

# The Merkel Mail

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The following team from Merkel and Tren FFA's recently received the Herdsmen's Award at the San Antonio Stock Show. They are (front

row, left to right) Benny Roys, Derrell Shipman and Jay Williams, (back row, left to right) Matt Jackson, Doyle Brenem, Mike Hallford and Casey Johnson. [Staff photo]

## Band sending 48 to Austin in May

The Merkel High band will be sending its 48 members wind-percussion ensemble to Austin in late May as the group earned a Division 1 rating at UIL Solo and Ensemble contests.

Also earning a Division 1 rating was Angie

Greer on a baritone solo and the percussion ensemble of Chyrel Phillips, James Richardson, Alfred Flores, Todd Hensley and Chris Horton.

The solo and ensemble contests were held at Hardin-Simmons University last week.

## Carriker opens district office in Roby

State Representative Steve Carriker of Roby has announced the opening of a district office in Roby. The office is located on U. S. Highway 180, one block west of the traffic signal.

Marjorie Mitchell, a former Roby school teacher is serving as District Office manager. The office will be open mornings, Monday through Friday and the mailing address is Box 517, Roby, 79543 and the telephone number is (915) 776-2358.

When not in Austin, Representative Carriker can be reached at the district office number. "I try to make it back to the district every two weeks to take care of things around the farm and handle constituent matters," Carriker said.

Carriker, a first term representative, sits on the Agriculture and Livestock Committee, the County Affairs Committee, the sub-committee for Budget & Oversight of county affairs, and the 17 member Executive Committee for the House Democratic Caucus.

## She does not know me, fellowship, crimes, chat, last M★A★S★H★... more

by Cloy A. Richards

There is a lady in Roby that has the wrong impression of me.

She thinks I am nice and cheerful.

She obviously does not know me too well, or at all as my friends would say if I had any.

She calls every once in a while to put in a classified ad, and I discovered about four years ago it was easy to crack her up. Being a frustrated comedian, I threw a few jokes at her Monday and they all worked. After she completed the ad and her laughter, she asked how old I was. Taken back, I told her and she said if I continue to be cheerful for the next 25 years, I'd live to be 100.

As soon as she said that I had the strangest desire to check out my will that will leave my vast wealth to family and friends. As I said earlier, she doesn't know me that well.

While preparing to hit off of the first tee the other day "person claiming only to want 'friendly fellowship'" struck up a conversation to determine the amount about to be wagered on the pending nine holes of golf. The foe replied, "If this was 1979 and Jimmy Carter was in office, I'd say name your price but this is 1983 and Regan is in and I'm saying keep it light."

George English lamed a couple of nice bass, along with a few other keepers at a stock tank Sunday. It's the same lake Dale Hammond keeps telling me he will call when he heads back. ZI have only been there once in four years and it didn't help to look at the bass that George caught at all.

The Merkel Police Department is asking for help in solving a couple of recent crimes.

The police are asking that people who wrote a check to the Merkel Locker Plant between Feb. 1 and 20, to contact his office.

He also said his department has no leads on a incident at the Merkel FFA Ag Barn that found two, 175 pound show pigs shot. That incident also happened last Thursday night.

Congratulations are in order for John Paul Dudley for his 1st place Light Duroc pig in the San Antonio Show and to Benny Roys, Derrell Shipman, Jay Williams, Matt Jackson, Doyle Brenem, Mike Hallford and Casey Johnson for their area at the San Antonio show receiving the

Herdsmen Award. Merkel FFA instructor J. T. Narran told the Mail "The award is a very high honor and we are proud of these kids. It is giving the people that best keep up their area, are courteous and friendly."

I had a nice, long chat with MISD superintendent Bill Everett Tuesday and you can tell he's a man with a lot on his mind.

He is currently trying to find a new high school principal and a head football coach. Bill told me he felt like most of the rest of the staff would stay, except for normal attrition.

The subject came to the school finance issue and Bill takes the point that something needs to be done with the ad-volorem based taxes, like file 13 them. He said he really doesn't know of a better way to finance schools other than an additional 1 cent sales tax, to be shared, according to student population throughout the state.

He doesn't think that plan will ever have popular support because of the metropolitan areas. I don't think it will ever work because people in Texas still want their child's education to be paid for locally so they can have local controls over the schools.

In other words, Texans have the attitude of "I'll pay for my kids and my neighbors' kids to go to school but I don't want to pay for kids at another school district."

That attitude will keep the ad-volorem tax around for a long while.

The last episode of MASH will be shown on KTAB tv Monday night and the previews look promising.

My wife said the other day that if the previews make her cry, she doesn't know how she will ever make it through the entire show.

Merkel's increased attention in basketball, especially in the creation and existence of the youth basketball league, is paying off.

Anyone that has seen a Merkel junior high team in action will tell you that the Merkel kids seem to have superior training in the fundamentals of the game. The reason behind this is partly due to youth basketball and the volunteers that make the program run.

## Merkel-county officers looking in to burglaries, cruelty charges

The Merkel Police Department and the Taylor County Sheriff's Office is continuing to investigate two burglaries last week and one incident of criminal vandalism here.

Late Thursday evening, Circle A Western Wear and the Merkel Locker Plant were burglarized and a show pig was killed and another injured at the Merkel FFA Ag Barn.

Merkel Police Chief Ray Pack told the Mail that three suspects in the Circle A robbery were arrested in Lubbock and Pack and a deputy from the county questioned the suspects in Lubbock Friday and two were extradited to the Taylor County Jail. He said two more individuals have warrants issued for their arrest and should be charged today.

In that burglary, entrance was made by cutting a hole in the rear of the building and people going to work along the frontage road of I-20 early

Friday morning reported finding jeans and boots scattered along the road. Missing were approximately 45 pairs of boots, 30 pairs of jeans, assorted belts and a hat.

In the Merkel Locker plant burglary, also last Thursday evening, about \$1,400 in cash and checks were taken and that case is being investigated by the county sheriff's office, because the Locker Plant is not technically inside the city limits. Two suspects were questioned early this week but no charges had been filed Monday. Merkel Police Chief Ray Pack said Merkelites could help out in the investigation by calling him if they had written a check to the locker plant between now and Feb. 1.

Also, Pack said the he has no leads in a Thursday shooting at the Merkel Ag Barn. A 175 pound show pig was killed and another shot in the head. Pack said his department would certainly appreciate any information that might pertain to that case.

## 6th grade wins basketball tourney

The Merkel 6th grade basketball teams ended their season Saturday in Hawley in the right way...they took the championship of the 6th grade tournament in the boys and girls division.

The Merkel girls had no trouble at all as coach Robbie Shugart's troops beat Hamlin 41-1 and Hawley 28-2 for the championship. In the Hamlin game, Teresa Lucas led with 17, followed by Amber Whisenhunt with 8 and Maxie Lang with 4. In the second game, Lang had 8, Michelle Dudley Michelle Barnett, Norma Cuellar and Lucas each had 4. They finished their season at 5-0.

The 6th grade boys had little trouble in winning their division. They downed the Hamlin B team 24-5 and Hawley 36-12. In the Hamlin game,

Kenneth Jowers had 5, Wade Toombs led the way with 6 and Tony Trevino had 4. In the Hawley game, Jowers had 18, Martin Landeros and Trevino had 8. They also ended their season at 5-0.



John Paul Dudley placed his duroc 1st in last week's San Antonio Stock Show. John Paul sold the pig for \$3 per pound. [Staff photo]

## Newsbriefs

### Club meets

Preceptor Eta Omega chapter of Beta Sigma Phi, met Tuesday at the home of Ann Reeder in Abilene.

A city council report was given by Connie Ybarra. Plans were discussed for the valentine dance.

The program was presented by Kathryn Cawley, home rep for Lone Star Gas. Her program covered spices.

Refreshments were served to Jocille Brady, Louise DuBose, Kathy Leverich, Connie Ybarra, Mamie Stecks and Kathryn Cawley.

Fiestada, lettuce & tomato salad, corn, tortilla shells, purple plum cobbler.

Tues. Mar. 1  
Meat loaf, black eyed peas, corn bread, pink applesauce.

Wed. March 2  
Turkey and dressing potatoes, beans and cranberry sauce, hot rolls, fruit salad.

### 81 Study Club

The 81 Study Club met Feb. 14 at the Senior Citizens Center for a tasting tea.

The next meeting will be held, Feb 28 in the home of Marjory Woods. The program will be on gardening.

### Society will meet

Breckenridge in March.

Those attending the meeting were Lonora Wilburn, Peggy Black, Jessie Shannon, Marilyn Baker, Leota Sherrill, Lottie Everett, Mary Russom, Alice King, Ada Clark, Becky Rogers, Faye Brown, Verdine Patterson, Mary Click, Mary Cleo Sadler and Billie Hartley. Visitors were Mrs McCoy, Mrs. DeBriek and Mrs. McBride.

### TEL class

The TEL Sunday School class of the First Baptist Church enjoyed a fellowship and breakfast at Pug and Leo's Tuesday.

New business was discussed and Jill Boyd brought the devotional. Members attending were Mrs. Sarah Edward, Annie Walker, Maggie Renfro, Bernice Smith, Estelle Humphrey, Reia Fay McLean, Bessie Perry, Linny Fisher, Jill Boyd, Stella McKeever, Georgia Higgins and Una M Hayes, Billie Hartley, Sylvia Newsom and Jewell Criswell.

### Garden Club

The Merkel Garden Club met in the home of Mrs. Ralph Wilburn for a valentine party.

The roll call was answered with the national bird. Mrs. Wilburn shared an experience with roses with the members.

Beauty spots at the Starr Nursing Home were mentioned and will be discussed at the next meeting. The spring garden club meeting will be held in

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## Cynthia Smith-Ronald Ranson will wed here May 21

Mr. and Mrs. Ted L. Smith have announced the engagement of their daughter, Cynthia Ann to Ronald Ray Ranson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Ranson of Lamesa.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Merkel High and received a bachelor's degree in Finance from Angelo State University. Miss Smith is employed by the Texas Commerce Bank-San Angelo as an administrative and management trainee in the Trust Department.

A graduate of Lamesa High, the prospective bridegroom received a bachelor's degree in government from Angelo State and is a branch manager for Morgan Building Systems in San Angelo.

The couple will be married May 21 at the First United Methodist Church here.



Cynthia Smith & Ronald Ranson

## Louis Cook, retired farmer, buried

Louis Allen Cook, 77, of Merkel, a retired stock farmer, was pronounced dead from natural causes at 5:15 p.m. Sunday. Services were held at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday at Merkel's First United Methodist Church, directed by the Starbuck Funeral Home of Merkel.

The Rev. Ronnie Newton of Abilene and the Revs. Lynward Harrison and Joe Allen, both of Merkel, officiated. Burial followed at Slater's Chapel Cemetery in Nolan County.

Born March 24, 1906 in the Dora Community of Nolan County, he had lived most of his life there and had lived in Merkel for the past six months. He married Modeana Hubbard Sept. 17, 1964 in Abilene. He was a member of the Texas

Sheep and Goat Raisers Association and was a Methodist.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Aug. 21, 1982 and by a brother, Jim and a sister Vena Powers. Survivors include a son, Bill Phillips of

Pasadena; three daughters Joy Foster of Pecos, Donna Carter of Merkel and Mary Rabb of Haynsville, La., and nine grandchildren.

Pallbearers included Dale Yarbrough, Roger Carter, Elbert Si-

mmons, Dale White, Jim Cook and Ronnie Hamilton.

Honorary pallbearers were Alvin Dunlap and Red Oliver.

The family requested that remembrances be made to the West Texas Rehab Center.

## FFA honoring MISD teachers; SA show results

This is National Future Farmers of America Week and the Merkel Chapter salutes the people of our community who have helped us grow and learn through vocational agriculture and other activities. Wednesday, the chapter held an appreciation luncheon for a very special group of people who have helped us further our education through many fields. They are the faculty of Merkel High. These are people who have devoted their lives to us and our education. We would like to thank these people for being patient with us while we are at various stock shows and leadership activities.

Last week, 10 students returned from the San Antonio Stock Show. They are Dusty Farmer, Lynn Hays, Tommy Hays, Steve Fathering, Lyle Baker, Benny Roys, Kim Coyle, Darrell Shipman, Jay Williams, Amber Whisenhunt and John Paul Dudley. There were 1,600 hoga at the show.

John Paul Dudley, a Merkel 6th grader had the 1st place light duroc that sold for \$3 per pound. Lynn Hays had the ninth place light duroc.

Tommy Hays had the fourth place medium weight duroc.

The chapter was proud to bring home the Herdsmen Award. This award is given to the

chapter who has shown complete showmanship qualities through the way they exhibited their animals, the way the pens were kept. The award was shared with the Trent FFA students attending the show.



That popular and delicious melon, the cantaloupe, gets its name from the village of Cantalupo, Italy, where it was first grown in Europe.

## Jesus Adame buried here

Jesus Lopez Adame, 72 of Merkel, died at 2:30 p.m. Feb. 16 at his home following a short illness. Services were held at 2 p.m. at Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church here under the direction of Father Frank Zimmerman. Burial followed in Rose Hill Cemetery. Born Aug. 10, 1910 in

Kingsville, he had lived here since 1955. He retired in 1978 after 12 years as janitor at First Baptist Church. He married Anita Cervantez in 1942 in Corpus Christi.

He is survived by his wife; one daughter, Mary Pallarez of Merkel; one brother Martin of Harlingen and two grandchildren.

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180-hp 4840	2,700	1,800	4,500
155-hp 4640	2,300	1,600	3,900
130-hp 4440	1,700	1,200	2,900
110-hp 4240	1,500	1,100	2,600
90-hp 4040	600	1,000	1,600
80-hp 2940	1,400	700	2,100
70-hp 2640	900	600	1,500
60-hp 2440	400	500	900
50-hp 2240	100	450	550
40-hp 2040	100	400	500
370-hp 8850	\$8,200	NA	NA
290-hp 8650	6,400	NA	NA
225-hp 8450	5,700	NA	NA

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### The Consumer Alert

by Jim Mattox  
Attorney General

AUSTIN—Some people looking for another alternative to buying a home or renting an apartment are finding one in condominium ownership.

What is it? Basically, it's something like purchasing a unit in an apartment complex and becoming part-owner of the central facilities of the complex—the pools, tennis courts, lawns, and trees, land, and buildings.

Condominium owners become members of an owners association that manages the development and usually is responsible for general maintenance. For this, owners pay a prorated amount per month in addition to their payment on the unit itself.

Condominiums offer the tax and equity advantages of home ownership and sometimes the recreational facilities and social opportunities of apartment complexes.

But consumers considering the purchase of a condominium should investigate closely. Buying a condominium means buying certain responsibilities. And it could mean buying a headache, if you haven't checked on certain things in advance.

Sometimes, developers may build more units than the central facilities can accommodate. Make sure you find out in advance how many units will be built, and that there will be enough recreational and maintenance facilities to prevent overcrowding.

Complaints that appliances, carpeting, draperies, building material, and workmanship don't resemble the promotional brochures have been reported. The way to avoid such problems is to go see the condominium before buying. Look not only at your unit,

but at the communal facilities, since you will be part-owner of them too.

Remember to read all literature carefully—but realize that what's in the promotional brochure isn't necessarily what you will get. The Department of Housing and Urban Development advises purchasers to delay signing any kind of agreement until all documents pertaining to the condominium have been received and studied. According to HUD, the developer should supply prospective buyers with a "declaration," or book, describing in detail the entire condominium project. HUD officials specializing in condominiums also say it's vital to get copies of the association bylaws, the project's operating budget, and the management agreement.

Our Consumer Protection attorneys say it's important to find out how the condominium complex will be managed, too. The usual procedure is for the developer to set up a management arrangement that the owners association takes over gradually as the units are sold. Be wary of developers who don't specify a time limit for turning over management.

Some developers retain ownership of the central facilities such as pools, tennis courts, and parking lots and lease them to the owners association. An owner then must pay a portion of the monthly lease fee, in addition to his monthly payment and owners association charges, even if he doesn't use the facilities. Some states report that when such payment isn't made, a lien can be placed against the unit and foreclosure begun.

It's also a good idea to check the estimates given for budget

### Obituarues

#### Willard Boyd

Willard Earl Boyd, 77 of Trent, a retired farmer, died at 1:40 a.m. Monday at Rolling Plains Hospital in Sweetwater. Services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Trent Baptist Church directed by the Starbuck Funeral Home.

The Rev. Carl Rea, pastor, officiated. Burial followed at Newman Cemetery.

Born Feb 16, 1906, in Callahan County, he had lived in the Trent area most of his life. He married Eliza Jane Salyers May 28, 1968 in Trent. He was a Methodist.

Two brothers, Ross and Fred preceded him in death.

He is survived by his wife; four brothers, Buddy of Trent, J. P. and Bert, of Sweetwater, and Damon of Imperial; two sisters, Florence Howard of Ballinger and Vera Sharp of Trent and several nieces and nephews. Nephews were pallbearers.

#### Moreno

Jesus Calderon Moreno, 63, of Merkel died after a long illness at 6 a.m. Tuesday at Shady Oaks Nursing Home in Abilene. Services were held at 1:30 p.m. Thursday at Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church here directed by the Starbuck Funeral Home.

The Rev. Frank Zimmerman, pastor, officiated. Burial was at Rose Hill Cemetery.

Born Jan. 27, 1920 in Clyde, he had attended Merkel schools and lived here most of his life. He married Maria Garcia Dec. 15, 1938 here and served in the Army in Germany in World War II. He was a Catholic.

He is survived by his wife; seven sons, Jesse Jr., Hijinio, Raymond, Ace, Mario and Daniel, all of Merkel,

and Robert of El Dorado, Ark.; two daughters, Hope Moreno and Janie Jaramillo of Merkel; two brothers M. C. and Alvino, both of Abilene; a sister Cecilia Durna of Abilene and 27 grandchildren.

#### Mrs. Ribera

Mrs. Cruze Diera Ribera, 44 of Lemoore Calif., formerly of Merkel, died after a long illness at 4:30 p.m. Saturday at Medical Center Hospital in Odesa. Services were at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church here, directed by the Starbuck Funeral Home.

The Rev. Frank Zimmerman, pastor, officiated and burial followed at Rose Hill Cemetery.

Born Sept. 14, 1938 here, she had attended Merkel schools and had married Narcisso Ribera Dec. 27, 1957 in Abilene. He had lived in Lemoore Calif., since 1959. He was a Catholic.

She is survived by her husband; four sons Jay of Los Angeles, Jon, Christopher and Gabriel all of Lemoore a daughter, Dephina Byars of Irving, a brother Antonio Biera of Merkel; five sisters Cynthia Duran, Rosa Whitt and Carmen Acuna, all of Merkel, Mary Martinez of Abilene and Ester Sayer of Washington, Ill., and a grandchild.

#### Willie Spurgin

Willie J. Spurgin, 84, of Abilene, died at 7:30 a.m. Feb. 15 at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene following a sudden illness. Services were held at 4 p.m. Feb. 17 at Starbuck Chapel. Dr. Robert Christian of the Grace Presbyterian Church here and minister Bill Proctor of the Dudley Church of Christ officiated. Burial followed at Rose Hill Cemetery.

Born Dec. 12, 1896 in Corryell County, he had moved to Jones County at age 3 and had lived there until 1962. He then moved to Abilene. He had been an elder in the Grace Presbyterian Church here for 40 years. He married Lou Rains Oct. 1922 here.

He is survived by his wife; three sons, Robert of Pensacola, Fla., Willie L. of Roscoe and Clinton of Parkersburg, W. Va.; one daughter Alice Nell Santleben of Knippa; ten grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

#### William Davis

William Luther Davis, 81 of Rt. 6 Gainesville, was pronounced dead of natural causes at his home Feb. 17. Services were held at 2 p.m. Feb. 20 at Starbuck Chapel with the Rev. Russell McAnally officiating. Burial followed in the Sylvester Cemetery.

Born Aug. 24 in Cooke County, he had moved to the Golan Community in 1920 and had lived most of his life there. He had moved to Gainesville in 1982 and was a member of the First Baptist Church and the Masonic Lodge. He had married Beluah

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Mae Herron on Aug. 24, 1922 in Golan. She died March 28, 1956. He married Margaret Ellen Rich Aug. 3, 1957 in Abilene. She died June 15, 1974.

He is survived by a son Calvin of Gallup N.M.; three daughters Willie Mae Riggan of Mulberry Canyon, Sarah Elma Jones of McKinney, Letrace Fae Anderson of Lufkin; two sisters, Mae Harris of Southern,

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