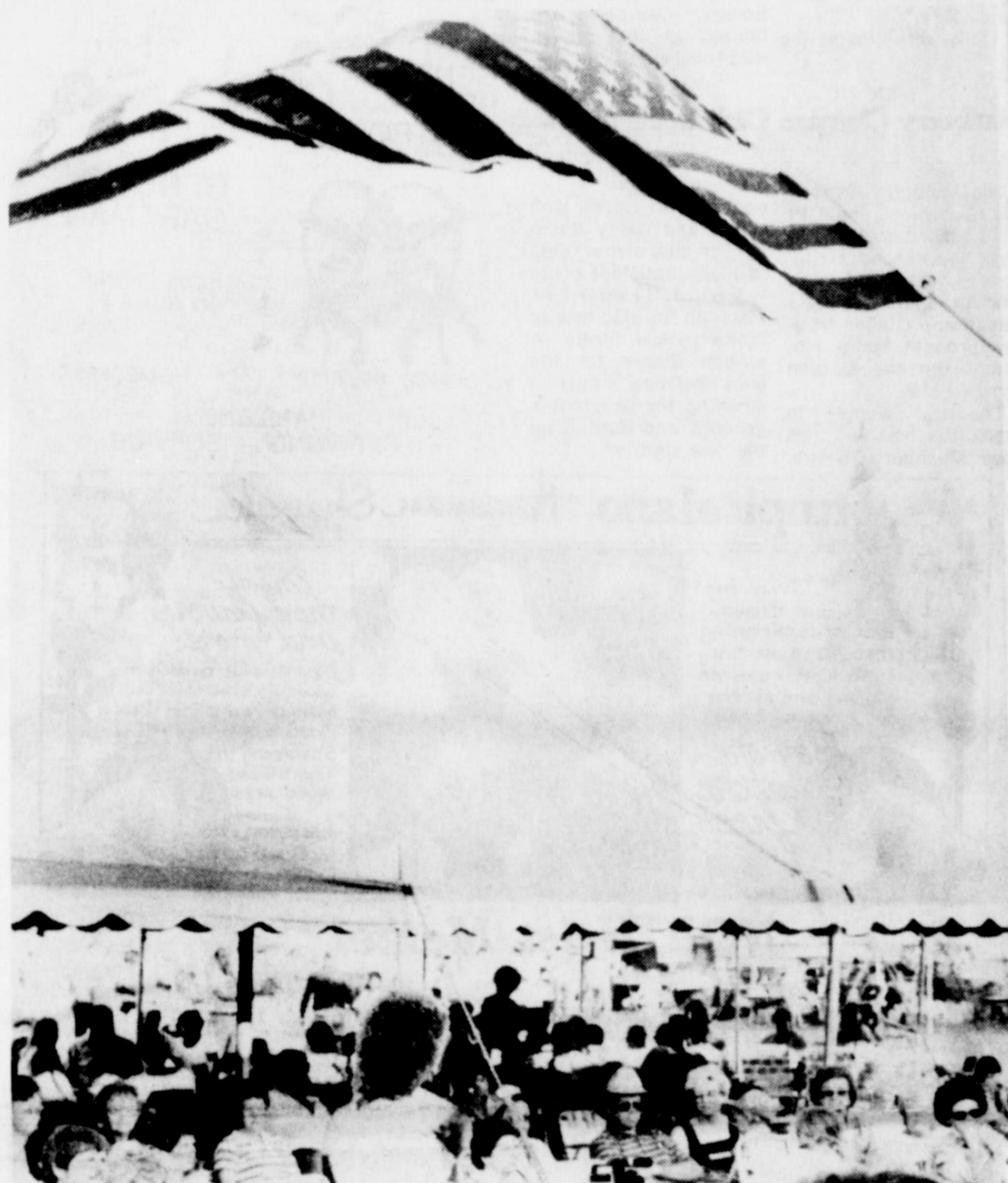


The Merkel Mail

Thursday, July 11, 1985 ... Merkel, Texas

Our 97th Year



A large crowd gathered at Merkel's South Park for Merkel's annual 4th of July Celebration, Fun Day. A lot of people spent a good deal of time under a large tent enjoying country-western

music for 13 hours, only to be interrupted for chances to win prizes at hourly drawings. The annual event is sponsored by the Merkel Chamber of Commerce. [Staff photo]

Merkel will host Sr. League playoffs

Merkel Tri-City Baseball, Senior Division, was chosen to host the District Tournament consisting of league winners from Midland, Clyde, Sweetwater and Merkel. (Merkel Tri-City consists of teams

from Rotan, Hawley, Anson and Merkel.)

Tournament director and league contact Dale Hammond said we were very fortunate in landing this tournament, which begins July 22

and ends the 24th.

Hammond credits Bill Sloan for a lot of leg work and the fact that Merkel built up a good reputation around the country hosting two previous tournaments in the past four years.

Merkel Senior Manager is Gary Farthing, assisted by Dale Hammond. Farthing has managed Merkel Rae-Rac to a 12 win, 2 loss season, but has cautioned, "it's all up for grabs in the tournament."

Rae-Racs start baseball playoffs here

Merkel Tri-City Baseball Tournament kicks off at 6 p.m. July 10 with league champions, Merkel Rae-Rac hosting Rotan. The second game of the double elimination tournament will see Hawley going against Anson.

The tournament will decide who advances to the district tournament, also to be held in Merkel, July 22, 23 and 24. The winners of the Junior Division will advance to Junior District Tournament at Roscoe.

Fun Day came off well

by Cloy A. Richards

It seems we made it through another Fun Day.

I personally thought it came off great and there are some simple reasons the day went so smoothly.

First off, every city employee had a part in getting the park ready, mowed, trimmed, fogged and watered. They also took down chairs, tables, litter, barrels and had the park looking in A-1 shape again by 11 a.m. the Friday.

We all owe the city folks a tip of the hat for their Fun Day efforts.

Man Ray Pack had some good music Fun Day.

From the fajita booth, we couldn't see but you could hear and he did a fine job putting together the bands for the event.

I really pulled a good one this year. I faked a wrenched back just so I could watch my wife and Chris Young carry all of the heavy things. My plan backfired when the natural downslope I leaned for

comfort just so happen to match the height of the grill where skirts cooked, Jerry Dawson style, for 12 hours. The Chamber sold a heck of a lot of fajitas and after two years of the succulent morsels, we seem to have attracted a certain following.

The Merkel city council served notice Monday night that they will no longer jelly-leg around with past due water-sewer-sanitation accounts.

The ordinance they adopted Monday night still give folks plenty of time to pay their bills, but if you don't, your meter will be pulled and it's hard to take a shower that way.

The Merkel Riding Club is holding a big to-do Saturday.

Kicking off with a barbecue dinner, the Merkel Riding Club is hosting a "Challenge of the Clubs" in celebration of its 25th anniversary. There will be riding competition in five events with men and women competing in age

groups. Registrations will be accepted until 6:30 p.m. with the riding starting at 7 p.m.

Editor's Note: We tried our best to reproduce the queen candidate's pictures and I am sure a majority of them will be a little "weak" in the paper this week.

Merkel will be hosting the Texas Teenage Baseball District tournament running July 22 through the 24th.

League winners from Midland, Clyde, Sweetwater and Merkel will be participating in the tournament.

The movie at the West Texas Auction Arena this week is **The Rescuers** by Walt Disney. It's a great story about the adventures of some traveling mice and is great for kids of all ages. They also tell me someone in the audiences Friday will win a free pass for the Disney movies the rest of the summer.

City adopts ordinance to get tough on past due bills

The City of Merkel, strapped with \$41,000 in uncollected water-sewer-sanitation bills, adopted an ordinance Monday night that will give the city legal rights to pull water meters for non-payment.

The ordinance, printed in full elsewhere in this edition, is what the city needed to be able to legally "get tough" with water customers that have not paid their bills.

Although some members of council felt the ordinance gave customers too much time to pay, customers that have not paid their bill by the 20th of each month and that unpaid bill has a balance from the previous month, that account will be delinquent. After the 20th day, the city will notify the customer by certified mail that their account is delinquent and the notification will set a hearing date. If that customer either fails to appear at the hearing or fails to pay the past due balance by the first day of the next month, the city will pull the water meter. If a customer has their meter pulled for non-payment, a \$50 fee must be paid before the

water service will be restored.

For example, assume you received your August water bill and it has a past due balance from July. If you do not pay that bill by August 20th, it will become delinquent and you will receive a letter, by certified mail by Sept. 1.

City manager J. A. Sadler told council "I realize that there are circumstances that keep some people from paying their bill" and that is covered in the ordinance. Part 6 reads "That any customer who attends the hearing and is unable to pay the past due account in full will be allowed to pay their current bill plus 1/2 of their outstanding balance each month until such time as their past due account is amortized."

Council passed the ordinance Monday night in their regular meeting and Sadler checked with Public Utility Commission officials in Austin before authorizing publication of the ordinance.

In other action, council accepted the audit report from the new auditor for the city, local CPA Billy Clark.

Clark said he had recently

completed changing over the city's bookkeeping system from a cash journal to a general ledger. Clark told councilmen "With a General Ledger, you can see how much the assets and liabilities of the city are worth. With the city's computer, city employees should be able to keep the books easily."

Clark commended city employees for their cooperation in changing the books over. He said "I know that auditors sometimes call with hard questions during hard times but the people at City Hall were very helpful."

In other action, the city awarded contracts for remodeling of seven local homes under the Housing and Urban Development Block Grant. Home Insulation of Abilene was the only bidder on the projects and the city accepted their bid.

Merkel police chief Ray Pack reported that his department worked a total of 82 cases in June and council members heard updates in on-going repairs and refurbishment of the sewer treatment plant here as well as progress on construction of the new city park on Merkel's North-

Riding Club celebrating 25 years with Challenge of the Clubs Saturday

The Merkel Riding Club will host the toughest cowboys and cowgirls in the area, as they match equestrian skills here Saturday in the challenge of the clubs. What started out as a fun event for all area riders has turned into one of the richest contests of this sort ever held.

More than 300 entries from Vernon, Seymour, Weatherford, San Angelo, El Dorado, Snyder and all parts of the Big Country will be competing for over \$10,000 cash and prizes.

The all-around champion in each of the five age groups will receive a Billy Cook-Lynn McKensie-saddle while the top ten riders

from the top scoring team will each receive silver and gold ruby studded belt buckles.

Beginning at 5 p.m. with games and prizes, the event will continue with a chuckwagon barbecue, queen's coronation, grand entry and riding events.

At 8 p.m. there will be a drawing for a 1985 APHA filly and breeding to APHA stallion, "Tonto Jewel". Chances may be purchased from Queen contestants that evening for \$2 each.

Divided into five age groups, 6 and under; 7-11; 12-15; 16-19; and 20 and over, contestants will be competing in barrel racing, pole bending, flag racing, goat ribbon

race and goat tying and stake race.

Anyone interested in entering the riding events may do so until 6:30 p.m. that evening.

The people of Merkel are invited out to cheer on the Merkel Riding Club team, one of the favorites, enjoy a good meal and fellowship of all old and new members. There is no admission charge.

All of the prizes have been made available by local merchants and individuals acting as sponsors. A souvenir program, including a look back over the past 25 years of the riding club, will be available to spectators. For more information call 235-2368 after 6 p.m.

Fun Day winners named

A large crowd was on hand at the South Park as Merkelites celebrated July 4th by attending the annual Fun Day, sponsored by The Merkel Chamber of Commerce.

People at the park had plenty of food and drink to choose from and continuous music donated by area professional country-western bands.

The winner of the \$300 cash prize in donation ticket drawings was Charlie McCarthy of Abilene. Robert Harris won four tires donated by T J & T. Grand prize cash was donated by Dunagin Transport, Rutledge Operating, 3D Mobile Home Park, Home State Bank, Mid-Tex Resources, Billy Clark-CPA, Seymore Insurance, Land Welding, Riggan Dirt Construction, McAninch Transport, Merkel Veterinary Clinic and Lone Star Gas. Donating to the Hospitality Booth for the bands were Don Roberts, DDS, West Texas Utilities, Tran Clinic, Harold Walker Construction, R. A. Beard Operating, Wylie Truck Terminal and Duane Shugart Motors.

Winning hourly prizes were: 11:00 A.M.: Dubose Texaco Cap-Brady; Wylie Truck Terminal and Cafe, Texas Toothpick- Annette Melton; Carsons Supermarket curling iron brush- Cody Pack; Merkel Restaurant Walt and Nita Harris 1 breakfast special- Randy Dunagin; Hi Val Farm and Home Supply Igloo cooler- H.C. Jowers; Starbucks Picture plaque- Steve Best; Merkel Drug Fountain free shake- John Wagoner; Higginbothams Ray O Vac Flashlight- Karen Booe; Ben Franklins pocket

frisbee- Jack Keenan; West Texas Auction necklace- Hilda Saldona; Circle A Western House Adcocks pkg. of socks- Vada Hudson; Bec & Bo Enterprises Hawaiian Tropical Snow- Rodney McClintock; Ann's Flowers \$7.50 gift certificate Brady; Anonymous Sun glasses- Truman Harrison; Country Ect. quilted Welcome- Kent Satterwhite; Tims Shell Station complete oil change- Larry Beasley.

12:00 P.M.: Merkel Restaurant Walt and Nita Harris 1 breakfast special- Lois Joseph; Braggs decorative tissue box- Cynthia Duran; Alfredos 1 Mexican dinner Vena Rackley; Wilson Jewelry Bradley doll- Trung Tran; Dubose Texaco cap- Don Hart; Ed's Feed and Seed hammer- Bonnie Gillis; Palmers Pontiac oil change \$9.25 value- Marie Cunningham; Merkel Drug Fountain single dip ice cream cone- J.E. Boaz; Whisenhunt Grain and Feed 25 lb. Purina cat food- Ryan Holmes; Max Murrell Chevrolet \$10.00 Gift certificate good on service or merchandise- Margie Land; Circle A Western Wear Adcocks Cap Pete Morgan; Bec & Bo Enterprises Hawaiian Tropical Snow- Justin Harris; Ben Franklins Pocket Frisbee- Bill Tate; Village Car Wash \$2.00 car wash- Betty Jane Tittle; Crafthouse Ceramics flower pot with hanger- Jo Ann Beard; Tims Shell Station Complete oil change- Roy S. David.

1:00 P.M.: F&M National Bank \$50.00 savings bond- Hope Patterson; Hi Val Farm and Home Supply sprinkler- Don Hensley; Wylie Truck Terminal & Cafe Radio- Marie Estap; Hicks Auto kool cushion- Pete Moran; Hig-

ginbotham Ray O Vac Flashlight- Gwen Benefield; Merkel Drug Fountain free shake- James Holt; Ben Franklins Pocket frisbee- Judy Harvey; Dairy Queen country basket with large drink- Royce Myers; Dubose Texaco cap- Steve Shugart; Merkel Restaurant Walt and Nita Harris 1 breakfast special- Jack South; West Texas Auction Wayne and Gail Thompson necklace- Joe Cypert; Bec & Bo Enterprises Hawaiian Tropical Snow- Isabel Dela Cruz; Walls Outlet Store cap- Bobby Saldona; K&M's Place large cheeseburger, french fries, large coke- Fena Gladden; Texas Farmers Union 1 gallon Anti freeze- Richard Hill.

2:00 P.M.: Starbucks picture plaque- Clint Doan; Dubose Texaco cap- Janerira Anthony; Carsons Supermarket walking doll- Marvin Myers; Merkel Restaurant Walt and Nita Harris 1 breakfast special- Bill Beddingfield; Palmers Pontiac oil change \$9.25 value- Andy Tucker; Mikes Place (Pool Hall) Hamburger, french fries and coke- Jeffery Barnes; Ben Franklins pocket frisbee- Ronny Doan; Alfredo's 1 Mexican dinner- Rosie Holmes; Merkel Drug Fountain Ice Cream cone- Brady; Sonjas Beauty Shop free hair cut- Dale Hammond; Max Murrell Chevrolet \$10.00 gift certificate- Larry Johnson; Circle A Western Wear Adcocks Cap- Rodney McClintock; Bec & Bo Enterprises Hawaiian Tropical Snow- Cody Pack; Ruby's Swirl &

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More Fun Day winners

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Barbara Graham local world book representative 2 volume U.S. and World Atlas- Jerry Russell; Higginbotham Ray O Vac Flashlight- Klint Doan; Dubose Texaco Cap- Linda Luckey; Mikes Place (Pool Hall) hamburger, french fries and coke- Wanda Tittle; Walls Outlet Store cap- Bettye Conley; Wylie Truck Terminal and Cafe photo album- Starbuck; Merkel Restaurant Wait and Nita Harris 1 breakfast special- Laro Pate; Ben Franklins pocket frisbee- S.B. Toombs; West Texas Auction Wayne and Gail Thompson necklace- Belle Hammond; Circle A Western Wear Adcocks Badger Hat Pin- Anna Lou Ferguson; Merkel Drug Fountain free shake- Bill Beddingfield; Bec and Bo Enterprises Hawaiian Tropical Snow- Burch Lambert; Alfredo's Mexican Dinner- Bill Burleson; Anonymous Sun Glasses John Carter; Big Country Inn lunch special for 2- George McDonald; Cunninghams Cooler, 6 pack cokes and bag of ice- Victor Casper.

4:00 PM: Merkel Brick and Lumber fire extinguisher- Bill Whisenhunt; Ben Franklins Bible Trivia- Clyde Wurst; Mac Murrell Chevrolet \$10.00 gift certificate- Faye Blair; Higginbothams- Ray O Vac Flashlight- Anita Higgins; Merkel Drug Fountain ice cream cone- Kellee Ramsey; Dubose Texaco cap- Scooter Harris; Ed's Feed and Seed socket set- Mozetta Dye; Walls Outlet Store cap- Norma Green; Ben Franklins pocket frisbee- Susan McClintock; Perryann's Beauty Shop free hair cut- Becky Whitehead; Ann's Flowers \$7.50 Gift Certificate- Wanda Tittle; Barnett's Barber Shop free hair cut- Sue Tucker; Handys case of Dr. Peppers- Leo Harris; Big Country Inn 2-6 oz. KC Strip Steak Dinners- Margie Baker; Merkel Restaurant Wait and Nita Harris- 1 breakfast special- Clyde Wurst.

5:00 PM: Walls Outlet Store Western jacket- Larry Johnson; West Texas Auction Wayne and

Gail Thompson Necklace- Margarete Wilde; Braggs Decorative tissue box- Klint Doan; A & A Travel Center Sammy Doan Juice extractor- Bud Holder; Skeets Seafood Platter- Skip Hicks; Mikes Place free breakfast- Melba Doan; Dairy Queen country basket with large drink- Bud Holder; Dubose Texaco cap- Rex Martin; Alfredo's Mexican dinner- OV Barnhill; Circle A Western Wear Adcocks cap- Joy McElmurray; Merkel Restaurant Wait and Nita Harris 1 Breakfast special- Trung Tran; Ben Franklins pocket frisbee- Penny Smith; Merkel Drug Fountain Free shake- Russell Doan; Anonymous sun glasses- Judy Harvy; Big Country Inn 2 mexican Dinners- A.D. Scott.

6:00 PM: Carson's Supermarket 40 piece combination socket set- Danny Dubose; Palmers Pontiac oil change \$9.25 value- Donny Tutt; Starbucks picture plaque- Red Benefield; Merkel Drug Store- 1 pr. gold filled earrings Darrell Shipman; Ben Franklins pocket frisbee- Ruth Riney; Wylie Truck Terminal and Cafe Texas toothpick- Joy McElmurray; Max Murrell Chevrolet \$10.00 gift certificate- Connie Dockins; Consolidated Plumbing Kitchen Faucet- Rick Stanley; Dubose Texaco cap- Randy Dunagin; Whisenhunt Grain and Feed 50 lb Purina Dog Food- J.E. Boaz; Merkel Drug Fountain ice cream cone- Ruby Shipman; Hicks Auto 21 piece racket socket set- Connie Dockins; Merkel Restaurant Wait and Nita Harris 1 breakfast special- Robert Shouse; Anonymous sun glasses- Lela Holden; Big Country Inn 2 hot roast beef sandwiches- Robert Harris.

7:00 PM: P & L Auto 10' union tool box- Cynthia Duran; Handy's case of cokes- J.E. Boaz; Mikes Place free breakfast- Evelyn Martin; West Texas Auction Wayne and Gail Thompson necklace- Marilyn Baker; Merkel Drug Fountain free shake- Shirley Morgan; Circle A Western Wear Adcocks Badger Hat Pin- Billy E.

Clark; Merkel Restaurant Wait and Nita Harris 1 breakfast special- Charley McCarty; Palmer Pontiac oil change \$9.25 value- John Carter; Dubose Texaco cap Bettye Conley; Young Insurance \$50.00 savings bond- Ly Tran; Ben Franklins pocket frisbee- Ted Smith; K & M's Place large cheeseburger, french fries and large coke- Barbara Graham; Higginbothams fuller open end wrench set- Ginna Faulkner; Anonymous sun glasses- Elizabeth Higgins; Farrington Fina 1 gal. Anti freeze- Larry Johnson.

8:00 PM: Hi Val Farm and Home Supply Fuller Pliers- Lee Deitzl; Merkel Mail Lifetime Subscription Mary Shugart; Walls Outlet Store Western Jacket- Jeanie Parr; 9th Street Grocery 2 liter coke- Ray Pack; Max Murrell Chevrolet \$10.00 gift certificate- Skip Hicks; Merkel Restaurant Wait and Nita Harris 1 breakfast special- B.W. Combs; Village Car Wash- \$2.00 car wash coupon- Larry Johnson; Ben Franklins pocket frisbee- Jerry Vinson; Wilson Jewelry Burgandy Vase- Jackie Burt; Dubose Texaco cap- D.L. Moore; Merkel Drug fountain ice cream cone- Daisy Mashburn; Skeets seafood platter- Larry Johnson; West Texas Auction Wayne and Gail Thompson ladies watch- Larry Johnson; Crafthouse Ceramics \$10.00 gift certificate- Wilma Schrimsher; Tims Shell Station complete oil change- Dr. Theo Nichols.

9:00 PM: Merkel Drug Store 1 pair 14 K. Gold Filled earrings \$35.00 value- Wilma Schrimsher; Taylor Electric Co-Op Electric Ice Cream Freezer- John Wagoner; D & T Automotive Interstate Battery \$55.00 value- Janie McGlothlin; Taylor Telephone French Provincial Telephone- Duane Shugart; Joe's Boots 1 Pair Calf Skin oots to ticket holder- Belle Hammond; T J & T Tire Store set of 4 bias belted passenger tires- Robert Harris; \$300.00 Cash- Charlie McCarty.

Shouse returns from European vacation

Mrs. Andy Shouse has recently returned from Europe where she has been on a tour with American Express Tours. Traveling with her were her niece, Helen Renea of Abilene and her nephew and wife, Charlie and Billie

McCormick of Lubbock. The tour included England, France, Switzerland, Germany and Holland, and also a four day cruise up the Rhine River through German and Dutch countryside. The Rhine Cruise carried them past castles

crumbling with age, terraced vineyards and quaint villages. They reported a wonderful time, and they were glad to be home with its celebrated 500 ft. long Gothic Cathedral.

Brandon at WTC camp

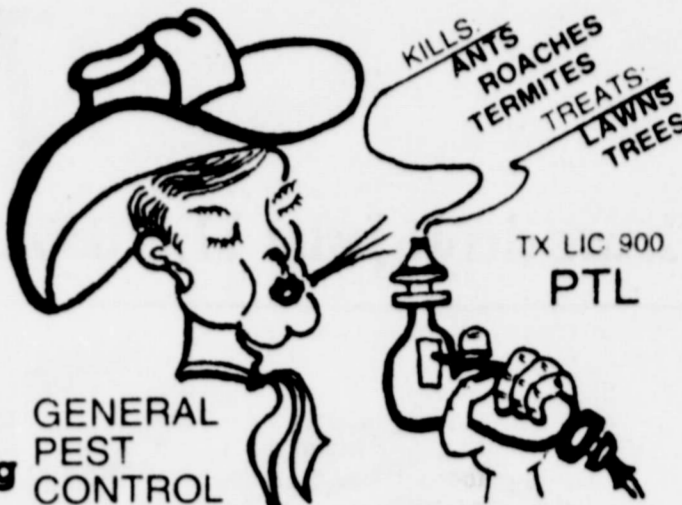
Shelly Brandon, from Merkel, is among the 75 students attending the Western Texas College Bible Camp this week (July 7-12).

Daily activities at the camp include Bible classes, indoor and outdoor sports and recreational activities, special entertainment and devotionals. Campers are housed in the college dormitories.

Mulberry Canyon Club holds meeting

The Mulberry Canyon 4-H Club met June 11th for a record book workshop. 14 attended, Cathy Barnes taught the club how to stencil. Shayla Hardy and Ginger Massey brought home ribbons from the fashion show in May.

The club wanted to thank the host families Josh Mashburn, Shayla and Karlen Hardy and David and Cathy Barnes. The club also wanted to thank assistant county agent Jeff Howard for teaching the club how to make record books. A special thanks for the ones that had a part in cleaning the tabernacle grounds and putting up the new sign.



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Woolard-Emfinger repeat vows in Midland

Laura Lee Woolard of Midland became the bride of Barry Dee Emfinger, also of Midland in a June 15th ceremony held at the Fairmont Park Church of Christ in Midland.

Mr. Grant Standefer of Las Cruces, N. M. officiated. The bride is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Jimmie Dale Woolard of Midland and the groom's parents, Mr. & Mrs. Roy Dee Emfinger live here. The groom is also the grandson of Mr. & Mrs. E. J. Emfinger of Merkel.

Serving as best man was Danny Thompson of Midland. The Maid of honor was the bride's sister, Susan Woolard, also of Midland. Bridesmaids were Dana Flatt, cousin of the bride of Abilene and Gwynel Emfinger, sister of the groom from Merkel and Jooee and Lisa Woolard, cousins of the bride from Midland. Bridesmaid-tron was Penny Woolard of Midland.

Groomsmen were Grady Emfinger, brother of the groom of Salt Lake City; Mark Wright, Marcus Struther, Robbie Garland, Darren Woolard, brother of the bride, all of Midland and the groom's brother, Travis Emfinger of Merkel.

Following a wedding trip to San Antonio, the couple will live in Midland.



Newsbriefs

Higgins' son

Mr. & Mrs. Tommy Joe Higgins would like to announce the birth of a son, Jeffrey Aaron, born May 16th at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene.

Jeffrey has twin sisters, Janell and Jennifer, age 6.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Robert C. Higgins of Merkel and paternal grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Harold Miller of Hamlin.

2 on list

Two Merkel area students attending Angelo State University in San Angelo are listed on the

Dean's Honor Roll for the spring semester.

Kellee Mae Burnett, an English major and Judy Emma Castille, an elementary education major are on the list.

Reunion held

On June 29th and 30th, Mabel Harris, Theda Wheeler and Esther Wheeler of Merkel, along with their brother, Alfred Thomas of Oklahoma City, hosted a family reunion of the John and Freddie Thomas family. Eighty-nine adults along with several small children were together again to reminence, worship God,

sing, take pictures, show pictures, play games and eat.

There were families in Merkel from Alaska, Montana, Wyoming, Utah, California, Nebraska, North Carolina, Oklahoma and Texas.

2 on ACU list

Two students from Merkel are among 675 Abilene Christian University students listed on the Dean's Honor Roll for the 1985 spring semester.

To be listed on the honor roll, a student must be enrolled for a grade in at least 12

semester hours, and earn a 3.45 grade point average or higher, with 4.0 representing a perfect score.

Students honored are: Dixie Lee Browning of Route 3; and Fara Jolene Scott, daughter of Toni Scott of Route 3.

Bishop's will

host Sunday party

We cordially invite the friends of L.D. and Dorothea Bishop to a come and go party in the home of D.A. and Kay at 411 Yucca from 2 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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WTU rebating \$13.7 million

West Texas Utilities Company filed a petition Tuesday with the Public Utility Commission of Texas asking permission to refund \$13.7 million in fuel costs savings and interest to its retail customers.

Glen D. Churchill, WTU president and chief executive officer, said the refund is possible because of efforts by the Company to reduce production costs by obtaining cheaper boiler fuel and buying available economy power from other companies. As a result, WTU has actually been able to spend less for power plant fuel than was anticipated when the fuel factors were established by the PUC.

The savings have accumulated since August 1984 when the fuel recovery account was last reconciled by the Commission. The total available for refunding includes \$12.6 million in actual savings, plus an estimated \$1.1 million in interest.

"We want to pass these savings on to our customers as quickly as possible in order to bring some relief during the season of hot weather and high utility bills," Churchill said. "While we are not yet due for a reconciliation, we are voluntarily asking permission to make refunds now."

Since 1983, electric customers in Texas have been charged for fuel according to fixed fuel factors set by the PUC. This method of fuel cost recovery was ordered by the PUC to replace the automatic monthly fuel adjustment which matched fuel billings to fuel expense immediately and under which utilities had operated for many years.

Under present rules, a reconciliation of the fuel costs may be required a year after the factors are fixed, but adjustments are possible sooner if actual fuel costs are substantially above or below the amount being charged.

"Over the past several months, the Company has made considerable savings by purchasing surplus power from other companies cheaper than WTU's eight major power generating stations. In recent years, fuel costs have amounted to more than half of WTU's total operating revenues.

Much of the economy power being bought from other companies now comes through a new high voltage, direct current interconnection completed last December near Vernon. This facility allows WTU to import electricity from outside the state of Texas.

WTU proposes to make the refunds to existing customers

through a one-time credit to their bills, commencing immediately after Commission approval. Refunding through bill credits would be more timely, efficient and cost effective than attempting to send customers checks, Churchill said.

The credit would be calculated on an individual customer basis using each customer's monthly kilowatt-hour consumption during the period involved.

Refund amounts will vary with the amount of the customer's usage. The average residential customer is expected to receive

about \$32.

The petition filed Tuesday is for an exception to PUC rules requiring a formal reconciliation procedure. A full fuel cost reconciliation for WTU is not due for several months.

Experience has shown that reconciliation proceedings are quite lengthy, delaying refunds reaching the customers. For this reason, the Company is asking the Commission to make an exception to its rules so that refunds can be made immediately during the hot summer season.

Meeting set to plan men's softball league

A men's slow pitch softball meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, July 11. All men interested in playing should meet at 8 p.m. at the Taylor Electric

Coop Auditorium, July 11th for an organizational meeting.

At this time there is a lot of interest being generated and it should make for a lot of fun, good clean competition and thrills.



Public Notices

An Ordinance to establish means to collect delinquent water accounts, setting out procedures to be followed, setting a reconnect fee and authorizing publication of this ordinance.

Whereas it is prudent and necessary that the City of Merkel collect all past due water accounts: And

Whereas it is necessary that the City follow certain requirements in the collection of said accounts: And

Whereas the effective date of this ordinance shall be the 20th day of August, 1985.

Now therefore be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Merkel, Texas That:

1. All past due water accounts shall and will be collected.

2. That all accounts not paid by the 20th of any month and showing a balance from the preceding month shall be deemed delinquent and governed by this ordinance.

3. That on the 20th day or the closest working day of each month a notice shall be issued by Certified Mail to each delinquent water account customer advising them of same and setting a hearing date.

4. If any customer receiving said notice fails to attend said hearing or fails to pay the past due balance by the 1st day of the following month then the City shall and will disconnect the customer's water service.

5. That any customer whose water is disconnected for non-payment shall be charged a \$50

reconnect fee. That any customer who attends the hearing and is unable to pay the past due account in full will be allowed to pay their current bill plus 1/3 of the outstanding balance each month until such time as their past due account is amortized.

7. Failure to comply with item six (6) will result in immediate disconnect of service.

Passed and approved this 8th day of July, 1985.

Kent Satterwhite
Mayor
J. A. Sadler
City Secretary
120-11c-84

THE STATE OF TEXAS
To: MARY D. HALE,
M. R. ROBERTS, H. M.
HARKRIDER, AL-
BERT DIVES, and W.
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and if dead, the legal
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and devisees of each
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Plaintiff, and all parties
being Defendant's, Greet-
ing:

You are hereby com-
manded to appear by
filing a written answer
to the Plaintiff's Petition
at or before 10 o'clock A.
M. of the first Monday
after the expiration of
forty-two days from the
date of the issuance of
this citation, same being

Monday the 12th day of
August 1985, at or before
ten o'clock A. M. before
the Honorable 42nd Dis-
trict Court of Taylor
County, Texas, at the
Court House of said
County in Abilene, Tex-
as.

Said Plaintiff's Pet-
ition was filed in said
Court, on the 24th day of
June, A. D. 1985, in this
cause, numbered 39,360-
A on the docket of said
court, and styled, DON-
ALD S. JOHNSTON
Plaintiff vs. MARY D.
HALE, et al, Defendant.

The names of the
parties to the cause are
as follows:
DONALD S. JOHN-
STON are Plaintiffs and
MARY D. HALE, M. R.
ROBERTS, H. M.
HARKRIDER, AL-
BERT DIVES & W. H.
LAWLESS, if living, and
if dead, the legal rep-
resentatives of each of
said Defendants, and
the unknown heirs, leg-
atees and devisees of each
of said named Defendants
are Defendants.

A brief statement of
the nature of this suit is
as follows, to-wit:
Plaintiff is the owner
of some lots in the
original town of Ovalo,
in Taylor County, Texas,
and more particularly
described as follows:
Lots 8 and 9 in Block 5,
and Lots 1, 2, 3, 12, 12, 15
and 17 in Block 7, all in
Original town of Ovalo,
Taylor County, Texas.

Defendants claim

some right, title, estate
or interest in these pre-
mises which is adverse
to Plaintiff's claim of
ownership. This claim
constitutes a cloud on
Plaintiff's title, and such
claim is without right
whatever.

Plaintiff says that he
has good and perfect
title to said lands under
and by virtue of the ten
(10) year statute of
limitation of the State of
Texas (Revised Civil
Statutes Article 5510)
and seeks Judgment for
the title and posses-
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erty. Plaintiff seeks
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relief which Plaintiff
may be justly entitled,
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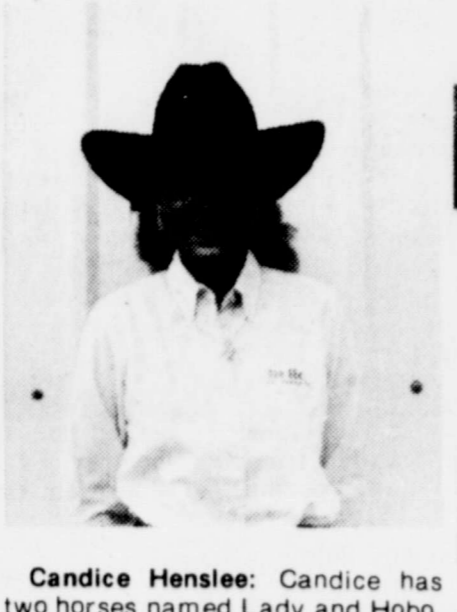
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Candidates shown for Riding Club Queen, Princess



Queen Bridgett Vaughn: Bridgett is the daughter of Oscar Dale and Lavena Vaughn of Merkel and was last years MRC Queen. The Merkel Riding Club would like to thank Bridgett for a job well done.



Candice Henslee: Candice has two horses named Lady and Hobo. Candice is very active in 4-H and has qualified for the State 4-H Horse Show for 3 years. She participates in many activities including FFA, band and spanish. John and Gloria Henslee are Candice's parents.



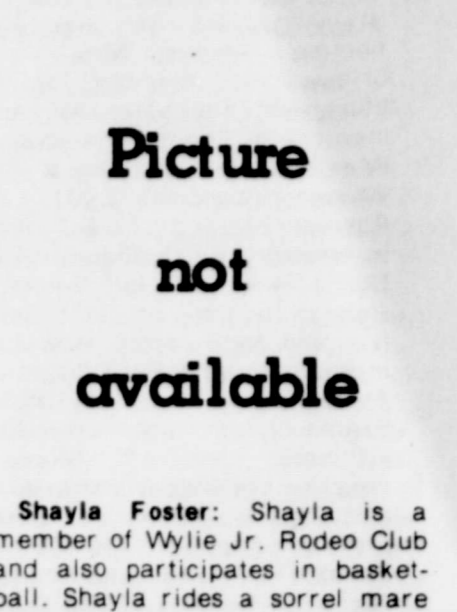
Cathy Pietzsch: Cathy and her horse, Goldie, have won four All Around Belt Buckles. Cathy is a fourth grader, participates in track, basketball and enjoys meeting new friends. Cathy's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Pietzsch of Merkel.



Brina Whisenhunt: Brina rides on a 18 year old sorrel named Ed. Brina wants to become a Barrel racer when she grows up. Brina's parents are Jeff and Martha Whisenhunt of Merkel.



Jeanette Lanford: Jeanette has been riding for three years, won her first halter class showing "Miss Sierra Scott". Jeanette is in the second grade. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. John Scott Lanford of Merkel.



Shayla Foster: Shayla is a member of Wylie Jr. Rodeo Club and also participates in basketball. Shayla rides a sorrel mare named Jags and was Hi Point at the Taylor County 4-H Horse Show. Robert and Jo Foster are Shayla's parents.

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Princess Dawn Henslee: Dawn will be in the 6th grade and is active in school and church activities and plays the piano. Dawn has recently started competing in riding events and will, no doubt, achieve many honors. Her parents are John and Gloria Henslee.



Dana Gann: Dana enjoys meeting new people and making friends. Her paint horse is named Bo. Dana was 2nd runner up in last years Queen Contest. Dana's parents are Rich and Donna Eyrse of Merkel.



Allison Walton: Allison has just started to ride and her pony is named Soaper. Allison wants to ride in rodeos when she gets bigger. Allison's parents are Tom and Sheri Walton of Merkel.



Kaci Bland: Kaci has two horses she rides named Pepper and Sugar. Kaci has been riding since she was three years old and rides in AJRA rodeos. Kaci's parents are Rex and Kathi Bland of Trent.



Julie Lanford: Julie has won 3 champions, 1 reserve and a first in showmanship showing her 5 year old mare "Miss Sierra Scoot" at halter. Julie is in the third grade and also participates in girls softball and brownies. Mr. and Mrs. John Scott Lanford are Julie's parents.



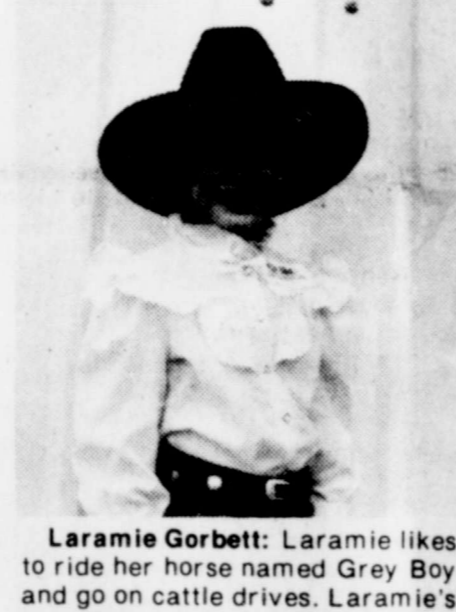
Kerri Kennedy: Kerri has participated in Barrel racing and team ropings for the past several years and is always a tough competitor. Kerri is a student at Clyde High School. She is the daughter of Sharon Kennedy.



Kelly Pietzsch: Kelly rides a tough 9 year old gelding named Speed. Kelly won the All Around at the Snyder Jr. Rodeo in 1984, she was also runner up at the All Girl Rodeo Queen Contest. Kelly is a WTBRA member and has competed in Open and Jr. Rodeo's since age 11. Kelly's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Pietzsch of Merkel.



Coty Vaughn: Coty rides two good horses named Paint and Blue Velvet, and wants to become a professional Barrel racer. Coty is very active in school sports, participating in basketball, track and baseball. Oscar Dale and Lavena Vaughn are Coty's parents.



Laramie Gorbett: Laramie likes to ride her horse named Grey Boy and go on cattle drives. Laramie's parents are AC and Patricia Gorbett of Trent.

TSTI will teach robotics

Automated Robotics Technology is due to accept students at the start of the fall quarter at TSTI-Sweetwater, according to Richard Bradford, newly named program chairman. With registration set for September 3-4, and classes to get underway on September 5, the new program will be unique to Texas. Bradford, who has just returned from Robotics 9 at Detroit, stated that the latest in automated trends were observed in demonstrations at that international convention.

Students enrolling in the new program at TSTI will be getting into a new field of technology that is seeing many new installations in Texas. The program will run eight quarters (2 years) and will offer experience in the following areas of automated industry: 1) electronics, including solid state circuits and microprocessors; 2) pneumatics; 3) hydraulics; 4) programmable controllers; and 5) related studies ranging from the necessary mathematics to industrial psychology.

The Differential Aptitude Test is now being administered daily at 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. at the Sweetwater Campus. Students wishing financial assistance should contact the Student Services offices and obtain the proper application forms.

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Under the shade of a large tent, made possible by a generous donation from Continental Telephone, many people

leaned back and listened to music put together by Fun Day Entertainment Chairman Ray Pack.

Teaff's services held here Tuesday

Ernest Teaff, 79, of Shady Oaks Nursing Home of Abilene and a longtime resident of Taylor County, died at 6 p.m. Sunday at the nursing home. Services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the First Baptist Church of Merkel with the Rev. Kenneth Jones, pastor of Capps Baptist Church, officiating. Burial followed in Rose Hill Cemetery directed by Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born Nov. 12, 1905, in Tye, he was a farmer. He married Willie Blanche McMinn Nov. 30, 1924, in Abilene. She died Jan. 2, 1984. He was a resident of Taylor County all his life. He was a member of Merkel First Baptist Church.

Survivors include a son, Harold of Abilene; two daughters, Mary Frances Melton of Abilene and Bobbye Mansfield of Merkel; a brother, Arthur of Orange; nine grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

Palbearers were N.B. Bernell, Johnny, Leroy and Glen Teaff, Bob Hay and Kermit and Clinton Newton.

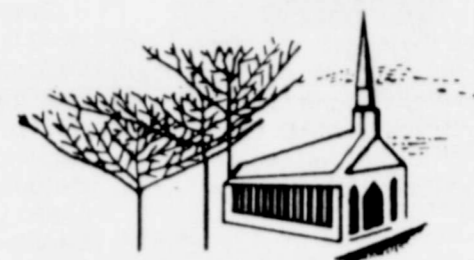
Franklin's services held July 5th

Charles Franklin Reid died July 2nd at Monterray Care Center in Wichita Falls, Texas.

Funeral services were held July 5th at 10 a.m. at the Hampton-Vaughn Funeral Home in Wichita Falls. Burial followed at the Crestview Cemetery, also in Wichita Falls.

He is survived by his wife Willia Alene Reid; a daughter Alma Reid Laurel and four grandchildren.

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Farmers can fight grasshopper infestations

The worst grasshopper infestation in 30 years could very well repeat itself next year in the western United States according to American and Canadian government officials.

"A mild winter and a warm spring followed by hot and dry conditions have prompted the widespread grasshopper hatch in 17 states," according to Chuck Bare, staff officer of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) headquartered out-

side Washington, D.C. "Outbreaks in some southwestern states were eliminated as a result of a cold snap in May but the balance of the western states experienced weather ideal for grasshopper development."

Over 30 species of grasshoppers have reached economic thresholds in Idaho and surrounding states. The U.S. government considers an infestation of eight grasshoppers per square yard economically

significant. Yet, in some areas grasshopper counts have exceeded 30 to 50 insects per square yard reports Don Nielson, public information officer for APHIS.

"Some grain farmers have been losing up to 30 feet of crops per day on field perimeters as the grasshoppers migrate in search of food," Nielson explained. "A 300 acre alfalfa field in Oregon was completely consumed in a two day period during the second week of

June. County agents in some Oregon counties predict that one-third of the farmers in the area will be forced out of business due to crop damage from grasshoppers."

The insects feed primarily on range and grasslands but at this level of infestation "nothing green is safe," remarks APHIS official Chuck Bare.

"We must treat the grasshoppers before they become egg-laying adults and that can be a relatively short period of time," comments APHIS spokesman Nielson.

To date, approximately 25 million U.S. government dollars are committed or already spent to control grasshoppers in 13 of the 17 infested states, according to Bare.

A sizeable portion of the monies spent in privately funded efforts and federal co-op programs have gone for the purchase of insecticides such as SEVIN, brand XLR Plus and SEVIN brand 4-oil carbaryl insecticides, respectively.

Bare pointed out the carbaryl formulation used by the federal government performs well in

areas of heavy vegetation and that the residual activity of the product is helping assure grasshopper kill during the prolonged egg hatch experience in some areas this year. SEVIN brand carbaryl insecticide is also registered on 125 different crops.

Outbreaks in the Canadian provinces of Saskatchewan, Alberta and Manitoba have also been treated with SEVIN brand carbaryl insecticide.

Lloyd Harris, provincial entomologist for Saskatchewan, predicts that in his province alone Canadians will treat 7 to 12 million acres of crop and rangeland this year. Approximately six million acres were treated during the last severe grasshopper outbreak which occurred in 1961.

In order to quickly treat threatened acres, U.S. companies such as Union Carbide Agricultural Products Company, Inc. cooperated with Canadian businesses to airlift pest control products to Canada to supply immediate needs.

Ron Campbell, Union Carbide

Agricultural Products (Canada), Ltd.'s, product manager for SEVIN brand carbaryl, said his Canadian-based company worked with Canadian government officials to obtain an emergency permit to allow the use of SEVIN brand XLR carbaryl insecticide, for grasshopper control programs in Saskatchewan, the area most heavily infested.

"Grasshoppers know no state boundaries and I'm pleased American and Canadian industry have been able to work together with cooperation from both governments to fight this major pest outbreak," Campbell continued.

Provincial entomologist Harris says he and his cohorts fully anticipate an outbreak of grasshoppers in Canada next year. "The severe drought and lack of spray control measures last year prompted this year's outbreak and there have just been too many grasshoppers to treat this season to catch them all before they laid eggs. Therefore, the likelihood that they'll be back next year is good," Harris concluded.

Hay storage is critical to quality says ag service

With the hay making season in full swing, producers need to give serious thought about storing bales properly. Failure to do so can result in sizeable losses to weathering.

A hay storage demonstration on the Cannonade Ranch at Gonzales last year showed various effects of weathering on baled hay. The demonstration was conducted by Dr. David Bade, forage specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, and Orval Wright, Gonzales County Extension Agent, as part of the Extension Service's Integrated Livestock Management Program.

"Many producers are turning to large round bales due to labor savings," points out Bade, "but often they do not store bales properly and thereby save labor at the expense of hay quality."

The demonstration to study weathering losses involved sorghum sudangrass hay stored by five different methods: in the barn; uncovered, outside on the ground; uncovered on a pallet off the ground; covered with plastic outside on the ground; and covered with plastic and stored on a pallet off the ground.

The hay was stored from July until January during which time about 20 inches of rain fell. Weathered parts were removed and weighed to determine losses, and samples of both weathered and unweathered hay were checked for quality. Bales averaged 1575 pounds at harvest and 1400 pounds at feeding.

According to Bade, the storage method greatly influenced the amount of hay weathered. "Largest losses were in bales stored on top of the ground because the hay acted as a wick and soaked up moisture from the ground," he points out. "Uncovered bales on the ground lost 220 pounds on the average (16 percent of their weight) while covered bales on the ground lost 110 pounds. Those that were uncovered but stored on pallets off the ground lost 80 pounds on the average while covered bales on pallets lost only 35 pounds."

Although the interior of outside, stored bales was comparable in quality to hay stored indoors, feed value of hay that was weathered on the top, sides and particularly bottom of the bales was reduced sharply, notes Bade. Energy

content of this weathered hay was reduced by 50 percent of the energy in the unweathered hay. These losses will be greater in loosely baled hay.

"The biggest savings comes from storing hay off the ground," emphasizes Bade. "Old truck tires, pallets and similar items work well for this purpose. As far as covering hay outdoors is concerned, the cost of plastic covering will likely be equal to or greater than the value of the hay saved."

To minimize outside storage losses to hay, Bade recommends the following: Store hay in a well drained site and off the ground if possible, store to allow air movement around bales, align rows with flat areas facing north and south for more rapid drying after rain, and avoid storing all hay in one place to decrease fire risks.

McWilliams'

Thirty-four sat down together for an old fashioned McWilliams "Sunday Dinner" at the West Texas Auction Arena, Sunday (Saturday too), June 29 and 30, 1985. In attendance were Mrs. James A. "Etta" McWilliams and five of her 7 children and their spouses, E.R. "Shorty" and Oneda Thompson of Big Spring, Chester and Leona McWilliams of Merkel,

Joe Clyde and Janie McWilliams of Duncan, Arizona, Ward and Lois McWilliams of San Angelo and Sherwood and Rose McWilliams of Big Lake. Also visiting with "Grandma Mc" were 12 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren, including two youngest additions to the McWilliams' clan, Daryn McWilliams of Odessa and Brandon McWilliams of Jal, New Mexico.



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