

The Merkel Mail

Thursday, April 10, 1986 ...Merkel, Texas

Our 98th Year



Crossing work

§ The Cherry Street and Oak Street railroad crossings here were re-worked Tuesday and Wednesday.

Staff photo

Track team looks to district meet

The Merkel Badger track team places second in Breckenridge March 15th and then won a meet in Ballinger last week. The Badgers, led by sophomore Brit Pursley will be at Colorado City this weekend. Pursley has broken all-time school records in the pole vault with a jump of 15'10" and the high jump with a leap of 6'4". Pursley has also been the leading scorer for the track team this year. Shayne Newberry

also has broken the school record in the discus with a toss of 151'7". According to track coach Luke Taylor, the Badgers are also close to setting school records in the mile relay and sprint relay and Dean Franklin is closing in on the school's 330 Intermediate Hurdle record. Taylor told *The Mail* "We have really improved in the last two weeks. WE should be in the race

for the district title with Breckenridge and should be one of the top 5 teams at the regional track meet. If the guys keep working and dropping their times, we could take a few of them to the State meet. The district track meet will be held in Breckenridge April 19. The regional meet is May 1, 2 & 3 in Odessa and the state meet in May 15-16 & 17 in Austin.

Local office holders re-elected, Trent-Tye have good turnout

Local elections were held Saturday as not many Merkelites made it to the polls in the school board and city council elections. There were no contested races here. School board incumbents Greg Henderson and Leroy Teaff were re-elected. In the city council election, Ted Smith, James McKee and Phillip Doan were elected. Smith and McKee are incumbents and Doan will be a new councilman. He replaces Jerry Byrd who had

served on council 12 years.

In Trent incumbent school board member Rosemary Bland was re-elected. New board members will be Billy Wayne Hamner and Mike Carriker. Mac Sip also was elected to fill an un-expired term. The turnout was "real good" according to Trent ISD superintendent Roy Neff as 137 ballots were cast. The board will be re-organized Monday night. In Tye, Violet Law was re-elected

Mayor and David Perry won a contested seat on city council. James Deen was re-elected to his council post as he faced no opposition.

In the Trent City Council elections, Robert Lee and Owen O'Kelly were elected. They were unopposed.

The next round of elections will be held Saturday, May 3rd as statewide primary elections will be held.

Art group plans local show

The Merkel Art Association met April 7, 1986 at Taylor Telephone. During the business meeting, details of the upcoming arts and crafts show were discussed. Anyone who would like to enter the arts and crafts show should bring entries to the Heritage Hall building on Saturday, April 26 from 2:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. Members of the association will be

available to take the entries and set them up for display. The show will be in the Heritage Hall building, April 27 from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. There is no charge to enter and no admission charge. Items displayed must be picked up April 27 between 4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to enter arts and crafts and enjoy the show.

The program for the evening was presented by each member showing and telling about paintings and crafts they are working on.

Members present were: Pat Byrd, Bonnie English, Evelyn Stribbling, Robbie Wilson, Benny Rogers, Imogene Coleman, Ethel Pee, Marie Beard, Gay Featherston, and Christie Barnett.

MHS band trying for Sweepstakes

The Merkel High School Band will compete in the Region II UIL Concert and Sightreading Contest on Tuesday, April 15th at Cooper High School in Abilene. The local band is scheduled to play at 12:00 noon on the Cooper High School stage. After they complete their concert performance, the band will then move to the choir room to sight read. Ratings for each event are separate.

The Merkel band is under the direction of Bill Woods, assisted by Cherry Curry. This year's band received a 1st division rating in the marching contest held on October 12th. Should the band receive a 1st division rating in both concert and sightreading, they would receive a sweepstakes award, the highest in band competition in Texas. A first division rating in an event indicates a performance of superior quality, more than one band in a classification can receive the same rating, but judges do not have to give a top rating to any band. Thus, each band is rated on a standard of performance.

The Merkel band will perform "Ernst August March" by the famed German march composer Blankenburg, "Blessed Are They" by Brahms, arranged by Barbara Buehlman, and the first three movements of "Symphonic Suite" by Clifton Williams, who taught composition at the University of

Texas from 1952 to 1968. The suite performed by the Merkel Band received the 1968 Oswald Award as the best new composition for band.

Concert judges for the UIL competition are: Gary Wylie, band director at Crockett High School in Austin, Phil Anthony, band director at Coronado High School in Lubbock, and Gerald Smith, retired band director from Panhandle High School. Sightreading judges are Milton Fox, band director at Tarleton State University, Dennis Teasdale, band director at Littlefield High School, and Rosendo Sanchez, band director at Stephen F. Austin High School in Austin.

The competition is open to the public and there is no admission charge. Any interested persons are welcome to attend the contest at Cooper High School in Abilene on April 15th and 16th. The contest starts at 9:30 a.m. on April 15th

with Colorado City High School, Wylie, Coahoma, Breckenridge, Ballinger and Merkel high schools all in class AAA, following at 30 minutes intervals. The afternoon session will begin at 1:30 with Rotan, Hawley, Hamlin, Stamford, Haskell, Anson, Cisco, Winter, Ranger, Albany, Eastland, and Baird, all in class AA competition. On April 16th, competition will begin with the Abilene High 3rd band, Snyder, San Angelo, Cooper and Abilene High 2nd bands, starting at 9:30 a.m. and every 30 minutes thereafter. At 1:00 will be Snyder and 1:45 Sweetwater in Class AAAAA. Class 5A will begin at 2:30 with Abilene High School, San Angelo Central at 3:15 and Cooper High School at 4:00 p.m. Class C junior high schools will perform starting at 4:45 p.m. and every 30 minutes thereafter with Bronte Junior, Lincoln Middle, Mann Middle, Lincoln of San Angelo, Colorado City and Madison Middle.

Work day set for UGSA

There will be a work day in order to get the fields in good condition for the girls softball season. The work day is scheduled for April 12 at 9:00 a.m. until noon. All parents, coaches, and interested persons are urged to be there and help with these fields. There will be a meeting April 15,

1986 at 7:00 p.m. at Taylor Electric to select coaches and teams. Anyone interested should be at this meeting.

There will be a co-ed softball tournament April 19th. The entry fee is \$90 per team. All interested persons are urged to call Becky Holmes at 548-2575 or Celesta Boone at 928-5789.

Local scouts win display award

Boy Scout Troop 218 entered the Scout Show Saturday April 5 in Abilene and came home with a first place blue ribbon for their booth displaying correct and incorrect ways to display the American Flag. Scouts attending were Lee Isenburg, Chip Browning and Jay Martin. This was really great, being a new troop that was started in February and the first scouting event they had entered.

Troop 218 is off to a great start, but we need more scouts and are in desperate need of more adult leaders. If you are between the age of 11 and 18 years of age, or an adult interested in scouting, please call 928-4882 after 5 p.m. or come by the United Methodist Church any Monday evening between 7 and 8 p.m.



§ Local Boy Scouts [from left] Lee Isenburg, Chip Browning and Jay Martin put together a winning display on proper flag presentation. Complimentary photo

No comet Saturday, Carriker, Little League, lost relative ... more

by Cloy A. Richards

I am on J. A. Sadler's 'list.' He took my advice Saturday and got up a little early to go see The Comet. A thin line of clouds formed and he didn't get a chance to see the thing.

Knowing J.A., 4:30 a.m. was maybe 15 minutes ahead of the time he normally gets out of bed so it was no great hardship on him. He just didn't get to see it yet.

If you haven't had a chance to see the comet, you'd best do so in the next week, or it will go flying back into space, not to be seen here for another 76 years.

Local State Representative Steve Carriker dropped in Monday on his way to appear before a luncheon group in Abilene.

We chatted for a few minutes about politics, oil prices and the governor's race. He also answered a few quick questions.

The answers, in order were, (1) no; (2) I'd like to serve four terms and (3) I'll support the ticket.

If you haven't already guessed, the questions were (1) Do you have any higher political ambi-

tions; (2) How long are you going to stay in the State House and (3) are you supporting Governor White?

If you have a boy between the ages of 6 and 12 and they have not signed up for Little League, there is still time to do so.

The league is still short of players and they will allow children to register Thursday night at 7 p.m. at the Little League field.

Tryouts will also be held Thursday night for the Little League and all other teams will also be selected Thursday.

More than 400 people signed up for the next USDA surplus commodity distribution. It will be held here April 26th at the Merkel Volunteer Fire Department's station.

The Merkel Band Boosters will meet at 8 p.m. April 15th at the Band Hall.

Boosters will discuss the upcoming trip to Amarillo to the

Greater Southwest Music Festival.

A lady in California is looking for one of her relatives. She had a relative with a maiden name of Allie Perry, who married a man with the last name of Toombs and they lived here 30 years ago. At that time, she had a brother named Joseph, age 79 and a sister, Mary age 77 living with her.

If you can help her in any way, give me a call.

The Merkel Badger Booster Club will be meeting April 15th, to elect officers and make plans for the all-sports banquet.

The meeting will start at 7 p.m.

Merkel lost a distinguished citizen last week with the death of Joe Cypert.

He was a longtime Merkel business man, served three terms as County Commissioner of Precinct 2, was past president of the Merkel Chamber of Commerce, and was the Outstanding Citizen in 1971.

The Merkel Badgers baseball team defeated both their district opponents so far this year with wins over Clyde and Graham.



Climbing Bluebonnets

§ The bluebonnets at Mildred Starbuck's home take over a good part of the back yard each fall,

including a brick deck and steps. She is in the process of planting another part of her yard.

Staff photo

Obituaries

Joe Cypert

Joe Bray Cypert, a local civic leader and former Commissioner of Precinct 2, died at Hendrick Medical Center April 3 following a short illness.

Funeral services were held April 5 at the Merkel Church of Christ with Bob Brandon conducting the service. Burial followed at Rose Hill Cemetery here under the direction of the Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born Feb. 8, 1909 in Rochester he had lived here most of his life.

He was County Commissioner of Precinct 2 for three terms (12 years) and he had also served as President of the Merkel Chamber of Commerce.

He was in the retail grocery business here and was named Merkel's Outstanding Citizen in 1970.

According to the April 1, 1971 edition of *The Mail* he had also served on Merkel's City Council. He told the paper he retired from the commissioner's court, so he would have "more time to fish."

He married Maurine Tipton Sept. 5, 1933 here.

He is survived by his wife; a son Danny of Merkel, a brother Dick of Bridge City and a sister Hollis Smith of Pilot Point.

Pallbearers were Wright Dishman, Bobby Toliver, She Shepherd, Billy Bob Toombs, Lewis Corder and Jim Jacobs.

Emma Wilson

Emma Lou Wilson, 63, of Merkel, died at her home following a sudden illness April 2.

Funeral services were held April 5 at the Starbuck Chapel with John Wagoner officiating. Burial followed at Rose Hill Cemetery here under the direction of the Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born July 10, 1923 in Sallisaw, Ok., she was a housewife and had lived in Merkel for 15 years. She was a Baptist.

She married Harold Wilson August 17, 1945.

She is survived by her husband; a daughter Linda Lou Wilson of Merkel; a son H. T. Wilson, Jr. of

Abilene, her mother Juanita Anthony of Gans, Ok and a brother Wallace Mattay of Oklahoma and a granddaughter.

Euel Ray

Euel Clifford Ray, 87, of Merkel, died April 3 at the Hamilton Medical Center following a short illness.

Funeral services were held April 5 at Merkel's First United Methodist Church with Lynward Harrison officiating. Burial followed at Rose Hill Cemetery here under the direction of the Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born Oct. 6, 1898 he was a stock farmer. He had lived in the Merkel area since 1951.

He married Margery Butman May 5, 1923 here. She died in 1971.

He was a member of Pioneer Memorial Methodist.

He is survived by a son, Kenneth of Merkel and Vernon of Cisco; daughters Loyce Bauerschlag and Peggy Thorne of Houston and Becky Pyburn of Lafayette, La.; a brother Everett of Coleman and a sister, Eva Mae Gerguson, also of Coleman.

He is also survived by 14 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

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Preceptor Eta Omega holds April Fool party

Preceptor Eta Omega hosted a April Fool Party Tuesday at Taylor Electric Cooperative building.

Special guests were members from Lambda Beta and Xi Nu Chi chapters.

An April Fools supper was served by waitress Kathy Leve-rich, Mamie Steck, Betty Lu Satterwhite, and Betty Conley. Their motto was "Fast in Eating-

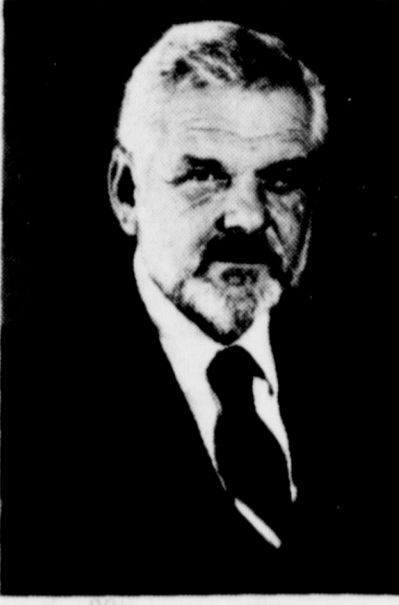
slow in Service." Other games were played after the supper.

Those served were: Val Patterson, Connie Ybarra, Minyon Seymour, Y. Sadler, Mary Hill, Anita Allen, Ruth Tipton, Blanche Hewitt, Barbara Graham, Kay-Bishop, Janet Rogers, Beverly Helmer, Virginia Pirrillia, Debbie Roberson, Debbie Sandusky, Mamie Steck, Opal Garner, Kathy Leverich, Betty Lu Satterwhite, and Betty Conley.

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Roby sets centennial celebration May 3rd

The Town of Roby is planning a Centennial Celebration for Saturday, May 3. Area men are growing beards for a beard-judging contest and area ladies are asked to wear early-day dresses for the event. Those men who do not grow beards will be subject to fine or "jail"; ladies are requested to wear long dresses and bonnets or other early day dress on Fridays, beginning April 4.

A talent show is scheduled for Friday night, May 2. Kirk Williamson and Robert Allen are in charge of this event and those interested in participating may contact either of these men.

The Fisher County Historical Society will sponsor a picture and

historical document display in the Courthouse Annex Building. If you have early day items of interest you would like to share on display, please contact Margorie Mitchell or any member of the Historical Society. Pictures of early day families, buildings, things, events, etc., are sought from throughout the county.

The rural Wren Extension Club is in charge of a Centennial King and Queen Contest. This contest is limited to young people living in the Roby School District. There will be six divisions for ages 0 through Seniors of 1986.

Saturday's activities will include a flea market and arts and crafts. Spaces will be provided free on a first-come, first-serve basis.

The Young farmers are in charge of sports activities, greased pig chase, tobacco spitting contests, cow-chip throwing, etc.

Central to the activities will be a flag-raising and patriotic singing in the early afternoon. A Roby Centennial Flag is being designed by the History Class at Roby High School to fly with the Texas Sesquicentennial Flag.

Many other activities are planned for the day, selected essays with historical emphasis and written by Roby High School students will be presented, 4-H Share The Fun groups, dunking

booth, square dancers, etc. Area musicians will provide music during the day.

The Roby Lion's Club will be in charge of concessions during the day and a barbecue evening meal.

All area residents, former residents, friends, and neighbors are invited to come join in the fun and activities.

The activities are being coordinated by the Roby Lion's Club. For further information contact, Roby Lions Club, Wardell Halliburton, President, Box 277, Roby Texas 79543, phone 776-2495 or 776-2496.

Leaf rust attacking Texas wheat crop

Leaf rust, a fungal disease that took a big bite out of the 1985 Texas wheat crop, appears all set to strike again.

Spores which lead to the disease infection have been found in increasing numbers in central areas of the state in recent weeks, say officials with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service who are monitoring the situation.

"This winter's mild weather plus the fact that the disease was severe last year increases the potential for another major outbreak this year," points out Dr. Wendell Horne, Extension Service plant pathologist.

Horne says that the warmer weather has wheat progressing rapidly and that the crop is reaching the critical stage for control measures in some areas of the state.

"Since the cost of a fungicide application to control leaf rust is quite expensive, a farmer must be sure to treat his crop at the right time," Horne emphasizes. "Past experience has shown that a fungicide is most effective when applied just as the flag leaf is

starting to emerge. This is the last leaf formed before the grain head is exerted."

Horne also emphasizes that only fields with a good yield potential should be treated to be cost-effective. "The greatest benefit is likely to result when the yield potential is 40 bushels or more per acre," he points out. "If two applications are anticipated, the yield potential should be in the range of 60 bushels per acre. Second applications should follow the first by 10 to 14 days."

The plant pathologist advises farmers to use 3 to 5 gallons of water per acre to insure good coverage when applying the fungicide by air.

County Extension agents can help farmers monitor the situation to determine if control measures should be taken against leaf rust disease, notes Horne. If the disease is present, then a farmer needs to take a close look at his situation to determine if there are any factors that might limit the crop's potential, such as stand, fertility level and available moisture.

Kinder's have new granddaughter

Linda Kinder of Merkel and Charles Kinder of Perrin, are proud to announce the arrival of their new granddaughter, Jennifer Rene' Hurd. Parents are Mr. and Mrs. James Hurd of Clyde. Born March 28 she weighed 7 lbs

and 2 ozs and was 19 1/2 inches long.

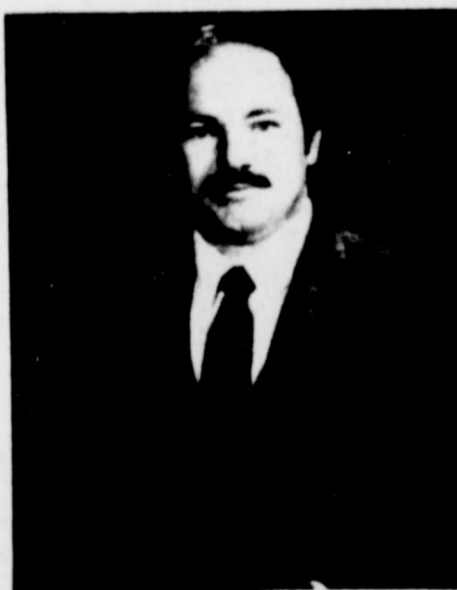
Great grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lambert of Merkel, Ollie Deathredge of Merkel, Mr. and Mrs. Ewell Maxwell of Clyde and Mrs. A.A. Kinder of Perrin.

Plans being made for Noodle homecoming

The Noodle Homecoming is being planned this year, for the first Saturday in October. The homecoming is an all day event held every two years. It is to be in the Merkel Heritage Hall with a catered lunch this Sesquicentennial year of 1986. Remember that October 4 is the new date. President and Vice President of the association is Mr. and Mrs.

Edwin Read of Merkel. They are former teachers of the Noodle-Horn School.

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THE TEXAS EXPERIENCE

Cotton Kingdom

For almost a century, nothing was more important to the Texas economy than the fleecy white bales of cotton traversing the state to market. Cotton was grown in Texas first by Spanish missionaries, but it did not become a cash crop until colonists arrived from the Southern United States. Soon after they began cultivating it, Texas was clearly on its way to joining the cotton kingdom.

Not until the 1850s did the state reach the production level of other Southern plantation states. After the Civil War, the removal of Indians from the Western parts of the state and the advent of railroad lines opened enormous territories for the cotton crop.

Although cotton production slowed considerably during the Civil War, the remarkable technological developments in communication, transportation and equipment set in motion before the war accelerated after 1870.

The explosive Texas cotton trade radically altered the national and international commodities markets, says historian I. Tully Ellis. Fast-linking freight lines, commercial cotton gins, and powerful cotton compresses facilitated a vast overland movement of the staple from the cotton-growing South to Eastern markets. At the same time, a large migration of people to Texas expanded the cotton culture.

Only a small part of the state's 1859-60 cotton crop of 431,463 bales moved over the 500 miles of railroad tracks built by Texans before the Civil War. Wagons, flatboats, or small steamboats carried the remainder to Galveston, New Orleans, or other coast points for shipment to Eastern and European mills.

A rush in Texas railroad building occurred throughout the 1870s, Ellis says, with construction totaling nearly 2,000 miles. The Houston and Texas Central railroad traversed the rich

Texas blacklands from Buffalo Bayou to the Red River, where it met up with the Missouri, Kansas, and Texas Railroad linking the Lone Star state with the Midwest in 1873. The next year St. Louis made a rail connection with Texarkana, and then, via the Texas and Pacific, with Dallas. In the following decade railroad companies built over 6,000 miles of track in Texas. The lines now stretched from the Sabine River to El Paso and from the Panhandle to the Rio Grande.

Initially, the postwar railroad development resulted in a large overland movement of the crop to Eastern markets, Ellis explains, diverting the trade from Galveston and other Gulf ports. But by 1900, most of the Texas cotton crop left from Galveston, the largest cotton shipping point in the world at the time. The building of the six-mile twin jetties from the island out into the Gulf provided the port of Galveston with deep water, enabling the harbor to accommodate the largest steamers. The Texas crop that year, valued at more than \$177 million, represented one quarter of the total American cotton production.

THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: FELECITO GARCIA, Address Unknown, Defendant, Greeting:
You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before ten 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 28th day of April, 1986, at or before ten o'clock A.M. before the Honorable 350th District Court of Taylor County, Texas, at the Court House of said County in Abilene, Texas.

Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court, on the 3rd day of January, A.D. 1986, in this cause, numbered 1079-D on the docket of

said court, and styled, THE STATE OF TEXAS Plaintiff, vs A WHITE 1971 EL CAMINO616-6CT VIN # 136801K176 Defendant (Felicito Garcia) are Defendants.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit: Plaintiff alleges that the above described vehicle was being used to facilitate the transportation of certain property described in Article 4476-15 V.A.C.S. to wit: Cocaine, by carrying said Cocaine. Plaintiff alleges that the use of a vehicle for the purpose of transportation or possession of any certain property described in Paragraph (a) (1) of Section 5.03 of the "Texas Controlled Substance Act" was de-

nounced and made illegal by the provisions contained in Article 4475-15, V.A.C.S. WHEREFORE, the seizing officer in and for the State of Texas, request the Court to enter its Order finding said vehicle was used for the purpose of possession, and uphold said seizure and forfeiture, and forfeiting to the Abilene Police Department the said 1971 El Camino as provided by law, and Ordering the same to be disposed of in accordance with the provisions of Section 5.08 of the "Texas Controlled Substance Act", and the proceeds, if any be disposed of as provided by said law, and for such other relief, at law or in equity, as Plaintiff

shall be entitled to receive, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit. If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved. The officer executing this process shall promptly execute the same according to law, and make due return as the law directs. Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 14th day of March, A.D. 1986. Attest: Rilla Mahoney Clerk, 350th District Court, Taylor County, Texas by JoAnn Lackey, Deputy (Seal) 157-4tc

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Tips on dealing with financial crunch

Rising unemployment rates mean more Texas families are facing a financial crisis.

"This can be a frustrating and stressful situation, but improved money management skills can help families survive these rough times," says home economist Mary Clayton Nance.

She points out that families must give high priority to paying fixed expenses such as rent or mortgage payments, insurance premiums, car payments and installment debt from the income they have available.

That leaves food, utilities, clothing, household operations and other flexible expenses to be cut.

Nance, a resource management specialist with the Texas A&M University Agricultural Extension Service (TAEX), says the following can produce the greatest savings of flexible family expenses:

Reduce food costs by carefully planning meals and snacks for each day for a week ahead. Plan low cost protein foods such as dry beans, eggs, peanut butter, turkey and chicken, hamburger or liver. Stretch meat in casseroles and other combination dishes.

Reduce utility bills by raising the temperature in your house to lower cooling costs. If you have a portable fan, use it in place of air conditioning when possible or along with the air conditioner to make the higher temperatures feel more comfortable.

Consider selling a second car or recreational vehicle. This will save money on gas, insurance and upkeep. However, think carefully about your future transportation needs before selling, since you may need a second car for transportation to a new job.

Reduce child care costs by arranging the family's schedule so that an unemployed parent can take care of the children while the other parent works. If both parents are unemployed, alternate child care duties so each will have an opportunity to look for a job or have some personal time. An unemployed single parent may try to share child care with a relative, neighbor or friend.

Repair or remodel clothing you already have and swap items of clothing with other family members or friends. Investigate local resale shops and garage sales to find good buys on used clothing.

These are especially good options for buying children's clothes which are often outgrown before they are worn out.

Consider cutting out or finding alternatives to all "extras". Depending on the family circumstances, "extras" might include cable television, or several cable hook-ups; gift-giving or donations; expensive habits such as smoking; magazine subscriptions more than one telephone; and

entertainment costs. Make use of free or low cost resources for entertainment, such as the public library, parks and community events.

For more cost-cutting ideas, Nance suggests contacting the county Extension office. County Extension home economists can provide information on spending guides for thrifty food plans and how to develop an unemployment spending plan.

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Harris-Pardue plans told

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Harris of Valley Mills, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Lynn Michelle to David Blackwell Pardue, son of Mr. and Mrs. Prentiss Pardue of Whitehouse.

Miss Harris graduated from Valley Mills High School and received a Bachelor's degree in

Home Economics from Abilene Christian University. She is currently a Kindergarten teacher for Merkel Elementary.

Mr. Pardue graduated from Robert E. Lee High School and attended Texas Tech. He is vice president of Compulog Systems in Tyler. The couple plans a June 7th wedding at the Methodist Church in Merkel.



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Local garden club at district meeting

Twenty-seven area garden clubs were represented at the Spring meeting of District VIII Garden Clubs, held in Snyder on April 3rd. Attending from Merkel were Becky Rogers, Alice King, Leota Sherrell, Sue Johnson, and Shirley McBride. The event was hosted by the Sweetwater, Colorado City and Roby and Snyder groups.

A coffee hour and registration was held at the Scurry County Museum, which displays a collection of 29 Texas wild flower water color paintings, commissioned by the Scurry County Wildflower Committee. Also of interest and great beauty is the Wildflower Path on campus of Western Texas College. This thirty-minute walk was set up by the committee to provide visitors an opportunity to see the area's native plants in their native environment.

The meeting of the General Assembly was held in the Fine Arts Theatre, also on campus. Club presidents were called upon to give their annual reports and merit awards were presented.

A buffet luncheon was served at the nearby Martha Ann Women's Club, followed by a program on contemporary flower arranging, which was given by Joyce Ewald of El Paso.

Mrs Ewald, an instructor at the El Paso Museum of Arts says she marches to the beat of a different drummer as her arrangements are in the form of abstract art. Her program was entitled Designs for Texas Arranges and each of the eight arrangements she created, depicted a different part of Texas' history and heritage.

Your local Garden Club has just recently completed it's project of replanting the three flower beds at the cemetery entrance, and are now awaiting the Master Gardener's blessing in the form of rain.

Merkel, You are invited to the Merkel Assembly of God Church

Come as you are and let Jesus make the changes in your life. We invite you to come if you have any of the following problems in your life.

1. If you are tired and weary of an inner struggle for peace and satisfaction. Jesus says come unto me all of you that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest. MATT 11:28.
 2. If you are poor in spirit and material supply. Jesus says "Come bear the good news." Luke 4:18
 3. If you are broken hearted. Jesus says "I have come to heal the broken hearted". Luke 4:18
 4. If you are a captive of some sin or habit. Jesus says, I have come to preach deliverance to the captives. Luke 4:18
 5. If you are blind to the things of God and Eternal Life. Jesus says "I have come to give recovering of sight to the blind". Luke 4:18
 6. If you are bruised in your spirit and are hurting inside. Jesus says, I have come to liberate them that are bruised." Luke 4:18
 7. If you are under guilt and condemnation of sin, and you want to be released and go free with a fresh start. Jesus says I have come to tell you this is the acceptable year of the Lord. Luke 4:19
- In Romans 3:10-18 we find that there is none righteous, all going the wrong way, all are unprofitable and in general are deceived completely. Romans 3:23, For all have sinned and come short of The Glory of God. Jesus says, "The thief (Satan) comes to steal, kill, and destroy, but I have come That you might have life and have it more abundantly". John 10:10
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MISD lunch menu

The Merkel school menu is as follows:

Thursday April 10: Burritos with cheese stick, macaroni and tomatoes, lettuce wedge, cherry cobbler.

Friday April 11: Hamburgers, lettuce, tomato, pickle, onion, french fries, walk to school cookies

Monday April 14: Pizza, lettuce wedge, blackeye peas, fruit bars.

Tuesday April 15: Mexican fiesta, pinto beans, lettuce, tomato onions, rice, pineapple chunks.

Wednesday April 16: Fried chicken, whipped potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, peaches with whip cream.

Thursday April 17: Bar-B-Q links, baked beans, fried okra, corn bread, cherry cobbler.

Friday April 18: Hamburgers, lettuce, tomato, pickle, onion, french fries, fresh orange wedge.

Dunn is promoted by USAF to Sr. Airman

Kenneth L. Dunn, son of John G. and Jean Dunn of Sixth and Main, Trent, Texas, has been promoted in the U.S. Air Force to the rank of senior airman.

Dunn is a weather specialist at Bergstrom Air Force Base, Texas with the 25th Weather Squadron.

He is a 1979 graduate of Trent High School.

Xi Nu Eta holds meeting

Xi Nu Eta held it's monthly meeting Thursday April 3rd in the home of Marilyn Tittle.

After a short business meeting, members enjoyed a Lady Love demonstration given by Bobbye Roberts.

Plans were made for our dinner celebrating our chapters anniversary and for the Founders Day

Dance in which Xi Nu Eta is responsible for the door.

Members present were: Kathy Dacy, Dee McCollum, Jana-Nelson, Marilyn Tittle, Danna Dunagin, Sherry Vinson and Cathy Pack. Guests present were: Bobbye Roberts, Sandra Smith, Lu Ann Blay, Carolyn Chapman, and Janie Rich.

Steve Lollar- Candidate- Precinct 4, Jones County Commissioner

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