

# The Merkel Mail

Thursday, November 1, 1984...Merkel, Texas

Our 96th Year



Dr. Libby Doggett of Austin, wife of U. S. Senate candidate Lloyd Doggett, meets Taylor County Precinct 2 Commissioner Don Dudley at a small rally held at Taylor Electric last Tuesday. She spoke to about 100 people at the rally. The general election is Tuesday. He husband is facing Phil Gramm for retiring U. S. Senator John Tower's Senate seat. [Staff photo]

## School bonds defeated

MISD voters overwhelmingly defeated a bond proposal that called for the construction of up to \$5 million worth of construction for a new high school here Tuesday. A heavy voter turnout, with 978 casting votes, the Proposition that would call for the construction of a new high school was defeated with 597 voting against the proposal and 381 voting for the proposal for a 7-3 mandate against school construction here. The MISD board of trustees met

Tuesday night to canvass the official returns and plans for MISD area at a standstill. After hearing the outcome of the vote, superintendent Bill Everett said "I don't know what we are going to do now, but the people have told us how they feel." The second proposition, that would have added a new auditorium was defeated 626 to 322 and the proposition which would have added a cafeteria and fine arts facility was defeated 625-341.

The 978 total votes cast set an all time MISD record for most number of votes cast in a school election. Less than 30 total votes were thrown out because people had improperly marked their ballots by either writing yes or no on all three proposals, according to election officials. Where MISD officials will go from here is anybody's guess. They have been saying for two years that the school was running

out of space and now must choose between holding another bond election or "making due" with current facilities. The last bond issue held here, six years ago was passed by a 3-1 mandate, but the circumstances were quite different. At that time, voters had to decide to build a new high school after the "old" Merkel High burned down.

## General elections Tuesday

Merkel and the nation will go to the polls Tuesday to pick a president, a new United States Senator, from Texas, and a contested local race for sheriff. There are few contested races on the ballot locally. Merkel voters will cast their ballots at the Merkel Senior Citizens on Edwards Street between the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.

On the ballot are contested races for U. S. President between Democrats Walter F. Mondale & Geraldine A. Ferraro; Republicans Ronald Reagan & George Bush and Independents Lyndon H. LaRouche & Billy M. Davis. The U. S. Senate seat being vacated by the retiring John Tower is being challenged by Democrats Lloyd Doggett and Republican Phil Gramm.

For Texas Railroad Commissioner, voters will choose from Democrat Mack Wallace and Republican John Thomas Henderson. The position of Chief Justice of the state Supreme Court is being sought by Democrat John Hill and Republican John Bates. In the Criminal Appeals Court, Place 1 finds Democrat Sam Houston Clinton and Virgil E.

Mulanax a Republican. The only other challenged position on the ballot is that of Taylor County Sheriff John Middleton who is being challenged by Republican David Dalbert. In other voting, Texas voters will decide the fate of eight proposed amendments to the state constitution.



Dean Franklin [12] sends Comanche tailback Brian Johnson crashing to the ground at Comanche last week as Lyle Baker [88] arrives to make sure. Franklin had an excellent game on offense, a did some obvious hard hitting on defense. The Badgers face the league leading Wylie Bulldogs at Wylie Friday with kickoff set at 7:30 p.m. [Staff photo]

## Badgers bow 37-16; Wylie is next

The Merkel Badgers were looking forward to last Friday's game with the Comanche Indians after a good effort against Breckenridge but the Indians used a strong running attack, hit on the big play, and ambushed the Badgers 37-16. On Merkel's first punt, the snap from center was dropped, the Indians recovered at the Merkel 16 and scored three plays later. The Badgers came right back behind the running of John Warkala and Dean Franklin. Quarterback Jerry Davis teamed with receiver Tim Brandon for 13 yards and Brandon fumbled being hit, Franklin recovered and took the next handoff 13, then went in

from the two. Warkala punched over the two point conversion at 1:30 left in the 1st quarter and the Badgers led 8-7. Comanche drove down the field and the Badgers put up a fight at the end zone but the Indians converted a 4th and goal from the three, and added the two point conversion and took back the lead at 15-8. The Badgers came storming back after running back James Wright went 49 yards on a beautifully executed fake punt, but the Badgers could not score. At 1:26 left in the half, Comanche threw the backbreaker, a 52 yard bomb that took the score to

23-8. The Badgers came right back, however as Franklin returned the ensuing kickoff to the Indian 10 and Warkala took it in from there. Davis hit Brandon for the two point conversion and the Badgers trailed 23-16 at the half. Merkel moved the ball well at the beginning of the second half with three first downs, but a Davis pass was intercepted and Indian fullback Scott Davis, who gained 157 yards on the night, scored on a 43 yard run. He also scored with 52 seconds left in the third quarter on a one yard run to cap the Indian scoring.

## 8 amendments on ballot

When Texas voters go to the polls next Tuesday to vote for the candidates in the general elections, they also will cast their ballots for or against eight proposed amendments to the state constitution. The constitution has already been amended more than 250 times over the years and this will bring to more than 400 the number of amendments which have been submitted to Texas voters since the constitution was adopted in 1876. The eight include:

1. Providing to state chartered banks the same rights and privileges as national banks.
2. Create a special Higher Education Fund with general revenue to fund construction and related activities at certain institutions, restructuring the Permanent University Fund, and increasing the number of institutions eligible to benefit.
3. Authorizing the payment of assistance to the surviving dependent parents, brothers and sisters of certain public officials killed while on active duty.
4. Abolishing the office of county treasurer in Bexar & Collins Counties.
5. Authorizing the state senate to fill a vacancy in the office of lieutenant governor.

6. Permitting the use of public funds and credit for the payment of premiums on certain insurance contracts of mutual insurance companies authorized to do business in Texas.
7. Making certain changes in the membership of the State Commission on Judicial Conduct and the authority and procedure for disciplining judges, masters, and magistrates of the courts.
8. Providing a per diem for members of the legislature equal to the maximum daily amount allowed by federal law as a deduction for ordinary and necessary business expenses incurred by a state legislator.

## Merkel woman fatally stabbed

A Merkel woman was killed and her husband stabbed repeatedly following an argument, car chase and subsequent fight here Monday evening. Taylor County Sheriff John Middleton told *The Mail* Tuesday "No charges have been filed and unless the District Attorney changes his mind, the case will be brought before a grand jury." According to Merkel Police Chief Ray Pack, the Merkel police received a call at 9:15 p.m. Monday evening and the caller reported two people had been injured. Upon their arrival at 1510 Heath in Merkel, police found Edith Coleman Butman badly bleeding and unconscious. Police started CPR procedures and continued for 30 minutes before she was pronounced dead at the scene by Precinct 2 Justice of the Peace Leo Mashburn. Her husband, Dennis, was rushed to Hendrick Medical Center with multiple stab wounds and lacerations. He was listed in serious but stable at the medical center late Tuesday. According to Merkel police chief Ray Pack, both Dennis and his wife were stabbed with his knife by a 23 year old Snyder man following an argument and ensuing car chase on FM 126 a mile South of Merkel. The two cars collided at one point during the chase. Following an argument at the scene, both Butman's were attacked with a knife and severely

wounded in the altercation. Dennis drove his wife to his uncles house at 1510 Heath here where he crawled to the porch and collapsed. A neighbor notified James Butman, a resident of the house, who called police. City police and employees located the murder weapon at 8:20 a.m. Tuesday morning 2 miles West of Merkel on the South access road of I-20 in tall grass. Merkel police also had to answer two family disturbance calls while in the process of notifying next of kin. Both calls were related to the stabbing. According to Sheriff Middleton, the investigation is continuing and Merkel police have already made their written reports on the case, which is being investigated by the Sheriff's office because the stabbing took place outside the city limits. Also involved in the investigation are The Nolan County Sheriff's and Vernon Wade, Constable of Precinct 2. Nolan County got in the act when Merkel police put out an all points bulletin and a man, two juveniles and a woman were taken into custody following a short chase in Sweetwater. They were released Tuesday morning. Middleton told *The Mail* "No charges have been filed because the DA felt it was best to turn the matter over to a grand jury. We don't really have all the details at this time and to file charges at this

point would be premature. It was the first murder case here in just over two years.

## Burglars hit local business

Joe's Boots, a business located on the North access road of I-20 1 miles West of Merkel was hit by burglars Sunday evening. About \$4,000 worth of boots, leather goods, knives and money were taken in the burglary. According to investigator Bob Jones of the Taylor County Sheriff's office, the crooks broke a window to gain entry and also cut the telephone line outside the building. The business is owned by Joe Roberts of Merkel.

## Drink tax is \$218

The City of Merkel recently received a check for \$218.66 for their share of the state's tax on mixed drink sales from two local private clubs. Total tax revenue reported to the state comptroller's office was \$1,457.70 and the city receives a 15 per cent rebate on that amount. The tax is collected quarterly by the comptroller's office and then rebated to the city where the drinks were sold. The money is placed into the city general revenue fund.

## Headlines; Big Brother needed here

by Cloy A. Richards  
Merkel made the front page and the headlines again Monday evening and Tuesday, not with Tuesday's bond election, but with a murder here. That tells us a lot of where the media's priority's are and I certainly also resemble that remark. I am sure many of you saw the story of Zak Mashburn the other night on KTAB and his need of a Big Brother. We ran a front page story about them three weeks ago and Will Barbee told me the other day they would sure like to get someone involved with Zak. If you are interested, contact

Big Brothers & Big Sisters of Abilene at 677-7838. The Merkel Badgers will have their hands full with the best quarterback they will see this year Friday as the Badgers travel to Wylie to face the red-hot Wylie Bulldogs. Wylie defeated Graham 12-3 last week in Graham to take a share of the district lead with Breck, who also sports a 3-0 record. The Badgers will indeed need to have their best effort of the year, especially defending the pass against Wylie, or it could be an extremely long night for the Purple & Gold. The Badgers are 0-3 in district play and are 2-6 on the year.

The Merkel 8th graders continue to roll as they haven't lost a game and will take on the same team they beat last week 46-12, Wylie.

**Vote  
Tuesday**

# McAnally says "Pass the teflon"

by Russell McAnally

A friend came by to point out a mistake of fact concerning a song I quoted in my article last week in **The Merkel Mail** last week. He was right- I was wrong. I said the song I was not allowed to sing was, "Alabama Gal," when I should have said "Buffalo Gal". I was singing that song over 50 years ago and I thought I was doing pretty good to get that close. I was only off a few hundred miles.

What I am going to do following that mistake is to get me some of that "Teflon" President Reagan uses. The News Media says that the President is coated with a layer of Teflon and none of his glaring mistakes of fact or figure or the bad things stick to him. I would like to find out where he gets that brand of Teflon as I sure need some right now.

Last night the subject of music came up again and another good friend asked me point blank, "Do you watch Days of Our Lives?". He didn't wait for an answer because he knows I have followed it pretty close. Since he also watches Days of Our Lives he will also realize that the show we watch is good, but all the ones we do not watch are terrible.

Let me lay aside the jokes for about one minute. I started watching Days of Our Lives many years ago when it was a simple-Horton Family-show. Somewhere along the line it changed and today is neither simple or clean. Every day I watch it and feel stupid and guilty. I have threatened never to watch it again at least 100 times. It also makes me angry to realize that the producers know I am stupid enough to keep watching it. I would quit but how else would I be able to find out how Hope handles her problems. I think the

## 7th & 8th football

The Merkel Badgers clubbed the Wylie 8th graders 42-12 here last Thursday in the rain to raise the 8th grade's record to 5-0-1 on the year.

Kenneth Jowers launched a 35 yard pass to Corey Hines to set up a 15 yard run by Freddy Gonzales to make the score 6-0. After recovering a fumble on the ensuing kickoff, the Badgers drove 40 yards capped by a 10 yard run by Jowers to make it 12-0.

Jowers again hit Hines, this time for a 40 yard touchdown and Jowers added the two point conversion pushing the score to 20-0. After Wylie's first score of the game, Jowers returned their kick 85 yards for a touchdown to make it 26-6 at the half.

In the third quarter, the Badgers came up with a Wylie fumble. Gonzales capped a 30 yard drive with a three yard run, added the two point conversion to increase the margin to 34-6.

Gonzales added another score in the last quarter and Chris Wright added the two point conversion. Wylie scored late in the game to make the final 42-12.

The coach wanted to mention the play of John Hall, Duane Hamrick, Doug Carter, Greg Hale and Lee Cobb.

The Badgers traveled to Wylie Thursday for what should be a grudge match with Wylie and then will host Clyde Thursday week.

The Merkel 7th grade White and Purple teams split with the Wylie 7th graders here last Thursday.

The Purple team beat the Wylie team 20-14.

Shawn Miller went in from 45 yards in the 1st quarter to spot Merkel to a 6-0 lead. In the second quarter, Lynn Gregory scored on a 40 yard quick pitch to put Merkel ahead 12-8 at the half.

In the third quarter, David Thomas ran 15 yards up the middle for a touchdown and added the two point conversion to score 20-8. The defense held on to seal the win 20-8.

The line play of Trey Bird, Tim Hohhertz, Joe Jordan, Eric Teaff, and Toby Dupont was excellent according to the coach. He also said Stephen Jacobs did a good job handling the ball at quarterback.

The White team didn't have as much luck as they lost 14-6. Scoring for Merkel was Tommy White on a 50 yard pass from Cory Hines.

The Badgers had made it to the Wylie five yard line when time ran out.

The coach also said Brandon Rice, Shannon Jones, Richard Bryan, Billy Williams and Steven Bauer played well.

The 7th grade team has been improving each week. The coaches said they are proud of the hard work and dedication the young men have shown throughout the season.

The 7th and 8th grade teams will travel to Wylie this week for a rematch.

reason Doug and Julie quit the show is that it is so bad.

At the same time- there are many good shows on tv and there are many good songs on radio and in concerts. If you have ever listened to one of the radio stations in Abilene that seem to present so many trashy songs- you will not know what I am talking about. I am not sure- but it just may be possible that my friends were trying to say to me- the soap operas you watch may be just as bad as the songs you condemned. You will get no argument from me there, but that still does not justify one over the other. Now that we have criticized the bad songs and soap operas that are bad there will be others who will point out other

areas of concern.

When a person gets older as I am the little things sometimes become large areas of concern. Isn't it good that the younger generation is never quite so bad as we older people think, and the older people are never quite so "out of it" as the younger generation thinks. It is also nice that friends are good enough friends to point some of the things we do not want to see.

by Helen Benson

November gives us so much to look forward to. There are still sunny days when glowering winter weather is held at bay. We can bundle up and enjoy the brisk weather that is always tinged with thoughts of snow. Birds under a berry laden pyracantha bush remind us these sunny days are bonuses.

Sitting by a fire, we look forward to Thanksgiving, the coming holidays and the winding down of the year. Right now, it is

nice to take stock and make plans. Jars of chow-chow, which we have just put by, will need calico and gingham "bonnets" if they are to be gifts. Home canned goodies are popular "take home" gifts for family and friends who come for Thanksgiving dinner. November is a time when a friend may stop by with a bag of pecans for you to use in your holiday cooking.

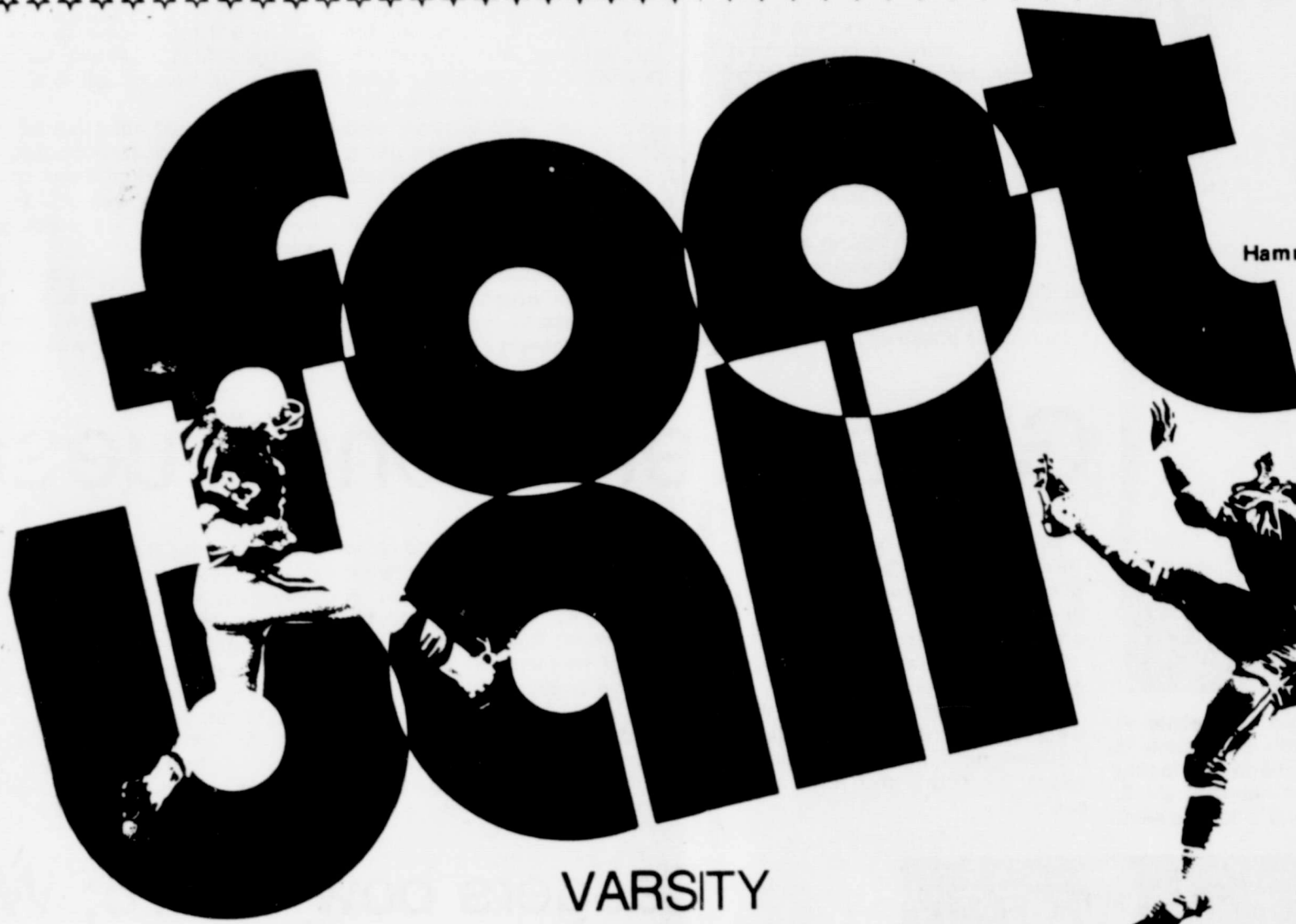
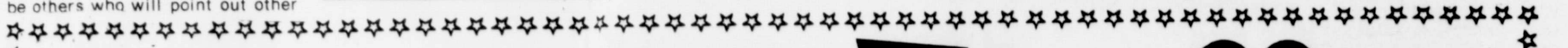
When Thanksgiving Day arrives we will share our blessings with the family and friends. The traditional American holidays is

not only for feasting, but giving thanks for our shared traditions. Many things across the country may go wrong but we are free to get together and squawk about the wrongs and to give thanks for all that is right.

For time to live and love and laugh- and sometimes cry, I am thankful. For all the complexities of life and the simple country pleasures, and for all the people everywhere who share these things- I am thankful.

Happy Thanksgiving!

## Vote Tuesday



## GO BADGERS!

Hammond

by Dale Hammond

Steve's favorite hobby is running motor bikes thru brick walls. He says it is good therapy and loosens him up for violin lessons. His mother, Gracie "The Ragin Cajun" says raising Steve has been no problem. She just sends him out to the base with his dad who locks him in the bomb bunker until game time. Just feed and water him, wind him up and watch him go.

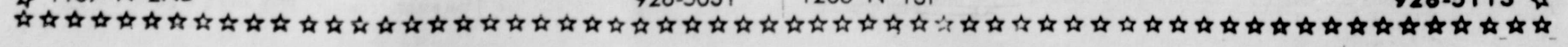


Senior No. 24 STEVE FARTHING 84-85

Varsity at Wylie at 7:30  
THURSDAY

Freshmen here vs. Wylie at 5  
JV here vs. Wylie at 6:30  
7th & 8th Grade at Wylie  
Games start at 5:00

WYLIE TRUCK TERMINAL & SHAMROCK		FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK	
I 20 E	928-5584	111 EDWARDS	928-4728
TAYLOR ELECTRIC COOP		MICHAEL'S INN	
1610 N 1ST	928-4715	1405 N 7TH	928-4923
STARBUCK FURNITURE		DUBOSE BUTANE & TEXACO	
201 EDWARDS	928-4711	I 20 & FM 126	928-5822
BEN FRANKLIN STORE		SHANNONSIDE APARTMENTS	
201 KENT	928-4933		928-5038
P & L AUTO PARTS		SKEET'S RESTAURANT	
135 EDWARDS	928-4738	I 20	928-4349
MERKEL BRICK & LUMBER		HI-VAL FARM & HOME SUPPLY	
102 LAMAR	928-5014	604 KENT	928-5632
MERKEL DRUG COMPANY		CARSON'S SUPERMARKET	
121 EDWARDS	928-5012	217 EDWARDS	928-5231
MERKEL VETERINARY CLINIC		TAYLOR TELEPHONE COOP	
DR'S BRAD & KATHRYN BANNER SAME LOCATION	928-5235	I 20	928-4733
RAE-RAC COMPRESSOR RENTAL & REPAIR		PALMER PONTIAC & GMC	
1107 N 2ND	928-5031	1208 N 1ST	928-5113



# Merkel FFA news & spotlights

The Merkel FFA would like to welcome a new face to the community. She is Kelly Blackwell, the new student teacher in Merkel High.

Miss Blackwell is an Agriculture Education student from Tareyton State.

After training here she will receive her bachelor of science degree. While here she will be involved in all FFA functions.

During the past week, several Merkel FFA members placed well at the State Fair Stock Show.

The following are the Merkel FFA results:

Heavy weight chster - Russell Morgan 13th, Chuck Peterman 2nd and Todd Smith 8th, Robyn Dudley was 11th in the light durocs and Lynn Hays was 15th and 21 in heavy weight durocs. Amber Whisenhunt was 18th and 23rd in the medium weight hamps and Criswell Whisenhunt was 29th. He was 1st in the medium polands.

Lynn Hays was 2nd, Amber Whisenhunt 4th. Dusty Farmer was 13th and Kris Harris 3rd in the light weight chesters and Cassie Townsend 10th in the heavy berks. In the medium chesters Billy Ray Riley was 6th, Melissa harris 10th & 16th and Kris Harris 14th.

This week's spotlights feature three students.

Dana Brown is a junior in high school and a chapter farmer in FFA. She is the daughter of Ray & Judy Brown of Merkel. Her projects are rabbits. Her hobbies are music & she enjoys meeting people.

Benny Roys is also a junior in high school and is the son of Aury & Shirley Roys of Iye. He enjoys

fast cars, magazines and do scouts. His project this year is chickens.

Lance Perry is a junior and thsone of Mr. & Mrs. Lanny Perry. He is 16 and enjoys hunting, skiin and showing lambs. He is current ly enrolled in Ag II and Ag Co-O) and has lambs as his project. by Stephanie Boyd



§ Criswell Whisenhunt of Merkel had the reserve champion Poland at the State Fair of Texas Junior Market Barrow Show recently. [State Fair photo]

## FFA students thank supporters

Dear Sir: We the undersigned would like to take the opportunity to thank the parents, ag teachers and others for taking our livestock to the State Fair of Texas held in Dallas Oct. 22-27. Not only did they see that our livestock was transported, they feed, washed and had everything ready for us to show either Wednesday or Thursday.

Several parents also brought us back so that we could sell our animals in the premium sale.

We are glad we have the support of these people since we have been limited to 10 days of activities due to Mr. Perot's House Bill 126.

To comply with this ruling, our parents, ag teachers and supporters will continue to take our livestock and prepare them so we may come and show, and return home without being penalized for more than our 10 limited day.

Mr. H. Ross Perot, you have limited our travel but not our education.

Thanks everyone for their support.

(Signed) Melissa Harris, Kris Harris, Jay Williams, Robin Dud-

## Scroggins succumbs

Wynona Scroggins, 75, a practical nurse of Merkel, died at 9:15 a.m. Sunday at her home after a sudden illness. Services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the First Baptist Church here.

The Rev. James Dawson officiated and burial followed at Rose Hill here under the direction of the Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born in Arkansas, she moved to Merkel in 1919. A member of the

First Baptist Church, she also was a member of the TEL Sunday school class. She is survived by a son, Sammy of Canada; a brother, G. M Patkon of Austin; two sisters Ruba Rae of Mozelle and Norma Moler of Kenedy; two grandchildren; and a great grandchild.

The family has requested the memorials be made to the Wes Texas Rehabilitation Center.

# SALE

## NINTH STREET GROCERY 1207 S 9TH STREET & MOBIL GAS

WHITE ONIONS LB 39¢ OR 3 LBS \$1.00

BANANAS LB 29¢ OR 4 LBS \$1.00

POTATOES 10 LB BAG \$1.39

DR PEPPER 2 LITER \$1.19

CHOCOLATEE CUP CAKES 4 FOR 4/5 \$1.00

DURACELL BATTERIES SIZE C & D SAVE 1/2" \$1.99

JERGENS HAND LOTION 10 OZ \$1.99

PARADE POTATO FLAKES 15 OZ BOX 89¢

LARGE EGGS DOZEN

89¢

SLICED SLAB BACON

\$1.99

TOMATOES LB

39¢

PARADE LAWN & LEAF BAGS 10 CT \$1.29

LUNCH MEAT 8 OZ PACKAGE 89¢

PARADE HAMBURGER PICKLES 32 OZ JAR 89¢

GENERIC CIGARETTES KING SIZE CTN SAVE 1/2" \$6.99

12 FT 10 GAUGE COOPER BOOSTER CABLE \$8.99

DOG FOOD 15 OZ CAN 3 FOR 3/5 \$1.00

PARADE NON DAIRY CREAMER 11 OZ JAR 89¢

PARADE AMERICAN CHEESE 12 OZ \$1.99

ULTRA BRITTE TOOTHPASTE 4.3 OZ 69¢

WISE POTATO CHIPS REG 1/2" \$1.59

PARADE TUNA 6 OZ CAN 69¢

FOOD STAMPS WELCOME

WE HONOR MOBIL MC VISA CREDIT CARDS FOR GAS PURCHASES



# ARE YOU BETTER OFF NOW THAN 4 YEARS AGO?

WHAT ARE CATTLE WORTH TODAY COMPARED WITH 4 YEARS AGO?

WHAT IS COTTON & GRAIN WORTH TODAY COMPARED TO 4 YEARS AGO?

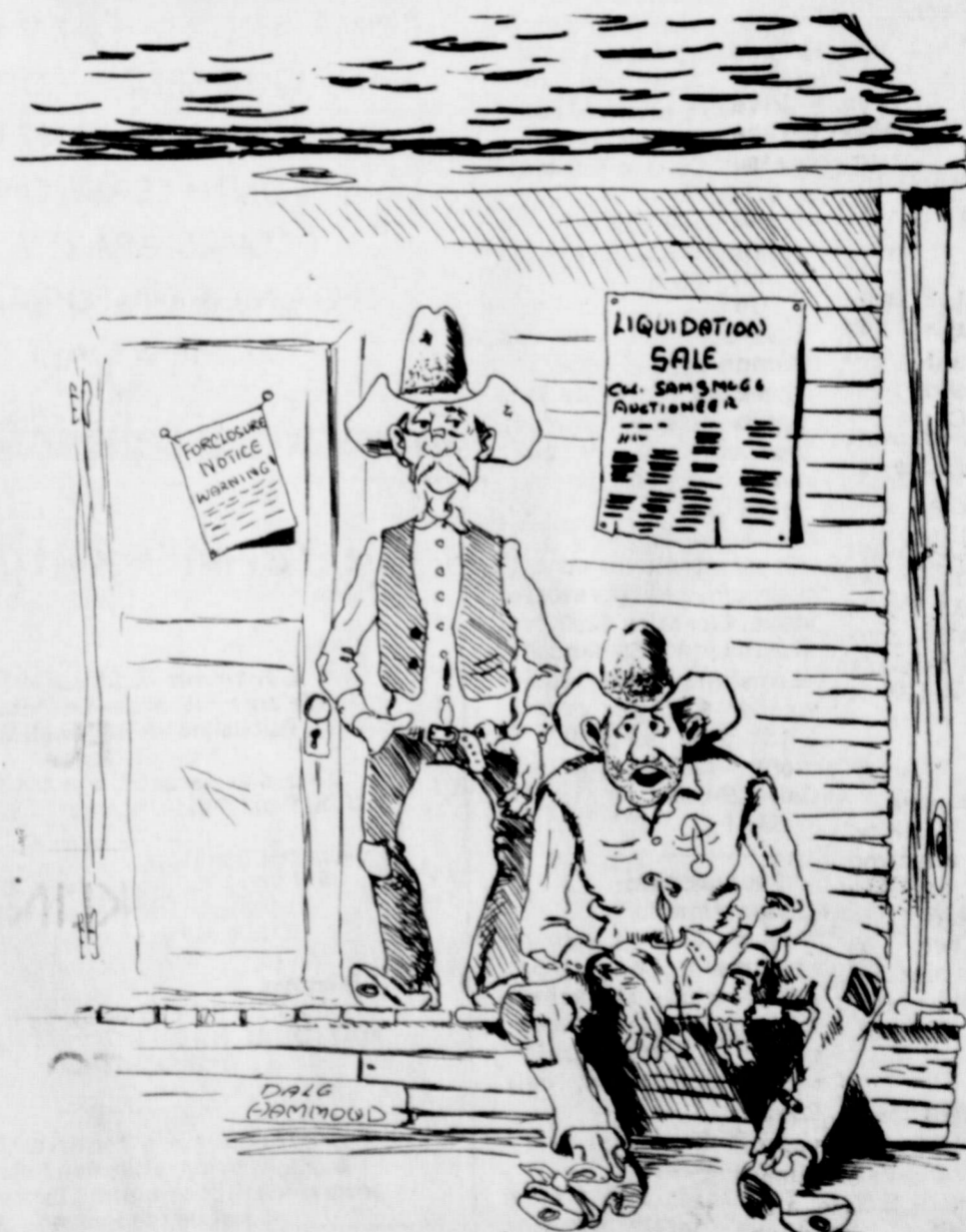
HOW MUCH HAS THE PRICE OF FARM MACHINERY & VEHICLES & EVERYTHING ELSE WE NEED TO BUY GONE UP IN THE PAST 4 YEARS?

Ronald Reagan's policies have produced the worst agricultural record since the Great Depression. In the last 4 years, nearly 200,000 farmers and ranchers have gone out of business. Net farm income, average farm land values, farm equity and agricultural exports have all fallen to new lows since the 1930's.

Walter Mondale will provide vital assistance to farmers by:

- (1) reducing perilous budget deficits by 2/3, making credit more affordable;
- (2) Overhauling the farm credit system and halt FMHA foreclosures;
- (3) working to promote agricultural exports—opposing all agricultural trade embargoes—and will develop soil and water conservation programs.

NOW THAT YOU SEE YOU AREN'T BETTER OFF NOW THAN 4 YEARS AGO VOTE DEMOCRAT ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH BECAUSE YOUR FUTURE DEPENDS ON IT!



SWOOT! I JUST WISH I COULD AFFORD TO BE A REPUBLICAN!

# The Classifieds

## THE MERKEL MAIL

### For Sale

Male chihuahua (doe) \$50. Has shots. 928-5159. 86-1tc

Two six week old Chow puppies, no papers \$50. Also have 1 bedroom house for rent \$200. Call 862-6168. 86-1tc

For Sale: Piano; queen sized bed; 1979 Kawasaki-fully dressed; Deavey T-60 guitar, call 928-5313. 86-1tc

Barber-Beauty shop for sale. Equipped. Call 928-5434 after 5 p.m. 79-TFC

Alfalfa hay for sale: \$5.50 per bale. Call 928-4337. 84-4tp

Gov't surplus Cars & Trucks under \$100. Now available in your area. Call 1-(619) 569-0241. 24 hours. 85-2tp

AKC registered chow-chow puppies for sale. Call 862-6417. 86-1tc

For sale: Microwave, antique buffet & china hutch (Basset) 19" color tv (Curtis Mathis) 2 refrigerated air conditioners, deep freeze, 928-4071 or 928-4100. 86-1tp

For adoption: black & white male puppy, very friendly- contact Merkel Veterinary Clinic and 928-5236. 86-1tnc

For sale: King sized bed & 1971 Mercury Montego. Call 928-4403. 86-1tc

For Sale: Captain's bed \$35, twin bed \$15, 1976 Ford Pinto wagon, runs excellent, in good condition. Must sell \$1,000. Call 928-4489. 86-1tc

For Sale: Pick-up tool box \$35. Can be seen at 814 Rose or call 928-5424. 86-1tp

### Misc

We make hydraulic noses.

P & L Auto Parts 135 Edwards 928-4738

We turn disc brakes and drums.

P & L Auto Parts 135 Edwards 928-4738

Horseshoeing & trimming. Call Dan Burnett at 236-6258. 77-10tp

Part time help wanted. Apply at Stuckey's. 86-1tc

Christmas is coming! Free World Book Atlas (\$89 value) with World Book Encyclopedia purchase. Contact Barbara Graham 928-5744 1108 N 5th, Merkel. 86-2tp

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

KID'S KORNER DAY CARE CENTER 2nd & Oak. Open Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. Call 928-4381. 86-1tc

Germania Insurance Company; for your insurance needs. Locally represented by Donna Carter, 928-5348. 33-TFC

### Real Estate

REDUCED-REDUCED Assume a non escalating 12 per cent veterans loan. 3 bedroom, 2 baths large utility room, kitchen has built-ins; central air & heat, large den, Bill Condra 698-4440 or 677-3487.

Coldwell Bankers Metro, Realtors

House reduced for sale: 3 bedroom, one and three-quarter bath, den, fireplace, cement cellar, 2 storage sheds, good water well, pecan trees. \$42,000. Call 928-5717.

### 80-TC

Brick house for sale by owner. Price reduced new loan, many extras call 328-5476.

### 82-4tp

For sale: 2 bedroom mobile home. Assume payments of \$256.79 per month and its yours. No down payment. Call 928-4763.

### 85-2tp

Nice suburban home, 3 bedroom 1 & 1-2 bath, acreage, water well, orchard call 676-5636 or 673-6301.

### 86-4tp

For sale: Mobile home 1972 Tourite, 14 X 80, front kitchen, bath and a half, 1 queen bed, 1 full bed, kitchen appliances, washer-dryer, new carpet, 1 & a half ton refrigerated air conditioner. For sale as it sits to be moved. Trent 862-6248 Merkel 928-4563.

### 86-ttc

For Sale: River front cabin and five acres on Colorado River 20 miles West of Lampassas. 2 bedroom, large living area- dining and kitchen 1 bath. A 10 X 20 deck looks down on 300 foot wide river bed with water from bank to bank most of the year. This acreage includes fishing and hunting rights. Spring water on the lot with pump provides more than ample water. Also has electricity and telephone line. Call 928-5050.

### For rent

For rent: 2 bedroom, unfurnished trailer in country available the 1st. Call 928-5107. 85-2tp

For rent: 3 bedroom, one bath house. Call 235-2983 for information. 85-8tc

House for rent at 211 Rose \$270 per month. Central heat and air. Call 928-5939. 81-TFC

FOR LEASE: Very large 3 bedroom, 2 bath, central heat and air, built-ins in kitchen, carpeted, \$425 per month. Call Bill Condra 698-4440 or 677-3487.

Coldwell Banker Metro Realtors 83-4tc

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THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: KINGSTON BOOKSTORE dba DRAGON TREE PRESS, Defendant, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to Plaintiff's Original Petition at or before ten o'clock A.M. of the Monday next after the expiration of twenty days after the date of service of this citation before the Honorable 350th 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 30th day of April A.D. 1984 in this cause, numbered 152-D on the docket of said court and styled TRI-CONTINENTAL LEASING CORPORATION Plaintiff VS KINGSTON BOOKSTORE dba DRAGON TREE PRESS, Defendant.

The nature of Plaintiff's demand is fully shown by a true and correct copy of Plaintiff's Original Petition, accompanying the citation and made a part hereof.

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 13th day of September, A.D. 1984. Attest: Rilla Mahoney Clerk, District Court Taylor County, Texas by Kelly Gandy, Deputy (Seal)

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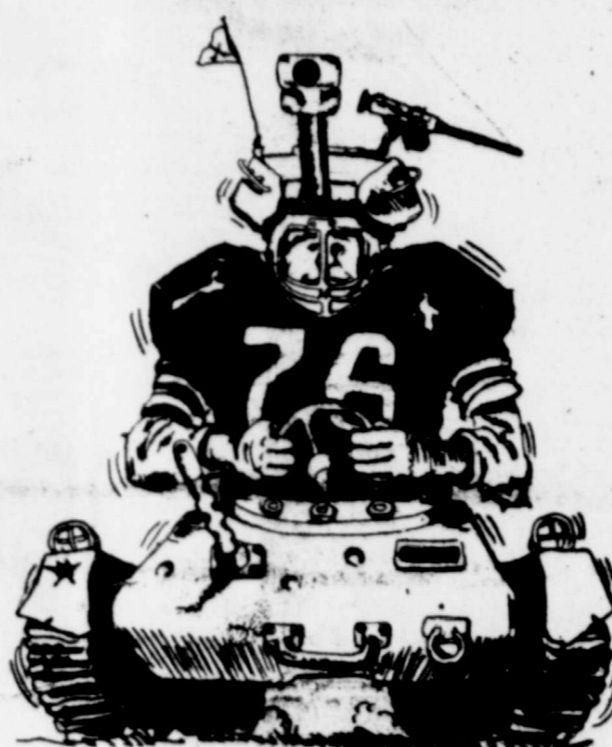
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§ Ricky Minze of Merkel made quite a find last week while hunting arrowheads after recent rains, the skeletons of two Indians. Ricky said he was hunting South of town when he discovered the skeletons, buried only inches

apart. He found four arrowheads and sea shells nearby. He said he'd been hunting Indian artifacts South of town for a few years but called his discovery a "once in a lifetime thing." [Staff photo]



SENIOR 84-85  
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SPENCER (TINK) SCOTT

§ by Dale Hammond  
Spencer "Tank" Scott, 76 is one of the Mulberry Canyon Scotts who was on grandpa [A.D.] Scott's expedition to discover the Mulberry Canyon Stick Lizard.

§ When opposing teams call plays on Spencer's side of the line, they give the running back a road map. § Rumer has it that Spencer loves to eat but he flatly denies the one about using the hole in the top of blowout mountain for a soup bowl.

### Foss's have third son

Fred & Carolyn Foss of Merkel are proud to announce the birth of their third son, Justin Wade, born Monday at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene.

Justin weighed in at 7 lbs. 10 ozs. and was 20 inches long. He has two brothers, Joshua and Jason.

His grandparents are Bill & June Lambert of Merkel and Ruby Foss of Ohio.

## Fortnightly has 50th anniversary tea

Mrs. Becky Rogers and the social committee were hostess Oct. 23 for the GFVC Merkel Fortnightly Study Club's Golden Anniversary tea.

The first meeting of the club was held in the same home then

occupied by Mrs. Rogers' mother, Mrs. C. B. Gardner.

The laminated year book and club records were on display.

Throughout the evening, piano music was provided by Kathryn Rister, Jan McCoy, Anna Belle

Shouse, Lucy Haynes and Mrs. Shouse also sang.

Of the several remaining charter members, Mrs. W. T. Sadler was among the approximately 100 guests who attended from Anson, Aspermont, Baird, Sweetwater, Stamford and Haskell.



§ The Fortnightly Study Club had the home of Mrs. Perry Rogers, in 1934 here. These are the local a large crowd at their Golden Anniversary Tea held last week at where the first meeting was held the tea. [Complimentary photo]



§ Mrs. Orvel [Edna] Hill [left], president of the Fortnightly Study Club and Mrs. Perry [Becky] Rogers greeted visitors at the Fortnightly Study Club's 50th Anniversary Tea. [Complimentary photo]

### Club has costume party

Guests of Preceptor Eta Omega enjoyed a costume and Skip-Bo Party Oct. 26 in the home of Betty Conley.

Pat Schunecht won the best costume prize as "fallen angel."

Finger food was served to: May Hill from Xi Nu Chi; Janet McKeenan, Pam Cox, Pat

Schunecht, Ann Leech, Rita Moore, Kay Bishop from Lambda Beta; Rith Tipton, Louise DuBose, Bobby Mansfield, Connie Ybarra, Jane Carson, Mamie Steck, Betty Satterwhite, Betty Conley, Kathy Leverich and Blanche Hewitt of Preceptor Eta Omega.



The world's first known zoo was kept by Queen Hatshepsut of Egypt about 1500 B.C. Giraffes, monkeys and leopards were part of the collection.

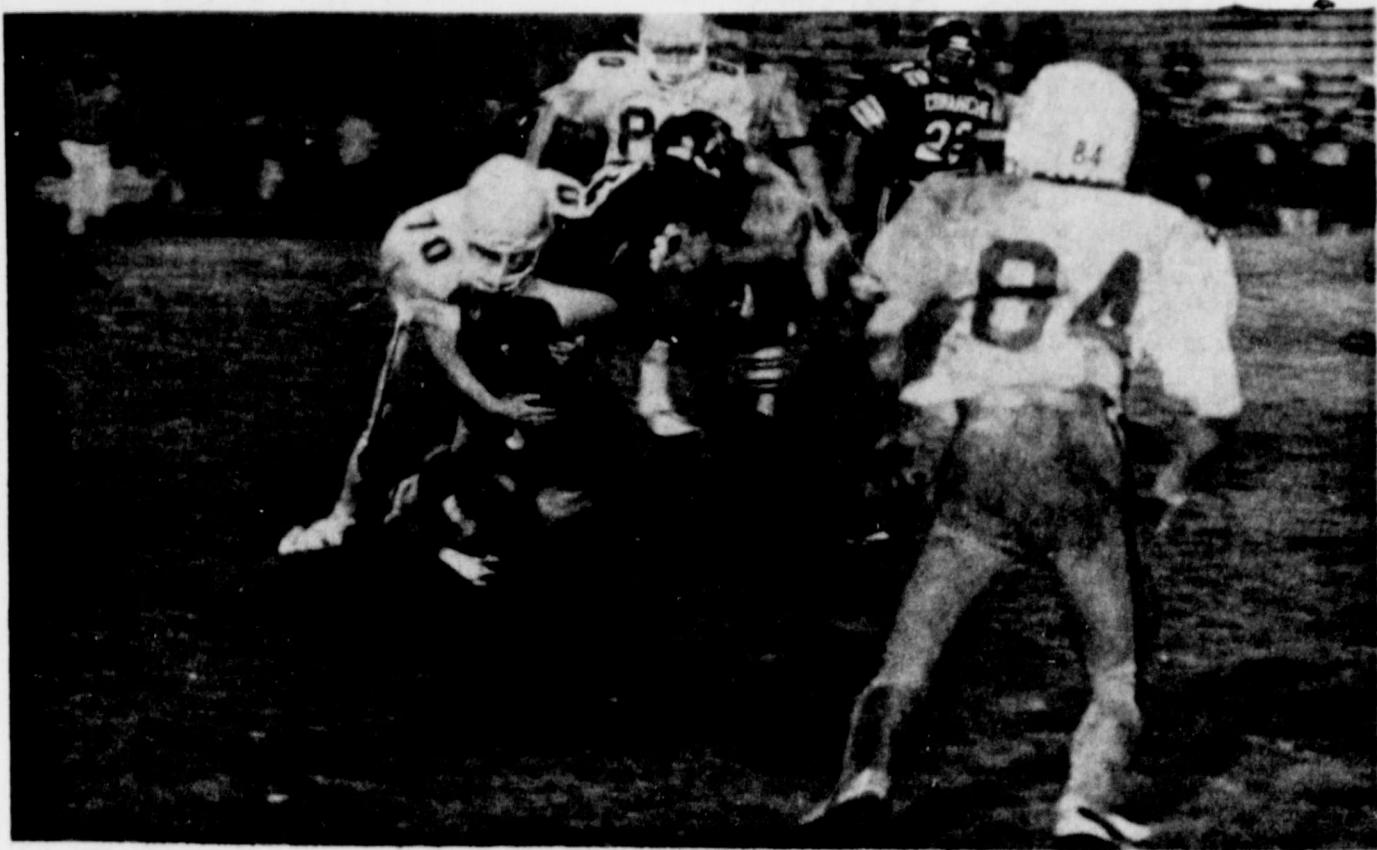
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§ Chris Cutler [70] wraps up a Comanche runner in Comanche last week. The Badgers were mud last week. [Staff photo] Comanche runner in Comanche last week. The Badgers were downed 37-16 at Comanche in the

## Boosters planning parents night

The Booster Club met Monday evening at the high school for its regular meeting. It will be "Parent's Night" at the last home football game with Clyde, set Nov. 9. All parents of the varsity team

should meet near the field house between 6:30 and 6:45 p.m. that evening so that they may be introduced with their son. This week's games are: 7th & 8th grade teams at Wylie begin-

ning at 5 p.m. Thursday. The varsity game is Friday at 7:30 p.m. at Wylie High. The next meeting will be Monday at 7:30 at the high school.

## Sharpe honored by WTU

Robert Sharpe of Merkel was among the WTU employees honored Tuesday night at the company's annual district service and safety awards banquet in Abilene.

## James is new Taylor postmaster

The central Texas town of Taylor will have a new postmaster. The appointment of Dennis R. James, presently postmaster at Big Lake, was announced last week by sectional center manager Norman R. Aadmson of Waco.

James, 29 is a Merkel native and the son of Robert R. James. He completed his degree in accounting from McMurry College in Abilene. He and his wife Kathy have two children, Derek age 5 and Leslie, age 2.

then and there to answer the petition of BRENDA GALE WHITE, Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 10th day of August, 1984, against RONALD PHILLIP WHITE, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 10,854-C on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Matter of The Marriage of BRENDA GALE WHITE and RONALD PHILLIP WHITE", the nature of which suit is a request to obtain a divorce from the Respondent. Petitioner requests the Court to order a division of the estate of Petitioner and Respondent in a manner that the Court deems just and right as provided by law.

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgement or decree dissolving the marriage and providing for the division of property which will be binding upon you.

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## Public Notices

**CITATION BY PUBLICATION**  
THE STATE OF TEXAS  
-TO: RONALD PHILLIP WHITE, 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

-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 DANIEL CODY CLAXTON and LAURA JANE CLAXTON, Petitioners, filed in said Court on the 23rd day of August, 1983, against JERRY SPENCER, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 9384-C on the docket of said Court, and entitled, "In The Interest of DAVID ALLEN LINDSEY, a Child", the nature of which suit is a request to the Court to determine what parent-child relationship exist between the child and Respondent, that same be terminated, that Daniel Cody Claxton be granted a decree of adoption of such child, and that any other relief requested be given.

Said child was born the 7th day of February, 1979, in Trent, 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, including the termination of the parent-child relationship and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the child's adoption.

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VOTE FOR ONE (VOTE POR UNO)		
STRAIGHT PARTY TICKET (UN SOLO PARTIDO)	Democratic Party (Partido Democrático)	2 →
	Republican Party (Partido Republicano)	3 →
VOTE FOR ONE (VOTE POR UNO)		
President and Vice President (Presidente y Vice Presidente)	Walter F. Mondale Geraldine A. Ferraro	DEM. 5 →
	Ronald Reagan George Bush	REP. 7 →
	Lyndon H. LaRouche Billy M. Davis	IND. 9 →
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United States Senator (Senador de los Estados Unidos)	Lloyd Doggett	DEM. 11 →
	Phil Gramm	REP. 12 →
VOTE FOR ONE (VOTE POR UNO)		
United States Representative, Dist. 17 (Representante de los Estados Unidos, Dis. Núm. 17)	Charles W. Stenholm	DEM. 14 →
VOTE FOR ONE (VOTE POR UNO)		
Railroad Commissioner (Comisionado de Ferrocarriles)	Mack Wallace	DEM. 17 →
	John Thomas Henderson	REP. 18 →
Chief Justice, Supreme Court (Juez Presidente, Corte Suprema)	John L. Hill	Dem. 21 →
	John L. Bates	Rep. 22 →
VOTE FOR ONE (VOTE POR UNO)		
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District Judge, 104th Judicial Dist. (Juez del Distrito, Distrito Judicial Núm. 104th)	Billy John Edwards	Rep. 52 →
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District Judge, 350th Judicial Dist. (Juez del Distrito, Distrito Judicial Núm. 350)	Bill Thomas	Dem. 54 →
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	David Dalbert	Rep. 60 →
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Constable, Precinct 2 (Condestable, Precinto Núm. 2)	Vernon L. Wade	Dem. 85 →

## Homeowners share of tax going up

Property taxes totaling nearly \$7.2 billion were levied in Texas during 1983 by some 3,118 local taxing units, according to the State Property Tax Board's (SPTB's) annual report for the 1983 tax year.

As Ron Patterson, SPTB's executive director pointed out, "The property tax continues to be the primary revenue for school districts, cities, counties, and special districts such as junior colleges, utility districts, etc."

Overall, the statewide property tax levy rose by more than \$637 million from the \$6.5 billion in property taxes levied in 1982, representing a 9.72 per cent rate of increase. That rate of increase, however, is down from the 14.4 per cent increase in levies from 1981 and 1982.

According to information compiled by SPTB, total tax levies for the years 1982 and 1983 by type of taxing unit were as follows.

School district increases 9.68 per cent statewide, cities 7.86 per cent statewide, counties 10.74 per cent statewide and special districts 11.73 per cent statewide.

"During 1983," Patterson said, "50.15 per cent of all property taxes in the state were levied by school districts, while the city share of the levy was 20.38 per cent. Counties levied 17.95 per cent of the taxes, while special districts accounted for 11.52 per cent of the 1983 levy."

The reported property tax levy per capita in Texas for fiscal year 1983 was \$416.86, compared to \$376.61 in 1982. However, when adjusted to a base year of 1970 for changes in the consumer price index, the real per capita levy for 1983 falls to \$162.47, compared to \$151.50 in 1982 and \$129.27 in 1970.

Patterson noted that the property tax accounted for 41.54 per cent of the total state and local tax burden in 1983, compared to 38.06 per cent in the previous year. "Revenues from state taxes, mainly in sales and oil production taxes, dropped in 1983," he explained, "and resulted in the property tax representing a larger portion of the total state and local taxes."

Using levy information reported by school districts, SPTB calculated the distribution of the 1983

school tax levy among the various classes of taxable property.

The figures indicated that business taxpayers including mineral producers paid just over 52 per cent of the school tax levy among the various classes of taxable property.

The figures indicated that business taxpayers including mineral producers paid just over 52 per cent of the school taxes in 1983, while owners of single-family residences paid slightly over 30 per cent. Farm properties, including rural acreage, were allocated less than eight per cent of the school tax burden while other classes of property together paid over nine per cent of the levy.

Complete reappraisals by county units can change a property category's share of the tax levy. Reappraisals were conducted in 35 county units last year.

Patterson said "The rollback provisions in the state truth-in-taxation codes also give voters the opportunity to limit tax increases.

In all units except school

districts, the rollback process can be used in the same tax year to reduce a tax increase to only eight per cent over the calculated effective tax rate. In school districts the tax increase limitation is implemented in the following year.

SPTB figures show 1983 tax increases were challenged in nine tax rollback elections last year. Voters approved six of the nine rollback proposals.

Elections were held in four school districts, with two approving a tax limitation for the following year and two rejecting the steps. Voters approved the eight per cent limitation in four counties. A rollback failed to pass in one city where such an election was held.

These figures reflect a considerable drop in rollback activity from the year before, when 35 taxing units held election involving 1982 increases.

## MISD lunch menu

Nov. 1: Mexican fiesta, pinto beans, rice, lettuce, corn, pineapple tidbits.

Nov. 2: Hamburgers, all the trimmings and fries, rice krispie cookies.

Nov. 5: tacos with taco sauce, pinto beans, lettuce and cheese, applesauce cakes.

Nov. 6: chicken fried steak with

cream gravy, whipped potatoes with buttered english peas, orange-pineapple jello.

Nov. 7: grilled cheese sandwiches vegetable beef soup, prune bars.

Beef stew, carrots and potatoes, lettuce wedges with dressing, rosey pears.

Nov. 9: hot dogs with chili, trimmings and fries, rice krispie bars.

## VFW ladies auxillary will be providing rides to polls

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§ Even Count Dracula had to wait in line at a booth at the annual PTO Halloween Carnival, held Saturday at Merkel Elementary. § The annual event raises money for classroom needs at the school. [Staff photo]

## Cross country to regionals

Kelly Beights was the only girl running for Merkel's varsity cross country team and she placed ninth in district and earned a trip to the regional meet this weekend. Running in the JV division, Tina Nilsson was 3rd and Ronna Casey was 7th. In the boys division, Merkel placed second behind Breckenridge. They will also be running in the regionals this weekend in Lubbock. The team and their

finishes at the district meet are Rodney Sittler 6th, Steve Farthing 7th, Wayne Johnson 8th, Matt Cain 10th, Clay Carey 11th, Gary Sutterfield 12th, Tim Baber 13th. The JV also competed and won their division. They were Jerry Davis, 1st, Ronnie Powell 2nd, Milo Harris 3rd, and Mike Farthing, Mike Lambert, James Wright. Kelley will run at 8:40 a.m. and the boys will run at 10:00 a.m. at Mac Simmons Park.

## Farmers can now play the options game

For the first time in almost half a century, there will soon be trading in "put" and "call" options for agricultural commodities — including soybeans, corn, wheat, livestock and cotton. This is the third in a series of five articles describing the history of options, how they work, how they can be used, and their importance to anyone who produces, markets, purchases or finances farm products.

The easiest way to understand put and call options on soybeans, corn and other agricultural commodities is to think of an option as an "insurance policy," says Thomas R. Donovan, president of the Chicago Board of Trade.

The exchange official explains that by purchasing a put option, which is an option to sell a futures contract at a specified price, it is possible to obtain what amounts to insurance against a decline in prices. Call options, which are options to buy a futures contract at a specified price, provide insurance against rising prices.

Buying put options offers several important advantages over hedging or forward contracting the sale of a crop. The major advantage is that a put option provides protection against lower prices without taking away the chance to benefit from higher prices.

A second advantage is that, unlike persons who hedge by buying and selling futures contracts, buyers of options are never subject to demands from a broker to make additional margin deposits when there is a change in the price. An option buyer's only expense is the one-time premium paid to purchase the option.

Donovan offers a simple example of how a producer of soybeans can use put options for price insurance: Suppose that at the time the farmer plants his crop, a future price of \$7.00 a bushel is being quoted for delivery of soybeans in November. To assure himself of at least that price, less any difference between Chicago prices and local prices (an amount known as the "basis"), the farmer can buy a put option with a \$7.00 strike price.

If, come harvest, soybean prices have declined to \$6.00 a bushel, the farmer can realize a profit of approximately \$1.00 a bushel by exercising the option. Or, easier still, he can have his broker sell the option in the marketplace for about \$1.00 a bushel.

On a 5,000 bushel option, which is the standard size option for corn and soybeans, the \$1.00 a bushel comes to \$5,000. In much the same manner as an insurance policy, the option has provided the soybean grower \$5,000 as compensation for the \$1.00 a bushel decline in soybeans between planting and harvest. The farmer's only cost is the premium paid to buy the option.

If soybean prices had increased rather than decreased, the farmer would simply allow the option to expire and sell his crop at the higher market price. It's important to remember, the Chicago Board of Trade's Donovan points out, that while the put option gave the farmer the right to sell at a specified price it didn't obligate him to sell at that price.

Just as put options provide insurance against lower prices, call options provide insurance against higher prices. Thus, a livestock producer concerned that the cost of purchased corn might increase could obtain protection by purchasing a call option. The option gives him the right to buy a corn futures contract at a specified strike price. If it turns out that corn can be bought at a lower price in the market, he can simply let the option expire.

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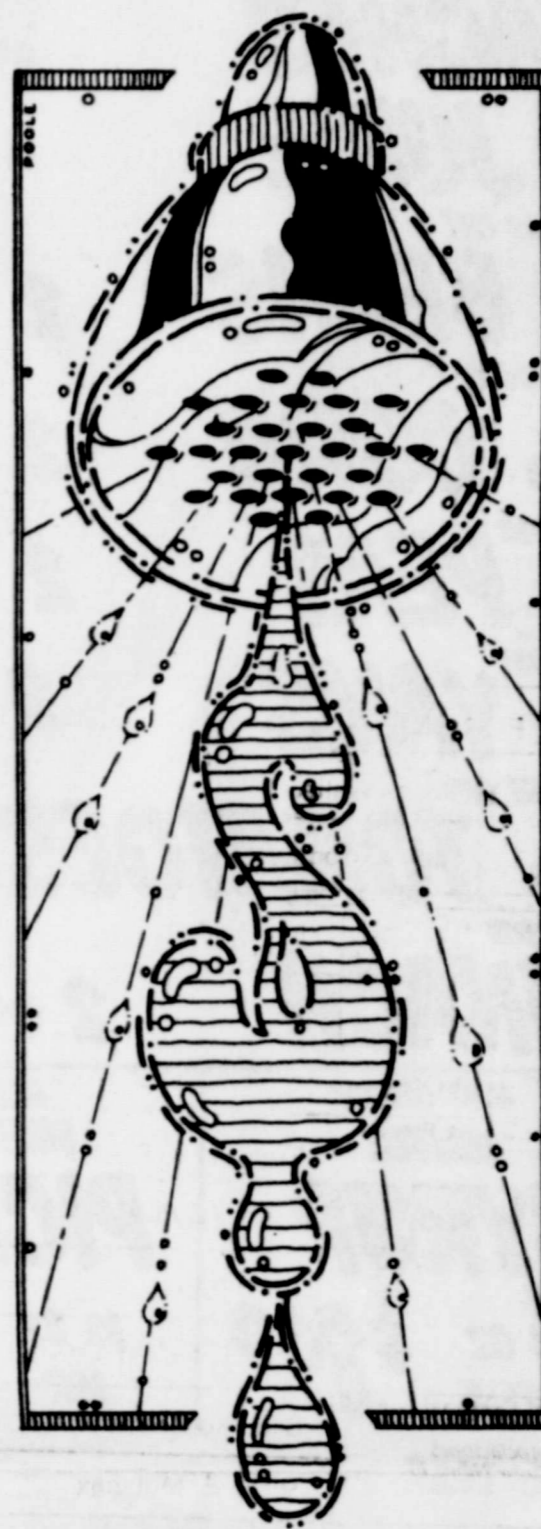
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