

The Merkel Mail

Thursday, December 27, 1984...Merkel, Texas

Our 96th Year



NEW YEARS VOWS THAT I WILL MAKE AND BREAK IN 24 HOURS OR LESS.....

NOT TO CUSS!

NOT TO CUSS THE DALLAS COWBOYS

NOT TO CUSS REAGAN

NOT TO CUSS H. ROSS PEROT

NOT TO CALL THE EDITOR A DUMB —! AGGIE!

NOT TO GIVE TED SMITH ANY MORE GRAY HAIR.

NOT TO SNEER AT PEOPLE WHO VOTED REPUBLICAN AND GOT THEIR CHECK WHACKED!

NOT TO HOPE THAT JOE THIESMAN DOESN'T GET BUSTED FOR MOLESTING CLEANING LADIES AT BUS STOPS.

NOT TO GRIPE —(5 MINS)

NOT TO THREATEN TO SIGN MY SON UP FOR THE FRENCH FOREIGN LEGION.

NOT TO BE OPINIONATED.

TO BEING NICE TO EVERYONE TO BEING INDIFFERENT TO ANY BODY.

TO NOT LOVE MERKEL!

Dale Hammond
Castle Park

Mail takes a brief look at top stories of 1984

It's time once again, as we have done for the past seven Januaries, to take you on a short walk through the past 12 months here. This is a brief look at the events of 1984 here.

January
The Merkel City council approved the sale of Merkel tv cable here transferring the ownership from Dale Mathis to B. J. Little.

The Merkel student council sponsored a week of alcohol related information at Merkel High. The program was endorsed and sponsored by MADD, a national organization trying to curb accident caused by drunk drivers.

West Texas Utilities started charging new and higher rates, and those rates included a new "seasonal" adjustment period that charged higher rates in times of the year that people use less electricity.

The Trent FFA stock show was held with Pat Penton and Adam de la Cruz taking top honors.

Merkel High sponsored a "Brain Bowl" that had teams competing in a contest that stressed academics.

Merkel FFA students fared well at the Taylor County stock show with Tommy Hays and Amber Whisenhunt leading the way.

Local state representative Steve Carriker (Dem-Roby) announced his plans to seek re-election.

February
MISD said they would cooperate with a program that would fingerprint students on a voluntary basis for records in the case the child was kidnapped.

Merkel senior citizens participated in a survey. The survey was designed to show trends in what type of services were offered to senior citizens and if those programs were meeting their goals.

In early rebate trends from the state sales tax, Merkel had the highest percentage of increase of any Taylor county town. That trend reversed significantly during the year.

Custom Bus Lines of Sweetwater announced they would start a commuter service to fill the void when Greyhound stopped making scheduled stops here. Their idea,

however, was short lived. SUN water company, a supplier of water to rural customers, held their 7th annual meeting.

Christopher Horton of Tye earned the rank of Eagle Scout.

Calvary Baptist church here celebrated their 52nd anniversary with events at the church.

The Texas Railroad Commission filed suit against Greyhound to force the company to maintain service to rural Texas communities, including Merkel.

March
The Merkel city council approved a move that would allow the Central Appraisal District of Taylor County to collect past due taxes.

All three MISD board of trustees seats were contested as candidates filed for each post.

Merkel resident Henry Guenther resigned as Tye police chief. He had been hired after the controversial firing of former Tye Police Chief Parrack. Guenther was replaced at the post by Merkel patrolman Al Turner.

The Trent Lions Club and the Trent FHA supported a child fingerprinting program, similar to the one held here a month earlier.

MISD art students Dean Franklin, Sean Woodard and Judd Burton had their works picked to be in a display at the state capitol building.

Steve McNally was hired as a patrolman here to replace Al Turner.

Chris Cutler and Stephanie Boyd were the winners in the annual Taylor Electric speech contest.

Mable Harris became the first local resident to receive a device to help elderly people summon advice from emergency personnel. The program was a project of the West Central Texas Council of Governments.

The Merkel school board, which had been throwing around the idea of a bond vote in May for new school facilities, decided to postpone the election.

John Ybarra was named the winner of a college scholarship, paid for by a local woman's club, the Fortnightly Study Club.

April
The Merkel Senior Citizens at 122 Edwards celebrated their 13th

anniversary. W. D. Gamble, owner of Merkel Drug since 1947, sold the store to Danny and Jan Woodall. Dave's father, Lige, purchased the store in 1919.

The Merkel Emergency Medical Service donated \$4,500 to the city for installation of stop and street signs here.

Jack Ferguson, Ray Pack and Earl Laird were elected as MISD school board trustees.

Merkel tv cable sought and received a rate increase from the city council.

Bobby DuBose was named man of the year and Syble Riney was named woman of the year at the Merkel Chamber of Commerce banquet.

First Baptist here named Wayne Keller as it's new pastor.

Melissa Davis was named Miss Merkel at the annual Lambda Beta Beauty pageant.

MISD head football coach Al Mitts succumbed after a long bout with cancer.

The Merkel Chamber of Commerce sponsored it's annual Easter Egg hunt.

All four Merkel track teams won the district title, including the second straight for the boys varsity.

Taylor Electric Co-Op held their annual meeting at the Taylor County Coliseum.

Merkel was in the midst of a drought that would continue through the summer, destroying the cotton crop here. It was so bad that Mail cartoonist Dale Hammond's work included the line "I saw two trees whistling at a dog yesterday."

May
Doyle Jones and Roger Moore were inducted into the Badger Sports Hall of Fame.

Melinda Riney was valedictorian and Brenda Hohertz was salutatorian at Merkel High. Merkel High graduated 49 seniors.

Local Taylor County Constable Vernon Wade was re-elected (for all practical purposes) during the Democratic primary here. He turned back the challenges of Waymon Adcock and Royce Smith.

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Riley, Brenem earn VFW scholarships

The first place winner of the Voice of Democracy Contest is Billy Ray Riley, son of Billy & Karen Riley of Merkel. Billy Ray is a sophomore at Merkel High. He received a \$100 scholarship.

Nancy Kay Brenem, a senior at Trent High is the second place winner. Nancy's parents are Tuffy and Carolyn Stevens. She received a \$75 scholarship.

Having been first in each school, both have had their work forwarded to District competition.

Voice of Democracy is a national broadcast script-writing program designed to give high school students the opportunity to voice their opinions on their responsibility to our country and to convey their thoughts via the broadcast media to all America.

Participants were judged on their interpretation of this year's theme "My Pledge to America."

Merkel Veterans of Foreign Wars and its Auxillary held the local judging Nov. 30 at the post home.

Judges were Millie Richardson, strong, J. A. Sadler, Waymon Betty Hamner, Raquel Arm- Adcock and J. D. Sandusky.



Bill Riley (left) won 1st and Nancy Kay Brenem 2nd in The Voice of Democracy contest sponsored by the Ladies Auxillary of the Merkel VFW. With them is post commander J. D. Sandusky. Iris Amerine photo

Chamber parade not possible without help of fire, ambulance volunteers

by Cloy A. Richards

We hope you all had a safe, happy and memorable Christmas and now it's time to start taking care of 1985.

Farmers here at least have a chance to make a wheat crop, if we can manage to stay away from late spring and early summer hailstorms.

That would be nice to have some production here, considering it's been slow in the department this year.

The Merkel Chamber of Commerce held its annual Christmas parade Saturday and the turnout,

quite frankly, was small. I would like to pat a couple of organizations on the back for their help.

There would not have been much of a parade, let's be honest, no parade at all without the help of the Merkel Volunteer Fire Department and the Ambulance Service, and the Dunagin clan.

One thing I have learned about Merkel is that there is a small circle of people that you can always depend on for help, and in many cases, the events that do happen around here would not be possible without them.

It has to be that way in a small town and I am glad those few are

so involved. The Chamber Christmas parade is an event for the kids here, and the look on their faces makes it worthwhile.

It was interesting reading through the issues of The Mail of 1984 preparing my year end article of events.

We printed 388 pages last year and I was a little impressed, until I realized that Dallas and Houston papers have that many pages some Sundays.

That fact serves to remind me of how small we are, but that's ok with us.



Becca, Bo Dunagin and Debbie Dean won a trophy at the annual Merkel Chamber of Commerce Christmas parade held Saturday. The parade was held a week after it was originally scheduled due to rain last Saturday. Staff photo by Melanie Richards

Top news stories of 84

Anisa Chavira, a local youth was hit by a hit and run driver on Ash Street here and a fund was started to pay for medical expenses.

Casey Johnson was valedictorian and Farron Hambrick was salutatorian at Trent High.

Dick Lepard was hired by MISD to be the new football coach here.

The Merkel High baseball team won the district championship in baseball in the two team district.

June
Trent announced it was going to re-form its volunteer fire department and got started on the right foot when the State Forrest Service gave the department a rural fire-fighting truck.

Victor G. Herrera of Tye, was graduated from the U. S. Air Force Academy. His is a graduate of Merkel High.

Merkel Elementary held its first summer session. They also sponsored introductory computer classes.

Chris Mashburn and Denise Pack received college scholarships from the United Methodist Church here. The fund was established by Mr. & Mrs. Leslie Pool.

WTU filed intentions with the city to raise electric rates 12.4 per cent.

School board members here were pleased to learn MISD students had their best performance yet on the Texas Assessment of Basic Skills tests.

Former Merkel High pole vaulter Brad Pursley, who at one time held the American outdoor record in that event, finished tied for 4th in the U. S. Olympic Trials held in L.A. Brad qualified for a jump-off and would make the U. S. Olympic team as an alternate if he wins that event.

July
Home State Bank in Trent was damaged, slightly, by fire.

Cost of water here went up 50 per cent when the Merkel city council passed along a rate increase from the City of Abilene. Also, voluntary water conservation program started when the water level at Fort Phantom Hill starting going down.

MISD hired Bill Woods to replace Randy Tierce, as MISD band director. Woods was band director at Hardin-Simmons before accepting the Merkel post.

Johnny Starbuck was again the top ticket seller for the Merkel Chamber of Commerce's Fun Day. The event raised money for new trees and shrubs at the city park.

MISD trustees heard a presentation from architects on initial plans for additional school building here.

Billy Williams of Trent was selected to play in the annual Six Man All-Star game.

A \$12,000 radio system was installed at City Hall for Merkel police, fire and ambulance personnel. The Merkel Emergency Medical Service paid for the radio system.

Brad Pursley became the first Merkelite to become a member of the U. S. Olympic Team when he won a July 15th jumpoff in L.A.

Dairy Bar, a local business across from Merkel High, was destroyed by fire.

August
A statewide survey revealed that MISD was under state spending averages per student.

C. A. Bilbrey of Merkel won \$1,000 from the Coca Cola Company after popping the top of a lucky can he purchased at Carson's here.

Tommie Cutler of Taylor Electric was named vice-chairman of a statewide political action committee dealing with rural electricity.

Local water started "tasting funny" when the City of Abilene increased water pumping from Lake Hubbard into Fort Phantom Hill.

Brad Pursley Day was proclaimed Aug. 10 by Merkel mayor Kent Satterwhite. Brad was honored at Heritage Hall with a packed house.

MISD officials, like school officials statewide, were trying to learn all of the provision of an education reform bill, passed in August by a rare, special session of the Texas Legislature. The plan implemented sweeping changes in state public school and brought screams from various special interest groups.

The Merkel City council purchased a computer system that will be used for water-sewer-sanitation billings as well as general ledger maintenance. They also hired an Austin man to perform the programming. The man was later fired by the city.

Charlotte Starbuck of Merkel was honored at dedication ceremonies at Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church here. Charlotte created and made stained glass

windows for the church.

September
MISD, the city and Taylor County all set new, lower tax rates. MISD rates fell from \$1 to 96 cents per \$100 evaluations.

A block was cleared on North 2nd street here using funds from the federal Community Development Block Grants.

The city council here implemented stage 4 of the mandatory water conservation plan, which by contract, was obligated to do after the City of Abilene took those measures. It became illegal for people to water lawns or wash cars.

The city gave final approval on plans for the construction of a Northside City park. The park will be paid for by the state parks department and the community development block grant.

October
MISD officials met Oct. 4th and called a bond election worth between \$3.85 to \$5 million for construction of a new high school here on land the board had purchased earlier.

The school sponsored a town hall meeting at Heritage Hall to discuss the upcoming bond vote. Less than 20 citizens, not counting school personnel, attended the meeting.

John Scott Lanford of Merkel continued his winning ways at the state fair when he walked away with a lion's share of the honors in the Rambouillet show.

The city council imposed a 2 per cent tax on legal Bingo games held in the city. The city will place the money into a building fund to construct a new city hall.

Libby Doggett, wife of Democratic U. S. Senate candidate Lloyd Doggett, spoke to a crowd of about 100 at Taylor Electric here. She was the only person who came

here seeking votes in the general elections, including county candidates.

Merkel voters overwhelmingly said no to a school building bond. The voters, in a record turnout, voted 7-3 against. The final tally was 597 no and 381 yes.

A Merkel woman, Edith Coleman Butman was stabbed and killed after she and her husband were involved in an argument and fight with an area man.

Pioneer Memorial Methodist held their annual Lord's Acre sale. It was the 34th annual event.

The state comptroller's office announced that sales tax rebates here were down 12 per cent. Sales tax rebates put in only \$25,000 to \$30,000 less than the city property tax raises for city operations here.

The Merkel Badgers ended their football season at 2-8.

WTU started new rates here that were 4.36 per cent higher. The public Utility Commission had trimmed down the company's 12 per cent rate hike request.

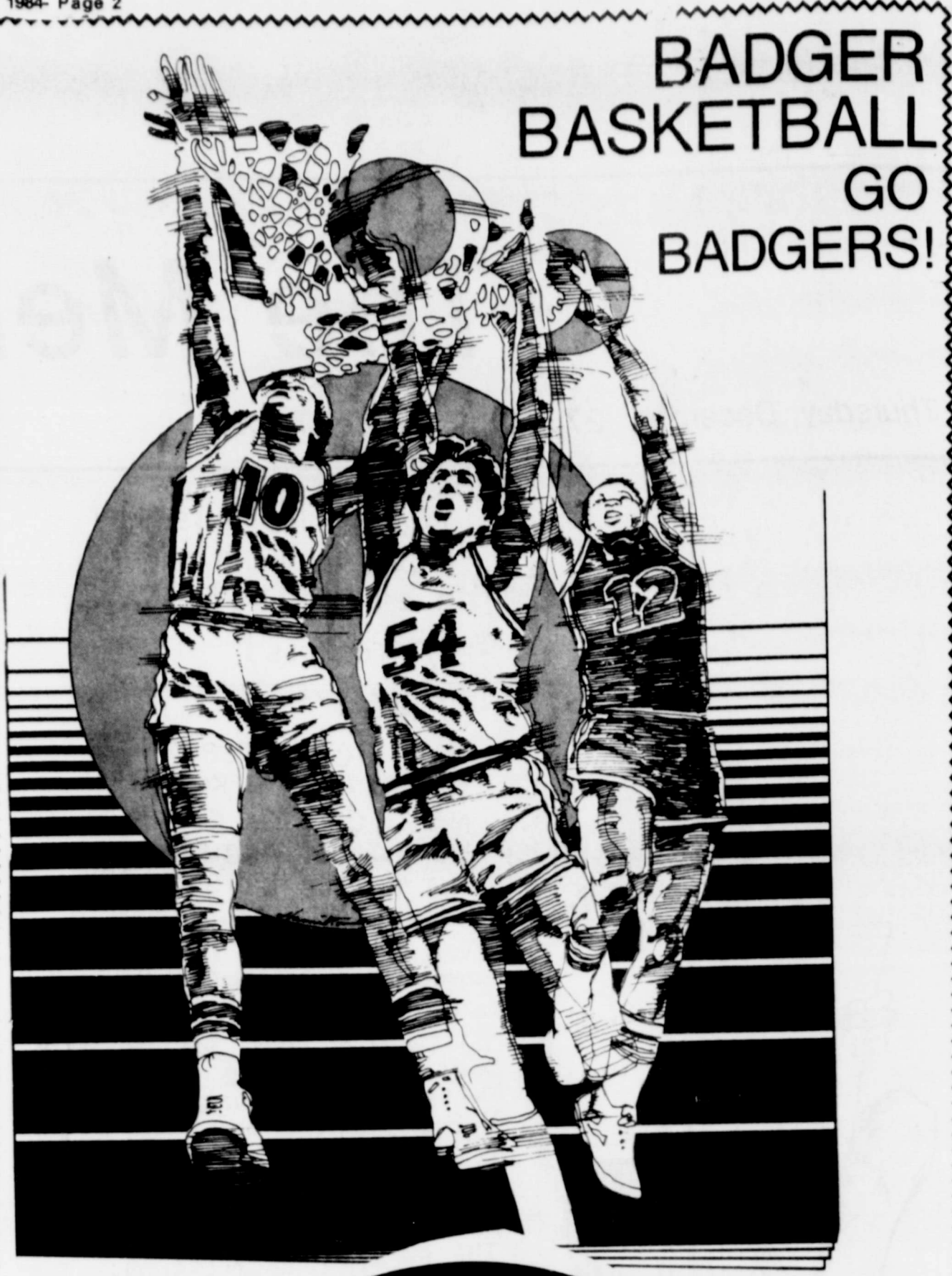
A community-wide Thanksgiving service was held. It was sponsored by the Merkel Ministerial Alliance.

The city announced it needed more people to apply for a home remodeling program here. The program allows eligible owners to \$5,000 worth of remodeling and is a federal program.

December
The state comptroller's office announced tax rebates were down almost 13 per cent here. That figure is the only government figure released indicating local retail sales strength.

The annual FFA stock show was held with about 125 Merkel FFA and 4-H youth participating.

The Merkel Chamber of Commerce held its annual Christmas parade.



Bland brothers are local entries in Texas Finals Rodeo

Two local cowboys will be featured in the Texas Circuit Finals, set Dec. 27th through the 30th at the Taylor County Coliseum.

Steve Bland will be in the calf roping and he will also take on World Champ Roy Cooper (8.5 at the National Final Rodeos) in three special exhibition ropings.

Rex Bland of Merkel qualified for the finals in steer wrestling.

Cowboys in the Texas finals qualified through money winnings

in the Texas Circuit Rodeo. Tickets are available locally by calling Cal-Tex at 862-2611. They can also be delivered by calling that number.

Other area competitors include Raymond Hallobaugh of Stamford in calf roping and Diltize Edmondson of McCaulley in barrel racing.

Those interested in attending a roping school, put on by Roy Cooper may also do so Thursday & Friday.

City Hall will close Tuesday

Merkel City Hall will be closed Tuesday for New Year's Day.

Trash will not be picked up on Tuesday but the crew hopes to

have their run completed before Friday.

As usual, emergency crews will be standing by.

8th grade Lady Badgers are 5-1 for the season

The 8th grade girls opened their basketball season Nov. 26 with a close win over Sweetwater 21-18. Teresa Lucas led the way with 8 while Christi Wade added 4. Maxi Lang had 3, Michelle Barnett, Diem Tran and Michelle Dudley each scored a bucket. Teresa Lucas was the leading rebounder while Michelle Barnett had 4 steals.

On Dec. 1, the Lady Badgers traveled to the Rotan Tournament where they had two easy wins to capture the championship trophy. In the first game, Merkel defeated Hamlin 34-15. Teresa Lucas led the way, along with Maxi Lang as they each had 8. Diem Tran pitched in 6 and Michelle Barnett, Christi Wade and Amber Whisenhunt all added 4. The team had a total of 26 rebounds and 17 steals. All of the girls played well together. In the championship game of the tournament, the Lady Badgers mauled the Roby Lions 26-6. Teresa Lucas led the way with 10, followed by Maxi Lang with 7, Michelle Barnett, Christi Wade, Amber Whisenhunt and Melinda Baker added two each and Mendy Bunselmeyer added a free throw. The team played excellent defense with the standouts being Maxi Lang and Lorena Pack. They controlled the boards with 21 defensive rebounds. Throughout the tournament they showed excellent teamwork.

On Dec. 3, Merkel captured a

Teresa Lucas dominated the game, scoring 23 points while hitting 6 per cent of her shots and also hauled down 16 rebounds. Christi Wade also had a good game adding 6 points and 6 rebounds. Maxi Lang and Richa Hill each had 2 points. The team was 16 of 4 from the field for 38 per cent and of 3 from the free throw line.

They were upset 25-23 by Sweetwater. Both teams were in a strong defensive battle and the Lady Badgers were not able to penetrate offensively. Teresa Lucas again led the scoring with 11, followed by Michelle Barnett and Maxi Lang, each with 3. Christi Wade, Diem Tran and Michelle Dudley each added 2. Merkel was able to oul down a total of 25 rebounds and had 12 steals. They were only able to hit 3 of 18 free throws for a low 17 per cent.

On Dec. 17 they were able to clinch a victory over the Breckenridge Bucks in double overtime 27-25. The Badgers were led by the outside shooting of Michelle Barnett, who led with 10 and Maxie Lang who had 7. Michelle played an outstanding game hitting 63 per cent of her shots and causing only three turnovers. Other scorers were Teresa Lucas with 3, Christi Wade, Michelle Dudley and Julie Koflanovich with 2 and Diem Tran with 1.

Merkel will meet Breckenridge on Jan. 3 at Breck. The 8th grade girls are 5-1 for the season.

This week's schedule
DEC 27-28-29
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Starbuck Furniture 201 Edwards 928-4711	Taylor Electric 1610 N 1st 928-4715
Palmer Pontiac & GMC 1208 N 1st 928-5113	Rae-Rac 1107 N 2nd 928-5031
Carson's Supermarket 217 Edwards 928-5231	D & T Automotive 924 N 1st 928-4954
Merkel Drug 121 Edwards 928-5012	Merkel Brick & Lumber 102 Lamar 928-5014
Hi-Val Farm & Home Supply 604 Kent 928-5632	Braggs Department Store 213 Edwards 928-5811
Wylie Truck Terminal & Shamrock I-20 E 928-5584	Farmers & Merchants National Bank 111 Edwards 928-4728
Taylor Telephone I-20 928-4733	P & L Auto Parts 135 Edwards 928-4738

7th grade Lady Badgers even season record at 3-3



§ The Merkel Volunteer Fire Department gave Santa a break from his sleigh during the Chamber's annual Christmas Parade, held Saturday downtown. Staff photo by Melanie Richards

The 7th grade girls opened their basketball season with a slow start against Sweetwater on Nov. 26. Sweetwater defeated the young Lady Badgers by a score of 33-6 with Penny Smith, Tricia Newsom and Laurinda Powell each scoring 2. Judy Williams and Penny Smith had nine rebounds in the contest.

When Merkel traveled to the Rotan Tournament on Dec. 1, they looked much improved and captured second place. In the first game they downed Hamlin 22-15. Leading scorer was Penny Smith with 7, followed by Judy Williams, Pam Boyd and Lu Amy Sloan, each with 4. Tricia Newsom added two and Misty Doan hit a free throw. The championship game was closely fought but the Roby Lions ended up on top 21-16. Misty Doan, Penny Smith and Lu Amy Sloan each had 4 while Pam Boyd and Angela Carson each added two. The girls played tough defensively throughout the tournament led by Misty Doan, Pam Boyd, Angela Carson, Tricia Newsom and Bridget Acuna.

On Dec. 3, the Clyde Bulldogs traveled to Merkel and were defeated by a tough defensive Badger team 22-10. Judy Williams and Pam Boyd led the way with 6, Penny Smith added 3, Lu Amy Sloan, Bridget Acuna and Sheri Miles contributed two each, Misty Doan added a free throw. The girls played tough defense once again led by Angela Carson, Dayna Bently and Gay Lynn Robertson.

On Dec. 10, the Badgers had a rough night as they were defeated again by Sweetwater 40-9. The tough defense of the Mustangs caused many turnovers on the Badgers' part. Scorers included Judy Williams with 4, Penny

Smith with 3 and Misty Doan with 2.

On Dec. 17, the Lady Badgers met the Breckenridge Buckaroos and ended up on top by the score of 16-9. Everyone got a little playing time and did a fine job. Leading the scoring was Penny Smith and Pam Boyd with 4 each.

Judy Williams, Lu Amy Sloan, Tricia Newsom and Bridget Acuna each added a bucket. The team played well together with Laurinda Powell, Lisa Cannon, Sheri Miles and Mi Hwa Chon playing

tough defense along with the help of Dayna Bently and Melissa Messick. The Lady Badgers are 3-3 on the year and are hoping to improve after the Christmas break when they travel to Breckenridge on Jan. 3.

Happy New Year
Hope your New Year is filled with dear friends, health and many happy moments.
STARR NURSING HOME

Happy New Year
Spend this festive season rekindling friendships ... and making new ones!
BRAGGS

Joyous New Year
Wishing you and your family a prosperous and peaceful New Year. Warm thanks to all.
KATHRYN & BRADLEY BANNER MERKEL VET CLINIC

Let's give the New Year a royal welcome. May it start off a decade full of happiness, good health, peace.
JOE'S BOOT BARN

Good Luck
Bright hopes for a new year...a new decade of prosperity, peace and progress. The best is ahead!
HOME STATE BANK

Happy New Year
May you be treated to only good things during the New Year!
KID'S KORNER

GOOD LUCK
Only the man in the moon knows what your lucky stars have in store for you this New Year. May it all be wonderful. Enjoy!
DUBOSE TEXACO

GOOD LUCK
May we all soar to new and glorious heights of achievement this year!
HANDY FOOD STORE

Happy New Year!
May all your hopes for the coming year be fulfilled ... and all your days be happy.
MERKEL BRICK & LUMBER

Happy New Year
Can you believe it? Another New Year has just sneaked up on us! We hope it's your very best one yet, bringing you plenty of happiness. Our greetings to everyone.
P & L AUTO PARTS

Best Wishes
New Years is the best time to thank you all for your loyal friendship!
TAYLOR ELECTRIC COOP

QUICK QUIZ

December 9-15, 1984 is National Drunk and Drugged Driving Awareness Week. The following questions from the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism are a good way to test your knowledge of the progress being made against alcohol-impaired driving.



deaths? (a) 25 percent (b) 35 percent (c) 50 percent?

ANSWERS: 1. (c). The 1983 holiday season was the safest on the nation's highways in



1. The safest holiday season on the Nation's highways in the past 30 years was (a) 1970 (b) 1982 (c) 1983?

2. An intensified effort to get the alcohol-impaired driver off the road is one of the reasons for the record in highway safety (a) true (b) false?



more than 30 years. 2. (a) True. Much of the credit of making people more aware of the dangers of alcohol-impaired driving goes to schools and community groups. 3. (a) These programs start in the seventh grade and have helped many youth resist peer pressure. 4. (c) Free information about alcohol and driving is available by writing to: National Clearinghouse for Alcohol Information, P.O. Box 2345, Rockville, Maryland 20852.



3. Peer resistance or "saying no" programs in schools begin as early as grade (a) 7 (b) 10 (c) 12?

4. Alcohol is a factor in what percentage of highway

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If every driver and passenger in the United States would wear safety belts during every trip in a car, about 14,000 lives would be saved every year. Twenty billion dollars in costs would be substantially reduced every year. Costs that are borne by taxpayers who pay for extra police, medical rehabilitation and welfare services, by employers who pay for lost work time, and by people who must pay higher insurance premiums due to deaths and injuries that wouldn't have happened if safety belts had been used.

Before the year ends we'd like to thank you for your past patronage and to assure you of our continued desire to serve you through the coming year.

STARBUCK CO.

It's a spanking New Year and we certainly hope it's going to be a great one for you! Thank you for your patronage.

BEN FRANKLIN STORE

Roy & Mary Kelso will celebrate 50th wedding anniversary Sunday

Roy & Mary Kelso of Rt 1, Merkel, will be honored with a reception in observance of their 50th wedding anniversary. The reception, hosted by their children, will be held from 2:30 until 4:30 p.m. Sunday at their home. Hosting the celebration are

Derrell Kelso of Clarksburg, Calif., Leon Kelso of Merkel and Marilyn Power of Howe. Mr. Kelso was born Feb. 10, 1910 at Stith. Mrs. Kelso, the former Mary Cox, was born Nov. 26, 1911 at Mt. Pleasant. They were married here and met at the Hope Church of Christ.

During their marriage, they have lived at Stith, Merkel, Bentonville, Ark. and White-wright. He is a retired farmer and she is a housewife. They are members of the Church of Christ and have eight grandchildren and a great-grandchild.



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Preceptor Eta Omega has Christmas party

Preceptor Eta Omega Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi had their Christmas party Tuesday night Dec. 18 at K-Bob's in Abilene with a dinner. The ladies and their husbands

came back to Betty Satterwhite's home for desert and to open gifts. Those present were Betty Conley, Ruth Tipton, Mamie Steck, Blanche Hewitt, Jane and J. C.

Carson, Opal and Bob Garner, Betty and Kent Satterwhite, Juan and Connie Ybarra, Louise and Bobby DuBose, Kathy and Jimmy Leverich.

Jowers' free throw nips Breck 40-39

The Merkel Badgers 8th grade boys basketball team defeated Breckenridge at Breckenridge Monday night 40-39 to improve their season record to 4-2.

Kenneth Jowers hit a free throw with three second left to provide the winning margin. Jowers also led the way with 20 points. James Glaze chipped in 8, Chad Strange

4, Freddy Gonzales 4, Wade Toombs and Tony Trevino 2. The Badgers resume play after the holiday break with a rematch against Breck here Jan. 3.

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Ladies VFW auxillary holds Christmas party

The Ladies Auxillary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars held its annual Christmas Dinner for the Veterans and their families.

Voice of Democracy tapes were played and the winners presented their scholarships. Santa Claus handed out bags of

candy and fruit to the children. Following, their was dancing for the young and old, from break dancing to the traditional waltz.

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 2 PLY FIBERGLASS

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BIG DISCOUNTS - New factory pass-along discounts have just been announced. The chart below shows how much you can save when you buy a new John Deere Titan combine with header equipment.

MODEL	CUSTOMER DISCOUNT	
	SERIAL #600000 AND BELOW	SERIAL #600001 TO SERIAL #610000
4420	\$ 5,000	\$ 3,500
6620	5,000	4,000
6620 (SIDEHILL)	6,000	4,500
6622	10,000	7,000
7720	7,000	4,500
7721	4,000	2,500
8820	10,000	5,500

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ISSUED AND GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID COURT. At office in Abilene, Texas, this the 17th day of December A.D., 1984. Attest: Rilla Mahoney, District Clerk, 104th District Court, Taylor County, Texas by JoAnn Lackey, Deputy (Seal) 93-1300-2tc

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: Kenny Hill and Debra Hill, Respondents. Greeting: YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable County Court of Law of Taylor County, Texas at the Courthouse in said County, in Abilene, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the Monday next after the expiration of twenty days from the date of service of this citation, then and there to answer the petition of the Plaintiff, Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 30th day of April, 1984, against Kenny Hill and Debra Hill, Respondents, and said suit being numbered 14,385 on the docket of said Court and entitled Abilene National Bank, A

Texas Corporation vs. Kenny Hill and Debra Hill. A brief statement of the nature of this cause is as follows, to-wit: Promissory Note as is more fully shown in Petition on file in this cause. 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 21st day of November, A.D. 1984. Attest: Janice Lyons Clerk, County Court at Law, Taylor County, Texas By Vicki Rister, Deputy 91-65-4tc

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: Gene Gartman, Defendant, Greeting: YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable County Court Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 14th day of Jan. A.D. 1985, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said Court, on the 5th day of September A.D. 1984 in this cause, numbered 14,586 on the docket of said court and styled Interfirst Bank Abilene, N.A., Plaintiff, vs. Gene Gartman, Defendant. A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: A Suit on Installment Contract 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 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 28th day of November, A.D. 1984. Attest: Janice Lyons Clerk, County Court at Law, Taylor County, Texas By Marie Gill, Deputy. (Seal) 91-62-4tc

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
THE STATE OF TEXAS County of Taylor NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That by virtue of a certain Writ of Execution issued out of the Honorable 104th District Court of Taylor County, of the 25th day of October 1984, by Writ of Execution of said 104th District Court for the sum of Nineteen Thousand Two Hundred Eighty Two Dollars & 58-00 Dollars, and costs of suit, under a Judgment, in favor of William Earl Bounds d-b-a Bounds Well Service in a certain cause in said Court, No. 16,006-B and styled William Earl Bounds d-b-a Bounds Well

Texas, by Marie Gill, Deputy. (Seal) 91-61-4tc

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: Ricky Walker, Defendant, Greeting: YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable County Court at Law of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 14th day of Jan. A.D. 1985, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said Court, on the 5th day of Sept. A.D. 1984, in this cause, numbered 14,591 on the docket of said Court and styled Interfirst Bank Abilene, N.A., Plaintiff, vs. Ricky Walker, Defendant. A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: A Suit on Installment Contract 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 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 29th day of Nov A.D. 1984. Attest: Janice Lyons Clerk, County Court at Law, Taylor County, Texas, by Marie Gill, Deputy. (Seal) 91-62-4tc

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
THE STATE OF TEXAS County of Taylor NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That by virtue of a certain Writ of Execution issued out of the Honorable 104th District Court of Taylor County, of the 25th day of October 1984, by Writ of Execution of said 104th District Court for the sum of Nineteen Thousand Two Hundred Eighty Two Dollars & 58-00 Dollars, and costs of suit, under a Judgment, in favor of William Earl Bounds d-b-a Bounds Well Service in a certain cause in said Court, No. 16,006-B and styled William Earl Bounds d-b-a Bounds Well

Service vs. Dale Cox, placed in my hands for service, I John W. Middleton as Sheriff of Taylor County, Texas, did on the 4th day of November, 1984, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Taylor County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: All undivided interest of Dale Cox Operator LOT 1 OF GRIMES COUNTY SCHOOL LAND No. 147 Located 2 and 1-2 miles Southeast of Merkel, Texas Railroad Commission No. 19058 This will include LEASE HOLE INTEREST, Pump Jacks, storage tanks, casing, tubing, rod etc. Interest of .35 per cent. SALE WILL BE HELD AT 10:30 a.m. This Sale Will Be For Cash Only, A Cashiers Check May Be Accepted From A Taylor County Bank and levied upon the property of Dale Cox, and that on the first Tuesday in February, 1985, the same being the 5th day of said month, at the Court House door, of Taylor County, in the City of Abilene, Texas, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., by virtue of said levy and said Writ of Execution I will sell said above described Real Estate at public vendue, for each, to the highest bidder, as the property of said Dale Cox. And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper published in Taylor County, Texas. Witness my hand, this the 4th day of November, 1984. John W. Middleton Sheriff Taylor County Texas By Eddie W. Swanson, Deputy. 93-95-3tc

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
THE STATE OF TEXAS County of Taylor Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a certain Writ of Execution issued out of the Honorable 104th District Court of Taylor County, of the 7th day of November, 1984, by Writ of Execution of said 104th District Court for the sum of Eleven Thousand Three Hundred Two Dollars & 93-100 Dollars and costs of suit, under a Judgment, in favor of L & O Oilfield Specialties in a certain cause in said Court, No. 15,475-B styled L & O Oilfield Specialties, Inc. vs. South Hills, Inc., & C. E. Clemmer, placed in my hand for service, I, John W. Middleton as Sheriff of Taylor County, Texas, did, on the 4th day of December 1984 levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Taylor County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: 120 Acres Located 12 miles Southwest of Merkel Sect. 71 Block 5 T & P Rail Road survey. All undivided lease hole rights, Pump jacks, storage tanks, casing, tubing, heater treaters Interest or .875 This Sale Will Be For Cash Only, A Cashiers Check From A Taylor County Bank May Be Accepted. Sale will be held at 10:00 a.m. and levied upon as the property of C. E. Clemmer and that on the first Tuesday in February, 1985, the same being the 5th day of said month at the Court House door, of Taylor County, in the City of Abilene, Texas, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., by virtue of said levy and said Writ of Execution I will sell said above described Real Estate at public vendue, for each, to the highest bidder, as the property of said C.

E. Clemmer. And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper published in Taylor County, Texas. Witness my hand, this the 4th day of November 1984. John W. Middleton Sheriff Taylor County Texas By Eddie W. Swanson, Deputy. 93-89-3tc

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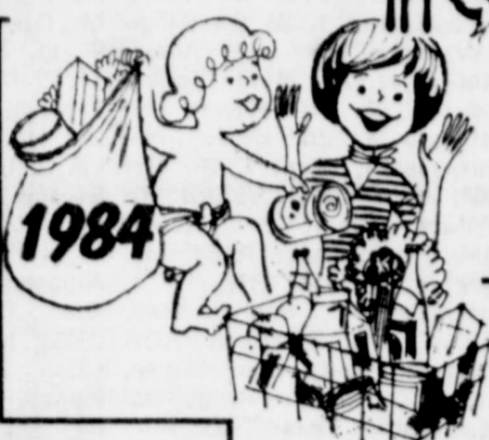
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