

The Merkel Mail

Thursday, July 10, 1986 Merkel, Texas

Our 98th Year

Fun Day draws crowd to City Park; winners, donors for prizes



§ The flag was raised, balloons released and the ACU Summer Stage group officially opened Fun Day at the City Park Friday. A large crowd attended the 7th annual event sponsored by the Merkel Chamber of Commerce. Iris Amerine photo

Riding Club's Challenge

set Aug. 1 & 2

The Merkel Riding Club's Challenge of the Clubs is set for August 1 & 2 at the Merkel Riding Club Arena.

Also, the Merkel Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a Western Heritage Day downtown Saturday.

The event drew more than 400 spectators last year and promises to do as well this year.

Jan Woodall is in charge of the event for the Merkel Riding Club.

The riding club will sponsor competition in age groups 8 & under, 9 thru 12; 13 thru 15; 16

thru 19 and 20 and over. Events include barrel race, flag race, pole bending, goat ribbon race and goat tying. They will be competing for belt buckles worth \$300 for top individual in each age group and \$150 belt buckles for the top ten members of the club that wins the most points.

They will also hold a ladies open abrrrel race each night and a calf scramble with winner taking all for all children under 12.

A saddle worth \$650 will be

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Fun Day 1986 went smoothly as the Merkel Chamber of Commerce's annual 4th of July Celebration was held at Merkel's South Park.

The event drew a large crowd who were treated to fun, food and music throughout the day.

Kids participated in all kinds of contests with the most popular being the pie eating, watermelon eating and water bag relays.

The event started at ten am and lasted until midnight. Fun Day was officially opened by the ACU Summer Stage group "Images of Texas" as they performed the Star Spangled Banner, and other selections.

Although final totals were not available Tuesday, the Chamber of Commerce netted over \$2,700 with some of the proceeds going for Christmas lights here.

The sponge toss booth saw local people

A popular attraction this year was a sponge toss booth as children and adults both took turns being tossers and tossees. Among those participating as tossees were Merkel High principal Larry Curry, police chief Ray Pack and patrolman Mike Pipkins, city judge Janet Deen and constable Vernon Wade.

A list of winners and prize contributors follows. People who want to claim their prizes may do so at Hi Val Farm and Home store on Kent Street here.

Winners of the Fun Day drawings are as follows: 1 membership \$25 value from Fit N Firm Fitness Center- Barbara Graham; 2# sausage from Merkel Locker Plant- Blanche Hewitt, 1 gal. salad dressing from Best Maid Inc.- Nina Bell Hughes, cap from Dubose Texaco- Tootsie Hovet, oil change from Palmer Motors- Mary Shugart, flashlight from Higginbotham- Bartlett- Wilma Schrimsher, wasp killer from Whisenhunt Grain- Ethel Mitchell, hair spray from Sonja's Beauty Shop- Sharon Harris, cutting pliers from Higginbotham- Bartlett- Don Hensley, kool aid jar from Ben Franklins- Jerry Merritt, hair spray from Kut N Kurl- Richard Price, travel cooler from Hicks Auto- Bessie Brown, pig key holder from Starbuck Co.- Vernon Wade, t-shirt from Braggs Dept. Store- Courtney Williams, water sprinkler from Hi Val Farm &

Home Supply- Kathryn Banner, steak dinner for 2 from L & W Snack Bar- Jay Geheri, cap from Dubose Texaco- Waymon Adcock, coupon book from Merkel Dairy Queen- Kris Harris, picture plaque from Wilsons Jewlery- L.C. Whisenhunt, seafood dinner from Skeets Restaurant- Mozetta Dye, socks from Circle A Western Wear- Nolan Palmer, coupon from Bec & Bo Enterprises, food coupon from K & M Place- Michelle Ingram, flashlight from Higginbotham- Bartlett- Jerry Byrd, engine coupon from Browne Enterprises- Bryan Leopard, framed duck from Ann's flowers- Bill Hays, family special coupon from Ascencio Family Restaurant- Pee Wee Pack, ice service from W.T.U.- J.P. Click, \$10.00 cash from Hammond Insurance Agency- Bonnie Campbell, cap from Dubose Texaco- Bill Beddingfield, pliers from Higginbotham- Bartlett- Mary Russom, 2# sausage from Merkel Locker Plant- Frank Brnovak, oil change from Palmer Motors- Deborah Dubose, mirror plaque from Ben Franklins- Karen Pritchard, case of cokes from Handy's Food Store- Pee Wee Pack, pliers from Higginbotham- Bartlett- Buster Horton, coupon from Village Truck and Car Wash- Vicki Guest, coupon from Bec & Bo Enterprises- Billy Doan, hammer from Ed's Feed and Seed- Melba Doan, fold up scissors from Ann's Flowers- Ann Wade, coupon from Bingo Hall Snack Bar- Don Hart, cap from Dubose Texaco- Wilma Schrimsher, coupon book from Merkel Dairy Queen- Pat Byrd, picture plaque from Wilsons Jewlery- Kris Harris, coupon from Bec & Bo Enterprises- Debbie Childers, flashlight from Higginbotham- Bartlett- Shelle Doan, hair spray from Sonja's Beauty Shop- Ronnie Holmes, coupon from Polly's Restaurant- Rosemary Bland, ant killer from Whisenhunt Grain- Betty Jane Tittle, cooler coupon from Cunninghams- Barbara Tankersley, seafood dinner from Skeets- Frances VanZandt, basket from Something Special- Faye Robertson, spot light from Hicks Auto- Peggy Valentine, t-shirt from Braggs- Mildred Starbuck, 2# sausage from Merkel Locker Plant- Courtney Williams, oil change from Palmer Motors- Marjorie Bratcher, pliers from Higginbotham- Bartlett- Tony Roberts, kool aid jar from Ben Franklins- R. E. Bratcher, food

coupon from K & M Place- L.J. Gray, cap from Dubose Texaco- Peggy White, coupon from Village Trk. & Car Wash- Lucille Gray, cap from Merkel Country Club- Leta Heady, coupon from Bec & Bo Enterprises- Irene Barnes, hair cup from Pat's Beauty Shop- Ethel Mitchell, jacket from Walls Outlet Store- Jo Ann Mauldin, decorated wood spoon from Ann's Flowers- David Higgins, ice service from W.T.U.- M. Bloodworth.

Also: garden hose from Hi Val Farm & Home Supply- Don Hensley, seafood dinner from Skeets- Ted Pargament, cap from Dubose Texaco- Jean Irvin, socks from Circle A Western Wear- Lucille Gray, picture plaque from Wilsons Jewlery- Roberta Duran, K. lamp holder from Something Special- Glenda Teaff, pliers from Higginbotham- Bartlett- Lee Tucker, coupon from Polly's Restaurant- Trinh Tran, coupon from Village Trk. & Car Wash- Rodney McClintock, case of cokes from Handy's Food Store- Lenora Lerma, covered broom from Country Etc.- Marvin Myers, set american plaques from Starbuck Co.- Brent Fisher, Ambulance ride to Abilene from EMS- Joyce Knight, pliers from Higginbotham- Bartlett- Jim Doan, coupon book from Merkel Dairy Queen- Ronnie Holmes, 1 gal mustard from Best Maid Inc.- Elizabeth Higgins, cap from Dubose Texaco- Jocille Brady, Bible trivia game from Ben Franklins- Carrie Tipton, coupon from Bec & Bo Enterprises- Sandy Davis, \$40 car tune up from D & T Automotive- Edgar Graham, 50# dog food from Whisenhunt Grain- Lucille Armstrong, oil change from Palmers Motors- Jimmy Leverich, 2# sausage- Johnny Grav, cooler & cokes from Gas N Grub Trent- Kathryn Banner, seat cover from Hicks Auto- Gloria Brown, food coupon from Ascencio Restaurant- Leta Heady, t-shirt from Braggs Dept. Store- Denson Griffin, picture plaque from Wilson Jewlery- Jean Irvin, feed pan from Hi Val Farm & Home Supply- Pat Owen, cap from Dubose Texaco- Pete Morgan, Belt Buckle from Circle A Western Wear- George English, flashlight from Higginbotham- Bartlett- Eugene Dye, food coupon from K&M Place- Duane Shugart, mirror plaque from Ben Franklins- Elizabeth Higgins, hot pads from Something Special- Joe McDuff,

hair cut from Pat's Beauty Shop- Randy Meiries, coupon from Polly's Restaurant- Don Hensley, case of cokes from Marilyn Tittle Bookkeeping- Ken Elliott, set brass picture frames from Starbuck Co. Ronnie Holmes, food coupon from Bingo Hall Snack Bar- Link Adair, crisper from W.T.U.- Loretta Morgan, Tx. Secq. Lamp from Ben Franklins- Rosemary Bland, cap from Dubose Texaco- Carolyn Lander, oil change from Palmer Motors- Lucille Gray, candlewick hanger from Something Special- Nicole Kelley, pliers from Higginbotham- Bartlett- Larry Justice, 2# sausage from Merkel Locker Plant- Virgil Jones, seafood dinner from Skeets- Leroy Riney, coupon from Polly's Restaurant- Cliff Owens, belt buckle from Joe's Boots- Cliff Owen, necklace from Merkel Drug- B.J. Ingram, free perm from Kut N Kurl- Randy Merles, heart wreath from Ann's Flowers- Cliff Owen, macramae hanger with plant from Craft-house Ceramics- Gaston Thomas, lifetime subscription to the Merkel Mail- Buster Horton, picture plaque from Wilson's Jewlery- J.P. Click, cap from Dubose Texaco- Monah Cannon, flashlight from Hi Val Farm & Home Supply- Dalphine Watson, pliers from Higginbotham- Bartlett- Rosie Holmes, fire extinguisher from Merkel Brick & Lumber- Peggy Valentine, jacket from Walls Outlet Store- Jack South, booster cables from P&L Auto- Karla Leopard, faucet from Consolidated Plumbing- Chris Young, welcome mat from Something Special- Robbie Hicks, 8 pc wrench set from Ed's Feed & Seed- Carmen Holden, plant polish from Ann's Flowers- Wilma Schrimsher, t-shirt from Braggs Dept. Store- Max Murrell.

Also: Taylor Telephone donated two telephones. They were won by Ray Pack and Suzie Moreno. Taylor Electric Co-op donated a Grandpappy Electric Deep Fryer won by Cloy Richards, T.J. & T Tire Co. donated 4 bias belted Remington Tires won by Mary Hewitt, Lone Star Gas, 3D Mobile Home Park, Home State Bank, Mid-Tex Resources, Duane Shugart Motors, Gregory & Goode, F&M National Bank, B Moreno Paint & Body Shop, Wylie Truck Terminal, W.T.U., Seymore Insurance Agency, Carter Insurance Agency donated \$300 in cash won by Lacy Castille.

Good ol' American 4th here, thanks to the 'volunteers'

by Cloy A. Richards

Martha Sue Justice's idea for a 4th of July Celebration here, fueled by the efforts of Benny Melton, J. A. Sadler and many more, has come a long way in the past seven years.

Although I have personally been too busy to 'enjoy' Fun Day in the past five, it is something we all enjoy and look forward to.

John Starbuck again, for the 7th straight year, led in donation ticket sales as he sold 1808 in tickets, or around 3,000, by himself. John got a late start this year but he finished with a flurry. Hazel Pack also sold quiet a few.

Ray Pack ended up on stage a lot more than he wanted to be as he had a couple of bands that George Jones'd (didn't show) and Ray ended up playing the drums, something he hasn't done in a long time.

Kids were everywhere, eating, spalshing each other with water, talking and visiting.

Adults were busy working, or

sitting under the tent enjoying the music.

An All-American 4th of July, right here at home under the water tower.

I'd say the idea is now a reality.

There's a whole lot of people to thank for making Fun Day '86 go so well and the people who contributed either cash or prizes are listed in the paper. The Chamber of Commerce also enlisted a few innocents bystanders who we could not have gotten along without (our booth sold more than 400 non-alcoholic margaritas, and over 700 'locally famous fajitas'). So, many thanks to Michael Bloodworth Joann (Jo Jo) Mauldin, Monah Sue Cannon, Gene Amerine, Robbie Hicks, Milton Payne, Melinda Baker, and let's see... Melanie Kim & Joey Richards.

The city crew, and I mean each and everyone, also worked for at least two days, some more, getting the park ready and then cleaned, Ray Pack ran the enter-

tainment, Dana Dunagin ran the entertainment and Marilyn Tittle ran the show.

To anyone else that helped in any way and to all of those who attended, thanks and we'll meet again next year, July 4th, under the purple missile.

Stephen Santee won't forget his game winning rbi base hit in the last inning Monday night as the Merkel All-Stars edged Clyde.

Western Heritage Day, an event planned downtown August 2nd, will be held in conjunction with the Merkel Riding Club's Challenge of the Clubs.

A parade will be held, queens will be crowned, a Honda Scooter donated by Home State Bank in Trent is being auctioned off, and a lot more. You will be reading more about that in the next few issues.

One more Fun Day note: Continental Telephone deserves a special recognition for their donation of the large tent people use for shade each year.



§ Crowds gathered under any the day at Merkel's South Park 1986. shade they could find throughout Friday to participate in Fun Day.

Iris Amerine photo

Riding Club's annual Challenge of the Clubs planned Aug. 1 & 2 set

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awarded to the overall high point individual at the Challenge.

The Club is also sponsoring a drawing for a Honda scooter that was donated to the Club by Home State Bank in Trent. The club will also be hosting a barbecue at the riding club Saturday starting at

5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$3.75 for adults and \$2 for children.

Also a steer saddling contest will be held with local merchants either competing or sponsoring teams.

Downtown Saturday a parade will be held at 5 p.m. Parade

categories include youngest and oldest riders and the best 'Sesquicentennial' dressed cowboy or cowgirl. A mule drawn chuck wagon will be on hand downtown as well as a horse drawn surrey, both owned by Buster Welch. Also, branding and horse-shoeing will

be demonstrated downtown.

The club is also sponsoring a sweetheart, princess and queen contests.

The Sweetheart contest is open to girls 7 and under and the winner is the girl who sells the most tickets. The princess contest is open to all girls between 8 and 13 and they will be judged 40 percent on ticket sales and 60

percent on horsemanship and will be judged the same but is personality. The queen's category open to girls age 14-18.

2/3 of state's schools have lower net tax values

Two-thirds of the state's school districts experienced a loss in tax base between 1984 and 1985, according to the annual study prepared by the State Property Tax Board (SPTB). The agency's 1985 Property Value Study estimates that Texas school districts contained a total of \$702.6 billion in taxable value as of January 1, 1985.

Ron Patterson, SPTB's executive director, says a low inflation rate coupled with economic problems in agriculture and the oil and gas industry—two of the mainstays of the Texas economy—helped shrink the tax bases of many districts during this period.

Trent's Class of 1941 reunites

Members of Trent High's Class of 1941 include [from left] Tommie O'Rear, Wanda Stribling Tittle and Wilma Stribling Schrimsher.

this year's drastic drop in oil prices until the 1987 study is prepared," he noted.

State law requires SPTB to estimate the taxable value of property annually for each of the state's 1,063 school districts.

"A school district's taxable wealth is an important factor in determining how much financial aid it may receive from the state," explained Patterson. The Texas Education Agency will use the 1985 values in calculating education aid allotments for the 1986-87 school year.

By comparison, statewide taxable values grew by 8.7 percent from 1983 to 1984.

Among the 732 school districts

that showed a loss in taxable value during 1984-85 were the Houston and Dallas Independent School Districts, the state's two largest. In general, many districts that lost taxable value could be eligible to receive more state aid.

Figures from the study show that a majority of the school districts with the largest growth in tax base—20 percent or more—were suburban school districts in the areas surrounding Dallas, Fort Worth, Austin, and San Antonio.

Districts that lost 20 percent or more of their tax bases were located, with few exceptions, in rural counties across the state. "Small rural districts are more directly affected by problems in agribusiness or the oil and gas industry," said Patterson.

"Districts with shrinking tax bases may be forced to increase tax rates in 1986 just to bring in the same amount of local revenue," he added. "The tax burden will also shift away from those

types of property that decline in value."

The study estimated the total market value of the school district tax base at \$830.9 billion. From that total, the study deducted \$97.4 billion to account for special tax treatment for agricultural land and another \$30.9 billion for homestead and other exemptions. The remaining \$702.6 billion represents the taxable value of property statewide.

SPTB released preliminary findings of the 1985 Property Value Study to school districts in late January. The agency provided an appeals process for reviewing evidence that districts provided to show their preliminary value findings were in error.

After ruling on the appeals, the State Property Tax Board certified the final results to the commissioner of education on May 30.

Single-family residential real estate accounted for 30.4 percent of the market value total in 1985.



Class of 1941 members include [row from left] Virginia McRee [back row from left] Roy Yandell, Strawn, Mildred Nixon Utley, Bill Purser, Dene Strawn McLeod, Dene West Starkey, Alpha Gra-Bill Tittle, Frances Bright Ru-ham Williams, Ladie Crain Caftherford, Avis Neill Nafy; [front row] Betty Howell Yandell.

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MHS drill team

Eleven young ladies from Merkel High School of Merkel attended the 1986 Big Country Drill Team Camp held on the campus of Hardin-Simmons University June 23-27.

Director of the camp was Mr. Eris Ritchie of Southwest Camps in Cisco. The professional instructional staff included Debbie Hyman of Houston, Danielle Brasher Cochran of The Woodlands, and Lynn Archer of Tyler. All are former Tyler Apache Belles and are now professional drill team instructors.

During the five-day workshop, the drill teams in attendance learned several new routines for the coming fall sports season, and they were done to newly published band music. They also participated in evaluation sessions in which they received individual critiques from the instructors.

The girls received Red Ribbon Excellent Ratings on their home routine and pom pom routines. They received Superior Blue Ribbon ratings for their performance of a Disc Routine. Several girls were recognized for their talent and hard work during classes. Those receiving individual honors were: Abby Irvin White ribbon for Disc; Debbie Pack Red ribbon for Fan; Marjohn Parish Red for Pom Pom; Linda Munden White for High Kick; Tina Myatt White for Jazz Kick; DeAnn Stevens Blue for Jazz Kick, Red for High Kick, White for Pom Pom.



Fisher county group sets playday

Fisher County Playday Association will hold their playday tying, barrels, flags and poles. Saturday, July 12 at 7 p.m. at the Roby Rodeo Arena. Entry fee is \$2.00 per event.

All around, 1st place trophies Age groups are 5 and under, 6-9, and 10-14, 15-18. Events will be dummy roping, goat hair pulling, goat

Russom-Swinney reunion set here

The annual Russom-Swinney at the Heritage Hall in Merkel. All reunion will be July 19th and 20th friends and relatives are invited.

Public Notices

THE CITY OF TYE
The City of Tye, Texas has the following for sale:

(1) 1962 104 Gallon Grader, 353 Diesel Engine, 13 ft. blade/scarifier.

Sealed bids will be accepted in the office of the City Secretary, 205 North St., P.O. Box 145, Tye, Texas 79563 until 3:00 P.M., July 11, 1986. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the regular scheduled council meeting July 15, 1986 at 7:00 P.M. at 205 North St., Tye Municipal Building, Tye, Texas.

The City reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids and to accept the bid considered most advantageous to the City of Tye.

Jo Moore
City Secretary
169-21c-29

THE STATE OF TEXAS
To: RAY Z. BENAVIDEZ 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



Viking, the United States Spaceship that touched Mars in 1976, had 40 thermostats, 22,000 transistors, and 18,000 electronic parts. It was also only one cubic foot in size.

Monday the 21 day of July 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 31 day of March A.D. 1986, in this cause numbered 1209-D on the docket of said court, and styled, CHRIS HERRERA, Plaintiff, vs. RAY Z. BENAVIDEZ Defendant.

The names of the parties to the cause are as follows: CHRIS HERRERA are Plaintiffs and RAY Z. BENAVIDEZ are Defendants.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: On or about Dec. 20, 1984, Defendant, Ray Z. Benavidez, made, executed and delivered to Plaintiff an Installment Note and Security Agreement with Disclosure in the amount of \$3,871.80. The Defendant has defaulted in paying the Note; Plaintiff seeks Judgment against the Defendant, Ray Z. Benavidez, for the sum of \$3,871.80, plus interest from the date of default, together with interest thereon from the date of judgment at the rate of 10 percent per annum. Plaintiff ask the Defendant to appear and answer herein and show cause, if any, why a Writ of Sequestration should not issue in this cause on the following described property: One Aerohot 5 Hole Hot Food Table AE500 Steam Table; One Aerohot 4 Hole

Hot Food Table # 304 Steam Table; One CF-C54-AE Whirlpool Ice Maker, with Legs; One # 1854-3 Metal Masters Stainless Steel 3 Hole Sink with fixtures; One # C-330 Comstock Castle Range; One Steak Broiler (Charcoal); One Small White 2DR Refrigerator; Fifteen (15) Wooden Tables; One Hot Water Heater 220 V (45 Gals.) 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 6th day of June, A.D. 1986.

Attest: Rilla Mahoney, District Clerk, 350th District Court, Taylor County, Texas.
By Jo Ann Lackey, Deputy.
168-4tc-114

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: UNKNOWN FATHER, Respondent:

GREETINGS:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable 326th District Court, Taylor County, Texas, at the Court-house of said County in Abilene, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the Monday next after the expiration of 20 days from the date of service of this citation, then and

there to answer the petition of Glenn Allen Rutherford and Lana Paulette Rutherford, Petitioners, filed in said Court on the 17th day of April, 1986, against Unknown Father, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 394CX on the docket of said Court, and entitled in The Interest of Michelle Lynn Rutherford, a Child", the nature of which suit is a request to terminate the parent-child relationship and adopt the child. Said child was born the 2nd day of February, 1986, in Burnett County, Texas.

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

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

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court at Abilene, Texas, this 30th day of June, 1986.

Rilla Mahoney, Clerk, 326th District Court, Taylor County, Texas.
By Rilla Mahoney, Deputy.
171-1tc-76

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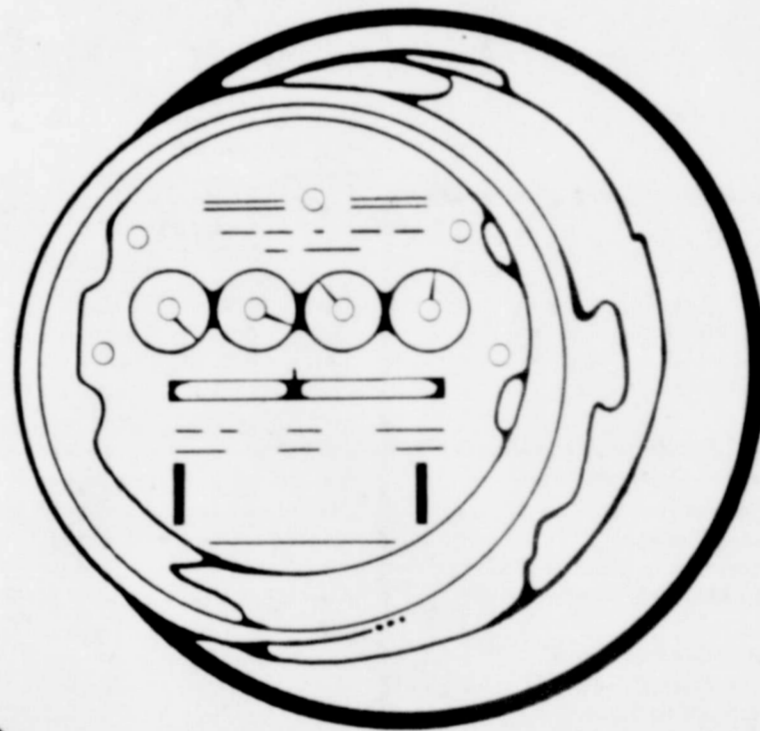
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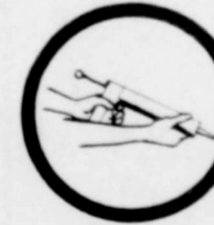
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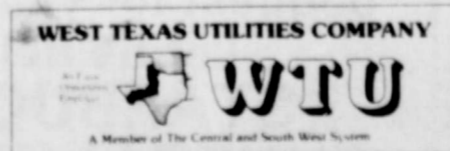
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State has 280,000 acres in erodible land program

Almost 280,000 acres of erodible Texas cropland were accepted into the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) during the second 1986 sign-up period in May. That total coupled with the 29,052 acres accepted into the new government program in March brings Texas' total to more than 300,000 acres involving some 1,200 farms. Accepted bids on the land statewide averaged just over \$41 per acre for the second sign-up period compared to about \$39 for the first round.

The CRP was created by the 1985 farm bill and is aimed at taking highly erodible cropland out of production to protect it from wind and water erosion while at the same time reducing overall production of farm commodities. "We are pleased by the response of Texas farmers to the program, which should go a long way to protecting our precious soil resource," points out Dr. Bill Harris, soils specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System. The Extension Service is working with the Soil Conservation Service, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, and Texas Forest Service in explaining the program to landowners.

Williams in honors program

Lani Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Williams of Plumerville, will be attending the 1986 Occidental College Summer Program for gifted high school students, in Los Angeles, California, from June 29 to August 1.

The program is a highly selective academic and experimental course of study, whose aim is to bring together very small groups (usually four to twelve participants) of extraordinary high school students during the summer between their junior and senior years. Each group will intensively investigate one area of the Arts, Humanities, Social Sciences, or Natural Sciences with the aid of a specialist in that field.

Miss Williams, who attends Sacred Heart High School, received a \$2,000 grant for the course of study entitled "Beyond Games: Solving Real Problems With Computers," an introduction to computer science and problem-solving using the programming language Pascal. Problems from the scientific and business worlds will be analyzed in the top-down fashion of structured programming via micro-computer programs written by the class. Guest speakers and field trips to companies and universities in the L.A. area will introduce students to the impact of computers on society.

Grandparents are Mrs. Jimmie Williams of Merkel, Texas, and Mrs. Gertrude Rothmund of Lennings, West Germany.

"The program not only will protect some of our more fragile land from erosion but will also improve water quality and wildlife habitats," Harris adds.

Farmers that have land accepted into the program enter into a 10-year contract to keep the land out of production and to plant it to permanent cover (grass or trees). Costs of establishing permanent cover and required conservation practices are split with the government.

Farmers also receive annual rental payments on the land based

on bids accepted by program officials. The bids offset what that land would produce if it remained under cultivation, explains Harris.

The CRP is designed to be a five-year program, with some 45 million acres in the United States targeted for the new conservation effort—11.5 million of those being in Texas. Nationally, some 3.8 million acres have now been accepted into the program. Another sign-up period will likely be scheduled in late summer or early fall for the 1987 program, Harris points out.

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Family members attending from Merkel were Ford Smith, Jr., Todd Smith, and Ronny, Ann, Kyle and Clint Doan.

Others attending were Jean and Kenneth Wood, Sr., and Kenneth Jr., Pauls Valley, Oklahoma; Hererra is recent

Texas Tech grad

More than 1,700 students at Texas Tech University received degrees in commencement exercises at the conclusion of the 1986 spring semester.

Degree recipients with the degrees they earned included Edward G. Herrera, 762 Scott, Tye, bachelor of business administration in management.

Teresa and Billy Priddy, Amy and Amber, Pauls Valley, Oklahoma; Tommy and Pat Fangman and Jeremy, Pauls Valley, Oklahoma; Billie Pete Hughes, Pampa, Texas; Karen Hughes, Chrissa and Joshua, Pampa, Texas; Peggy and James Groves and John Reid,

Houston, Texas; and Margaret Davis and Doug, Grapevine, Texas.

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