The Merkel Mail

Thursday, August 2, 1984... Merkel, Texas

Our 96th Year

City water? Not really !

The new, hand-built watering system at the Merkel City Park have turned the park's grass very green and giving a great start to new trees and shrubs planted with Fun Day proceeds. In June, the city had an old water well cleaned

system, and have been watering since. The well was once used to full up the water tower. The park is not being watered with "city water", just a "city well." [Staff photo by Cloy A. Richards]

MISD employees get pay raise

meeting going over the provisions of the new Texas Education eform Bill and granted pay increases for all school personnel

The board also decided to spend \$17,600 on new tennis courts for the school. They will be constructed by school maintenance personnel and will not be lighted at first. They will be constructed near the school cafeteria.

The Merkel school board spent At least 18 MISD teachers will Aug. 15th. Teacher in service days most of last Tuesday's regular receive the advancement, which will carry with it a \$2,000 bonus thi next summer.

> Teachers will be evaluated at least twice each year and their classroom performances, education levels, and other criteria will be used for that selection process. Everett said there are 12 MISD teachers have masters degrees.

· The school calendar includes the The board also appointed a following school calendar. School committee to evaluate teachers will start for teachers this year for career ladder advancements. August 13 and students will start

(students not required to attend) are Oct. 12, Nov. 12, Dec. 20. Feb. 15, April 5 and May 17.

Student-teacher holidays for the year are Labor Day- Sept. 3; Thanksgiving Nov. 22 & 23; Christmas- Dec. 20 through Jan. 1; Spring Break March 11-15; Easter

MISD students and teachers will get a long summer vacationin 1985 as school will end May 17 and cannot start before Sept. 1, 1985 according to the new state law.

Water conservation measures in second full week here

City of Abilene water resource manager Dwayne Hargesheimer said it was hard to determine the effects of mandatory water conservation measures here and in Abilene because of recent scattered showers and recent cooler than

normal temperatures. The measures went into effect last week in both Abilene and here. As of last Tuesday, the lake level at Fort Phantom Hill was 17.7 feet below the spillway and was reported at 18.1 feet below spillway Tuesday. Hargesheimer said last week the lake was losing an inch and a half per day in level, but said that "rend was slowed last out, constructed the watering week, partly because of conservation and partly because of milder temperatures.

> Simply stated, the water conservation measures prohibits outside watering with city water to every five days, at certain times of the day, and only on the day designated by matching the last digit on your address to a watering calendar.

> The measure also prohibits washing driveways, cars, allowing water to flow for more than 75 feet from your property line in the street or failure to fix a con-

> Abilene city officials had planned a media event to announce the measures last Tuesday at a dry boat dock but showers caused the announcement to be moved in-

Water usage was at its lowest level of the summer last Tuesday and Thursday because of cloudy skys, scattered showers and temperatures that only reached into the mid 80s.

Failure to comply with the conservation measures could be fined up to \$200.

According to USA Today, 17 Texas cities and communities started mandatory water conservation measures, with most of those cities located in the Austin-San Antonio areas. The city of Corpus Christi has the strictest policy, with usgae of more than 10,000 gallons at a residence will cost you a minimum of \$200 and fines up to \$2,000 for violations.

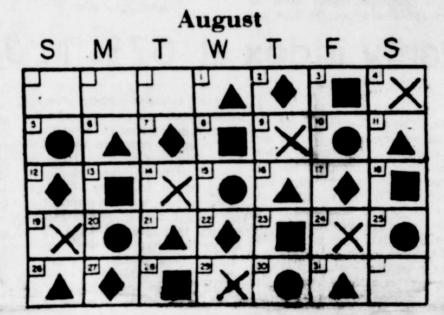
Merkel water superintendent Robert Harris said he felt most Merkelites were abiding with the measures and said he has not

heard any complaints.

The mandatory water conservation ordinance will remain in effect here until it is lifted by the City Councils of Abilene and been flodding garages, opening

adopt the same measures adopted neighbors to get them in trouble" by citizens for Abilene under a according to the desk sergeant on contractural 30 year agreement duty. Police also reported numthat will expire this year. Merkel erous neighborhhod signs indicasells water to the City of Tye at a ing the sprinklers were running on pump station in Tye.

Abilene police said Tuesday morning they have only had problems with vandalism-related water incidents. Children have fire hydrants, and turning on The City of Merkel is required to sprinkler systems of "grouchy old well water in their yard.



address is a 0 or 1, your symbol is 8 or 9 is an x. Those are the only a circle. If it is a 2 or 3, the symbol days outside use of water is is a triangle. If it is a 4 or 5 its a permitted under the ordinance.

Padres lose 1st playoff game

their first game in the regional Texas Teenage baseball league in a 11-10 extra inning game to Ranger Monday night and were set to face Albany Tuesday

The Merkel Padres dropped afternoon, (Results of that game were not available at press time.)

The Padres, sponsored by Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church are vying for the regional championship in the double elimination tournament.

K, 1st, 2nd grade orientation set

An orientation has been set for Kindergarten, First and Second Merkel Elementary this fall. grade students at MISD Aug. 14 requested to bring their childs at the elementary school office. time (The list is printed elsewhere year's report card, birth certifiin this week's Mail)

Any student that will be new to should come by the school and from 1 until 3 p.m. Parents are register between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. school supplies with them at this New students need to bring last

cate and shot record.

Henslee places at state meet

Candice Henslee, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. John F. Henslee of Merkel, has qualified for the South East 4-H Regional Horse show in

Alabama. She won the right to go to

weekend at the State 4-H Show in

She was 2nd in the Halter Class, 16th in the barrels prelim and 4th in the State Prelims. She was also 6th in the finals of the Stake Race.



Trustees increased spending on clined 14.3 per cent while the local public schools by \$552 million state's average tax load increased

MISD under state spending

last year, as trustees in 1,069 Texas school districts adopted school budgets totaling \$9 billion. That provided more than \$200 in additional funds for each of the 1.727,512 students in the state, according to the Texas Research League.

Local property tax payers were tagged for an additional \$327 million to pay for the increase. The remainder was funded by increases in state and federal aid programs and by higher local fees.

The figures come from the latest issue of Ben Marks for 1984-85 School District Budgets in Texas, an annual publication of the Texas Research League, an Austinbased, educational corporation engaged in governmental re-

search. School budgets adopted for 1983-84 callled for spending \$2,713 per students for current operations. MISD's budget provided for \$2,161.22 per students based on the 1179 students in avrage daily

attendance in 1982-83. Four of five of these dollars were spent for salaries. Statewide, payroll expenses averaged \$2,153 per student, but MISD was lower than state average on spending per student as they spent about \$1,667. Payroll expense is a combination of salary levels and

staffing patterns. The average classroom teacher here is also making \$2,900 below the state average, although MISD is paying an average of 10.3 per cent above the state's minimum salary. The average teacher here is payed \$16,641 compared to the state average of \$19,501.

Local property taxes here de-

by 10 per cent. School property tax rates in 1982-83 averages 0.613 per \$100 of market value (selling price). The school tax on a property selling for \$100,000 was \$613 in the average school district. Locally, the rate on market value in MISD was .974 or \$974 on a

property selling for \$100,000. If the property were a homestead or owned by a senior citizen, the school tax would be less because of various exemptions. Open-spaced land that qualified would be valued on its productivity value rather than market value.

Revenue lost from exemptions totaled \$679 million, which was \$125 million more than that exempted last year. To balance school budgets, the revenue loss from exemptions was imposed on other taxpayers in the school district.

Preparing school budgets for next year, the report noted, will be difficult. Not only did the Special Session of the Legislature provide substantial additional funds, it also changed the method or allocating aid to different districts. School officials also must begin implementing a variety of new educational programs including new curriculum stan-

Boosters set ice cream supper

The Badger Booster Club is hosting an ice cream supper August 9 at 7:30 at Badger

and to meet the new coaching The public is invited.

All high school students and their parents are invited. Everyone in the community interested in supporting the Badgers through-This will be a time of visitation out the year are urged to attend.

Dr. Purser promoted

Central Soya Company, Inc. has announced the promotion of Dr. Ken W. Purser to the position of

swine products marketing mana-Dr. Purser is the son of Mr. &

Mrs. Kenneth Purser of Merkel. Dr. Purser most recently served as manager, swine feeds at the company's feed research center in Decatur, Ind. In his new postition,

he will direct the marketing effort for the company's domestic swine product line.

He joined Central Soya in 1979 as a swine research specialist, and later became senior swine nutritionist. He is a graduate of Texas A & M University, where he received a M.S. and Ph.D degrees in animal nutrition, and of Hardin-Simmons University, where he received a B.S. degree in biology.

Cutler named to electric PAC

been elected vice-chairman of the statewide political action group known as Rural Friends. The action came during a caucus of the group in connection with the 44th annual meeting on the Association of Texas Electric Cooperatives last week in San Antonio. Rural

Tommie Cutler of Merkel, has Friends consists of rural electric leaders and other individuals thrughout Texas who are involved in education on political issues of concern primarily to rural areas. Cutler was earlier elected to the board of directors of the Rural Friends organization.

Cutler is a lifelong resident of

Merkel. He was been employed by Taylor Electric since 1956 and is now assistant manager. He is a past president of the Optomist Club and ne is a member of the Lions Club. He and his wife, the former Letha Ann Baker of Merkel, are parents of a son Chris. a senior at Merkel High.

Country styles adorn kitchens

by Helen Benson

§ Remeber Aesop's fable about the country mouse who was invited to sample the marvels of the city and decided that the hazards of urban elegance were not worth the imported cheese and fled back to his country comforts never to return?

He might be pursuaded to try again, for he did feel a lot more at home in the city now that the country look has become a popular decorating style. He's as likely to bump into twig furniture and painted pine cupboard as chrome and glass or walnut and mahogony as likely to encounter rag dolls and teddy bears as china and silver, and the baskets and herbs, stoneware crocks bright with geraniums, homespun and quilts and red ware that have made it from the country store and auction to the city boutique.

As a decorating style, American Country is relaxing, cheerful and innovative. Rag rug fabrics on a sofa is practical (don't have to worry about color coordination, or

pulled threads). A scrubbed pine table is a sturdy argument against fingerprints and scratches. There are no matching fabric hassles with homespun checks, small prints and quilt patterns. There is no contradiction in placing a worn blue country cupboard beside a stainless steel refrigerator and freezer in a world where grandma's recipe for a deep dish apple pie goes straight from the freezer into a mocrowave oven.

So, whatever your decor, add a touch of country for a perfect accent, a warm and homey atmosphere.

July seems to be a month of delicious melons- so from your home garden, the supermarket or the door-to-door peddler- choose you'll have all day. several good melons and try this

Fresh Fruit Salad 2 large canteloupes 1 small honeydew melon 1-4th watermelon Bottled French dressing Leaf lettuce

18 oz. pkg cream cheese Milk (2T)

Honey or wine jelly Halve canteloupe and discard seeds. Cut into 81 inch thick rings. Cut rind off rings. Make melon balls from remaining canteloupe, honeydew and watermelons. In a bowl, toss the balls with a small amount of the dressing. Place melon rings in lettuce lined salad plates. Pile melon balls in center. In a bowl beat cream cheese and milk until fluffy, beat in honey or jelly to taste. Put a generous dab on top of each salad.

Needle Wisdom

See a pin and pick it up and all the day you'll have good luck; See a pin and let it lay bad luck

Mother Goose Ryhme Thought for the week Every house here love abides And frienship is a guest, Is surely home, and home sweet

For ther, the heart can rest. Henry Van Dyke



Tommie Cutler

Hurley Cogburn buried here

left the area in the 1930s.

here June 14th, 1901 and He was a retired farmer and a member of Trinity Baptist

Church in Modesta. He had married Jessie Sherman of Blair. She preceded him in death. He is survived by three sons; Doyle and Dewey of Modesta and Bud of Waterford, Calif;

Hurley Cogburn, 83, of three daughters, Joy Modesta, Calif., died re- Burns of Las Banas, cently. He was born Calif., Ruby Simpson of Modesta and Mary Crain of Sonora, Calif.

> He is also survived by three sisters; Beula Cox of Fort Worth, Dollie Henslee of Granbury and Lula Beall of Oregon; 22 grandchildren, 33 great-grandchildren and a great-greatgrandchild.

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Parity index at 57% in July

The District 3 director for the Texas Farmers Union has announced the June parity index. from figures released by the United States Department of Agriculture. The farm "cost of living" figure is down to a below satisfactory 57 per cent, says Floys Borchardt of Foard County.

"The farm economy is definitley lagging behind the rest of the American economy; this parity Index has gone down as opposed to rising over the past few months.

Add that to the increasing interest rates across the country, and the farmers everywhere are hurting."

The parity index is the relationship between the price received for a commodity, and its purchasing power in today's market place versus the same transaction performed during the years between 1909 and 1914. It is a yardstick that farmers use to measure the relative strength of farm income today, as compared to the 'Golden Age' of agriculture in the early 1900s.

To illustrate, the price received for a pound of cotton is 72 sents as opposed to a parity price of \$1.27. This means that while the cost of living has gone up drastically in the past seventy years, that pound of cotton will only purchase a little more than half of waht it bought at the beginning of the century.

Other local parity prices include \$7.50 per bushes of wheat or 46 per cent of parity, while oats are 62 per cent of parity, and sorghum is wool rate the lowest at 39 per cent of parity and oats rate the highesta



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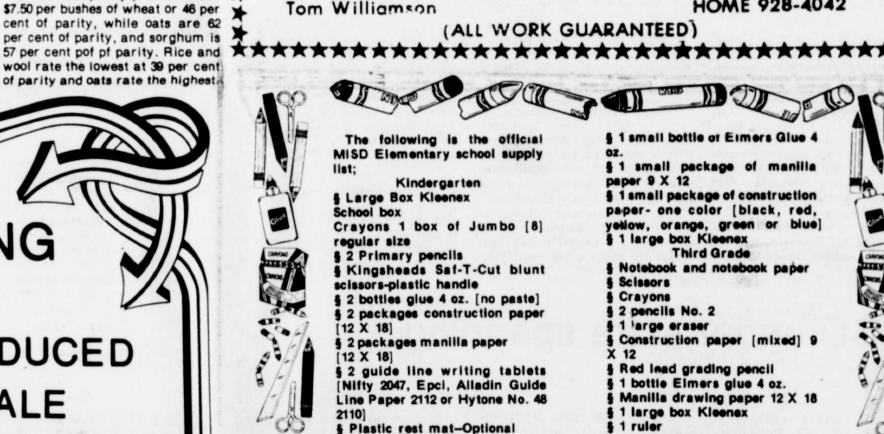
LB 49¢

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HEAD 39¢

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First Grade § 2 bottles of Elmers glue

2 pencils No. 2 regular size

§ 1 box of crayons [please do not

§ 1 package of assorted con-

§ 2 guideline writing tablets [Nifty 2047, Epci, Alladin Guide Line Paper 2112, Hytone No. 48

§ 2 small boxes of Kleenex, 1

§ 1 3 X 5 card file box [recipe

Second Grade

§ 1 large package notebook

1 box crayons, 24 to a box

2 pencils No. 2 regular size

1 pair scissors- pointed

§ 2 folders with pockets

§ 2 spiral notebooks

§ 1 note book - 3 ring

§ 1 Big Chief Pencil tablet

§ 1 package manilla paper

§ 1 pair blunt scissors

get a large box]

struction paper

large box kleenex

[Large package]

§ 1 school box

§ School Box

1 ruler Fourth Grade Notebook paper [no notebook] 4 pencils No. 2 Eraser Map colors 1 box crayons

12 inch ruler 2 red lead grading pencils [no felt tip]

§ Elmers school glue 1 package assorted construction paper. 1 package manilla paper

pair scissors [pointed] large box Kleenex Crayola markers- Optional Fifth Grade

Pencils No. 2 Map colors Erasers 12 Inch ruler 2 red pencils

2 Spiral composition books medium size) No multi-subject Scissors Box for supplies

1 package construction paper [assorted 12 X 18] § 1 large bok Kleenex § 10 colored folders : yellow, red, green, orange, & blue]

Crayons § Crayola markers- Optional. FOR THESE & OTHER

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

BEN FRANKLIN 201 KENT MERKEL



Son born Mr. & Mrs. Jay Shipman of Merkel, are proud to announce the

Patrick, July 16 at 2:17 a.m. at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene. He weighed 6 pounds and 14 ounces and was 21 and a half inches

Paternal grandparents are the late Deward Shipman and Mr. & Mrs. Pete Wilburn, Maternal grandparents are the late Robert Williams and Charlotte Alexander, all of Merkel.

EMS meets

The Merkel Emergency Medical Service held their monthly meeting July 11.

Those attending were Paula & Ray King, Jan Williams, Robert Harris, Blanche Hewitt, Cynthia Cassady, Steve Cochran, and Vernon & Ann Wade.

On leave were Connie Harris and Annette Melton, both due to surgery. The EMS will begin a

training session twice monthly beginning the 1st Wednesday in August.

Sale set

The Merkel Senior Citizens of 122 Edwards will be holding a donation sale Thursday and Friday, August 9 & 10. The sale will be held from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. each day. Donated items

will be appreciated. For more information, call either Bessie Perry, Henry Brady, Lena Criswell or Annie Walker.

Harrison reunion

The Harrison Reunion will be held Aug. 5 in the recreational room of the Pleasantville Housing unit, 151 E 80 here.

There will be a por luck lunch. All old and new friends and invited to come by and visit.

birth of their son, Shawn Tye musical set

Newsbriefs

The Country Gamblers are having a musical Saturday night starting at 7 at the Tye

Community Center. Proceeds will go to the Tye City Park. All area bands are welcomed to attend.

A concession stand will be open.

Recent cemetery

donors named

The following persons made recent donations to the Merkel Cemetery Association.

Made in memory of Ray Wilson: Mr. & Mrs. Joe Cypert, Lucy & Comer Haynes & Nell Teaff, Mr. & Mrs. Ray Orsborn, Ila Mae Mc-Lean, A. L. & Bess Moore, Mrs. H. H. Windham, Mr. & Mrs. Joe Lassiter, Mr. & Mrs. Griff Barnett, Caribel M. Moore, Mr. & Mrs. H. H. Horton Jr. and W. S. J. Brown.

Also, Evelyn Stribling in memory of Leonard Stribling, Mr. & Mrs. John Brady in memory of Calvin Peterson, Mr. & Mrs. S. C. Dixon, Mr. & Mrs. V. R. Justice, Vera V. Ely, Mr. & Mrs. Jack D. Brown, R. L. Burns, Mr. & Mrs. G. W. Comegys, Elizabeth S. Dewolfe.

Senior Citizen

Singing set

The regular First Monday singing will be held at the Senior Citizens Center across from Merkel Drug Monday night starting at 7 p.m.

Starr Nursing home

by Mary Wimberly

Everyone is doing fine at this writing. We welcome Mrs. Edna Brown into the home. She is a Merkelite.

The Merkel Church of Christ filled their appointment Sunday morning and the Trent Methodist church was here Sunday afternoon.

Delma Rodriguez and Mary Shipman are new nurses aides. We hope they will like their work

Johnnie Mageson is on temporary leave and Marie Rodriguez is filling in for her while she

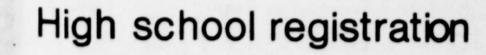
The garage sale went well and we want to thank all of the volunteers that helped make it a success.

Lorene Lee, LVN is still on leave. She has been very ill and we wish her a speedy recovery

Thanks to our editor for printing our news. Our news goes to several states, lowa and Oregon that I do know of and they write and tell us that they miss our news when we don't write.

Nellie Quinonez is back working with us, it is nice to have her back.





Merkel High has announced class registration procedures for all students for the upcoming school year. All students, both old and new, will need to register for fall classes. There will be no early

registrations. A students

may not register late.

schedule. Seniors-Aug. 7

A-I 9:00 - 9:30; J-S 9: 30 - 10:00; t-z 10:00 -

Juniors A- I 1:00 - 1:30; J - S 1:30 - 2:00; T - Z 2:00 - 2:30. Sophomores- Aug. 8 A - 1 9:00 - 9:30; J - S

The following is the 9:30 - 10:00; T - Z 10:00 -

Freshmen A - I 1:00 - 1:30; J - S 1:30 - 2:00; T - Z 2:00 -

If you have any questions, please contact the principal of Merkel High, Larry Curry at 928-5511.









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For sale: 1980 Chevrolet, 1-2 ton, LWB, air, power brakes & steering windows, 403 Buick new transmission Call 928-4954.

73-2tc

FOR SALE: 1981 Chevette Hatchback, excelent condition. Call 676-4248 after 5 p.m. 73-TFCNC

For Sale: 1982 Grand Prix LJ, fully loaded, T-top, all electric. Call 928-4819.

74-1tc

For sale: Nice, reconditioned Buescher Alto sax. Good for school. Call 928-4920 after 6 or on weekends. 74-1tc

For Sale: 2 Shetland-Weish ponies. Stud & Mare. Call 817-864-3236. Can be seen 1 mile North of Merkel on FM 126 at large gray house with black roof.

73-4tp

Misc.

Does someone you love have a drinking problem? Is it affecting your life? If so, AI-ANNON FAMILY groups can help. A Merkel group is now meeting weekly in the mornings. Call 928-4844 or 928-5067. 49-TFC

Welding- Fabrication-Repair-Shop - Portable -Metal Buildings - Carports, James Boyd, Merkel, Call 928-5873.

73-2tc Germania insurance Company, for your insurance needs. Locally

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69-TFC

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73-1tp

KID'S KORNER DAY CARE CENTER 2nd & Oak. Open Monday through Friday 6:30 a.m. until 5: 30 p.m. Call 928-4381

66-tfc

Registered child care: Monday-Friday; 5:30 a.m. until 6 p.m. Children 1-5 and after school. Balanced meals and snacks, fenced yard. Call 928-4030 or come by No. 7 Pioneer Court. Drop ins are welcomed. 73-4tp

LOST

Part calico-mix cat named Felecia. Lost near 503 Orange. Call 928-4119.

74-1tnc

Free kittens: Litter box trained. Call 928-

74-1tnc

REWARD

§ Lost dog, American pit bull lost July 17 4 miles South of Merkel on FM 1235. Female, wearing gold collar, answers to Peaches. If seen our found please call Jay Shipman at 928-5252. 74-1tp

Will babysit school children. Also offer pickup after school. Call 928-5079 or come by 406

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3-1-1 Rock shop, storage, 3-car carport possible owner carry.

3-2-2 doublewide covered patio or porch on 2 acres, very nice. 3-1-1 brick on Avon-

dale, celing fans, fenced owner anxious. 2.5 acres plus well. garden area, guard light fenced, 3 bedroom mobile owner carry with

small down. Reduced 183 acres. home pool, 5 tanks, fenced, very scenic, some minerals.

2 acres, 3 bedroom home, storage sheds. well, 3 miles South, owner anxious.

2-2 bedroom houses plus a one bedroom house, great investment. 2-2-1 home, 2 car garage on 2 lots, owner very anxious.

Trent Just listed, 3 bedroom mobile, corrals, branding chute, double deck cattle loader fenced. many extras.

2 bedroom formal dining, 1 car garage new plumbing, painted inside and out, possible owner carry or cash.

Doublewide, needs work on 3 acres, possible owner carry or

3 bedroom mobile on a 190 X 100 lot reduced to sell, \$12,000.

After 5 p.m. call: Betty Stautzenberger 862-6329 or James Griffith at 695-1393. 74-tfc

Real Estate

House for sale: 2 bedroom, living room, dining room, kitchen, large bedrooms, 1 and a half bath, laundry room and plank fence, large apricot tree, is in excellent condition and ready for you to move in. Price has been reduced. Must see to believe. Cyrus

72-TFC

The Classifieds

Pack.

Big Garage Sale: Next

to D & T Auto in the

back from 9 a.m. until ?

Saturday only or the

alley behind the Senior

Citizens Building, Hazel

74-1tp

2 family garage sale

Friday & Saturday, Au-

gust 3 & 4 weather

permitting at 402 Lois.

young Miss clothes. Lots

of nice dresses. lots of

nice school shoes and

clothes, Mexican dress-

es, kitchen ware and

other misc. Also, little

boys clothes, boys clo-

thes and lots of misc.

Am-FM 8 track, stereo,

tupperware. Make up

74-1tp

Garage sale of the

Century. Antique mir-

ror, solid oak desk,

glassware, books, lots of

collectible items. Satur-

day & Sunday, August 4

& 5. Corner house at Y

and jewelry.

Mens, womens, and

+\$41,500, by owner, new 3 bedroom, 2 bath, central air, fireplace, ceiling fans, Merkel, 928-4525 weekends or after 5 p.m. Monday-Friday. 74-2tp

For sale: 14 X 64 partially furnished mobile home; 3 bedroom, 1 and a half bath, refrigerated window units and underpinning included. Moving, must sell immediately. In Trent call 862-6397 or Abilene 692-1666

74-1tp

For sale: Setting high on almost 3 acres, this manufactured home offers a fantastic view and an unbelivable amount of space inside. Put it together and you have a great country home for only \$42,700. For more information, call Sue Clay at Ray Scott Realtors at 698-4484 or 695-

74-1tc

Located in Merkel; 3 bedroom, 2 bath, spacious living area, inside utility room, approx. 1,700 square feet, 3 years old on approx. one half acre. \$58,000. Jim Lewis, 698-4759 or Ramcon 698-9443 or 698-7656. 71-TFC

House for sale: 2 bedroom, living room, dining room, kitchen, large bedrooms, 1 and 1-2 bath, laundry room and plank fence, large apricot tree, is in excellent condition and ready for you to move in. Have a good price, must see to believe. Cyrus Pee, a-

72-TFC

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74-1tp

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furniture and clothes. 74-1tc

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Anson. The exhibit will

be open to the public.

Merkel VFW auxillary busy

Eight members of Merkel Post 5683 VFW Women's Auxillary sold Buddy Poppies at Dyess AFB at the non-commissiopners club May 25th, Hazel Pack sold the most Poppies here.

The May District Convention was attended by seven members in Breckenridge.

The 1984-85 officers elected at the June meeting are Christine Funderberg-President; Wanda Tittle- Sr. Vice-President; Mary Davidson- Jr. Vice-President; Carolyn Russell- Treasurer; Evelyn Stribling- Chaplain; Marguerite Sandusky- Conductress; Hazel Pack- Guard; Trustees are

Shanks 2nd year and Tommye Neill 3rd year. Secretary is Kathy Gregory and Historian is Marie

In July, we were proud to bring home nine trophies from the called meeting in Abilene. We received one first place from state for membership, a first in district for membership and a third place for

Our new president received the gavel and presided at the July 12th meeting. Outgoing president Wilma seago was presented an engraved plaque in honor of four very productive and successful years as president.

Tommye Neil, outgoing treasu-

Wilma Seago- 1st year, Marie rer and Jane Fenton, outgoing secretary were also presented gifts in appreciation for the years of service.

Twelve people and a visitor attended that meeting.

The Cancer Aid and Research Pins for 1984-85 are here and since state President Margret Flores has chosen "Harmony" as her theme for the coming year, these attractive pins resemble small sheets of musical manuscripts.

Beginning August 3rd, we will be sponsoring drawings for \$25 certificates for groceries. Tickets are 3 for \$1 and may be purchased from any of our members. We will be holding these drawings on the first Friday night of each month.



C. A. Bilbrey of Merkel won \$1,000 in a Coca-Cola promotion recently.

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Merkel High students interested in working on a part-time basis during the school year should contact Mrs. Pam Rosenbaum, teacher-co-ordinator of the HECE program at Merkel High.

Many Merkel and Abilene businesses have shown interest in employing high school students. A job bank is being established at this time, according to Mrs. Rosenbaum

Any business interested in hiring a part-time or temporary student any time during the school year, are encouraged to call her at 928-5511

Being involved in the HECE programs provides students with the opportunites to: work in a job setting; learn desirable work attitudes and responsibility; have both paid experience and school credit and increases their chances of employment upon completion of high school, she added. The student must attend classes half a day and be employed at least 10 hours per week. High school students 16 or older or those classified as junior or seniors are eligible to enroll.

Students who are currently employed are strongly encouraged to sign up for the program. To find out if you qualify or for more information, please contact Mrs.

Merideth-Palmer set date

Wanda Margrete Merideth and Albert Jack Palmer are planning a Sept. 22 wedding at Pioneer Methodist.

The bride-elect attended the University of Northern Colorado in Greely and is presently employed at the Abilene State School.

Her fiance is a graduate of Buffalo High in New York and attended Barbazon Business College in Miami. He is presently employed by the pomona garment industry of Pomano, California.

The couple will make their home in Abilene.

Effie Bird buried here

Effie Norman Bird, 92, of San Antonio, formerly of Merkel, died at 7:52 a.m. Saturday at a relative's home in Abilene. Services were held at 2 p.m. Monday at the First Baptist Church

The Rev. Wayne Keller, pastor, officiated. Burial followed at Rose Hill Cemetery under the direction of the Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born May 19, 1892 in the Whitewright community, she married T. J. Bird Aug. 14, 1920 in Abilene. She was raised in the Stith community and moved to Merkel in 1929. She received a teaching certificate

(now Hardin-Simmons) and then taught school for several years. She was a meber of First Baptist church here.

She was preceded in deathy by her husband who died Jan. 28, 1971 and two daughters, Mildred Knight and Sue She is survived by a

son, T. J. Jr. of San Antonio; a son-in-law Gordon Cross of Houston; a sister, Eunice Massey of Merkel; three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Jim Tuckett, J. C. Carson, Jimmy Carey, Carlton Brooks, Laverne Moore and Blanton Massey.





Reunions

The Butman's

Descendents of the late Sam Butman Sr. and Madge Butman met July 21 for their annual get-together. Eight-six people registered.

Greatly missed was Mrs. Ford Butman who died Jan. 3.

Rev. Russell McAnally, pastor of Pioneer Methodist gave the blessing for the noon feats and the five p.m. snack.

So many things to be thankful for over the past year kept the conversations going all day. They include the year 1984 marked the 100th birthday of the Butman family. The late Sam Butman Sr and Madge Vaughn were married here in March of 1884.

Jeffrey Swinney, son of Mr. & Mrs. Kyle Swinney of Abilene, was born with his little intestines outside of his stomach. After much love and professional care he is doing great at six months old.

The story of Lesa Wells and son Brad of Trent, who closed the doors of their home in Trent and went to live-in with a neighbor for several weeks. The mother was in the hospital seriously ill with a stroke and there was a grandbaby and two school aged children.

Randal Palk was was is critical condition after a 50 foot fall while hiking in the mountains, is greatly improved. He is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Palk of Midland

Enjoying the privilege of being present for the reunion were two wheel chair members, W. H. Gray of Big Spring and Lottie Everett of Burmont Nursing Home in Abi-

Lottie was the oldest in attendance and John Paul Littrel was the youngest.

Attending from out of town were: Mr. & Mrs. Everett Powell, Roswell, N.M.; Mr. & Mrs. Bob Bodwell, Bobby, Kathy, Jeff and Jonathan of Lubbock; Mr. & Mrs. Gaylon Brnovak, Mindy & Mat of Brownfield; Mr. & Mrs. Mark Merrell, Mica & Megan of Colorado City, Tommy S. Russom, Fort Worth; Mr. & Mrs. Forrest Harlow, Bill & Jennifer of San Angelo; Mr. & Mrs. W. H. GRay. Big Spring; Mr. & Mrs. Rick Littrell & John Paul of Lubbock;

Ruth Palk, Midland; Louise Pickle and grandson Casey Smith of Sonora, Calif.; Mr. & Mrs. Curtis Wilson of Sterling City.

Also, Mr. & Mrs. Odell Anderson of Burkville; Mr. & Mrs. Billy Wells & Brad of Trent; Mr. & mrs. T. C. Duncan of Fort Worth; Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Swinney, Wayne & Lynn of Floydada.

From Abilene, Helen Butman, Bill Culpepper, Jerrell Lee Butman, Wanda Merideth, Steve Butman & Annie, Joyce Smith & Carl, Billy Sam Butman, Mrs. Ada Cochran and Mr. & Mrs. Troy Wilson.

From Merkel, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Swinney, Tammie, Darla and Manie; Mr. & Mrs. Frank Brnovak, Mrs. Sam Butman Jr.; Mary Russom; Christy & Jason Hull; Rev. John Waggoner, Mr. & Mrs. A. D. Scott; Bernice Bagby; Christen Bagby; Jon Bright; Mr. Mrs. David Scott; Jeff Spencer &. Taylor; Mr. & Mrs. Billy Bob Neff; Mr. & Mrs. Donnie Riggan & Sunny; Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Ray & David; Rev. & Mrs. Russell McAnally.

The Lewis'

The children and other relatives of the late Arthus & Mardie Lewis met at Butman Methodist Encampment July 15.

Time was spent visiting, horseback riding and swimming. The evening meal was prepared by the camp staff.

Those attending were Bill & Therese Lewis, Port Orchard. 'Wash.; Matt & Michelle Bihl, Ft. Thomas, Ky.; Louise Pickle & Casey Smith, Jamestown, Calif.; Jane & Alfie Poipson, Parker, Colo.

Also, Lillian Lewis, Odessa; Opal Rakes, Loraine; David Rakes, Westley, Bonnie, Tina & John Rakes; James, Gail, Bryan & Leonard Lewis, all of Cisco.

Also, Mary Martin, Jim Thorne, Becky, Gary, Christye & Carl Ward, Shannon Kennemuir & Jason and Jessica Boiles, all of Abilene. Gary, Pat, Clint & LeRoyce Hart of Lawn; Gale, Cody & Billy Roy Parkhill of Baird; Kathy & Jimmy Leverich

Also, Jack & Bernice Bagby;

Edith & Kristen Kennedy; Kay & John Bright, Shannon, D. J. & Bo Barnes, all of Merkel and Clyde & Billie Lewis of Trent.

Also, Kenneth & Connie Turner and Ethel Turner, of Clyde; Howard and Allie Cargill of Hale Center; and Gordan & Betty Cargill of Lubbock.

Friends of the family attending were Lillie Butman, Nell Brnovak, Mary Russom, Mabel & A. D. Scott, and Gayle Shugart, all of Merkel and Lorene Blair of Odessa.

The Hughes'

The family of John L. Hughes met at Heritage Hall July 7 & 8 for their annual reunion. During the afternoon, friends dropped by for

coffee and a visit. Mrs. J. W. Hughes, president of the reunion, called the group together for a memorial service for those members of the family no longer with us. After the service, he continued with a business meeting.

Following the meeting, Shannon F. Hughes was chosen as beauty queen and a plaque of appreciation was presented to Mr. John B. Hughes.

A dinner was served to some 50

guests by Skeet's Restaurant. Early Sunday morning, the

group gathered for a breakfast catered by Skeet's. After breakfast, a singing was held and the group enjoyed visiting before departing.

Those attending were: Mr. & Mrs. J. W. HUghes of Big Spring; Mrs. Sandra Woodward & sons Kelly & Jason of Odessa; Mr. & Mrs. Bill Hughes of Houston; Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Hughes of Pueblo, Colo.; Mr. & Mrs. Ron Hughes & daughters Hawna and Heide of Englewood, Colo; Mr. & Mrs. Gilbert Elliott & son Steve, Grand Prarie; Mr. & Mrs. Jim

McCutchin, Lindsey & Zachary, Levelland; Shannon F. Hughes, Julianne Hughes and Rick King, all of Austin; Mrs. Milton Barrick, Ann Dykstra and son Jarvin Juan Brummetl, Mr. & Mrs. John Price, Lea & Danny Wilker, Arlington; Rex Barrick & Kathy Orvens, Alpine; Gloria West of Abilene.

Also, Mr. & Mrs. John B. Hughes and Lisa; Mr. & Mrs. G. W. Hughes, Lou Ella Hughes, Mrs. Carl Hughes, Earl Hughes, Mrs. Brandon Wade, Mr. & Mrs. Paxton Havee, Mrs. Carlton King, all of

The reunion will again be held at Heritage Hall next summer.

Driggers receives HSU scholarship

Sherma C. Driggers, Rt. 2 Box 117 Trent has received a denominational worker's childrens Margaret Fund scholarship at Hardin-Simmons University for the up-

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Preceptor Eta Omega chapter of Beta Sigma Phi held a hamburger supper in the back yard of Bobby and Louise DuBose Saturday night. Following supper,

members and their guests played skip-bo. Those attending were Jocille & John Brady,

Jane, J. C. Carson &

holds hamburger party grandson; Betty Conley, Louise & Bobby DuBose, Liz & Peck Eager, Opal Garner, Blanche Hewitt, Kathy & Jimmy Leverich, Vazl Patterson, Betty & Kent Satterwhite, Mamie Steck, Connie & Juan Bierra, & guests George & Charlotte Starbuck and

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