

# The Merkel Mail

Thursday, April 12, 1984...Merkel, Texas

Our 95th Year

## Chamber holding banquet at Heritage Hall Monday at 7 pm

The recently re-organized Merkel Chamber of Commerce will be holding its first banquet in four years Monday night at Heritage Hall at 7 p.m.

Speaker for the event will be Kirk Woodward, membership director of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce. Kirk is best known here for his 12 years in Abilene radio and television.

Locally, a Citizen of the Year

will be awarded by the Chamber and a Woman of the Year will be named by the three local chapters of Beta Sigma Phi.

The Chamber will also hold drawings for door prizes according to co-managers Chris Young and Melanie Richards. Tickets for the event are \$5 each and will be catered by Skeets Restaurant of Merkel.

Tickets are available from any

chamber director, F & M Bank, The Merkel Mail, Boney Insurance Agency or the three local chapters of Beta Sigma Phi.

People interested in joining the Chamber or volunteering to serve on any of its committees will be given that opportunity during the meeting.

Final plans for the banquet will be made at a director's meeting Thursday morning at Boney Insurance Agency here.

## Council hears TV cable rate request; water extension request

The Merkel City Council heard a rate increase request from the DBL Corporation, the operators of the Merkel TV Cable system and heard a request for an extension of water service at their regular meeting held Monday night at the Merkel Emergency Medical Service Building.

Council also certified the results of Saturday's election that saw three council members re-elected in the uncontested contest. Re-elected were James McKee with 152 votes, Ted Smith with 151 and Jerry Byrd with 149. A total of 160 votes were cast in the city election.

Council also learned, and expressed gratitude to the Merkel Emergency Medical Service as they have decided to spend \$4,500 in excess funds for street signs.

Council had earlier given the Emergency Medical Service that same amount to help pay for a new radio system. Association director Vernon Wade told council "we feel the street signs are needed by the police, the ambulance personnel and the general public."

Merkel mayor Kent Satterwhite expressed thanks to the ambulance association and added "We thank the EMS. It is a self-supporting organization and I will match our ambulance service with anyone's, including our neighboring towns", which is subsidized a

great deal by the city."

City manager J. A. Sadler said he had already spoken with W. L. Massey of the local Highway Department office and he has expressed his support in the program and will change some poles the state owns so they will be adaptable to the new street signs. (See related story.)

B. J. Little, owner of Showcase Cablevision Systems, the new operator of the Merkel tv cable service presented council with a rate increase request and also said his company has spent \$25,000 making system improvements here and will be making an additional \$70,000 in improvements here in the next 50 days. Little told council they have found some major problems with the condition of some of the cable and that his crews were making a city-wide sweep to locate problems. He also said they have found unauthorized taps and his crews were disconnecting them as they are found. He also said his company has added three channels and an additional pay service, the Nashville Network.

Council decided to table the request for a rate increase until council's next session to allow citizens to have their input (See related story).

Additionally, council heard a police report from Merkel Police Chief Ray Pack and Pack said his

department worked a total of 95 cases.

Also, council was approached by five residents living outside the city limits for city water service. The residents live in the Bettis Heights addition (Southwest of the Merkel Golf Course). Council's policy has been to extend service into areas at the expense of those requesting the service. The area is currently serviced by SUN Water Supply.

The city estimated the cost of 3000 feet of line at close to \$11,000.

Council also learned the garbage truck owned by the city is receiving a new engine and that will cost about \$2,600 to repair. Currently, the City of Tye is supplying a truck and a driver to the city and mayor Satterwhite said he wanted to publically thank Tye for their help and cooperation.

Also, the city has paid off the last of its bonded debt with the payoff of a 1964 revenue bond. Sadler also said the city had closed the contract on the Northside city park and work on it would be starting soon under the Housing and Urban Development Block Grant program. Also under that program, Sadler said Riggan Construction was moving right along with the demolition of building's here than have been condemned.

Council's next session will be held April 23.

## EMS donates \$4,500 for signs

The Merkel Emergency Medical Association has voted to put up \$4,500 to be used for installing about 235 street signs here.

EMS President and Director Vernon Wade told *The Mail* Monday "We feel this program will benefit the ambulance personnel, police and the general

public. The city gave us \$4,500 to help us pay for a new radio system earlier in the year and we felt this would be a good way to pay that money back."

Wade also said the city would be needing quite a few feet of 2 and three-eighth inch pipe to set the signs on and they must be about 12 feet long each. He asked that

anyone who may have some of that pipe around and wanted to donate it to the city to contact city hall or him.

Wade said the signs would be ordered in the next three weeks and they would be going from street to street to designate which intersections would have the signs installed.

## Taylor Co-Op annual meeting set

Taylor Electric Cooperative will hold its 43rd Annual Membership meeting April 16 at the Taylor County Coliseum. Registration will start at 9 a.m.

The morning session will be devoted to entertainment and drawing for prizes. A barbecue lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m., catered by Inman's Catering Service of Llano.

The business session will begin at 1 p.m. During the business session members will hear re-

ports from Alton Whitaker, President of the Board of Directors, Clovis McElmurray, Secretary-Treasurer of the Board and Don Hart, manager of the Cooperative.

Also during the business session there will be three directors elected to serve a three year term, one from each of the three zones of the Cooperative service area. Those nominated by the nominating committee are: Zone 1 Dick Atkins and Earl Burns, Zone 2

Max Manley and Derrell Dean, Zone 3 Robert Petty Jr. and Clovis McElmurray.

The annual meeting brochure this year is dedicated to Alton Whiteaker, president, who will be retiring from the board after 18 years of service to the Cooperative.

At the conclusion of the meeting, there will be a drawing for a microwave oven. Approximately 1,200 persons are expected to attend the annual event.

## Tax rebates here slightly behind

Merkel's latest tax rebate check of \$2,734.65 caused the yearly rebates here to fall below the pace set last year.

It's not a decline however, as Merkel is .1 per cent behind payments of a year ago.

So far this year, Merkel has

received \$19,064 in rebates.

Tye's latest check of \$4,422.02 pushes their yearly total to \$18,427.47 for the year or almost 3 per cent ahead of last year's pace.

Trent's rebates for the year stand at \$1,071.20 and are 14.44 per

cent ahead of last year's pace.

The rebates are generated by the local option 1 per cent sales tax that is collected along with the state 4 per cent sales tax. The money is rebated monthly by the state comptroller's office to the city where the tax was collected.



Kirk Woodward-Banquet speaker

## Architects present board with 3 alternatives; high school needed

Charles Harper of Harper & Perkins, the architects hired by the Merkel school board to make recommendations concerning the needs of facilities for MISD finally confirmed in public what a lot of us had already heard in private, MISD needs additional facilities and recommends that the district build a new high school on the 40 acre tract of land purchased near the football field here.

Harper made those comments at a special session of the MISD board Thursday night at the Merkel High Library. He said the alternative to that plan would be to "Plan on building about 10 portable buildings per year indefinitely to take care of the growth rate here."

Harper and Perkins were the design architects on the current high school and Harper told the board, "If you remember, in 1978 we made some growth projections for you and some of you were pessimistic about the levels of growth here, but we hit that right on the head."

What we are saying now is that MISD will experience a 7 per cent a year growth rate of the next five years, compounded each year making that a 35 per cent increase before 1990. These figures are not estimates, those are actual children alive today within the school district and if the area starts receiving a lot of new families, the growth will be that much more dramatic."

Harper recommends building a new High School, using the existing Merkel Elementary building for grade K through 3,

moving the 4th and 5th grade into the existing junior high and moving the 6th through the 8th grade into the existing Merkel High building. Tye would remain K through 5 at their present facility.

Harper presented the board with three alternatives to handle the needed facilities. He said he knew the alternatives would be scrutinized by the board, but made the following three alternatives;

**Alternative 1** calls for the construction of a 35,000 square foot main high school to handle the needs of the district through 1995. In addition, a 16,500 square foot gym, a 10,000 square foot auditorium, a 5,500 square foot cafeteria, an 8,500 square foot Vocational Agriculture facility and a 4,000 square foot band hall. In addition, 11 classrooms would be added at Tye, 12 for Merkel K-3 and five to the Merkel 4th and 5th grade facility. Total cost for that project, as is, is estimated at \$5,295,000.

**Alternative 2** calls for the construction of 30,000 square feet of classroom space for a new high school, the 16,500 square foot gym and the 5,500 square foot cafeteria. In addition, 6 classrooms would be added at Tye, and the present Merkel Middle and Elementary school facilities. Harper said this space would handle the needs of the district through 1990. Total cost on that package is estimated at \$3,040,000.

**Alternative 3** calls for construction of only the classroom space for the new high school and to add additional classrooms as needed at the existing facilities under

budgeted maintenance and operation funds. Cost of that proposal is estimated at \$2,800,000.

When asked for his personal recommendation, Harper said "I'd like to see the district build for its needs through 1995. If you can take care of problems now, those facilities will cost a lot less to build instead of waiting. I don't have to pay any taxes here, but I can tell you the need for those facilities is here, and here now. We are not basing our growth projections on a major influx of people in the area, you have that 7 per cent per year rate alive and living in your district now."

He added "currently the district has about 1,340 students and we are projecting 2,150 by 1990. If a bond issue is passed here sometimes this year you will not be able to use any of the new facilities until 1986 school year."

Major growth has occurred in the lower grades here. Merkel Elementary is now using all classrooms, as is Merkel Middle School. High school principal Larry Curry told the board "We can handle the increase in students for the 1984-85 school year, but after that, we will be out of room."

When asked about a possible time-table for a bond issue, MISD superintendent Bill Everett told *The Mail*, "I'd recommend that we try to hold the election in late September or early October."

The board asked Charles Harper and Ralph Perkins to be back at their next session, set for April 17 to bring more details on their ideas, as well as some sketches of the proposed facilities to look at.

## 2 of 3 incumbents win;

The Merkel school board held a short session Monday night to organize the new board following Saturday's elections.

Incumbents Jack Ferguson and Ray Pack were re-elected while incumbent Jack Riney was de-

feated by Earl Laird.

The new officers of the board include Leroy Teaff as president, James Boyd as vice president and Jack Ferguson as secretary.

The board also certified the results of Saturday's election in

which a total of 456 votes were cast.

The official results are; Place 5- Jack Ferguson 316 and Jerry Dawson 139, Place 6 Earl Laird 253- Jack Riney 199 and Place 7 Ray Pack 277, David Carter 140 and Larry Hellums 43.

## Details on cable rate hike request

Showcase Cablevision of Tuscola, operators of the Merkel tv cable system, have formally requested a rate increase before the Merkel City Council.

The proposed new rates are broken down into four categories. Plan One will include basic cable service will go from \$9 per month to \$10. The total bill for basic service with an additional outlet in the home will be \$11.75. Under Plan 2, which is a new

plan offered here, the monthly rate will be \$13 and will include basic cable plus the Nashville Network, a country-western music service. Persons wanting that plan will also be charged a one time fee of \$10 to install the Nashville Network and persons using plan 2 will also be charged \$1.50 a month rental for the converter that will be required. The total cost per month for basic cable and the Nashville Network will be \$14.50.

Plan 3 includes basic cable and Home Box Office. The new rate will be \$19 plus the converter rental fee of \$1.50 making that monthly charge \$20.50.

Service plan 4 will be the top-of-the line plan and will include basic cable, HBO and the Nashville Network. Total cost per month will be \$25.

Plans 2, 3 and 4 all have a one (Please see Page 2)

# Cable company requests increase

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time fee of \$10 to upgrade their current cable service to any of the desired plans, should the customer request the upgrading.

During Hi-Val Farm & Home Supply's grand opening Saturday, persons not already on cable service are being offered free installation.

The new lineup on the dial will find the Christian Broadcast Network on Channel 2, ESPN on Channel 3, KTXS on Channel 4, The Weather Channel on Channel 5, WTBS-Atlanta on Channel 6, KRBC on Channel 7, USA Network on Channel 8, Channel 9 is unusable, KTAB on Channel 10, WGN-Chicago on Channel 11, Channel 12 is unusable and Cable News Network on Channel 13. Home Box office has been moved to Channel 2 and the Nashville Network will be seen on Channel 4.

Cablevision, appeared before the Merkel City Council Monday night to formally make the rate increase request and to explain what measures they are taking here to improve the system.

Little told council "We weren't necessarily happy with what we found when we started our system audit. We have found and replaced a lot of bad transformers and boosters, as well as starting on a house-by-house audit of cable service. We have been paying a lot of attention to the quality of the cable drop to the house and the quality of the connection inside the homes. In that process, we have found quite a few instances of unauthorized use of our services and those are being eliminated as they are discovered."

He told council his company would end up spending \$100,000 on the system for hardware improve-

ments and the additional channels added within the next 100 days.

Little also said they would be extending service along FM 1235, the Western Heights addition, Humphrey's Village and the new trailer park being built on Merkel's West Side.

Little also explained that the new channels were added based on a survey his company conducted here and said the response they received was tremendous here.

He also asked for a little patience from local customers in that his company had found "quite a few bookkeeping errors" and said financial records were in the process of being computerized in an effort to cut down on bookkeeping errors.

Council took no action on the rate increase request to allow citizens to make inputs on the plan at their next scheduled session April 23.



Loyce Baker & Jeffrey Leving

# Baker-Lewis plans told

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Baker have announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Loyce Ann, to Jeffrey Allen Leving of Abilene, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Leving of Littleton, Mass.

The bride-elect graduated from Merkel High and attended Angelo State University and is a sophomore computer science major at Abi-

lene Christian University.

The prospective bridegroom, a Littleton High graduate, attended the University of Maine and received a B. A. degree from Abilene Christian University where he is now employed as a computer operations supervisor.

The couple plans an August 4 wedding in the Merkel Church of Christ.

# Beauty pageant is Saturday

The Little Miss Merkel and Little Mr. Merkel contest will be held April 14 at 7 p.m. in the Merkel School Auditorium. Admission is \$1 for adults and 50 cents for children.

Pictures will be made beginning at 5 p.m. for those wishing to purchase pictures.

All entries should be at the auditorium Friday for practice at 4 p.m.

# Butman's granddaughter

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Butman would like to announce the arrival of their granddaughter, Jamie Deanna Morten-

sen. Born April 7th at Hendrick Medical Center. Parents are Christine and David Mortensen of Merkel.

# 7th grade girls win district

The Merkel 7th grade track team went the distance on Tuesday, April 3rd in Hamlin to take the top honor as District Champions. The track season as a whole was very successful for these girls as they won 3 of their 4 track meets in Winters, Hamlin, and District. They placed second, 7 points behind Wylie at the Bal-lenger meet.

The whole day was spent zero to five points either behind or ahead of Wylie and going into the 1600 meter run we had it 127 to 111. Lorena Pack, Amber Whisenhunt, and Christie Wade were the three

milers to run and coach McAdams told them that they really needed to place to keep their first place lead and that they did. Merkel finished 2nd, 3rd and 4th places for a combined total of 18 points, which sewed up the championship. The mile relay went on to finish 4th which made 155 total points.

Individual results were: Shot Put-Teresa Lucas 1st and Richa Hill 6th, Discus-Maxie Lang 3rd and Teresa Lucas 6th, Triple Jump-D. Tran 1st; Long Jump-M. Williams 1st and D. Tran 5th; 3200 M-B. Vaughn 1st and Christie Wade placed; 800 M Dash- B.

Vaughn 1st and Michelle Dudley 4th; 110 Hurdles-M. Lang 3rd and Pam Neff 7th; 100 M Dash-Diem Tran 2nd; 400 M Relay-M. Williams, S. Ashorn, K. Windham and G. Rutledge 3rd; 400 M Dash-M. Lang 1st; 200 M Dash-M. Williams 1st GlynAnn Rutledge, 1600 M Relay M. Dudley, D. Tran, Pam Neff, and M. Lang 4th.

Total Team points were Merkel 1st-155, Wylie 2nd-141, Breckenridge 3rd-95, and Clyde 4th with 94.

Congratulations goes to all the girls in the 7th grade athletics class and to Coach McAdams for their successful track season.

# Badgers take 2nd in Abilene baseball tourney

The Merkel Badger baseball team placed second in the Cooper J.V. Baseball tournament.

The Badgers defeated Abilene High JV 13-11 in the opener. John Warkala led the hitting attack with two triples and five RBI's. Jerry Davis was the winning pitcher.

The Badgers crushed San Angelo JV in the second game 14-3. Steve Farthing led the offense with two triples and a double. The winning pitcher was Steve Farthing.

The Badgers met the Cooper JV team in the finals. It was a close contest with Merkel tying the score 1-1 in the 6th after a perfect bunt was laid down by Tommy Joe Bolden. Cooper scored in the 7th to win the game 2-1. Farthing and Davis led the offense, each collecting a hit. Kerry Miller, John Ybara and Kevin Mitchell turned in solid defensive performances.

The Badgers will be hosting a tournament here Saturday and the public is invited to attend.

# 8th grade girls 3rd in district

The Eighth Grade girls track team placed third in the District track meet. The sprint relay led by Mandy Pack, Karrie Rich, Ciara Herrera, Amy Smiley, placed 1st with time of 55.45. Amy Stuckey paced the 800 meter dash with a winning time of 2:46. Stacey Ferguson sprinted to a fourth place finish on the 100 meter dash, placing second with the 800 meter relay was Mandy Pack, Karrie

Rich, Ciara Herrera, Amy Stuckey and Karrie Rich finished a strong second in the 400 meter dash with a time of 69.08. Stacy Ferguson finished 5th in the 400 dash.

In close competition Mandy Pack edged third in the 200 meter dash. Angie Boggs placed 5th, and 6th in the 2 mile and mile run. Twila Williams placed 6th in the 100 meter low hurdles. Finishing out the running events was the

mile relay (Angie Moreno, Krista Toombs, Ciara Herrera, Stacy Ferguson) placing fourth. In field events Ciara Herrera placed 4th in the shot put. Sheila White placed 5th in the discus. Amy Stuckey placed 2nd in the triple jump. Carolyn Lally lead to a first place finish in the high jump with a jump of 4' 8", followed by Jana Pettit who placed 4th with a jump of 4' 7". The team scored 105 total points.

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Your vote and influence will be greatly appreciated.

Political advertisement paid for by Royce M. Smith, Box 643, Merkel, Texas.

## Xi Nu Chi meeting

**by Mary Wimberly**  
We were sorry to lose W. C. Landers by death He died Friday at Hendrick Medical Center after complications of pneumonia.  
We will be having a birthday party April 11 for Aubry Claxton and Hope Moreno. The party will begin at 1:30. Everyone is invited.  
We would like to welcome Opal and Walter Pruitt of Abilene, Maurice Pool of Merkel and Betty Knight. We hope they will be happy here at Starr.

The Merkel Church of Christ of Merkel and the Hawley Methodist Church representatives were here Sunday.

## Youth soccer wins trophies

In their second season the Merkel 10 and under soccer team of the Big Country Soccer Association progressed to tournament play. The group, coached by Robert Johnson and helpers Nancy Johnson and Linda Cravens, placed third in the division and won a trophy.

Spring team members included Cody Carson, Matt Cravens, Spencer Duncan, Levi Ely, Robert Flores, Anival Gonzales, Jason Heuerman, Russ Holloway, James Johnson, Caleb Kelso, Jason Nally, Cody Parker, Orville Pirraglia and Tommy Tumlinson.

Merkel participants in the under 6 division also won a trophy. They are Justin Goldsmith, Natalie Cravens, Philip Johnson and Kacy Toliver.

## Son born

Richard and Christi Plant and daughter Holly Curistine are proud to announce the arrival of Claude Richard Plant who was born on March 19th, 1984. Claude weighed 7 lbs 8 ozs and was 19 and one half inches long. Claude has two other sisters who reside in Arlington in Candy and Wendy Plant. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Carmack of Merkel and Frankie Plant of Corsicana. Great Grandmother is Alta Pickren of Merkel.

## Weight

### watcher's

At least 50 people are needed to start a local chapter of weight watchers. If you are interested in attending sessions here, call 928-5852 or 928-5176 for more information. Barrels, flag race, and pole bending. Age groups are 8 & under, 9-12, 13-17, and 18 & over.

## Legal Notice

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF BESSIE PROFFITT, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Bessie Proffitt, Deceased, were issued on March 26, 1984, in Cause No. 16,186, pending in the County Court of Taylor County, Texas, to:

Bobbie Mayfield  
The residence of such Executor is Abilene, Taylor County, Texas. The post office address is:

c-o Thomas M. Wheeler  
P.O. Box 360  
Abilene, Tx. 79604

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED this 6th day of April, 1984.

BOBBIE MAYFIELD  
By: Thomas M. Wheeler  
Attorney for the Estate  
58-11c

## Jones-Pursley wedding set

Ross Jones and Mariana Jones have announced the engagement of their daughter, Amy Lauralyn, to Bradley Lucas Pursley of Abilene, son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Pursley of Merkel.  
Miss Jones graduated from Coleman High School, attended Texas Tech University and is pursuing a BA degree in physical

education at Abilene Christian University.  
A graduate of Merkel High School, Pursley will graduate in May with a B.S. degree in health-physical education from ACU.  
The couple is planning a June 2 wedding at First Christian Church.



Amy Jones & Brad Pursley

## Methodist church

Friday and Saturday the 13th and 14th is the Getting to Know you Camp with the Rio Grande Conference at Camp Butman.

Sunday the 15th all youth will meet at the church for Mystery Dinner at 6. Sunday is also the last day to register for Overnight-Work at Camp Butman.

Summer Camp schedules and registrations

are available in the office. Counselors and scholarships are needed. If you would be interested in helping out in either of these areas, please call the office.

## Sports banquet

The Merkel Booster Club met April 9 to make final plans for the All-Sports Banquet, set for April 28 at Heritage Hall.

The public is invited to attend the banquet and tickets are available at F & M National Bank, or from Sandy Laird, Virgil Jones or Connie Mac Seymore.

The next booster club meeting will be April 23 at 7 p.m. at the High School.

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58-1tp

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58-1tc

For sale: Funmaker Wurrlitzer organ. \$600. Call 928-5325.  
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58-8tp

**Misc.**

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Granny's Playhouse Child Care open from 6:30 a.m. till 6 p.m. Call 928-4904 or come by 207 Orange.  
33-tfc

I ask for your vote and support to continue to make Precinct 2 a good place to live. Sincerely, Vernon L. Wade, Constable, Precinct 2 Taylor County. (Political advertisement paid for by Vernon Wade, 901 Ash, Merkel.  
53-9TP

**SATELLITE ANTENNA** dealerships available. No experience required. Dealer cost for complete units as low as \$599. Retail at \$1,395. Call day or night 305-574-4988.  
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Two week special, car wax and polish by hand (reg \$49.50) Now \$42.50 and oil and filter change for most cars and pickups (regularly \$79.40) for \$64.50. Two weeks only 711 Rose, Merkel.  
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Watch for a spring surprise coming soon.  
58-3tp

Project coordinator to coordinate operations of 5 rural Taylor County senior citizens centers. Interested person may apply at Tuscola, Buffalo Gap or Lawn at the Senior Citizen site on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. or Tuesday and Thursdays at the Tye and Merkel sites from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Will receive applications through April 30. Call 898-2180 for additional information.  
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**Lawn Properties, Inc.**  
695-1880

3 bedroom, brick, fenced, storage shed, ceiling fans remain.  
3 bedroom brick with fireplace, 2 car carport, covered patio, storage shed.  
Large Family home, 3 bedroom, 3 living areas plus screened sun room, fireplace, lovely back

# The Classifieds

yard, storage shed and swing.  
2 story stucco home on golf course, 3 bedroom, 2 living areas, fireplace, balcony, appraisal in hand.  
3 bedroom, brick, fenced, 1 car garage on Sunset, bring offer.  
2.5 acres fenced, city water, well, garden area chicken pens, 1 car carport, 14 wide 3 bedroom mobile home, patio, owner carry, small equity.  
183 acres south of Merkel, very scenic, includes fences, rodeo arena, 5 stock tanks, some minerals plus mobile home with in ground pool.  
2,1,1 stucco, good starter home in nice area.  
2,1,1 with shop and cellar, fenced on corner lot, home on 2 lots.  
Trent  
3 bedroom home on 2 lots, garden area has 1 bedroom house, could be rental, needs work. Owner will carry.  
4 bedroom, 2 baths, central heat and air, work for expenses.  
2 bedroom on corner lot low equity.  
2 bedroom House for rent.  
3 acres and a double-wide mobile home on 1-20.  
Sweetwater  
Nice, brick 2 story, 4 bedroom, 3 bath fireplace, patio, equity and assume. Call Betty.  
A tier 5 call Betty Stautzenberger 862-6329  
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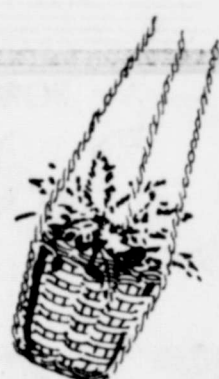


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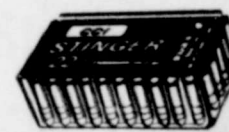
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# Obituaries

## Amzy

### Dickerson

Amzy Dickerson, 98, of Merkel, died at 5:45 p.m. Sunday at her home after a lengthy illness. Services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Merkel Church of Christ.

Billy Patton, minister of the Ballinger Church of Christ and the Rev. Carl Rea, minister of the Trent Baptist Church officiated. Burial followed at Rose Hill Cemetery here.

Born May 9, 1885 in Millsap, she was the daughter of William and Sallie White, early Texas pioneers. She married Frank Dickerson Sept. 30, 1900 in Millsap. They moved to Oklahoma where they farmed and ranched. They moved to the Caps community in 1922 and to Lamesa in 1933.

The couple lived in Lamesa and Seminole until Mr. Dickerson's death Feb. 7, 1962, when she moved here. She was a homemaker and a member of the Merkel Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Roy and Joe and two daughters, Louella Dickerson and Minnie Carey.

She is survived by three sons, O. W. and Troy, both of Merkel and Odell of Trent; four daughters R. V. Carey of Abilene, Linnie Hatfield of Midland, Elsie Booe of Seminole and Edith Noah of Merkel, 27 grandchildren, 47 great-grandchildren and 13 great-great-grandchildren.

## Nannie Winter

Nannie Winter, 91, of Haskell, formerly of Merkel, died at 8:40 a.m. Monday at Rice Springs Care Home in Haskell after a lengthy illness. Services were held at 4 p.m. Tuesday at the Merkel Church of Christ.

Jim Crain of Haskell officiated. Burial followed at Rose Hill Cemetery here under the direction of the Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born June 2, 1892 in Raines County, she had married Joseph Mitchell Winter Sept. 22, 1910 in Trent. She had lived in Merkel since 1944, moving from Noodle. For the past few years, she had resided in a nursing home in Haskell. She was a member of the Merkel Church of Christ.

Her husband had died Jan. 3, 1967. A son, Norman, also preceded her in death.

She is survived by two sons James Harlon of Bowie and Joe M. of Willis Point; a daughter Mary Nell McCoy of Haskell, 14 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

Grandsons served as pallbearers.

## Billie South

Billie Jo South, 63, of Merkel, died last week at West Texas Medical Center following a short illness.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday at First United Methodist Church here officiated by John Wagoner. Burial followed in Clyde.

Born May 4, 1920 in Clyde, she had attended schools in Clyde, Breckenridge, Gladewater and Abilene. She had married Jack South April 16, 1943 in Washington D. C. She had worked for the War Department from 1940 to 1944. They moved to Merkel in 1956 and she worked for five years as a VA secretary and had worked for the Air Force Recruiting Department.

She was a member of

the First United Methodist Church here, the Merkel Sewing Club and the Merkel Band Boosters.

She is survived by her husband; a brother Jack Baldwin of Eli, Nev.; two sisters Carmen Christian and Jean Godlee, both of Abilene; a son Tommy South of Richmond, Va.; two daughters Judy Brown and Janice Hicks, both of Merkel; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The family requested memorials be made to the First United Methodist Church here.

## W. C. Landers Jr.

W.C. Landers Jr., 58, of Merkel died at 3 p.m. Friday at Hendrick Medical Center after an illness. Services were held Monday at Lawn First Baptist Church.

The Rev. Price Mathieson, pastor, will officiate. Burial will be at McBee Cemetery, directed by Fry Funeral Home of Tuscola.

Born Sept. 4, 1925, in Lawn, he was reared there. He moved to Merkel in 1966 and had resided at Starr Nursing home in Merkel from 1970 until his death.

Survivors include a brother and sister-in-law Jack and Shirley Landers of Oplin; three nephews, Mike Landers of Potosi, Gary Landers of Clyde and Kevin Landers of Oplin; and a great-niece, Crista Landers of Potosi.

## Raymond E. Earthman

Raymond L. Earthman, 72, of Los Fresnos, a former Merkel resident, died at 10 a.m. April 9 in Los Fresnos.

Graveside services were held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, officiated by Rev. John Wagoner. Burial at Rose Hill Cemetery was conducted by the Starbuck Funeral Home.

He had married Thelma McAninch in 1937 here and was a 1929 graduate of Merkel

High. He was a real estate salesman.

He had served in the Army Air Corp in World War II. He was a Baptist and had lived in Los Fresnos for the past 15 years.

He is survived by his wife and several nieces and nephews.

## John Casady

John Leonard Casady, 78 of Merkel, a retired Santa Fe Railroad employee, died at 8:45 a.m. Monday at Santa Fe Hospital in Temple after a sudden illness. Services were held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at First Baptist Church here.

The Rev. Kenneth Jones, pastor of the Caps Baptist Church officiated. Burial followed at Rose Hill Cemetery under the direction of the Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born April 19, 1906, in Eastland, he married Donnie Brooks Oct. 9, 1937, in Lamesa. He had lived in Taylor County most of his life and retired from the Santa Fe Railroad in 1969. He was a member of First Baptist here and the Merkel Senior Citizens Club.

Three brothers, Roy, Everett and J. T. Jr. preceded him in death. He is survived by his wife; a son, James of Alvin; two brothers; Shelton of Merkel and Paul of Abilene; three sisters, Ruby Carter of View, Lillian Selby of Abilene and Ray Carter of Big Spring; and two grandchildren.

He is survived by her husband; a daughter Sheibi Nichole of the home; her parents Mr. and Mrs. Lon McDonald of Ackerly; a brother Jackie Lon McDonald of Lubbock; her grandmother Elsie McDonald of Merkel and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

She married Robert "Bobby" Scheihing, Dec. 29, 1979 in Ackerly. He is a law student in San Antonio.

She was a member of the Church of Christ.

She is survived by her husband; a daughter Sheibi Nichole of the home; her parents Mr. and Mrs. Lon McDonald of Ackerly; a brother Jackie Lon McDonald of Lubbock; her grandmother Elsie McDonald of Merkel and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

## Dorothy Boaz

Dorothy Louise Boaz, 70 of rural Jones County, died April 10 at Hendrick Medical Center following a lengthy illness.

Services were held at 4 p.m. Wednesday at the Starbuck Funeral Home Chapel officiated by the Rev. Kenneth Jones of the Caps Baptist Church. Burial followed at Rose Hill Cemetery

here under the direction of the Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born July 27, 1913 she had married J. E. Boaz Sept. 11, 1931 here.

She was a homemaker and had lived all of her life in Jones County.

She is survived by her husband; a son Terry Lee of Nocona; two sisters Mrs. W. T. Sadler of Merkel and Mrs. Dorothy Ann Mashburn of Big Spring.

## Cindy McDonald

Cindy Lou McDonald Scheihing, 28, a San Antonio school teacher who graduated from Abilene Christian University in 1978, died Sunday at St. Luke's Hospital in Houston after a sudden illness.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Merkel Church of Christ. Burial followed at Rose Hill Cemetery under the direction of the Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born Dec. 28, 1955 in Lamesa, she attended schools in Winters and Merkel and was graduated from Sands High in Ackerly. She had received a bachelor's in drama education from ACU.

She had taught at Divide from 1978 to 1980 and at Churchill High in San Antonio before joining Bradley Middle School, also in San Antonio.

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She is survived by her husband; a daughter Sheibi Nichole of the home; her parents Mr. and Mrs. Lon McDonald of Ackerly; a brother Jackie Lon McDonald of Lubbock; her grandmother Elsie McDonald of Merkel and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

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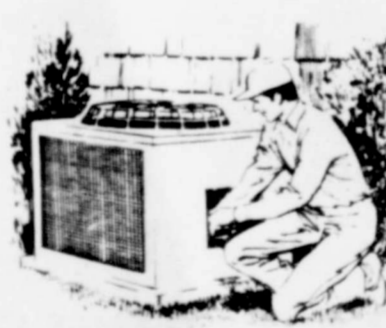
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## Need more like Billie; ups & downs

by Russell McAnally

One evening a few years ago, I sat in the high school gym and watched the girls basketball team play a game that ended in defeat for the local team. We were visiting with those around us before the boys started playing. One of the players from the girls team came by to make a request of her parents. She wanted to leave at that time with her boyfriend but promised to return before the boys game ended. The father said 'NO' in no uncertain terms. The girl turned to her mother for support but getting none she turned back to her father with renewed determination. Several promises and explanations were made to the father but the answer was still "no". It was then that the mother, Billie South, turned to the father of Janice and said "Jack, you know you are going to give in so why not do it now and get it over with."

There are many things I remember about Billie South. She

was so full of life and had a smile for everyone, and went about the routine of a very busy life. She made things and many of these she shared with others. As Janice said yesterday "She was a very good mother." Billie was also a good neighbor and a good friend I will never forget. Billy South was a good person and we need many more like her.

John Wagener, the Merkel Methodist pastor and I returned from the funeral service at Clyde by way of Hendrick Medical Center to see Lottie Butman, who has a broken hip and Roy Baccus, recovering from pneumonia. We entered the hospital and John led the way up the first flight of stairs to get into the hospital. Instead of going through the door to the elevator, he continued up another flight of stairs. I have done that often to save time. To make a short story longer, Lottie was on the 6th floor, not the 3rd. Someone ought to tell brother John about a new invention called an elevator.

If he doesn't go for that, see if you can get him to understand that retirement comes at about the same time as old age. I followed him up those four flights of stairs and arrived on the 6th floor about the same time he did. In fact, his breathing was accelerated at about the same rate as mine.

After apologizing for leading me up those stairs without warning, he explained that was the way he got his exercise. I guess we could say the more people going to the hospital, the more exercise he gets.

On the way out I eyed the elevator as we passed it John said, "going down the stairs is the easy part." What he doesn't know is that going down the stairs when you are old is as much work as going up the stairs when you are young. I will not complain as long as I can stay up with him.

I will say one thing for John. By the time one of his people get settled in the hospital, John will be climbing those steps to see about them.



### A Beechnut nut

Steve Farthing and Jerry Davis landed the 14 pound channel cat from Bitter Creek last Thursday. The two said they hooked the fish using a plug of Beechnut.

## Merkel elementary honor roll

### First Grade A Honor Roll

Rosemary Barrandez, Lisa Biera, Crystal Boone, Bryce Buntin, Karly Byers, Roberto Cano, Rikki Casady, Jason Clinton, Steven Dietz, Augustine Gonzales, Adolfo Hernandez, Martin Hernandez, Trinity Hollis, Maryke Holmes, Angela Jowers, Katrina Kniffen, Modesta Leija, Ruthie Lerma, Marcus Malone, Cole Manahan, Amanda Myers, Ray Pace, Lori Pirraghia, Chris Powell, Aimee Robertson, Joe Ben Roberts, Jackie Rogers, Jonathan Slover, Brandi Tarpley, and Gregg Valentine.

### First Grade A-B

Tiffany Butman, Robin Cochran, Eric Dye, Barry Hancock, Laurie Hellums, Jamie Hester, Tiffany Hill, Dustin Lewis, Felicia MacIntyre, Trisha Marsh, Stacy Morris, Chuck Oustad, Joey Richards, Scott Richardson, Amanda Sanders, Cne Seymour, Hollie Shipley, Andy Taylor, Kory Tolver, Richard Washington, Nancy White, and Jeffery Wilkerson.

### Second Grade A

Kelly Atkinson, Judd Burton,

Wendy Cummings, Velma De Leon, Nellie Gonzales, Heather Henderson, Roy Lehmann, Jodie Penny and Troy Roberts.

### Second Grade A-B

Richard Adkins, Corey Dennis, Ritchie Fenton, Robert Flores, Juanita Gilchrist, Anita Glasscock, Mikki Griffith, Nikki Griffith, Shawn, Hallford, Dana Hammond, Lisa Harding, Jason Harrison, Jason Hernandez, Carmen Holden, Jennifer Martin, Melanie Mitchell, Cody Pack, Lana Rogers, Erin Sams, Corley Segovia, Nathan Stamper, Jason Tipton, Billy Vera Cruz, Mark Wright, and Ricky Ybarra.

### Third Grade A

Matt Cravens, Randy Cubriel, Patrick Harrison, Susan Holden, Caleb Kelso, Renli Reynolds, Andrea Richardson, and Krystal West.

### Third Grade A-B

Amanda Bunch, Shayla Carter, Kobie Clay, Spencer Duncan, Trisha Evans, Jason Heurman, Austin Hill, Alisha Hobbs, Russ Holloway, Dee Dee Jackson, Cody Kniffen, Jason Kofoed, Jennifer

McKee, Angie Nault, Cliff Owen, Delayne Pack, Shelly Seymour, Chad Smith, Trinh Tran, and Tena Windham.

### Fourth Grade A

Tanya Beasley, Elizabeth Hernandez, Michelle Ingram, Lillian Leach, Billy Page, Lori Thompson and Brandi Watts.

### Fourth Grade A-B

Fidel Avalos, Mandy Barnett, Lori Best, Amanda Biera, Scott Cannon, Dayna Doan, Rebecca Dunagin, Lisa Fenton, Shayla Hardy, Dawn Henslee, Jennifer Hobbs, Stefanie Jones, Jeffery Martinez, Shayla Miller, Christy Minze, Budget Moreno, Steven Moreno, Robert Pace, Zacky Rodriguez, Teresa Ross, Stephen Santee, Kriste A. Smith, Amy Sparks, Aaron Turner, Criswell Whisenhunt, and Annette Windham.

### Fifth Grade A

Keri Sams, Phuong Thao Tran and Daniel West.

### Fifth Grade A-B

Melanie Baker, Jamie Beasley, Jayma Goldsmith, Cara Kelso, Tracie Thomas, and Brandon Toombs.

## Crop insurance program changed

Some Texas Farmers have until mid-to-late April to decide on insurance for their 1984 crops.

Although sign-up is past for farmers in South Texas and in some other areas depending on the crops, farmers in central, eastern and far western areas have until April 14 to make a decision on peanuts and April 15 to decide on insuring cotton. Farmers in the plains and parts of North Central Texas have until April 30 to insure cotton, but all other crops must be insured by April 15.

Basically, farmers have a choice among three different kinds of insurance points out Dr. Ashley Lovell of Stephenville, economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A & M University System.

A farmer can choose to insure his crops for 50, 65 or 75 percent of the average yield and can select from several price levels. The

premium will depend on the percent coverage and price selection as well as the risk area where the farm is located. Average historical yields are determined for each risk area and are used in calculating insurance premiums and coverage levels.

Farmers with high yield histories can now secure higher coverage under the Individual Yield Coverage Plan, adds Lovell.

He reminds farmers that the base premium rates they pay vary with each crop and risk area. However, the premiums are as subsidized by the government, depending on the coverage level.

In general crop insurance is a good alternative for managing risk, contends the economist.

A farmer will collect on his insurance if the actual physical yield falls short of the guaranteed yield coverage he selected earlier. The indemnity per acre is determined by the actual yield

minus the yield coverage selected multiplied by the price option selected and adjusted by the producer's share.

Policies can be purchased through private insurance companies. The Federal Crop Insurance Corporation helps to market the policies and reinsures them.

Crop insurance does not cover neglect or theft but does cover unavoidable losses due to adverse weather, points out Lovell. It provides protection for physical quantity and quality losses on a specific crop.

Farmers insuring their 1984 crops will receive their premium bills around harvest time, notes Lovell. Then they have 30 days to pay or the government will start charging interest on the unpaid balance.

A farmer insuring his crops this year will automatically be re-insured from year to year unless premiums go unpaid or they cancel the policy.

## Our Mother of Mercy church news

For the women of the parish who do not speak spanish and yet have wanted to engage in a Curiallo, there will be just such an opportunity offered you at Christ the King Retreat Center during the Palm Sunday week-end of April 12 through 15th. Just consult our bulletin board to find the address or phone number you need in order to obtain further information.

The Parish Council gave its approval to the enlarging of our sanctuary. It is unfortunate that we could not have it finished before Easter. Because of the Holy Week celebrations, work will not begin until the Monday after Easter, April 22nd. We are hoping that the work will be finished for Mass on May 6th.

There will be four vacancies in the Parish Council which will have to be filled in time for the June meeting of the Parish Council. The work of the Council is most important for your church. Please, as many as possible, offer your services as a candidate from which they can choose the best talents of the parish. This year will be especially important since we will be making plans for our new hall.

We have a list of eight lads who are anxious to be trained as Altar Boys. We would like to put off their training till our sanctuary is enlarged. As soon as possible after May 6th we will try to begin your training. Next Sunday, April 15th is Spanish Sunday. Let everybody get together and bring a

covered dish for after Mass and join in on the fun as a big happy family.

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- April 13 Hamburgers and all the trimmings and orange wedges.
- April 16 Burritos, with corn and lettuce wedges, plum macaloon.
- April 17

- Chicken fried steak with cream gravy, green beans, whipped potatoes, sliced peaches.
- April 18 Bar-b-que links, potato salad, fried okra, pineapple pieces.
- April 19 Tin can casserole, potatoes and carrots, salad, lemon bars.
- April 20 Char broiled burgers, trimmings, orange slices.



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# A DOLLAR BUYS MORE at this FINE FOOD STORE



PRICES GOOD  
Thur-Fri-Sat  
April 12, 13 & 14  
STORE HOURS  
7:30 am - 8:30 p.m.  
MON - SAT  
CLOSED SUNDAY

TOOTHPASTE  
**CLOSE-UP**  
6.4 OZ TUBE **98¢**

ARMOURS  
**TREET**  
LUNCHEON MEAT  
12 OZ CAN **98¢**  
LIMIT 2  
WITH \*10 IN TRADE OR MORE  
EXCLUUIVE OF CIGARETTES

LIPTONS ITS NEW  
BEEF CHICKEN SPANISH  
RICE IN SAUCE **59¢**  
4.5 OZ EA

LAYS  
POTATO  
**CHIPS**  
REG #139  
8 OZ BAG **98¢**

SANKA  
DECAFFINATED  
**COFFEE** 4 OZ JAR INSTANT **\$2.29**

FROZEN FOODS  
MORTONS 8 OZ  
**POT PIES** 2 FOR **89¢**

ASSORTED KINDS  
**COCA COLA**  
6 12 OZ CANS **\$1.59**

TOWIE  
STUFFED  
**OLIVES**  
5 OZ JAR **79¢**

HUNTS 300  
**PEACHES** 2 FOR **98¢**

PATIO 6 BEEF  
**ENCHILADAS** EA **\$1.49**

SWEETENED  
**KOOLAID**  
2 QT PKG **59¢**

PET  
**MILK**  
TALL CAN  
2 FOR **99¢**

DEL MONTE 303 NO SALT  
**GREEN BEANS** 2 FOR **93¢**

SWANSON 6 OZ  
PANCAKES AND  
**SAUSAGE** PKG **79¢**

SHORTENING  
**JEWEL**  
42 OZ CAN **\$1.39**

FRENCH C M  
BAR-B-Q  
**SAUCE**  
18 OZ JAR **89¢**

DEL MONTE 303 NO SALT  
**SWEET PEAS** 2 FOR **93¢**

TOTINOS ASST  
**PIZZA** EACH **\$1.09**

SUNSHINE  
**HI-HOS**  
CRACKERS  
16 OZ BOX **\$1.19**

DEL MONTE 303  
**SPINACH** 2 FOR **93¢**

PILLSBURY 10 OZ CAN  
HUNGRY JACK  
**BISCUITS** EA **53¢**

PARADE V P 12 OZ WK  
**NEW POTATOES** 2 FOR **93¢**

CRISCO COOKING OIL  
48 OZ JUG **\$2.49**

GOLDEN  
**CORN** 2 FOR **79¢**

FLOUR GOLD MEDAL  
5 LB BAG **89¢**

BETTY CROCKER INSTANT  
IN CHEESE  
**POTATOES** 5 OZ BOX **89¢**

COFFEE MAXWELL HOUSE  
1 LB CAN **\$2.19**  
LIMIT 1

RANCH STYLE 300  
**BEANS** 2 FOR **73¢**

SALMON HONEY BOY  
CHUM 16 OZ **\$1.49**

MONTERA  
PICANTE  
**SAUCE**  
8 OZ JAR **63¢**

SMUCKERS  
STRAWBERRY  
**PRESERVES**  
2 LB JAR **\$1.79**

DETERGENT  
**CHEER**  
KING SIZE **\$2.98**

## GRAPEFRUIT

**PORK CHOPS**  
FRESH LEAN  
END CUTS  
LB **\$1.49**

KRAFTS  
**CHEEZ WHIZ**  
16 OZ JAR **\$1.89**

**CHEER**  
KING SIZE **\$2.98**

RUBY RED  
SWEET JUICY  
5 LB BAG **\$1.09**

FRESH LEAN  
PORK **ROAST** LB **\$1.49**

CLEAN & SHINE  
**MOP & GLO**  
32 OZ BOTTLE **\$2.19**

FABRIC SOFTNER  
**DOWNY**  
64 OZ JUG **\$1.89**

CALIFORNIA NAVEL  
**ORANGES** 4 1/2 LB BAG **\$1.09**

FRESH LEAN  
PORK **CHOPS** CENTER CUT POUND **\$1.89**

LEMON  
**SUNLIGHT**  
LIQUID  
22 OZ BOTTLE **98¢**

DEODORANT  
**ZEST**  
BATH SIZE  
4 BAR DEAL **\$1.89**

FRESH CELLO LB  
**CARROTS** 2 FOR **69¢**

GOOCH PACKER TRIM  
**BRISKETS** LEAN POUND **\$1.79**

YE OLDE TIME  
**CORNBREAD MIX**  
2 6 OZ PKG **39¢**

FOREMOST HOMO  
**MILK**  
GAL JUG **\$2.33**

FOREMOST LOW FAT  
**MILK**  
GAL JUG **\$2.23**

FOREMOST BUTTER  
**MILK**  
1/2 GAL CRTN **\$1.09**

CALIFORNIA  
**STRAWBERRIES** PT **69¢**

GOOCH B R  
**BACON** POUND **\$1.75**

DOUBLE COUPONS  
ON WEDNESDAY  
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Will double your savings  
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# CARSON'S

SUPER MARKET

MERKEL, TEXAS  
FRESH VEGETABLES



GOOCH B R  
**HOT LINKS** BULK POUND **\$1.19**

ARMOUR STAR FROZEN  
CHICKEN **HENS** 5-6 POUNDS POUND **85¢**

HORMEL MKT SLICED  
SPICE LUNCHEON  
**MEAT** POUND **\$1.49**

ARMOUR STAR  
CHICKEN  
FRIED BEEF  
**PATTIES** HEAT & EAT POUND **\$1.59**

NABISCO  
**CRACKERS**  
PREMIUM  
1 LB BOX **83¢**

BETTY CROCKER  
**CAKE MIXES**  
ASST BOX **79¢**

GENERIC  
**TOWELS**  
JUMBO ROLL  
3 FOR **\$1.00**