

The Merkel Mail

Thursday, March 1, 1984...Merkel, Texas

Our 95th Year



Merkel received about an inch and a half of snow Sunday afternoon that made things look more like winter. [Staff photo by Cloy A. Richards]

Council expresses support of "Pot Hole Bill", will allow appraisal district to collect delinquent taxes

The Merkel City Council met in regular session Monday night and discussed their support for a Pot Hole Bill proposed by the Texas Municipal League and discussed having the County Appraisal District collect past due city taxes.

The city, according to manager J. A. Sadler has about \$30,000 in past due tax accounts, but did better than they expected on tax collections this year.

The city had budgeted collecting about 85 per cent of taxes and have already collected 88 per cent. Sadler said he'd like any money

collected from past due taxes to be placed into a special account earmarked for road and street repairs here.

Another possible funding source for local road and street repair may be a bill before the Texas Legislature, proposed by the Texas Municipal League to provide about \$140 million per year to be distributed on a formula based on the number of paved miles in a city. Merkel has 21 miles of paved streets and would receive about \$32,500 each year for street repairs.

The bill will be introduced for the third time during a proposed special session of the Legislature.

Sadler asked council for their support for the bill and said they would try to contact local representative Steve Carriker to urge passage of the bill. Carriker has publically stated in the past that he was non-committed on the bill.

Council also discussed an insurance claim that has not been settled concerning some water damage to a local home during the bad weather in December and January.

Turner interviewed

Guenther resigns as Tye police chief

The Tye City council has interviewed a Merkel City patrolman, Al Turner as a possible replacement for former Tye Police Chief Henry Guenther.

Guenther, the former Justice of The Peace here, had his resignation

accepted at a Feb. 21 meeting of the Tye City Council and in his letter of resignation, said he was willing to stay with the city until March 9 or a new chief is hired.

According to city secretary Jo Moore, the Tye City Council's next

scheduled meeting will be held during the third week in March and further said she had not been instructed to call a special session before then as of Tuesday.

Al Turner was interviewed by the council at their special meeting Monday night.



The following members of the Merkel Volunteer Fire Department were honored at a banquet last week and presented service

pens. Shown are [top row from left] Ikey Garrett, Robert Harris, Ray King, Bob Reynolds, Rex Martin, Jackie Cannon Billy Lucas [bottom row from left] Jim

Shugart, Bart Whisenhunt, Steve Cochran, Henry Brady, Jerry Horton and Watmon Adcock. [Staff photo by Melanie Richards]

Board extends contracts

The Merkel school board held a routine, regular meeting last Tuesday night at the Merkel High Library and extended the contracts of the four campus principals, as well as curriculum director's David Laman's contract for two years.

It broke with a tradition of extending one year contracts to

administrators here.

The district also decided to construct a portable building at Tye to help out with some space shortages in their building.

The board also gave superintendent Bill Everett permission to start a summer school program here.

The district also announced that open house would be held at

Merkel Elementary March 6th at 7 p.m. starting with a PTO meeting at 7 p.m.

In other action, the board paid bills totaling \$63,304.57.

The board had scheduled an executive session Tuesday night but details were not available and will be reported in next week's Mail if any decisions were made.

Snow, nurses, in Austin...more

by Cloy A. Richards

The weather this month has been a little erratic to say the least. We have had days that approached 80 degrees and then what happens three days later, we get an inch and a half of snow on Feb. 26th. It was pretty and all of that, but in kinda put a dent in some gardening plans I had for Sunday.

I know, they say the frost free date here is April Fools Day, but the weather can sometime make you keep guessing, can't it.

I know one of the advantages Russell McAnally has over columnists is his being a preacher.

How else could a writer use the subject he chose last week (a young, pretty nurse) and come out smelling like a rose. All of my young, pretty nurse stories, true or untrue, would get me in a lot of trouble so, don't look for any in this column.

Seriously, Russell's columns are serious and always have a message or a point to make.

The Merkel school board last week, presented the four campus principals and David Laman with two year contracts. They didn't get an increase in pay, but to have an extra year of job security, or at least as much security one can feel when they are directly re-

sponsible for the children during their school day, must mean something to them.

I get a lot of strange mail and one I received this week is right up there with the best.

It's a letter from the Texas Sesquicentennial Celebration and said that the Lone Star Cafe, a New York City Texas drinking, dancing and eating establishment, may now apply to be annexed into the state of Texas because of their role as ambassadors of Texas goodwill.

I'd just as soon the Lone Star Cafe, or any other part of New

York City not be annexed. First thing we'd know is we'd get a bill wanting us to help pay off some 1930 municipal bond for the Big Apple.

Tell you what, I'll offer the commission a few worthless beads and some coins to withdraw their permission for Lone Star to seek annexation.

The Mail office will be closed Friday so my wife and I can travel to Austin where I will be helping judge the 1983 Nebraska Newspaper contest. Melanie is going along as social director and

already has a full day in Austin planned Friday.

Last week, we asked for a challenger to come out of the pack for the Democrats to avoid a bopraing race into July's primaries, and low and behold, there he is, Gary Hart.

Hart's showing in New Hampshire was indicative that he may just be the man to challenge Mondale. Hart's problem is the lack of an organized campaign in the Deep South.

You know who will be strong there, along with Mondale, that's the last person in America that will be invited to Sammy Davis Jr.'s birthday party, the Rev. Jessie Jackson.

It all makes for a good fight for the Democrats, and as Regan continues to roll and stay out of the limelight, he looks better and better with each passing day, as some of the Democrats self-destruct as in the cases of John Glen, and Jackson as well, if he doesn't learn not to trust a reporter who says comments he makes will be off the record. Off the record and right on to the front page is more like it.

Firemen receive pins at banquet

The Merkel Volunteer Fire Department held a banquet at Heritage Hall Tuesday night and handed out service pins to 17 members.

Waymon Adcock, chief of the volunteers received his 45 year pin

and Rex Martin received his 40 year pin. Roy Buchanan a 30 year pin, Robert Harris a 25 year pin. Billy Lucas, Henry Brady and Jerry Horton each received 20 year pins. Ikey Garrett, Jackie Cannon, Albert Chavira and Bob-

by Reynolds each received 10 year pins.

Receiving five year pins were Ray King, Bart Whisenhunt, Ray DeLa Cruz, Mitch Atkinson, Jim Shugart and Steve Cochran.

All 3 school board seats contested

All three local school board races are being contested as the March 7 filing deadline for school

and city races approaches.

None of the city candidates have drawn opponents as of Tuesday.

In the school race, Larry

Hellums is challenging incumbent Ray Pack, Jerry Dawson is challenging Jack Ferguson and Earl Laird is challenging Jack Riney.

There I was, digging, and then...

by Russell McAnally

Blackberry vines carry their own protection in the form of hookbill thorns. One time, I set

out some of those thornless blackberry vines, and sure enough, they did not have any thorns, but neither did they have many berries. Leon Harris had told me he had a few extra volunteer blackberry vines I could have for the digging. I went out to the farm Leon had bought, which, for a long time, had belonged to "Uncle Harry Riney", said Jack Hogan.

There is an old garden plot with a partly fallen down rock and brick fence around it, were the blackberry vines.

Just as I finished digging the vines and picking out the thorns, an elderly man in an older model car, drove up and said he was looking for some people that had lived here 75 years ago. I tried to explain that I was not one of them. The man, who looked very much at home around there, was a Mr. Boyd. For about thirty minutes, Mr. Boyd pointed out locations and

explained some of the history of the area. There, up next to the mountain, was the Will Toombs two story house he said, and up the road North, lived the Blackburns, across the creek and to the West was the Horton home. Across the creek, as he called it, was the school house and the church house. Closer to the creek, was the blacksmith shop, and a store stood close by. One day during an

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Snakebite victim rules from EMS

by Vernon Wade
President, Merkel Emergency Medical Service

Each year in the United States, 45,000 snake bites are reported. Seven thousand of these snake bites are from poisonous snakes. Only about 12 people die from snake bites each year. About 30 per cent of all bites by poisonous snakes show no evidence of poison being injected. So, the snake may or may not inject poison with a bite.

There are about 120 different types of snakes in the U.S., which only 20 are poisonous. The rattlesnake of any name is poisonous. The other three types of poisonous snakes are the water moccasin, the copperhead and the coral snakes.

The identification of the snake, if possible, is extremely important. Don't spend time looking for the snake unless someone else is available to care for the patient. The rattlesnake, cottonmouth and the copperhead bear a characteristic deep pit or hole between the eyes and the nose. The pupil or dark part of the eye, are slit and vertical. At the front of the mouth are two fangs which curve back toward the inside of the mouth. The head of the pit-viper (rattlesnakes, cottonmouths and copperheads) has a characteristic flat head.

A person bitten by a pit viper will almost immediately have a severe burning pain and swelling at the bite location. The bite will usually (not always) have two holes at the location of the bite. The swelling and pain which usually develops within 5 to 10 minutes and spreads over the following 8 to 36 hours.

Bleeding under the skin and discoloration of the surrounding area may develop within a few hours. Some numbness may occur. Other symptoms include weakness, sweating, fainting, nausea, vomiting a fast heart beat and a drop in blood pressure. The speed at which the reaction to the snakebite occurs depends on the location and the amount of poison injected.

The coral snake is a small snake with a very colorful, bright red, yellow and black rings encircling the body in regular order. The

arrangement of the colored rings helps to distinguish the coral from the non-poisonous snakes that also have red, yellow and black rings. The distinction is made easy by remembering the well known verse "Red on Yellow will kill a fellow, Red on Black, venom will lack."

The poison of the coral snake is the most toxic of any snake in the U.S. It accounts for only about 2 per cent of snake bites in this country. The marks of a bite from a coral snake differ from a pit viper in that a coral snake must chew to ingest poison. Following the bite of a coral snake, you may find one or many tiny punctures or scratch like wounds in the area.

The problem with coral snake bites are usually different from the pit viper. There is usually very minor local problems. The venom of the coral snake acts on the nervous system. People bitten by the coral snake may complain of depression or apprehension or a feeling of well being. The effect on the brain can cause stoppage of breathing and eyelid and eyeball movement.

The treatment of both the coral and pit viper bites are almost the same.

1. If a phone is handy, call for your doctor or the ambulance.

2. Calm and reassure the patient, who may become hysterical, the patient should lie down, be quiet and keep warm.

3. Don't give any alcoholic beverages.

4. Clean the bite slight with soap and water.

5. Using a piece of soft rubber tubing, put a constricting band around the arm or leg about 4 to 5 inches above and below the bite marks. This is only to slow down the surface blood flow. After the tubing is in place, make sure you can find a pulse below the bite marks. You should be able to fit your finger under the band fairly easy.

6. Keep the bite lower than the heart. This will also help slow down the spread of the poison.

7. You may apply a cool-pak (ice bag wrapped in a towel) to the area if you make contact with your doctor and he tells you to. Under no circumstance should the affected area be packed in ice.

8. The victim of snake bites should be taken to the doctor as soon as possible. Don't have the victim walk to the car as movement causes the venom to circulate faster. If the patient is too large for you to carry, get help or call your ambulance service. We can carry and also make contact with your doctor en-route.

9. The practice of making cuts at the site of fang marks is not recommended if the patient can get to the doctor within an hour. Also, the use of the mouth for suction is not recommended because of the toxic bacteria in the human mouth. Making the cut after 30 minutes is not advised because the poison is already absorbed into the skin. The cuts may be confusing so remember, if you can, get to the doctor within one hour, no cuts, if you are where you can get to a doctor in an hour.

If you must make the cuts, use a snake bite kit. The cuts should be one-quarter inch long and through each fang mark and about an eighth of an inch deep. Place a suction cup from the kit on each fang mark and leave them in place for 30 minutes.

If the bite is from a coral snake, don't make any cuts as there is usually no residue of poison at the site.

10. Remove all jewelry.

11. Don't give anything by mouth.

12. Time is a very important part of the care of snake bites. You must remain calm or your victim will also get excited and this will cause the poison to spread faster.

13. Remember to get help quickly from your doctor or your ambulance service. If you are driving to the doctor with a snake bite victim, he usually does not need another victim. Drive carefully, calmly and with great care.

Next week: Rules to follow if you are a victim of any emergency or if you are helping in an emergency.

Note: I have been asked about classes in Emergency care. If you are interested in having classes in Merkel, call City Hall at 928-4911 and give them your name and phone number. If there are enough interested, we will have some classes.

He had no trouble seeing the past...

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event at the school, one man, after emptying his whiskey bottle threw it over the school house and it landed on the head of a woman and did serious injury. He said he could remember it as if it were yesterday. It set me wondering who did the throwing and who was hit on the head.

I had seen the car Mr. Boyd was driving parked down by the creek earlier in my blackberry digging. He informed me he had walked up the creek trying to see if there were still any fish left in the creek. He said he had a picture of a 16

inch bass swimming along in the clear, blue water over 50 years ago. Because he didn't see any fish, or any clear, blue water, this time he decided all the fish were gone.

As Mr. Boyd stood there, recalling the sights and incidents of the past, it was evident that he was no longer in this generation, but back there with the smoke from the blacksmith shop and the laughter of the school kids. Of the Nubia school. I think I almost went back with him, but, it was very hard for me to see the street with the stores and houses in that

location. One of these days, Mr. Boyd said he wanted to sit down and have a talk with Ila Mae McLean and Bernice Toombs. He said he heard Bernice was staying part-time with her daughter by the name of ... he couldn't remember the name but when I said 'Peggy', he remembered and told me she lived in Abilene. He said goodbye three times and I went back to loading my blackberry vines with my mind in a whirl, but the thorns of a blackberry vine can bring a person back to reality in a hurry.

Badger baseball begins March 5th

The Merkel High Baseball team will start its second season March 5th here at 3:30 p.m. as they face the Abilene High junior varsity.

This year's team, according to coach Phillip Pursley will be young, but he believes this team will be better than last year's team because they are more solid in defensive positions and says he has a team that can hit. Like most baseball coaches pre-season, Pursley says the key will be pitching and he won't know how good the pitching is until they face batters in real games.

Pursley also added there are a few players on the team that now have some high school baseball experience, and that should help. Electra is still the only other

district school that fields a baseball team and the Badgers will qualify for the state baseball playoffs.

The Badgers are returning 8 from last years' team and will have only three seniors on a squad of 21 players.

The coach also told The Mail Friday that they have tentatively set an April 23 fundraiser for the team. The team will be playing anywhere from 25 to 30 innings and each players will get sponsors to donate so much per inning to the baseball program. Pursley said the money would be used to help offset the costs to the school district for travel, meals and other expenses.

ball schedule:
March 5 here against Abilene High JV, March 8 here against San Angelo JV, March 14 at Abilene Cooper JV, March 16 at Graham, March 27 at Snyder JV, March 29 Graham here.

Also, April 2 Abilene Cooper JV April 4 at Big Spring JV, April 6 and 7 Abilene Cooper JV tournament, April 10 Snyder JV here, April 12 at Abilene High JV, April 14 Merkel tournament.

Also, April 16 at Abilene Cooper JV, April 18 Big Spring JV here, May 1 at Electra (District) and May 8 Electra here (District) Both Electra games are double-headers.

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Tye elementary honor roll

The following is the Tye Elementary honor roll for the 4th six week period.

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A-B Honor Roll
 Heather Davis, Crystal Grooms, Eddy Schmoker, Debbie Bateman, Robby Couch, Crystal Gayle, Stephanie Hinkle, Nisha Pritchard, Joe Castillo and Chrissy Mills.

Second Grade All A
 Brian Miller, Sandi Wood.

Second Grade A-B
 Jennifer Davis, Buster Davis, Chad Fambrough, Jennifer Johnson, Josh Perry, Sandy Allison.

Third Grade All A
 Donnie Windland and Tami Sims

Third Grade A-B
 Kenneth Bateman, Kimberly Isreal, Mandy Law, Sam Murdock, Lori Snowden, Danny Williamson, Jason Robison, Jay Beard, Jennifer Hicks, Cody Parker.

Fourth Grade All A
 Son Hui Chon, Becky Donaldson, Trilena Dortch, Greg Parker and

Ceryl Wood.

Fourth Grade A-B
 Yvonne Alexander, Melissa Maxwell, Danny Sheffield, Chad Taylor, Kim Tucker, Hope Ward and Christie Castillo.

Fifth Grade All A
 Jana Daniell and Cristi Moore

Fifth Grade A-B
 Chris McCartney, Troy Sims, Dennis Griffin, Alicia Helms and Rodney Bunselmeyer.

Mrs. Wheeler's Room All A

Jody Lang A-B
 Jamie McClintock and Norma Humphries

Proposition Zero is an alternative for Texas

To the Editor:
 Reckoning time draws near at taxpayers, educators and politicians await the recommendations of the Perot Committee on Public Education promised March 1.

Assuming which we can that education improvements are needed, how will we pay for them? Will we continue to pit the financial needs of education against an overburdened property tax payer?

Texas Comptroller Bob Bullock recommended a plan which may help equalize the funding of education. However, not only has this plan been dubbed a "Robin Hood" approach but it does nothing to stop the property tax assault on homes. Nor does it attack the cause of unequal schools, which originates from the reliance on the property tax.

Other plans, such as the doubling the gas tax, increasing the motor vehicle registration (by 75 percent) or upping the sin and sales tax only continues the inequalities.

As long as we rely on the property tax to

locally-rund schools, equalization problems will persist. In addition to the high social cost of unequal schools there is another cost for taxpayers. This cost is equalization aid and it will cost you and me over \$250 million this year!

There is a better plan to pay for the Texas public schools.

A plan which will accomplish the important goals of (1) increasing funding for schools; (2) attacking the cause of inequities in schools; and (3) stopping the tax abuse against homes.

The plan is Proposition Zero, and it will replace a major portion of the property tax with a state sales tax. Also, it will add to the coffers of public education over \$250 million in 1985!

There are bound to be a variety of proposals. But, no proposal except Proposition Zero is a complete answer.

Consider Proposition Zero. We need to let our elected leaders hear from us. Let's demand a total solution that will ensure equality for our dollars and equality for

all our school children from Laredo to Lubbock.

Sincerely

Local woman thanks Baptist youth

Dear Editor:

On Friday night, Feb. 17, the young folks at the First Baptist Church here did a very special and wonderful thing for us "Senior Citizens" of Merkel Baptist Church. It was called "A Night in Hawaii". They had fellowship hall beautifully decorated for the occasion. A huge picture of an ocean covered the East wall. There were palm trees, lanterns and other decorations including a beautiful water fall, real water fall. With parts of flowers surrounding it, the tables had lit candles and a program and menu folder at each place setting.

All the "Seniors" were met at the door and a Hawaii Ley was placed around their neck.

Ellen Covert Cohen
 Director
 Proposition Zero

The menu consisted of brisket, green beans, congealed salad, cream potatoes and hot, home made rolls, tea, coffee and plenty of it.

Brother Ed Jackson was master of ceremonies. He led the prayer. Special music was provided by Dr. Rod Cannedy on guitar. Speaker was David Smith. It was a real fun sort of thing, a lot of laughter and good fellowship which is so good for some of us who sometimes don't have a lot to laugh about.

Laughter is good medicine for one after a hearty meal.

Thanks a lot young folks, We love you.

And, God bless each of you.

Estelle Humphreys

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Texas' tax revenues down

For the first time in 40 years, state tax revenue in Texas declined in fiscal year 1983, but local property taxes rose by 14.4 per cent setting a new record, according to the Texas Research League.

The decline in state tax collections stemmed mainly from recession-spawned falloffs of \$156 million in sales tax revenue and \$127 million in revenue from the oil severance tax.

The February issue of *Analysis*, the League's monthly newsletter notes that collections from various other state taxes in 1983 were not enough to offset the large declines in the sales tax and oil revenues causing state tax revenues to drop from \$9.1 billion in fiscal year 1982 to \$8.9 billion in fiscal year 1983.

Meanwhile, local property tax levels set a new record reaching \$6.6 billion in 1982-83, up \$828 million from the previous year, according to the League.

This 14.4 per cent increase follows on the heels of a 16.3 per cent rise the previous year, in spite of truth-in-taxation and tax rollback provisions enacted by the state legislature to reduce local reliance on the property tax.

Nevertheless, reliance upon the property tax has declined over the past decade. Property taxes as a percentage of local governmental revenue, have dropped from 40.5 per cent of the total in 1972 to 33.2 per cent last year. For the school districts the decline has been small, from 39.4 per cent to 36.4 per cent. But for cities, property taxes dropped from 40.2 per cent

of general revenue in 1972 to 25.5 per cent last year.

Total spending by Texas state and local governments topped \$24 billion, the equivalent of \$1,575 for every man, woman and child in the state. The \$24 billion represented a spending increase of 12.8 per cent from the previous year, according to the Census Bureau figures cited by the League. Broken down, local governments increase their expenditures by 14.7 per cent, while state spending grew by 9.7 per cent.

Fund balances grew by \$3.5 billion during the year for a total of \$30.3 billion Aug. 31, 1982. Excluding the permanent funds and employee's retirement funds, Texas local governments have \$8.5 billion of reserves in other funds and the State of Texas had \$5.4 billion.

Starr volunteers meet March 7th

by Stephanie Mitchell

Starr Nursing Home would like to announce we will be having a volunteer appreciation March 7 at 3 p.m. at Heritage Hall.

Barbara Davis, regional volunteer coordinator for the Texas Department of Health will be the guest speaker and will show a slide presentation of volunteers at work.

This promises to be an informative and entertaining afternoon, but more importantly, will give Starr the opportunity to express our thanks for the many volunteers that give so much to the residents at Starr.

Our volunteer program continues to grow but we still need more people interested in helping other people.

We'd like to say thanks to the volunteers that helped out during Bingo night. Our residents love Bingo, but we didn't always have enough volunteers to help play the cards. If we had more volunteers, more people could play.

Anyone interested could contact the nursing home or be there the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7 p.m.

Thanks also go to Buddy Smith and the Fiddlin' Friends for

coming the 3rd Thursday of the month. We always have a good time when they come.

One upcoming event we are looking forward to is First Baptist will be coming March 1 at 7 p.m. They have a puppet show that is real good. If you have never seen these kids perform, they put on quite a show. They have been here once before and we really get a kick out of them.

In closing, we'd like to thank all of you that care enough to give the residents your time. If you could see these residents day in and day out like I do, I know you'd see what a difference you can make.

Cindermen 4th at Fort Stockton

The Merkel Badgers opened their 1984 track season this weekend and opened it well, placing 4th at Fort Stockton. Merkel, competing with AAA and AAAA schools, followed Monahans, Kermit and Fort Stockton. The Badgers started well Friday in the field events as they were third and qualified 15 individuals and two relays for the finals. In the field events, Michael

McCoy won the long jump and Matt Cain was 3rd. Michael Tutt was 5th in the high jump and John Bright was 4th in the pole vault and Randy Davis was 6th.

In the finals, disaster struck the 400 relay when, as they were leading the pack, dropped the baton. In the 800, James Wright placed 6th and Steve Farthing 7th. Matt Cain was 2nd in the 110 high

hurdles and Michael McCoy was a photo-finish 2nd in the 200 while Russell Lucas was 5th. McCoy was also 4th in the 100 and Michael Tutt was 7th. Russell Lucas was 6th in the 400, Matt Cain was 3rd in the 300 intermediate hurdles and Dean Franklin was 5th. The 1600 relay team of Jerry Davis, Dean Franklin, Steve Farthing and James Wright was 6th.

TDA Finds Carcinogen, EDB, in One-third of Products Tested

(AUSTIN)—After discovering residues of the carcinogenic chemical Ethylene Dibromide (EDB) in 29 grain-based products taken from grocery store shelves, Texas Department of Agriculture Assistant Commissioner Ron White has urged Texas Commissioner of Health Robert Bernstein to act quickly in establishing a limit on the level of the cancer-causing fumigant in foods sold in Texas.

"Significant levels of EDB, which U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) scientists termed one of the most powerful cancer-causing chemicals the agency has ever tested, have been found in a variety of grain-based products tested by TDA. We found significant residues in products commonly consumed in Texas from bran muffin mix to devil's food cake mix to flour and corn meal," White said. "This is a deadly serious business, and the Texas Department of Health should immediately establish a standard for Texas so our consumers can know that processed grain products are safe to eat."

"Out of 71 products tested, about one out of three showed EDB residues of from one to 426 parts per billion," White said.

"It is important to understand that the EPA has done extensive tests on EDB, and they don't just do tests with huge doses either. Even very small doses, they found, rapidly induced tumors as well as reproductive damage in laboratory animals. These studies have conclusively determined that EDB in the food supply does create an 'extremely high' cancer risk. The shame is that there are efficient and cost-effective alternatives to EDB, which is used to control weevils and other pests in grain. The fact is that this chemical simply does not have to be in the food supply.

documentation the EPA has provided on the health risks of EDB. I say again that this is a deadly serious problem, but one that can be managed by quick and thoughtful action by state and federal governments," White said. "There is no need for any consumer panic, since one box of grits won't kill anyone, but neither should we be nonchalant about this health threat. We need to proceed deliberately, but firmly, so that the interests of the public and the manufacturers are served."

Texas Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower said, "It may be that one part-per-billion or even a hundred parts-per-billion are perfectly safe doses of EDB, but then again, maybe not. The truth is, no one knows for sure. Rather than use Texas consumers as test mice, let's get this stuff off the shelves and then let the scientists quibble over parts-per-billion."

"Quick action on this matter is important not only for consumers but for Texas grain farmers as well. The EDB contamination is not coming from the farm, but from the storage and processing stages. Our farmers produce good, high quality healthy farm products that are good for U.S. consumers and foreign buyers as well, and it is important for that goodness not to get diluted in the processing," Hightower said. "Texas grain producers have built an international reputation for a top quality product, and we've spent years developing markets for our grain. Why risk our good reputation and markets for some chemical that isn't even necessary?"

Although EPA began the process to ban EDB in 1977, no action was taken to remove the chemical from the marketplace until September 30, 1983, when EPA announced an emergency ban on using EDB as a soil fumigant. A



At a Capitol news conference, Texas Department of Agriculture Assistant Commissioner Ron White (right) announces that out of 71 grocery products tested by TDA, about one out of three showed EDB (a cancer-causing fumigant) residues of from one to 426 parts per billion.

EDB as a grain fumigant that was to take effect in November 1983 was challenged by several chemical companies, however, and EPA said the product may continue to be used until the challenge is resolved, which could take up to two years.

White said there was little consistency by brand name in EDB residue levels, and that the test results indicated that the use of EDB in the milling process could be of primary importance in residue levels. "The good news is that no EDB residues were found in any of the five bread samples, all from Texas bakeries,"

White said. "We tested two honey samples because EDB is approved for use on beehives, and found no residues there either. In addition, at the request of Arrowhead Mills, we tested 35 of their organic products, all of which tested free of EDB."

"The people of Texas have a legitimate right to expect to be able to purchase safe food," White said, and we will continue to test a wide range of products for EDB residues, and make those tests available to consumers and EPA for use in establishing guidelines for EDB limits."

Wells' have new daughter

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Wells Jr. of Merkel, are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Kayla Cherie Wells, born Feb 21. She weighed 7 pounds, 12 and a

ter inches long. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Herman Aiken of Merkel and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Wells, also of Merkel, are paternal

Obituaries

William Karl Bonneaux

William Karl Bonneaux Sr., 88, of Noodle, died Saturday at 9:15 p.m. in Shady Oaks Nursing Home in Abilene. Services were held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Church of Christ here.

Dr. Rex Kyker, Church of Christ minister from Austin, officiated assisted by Alan Jenkins of the Church of Christ in Noodle. Graveside services

were held at 3 p.m. at the Fairview Cemetery in Millsap, directed by the Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born April 7, 1895, in Millsap, he married Lucye Jane Byrd Dec. 22, 1917 in Weatherford. He served in the Army during World War I and went to work in the oil fields as a tool dresser after his discharge. During his career, he worked in Ranger, Bre-

ckenridge, Caddo, Abilene, Olden and Noodle. He went to work for Jack B. Roberts Oil Company, now Robert and King Company, in 1925.

Past president of the Goodman school district he served until it consolidated with the Trent school district and then served on the Trent school board 17 years. He served as commander of the Merkel-Trent barracks for 11 years,

was District 17 Commander for three years and was an inspector of the Department of World War I. He was a member of the Church of Christ.

He is survived by his wife; a son Karl Jr. of Palm Bay, Fla.; a brother Nona of California; two sisters Mattie Adkins of San Antonio and Donna Head of Lubbock; three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Clara Mae Largent

Clara Mae Largent, 90, of Clayton, N. M.; formerly of Merkel, died at 4 p.m. Sunday at her home in Clayton following a lengthy illness. Services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at First

Baptist in Clayton. The Rev. Chester Bunch officiated. Burial followed in the IOFF Clayton Cemetery under the direction of the Schooler-Hass Funeral

Home. Born Clara Mae Saffle Aug. 19, 1893, in Seagoville. She married Willie Joe Largent in 1913 in Merkel. He had died March 12, 1971. She is survived by a

son, Bill J. of Abilene; a daughter, Mrs. Royce (FRan) Eiland of Clayton; a sister, Katherine Hicks of Albuquerque; six grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Thelma F. Steel

Thelma F. Steel of Abilene, the sister in law of a Merkel man, died at 7 p.m. Sunday at West Texas Medical Center. Services were held at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday at Elliott-Hamill Funeral Home in Abilene.

Dr. Billy Spencer, pastor of University Bap-

tist Church officiated. Burial followed at Elmwood Memorial Park.

Born March 1, 1917 in Jones County, she was raised there. She had a beauty shop in Abilene from 1933-42. She then had a shop in Midland for 15 years. She returned to Abilene in

1961. She was a Baptist. She is survived by a sister, Mrs. J. T. (Willie) Hollinger of Abilene; a brother, Cleburne Steel of Fort Worth; two sisters in law, Mrs. J. M. Steel of Abilene and Mrs. H. T. Steel of Anson; a bro-

ther in law Frank Merritt of Merkel and a number of nieces and nephews.

Palbearers were Johnny Greeson, Jerry Merritt, Connie Mack Skaggs, Winford E. Spencer, Ray Davis and Jerry Ray Davis.



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Only And Will Be Held At 10:00 a.m. and levied upon as the property of H. B. Daniel and that on the first Tuesday in April 1984, the same being the 3rd day of said month at the Court House door, of Taylor County, in the City of Abilene Texas, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., by virtue of said levy and said Execution, I will sell said above described Real Estate at public vendue, for each to the highest bidder, as the property of said H. B. Daniel.
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Witness my hand, this the 23 day of February 1984.
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By Eddie Swanson, Deputy.
52-3tc

THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Charles Thomson Defendant, Greeting:
You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before ten o'clock A.M. of the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being Monday, the 26th day of March 1984, at or before ten o'clock A.M. before the Honorable 104th District Court of Taylor County, Texas, at the Court House of said County in Abilene, Texas.
Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court, on the 9th day of February, A.D. 1984, in this cause, numbered 15,956-B on the docket of said court and styled, Abilene National Bank Plaintiff vs. Charles Thomson Defendant.
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The names of the parties to the cause are as follows:¶ Abilene National Bank are Plaintiffs and Charles E. Thomson are Defendants.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit:¶

Suit on promissory note, Plaintiff prays that upon final hearing, Plaintiff have judgement of and against the Defendant for the sum of \$13,883.24, together with the sum of \$4,500.00 as attorney's fees, in the total sum of \$18,383.24 for applicable and legal interest accrued from this date on the balance of said Notes and for costs.

as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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and make due return as the law directs. Issued and given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 10th day of February A.D. 1984. Attest:
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Film series at

Trent church

James C. Dobson's focus on the family film series will be presented at the Trent United Methodist Church starting Sunday, March 4.

For the next 7 consecutive Sundays, one of the films will be shown. The films are one hour in length and can be seen at 2 and 6 p.m. The public is invited to view these films in Trent. This week, the title of the film is "The Strong Willed Child" and the next week, "Shaping the Will Without Breaking the Spirit," will be shown on March 11.

Lambda Beta

Lambda Beta met at Pleasantville Feb. 21 as Debbie Roberson was hostess.

Co-captains Mychelle Hammond and Kay Bishop presented the program "Psychology... Modern Mental Health". Details were discussed openly and freely by the membership.

Details of the beauty pageant were also discussed.

Attending were Chera Hohertz, president, Pat Schuknecht, Debbie Sandusky, Peggy Chick, Kay Bishop, Mychelle Hammond, Rita Moore, Ann Leach and Debbie Roberson.

Work day set

at golf course

A work day is set at the Merkel Golf Course Saturday starting at 9 a.m.

People volunteering are asked to bring hand tools.

The Merkel Golf Association's Monthly Pot Luck suppers will start March 13.

Car wash set

Sunday

The junior high class of Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church will be holding a car wash at the church starting at 2 p.m. Sunday.

It will be held weather permitting and prices are \$5 for a car and \$7 for a van or pick-up.

Janie Rich is new

youth director

Janie Rich is the new youth director at Merkel's First United Methodist Church and she will be needing the help and cooperation of parents of the youth. Also, Lyle Rich has been named the coordinator of Church & Society this year and is striving to meet the needs of the membership. One way those unable to attend services might be better served if the communion elements are brought to them, wherever they may be. If you know of someone that desires the elements to be brought to them, please call Lyle or Brother John at the church office.

Wednesday, the chancel choir will practice at 6:30 and a Youth Bible study will be held at 7. On March 3, the Methodist Men's Breakfast will be held at 7 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall and on March 4th, Junior UMY will meet at 5 and the UMY at 7.

Catholic church news

Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church is happy to report they are almost one third of the way complete in visiting the people of the parish to fulfill their ADA quota. Remember, anything over the quota will be sent back to the parish. We want to encourage all of those who volunteered to visit families to do so as soon as possible. Completed cards should be delivered to Connie Ybarra each Monday. Call here at 928-5891.

First Communion classes began last Sunday and it is a very important sacrament. It is very important for children who will be receiving the sacrament of Penance to attend every class during this time in order to receive the sacrament. If your child has a very good reason to be out (sickness) we will work out the class missed. The class is 12 weeks long and we would like to see all the children at each class in order to receive the sacrament of Penance with all of the other children.

Mrs. Freeman honored at bridal shower

Mrs. James Freeman, formerly Leigh Ann McGlothlin, was honored with a bridal shower Jan. 28 in the home of Mrs. Don Orr.

Also hosting were Mrs. Mike Ray, Lloyd Williams, Othel O'Kelly, Owen O'Kelly, Ted Simpson, Tom Sitter, Ronnie Freeman, R. L. Bland, Randy Hunt, Billy W. Hamner, Curtis Moore, Max Sipe, Red Shafer, Jerry Williams, Mike Carraker, Mark Copeland, and Brenda Jackson, Lettie Hamner and Louise Gregory.

The register table was decorated with the bride's throw bouquet, wedding pictures and a basket of pink and dusty rose poinsettias.

Debra Williams, Kim and Melony Orr served punch, cake and nuts from a table covered in pink, floor length cloth. The center piece featured a bouquet of baby breath and pink and dusty rose poinsettias.

MISD lunch menu

The following is the MISD school lunch menu.

March 1
Homestyle pizza, buttered corn, tossed salad, mixed fruit.

March 2
Chili dogs with mustard, cheese sticks, trimmings and french fries, applesauce cake with icing.

March 3
Fiestada, cron, salad, no bake cookies.

March 4
Tin can casserole, potatoes, carrots, onions, lettuce wedges, sliced peaches.

March 5
Bar-b-que pork on a bun, pinto beans and cole slaw, pineapple pieces.

March 6
Burritos with beef and beans, spanish rice, vegetable salad, jello with fruit.

March 9
Grilled cheese sandwiches, vegetable soup, mixed vegetables, peanut butter cookies.

Dance held

The annual Valentine dance was held in Abilene at the Civic Center Saturday night.

Thirteen from Preceptor Eta Omega attended.

Kathy Leverich, chapter sweetheart was escorted by her husband, Jimmy Leverich.

Preceptor Eta Omega news

Preceptor Eta Omega Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met in the home of Betty Conley with Mamie Steck presiding over the meeting.

Betty Conley and Louise DuBose were captain and co-captains of the program given by Sandra Carraker on color analysis.

Refreshments were served to Liz Eager, Mamie Steck, Kathy Leverich, Val Patterson, Betty Conley, Betty Satterwhite, Louise DuBose, Ruth Tipton, Opal Garner, Connie Ybarra, Jane Carson and Blanche Hewitt.

Their next meeting will be in the home of Helen Benson and Kathryn Cawley will present a program on spices March 8th.

Visitors here

Leon and Clydean Barbee from Carlsbad, N.M. visited for 10 days with her parents R. L. Denson at Fort Phantom Lake as her father was ill.

They are from Merkel and also visited here. They have returned home and reported they had a real good trip.

Compere club

holds meeting

The Compere TEHA Club met Feb. 23 in the home of Jessie Williams of Noodle for a wonderful Mexican luncheon she prepared for the club.

At 2 p.m., the club was called to order by president Louise Chancey. The club collect was given by Deloris Adair. Recreation was given by Maud Busby. A game of kitchen test and a beautiful poem "The Secret". Roll call was "A Sure Cure for the Blues."

The council report was given by Bertha Hunter and programs were presented on Mexico by Deloris Adair, Hawaii by Bertha Hunter and Canada by E-verie Dillard.

A get well card was signed by all to be sent to a former member Sue Mims of New Mexico who is in the hospital.

Attending were Kathleen McElmurry, visitor and members Louise Chancey, Maud Busby, Deloris Adair, Bertha Hunter, Everie Dillard, Allene Terry and the hostess Jessie Williams. The hostess gift was received by Bertha Hunter and secret pal gifts.

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were exchanged. Their next meeting will be in the home of Annie Taylor.

TEL class meets

The TEL Class of First Baptist met Feb. 28 for an 8 a.m. breakfast at Skeet's Restaurant.

Mrs. Mary Cleo Sadler and Anne Walker were co-hostesses for their monthly business meeting.

Twelve members attended including Mrs. Sadler, Anne Walker, Sarah Edwards, Bernice Smith, Mrs. Craig Humphreys, Lenora Byrd, Mrs. Ed Sandusky, Wynona Scroggins, Linnie Fisher, L. J. Renfro Jewell Criswell and Sylvia Newsom.

Booth's have daughter

Mr. and Mrs. David Booth are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Rebecca Dianne.

She was born Feb 23 in Austin at 10 p.m. She weighed 9 pounds at birth.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Rogers and paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bill Booth. Maternal great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. O.H. Davis and paternal grandmother is Mrs. Hazel Cressler, all of Merkel.

Tye cemetery clean up

A clean-up will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. at the Tye Cemetery.

Persons attending are asked to bring a sandwich lunch.

Sr. Citizens set singing here

The Merkel Senior Citizens will be holding a singing March 5 at 7 p.m.

The singing is open to people of all ages and will be held at the Merkel Senior Citizens facility at 133 Edwards.

STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
FAMILY COURT
BRANCH
MILWAUKEE COUNTY

In re the marriage of: GAIL LYNN HORVATH, Petitioner, SUMMONS and Case No. 626-474 JOHN STEVEN HORVATH, Respondent.

THE STATE OF WISCONSIN, TO SAID RESPONDENT:

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon Richard J. Podell & Associates, S.C., petitioner's attorneys, whose address is 625 N. Milwaukee Street, Suite 400, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202, a demand for a copy of the petition in this action for divorce within forty (40) days after the 16th day of February, 1984, exclusive of the date just stated, and in case of your failure so to do, judgment will be rendered against you according to the demand of the petitioner.

RICHARD J. PODELL & ASSOCIATES, S.C.
Attorneys for Petitioner
BY: JANICE M. RUSTAD
P.O. ADDRESS
625 N. Milwaukee Street
Milwaukee, WI 53202
(414) 224-6060
50-3tc

THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: RAY WALDREP, Whereabouts Unknown, Defendant, Greeting:
You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before ten o'clock A.M. of the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being Monday the 26th day of March, 1984, at or before ten o'clock A.M. before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County, Texas, at the Court House of said County in Abilene, Texas.

Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court, on the 6th day of February, A.D. 1984, in this cause, numbered 38,644-A on the docket of said court, and styled, SECURITY STATE BANK Plaintiff, vs. RAY WALDREP Defendant.

The names of the parties to the cause are as follows: SECURITY STATE BANK are Plaintiffs and RAY WALDREP are Defendants.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows to wit: Security State Bank, Plaintiff, seeks judgment against Ray Waldrep, Defendant, in the sum of \$7,151.57, plus attorney's fees and costs of suit and for other and further relief as the Plaintiff may show itself entitled, 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 process shall promptly execute the same according to law, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this 6th day of Feb. A.D. 1984.

Attest:
Rilla Mahoney, Clerk
42nd District Court,
Taylor County, Texas
BY JoAnn Lackey,
Deputy.

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What's the more important contributor to acid rain? (a) local pollution sources (b) distant pollution sources.

Answer: (a) Surprising to some, nearby sources are believed more important than remote sources in the acid rain problem.

A few years ago, some scientists thought that tall smokestacks—which had replaced shorter stacks to reduce local pollution levels—allowed pollutants to travel much further than before. Scientists now believe that stack height doesn't make any difference beyond about 60 miles.

The National Academy of Sciences says: "It can be stated as a rule of thumb that the further a source is from a given receptor site, the smaller its influence." In other words, the farther we move from an affected lake or stream, the less influence a given source of pollution will have.

Free Booklet
For a free booklet about acid rain, you can write to the Consolidation Coal Company, Consol Plaza, Pittsburgh, PA 15241.

Plastic vegetable bags make good shoe bags when you're packing.



Mr. and Mrs. Robert R. Miller of Tye, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Donna Evelyn, to Louis Wayne Goodman, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Williams of Merkel. The wedding will take place May 25, 1984 at the Tye Baptist Church with a reception following.



The first American newspapers appeared in Boston. One was the New England Courant, begun in 1721 by James Franklin, who employed his brother, Benjamin, in his shop.



The smallest known organism is a bacterium called the pleuropneumonia organism. It would take nearly two million of them, side by side and touching, to stretch an inch.

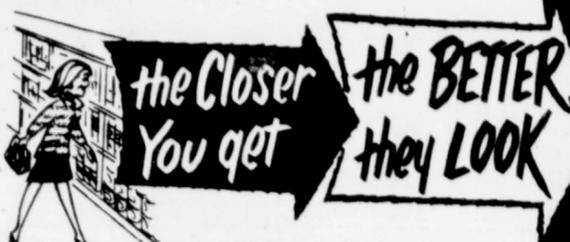
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