

The Merkel Mail

Thursday, January 16, 1985 ... Merkel, Texas

Our 97th Year



Amber Whisenhunt of Merkel is shown with her Grand Champion market hog at last weeks Merkel Stock Show. Amber also placed her animals well in other swine divisions.

Staff photo

Results from Saturday's Merkel Livestock Show

The results of the Merkel Livestock Show are as follows:

Medium Wool: Lt. Wt.: 1. Lance Perry, 2. Roy Herd Manahan, 3. Angie Welborn, 4. Amy Welborn, 5. Amy Welborn, 6. Ray Goff, 7. Kris Harris; Angora Goats: 1. James Johnson, 2. James Johnson, 3. James Johnson, Grand Reserve James Johnson; Breed Champion Medium Wool Lance Perry, Reserve Champion Medium Wool Roy Herd Manahan.

Sheep Division: Fine Wool Lt. Wt.: 1. Lance Perry, 2. Ricky Riley, 3. Ricky Riley, 4. Roy Herd Manahan; Heavy Wt. 1. Lance Perry, 2. Roy Herd Manahan, 3. Roy Herd Manahan, 4. Ricky Riley, Breed Champion Finewool Lance Perry. Crossbreds: Lt. Wt. 1. Mitzi Shelton, 2. Mitzi Shelton, 3. Stephanie, 4. Ray Cobb, 5. Ray Goff, 6. Ray Goff; Hvy. Wt. 1. Roy Herd Manahan, 2. Bridgett Vaughn, 3. Coty Manahan, 4. Lance Perry, 5. Stephanie Boyd, 6. Mitzi Shelton; Breed Champion Crossbred Roy Herd Manahan, Reserve Champion Crossbred Bridgett Vaughn; Southdown: Lt. Wt. 1. Melissa Harris Grand, 2. Bridgett Vaughn Reserve Grand; Breeding Sheep: 1. Stephanie Boyd Grand, 2. Julie Lanford Reserve, Jeanette Langford, 4. Julie Lanford, 5. Jeanette Lan-

ford; Grand Champion Lamb Lance Perry, Reserve Champion Lamb Roy Herd Manahan, Lamb Showmanship Lance Perry, Second Place Lamb Showmanship Roy Herd Manahan.

Rabbit Division: Bucks: 1. Tricia Newsom, 2. Suzie Hammond, 3. Misti Doan, 4. Suzie Hammond, 5. Joe Murphy, 6. Suzie Hammond, 7. Stephanie Boyd; Does: 1. Suzie Hammond, 2. Greg Pilgrim, 3. Kevin Waller, 4. Stephanie Boyd, 5. Shelle Green, 6. Sandra Marshall, 7. Suzie Hammond, Grand Champion Breeding Rabbit Tricia Newsom, Reserve Champion Breeding Rabbit Suzie Hammond, Rabbit Showmanship Joe Murphy, Second Place Showmanship Suzie Hammond.

Swine Division: Berkshires: Lt. Wt. 1. Cassie Townsend, 2. Cassie Townsend, 3. Cassie Townsend, 4. Doug Bauer, Breed Champion Berkshire Cassie Townsend, Reserve Champion Berkshire Cassie Townsend; Chesterwhite Lt. Wt. 1. Billy Riley, 2. Melissa Davis, 3. Chris Harris, 4. Brad Cochran; Hvy. Wt. 1. Billy Riley, 2. Russell Morgan, 3. Todd Smith, 4. Ricky Riley, 5. Ricky Doan, Breed Champion Billy Riley, Reserve Breed Champion Russell Morgan, Hampshire: Lt. Wt. 1. Kelly

Yarboough, 2. Amber Whisenhunt, 3. Jimmy Collier, 4. Billy Hair, 5. Criswell Whisenhunt; Hvy. Wt. 1. Amber Whisenhunt, 2. Russell Morgan, 3. Lynn Hays, 4. Connie McMillian, 5. John Bauer, 6. Justin Harris, Breed Champion Hampshire Amber Whisenhunt, Reserve Champion Hampshire Russell Morgan.

Durocs: Lt. Wt. 1. John Paul Dudley, 2. Robin Dudley, 3. John Paul Dudley, 4. Randy Dudley, 5. Kevin Mitchell, 6. Kevin Mitchell, 7. Kevin Mitchell, 8. Kerry Miller, Med. Wt. 1. Melissa Harris, 2. Criswell Whisenhunt, 3. Kris Harris, 4. Robin Dudley, 5. Doug Bauer, Hvy. Wt. 1. Scott Easley, 2. Dennis Ludkte, 3. Lorena Pack, 4. John Paul Dudley, 5. Lynn Hays, 6. Kerry Miller, Breed Champion Duroc Scott Easley, Reserve Champion Duroc Melissa Harris.

Poland Chinas: Lt. Wt. 1. Jay Williams, 2. Twilla Williams, Breed Champion Poland China Jay Williams, Reserve Champion Poland China Twilla Williams; Spotted Poland China: Lt. Wt. 1. Mitzi Shelton, 2. C.J. White, 3. Mitzi Shelton, 4. Keith Wilson, Grand Mitzi Shelton, Reserve C.J. White.

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Council votes to keep alley open; tax collections are low

The Merkel City Council met Monday night and voted not to close an alley at their regular meeting held Monday night at the Merkel Emergency Medical Service Building.

Council has been asked by a landowner to close an alley. The person making the request owns the entire block where the alley is located and a potential sale between the owner and a person wanting to build a home there, prompted the request.

Council followed City Manager J. A. Sadler's recommendation to leave the alley open until the sale of the lots has been completed, and then to act on the alley closing proposal at a later date.

In other action, councilmen

learned a new hole will be dug at the City Landfill. The last hole lasted a year and the new hole will be 50' wide by 300' long and 8' deep.

Council also discussed tax collections for the city. With less than 15 days remaining, about 40 percent of Merkel's property taxes have not been paid. The deadline for doing so, without penalty, is Feb. 1. The city still needs to collect about \$46,000 in 1985 taxes.

Merkel Police Chief Ray Pack also presented his monthly police report as well as a report on his department's activities for 1985 (See related story).

In December, Merkel police

worked 101 cases.

Police investigated two cases each of criminal mischief, run-aways and harassment.

Police worked nine traffic accidents and a case of criminal trespassing. They answered four burglar alarms and investigated seven prowler calls. They answered four dog calls and picked up three dogs.

They investigated four cases of assault and a case of aggravated sexual assault. They issued 30 traffic citations, investigated six thefts and five burglaries.

They also investigated six family disturbances and made nine misdemeanor arrests and three felony arrests.

Mashburn files for re-election

Precinct 2 Justice of the Peace Leo Mashburn filed for re-election Tuesday.

Mashburn will be seeking his

second term as the local justice of the peace.

So far, he has no opposition but the filing deadline for county

offices is not until Feb. 3rd at 6 p.m.

The party primary elections will be held May 3rd and the general election is set for Nov. 4th.

Police checking leads in Drug Store break-in

Merkel Police were checking leads Tuesday after an early Monday morning break in at Merkel Drug here.

Thieves tried to enter the front door but were unable to get through the locked door. They

entered the building from the rear door by taking the door apart.

Once inside, they made off with watches, colognes and a large amount of prescription drugs, including about 3,000 Valium tablets, according to Danny

Woodall the store's pharmacist and owner.

Thieves also ruined the door on the store's safe.

Last week, the Merkel Skinny's store was robbed as well as break-ins at Pat's Beauty Shop and Wilson's Jewelry.

Merkel Chamber sets chili supper

The Merkel Chamber of Commerce has scheduled a chili supper Jan. 24th at Heritage Hall starting at 5:30 p.m.

The Merkel Badgers will be

hosting the Wylie Bulldogs that night here in an important 6AAA basketball game.

The Chamber will be selling chili at \$2.50 per bowl. Tea will be

included with the meal.

The Chamber is sponsoring this fund raising supper to fund ongoing Chamber activities.

Sales tax rebates are down 8 %

Merkel's sales tax rebates for January are 8.15 percent behind those of last year according to a news release from the State Comptroller's Office.

Merkel's January check, representing November sales by local merchants, was \$3,699.67 compared to \$4,027.81 for January of last year.

Tye's rebates are 21.33 percent ahead of last year.

Tye received \$5,130.46 compared to \$4,228.60 for January, 1985.

Trent's rebate check was under \$500 for January and the State does not send checks for less than \$500.

Ablene, Merkel and Impact were the three county cities that received checks lower than last year while Tye leads the way in increases according to the news release.

The state comptroller said statewide averages found Texas cities up three percent over last

January and said since Thanksgiving fell in the middle of a reporting period would lessen some checks to cities. He said that difference would be shown on next month's checks.

Texas law provides for a one percent rebate of the state sales tax to be rebated directly to cities where goods are purchased.

Tye Chamber plans chili supper/concert

The Tye Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a Chili Supper and Concert January 20, 1986 at the Tye Elementary School. The Chili

Supper will be held from 5 p.m. till 7:30 p.m. The concert featuring Canyon will be held from 8 p.m. till 9 p.m. Total cost for the supper

and concert is \$3.50 for adults and \$2.50 for students.

Tickets can be obtained by calling 692-2679 or 698-2076.

Trent stock show results

The Trent Livestock Show results are as follows:

Fryer Rabbits (pen of three), 1st Mike Wallis, Grand Champion Mike Wallis; Broiler Chickens (pen of three), 1st Joey Bredemeyer, Grand Champion Joey Bredemeyer; Barrows: Yorkshire: 1st Melony Orr, Champion York Melony Orr; Chester White: 1st Mark Payne, 2nd Dock Carriker, Champion Chester White Mark Payne, Reserve Champion Chester White Dock Carriker; Spots and Polands: 1st Ginger Massey, 2nd Terri Gaskill; Champion Spot and Poland Ginger Massey, Reserve Champion Spot and Poland Terri Gaskill; Berkshire: Lt. Wt.: 1st Bebo Beaver, 2nd Missy Simpson, Hvy. Wt. 1st

Scott O'Kelly, 2nd Lee Hunt, Champion Berkshire Scott O'Kelly Reserve Berkshire Lee Hunt; Duroc: Lt. Wt. 1st William Self; 2nd Jason Massey; Hvy. Wt. 1st Chris Simpson, 2nd Mark Payne, Champion Duroc William Self, Reserve Duroc Chris Simpson; Hampshire: Lt. Wt. 1st Lewis Knapp, 2nd Willie Brazelton, 3rd Mark Payne, 4th Simon Dela Cruz; Hvy. Wt. 1st Chad Sipe, 2nd Ty Hunt, 3rd Sam Jones, Champion Hamp Chad Sipe, Reserve Hamp Ty Hunt; Crosses: Lt. Wt. 1st Lewis Knapp, 2nd Chris Simpson, 3rd Dock Carriker, 4th Simon Dela Cruz, 5th Jason Massey, 6th Ginger Massey; Med. Wt. 1st Britt Sipe, 2nd Chris Jones, 3rd Billy Clark, 4th Scott O'Kelly,

5th Ginger Massey, 6th Jason Massey, 7th Brian Massey; Hvy. Wt. 1st Crystal Hunt, 2nd Lisa Slaton, 3rd Willie Brazelton, 4th Brian Massey, 5th Brian Massey, 6th Willie Brazelton, Champion Cross Crystal Hunt, Reserve Cross Lisa Slaton, Grandchampion Barrow Chad Sipe, Reserve Grandchampion Barrow William Self; Steers: Lt. Wt. 1st Scott O'Kelly, 2nd Scott O'Kelly, 3rd Scott O'Kelly; Hvy. Wt. 1st Britt Sipe, 2nd Chad Sipe, Grandchampion Steer Britt Sipe, Reserve Grand Champion Steer Scott O'Kelly; Showmanship Awards, Rabbits Mike Wallis, Steers Scott O'Kelly, Barrows 1st Lee Hunt, 2nd Bebo Beaver, 3rd Brian Massey.



Friendly competitors

Mark Payne [left] had the big winner at the Trent Livestock

Show. Lee Hunt [right] also fared well in the competitions.

Staff photo

More Merkel Stock Show results

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Yorkshire Lt. Wt. 1. Criswell Whisenhunt Grand. 2. Amber Whisenhunt Reserve. 3. John Bauer. 4. Ricky Flores.

Crossbred Lt. Wt. 1. Donnie Todd. 2. Lee Cain. 3. Destry Pack. 4. Gary Tilly. Middleweight 1. Doug Bauer. 2. Lynn Hays. 3. Ricky Riley. 4. Billy Ray Riley. 5. Ricky Riley. 6. Keith Wilson. Hvy. Wt. 1. Amber Whisenhunt. 2. Criswell Whisenhunt. 3. Russell Morgan. 4. Lynn Hays. Breed Champion Amber Whisenhunt. Reserve Breed Champion Criswell Whisenhunt. Overall Grand Champion Market Hog Amber Whisenhunt. Overall Reserve Grand Champion Hog Billy Ray Riley. Market Swine Showmanship Amber Whisenhunt. Second Place Swine Showmanship Lynn Hays.

Breeding Gilt: Lt. Wt. 1. Randy Dudley. 2. Ricky Riley. 3. Kevin Mitchell. 4. Kevin Mitchell. 5. Twilla Williams. Medium Wt. 1. Lynn Hays. 2. John Dudley. 3. Cassie Townsend. 4. Robyn Dudley. 5. Phillip Seymore. 6. Chris Harris. Hvy. Wt. 1. Criswell Whisenhunt. 2. Russell Morgan. 3. Robyn Dudley. 4. Lynn Hays.

Grand Champion Breeding Gilt Criswell Whisenhunt. Reserve Champion Breeding Gilt Randy Dudley.

Cattle Division: Steers: Lt. Wt. 1. Roy Herd Manahan. 2. Michelle Barnett. 3. Josh Mashburn. Middle Wt. 1. Randy Toombs. 2. Michelle Barnett. 3. Christi Wade. 4. Roy Herd Manahan. Hvy. Wt. 1. Wade Toombs. 2. Randy Toombs. 3. Brent Toombs. Grand Champion Steer Wade Toombs. Reserve Champion Steer Randy Toombs. Steer Showmanship Roy Herd Manahan. Second Place Showmanship Michelle Barnett.

Breeding Cattle: Heifers: Class One: 1. Keith Munden. 2. Linda Munden. 3. Debbie Pack. 4. Debbie Pack. 5. Debbie Pack. Class Two: 1. Debbie Pack. 2. Kevin Munden. 3. Debbie Pack. 4. Keith Munden. Class Three: 1. Kerry Munden. 2. Casey Ellison. 3. Debbie Pack. Grand Champion Heifer Kerry Munden. Reserve Champion Heifer Keith Munden. Breeding Cattle: Showmanship Debbie Pack. Second Place Showmanship Keith Munden.



Tricia Newsom showed the Grand Champion breeding rabbit at the Merkel Stock Show last Saturday. Staff photo

Middle school boys bring home Rotan trophies

Merkel's 7th and 8th grade boys took 1st and 2nd place in the Rotan tournament last Saturday.

The 7th grade boys took home the 1st place trophy beating Hamlin 50 to 19 and Rotan 59 to 14. High point in the Hamlin game was John Boswell with 18 points. Sean Leaman had 16. John Boswell was high point in the championship game also. Boswell scored 20 and Leaman scored 18 points.

The 8th grade boys took 2nd place in the tournament. Merkel beat Hamlin 37 to 22. Rotan defeated Merkel 40 to 35 in the championship game. In the first game against Hamlin, Kyle Doan scored 21 points for high point. Brandon Rice had 6 points. Steven Bauer had 4. David Thomas 3. Steven Ross 2 and David Clark 1. The highlight of the game was Steven Ross's 65 foot shot at the end of the 3rd quarter.

In the championship game, Brandon Rice was high scorer with 13 points. David Thomas 8. Steven Bauer 6. Kyle Doan 4. Steven Jacobs and Steven Ross 2 points each. In the two games Merkel's 8th grade gold team lost both of its games in the tournament. Rotan won 39 to 24 in the first game. Chance Ferguson was high point with 6 points. Dusty McCloud and Randy Toombs had 4 points each. James Talent, J. Thomas, Mike Blue, Troy Hovet and Chris Pack each had 2 points.

The 8th grade gold was defeated 29 to 27 by Hamlin in the consolation game. Dusty McCloud and Chance Ferguson had 8 points each. James Talent had 6. Mike Blue 3. Johnny Thomas 2.

Merkel will play its last home game next Thursday, Jan. 23. The boys and girls 7th and 8th grade teams will play here beginning at 4:00 p.m.

Chili suppers, locals will run, central road system

by Cloy A. Richards

Okay, it's going to be snowing in April isn't it?

With January afternoons in the high 60's and low 70's, there's not much telling what spring will be like, if we even have one.

It may be one of those "straight into summer from winter" kind of years.

The Merkel and Trent Stock Shows came off well Saturday.

It made for a busy day for me until Joey found a rusty nail with his foot while playing behind the new Ag Show Arena here.

The new facility received its first workout at the Merkel show and a lot of people I talked to said they were quite impressed.

I'll still take the Bears in two weeks, even though I blew last week's prediction on who their opponent would be. Only one more football game until late summer?

The Merkel and Tye Chambers of Commerce have scheduled chili suppers.

The Tye supper is January 20th and includes a concert by the group Canyon. Tickets are \$3.50 for adults and \$2.50 for students. The supper will be held at the Tye Elementary School cafeteria.

The Merkel Chamber will sponsor a chili supper Jan. 24th starting at 5:30 p.m. at Heritage Hall.

Chili is \$2.50 per bowl and drinks will be provided.

The Merkel Chamber's supper is planned around the Merkel-Wylie basketball game here that night.

If we don't get some rain soon, we are going to have to ask Dale Hammond to draw one his patented, rain making cartoons.

The local wheat could stand a good drenching.

The building fund for the new City Hall now has almost \$15,000, all from collections of the 2 percent gross tax on local Bingo games.

That building will be constructed South of the Merkel Emergency Medical Service building.

Also, improvements are planned or started at the Merkel Volunteer Fire Department's station and the Merkel Emergency Medical Service Building.

Insulation was being applied to the fire station Monday and Tuesday and a storage area will be added to the ambulance building.

For those of you who think not a whole lot goes on around here, check out the Merkel Police Department's annual activity report in this week's paper.

Now say there not a whole lot



happening in town.

The City Council is concerned about the property tax collection rate.

All city taxes are due Feb. 1 and so far, the city has collected only 40 percent of current taxes due.

With lower revenue sharing income and lower sales tax rebates, council may start watching the bottom line closer than ever.

Both local Taylor County office holders have now announced for re-election.

Taylor County Precinct 2 Commissioner Don Dudley announced last week and Precinct 2 Justice of the Peace Leo Mashburn paid his filing fee Tuesday morning.

The field won't be set until Feb. 3rd at 6 p.m., which is the filing deadline.

Speaking of Taylor County, I read with great interest, an article in the Reporter News recently about a system of managing county roads in Texas.

The idea of the system, is to have a centralized road repair facility, instead of the current method, where each commissioner takes care of roads in his precinct with the precinct's own equipment.

The logic behind the proposal is pretty easy to understand. The "centralized" system would keep counties from duplicating equipment purchases and it makes a lot of sense these days to have one office instead of five small ones.

For Taylor County to implement the system, the county would have to hire a county road engineer and staff, decorate and pay for the support people in his office.

That office would then be in charge of dispatching equipment for jobs needed in the county.

That office would also be responsible for setting the priorities in which the needed road work would be performed.

With that in mind, I have a couple of points to raise about the system that is being studied by the League of Women Voters in Abilene, the media and county officials.

It's the classic confrontation rural people have been fighting, and losing for years.

Let's say you live on the opposite side of the county from the "centralized road and bridge section. You can bet you would be the last person to get service in that case.

I also have a strong suspicion that this "centralized" office won't be immune to political pressures. If you don't think a

bumpy road out of the city limits of Abilene near Wylie schools won't get more attention than a dirt county road South of Merkel, you are sadly mistaken.

I like the idea of having a local county commissioner responsible for the upkeep of the roads and

right of way in the area. Personally, I'd much rather ask someone like Don Dudley to grade a road than have to talk to some engineer in an office on the other side of the county, who's probably never even seen my dirt road.

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City property taxes are past due Feb. 2

On Feb. 1, most of the unpaid property taxes in Texas become delinquent property taxes, including City of Merkel taxes.

"It pays to pay property taxes on time," said Ron Patterson, executive director of the State Property Tax Board. "Delinquent taxpayers must pay additional penalty and interest charges, and they run the risk of lawsuits, clouded land titles, and even seizure and sale of their property if they make no effort to pay."

Patterson emphasized that even property owners who do not receive bills must still pay their property taxes on time or else face additional delinquency charges. "Texas law states that failure to receive a tax bill does not relieve the taxpayer of his responsibility for paying property taxes on time," he explained.

Most taxing units mail tax bills in October or November with a delinquency date of Feb. 1.

In most cases, property taxes that remain unpaid on Feb. 1 are considered delinquent. The delinquency date is postponed for tax bills that are mailed after Jan. 10. Special payment plans offered by some taxing units also result in later delinquency dates.

In all cases, the delinquency date will appear on the tax bill. All taxpayers must be given at least 21 days to pay after their bills are mailed before their taxes become delinquent.

By paying before Feb. 1, the taxpayer avoids penalty and interest charges. Regular penalty charges can go as high as 12 percent, and interest is charged at the rate of one percent per month. "For example," said Patterson, "someone who pays taxes a year late will have to pay the original amount plus an additional 24 percent in penalty and interest."

Taxing units that hire outside attorneys to collect their delin-

quent taxes can charge an additional 15 percent penalty for attorney's fees.

Tax collectors notify delinquent taxpayers at least once. Many collectors send additional notices and warning letters. "By responding to these warnings and paying their bills, taxpayers can avoid the expense of a delinquent tax suit and the risk of losing their property to pay the overdue taxes," said Patterson.

State law protects homeowners age 65 and over from tax suits and seizure of their home. By filing a "tax deferral affidavit" with the appraisal district, an elderly homeowner can postpone paying taxes on his home for as long as he owns the home and lives in it. If the over-65 homeowner has been sued for delinquent taxes, he can suspend the suit by filing a tax deferral affidavit with the court.

"The tax deferral only postpones tax payments—it does not cancel them," Patterson explained. "The taxes, penalties and

interest will continue to add up. Once the property changes hands, these taxes become due immediately."

Appraisal district offices can answer questions on the over-65 tax deferral and provide affidavit forms.

Some tax collectors allow delinquent taxes to be paid in installments. By signing an installment agreement, the delinquent taxpayer is admitting that he owes all the taxes covered by the agreement. However, he cannot be sued for delinquent taxes as long as he makes the installment payments on time and keeps other property taxes paid up.

"someone who buys real estate can't get a clear title until all the delinquent taxes on the property are paid."

In addition, the law makes each person who owns taxable property on Jan. 1 personally liable for the taxes. The Jan. 1 owner can be sued personally for unpaid taxes even if he has sold or transferred the property.

"Property owners can avoid these extra charges and legal problems by paying their property taxes on time," said Patterson. "If their taxes are overdue, they should contact the tax collector without further delay and make arrangements to pay."

Police release annual report

Merkel Police Chief Ray Pack presented his department's annual activity report at the regular meeting of the Merkel City Council Monday night. In that report, Merkel police worked a total of 1,114 cases during 1985.

Merkel police investigated 36 cases of criminal mischief, 18 cases of criminal damage and destruction and 15 cases of criminal trespassing.

Police also made 12 arrests for disorderly conduct and answered 36 burglar alarms. They investigated 55 prowler calls and 10 cases of hit and run.

Police answered 59 dog calls and picked up 103 dogs (that number includes all dogs turned into Merkel Vet Clinic in violation of the Merkel Dog Ordinance).

Police arrested 13 for possession of drugs, worked 73 motor vehicle accidents and investigated four bomb threats.

Police investigated 13 cases of obscene or threatening phone calls, five cases of child abuse and made 15 arrests for public intoxication.

They also made 10 arrests for driving while intoxicated, investigated an unlawful wire tap. They made one arrest for driving while license suspended, charged one man with evading arrest and three for resisting arrest.

Police issued 272 traffic citations, investigated two cases of fraud and three cases of injury to a child.

They also worked six cases of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, six cases of enticing a child and made three arrests for possession of illegal weapons.

They made two arrests for credit card abuse, investigated 16 runaway cases and three aggravated sexual assault cases.

Police also investigated 68 thefts and 44 burglaries, two robberies, 38

assaults and 44 cases of family disturbances.

Police made three arrests for assault on police officers, had one escape and four cases of unlawful possession of firearms. They also investigated one case of false imprisonment.

Police made 82 misdemeanor arrests and 30 felony arrests during 1985.

Ray Pack is Merkel's Chief of Police and officers are Mike Pippins and Steve McNally.

Waterways should be inspected annually

Waterways are one of the basic conservation practices used by landers in the Middle Clear Fork Soil and Water Conservation District, according to B.J. Jones of the Soil Conservation Service in Abilene.

Waterways are used to carry off excess runoff water from fields, diversions, terraces and road ditches. The satisfactory performance of a waterway depends on proper management and maintenance. Most waterways are designed for grass to be seeded. To keep proper cover it is sometimes necessary to fertilize the grass and control the weeds by mowing or spraying. These areas

can also be used for hay production or grazing. When field grazing is done, livestock should be excluded from these areas in wet weather.

Waterways should be inspected annually and after heavy rains for signs of erosion. These should be corrected while they are small. When small washes start it is sometimes necessary to divert the water from this part of the waterway to replant or repair and let this area heal over. Jones stated any one needing assistance on waterways or other conservation practices should contact their local Soil Conservation Service office in Abilene.

Rural residents should renew prior notification requests

(AUSTIN)—The Texas Department of Agriculture reminds Texans that their requests to receive prior notification of aerial sprayings of pesticides expired December 31 and must be renewed to cover 1986.

Sam Biscoe, general counsel for TDA, said, "We proved last year that the new standards will work without imposing any hardships on anyone, and we expect that same positive attitude to carry over in 1986. This is just a continuation of the 'good neighbor policy' most of our state's farmers and ranchers already practice."

TDA implemented new pesticide health and safety standards last year. They include the right for certain people to be given prior notice of an aerial spraying of pesticides. Prior notification applies to persons living immediately adjacent to a field, individuals living within 1/4 mile of a field to be sprayed by an airplane and who have a medical condition which may be made worse by exposure to pesticides, and certain institutions. Those institutions eligible to request prior notification must also be located within 1/4 mile of the field. They include schools when children are present, licensed day-care centers, hospitals, in-patient clinics and nursing homes, licensed migrant labor camps within 1/4 mile of the field and those labor camps located on the field to be sprayed are automatically given prior notification without having to request it.

The regulations state that all requests for prior notification shall expire at the end of each year. Anyone wishing to receive prior notification during 1986 should put that request in writing to the farm operator in charge of the field to be sprayed. Certified mail is preferred. The request should include

the name and address of the person asking for prior notification, one home and business telephone number and the hours they can be reached, the date of the request, and the location of the field being sprayed. The request for prior notification can be limited to certain pesticides, such as only organophosphates.

Medically-sensitive individuals must file their request with the nearest TDA district office or the Austin headquarters. That request must include a licensed physician's signed confirmation of the medical condition. If TDA approves the request, the appropriate farm operator will be notified. If the request is denied, TDA will provide a written statement explaining the reasons for the rejection.

The farm operator is required to begin giving prior notice within 10 days of receiving the request, and the notice must be given at least the day before the planned spraying. Notice can be given through a phone call, a personal visit, a post card, or by erecting warning flags. However, warning flags cannot be used to notify medically-sensitive persons.

Biscoe said, "I expect we'll again get good cooperation from everyone involved because most people recognize the importance of these standards. Those individuals requesting prior notification do not have the right to stop the spraying, but they do deserve the opportunity to take whatever precautions they choose. Making one or two phone calls or putting up a warning flag is a small inconvenience in exchange for protecting the health and safety of rural Texans."

More information about the pesticide safety standards is available from TDA's toll-free telephone hotline, 1-800-TDA-REGS (812-7347).

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a. Noninterest-bearing balances and currency and coin		445	1 a
b. Interest-bearing balances			1 b
2. Securities		823	2
3. Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell in domestic offices of the bank and of its Edge and Agreement subsidiaries, and in IBFs		535	3
4. Loans and lease financing receivables			
a. Loans and leases net of unearned income	3 809		4 a
b. LESS: Allowance for loan and lease losses	5 19		4 b
c. LESS: Allocated transfer risk reserve	-0-		4 c
d. Loans and leases net of unearned income, allowance, and reserve (item 4 a minus 4 b and 4 c)		3 690	4 d
5. Assets held in trading accounts		-0-	5
6. Premises and fixed assets (including capitalized leases)		273	6
7. Other real estate owned		-0-	7
8. Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries and associated companies		-0-	8
9. Customers' liability on acceptances outstanding		-0-	9
10. Intangible assets		-0-	10
11. Other assets		129	11
12. Total assets (sum of items 1 through 11)		5 895	12
LIABILITIES			
13. Deposits:		5 381	13 a
a. In domestic offices:			
(1) Noninterest-bearing	2 149		13 a (1)
(2) Interest-bearing	3 232		13 a (2)
b. In foreign offices, Edge and Agreement subsidiaries, and IBFs		-0-	13 b
(1) Noninterest-bearing	-0-		13 b (1)
(2) Interest-bearing	-0-		13 b (2)
14. Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreement to repurchase in domestic offices of the bank and of its Edge and Agreement subsidiaries, and in IBFs		-0-	14
15. Demand notes issued to the U.S. Treasury		-0-	15
16. Other borrowed money		-0-	16
17. Mortgage indebtedness and obligations under capitalized leases		083	17
18. Bank's liability on acceptances executed and outstanding		-0-	18
19. Notes and debentures subordinated to deposits		-0-	19
20. Other liabilities		092	20
21. Total liabilities (sum of items 13 through 20)		5 556	21
22. Limited-life preferred stock		-0-	22
EQUITY CAPITAL			
23. Perpetual preferred stock (No. of shares outstanding -0-)		-0-	23
24. Common stock (No. of shares: a. Authorized 2500, b. Outstanding 2500)		250	24
25. Surplus		150	25
26. Undivided profits at capital reserves		061	26
27. Cumulative foreign currency translation adjustments			27
28. Total equity capital (sum of items 23 through 27)		339	28
29. Total liabilities, limited-life preferred stock, and equity capital (sum of items 21, 22, and 28)		5 895	29
MEMORANDA: Amount outstanding as of Report Date			
1 a. Standby letters of credit, Total		-0-	1 a
1 b. Amount of Standby letters of credit in memo 1 a conveyed to others through participations		-0-	1 b
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Roy Herd Manahan had the reserve grand champion lamb at the Merkel Stock Show Saturday. Staff photo

TDA pledges to fight for farmer, announces new crisis hotline

(AUSTIN)—Texas Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower told a Capitol news conference that his agency "will lead a statewide charge against a deliberate effort by the federal government to shut down 7,000 of our state's best farmers and ranchers."

Joined at the news conference by representatives of farm, legal and church organizations, Hightower said that "The Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) has declared war on its own borrowers, coldly attempting to rush thousands of good agricultural producers out of business in the next few weeks. What FmHA is doing, Jesse James got shot for. It's the greatest bureaucratic heist in American farming history, and we're going to do our damndest to keep them from ripping off Texas farmers and ranchers."

Hightower announced that TDA will be contacting the 7,000 FmHA borrowers in Texas who are in immediate jeopardy of being foreclosed upon by the federal lending agency. "We will be explaining their legal rights and options, and we will help them find assistance to fight the foreclosure attempts and to deal with other problems that this economic assault causes," Hightower said. "He announced that TDA has organized a toll-free 'Farm Crisis Hotline,' supported by private organizations to assure easy communication of farm families during this crisis. The crisis hotline number is 1-800-AGRI-AID, and it is in operation now."

"It is a sad irony that this assault on farmers is coming from the very agency that was established specifically to stand with farmers in the kind of hard times we're suffering today," Hightower said. "The Farmers Home Administration was created in Congress in the depth of the Great Depression to serve as the lender of last resort for family farmers and ranchers. A 1978 law reaffirmed the Congressional intent that FmHA must stick with farmers in distress, saying, 'Congress believes that the maintenance of the family farm system of agriculture is essential to the social well-being of the nation and the competitive production of adequate supplies of food and fiber.' It is the policy and intent of Congress that no such program be administered in a manner that will place the family farm at an unfair economic disadvantage."

"At no time since the Great Depression should FmHA be more concerned about fulfilling that Congressional mandate than today. Texas farmers were lucky to get 50 percent of the cost of production for any crop they raised in 1985. It cost Panhandle farmers 90 cents to produce a pound of cotton which they had to sell last month for as little as 45 cents. Rice farmers along the Gulf Coast were paid 7.6 cents last month for a pound of rice that four years ago was bringing 13.2 cents. The past year has been equally as disastrous for corn and wheat farmers," Hightower said. "The new Farm Bill, agreed to by Congress and signed into law by President Reagan, is only going to cause even lower farm prices and accelerate the economic crisis which is already gripping much of rural Texas. The federal government is hitting our good producers with a double whammy. First, the 1981 and 1985 Farm bills establish a price structure for agricultural commodities that is beneath the cost of production. Second, when the low-price policy of the



A somber mood prevailed at the Capitol news conference held by Texas Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower to announce the new farm crisis hotline, 1-800-AGRI-AID. Standing behind Commissioner Hightower are (l-r) Steve Howes of Bill Milburn Travel in Austin; Richard Daly representing the Texas Catholic Conference; Carl King, Texas Corn Growers Association and Frank Dietz of the Texas Conference of Churches. Not shown is John Muir of the Texas Rural Legal Aid Fund, who presented AGRI-AID with a check for \$35,000.

government puts such a heavy debt on farmers that they are sinking, FmHA is turned loose to call in the debt. This is a federal government that paid 45 billion tax dollars to bail out the bad management of Continental Illinois Bank, and that will send a boatload of tax dollars to any right-wing Latin American dictator who can afford a pair of sunglasses, but suddenly it turns vengeful on good productive American farmers who have a debt that is not of their making," Hightower said. "Approximately 16,000 Texas farmers and ranchers now have loans with FmHA, and 42 percent of those Texas borrowers are currently behind in some of the loan payments. Texas has more delinquent borrowers with FmHA than any other state, and their debt exceeds \$161 million. About 80,000 FmHA borrowers nationwide are delinquent on their loans."

"In the next few weeks, the 7,000 FmHA borrowers in Texas who are delinquent on their loans will receive the coldest, most vague, most complicated, most arrogant form that a bureaucratic mind could devise," Hightower said. "It is FmHA's Form No. 1924-25, titled 'Notice of Intent to Take Adverse Action.'"

"FmHA is proposing to give its delinquent borrowers five options—four of which are awful and the fifth one merely bad, but it at least gives producers a fighting chance. A wrong move on a farmer's part is tantamount to selling the farm, losing homestead rights and waiving the right of appeal. "The only chance an FmHA borrower has to save his or her farm is to check not one but all seven serving actions on an accompanying form, 'Borrower Acknowledgement of Notice of Intent to Take Adverse Action.' That will force FmHA to sit down with the affected borrowers and see what options are still available to foreclosure, such as reamortization, consolidation of loans, deferral of payments, restructuring of debt, etc."

"By the time FmHA sends out its 'Notice of Intent to Take Adverse Action,' the Texas Department of Agriculture will have already contacted these 7,000 borrowers, offering them

information and assistance on steps that they should take. We are also offering additional information to all borrowers such as the 'Farmers Guide to FmHA.' We can also refer these borrowers to attorneys in their area of the state who have agreed to provide them a free consultation. Already, about 1,000 Texas attorneys have said they will help, and more lawyers are enlisting every day."

"In addition, TDA has already begun organizing local seminars where producers, lawyers, local financial representatives and community leaders can expand the grassroots effort to assist these farmers. The first such seminar is being held today in Lubbock, and some 500 farmers have tuned out for the meeting."

"Effective today, immediate assistance for any Texas farm and ranch family is available from the Texas Farm Crisis Hotline, 1-800-AGRI-AID (1-800-247-4243). Organized by the Texas Department of Agriculture, the hotline is funded by a grant from Willie Nelson's FarmAid, commitments for Milburn Travel Agency of Austin, the Texas Conference of Churches, the Texas Baptist Conference, Texas Rural Legal Aid and other legal service organizations, the Texas Corn Growers Association, and private contributions."

"Besides dealing with FmHA, the Texas Farm Crisis Hotline will provide information and referrals to any farmers and rural residents who are suffering other financial, legal or emotional problems because of the farm crisis," Hightower said. "It can also advise individuals of job retraining possibilities that may be available in their area of the state."

"Even without publicity, the hotline has been receiving 15-20 calls a day since it was installed recently. Those calls confirm that it was a bleak Christmas for many Texas farm families who are facing increased financial and emotional pressure and are struggling to deal with it in different ways. The hotline is also there for the farm family that simply needs somebody to talk to," Hightower said. "The hotline office is located at 1301 Success, Suite #100, here in Austin. It will be staffed from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday-Friday. A message service will record calls at other times, and the calls will be returned at the time requested. Information on all the calls kept confidential. Nancie Gagnore is hotline administrator."

"This attempt by FmHA to 'shuck' 7,000 producers off their land is just the opening shot of the war against Texas farmers and ranchers mounted in 1986," Hightower said. "Compared with what's ahead, the events of the last five years will seem like a border skirmish. FmHA is going to eliminate 7,000 of our family producers, and the new Farm Bill will likely prevent another 20 percent of our family farmers from obtaining financing in 1986."

Services held for Mattie Dickerson

Mattie Marie Washburn Dickerson, 62, of Denton, formerly of Merkel, widow of Herman "Joe" Dickerson, died Friday in a Denton hospital. Services were at 11 a.m. Monday at First Baptist Church with the Revs. Mike Eklund and Wayne Keller officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery directed by Starbuck Funeral Home.

A former resident of Merkel, she was a member of Temple Baptist Church.

Survivors include: two sons, Wayland Dickerson of Phoenix, Ariz. and Gary Dickerson of San Diego, Calif.; three daughters, Wanda Johnson of Odessa, Brenda Hays of Sanger and Linda Mitchell of Ovalo; three brothers, Oddie Washburn of Rufus, Ore., Oddis Washburn of Portland, Ore., and Charles Washburn of Coleman five sisters, Mrs. L. A. Luttrell of Abilene, Margaret (Mrs. Red) Dickerson, Bill (Mrs. Troy) Dickerson, La Dean (Mrs. Leroy)

Thomas and Barbara (Mrs. Mick) grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

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Mary M. Fariello, a Tarleton State University senior, from Merkel, was among the 47 students inducted into Texas Alpha Kappa Chapter of Alpha Chi, a national honorary scholastic society. Membership to Alpha Chi is limited to the upper 10 percent, academically, of the junior and senior classes. Mary is a Mathematics major.

Preceptor Eta Omega

holds stew supper

Preceptor Eta Omega met at the Taylor Electric Coop on Tuesday, January 7, for a Stew supper with Kathy Leverich hostess. Reports from standing committees were given and plans were made for members to answer phones at the Rehab '86. Katherine Cawley, with Lone Star

Gas Company, gave a program on "Picture Perfect Entertaining". The following members and guest enjoyed a delicious stew supper: Betty Lou Satterwhite, Val Patterson, Bettye Conley, Y Sadler, Ruth Tipton, Liz Eager, Jane Carson, Blanche Hewitt, Louise Dubose, Marjie Steck, Kathy Leverich and Katherine Cawley.

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While the farm economy is in dire need of a "shot in the arm", little seems to be swinging in its favor at this time.

"The basic problem is that global capacity to produce agricultural goods is outpacing demand due to large gains in productivity," points out Dr. Carl

Anderson, an economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

"And there is still a lot of potential for productivity increases over the next five to ten years."

"World demand for food and fiber will continue to expand, and government policies and economic and population growth will increase consumption," says Anderson. "However, the key ques-

tion is whether demand growth will be met by domestic production or through trade."

The economist points out that Russia and China hold much of the answer to world trade. Will they be strong exporters, will they be basically self-sufficient, or will they be importers of food and fiber?

"The long-term outlook is for a gradual turnaround in the farm

economy during 1986, with 1987 posting a noticeable recovery," contends Anderson. "But plentiful food and fiber supplies worldwide are expected to keep a lid on farm income for several years."

"Texas farmers will again see a decline in cash receipts in 1986 along with some decline in production expenses," says Anderson. "Strong farm program participation will be the order of the day. This will mean heavy government payments with large commodity entries into the loan program and large deficiency payments (difference between target prices and loan rates);"

Anderson believes that much of the future prosperity of U.S. agriculture depends on national economic and trade policies. The keys to restoring prosperity to American agriculture are a reduced budget deficit, lower real interest rates, a realignment of the strong dollar to encourage exports, and meaningful trade incentive programs, he points out.

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CONSUMER ALERT

by
Jim Mattox
Attorney General

Another type of jewelry is known as *gold filled*. If it is properly marked, it will indicate something like "12K gf" to indicate that it was made from a base metal with a gold coating. Unless otherwise marked, gold filled items are 1/20th or more gold alloy. Jewelry of this variety may last a long time, but the gold coating may wear off.

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FOOD SALE

PRICES GOOD THUR-FRI-SAT Jan 16-17-18 STORE HOURS 7:30 am - 6:30 pm MON THRU SAT CLOSED SUNDAY

WE REDEEM YOUR COUPONS ON ALL ITEMS PURCHASED

ASSORTED COCA-COLA \$1.29

3 LITER BOTTLE

With \$15 IN TRADE OR MORE EXCLUSIVE OF CIGARETTES

FRITO LAY 11 OZ REG \$2.19

DORITOS CHIPS \$1.43

BAG ONLY



Save Bigger...Eat Better

TOOTH PASTE COLGATE 7 OZ TUBE \$1.19

LIPTONS CHICKEN & RICE CUP OF SOUP 2 4 PACK BOXES 98¢

KEEBLER ZESTA CRACKERS 1 LB BOX 98¢

PEACHES 83¢

2 1/2 CAN

DAIRYLAND HOMO MILK GAL JUG \$1.93

DAIRYLAND LOW FAT MILK GAL JUG \$1.85

PARADE OLEO QUARTS LBS 79¢

GENERIC APPLE JUICE QUART JAR 73¢

PARADE 303 CUT GREEN BEANS 2 FOR 69¢

PARADE 303 SWEET PEAS 2 FOR 79¢

PARADE 303 WK GOLDEN CORN 2 FOR 69¢

BETTY CROCKER POTATO BUDS 13.75 OZ BOX \$1.09

RANCH STYLE SEASONED BEANS 23 OZ CAN 53¢

PREGO SPAGHETTI SAUCE 32 OZ \$1.69

PARADE SLICED DILL PICKLES 32 OZ JAR 89¢

PEACHES 83¢

KRAFTS VELVEETA CHEESE 2 LB BOX \$3.39

PARADE SHORTENING ALL VEGETABLE 3 LB CAN \$1.29

FOREMOST SOLO MILK GAL JUG \$2.19

FOREMOST COTTAGE CHEESE 24 OZ CRTN \$1.59

HORMEL CHILI HOT OR REG 15 OZ CAN 98¢

FROZEN FOODS TOTINOS PIZZA 12 OZ PKG \$1.09

KRAFTS SINGLE SLICED CHEESE 12 OZ PKG \$1.69

OREIDA HASH BROWN PATTIES 24 OZ BOX \$1.43

REYNOLDS FOIL WRAP 25 FT ROLL 59¢

BANQUET PEACH APPLE CHERRY FRUIT PIES 20 OZ \$1.29

CHAPALA 10 OZ PKG STRAWBERRIES 39¢

BETTY CROCKER HAMBURGER HELPERS ASST BOX \$1.23

GLADIOLA FLOUR 5 LB BAG 89¢

PARADE COFFEE 1 LB CAN \$2.29

DUNCAN HINES CAKE MIX 18 OZ BOX 79¢

DEL MONTE CATSUP 32 OZ JUG 98¢

FRESH GROUND BEEF



CHUCK QUALITY LEAN FAMILY PACK 3 LBS OR MORE \$1.39

CARNATION COFFEE MATE 16 OZ JAR \$1.79

SKINNERS THIN SPAGHETTI 24 OZ BAG 99¢

BIC 10 COUNT BALLPOINT PENS EA 89¢

CHOICE BEEF CHUCK ROAST LEAN POUND \$1.49

CHOICE BEEF EXTRA TRIM RUB STEAK LEAN POUND \$2.49

CHOICE BEEF ARM ROAST LEAN POUND \$1.69

CHOICE BEEF SHORT RIBS MEATY LEAN LB \$1.49

RANCH STYLE BACON SLICED SLAB POUND \$1.59

OWENS HOT LINKS SAUSAGE LB \$1.39

OWENS SMOKED SAUSAGE RINGS LB \$1.49

AUNT JEMIMA COMPLETE PANCAKE MIX 2 LB BOX \$1.39

KRAFT 7.4 OZ MACCARONI CHEESE DINNER 2 FOR 89¢

POPCORN 4 LB BAG \$1.59

CHARMIN TISSUE 4 ROLL CRTN 99¢

DETERGENT SURF GIANT BOX \$1.79

SOFTNER FINAL TOUCH 64 OZ JUG \$1.89

LIQUID SUNLIGHT 22 OZ BOTTLE 99¢

PRODUCE VALUES As BIG As The SELECTION

WASHINGTON DELICIOUS RED APPLES 3 LB BAG 99¢

GOLDEN BANANAS LB 29¢

WASHINGTON ROME RED APPLES 3 LB BAG 99¢

FRESH CELLO LB CARROTS 2 FOR 59¢

WASHINGTON D'ANJOU PEARS LB 59¢

TEXAS GOLDEN YAMS LB 33¢

WHITE SWEET ONIONS LB 39¢

RUSSET SPUDS 10 LB BAG \$1.19

LOUIS RICH TURKEY HAM POUND \$1.39

WOLF BEEF STEW 15 OZ CAN 79¢

BAMA GRAPE JAM 18 OZ JAR 89¢

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