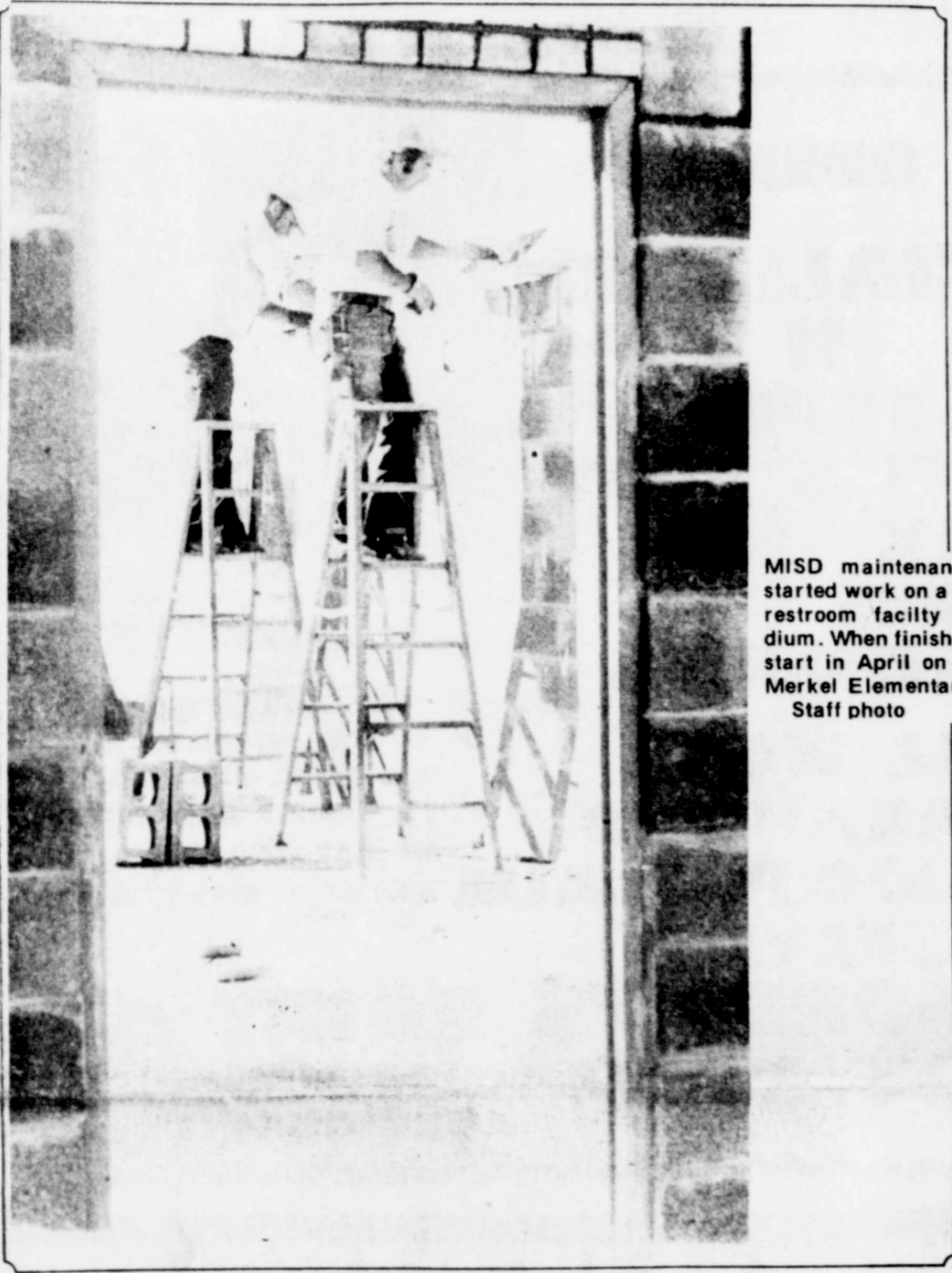


# The Merkel Mail

Thursday, February 28, 1985...Merkel, Texas

Our 96th Year



MISD maintenance crews have started work on a new concession-restroom facility at Badger Stadium. When finished, the crew will start in April on an addition for Merkel Elementary.  
Staff photo

## Board re-hires administrators, will re-surface basketball court

The Merkel school board re-hired its administrators and athletic directors at its regular meeting at City Hall last week.

The board extended the contracts of athletic director Dick Lepard; Merkel Elementary principal David Casey; Tye Elementary principal Harry Taylor; Merkel Middle school principal Eddie Lang; High school principal

Larry Curry and curriculum director David Laman.

Board members also approved seeking bids on a replacement floor for the high school gym. Everett estimated the hardwood maple floor would cost about \$45,000 to replace.

The board also learned the planned six room extension of Merkel Elementary, which is supposed to get underway in April,

will run about \$120,000 for materials. The plans have already been forwarded to the state for their approval.

Board members also agreed to hire an aide to serve the Merkel Elementary and Tye Elementary students.

MISD superintendent Bill Everett told **The Mail** Monday enrollment seems to have leveled off for this year at 1,429.

## Taylor Electric donates book

Taylor Electric Cooperative, Inc. recently presented a book entitled "The Next Greatest Thing", published by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, Washington, D.C. to the Merkel High School Library.

Ruth Windsor, School Librarian and Larry Curry, Principal, accepted the book on behalf of the school. The book contains an outstanding collection of photographs depicting rural life in America in the 1930's to the present time and is an excellent resource book on rural life and the development of rural electric cooperatives throughout the nation. The Cooperative also presented books to thirteen other schools throughout the eight county service area.



## Both MISD races are contested

There will be two contested races in the April 6th school election and none are contested so far in city elections set for the same date.

All of that could change as candidates have until March 6th to file for a spot on the ballot.

In the school board race, both incumbents Ronnie Doan and

James Boyd have said they will not seek reelection.

In Place 1, Dale Hammond and Lee Yaddow have filed to run and Robert Harris and Bill Sloan have filed to run for Place 2.

## Badger boys 2nd at Ft. Stockton

The Merkel Badger boys track team opened their season last weekend at Fort Stockton and came away with a second place trophy in a meet filled with AAAA teams.

Scoring for Merkel were the 400 relay team of Jerry Davis, Matt Cain, Justine Amerine and Milo Harris- 5th place; James Wright was 4th in the 800; Matt Cain won and Britt Pursley was 3rd in the

110 high hurdles; Milo Harris was 4th in the 400; Matt Cain won the 300 Intermediate Hurdles and Dean Franklin was 4th.

Also, the 1600 relay team of Milo Harris, Steve Farthing, Dean Franklin and James Wright was 3rd; Randy Davis was 2nd and Justine Amerine 3rd in the pole vault; Davis also won the high jump with Matt Cain placing second; Spencer Scott was 5th in

the shot put and Matt Cain was 2nd in the long jump.

Track Coach Eddie Lang told **The Mail** Monday "We will have a good team this year. I was happy with the way the kids performed, even if we had a few that were sick."

Merkel scored 97 points in the meet for their second place finish. Monahans, a Class AAAA school, won the meet with 203.



The Merkel Badgers varsity boys track team started off their season well racing home with the second place trophy from the meet against Class AAAA teams. The Badgers fared well competing in the Fort Stockton Relays. Staff photo

## Farm prices not expected to keep pace with costs in '85

Both Texas' and the nation's farm economy is expected to show little improvement in 1985.

Farm cash receipts are expected to gain 1 to 5 percent, says Dr. Forrest Stegelin, economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System. Livestock receipts could be up as much as 4 percent while crop receipts could increase from 5 to 8 percent. Large increases are expected in cotton, but fruit and vegetable receipts may decline.

Among factors influencing the farm economy outlook are worldwide weather which affects yields and output, worldwide economies and currencies, capital costs and availability to agriculture, government policies and producer responses and marketing decisions.

Prices paid for cash expenses are anticipated to remain steady in 1985, with an overall rise of

about 5 percent, says Stegelin. Depreciation expenses should be flat relative to 1984, and household expenses are expected to rise slightly.

Production items originating on the farm are expected to increase up to 4 percent as a prices-paid index, whereas the prices-paid index for production items from non-farm sources should jump 5 to 7 percent, mainly due to high interest expenses.

"Looking at income indicators, the farm economy outlook is not good," says Stegelin. "Gross cash income will be stable in 1985 compared to 1984, reflecting a decline in cash government payments. Net cash income will continue to drop, and net farm income is expected to drop drastically from rising expenses, reduced government payments and a smaller increase in farm inventories."

Agribusiness should see in-

creased sales of production inputs like agricultural chemicals, fertilizers and seeds, but farmers and ranchers will face steady to raised prices for many production inputs and services, Stegelin points out. Supply and demand should be balanced for all agricultural inputs, with supplies moderating the input price increases.

Stegelin's projections for some 1985 farm level input prices (compared to those in 1984) are as follows: fertilizers will rise from 2 to 10 percent; labor costs will increase 4 to 11 percent; energy costs will be an extra 3 to 6 percent; self-propelled machinery costs will be 5 to 12 percent more; and tractor costs will fluctuate around current levels as well as interest rates.

"1985 will be characterized as a year when increases in farm input costs will virtually offset any increases in market receipts," believes Stegelin.

## 'Celebrating' an anniversary ...

by Cloy A. Richards

What a way to celebrate an anniversary.

Last week, the headline machine (it makes the large letters in the paper) decided it needed some time off and without the good graces of the staff of **The Western Observer** we would have looked real funny last week.

This week the machine is still resting and it promises to be another helter-skelter Tuesday.

It was quite an experience editing a military newspaper. I started with the last issue of February for the Pope Air Force Base **Hercules Herald**. I kinda had a hint there were a bunch of Bozos in our office when the boss made me editor and placed me in charge

of the day-to-day assignments for three staff sergeants who had trouble keeping their military noses' clean.

On top of that, my captain let me deal with the local, on-base "Censor", the colonel that pre-checked all copy before it was printed. That way, the military reasoned, someone with power could be "responsible."

The colonel was "responsible" for the content of the paper, unless something printed in the paper rubbed someone the wrong way, then he became quite adept at transferring the "responsibility" quickly to me.

I looked across my desk at more than one mad colonel before, and I believe that was excellent experience in helping me deal with

people when we do something wrong.

I am in no way badmouthing the military. They gave me a chance to run a newspaper at an age where it would be impossible in the real world and I will always be glad I wore that funny blue suit for the time I did.

After eight years, maybe I shouldn't let on to how long I have been editing newspapers. People may start wondering why I don't do a better job.

The Merkel school board has two contested races and so far, city representatives have not flushed out any challengers for the April 6th election.

(See Page 2)

# Contested board races, brown fish bite

Although the filing deadline is not until March 6th, the school races are pitting Dale Hammond against Bill Sloan and Robert Harris against Lee Yaddow.

So far, Merkel mayor Kent Satterwhite and councilmen Larry Beasley and James McKee have not received a challenge.

MISD student will be getting their full spring break as school officials have decided to go to school Good Friday to make up the last missed day of school for winter.

MISD maintenance crews will

have more than enough to do until September.

They have recently completed tennis courts here and have started construction on new concession stands and restroom facilities for Badger Stadium.

In April, they will begin work on a six classroom extension at Merkel Elementary.

We spent last weekend with Melanie's parents at Canyon Lake and had a nice visit.

I did learn a valuable lesson about a fish that I didn't know much about before Saturday.

I caught a dandy sized brown fish and was all excited about the possibility of it being a small-mouthed bass.

After a guy on the dock netted the fish, and I, like any experienced fisherman, "lipped" the fish out of the net, and the fish secured my thumb with its teeth. The brown fish was not a small-mouth bass it was a walleye and they definitely have teeth, which I can attest to.

Next time I will look a gift brown fish in the mouth before handling.

A new business opened in town

last week, B Moreno's Paint & Body Shop.


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The wheat is looking good with the nice rains we have been having lately and prospects are good for a crop.

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## Check your dog for heartworms

by Kathryn Banner, DVM Merkel Vet Clinic

Does your dog have a chronic cough? Is breathing difficult for him? Has his endurance for exercise decreased? Is his hair coat dull and rough? If so, your dog may have heartworms. A simple blood test can be done at a veterinary clinic to be sure.

Heartworms are a blood parasite that can cause many health problems in a dog, including heart failure and death. The adult heartworms live in the dog's heart and the major vessels leading to the heart. The "baby" form, called microfilaria, are found circulating in the blood stream of the dog. The microfilaria are transmitted from one dog to another by mosquitoes. The microfilaria left after the bite of an infected mosquito develop into adults and can produce microfilaria in six months.

There is a treatment for heartworms and it has two parts. The first part is aimed at killing the adults. The dog is hospitalized and an arsenic compound is given intravenously twice a day for two days. Strict rest is required for

four to six weeks after the injections. One month after the adult treatment, medicine is given to kill the microfilaria. There are several such drugs. A new drug is being used that may prove to be more effective and safer than the drugs used presently. The treatment is not without risk and pre-treatment laboratory tests and radiographs may be recommended.

As in many health matters, prevention of heartworm disease in dogs is better and safer than treatment. A drug, diethylcarbamazine citrate (DEC), given once

a day will prevent heartworms. The drug is given orally and is available in liquid, tablet, and chewable wafer. The amount given is based on the dog's weight. DEC should be started before a dog reaches six months of age and any dog over six months of age should be tested "negative" before being started on the preventative.

## Perkins on honor list

John E. Perkins, from Merkel, junior agricultural economics major, has earned "Distinguished Student" status at Texas A&M University.

Recipients of the "Distinguished Student" honor must earn at least a 3.25 grade point ratio, out of a possible 4.0, during the most recent grading period. The student must also be registered for 15 semester hours.

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## MISD school lunch menu

The Merkel School menu is as follows:

Thursday, Feb. 28: Spaghetti, french green beans, lettuce and tomato salad, garlic bread rosey pears.

Friday, March 1: Hot dogs with chili, mustard relish, chopped onion, french fries, brownies.

Monday, March 4: Chicken fried steak with cream gravy, seasoned english peas, cream potatoes, hot rolls, sliced peaches with whip topping.

Tuesday, March 5: Beef and cheese tacos, pinto beans, shredded lettuce and tomatoes, jello with fruit.

Wednesday, March 6: Bar-B-Q links, potato salad, fried okra, hot rolls, pineapple chunks.

Thursday, March 7: Meat loaf, buttered spinach, blackeye peas with snaps, corn bread, apple cheese crisp.

Friday, March 8: Hamburgers, Lettuce, tomato, pickle, onions, french fries with catsup, peanut butter cookies.

School will be closed March 11-15 for Spring Break.



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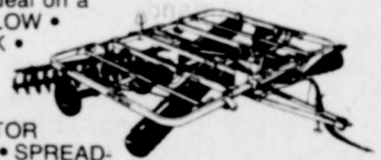
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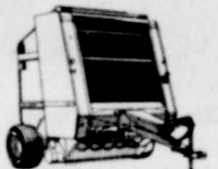
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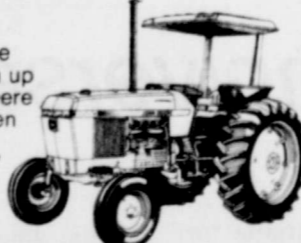
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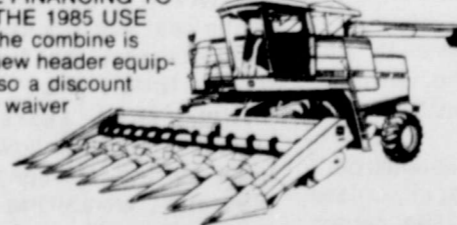
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## Tye elementary honor students named

The Tye Elementary Honor Roll is as follows:

**First Grade:** Greer: A Honor Roll: Melissa Clark, William Donaldson, Jason Howell, Brandi Parker, Cooper Strange. A-B Honor Roll: Randy DeLeon, Freddie Knuth, Leopard: A Honor Roll: Staci Carter, A-B Honor Roll: Reggie Griffin, Timmy Thorpe, Julianna Helm.

**Second Grade:** Hoover: A Honor Roll: Crystal Gayle, Billy Miller, Karyn Utley. A-B Honor Roll: Kellie Edwards, Don Cavender, Jeremy James, Leslie Starkey, Alanna Hafner, Crystal Grooms, Julie Sires. Newland: A Honor Roll: Colby Sheffield. A-B Honor Roll: Donna Bouldin, Mandy Ellifritz, Angela Knuth, Brad Locke, Tomas Newman, David Robinson.

**Third Grade:** Sims: A Honor Roll: Brian Miller, Jennifer Jeter, Jennifer Johnson, Josh Perry, Sandi Wood. A-B Honor Roll: Robin Bishop, Chad Fambrough, Stacey Powell, Sheb Havens.

**Fourth Grade:** Everett: A Honor Roll: Mendy Law, Cody Parker, Tami Sims, Donnie Windland, Mickey Muniz. A-B Honor Roll: Trisha Evans, Trista Graham, Holly James, Christie Tucker. Utley: Lori Snowden, Kim Israel. A-B Honor Roll: Joe Silvas, Carla Knuth, Rose Pierce.

**Fifth Grade:** Dean: A Honor Roll: Son Hui Chon, Cheryl Wood. A-B Honor Roll: Becky Donaldson, Greg Parker, Danny Sheffield. Wheeler: A Honor Roll: Jody Lang, Jamie Stone. A-B Honor Roll: Curtis Bleeker, Jamie McClintock.



Richardson to tour Europe with band

James Richardson, a Merkel High band member, has been named to the United States Collegiate Wind Band and will tour England and seven European countries this summer. James is the son of Milli Richardson of Merkel.



By Craig Tufts

### Bird House Development

How do birds choose a home? Much the same way you or I do. They evaluate, in their terms: Is the area attractive? Is it close to work (i.e., the finding of berries, insects, seeds, water, etc.)? Is the site good for a home? If there's already a home on the site, is it suitable? And, especially, is this a good place to raise a family?

Nothing enhances a human homeowner's enjoyment and understanding of life much more than watching birds raise their young. And nothing makes watching easier than providing a birdhouse the birds can call their own. Wrens, chickadees, titmice, bluebirds, and swallows are prime occupants for ready-made homes.

Your immediate surroundings will help you determine what kind of birds to provide for, if you want them close by: Wrens are attracted to birdhouses placed fairly close to the ground among dense trees and shrubs. Chickadees and titmice like to nest in patches of large trees. Bluebirds opt for wide open spaces—extensive lawns, golf courses, pastures and cemeteries. Swallows like the same open spaces—so long as they're close to rivers and ponds.

Each kind of bird is almost as choosy about its birdhouse construction as about its site—though all the birds mentioned will move into a basic rectangular, 5-inch-wide by 10-inch-high

box built of unpainted 1/2-inch spruce, fir, pine or exterior plywood. The box should be equipped with 1/2-inch drainage holes in the bottom and a 1 1/2-inch entrance hole placed near the top of one side. Perches aren't needed and in fact may attract nesters such as house sparrows that may injure box users like wrens and chickadees which you are trying to encourage.

Late winter or early spring is ideal birdhouse-building time. Mount the box 3 to 5 feet off the ground on a pole, fence post or tree trunk.

Once a bird family is in residence, keep a close watch—for practical as well as pleasurable reasons.

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## Lions donates glasses, phone

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cently purchased a "life-line" telephone for a local elderly woman.

The club will be holding a pancake supper in

April to raise additional funds.

They also plan to donate money to replace light at the Merkel High base.

## Elementary honor students

The Merkel Elementary School Honor Roll is as follows:

**1st Grade A Honor Roll:** Elizabeth Acuna, Cela Ashley, Lanae Baker, Marjoe Bigbee, April Burns, Jenny Browning, Oscar Cano, Brandy Casper, Christie Danielski, Wendy Elliott, Melissa Estrada, Cecilia Flores, Molly Griffith, Jamie Hester, Ryan Holmes, Rebecca Hobbs, Bubba Jackson, Sandra Juarez, Paul King, Shelli Leamon, Amy Leopard, Jessica Martin, Rendi Meeks, Beth McClintock, Jesse Niell, Tabi Reed, Denise Tumlison, Michelle Reyna, Rebecca Wanagas, Renee Wanagas, Angela Worley. A-B Honor Roll: Johnny Arnold, Chrystal Beard, Rachel Buddin, Nicole Burch, Rhett Buntin, Nicole Castillo, Michael Conan, Scooter Harris, Noe Landeros, Jessica McKee, Chuck Oustad, Ryan Reynolds, Jimmy Rodriguez, Jeremy Thompson, Kerien West, Nicolas Williams.

**2nd Grade A Honor Roll:** Rosemary Barrendez, Crystal Boone, Bryce Buntin, Karly Byers, Roberto Cano, Crystal Christensen, Augustine Gonzales, Kevin Graham, Laurie Hellems, Marijke Holmes, Michael Jarrell, Katrina Kniffen, Marcus Malone, Amanda Myers, Lori Pirraglia, Heather Richardson, Scott Richardson, Jon Slover, Brandi Tarpley, Kory Toliver, Gregg Valentine, Jeff Wikerson, Ricky Yancy. A-B Honor Roll: Tiffany Butman, Rikki Casady, Robin Cochran, Jason Clinton, Teresa Cuellar, Steven Deltz, Jason Dutton, Martin Hernandez, Tiffany Hill, Trinity Hollis, Angela Jowers, Trisha Marsh, Stacy Morris, Ray Pace, Chad Pettyjohn, Chris Powell, Joey Richards, Amanda Sanders, Cne' Seymore.

**3rd Grade Honor Roll:** Richard Adkins, Doug Alldredge, Velma DeLeon, Dana Hammond, Lisa Harding, Heather Henderson, Carmen Holden, Bryan Leopard, Hyrum Mills, Jason Nalley, Troy Roberts, Corley Segovia. A-B Honor Roll: Judd Burton, Corey Dennis, Ramiro Flores, Linda Layher, Melanie Mitchell, Nathan Stamper, Corey Teichelman, Jason Tipton, Billy Vera Cruz, Ricky Ybarra.

**4th Grade Honor Roll:** Shayla Carter, Matthew Cravens, Mariette Duran, Tammy Graham, Jason Heverman, Alisha Hobbs, Susan Holden, Caleb Kelso, Cody Kniffen, Jason Kotoed, Angie Nault, Renli Reynolds, Andrea Richardson, Trinh Tran, Krystal West. A-B Honor Roll: Sebastian Ascencio, Amanda Avalos, John Bauer, Jeremy Beal, Joel Bird, Tanner Boyd, Mark Conners, Randy Cubriel, Spencer Duncan, Misty Gaunt, Austin Hill, Russ Holloway, Dee Dee Jackson, Lonnie Liggins, Jennifer McKee, David Melendez, Cliff Owen, Delayne Pack, Orville Pirraglia, Shelly Seymore, Tommy Tumlison, James Wade.

**5th Grade Honor Roll:** Mandy Barnett, Tayna Beasley, Michelle Ingram, Lillian Leach, Lori Thompson, Annette Windham. A-B Honor Roll: Peppy Avalos, Lori Best, Queena Bigbee, Scott Cannon, Kim Conners, Dayna Doan, Rebecca Dunagin, Lisa Fenton, Elizabeth Hernandez, Jennifer Hobbs, Christy Hull, Marc Jenkins, Josh Mashburn, Christy Minze, Steven Moreno, Ricky Riley, Eilyn Rutledge, Stephen Santee, Kriste Ann Smith, Aaron Turner.

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With Gratitude,  
Mildred Rister  
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We want to thank our many friends for their loving concern shown in so many ways while each of us were in the hospital and since we've been home. We covet your prayers as we are getting well again. May God Bless You.  
Ed & Alwyne Sandusky  
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Friends and neighbors, thank you for all the kind and thoughtful deeds that you've done for all of us during our time of sorrow.

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I want to thank everyone that were so kind and thoughtful during our time of sorrow at the passing of Bill Wood. The food, flowers and thoughtfulness were greatly appreciated.  
The Family of Bill Wood

## Public notice

CITATION BY PUBLICATION  
THE STATE OF TEXAS  
-TO: FRED GRIER DIXON, Respondent:  
GREETINGS:  
-YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable 326th District Court, Taylor County, Texas, at the Court-house of said County in Abilene, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the Monday next after the expiration of 20 days from the date of service of this citation, then and there to answer the petition of MONTE NELL DIXON, Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 21st day of February 1985, against FRED GRIER DIXON\* Respondent, and said suit being numbered 11,534-C on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Matter of The Marriage of Monte Nell Dixon and Fred Grier Dixon", the nature of which suit is a request to obtain a divorce from the respondent.

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

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

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Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court at Abilene, Texas, this the 21st day of February, 1985.

Rilla Mahoney,  
District Clerk,  
326th District Court,  
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By Johnnie Woodard,  
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102-1tc-69

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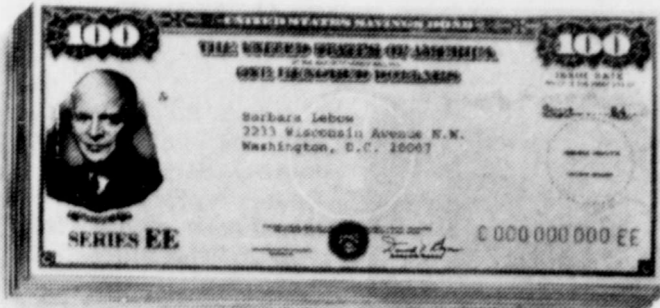
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7th Grade A Honor Roll: Dianna Brown, Eric Ascencio, Jennifer Hatley, Stephen Jacobs, Laura Baker, Mi Hwa Chon, Sheri Miles, Penny Smith, Shawn Miller. A-B Honor Roll: Bridget Acuna, Dayna Bentley, Lisa Cannon, Angela Carson, Misty Doan, Tricia Newsum, Laurinda Powell, Toby Dupont, Randy Toombs, Lisa Donaldson, Robyn Dudley, David Miller, Susan Hammond, Amy Coleman, Chip Townsend, Shannon Jones, Kevin Pilgrim, Richard Bryan, Lee Kotrlak, Christi Reynolds.

8th Grade A Honor Roll: Jennifer Gaona, Richa Hill, Wal-

ter Best, Maxi Lang, Chad Strange, Diem Tran, Michelle Barnett, Anissa Jones, Steve Leverich, Dewayne Clark, Pam Neff. A-B Honor Roll: Teresa Lucas, David Biera, Mendy Bunselmeyer, Robert Turner, Wade Toombs, Stephanie Ashorn, Twyla

Wilburn, John Paul Dunley, be Mills, Greg Hale, Scott Jam ham, Melissa Morris, Michele Dudley, Kim Richards, Julie Koflanovich, Glyn Ann Rutledge, Martha Davila, Jon-David Layher, Davy DeLeon, Michael Adkins, Janet Cavender.

## Baker's services held in Abilene

Fred A. Baker, 71, of 1001 S. Pioneer Drive, died at 9:30 a.m. February 11 at Humana Hospital, Abilene after a lengthy illness. Services were at 2 p.m. Tuesday at North's Funeral Home, 242 Orange St., with Bill Turner, of 16th and Vine Street Church of Christ, officiating. Burial was at Elmwood Memorial Park.

Born Dec. 6, 1913, in Jones County, he was reared in Merkel and graduated from Merkel High School in 1931. He married Ruth

Cullen Oct. 29, 1937, in Abilene. He retired from R.E. James Sand and Gravel Co. in Slaton, where he worked from 1956-1979. He moved back to Abilene in 1979. A World War II Army veteran, he was a member of 16th and Vine Street Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife; two nephews, W.R. Leach of Merkel and Jerry Cullen Hunt of Fort Smith, Ark.; and two nieces, Linda Leach Hodges of San Antonio and Judy Douglas Foster of Abilene.

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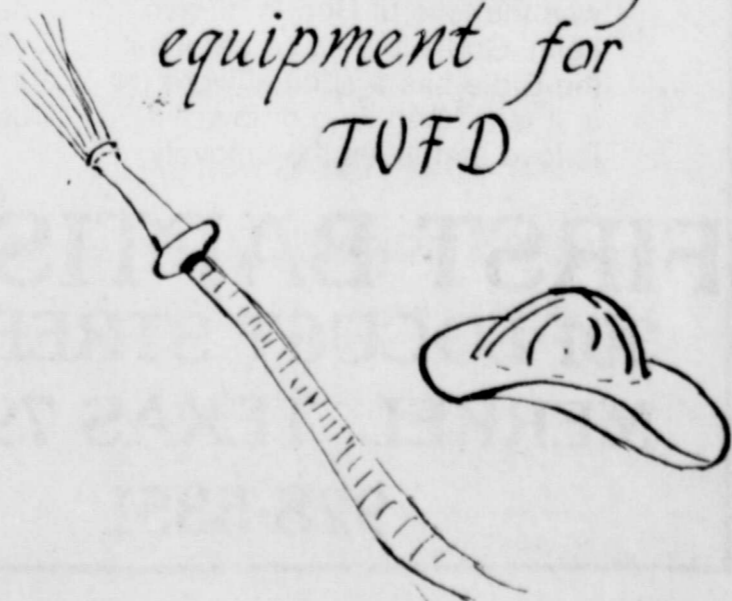
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# Using & controlling nerves

by Russell McAnally

Having been brought up in a home where we never discussed such things as NERVES has been a good or a bad thing for me depending on the situations in life. In a family with ten children, behaviour was not allowed to be dependent on nerves. If you were grouchy, you were just grouchy and no excuses allowed.

The matter, which disturbs me now, is more a feeling of depression than one of stretched nerves. Using nerves as an excuse for uncontrolled temper lets us be mean without feeling guilty, but this light depression thing lets us feel sorry for ourselves and enjoy it. There is good and bad in depression. A little depression lets us draw attention to ourselves and we can turn it on or off as we desire. It is a bad thing when we let our depression get out of control and we become controlled by it.

Depression starts with one being broody, like a brood hen sitting on eggs and staring into space with nothing else to do. The second stage of progressive depression gets into a state of being sulky. It

is like the hen who sits on the eggs so long, staring into space, doing her own thing, until she ruffles her feathers and squalls everytime anyone gets close to her. A person gets sulky after they feel sorry for themselves so long that no one sympathizes with them anymore. If it gets past this stage, we are no longer in control.

How serious my condition is, I do not know. I sit and stare into space quiet often, as I ponder our move from among people we have learned to love. Starting a new building program in my old age gets me some blank stares and head shaking from a number of my friends. I really do not think, however, that this is the real cause of my light case of depression. When I think of all the bad things happening daily among the people I am not surprised at the seriousness of my depression. Let me share with you some of these things. One man discovers his son to be gay. Another parent has discovered their daughter is a hooker. A mean man kidnapped the twin children of a woman we appreciated. They have killed one very mean character, but he keeps coming back to life. I am

discouraged about the police because they have not found any clues or solved any crimes in the past three years. It is almost impossible to get any work done because most of the people spend nearly all their time in bed with an audience looking on.

All of these, bad things are happening daily on "Days Of Our Lives", and if something good doesn't start happening soon, I am going to stop watching these episodes. When we see so many bad things happening on T.V., we may be conditioning ourselves to not take so seriously the bad things in real life happening all around us all the time. Amen.

P.S. No. 1. I have enjoyed writing these articles for the Merkel Mail and am grateful to the Editor and management for the privilege. This is probably my last one and I want to thank all the readers. P.S. No. 2. My article in the paper last week got jumbled up a little and this one sentence got lost. "If the government applies tax dollars to private schools, they will also control how that money is to be spent. Is this what you want?"



§ We left off a name in this picture recently published of a five generation picture. They are (top row from left) Mrs. Imogene Harbour of Kerrville and Mrs. Janie McGlothlin of Trent (first row from left) Mrs. Blanche Graham of Kerrville, Mrs. Leigh Ann Freeman of Trent and Miss Amber Leigh Freeman, also to Trent. Complimentary photo]



§ Nancy Johnson is a resources teacher at Merkel Middle School. She is married and has two children. She is a native of Uvalde and enjoys fishing, reading, soap operas, cooking and sports.



§ Brenda Vaughn, a Temple native is the resource teacher at Merkel Middle School. She has a bachelor's and a master's degree from Abilene Christian. She is single and enjoys reading, sleeping, water and snow skiing and soap operas.

## Senior Citizens set pot-luck-supper, singing

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that asks and expects nothing in return. That kind of love can fill hearts with peace and lips with kindness. Jesus Christ said, "You shall love the Lord God with all your heart and your neighbor as yourself." (Matthew 19:19) You can discover this love by knowing and trusting Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

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Respondent:  
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Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court at Abilene, Texas, this the 19th day of February, 1985.  
Rilla Mahoney Clerk,  
350th District Court,  
Taylor County, Texas.  
By JoAnn Lackey,  
Deputy.  
102-1tc-86  
CITATION BY PUBLICATION

-TO: RICHARD JESSE PHILLIPS\* Respondent:  
GREETINGS:  
-YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable 326th District Court, Taylor County, Texas, at the Court-house of said County in Abilene, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the Monday next after the expiration of 20 days from the date of service of this citation, then and there to answer the petition of DORIS JEAN PHILLIPS, Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 20th day of February, 1985, against RICHARD JESSE PHILLIPS\* Respondent, and said suit being numbered 11,526-C on the docket of said

Court, and entitled "In The Matter of The Petition of Doris Jean Phillips, a Minor", the nature of which suit is a request to allow Petitioner permission to marry.  
If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.  
The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.  
Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court at Abilene, Texas, this the 20th day of February, 1985.

Griffin's announce birth  
Hayden and Sandie Griffin, of Columbia, Maryland, are proud to announce the arrival of Kenneth Reed Griffin, born January 6, 1985, weighing 8 pounds, 3 ounces.  
Kenny joins his brother, Hayden III and his sisters, Angie and Lisa. Maternal grandparents are Wally and Dolores Reed of Colonial Beach, Virginia. Kenny is the grandson of the late Odis and Thelma Griffin of Merkel.

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The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.  
Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court at Abilene, Texas, this the 14th day of February, 1985.


Rilla Mahoney Clerk,  
326th District Court,  
Taylor County, Texas.  
By Johnnie Woodard,  
Deputy.  
102-1tc-77

CITATION BY PUBLICATION  
THE STATE OF TEXAS  
-TO: UNKNOWN FATHER\* and to ALL Whom It May Concern, Address Unknown, Respondent:  
GREETINGS:  
-YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable 350th District Court, Taylor County, Texas, at the Court-house of said County in Abilene, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the Monday next after the expiration of 20 days from the date of service of this citation, then and there to answer the Amended petition of Bobbie Pat Hatfield and Deborah Jean Hatfield, Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 28th day of January, 1985, against Unknown Father, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 216-D on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Interest of Baby Miller, a Child", the nature of which suit is a request to the Court to determine what parent-child relationship exists between the child and any other persons, and that same be terminated and Petitioners be granted a Decree of Adoption of such child, and that any other relief requested be given. Said child was born the 25th day of June, 1984, in Abilene, Texas.

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree in the child's interest which will be binding upon you, including the termination of the parent-child relationship and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the child's adoption.  
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Psalm 119, 105  
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