

The Merkel Mail

Thursday, November 20, 1986 . . . Merkel, Texas

Our 98th Year

Trent downs Wellman 36-25; will face Ft. Hancock Saturday

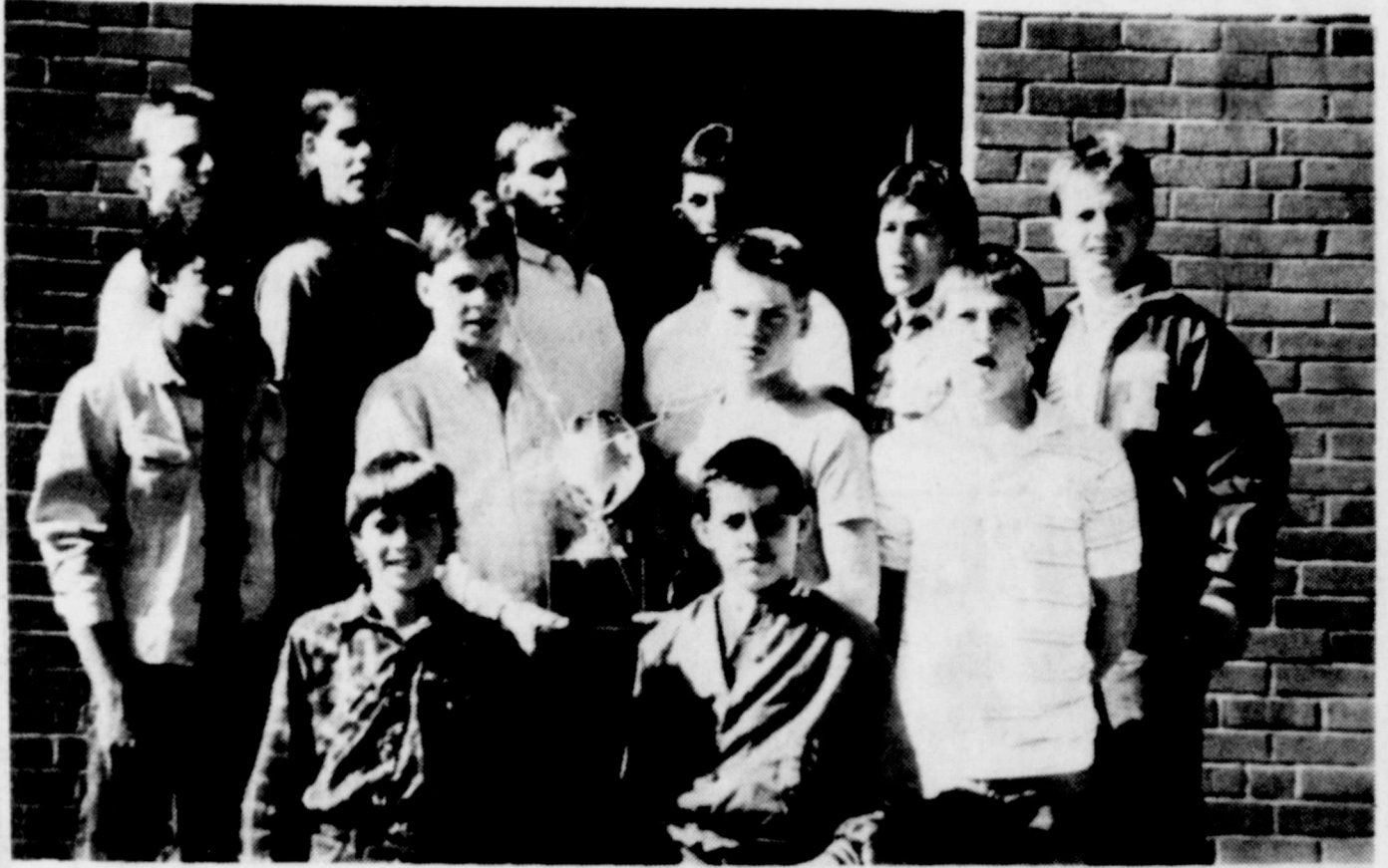
The Trent Gorillas took another step in the state six-man football playoffs last Friday night by defeating the Wellman Wildcats for the District 4 Eastern Zone Championship by a score of 36-25. Wellman came into the contest sporting a 10-0 record, while the Gorillas held a 7-2-1 record.

The small but quick Wellman team scored first on a thirty yard run. Trent came back with a pass from quarterback Dock Carriker to wide receiver Lee Hunt for a T.D. Hunt then hit back up center Chris Jones for the extra point. Both teams scored again, Lewis Knapp making the six for Trent. The score remained deadlocked at 13 all until late in the second period when Knapp connected with wide receiver Billy Fee on a half back pass, Fee making a diving catch. The Wildcats tried to

drive back, but were stopped as the halftime buzzer sounded the score being 19-13 in Trent's favor. The Gorillas scored quickly in the third quarter on another pass from Knapp to Fee again. The extra point try was no good. Wellman drove the ball back against the Gorillas but costly fumbles gave Trent the ball several times plus a key interception by Jason Massey. Trent's Knapp rounded right end and cut back across the field for another T.D. making the score 31-19. Trent once again took advantage of a Wellman turnover, and with less than five minutes left in the game were driving toward the Wildcat's endzone when Trent fumbled the ball and Wellman made good on it scoring their twenty-fifth and final point of the game. Trent received Wellman's kickoff and drove the

ball down the field running the clock out giving the Gorillas the East Zone Championship and the trophy. Head Coach John Grimland stated that although the Gorillas worked hard for the victory, they passed up several opportunities to score from 10 yards out or less and made some critical mistakes that could have cost them the ballgame. He also stated that at this stage of the playoffs, the teams who made the least mistakes were the ones who would find themselves moving on to the state championship.

The Gorillas will travel to Monahans to take on the Ft. Hancock Mustangs for Bi-District next Saturday afternoon at 2:30 p.m., the winner advancing to the state quarterfinals.



§ The Trent Gorilla football team poses with the Zone championship trophy. The Gorillas can qualify for the state 6-man quarterfinals Monahans Saturday. Photo by Rebecca Sharp

WTUs rates lowest among groups

Residential customers of West Texas Utilities Co. are paying less for electricity during November than the average price being paid by customers of other investor-owned utilities in Texas.

The monthly report by the Public Utility Commission of Texas shows that WTU's standard

residential rates are \$36.80 for 500 kilowatt-hours, compared to an average of \$38.53 among the state's eight investor-owned companies, and \$64.09 for 1,000 KWh, compared to an average of \$70.

Highest rates in the state are charged by El Paso Electric, whose customers are paying

\$49.69 for 500 KWh and \$92.86 for 1,000 KWh.

The PUC report shows that WTU's rates have declined 11.4 per cent since November 1985, while the average decline among all utilities in the survey, including rural electric cooperatives and municipals, was 8.8 per cent.

Christmas Fair is this weekend & 23

The second annual Merkel Chamber of Commerce Christmas fair will be held Nov. 22 and 23rd at the gym of the First United Methodist Church.

The hours for the fair are from 10 am until 6 p.m. Saturday and 1-5 pm Sunday.

Chamber manager Marilyn Tittle told **The Mail** Tuesday "We might have about ten booth spaces

still available."

Booths are \$15 for members of the Chamber and \$25 for non-members. Booth spaces are 8X8 and reservation can be made by calling 928-5722.

Santa Claus will be available for photographs in time for Christmas presents. Concessions with volunteers from Beta Sigma Phi sororities will also be available.

The Chamber will also begin selling donation tickets for a chance to win a football autographed by the Dallas Cowboys. The Chamber has arranged for Ray Stone to be the speaker this year.

Items for sale at the fair include arts and crafts, silver items, seasonal clothes and "holiday stuff."

JSDA commodity distribution set

Applications of eligibility for the December 6th distribution of USDA surplus commodities must be received by Wednesday (Nov. 26th), according to Merkel City manager J. A. Sadler.

Residents of Taylor County who meet income guidelines are eligible for the periodic surplus food distribution.

Persons who have not previously turned in applications, may do so at Merkel City Hall Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

The Merkel Volunteer Fire Department station serves as the distribution point for all Taylor

County residents living in County Commissioner Precinct 2.

People who have previously

Allsup's hosts MDA turkey shoot

The Merkel Allsup's store will host a turkey shoot to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association, Saturday from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Masons holding chili supper

Merkel Masonic Lodge # 710 will have a bean & chili supper Saturday at the Masonic Lodge Hall here.

Members of the Order of the

qualified to receive the commodities will be automatically eligible for the Dec. 6th distribution.

The shoot will be held 1 mile East of the Allsup's store on the North access Road of I-20.

More information is available by calling Allsup's at 928-9788.

Eastern Star will be furnishing desert.

All masons, members of the Eastern Star and their friends are invited to attend.

Petree, Williams honored by TEH

Evelyn Petree and Lloyd Williams were presented the Outstanding Extension Cooperators awards on Thursday, November 13 at the Annual Program-Building Committee meeting.

Mrs. Petree, of View, received the award for her contribution to the extension home economics program. She is presently serving as the county chairman of the Texas Extension Homemakers Association and is co-chairman of the committee to help plan the 1987 district spring convention to be held in Abilene. She also has served as a delegate to the district and state conventions for several years.

Mrs. Petree is a member of the Pleasant Hill Extension-Homemakers Club where she has

served as president. She also has served as secretary of the Taylor County Extension Homemakers Council.

When volunteers are needed, Mrs. Petree can be counted to do an outstanding job.

Mrs. Petree and her husband, Raymond, have been married for 48 years and have one son, Richard, who is Chief Appraiser of the Central Tax Authority. She has lived in Taylor County all her life and has previously taught school at Wylie and Butterfield.

Mr. Williams was named the Outstanding Cooperator for his work in Agriculture. He has conducted cotton variety tests for the past four years. He also has cooperated closely with extension agents in monitoring cotton in-

sects populations. Cotton Boll Weevil traps have been located on his farm for the past several years and field surveys for the Trent area have been conducted on his farm. Mr. Williams and his wife, Patsy, have three children. Their two sons, Lloyd, Jr. and Billy, are engaged in farming with their dad. Debra, their daughter, works for the Farmers Home Administration in Sweetwater. Their children were active in 4-H and FFA when they were in school.

Mr. Williams and his sons farm in the Trent and Merkel area. He is regarded by his neighbors as an outstanding farmer that uses modern technology and hard work to make farming profitable, which is difficult to do in a time of low prices and high costs.

Pioneer Church's Lord's Acre sale

The Pioneer Memorial United Methodist Church, Kerry Patton Pastor, will have the 36th Annual Lords Acre Sale, November 22,

1986. A.D. Scott, chairman, said the program will start with supper at 6 p.m. The auction will follow. Don Dudley, commissioner, is the

auctioneer. Items for sale will include the friendship quilt, crafts, cakes, and candies, among the many other donations.

Fair, Trent, cotton . . . more

by Cloy A. Richards

There's quite a bit going on in town so we will get right to it.

This weekend is the second annual Merkel Chamber of Commerce Christmas Fair.

The event will take place all day Saturday and Sunday afternoon at the First United Methodist Church Gym.

Santa and Mrs. Claus (I left her out last week) will be on hand for photographs in time for Christmas gifts.

Local and area handmade crafts and Christmas items will be featured.

A drawing sponsored by Xi Nu Eta for a \$100 Christmas tree will be held and the Chamber will be selling donation tickets for a chance to win a football autographed by the Dallas Cowboy football team.

Hours are 10-5 Saturday and 1-5 p.m. Sunday.

Trent is still playing football and will face Ft. Hancock in Monahans Saturday at 2:30 p.m.

Trent knocked off undefeated Wellman last Friday to improve

their season record to 7-2-1.

With a win Saturday, Trent will advance to the state quarterfinals for the first time in a few years.

Last one in Trent leaving for the game Saturday, don't forget to turn out the lights.

A USDA food commodity distribution is being planned for Dec. 6th.

The distributions held at the Merkel Volunteer Fire Department serves the Merkel-Trent and surrounding rural areas.

More information is available by calling Merkel's City Hall at 928-4911.

Congratulations are in order to the Merkel High girls volleyball team.

The girls ended their best season in years in the bi-district playoffs in Brownwood last Tuesday.

While completing a fence project in College Station last week, Dad told me the Aggies ought to beat Arkansas and TCU and

then lose to Texas so the Longhorns would keep Fred Akers around another season.

That was Friday.

On Saturday, as the misery subsided following the Aggies loss to the Hogs of the Hills, I told Dad that things are the way they should be. The Aggies have to beat Texas to go to the Cotton Bowl.

If Fred Akers does figure out a way to get past A & M and the Longhorns in Dallas, a lot of folks in Austin may suddenly be members of the Akers bandwagon. If not, there will be one more house for sale in Austin soon.

The Chamber of Commerce's annual Christmas parade is set for 2:30 p.m. December 6th.

The Merkel High Band has already made a commitment to appear and the parade should be a nice one.

Martha Sue Justice is in charge of the planning so you can get more information from her.

THE DEADLINE FOR NEXT WEEK'S EDITION IS NOON MONDAY DUE TO THE HOLIDAY



§ Merkel farmer Kenny Hogan [right] harvested the first bale of cotton in the area. The 550 pound

bale was ginned at the Farmers Co-Op Gin here where Bennett Massey (left) is manager. The gin also had cotton belonging to Ricky

Meeks to work on early this week. Meeks turned in last year's first bale.

Staff photo

Local Fortnightly group meets

The Fortnightly Study Club met November 11 in the home of Maurine White with Evelyn Martin co-hostess. During the business session, Alice King appointed a committee to decorate an entry for the Christmas Parade.

Ruby Hammond introduced the program. Edna Hill brought the Federation Counselor's report. Grace Lee Brown's book review was "The Ideas of a Plain Country Woman." The author is unknown other than "The Country Contributor." This was a column published in an Indiana newspaper, which was compiled into a book in 1908. The author compared the life style of the plain country woman and the high society woman of the city. In presenting her viewpoint, she often quoted from the Bible and Shakespeare to support her claim that the plain country

woman led the most rewarding life. Many of the stories were most amusing by today's standard of living and very entertaining.

Members present were Grace Martin, Leoato Patterson, Jean-Lee Brown, Mary Collins, Pam-ette Pursley, Becky Rogers, Alw-Carson, Bess Dixon, Anna Lou-lyne Sandusky, Ida Seymore, Anna Belle Shouse, Evelyn Sliger, Maurine White and Lucille Wilson.

Cook's announce engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cook of Route 1 Box 11A, Merkel, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Jeanne Michelle, to Charlie Grafton Hatfield, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eulan Hatfield, Rt. 1 Box 112, Merkel.

The bride elect graduated from Cooper High School and is employed by Sav-A-Stop in Abilene. The prospective bridegroom graduated from Trent High School and is employed by Southwest

Beverage Co., Inc. in Abilene. A January 17 wedding is planned at First United Methodist Church in Merkel.

Purser joins company staff

Hubbard Milling Company of Mankato, Minn., wishes to announce the addition of Dr. Ken Purser to its feed division staff. Dr. Purser is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Purser of Merkel.



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Art Lawler



Some people just aren't meant to tell stories.

Your sister, Anna Mae, is one of them. I think you already know that. But if not, you might as well hear it from me, first. The neighbors run when they see her coming. Surely you've noticed?

Of course she's a good sister. Nobody questions that. We realize she'd do anything anyone asked her to do, short of forgetting her stories. But she caught me yesterday and - well - here's an example:

"It all started last April, no, wait a minute, I think it was June," she began. "Yep, that's right. It had to be June because that's when Arnold's pig got run over after Joey disobeyed his mother and opened the car door when they were still doing 65 in a 55.

"Anyway - this is really going to kill you - we were traveling home after our trip to Louisiana - no, I take that back, too. It was the trip to Maryland to see Aunt Helen just after her gall bladder surgery, wasn't it? Well how would you know? Silly me.

"Anyway, no, wait a minute, I'm starting to confuse myself, no Helen didn't have her surgery until October and by then the whole cockeyed mess had been straightened out... well at least it had almost been straightened out. Hank's lawyer did still have to get the settlement, but he was confident he'd have it all sewed up by late November, mid-December at the latest.

"Or was it mid January? I forget. It's been so long since I've seen you, you never come around and I just have a hard time remembering. Oh well, it doesn't matter, now let's see, where was I? Oh yes I was telling you about Aunt Helen's surgery...

"It wasn't the surgery story? Oh, that's right. Well excuse my pickled brain. You don't care about Helen's heart surgery, that's for sure.

"Gall bladder surgery?
"Who said anything about gall bladder surgery? You're not listening, fella. You ought to know we haven't had a gall bladder removed from the Fiscus family in more than a hundred years. Now then, listen to what I'm saying, I've got so much to catch you up on and you keep interrupting, you devil.

"There's still the fire that destroyed Elroy's garage, and Martha's stroke, not to mention Eddie's vasectomy - after nine

children, Jo Ann is such a saint, don't you think?"

"Well anyway, to get back to my story, it all started last April.

"June?
"OK, June - boy some people are so picky. Actually I think it was May, but if you say June, so be it. No wait, seriously, it had to be May because Arnold's pig got run over the same month...

"Are you sure I said June, because I specifically remember saying May? And you'll have to pardon me if I remind you that you don't have the best reputation for listening. Of course that's neither here, nor there, and it really doesn't matter what the date is, anyway. I just happen to know it was May because it happened in my family and you never were a listener.

"Now then, read my lips, so I can finish my story before we both die of old age standing here in front of the post office. Ha ha. Boy wouldn't that be something. The postmaster shows up and finds us both dead. Well anyway, we were coming back from Maryland in May and what do we see???

"What's that? Rain check? Already? I haven't finished with my story, it'll just be a second, oh well, if you don't want to know, your loss, no sweat off my back, of course it's all right, you just looked like you could use a good laugh, boy the nerve of some people..."

Understand, I wasn't trying to be mean to your sister, but surely you'll concede some relief was in order? Think maybe you can have a little talk with her?

"What's that?
Oh sure. Everyone will understand if just this once you bind her and gag her for the little talk.

Stith homecoming is Saturday

The Stith Homecoming will be Sunday November 23, 1986. Lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m.

Officers for the Homecoming are President Wade Shaw, Vice President Mattie Lou Wozencraft, and Secretary Frank Mundy.

Steck in Silver Circle

Mamie Steck, member of Preceptor Eta Omega, Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi, received her Life Membership in Silver Circle Ritual at the Fall Luncheon and Rituals held at the Petroleum Club on Saturday, November 15th.

She has been a member of Beta Sigma Phi for 25 years, joining Lambda Beta in 1961. She is a charter member and organizer of Xi Nu Chi, also a charter member and organizer of Preceptor Eta Omega. Having held all offices and committee chairman in all three degree chapters.

Mamie received the Order of the Rose in 1976. She has been selected as Valentine Sweetheart

and seven times Woman of the Year.

She has served as Abilene City Council President, Exemplar Coordinator and corresponding secretary. She currently holds the office of Vice President and is chairman of the social committee and membership committee. She is also a Lamp Lighter on the membership board of the international office in Kansas City, Missouri.

Members attending the Ritual and luncheon from Preceptor Eta Omega were: Kathy Leverich, Val Patterson, Opal Garner, Blanche Hewitt, Marie Derrick, Liz Eager, Connie Ybarra and Mamie Steck.

Box-Tarpley wedding set

Mr. and Mrs. Cleburne J. Box, of Sweetwater, Tx., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Jackie Kay, to Steven Boyd Tarpley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Tarpley of Merkel.

The bride-elect graduated from Sweetwater High School and Southwest Texas State University with a bachelor of business administration degree. She is employed by Horizon Management, Inc. for Curry Junction Apartments.

The prospective bridegroom graduated from Merkel High School and attended Angelo State University. He is employed by Terra Enterprises in Abilene.

A January 17 wedding is planned at the First Christian Church.

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 190-1tc
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 186-TFC
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 183-9tp
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 176-TFC
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 185-1tnnc

Al-Anon, a self-help support group for the families and loved ones of alcohol and/or drug abusers is meeting every Tuesday at 8:00 p.m. at the Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church, Merkel.
 185-TFCNC

Granny's Playhouse Day Care Center. Open 6 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Hot lunch and snacks provided more information call 928-4904 or come by 207 Orange.
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 190-1tp

2 Big Garage Sales: boots, good clothing, bedding, jewelry, am-fm radio with 8 track & record player, electrical appliances, toys, heaters tools and lots of things. 813 & 815 Oak Thurssay, Friday and Saturday.
 190-1tp

Front porch sale: weather permitting, clothes, refrigerator, a new tent that's never been used, all kinds of misc. Starts at 9 a.m. Thursday and Friday at 401 Runnels.
 190-1tp

Carport Sale: kitchen items, Christmas decorations, hi-fi, deep freeze, recliner, lamp and winter clothing. November 21, Friday 9:00 until 6:00, 1411 S. 11th.
 190-1tp

Yard Sale: Friday and Saturday, if weather permits, 610 Rose, 9 a.m. until ?
 190-1tc

CARD OF THANKS

The Family of Kenneth Ray wishes to express our deepest appreciation for all of the kindness, food, beautiful flowers, cards and prayers that were given to us during the loss of our loved one. Your support and love helped us get through this difficult time.
 190-1tnnc

I would like to thank everyone for the cards, flowers, visits, calls and gifts of food during my recent stay in the hospital and convalescence at home. Your concern and kindness is appreciated.
 Alf Walla.
 190-1tc

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF Z OSWALT
 Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Z OSWALT, Deceased, were issued

on October 20, 1986, in Cause No. 17,299 pending in the County Court of Taylor County, Texas to PAMELA OSWALT CLEMENTS.

The residence of PAMELA OSWALT CLEMENTS is in Dallas County, Texas. PAMELA OSWALT CLEMENTS' post office address is 5832 CHARLESTOWN DRIVE, DALLAS, TEXAS 75230.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED the 14 day of November, 1986

Jerry Clements, Attorney for the Estate.
 190-1tc-36

NOTICE TO BID

Bid No. 87-102
 The Commissioners Court of Taylor County will be receiving sealed bids until 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 26, 1986, for the purchase of office furniture for the various County Departments.

Sealed bids will be received at the County Judge's Office, 2nd Floor, Taylor County Courthouse, 300 Oak Street, Abilene, Texas 79602, until 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 26, 1986, at which time said bids will be publically opened and read. Bids should be unit priced. Purchases will be made on a cash basis.

Exact specifications for bidding may be obtained by contacting the County Judge's Office, 2nd floor, Taylor County Courthouse or by calling (915) 677-1711, extension 235.

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Jesse A. Holloway
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Trent ISD lunch menu

The Trent School menu is as follows:

Monday November 24: Breakfast: juice, cereal, milk. Lunch: steak fingers, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, chocolate pudding, rolls, tea or milk.

Tuesday November 25: Breakfast: juice, donuts, milk. Lunch: pizza, corn, salad, apple crisp, tea or milk.

Wednesday November 26: Breakfast: juice, pancakes, syrup, milk. Lunch: barbeque on bun, french fries, mixed fruit, cookies, tea or milk.

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 PERSONAL ATTENTION

TFBC sets retreat

The Ladies of the First Baptist Church in Trent would like to invite the ladies of the Merkel and Trent area to join them in an overnight Retreat, to be held at the fellowship hall of the FBC in Trent. The programs will begin at 7:00 and continue through 10:00 with a break and until midnight with another break, ending Saturday morning at 10:00 with donuts and coffee. You are welcome to attend any part of the service and leave at any time. Transportation will be provided for those who do not wish to drive at night or would like to be escorted home.

Ray's services held here

Funeral services for Kenneth Dale Ray, 62, of Mulberry Canyon, were held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday in the Merkel Methodist Church, directed by Starbuck Funeral Home. The service was officiated by Rev. Kerry Patton, Rev. Lynward Harrison and Rev. John Wagoner. The pallbearers were Randall Steele, Charles Breedlove, James Butman, Murrel Riggan, Don Russom and Doug Ray.

Kenneth died Thursday, November 13, at his home after suffering a sudden massive heart attack.

Born May 5, 1923, in Coleman, he was a rancher and farmer in Mulberry Canyon, southwest of Merkel. He was a veteran of World War II. He received decorations for EAME Campaign Ribbon with 2 Bronze Stars, Good

Food for Friday night will be provided by the Women of the FBC in Trent. It will be a time of singing, teaching, sharing and fellowship, directed at ministering to women and their spiritual fulfillment.

For more information, please contact the FBC in Trent or Mrs. Sherman Lawson. Also the Annual Thanksgiving Christmas all fellowship, turkey dinner, will be scheduled for Dec. 3rd at the church. Please contact Betty Freeman about the food dish you will need to provide, and make plans for your family to attend.

Conduct Medal, Army of Occupation Ribbon, Germany Victory Ribbon, and 2 overseas Service Bars. He was also a Charter member of the Pioneer Memorial Methodist Church that his grandfather, Sam Butman Sr., built. He was chairman of the board of trustees in that church.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy; three sons, David Ray of the home, Kenneth Don Ray of Midland, and Jimmy Michael Ray of Trent; one daughter, Karen Ann Riley of Merkel; six grandchildren, Robin Ray, Billy Ray Riley, Ricky Riley, Jaime Ray, Michelle Ray and Mindy Ray. Three sisters, Loyce Bauerschlag of Houston, Peggy Thorne of Katy, Becky Pyburn of Lafayette, La., and one brother, Earl Vernon Ray of Cisco.

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