may be your own.

Tri-City sets baseball meeting

The Tri-City Baseball League will hold a business meeting April 6 at 7:30 in the Big

Country Inn. All coaches and officers need to make this meeting.

Brady gets scholarship

Miss Christina Lynn Brady, of Merkel, has been named to receive a Presidential Scholarship at McMurry College for the coming school year, according to Dr. Thomas Kim, McMurry President.

To be eligible for a Presidential Scholarship at McMurry, a student must graduate

in the top quarter of his high school class. A score of 21 or better on the ACT qualifies a recipient for additional Presidential Scholarship funds.

Christina is a May 1981 graduate of Merkel High School. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Brady, Rt. 3, Box 161 of Merkel, Texas.

Garden club holds meeting

The Garden Club met Thursday, March 19 at the Big Country Inn. Mrs. S. D. Gamble one of our dedicated members, was hostess with fifteen members present.

The President presided over the meeting and the roll call was

answered with hints on bedding plants.

It is time to plant gardens. Companion is important as well as saving space. Marigolds and garlic are good to keep insects out and also make the garden beautiful.

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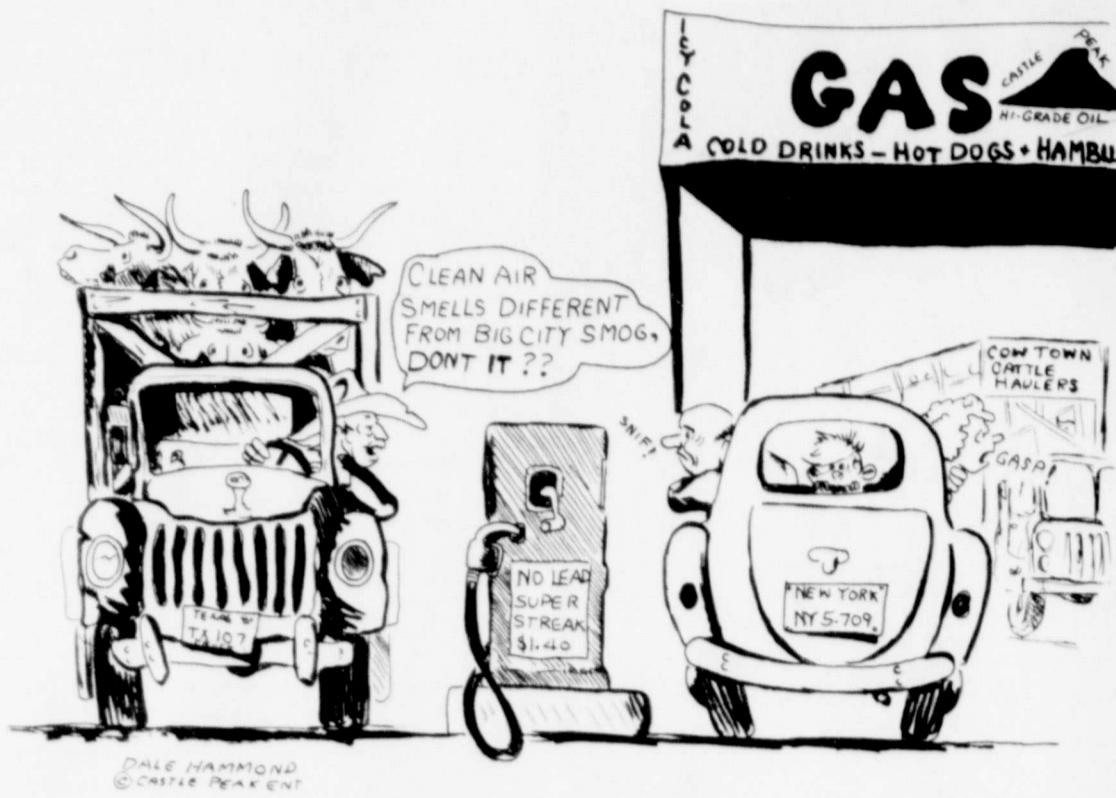
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The ladies of the Merkel Methodist Church hosted an inter-denominational luncheon at the church Monday. About 85 women attended the luncheon. (Staff photo by Cloy A. Richards)

Teen-age baseball here organizes

Representatives from Hawley, Tye and Merkel met at the Taylor Electric Coop conference hall Friday night, March 20th to lay groundwork for bringing Teen-age Baseball to Merkel. League President Bill Sloan explained to the representatives and other parents and teen-agers there, that the purpose was to bring the boys in to the program from 13 to 18 years old. Teams would be manned by boys in comparable age groups. This, he said, would eliminate the hazards of a 13 year old having to compete with 17 and 18 year olds.

Charles Crain, State Director, from Sweetwater, was there to explain the purpose and rules governing Texas Teen-Age Baseball and to field questions from the floor. He told the group that

the rules governing the game are primarily the same as those found in the National League Rulebook with the exception of pitching and tournament play.

Age brackets for Texas Teen-age Baseball are Junior-13, 14, 15, Senior-16, 17, 18 years.

Crain explained that tournaments could be scheduled at the local league level for fund raising. Play-off championship tournaments would be governed by TTAB Directors similar to State football championships, thus the entire team would advance instead of an all star team.

Registration papers can be picked up at Hicks Auto Supply or Big Country Inn. The next meeting is scheduled for April 3rd at Taylor Electric Coop at 7:30 p.m.

Little League registration form

NAME _____ Date _____

Birth day (Month) (day) (Year) Age _____

Address _____ Phone _____ League age _____

Weight _____ Height _____ Throws: Left _____ Right _____

We the parents of the above boy, give our approval for his participation in the activities of the Little League for the current season. We release the sponsors, officials, and the Little League organization from responsibility in case of injury or accident. All boys are covered with insurance for practice, games and travel by the league.

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REGISTRATION FEE \$8.00 (\$5.00 for insurance - \$3.00 for concession stand worker)

Carrie Bunch Lambert, 83, buried

Carrie Bunch Lambert, 83, of Merkel, a native of Erath County died at 10 a.m. Friday at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene after a long illness. Services were at 2 p.m. Saturday at Starbuck Funeral Home Chapel with Sherman Driggers officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Born May 9, 1897, in Erath County, she had lived in the Merkel area since 1939. She married Charlie Bunch in 1913 in Stephenville. He preceded

her in death in 1942. She later married William Lambert in 1971 in Merkel. She was a member of Calvary Baptist Church.

She was also preceded in death by two sons and two daughters.

Survivors include her husband; two sons Clyde of Dallas and Lewis of Abilene; three daughters, June Lambert of Merkel, Lois Gamblin of Abilene, and Margaret Ford of Odessa; a sister, Abby Oxford of Tolar; 15 grandchild-

ren; and 29 great grandchildren. Grandsons served as pallbearers.

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Tye news; elections, police work

What's Happening in Tye

By Harold Boyd
Glad to be with you this week again. Things in and around the area are somewhat quiet but in all we still are here in, where else, Tye, Texas.

Our apologies to pet owners in Tye and the area that showed up to get their animals their shots. The Veterinarian failed to show up on time due to his wife having emergency surgery in Abilene. His associate came out and gave some 32 pets their rabie shots. There will be another one in June, to be exact on the 20th of June from 1 to 3 p.m. Those that did show up, we appreciate your patience and thank you.

Last Friday evening many people enjoyed some good eating at the senior citizens Pot Luck Supper. They termed the supper a success and those that did participate, their grateful thanks.

Tonight at the Tye Municipal Building, on North Street, make it a point to speak to the candidates. Hear their views, what they intend to help in achieving and interest of the people, if they are elected. Only you can decide the future of the town, and the way it is done is to get out and vote. Voting will be on Saturday, April 4th at the Tye community center. If you are going to be out of town that weekend, vote at the city hall on an absentee ballot. What ever, do vote.

Have you had a fireman visiting you this week? If not contact either this writer or Chief Van Grup. It is very important to the community and the rural area that we offer protection to that we have any and all donations to complete the very much needed tank truck. Please read their letter, if you have any questions, feel free in calling on the numbers on the blue card and they will be happy to answer your questions. Then send what you can afford to.

Have you noticed less piles of dirt around town? Progress is being made in getting the town back into shape by the men of Logans Construction Co. Getting near the end of the sewer project and soon to be one great step towards progress in Tye.

Wish to thank the readers that have commented on our column of last week regarding our Chief of Police Don Parrack. As I had mentioned, I will bring you up to date on his activities. Looking at his log concerning his time, etc and keep you readers informed. Truly, we are getting our money's worth concerning the service that he provides to the city and citizens. He is dedicated, but at what risks? His health. In reality, Tye has a need for another officer or possibly two. Here are the cold facts of chief Parrack's log from March 1 to the 15th of this month. Looking over his time, not the 40 hours that he is paid for, but for the first 15 days, Don has put in a total of 274 hours providing protection to us. What has he done in these hours? The 1st two Sundays he solved 2 burglaries and apprehended the subjects and closed these cases. According to his log, he had 2 criminal mischief cases, 1 DWI, served 5

warrants, Public Intoxication cases- I believe my count was 12 cases, sexual abuse of a child, assault of a child, these cases have been cleared up are pending court action, 4 auto accidents. These accidents are or were directly a cause of failure to control speed and observe stop signs and if my math serves me right, some 30 or 40 traffic citations. Looking at these tickets, these were gross violations. That is speeding well over a few miles per hour, straight ignoring stop signs, etc. Chief Parrock could probably spend more time at home, but the demand of his services continue. There is a need for law enforcement here in Tye as well as other cities. I have noticed some extra calls that aren't logged in, such as prowlers, suspicious people, transients that come thru here and hang around, sleep where they can, maybe harmless but still people are leary of them. Being on the Interstate is not the best, crime can happen and down the Interstate they go. So far, this hasn't happened, but who is to say it won't? As I run my place of business, I watch this man, don't understand why he puts in all these hours for the type of salary he gets. I feel one thing, that he nor any other law officer would put in these hours. He needs help if we are to expect this service and protection. Next week I will report again on Chief Parrack's activities and lets see where we are. This is not to say that his court clerk isn't busy either. Your city council members met last week and authorized a 9 hour a week secretary for him, so as he can get his reports done, help Glenda out so as she can take care of her work or duties. Even the gals are behind, lets face the facts, Tye is growing and what is one to do? Let crime go on, or try to slow it down? The facts can be backed up, will you back him up? It is up to the citizens to keep law enforcement, here, there is a need now and in the future.

Elmer Patton is home from the hospital and it was great to visit him, our prayers to him in a speedy recovery. Brother Temple Lewis is under the weather, but still has time for his fellowman. Whether he is ill or what ever, he still has and gives of himself to others.

It's now Kim Bollin. Kim and Hoss were married Last Friday and we wish them well and congratulations. Dee Dee...remember what I said about you know what? ...don't fool with the bull or you will get the horns.

Wish to say to the students that found their home at the Rinky Dink over Spring vacation, that we enjoyed you all for that week. But oh mothers, we hope that we gave them something to do and a place to go to get them out of your hair. If you haven't been at the Rinky Dink, do come by and let me meet you. Maybe you can give me some news or just visit with us.

For another week, you all take care, get out this evening and meet your candidates at the City Hall at 7:30 p.m. and enjoy a cup of coffee. This event is being hosted by Tye's Blue Bonnets. Glad you could be with us this weekend and look at seeing you next weekend.



Rusty Toney, son of Mr. and Mrs. C.R. Toney is a junior MOC student at Merkel High. Rusty is employed at Walls and plans to attend welding training at TSTI.



Sam Anderson is a junior MOC student at Merkel High and is employed at Walls. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. D.E. Anderson.

Red Cross drive going well

Don Hart, local American Red Cross Chairman says "The response from the business area has been very good this past week. Various volunteers will be working the residential area this week with the drive ending on April 6. The support of the community will be greatly appreciated."

The American Red Cross is a service organization. In case of disaster, they would dispense workers immediately to our area. The Learn-to-Swim program is very popular and

Sr. Citizens singing set

The Senior Citizens will have their first regular Monday night singing on April 6, 1981. Everyone is invited to attend.

Teenage ball registration

Registration for Texas Teenage Baseball in Junior Division age 13, 14, 15 will be on Tuesday, April 7 at the High School Auditorium. Times for registration is from 6 to 8 and bring your birth certificate. Senior division will register at a later date.


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plans are being worked on to have the program here this summer.

During this past week, interest has been expressed in forming CPR, or Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation, classes. If there is enough interest in this program, the American Red Cross would bring it to Merkel. These are just a few of the ways that Merkel residents do, or could, benefit from the Red Cross.

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Trent News

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Budget belives in free market

by Eugene McAllister
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President Reagan's economic program, unveiled February 18, represents a remarkable reverse in federal policy. The tax cuts, spending reductions, and regulatory reforms are all based on the belief that the answer to our economic ills lies in a stronger private sector. Federal intervention is out, the free market is in.

The Reagan proposal consists of \$53.9 billion in FY 1982 tax cuts, \$44.2 billion for individuals and \$9.7 billion for business. The personal cuts are achieved by cutting all tax rates by 5 percent in 1981, 10 percent in 1982, 10 percent in 1983, and finally 5 percent in 1984. The business tax cuts take the form of a faster, and much simplified depreciation allowance on investment in physical capital.

As he pledged during his campaign, Reagan also intends to cut federal spending deeply. For FY 1982 the administration offers \$41.4 billion in on-budget cuts and another \$5.7 billion in off-budget program cuts. It further plans to raise \$2 billion by charging the beneficiaries of inland waterways, airports, and Coast Guard services. The cuts range from food stamps to civil service retirement, from student loans to daily price supports, from unemployment insurance to the business oriented Export-Import Bank. The muted criticisms received thus far suggest that the administration has succeeded very well in its desire to spread the cuts around.

Central to the Reagan plan is the desire for more savings, investment, and economic growth. The tax proposals are designed to increase both the resources available for investment and the incentives to invest.

The theory behind the program is that the cuts in the tax rates, by increasing the reward for work, saving, and investment will thus cause taxpayers to work and save more. For example, right now someone in the \$36,000 tax bracket would pay 43 cents in taxes on each additional dollar he might earn. Under the Reagan plan, by 1984, he would pay only 32 cents on each additional dollar. The eleven cent difference would not only increase the attractiveness of work and saving but also discourage the use of economically inefficient tax shelters.

The accelerated depreciation proposal, by permitting a faster investment in buildings, machinery, and other equipment. A greater return will lead to more investment which will in turn lead to faster and more efficient economic growth.

Critics of the tax cut charge that it is too large. They claim that it will bloat the federal deficit and that it will put too much money in the hands of the consumer. According to opponents, both of these outcomes will lead to higher inflation to opponents, both of these outcomes will lead to higher inflation.

There are several rebuttals. First, although the tax cuts are large, the administration also offers a largely off-setting spending cut. The net effect, after the revenue feedback of the tax cut, could very well be a smaller deficit. Secondly, the Reagan administration anticipates that a significant portion of the tax cut will be saved. This would not only weaken the consumer demand pressure on prices but also make it easier for the Federal government to finance the deficit without creating more money. Finally, regardless of the size of the deficit, we cannot have greater inflation unless the Federal Reserve unduly increases the nation's money supply. Federal Chairman Paul Volcker, with the support of the new administration, has vowed to maintain a tight control on the money supply.

Even more encouraging than the specifics, is the general direction of the program. Unlike so many past policies, both Democratic and Republican, the Reagan program is not a quick fix but a longer term plan for prosperity. The target date is not next month or even six months from now but rather several years into the future.

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shown a greater confidence in the market than any administration in nearly fifty years. Many of the spending cuts, such as Amtrak, synthetic fuels, and the Export-Import bank, were based on free market economic principles. The tax cut is completely lacking special deductions or credits aimed at encouraging or discouraging government selected activities.

The Reagan proposal is an extraordinary step in the right direction. Undoubtedly Congress will alter the tax proposal and fail to enact some of the spending cuts. The size and nature of the changes will depend in part on the president's political skills. However it is critical that the Reagan administration maintain a consistency in its dealings with Congress and Wall Street. It was the lack of this consistency which created many of the Carter Administration's problems. Fortunately it appears that the Reagan team has a very sure and strong notion of what it wants and how to get there.

SBA loans face reduced funding

In the budget revisions sent to Congress this week, President Reagan proposes to reduce U.S. Small Business Administration programs by a total of nearly \$3 billion over the next two fiscal years.

The Agency's financial assistance programs fall roughly into three categories:

- 1) Direct loans in which loans are made to eligible businesses using taxpayers money.
- 2) Guaranteed loans in which loans are made by private lenders and SBA agrees to reimburse the lender for up to 90 percent of any loss suffered.
- 3) Disaster loans, mostly direct loans made to victims of declared natural disasters.

All three of these areas will be impacted. Over the next two years, direct loans will be reduced by \$128 million, guaranteed loans reduced by \$2 billion, and disaster loans reduced by \$830 million.

The President also proposes to increase the interest rates on both direct loans and disaster loans. Direct loans are now made at a 9 1/4 percent interest rate and various disaster loans are made at rates varying from 3 percent to 13 3/4 percent.

In the overall proposals to reduce outlays in commerce and economic development subsidy programs, the President mentioned these cutbacks at "\$45 million in 1981 and \$116 million in 1982 by reducing direct lending of the Small Business Administration. Guaranteed commitments for SBA would be reduced by \$990 million in 1981 and \$1.5 billion in 1982. The decrease for SBA direct loan obligations for disasters is \$780 million in 1981 and \$50 million in 1982."

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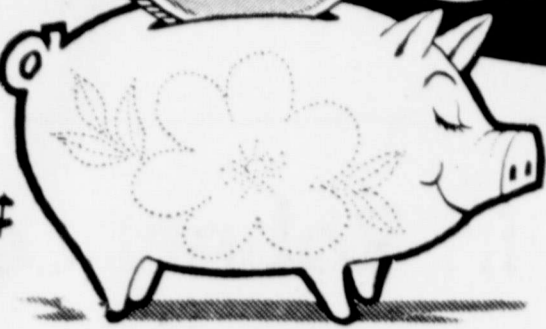
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