

The Merkel Mail

Thursday, May 30, 1985 ... Merkel, Texas

Our 97th Year

Board courtesy stops, names teachers to ladder

The MISD school board met last Thursday and decided to end school bus courtesy stops and named teachers that qualified for the career ladder.

Courtesy bus stops are made by the busses within two miles of the school. The career ladder selections are teachers that qualified under guidelines of HB 72, the Education Reform Bill. Teachers selected for the career ladder will receive a \$1,500 bonus each year they teach.

Board members also heard a complaint concerning a Merkel High teacher.

MISD Superintendent Bill Everett said he felt the district needed to stop the practice of courtesy stops because of crowded conditions on MISD busses. He said four MISD routes that currently made courtesy stops are overcrowded, and that the district might be held legally liable in an accident.

State law requires school districts to transport students who live more than two miles, as the busses travel, from the school facility. The State does require districts to transport students within a two mile range if they must cross a hazardous roadway. Students living on the North side of Interstate 20, regardless of how

far they live from their school building, will be able to ride school busses.

Everett told the board "We will get quite a few phone calls in the first couple of weeks of school from parents wanting to know why we didn't pick their children up, but we need to cut these stops out."

Before announcing their selections of teachers who were selected for the career ladder, the board adopted some local requirements for career ladder selection. They include (1) that a teacher's performance must remain at Level 2 until requirements are met for Level 3. If not, they will be dropped back to Level 1; (2) They must get at least a majority of "above average" ratings on evaluations; (3) must be an MISD employee for one year to qualify; (4) teachers can't miss more than 10 days during the school year.

Teachers selected for the career ladder include Gayle Baker, Robert Damron, Adrian Hood, Dick Lepard, J. T. Naron, Pat Neff, Juan Oviedo, Billy Riley, Bill Woods, Lendon Bauer, Donna Bryan, Donna Dunn, Kenneth Elliott, Teresa Lambeth, Sally Odenwald, Celeste Smelser, Shirley Williamson, Lillie Braune,

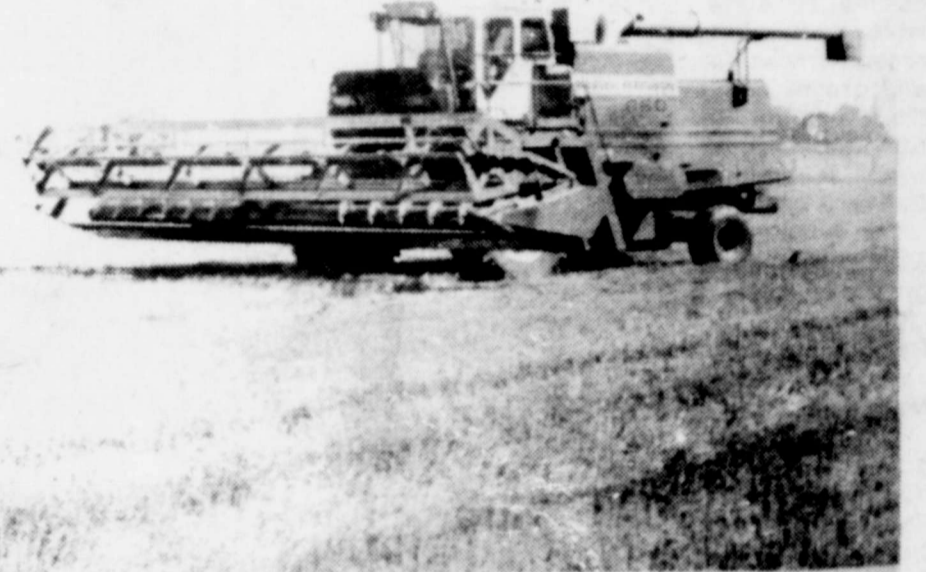
Rita Cook, Kathryn Rister, Jane Roberts, Barbara Sandusky, Ida Seymore, Laura Stegemoller, Peggy Valentine, Jane Wade, Darlene Watson, Paula Dean, Fredalyn Everett, Patty Greer, Shirley Newland, Birdie Page, Margaret Sims and Debbie Utley.

The board also made a couple of decisions concerning hearings, or people seeking an audience before the school board.

Trustees decided they would tape record any remarks made at the request of local citizens before the board and they also decided to hire a court reporter when a student or employee requests a hearing, so that a transcript could be retained.

In line with that, board members taped a complaint against a Merkel teacher.

Janie Rich of Merkel lodged a complaint against a high school teacher. Board members, after hearing her, decided later in the evening to "look into" the situation and asked the superintendent to have high school principal Larry Curry look into the matter. In other business, the board paid bills and decided to retain the students insurance policy offered by Keystone Insurance.



This combine is completing its weather have made conditions the area last week. Job on a wheat field just Southeast "perfect" for cutting wheat and at Staff photo of the Merkel Co-Op Gin. Dry, hot least six crews were working in

Central Appraisal District sends out notices for '85

Taylor county taxpayers received their Notices of Appraised Value over the weekend.

Taxpayers who did not receive a notice should contact the Central Tax Authority and find out why. The Notices are the only official notification taxpayers will receive before their appraised value for 1985 will be in effect.

The appraised value, multiplied by the tax rate of the local entity, determines how much tax you will pay next year to the county, school

district and the city. Persons who feel their appraised values are too high can protest. Taxpayers that don't have the deductions they think they are entitled to can also protest. The procedure is (1), call the office of tax dollars they spent last year.

Taylor County Commissioners are already discussing a tax increase. If you have any questions concerning your notice contact the Central Tax Authority of Taylor County at 340 Hickory or call 676-9381 and make an appointment. The estimate is

simply that. Local governing bodies will not set their new tax rates until August. The estimated tax is also based on the governing body generating the same amount of tax dollars they spent last year. The office of tax dollars they spent last year. If you have any questions concerning your notice contact the Central Tax Authority of Taylor County at 340 Hickory or call 676-9381 and make an appointment. The estimate is

Former JP buried here Friday

Henry Joseph Guenther, 49, of Merkel, former Tye Police Chief and Taylor County Justice of the Peace, was pronounced dead at his home at 6 p.m. Wednesday after a sudden illness.

Guenther achieved local prominence as Precinct 2 Justice of the Peace, a post he was first

appointed to in 1977, then elected to in 1978. He stepped down in 1982 after he lost a re-election bid.

He became Tye police chief in August 1983, succeeding Terry Woolley, who resigned the position. Guenther left that post March 9, 1984 to operate a private business, a snack bar in Merkel

A graduate of the Abilene Police Academy, Guenther also worked as a firefighter for 23 years, as a Merkel police officer, a policeman at Abilene Municipal Airport and Hardin-Simmons University security officer.

He was retired from the Air Force.

Wheat harvest is on, board names teachers, President clear

by Cloy A. Richards

The wheat harvest is on. While some of you may use the basic "hay fever" or "I saw my first combine" to know when the harvest starts, I use the ol' price standby.

The market fell nine cents Thursday, when combines around here started rolling Friday. The current price is 2.87 per bushel.

A correction to a story last week about Honey Lee, a Merkel High grad.

She is not a 1066 graduate of Merkel High, it was 1966.

Reservation for food and activity booths at Fun Day aren't coming in as fast as we'd like to see, but that should pick up as Fun Day is only a month away.

If your group or club is looking for a good fund raising event, it's hard to beat Fun Day. It's the single event that draws more people each year here.

Reservation are being taken during business hours by calling the Merkel Chamber of Commerce at 928-5722.

The Merkel School Board met last Thursday night and named teachers that made the career ladder this year.

Teachers named to that ladder are eligible for a \$1,500 bonus each year they teach.

If you think the no pass-no play rules hurt a lot of feelings, get in a room of school teachers and ask them what they think of the career ladder rules and regulations.

I have to commend the state for finally recognizing that school

teachers with classroom experience and education in their field above and beyond that required for a teacher's certificate, need to be recognized with additional pay.

I am not saying, in any stretch of the imagination, that teachers not named to the ladder this year aren't worthy, especially with the way some of the bill was written, or not written, to make it a fair and equitable rating system for teachers.

You can bet two things will happen.

One, the state will change the criteria for changing eligibility for teachers and the other is no matter how it is changed, it will again be controversial.

When laws deal with paychecks, they can almost be labeled controversial.

The list of local teachers making the ladder is in the school board story on Page One and **The Mail** would like to congratulate all of the teachers on the list.

Merkel and Taylor County lost one of its public servants last week with the passing of Henry Guenther.

He was Justice of the Peace in Precinct 2 and the former Tye Police Chief.

Henry was well-respected by his peers in the law enforcement community and we express our sympathy to his family.

Had one of those nice letters from an unbiased reader last week saying getting their newspaper is one of the "Bright spots of the week."

Grandma's like my "Nanny" in Arkoma Oklahoma, are by far, the

most unbiased of all readers, right.

The President admitted Tuesday night what a lot of us had expected for a long time, the Federal Tax system is "Un-American."

President Reagan announced his plan for tax reforms saying the power of the incentives inside the package say "America... Go For It."

In the major provisions he outlined Tuesday night, the tax percentages will be reduced from 14 to three. People earning less than \$29,000 in taxable income (after all business and private deductions) would pay 15 percent; people earning between \$29,000 and \$70,000 would pay 25 percent and people making more than \$70,000 would pay 35 percent.

Also, IRA deductions would be increased to \$2,000 on an individual return and \$4,000 on a joint return. Personal deductions would also be dramatically increased.

Also, a new minimum corporate tax would be collected.

I have waited a long time for President Reagan to speak out on an issue of great concern in a clear, concise, I-know-my-facts manner and he did just that Tuesday night.

We started something this week that I hope a few of you will cut out and save, like a vintage Dale Hammond cartoon.

On a space available basis, we started publishing the text of the new Zoning Ordinances, passed by the city council Feb. 11.

Phone charges going up here

Beginning in June, there will be new charges on some telephone customers' bills. These Charges or Subscriber Line Charges will probably be met with confusion despite the publicity they have received for quite some time. The following is a description of what the Subscriber Line Charge is all about.

Access Charge-Subscriber Line Charge

A \$1 per month subscriber line charge goes into effect on June 1, 1985 for all residential and single business customers. The new monthly fee was ordered by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). Businesses with multiline telephone service have

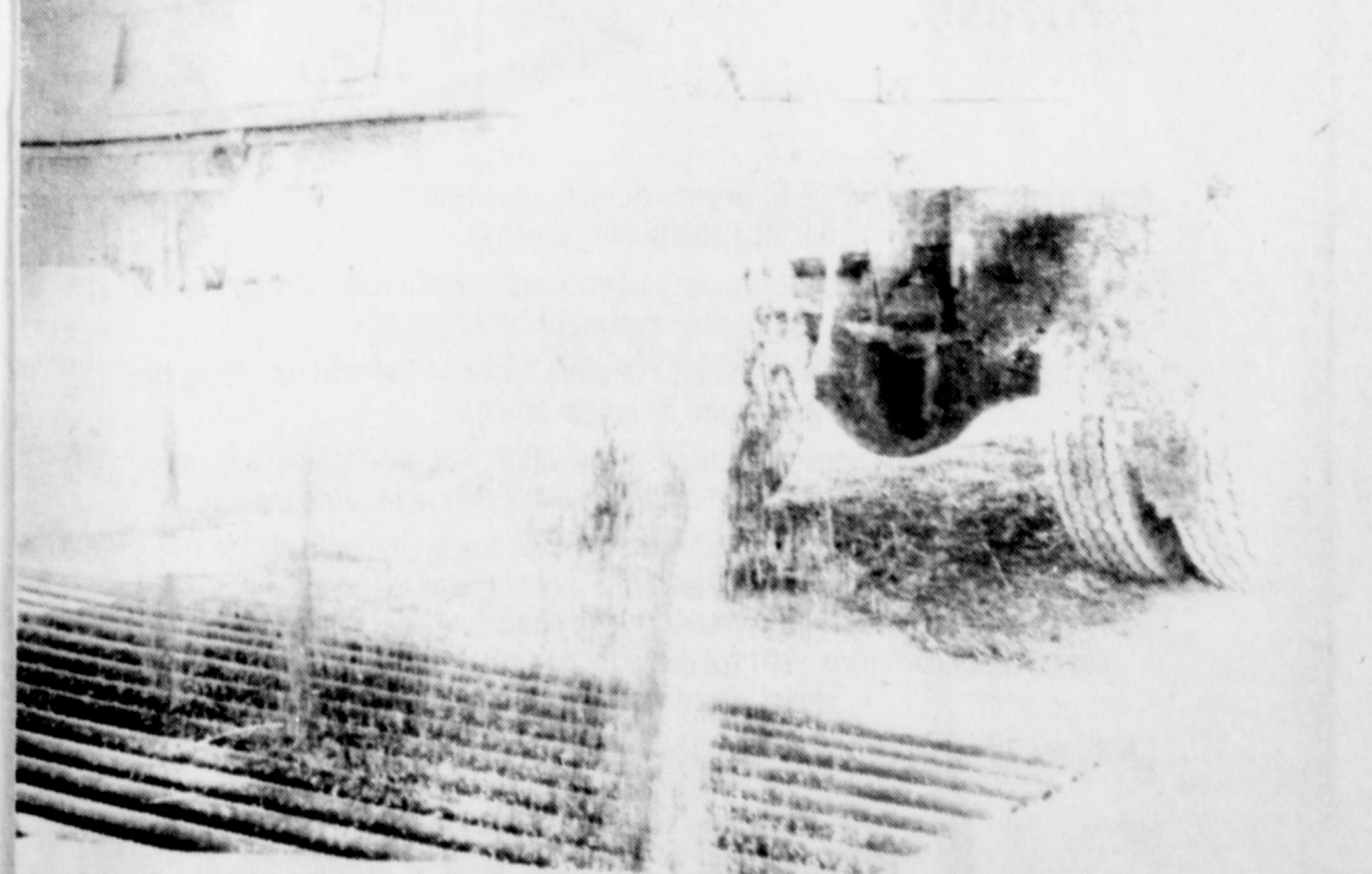
been paying \$6 per month subscriber line charges since May 25, 1984. Subscriber line charges were designed by the FCC to be paid by all telephone customers as part of their regular monthly phone bills. This fee helps pay for the cost associated with the line that connects each customer's home or office to the telephone network.

Until now, much of this cost was recovered in the rates customers paid for long distance service. The FCC, however, ordered this practice to be phased out to reduce the incentive for large telephone users to bypass the long distance network with privately owned systems. Bypass increases the

cost of service to the remaining customers. The commission decided that subscriber line charges would be a sound and fair way for local companies, such as Contel, to recover these costs from their customers. The FCC is expected to approve a reduction in Interstate Long Distance rates to offset the charge.

The current plan calls for \$1 per month charges to be applied to the monthly phone bills of all residential and single line business customers starting in June, with an additional dollar being applied in June 1986. The monthly fee will be capped at \$4 until 1990.

Those customers who would like more information on subscriber line charges can contact their local telephone business office.



The 1985 Wheat harvest is in full the Jack South Elevator here. The swing here as this load of wheat is harvest, with good weather. Staff photo being unloaded from the field at should be completed in three to four weeks.

Dunlap-Berry repeat vows

Rebecca Ann Dunlap and Jeffery Lloyd Berry were married Saturday, May 25, in a double ring, candlelit ceremony held in Dyess Air Force Base Chapel with the Chaplain Ashford officiating.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride is the daughter of Jeff Dunlap of Lamesa, Texas, and Gerrie Jinkens Dunlap of Merkel, Texas. The bridegroom is the son of Retired M-Sgt. and Mrs. W.L. Berry of Dalzell, South Carolina.

The bride was attended by her sister, Angela Edwards of Merkel, as matron of honor. The groom's father, W.L. Berry, was the best man. Ushers were Russell Myles of Georgia and Johnny Beaver of Tennessee, both brother-in-laws of the bridegroom.

Mrs. Lois Finnern, of Abilene, was the organist.

The bridegroom's parents hosted the rehearsal dinner at the Kiva Inn Breckinridge room. The reception was hosted by the bride and groom and their families in the Fluvanna Room of the Kiva Inn. Servers for the reception were Wendy Motley, Carolyn DeBerry and Teresa Hanner.

The bride is a 1981 graduate of Merkel High School and a current graduate of Hardin Simmons University with a Bachelor's Degree in accounting. She is currently employed by Morris Management in Abilene.

The bridegroom is a 1979 graduate of Hillcrest High School in Dalzell, South Carolina. He is in the United States Air Force, currently stationed at Dyess Air Force Base, assigned to the 772nd Tactical Airlift Squadron.

The couple plans to live in Abilene following a wedding trip to San Marcos, Texas.



Mrs. Jeffery Berry

Midway Cemetary

Kids golf is Saturday sets clean-up

The Merkel Golf Association is sponsoring its annual Youth Tournament Saturday at the Merkel Golf Course.

Girls 14 and Under and Boys 13 and under will tee off at 9 a.m.

Girls 15 and older and boys 14 and older will tee off at 1.

The tournament chairman is Helen Jones. Entry fee for the event is \$7 and that includes a hot dog lunch.

People wishing to enter may contact Helen at 928-5982 or you can contact the Pro Shop at the Golf Course.

A group of people met at the Hodges Baptist Church on June 2, 1960. These people were interested in the Midway Cemetary, so from this meeting, the Midway Cemetary Association was formed.

Plans for keeping it clean were made and a board of five directors were elected.

We will celebrate our 25th Anniversary on Sunday, June 2, 1985 and show the world what you have accomplished.

There have been times when it might not have been up to your

expectations, things happen beyond our control, but we have done the best we could.

Bring a basket lunch on Sunday, June 2, 1985 and meet us at the Tabernacle. It is in need of repair and we need your suggestions.

A memorial service will begin about 11:30 a.m. After lunch a business meeting will be held with election of directors.

Let's start another 25 years off with fellowship and visiting with old friends and honoring our loved ones who have gone on.

Howard's plans told

Mrs. L. E. Howard of Lubbock, a former Merkel resident, is proud to announce the engagement of her daughter, Amy Joyce, to Guy Michael Henry, son of Mr. & Mrs. J. R. Henry of Lubbock.

The couple will exchange wedding vows July 6th in Bellevue Baptist Church in Memphis, Tenn.

The bride elect is a graduate of the University of Arkansas with a Master's of Science Degree. She is employed as a Research Biologist with FMC.

The future bridegroom is a graduate of Texas Tech University School of Medicine and is a resident physician in OB/GYN at the University of Tennessee Center for Health Science.

Bockman reunion

Descendants of the late Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Bockman visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bockman, Merkel, Saturday, May 25th. They were: Mr. and Mrs. Lee Burgner, Fort Worth, Estelle Beard, Merkel, Mrs. L.M. (Adelle) Humphrey, Albuquerque, N.M., Iva Nellie Bockman, Merkel, Brenda Carlson, Albuquerque, N.M., Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Gardner, Eula, Mr. and Mrs. James M. Beard, Merkel, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Beard, Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Beard, Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Ford Roberson and children, Joy and Kyle, Andrews. A good time was enjoyed by all. It was the first time Bob and his sisters had all been together at the same time since 1967.

Tucker's baby

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Tucker, of Big Lake, are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Abby Marie. She was born Thursday, May 23 at Shannon Hospital in San Angelo. She weighed 8 lbs. 5 oz. and was 21 1/2 in. long.

Abby has a big sister, Alysia. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Parker of San Angelo and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Tucker of Merkel.

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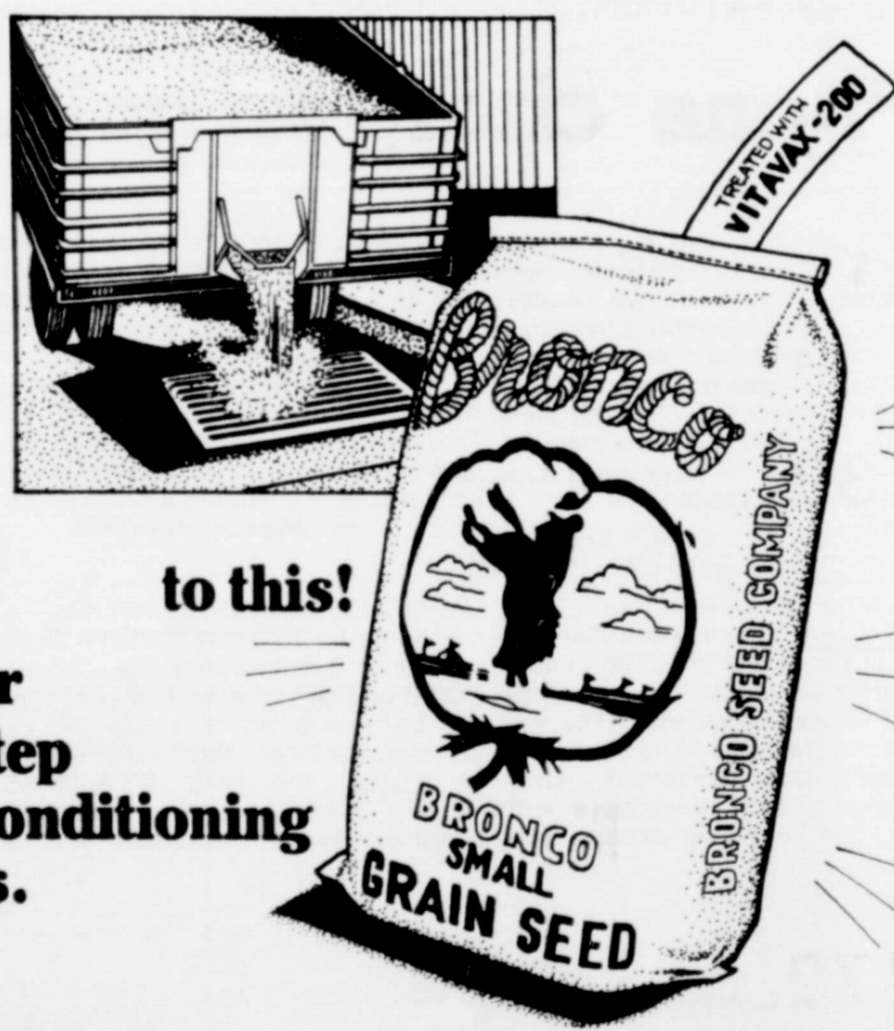
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Card of Thanks

Dear Friends of this lovely little town, you always come through when somebody needs you and this past week, we needed you. You gave us your love, your help, your sympathy and understanding in our time of trouble. Our special thanks go to so many, Bob Gilcrest, Grimes Seago, for help during the initial fall, to Ray Pack, Ann Wade, Connie Harris, Jan Williams and Steve McNally. Thank you for your very hard work and concern as paramedics. People who have not had to call on you don't know how good you are. To Rev. John Wagoner for your help in our home and for the beautiful memorial eulogy, to Sybil Riney and Gene Irvin and Sandy Davis for your beautiful music. To George Starbuck for your help and guidance through a very bad time and to Margaret Cooper for playing the beautiful taps. And thanks to everyone that came to our service and to each of you who just thought of us with love. May God Bless You All.
The Family of
Lindy Smith
115-11tc

Dear Editor:
I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Merkel Badger Booster Club, Gayle Baker, and Bobby my brother for the "Great honor" of being the first female inducted into the Badger Hall of Fame. I wish I could have attended the ceremony, but I had

other commitments on that date.
I have received many honors both in high school and after, but this one seems to have more meaning. I will cherish this one the most.
Thanks to everyone who made this honor possible.
June Owen
Merkel High Ex 1962



Missing Children
These children are missing. They suddenly disappeared, just as more than 150,000 other children do each year. Some of these children are runaways. Others have been kidnapped by a parent. Many have been stolen to be abused, sold into prostitution, murdered. It could happen to your child. Take steps now to ensure your child's safety. One place to find out more is at your neighborhood pharmacy.

Till now, posters of missing children such as the one above have been hit or miss. They are plastered in bus stops by anguished parents or seen briefly on television... not given enough coverage or time for identification. Now such posters are displayed regularly at neighborhood pharmacies across the nation, places where almost everyone goes frequently. It's part of the Child Care program, created by the Society For Young Victims and sponsored by the Parke Davis Division of Warner-Lambert Company.

Pharmacies participating in the program display a Child Care bulletin board with photos and descriptions of missing children, regularly updated. A toll-free hot-line number will be displayed that you can call if you think you recognize a child. Also featured are free booklets, with tips for parents and youngsters that can help prevent a kidnapping or child abuse.



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2-43. **Hospital:** An institution primarily engaged in providing diagnostic services and therapeutic services to patients for medical diagnosis, treatments, and care of injured, disabled, or sick persons, or rehabilitation services for the rehabilitation of injured or sick persons, by or under the supervision of physicians.

2-46. **Hotel:** A building in which lodging and/or boarding are provided and offered to the public for compensation and in which ingress and egress to and from all rooms is made through an inside lobby or office supervised by a person in charge at all hours. A hotel is open to the public in contradistinction to a boardinghouse or an apartment which are herein separately defined.

2-47. **Junk Yard:** A place where waste, discarded or salvaged materials are brought, sold, exchanged, baled, packed, disassembled, or handled, including auto wrecking yards, house wrecking yards, used lumber yards, and places or yards for storage of salvaged materials and equipment; but not including pawn shops and establishments for the sale purchase or storage of used furniture and household equipment when conducted entirely within a completely enclosed building, and sale of used cars in operable condition.

2-48. **Kennel:** Any place where more than four (4) dogs or more than four (4) cats, or any combination of cats and dogs where the total exceeds four (4) animals over the age of ten (10) weeks, and where said animals are raised, trained, boarded, harbored or kept.

2-49. **Kindergarten or Day Nursery:** A school for children of pre-public school age in which constructive endeavors, object lessons, and helpful games are prominent features of the curriculum.

2-50. **Laboratory:** A facility operated for the primary purpose of performing medical, dental, or optical research, testing and analytical work having a direct relationship to the provision of health services.

2-51. **Laundromat:** An establishment providing house type washing, drying or ironing machines for hire to be used by customers on the premises.

2-52. **Loading Space:** A space within the main building or on the same lot therewith, providing for the standing, loading or unloading of trucks, and having a minimum dimension of twelve (12) by thirty-five (35) feet and a vertical clearance of at least fourteen (14) feet.

2-53. **Lot:** Any land occupied by a building and its accessory buildings including such open space as is required by Ordinance of the City and having its principle frontage upon a public street or officially approved place.

2-54. **Lot, Corner:** A lot situated at the junction of two (2) or more streets.

2-55. **Lot, Double Frontage:** A lot having frontage on two (2) non-intersecting streets as distinguished from a corner lot.

2-56. **Lot, Interior:** A lot other than a corner lot.

2-57. **Lot of Record:** Any lot which is part of a subdivision, the plat of which has been recorded in the office of the County Clerk of Taylor County, Texas.

2-58. **Mobile Home:** See "Dwelling, Mobile Home."

5-59. **Mobile Home Park:** Any tract of land, four (4) acres or more, under a single ownership, where accommodation is provided for nontransient mobile home use.

5-60. **Motel:** A building or group of buildings developed as an integral unit in which there are: a) guest rooms for living or sleeping accommodations which are primarily for transient occupancy and which may be rented on a daily basis; and b) desk or lobby service, telephone, maid, linen room, and similar services. Guest rooms may have individual entrances. **Nonconforming Use:** The use of land or a building, or a portion thereof, which use does not conform with the use regulations of the district in which it is situated.

2-62. **Nursing Home:** Any premise where more than three (3) persons are lodged and furnished with meals and nursing care.

2-63. **Open Space:** An area on a lot that is open and unobstructed to the sky except for the ordinary projections of cornices and eaves.

2-64. **Parking Area:** An open, unoccupied space used or required for use for parking of automobiles exclusively and in which no gasoline or automobile accessories are sold or no other business is conducted and no fees are charged.



§ Wheat bound for Houston or Corpus Christi is loaded into Union Pacific grain cars here Monday. The local wheat harvest is in full swing now. [Staff photo]

Former resident on committees

A former Merkelite and a school teacher for the past 30 years, has been named to a statewide committee that will participate in a survey to be used to evaluating Texas school teachers.

Irlene Brown, daughter of Mrs. Irl Walker of Merkel, and a Merkel High grad was named to the survey that will be used to set up a state-wide evaluation for Texas teachers under House Bill 72.

She was also named to an Education Service Center 13 Team that evaluates in-service education materials used for Texas school teachers.

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Recent riding club results

The following are the results of the Merkel Riding Club last Saturday night.

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9-12: Flags: 1. Amy Williamson, 2. Paul McDaniel, 3. Joe Sandusky. Barrels: 1. Cody Vaughn, 2. Amy Williamson, 3. Tanner Boyd;

Poles: 1. Paul McDaniel, 2. Joe Sandusky, 3. Bridget Vaughn. 13-17: Flags: 1. Candace Henslee, 2. Kerri Kennedy; Barrels: 1. Patricia Gorbett, 2. Mark Warren, 3. Tom Lee; 2. Kerri Kennedy; Barrels: 1. Patricia Gorbett, 2. Kerri Kennedy, 3. Fatti nedy, 3. Bridget Vaughn; Poles: 1. Cindy Sipe, 2. Candace Henslee, 2. Kerri Kennedy, 3. Mark Warren



§ Dawn Henslee takes her horse through the paces at the Merkel Riding Club Saturday night. [Complimentary photo]



§ Bridgett Vaughn guides her horse around a barrel in action at the Merkel Riding Club Saturday. [Complimentary photo]

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Lepard says coaches are proud of Merkel athletes

by Dick Lepard

The big game of next week month or year is being won or lost right now.

First of all, I would like to send our best wishes to our seniors and a word of thanks for their participation and hard work for the last four years.

Also, a word of praise to the baseball team for their fine performance and for representing our school so respectfully.

Over the years there have been some very good athletes come out of Merkel High School and some very talented athletes in school now. The coaches at Merkel are very pleased to be here and have the opportunity to work with the fine young men and women. We are lucky to be coaches. There are a lot of kids who want to play football, if we just encourage them to come out and stay with it. But we, as coaches, are obsessed with advancing or moving to a winning team instead of being willing to work to build a winning program. We don't do a good job with what

we've got at hand, we don't take care of the kids we got, and we don't work with them.

Here, at Merkel, we take pride in trying to treat everyone alike, because if we do that, we know we're not slighting any of them. The most important single thing that you can do in coaching is to be interested in and give your time to the athletes who play for you.

I think Merkel Coaches are lucky to be in this profession. I don't care how much money you make or what you're doing, coaches are lucky to have the

opportunity to work with these young kids, and the greatest friends you have are the kids that have played for you and have left and then come back to see you.

I'm not an old coach, but I now have kids that come back. I thank God for them and am proud of them.

If we run the program right, if we are enthusiastic, if we believe in what we are doing, and above all, if we treat kids fairly, just fairly, not nice, but fairly, then all of it is worth it, every single bit of it.

Trent woman is new grandmother

Ricky and Velma Parks of Hico announce the birth of a son, Borden Ray, born April 18 at 8:36 a.m. at Goodall-Witcher Hospi-

tal in Hico. He weighed 8 lbs. and 4 oz. and was 19 in. long. Grandparents are Ray and June Parks of Hico and Dorothy Perkins and the late Borden

Perkins of Trent. Great grandparents are Steve Parks of Hico, Neva of Hawley, and Mrs. Claud Brown

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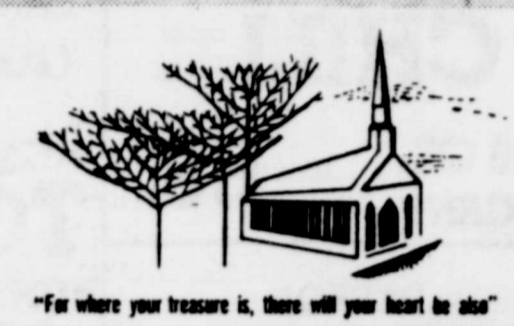
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Producers seem to like machine evaluations of cotton

High Volume Instrument (HVI) evaluation of cotton quality seems to be "on a roll".

A recent survey shows that most West Texas cotton growers favor HVI evaluation over human evaluation because of its greater accuracy, consistency and overall better fiber description.

"The more precise measurements of cotton quality from HVI evaluation enhance the marketability of cotton fiber," points out Dr. Carl Anderson, economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System. "HVI evaluation reduces measurement error and decreases variability of testing over time, thus reducing risk and uncertainty for the producer."

Textile mills are demanding higher quality and stronger cotton fiber, and HVI fiber evaluation can play an important role in meeting these demands, notes the economist. Furthermore, HVI evaluation allows growers to capitalize on premiums that mills are paying for specific types of high quality cotton by producing that type and quality of cotton. Fiber strength and length uniformity are particularly important to textile mills.

"Textile mills are using new spinning technologies to reduce production costs while still maintaining quality," Anderson points out. "And increased competition from manmade fibers has forced the textile industry to recognize the benefits of low variability in fiber properties, stable supplies and a collection of fiber properties suited to both the spinning system in use and the end use."

Manmade fibers are generally uniform, have more stable supply conditions and have properties "tailored" to the end use, the economist points out. Therefore, to compete in the same market, the cotton industry must be able to deliver the same assurances to the textile industry.

Changing spinning and production technologies join together to create a clear need for a more precise evaluation and standardized measurement of fiber properties, says Anderson. Open-end and airjet spinning place different emphasis on fiber properties than traditional ring-spinning.

"The crux is to provide a means of fiber evaluation and communication by which both producers and mill users receive the benefits of full information on fiber properties supplied and demanded. And that's where HVI evaluation comes in," contends Anderson.



Man has been seeking the answer to many questions since the beginning of time. Volumes of books, and encyclopedias have been filled with facts in answer to this quest for knowledge. Even with all of this wealth of information, there is much to be learned, and man will never know all of the answers. However in spiritual matters, God has provided us with a book, filled with valuable information. This book is man's guide to his relationship with God. For a better understanding of God's word and his will for your life attend church, so that others may help you in this search.

The Church is God's appointed agency in this world for spreading the knowledge of His love for man and of His demand for man to respond to that love by loving his neighbor. Without this grounding in the love of God, no government or society or way of life will long persevere and the freedoms which we hold so dear will inevitably perish. Therefore, even from a selfish point of view, one should support the Church for the sake of the welfare of himself and his family. Beyond that, however, every person should uphold and participate in the Church because it tells the truth about man's life, death and destiny; the truth which alone will set him free to live as a child of God.



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