

The Merkel Mail

Thursday, September 6, 1984...Merkel, Texas

Our 96th Year



§ The Merkel Badger defense closes in on a Winters runner here last Friday in their last scrimmage of the year. Merkel kicks off its season Friday night at 8 p.m. at Hawley. [Staff photo]

City enters computer age as programming begins for water department billings

The city is entering the computer age.

At their last regular session, council voted to purchase a Texas Instruments business computer and to pay an Austin man, Charles Lowe, to install a water-sewer-sanitation billing and accounting system.

The TI business model will have a service agreement that will start after a 90 day warranty, and is equipped with a printer and a hard and soft disc drive.

The billing system written by Lowe is in use in the area and was more "flexible for our needs"

according to Billy Clark, the city's CPA.

Clark has been involved in the programming of the system, so reports generated by the computer can be used in his accounting system.

The city was having the bills prepared by a data processing firm in Abilene at a cost of about \$500 per month. By generating their own billings, the city will more than pay for the computer in the next two years.

Council had been looking for a system to accomplish the water bills for over a year.

City employees will receive "hands-on" training from Mr. Lowe on the operation of the system and also, a general ledger program will be installed to help keep up with city finances. Currently, those reports are being hand generated and take up quite a bit of time.

The city is also hoping the new billing system will be better for customers. Some water customer accounts have been in error for up to 3 months, longer in some cases and the city believes they will be able to make corrections a lot quicker.

Stenholm FunDay is Saturday

Congressman Charles Stenholm and his wife Cindy, will be honored at the sixth annual FunDay activities Saturday. The annual Texas-style down home picnic will start at 5 p.m. and last until sundown.

The event will take place on the Ericksdahl picnic grounds of the Bethel Lutheran Church, 12 miles from Stamford.

Tickets to the event, given by the "Friends of Charlie" are \$10 per person. The menu will be fried

chicken and barbecued beef with all the trimmings. More information is available from the Stenholm reelection committee, Box 1032, Stamford, 79653 or call 915-773-5521.



Badgers start new year, birds...more

by Cloy A. Richards

The Merkel Badgers travel to Hawley Friday night to open their season at an 8 p.m. kickoff.

For those that have not seen the Badgers in action this year, I think you will be in for a pleasant surprise.

The team seems a lot more aggressive than those I have seen both offensively and defensively. The Badgers also seem to be playing better on the front lines and should do well in pre-season. The only strong team they will face in the pre-season is Roscoe, a state ranked A team.

The Badgers won't play at home until Sept. 21, when they will host Roscoe. The JV will host Hawley here at 7:30 tonight (Thursday)

If you have noticed we have been running late for the past two editions, there is a pretty good reason. We have a machine that is on "summer vacation" and have been using a machine in Anson. We thank them for their kindness

and you for your patience.

All of this August rain has a few people here scratching their heads. We have had nice showers all through last month, and we hope the seasonal rains of September and October will still come in. A few tropical depressions in the Southern Hemisphere have pumped in a lot of moisture recently, and look like they will continue to do so for the next two weeks.

The weather turned coolish over the Labor Day weekend, telling all fall is not too far away, as most spouses' of sports fans already know. After all, what time of the year can't be far away when football fills the weekend boob tube fare, while dove hunting trips are sandwiched in between.

Speaking of bird hunting, I have heard bad reports locally, although I know of some hunters that managed limits here.

The limit this year is 12 and the

one glaring change is the ending quitting time. The new law says sunset, not 30 minutes after as in the past.

You could see it coming last year, but this year, Merkelites will be paying lower tax rates, although your pockets won't really know it.

MISD, the city and Taylor County have all adopted new, lower tax rates and the reason is simple. Evaluations of taxable property are at their time high here, especially after the County Appraisal District took over. When evaluations are raised a large percent, it's easy to see why the tax rate will become lower and the tax bite will go high.

If you don't believe me, look at some of your tax statements from years prior to 1984 and see what you paid. Then get ready for your statement, that should be arriving late this month.

See # 2

Local woman can register voters

You don't have to go to the elections office in Abilene to become a registered voter, or to change your registration, an area woman has been deputized to register area and local voters.

Jane Felton (you can reach her by calling 846-4942) said she was retired and said she wanted to have something to do to keep her busy and she decided to help

people register to vote.

Persons 18 and over have until Oct. 5th to register to vote in the November general elections.

She said "I realize there are a lot of people out there that have not registered to vote because it's not convenient for them to get to Abilene during business hours, especially the elderly. I am doing this mostly as a community

service and I just wanted to have something to keep me busy and keep my hand in the act."

She said she has all of the forms necessary to register a first time voter and to handle transfer of voter registrations from other voting precincts.

If you need voter registration assistance, Jane Felton would like to hear from you.

MISD sets new, lower tax rate

The MISD board of trustees adopted their new budget last Thursday night and set a lower tax rate, as Merkelites came out ahead on all three local taxing entities.

The board set the rate at 96 cents per \$100 evaluation lower

than last year's rate by 4 cents. Merkel and Taylor County have already announced lower tax rates from the 83-84 tax year.

All members of the board voted for the increase except for Jack Ferguson, who was absent.

In other action, the board accepted the resignation of coach

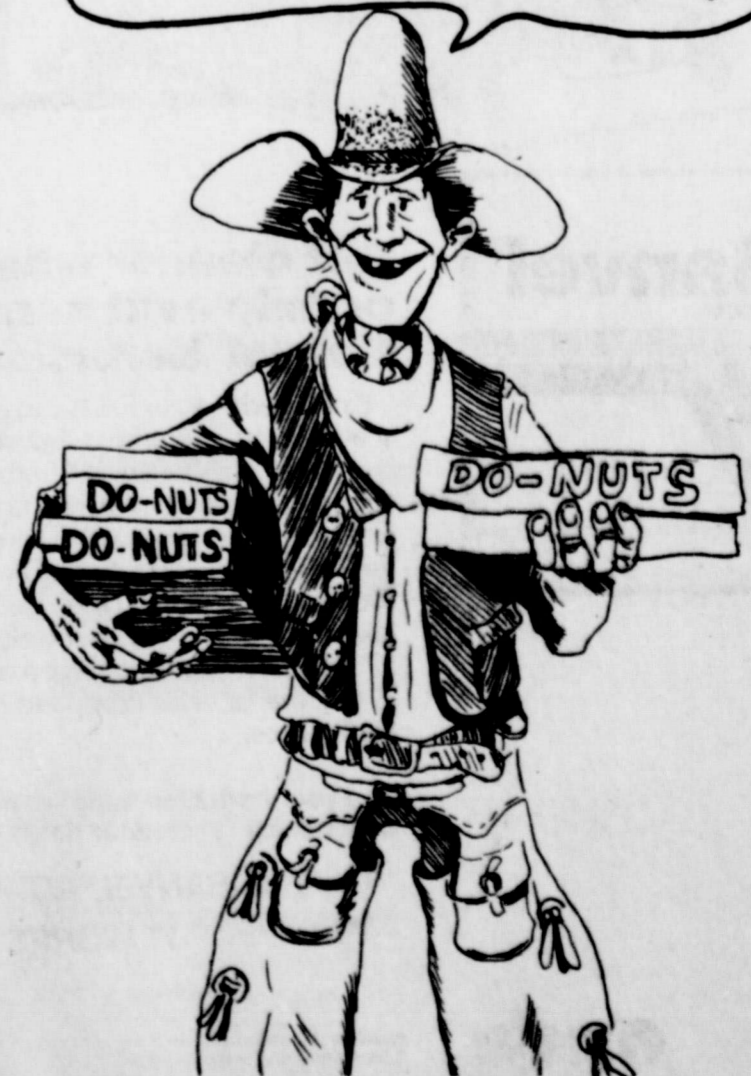
Weathered, a high school assistant football coach.

MISD's enrollment stood close to 1,400 Tuesday morning, an all-time high here.

The board also published the unencumbered fund balance, as well as their notice of effective, calculated tax rate.

Booster club will be selling doughnuts Saturday

FOLKS, DON'T FORGET TO SUPPORT ALL BADGER SPORTS BY BUYING FRESH DO-NUTS FROM THE BOOSTER CLUB THIS SATURDAY MORNING!



The Badger Booster Club met Tuesday for their weekly business meeting and the viewing of the film of the JV and Varsity scrimmage with Winters here last Friday.

The Booster Club will be selling doughnuts Saturday in the business area of Merkel. The doughnuts will be priced at \$3 per box and money raised will be used for chartering buses for long football, basketball and baseball trips. Persons that want to have the doughnuts delivered to their home are asked to call 928-5037 or 928-5249. The project will be repeated several times during the school year.

Coach Lepard told the club he was pleased that the team was on schedule learning wise. However, they still have a lot of work to do. He asked that everyone travel to Hawley Friday and said they will have a pretty good ball club. The game will start at 8 p.m.

The JV will open their season Thursday here at 7:30. The freshman team will play at Wylie.

Donations needed, bills, school...more

From Page One

It looks like the Cowboys have found a quarterback in Hogen-what's-his name. The kid has a shotgun for an arm and looked pretty good against the Rams Monday night.

The Braddock family of Merkel lost all of their worldly possessions in a fire last Wednesday morning and they could use some help.

Clothes for a woman size 44 blouse and 40 skirt and clothes for a 14 year old girl size 22 tall would make the ordeal a lot easier for them to bear. Donations may be brought to **The Mail** or the Merkel

Volunteer Fire Department.

City employees need to start working on a new line to explain water bill errors when the city starts doing its own billing with their new Texas Instruments business computer.

They won't be able to say "They messed that up in Abilene" anymore, and hopefully, errors that are made can be corrected quickly.

That's one of the more frequent complaints they get at city hall is that it takes so long to get an error corrected on the water bills.

MISD's enrollment is still making

news as hit 1,400 for the first time this week.

MISD already is holding classes in every portable building, and is renting classroom space from Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church.

There is a story in this week's paper about a woman that can handle your voter registration problems. She was such a nice woman to talk to Tuesday morning when she said "I am retired and was looking for something to do, so I decided this would be a good community service."

As I have said before, we could stand a few more like her running around here.



Michelle Harris

Harris named Farm Bureau Senior Queen

Michelle Harris, 21, of Merkel was crowned the Senior Queen at the Taylor County Farm Bureau Queen Contest Aug. 25th.

She is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Jack Harris of Valley Mills and is the niece of Mr. & Mrs. Walter Harris of Merkel.

She is a senior at ACU where she is majoring in home economics education. She is a vice president in the Home Economics Club at ACU. She is a graduate of Valley Mills High where she was editor of the yearbook, president of the FTA and an officer in the Beta Club and FHA.

Michelle will go on to district competition in October in Brownwood. Named first runner-up in the county competition was Dayna Pursley, 19, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. David Pursley of Abilene.

Helping the shut-ins

by Russell McAnally

There is a need to help shut-ins who cannot help themselves most of the time. What is a shut-in? Who are shut-ins? A shut-in is a person who for some reason - real or imagined, can not get outside the house to do things that normal people can do. This is why they are called shut-ins.

One year, in our church in Plainview, we organized a visitation program for the shut-ins. Names of many shut-ins were provided to the volunteers who would be doing the visitation. The following Wednesday was set aside for shut-in visitation day. There were eight volunteers and two cars readied. I do not remember the names of all the people participating, but I do remember one of them very well. Her name was Mrs. Thomas. There were those who doubted her ability to do the shut-in visitation.

To be sure, Mrs. Thomas was in her pew almost every Sunday. She had to start early down the aisle because her arthritis and other ailments made it impossible for her to walk without crutches. A few inches at a time, one foot at a time was the best she could do. The pain that was hers for most of the time never dimmed the bright smile on her face. The preacher

could be elsewhere on Sunday without being missed, but if Mrs. Thompson missed a service, it did not even seem like church. This was the lady who came that day to be one of the eight visitors of the shut-ins.

If a person was a shut-in and could not go to church, the visiting ladies would take the church to them. The group, which included Mrs. Thomas, soon found the address for their first visit. When they got out of the car, they found four steps to the porch blocking the way into the house for Mrs. Thomas and her crutches. They told Mrs. Thomas she would have to wait there and the others would make the first visit. Mrs. Thomas told them she had come to visit the shut-ins and that was exactly what she was going to do. The ladies looked at each other because they knew they would not be able to help Mrs. Thomas up those steps.

While they stood there looking at the steps, Mrs. Thomas laid aside her crutches. It may not look dignified for a seventy year old crippled woman to get down on her hands and knees and climb the steps, but dignity comes in many forms. The other three women helped Mrs. Thomas to her feet, gave her the crutches and they went inside to visit the shut-ins.

Some of the shut-ins, when they saw Mrs. Thomas, decided they were not shut-ins after all. Their problem was that they had shut-out the world. There are many shut-ins that can't help themselves. You, who are so busy with so many things. You could brighten the day for many shut-ins with a telephone call.

p. s. a shut-in is not a shut-in until you give up.

MHS has 25 out for cross country

Merkel High has 25 boys that are out for the cross-country track team that will participate in their first meet Sept. 29 at ACU. The district meet will be held Oct. 20 in Breckenridge.

Trying out for the team this year include Tim Baber, Lyle Baker, Donnie Brady, Matt Cain, Clay Carey, Jason Castille, Chuck Chick, Ricky Doan, Mike Farthing, Steve Farthing, Richard Elby, Dean Franklin, Milo Harris, Wayne Johnson, Tim Kellog, Larry Lee, Keith Munden, Joe Murphy, Shane Newberry, Maury Oler, Richard Powell, Todd Smith, Gary Sutterfield, Keith Watson and James Wright.


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FFA ready for West Texas Fair

by Stephanie Boyd

The next two weeks will start the final preparations and work for many of the students' summer projects. You see many students choose to have projects through the summer. They must work and condition these animals through the summer months for the fall shows. One of these shows is the West Texas Fair. It will be held during the main part of the fair. Throughout the year, we will feature some of our members each

week. This week the first is Chuck Peterman. Chuck is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Peterman of Merkel, he is a senior and also the Area IV President. He has attended major livestock shows and leadership conferences and his current projects are four sheep and two pgs. He is currently enrolled in Vo ag III and IV. Dusty Farmer is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Travis Farmer. He had attended major stock shows, is a chapter officer and plays football.

His projects include five sows, two boars and 25 head of cattle. Lyle Baker is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Hugh Baker and is also a senior and a football player. Lyle holds a chapter and a district office. Mike Myers is the son of Marvin Myers. He too is a senior and has won numerous awards for his horticulture projects and is raising rabbits this year.

Trent FFA elects officers

The Trent FFA held their first meeting of the school year Aug. 30. Members elected Pat Penton-President, Jim Simpson-Vice President, Chris Simpson-Secretary, Sam Jones-Reporter, Billy Brazelton-Treasurer and Scott O'Kelly sentinel. The FFA Sweetheart for the year is Kim Orr. She will be representing the Trent FFA at the Big Country District Banquet set Nov. 26th.

Crop insurance deadline extended

-Sept. 30 is the last day to apply for crop insurance for barley, oats and wheat in Taylor County according to Dottie Sampley, District Director for the FCIC. Crop insurance covers unavoidable loss of production resulting from adverse weather conditions, wildlife, earthquake or fire. Three coverage levels (50, 65 or 75 percent) are available for insurance protection. Additionally, FCIC offers three optional price elections for vaulting production lost or damaged, says Sampley. To assist producers, the FCIC Corporation will cost-share up to 30 percent of the cost of carrying

insurance. For more information should contact an authorized Crop Insurance Agent, says Sampley.

Xi Nu Eta holds opening day event

Xi Nu Eta had their beginning Day Saturday night at the home of Donald & Gwen Latimer, Rt. 3 Merkel, with a barbecue. Members present were Kathy Dacy, Dee McCollum, Marilyn Tittle and

Cathy Pack. There were 15 members present. All enjoyed barbecue and visiting. The next meeting will be Wednesday night at the home of Cathy Pack, 1515 Heath in Merkel.

FANCY THAT!

A single slow drip can waste 15 or 20 gallons of water a day. Experts at the American Water Works Association suggest you check every faucet for leaks at least twice a year.



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78-1tp

For sale: 1980 Chevy pick-up, 3-4 ton, 350 with 4 speed, LWB, Clean \$3,375. Call 928-5421 or 928-4906 after 5 p.m.

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For Sale: White, french provincial bedroom suite- full size. Includes bed, mattress, night stand, hutch, mirrors and drawers, \$200. Call after 5:30 928-5867 or call during the day 928-5355.

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Misc.

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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.

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Land for sale: Call 928-5218 for appointment.

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78-2tc

For rent: 3 bedroom mobile, partly furnished, call 928-5635.

77-TFC

For rent: Nice, 2 bedroom brick home, central heat, ceiling fans, stove, refrigerator, washer and dryer at 702 Orange. \$375 per month and \$150 deposit. Call 928-5194.

76-TFC

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76-2tc

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58-TFC

1,2 or 3 bedroom mobile home for rent in Merkel. 928-4973.

27-ttc

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77-1tc

Garage Sales

Yard sale: Friday- weather permitting, dolls, books, dishes, misc. 404 Rose.

78-1tc

The Classifieds

3 Family Garage Sale Childrens clothes, girls and little boys. Baby items and shoes, ladies and men's clothes, new fabric, end tables, lots of misc. items, 1012 Oak Thursday, Friday & Saturday.

78-1tp

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78-1tp

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78-1tc

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78-1tp

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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 County, Texas.

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

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved. The officer executing this 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 23rd day of July, A. D. 1984.

Rilla Mahoney, Clerk 42nd District Court

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Teri Nalley is a library aide at Merkel Middle School. She is



Donna Dunn is an English teacher and holds degrees from the University of Wisconsin and ACU. She is married and has three children and enjoys music, sewing and knitting.



Donna Bryan, an Odessa native is the reading teacher at Merkel Middle School. She is married and has three children. She holds degrees from Texas Tech and Southwestern State and enjoys skiing, horseback riding and reading.

Rural crime in state rapidly increasing

There was a time when farmers and ranchers didn't worry much about locking doors on their barns or homes. Unfortunately, times have changed so much that the rural crime—particularly theft, is now outpacing urban crime.

Despite the rapid increase in rural crime, farmers and ranchers still don't take many steps to prevent theft, says Dr. Fred J. Cross of Stephenville, a community development specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A & M University System. Tractors, in particular, are a major theft item due to their high price tags, \$45,000 and more.

"Farmers and ranchers can do a lot to prevent the theft of tractors and other equipment," notes Cross. "Every thief has to have three things: the motivation to steal a victim and an opportunity. Farmers and ranchers can control the 'opportunity'.

The specialist lists a number of things that can be done to remove the opportunity for a tractor theft:

1. Remove the rotor. On gasoline or LP fuel tractors, this will disable the ignition system. Even though many professional thieves carry extra rotors, this step will discourage amateurs who like to "hot-wire" the ignition.

2. Shut off the fuel line. On diesel fuel tractors a locking fuel line cut-off can be installed. These cut-offs will prevent the thief from starting the tractor.

3. Lock in gear. Many tractor thieves use tilt bed trucks or trailers and a winch line to load a tractor. If the tractor's transmission cannot be placed in neutral, then the wheels will not turn readily, making loading difficult. A hinged metal plate can be welded onto the tractor that can be folded across the transmission and then padlocked to keep the shift in gear or park position. A long shanked, heavy duty padlock, such as one used to lock motorcycle wheels, also can be used to lock the gear shift and steering wheel together to keep the tractor in gear and to prevent steering.

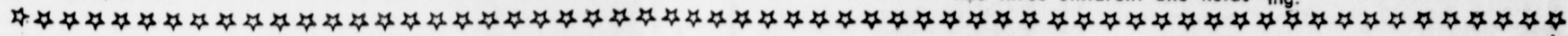
4. Chain the wheels. A heavy duty hardened chain and good padlock can be used to chain together the front and rear wheels or both rear wheels. This will keep the wheels from rolling and will make loading difficult. The wheels or frame also can be chained to immovable objects, such as a large tree.

5. Watch it. If a tractor or other equipment has to be left in the field, park it so that it can be watched by someone, possibly a neighbor.

6. Hide it. If a tractor or equipment must be left where it can't be watched, then park it out of sight behind a hill, trees or brush.

"Neighbors working together to keep an eye on each other's property can aid in reducing or preventing farm thefts and burglaries," says Cross, a community development specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Community patrols organized in cooperation with the county sheriff enable the neighbors to watch each other's homes, barns, equipment and livestock, notes the specialist. These patrols extend the eyes and ears of law enforcement agencies. Patrols do not get involved in any action, but just notify police or sheriff of suspicious activities.

Additional information on organizing a community watch patrol is available in the extension service publication available at the county extension office or by calling 677-1711 and asking for Joe Wilson's office.



Football



SEAN WOODARD - SR. 84-85
GET WELL SOON

by Dale Hammond
§ This week's spotlight falls on a Badger who won't be able to be on the field this year- Sean Woodard.
§ It seems Sean suffered a broken neck while diving for a surken treasure of Cabbage Patch Dolls on the Underseas World of Jacques Cousteau.
§ They have so many braces tied to Sean, he looks like a walking space station. As a matter of fact, Sean has rented himself out to

NASA as a satellite tracking station.
§ Sean has taken all of his misfortune in good stride, but his most frustrating time is meal time, once his spaghetti got entangled in his braces and it looked like a backlash on a two dollar fishing reel.
§ Sean told me confidentially that his girlfriend recently slipped him a hacksaw in a cake so they had that part worked out.

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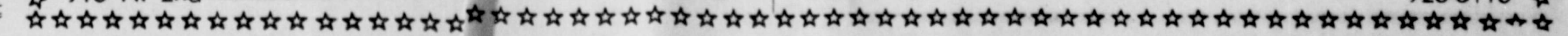
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Shipman infant succumbs

Shawn Patrick Shipman, infant son of Mr. & Mrs. Jay Shipman of Merkel, died at 9:20 a.m. Monday at Hendrick Medical Center following a sudden illness. Services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the First Baptist Church here.

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

The infant was born July 16 of this year.

Survivors include his parents; his paternal grandparents, Pat &

Gary Wilburn of Merkel; his maternal grandmother, Charlotte Alexander of Abilene; his maternal great-grandparents, Virginia Dameron of Fredericksburg and Bill & Lucille Williams of Merkel; and a great grandmother, Goldia Malone of Merkel.

Durrough services held here

Fannie Rebecca Durrough of Bryan, formerly of Trent, died at 5:10 a.m. Aug. 16 in Bryan following a sudden illness. Services were held here Aug. 18 at the Starbuck Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Joe Davis, officiating.

Burial followed at Rose Hill.

She was born June 29, 1906 in Comanche County and had moved to Taylor County in 1925. She had lived in Bryan for the past three years. She was a Baptist.

She is survived by a daughter, Helen Petty of Bryan; a brother, Lee Reynold of El Paso; three sisters, Elizabeth Arnold of Kermit, and Mrs. Bill Peterson and Mrs. L. B. English, both of Merkel and eight grandchildren.

Sr. Citizens set monthly schedule

The following is the monthly schedule for the Merkel Senior Citizens on Edwards Street here. A covered dish luncheon and business meeting

Sept. 12 at 10:30 a.m. A garage sale will be held Sept. 14 & 15 at the senior citizens building from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. The Band will play at

Starr Nursing Home Sept. 20 from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

A covered dish luncheon and musical are set for Sept. 21 at 7 p.m.

School calendars are in

The school calendars ordered by the Student Council early last summer have finally arrived.

These calendars include all of the school activities for the coming

year. If you are interested in purchasing a calendar, call 928-5511.

Masonheimer wins

Luci Masonheimer of Trent won 1st in the Coleman County junior tennis tournament held Aug. 25th.

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50-hp 1450	500	425	350
60-hp 1650	550	475	375
45-hp 2150	525	425	350
50-hp 2255***	475	400	325
55-hp 2350	600	500	425
65-hp 2550	675	575	475
75-hp 2750	775	650	525
85-hp 2950	900	750	625
100-hp 4050	1450	1225	1000
120-hp 4250	1575	1325	1075
140-hp 4450	1650	1400	1150
165-hp 4650	2000	1700	1400
190-hp 4850	2225	1875	1550
185-hp 8450 4WD	2500	2100	1725
235-hp 8650 4WD	3050	2575	2100
300-hp 8850 4WD	3800	3225	2625

* Availability of John Deere financing subject to approval of credit. These offers may be withdrawn at any time.
** A similar financing rebate offer applies to any 40 Series Tractors remaining in inventory. Ask for details.
*** This model is not available for sale in Nebraska.

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MERKEL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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

I, Richard Petree, Tax Assessor-Collector for Merkel Independent School District 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 Merkel Independent School District without holding a public hearing as required by the code. That rate is as follows: \$.957 per \$100 of value.

The estimated unencumbered fund balance for Maintenance & Operation fund: \$688,739. The estimated unencumbered fund balance for Interest & Sinking fund: \$20,365.

RICHARD PETREE, TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR
AUGUST 20, 1984

CALCULATIONS USED TO DETERMINE EFFECTIVE TAX RATE

MAINTENANCE & OPERATION (M&O) TAX RATE

1983 Total tax levy	\$ 1,555,525
Subtract 1981 Debt service levy	- 116,664
Subtract 1981 Taxes on property no longer in unit	- 0-
Subtract 1983 Taxes on exemptions	- 5,053
Subtract 1983 Taxes on productivity valuation	- 57,578
Subtract frozen M&O levy of Over-65 Homesteads	- 8,430
Subtract 1983 M&O taxes used to regain lost 1982 levy	- 0-
Adjusted 1983 M&O levy	1,367,800
1984 Total taxable value of all property	178,243,370
Subtract 1984 Value of new improvements	- 12,253,211
Subtract 1984 Value of annexed property	- 0-
Subtract 1984 Value of Over-65 Homesteads	- 11,650,216
Adjusted 1984 Taxable Value for M&O	154,339,943
Divide the Adjusted 1983 M&O levy by the Adjusted 1984 Taxable value for M&O (\$1,367,800 ÷ \$154,339,943)	
Effective M&O rate for 1984	\$.886/\$100

INTEREST AND SINKING (I&S) TAX RATE

1984 I&S levy needed to satisfy debt	118,950
Subtract frozen I&S levy of Over-65 Homesteads	684
Adjusted 1984 I&S levy	118,266
1984 Total taxable value of all property	178,243,370
Subtract 1984 Value of Over-65 Homesteads	11,650,216
Adjusted 1984 Taxable value for I&S	166,593,154
Divide the Adjusted 1984 I&S levy by the Adjusted 1984 taxable value for I&S (\$118,266 ÷ \$166,593,154)	
Effective I&S rate for 1984	\$.071/\$100

TOTAL EFFECTIVE TAX RATE FOR 1984

Effective M&O rate	\$.886/\$100
Add Effective I&S rate	+ .071
1984 Effective Tax Rate	\$.957/\$100

Boomarkers meet, elect officers for school year

The Merkel High Boomarkers opened their year with a meeting at Mrs. Windsor's. They elected Shane Smith president. Attending were Martin Cuellar, Mike Myers, Kelly Sherrill, Shane

Smith, Marsha Tutt, Sandra Britton, Kevin Coker, Robin Ray, Ramino Aldrete, Chad Cavitt and Jessie Ragsdale. Other aides this year are Tami Elliott, Matt Cain and James Wright.

Legal Notices

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: Tim Matters, 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 Taylor County Child Welfare Unit, Texas Department of Human Resources, Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 23rd day of August, 1984, against Linda Lou Thomas, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 9938-C on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Interest of Anthony Dewayne Thomas, a Child", the nature of which suit is a request to Petitioner prays that the Court determine what Parent-Child relationship exist between the

child and any other persons and that all such Parent-Child Relationships be terminated. Petitioner prays that the Taylor County Child Welfare Unit be appointed Managing Conservator of the child pursuant to 15.06 (b) of the Texas Family Code.

Said child was born the 1st day of August, 1984, in Wheeler, Texas. The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgement or decree in the child'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 child'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 23rd day of August, 1984. Rilla Mahoney, Clerk 326th District Court Taylor County, Texas by Kelly Gandy, Deputy 78-1tc-90

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS +TO: ERVIN SANCHEZ, ADDRESS 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 Taylor County Child Welfare Unit, Texas Department of Human Resources, Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 23rd day of August, 1984, against ERVIN SANCHEZ, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 8627-C on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Interest of Amber Kay Kovach, a Child", the nature of which suit is a request to terminate the parent-child relationship, if it does exist, has ever existed, or could ever exist between the father or probable father of child, which is not admitted but is denied.

Said child was born the 15th day of June, 1982, in Abilene, Taylor County, Texas.

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgement or decree in the child's interest which will be binding upon you.

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.

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 24th day of August, 1984. Rilla Mahoney, Clerk 326th District Court Taylor County, Texas by Johnnie Woodard, Deputy. 78-1tc-78

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

+Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of James Hinton Manly, Deceased, were issued on August 6, 1984, in Docket No. 16,347, pending in the County Court at Taylor County, Texas, to: FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF ABILENE, Abilene, Texas.

The residence of the Independent Executor is in Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, the post office address is: FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF ABILENE 400 Pine Street P. O. Box 701 Abilene, Texas 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 the 27th day of August, 1984. FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF ABILENE BY Clarence Herndon, Vice President and Trust Officer. 78-1tc 40

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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DATED the 27th day of August, 1984. FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF ABILENE BY: Clarence Herndon,

Vice President Trust Officer 78-1tc-40

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WHOLE **TOMATOES** 2 FOR 89¢

HUNTS 300
TOMATO **JUICE** 2 FOR 69¢

KRAFT
VELVEETA
CHEESE
2 LB BOX \$3.29

INSTANT
TEA
LIPTON
3 OZ JAR \$1.98

KRAFT
MIRACLE WHIP
PINT JAR 98¢

BETTY CROCKER
CHICKEN
HELPERS
ASST BOX \$1.19

FOREMOST
COTTAGE
CHEESE
16 OZ CRTN \$1.19

FOREMOST
HOMO
MILK
GAL JUG \$2.39

FOREMOST
LOW FAT
MILK
GAL JUG \$2.29

How About a STEAK-OUT!



CHOICE BEEF
BONELESS
CHUCK
LB \$1.89

CHOICE BEEF
T-BONE **STEAK** LEAN POUND \$3.19

CHOICE BEEF
CHUCK **ROAST** BONELESS LEAN LB \$1.88

CHOICE BEEF
SIRLOIN **STEAK** BONELESS LEAN LB \$2.89

ARMOUR STAR
CHICKEN FRIED
BEEF **PATTIES** BULK LB \$1.79

GOOCH B R
FRANKS REG OR BEEF 12 OZ \$1.15

GOOCH B R
BACON POUND \$1.69

GOOCH B R NEW
BEEF LOG BULK POUND \$2.69

GOOCH BR
GERMAN **SAUSAGE** 12 OZ PKG \$1.39

HUNTS 7.5 OZ
BEENES
WEENIES OR CHILI
2 FOR 98¢

OLEO
PARKAY
QTS LB 59¢

GALANTE 16 OZ
DICED **JALAPENOS** JAR \$1.39

VLASIC 32 OZ
HAMBURGER **DILLS** JAR \$1.09

SKINNERS 7 OZ BOX
MAC OR **SPAGHETTI** EA 29¢

UNCLE BENS 36 OZ BOX
RICE & **WILD RICE** BOX \$1.89

CLEANER WITH SPRAYER
GLASS PLUS 22 OZ \$1.23

PARADE
TISSUE
4 ROLL CRTN 79¢

DETERGENT
OXYDOL
GIANT BOX \$1.89

Sweet
CORN
3 FOR 59¢
and OTHER
PRODUCE SPECIALS

WASH EX FCY DELICIOUS
RED APPLES LB 69¢

SEEDLESS
RED GRAPES LB 79¢

FRESH
BELL PEPPER 2 FOR 39¢

FRESH
NECTARINES LB 59¢

TEXAS
GOLDEN YAMS LB 59¢

YELLOW
ONIONS LB 29¢

DEL MONTE
BANANAS LB 33¢

RUSSET
SPUDS 10 LB BAG \$1.89

REGULAR
ZEST
2 BARS 59¢

COLOR BLEACH
VIVID
32 OZ SIZE
ITS NEW \$1.39

LIQUID
JOY
32 OZ SIZE \$1.59

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