

# The Merkel Mail

Thursday, August 23, 1984...Merkel, Texas

Our 96th Year



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## Board hears five year plan update; learns of new 'reform bill' rules

MISD board members held their first meeting since the start of school Monday night at the high school library and the main topic of discussion, just like most school board across Texas, was the new rules in the Texas Education Reform Bill.

Board members also heard an update the school's five year educational plan and took a number of "motion votes", those required by the state to participate in state spending programs.

Board members also set Aug. 30th as the date for public hearings on the school budget for the 84-85 school year. The hearing will start at 7 p.m. and the budget will be considered in a special meeting immediately following the hearing.

School Curriculum director David Laman reported to the board concerning math progress at MISD. Three years ago, the state mandated that all Texas school should identify a problem area and then take a five year approach into solving those problems. MISD chose math and set a goal of 50 per cent math mastery over the national average. MISD had one class that went from a 26 per cent mastery to a 76 per cent mastery rate. Laman added "We almost can say that we don't have a problem with math here anymore."

Laman, along with high school principal Larry Curry, was named to the team that will evaluate teachers on a controversial career ladder concept for incentive pay for "Master Teachers" across the state.

The Texas State Teachers Association has expressed mild outrage with some of the provisions in the qualifying steps for the incentive pay as being unequal and unfair. MISD superintendent Bill Everett agreed that some of the provisions of the rating system may have to be altered. Everett explained the teacher ladder system to the board. MISD has already decided they will award the incentive pay to teachers chosen for the master level at the end of the school year.

Teachers will have an enormous extra work load this year according to Middle School teacher Ken Elliott. He attends MISD board meetings as a representative of the Merkel Classroom Teachers Association. Elliott told the board "This new education bill is placing a lot of paperwork on teachers who already had enough paperwork to do."

The state now requires daily teacher lesson plans and requires teachers to document how they are achieving the learning goals in each subject they teach. Further documentation is required on special help given to all students having grade problems, and how the lesson plans are adapted to meet the special needs of ability grouped students.

The state is also requiring that students who receive a failing grade in a class will be forced to attend after school tutoring sessions for at least three weeks. Actually, the tutoring sessions will be a study hall as the child will have extra work assigned by their regular teacher so they can catch up in the class.

All of this prompted Everett to quip "Fellas, this is not the Little Red School House anymore. The

state is really expmazing teachers teaching and students learning."

MISD enrollment figures show that the school district has grown 91 students since the start of school last year and growing by

the day. Nineteen students registered Monday putting the enrollment at 1,342. Tye Elementary has 201, Merkel Elementary 497, Merkel Middle school 317 and Merkel High 323. Those figures were calculated Monday.

## Showcase Cablevision turning up unauthorized taps; adding channels

Showcase Cablevision of Tuscola, the operators of the Merkel tv cable system, said in a news release last week that his company is continuing a system audit to uncover unauthorized attachments at the pole.

He said "At this point, we have not prosecuted, although we have uncovered several, but we are now considering the possibility of prosecution. The State of Texas enacted a law several years ago. The laws carry fines of up to \$1,000 and six months in jail."

Little explained "The company has and uses several methods in determining if the connection is unauthorized in a home. We had rather not prosecute anyone, and

for this reason, we are asking anyone who knowingly is receiving cable tv in any unauthorized manner, or anyone that has an unauthorized additional line, to call our office. You may also return any of the materials to Hi-Val."

He said they will be offering voluntary disclosure of unauthorized taps until Aug. 25th. Any unauthorized connection after that date will be prosecuted.

He also said they were in the middle of changing out the old three channel premium converters for premium subscribers only. They are also installing traps and

locks that will help prevent further unauthorized attachments.

Four new channels will premier Sept. 1 They are the Spanish International Network, Nashville, MTV and Lifetime Network.

Little said "We think this offers something for everyone and Super Two can be added to any existing cable plan. The installation of the new converters will save considerable war on the subscribers' television receiver, because all the channels can be received and tuned through the converter. That eliminates the need to change the tv tuner once it has been set to Channel 4."

## Football already... it's too hot, junk mail, kinda felt sorry for her

by Cloy A. Richards

Football season is here, if you can imagine that as Merkel takes to the road Friday to scrimmage a tough and feisty squad from Rotan.

Head coach Dick Lepard will take his troops from Merkel for the first time this season. His coaching staff also includes Robert Damron, Bob Mace and Jon Weathered.

We walked over Sunday night for a close-up view of the Goodyear blimp at the Abilene Municipal Airport Sunday evening and that thing is impressive.

While Melanie and I were looking at the cabin, a motor came on and I left the close-up inspections to Melanie as I high-tailed it away.

There is an interesting scene painted on the back of the cockpit depicting an old-time hot air balloon race.

It seemed as natural as green on a frog.

It's amazing what a little rain can do for the looks of West

Texas. Don't be fooled by our recent rainfall though. We are still in the grip of a costly drought and we still have mandatory water conservation measures.

What we need is more of what we have had over the past couple of weeks, more rain.

Here's a tip from the Texas Press Association I thought some of you might want.

Admit it, you have felt some negative emotion about all of the "junk mail" you receive. TPA says "If you want to stop receiving all of those unsolicited mailings, there is a way to have your name removed from nationwide lists. Here's how: Write to Mail Preference Service, Direct Mail Marketing Association, 6 East 43rd St., New York, NY 10017, ask for a form, fill it out and return it.

They will advise their member companies (over 2,000) of your request, and your name will be deleted from the mailing lists. Keep in mind that this process can take several weeks."

I thought that tip was too good just to let TPA members in on.

Taylor County Historian and writer Juanita Zachary will be instructing a writing workshop in Abilene beginning Sept. 8th.

Fee for the course is \$35 for members of the Abilene Writer's Guild and \$45 for non-members. There will also be a \$7.50 charge for a workbook.

Six, two and a half hour sessions will be included in the course and more information is available by contacting Juanita Zachary at 915-673-2366.

Being a small town newspaper editor can, at times, be as much fun as being a spokesman for a group that is mad about something.

I called one of the state TSTA Legislative Affairs committee members, a public school teacher in Austin.

That's as far as the story goes. Why the lady was having such a horrible morning Tuesday was

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## MISD football

### schedules for 1984

The following are the MISD football schedules for 1984.

**VARSITY**  
 9-7 at Hawley 8 p.m.  
 9-14 at Jim Ned at 8 p.m.  
 9-21 Roscoe here at 8 p.m.  
 9-28 (Homecoming) Bangs here at 8 p.m.  
 10-5 Stamford here at 8 p.m.  
**DISTRICT GAMES**  
 10-12 at Graham at 7:30 p.m.  
 10-19 Breckenridge here at 7:30  
 10-26 at Comanche at 7:30  
 11-2 At Wylie at 7:30  
 11-9 Clyde here at 7:30  
**JUNIOR VARSITY**  
 9-6 at Hawley at 7:30  
 9-13 Jim Ned here at 7:30  
 9-27 at Bangs at 8:30  
 10-4 Stamford here at 7  
 10-11 Graham here at 7  
 10-18 at Breckenridge at 7  
 10-25 at Abilene High JV at 5  
 11-1 Wylie here at 6:30  
 11-8 at Clyde at 6:30  
**FRESHMEN**  
 9-6 at Wylie at 5  
 9-13 at Sweetwater at 5  
 9-20 at Ballinger at 7:30  
 10-4 Stamford here at 5:30  
 10-11 Graham here at 5:30  
 10-18 at Breckenridge at 5:30  
 11-1 Wylie here at 5  
 11-8 at Clyde at 6:30

**8th Grade**  
 9-13 Jim Ned here at 6  
 9-27 at Bangs at 6:45  
 10-4 at Stamford at 6:30  
 10-11 at Graham at 5:30  
 10-18 Breckenridge here at 6:30  
 10-25 Wylie here at 6:30  
 11-1 at Wylie at 6  
 11-8 Clyde here at 6:30  
**7th Grade & B TEAM**  
**DISTRICT GAMES**  
 Note: B team will play at 4 and the 7th grade at 5 p.m.  
 9-13 Jim Ned here  
 9-27 at Bangs  
 10-4 at Stamford  
 10-9 at Graham  
 10-18 Breckenridge here  
 10-25 Wylie here  
 11-1 at Wylie  
 11-8 Clyde here

Season football tickets are on sale now at the superintendent's office.

The reserved seating on the aluminum bleachers are \$3 per game or \$15 for the season (five games).

Persons over 65 can attend all MISD home sporting events free by picking up a complimentary pass. Persons that have a pass may use the same one and those needing passes are encouraged to drop by the superintendent's office during normal business hours.

## Some Fun Day prizes are still unclaimed

We have a list of names here this week of people that have not claimed Fun Day prizes.

To do so, go to Boney-Young Insurance Agency here. The names are: Anne Belshie, Bill Boswell, Fricia Newsom, Mary Stanley, Frank Bronvak, Daisy

Mashburn, Joy Gibson, Jeni Jackson, Mark Bland, Ann Melton, Lanell Teaff, Johnny Montgomery, L. J. Gray, Brian Lerma, Dolly Reddin, Bo Dunagin, Patsy McDuff, Jack South, Lenora Duran, Jimmy Doan, H. Tiner and Gloria Hensley.

## Lawn watering calendar

August

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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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26	27	28	29	30	31	
▲	◆	■	X	●	▲	

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## Talk to a teacher yourself

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that she had been named, quoted, in a TSTA press release that attacked the recently approved Master Teacher ranking in Texas. Those teachers will be eligible for a nice hunk of money, something Texas school teachers are not quite used to.

She said she had spent her morning trying to explain to three reporters what all was wrong with recent changes directly affecting Texas teachers, that she had been thinking about the interviews and was now horribly depressed and I can't think of many printable things to tell you.

I thanked her for her time, jotted down her phone number, and will give her a week or two to calm down.

It's hard to tell what teachers really feel on some matters because, if they criticize the system, they are, in effect,

criticizing the same people that have a lot to do with where you will work next year.

Yes, Texas teachers were awarded with a pay raise and we all got higher taxes—right?

That's what all of us were told by the big papers and television stations.

What we weren't told, we will be over the next three years as the bill is implemented. There will be a lot of very unpopular provisions, once they are enforced at the local level.

Did you know that if you child fails a class this year that they will be required to attend an after school session for two days a week, for a minimum of three weeks? That's not an MISD policy, it's one created by trading this for that in the last hour rush to get that bill through the special session. You will also be re-

sponsible for your child's transportation from that class.

There are also new attendance policies that must be followed, a lot of paperwork on teachers concerning lesson plans, and a lot of problems implementing a law now that was not really widely understood, to the degree it is understood to this point. It is not an easy situation when you change most of the ways you do things overnight.

I think the one thing that I am still impressed about the new bill, was that it was the first major step taken by the state in a long time to improve the quality and equality of education for Texas school children from Snook to Highland Park.

In the process of the last minute butchering, trading, bartering, and typical political maneuvering, some of the sanity seems to have been lost in the shuffle.

## State-County farmers facing another problem, tractor thefts

Already in a financial crunch, many Texas farmers are having to cope with another growing problem—tractor thefts.

"Tractor thefts in Texas are up 20 per cent for the first half of 1984 compared to last year," says Dr. J. Fred Cross, of Stephenville, community development specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A & M University System. "Texas farmers and ranchers have already lost an estimated \$45 million to tractor thieves this year."

Cross says that tractor owner can reduce this loss by placing identification numbers on tractors.

Preoply identified tractors can deter crime in three ways. A thief will often pass up a tractor with a prominently displayed identifica-

tion number because it will be harder to sell as stolen property. If the theft is caught, the identification number will allow law enforcement officers to notify the owner that the tractor has been recovered. An identification number may also be used as evidence in court that the thief had possession of stolen property.

"The proper number to use for property identification in Texas is the owner's drivers license number," notes Cross. "This number is preferred over other identifying numbers because it can be readily traced through the Department of Public Safety computer system."

Marking locations have been standardized to make it easier for law enforcement officers to locate the number. Place the number on

the rear of the differential housing. If the center of the housing is not accessible, place the number on the right axle housing, on the top or rear. They advise placing the number on the tractor with a metal stamping tool. An arc or acetylene welder may also be used but the tool number is easier to read and harder to remove. Before marking the tractor, sand or paint the surface to insure a clear-cut imprint.

In addition to placing the number on tractors and other farm implements, Cross advises recording and safeguarding all serial numbers. These numbers can also aid in recovering stolen property although they are not as useful as the driver's license number.

## We all have to keep trying to make next year the year

by Russell McAnally

As I look back on the prolonged dry spell that sets all kinds of records, I try to be aware of all the people who were affected by the dry weather. This has caused me to be aware of the determination of the people. So many people with cows and farm lands extended their give-up date deadline from the 1st of the month to the 15th of the month—then back to the first again and again. The rains then came for most of the area, but by now, for most, too late. Too late for what? It was too late for a crop. In another way, the rains came just in time to get ready for next year's crop. There is always next year.

Sometimes we may forget that we face the same problems living our lives. I will never forget the little eight year old girl by the name of Jackie Sturdivant. She lived with her parents North of Roscoe on a ranch in the mid-fifties. You see, Jackie had polio and could not walk without crutches and leg braces. That was a great improvement because she had been told earlier that she would never walk. When she heard that she would pull herself into a sitting position and tell them that she would be walking, next year.

By that next year, she was going strong on her crutches and leg braces. It was also true that she had lost the use of a kidney and a large, dark spot was discovered on her lungs. She didn't seem to notice and she was always equipped with a constant smile and an outgoing personality. There was a small horse called Scout and she loved to be lifted into the saddle to take off for a fast gallop. With no control over her legs, she would take off flopping and rattling through the mesquite trees. This was this year and next year would be even better. Everything was just fine until Scout dodged to keep from coming head-on with a big rattlesnake. She ended up on the ground with a broken thighbone. In the hospital, she continued to amaze everyone. She asked that

her family and everyone pray for her recovery. Her one kidney—the dark spot on the lung and her broken leg might be too much. When another problem developed which was unexplainable, Jackie told them to ask God what to do about her complications and that if God didn't know, then ask Dr. Jarrett Williams. She was out of the hospital and up and about in time for the Christmas program.

In the program that year, a real live baby was given for Joseph and Mary to hold. It was a moving presentation by the young people of the church. In the car on the way home that night, Jackie broke the silence with "Jesus was really at our church tonight, wasn't he?" The mother tried to explain to Jackie that the baby was the infant daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Phil Haynes, to which she responded "I

know that, but Jesus was really there."

The mother didn't try to explain that.

One night later as the parents were discussing the events of the day before going to sleep they heard Jackie crying in her room. She was soon in bed with her parents and said "I know I am not supposed to do so, but I love my parents more than I do God." A few years after this, I saw Jackie and her parents again. She was a grown, young, beautiful lady. She still had her smile and charming personality, but the real beauty was that she no longer needed the leg braces or the crutches and walked without a limp.

This story and your own stickability is what makes for a Next Year, and a next, and they are all good— if you will let them be!

## High school juniors and seniors getting ready for ACTs

As the new school year has started, more than 1 million high school juniors and seniors are preparing for the ACT assessment program.

The ACT results are reported to more than 2,700 post-secondary institutions and scholarship programs.

Students can obtain information packages with all the information necessary from their high school counselor. The basic fee is \$9.50. New for 1984-85, a late registration will be accepted for an additional \$10 fee.

The three hour test covers English, math, social studies and natural sciences. A sample copy of the full length test is available at every high school.

Colleges use information from the ACT tests for academic advising, admissions counseling, course elections and placement, students services and institutional research. ACT scores are also sent to students, their high school counselors, and only those agencies and institutions specified by the student.

More information is available from the MHS counselor.

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## Reunion reports

### The Smith's

The family of the late Ida Mae (Ford) and Samuel Ford Smith Sr. of Merkel, held their 15th annual reunion July 27, 28 & 29 at the campgrounds of Lake Murray State Park in Ardmore, Okla.

Hosting the three day event were Kenneth & Barbara Jean (Hughes) Wood of Pauls Valley, Okla. Activities during the three day reunion included home cooked meals each day, swimming, skiing, boating, fishing, bike riding, all kinds of table games and lots of out-door sports.

The Saturday noon business session was called by the 1984 President James Graves. The group picked the same spot for next year's reunion the first weekend in August.

The evening was spent with the best foot stomping, hand clapping, banjo, fiddle and guitar playing anyone would want to be a part of. On the banjo was Rick Kurtis; fiddle, Ford (Buddy) Smith Jr.; and guitar Noe Hernandez. A sing along was also held.

Those attending were: Tammy Eugenia, Jeremiah Lee, and Billy Ray Jones; Teresa Jean, Amy Michelle, Amber Dawn and Bill G. Priddy Jr.; Barbara Jean (Hughes) Wood, and son Kenneth Eugene Wood Jr., all of Pauls Valley, Okla.; Samuel Ford Smith Jr. and Frankie Lee (Graves) Smith; Ronny & Patricia Ann (Smith) Doan and sons Ronny and Samuel Klint Doan, all of Merkel; Cylvia Jean (Claxton), Crystal

Charise and Noe Hernandez of Abilene; James Douglas and Peggy Joyce Graves; Sandra Kay, Cindy and Hohn Reid; Joyce Kay and Mike Cross, all of Houston.

Also, Billy Pete and Russell Dean Hughes; Karen Sue (Hughes), Chrissa, Michelle and Joshua Daniel Boweles of Pampa; Berrv Ford and Myrna Loy Smith and daughter Michelle Kay Smith, Berry Doyle, Joyce Ann, Anthony and Adam Smith of Amarillo; Special friends of the family attending were Jerry Lee Pierce of Paul Valley; Rick, Yvonne and Kurtis of Abilene; Sam Clark of Houston and Vivian Farmer and Bertha Clark both of Coleman.

### The Riggan's

The descendents of the late Ulysses Grant Riggan and Permelia Ann Riggan met at the Kiva Inn of Abilene Aug. 11 & 12 for their annual reunion. Peggy & Harold Riggan were hosts and prepared a lot of good eats.

The group met at their room first for refreshments. The Houston Bunch put on a show Saturday and there was singing, music, pantomines and domino playing. Trophies were awarded to the best and worst domino players.

Sunday was a time for more singing and music, dominoes and picture taking. Gold Riggan, the oldest of the Riggan brothers living was honored last year and this year the next oldest, Nathan, was honored.

Those attending were Gold Riggan, Lamessa; Gerald & Lucille Riggan, Lamessa; Jerry &

Gina Riggan, Plains, and sons Gregg and Nat; Julie & Clovia Talley and son and daughter Oklahoma City; Nathan Riggan, Lew & Darlene Riggan, Lew Jr. & Melanie Riggan and Aubrey; Larry & Sahri Riggan and Jimmy and Corina of Colleyville; Mary Harris, All & Betty Sue Leveritt & Mari Sue of Houston; Larry & Sherry Bankshead and Jason, Brad and Lashay of Burkburnett; Pamela Hutchins and Kevin & Keith, Tommy Harris, Travis Thompson, Mike Thompson, Jerry & Wanda Harris, Houston.

Also, Kenny & Denise Gerrem, Cameron; Warren, Claudette, Milo and Suee Ann Harris; Leona Conley, Bettye Conley, Delbert & Kay Lenn Dearing, all of Merkel; Doyle & Bootsie Conley, Ft. Stockton; Kim & Steve Conley, Ashley & McKenzie of Abilene; Ricky & Cathy, Conley, Ryan, Midland; Bob & Jeanette Campbell, Nolan; Harold & Peggy Riggan, Tim & Gail Riggan, Casey, Gold and Nicole, all of Midland; Pete & Elsie Swinney, Merkel; Travis & Carolyn Swinney and son of Abilene; Wanda Rose Bewley and her husband of Sweetwater; Denzel Riggan & wife Freddie, Cheryl, Sweetwater; Kent & Betty Lu Satterwhite; Donnie & Tammy Riggan, Sunny Brooks, Danny & Donna Riggan, Miranda and Derryl Riggan, all of Merkel; Berdon & Louise Conley, Audrey Conley, Evelyn & Lester Lillie, Lester, Darlene Spivey, Karrie and Wendi, all of Houston.

Also, Jeff & Fredia Selph, Deaondra, Dewayne Conley, Houston; Gloria Dean Stone, Spring; Deverle & Bea Conley, Carthage; Dewey & Maggie Conley, Chad & Heath, Melissa, Alan & Kandy Dutton, Jonathan and baby daughter, Margie Dee Cloud, Stormy, all of Conroe; Lena V. Riggan, Shirley, Tina, Angela Hodges of Tempe, Ariz.; L. D. Riggan, Jimmy, Wayne & Brian Riggan, Phoenix and Roy and Mildred Riggan of Asutin.

Friends attending were Pam Neff, Adrian Moore and wife of Carthage, Lorne Sloan, Esther Luke, Merkel; Bonnie & Becky

Kelly, Abilene and Mark Conley of Houston.

### The Higgan's

A reunion of the children & friends of the late Will & Ada Higgan met Aug. 18 at Heritage Hall here.

The noon meal was served by Briarstone Catering. Attending were:

I. T. & Gwen Graves, Dumas; Patsy Dean Crossley, Pasadena; Myrtle McLain, Detroit; Edna Marie Moore, Lamesa; Carl & Lola Higgan, Joe & Ozelle Merrell, Lubbock; Derrole & Leila Watson, Seguin; Jack & Cora Higgan, Roswell, N. M.; Dervelle & Eudera Higgan, Jr. & Jean Higgan, Dwain Higgan, Roy &

Pauline Lanham, all of Abilene; Lovell Rutledge, Ethel Hicks, Pearl McLain, Joe & Georgia Higgan, all of Merkel; Austin Higgan, Chris Borkowski, Dean & Vita Higgan, all of Hurst; Dean & Vita Higgan, Albany; Leona Hicks, Granbury; L. T. Shipley, Carlsbad, N.M.; Paul & Tressie Higgan, Cliff & Jay Higgan, Colleyville; Evelyn Woodard, E-dith Mae Woodard Hughes, Roscoe.

### Malone visits 'her' hall of fame

Goldia Malone of Merkel has just returned from a trip where she visited the National Cowboy Hall of Fame, to which she was inducted in 1981, and also viewed the musical Texas at Palo Duro Canyon.

Goldia told **The Mail** Tuesday, "it was wet everywhere out there.

There were onions and potatoes rotting in the fields because they were too wet to get trucks in."

Goldia said they rode the Sad Monkey Railroad, a train that takes a trip through a corner of the canyon and stopped at Col. Goodnight's for gifts and food. They also visited the Panhandle

Plains Historical Museum.

Taking the trip were Tammy, Anna, Jo Anna & J. T. "Pokey" Talent; D. C. & Lois Johnson of Euless; Curtis & Doris Summers, Katie Griffith, Cleo Reece, Mary Griffith and daughters Stephany and James & Glenda Collier and sons Cal & Jimmy.

### Hunter safety course this weekend

The local hunter safety course will be held Aug. 25 & 26th from 1 until 6 p.m. The classes will be held at Taylor Electric.

Instructors for the course are Justin D. Sandusky and Bill and Bonnie Fariello.

Students will be instructed in safe handling of firearms, archery, ammunition, game laws, ethics, survival and dressing and care of game.

Hunters are encouraged to

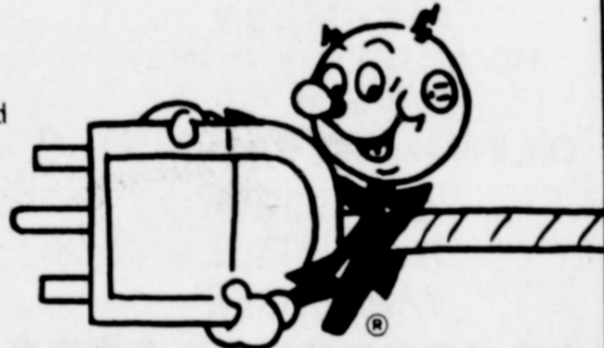
attend the classes and they will be held just in time for the start of dove season Sept. 1. More information is available by calling J. D. Sandusky at 928-5170 or the Fariello's at 928-5373.

### Reddy's Safety Reminders:

Most of us take electric power for granted. We just flick a switch and there it is — doing all those things we've come to expect. That SAME power can be dangerous if we don't learn to treat it with respect. Here are a few reminders on how to live more safely — electrically — from Reddy Kilowatt:

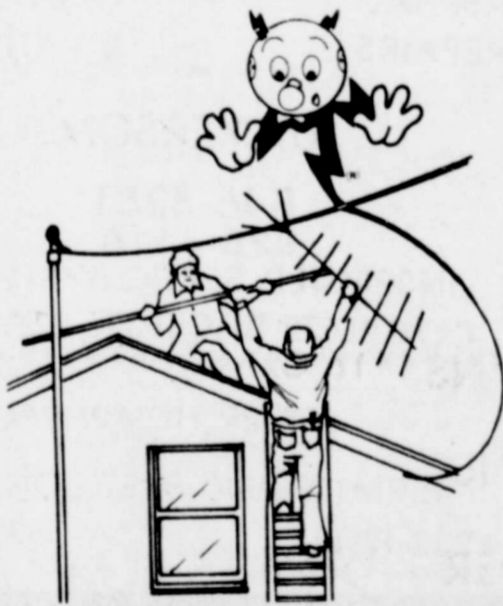
#### Never Pull on the Cord!

When disconnecting electric appliances and equipment, be sure to pull on the plug — not the cord! If you pull on the cord, you'll eventually wear it out and expose hazardous wires. Also, don't overload extension cords and outlets.



#### Install Antennas Away from Power Lines!

If you have a TV or CB antenna to install or repair, make sure there's plenty of clearance between it and the nearest power lines. Working too close to a power line can be hazardous.



#### Don't Shoot at Power Lines!

Also remember not to shoot at power lines or the insulators that hold them. The severed line could cause a serious electricity outage and the downed line itself could be very dangerous.

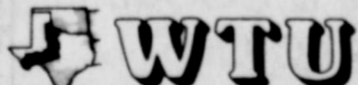


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73-4tp

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76-1tc

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74-4tp

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For sale: 3 bedroom, 1 bath, city water, aluminum windows, vinyl siding, 2 corner lots, \$12,000. Call 928-5462.

76-2tc

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71-TFC

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 Pee, agent.

72-TFC

House for sale: 3 bedroom, living room, dining room and kitchen. Lot and a half. House can be bought at a bargain. I will accept bids on the house. Cyrus Pee, Agent 928-5613.

76-1tc

For Sale: 100' X 300' lot at corner of North 4th and Thornton. Cheap. Call 677-4026

76-3tc

House for sale by owner: Ready to buy? Cash or assume loan, reduced price on brick, 3 bedroom, freshly painted, many extras. Call 928-5476.

75-4tp

House for sale by owner: Ready to buy? Cash or assume loan, reduced price on brick, 3 bedroom, freshly painted, many extras. Call 928-5476.

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58-TFC

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75-TFC

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76-2tc

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76-TFC

Garage Sales

Moving sale: 601 Yucca, Saturday 8 until & Circumstances permitting.

76-1tc

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75-4tp

Garage sale: 2 story house by Merkel VFW on FM 126 South, Thursday, Friday & Saturday from 9-5. Odds and needs, books and dishes and clothes of all sizes.

76-1tp

Backyard sale: Hand-crafted gifts, reduced 50 to 75 per cent (pillows, wood items, kitchen ware, wooden frames) & nice miscellaneous items from 6 families; chair, short lengths of material, patterns, clothing, shoes, dishes and glass ware.

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76-1tc

Yard sale: 7:30 a.m. until Noon Thursday only at 506 Haynes.

76-1tp

Yard sale: Baby clothes, furniture, bed-divan, misc. 1208 S 10th Saturday from 8-8. Cash only. Doris A. Summers.

76-1tp

Garage sale at 910 Yucca Saturday only from 8 until ?

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Yard sale: Lots of clothes for everybody. 3 family sale. 1408 N. 1st Aug. 24th from 9 a.m. until ?

76-1tp

Garage sale: All day Friday. Lots of girls clothes (10-14). Jeans of all sizes and misc. So. 2nd & Lois.

76-1tp

Yard sale: New material 75 cents per yard, patterns 10 cents each, glassware and lots of misc. 601 Rollins (5 blocks North of Taylor Electric)

Thursday through Saturday.

Porch & Yard sale 5 families. Men's, women's and childrens clothes and shoes. Dishes, 8 track tapes, records, books, knick knacks, tools, material, patterns, living room suite, bedroom suite and lots more. Friday and Saturday from 9-5. No sales before 9 a.m. 406 Orange 1 block East of Cherry.

76-1tp



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TOTAL MONTHLY PAYMENT OF \$16<sup>00</sup>

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IF YOU HAVE A CABLE READY TV SET, RENTAL OF CONVERTER WILL NOT BE REQUIRED. INSTALLATIONS WILL BE SCHEDULED ON A FIRST ORDER BASIS, SO ORDER YOUR INSTALLATION & RECEIVE AS MANY FREE DAYS OF SERVICE AS POSSIBLE BEFORE OCTOBER 1ST.

ANYONE WHO STILL HAS AN OLD CONVERTER MUST CALL & SCHEDULE FOR EXCHANGE OF PRESENT 3 CHANNEL CONVERTER PRIOR TO SEPT. 1, 1984, AFTER THIS DATE YOUR OLD CONVERTER WILL NOT RECEIVE HBO.

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PLAN 1 (BASIC)

SUPER FOUR

PLAN 3 HBO

SUPER TWO

PLAN 1 (BASIC)

# Newsbriefs

## MISD lunch

### menu

The following is the MISD school lunch menu:

Aug. 22  
Meat loaf, black-eyed peas and potato salad, hot rolls and fruit jello cubes.

Aug. 23  
Spaghetti with ground beef and cheese, buttered corn, lettuce wedges and choice of dressings, garlic butter bread and fruit cobbler.

Aug. 24  
Hamburgers, lettuce, tomato, onion, pickles and fries, no bake cookies.

Aug. 27th  
Spaghetti with beef & cheese, french green beans, cole slaw, garlic

bread, sliced pears.  
Aug. 28  
Burritos, corn, salad, chocolate pudding.

Aug. 29  
Bar-b-que links, potato salad, fried okra, cheese bread, pineapple pieces.

Aug. 30  
Fried fish, tarter sauce, blackeyed peas, spinach, corn meal twist, peaches with topping.

Aug. 31  
Hamburgers, fries & all the trimmings, cookies.

### Scouts can see hunting movie

Cub Scouts will be able to see a special movie at Taylor Electric at 10 a.m. Aug. 25th. The movie is free to Cub Scouts of the Merkel-Trent-Tye area and will

be shown by J. D. Sandusky and Bill Farliello, hunter safety instructors.

J. D. teaches gun handling, ammunition, game care and lost game. Mr. & Mrs. Bill Farliello teach archery hunting, survival, and ethics of hunting. All are certified teachers by the Texas Department of Wildlife.

Refreshments will be served during intermission.

### 4-H picnic set

The Merkel-Trent 4-H Club will be having a picnic at the City Park Aug. 28 at 7 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend, especially parents of 4-H'rs or potential members. The food will be furnished.

This will be an organizational meeting involving children between the ages of 9 and

18 according to County Extension agent Keith Bible.

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## CARDS OF THANKS

I wish to thank all of the people who have been so nice to me during my illness.

The cards were so pretty and everything you sent will be remembered.

Love, Viola  
Happy Haven Nursing Center

Our sincere thanks & appreciation for your many acts of kindness at the time of the loss of our son, Winston Alexander. Your cards, calls, food, & visits will long be remembered. God Bless all of you.  
Joe & Maude Alexander

The family of Billie Seales would like to take this means of expressing our gratitude and appreciation for the kind acts shown during the loss of our loved one. Your acts will always be kindly remembered. God Bless You All  
The family of Billie Seales

## PUBLIC NOTICE

THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: JEAN E. SHIPLEY Residence 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 10th day of September 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 3rd day of March, A. D. 1980, in this cause numbered 36,556-A on the docket of said court, and styled, E. E. WHITWORTH Plaintiff, vs. JEAN E. SHIPLEY AND KENNETH W. SHIPLEY defendants.

The names of the parties to the cause are as follows:

E. E. WHITWORTH are Plaintiffs and JEAN E. SHIPLEY AND KENNETH W. SHIPLEY, are Defendants.

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

To remove a cloud on the title of the following described property in Taylor County, Texas, to-wit:

Lot 3, Block 35, Arthur Sears Park Addition to the City of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, created by the unauthorized recording of a copy of an undelivered deed dated May 12, 1976, recorded in Volume 1127 Page 463, of the Deed Records of Taylor Coun-

ty, Texas, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's etition 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 writ 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 the 23rd day of July, A. D. 1984.  
Rilla Mahoney, Clerk  
42nd District Court  
Taylor County, Texas  
by JoAnn Lackey  
Deputy

The MISD school Board of Trustees will meet August 30th at 7 p.m. at the High School Library for an open budget hearing.

The budget will be approved at a special meeting following the hearing.

All interested parties are invited to attend.

Leroy Teaff  
President, MISD board of Trustees  
Bill Everett  
Superintendent  
76-1tc

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: MARILYN JO MORRISON-BEHNER\* Whereabouts Unknown, Respondent:

GREETINGS: YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable 326th District Court, Taylor County, Texas, at the Courthouse of said County in Abilene, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the Monday next after the expiration of 20 days from the date of service

of this citation, then and there to answer the petition of RETA A. MORRISON\* Petitioner, against MARILYN JO MORRISON-BEHNER, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 10,797-C on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Interest of MATT RYAN MORRISON\* An Adult Ward" the nature of which suit is a request to the Court to determine what parent-child relationship exists between the progeny and any other persons and that such relationships be disposed of, and that a decree of adoption be granted to RETA A. MORRISON, and grant such other relief to which the Petitioner may be justly entitled.

Said progeny was born the 12th day of October, 1980, in Evansville, Indiana.

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

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court at Abilene, Texas, this the 30th day of July, 1984.  
Rilla Mahoney, Clerk  
326th District Court  
Taylor County, Texas  
by JoAnn Lackey, Deputy.

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## NOTICE OF CALCULATION OF EFFECTIVE TAX RATE AND PUBLICATION OF ESTIMATED UNENCUMBERED FUND BALANCES

I, J. A. Sadler, City Secretary for the City of Merkel, in accordance with the provisions of Sec. 26.04, Property Tax Code, have calculated the tax rate which may not be exceeded by more than three percent by the governing body of the city without holding a public hearing as required by the code. That rate is as follows: \$ .284 per \$100 of value.

The estimated unencumbered fund balance for Maintenance & Operation fund: \$ -0- . The estimated unencumbered fund balance for Interest & Sinking fund: \$ -0-

*J. A. Sadler*  
City Secretary

## CALCULATIONS USED TO DETERMINE EFFECTIVE TAX RATE

### I. DATA

1. 1983 Total tax levy from the 1983 tax roll	\$ 105,511
2. 1983 Tax rate (\$ M&O and \$ I&S)	\$ .332 /\$100
3. 1983 Debt service (I&S) levy	\$ -0-
4. 1983 Maintenance & Operation (M&O)	\$ 105,517
5. 1983 M&O taxes on property in territory that has ceased to be a part of unit in 1984	\$ -0-
6. 1983 M&O taxes on property becoming exempt in 1984	\$ 333
7. 1983 M&O taxes on taxable value lost because property is appraised at less than market value in 1984	\$ -0-
8. 1984 Total taxable value of all property	\$ 37,585,851
9. 1984 Taxable value of new improvements added since Jan. 1, 1983	\$ 532,447
10. 1984 Taxable value of property annexed since Jan. 1, 1983	\$ 19,958
11. 1984 Tax levy needed to satisfy debt service (I&S)	\$ -0-
12. Rate to raise 1983 tax due levy to appraisal roll errors (lost dollars divided by 1984 taxable value) (\$ ÷ \$ × 100)	\$ -0- /\$100
13. Rate to regain taxes lost in 1983 due to appraisal roll errors (lost dollars divided by 1984 taxable values) (\$ ÷ \$ × 100)	\$ -0- /\$100
14. 1983 M&O Taxes used to regain lost 1982 levy	\$ -0-

### MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION (M&O) TAX RATE

1. (A) 1983 Total tax levy (Data 1)	\$ 105,511
(B) Subtract 1983 Debt service levy (Data 3)	\$ -0-
(C) Subtract 1983 Taxes on property no longer in unit (Data 5)	\$ -0-
(D) Subtract 1983 Taxes for exemptions (Data 6)	\$ 333
(E) Subtract 1983 Taxes for productivity valuation (Data 7)	\$ -0-
(F) Subtract 1983 Taxes used to regain lost 1982 levy (Data 14)	\$ -0-
(G) Adjusted 1983 M&O levy	\$ 105,178
2. (A) 1984 Total taxable value of all property (Data 8)	\$ 37,585,851
(B) Subtract 1984 Value of new improvements (Data 9)	\$ 532,447
(C) Subtract 1984 Value of annexed property (Data 10)	\$ 19,958
(D) Adjusted 1984 Taxable value for M&O	\$ 37,033,446
3. (A) Divide the Adjusted 1983 M&O levy (1-G above) by the Adjusted 1984 taxable value for M&O (2-D above) (\$ 105,178 ÷ 37,033,446)	\$
(B) Multiply by \$100 valuation	× \$100
(C) Effective M&O rate for 1984	\$ .284 /\$100

### INTEREST AND SINKING (I&S) TAX RATE

4. (A) 1984 I&S levy needed to satisfy debt (Data 11)	\$ -0-
(B) 1984 Total taxable value of all property (Data 8)	\$ -0-
(C) Divide the 1984 I&S levy (4-A above) by the 1984 Total taxable value (4-B above) (\$ ÷ \$)	\$ -0-
(D) Multiply by \$100 valuation	× \$100
(E) Effective I&S rate for 1984	\$ -0- /\$100

### APPRAISAL ROLL ERROR RATE

5. (A) Rate to raise 1983 levy due to appraisal errors (Data 12)	\$ -0- /\$100
(B) Add rate to regain taxes lost due to errors (Data 13)	+ \$ -0- /\$100
(C) Total Rate to adjust for appraisal roll errors	\$ -0- /\$100

### TOTAL EFFECTIVE TAX RATE FOR 1984

6. (A) Effective M&O rate (3-C above)	\$ .284 /\$100
(B) Add Effective I&S rate (4-E above)	+ \$ -0- /\$100
(C) Add Rate to adjust for appraisal roll errors (5-C above)	+ \$ -0- /\$100
(D) 1984 Effective Tax Rate	\$ .284 /\$100

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ITS NEW 5 KINDS 16 OZ BAG **\$1 39**

KRAFTS  
SINGLE SLICED  
**CHEESE**

DEL MONTE NO 2 CAN  
**PINEAPPLE** ASST EACH **83¢**  
TEXSUN  
**ORANGE JUICE** 46 OZ CAN **\$1 19**  
DEL MONTE 303  
NO SALT  
**GREEN BEANS** 2 FOR **89¢**  
DEL MONTE VP 12 OZ  
NO SALT  
**GOLDEN CORN** 2 FOR **98¢**  
DEL MONTE 303  
**SWEET PEAS** 2 FOR **98¢**  
DEL MONTE  
**NEW POTATOES** 2 FOR **89¢**  
DEL MONTE  
**SPINACH** 2 FOR **93¢**  
VAN CAMPS 300  
**PORK & BEANS** 2 FOR **69¢**  
BAMA  
**RED PLUM JAM** 16 OZ JAR **98¢**

TEA BAGS  
**LIPTONS**  
DECAFFINATED  
24 OZ  
BOX **\$2 49**

MRS TUCKERS  
**SHORTENING**  
42 OZ  
CAN **\$1 59**

MAYONNAISE  
**HELLMANN**  
32 OZ  
JAR **\$1 69**

FROZEN FOODS  
PARADE  
**ORANGE JUICE** 12 OZ CAN **93¢**  
SARA LEE 16 OZ  
CHERRY DANISH  
**CAKE** EA **98¢**  
PARADE 5 OZ  
**WAFFLES** 2 FOR **59¢**  
MINUTE MAID 6 OZ  
**LEMONADE** CAN **39¢**

SWIFT  
VIENNA  
**SAUSAGE**  
5 OZ CAN  
**2 FOR 79¢**

REG- DIET -SUGAR FREE  
**COCACOLA SYRUP**  
6 12 OZ CAN **\$1 49**  
16 OZ CAN **83¢**

NUTRA SWEET  
2 QT PKG  
**KOOLAID**  
2 FOR **\$1 29**  
FOREMOST  
FRESH PURE  
**ORANGE JUICE**  
½ GAL JUG **\$1 89**

COOKING OIL  
**CRISCO**  
48 OZ  
JUG **\$2 29**  
WITH \$10 IN TRADE OR MORE  
EXCLUSIVE OF CIGARETTES

DEL MONTE  
**CATSUP**  
32 OZ  
JUG **98¢**  
MAXWELL HOUSE  
**COFFEE**  
1 LB CAN **\$2 19**  
LIMIT 1  
WITH \$10 IN TRADE OR MORE  
EXCLUSIVE OF CIGARETTES

CHOICE BEEF  
**CHUCK STEAK**  
BONELESS  
LEAN  
POUND **\$1 89**  
CHOICE BEEF  
**CHUCK ROAST** LEAN LB **\$1 39**  
CHOICE BEEF  
**ARM ROAST** LEAN LB **\$1 79**  
CHOICE BEEF EXTRA TRIM  
**T-BONE STEAK** LEAN LB **\$3 09**  
FRESH CHUCK QUALITY  
**GROUND BEEF** 2 LBS OR MORE LB **\$1 49**  
ARMOUR STAR  
**BACON** NO 1 POUND **\$1 89**  
HORMEL  
CHICKEN FRIED  
**BEEF PATTIES** LB **\$1 79**  
GOOCH BIG COUNTRY  
**HAMS** BONELESS COOKED HALVES LB **\$2 19**  
GOOCH BR SMOKED  
GERMAN STYLE  
**SAUSAGE** 12 OZ PKG **\$1 39**

PARADE  
**FLOUR**  
5 LB  
BAG **69¢**

HEINZ  
KOSHER DILL  
**PICKLES**  
48 OZ  
JAR **\$1 39**

BANNER  
BATHROOM  
FRISKIE ASST  
**CAT FOOD** 6.5 OZ CAN 4 FOR **98¢**  
DETERGENT  
**BOLD 3** 7 OZ BOX 3 FOR **69¢**  
**FANTASTIK** 22 OZ BOTTLE **89¢**

DETERGENT  
**CHEER**  
GIANT  
BOX **\$1 69**

BAKERS IMITATION  
CHOCOLATE  
**CHIPS**  
12 OZ  
BAG **\$1 19**

LIPTONS  
BEEF OR CHEESE  
**NOODLES**  
WITH SAUCE 4.5 OZ. **69¢**

LIQUID  
**JOY**  
22 OZ **98¢**

FRESH  
**CORN**  
ON COB  
SWEET  
3 FOR **59¢**

SEEDLESS SWEET  
**RED GRAPES** LB **89¢**  
FRESH GREEN  
**CABBAGE** LB **15¢**  
FRESH  
**NECTARINES** LB **59¢**  
TEXAS  
**GOLDEN YAMS** LB **59¢**  
FRESH  
**PEACHES** LB **59¢**  
RUSSET  
**SPUDS** 10 LB BAG **\$2 49**

**WATERMELON**  
RED  
20-22 LBS  
EA **\$1 89**

FOREMOST  
HOMO  
**MILK**  
GAL JUG **\$2 39**

FOREMOST  
LOW FAT  
**MILK**  
GAL JUG **\$2 29**

FOREMOST  
BUTTER  
**MILK**  
½ GAL CRTN **\$1 09**

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