

The Merkel Mail

Thursday, June 11, 1981, Merkel, Texas...Merkel's 100th year

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The 1981 Adult Education Graduates from Merkel include (front row, left to right) Reiko Campbell, Margie Baker, Linda Hunt (back row, left to right) Glynn Melton, Robert Cunningham

and Frank Lanphear. Not pictured are Connie Aldrete, Sherry Williams, Sheri Dye and Jan Melton Williams. (Staff photo by Cloy A. Richards)

Council will try again next week

The Merkel City Council attempted to meet in regular session Monday night, but failed to reach quorum and the meeting was rescheduled for next Monday at 7 p.m.

Council member Larry Beasley is at National Guard Camp, Ted Smith is on vacation and Don Dudley worked late at Cal-Tex.

A delegation of residents of Humphreys Village appeared before council to question the recent

increase of water-sewer-sanitation rates, but no action could be taken on any of the requests because of the lack of quorum.

The meeting, next week, will include the WTU-City street light contract, a request from residents of Humphreys Village, paying of accounts, appointing members to the board of equalization, a request from the Tri-City Baseball League, request for a police car and the Taylor Electric rate increase.

Swim lesson registration at Mail

Registrations for the Red Cross Learn to Swim Program, scheduled for June 22 through 26, are now being taken at the Mail office.

Local Red Cross chairman Don Hart told the Mail the Red Cross would need six volunteer teaching aides. He said the aides should be able to identify the swimming strokes.

Classes will be held for one week, at no charge,

and the Merkel Country Club is providing the pool at no charge.

Classes will start at 8 a.m. each day and will be held for beginning swimmers, advanced beginners and advanced and intermediate swimmers. Children will not be allowed to stay in the pool before or after their class session.

Registration forms may be filled out at the Mail during office hours Monday through Friday.

Top news & events of 1921-20

by Cloy A. Richards

This week, the Mail is taking a look at the top news and events of 1920-21 as we keep working our way back to Merkel's founding in 1881.

January-1921

The city announced an 8:30 p.m. curfew for children under 16. The Butman gin was destroyed by fire.

February

A Salt Branch rabbit drive netted 1,500 rabbits.

March

The Butman well was abandoned. R.A. Burgess was re-elected superintendent of Merkel Schools.

May

The Merkel Masonic Lodge layed the cornerstone for the First Baptist Church here. Sewell Harvell was valedictorian and Lucille Russel was salutatorian of the 11 member class of 1921.

June

Abilene announced a big Independence Day celebration complete with car races.

July

Wheat production was 24 bushels per acre and local corn produced about 50 bushels per acre. Merkelite John Chadwick was murdered here.

August

Davis Beasley was charged in John Chadwick's murder. J.L. Vaughn, who served as Merkel's first T&P agent, died in California. M.G. King turned in the first bale of cotton.

September

Music, art and expression classes were held at MHS. Eight of Merkel's seniors of 1921 were attending college.

October

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Merkel news and views

by Cloy A. Richards

In about three weeks, the Department of Housing and Urban Development will be asked to release almost \$1.3 million in federal funds to the city for major work on city streets, water systems, water storage, housing rehabilitation and construction of a park and community center.

That's about the best thing since A&M beat TU in football last year, as far as this writer is concerned.

About 53 streets will be paved, 60 to 75 lots will be cleared or cleaned, housing and business codes will be instituted, water systems improved, as well as the water tower's refurbishment.

Work should be starting on the project on or before July 15 and that will make a darned good 100th birthday gift for the town.

Merkel's new girls basketball coach will be holding a basketball camp that will start here next week. More information is available from the school or Coach Lang.

Had a fairly dirty comment from a reader concerning last week's rabies story.

Merkel Vet Dr. Warren Dozier told the Mail last week he had just received word that a second case of rabies had been confirmed by state officials.

The reason the Mail ran the story was simple. What you don't know, can hurt you, in this case, kill you or your pet.

Rabies always seem to crop up in the late spring and summer and there are plenty of dogs, cats and other critters running loose around town that can easily transmit the disease.

There are two ways to fight back. First, have your pets vaccinated against rabies and then be

on the look out for strange acting animals, such as skunks.

Registration for the Red Cross learn to swim program will be conducted here next week and the Mail encourages all local children, at least 6 years old, that do not know how to swim, to enroll in the class.

Classes will be held at the Merkel Country Club and students will receive the class at no charge.

Fun Day is only three weeks away and ticket sales need to be improved. Money raised from this year's festivities will build restroom facilities at the park and your donations and ticket purchases are the only way the park improvements will be funded.

I did not get to attend the formal opening of the Big Country Arts this weekend because of a friends wedding in College Station. The grand opening went well as about 200 people attended.

If you did not get a chance to go Sunday, you should do yourself a favor and drop in sometime.

The gallery is full of local artwork and offers a splash of color as well as other mediums of painting and drawings.

The results of the Texas Assessment of Basic Skills Testing will be announced Tuesday at the monthly school board meeting. It will be a good chance for local citizens to learn first-hand how local children stack up with state standards in basic skills.

Buy those Fun Day tickets. Work should get started next week on the restroom facilities and now Merkelites have to get started paying for the facility.

10 complete Adult Education here

Merkel Adult Education proudly presents the first "10" Merkel Adult Education Graduates. When classes began in September, these students showed a desire and interest not to just pass their GED tests, but to receive their Competency Based High School Diploma from Merkel. The program was written and then presented to the Merkel ISD School Board for approval. Then it was sent to Texas Education Agency in Austin for final approval.

Linda Hunt, Sheri Dye, Sherry Williams, and Jan Melton Williams found it more convenient to go to classes during the daytime at the Abilene Adult Learning Center. Frank Lanphear, Connie Aldrete, Glynn Melton, Margie Baker, Robert Cunningham, and Reiko Campbell completed the program at Merkel.

Sheri Dye and Sherry Williams participated in the Merkel High School Graduation in May. The others received their diplomas at the Big Country Adult Education Graduation, June 9th at the

Civic Center in Abilene.

Through the interest of these adults and others, a Merkel Diploma is not offered to qualifying adults with the Merkel Adult Education classes. This newly developed program is designed for those adults who have not completed their high school education and have realized the value of an education. Their high school credits are used along with their scores on the GED Tests (High School Equivalency). There is a series of tests on Reading, Math, and Language Arts that must be passed with competent scores. The program provides instruction in required competency fields of Consumer Economics, Occupational Knowledge, Health, Community Resources, and Government and Law. Adults receive credit for their knowledge in these areas by scoring at a competent level in each of the areas.

Class will start back for the 1981-82 school year in September. The Learning Center is open in Abilene Mon.-Fri. From 8-5. For more information, call 928-5680.

Farmers harvest 13 million lbs. so far

The 1981 wheat harvest ran into some rough weather last week, but Merkel's two grain buyers, Jack South and Henderson Grain have combined to ship 13 million pounds of wheat as of Monday.

The price started last week at \$3.70 and fell to \$3.65 on Tuesday, where it remained through the weekend until going to \$3.76 Monday afternoon. Part of the higher price was due to hopes the Interstate Commerce Commission, which regulates rail freight rates, would act favorably on a request to bring the freight rates charged by Missouri-Pacific to the level charged by Burlington-Northern. Lower freight rates would mean a higher price at the elevator for the farmer.

Walt Whisenhunt, at Hende. on Grain, told the Mail Monday, Henderson had shipped 16 grain cars each containing about 200,000 pounds. He said deliveries to the elevator were slow Monday,

but were picking up. Whisenhunt said the high wind and rain has not done that much damage but said some of the more mature wheat may start laying over if not harvested soon.

He also said most of the wheat was testing at 12 percent moisture and said the railroad people "did us right" this year with the number of hopper cars available.

He expected the harvest to go full tilt for another two weeks and then the scattered fields would come in for the next month.

Janice South Hicks at South Elevator told the Mail Monday, they had shipped 30 rail cars and 70 semi-rigs of wheat. She also said they had taken in 9,819,660 pounds so far.

She went on to say the wheat was plenty dry for harvesting, most running at 12 or 13 per cent. She also said they had loaded 70 semis bound for Fort Worth, San Antonio and Houston and 30 rail cars so far this season.

Centennial t-shirts, caps on sale soon

Fun Day activities are taking shape as the town prepares for the second annual 4th of July celebration.

Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church will sponsor an arm-wrestling contest. Nu Corp Supply will be awarding t-shirts as prizes in the arm wrestling contest.

Ticket sales need to start coming in, as \$225 have been sold so far and sales of \$2,000 are hoped.

Merkel Centennial commemorative t-shirts and caps will arrive this week and be on sale starting next Monday at various locations in town including Ben Franklin and Merkel Mail.

Merkelites Jocille Brady and Salinda Giesler appeared on Etcetera on KTXS-TV, as well as John Roys and the Country Gamblers, Tuesday to increase area participation in Fun Day.

Ten bands have already scheduled appearances at Fun Day. Musical entertainment is being handled by Ray Pack.



Bernice Landrum looks over some of the selections at the Big Country Art Gallery as she and partner, Ruth Hogan formally opened the

new business here Sunday. About 200 people attended the ceremonious opening. (Staff photo by Cloy A. Richards)

Big Country Arts hold opening

by Cloy A. Richards

An oasis may be the most appropriate one word description of The Big Country Arts, an art gallery, supply house and teaching studio that was formally opened Sunday here.

According to owners Ruth Hogan and Bernice Landrum, about 200 people attended the grand opening here and what they saw was this area's most complete selection of art work accomplished by local and area artists.

Big Country Art's Gallery is designed to do just that. The Gallery is intended to be a showplace of original art in different art mediums.

The owners are accomplished and experienced artists in their own rights. Mrs. Jack (Ruth) Hogan has studied under well known artists for the past nine and one half years and has been honored with six solo exhibitions. She has sold

numerous paintings that are hanging in homes across Texas and New Mexico.

Mrs. Hogan is the wife of Jack Hogan and they are long time residents of the community. They have one son, Kenneth, who is married to Nancie and two grandsons, Kody and Ken.

Mrs. Jack (Bernice) Landrum majored in art at Hardin Simmons University and had worked as a professional artist for the past seven years. She has also participated in numerous shows and exhibitions. She is the wife of former Taylor County Sheriff Jack Landrum.

The facilities at Big Country Arts are large enough to hold workshops with a large number of participants and a full schedule of classes will be offered in the fall. Summer classes are being held and more information is available at Big Country Arts.

Top news and events of 1921-20

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Taylor County statistics showed 892 farms in Taylor County. The Mail reported W.M. Church Jr., a five year old, picked 106 pounds of cotton in one day.

November
Trent Home Bank was organized. Local oil supporters met to raise another \$6,000 to \$7,000 to take the Stith Well to 3,500 feet.

December
Harry Tucker, of Merkel was killed when the team he was driving got excited and turned over the wagon. The Mail ran a front page letter from members of the Klu Klux Klan 137-Merkel. The letter was unsigned. The Merkel Klan held a parade Dec. 22, here.

January-1920
The Mail reported annual rainfall from 1919 at 25.84 inches or about eight inches above normal. The Sears well in the Noodle Creek area started producing. Oil men from Iowa and Kansas began taking closer looks at oil properties here. Tayco Oil and Gas announced they would drill a well near Trent.

February
The Mail ran a feature with Henry Askey, who was working at the Merkel Lumber Company, about his experience being aboard the Tuscania, which was sunk by a German submarine.

March
The Bland well here showed potential of producing. Crews decided to take the Sears well further down. The Mail ran a front page photo of the Badgers championship basketball team. It was the first photo in three years.

April
The MHS facility suffered about \$2,850 in damages from a fire. Jack Anderson, a former

county settler was here and told the Mail editor about killing his first buffalo about six miles south of here.

June
The F&M Bank here reported assets of \$760,000. Drilling on C.R. Tittle's land in Trent started. Another former early day resident visited. J.L. Syphers told the editor he raised the first bale of cotton in Taylor County and it sold for eight cents a pound.

June
Agnes Rister was valedictorian and Julia McDonald was salutatorian of the class of 1920. Fifteen seniors were graduated.

July
Taylor County deputies shot up the wrong car near here after being informed of a car load of whiskey was on it's way here. The car shot up had two teenagers from Abilene and no whiskey. No one was injured in the incident.

August
Shirley King was named postmaster here. T.B. Stevens, presumed dead for a lengthy time, came here. He was a pioneer of the Noodle Community.

September
Six hundred students were enrolled at Merkel schools. The maize crop was set at two million pounds. Reese West turned in the first bale of cotton.

October
Burglars blasted open a safe at the Bradley Merchantile Company in Stith.

November
Mail subscriptions sold for \$1.50 per year in county. First State Bank in Trent reported assets of \$260,000.

December
The Anderson well five miles south of here reported initial production of 155 barrels per day.

Dunlap takes scholarship

Becky Dunlap of Merkel has accepted an academic scholarship award to attend Midland College this fall. The scholarship covers tuition, books and fees, and may be renewed for a total of two years.

The daughter of Jeff Dunlap and Gerri Dunlap, Becky has a 91.2 grade average in high school. She was president of the National Honor Society, the 1981 overall high point senior girl, outstanding English and accounting student as a senior. She has been active in Future Homemakers of America, VICA, Pep Squad Drill Team, and Choir. "We are pleased that Becky accepted this scholarship to attend Midland College," said Bill Burns, Midland College financial aids officer. "She has a distinguished record in academics and other school activities that should make her a valued member of the Midland College student body."

Ward completes training

Pfc. William J. Ward, son of James D. Ward of Boyd, Texas and Willette G. Hester of Wichita Falls, Texas, recently completed One Station Unit Training (OSUT) at the U.S. Army Infantry School, Fort Benning, Ga.

OSUT is a 12-week period which combines basic combat training and advanced individual training.

The training included weapons qualifications, squad tactics, patrolling, landmine warfare, field communications and combat operations. This qualifies the soldier as a light-weapon infantryman and as an indirect fire crewman.

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Ward's wife, Cynthia, is the daughter of Agnas Kirk of Trent. Tevebaugh to Alaska
Airman John L. Te-

vebaugh, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis G. Tevebaugh of 121 Runnels, Tye, Texas, has graduated from the U.S. Air Force weapon mechanics course at

Lowry Air Force Base, Colo. Tevebaugh will now serve at Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska. THE MERKEL MAIL-MERKEL'S 100th YEAR

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City will soon request release of 1.3 million in HUD funds

The city will soon be requesting the release of almost \$1.3 million in Community Block Grant development funds from the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Those funds will be applied to a wide range of activities here, designed to improve conditions for low and low-to moderate income families here.

The money will fund specific projects for water improvements, street paving, housing rehabilitation and energy conservation, code enforcement, demolition and clearance, parks, multi-purpose and family center, comprehensive plan as well as planning, management and administration. Total funding for the project is \$1,297,800.

According to the application papers filed by the city, the projects will serve at least 62 percent of the low and moderate income families here.

Water-related activities will fund 13,750 linear feet of 6 inch water line, two bore and encasements along the rail line, piping-valves-connections and fittings, nine new fire hydrants, refurbishing of the water tower and the construction of a new chlorination station. Costs for water projects is set at \$220,220.

Street paving projects will fund paving of 53 city blocks at a cost of \$424,000.

Housing rehabilitation funds have been set at \$250,000. That money will rehabilitate 50 units of deteriorated housing in the area with preferences in the first year north of the rail line and south of the line on the second year.

Energy conservation allocations are set at \$60,000.

Code enforcement will cost \$28,800 and will provide for preparation and adoption of housing codes, a survey of the target area for code violations, voluntary or legal enforcement of

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codes as well as ongoing enforcement utilizing 1 per cent of the city budget.

Demolition and clearance will fund removal of 16 vacant and dilapidated structures as well as removal of junk and debris from 60 to 75 lots at a cost of \$24,960.

Under parks, the project will fund development of a park at a cost of \$90,000.

A multi-purpose and community center will be constructed and will also serve occupants of assisted housing, low income residents and senior citizens. That project is set at \$75,000.

The grant will also provide funds for the creation of a comprehensive master plan that will include housing, land use, population, thoroughfare systems, community facilities, utilities and drainage, central business district development and historic preservation elements.

Under the planning, management and administration, funds will provide implementation, monitoring and coordination of project activities and housing assistance efforts.

Project application paperwork is on file at City Hall and may be inspected between 7:30 and 4:30 each week day.

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Bankers-Supers still undefeated

by Ronny Powell

This week in baseball spotlighted some great games. Here are the scores. Tuesday, game 1; Willies over the Pipers 9-3. Game 2; Vets handed the Greenbacks a loss 8-2. Thursday, June 4. The vets vs. Greenbacks and the Braves vs. Supers were cancelled because of rain. They will be made up later. Friday, game 1; the Bankers almost lost a game as the Killowatts were leading 3-0 late in the game. But the Bankers came up with 5 runs to hold off a Killowatt threat. game 2; Willies get by the Pipers 7-6. Monday, game 1; Killowatts cage a victory 11-5 over the Willies. Game 2; was a good one, the Braves lead the Greenbacks 4-2 in the 6th inning. The Greenbacks came up with 2 runs to tie it. But the Braves came right back in the 7th to score 7 runs off 6 unanswered hits, the game ended Braves 11,

Greenbacks 4, a wild game. In T-shirt action on Saturday the 6th, game 1 the Eagles sat down the Tigers 9-4, game 2; the Yankees got by the Angels 10-8. Back on the Little League; the Bankers and Supers will ram heads this Tuesday and Friday. Everyone ought to go out and see this match up. The standings look like this, as of Monday the 8th; 1. Bankers 10-0; 2. Supers 9-0, 3. Braves 6-3, 4. Vets 5-4, 5. Pipers 2-6, 6. Killowatts 3-8, 7. Willies 2-8, 8. Greenbacks 1-9.

This years race is something. But it's turning into a 3 team race. The Bankers, Supers, and Braves are all shooting for the crown. Good luck to them. T-shirts play on Saturdays at 6:00 and 8:00 p.m. and Little League play on Monday thru Friday, except Wednesdays, at 6:00 and 8:00 p.m. Come out and see these teams in action. Concessions are available at the park.

Oustad's donate color tv to Starr

We would like to express our sincere appreciation for those of you who helped with the recent projects for a piano and television for the nursing home.

We first want to thank Greg and Marijon Oustad for their donation of a new color television. It is a 23 inch Zenith with remote control and the residents have been enjoying it from early in the morning until late in the evening. This is one of the nicest gifts the nursing home has ever received.

Next we want to thank all of you who helped with the piano drive: M-M Gilbert Stautzenberger, M-M Hugh Wimberly, Mrs. Kitchens, Joyce Moore, Pearl McClain, Annie Mae Brenem, M-M Eldon Quinn, Tressie Lucas, M-M C.M. Brown, M-M Milton Payne, M-M Kent Satterwhite, Renee Perry, Dr. and Mrs. Thuy Tran, W.L. Pilgreen, Ollie Deatherage, Lillian Brenem, First Baptist Church of Merkel, First Baptist Church of Trent, Catholic Church of Merkel and John Roys and the Country Gamblers.

Many of you have heard that the piano was already paid for and we would like to explain this

rumor. Clarence Stroh, who owns the nursing home, had given \$500 so that we might go ahead and get the piano. Total cost of the piano and tuning was \$1107. Total donations from the above contributors was \$791. As you can see, the piano fund was \$316 short. This difference was made up with the \$500 which Mr. Stroh advanced to the fund. This leaves \$184 of Mr. Stroh's money which was not used. This \$184 will be used to purchase additional items which are needed for the lobby such as new furniture. It is the owner's goal to make the home as beautiful and comfortable as possible.

We do thank all of you for your generosity and for making these projects successful. Our thanks to each of you! We also apologize if we have omitted the name of any contributor from our list.

Most patients are doing good. The home has a new L.V.N. Her name is Barbara Lee. Mr. Adams and Mrs. Richardson are not doing very well. The patients enjoy your visits and appreciate small favors from friends and neighbors.

Tye Elementary honor roll

The Tye Elementary School Honor Roll is as follows:

First Grade: A Honor Roll: Becky Donaldson, Hope Ward, Mike Young, Michelle Gunney, Son Hui Chon, Glorietta Acosta. A-B Honor Roll: Wayne Bullock, Misty Johnson, Luis Gonzalez, Zac Walker.

Second Grade: A Honor Roll: Christi Moore, Billie Jo Dobiez, Crystal Arnold, Carolyn Hall, Richard Neal, Jonnie Seven, Kevin Watson, Johnny Wells. A-B Honor Roll: Amme Blair, Katina Neith, Eugene Van Gurd, Billy Kimbro.

Third Grade: A Honor Roll: Michelle Davis, Mi Hwa Chon, Lisa Donaldson, Jenee Kojas, Shawn Miller. A-B Honor Roll: Lee Kotlik, Mary Turner, Patricia Martin, Kevin Cooper, Greg Goodgoin, Sheri Miles.

Fourth Grade: A Honor Roll: Cissy Sever, Irene Alvarez, Mandy Bunselmeyer. A-B Honor Roll: Davy DeLeon, Kayce Ward, Shelly Hanks, Shannon Pence, Melissa Roys, Stacy Boyd, Mike Villarreal.

The Fifth Grade A and A-B Honor Rolls were not available.

Merkel High honor students

The Merkel High School Honor Roll is as follows:

A Honor Roll: Sal Acosta, Sheila Adair, Rene' Aiken, Mark Bland, Christi Brady, Vicki Campbell, Debra Carey, Judy Castille, Becky Dunlap, Walter Elmore, Mary Fariello, Norma Frazier, Ed Herrera, Kelly Knight, Randy Martin, Mary Moren, Connie Page, Melinda Riney, Stacy Seymore, Karla Terrel, Billy Walters. A-B Honor Roll: Pam Allbright, Angie Allen, Loyce Baker, Dusty Barnhill, Patti Bird, Shannon Boyd, Chris Brockmeyer, Whendy Brockmeyer, Tammie Cunningham, Cindy Doan, Darla Gartman, Jodd Gregory, Alan Glick, Sue Ann Harris, Rhonda Hurley, Brenda Hohhertz, Brenda Kinder, Judy Jinkens, Lonnie Jowers, Ty Nelson, Jackie Owen, Denise Pack, Bart Pursley, Ronny Powell, Brenda Rackley, Prasarn Sirintorn, Janet Schuknecht, Lori Sloan, Mark Turner, Angie Wells, Charlotte Watts, John Ybarra. This was the 6-weeks.

Semester: A Honor Roll: Sheila Adair, Rene' Aiken, Mark Bland, Christi Brady, Debra Carey, Becky Dunlap, Walter Elmore, Mary Fariello, Norma Frazier, Alan Glick, Ed Herrera, Brenda Hohhertz, Judy Jinkens, Kelly Knight, Melinda Riney, Stav Seymore, Billy Walters. A-B Honor

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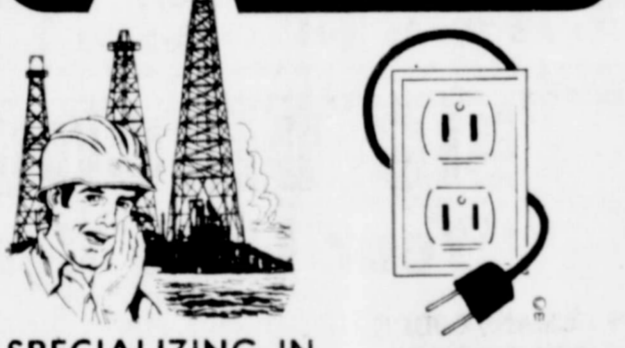
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CARD OF THANKS
We would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, flowers, calls and food, which we received during the loss of our dad. Your thoughtfulness and concern will always be remembered. God Bless You All! Ricky and Ken Elliott and Families. 12-1tp

We wish to express our thanks and appreciation to all our friends and church members, for the food and money that was given our way. And especially the prayers. We are deeply grateful to all. The Joe Dudley family 12-1tc

12-1tc

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO INCORPORATE
Notice is hereby given that Auto-Chlor System of West Texas, whose principal business office is at 738 South 11th, Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, intends, on or before June 1, 1981, to become incorporated without a change of firm name.
Dated: May 14, 1981.
Mike McPhail, Owner 10-4tc

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO INCORPORATE
Notice is hereby given that BARNHILL OFFICE EQUIPMENT, whose principal business office is at 1930 North First Street, Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, intends on or before June 1, 1981, to become incorporated without a change of firm name.
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Serving Merkel in it's 100th Year

Russell named New-Mac manager

New-Mac Electric Cooperative Board of Directors have announced a change in management. According to Board President, Ernest Nicoletti, Manager, Lee N. Embrey, relinquished his position at New-Mac Electric Cooperative, Inc., effective June 1, 1981. He will continue as a Consultant to New-Mac until August 15, 1982.

The Board of New-Mac announced that Jimmy G. Russell, Assistant manager for the past sixteen years, will assume the duties of Manager as of June 1st.

In 1955, New-Mac Electric had a membership of 5,579 with average KWH per member at 215 monthly. At the time Embrey relinquished his Manager's position, the Cooperative was serving a membership of 9,564 with the average KWH per month per member at 970.

The newly named manager, Jimmy G. Russell, is a native of Texas. He is a 1954 High School graduate of Merkel High School and attended College at Texas Technological College, the University of Arizona and Missouri Southern. Jim is the son of Mr. and Mrs. S.G. Russell, of Merkel.

Russell was employed by New-Mac Electric Cooperative in 1959 as Assistant Engineer and later Member Service Advisor prior to being named Assistant Manager in 1966.

Management of New-Mac Electric and the operations of the Electric Cooperative in relation to the Rural Electrification Administration, the Cooperative Finance Corporation and day to day operations have been a part of Russell's job for much of his career. Most of his 22 years at New-Mac have been spent in a management type position.



Walters scholarship

William Walters of Merkel has been awarded a \$300 scholarship through West Texas State University School of Business for the 1981-82 academic year. The WTSU School of Business has awarded more than \$15,000 in scholarships to beginning freshman students.

Wheat-soybean top crops

Texas farmers indicate they will plant a million more acres of crops this year, with wheat and soybean leading the way.

"How well they fare will depend on weather conditions and the marketplace," points out Dr. Carl Anderson, economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System.

The largest increase is in winter wheat, where acreage is estimated at 7.7 million acres. This is up from 6.8 million in 1980.

According to Anderson, the increased wheat acreage is due to a strong market last fall at planting time, the need for winter grazing to supplement drought-reduced forage supplies, and the opportunity to gain cash flow sooner in the year than from cotton, grain sorghum and corn.

While wheat grows over a large part of Texas, leading counties usually are Ochiltree, Hansford and Deaf Smith.

Soybean acreage may total 800,000 acres, up 100,000 from 1980. Interest in soybeans remains strong because the crop tends to offer lower production costs and is relatively free of crop pests.

Soybeans in Texas are grown along the Upper Coast, in the High Plains north of Lubbock, and in the Red River area of Northeast Texas.

Grain sorghum acreage is expected to decline 4.6 million acres in 1981, down from 4.8 million in 1980.

Grain sorghum, a statewide crop, has lost ground largely because expected returns for alternative crops such as cotton and corn have been competitive, points out Anderson.

Interest in growing corn, however, is being dampened by the high cost of irrigation water. After reaching a peak acreage of 1.8 million in 1977, growers are expected to plant about 1.4 million acres this year. Almost half of the state's corn crop is produced in Parmer, Castro, Hale and Lamb counties.

Although cotton acreage is expected to fall slightly short of the 7.85 million acres planted in 1980, the crop remains a favorite. More than half of the nation's indicated 14.415 million acres will be in Texas.

A major factor contributing to large plantings of cotton is the surging cost of pumping irrigation water, notes Anderson. With cotton, farmers can stretch water further and keep cash flow at a higher level than with grain sorghum or corn. Besides, the price of cotton has generally been more favorable than for grain sorghum or corn.

Rice, grown in 20 counties along the Upper Coast, remains an important Texas crop. Acreage this year is expected to climb to around 619,000 acres, almost 30,000 more than in 1980. Nearly all the rice is grown within 150 miles of Houston, where most of it is milled and packaged.

Although the price level of Texas rice has been reasonably strong, it is sensitive to year-to-year variations in world production and supply demand relationships. American growers account for just under 2 percent of world rice production but are responsible for about a fourth of the world rice trade.

With hay supplies short, harvested hay acreage is expected to rise to 3 million acres this year, a 330,000 acre increase over 1980, says the economist.

Peanut acreage is subject to some uncertainty because of the high cost of planting seed. Early this spring, farmers said they intended to plant some 315,000 acres, about the same as last year. Good peanut prices, resulting from limited stocks, will likely encourage growers to fulfill earlier planting intentions, believes Anderson. Five counties—Comanche, Frio, Eastland, Atascosa, and Wilson—account for half of the peanuts grown in Texas.

Lola Cox services



Services for Lola Cox, 78, of Merkel, who died at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday in West Texas Medical Center in Abilene after a short illness were held at 2 p.m. Thursday at the United Methodist Church directed by Starbuck Funeral Home with the Rev. Ray Elmore officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Born April 28, 1903, in Coryell County, she moved to Merkel at an early age. Her father, Dr. Marvin Armstrong, was a pioneer area physician. She married Johnny Cox July 12, 1924, in Merkel. He died June 7, 1970. She taught at McMurtry College and in Merkel Public Schools and was a member of the Garden Club and Study Club in Merkel. She was an active member of the Methodist Church.

Survivors include a niece, Mary Jo Berryman of Fort Worth.

Pallbearers were Frank Breaux, Johnny Hammond, Robert Malone, Gary Hicks, Mack Seymore and Ken Hozan.

Legal notices

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF HARRY GLENN CHAMBERS, DECEASED:

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of Harry Glenn Chambers, Deceased, were issued to me, the undersigned, on the 1st day of June, 1981, in the proceeding indicated below my signature hereto, which is still pending, and that I now hold such Letters. All persons having claims against said estate, which is being administered in the county below named, are hereby required to present the same to me respectively, at the address below given, before suit upon same are barred by the general statutes of limitation, before such estate is closed, and within the time prescribed by law. My residence and post office address are 649 East North 20th Street, Abilene, Taylor County, Texas. Dated this 4th day of June, 1981.

Betty Jo Cummins, Independent executrix of the Estate of Harry Glenn Chambers, Deceased, No. 15,029 in the County Court of Taylor County Texas.

12-1tc

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Jose Luis Rodriguez, 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 Christian Homes of Abilene, Inc., Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 29th day of May, 1981, against Jose Luis Rodriguez, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 5662-C on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Interest of Baby Boy Lopez, a Child", the nature of which suit is a request to Terminate the parent-child relationship. Said child was born the 23rd day of May, 1981, in Abilene, Taylor County, Texas.

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

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

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

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court at Abilene, Texas, this 1st day of June, 1981.

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

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A four-year omnibus Farm Bill has been formally voted out of the House Agriculture Committee that, if passed by this Congress, is in many ways unacceptable to U.S. farmers and ranchers.

Little league selling popcorn-candy

The Youth Sports Program for Merkel Little League is expected to be the best ever. Approximately 90 youngsters participated in it last year, 100 are expected this year.

Jimmy Leverich and a committee composed of: Pipers-Vicki Hays, Supers-Barbara Graham and Mrs. Autry, Greenbacks-Beverly Hobbs, Vels-Ann Smith, Braves-Mrs. Bowers, Bankers-Kathy Doan, Willies-Sharon Glaze and Bette Oler, Killowatts-Janie Massey, and T-Shirts: Eagles-Kathy Bland, Angels-Vicki Rodriguez, Tigers-Sandy Neith, Yankees-Katherine Whisenhunt, met on June 2nd, 1981 to announce that \$2400.00 is needed to enlarge concession and dugouts.

Merkel Little League plans to raise money by taking orders for decorative canisters. They will be offering 2 canisters, one filled with 16 oz. of pop corn and the other filled with 11 oz. of assorted candy. The attractive canisters filled with pop corn or candy are excellent to have around the house or can be used as a gift.

Let's buy one or more canisters to help the Merkel Little League reach their goal.

The sale starts Thursday, June 4 and ends June 11. Just turn in your order and pay when it comes in. Allow 3 weeks for delivery.

Mashburn's thanks

The family of Earl Mashburn and Merkel VFW Post 5683 would like to thank the following members of 3rd Corp Comm, Ft. Hood, Texas for participating in the military funeral services for Earl Mashburn: 2LT McKnight, Steven OIC; SSGT. McCoolley, Kenneth NCOIC Drivers; SGT. Mallon, Thomas J. Jr., NCOIC Pall Bearers; SGT. Siders, Kevin B. NCOIC Firing Squad; SGT. Bain, Ronald A., Bugler; CPL. Freeman, James H., Pall Bearer; PVT. Tucker, William E., Pall Bearer; SP-4 Warren, Jeffery, Pall Bearer; PVT. Cooper, Robert, Pall Bearer; PVT. Hannah, Fred B., Pall Bearer; SP-4 Cheatham, Roosevelt J., Firing Squad; CPL. King, Norman, Firing Squad; PVT. Castro, Alfred, Firing Squad; PFC. Sharp, Charles P., Firing Squad; PFC. Newbern, Daryl, Firing Squad; SP-4 Hill, Charles, Firing Squad; SP-4 Glover, Gerald J., Firing Squad; SP-4 Lane, Ulysses, Driver; Flag Folders. Family of Earl Mashburn and Merkel VFW Post 5683.

Recent cemetery donors named

Merkel Cemetery donations for June 2, 1981 are as follows:

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Guitar, Jr. in memory of Douglas Newman; Pet Touchstone in memory of Tom Green; Mrs. John R. West; Inez Detrick; Robert F. Reed; H. and G.P. Arnwine; Julia Lawson; Lewis Pence and Randal Stevens; Mr. and Mrs. Clay Cowger and Family in memory of Aura Ollar; Callie Anderson; Essie L. Phillips; Jane Smith; Genevieve King; Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Rister; Frank and Mina Ruffel memory of Mr. and Mrs. B.B. Reynolds, Mattie and Joe; Mrs. Neil Rupert; Mrs. Gordon Howell; Pauline Butman in memory of Mrs. Royce Dowdy; Mr. and Mrs. Lon Robertson; Bob Spence in memory of Ona Spence; Mr. and Mrs. D.L. Wohlford; Mrs. S.D. Gamble in memory of Lola Cox; Fred and Mildred Starbuck in memory of Lola Cox; Allen Higgins in memory of Lola Cox; Jewell Criswell in memory of Lola Cox; Dr. and Mrs. W.T. Sadler in memory of Lola Cox; Mrs. Judd McReynolds in memory of Lola Cox; Comer and Lucy Haynes, Nell Teaff in memory of Lola Cox; Rev. and Mrs. Russell McAnally; Evelyn Stribling in memory of Earl Mashburn; Mr. and Mrs. Jarrett Pinckley in memory of Lola Cox; Byers and Evelyn Petty in memory of Lola Cox.

Donations for June 6, 1981 are: Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Parker in memory of Lola Cox; Mr. and Mrs. Grady Knight in memory of Lola Cox; Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Pribble in memory of Lola Cox; Elmo Dick in memory of Lola Cox; Rose Davis in memory of Lola Cox; Ruth Cox in memory of Lola Cox; Mr. and Mrs. Birlie Wilson in memory of Lola Cox; Mr. and Mrs. Mike Hicks in memory of Lola Cox; Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Thomas in

memory of Lola Cox; Mrs. Irvon Thompson in memory of Lola Cox; Mr. and Mrs. Howard Laney in memory of Lola Cox; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Walker in memory of Lola Cox; Mrs. Evelyn Stribling in memory of Lola Cox; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Breaux in memory of Lola Cox; Mr. and Mrs. G.W. Hughes in memory of Lola Cox; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gregory in memory of Lola Cox; Mrs. Joe Holloway in memory of Lola Cox; Vera Ely and Ideen Ely in memory of Aura Ollar; Don Hart in memory of Lola Cox; Zoe Warren; Mrs. Boog Eyssen in memory of Lola Cox.

Reynolds visiting

Mrs. O.J. Reynolds and Bob went to the Amity Community in Comanche County to the Homecoming and Decoration day services on June 7. Mrs. Reynolds was surprised by the congregation singing Happy Birthday for her.

In 1897, the Amity Baptist Church organized the First Sunday in June as singing day and they have been

meeting on that day each year since. But for several years now, it has been called Homecoming and Decoration day. The cemetery was started in 1879, not so many all timers around now, but a lot of younger folks come back each year from different parts of the State, some still live in the community.

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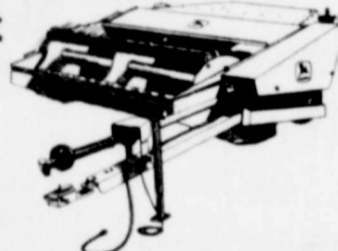
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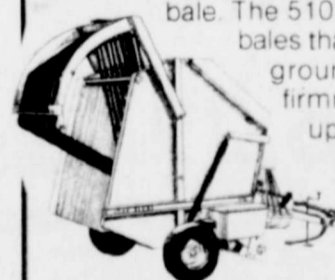
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Townsend engagement

Mr. and Mrs. J.O. Townsend are announcing the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Tammy Dawn to Billy Dewayne Sloan. The bride groom is the son of Barbara Johnson and Billy Sloan of Sweetwater and lives with his grandparents

Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Gregory of Merkel. The couple plans a July wedding. The bride is a Merkel High Student and the bridegroom is employed by Jims Welding Service. After a short wedding trip, the couple will reside at Suth.



Tammy Townsend and Billy Sloan

Hudsons hold reunion

The Hudson family held their 22nd annual reunion this past Sunday, June 7th at the Merkel Senior Citizens building. Those attending lived as close as here in Merkel to as far away as Union Town, Ohio. Those attending were: Miss Louise Hudson, Merkel, the oldest attending this year's reunion; Floyd, Lonita and Becky Stamps of Lubbock, Roena and N.C. Whisenant of Ft. Worth, Rex and Pauline Hudson of Rising Star, Bill and Countess Wright of Batesville, Miss., Charles and Ester Fairless of Corpus Christi, Jack and Jane Chaney of San Antonio, Don and Bonnie Powell and sons, Kenneth and Richard (Richard was the youngest attending the reunion) of Brownwood, Ted and Estelle Hudson of Rifling Star, Weldon and Lillie Hudson of Ft. Worth, Judy, Ken and Stephenie Hudson and Ramona Moore of Union Town, Ohio, Joe and Faye Alford of San Antonio, Steven, Jessie, Dwayne, Teresa Powell of Maryneal, Ida Mae Mills of San Antonio, Robert Higgins of Merkel, Chip Munday of Ft. Worth, Leland and Linda Munday of Ft. Worth, Lois Hudson of San Angelo, Marjorie Steadman of Ft. Worth, Clark Munday of Ft. Worth, F.B. and Willie May Riney of Slaton, Vada Hudson of Merkel, Lillian Powell and Ronny of Merkel, Becky Stamps of Lubbock, Thelma Gresset of Westbrook and Donald Gresset of Snyder. The Hudson's found that the family tree was being made and that so far the Hudson's go back to the early 1700's.

Tea honors Russell

A rosebud rice bag party was held in honor of Miss Danna Russell, bride-elect of Dwain English in the home of Mrs. Virgil Jones on Thursday, June 4 at 7:30 p.m. The yellow rosebuds were hand made and placed in white baskets by the guests.

Refreshments were served to the following guests: Mrs. Jerry Russell, mother of the bride, Robin Waites, Susan Wyat, Sheila Sloan, Cindy Smith, Sheila Adair, and Carla Rister. Hostesses were Mrs. Virgil Jones and Mrs. Freddie Toombs.

Legal notices

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO INCORPORATE AND TRANSFER

Notice is hereby given that The Kitchen Shop, Etc., a partnership of Evelyn C. Sleeper and Gloria G. Bentley, whose principal place of business is at 4693 South 14th Street, Abilene, Texas, intends on or about July 1, 1981, to be incorporated without a change of firm name. At that time, the entire assets of The Kitchen Shop Etc., a partnership, will be transferred to the said corporation, whose principal place of business will be at the same address, and the said corporation will become bound to pay the debts of the said The Kitchen Shop, Etc., a partnership. The said corporation will be solvent upon becoming so bound.

DATED: May 28, 1981.
The Kitchen Shop, Etc
Evelyn C. Sleeper,
Partner
Gloria G. Bentley,
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11-4tc

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Charles Farr, Defendant, Greeting: YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before, the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a

written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 20th day of May A.D., 1981, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 20th day of May A.D., 1981, in this cause, numbered 36,947-A on the docket of said court and styled The Citizens National Bank In Abilene, Plaintiff, vs. Charles Farr, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: The residence of the defendant therein is unknown to the Affiant and after due Diligence, such Plaintiff and Affiant have been unable to locate the whereabouts of such Defendant, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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

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

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this 20th day of May, A.D. 1981.

Attest: Irene Crawford, District Clerk.

42nd District Court Taylor County, Texas by Wilda Jones, Deputy 11-4tc

PUBLIC NOTICE

As of April 21st, this year, Rod Kennedy, of 212 West, Merkel, is no longer in partnership with D & B Electric. 12-1tc

Tejanitos downed

The Merkel Tejanitos and Abilene Pirates battled for eleven innings with Abilene scoring three runs in their half of the inning to take a 6-3 win. David Stout pitched 10 2-3 innings, allowing nine hits and striking out six batters. Tony

Biera relieved David Stout with two outs and two on and was tagged with a base hit that drove in two runs. Daniel Moreno and Ace Moreno each had two hits for Merkel. Merkel will play Santa Anna here in Merkel Sunday, June 14 at 2:00.

Avoid coffee?

Should a woman avoid coffee during pregnancy?

Researchers are investigating the question, and they're paying special attention to caffeine, says Cass Ryan-Crowe, a foods and nutrition specialist.

Dr. Ryan-Crowe is on the home economics staff of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

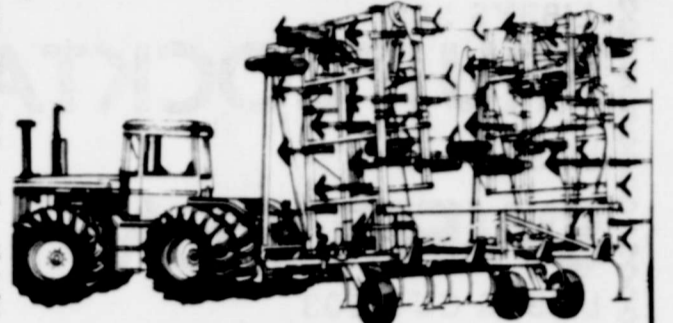
"Most researchers agree that coffee containing caffeine should be consumed in moderation," the specialist notes.

Part of their concern stems from reports that some women who consume eight or more cups of coffee a day have experienced repeated spontaneous miscarriages," she adds.

Whether caffeine was the cause of the miscarriages is not known for sure, yet, but researchers do know that caffeine in the coffee goes through the human placenta and enters the fetus.

So, for now, researchers are advising pregnant women to limit their intake of coffee and to be careful about their intake of caffeine overall.

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