

The Merkel Mail

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Our 96th Year



Local CPA provides tips on dealing with the IRS

Editor's Note:

by Billy Clark CPA

I asked Billy Clark, a local CPA to prepare an article that deals with changes and major points of the 1984 IRS rules and the new ones for 1985.

The IRS is with us again generating about as much excitement as a farmer has for a drought. The government wants your annual report giving your name, address, kids names, what money you earned, and numerous other information. Of course, we are discussing your upcoming Federal Income Tax Return. In order to make this report easier, the government has made some major changes to the law. (If a high school teacher did this, it would be considered trick questions.)

Social Security benefits will be considered taxable income to many taxpayers this year. Taxpayers have a base amount of \$32,000 for a married couple of \$25,000 for a single person to consider in this computation.

Do you contribute to an Individual Retirement Account. If you do, the money should be put into the account prior to April 15, 1985. In past years, you could delay this date by filing for an extension. No longer.

If you look for capital gains treatment of the same transactions in your tax return, be aware the holding period changed from one year to six months effective June 22, 1984. This will make it easier to obtain the special capital gain treatment.

Income averaging is a special method of computing your income tax in a year in which your income increases significantly. The computation was changed for the 1984 tax year to make it more difficult to obtain a benefit. Follow the instructions in Schedule G carefully.

Major changes have been put into effect regarding the use of a vehicle in your trade or business. This affects any vehicle if it is used for any personal use. You are now required to maintain a log showing all business use including where you traveled, what the business purpose was, and how many miles were traveled. In addition, you need to record the beginning of the year odometer reading each year. Failure to keep these records means no deduction on your income tax return. If you use a tax preparer, the IRS requires you to sign a written certification that you kept these records. The rules apply to other personal property used for both business use and

personal use.

Some general misconceptions need to be clarified:

A. The IRS doesn't want your life, only your money. Unintentional errors do not generally cause serious problems, only corrections.

B. You are never too old to file a tax return. If your income reaches a certain level, you are required to file.

C. Interest, Contributions, Medical bills, and Personal taxes are deductible only if you itemize them on Schedule A.

D. The government is going to

simplify taxes. This should be included with "The computer made a mistake" and "The Check's in the mail."

Have questions?

You do if you are like the rest of the country.

The IRS has free publications, forms and instructions on any question. These are available to you for the asking. In addition, specific questions can be called into the IRS and (generally) you can get the correct answers. The toll-free number to your favorite government office in 1-800-424-1040.

O'Kelly wins steer showmanship trophy

Scott O'Kelly won the snowman trophy in the Steer Class to lead the way for the Trent FFA participants in the annual County Stock Show held over the weekend.

O'Kelly's steers placed 3rd in the medium weight and 4th in the light weight.

In other results, Britt Sipes was 4th and Missy Simpson 9th in the Light weight Duroc class; Simpson 9th and Mark Denham 12th in the heavy weight Duroc class;

Melony Orr 3rd, Pat Penton 11th and Jum Simpson 12th in the light weight cross; David Barnes 4th in the medium weight cross.

Also, Kim Orr 3rd in medium weight Hamps; Dock Carrier 3rd in heavy weight Hamps and Britt Sipe 10th; Joey Bredemeyer 5th in the Light Weight Chester White's; Scott O'Kelly 10th in the heavy weight Chester White's and Doyle Brenem placed in the heavy weight JPB.

"Evening with Charlie" set in Stamford tonight

17th Congressional District Representative Charles Stenholm will be in the area Thursday for a special "Evening with Charlie" sponsored by the Stamford Chamber of Commerce. The dinner event will begin at 7 p.m. at the Stamford VIP Center.

The Stamford native, who recently received national attention for his challenge of the House leadership, is being honored for his work in the nation's capitol. Joe Harrison, Chamber director, said "We're honored that one of our own has the leadership and courage to represent the folks back home. This is just an opportunity for us to show him our appreciation and at the same time, get the insight on what Congress is doing." Stenholm will present a brief

update of the recent goings on at Capitol Hill. He will also review the major issues facing the 99th Congress, which convened earlier this month. The congressman will also answer questions from the crowd.

Harrison said tickets will be available at the door. Tickets are \$5 each. The dinner and program will last about two hours.

"I'm looking forward to seeing my friends," said the fourth term congressman. "I'm always happy to return to the area. This will be a good opportunity to find out what the citizens at home want done. We have many key topics surfacing now that will make this session an important one. I will be glad to share some of these with you Thursday."

\$100,000 approved for elementary classroom additions

Merkel Elementary and Badger Stadium will look quite a bit different in the next six months as MISD trustees approved about \$130,000 in construction funds at their regular meeting Thursday night.

The board also extended MISD superintendent Bill Everett's contract through June of 1988.

The board is spending \$130,000 of local surplus funds to construct six additional classrooms at Merkel Elementary, to cover the slab at Merkel Elementary for a foul weather play area, and to build new concession stands and restroom facilities at Badger Stadium.

The six additional classrooms and restroom facilities will be added to Merkel Elementary. MISD maintenance director Hayden Reeves told the board that his crew could do most of the work and they would only have to let bids on air-conditioning-heating work, rough plumbing and slab work. He said the additions would be added to the East of the current building and would cost about \$10,000 or \$15.50 per square foot.

Board members also approved bids for the construction of two concession stands and restroom

facilities at Badger Stadium. Reeves and his crew will begin working on that project first and Reeves told the board that project would cost about \$9,000.

Board members purchased a 1/4 Page ad in *The Merkel Mail* the week before a bond election last year that said regardless of the outcome of the bond election, six additional classrooms were needed at the elementary school for the 1985-86 school year.

Reeves and his crew have just recently completed work on tennis courts near the cafeteria and brought the courts in at around \$20,000, saving MISD at least 50 percent on quoted prices.

The board also was invited to attend Merkel High's first Academic Banquet set tonight (Thursday) at Heritage Hall.

Thirty-seven Merkel High students qualified for the A-Team and will receive letterjackets. Eighty-seven students earned recognition and will receive wooden medallions.

Everett told board members he has had a few inquiries from area school administrators into the program and said he is well pleased at how it has gone here.

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In other action, Mr. & Mrs. C. W. Best asked the board some questions concerning bus policy and board members expelled a 7th grade student for the remainder of the year for misconduct. Records indicated the boy had been "written up" more than 30 times in the first semester.

Following an executive session, resignations were accepted from Elementary personnel Tomajene Weatherred and LouAnna Woods. They hired Judy McCormick and Anita Stewart to replace them.

The board also hired Nina Lee and Brenda Vaughn, as well as Luke Taylor and Brad Woods.

Taylor and Woods complete the vacancies on the MISD coaching staff and will also be high school teachers. MISD will hire a girls basketball coach next year. Skip Townsend is currently coaching both the boys and the girls teams.

The board also approved an overnight trip for the band to the Greater Southwest Music Festival in Amarillo and overnight trips for the flag & rifle corps to Frisco and San Antonio.

MHS academic banquet tonight

Merkel High will be holding its first Academic Banquet Thursday Night at Heritage Hall to honor students' scholastic achievements.

Students will be recognized for Making the A-Team with grades of 92 or better. Those students will also earn a letter-jacket for Merkel High for Academics.

MISD superintendent Bill Everett told school board members at their regular meeting last Thursday that other schools in the area have called here to inquire about the program.

The banquet, an idea proposed by Merkel High principal Larry Curry and approved by the board last year, will call attention to students that have excelled academically.

The Banquet is open to the public and will start at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$3 for students and \$5 for adults.

Earning recognition this year were:

Seniors A-Team
Mary Aguilar, Donny Brady, Lisa Daniels, Tami Elliott, Kris Rich and Trung Tran.

83 Or Up
Bill Adams, Leigh Allen, Cindy Beaver, Alice Bodine, Stacy Cowling, Martin Cuellar, Melissa Dannheim, Jerry Davis, Melissa Davis, Justin Dupont, Nanci Galbraith, David Glasscock, Debbie Green, Jackie Lambert, Christine Martin, Michael Reddin, James Richardson, Shelly Sherill, Shane Smith, Renee Stamper, John Starbuck, Kelly Stevall, Cindy Toney, Lisa Williamson, Parker Wilson and Sean Woodard.

Juniors A-Team
Kelly Beights, Tim Brandon, Clay Carey, Ronna Casey, Amy Irvin, Jill Laman, Gayle Landeros, Kevin Mitchell, Richard Powell, Kelly Riney and Lucretia Wade.

83 Or Up
Becky Best, Matt Cain, Kevin Coker, Thomas Doan, Alyse Ferguson, Dean Franklin, Maggie Gonzales, Chris Horton, Wayne Johnson, Linda Johnson, Teresa King, Lance Perry, Lisa Proctor, Gina Stuckey, Keith Watson, Allan

Windham, James Wright and Todd Yaddow.

Sophomores A-Team
Michelle Brandon, Doye Clary, Billie Cooper, Abby Irvin, Debbie Keller, Stacey Newberry, Billy Ray Rikey, Danny Santee, Kim Welding.

83 Or Up
Michael Abernathy, Rita Adkins, Tracy Bicknell, Chad Cavitt, Amy Ferguson, Danny Hogue, Tina Jaramillo, Sandra Kotriik, Debbie Pack, David Ray, Shane Reagan, Sheri Riney, Gayle Shugart, Angela Thomas, Ron Turner, Fondale Watson and Michelle Woodard.

Freshmen A-Team
Son Mi Chon, April Duncan,

Kristi Elliott, Staci Ferguson, Michelle Goodgoin, Tami Israel, Angie Moreno, Ramon Moreno, Ted Seymour, Amy Stuckey and Krista Toombs.

83 Or Up

Mark Aldrete, Chad Archa, Chris Biera, Angie Boggs, Chris Brown, Angie Cannon, Kyle Coker, Russel Doan, Shelle Doan, Shelly Gray, Lynn Hays, Clara Herrera, Allan Isom, Tina Johnson, Staci Johnson, Judy Moore, Keith Munden, Brit Pursley, Tony Roberts, Angie Reyna, Karen Sharpe, Todd Smith, Misty Vaughn, Doug Williams, Beverly Williamson and Michael Woodall.

MISD maintenance crew holding costs down

by Cloy A. Richards

The school board voted last Thursday night to spend \$130,000 they knew they'd have to spend sooner or later.

In fact, the board took out an ad in this paper a week before the bond election stating regardless of the outcome of the bond election, we would still need six classrooms at Merkel Elementary.

MISD maintenance director Hayden Reeves and his crew is going to save the district a ton of money by doing most of the labor themselves. In fact, they will bring in the six classrooms and added restroom facilities at about \$15.50 per square foot.

At that kind of a price, the bond issue here might have been another landslide.

That was a dandy storm that came through Saturday afternoon wasn't it?

We were doing one of my most favorite things to do in the whole world, moving.

Luckily, we had just unloaded the truck or the Norther would have done so for us.

Merkel High is holding their first Academics Awards Banquet tonight at Heritage Hall.

Merkel High students that maintain an above 92 average qualify for a letterjacket in academics. Those maintaining an above 83 will receive a wooden medallion.

The program is a first of its kind in the area and MISD superintendent Bill Everett told board members last Thursday night the word was getting around. He said a few administrators had called to get the details on the program.

I have been to a lot of school functions in my days but never one quite like this. An Academic Banquet—Academic letterjackets.

Are you sure we are talking about Merkel High? Indeed we are.

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Basketball, cable tv, flu...more

Niners!
+Football is over for the year and I for one am looking forward to next year. My Aggies should be strong and the Cowboys, Oilers and Badgers have no way to go but up.

The Merkel Badgers boys basketball team finished the first half of district play with a 3-2 record with losses to the league-leading Wylie Bulldogs and a loss to Comanche.

The Badgers will have to get by one of those two teams in this half to make the playoffs.

I can't wait for track season because track coach Eddie Lang told me two years ago that this year and next were going to be "some real good track seasons for us."

It's just around the corner.
People keep asking me what's going on with the tv cable?

I don't know, the only thing I know is they dropped WTBS-Atlanta and added SPN (money and sports shows.)

We haven't been in contact with anyone from the company since it changed hands and we will let you know what we do when we do know something.

Clear as mud, right.
Kids with the flu are great aren't they?

Our daughter, Kim has been down since Friday evening and she is beginning to tax her mother's maternal thoughts of undying love and protection.

Sitting in the coffee shop at Merkel Drug (something I rarely do), the other day I overheard a couple of the local "good ol' boys" asking another why he had bought three newspapers. He replies "Skeet's has a coupon and I'll be eating there for the next three days."

One turned to me and said "doesn't that rile you that they just buy the paper because there is a coupon?"

I assured them the reason why people buy the paper doesn't matter to me, I am just tickled

they do.
I don't know about the rest of you I am ready for spring.

Merkel High 3rd six weeks', semester honor students

The following are the semester and third six weeks' honor roll from Merkel High.

All A
Kelly Beights, Becky Best, Donny Brady, Shelly Brandon, Matt Cain, Kyle Coker, Billi Cooper, Lisa Daniels, Melissa Davis, Justin Dupont, Tami Elliott, Chris Horton, Abby Irvin, Amy Irvin, Debbie Keller, Teresa King, Sandra Kotrlak, Jill Laman, Keith Munden, Stacey Newberry, Kris Rich, Kelly Riney, Ted Seymore, Kelly Stovall, Shelly Sherrill, Fondale Watson and Kim Welding.

3rd Six Weeks A-B
Bill Adams, Rita Adkins, Leigh Ann Allen, Tracy Bicknell, Chris Biera, Angie Boggs, Shain Burks, Ronna Casey, Kevin Coker, Angela Cannon, Doyle Clary, Chad Cavitt, Chris Cutler, Martin Cuellar, Shelle Doan, Russel Doan, Melissa Dannheim, Jerry Davis, Jason Duran, Alyse Ferguson, Terry Flores, Tom Fuller, Shelly Gray, Sonja Gray, Debbie Green, Maggie Gonzales, Melissa Harris, Lynn Hays, Clara Herrera, Tina Jaramillo, Tina Johnson, Wayne Johnson, Kristen Kennedy, Chantelle McKeehan, Christi Martin, Shayne Newberry, Lance Perry, Brit Pursley, Michael reddin, Karrie Rich, Sheri Riney, Tony Roberts, Gayle Shugart, Karen Sharpe, Laura Smith, Gina Stuckey, Todd Smith, John Starbuck, Ron Turner, Lucy Valero, Veronica Washington, C. J. White, Parker Wilson, Beverly Williamson, Michelle Woodard, Sean Woodard and Todd Yaddow.
1st Semester All A

Bill Adams, Kelly Beights, Tracy Bicknell, Donny Brady, Son Mi Chon, Doyle Clary, Kevin Coker, Billi Cooper, Melissa Dannheim, Lisa Daniels, April Duncan, Justin Dupont, Kristy Elliott, Alyse Ferguson, Michelle Goodgoin, Debbie Green, Chris Horton, Tami Isreal, Abby Irvin, Amy Irvin, Stacie Johnson, Jill Laman, Gayle Landeros, Debbie Keller, Sandra Kotrlak, Angie Moreno, Ramero Moreno, Debbie Pack, Richard Powell, Kelly Riney, Ted Seymore, Laura Smith, Amy Stuckey, Gina Stuckey, Krista Toombs, Angela Thomas, Lucretia Wade, Fondale Watson, Kim Welding, Trung Tran, Helly Sherrill, Kelly Stovall, Becky Best and Nanci Gaibraith.

First Semester A-B Honor Roll
Rita Adkins, Chad Archa, Mark Aldrete, Leigh Anne Allen, Matt Cain, Angela Cannon, Chad Cavitt, Kevin Coker, Kyle Coker, Martin Cuellar, Melissa Davis, Jerry Davis, Russel Doan, Jason Duran, Tami Elliott, Tom Fuller, Dusty Farmer, Amy Ferguson, Maggie Gonzales, Shelly Gray, Sonja Gray, Lynn Hays, Clara Herrera, Tina Jaramillo, Tina Johnson, Christi Martin, Linda Munden, Shayne Newberry, Stacy Newberry, Stacy Norton, Lance Perry, Richard Powell, Brit Pursley, David Ray, Sheri Riney, Gayle Shugart, Todd Smith, John Starbuck, Ron Turner, Lucy Valero, Steve Williams, Parker Wilson, Kim Watson, Michael Woodall, Michelle Woodard, Sean Woodard and Wayne Johnson.

BADGER BASKETBALL GO BADGERS!



This week's schedule

- JAN. 25 VARSITY BOYS & GIRLS & JV BOYS & GIRLS AT WYLIE
- JAN 29 VARSITY BOYS & GIRLS AT GRAHAM
- FEB 1 VARSITY GIRLS & BOYS HERE AGAINST COMANCHE
- JAN 28, 9th GRADE GIRLS HERE AGAINST COLORADO CITY
- JAN 28 7,8,9th GRADE BOYS AT COLORADO CITY
- JAN30 FEB 1,2 9th GRADE BOYS & GIRLS SWEETWATER TOURNAMENT

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Taylor Telephone I-20 928-4733	P & L Auto Parts 135 Edwards 928-4738

Pruitt-Ragsdale repeat vows here

Media Lee Pruitt became the bride of Carl Ray Ragsdale in a double ring ceremony at the Church of Christ here Nov. 11, 1984.

Media is the daughter of Bill & Sandra Pruitt of Roscoe. Carl is the son of Margarita Blay and the late George Ragsdale.

The bride was escorted by her father wearing a white-satin dress with a sheer overlay cover with chantilly lace. The dress was designed and made by the bride.

Something old was a solid gold wedding ring of the bride's great-grandmother, the late Mrs. Clint

Simmons of Crowell, while something new was the dress. The veil was something borrowed from Mrs. Jeff Rademaeker of Austin. Something blue was a blue garter with a gold heart and the name and date.

The ceremony was conducted by William Simmons, minister of the Dublin Church of Christ and the grandfather of the bride.

Kevin & Joyce Bench of Trent sang.

Beth Geiger of Westbrook was the maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Dana Boggs of Sweetwater

and Melinda Langston of San Angelo.

The flower girl was Keri Simmons of Dublin. Brian Denman of Merkel was the ring-bearer. The best man was Sam Ragsdale of Linden, brother of the groom. Groomsmen were Donald Denmon of Merkel and Wayne Sorrels of Sweetwater. Ushers were Frank Pruitt of Snyder and Virg Pruitt of Roscoe, brothers of the bride.

Following a wedding trip to Dallas, the couple now lives in Sweetwater.



Mrs. Carl Ragsdale

Tye names honor students

The following is the honor roll from Tye Elementary:

First Grade All A
Heather Arnold, Melissa Clark, William Donaldson, Jason Howell, Brandi Parker, Jeanne Cooper, Cooper Strange, Staci Carter, Carrie Malo, Alyhsia Morris and Stacey Wagner.

First Grade A-B
Melinda Baier, Randy DeLeon, Jason Sproles, Shilo Sutton, Brandy Weaver, Norma Hinojosa, Julianna Helm, Reggie Griffith, Brandy Jordan, Chrissy Luedtke, Brandon Parker, Timoty Thorpe, Billy Eleyet.

Second Grade All A
Alanna Hafner, Karyn Utley, Thomas Newman.

Second Grade A-B
Don Cavender, Kellie Edwards, Crystal Grooms, Billy Miller, Eric Stark, Leslie Starkey, Donna Bouldin, Brad Locke, Colby Sheffield, David Robinson.

Third Grade All A
Jodi Chappell, Jennifer Johnson, Joshua Perry, Sandi Wood.

Third Grade A-B
Robin Bishop, Jennifer Davis, Chad Fambrough, Terry Howell, Robin Martin, Brian Miller, Stacey Powell and George Wellmaker.

Fourth Grade All A
Mendy Law, Cody Parker, Tami Sims, Donnie Windland and Lori Snowden.

Fourth Grade A-B
Trisha Evans, Holly James, Mickey Muniz, Christie Tucker, Rose Pierce, Kim Israel.

Fifth Grade All A
Son Hui Chon, Cheryl Wood.

Fifth Grade A-B
Becky Donaldson, Greg Parker, Kim Tucker, Chad Taylor.

Mrs. Wheeler's Room

All A
Jody Lang, Grover Dow.

Fifth Grade A-B
Jamie McClintock, LaDonna Mercer, Curtis Bleeker and Suzanne Heeter.

Someone getting 'kicks' wrong

To The Editor:

To the person or persons that feel like it is necessary and get their "kicks" out of destroying the flower arrangements and property at the Trent Cemetery:

Are you a resident of Trent? Do you have any loved ones buried there? Probably not— but you might someday.

What kind of enjoyment could you possibly get out of shooting or breaking the vases and stealing decorations that have been placed there? Is it the sort of thing done out of boredom or for a practical joke? If so— it's not at all funny and **someday** you just might understand what I'm referring to.

Even though it is very distressing when something like this happens, it will not stop me from making flower arrangements for my dear father and other loved ones that are buried there. And I am sure this message will not stop you from destroying them. But

only **you** know who you are and who is responsible for such a **disrespectful act**.

So the next time you feel you want to get your "kicks", stop and ask yourself: Would I like it if

someone destroyed this property on or around the grave of my loved ones?

Think about it!
Mrs. Joy (Byrom) Hewitt
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Allen-McInroe set June wedding here

Leigh Ann Allen, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Dan Allen of Merkel and Tony Lane McInroe, son of Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Smith of Clyde, have announced their plans to be married, June 22.

The wedding will be held at the First United Methodist Church here.

The bride-elect is a full time student at McMurry in Abilene.

She is a 1983 graduate of Merkel High.

The groom-to-be is employed by General Paint & Body of Abilene.

Mrs. Edward Spradley of Merkel is the prospective bride's grandmother and the prospective bridegroom has a grandmother in Clyde, Mrs. Ebbie Lane.

Fortnightly group meets

The GFWC Merkel Fortnightly Study Club's meeting was held Jan. 8th at the Big Country Inn with Mary Collins and Aileen Knight as hostesses. The meeting was opened by Club President Mrs. Orvel Hill and Mrs. Alwyne Sandusky gave the Federation's Counselor Report.

Mrs. Lucy Haynes was introduced the program on Public Relations and Concern for the Elderly.

Several poems were read and Mildred Hamm talked about consumer fraud and Older Americans.

Attending were Mary Collins, Bess Dixon, Mildred Hamm, Ruby Hammond, Lucy Haynes, Edna Hill, Madelon Horton, Nina Bell Hughes, Alice King, Aileen Knight, Pat Neff, Becky Rogers, Alwyne Sandusky, Ida Seymore, Anna Bell Shouse, Clara Walla, Maurine White and Lucille Wilson.

VFW charter member meeting

The Merkel-Trent post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars has scheduled a charter member meeting Jan 29 at 7 p.m. at the

VFW members are trying to collect information for a post history and any pertinent information will be appreciated.

Public notice

+ NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF REO OLDEN GOODWIN

+Notice is hereby given that on January 8, 1985, Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of REO ELDON GOODWIN were issued to ALETHA JEAN GOODWIN, as Independent Executrix, in proceedings in the County Court, of Midland County, Texas, in Cause No. 7797 and pending in said Court and that she now holds such Letters.

All persons having claims against this Es-

tate are hereby required to present the same to ALETHA JEAN GOODWIN, as Independent Executrix of said Estate, at the post office address given below within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

The residence of said Independent Executrix is in the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas, and her post office address is as follows: 2608 North L Midland, Texas 79705

DATED the 16th day of January, 1985. DAVIS, MEADOWS, OWENS, COLLIER ZACHARY

By: Raymond C. Jordan, Jr.

Attorneys for ALETHA JEAN GOODWIN, Independent Executrix of the Estate of REO ELDON GOODWIN, Deceased. 2001 Bryan Tower, Suite 4000 Dallas, Texas 75201 (214) 754-0404. 96-57-1tc

Scleroderma sufferers?

To the Editor:

As a scleroderma patient who has suffered alone for too many years with a disease that few people have ever even heard of, I am attempting to locate others who suffer from scleroderma (systemic sclerosis).

My New Year's resolution is to correspond

with as many scleroderma patients as possible. Doctors tell me there are 300,000 of us. Perhaps your readers can assist me in locating others like myself. I can be reached at 21 Brennan Street, # 21, Watsonville, CA 95076.

Thank You Diane Williams

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I would like to thank my family, relatives, all my friends for their prayers, calls, visits, during my recent hospital stay and for my recovery.

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Thank You Mrs. Mary Stout

Public Notices

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

+Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of T. O. McMamant, Deceased, were issued January 18, 1985, in Docket No. 16,528, pending in the County Court of Taylor County, Texas, to: First National Bank of Abilene, Independent Executor.

The place of business of the Independent Executor is in Taylor County, Texas, the post office address is: P. O. Box 701 Abilene, Texas 79604 Attn: Dick Veigel, Trust Officer

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner as prescribed by law.

DATED this 18th day of January, 1985. BRADBURY, TIPPEN ROLLINS & ADKINS By: Bryan Bradbury State Bar No. 02814000 Attorney for the Estate 98-38-1tc

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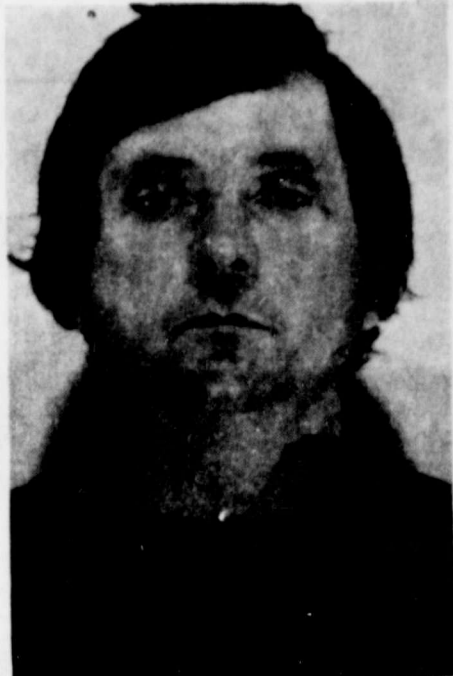
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Bell first 'honoree' of Crime Stopper program



Edward Howard Bell

Editors Note: The Governor's Office has found a way to let rural newspapers join in a statewide effort to track down fugitives. A news release last week said more than 50 percent of people wanted nationwide are caught in rural communities.

Texas Most Wanted
Edward Howard Bell has been running from the law for the last five years.

Bell, now 45 years old, is wanted for Failure to Appear in Court on Charges of Murder and four counts of Indecency with a Child. This week, Bell has been selected as the first fugitive to be featured as Texas Most Wanted. A \$1,000 reward is being offered by the Texas Crime Stoppers Advisory Council for information leading to Bell's capture.

A former diesel mechanic, construction worker and pharmaceutical salesman, Bell was originally apprehended Aug. 24, 1979, just a short time after he allegedly shot and killed Larry Dean Dickens, 26 of Pasadena.

Police reports indicate Dickens was at his mother's house and saw a man exposing himself to children in the neighborhood. Dickens, who was the father of a young daughter, went outside and grabbed the keys to the suspect's truck in an effort to detain him for police.

It was a brave act that cost him

his life.

The suspect pulled out a pistol and began shooting at Dickens, who staggered into the garage of his mother's home and collapsed on the floor with his wounds. Witnesses say the offender then pulled a rifle out of his truck, walked into the garage and, ignoring the pleas from Dickens' mother that his life be spared, shot the young man in the head at close range.

A short time later, police apprehended Edward Harold Bell.

Bell is described as a white male, 5'11" tall, 220 pounds, with brown and hazel eyes. He forfeited a \$125,000 bond when he failed to appear in court on Jan. 8, 1979, to stand trial.

Anyone with information about Bell's whereabouts is asked to call the Texas Crime Stoppers Advisory Council toll-free at 1-800-252-8477 of the Merkel Police Department. Callers do not have to reveal their identities.

Texas Most Wanted is a weekly cooperative effort between Crime Stoppers and the Department of Public Safety and is designed to enlist the support of citizens in determining the location of dangerous fugitives.

Cash rewards are also offered on a regular basis for any information leading to the capture of other wanted felons in the state.

Blair water sets annual meeting here

Blair Water Supply will hold their annual meeting Feb. 4th at the Taylor Electric Cooperative Building.

All members are urged to attend. An election will be held to elect three to the board of directors. Terms expiring belong to R. E. Clemmer, Lloyd Gilmore and Arthur Moore. Drawings will be held for door prizes.

81 club meets

The Eighty-One Study Club held its eighth meeting of the year in the home of Mrs. Dorris Summers on Jan. 14th.

Attending were Evorie Dillard, Paula Forehand, Grace Holt, Goldia Malone, Cleo Reece, Betty Stautzenberger, Doris Summers and Ann Talent.

Refreshments were served following a very interesting program on Arts and their many forms, given by Mrs. Doris Summers, who was also hostess.

Their next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. Katie Groffith on Jan. 28 at 4 p.m. The theme will be "How to prepare for a trip to Las Vegas."

State market value way up

The market value of property in Texas school districts totaled \$745.5 million in 1983, according to a study just completed by the State Property Tax Board (SPTB).

Ron Patterson, SPTB's executive director, said property values have increased by 21 percent since 1981, the date of the last study.

The study estimates that \$636.5 billion of the total value was actually taxable by the state's 1,070 school districts. Taxable value is calculated by deducting the market value—the value of state-mandated homestead and veteran's exemptions and value lost because of productivity appraisal for rural acreage, the school tax ceiling for over-65 homeowners, and the portion of appraised values unavailable for

taxation within reinvestment zones.

Patterson explained that the study of the local school district property tax base is required by the Texas Education Code. "A school district's taxable value estimate is one of several factors used by the Texas Education Agency to determine the district's share of state education aid for the 1984-85 school year," said Patterson.

SPTB's report shows a total market value for each school district, a breakdown of the total by property category and the deductions made in calculating the district's taxable value.

Statewide, the total market value of Texas school districts increased by \$129.6 billion, or 21

percent over the value determined in SPTB's 1981 study. Values on the school district's own tax rolls totaled \$590.3 billion.

Overall, the study estimates that about 15 percent of the 1983 market value, or \$109 billion, was not taxable by school districts. State-mandated exemptions reduced the total by \$18.3 billion, compared to \$14.3 billion in 1981. The school tax ceiling on over-65 homesteads removed another \$6 billion in value. Productivity valuation for agricultural and timber acreage lowered the value totals by \$8.4 billion. Reinvestment zones removed only about \$36.7 million from the market value totals.

MISD school lunch menu through Feb. 13

Jan. 21: Tacos with taco sauce, pinto beans, shredded lettuce, shredded cheese, plum cobbler.

Jan. 22: Pizza, buttered corn, lettuce & tomato salad, apple cheese crisp.

Jan. 23: Fried chicken with cream gravy, whipped potatoes, green beans, peaches with cream.

Jan. 24: Cheesy beef and macaroni casserole, lima beans, tossed salad, jello with fruit.

Jan. 25: Hamburgers,

fries and all the trimmings, orange wedges.

Jan. 28: burritos with cheese sticks, spanish rice, vegetable salad, pineapple chunks.

Jan. 29: chicken fried steak with cream gravy, whipped potatoes, english peas, sliced peaches.

Jan. 30: Spaghetti with beef & cheese, lettuce wedges, french green beans, pineapple chunks.

Jan. 31: Sliced turkey roast sandwiches, vegetable soup, lettuce and

tomato, apricot macaroons.

Feb. 1: Hamburgers, fries and all the trimmings, walk-to-school cookies.

Feb. 4: Frito pie with cheese, buttered corn, lettuce and tomato salad applesauce cake.

Feb. 5: Chicken fried steak with gravy, whipped potatoes, buttered english peas, pineapple pudding.

Feb. 6: Tacos with sauce, pinto beans, shredded lettuce and cheese, plum cobbler.

Feb. 7: Turkey with rice, glazed carrots green beans, whipped jello.

Feb. 8: Hot dog with chili, french fries and catsup, cabbage slaw, orange wedges.

Feb. 11: Meat loaf, buttered spinach, black-eyed peas, apple cheese crisp.

Feb. 12: Bar-b-que links, potato salad, fried okra, pineapple chunks.

Feb. 13: Pizza, lima beans, buttered corn, rosey pears.

Myrtle Dean laid to rest Saturday

Myrtle Dean, 97, of Sweetwater, formerly of Merkel, died at 1:47 p.m. Jan. 17 at Rolling Plains Memorial Hospital. Services were held at 10 a.m. Saturday at McCoy Funeral Home.

The Rev. Darris Egger, pastor of First United Methodist of Sweetwater officiated. Burial followed at Palava Cemetery.

Born Sept. 15, 1888 in Sulphur Springs, she moved to Sweetwater in 1891. She married Edward Lee

Hall Dec. 30, 1907 in Roby. He died March 12, 1953. She later married Elbert Dean March 9, 1950 in Baird. He also preceded her in death. She was a member of First United Methodist. She was a Merkel resident from 1963 until 1973, when she moved to Sweetwater.

She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. E. K. (Laverne) Sorelle of Sweetwater; a son, Robert E. Hall

of Dallas; four stepdaughters, Mrs. Buster Hester and Mrs. Quannah Dudley, both of Merkel, Mildred Rister of Levelland and Mrs. J. E. Jaynes of Tucumcari, N.M.; a stepson, Elbert Dean of Sterling, Ill.; a niece, Inez Bollin of Sweetwater; two grandchildren 20 step-grandchildren; 36 step-great-grandchildren and five step-great-great grandchildren.

8th grade stomps Wylie

The Merkel 8th grade Badgers ripped the Wylie Bulldogs 36-12 behind a 16 point performance by Kenneth Jowers.

Freddy Gonzales added 6; Chad Strange 5; Wade Toombs 3; and Tony Trevino, Chris Shugart and Martin Landeros each pitched in two.

The team worked hard all last

week getting ready for their tournament and this rematch with the Bulldogs. They had earlier defeated Wylie at Wylie by four points. The team is now sporting a 10-3 record and will play their last game of the year at Colorado City Monday night.

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It goes well until it goes bad

by Russell McAnally

Soon after I told some people that the worst part of winter was past, WHAM, Ol' Man Winter hits us with a good one. Every cold day, I thank God for the warmth of our home and ask divine blessing on those who are less fortunate.

I want to call your attention to a measure of truth I saw in action last Sunday. Before we went to church, we wondered if church services would be called off because of the bad weather. We decided not to call anyone and go ahead although we believed there would only be a handful present. To our great surprise we had a better than average crowd for both services. We also found out later that most churches had good attendance in spite of the bad weather.

There is an explanation for this somewhat strange behaviour. It has happened this way as long as I have been a minister almost without exception. If it is pretty weather on a Saturday there will be good attendance at church services on the following Sunday even though the weather for Sunday is bad. On the other hand if the weather is bad on Saturday there will be poor attendance at the following Sunday service even though the weather on Sunday is pretty. The minds of most people work like this— if the day starts off bad— they decide that the rest of the day will also be bad. If the day starts off real well, we suppose that the rest of the day will also be good.

If all of life was either good or bad, there would be no ups or downs. It is the sudden change that gets us. When we are making a lot of money, we start thinking there will be plenty of money for all time— then like the weather— WHAM— the fall comes so suddenly. It is the wham-ies that get us. If life starts handing us a list of troubles, we start concluding that

all of life must be that way. Many people cannot handle the problem of having money and suddenly losing it. It is often just as great a problem to have no money and suddenly have a lot of it. We have troubles responding to the ups and downs of life. Quite often when bad things happen to us we start fighting back and blaming other people and that really starts causing problems.

Life will not always be on a level run with no curves. When times are good, enjoy them, but keep an eye out for the unexpected. When times are bad, remember that the

sun still shines when it is cloudy or in the middle of the night. All we have to do is hold on until the clouds and darkness go away and then the sun will shine on us again. It will be a new day and we can start over again. There is a song that goes something like this, "I was looking back to see if she was looking back to see if I was looking back to see if she was looking back at me." Remember— there will be good days followed by bad days followed by good days followed by bad days, followed by good days. As you adjust to these, so will be the happiness and success of your life.

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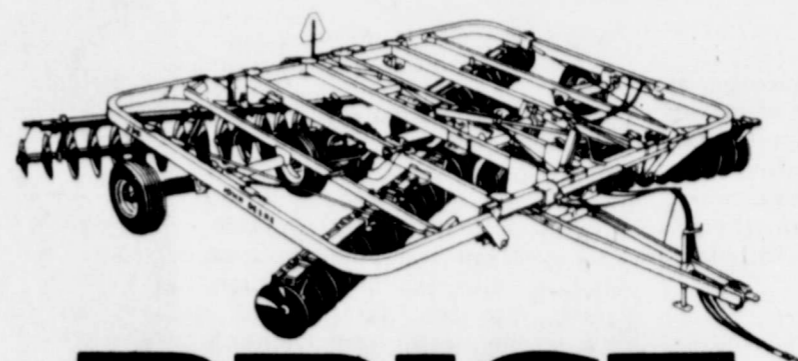
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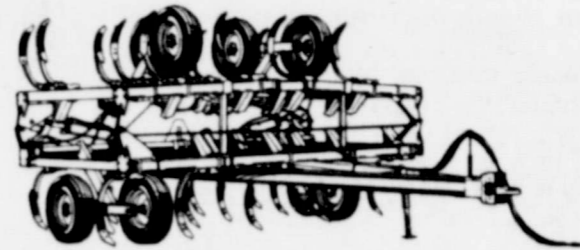
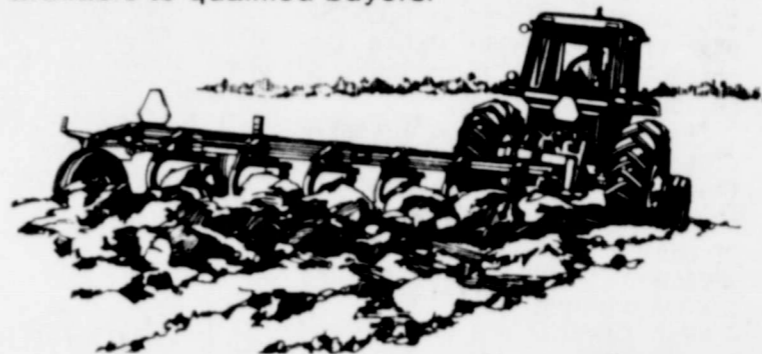
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GAS N GRUB NO 3

Tax deadlines around state Feb. 1; penalties, interest, fines await late pay

For most property owners in Texas, Feb. 1 is the day unpaid property taxes become delinquent. They should realize that delinquent taxes can become an expensive proposition.

In addition to penalty and interest charges, nonpayment can lead to lawsuits, clouded land titles, and even seizure and sale of the delinquent taxpayer's property if they make no effort to pay.

It pays to pay on time, which in most cases is by Jan. 31, but special circumstances in some local taxing units result in later delinquency dates. For example, the Feb. 1 delinquency date is postponed when taxing units mail tax bills after Jan. 10.

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

Some property owners may fail to receive their tax bills, but these people should be aware that the law still holds them responsible for paying on time. The claim "I never received a tax bill," does not excuse the taxpayer from liability for all taxes, penalties and interest charges.

Before the delinquency date passes, a property owner who fails to receive a tax bill should contact the appraisal district or his taxing units to determine their tax liability and make sure their correct name and address information is on record.

The first expense the taxpayer avoids by paying on time is 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. Someone who pays their taxes a year late, for example, would not only have to pay the local amount of taxes due but also an additional 24 percent in penalty and interest.

Taxing units that hire outside attorneys to collect their delinquent accounts can charge an additional 15 percent to cover attorney fees.

Taxing units notify delinquent taxpayers at least once. Many tax collectors will send additional notices and warning letters to encourage payments.

By heeding these warnings and paying his bill, the delinquent taxpayer can avoid more drastic and costly consequences—namely, a delinquent tax suit and subsequent seizure and sale of his property to pay the taxes due.

The law provides protection from tax suits and seizures for homeowners age 65 and over. These people can choose to postpone taxes on a homestead by filing a "tax deferral" affidavit at their local appraisal district.

Taxes will continue to become delinquent and accrue penalty and interest, but there can be no lawsuit to collect the taxes as long as the over 65 person owns and occupies the home. If a tax has already been filed, the suit can be suspended by filing an over-65 tax deferral affidavit with the court. However, once the property changes hands the taxes become immediately due.

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

Some tax collectors will allow delinquent taxes to be paid in installments for up to 36 months. Before signing an installment agreement, the delinquent taxpayer should know that their signature is considered an "irrevocable admission" that he owes all the taxes covered by the agreement. However, he will not be sued for back taxes as long as he makes his payments on time and keeps other taxes paid up.

The tax collector's last resort is taking the delinquent taxpayer to court. If a delinquent tax suit is successful, the court costs will be

added to the delinquent tax bill. Before the court enters its final judgement, the taxpayer is given one final chance to pay before the property is seized and auctioned off.

Delinquent taxes can't be avoided by selling or transferring the property. Since taxing units hold a tax lien on each parcel of taxable property within their jurisdictions, tax collectors can file suit to foreclose on the lien and seize the property even if the ownership has changed. As a result, a purchaser of real property cannot get a clear title until all the delinquent taxes owed on the property are paid in full.

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

Property owners can avoid unnecessary expense and legal entanglements by paying their property taxes on time. If their taxes are overdue, it's to their advantage to contact their taxing units without further delay and make arrangements for paying.

Puppies live longer with proper care

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Puppies need to visit their "pediatrician" too.

Vaccinations are very important in the prevention of disease in the dog. The diseases that can be vaccinated for are: distemper, hepatitis (not the same as the one that affects humans), leptospirosis, parainfluenza (DHLP for short) and parvo.

The "youngster" should be started on their puppy shot series at six to eight weeks of age. He should receive a booster at one month intervals until he reaches or exceeds four months of age. The rabies vaccination is a legal requirement and can be given any time after the pup reaches three months of age.

The pup should also be wormed for hookworms and roundworms at the first visit to the doctor's office and again in two to four weeks. Hookworms and roundworms are blood-sucking intestinal parasites that can be very harmful to a dog. A month after the second worming, a fresh stool sample should be checked to be sure the puppy has been "cleared" of the worm. If the flat, white segments of the tapeworm are seen in the stool another type of wormer is needed.

Before the pup becomes six months of age, he should be started on a heartworm preventative. Heartworms are a

serious blood parasite transmitted from dog-to-dog by mosquitoes. External parasites (Fleas, ticks, ear mites) should be checked for and treated if found.

Each year, the dog should receive a DHLP, parvo and rabies booster and be checked for intestinal and heartworms.

Any dog over four months of age that has never been vaccinated should have two DHLP, parvo vaccinations one month apart, as well as one rabies vaccination, and should also be checked for internal and external parasites.

Any dog over six months of age should have a blood test before being started on heartworm preventative. Spaying or neutering can be done after the dog reaches six months.

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