

The Merkel Mail

Thursday, January 9, 1985 ... Merkel, Texas

Our 97th Year

Merkel, Trent FFA stock shows are Saturday

The Merkel and Trent FFA Stock Shows will be held Saturday starting at 10 a.m.

The Merkel show will be held, for the first time, in a new Show Arena completed in the fall.

Special features of this year's show are added prize money and the annual showmanship trophies. Judges for the show will be George Brunt and Mike Mauldin. The general superintendent for the show is Benny Melton.

The Merkel Show will feature about 150 exhibitors and judging should last until about 2 p.m.

A bar-b-q dinner, cooked by Robert Harris of Merkel, will be served at 5 p.m. at Heritage Hall

for exhibitors and contributors of the annual stock show.

Over in Trent, judging will get started at 10 a.m. and should last until Noon.

George Hardegree, the ag teacher at Highland will be the judge. General Superintendent of the show is Mac Sipe.

A bar-b-q lunch, sponsored by the Trent FFA-FHA and catered by Allen's of Sweetwater, will be served at noon at the School Cafeteria. Cost is \$6 per plate.

Results from both shows will be printed in next week's **Mail**. Ag teachers here are Billy Riley and J. T. Narron. The ag teacher at Trent is Mike Ray.



§ The new Merkel FFA Show The Trent FFA Stock Show will Arena is ready to be broken in as also get started at 10 a.m. the annual Merkel Stock Show will get started at 10 a.m. Saturday. Staff photo

Local governments get bank franchise checks

The cities of Merkel and Trent, as well as school districts located in each city, received checks last week from the state in a special allocation of the state franchise tax on banks.

State Comptroller Bob Bullock, said in a news release, the special allocation reflected final adjustments of the new tax as it involved some 1,976 banks and 2,119 local taxing jurisdictions.

The Texas Legislature in 1984 brought banks under the franchise tax for the first time and allocated receipts from the tax to cities, counties, school districts and other local taxing units where

banks are located. Banks are taxed at the same rate as other Texas corporations. Previously, bank stocks were subject to local property taxes. The Legislature exempted the stocks from property taxes, substituting the new bank franchise tax. Collections are prorated among local taxing units based on their tax rates.

The city of Merkel received \$1,834.37; the City of Trent received \$256.02; Merkel ISD received \$6,030.86 and Trent ISD received \$1,069.16. Taylor County received \$96,455.90.

Stock show, strange bandit, framed ... more

by Cloy A. Richards

January weather arrived with a vengeance here Tuesday, just in time for the Merkel and Trent FFA Stock Shows, both set for Saturday.

The weather forecasts for Saturday are calling for mild temperatures but folks attending the Merkel Stock Show won't really be affected by the weather.

The show will be held in the FFA's new Show Arena and it is a fantastic facility built with local school funds and the MISD maintenance crew.

The show barn is heated, well lighted, has concession and restroom facilities.

Folks who have attended more stock shows than they care to think about here will greatly appreciate the new facility.

Merkel Skinny's employee Karen Wood probably didn't know what to think when a growling man wearing a full face mask of an old man, smashed in the plate glass window at the store early last Friday morning and made off with cash and checks.

She even hit the guy on the head with a hot dog machine and that didn't stop him.

John Starbuck, a 1985 graduate of Merkel High and McMurry student, is at home recovering from surgery over the holidays at the Scottish Rite Hospital in Dallas.

John is doing well but he's got a small problem.

He doesn't know what to do with a cap given to him by A & M Coach Jackie Sherrill while the

coach and a few good Ag's were visiting the hospital.

John's not the biggest Aggie fan in the world, but we all must learn that not everyone is perfect.

Although, if you know John, he tries.

Hayden Reeves and the MISD maintenance crew didn't waste any time getting framing started on the new Freshman Addition at Merkel High.

As soon as the concrete dried, they started framing and you can now get an idea of how large the building will be once it is completed.

Folks at the Farmers Co-Op Operative Gin here got quite a scare Monday at lunch when a fire broke out in a cotton trailer.

After scattering full trailers of cotton around the gin and away from the fire, and a few thousand gallons of water, business was back to normal as ginning continues here.

What we don't need now is a gin fire.

There's too good of a crop here this year.

We need a rain but in January, moisture can come in many nasty forms.

Greenbugs are having a field day on local wheat.

With 4 teams left, I'll take an early chance on a main dish of crow and say it will be the Dolphins and the Bears in New Orleans Super Bowl Sunday, with

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Dudley seeking re-election to Commissioner's Court

Taylor County will have at least one contested race as Taylor County Precinct 2 Commissioner Don Dudley (Dem-Merkel) formally announced his bid for re-election at a news conference held at the Commissioner's Courtroom Monday morning.

The start of the press conference was delayed as the Abilene media were attending a 9 a.m. press conference concerning the outcome of charges against Billy Sol Estes.

Dudley told the crowd attending the announcement, "I am asking the people to support me for a second term in office."

Dudley said he was "running on his record" of the past four years and said he'd promised four years ago he would be a full-time commissioner.

Dudley also said he felt the people of Precinct 2 deserved a full-time Commissioner because they pay a full time salary. Dudley also said he serves as his own road foreman and that saves the county a salary within the precinct.

Dudley told **The Mail** Monday afternoon, "I thought the press conference went real well. I had to buck ol' Billy Sol Estes for time. I

am just running on my record as a full time commissioner."

When asked about an opponent, who announced last month he would challenge Dudley, Dudley said, "He's a fine man, I just don't want him to have my job."

Precinct 2 includes all of Merkel, Trent, Tye and the area North of Interstate 20. It also includes residential areas in Abilene West of Grape Street to Catclaw and West of the Winters Freeway. There are 10 voting boxes included in the Precinct.

Dudley also told **The Mail** "I don't want this race to become a city vs. rural thing. I feel like I have served all of the people in my precinct."

Dudley and his supporters will be holding a campaign meeting soon. Dudley said, "I'll have to depend on my friends to do some campaigning for me this time. Last time I ran, I was unemployed and I had plenty of time to campaign. It's impossible now."

Dudley added, "I am asking the people to support me with their vote. We need to make people aware of this race so they will get out and vote."

Filing deadline for the race is not until Feb. 4th.



§ Don Dudley and his wife, Pat, talk to supporters following Dudley's Monday press conference where he announced he would seek re-election as County Commissioner of Precinct 2. Dudley will face at least one opponent, former Abilene City Councilman Julian Bridges. Staff photo

"Loose screw" causes anxious moments at Merkel Gin Monday

Folks at the Farmers Co-Op Gin here had an exciting lunch Monday as the proverbial "loose screw" started smoke in the lint cleaner, causing more than a few anxious moments.

Members of the Merkel Volunteer Fire Department doused smoking areas and helped move full cotton trailers away from the area.

One man, according to Gin Manager Bennett Massey, found out just how fast he could change a set of spark plugs. The module moving truck was parked near one of the potentially dangerous areas, and was being repaired.

Massey told **The Mail** Tuesday "Everything lost was covered by insurance so farmers won't lose

anything. We did lose a brand new \$600 saw we had just installed, but everything is running smooth again."

The Merkel gin has processed 6,549 bales so far and there are still a couple of farmers stripping. The manager said they should get most of the ginning wrapped up in the next two weeks.

At Planter's Gin in Trent, 6,276 bales have been ginned and there are still a few farmers in the Trent area stripping. Mrs. Shafer at the Gin said Tuesday "We will be going day and night for the next three to four weeks."

She said she had heard some yield reports at a bale and a half per ground acre, and some a little higher.

Growling man robs local Skinny's store

A growling man smashed a plate glass window and robbed the Merkel Skinny's location Friday. The man made off with over \$900 in cash and checks as well as the purse of a Skinny's employee.

Karen Turner was in the process of opening the store at 6:10 a.m. Friday when a man, on foot, approached the store from the west. He pulled a large torque wrench and smashed the plate glass window near where Ms. Turner was making a deposit. The man, wearing a green Army jacket and wearing a full face mask of an old, wrinkled faced man, reached through the busted

window and started grabbing money.

Ms. Turner, with the man halfway in the window, picked up a small hot dog warming machine on the counter, and hit the thief on the head.

Ms. Turner suffered cuts to the lips and face and told Merkel Police the man growled at her when he broke the plate glass.

Merkel Police Chief Ray Pack said police do have two suspects and have been working with the Abilene Police Department on the case. A Skinny's store in Abilene was held up the same day and police think there is a link between the two cases.

Rehab telethon is Saturday

When the curtain goes up for Rehab '86 on January 11, yet another milestone will be achieved in the annual event that benefits the West Texas Rehabilitation Center. Guy McCarty, WTRC board member announced that he and other board members and a group of "Special Friends" have decided to contribute funds to pay all expenses of the 1986 television show and that has been done. This means that 100 percent of all donations during the telethon will go directly to the Rehab Center for treatment services to the handicapped. WTRC annually provides therapy treatment to over 10,000 patients, regardless of their ability to pay.

Rehab '86 is scheduled for Saturday, January 11, 7:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight originating from the Abilene Civic Center. Telecast will be carried on the following stations: KRBC (Abilene), KMID (Midland), KLST (San Angelo), KAMC (Lubbock), KAMR (Amarillo), KSWO (Lawton, Ok.), KTVV (Austin), KMCC (Clovis, NM), KZTV (Corpus Christi), KACB (San Angelo), and KVTV (Laredo).

Merkel Stock Show members' spotlights

Saturday will be the Merkel Stock Show. It will be held at the new show barn located 2 blocks north of the Middle School. Anyone who would like to attend may do so. Judging will start at 10:00 with classes for sheep, swine and cattle. Projects from the chapter are looking good.

Spotlights this week include Genie Best, Michelle Antaya, Pam Boyd, Billy Williams, Toby Dupont and Shane Perrault.

Genie Best is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C.W. Best of Merkel. Genie is enrolled in Pre-Vocational Agriculture classes. Her hobbies include riding horses, dancing and swimming.

Michelle Antaya is the daughter of James and Cheryl Hayes of Tye. Michelle is active in sports and has hobbies of skating, riding and raising horses and swimming.

Pam Boyd is the daughter of Terry and Ann Boyd of Merkel. Band is a favorite for Pam who is also involved in sports as well as skiing and skating. Pam is in the eighth grade.

Billy Williams is the son of Pat and Linda Williams of Merkel. Billy is in the 8th grade and plans on raising rabbits as a project. His hobbies include football, 3-wheeling and various sports.

Toby Dupont is the son of Joseph and Shirley Dupont of Merkel. Toby is in the 8th grade and enjoys football, basketball and track as well as honor classes.

Shane Perrault is the son of Sandra and James W. Perrault. Shane is in the 8th grade and lives in Tye. His hobbies are few but Ag ranks as one.

Hope to see you Saturday.

Stenholm sets town hall meeting

Citizens of the 17th Congressional District will have an opportunity to visit with Congressman Charles Stenholm at a Town Hall Meeting in Abilene on Saturday, January 11.

The public meeting will be conducted in the Mabee Conference Room of the Campus Center at McMurry College. The town hall session, which is free to the public, is scheduled from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

"Grass-root meetings like this one are one of the best ways to check the pulse of our area," Stenholm said. "It's a good opportunity to discuss and hear what people have on their minds."

After Congressman Stenholm reviews the state of the District and the recent legislation adopted in Congress, residents will have a chance to ask questions. This is the fourth Town Hall Meeting in as many years for the area representative from Stamford.

"I hope you'll set aside some time to meet with me to discuss the important issues of the day and the future of West Texas and America," Stenholm said.



Reba McEntire, top female country western vocalist of the year, will join other top stars for Rehab '86 slated for Saturday, January 11. Joining McEntire in the benefit for the West Texas Rehabilitation Center will be Rex

Allen and Rex Allen, Jr., Ray Price, Arthur Duncan, Anacani, Shari Lewis and her puppet pals, along with Bill and Susan Hayes. The telethon will be carried on 10 area television stations from 7:00 p.m. until 12:00 midnight.

MHS student council completes alcohol survey

The Merkel High School Student Council recently took an alcohol survey at Merkel High School. It was taken during SMILE week, an alcohol awareness week. The results were as follows: 68.08 percent considered alcohol an addictive drug, yet over half of those that took the survey said they drank alcoholic beverages (55.37 percent). 33.88 percent of the 87.71 percent of the student body that responded, reported they never drank. 47.23 percent said occasionally, 4.23 percent said once a month, 12.37 percent said once a week or more frequently, and 3.58 percent said more than once a week. The majority of the students responded that they usually drink alcoholic beverages at friends' houses (29.96 percent) or parties (38.43 percent). And 19.54 percent said they drink in cars, 54.07 percent of those that responded said they have friends that have a drinking problem. The majority reported that they would go to Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) for help if they or a friend had a drinking problem. 36.48 percent of the students admitted that they or other students are under stress because of their parents' drinking. The survey also showed that many under-age youths are able to buy alcoholic beverages. And many of the students (76.87 percent) thought the school should provide alcohol and drug education.

The Student Council offers this survey because we are interested in our fellow students and concerned about the use of what can be a very deadly drug, ALCOHOL.

Services held for Mary Ellen Lusk

Funeral services for Mary Ellen Lusk, 95, of Merkel were held Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Calvary Baptist Church in Stamford. Burial was in Highland Memorial Cemetery in Stamford, directed by Tankersley Funeral Home of Stamford with the Revs. Jack Riddlehoover and Mickey Parsley officiating.

Mrs. Lusk died Sunday at her home.

Born in Limestone County, she was a member of the First Methodist Church in Merkel.

Her husband, H.C. Lusk, died in 1960.

Survivors include a son, Bunk Lusk of Stamford; a daughter, Mrs. Frankie Stanford of Merkel; nine grandchildren; 25 great grandchildren; and 13 great great grandchildren.

Dudley says race not city vs rural

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the Bears getting revenge for their only blemish on an outstanding NFL season.

Taylor County incumbent Precinct 2 Commissioner Don Dudley announced for re-election Monday and he does have an opponent, Julian Bridges, a former Abilene city councilman announced he

wanted the spot last month.

There are going to be a couple of interesting things in this race.

Dudley does not see this as a city vs rural election but it seems the Abilene media is portraying it that way, especially **The Reporter News**.

Dudley feels, as I am sure Mr.

Bridges feels, he can represent both city and rural voters as well. It should be interesting.

Justice of the Peace Leo Mashburn has not announced his intentions yet but the filing deadline is not until the first week in February.

The Merkel Badgers are now in district basketball play and the Badgers, for the first time since I have been here, should be fielding a team capable of making the playoffs.

The Merkel girls, with a couple of key wins, could very well do the same.

Breck's girls down 9th grade here

The Breckenridge Freshman girls downed the Badgers' Freshmen here 45-18 Monday.

Melinda Baker and Richa Hill were the leading scorers with 6 points each. Hill led in rebounds with seven.

Also scoring for the Badgers were Pam Neff and Bena White, each with a bucket.

Coach Rhonda Rainwater told **The Mail** "We played them a lot better than we did earlier in the season. Breck doesn't move any Academic Boosters

will meet

The Academic Booster Club will have a meeting Jan. 13 at 7:30 p.m. in the High School Library. All interested parties are invited to attend.

Art group holds meeting

The Merkel Art Association held its regular meeting January 6th at Taylor Telephone Cooperative. Ruth Hogan conducted the meeting in the absence of the Club President. The program was presented by Cathy Edwards, President of Big Country Art Association of Abilene.

Cathy's program, "Art Available to the Artist in Big Country Area and Texas" was given. She discussed art exhibitions sponsored by the Big Country Arts and Texas Fine Arts.

Members attending the meeting were: Ted Allen, Ruth Buster, Marie Beard, Mary Stanley, Ethel Pee, Ruth Cox, Evelyn Stribling, Gay Featherston, and Ruth Hogan.

Freshmen up so were were playing their best."


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Massey-Jones repeat vows

Pamela Jayne Massey became the bride of Tommy Joe Jones in ceremonies held at the First Assembly of God Church here Dec. 30th.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. W. L. Massey of Merkel. The groom is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Tom Jones of Anson.

Robert Evans, minister of the Northside Baptist Church of Anson, officiated.

The Maid of honor was the bride's sister, Ginger Massey of Merkel. Best man was Ronnie Whisenhunt, also of Merkel.

Candlelighters were Mitchell Whitefield of Rotan and Jason Massey, brother of the bride, of Merkel.

Ushers were Brian Massey, brother of the bride, of Merkel and Lee Jones, the groom's brother, of Anson.

A reception was hosted by the bride's parents at Heritage Hall here following the wedding.

The bride is a 1982 graduate of Trent High and attended Western Texas College in Snyder. She is employed by SUN Exploration in Abilene.

The groom is a 1979 Anson High graduate and is a 1981 graduate of TSTI in drafting. He is employed by SUN Exploration in Oklahoma City.

The couple will live in Oklahoma City.



MISD lunch menu

The Merkel School menu is as follows:

Thursday January 9: Fried Chicken with cream gravy, whipped potatoes, french green beans, hot rolls, sliced peaches.

Friday January 10: Hamburgers, french fries, lettuce, tomato, pickle, onion, raisins.

Monday January 13: Burritos with cheese stick, comb. salad, green beans, plum cobbler.

Tuesday January 14: Beef stew, carrots, potatoes, and onions.

Wednesday January 15: grill cheese sandwich, vege. soup, slice bread, apple crisp.

Thursday January 16: Turkey roast with gravy, buttered rice, lettuce and tomato salad, squash casserole, hot rolls, pineapple jello.

Friday January 17: No School-Work Day.

Monday January 20: Chicken Fried steak with gravy, whipped

potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, rosey pears.

Tuesday January 21: Beef tacos pinto beans, shredded lettuce and cheese, pineapple pudding.

Wednesday January 22: Pizza, mixed vege., lettuce wedge, prune bars with icing.

Thursday January 23: Spaghetti lettuce and tomato salad, buttered corn, garlic bread, peaches and cream.

Friday January 24: hot dogs with chili, baked beans, fried okra, no bake cookie.

Services held for Anna May Clark

Anna May Clark, 94, of Merkel died Saturday at the Starr Nursing Home in Merkel. Services were at 2 p.m. Tuesday at First Baptist Church with the Rev. Kenneth Jones officiating, assisted by Rev. John Wagoner. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Born Anna May West July 1, 1891, in Abilene, she was the daughter of J. Van West and Mary Lou West. She moved, at an early age, to Nubia, which is located in Mulberry Canyon; and lived all

her life in the Merkel area. She married Houston Clark Dec. 15, 1909.

A homemaker, she was a long time member and worker in the Hebron Missionary Baptist Church. At the time of her death, she was a member of the Merkel First Baptist Church. She also was a long time member of the Union Ridge Home Demonstration Club.

Her husband died in 1972 and a son, Willie Joe Clark, died in 1961.

Survivors include two daughters Bernice Jones and Patsy McDuff, both of Merkel; three sons, Bernard Clark of Abilene, Woodrow Clark of Girard, Kan., and J.H. Clark Jr., of Merkel; nine grandchildren; 17 great grandchildren and four great great grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Vincent Barnett, Herman Carson, Jimmy Leverich, Jackie Reynolds, Paxton Hays and Robert Leo Harris.

Cemetery Christmas memorials

The Merkel Cemetery Christmas Memorials are as follows: Cornelia E. Stanley in memory of Dr. W.T. Sadler; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Higgins in memory of Dr. W.T. Sadler; Reta Patterson in memory of Howard Laney and Dewey Hutchins; Mary Lou and Waymon Hicks in memory of T.J. Neil and Howard Laney; Margaret L. Newby in memory of Dr. W.T. Sadler and Ada Bell Demere John and Roberta Williams in memory of John and Ola Stroud; Jewell Criswell in memory of Monty Criswell; Mr. and Mrs. Joe C. Higgins in memory of Annie Dishman; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hays in memory of Annie Dishman; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cypert in memory of Annie Dishman; Mattie Petty in memory of Annie Dishman; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Howard in memory of John Browning; Bessie Clack in memory of John Browning; Neighbors and friends on Cherry St. in memory of Frank Breaux and Howard Laney; Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Carson in memory of Howard Laney; Polly Fisher in memory of Annie Dishman; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Palmer in memory of Marie Shanks; Mr. and Mrs. C.M. Brown in memory of John Browning; Buster and Madelyn Horton in memory of Mrs. George Smith and Annie Dishman; Bettye Conley in memory of Annie Dishman; Mrs. W.T. Sadler in memory of Annie Dishman; Mr. and Mrs. James E. Gray; Hollis and Ethel Mitchell in memory of Houston Tiner; Leona Hogan in memory of Houston Tiner; Jack and Ruth Hogan in memory of Houston Tiner; Fern Windham in memory of Houston Tiner; Jack and Ruth Hogan in memory of Houston Tiner; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Higgins in memory of Mrs. George Smith; Mr. and Mrs. O.R. Fox in memory of Houston Tiner;

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Also: Mr. and Mrs. Clarence R. Collins; Nanilea and Carl Jackson Jr.; Mr. and Mrs. Louis E. Arnold; Mr. and Mrs. W.O. Winter in memory of A.T. Henderson; Dorothy N. Slagle in memory of Curtis Wilcox; Mr. and Mrs. Earl M. Watts; Mr. and Mrs. G.W. Comegys; Mr. and Mrs. Derwood Largston in memory of Mr. and Mrs. V.P. Byron; Mr. and Mrs. Otis Foster in memory of T.J. Neill; Evelyn Stribling in memory of Leonard Stribling; Mary Collins Evelyn J. Brown in memory of

A.R. Brown; Genevieve King in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cox and Mabel; Mr. and Mrs. Ray Cox in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cox and Mabel; Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Rister in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cox and Mabel; Mrs. Henry Foster in memory of J.C. Foster, Robert Earl Foster, Henry Foster, and others; Nora M. Hendrix; L.J. and Lucille Gray; Mr. and Mrs. Billy C. Young in memory of Mr. and Mrs. H.W. Hester; P.E. and Dorothy Allen in memory of their parents Mr. and Mrs. Joe Higgins and Mr. and Mrs. Pick Allen; Evelyn Bensley in memory of Mr. and Mrs. W.T. Curb; Mr. and Mrs. J.M. Harris in memory of Loved ones; Bilye G. and Betty J. Gant in memory of Sallie Gant and Mr. and Mrs. P.K. Pee; Vera and Ideen Ely in memory of Mr. and Mrs. A.W. Ely and other family members; Maurine White; Mr. and Mrs. A.J. Greenfield in memory of Frank Breaux and Dr. W.T. Sadler; Mrs. W.B. Higginbotham; Mr. and Mrs. A.P. Farr in memory of Henry K. Farr; O.R. and Fena W. Gladden in memory of Mr. and Mrs. George Smith and Lindy and Mr. and Mrs. O.R. Gladden; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jackson in memory of R.T. Jackson and R.C. Goode; Mrs. Gillis Cox in memory of her mother Mrs. W.B. Alsbrooks; Fred Guitar; Fred E. Allyn; Bertha M. Collins in memory of C.M. Largent Jr. family; Frank L. Carr in memory of Ethel Carr; Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Stanley in memory of Stanley family; Ike Maxwell in memory of Grace Maxwell; J.H. Daniels; Ted McAninch; Gertrude Dowdy in memory of Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Dowdy; Charlotte C. Sanders and family in

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We wish to thank our friends and neighbors for their many acts of kindness to us. Your prayers, visits, food, flowers, cards and memorials add to all our beautiful memories of our mother. Special thanks to Dr. Tran, to the girls and staff of Starr Nursing Home, to Bro. Wayne Keller, Bro. Kenneth Jones, and Bro. John Wagoner, as well as Roy and Sandy Davis Benny Williams and Mike Pippens, each of you in your service to us has made this time so much easier for us. God Bless You.

The Family of Mrs. Houston Clark 146-1tc

GARAGE SALES

Garage Sale: Pool table, 6 way electric seat for Chev., TV, radio, cameras, cupboard doors and drawers, desks, fiber glass kids car bodies, drapes, shelled pecans, etc. 928-5090, Jan. 11th - 15th, (9 a.m.-7 p.m.) First left past Taylor Telephone office, Lee Yaddow's Place. 146-1tc

PUBLIC NOTICES

THE STATE OF TEXAS To: Don Davenport, Address Unknown, Defendant, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before ten o'clock A.M. of the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being Monday the 10th day of Feb., 1986 at or before ten o'clock A.M. before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County, Texas, at the Court House of said County in Abilene, Texas.

Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court, on the 13th day of September, A.D. 1985, in this cause, numbered 39,491-A on the docket of said court, and styled, Galloway Enterprises, Inc. Plaintiff, vs. Don Davenport, Individually and d/ b/ a Don Davenport Operating, Inc., Defendant.

The names of the parties to the cause are as follows: Galloway Enterprises, Inc. are Plaintiffs and Don Davenport, Individually and d/ b/ a Don Davenport Operating, Inc., are Defendants.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Suit on Account Plaintiff prays that Defendant be cited to appear herein and that on final hearing Plaintiff have judgment against the Defendant for the sum of \$18,194.93, together with the sum of \$6,000.00 as attorney's fees, in the total sum of \$24,194.93, for costs in this behalf expended, and for such other relief as the Plaintiff may be entitled either at law or in equity, 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 process shall promptly execute the same according to law, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 23rd day of December, A.D. 1985.

Attest: Rilla Mahoney District Clerk 42nd District Court Taylor County, Texas By Patricia Henderson Deputy (SEal) 145-4tc-9t

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF THE ESTATE OF RUBY NEBB -Letters of Administration were granted in the Estate of Ruby Nebb, Cause No. 16,921, in the County Court of Taylor County, Texas.

NOTICE TO THE CREDITORS OF THE ESTATE OF FLORENCE CHISLOM CREAUGH -Letters of Administration were granted in the Estate of Florence Chisolm Creaugh, Cause No. 16,923 in the County Court of Taylor County, Texas, on the 9th day of December, 1985. All persons having claims against said Estate shall file same with the undersigned in the time and manner acquired by law.

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Sesquicentennial essay contest planned

The Heritage Club, a non-profit Abilene area organization, is announcing today the first of a series of essay contests it is sponsoring during the Texas Sesquicentennial celebration. The purpose is to promote public awareness of our Texas and U.S. heritage.

This first contest, open to all Big Country residents, will close on February 23rd (the 150th anniversary of the start of the Alamo siege). First, Second and Third Place winners will be announced

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on March 16th (the 150th anniversary of the Constitution of the Republic of Texas).

Winning awards will consist of hundreds of dollars in cash plus valuable silver coins commemorating The Texas Sesquicentennial.

Individuals who are interested in participation may obtain information and a copy of contest rules by writing to, or phoning: The Heritage Club, 1726 N. 3rd St., Abilene, Texas 79603, (915) 677-5950. Contact: John Fifield, Treasurer.



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by
Jim Mattox
Attorney General

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These are price comparison advertisements, my Consumer Protection attorneys say, and they are a widely used, effective means of promoting a product.

In price comparison advertising, current prices for goods or services offered for sale to consumers are compared with previous prices, with future prices or with other stated values. This is to show price reductions, cost savings or sales, and is a common form of advertising.

Price comparisons based on inflated or arbitrary prices can be misleading, and my lawyers say, could constitute violations of the Deceptive Trade Practices-Consumer Protection Act, which prohibits "false or misleading statements of fact concerning the reasons for, existence of, or amount of price reductions."

They say that while most businessmen use price comparisons to advertise legitimate cost reductions, there are a few unscrupulous merchants who treat both consumers and their competitors unfairly by misusing price comparison advertising.

For example, they may raise the price of an attractive item, then later offer "an incredible price reduction on our most popular line of power tools." Our lawyers say it's misleading and illegal if the seller raised his price on an item a short period before a sale, since the previous price must have been in effect for a reasonable period of time and must have been sold regularly at the price before the sale.

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Consumers should also read sale literature carefully. Phrases such as "made to sell for \$29" or "compare at \$7.99" can be meaningless. They may not mean the merchandise actually sold at that price or that the merchant even tried to sell it at that price. Yet they give the impression that the pur-

chaser will be getting a real bargain.

Other phrases such as "reduced from manufacturer's suggested retail price" can also be misleading if a manufacturer customarily lists an unrealistically high "suggested price" so retailers can offer what seems to be a good buy.

And offering merchandise at "factory price," "dealer costs" or "wholesale" can be deceptive if the merchant's definition of "dealer cost" means what an item cost a dealer, plus his overhead, advertising costs, sales commissions and other expenses.

There's a world of kid-size fun in every "Dairy Queen"



Fun Bunch Lunch™

Even Funfighter McDoom can't spoil the fun of a "Dairy Queen" Fun Bunch Lunch. It comes in its own pop-up wagon with games, puzzles, riddles and jokes — and the D.Q. Kid, Sweet Nell and McDoom are all along for the ride. Inside, there's your choice of hot dog or hamburger, plus fries, drink and a coupon for a free cone. So treat your kids to a world of fun — with the "Dairy Queen" Fun Bunch Lunch.



Rats! They're having fun again!



"better than ever"

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WTU's Energy Saving Plan...

...Your Framework for Energy Savings.

The Energy Saving Plan

Start building your framework for energy savings by participating in WTU's Energy Saving Plan. Below are just a few of the ways you can save with E.S.P. For additional information about the Energy Saving Plan, call your local WTU office.

Save Money in Bills!

You can save up to twenty-six percent in home energy bills a year with an E.S.P. Home. An average 1800 square foot home will cost approximately \$775 a year to heat and cool. The same size E.S.P. Home will only cost about \$570 a year to heat and cool. That's an annual savings of over \$200! (Energy savings may vary with the type of home, family size and individual energy usage habits.)

Get a Cash Bonus!

WTU will pay you \$110 per ton when you install an electric heat pump in your home. WTU will also pay cash bonuses for heat pump window units, energy-efficient air conditioners, heat recovery units for electric water heaters, and solar-assisted electric water heaters in new or existing single-family homes. To qualify for the bonus program, your home must meet all of the E.S.P. requirements and be served by WTU.

Increase Your Resale Value

If you decide to sell your E.S.P. Home in the future, you can expect a higher resale value because your home is E.S.P.-qualified. That means lower energy bills to any prospective home buyer.

WEST TEXAS UTILITIES COMPANY



A Member of The Central and South West System

Remember REDDY Supplies the energy — but only YOU can use it wisely!

WHERE MIRACLES HAPPEN!

- ★ Rex Allen, Sr.
- ★ Anacani
- ★ Arthur Duncan
- ★ Bill and Susan Hayes
- ★ Rex Allen, Jr.
- ★ Reba McEntire
- ★ The Judds
- ★ Ray Price
- ★ Shari Lewis

Join the Excitement!
REHAB '86
Saturday, January 11,
7-12 pm
A special night for the
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SAVINGS

PRICES GOOD
Thur-Fri-Sat
Jan. 9-10 & 11
STORE HOURS
7:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.
MON THRU SAT
CLOSED SUNDAY

HAIR SPRAY
VO-5
7 OZ CAN \$1.49

CRISCO
\$1.98
1 LIMIT
With \$15 IN TRADE OR MORE
EXCLUSIVE OF CIGARETTES

PARADE
1/2 MOON
CHEESE
10 OZ PKG **\$1.19**

PARADE 11 OZ CAN
MANDRIN **ORANGES** CAN **53¢**

CANDY
MANDM BONUS 12 OZ **\$1.19**
PARADE 8 OZ CAN **3 FOR 49¢**

COOKING OIL
WESSON
24 OZ BOTTLE **\$1.19**

COUNTRY CROCK
SPREAD
1 LB TUB **69¢**

DEL MONTE 303 CUT
GREEN **BEANS** 2 FOR **89¢**

FROZEN FOODS
PATIO MEXICAN
DINNER ASST EA **\$1.29**

PIONEER
BISCUIT MIX
40 OZ BOX **\$1.59**

PARADE
PLAIN OR WITH BEANS
CHILI
300 CAN EACH **69¢**

DEL MONTE 303
SWEET **PEAS** 2 FOR **89¢**

ORE IDA 4 EAR
CORN ON COB \$1.29 BAG

CAMPBELLS
CHICKEN NOODLE
SOUP
NO 1 CAN 2 FOR **79¢**

OLD EL PASO
REFRIED
BEANS
15 OZ CAN **49¢**

PARADE 303
SWEET **POTATOES** 2 FOR **79¢**

STILWELL
SOUP OR STEW
VEGETABLES BAG **98¢**

FOREMOST
ICE CREAM
ROUND CRTN 1/2 GAL **\$1.69**

PARADE
RAMEN
NOODLES
3 OZ PKG 6 FOR **99¢**

CONTADINA 300
WHOLE **TOMATOES** 2 FOR **89¢**

CITRUS HILL
ORANGE JUICE 6 OZ CAN **49¢**

FRANCO AMERICAN 300
SPAGHETTI **SAUCE** 2 FOR **89¢**

NIFTY
LOOSE LEAF
FILLER 200 CT PKG **69¢**

WOLF 300
WESTERN **BEANS** 3 FOR **99¢**

GOLD MEDAL TEA BAGS
FLOUR LIPTON FOLGERS
FAMILY
5 LB BAG **93¢** 24 CT BOX **\$1.89** 13 OZ CAN **\$1.99**

We're Crowing About these Fine
FRYERS
USDA GRADE "A"
63¢
FRESH WHOLE POUND

DAIRYLAND
HOMO
MILK
GAL JUG **\$1.93**

DAIRYLAND
LOW FAT
MILK
GAL JUG **\$1.85**

KRAFTS-DELUXE
MACCORONI CHEESE
DINNER 14 OZ BOX **\$1.19**

ORANGES
CALIFORNIA
NAVEL
SEEDLESS
LB **39¢**

FRESH GRADE A
FRYERS CUT UP POUND **73¢**
CHOICE BEEF
SIRLOIN **STEAK** BONELESS LEAN LB. **\$2.29**
CHOICE BEEF
T-BONE **STEAK** EXTRA TRIM LEAN **\$2.95**

FOREMOST
BUTTER MILK 1/2 GAL CTRN **\$1.09**
YOGURT 8 OZ CRTN **43¢**

FRESH
BROCCOLI LB **59¢**
EXTRA FANCY
RED **APPLES** LB **49¢**

OSCAR MAYER
FRANKS ALL MEAT 16 OZ PKG **\$1.89**
MELLO CRISP
BACON POUND **\$1.59**
GOOCH BIG COUNTRY
SAUSAGE 2 LBS SACK **\$1.99**
ARMOUR STAR
BOLOGNA 12 OZ PKG **\$1.35**
LOUIS RICH-FROZEN
GROUND **TURKEY** 1 LB **\$1.09**

PARADE
NAPKINS 140 CT PKG **73¢**
SOFTNER
BOUNCE BUY 1 GET 1 FREE
2 40 CT BOX **\$2.39**

FRESH LARGE
CUCUMBERS 2 FOR **59¢**
GOLDEN
BANANAS LB **29¢**

VELVET
TOWELS JUMBO ROLL **49¢**
LIQUID
IVORY KING SIZE **\$1.49**

FRESH-CELLO
CAULIFLOWER LB **79¢**
CALIFORNIA
AVACADOS 2 FOR **59¢**

DETERGENT
CHEER FAMILY SIZE **\$4.98**
BATH BAR **69¢**

YELLOW
ONIONS LB **19¢**
RUSSET
SPUDS 10 LB BAG **\$1.19**

PARADE
PEACH PRESERVES
18 OZ JAR **89¢**

PARADE
PEANUT
BUTTER
18 OZ JAR **\$1.19**

VLASIC
KOSHER OR POLISH
PICKLES
32 OZ JAR **\$1.19**

WE GIVE
GIFT BOND
STAMPS
Double on
Wednesday
with \$5.00
or more

WE WELCOME FOOD STAMPS
CARSON'S SUPER MARKET
MERKEL, TEXAS
FRESH VEGETABLES
BEST MEATS IN TOWN