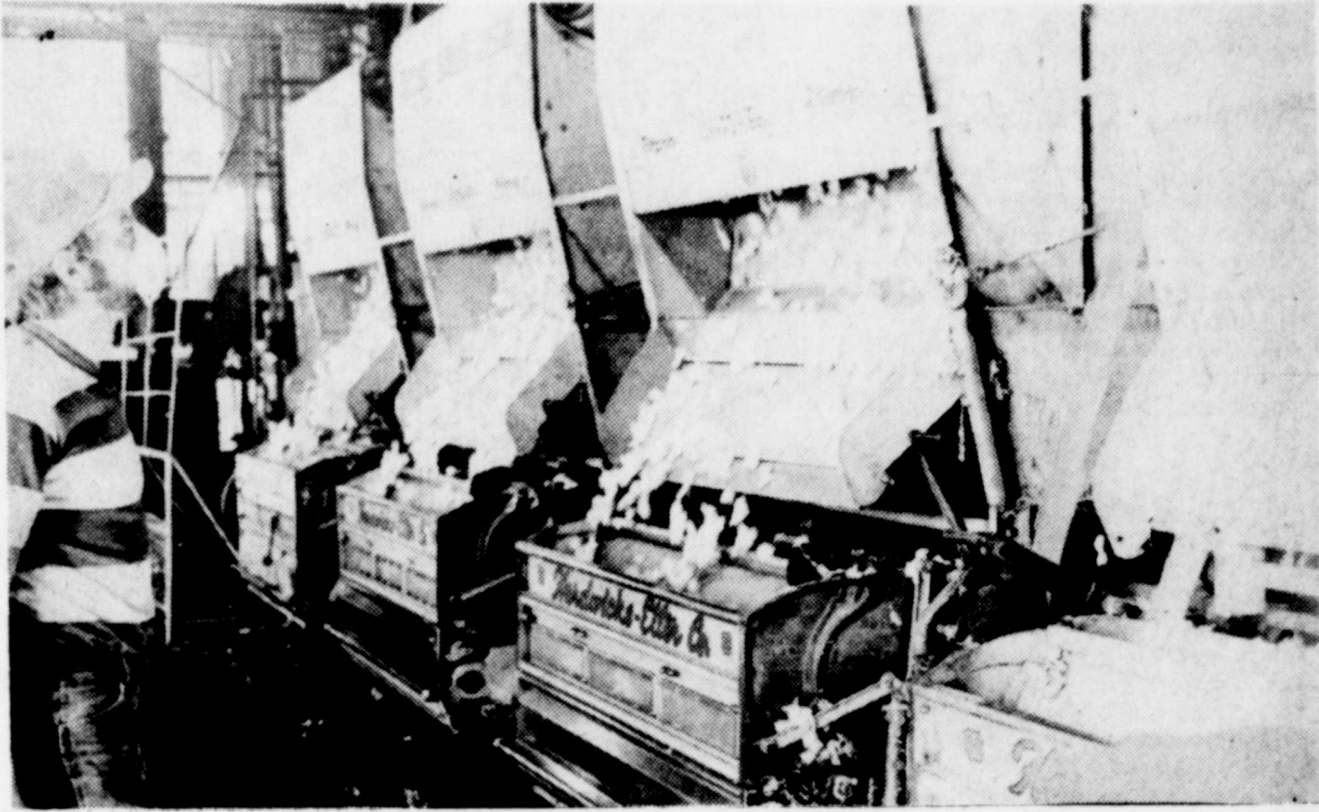


# The Merkel Mail

Thursday, November 21, 1985 ...Merkel, Texas

Our 97th Year



Ben Castille of the Farmers Co-operative Gin here, watches the cotton fly Tuesday morning. Farmers got their first hard freeze of the year Wednesday

morning, and, with dry weather, cotton stripping will be fast and furious over the next few weeks. (Staff photo)

## Boys coach excited about Badgers' chances in 85 basketball season

Merkel's varsity boys basketball coach Skip Townsend told **The Mail** "I think we can just about play with any team in the area as the Badgers opened their 1985-86 basketball season here Tuesday night (Details were not available at press time).

Townsend said he has three seniors that are returning starters and said he has a very strong group of sophomores. What's more, Merkel can brag on a little height this year with senior Matt Cain at 6'5" and 6'2" sophomore Shayne Newberry. He said he had a bunch of players in the 6'1 and 6'2 range.

The Badgers have scrimmaged Eula, Coahoma and Snyder.

Townsend said his players have been blocking shots, rebounding very well, running the fast break and putting on a lot of defensive pressure.

Townsend mentioned three players he is expecting a lot out of this season. "The doctor told Matt Cain he was 100 percent recovered from his football injury. Matt already, is better than he was at the end of the season last year. Cain averaged 20 points per game plus in district last year. Shayne Newberry is a 6'2" sophomore and he has real potential. Milo Harris at forward is quick, follows his shots well and has the abilities to become an outstanding basketball player.

What's great is I have 10 kids that can really play on both the varsity and junior varsity and that really helps."

Bruce Woods is coaching the Freshman boys team who opened with a 30-20 win over Sweetwater here Monday night. The JV coached by Brad Woods, opened their season with a win Tuesday.

About the district, Townsend said "Graham is the pre-season favorite but Wylie has won three straight district championships. The district will be competitive and our main wall to success is we haven't won many games in district play but I think we can play with everyone of them."

Townsend said his team would be a lot different from last year's team. He had coached as many as four teams in the last season and this year he's in charge of the basketball program and the varsity boys team. He said his players would not have any problems remaining eligible under no-pass, no-play.

The next chance you will have to catch the Badgers in action will be Saturday when the boys and girls varsity teams will host Sweet-

water. The games will start at 5 p.m. The date was changed in the playoffs.

## Girls have wealth of experience for season

The Merkel girls varsity basketball team has quite a bit of experience leading them into the 1985-86 basketball season.

First year coach Renee Hicks also finds the high school ranks refreshing after spending six years coaching at Hardin-Simmons and McMurry in Abilene.

Varsity players this year include seniors Kelly Beights, Alyse Ferguson, Amy Irvin, Jill Laman, Becky Best and Martina Moreno. Junior players are Stacy Newberry, Sheri Riney and Michelle Woodard. Sophomores are April DuPont and Krista Toombs and the freshman on varsity is Teresa Lucas.

Coach Hicks told **The Mail** "We have a lot of experience. Most of these girls have played together for three years and they know each other very well. We lack height but we will try to make up for that with speed and quickness. She added "Kelly Beights and Amy Irvin are both real smooth players and are very 'court-wise', they are also very experienced, Michelle Woodard and Sheri Riney are both very quick and have good defensive hands and Stacey Newberry is our power player. If she

can get control of herself on the basketball floor, she will be a good player. She has a 24 to 27 inch vertical jump and that is outstanding."

She also said her team would have a lot of help off the bench this year. Don't look for a zone defense from the Badgers this year, the coach doesn't believe in it. She also will use the half-court and full-court press defensively.

She expects Breckenridge and Comanche to be the teams to beat in the district and the team has set a third place finish as their goal. Coach Hicks said "We will be working to gradually build our momentum to a peak right after Christmas. We will face some tough teams in the first few weeks but I think these girls can win quite a few games this year."

The girls opened their season here Tuesday night against Anson (details were not available at press time) and will host Sweetwater here Saturday at 5 p.m.

The JV team is also being coached by Coach Hicks and Rhonda Rainwater is the Freshman girls coach.

## Fortnightly group sponsoring local Literacy program

If you can read this story, it's not for you but maybe you know someone who cannot read.

There are many people who cannot read either because they don't know how to read and write or because they do not know English.

The Abilene Public Library has helped many people learn to read through its Literacy Program. The program is now available here

through the Merkel Public Library. The Fortnightly Study Club is sponsoring the program here.

If you know of someone 16 years or older who would like to learn to read and write, or learn to speak English call 928-5615, 928-5110 or 928-4939.

The club could also use additional volunteer tutors. If you are interested, you can also call the club collect.

## Cotton stripping in full swing here after Wednesday's freeze

Local ginners were hoping for a hard freeze Tuesday night to help get the 1985-86 cotton harvest rolling along in full steam.

At the Farmer's Co-Op Gin here, Pennel Massey, manager, told **The Mail** "We really haven't ginned much since last week. We got in 100 bales Monday afternoon that should keep us busy for 12 hours."

He added "I believe that everyone is about to really start stripping and what we need is a good hard freeze. The cotton in the fields is drying out and the gin

is running real smooth right now."

At Planters Gin in Trent, Red Shafer, manager, told **The Mail** "We have ginned 1,400 bales and probably have about 30 bales on the yard to work on. The gin has been running real good and the weather has been real bad for us."

Shafer added "We have quite a few fields that are ready to be stripped if the weather will stay pretty. We need a good hard freeze to kill the leaves."

Shafer added the cotton grades

are improving because of dryer cotton and said the quality of this year's crop just may be the best ever.

"It will be the best crop since 1979 but it won't break all time records because there just wasn't as many acres planted as there have been in the past."

The National Weather Service was predicting a hard freeze Tuesday night and that's just what area cotton farmers need to be ready to bring in the rest of their cotton.

## School board considering land proposals

The Merkel school board will meet Thursday morning and will consider a couple of real estate matters.

The meeting was held at 6:45 this morning (Thursday) at the

Big Country Inn.

Board members were to consider bids on lots in the Bettis Heights addition and were also to consider a proposal to buy proper-

ty from our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church.

The board will also hear the annual audit report concerning the school's finances for the 1984-85 school year.

## Annual community Thanksgiving service set

The annual all-faith Merkel Community Thanksgiving Service will be held Sunday.

Merkel's First Baptist Church

will host this year's service and it will start at 6 p.m.

People from all area congregations are welcome to attend

Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church has also scheduled a special Thanksgiving Day mass at 10 a.m. Thanksgiving Day.

## Trash pick-up dates changed for next week

The city will be changing their trash pick-up schedule next week for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

On Monday, Nov. 25th, trash that is normally picked up Monday

and Tuesday, will be collected.

On Tuesday, Nov. 26, trash that is normally picked up on Wednesday and Thursday will be picked

up and on Wednesday, Nov. 27,

trash that is normally collected on Friday and the businesses will be collected.

No trash collections will be made Thursday or Friday.

## Chamber hosts Christmas Fair '85

The Merkel Chamber of Commerce will host Christmas Fair '85 Dec. 7th and 8th at Heritage Hall.

The fair will start immediately following the Christmas parade, which is set for 10 a.m. Dec. 7th.

The Christmas Fair '85 will feature booths from Merkel and area merchants and hand made items. A doll show will be included

and Heritage Hall will be decked with Christmas decorations, and at least two Christmas trees.

Booths are available at \$10 each and reservations can be made by contacting the Chamber office or Marilyn Tittle.

Refreshments will be available and there will be no admission charged. Money raised by the

Chamber from the event will be earmarked for future Merkel Christmas decorations.

Santa Claus from the parade will also be on hand and available for pictures with your children. Iris Amerine will be shooting pictures and buttons and 5 X 7's, in time for Christmas, will be available.

## Pioneer's Lord's Acre sale is Saturday

Pioneer United Methodist Church located 14 miles southwest of Merkel, out FM 126, announces their 35th Annual Lord's Acre Sale, Saturday evening, Nov. 23.

Supper will be served beginning at 6 p.m. with our auction to follow

immediately. There will be many items to sell, jellies, pickles, candy, toys, pies, cakes, needle-crafts, shop made items, seed and feed. There will be something for everyone. The highlight of our sale each year, is our friendship quilt.

A tremendous amount of time and work are spent to put this quilt together. Each year, they seem to be prettier.

Don Dudley will be our auctioneer, Kerry Patton is pastor. You are welcome to come.

## Stith residents to reunite Saturday

Former and current residents of the Stith Community will hold their reunion Sunday starting at 10

a.m. at the community center.

A lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m. and people attending are asked to bring covered dishes,

and vegetable dishes or salads. Meat and drinks will be furnished.

For more information, contact Frank Mundy or Wade Shaw.

## Monday is deadline for next week's Mail

There will be an early deadline for next week's edition. The deadline for all news and

ads will be noon Monday, Nov. 25. The paper will be printed Tuesday and delivered Wednesday.

Also, **The Mail's** office will be closed Wed through Friday.

## Activities, basketball, Hook 'Em...

by Cloy A. Richards

There are a lot of activities this weekend, especially Saturday and I suggest you read the paper to be made aware of them.

Of course, it will be that way from now until sometime in January.

We got our first hard freeze Wednesday morning, and that is real good news for local cotton farmers.

It's the first decent crop since 1979 and the killing freeze will help kill leaves to make stripping

easier and help to dry out the cotton.

The Merkel High and Junior High basketball teams started action this week and boys varsity coach Skip Townsend seemed especially excited about his team when I spoke with him Tuesday.

Girls coach Renee Hicks said her team has a lot of experience but lacks height and hopes to overcome that with quickness.

I have been trying to learn the words to "Texas Fight" so I can yell for my good ol' buddies, the Texas Longhorns.

After watching my Aggies beat Arkansas at Kyle Field in College Station, a Texas win over Baylor sets up an A&M-tu showdown Thanksgiving Day in College Station for the SWC championship. Yessir, it's Hook 'Em Horns until about 4 p.m. Saturday for me.

We will have an early deadline for next week's Thanksgiving edition since the Post Office is closed on Thursday.

The deadline for all news and ads will be Noon Monday, instead of Noon Tuesday.

# FFA spotlights members

The Merkel FFA Chapter concluded their annual fruit sale this past week and many boxes were sold. You may still purchase fruit by contacting the Ag Department at the school.

Spotlights on FFA members this week are: Shawn Miller, Sandra Marshall, Ray Goff, Robyn Dudley, Cassie Townsend and Michael Fickle.

Shawn Miller is the son of Rusty and Patti Miller of Tye. Shawn is active in sports and enjoys building model airplanes. Shawn is in the 8th grade and is 13 years old.

Sandra Marshall is the daughter of Theresa Marshall and is 13 years old. Sandra is raising a rabbit and enjoys sports. Her hobbies include fishing, sewing and bike riding.

Ray Goff is the son of Larry and Virgie Johnson. Ray is raising lambs for his project and is involved in sports.

Robyn Dudley is in the 8th grade and is the daughter of Joe Dudley. Robyn is raising pigs for her project and is also involved in many school sports.

Cassie Townsend is the daughter of John and Sandra Townsend of Merkel. Cassie enjoys rodeo, and raffles in band. Cassie is enrolled in VA II and is also a chapter officer. Cassie is raising pigs and horses for her project and is 15 years old.

Micheal Fickle is the son of Carolynn and George Wellmaker

of Tye. Micheal is 14 years old and in the 8th grade and is raising rabbits for his project. His favorite sport is basketball.

## Sweetwater nips 8th grade

Merkel's 8th grade boys basketball team lost to Sweetwater 27-25 in a last second desperation shot Monday night.

Last year, Sweetwater beat this group in overtime twice. This is a good rivalry, but it is not good on the parents or coaches hearts.

Scoring for Merkel was Dusty McCloud 3 points, Stephen Jacobs 9 points, Brandon Rice 4 points,

Randy Toombs 2 points, Shannon Rader 2 points, Stephen Bauer 2 points, Kyle Doan 2 points, Mike Blue 1 point.

Next Monday the boys and girls 7th and 8th grade teams will travel to Abilene to play St. Johns. The first game is at 4:00 with the 7th grade girls followed by the 8th grade girls, 7th grade boys and 8th grade boys.

## Writer remembers Halley's Comet

In the news, these days, there's a lot of talk about Halley's Comet. I hope I can see it, as I saw the one that happened in 1910. We were living south of Bangs, Texas in Brown County at the time. I can still see it in my mind, as if it only happened last week.

My dad took us all outside that night to see it. My mother, sister

who was 8, my brother 12, and I was 6 years old. The way it has always remained in my mind, it was in the northern sky, low in the sky, but very bright, just a bright star with a long tail. I hope I can see this one to see if it looks like the one I saw when a child.

It's very clear in my mind. Estelle Humphreys.

## Reader wouldn't be without 'The Mail'

Dear Editor:  
It is time again to re-new my subscription, also my friend, Olie Fowler's Christmas subscription. She is so pleased to have The Mail as my gift to her. Please be sure to send her a notice of her gift from me.

I wouldn't be without The Mail. Keep up the "good work". I want

to thank you for the fine coverage of Dr. Sadler's death. I have so many family members and friends there. I was born and raised on our ranch south of town. After I married I moved to Merkel and lived there 27 years.

Thanks, Margaret Newby

# This is CHUG week at MHS

The Merkel High School Student Council attended the Oilbelt District II Fall Student Council Convention on Nov. 4, 1984. District officers were elected as follows: Parliamentarian- Hamlin Secretary- Dublin, Vice President- Ballinger, President- ACHS.

During this week, of Nov. 18-

Nov. 22, MHS Student Council has sponsored "CHUG" week at the Merkel Elementary. This is an alcohol awareness program for younger children. Filmstrips, games, and speeches are used to teach the students the facts about alcohol consumption.

Later, in the first week of

December, our Student Council will sponsor SMILE week. SMILE (Student Myth Information and Learning Experience) gives information on alcohol and drug abuse. On Dec. 2, Wendell Rehm, of the DPS, will come to MHS to speak on these topics. SMILE week is a very effective way of showing high school students what drugs and alcohol are all about.

## Smith-Hinshaw repeat wedding vows

Karen Louise Smith and Jerry Lee Hinshaw were married Monday evening November 18, 1985 with Clarence Collins officiating. They were married at the bride's parents home at 2225 Glenwood Dr. in Abilene.

The groom is the son of Mrs. Perry Ann Hinshaw of Merkel and the late Gerald Hinshaw.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Scalley of Abilene.

Mary Jo Norman, sister of the bride, was the maid of honor. Kevin Hinshaw, brother of the groom, from Ft. Collins, Colorado, was the best man.

The reception followed at the

bride's parents home. The bride is a 1981 graduate from Cooper High School and is employed at Western Plumbing Wholesalers Inc. of Abilene. The groom is a 1977 graduate of Cooper High School and is a member of the U.S. Navy and is stationed at Jacksonville, Florida.

## Xi Nu Chi raising money for local needy

Xi Nu Chi met November 12, 1985 in the home of Mary Hill. The business meeting included arrangements for a November 23rd Bake Sale to be held at 9:00 a.m. in front of Ben Franklin's. This is a service ways and means project. The proceeds will be used to purchase clothing for the needy

children in our community. The chapter accepted, with regret, a 'leave of absence' from member Peggy Valentine. The program for the evening was presented by Anita Allen. It focused on how a little 'Courtesy' can go a long way at home and can benefit you as an individual in your outside relation-

ships with people. A delicious Tuna-Jello salad with hot cider was served to the following members: Nancy Duncan, Karen Riley, Judy Elliott, Donna Bryan, Mary Hill, Connie Harris, Anita Allen, Diana Parker, Nancy Johnson, Donna Lang, Vicki Rodriguez, and Minyon Seymore.

## American sponsoring Mother's march

Independent American Savings Association will serve as the state promotional sponsor for the Mother's March on Birth Defects and the 1986 North Central Texas sponsor.

Independent American Savings Association is in its third year as an underwriter. Additionally, Independent American has made cash grants to help defray expenses, raised money through new customer promotions and assisted the March of Dimes by identifying key volunteer leadership for the Mothers' March. Independent American has also hosted a series

of volunteer gatherings. This year, Independent American Savings Association will again participate in all aspects of the Mothers' March, including volunteer recruitment, fundraising and

## Freshmen down Sweetwater

Merkel's Freshmen boys basketball team opened the season with a 30-20 victory Monday night in the Badgers gym. All 15 players got into the game and 8 contributed points led by Corey Hines with 11. Also scoring for Merkel were Tony Trevino 6, Steve Leverich 4, Wade

festivities. Independent American will furnish every customer opening a new checking account and making a \$5.00 donation to the Mothers' March their first set of checks free.

Toombs 3, Doug Carter 2, Martin Landeros 2, and Shane Pietzsch and James Glaze adding 1 each. Our next games are at Abilene High School for a tournament Friday and Saturday and then return to Merkel Dec. 2 for a game against Abilene H.S.

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Tightly close the damper in your fireplace when you're not using it. The same draft that is needed to help make a fire burn could circulate through your fireplace and pull warm air out of your home.

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# Gramm explains 'his' bill compared to O'Neil's

Dear Editor:

After three weeks of debate in a House-Senate conference committee, the House has now passed a deficit reduction bill crafted by Speaker Tip O'Neill.

In the coming few days, you will be hearing a lot about both the O'Neill alternative and the bill that I introduced along with U.S. Sens. Warren Rudman, R-N.H., and Ernest Hollings, D-S.C., so I thought this would be a good opportunity to review what has occurred.

The O'Neill alternative was approved on a party-line vote in the House, while the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings legislation has twice won approval of a majority of both Democrats and Republicans in the Senate.

Here's how the O'Neill alternative works: First, it spares 27 government programs from any kind of reduction. In total, about 70 percent of the federal budget would be protected from any across-the-board cut. Thus, any cuts triggered by a failure of Congress to meet deficit targets would decimate the few programs which are subject to reduction, such as operation, maintenance and personnel accounts of the armed forces and the entire Veteran's Health Care System.

Secondly, the O'Neill alternative contains an extraordinary provision requiring that if any part of the bill is found to be unconstitutional, the whole bill is struck. You may remember that the House

Democratic leadership at first criticized Gramm - Rudman - Hollings as unconstitutional because the director of the Congressional Budget Office was co-equal with the director of the Office of Management and Budget in estimating the deficit on which presidential sequester orders are based. CBO is not an executive branch agency. The U.S. Supreme Court has found, in a unanimous decision, that executive action cannot be based on the findings of non-executive agencies.

The Senate responded to this concern by changing the process to have the two agencies report to the comptroller of the United States, who would certify the figures and report to the President.

How did the House Democratic leadership answer? By creating the O'Neill alternative that vests the power to determine the size of the deficit solely in the Congressional Budget Office. The result is an unconstitutional provision which guarantees that the O'Neill alternative can never be enforced.

Finally, after having exempted 27 taxpayer-financed programs from the process and after having provided a clearly unconstitutional provision to assure that such a program would never go into effect, the Democratic leadership proposal called for a \$161.9 billion deficit level for Fiscal Year 1986.

Most outside economic forecasters project the deficit for Fiscal Year 1986 to top \$200 billion. As a result, the Democratic leadership is calling for a \$40

billion reduction in spending over the next nine months. If those reductions were made on the basis of the O'Neill plan, 70 percent of

## Local man on state building council

The Texas Industrialized Building Code Council, created by HB 1218, 69th Legislature, Regular Session, will ensure that the designs, plans, and specifications of industrialized housing and buildings meet the mandatory state codes. Governor White today announced the following appointment. For Term extending to February 1, 1986:

Bob Fowler, 51, of Merkel, director of building inspections for the City of Abilene. Born July 11, 1934, he received his bachelor's degree from Texas Tech University. He is a member of the American Institute of Architects, the Texas Society of Architects and the International Conference of Building Officials.

## Country & Western musical set here Saturday

There will be a Country and Western Musical, Saturday November 23 at the Old Lions Club Building starting at 7 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend and admission is free.

the cuts would be applied against defense.

The ultimate political intent of the House Democrats who supported the O'Neill alternative is to have their cake and eat it, too.

Each congressman who backed O'Neill will be able to say to you and your reporters, on the day he announces for re-election, "Sure, I voted for deficit reduction," knowing full well that the deficit will never be reduced by even a dime

because their bill is unlikely to win final passage, because the President would be forced to veto it and because the courts would declare it unconstitutional.

In sharp contrast, the Senate bill is backed strongly by both Democrats and Republicans. It provides a measured, constitutional pathway to reach a balanced budget. It removes Social Security from the budget process, setting it apart as a self-supporting trust fund. It

singles out no on-budget program for either a heavy-handed cut or a special political favor.

The only particular political appeal of Gramm-Rudman-Hollings lies in the fact that its Democratic and Republican supporters alike will be able to tell voters the truth when they say they voted to reduce the deficit.

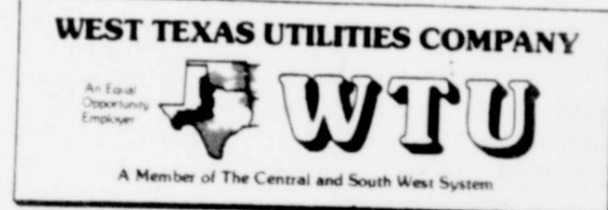
Yours respectfully,  
Phil Gramm  
United States Senator

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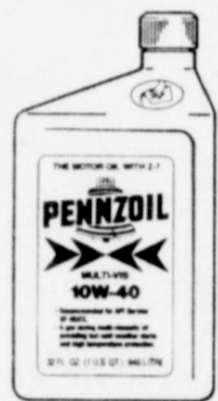


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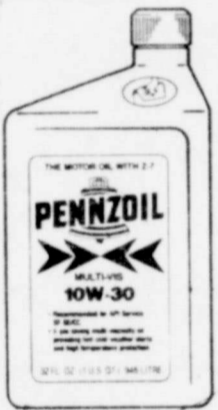


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EXHIBIT A-2

	Governmental Fund Types			Totals (Memorandum Only)
	10 General Fund	20/30 Special Revenue Fund	50 Debt Service Fund	98 August 31 1984
Revenues:				
Local, Intermediate, Out-of-State	\$541,831		\$35,209	\$577,040
State Program Revenues	265,411			265,411
Federal Program Revenues (Note D)	18,357	11,926		30,283
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$825,599</b>	<b>\$11,926</b>	<b>\$35,209</b>	<b>\$872,734</b>
Expenditures:				
Instruction	\$417,941	\$11,926		\$429,867
Instructional Resources and Media Services	1,231			1,231
School Administration	33,602			33,602
Pupil Transportation - Regular	23,254			23,254
Co-curricular Activities	19,093			19,093
Food Services	43,615			43,615
General Administration	118,945			118,945
Debt Services			43,565	43,565
Plant Maintenance and Operations	74,125			74,125
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$731,848</b>	<b>\$11,926</b>	<b>\$43,565</b>	<b>\$787,339</b>
Other Resources and (Uses):				
Other Resources	\$1,001			\$1,001
Other Uses				
<b>Total Other Resources and (Uses)</b>	<b>\$1,001</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,001</b>
<b>Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Resources Over Expenditures</b>	<b>\$94,751</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>(\$8,356)</b>	<b>\$86,395</b>
Beginning Fund Balance September 1	321,837		17,509	339,346
<b>Ending Fund Balance August 31</b>	<b>\$416,588</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$9,153</b>	<b>\$425,741</b>

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Trent fire department hosting pancake supper

The Trent Volunteer Fire Department will be hosting a pancake supper Saturday from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Trent Fire Station.

Pancakes, bacon, coffee, tea and soft drinks will be available. Tickets are \$3 each and proceeds will be used to purchase and maintain firefighting equipment used by the department.

Tickets for the event can be purchased from any fireman, Home State Bank or at J & B Grocery.

The department is also selling raffle tickets and the prize is a Remington 700 rifle. Those tickets are 15 each or 4 for \$20 and the winner does not have to be present to collect the prize. Those tickets are available here at Circle A Western Wear or at City Hall here.

### Young named to Outstanding Young Men of America

The Board of Advisors for the Outstanding Young Men of America awards program recently announced that Chris Young has been named to be included in the 1985 edition of Outstanding Young Men of America.

Young is the manager of the Merkel Chamber of Commerce and owner of the Boney-Young Insurance Agency here.

These men were selected from nominations received from Senators, Congressmen, Governors, Mayors, State Legislators, University and College Presidents and Deans as well as various civic groups.

### Benefit auction set for local youth

A benefit auction for a local youth, who is in a coma at Children's Hospital in Dallas, will be held Saturday, Nov. 23 at 1 p.m. at the West Texas Auction Arena.

Paul McCaulley of 710 Avondale here, has had three brain operations over the past few months.

Proceeds from the auction will be used to help pay medical expenses. Contributions for the auction are being accepted now.

A fund has also been established at the Farmers & Merchants National Bank here.

For more information, contact West Texas Auction Arena at 928-4063 or 928-4301.



§ Students of the Month for October at Merkel Elementary are (front row from left) Christina McCarty, Eric Beard, Jada Woodall, Jeremy Tipton, Elizabeth

Acuna, Robbie Stephens (back row from left) Charlotte Williams, Augustine Gonzales, Lana Rogers, Corey Teichelman, Susan Holden and David Melendez.

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### Criswell's services held here

Monty Quay Criswell, 68, of Amarillo, died Nov. 14 in Amarillo following a long illness.

Funeral services were held here at the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Jesse Nave, pastor of the Petersburg Baptist Church officiating.

Burial followed at Rose Hill Cemetery here under the direction of the Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born August 31, 1917 in Gustine, she was graduated from Noodle High School. She married Wilber Criswell June 11, 1938 here. He died in 1975.

She has been a member of the Petersburg Baptist Church since 1950.

She is survived by two sons, Michael of Amarillo and Terry of Houston; two daughters, Brenda Harbert of Amarillo and Carolyn Hearn of Abernathy; two brothers, Lloyd Reece and Floyd Reece, both of Dallas; two sisters, Cleo Reece and Lorene Beard, both of Merkel; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Kevin Sell, Teddy Hennis, Chris Hearn, Brian Hearn, Tom Cummings and Mike Cowley.

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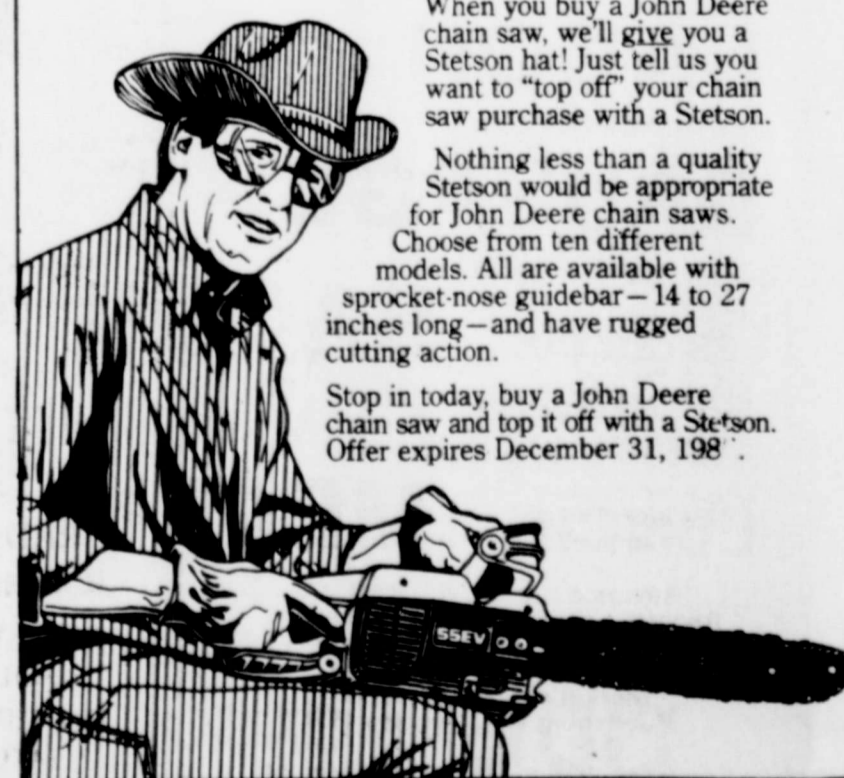
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