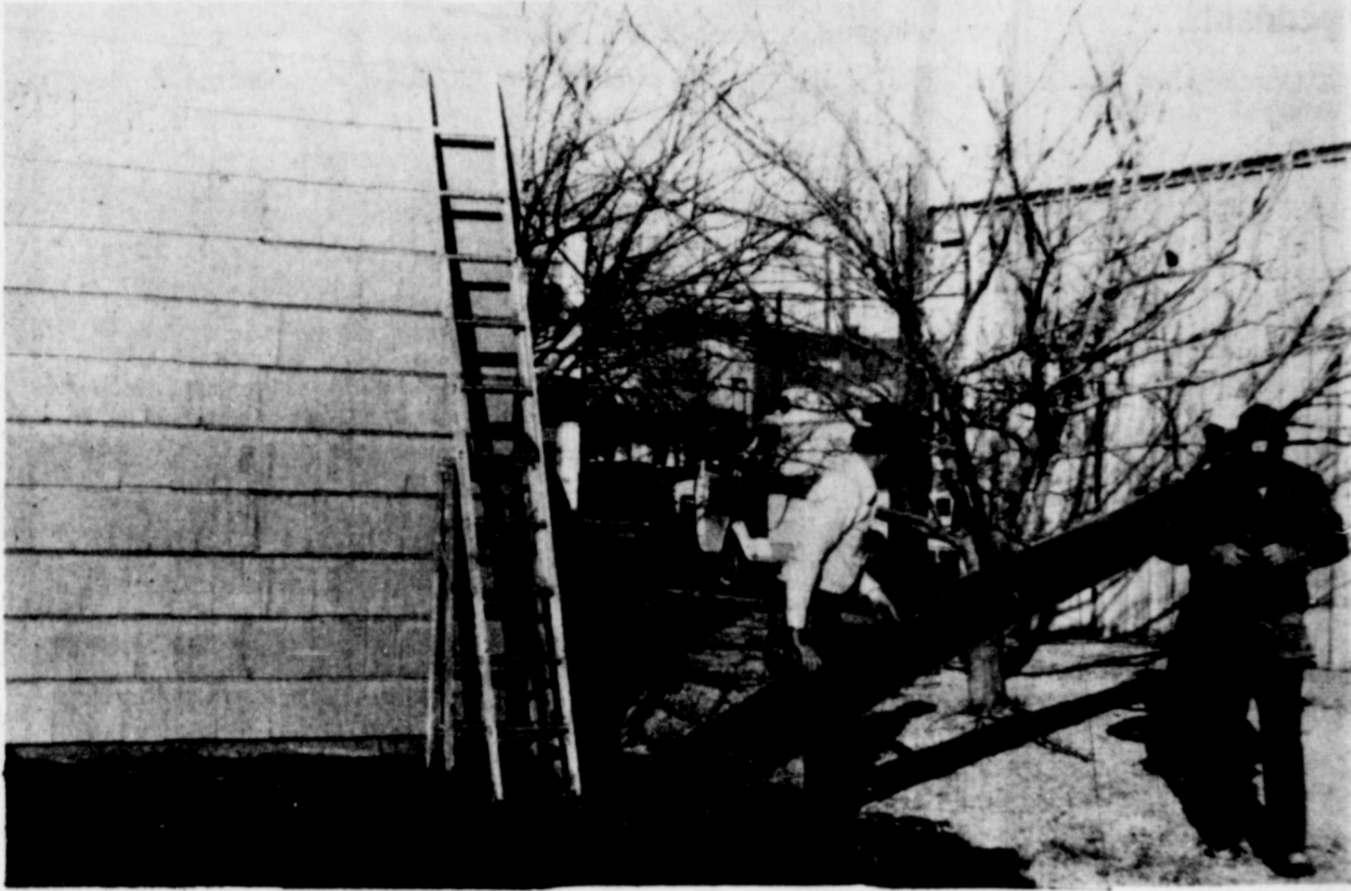


The Merkel Mail

Thursday, January 13, 1983...Merkel, Texas

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Work is moving right along on the Merkel Emergency Medical Service's new facility. The building will be used for ambulance parking and classroom training. The building is being paid for by a \$5,000 grant from the city and profits from the Monday Bingo games. (Staff photo)

MP-City will share work & equipment to repair crossings

The Missouri-Pacific Railroad and the city will work together to smooth out rough crossings in town according to a decision reached between the two groups following a walking tour of city grade crossings Tuesday morning.

The city will provide a dump truck and a back-hoe and the railroad will provide materials and labor to work on the Cherry and Ash street crossings.

Most of the work will be done at Cherry street, and will include some leveling and raising of track beds. MP Superintendent L.L. Carmichael said, "You will not be able to go 40 miles per hour across Cherry street when we are through, but it will be alot smoother. There is a stop sign in the

middle of those three tracks."

City Council had requested MP representatives to attend Monday's council meeting and along with Carmichael, was the trainmaster from Big Spring and an Abilene MP agent.

MP officials placed a phone call to the state office in charge of releasing federal funds for crossing repair work and asked that the priority for the Ash Street crossing be elevated to top priority in Taylor County. Major work on that crossing should begin in the next 90 days.

The Cherry street crossing will be closed while the city and railroad make repairs and motorists are asked to use the Oak Street crossing while the work is progressing.

Pay for how long?, Doonesbury, railroad-city working together

by Cloy A. Richards

Some people are really trying to take advantage of our "pay before the subscription price increases" offer. We had a lady in California that wanted to pay for as many years in advance as we would allow her at the old rate. Editors love those loyal readers.

You may have noticed a different headline style in last week's paper. We had a few problems with the headliner and we finished the paper last week using Anson's equipment, which we appreciate. It was one of those weeks where it looked like there may not have been a Mail that week, had it not been for Anson's generosity.

If you are looking for someone to blame for last week's edition, blame them. Without their help, it would not have been possible.

I find it fascinating the amount of exposure Representative Phil Gramm-D-College Station has aroused with his decision to run for his old seat in Congress as a Republican.

It was said last week on Cable News Network that the most dangerous place to be in Washington last Monday was not in a ghetto neighborhood in DC, but was between Gramm and a television cameraman.

Gramm is a former economics prof. at Texas A&M that was narrowly voted in to the House when Tiger Teague decided to retire. He says he has been in Washington representing the will of his district and that is why he joined the Reaganomics Boli-Weevils, along with local Representatives Charles Stenholm of Stamford and Kent Hance of Lubbock.

Someone asked me the other day when Gramm made his decision to run as a Republican, why Hance and Stenholm did not make similar moves.

That's pretty easy to answer. Stenholm and Hance are democrats in the true sense of the word, they just happened to see more merits in the Presidential Budget policy last year than in the plans offered by the Democratic Leadership. Gramm, on the other hand, is looking toward his political future and has an eagle eye on John Tower's Senate seat. Tower, a Republican, has been easily elected to the post and Gramm is probably thinking if he can keep his seat in the House, with a party switch, he'd be considered a early favorite for Tower's seat.

With all of the new friends he's made in the GOP, that may be very true. The question is, did he make too many enemies along the way for the long time, Democratically controlled House seat to be re-elected.

Republican or Democrat.

The Bum Steers are out in the recent issue of Texas Monthly and they are as clever as ever.

They pointed out a couple of facts I thought Aggie joke tellers should hear.

The most intelligent class of Freshmen in any state school, year after year, attend Texas A&M, based on college entrance scores and the College Station-Bryan area is number one in the nation in the category of per capita use of libraries.

Did you hear the one about the Aggie on his honeymoon that...

There is life after Doonesbury. You can get quite attached to a comic strip, especially if you read one every day. The Reporter News made it real hard to be a fan when they started running it in the afternoon paper, on the editorial page following the controversial "Journey through Ronald Reagan's Brain."

The cartoonist wants to take some time off to allow his characters to "condition themselves" to the 1980's.

The Mail's cartoonist, from time to time, takes short leaves from the paper, for his own various reasons. One excuse he will never have for those off weeks is he's trying to allow Luther and Lightnin' time to get used to the 80's. He could allow decades and those two would never get used to the 1980's, maybe the 1880's.

Proud mom to editor, "Why haven't you ran the players that received all-district mentions?"

Editor to proud mom, "Would you believe a lion ate my notes?"

Sincerely, my apologies for being late with the results of the all district selections. Please see Page One for photo.

They will be working on the railroad. Merkel City Manager J.A. Sadler finally got what he wanted from the Missouri-Pacific Railroad, an honest to gosh person in power by the name of L.L. Carmichael, Superintendent of the road's Fort Worth Division.

At the regular session of Council Monday night, the city council and the railroad people agreed the problem with rough crossings in the area boils down to one of simple solutions, and the culprit had been a lack of communications.

Railroads, like any other organization, have a chain of command. When you make demands of the wrong people, things will not get done, that's true of The Mail, that's true of City Hall.

Sadler, Carmichael, and two other MP officials

Council hears from MP officials, allows use of Hall

The Merkel City Council heard from Missouri-Pacific Railroad officials concerning railroad crossings within the Merkel City Limits and voted to take in the property of Frank Zimmermann into the city limits at their regular session at City Hall Monday night.

Council also agreed to allow Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church a 90 day extension on their current use of Heritage Hall for their Tuesday Bingo games.

Three representatives of the MP railroad appeared before Council at Council's request. Merkel Mayor Kent Satterwhite explained the history of what he termed "rough crossings" here over the past years and wanted to know what could be done to keep the crossing in good repair.

MP Superintendent L.L. Carmichael discussed with council the history of communication between the railroad and the city and gave

council assurances that if problems arise, he was the man in charge of this district.

Council and the railroad agreed that most of the problems of getting rail repairs performed here had been a breakdown in communications and Merkel City Manager J.A. Sadler and the MP officials agreed to take a walking tour of the crossings Tuesday morning. (See related Page One story.)

The city will also be taking a look at a personal size computer to perform water-sewer sanitation billing and general ledger work for the city. Sadler asked council's permission to contact computer sales representatives to appear before council to explain current systems available.

In other action, council agreed to extend the city south side limit to include a home constructed by Father Frank Zimmermann of Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church.

Everett's contract extended 1 year

The Merkel School Board extended MISD Superintendent Bill Everett's contract for a year and gave him a \$1,000 raise, but added an additional duty of athletic director. Those actions came following a special meeting at the school Monday night.

(The Mail did not attend the meeting because of a conflicting City Council meeting at the same time Monday night and received the information for this story from the superintendent.)

Everett told the Mail he would assume the administrative duties of the athletic director and said the move was made to save money. He also

said there is a growing number of schools that are placing superintendents in charge of athletics from administrative views.

The board named Mr. Laman, current principal of Merkel Middle School to become the curriculum director. That job will start following the current school year and MISD will look for another principal this summer.

The board also spent time in executive session discussing personnel and announced no decisions but will meet in regular session Tuesday at 7 a.m. at the Big Country Inn. Following the meeting, board members will travel to Colorado City to take a look at the C-City High School.

WTU changing bill colors

West Texas Utilities Co. has redesigned its customer bills, giving them a new color and new format.

The monthly statements, still in postcard form, will carry the same information as the old bills, but arranged for more efficient processing, according to Larry Connors, WTU controller.

In addition to the amount due and the due date, the statements carry the customer account number, the fuel cost factor, the dates and

amounts of the last two meter readings, and the number of kilowatt-hours used.

First to receive the new bills will be customers in WTU's Abilene District, which include Abilene, Albany, Baird, Cisco, Clyde, Cross Plains, Merkel, Moran, Rising Star, Santa Anna, Tuscola and Winters. The new bills will be used in other districts as the customer information is transferred to the new computer system, Connors said.

LSG announces utility help

Lone Star Gas Co. president Carol Neaves announced today that the company will initiate an assistance program designed to help persons living in Lone Star's service area who are having difficulty paying their heating bills.

Lone Star has committed \$100,000 to begin a fund which has been named Heating Assistance Program for the Needy (Project HAP'N). Lone Star will invite its customers and the public in general to join in making contributions to Project HAP'N. The coordinating agency and the fund address will be publicized throughout Lone Star's

110-county service area soon. Project HAP'N assistance funds can be used for any type of heating bill.

"We at Lone Star recognize that our funding will not adequately help all who are financially in need with their heating bills," said Neaves. "But with additional funding from other sources, both public and private, this beginning effort should bring some help to more people."

"The potential is great," said Neaves. "We have long worked with various social service agencies to assist our customers; Project HAP'N expands this effort."

Contributions are tax deductible.



All district selections from Merkel included [left to right] Tim Brady, Honorable Mention, Jay Gibson, second team linebacker, Russell Lucas, second team defensive secondary and second team wide receiver, Greg Arnwine, second team center, Keith Beddingfield, First Team Kicker, Jimmy Mendez, honorable mention-defense, Loren Sloan, second team tight end, and Roy Johnson, honorable mention. (Staff photo)

City-railroad to work on crossings

(Continues from Page One)

took a walking tour of three crossings Tuesday morning and agreed on the work that needs to be done to make the crossings in town smoother. If the city wants to spend \$400 per foot on rubber crossings, you wouldn't break an egg on an ox cart at 50 miles per hour.

As it stands, the city and the railroad will work together on the Cherry Street Crossing and the Ash Street Crossing work will be funded by the state-federal program. MP officials made a phone call to the state funding office in Austin and asked that the priority for Ash be elevated on the state priority system.

The city was more than satisfied with the response received from MP. The city and the railroad will share equipment on the crossing work to expedite matters and everyone should benefit.

One thing we want The Mail readers to know. Once the crossings are repaired and smooth, the inherent danger of rail crossing will exist.

Just because Cherry Street's crossing has been made smoother, it is still a three track crossing and the stop sign still means stop. Greater care must be used at crossings with no active signals than those with lights and gates.

One thing strikes me as odd. Railroads created most of the cities in this part of the state. Not just railroads, but the T&P, now the MP. Yet, we are still trying to learn to work with each other.

It's a good way to start off our 102nd year together.

15 named to Honor Society

Fifteen juniors were inducted into Merkel High School's chapter of the National Honor Society during ceremonies Wednesday, December 15, 1982, in the school auditorium.

The current six members of Merkel's NHS conducted the ceremonies and sponsored a reception that followed at the home economics living room. These six and their parents are: Debra Carey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Winford Carey; Sue Ann Harris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Harris; L'Dean Hoyt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Hoyt; Diana Landeros, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mauro Landeros; Matt Merritt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Merritt; and Lorne Sloan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sloan.

Juniors inducted are: Angie Allen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Allen; Bonnie Anderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D.E. Anderson; Brenda Hohertz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hohertz; Wayne Horton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Horton; Judy Jinkens, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Jinkens; Brenda Kinder, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kinder; Michael McCoy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Burl McCoy; Donna Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Miller; Derald Muniz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Antonio Muniz; Denise Pack, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Pack; Melinda Riney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Riney; Cindy Sims, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Sims; Ray Walters, son of Mr. and Mrs. E.V. Walters; Margaret Wilde, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Wilde; and John Ybarra, son of Mr. and Mrs. Juan Ybarra.

Joan Walker, sponsor of Merkel's NHS chapter, said requirements of the honor group include a certain grade point average, evaluation in leadership, character and citizenship, and an area of service to the school.

Merkel FFA getting ready for Jan. 21-22 County show

The Merkel Chapter of Future Farmers of America have spent most of their time with steers, lambs, and pigs the last couple of weeks. Everyone is getting ready for the Taylor County Livestock Show, January 21-22. A lot of work has gone into these animals in the past months and a lot more must go into them before they can leave the 20th for this show. Over the last couple of weeks, Vo Ag students have been weighing and grooming these animals to make sure they weigh enough to qualify and that they look the very best for that judge on show day. All members ask that you come to watch them show their animals and that you come to the auction sale the 22 to bid on these animals. The Taylor County Livestock Show will be the place where many FFA members hard work and effort will pay off and we hope you are there to see the pride in their eyes when they reach over and accept that ribbon. Join us at the Taylor County Livestock Show, January 21-22.

Our spotlights, this week, are from the VA I classes.

Shain Burks, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill NeSmith of Route 3, is 14 years old and a freshman. Shain's greenhand project program is a duroc pig and a crossbred quilt, which he plans to show at Taylor County and Houston Livestock Shows.

Susan Doan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Doan, is a junior and 16 years old. Susan is a greenhand and her project is a chester white barrow, which she plans to show at the Houston Livestock Show. She was on the Greenhand Quiz team and plans to be on judging teams. Susan is a member of the Taylor County 4-H Horse Club and the Merkel Riding Club. Her hobbies are riding and working with horses and other animals. After high school, she plans to attend Tarleton State University.

Chris Beggs, son of James and Martha Beggs of Route 1, is 15 years old and a greenhand. For his project program, he is raising chickens. Chris enjoys working with model cars.

Baccus's celebrate 60 years of marriage Dec. 25

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Baccus, of Merkel, Texas, celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary on December 25, 1982. They were married on December 25, 1922, at the Methodist Church Parsonage in Trent, Texas by Rev. E.D. Landreth, brother of Mrs. Baccus, whose maiden name was Iva Lilly Landreth.

They have lived their entire 60 year married life in the Merkel Area, farming in the Blair

Community until they retired four years ago. Roy was born South of Merkel in a dug-out on September 10, 1898, and Iva was born on December 22, 1901, in Palo Pinto County, Texas. Mrs. Baccus now stays at Starr Nursing Home and Mr. Baccus at No. 4 Shannon Apts. in Merkel. They are long time members of First Methodist Church of Merkel.

Their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. James Roy Baccus, of Richardson, Texas, held an open house in celebration of the occasion on Christmas Day afternoon at No. 4 Shannon Apts. which was attended by approximately 40 relatives from out of town.

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110-hp 4240	2,300	600	2,900
90-hp 4040	2,200	600	2,800
80-hp 2940	1,800	400	2,200
70-hp 2640	1,300	350	1,650
60-hp 2440	1,200	300	1,500
50-hp 2240	1,100	250	1,350
40-hp 2040	900	200	1,100
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Newsbriefs

Middle school girls

Merkel Middle School girls teams have been in action and all three teams will be in tournaments this weekend according to coach Robbie Shugart.

The 7th grade won the Hawley tournament this past weekend by downing the Hawley B team 34-6 behind 10 points from Krista Toombs, 8 from Sheila White and 6 from Kristi Elliott. The 7th graders then downed Hawley 23-12 as White had 6 and

Kari Rich had 4. Monday night, the 7th and 8th grade girls were defeated by Wylie in Wylie.

The 7th grade lost 24-8 and the 8th grade kist 34-28, despite 12 points from Sheri Rinney, 8 from Traci Bicknell and 6 from Michelle Woodard.

This weekend, the 6th grade boys and girls will play in Moran, the 7th grade boys and girls in Clyde and the 8th grade boys and girls in Baird.

Student council

The Merkel High School Student Council is sponsoring a presentation by Camfel Productions entitled, "Everyday Hero's". Multi-media is the "multi-screen" combination of film, slides, and music. Using eight computerized slide and movie projectors, the production fill three large screens with hundreds of beautiful images, matching them to a soundtrack of today's popular music, narration and special effects. Combining everything from recent news and sports action to short animated films the

shows provide solid entertainment while never losing sight of their central message. Camfel Productions is a non-profit educational organization specializing in social values education. The film will be shown next Wednesday, January 19 at 1:45 p.m. in the school auditorium. Parents and other interested persons are welcome. There will be an admission charge of \$1.00 per person.

Art group meets

The Merkel Art Association met Monday January 10 at Taylor Telephone.

The meeting was called to order and the minutes were read. Following the reading of the minutes, the treasurer's report was given.

Betty Toombs stated that there will be a portrait painting demonstration at the next meeting.

Following the business meeting, a demonstration was given on painting on glass. The demonstration was given by club member Betty Toombs.

Members attending were as follows: Lorraine Lee, Gay Featherston, Marie Beard, Betty Toombs, Ruth Cox, Ethel Pee, Eve-

lyn Stribling, Ted Allen, Frankie Smith and Ann Doan.

Chapter meets

Preceptor Eta Omega, Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi, met Tuesday at the home of Jocille Brady.

Mamie Steck, president, opened the first meeting of the year, with the opening ritual.

Committee reports were given. Then a discussion was held to set up to work at Rehab 83. Each year members of Beta Sigma Phi volunteer to help answer the pho-

es at Rehab to benefit West Texas Rehabilitation in Abilene.

The program was presented by Jocille Brady. The program was on how to make flowers. Jocille demonstrated how to make any kind of flower.

Each member made their own flower. Refreshments were served to the following members: Kathy Leverich, Mamie Steck, Connie Ybarra, and Louise Dubose.

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-TO: Bonnie Carrillo 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 30th day of December, 1982, against Bonnie Carrillo, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 8299-C on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Interest of Baby Girl Keada, a Child", the nature of which suit is a request for Termination of parent-child relationship between Bonnie Carrillo, the natural father, and the child is in the best interest of the child and such termination is requested. Said child was born the 28th day of December, 1982 in Abilene, Texas.

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 30th day of December, 1982.

Rilla Mahoney Clerk, 326th District Court, Taylor County, Texas By Kelly Gandy, Deputy.

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Statement of Nondiscrimination Taylor Electric Co-operative, Inc. has filed with the Federal Government a Compliance Assurance in which it assures the Rural Electrification Administration that it will comply fully with all requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Rules and Regulations of the Department of Agriculture issued thereunder, to the end that no person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination

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

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Agriculture is at a crossroads due to large supplies and low prices, and farmers have few options to improve their situations in 1983. "Just how long farmers can hang on financially is the big question," says Dr. Carl Anderson, economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System. "Right now many are scraping the bottom of the barrel as far as their financial resources are concerned—thanks to three consecutive years of poor prices. And they can't last much longer. Only those who are virtually debt-free will be able to make it."

Returns to assets of debt-free farmers will average in the range of minus 3 to minus 7 percent in 1982, says Anderson, while returns to farmers with a heavy debt load will be a negative 14 to 18 percent. "With that kind of figures, it's easy to see that farmers must depend less on debt financing," he adds.

Farmers generally are victims of overproduction in recent years coupled with a major slowdown in farm exports and domestic demand. This has led to growing stockpiles of most crops. Present farm programs designed to reduce these stockpiles have been a flop, points out Anderson. So farmers and farm policymakers must soon decide whether or not to do something about the increasingly critical farm dilemma.

"Among options are mandatory production control and possible marketing quotas to bring supplies in line with effective demand," notes the economist. "Strong supply management likely will improve current low farm income in a couple of years. With voluntary programs, it will take much longer."

Regarding the dilemma of farmers, Anderson offers a number of observations:

1. For 1982 net U.S. farm income is projected at \$19 billion, down from \$25 billion in 1981. Cash receipts will be about equal to farm expenditures this year, so virtually all net income will come from government payments and non-money income. Income could improve some in 1983 depending on what direction farm programs take.
2. Farmland markets are expected to remain sluggish. In some areas of the U.S. and Texas, land prices likely will decline.
3. Farm exports are facing major setbacks. No noticeable progress has been made in trade negotiations with major U.S. foreign market countries such as the European Common Market, Japan, Mainland China or Russia. When economic conditions are bad, countries want to export more and import less. A big setback to Texas cotton growers is that China intends to grow more cotton and import less from the U.S.
4. Although credit is available, farmers have difficulty in qualifying unless they still have adequate collateral. Debt restructuring will continue. Loan delinquencies, foreclosures and bankruptcies will be up although lenders seldom benefit from liquidating a borrower.

Public Notices

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: James Randall Masters, 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 to answer the petition of Christian Homes of Abilene, Inc. Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 6th day of January, 1983, against James Randall Masters, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 8341-C on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Interest of Baby Girl Blocker, a Child", the nature of which suit is a request to Termination of the parent-child relationship between James Randall Masters, the natural father and the child is in the best interest of the child and such termination is requested. Said child was born the 30th day of December, 1982, in Haskell, Haskell 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 termina-

tion 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 7th day of January 1983.

Rilla Mahoney Clerk, 326th District Court, Taylor County, Texas. By Johnnie Woodard, Deputy.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that on the 28th day of December, 1982 Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of Anne B. Treanor, Deceased, were issued to Duncan Elliott Osborne as Independent Executor of said Estate, in proceedings in the County Court, of Taylor County, Texas, numbered 15,643, and pending in said Court and that he now holds such Letters.

All persons having claims against the Estate are hereby required to present the same to the said Duncan Elliott Osborne, as Independent Executor of said Estate, at the

post office address given below and within the time prescribed by law:

The residence of said Independent Executor is in the City of Austin, Travis County, Texas, and his post office address is as follows:

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No Stith Musical Saturday

There will not be a "Country & Western Musical" at the Stith Community Center, Saturday night, January 15. Also we will not have one in February. But we will have one the 3rd Saturday night in March.

School menu

The Merkel School menu is as follows:
Thursday, Jan. 13:
Tin Can casserole with carrots and potatoes, green salad with choice of dressing, corn bread, and apple pinados.

Friday, Jan. 14:
Hot dogs with chili, pickle relish, chopped onion, french fries and catsup, and butter-scotch no bake cookies.

Monday, Jan. 17:
Burritos, mixed vegetables, lettuce wedge, choice of dressing, and jello squares
Tuesday, Jan. 18:
Chicken Patties with cream gravy, creamed potatoes, english peas, hot rolls, spiced apple rings.

Wednesday, Jan. 19:
Mexican Fiesta with rice, pinto beans, cheese, lettuce, tomato, corn chips and pineapple pieces.

Thursday, Jan. 20:
Bar-B-Que links, fried okra, potato salad, hot rolls, and orange wed-

ge.
Friday, Jan. 21:
Hamburgers, french fries and catsup, lettuce, tomato, pickle, onion, and peanut butter cookies.

Trent FFA sets stock show

The trent FFA will hold their annual stock show Saturday, Jan. 15 at the Ag barn in Trent. The show will begin at 10 a.m. Rabbits will be judged first followed by chickens, goats, cattle and swine. The judge this year is Vo Ag Teacher, J.T. Naron from Merkel High. The show will conclude with FFA-FHA Bar-B-Q at the Trent School Cafeteria. The cost for the meal is \$4. Serving will begin around 1:00.

THS Band

Three members of the Trent High School Band have been listed in the recent edition of WHO'S WHO IN MUS-IC.

The trio are juniors at Trent. They include Adam DeLaCruz, second chair, french horn. He is the son of

Mr. and Mrs. Manuel DeLaCruz. Joe Lin McGlothlin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce McGlothlin was named first chair trombone and Donna Willis, daughter of Mrs. Shirley Willis, was named first chair french horn.

Obituary

Bill Peterson

William B. "Bill" Peterson, 71 of Merkel was pronounced dead from natural causes at 9:25 a.m. Tuesday at his home by Justice of the Peace Henry

Guenther. Services were at 2 p.m. Thursday at Calvary Baptist Church in Merkel with the Rev. Leland Kennedy of Trinity Baptist Church in Abilene and the Rev. Joe Davis, pastor of Calvary, officiating. Burial was at Rose Hill Cemetery in Merkel under the direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born March 26, 1911, in Hamilton County, he lived in the Merkel area since 1925. He retired from the Texas Department of Highways and Public Transportation in 1968 after working there 12 years.

He was a member of

the Calvary Baptist Church.

He married Gertrude Reynolds May 10, 1930, in Merkel.

Survivors include his wife; a brother, Alva of San Diego, Calif.; and nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a son, Hubert.

Pallbearers were John Boyd, Kent Satterwhite, Johnny Hammond, Bill Massey, Lee Vinson and Bill Lambert. Honorary pallbearers were Frank Breaux and Jim Cosper.

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