

The Merkel Mail

Thursday, June 17, 1982...Merkel, Texas

25 cents



The bomb detection squad from Dyess Air Force Base was called to Carson's here Wednesday after the store received a bomb threat. Crack detection dog Napoleon and his handlers could not find a bomb in the store and the Merkel Police Department has no leads in the case. (Staff photo by Cloy A. Richards)

Fun Day getting closer

Merkel's third annual Fun Day is shaping up as another big event with this year's festivities planned July 3rd at the Merkel City Park. Again this year, there will be no admission charged but raffle tickets are being sold to raise money for new playground equipment at the park.

Ray Pack will again be master of ceremonies and he has lined up the Halfbreed, Jimmie Peeters and the Texas Tradition, Ronnie Underwood and the Texas Hat Band and a special surprise entertainer to provide music for the day long event.

Persons can get early chance tickets from ticket chairman Johnny Siarback, Hazel Pack,

Evelyn Martin and a Siarback's or Ben Franklin's.

There are still some spaces left for individuals who want to have garage sales-flea markets and craft booths and are available at \$7 per space. The spaces come as is and renters will have to provide their own shelters.

The Merkel Emergency Medical Service will be running Bingo games, the first will start at noon and run until 4 p.m. and then from 5 p.m. until 9 p.m.

Fun Day itself is scheduled from 10 a.m. until 10 p.m. and Fun Day has been known to go on longer than evening.

For more information or space reservations, call 928-5722, 928-5017 or 928-5407.

The rest of 1914 reviewed

Editor's Note: The following historical installment deals with the period of July 3, 1914 up to Dec. 31, 1914.

...Merkel's first train car load of wheat was shipped out at a price of 67 1/2 cents per bushel. The wheat belonged to W. H. Swafford and J. A. Woodard, both of Merkel.

...A former Confederate Captain, William Hawkins was buried here. He was the youngest brother of the governor of Tennessee. He had moved to Merkel in 1908.

...The F & M Bank here announced it would construct a new facility here and that it had assets totaling \$325,000.

...The Merkel Telephone Company announced it had recently completed 7 miles of line construction and had added 23 farmers South of town to their subscriber list.

...Jum Toombs was elected public weigher and T. R. Lassiter won the county commissioner's seat from the Merkel area.

...The Merkel City Council declared it a misdemeanor for any car or motorcycle not to be

equipped with a bell or sounding device and a lamp on their vehicle.

...W. A. Cozart, an early day settler and father of a man that invented a maize thrashing machine was buried here. He had moved to the Merkel area in 1890.

...Merkel schools announced their total enrollment of 359 students.

...Miss Dorothy Collins of Merkel narrowly escaped death, the Mail reported, when a runaway horse team crashed near West Hardware. The incident was witnessed by about 15 people.

...Merkel cotton farmers had tinned in nearly 13,000 bales of cotton at the end of the year.

...The Texas and Pacific Railroad decided to expand operations for their Merkel station after the company reported a 26 per cent increase in passenger tickets and a 13 per cent increase in freight rates.

...Throughout the year, the Mail reported on the German-Russian fighting that led to America's entry into World War I.

Weddings, rain, bomb...more

by Cloy A. Richards

Two weddings in a row. Melanie's brother Matt will be married Sunday in San Antonio and Glenn and Suzy's wedding and Richards-Ray Family reunion will be next weekend near College Station.

Needless to say, the ol' Chevy will be getting quite a workout over the next two weekends.

What I am trying to figure out is how Matt and Glenn ended up with the two ladies they are being married to.

They are just lucky, I guess.

A lot of local wheat farmers had some very anxious moments Friday evening as threatening weather and a spotted rain that ranged from 20 to 1.5 inches stymied through the area, accompanied by high winds and threats of golf-ball sized hail.

Most local wheat, we have been told, was not damaged, but it was a close call.

As it turned out, the rain just caused one more delay in the harvest and helped out the cotton

farmer that had already planned.

Speaking of close calls, talk to Carson's Supermarket employees.

They received a bomb threat around noon last Wednesday and the bomb detection squad from Dyess Air Force Base, led by crack canine Napoleon, inspected the building and Napoleon could not sniff out a bomb. Napoleon was in good form though, he did alert on the training device his handlers had placed inside the building, just to make sure the ol' snout was working.

The Merkel Police and Fire Departments did a good job of evacuating the area until the all clear was given.

Merkel's Fun Day at the City Park is less than three weeks away and people that want space reservations at the park best make those plans known pretty quick.

More information is available from Martha Sue Justice or The Merkel Chamber of Commerce.

Board hears test results...more

The Merkel school board heard Tuesday morning a preliminary report on the new tax evaluations from the county appraisal district. heard a request to reinstate baseball at MISD. heard the results of the TABS testing and accepted five resignations at their monthly meeting.

Board members also decided to use the county tax office to collect school taxes.

In a preliminary report from the Taylor County Appraisal District, the board learned appraisals on MISD property would leap from \$89 million to \$132,500,000 for the 1982-83 school tax base. The figure does not include any value on financially troubled Nu Corp Supply so if the company does fold, the budget for the 1982-83 school year will not be affected.

MISD's budget for the next school year is being estimated at \$2.5 million. Budget hearings will not start until July.

MISD voted to allow the county tax office to collect MISD taxes. MISD superintendent Bill Averette told the board they would pay \$6,000 for the county to collect the tax, plus postage of around \$2,000. MISD tax collector Patsy Blair will be hired as a secretary at Tye Elementary.

The board heard here is still about \$240,000 in delinquent school taxes but Averette told the board some of the past due accounts have been recently collected.

Board members also heard the MISD students performed better overall on the recent Texas Assessment of Basic Skills tests. The tests are given to 3rd, 5th and 9th grade students across the state and are designed to provide

educators a look at areas that may need special emphasis. The Mail will have a detailed report on those results next week.

A three man team appeared before the board to ask the baseball be reinstated here. They presented the board with 100 names on a petition and said they could raise the money to equip the team, about \$2,000. The group also said the field and its maintenance and upkeep would be provided at no cost.

The board instructed the superintendent to contact the UIL to receive the guidelines for baseball. The school must apply before October 15 to get into a district but time may be shorter. Baseball's costs should also be included in the budget. This must be approved before September 15.

The board did say they would feel better about starting baseball here if the money to start the program was donated prior to the deadlines mentioned. The board did agree the school should place more emphasis on tennis-golf and baseball, if they choose to start the sport.

The board decided to move one more portable building to the elementary school campus to help ease the overcrowding on that campus.

The board denied a request to use an MISD bus to transport participants in the summer track program to the regional and state track meets. Also, the board accepted five resignations. They came from Diana and Barry Beverly, Michael Thomason, Milly Bright and Shirley Maddox.

The board rehired Terry Nalley as the middle school librarian.

Council collecting past due accounts

The Merkel City Council voted Monday evening to go tough on past due water accounts, posed a reward for identification of vandals that damaged restroom facilities at the City Park and voted to publish a monthly accounting of the Merkel Police Department's activities.

Council also heard from the owner of the Cook Laundry and car wash here about keeping people from parking in her parking lots.

On June 8th, vandals cut copper tubing, scribbled graffiti on the walls and filled the commodes with rocks at the city park. Jake Martin and Sewar Bishop have each paid \$25 for a reward for the conviction of the vandals. The restrooms are currently being repaired.

Any information on this case should be given to the Merkel Police Department.

Mrs. Pruitt, owner of the local laundry and car wash appeared before council to see what she could do about keeping cars from parking on her property. She said she had recently posted signs saying cars will be towed away if they are left unattended and Merkel Police Chief Jerry Cowin told her as long as the signs were posted, his department could remove cars and instruct those not using the facility to move on. Mrs. Pruitt said she had nothing against young people but she did have a business to run and felt that being used as a gathering point was detrimental to her business.

Council approved a HUD draw down request

for \$10,706.86 in the continuing community block grant.

In other action, council learned they had received another \$50 donation for paving around Heritage Hall. Council also heard the Title 3 Nutritional Program was going well and has fed as many as 76 people. They are also delivering about 15 meals per day to shut-ins and the disabled.

The program is funded through the West Central Texas Council of Governments through the Texas Department of the Aging. The program is open to all people over 60 years of age and the disabled or handicapped. The only in-home deliveries of meals that will be made are to the disabled or handicapped. Council also was presented a listing of past due water-sewer sanitation accounts and decided to go tough on collections. Council passed a policy and voted to notify the public that any account over 60 days past due, that arrangements have not been made to pay the account off, will have their service disconnected.

Council said they depend on water-sewer-sanitation revenues for local revenue and said the past due accounts would be collected.

Council also instructed Chief Cowin to make a monthly report of police activities available to The Merkel Mail.

Women in Hamlin

A very informative summer workshop for Mesquite District Federation of Women's Clubs was held June 8 at the Hamlin Senior Citizens Center.

Mrs. Morris Snyder of Moran presided. Highlights of the state convention was presented by Lena McGee, Erma Liles and V. Marie Smith. Marie-a Windham directed the public affairs workshop while the discussion on yearbooks was directed by Mary Ann Snyder and Sheri Mitchell.

After lunch, Juanelle Snyder presented a salute to the federation. Reposing was given by Ruby Hammond and the round table discussion was directed by Mrs. Snyder.

The program closed with a singing of musical goodbyes directed by Erma Liles.

Those attending from the For-nighly Study Club were Ruby Hammond, Alwne Sandusky, Alice King, Lucille Wilson and Edna Hill.

Attending from the 81 Study Club were Goldia Malone and Catherine Winn.

TSA says buckle up

Enjoy safe and happy driving this summer by buckling up seat belts, urges the Texas Safety Association (TSA).

"Make it Click-Buckle UP" is a national campaign in which volunteers across the country will be asking people to sign pledges promising to buckle their safety belts and put their children in child safety seats.

According to National Safety Council statistics, every year and estimated 1.8 million motor vehicle occupants are injured and more than 35,000 are killed in motor vehicle crashes. In Texas, 4,701 persons were killed in 1981 and more than 200,000 injured in motor vehicle crashes, according to Department of Public Safety statistics.

Ward says a pledge to buckle-up is the first step toward commitment. "We hope once people become comfortable wearing seat belts during their pledge period, they will make it a lifetime habit." Increased seat belt usage will save lives according to National Safety Council statistics.

For further information on the campaign, contact the Texas Safety Association, P.O. Box 9345, Austin, Texas 78766.



Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Hunter of Merkel, were recently installed as most worthy mayor and patron of the local Order of the Eastern Star.

Newsbriefs

Allen is new methodist pastor

Joe B. Allen Jr. has taken over as pastor of Merkel's First United Methodist Church effective June 1st.

Rev. Allen comes here from Throckmorton. His wife, Laurae is a native of the Rotan area and was graduated from High School in Sweetwater. Rev. Allen grew up in Sweetwater.

Their son, Neal, is a recent graduate of Throckmorton High School where he was valedictorian and will attend Texas A & M University this fall.

Rev. Allen was graduated from McMurry College and the Aliff Seminary in Denver. He was ordained as a deacon in 1960 and finished the seminary in 1963. He served his first student appointment in 1957 in the Abilene Council.

He has held pastoral positions in, what he termed, most of this area.

He said he has received a very good response from the congregation of the church so far and said he was happy with the facilities here, especially the multi-purpose annex. Rev. Allen told the Mail Monday, "I came here not with a program, but with the expertise to start programs the church decides it wants."

He said he was looking forward to next week's vacation school for the young people and said he follows a long line of pastors that have served the

church well. He also said it is a definite asset to have two former pastors of the church living in the community.

Rev. Allen is a hobby photographer and has served as the official photographer of the Throckmorton Stock Show. His civic endeavors include Lion's Club, Kiwanis Club, 4-H, American Cancer Society and the Salvation Army.



The Rev. Joe Allen Jr.

Bingo set

Tye Volunteer Fire Dept. will start Bingo Thurs. at the Tye Volunteer Fire Dept. from 7 until 10 every Thursday night.

Stevens, Carroll's on list

John Stevens, a Senior at McMurry College from Trent, has been named to the dean's list. Stevens carried a 4.0 average. James Byron Carroll, also of Trent, also carried a 4.0 average and was named to the dean's list. Carroll is also from Trent.

Barbara Carrol of Trent also made the dean's list with a 3.62 grade average.

Boyd-Elmore on list

Two students from Merkel were named to the dean's list at Texas Tech.

James A. Boyd and Walter O. Elmore earned that honor by carrying at least a 3.5 average.

New gym hours

The Merkel Middle School gym has new hours it is open to the public.

The gym will be open from 6-9 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, and from 4-6 p.m. on Wednesday.

Ladies softball

There will be a meeting for all managers and coaches for the women's softball league at Taylor Ele-

tric Co-Op on June 22 at 7 p.m. Persons interested in joining the league must be present at the meeting.

10 year reunion set

The Merkel High Class of 1972 has set their 10 year reunion this year during Homecoming, Sept. 17 and 18.

Members of that class are urged to send their address to Debbie Doan, Box 325 Merkel or call her at 928-5004 or Danny and Jeannie West, Rt. 3 Box 6, Merkel-928-4754.

Stith musical set

The Stith Country and Western musical will be Saturday night at 7 p.m. at the Stith

Community Center. The snack bar will open at 6. All area bands and musicians are invited to attend.

Truby homecoming

The Truby Homecoming will be June 19 at the old Truby school building. Come and bring a basket lunch and a friend and stay all day.

Correction

In last week's obituary for local businessman Bill Black, his mother's name was inadvertently left off of the list of survivors. Her name is Nora Black.

The Mail regrets that error and apologizes for any inconvenience that may have caused.



America saw its first popular newspaper when the "Penny Press" made its appearance in the 1830's. The first successful penny paper was the New York Sun.



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Pictures in

The pictures from the 8th grade graduation are in and may be picked up at the MISD administration office.

Ladies night

The Lion's Club Ladies Night will be held June 17 at 7:30 p.m. at the Merkel Heritage Hall.

Don Newbury, the President of Western Texas College in Snyder will be the guest speaker. Merkelites will remember Mr. Newbury from having the pleasure of hearing him speak at the Chamber of Commerce Banquet and also the Teachers Luncheon.

Visitors

Mrs. Bonnie Sisk of Odessa spent the weekend before last with Mrs. O.J. Reynolds and Bob and they all attended the Amity Homecoming in Comanche County.

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4240	3,800	2,300
4040	3,600	2,200
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THE STATE
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To: Debra Elizabeth
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Greeting:

You are hereby com-
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ff's Petition at or be-

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nce of this citation,
same being Monday
the 26 day of July,
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o'clock A. M. before
the Honorable Dis-
trict Court of Callahan
County, Texas, at the
Court House of said
County in Baird, Tex-
as.

Said Plaintiff's Peti-
tion was filed in said
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November A. D. 1981,
in this cause, number-
ed 13,550 on the dock-
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syled, Tony Randall
Moore, Plaintiff, vs.
Debra Elizabeth Mo-
ore, Defendant.

The name of the
parties to the cause
are as follows:
Tony Randall Moore
are Plaintiff and De-
bra Elizabeth Moore
are Defendant.

A brief statement of
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Pitt-Gibbs wed in Allen

Sherry G. Pitt of Allen and Brian R. Gibbs of Richardson were married June 5th at St. Mark's Catholic Church in Allen.

She is the daughter of Frankie L. and Janell Spradling. The groom is the son of Phillip and Rosemary Gibbs of Richardson.

The bride's maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Tom Seymore of Merkel and Mr. and Mrs. T. O. Spradling of Everman.

The bride wore a handmade gown created by Mrs. Seymore.

The bride was graduated from Allen High School in 1977. She works for International Oil and Gas Corporation of Dallas in the accounting department.

The groom was graduated from Pierce High School in Richardson and is employed by Standard Food Distributing as a supervisor.

After a wedding trip to Hawaii, the couple will live in Dallas.

Martin reunion held

The children of the late Ed & Claudia Martin met on June 5th for their annual reunion at Heritage Hall.

Those attending were: Eula Morgan, Bille and Mack Bridges, Jerry, Vicki & Cindy Morgan-Lubbock, Linda and Jill Carey-Plains, Pat McGee-Hobbs, Hazel and R.O. Payne, Billie Freeman, Robbie Freeman-Trent, Ann, Steve, Teresa Leverich, Debbie, Lonnie, Heather & Amanda Liggins of Merkel, Tim, Sue, Kyle & Christie Martin-Abilene, Jack & Syble Martin, Bobby & Willie Martin-Abilene, Bill Martin-Merkel, Zeb & Nina Sumpier-Breckenridge, Zeb & June Sumpier, Randy, Brenda, Sumpier, Sam and Debbie Sumpier-Graham, Bonny, Jerry, Leslie & Lori Brockman, Coahoma, Larry, Debbie Allen, Glenda & Timothy Sumpier-Throckmorton, Christine Dilz, Judy, Cody Guynes and Evelyn Martin of Merkel.

The oldest person was Zeb Sumpier and the youngest was Timothy Sumpier. The one traveling the farthest distance was Pat McGee.

The family says if you are planning a family reunion-try Heritage Hall.

Hendrick's 50th fete set

Ernest H. (Burr) & Madie L. Hendricks Sr. of 505 Runnels here will be honored by a reception in celebration of the 50th wedding anniversary. The reception will be held at their home June 20th, hosted by their children.

Hosting the reception are Ernest H. Hendricks Jr. of Longview and Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Hendricks of Merkel.

The couple met and were married here, June 22, 1932. He is a retired carpenter and they are Baptists. He also is a Mason.

The couple has six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.



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Given in marriage by her father, the bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Aiken of Merkel.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Wells of Tye.

Mrs. Lloyd Dail of Fort Worth, sister of the bride, was matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Janice Jacobs and Nancy Click of Merkel.

Amanda Gilbreath of Winchell was flower girl. Sonia Wells of Tye, sister of the bridegroom, and Steve Forbus of Carbon were candlelighters.

Jeff Toombs of Merkel was best man. Groomsmen were Marlon White and Johnny Wells, brother of the bridegroom, both of Tye.

Lloyd Dail of Fort Worth and Brad Butler were ushers.

The bride's parents hosted the reception at United Methodist Church. Parents of the bridegroom hosted the rehearsal dinner at their home.

The bride is a graduate of Merkel High School and employed at the Big Country Inn.

Also a graduate of Merkel High, the bridegroom is employed by Merkel Well Servicing.

The couple will make their home in Merkel following a wedding trip to Galveston.



Mrs. Kenneth Wells

Boy Scouts in New Mexico

Thirty Boy Scouts, including a delegation from Merkel, built trails and learned leadership skills in the Lincoln National Forest May 29 through June 5th.

The week was designed as a troop leader development course but a service project to rebuild the "Bluff Springs Trail" was included. Under the direction of troop leaders and Forest Service Rangers, the project was completed in one day and accomplished about \$2,500 worth of work.

Those attending from Merkel included Christopher, Leonard Neith, Joe Miles, Bill Adams, Brian Gary.

Stith group visits

The Stith Extension Homemaker's Club had a fun day and picnic June 9.

The group visited Nelson Park, the Abilene Zoo, Baskin - Robbins and the Westgate Mall.

Members attending included Margaret Dickerson, Louise Hudson, Vada Hudson, Hazel Lay, Daisy Mashburn, Genoa Shaw, Annie Lee Sledge and four guests - Mrs. Beri Mashburn, Cody King, Trish Newsom and David Thomas.

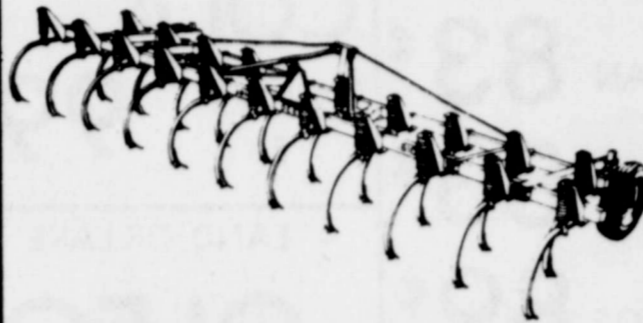
Their next meeting will be held June 23 and the club is planning a garage sale June 25 and 26 at the Stith Community Center. Proceeds from the sale will help repair windows at the center.

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