

The Merkel Mail

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Our 99th Year

Trent seniors on 35th annual Senior trip

Nine students and four chaperones left Trent March 22 for the Dallas-Ft. Worth airport for their annual Senior Trip.

The students will be boarding the cruise ship *Galileo* in Miami headed for Key West, Cancun and Cozumel, Mexico.

The seniors and their sponsors would like to thank the community of Trent, the student body and their parents for contributions this year that were in excess of \$9,000. Three of the nine Trent seniors have been students in Trent since the 1st grade—Chris Simpson, Tina Cain and Willie Brazzelton. Chaperones this year are Gerald & Gloria Jones and Ted & Meldina Simpson.

The annual senior trip has been a tradition in Trent for 35 years. The class will return to Dallas March 27th and back to Trent.

MHS plans 8th grade orientation

Merkel High School will be hosting a pre-registration orientation for 8th grade students April 2nd at 7 p.m. at the Merkel School Auditorium.

More information is available by calling Merkel High counselor Donna Adams at 928-5511 or 928-5185.



The Class of 1987 at Trent High and Simon DeLa Cruz [3rd row] on their annual Senior Trip are Tina Cain and Chris Evans [top] [bottom] Suzie Valdez, [2nd row] Chris Simpson and Willie Brazzelton.

Photo by Rebecca Sharp

Local board elections draw three write-in candidates

Citizens of Merkel, Trent and Tye will be asked to make quite a few decisions as local voters will go to the polls April 4th to choose council members, school board members and a 911 emergency response phone system in Taylor County.

Although filing deadlines in all local races have gone by, there are three new candidates for local school boards.

This week, Farris Neill of Merkel announced he was a write-in candidate for Place 7 on the Merkel School Board. Billy Lucas, also of Merkel, announced he would be a write-in candidate for Place 5 and Dick Griffith of Trent has announced he was a write-in candidate for the Trent school board.

County-wide 911 Election
Taylor County has called for a 911 Emergency Response election April 4th.

Voters in Precinct 24 (Merkel) will vote at the Merkel High School Gym. Voters in Precinct 21 (Tye) will vote at the Tye Elementary School. Voters in Precinct 27 (Butman area) will vote at Pioneer Methodist Church. Voters from Precinct 25 (Trent) will vote at the Trent City Hall.

The election was called to install the 911 emergency response phone system. If a Taylor County citizen needed emergency response from fire or emergency medical personnel, you could pick up a phone and dial 911. The calls will be routed by computer to a dispatcher in your area and notify response teams. Members from the Tye, Merkel and Trent volunteer fire departments have told *The Mail* they are in favor of the 911 system and all said the system would allow them to respond more quickly to emergencies.

The cost of the system will be 26 cents per month to each person that has a telephone in the county. The ballot simply asks if you are in favor of the 911 system.

Trent City Election
Voters will vote at the Trent City Hall for the local election. It is uncontested. However, the 911 emergency phone system vote will also take place at Trent City Hall.

Absentee voting in person for the city election is going on now. In the city election, James Wallis is running for mayor. Jerry Frank Patterson and Dale Rutherford are running for the two available council positions.

Trent school board
Trent ISD voters will cast their ballots April 4th at Trent City Hall.

Running for the Trent school board are incumbents Randy Hunt and Owen O'Kelly. Challengers are Rex Bland, W. L. Massey, W. E. Dulaney, Gerald Jones and write-in candidate Dick Griffith.

Merkel School Board
The MISD trustees race picked up two more candidates this week and one name has been marked off of the ballot because he withdrew from the race.

In Place 5, candidates are Gary Smith, Gerald Rutledge and Harry Stevens Jr. The write-in candidate is Billy Lucas.

In place 6, candidates are Earl Laird, Danny Malone and D. A. Bishop.

In Place 7, candidates are David Seymore, Edgar Graham, Vern Sutterfield Jr and Earnest Reynolds. Write-in candidate is Farris Neill.

Absentee voting has already started at the office of the superintendent. This week, the office will be open from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Thursday and from 7 a.m. until 10 a.m. Friday. The odd hours are due to the school being on Spring Break this week. Normal office voting hours will resume March 30th.

Merkel area 911 election
Voters in Precinct 24, which

includes most of the area in and close-in to Merkel, will cast their ballots in the 911 election at the Merkel High gym, in the same location as the Merkel school and city elections.

To vote absentee in person, you must go to the Taylor County Courthouse at 200 Oak in Abilene.

Voters in Precinct 27, which includes the rural area in Taylor County in the Butman-Mulberry Canyon area. Those voters will cast their 911 ballots at Pioneer Memorial Methodist Church.

Merkel City Election
The city race is now uncontested as council candidate Bobby Windham withdrew from the race.

Kent Satterwhite is seeking re-election as Merkel's mayor. He is unopposed. Seeking the two

available council seats are Juan Ybarra and J. T. Naron. Windham's name will be on the ballot due to early printing for absentee voters.

Tye City Race
The Tye city council election does have one position that is being contested.

In Place 3, incumbent A. J. Pence is being challenged by Larry Storie. Place 1 incumbent Dewitt Isom and Place 5 incumbent Gayland Childers are both running unopposed.

The Tye area 911 election is being held at the Tye Elementary school.

Absentee balloting in all elections end March 30th. To vote absentee in the county 911 election, all Taylor County voters must go to the county courthouse.

23 from MHS qualify for academic regionals

Twenty-three Merkel High students entered the District 5AAA UIL Academic meet at Hardin-Simmons University March 19.

Three of the students qualified for the regional meet in Odessa next month. They are Shelly Brandon who was 2nd in spelling; Misty Vaughn who was 2nd in typing and Debbie Keller who was 3rd in calculator.

Other students who placed fourth or fifth and will be alternates for the regional meet are: Kim Welding, 1st alternate in

accounting and spelling; Diem Tran, 2nd alternate in science; Michelle Goodgion, 2nd alternate in typing; Kody Walker, 1st alternate in the Lincoln-Douglas debate; Chad Cavitt, 2nd alternate in headline writing; Debbie Keller, 1st alternate in headline writing and Danny Santee in ready spelling.

Coaches and sponsors for the students are Robbie Hicks, Adrian Hood, Pam Rosenbaum, Kay Loftin, Kay Norton, Vicki Brady, Gayle Baker, Lisa Walker and Joan Walker.

Freeman honored

Ronnie Freeman of Trent will be attending a reception in his honor and the other members of the Texas Department of Agriculture, March 26th.

The reception, hosted by the TDA's district office in Odessa, is in conjunction with the state noted "Texas Agriculture Days".

Agriculture in Texas is the state's 2nd leading industry and it

generates 20 percent of personal income and jobs.

The reception Freeman will be attending will be hosted by Jim Hightower, the Texas Agricultural Commissioner.

Freeman and his family have been actively involved with farming and ranching operation in the West Texas area for four generations.

Elementary hosting parenting seminar

Merkel Elementary school will be hosting a **Positive Parenting Seminar** on April 1 and 2.

The first seminar will be held April 1 from 9 until 11 a.m. The second will be held April 2 from 7 until 9 p.m. Both sessions will be held on the Merkel Elementary campus.

Bob Utley, M. S., Counselor at Merkel Elementary will be the

host presenter. He has a Master's degree from Abilene Christian University in the field of Bible, Family Ministry and Counseling. He is presently working with the Family Enrichment and Counseling department of the Highland Church in Abilene.

Topics of discussion will include understanding your child's needs, parenting styles and child styles,

six things children need (acceptance, security, significance, love, praise, discipline, communication), why children misbehave, and building family units through traditions.

The seminar is free and open to anyone wishing to attend. The seminar is adult oriented and it would be better if children did not attend.

Suicide/crisis intervention group forming here

A new group is being formed here that will help local teenagers in times of crisis.

The group is also interested in creating new activities for local teenagers.

One of the groups' organizers, Richard Hill of Merkel told *The Mail* Friday "We aren't connected with any group here and our main

target is the needs of young people. We want to find out what those needs are and provide for some of those needs."

The group has planned their next meeting for Tuesday (March 31) at 7 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church. Their first meeting, held last Wednesday, drew 31 people.

The group will also start training local volunteers for suicide prevention. That training will be performed by officials from the Abilene Crisis Center and the Abilene Mental Health Association.

Anyone interested in more information should contact Richard Hill, Steve Carter or Alice Carter, all of Merkel.

Voters, groups, wind, Badgers . . .

§ by Cloy A. Richards

First off, I'll start with a couple of mistakes.

In my column last week, I wrote that Merkel voters would cast their 911 county election ballots at the Senior Citizens Building here on Kent Street.

That's not the case. Voters will go to the Merkel High gym, the same place the city and school elections are being held.

The voters of the rural area South of Merkel will have to go to the Pioneer Memorial Methodist Church to cast their 911 ballot.

I apologize for the mistake. Absentee voting ends March 30th for the elections and people wanting to vote absentee should contact their school or city office.

There are a couple of new groups forming here designed to help people in need.

One is a suicide/crisis intervention group that is also interested in developing new activities for local youths.

Another is a group of people who will be called on for special fund raisers for families in need.

If you want to help with any of these causes, see the related stories in this week's Mail.

Next week's paper will be seen by a few more people than normal as we will be sending "sample copies of *The Mail*."

Monday's winds were something else, weren't they.

Some local roofs, shingles and trees suffered dagames. The wind also played havoc with WTU, Taylor Electric and the local cable company. Those guys put in a few extra hours this week.

Local school board races got even more crowded this week as three write-in candidates made their intentions known. Farris Neill and Billy Lucas are running as write-ins for the Merkel school board and Dick Griffith is running for Trent's school Board.

The Merkel Badgers opened their defense of the 5AAA district baseball championship dowing Wylie here Friday 10-5.

There was a pretty good crowd on hand at Hook Stadium here for the contest. The Badgers had no trouble in the contest as timely hitting, Wylie mistakes and tight fielding by the Badgers paved way for the victory.

After a football and two basketball losses to Wylie, the hometown folks were thrilled to see the Badgers win.

If you want me Saturday afternoon, flash a message across Channel 10, that's where I'll be watching the final four in the

NCAA basketball tournament. If the final pits Providence and UNLV, that ought to be a heck of a show Monday night.

Texas Governor Bill Clements is already facing heat for decisions he made when he was chairman of the board of regents at SMU.

I hope he runs the state a whole lot better than his football team.

Wanted: starting quarterback at SWC school near Brazos River. Experience not necessary but winning is-contact Jackie Sherrill.

The Merkel Middle School Band earned the Sweepstakes Trophy at the Cisco Band Festival held last Thursday.

Congratulations are in order to the future members of the Purple Bride Band.

The Merkel Church of Christ will hold a groundbreaking ceremony on the vacant lot adjacent to their facility on Ash Street here Sunday at 3 p.m.

The church is building a 600 seat auditorium, 18 new classrooms as well as office facilities in the new structure.

The Big Country Cable office will soon be moved to the 100 block of Oak Street.

Council hears of possible law suit, state funds flowing, lot clean-up okayed

The Merkel City Council learned of a threatened law suit, approved a water tap in their meeting held Tuesday night at the Merkel Emergency Medical Service building.

Council also learned that state funds in the current housing rehab project have been released.

Council learned of a threatened law suit from a local bondsman, who lost bond on a case for failure to appear.

Claude Childress, a local bondsman, posted a \$400 bond for a man who was charged with public intoxication and fleeing to elude police officers. The man did not appear at his hearing, meaning the bond was forfeited.

Childress was served with a notice to appear before the city court, which he failed to do.

City manager J. A. Sadler told council members he had spoken with an Abilene attorney who specializes in municipal courts and he told Sadler the city had acted properly. The Texas Association of Municipal Judges has also informed the city they had acted properly in the case and told the city not to refund the bondsman's money.

Sadler told council "I don't know what will happen from all of

this, I just wanted council to be advised."

Councilmen approved a water tap in the Cedar Hills Addition, North of Merkel. The tap will have to be approved in Abilene. The city already has a water main line in the area.

Council also approved funds to clean up a lot across from the Merkel Middle School.

Sadler told council "I have been here 12 1/2 years and from the 2nd day I was here I wanted to get this lot cleaned up. It's an eyesore and it will benefit the whole community if we go in there and level that lot and haul everything off."

Council approved funds for that project.

In other action, council learned that funds from the Texas Department of Community Action had started flowing. Merkel is in a housing rehabilitation project, funded by the state.

Council also learned the Austin law firm of McCreary, Veselka, Beck & Allen had filed seven delinquent tax suits against Merkel city taxes that have not been paid.

The suits will be heard in district court in Abilene when their docket number appears on the court's agenda.

Lambda Beta pageant is April 11

The Lambda Beta sorority will hold its annual Miss Merkel & Little Mr. Merkel pageant April 11 at 7 p.m. at the Merkel school auditorium.

A rehearsal will be held April 10 at 5:30 p.m. The pageant is open to children in Merkel, Trent & Tye. There is no entry fee and you don't have to sponsor your own child unless you desire to do so. Sponsorships are available for \$10. If you have any questions, call Virginia at 928-4379 or Janet at 928-4424.

MISS MERKEL & LITTLE MR. MERKEL PAGEANT

APRIL 11, 1987 - SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

7:00 P.M.

Sponsored by: Lambda Beta 928-4379 or 928-4424

NAME _____ AGE _____
 GRADE _____ SCHOOL _____
 BOY _____ GIRL _____ (Please check one)
 PARENT'S NAME _____
 (print the name the way you want it read)
 LIST HOBBIES, ACTIVITIES, ETC. (interesting information for the emcee to read)

 PARENT'S SIGNATURE _____
 (must be signed by parent or guardian)

The pageant is open to boys preschool (3yrs old by April, 11th) thru third grade and girls preschool (3yrs old by April, 11th) thru high school seniors. The divisions are as follows:

Girls - 5 Divisions	Boys - 2 Divisions
1) Preschool	1) Preschool
2) K - 2nd	2) K - 3rd
3) 3rd - 5th	
4) 6th - 8th	
5) 9th - 12th	

First place winners from last year's pageant are not eligible to compete unless they are in a different age division this year. The deadline for entries is Friday, April, 3rd. Entries may be left at the school offices or brought to 706 Yucca. Rehearsal will be held on Friday, April, 10th at 5:30 p.m.

Letter to the editor . . .

Dear Editor,

It sounds like, as a community, we are separating people into the good, the bad, and the ugly categories instead of listening to the issue. Refusing discipline is not what is happening. What kind of discipline, how it is used, by whom, and for what offense is being questioned. This is not without a good reason.

I am against corporal punishment as a disciplinary action for teenagers. From my own experience there are better ways to deal with infraction of the rules in this age group.

As a free country, we still have the right to decide, in each of our individual homes, how we will raise our children as long as it

does not involve serious abuse. But, when we have to send all these various philosophies to one place to be taught by another group, who also have their own personal views of what should and should not be done to keep these youngsters in line, there must be some standard guidelines for discipline in each age group. These guidelines should be based on fairness, justice and without oppression. It is an issue that needs attention in our school.

Parents should be included and any parent should be able to approach an administrator without being intimidated. A lot of good can be lost if balance is not achieved in all areas of our school

system. That will take some more work. Let's not be afraid of going for an even better school system, even if it means "rocking the boat" a little.

Every kid is worth something. A school can only do so much and the "State" has always made a lousy parent look good. However, a teacher or administrator in this country is in a position to be more than a "baby sitter" or a presenter of facts. I have not forgotten some teachers and administrators who had a lasting and positive influence in my life. Our kids will not forget either. Neither will they forget those who did damage. Is ever y b o d y REALLY somebody at MHS?

Edna Wilde

Obituaries

Joseph Galligher

Joseph Legoria Galligher, of Rt. 1 Merkel, died March 22.

Funeral services were held March 24th at Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church here with Fathers Frank & Lee Zimmerman reading last rites.

Burial followed at Stith Ceme-

tery under the direction of the Starbuck Funeral Home.

He was a retired sergeant in the United States Air Force after serving 26 years. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus and was a retired driver for the Abilene Transit Company. He was a Catholic.

Barbara Coats

Barbara Coats, 80, of Merkel, died March 22 at Coronado Nursing Home in Abilene.

Funeral services were held March 24th at the Starbuck Chapel with the Rev. Roy Keith of Trent Methodist Church officiating. Bu-

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

Born March 29, 1906 in Jones County, she had married Roy Coats in 1926. She was a seamstress.

She is survived by two brothers,

He is survived by a sister, Frances Sullivan of Merkel; two brothers, Bernard Galligher of Rancho Mirage, Ca and John Galligher of Redwood City, Ca, and several nieces and nephews.

Palbearers were Peter Frame, Benny Hobbs and Bob Gourney.

Frank and Tip Carter, both of Merkel and two sisters Edith Ely of Hamlin and Sue Baber of Azle, as well as many nieces and nephews.

Palbearers were David Carter, Stephen Carter, Tim Carter, Buddy Carter, Doug Carter and Kyle Easley.

Trent UIL 1 act play advances

The cast and crew of the Trent High School 1 act play **The Diviners** advanced a step in competition Saturday, winning first in the Rotan Zone competitions.

Five students received honors with John Evans receiving his second win for best actor; Sam Jones was named in the all-star cast for the 2nd week. B. J. Poindexter was also named to the all-star cast. Lewis Knapp and Chris Simpson were mentioned honorably. The previous week, six cast members were singled out for recognition in the Area competition held in Jayton. They are Sam Jones, Glenna Clark and Lewis Knapp for all-star cast, Kate Woods and B. J. Poindexter as honorable mentions and John Evans as best actor.

Miss Kelly Boston, a high school English and drama teacher, directed and coached the students in the production. She is a graduate of Texas Tech with a major in

English and this is her first year with Trent ISD. The play will now advance to regional competitions.

It has been 12 years since Trent had participated in the UIL 1 Act Play competitions.

Trent's tennis team

takes on Roby, Blackwell

The Trent tennis teams have been very active in the past week. On Tuesday Trent played Roby. The boys had a rough go as Lee Hunt and Mike Payne lost their singles matches, as well as their doubles match.

The girls fared better as Luci Masonheimer and Veronica DeLa Cruz each won their singles matches. Micki Gaskill and Tammy Collier lost their doubles match while DeLa Cruz and Masonheimer combined to win

their doubles match.

On Thursday, Trent faced Blackwell and swept the singles matches.

In the girls singles, Ginger Massey, Janet Marshall and Lisa Fenton all won while Jamie Masonheimer and Tory Dean each won two matches. Trent won three of the four doubles matches. Playing were Patricia Clark and Julie Clay, Ginger Massey and Julie Clay, Britt Sipe and Lonnie Clark and Lisa Penton and Janet Marshall.

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Farris Neill is Branch Manager of Graybar Electric, Inc. in Abilene. Harris is on the Education Committee of the Chamber of Commerce and is active in the Rotary.

Farris graduated from Merkel High School in 1962. He holds a B. S. Ed degree from Abilene Christian University.

Farris is married to the former Freda Daniel of Abilene. They have two children; Brad, age 17, a Junior at Merkel High, and Ginger, age 16, a Sophomore at Merkel High. Both Brad and Ginger participate in school activities.

"I am running for the school board because I want to see the district continue to improve as it has in the last few years. Merkel has made great strides in terms of academics and athletics under present Superintendent Bill Everett, and the school board will be selecting a replacement soon.

The choices made by this board will affect this district and our community for many years in the future. The next school board selected is extremely important to the future of our children and our town.

Our children represent the future of our community and country. Let's make their interests our primary concern.

I will appreciate your vote."

FARRIS' NAME WILL NOT APPEAR ON THE BALLOT. YOU WILL HAVE TO WRITE IN HIS NAME IN PLACE 7.

Trustee, Place 7, Vote for 1
(Regente, Lugar 7, Vote por 1)

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Farris Neill

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Collier, Evans win

gold at Jayton meet

Tammie Collier and Chris Evans combined for five medals (two of them gold) Saturday at the Jaybird Relays in Jayton.

Competing in the six man division, Evans took the gold in the long jump, the silver in the 100 and the bronze in the 200.

Collier won the gold in the discus and won the silver in the shot put. Freshman Laura Callas walked away with the silver in the 100 meter hurdles. She also qualified for the finals in the 100 and 200 meter races. Keith Oden qualified for the finals in the 100 and 200 meter and the long jump while Susie Valdez also scored by qualifying for the finals in the 100 and 200.

The Trent girls finished with 33 points and the boys had 27. The Trent Tracksters will take two weeks off before traveling to the Aspermont meet set for April 4th.



5 Tammie Collier of Trent High has won the gold medal in the discus throw so far this year. Photo by Rebecca Sharp

Badgers down Wylie 10-5, Albany next

The Merkel Badgers downed Wylie 10-5 here Friday as they opened their defense of the 5AAA title in baseball.

David Doan led the way as he collected two hits to drive in four runs. Danny Santee went 4-4 at the plate and drove in three runs.

Other rbi's were delivered by Mark Aldrete, Cory Hines and Tony Juarez.

Badger coach Doug Hadley told *The Mail* Tuesday "I thought we played pretty well. We had eight errors and if we clean that up we will be in good shape. He said the

Badgers were starting to hit the ball a little better.

Ramon Moreno went the distance on the mound for the win. Moreno struck out 12.

The Badgers next action will be a non-district game with Albany Tuesday at 5 p.m.

\$650 million possible by 1990 from ag development bills

(AUSTIN)--Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower at a Capitol news conference "tipped his hat" to nine influential state legislators "for the vision they have shown in sponsoring a comprehensive package of agricultural development bills that can create 22,000 new jobs and produce \$650 million-a-year in new income by the end of this decade.

"Just like the sun and the soil, state government can provide a key ingredient in agricultural growth in Texas," Hightower said. "As we've shown at the Texas Department of Agriculture in the past four years, the way for agriculture to grow is through diversification into new commodities, establishment of direct market sales for producers, and expansion into value-added food and fiber processing.

"The State Senators and House members who are sponsoring this five-part package of four bills and three proposed constitutional amendments agree with the agricultural development approach used by TDA and want to see the state redouble its efforts--because that's exactly what this legislation will allow," Hightower said.

Sponsoring or co-sponsoring the agricultural development legislation, and joining Hightower for a State Capitol news conference, are: Senators Richard Anderson, Marshall, Chet Edwards, Duncanville, and Hugh Parmer, Fort Worth, and Representatives Bruce Gibson, Cleburne, Dudley Harrison, Sanderson, and Juan Hinojosa, McAllen.

House Speaker Gib Lewis issued a statement of support for the legislation. The legislative outline for the agricultural development program is contained in a report entitled, *Alternatives For Revitalizing and Diversifying the Economy of Texas*, which was prepared under Speaker Lewis' leadership and released earlier this year. The same legislative recommendations are contained in TDA's recent report, *Economic Growth Through Agricultural Development: A Blueprint for Action*.

"The role of the state should be simply to serve as a problem-solving catalyst for enterprising Texans, assisting them with such needs as market development and penetration, capital formation and removal of bureaucratic barriers. By offering this kind of modest help to generate and nurture hundreds of these grassroots agricultural enterprises, the state of Texas can help to turn our agricultural economy around, making it a solution instead of a problem," Hightower said.

"We know that this grassroots economic development approach will work, because it already is working in dozens of ventures that TDA has been assisting during the past few years," Hightower said. "TDA is presently assisting with the development of 52 agricultural processing projects in Texas--from El Paso to Beaumont, and involving everything from 'lite' beef production to jobo bean oil. These 52 projects alone involve a capital investment of over \$218 million, and when completed, will create upwards of 5,000 jobs, and will have first-year sales of over \$611 million.

"By the year 2000, the Texas farm and ranch economy can be market-oriented rather than simply commodity-oriented," Hightower said.

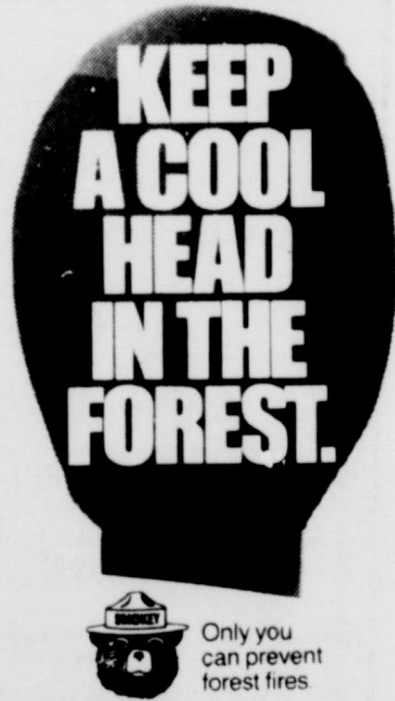
"In East Texas, there will be producers of 'lite' beef which is processed through a cooperatively-owned packing plant and sold under advance-marketing contracts. That rancher might also have 40 acres planted in blueberries, produced under drip irrigation and delivered by airlift at premium prices to the East Coast. Another 40 acres will be planted in Christmas trees for a Texas market tired of over-priced, dried-up Montana trees. Farms near Dallas and Houston can specialize in boutique produce and Oriental vegetables for the special markets of those cities. There can be greenhouse operations around the state producing fresh sprouts and culinary herbs and raising native Texas landscape plants. There will be crawfish farms and catfish farms and redfish

farms, some also growing high-protein algae for use as feed. There will be flour mills and vineyards, and farms across the state will be able to employ the finest in water-saving technology.


"As TDA noted in its *Blueprint for Action*, by diversifying our agricultural production into 14 alternative crops, Texas farmers and ranchers can, by the next century, add \$6.1 billion annually to the state's economy and establish 75,000 new jobs.

"The economic potential for food and fiber processing is even greater. If we build enough facilities to process just one percent more of the nation's food, that would bring into Texas \$15 billion-a-year in new income for the state and create 165,000 new jobs for Texas. Tomorrow's agriculture literally will help Texas grow out of today's economic stagnation."

"This legislative program represents a first step that by the year 2000 will allow thousands of small and medium-sized agricultural ventures to produce \$15 billion-a-year in new income for the state and create 165,000 new jobs for Texas. Tomorrow's agriculture literally will help Texas grow out of today's economic stagnation."



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Garage Sale: 1511 Heath Friday & Saturday. 13-1tp

Garage Sale: 5th house East of the County Barn, lots of misc. Friday & Saturday opens at 8 a.m. 13-1tp

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Garage Sale: 302 Cherry, clothes, household items, what-nots Saturday only 8-5. 13-1tp

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WRITE-IN BILLY LUCAS

FOR

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MERKEL SCHOOL BOARD

Due to the recent events concerning the Merkel Schools, many friends of Billy and Sarah Lucas are organizing to elect Billy to the Merkel School Board. Billy and Sarah have given unselfishly to the Merkel Schools. They do not want to see the progress made the last 10 years be destroyed. Billy and Sarah attend most school activities and are a source of inspiration and encouragement to our children.

The Merkel School system is starting to be recognized as one of the better AAA schools in the state. In the March 12th edition of The Merkel Mail, there was a full page ad listing many of the Merkel Schools' accomplishments. The School Board is responsible for building and maintaining this successful program. Billy Lucas takes pride in our schools and will work hard to keep improving them. His love and concern for this community, his church, and his family guarantees this.

Electing Billy will be difficult but not impossible.

His name WILL NOT appear on the ballot. You will have to write in his name.

In Place 5, AND ONLY IN PLACE 5, write in BILLY LUCAS.

Trustee, Place 5, Vote for 1
(Regente, Lugar 7, Vote por 1)

- GARY SMITH
- GERALD RUTLEDGE
- HARRY STEVENS, JR.
- Billy Lucas*

If you want our children to continue to attend an improving school system, now is the time to thank Billy and Sarah for their example and devotion in our communities.

A Billy Lucas Campaign Fund has been established at the F & M National Bank of Merkel.

Monies received will pay for this and other advertisements.

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★ WRITE-IN BILLY LUCAS ★ PLACE 5 ★ MERKEL SCHOOL BOARD

AD PAID FOR BY FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS OF BILLY AND SARAH LUCAS

Beef, pro pork prices up, for now

Both hog and cattle producers currently are making a little money due to improved market prices, but that could change if inventories increase.

Hogs are currently bringing more than \$50 per hundredweight while fed cattle are above the \$60 per hundredweight level, points out Dr. Ernie Davis, economist in livestock marketing with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A & M University System.

"So far, both markets look strong during the first quarter of 1987," says Davis. "The key will be whether or not producers start expanding operations because of improved market prices."

The December 1986 hog and pig inventory showed U. S. numbers down 3 percent from a year ago and the lowest December inventory since 1975. The breeding hog inventory also was down 3 percent and was the lowest since breeding records started in 1963.

Despite this decline in breeding hog numbers, there are indications that producers will be expanding some this spring, notes Davis. Farrowings increased last fall and will likely be up this spring from 1986 levels. The increased farrowing could boost pork supplies during the last quarter of this year to 10 to 15 percent above 1986 levels and push down prices below the \$40 per hundredweight mark.

In Texas, hog numbers are up to 17 percent from a year ago, with breeding hog inventories up 8 percent from a year earlier. The 1986 pig crop is estimated at 3 percent above the '85 crop.

"Without question, Texas hog production is expanding while slaughter capacity continues to decline," Davis points out.

On the cattle side, numbers on feed in the 13 major cattle feeding states as of Jan. 1, were the lowest since 1982, down 5 percent from a year ago and 13 percent below 1985, according to Davis. Placements of cattle on feed during the last quarter of 1986 were down 9 percent from the same period in 1985 and 11 percent below 1984 levels. However, fourth quarter marketings last year were up 3 percent from the same periods in 1985.

In Texas, cattle on feed were down 7 percent from a year ago

while fourth quarter placements last year were down 11 percent from the previous year. Cattle marketings during the fourth quarter were up 2 percent from 1985 levels. Total marketings from Texas feedlots during 1986 set a new record at 5.26 million head,

4-H under budget attack

Currently a target of proposed budget cuts in the Texas Legislature, the 4-H program remains one of the top youth organizations in the state and nation for turning out leaders -- the future of America.

"Some officials have pointed a finger at 4-H as costing the state too much, yet we spend only about \$8 of state general revenues per 4-H member each year," points out Dr. Zerle L. Carpenter, director of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, which administers the 4-H program. 4-H enrollment in Texas stands at about 305,000 members.

"That investment goes to programs and activities that help boys and girls gain leadership and coping skills that will make them more productive citizens."

Regardless of the types of projects 4-H members are involved in, whether they deal with beef or swine, safety or electricity, foods and nutrition or any of the more than 60 other project areas, the ultimate goal is still leadership and citizenship development," emphasizes Carpenter.

"And I think we have done a good job in this. Studies have shown that 4-H members do well when they enter the mainstream of life. They are the community leaders, the ones that take charge to make life better for all concerned. Many go into agriculture and related industries and provide this state and nation with needed strength in this area."

"A county judge recently told me that he's never had a 4-H member come before his court for disciplinary action," Carpenter points out. "I'm sure that's the case in many of our counties, and it shows that 4-H is having positive influence on the lives of young people. You just can't put a price tag on that kind of achievement." A recent nationwide poll showed

surpassing the old mark of 5.09 million in 1984.

"Because of the lower numbers of cattle on feed in the major feeding states, markets should remain favorable for producers in the coming months, with prices well above \$60 per hundred for fed cattle," Davis estimates.

that 4-H had a positive impact on lifeskills needed by adults to become self-directing, productive members were more involved in community activities and 4-H leadership positions than were nonparticipants of youth programs.

4-H alumni also said they were more satisfied with the program's contributions to their personal development (self-worth, responsibility and goal setting development).

In the study, former 4-H members gave higher ratings to experiences in gaining knowledge and skills and in developing a feeling of self-worth than did members of other youth programs. Of particular importance to 4-H members was the fact that 4-H enabled them to learn to work with others and to develop a sense of responsibility.

"4-H has a proven track record and is an investment in the future of this state and nation," Carpenter pointed out. "It's a program that we can't forsake -- there is too much at stake."

Local ladies putting together list to help people in need

We would like a list of people interested in the needs of others. If we had a list of people that would help in any way that we could call on in times of need, it would be nice.

If you are interested, please call Linda Williams at 928-5096 or Billie Walters at 928-5156.

People are needed to help in bake sales, garage sales, or just to contribute time and/or money.

Let's show that Merkel can help our own.

Public Notices

NOTICE OF INCORPORATION

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Texas Revised Civil Statutes Article 1302.2.02 that the sole proprietorship owned by GERALD RUTLEDGE doing business as MANUEL'S DOZER SERVICE, whose principal office is located two (2) miles West of Merkel on Interstate 20, P. O. Box 421, Merkel, Taylor County, Texas 79536, became incorporated as of December 1, 1986, under the name of MANUEL S DOZER SERVICE, INC. 12-21-4tc

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF THOMAS A. HIGGINBOTHAM, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original letters Testamentary for the Estate of Thomas A. Higginbotham were issued on March 16, 1987, in Cause No. 17,499, pending in the County Court of Taylor County, Texas, to:

Connie S. Higginbotham
The residence of such Executor is Taylor County, Texas. The post office address is: c/o Gaston Welborn, Jr., P. O. Box 3812, Abilene, Texas 79604

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

DATED the 16th day of March, 1987, by Gaston Welborn, Jr., Attorney for the Estate 13-37-1tc



It is said that if you catch a falling leaf you will have a good and happy life.



Some people believe that if you can make your first and fourth fingers touch over the back of your hand you are a good cook.

CARDS OF THANKS

This is a very special note of appreciation to the Merkel community. The Merkel community as a whole has been extremely kind and considerate since our home burned. We wish to thank everyone who has helped us get through this hardship and a special thanks to the following people: Merkel Volunteer Fire Department, Hammon Insurance, Glenda Nance, The Merkel Mail Jackie Minz, Sarah Lucas, Bernice Jacobs, Rocky McKinney & The Confederacy Band, Sarah Harville, Calvary Baptist Church, Starbuck Furniture, Peggy Phillips, Lambda Beta, Merkel Church of Christ, Dairy Queen, Jack South, Betty Carter, Golden Saints Club, Merkel VFW, Glenn & Suzy Richards, Merkel Locker Plant.

I would like to end this by saying that Gene and Mozetta Dye have done much more than their fare share in helping us during our time of need. There is no way we could ever repay their many kindnesses. They have meant more to us than they will ever know as friends and employers.

Sincerely
The Giesler Family
Jim, Salinda, Nichole,
Sharae and Deirda

ORDINANCE NO. 87-2

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING THAT A PORTION OF TAYLOR STREET LYING EAST OF FARM AND MARKET ROAD 707, CITY OF TYE, TAYLOR COUNTY, TEXAS BE VACATED, ABANDONED AND CLOSED; PROVIDING FOR THE REVERSION OF THE FULL AND COMPLETE TITLE IN SAID LAND; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY; 13-1tc-23

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Issued and given under my hand at Tye, Texas, this the 23 day of March, 1987.

Paul Moore
Building Inspector
City of Tye, Texas
13-1tc-74

NOTIFICATION BY PUBLICATION OF VIOLATION

THE CITY OF TYE, TEXAS
TO: Laverne D. Smith
ADDRESS 80 W 50 E 1690 S 150 LT 13 Tye, Texas

Respondent: YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that as an owner of the above described property you are in violation of the City of Tye, Texas Ordinance # 79-13, Section 1a and b that state it is unlawful to allow weeds, grass or brush to grow to a height in excess of twelve (12) inches on a lot, tract or parcel of land two (2) acres in size or less, or a tract of land the size of a city block or less; a block being 300 feet by 300 feet.

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Paul Moore
Building Inspector
City of Tye, Texas
13-73-1tc

NOTIFICATION BY PUBLICATION OF VIOLATION

THE CITY OF TYE, TEXAS
TO: Lenore Smith
ADDRESS: 80 W25 E 1715 S 150 LT 13 80 W75 E 1790 S150 LT 14 Tye, Texas

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THE CITY OF TYE, TEXAS
TO: Donnie Windland
ADDRESS: Lot 6-7C Sec. 1 Tye Town Tye, Texas

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Paul Moore
Building Inspector
City of Tye, Texas
13-76-1tc

NOTIFICATION BY PUBLICATION OF VIOLATION

THE CITY OF TYE, TEXAS
TO: Asher KC & L Brown
ADDRESS: Sec 21 Lot 33 Original Town Tye

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City of Tye, Texas
13-74-1tc

THE CITY OF TYE WILL RECEIVE SEALED, WRITTEN BIDS IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY SECRETARY, P. O. BOX 145, 205 NORTH ST., TYE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, TYE, TEXAS, UNTIL 3:00 P.M. ON THE 21st DAY OF APRIL, 1987 4 DOOR SEDAN POLICE PACKAGE VEHICLE SPECIFICATION MAY BE OBTAINED AT THE TYE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 205 NORTH ST., TYE, TEXAS MONDAY THRU FRIDAY, 9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

BIDS WILL BE PUBLICLY OPENED AND READ ALOUD AT THE REGULAR SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING, APRIL 21, 1987, 7:00 P.M. AT 205 NORTH ST., TYE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, TYE, TEXAS.

THE CITY OF TYE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND/OR ALL BIDS & TO AWARD THE BID CONSIDERED MOST ADVANTAGEOUS TO THE CITY OF TYE.

Jo Moore
City Secretary
13-41-1tc

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Newsbriefs

Keller to HSU

Debbie Keller of 308 Country Club here, was recently awarded a \$6,400 scholarship to Hardin-Simmons University.

The scholarship, given on the basis of the recipient's high school academic career, was awarded during the 1987 annual High School Weekend which hosts youth from all over Texas and the United States. Twenty-three scholarships were awarded during ceremonies that weekend.

Debbie's scholarship is to be used over a four year period.

Doan in contest

The 1987 West Texas Junior Miss Scholarship Program will be held April 4th in Cullen Auditorium on the Abilene Christian University campus starting at 7 p.m.

Shelle Doan, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Sammy Doan of Merkel, will be competing in that event.

The event is sponsored by the Western Horizon Chapter of American Business Women's Association.

Hammond honored

The United States Achievement Academy announced recently that Susan Hammond has been named a national award winner in Leadership Service.

Susan, a Merkel High student, was nominated for this award by her teacher.

Her picture and biography will appear in the academy's official yearbook.

She is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Dale Hammond of Merkel and the granddaughter of Mr. & Mrs. Hershel Hammond, also of Merkel.

WTU files for fuel charge reduction

West Texas Utilities has filed a request with the Public Utility Commission of Texas to lower the amount it charges its customers for fuel.

The petition, filed March 18th, asks that a fixed fuel cost factor for the month of May through October be reduced by 35 percent. The fixed factors are based on the expected cost of fuel as forecast at the time the factors are set, and specify the amount to be charged per kilowatt-hour for power plant fuel and purchased energy used to supply the customer.

Xi Nu Eta meets

Xi Nu Eta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met March 3rd in the home of Carolyn Shelburn for their regular meeting.

New officers for 1987-88 are Sondra Smith-president, Sherry Vinson-vice president, Cathy Pack-treasurer, LuAnn Blay-recording secretary, Cindy Wilder-corresponding secretary and Dee McCollum-city council representative.

Plans were made to attend the Spring luncheon. Taking Exemplar rituals are Cindy Wilder, Sondra Smith, and LuAnn Blay. Taking Legacy Rituals is Delayne Pack.

Members present were: Carolyn Shelburn, Sondra Smith, LuAnn Blay, Dee McCollum, Pat Black, Sherry Vinson, Danna Dunagin, Marilyn Tittle and Cathy Pack.

The next meeting will be April 7th in the home of Cindy Wilder.

Sunday singing

A 5th Sunday Singing will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Center on Edwards Street here.

Everyone is invited to come and join in the singing.

Preceptor Eta Omega names new officers

Preceptor Eta Omega hosted Lambda Beta and Xi Nu Chi Chapters with a "Irish Flinn Dinner" March 17th at the Taylo Electric Building. After the dinner, the group played Bingo for door prizes.


Members attending from Lambda Beta were Beverly Helmer, Virginia Pirraglia, Jerrye Carey, Janet McKeenan, Robin Robinson, Janet Rogers and Debbie Robertson.

Members from Xi Nu Chi were Connie Harris, Mary Hill, Minyon Seymour and Sandra Wurst.

Preceptor Eta Omega serving as hostesses included Jane Carson, Blanche Hewitt, Kathy Leverich, Val Patterson, Opal Garner, Y Sadler, Betty Lu Satterwhite, Mamie Steck, Ruth Tipton and Connie Ybarra.

A short business meeting was held afterwards. The group elected officers for 1987-88. New officers include Blanche Hewitt-president, Mamie Steck-vice president, Opal Garner-recording secretary, Val Patterson-corresponding secretary, Kathy Leverich-treasurer, Connie Ybarra-extension officer and city council representative.

On March 14th, Mamie Steck, Blanche Hewitt, Ruth Tipton and Rikki Casady attended the Beta Sigma Phi's Spring Rituals and luncheon at the Petroleum Club in Abilene. Blanche Hewitt and Ruth Tipton received the Order of the Rose Ritual and were presented yellow roses, pins and certificates.



CAPITOL JOURNAL

STEVEN A. CARRIKER
House of Representatives

By the time the constitutional deadline for filing bills passed last week, 4,367 bills and resolutions had been introduced in the Legislature. This astounding volume of legislation still left some conspicuous issues without sponsors: None of the 150 Representatives or 31 Senators introduced legislation requested by Governor Clements to pull money out of the Teacher Retirement Fund. Also, no one chose to sponsor the governor's idea of selling unwanted state lands to the Permanent School Fund, nor to take some of the capital from the Permanent School Fund. One brave Dallas area legislator is carrying the Clements proposal to reduce funding for teacher pay.

constituents is extremely helpful in alerting a legislative office to a bill or proposal which may have an impact or local interest. Please feel free to contact my office at any time with your concerns and questions. Linda Boyd, Geri Esberry, and Greg Wortham are my Capitol office staffers and are very capable of helping you whenever I might be away from the office in committee meetings or in the House Chamber. The Capitol office address is P.O. Box 2910, Austin, 78769. The phone number is 512-463-0408.

The House Committee on Public Education held hearings on some one dozen bills regarding the teacher career ladder last week.

With more than 4,300 pieces of legislation introduced, it becomes nearly impossible to keep up with every single bill. The input of

MISD menu

The following is the MISD lunch menu for March 30th through April 3rd.

March 30: chicken fried steak with cream gravy, creamed potatoes and seasoned green beans, hot rolls and fruit salad.

March 31: beef stew, potatoes, carrots, onions, vegetable salad, corn bread, apple cheese crisp.

April 1: beef tacos with cheese, taco sauce, pinto beans, shredded lettuce, chopped tomatoes, taco shells, apricot halves.

April 2: tuna salad sandwich, macaroni & tomatoes, buttered corn, peach cobbler.

April 3rd: sloppy joes, french fries, pickle relish, chopped onions, walk to school cookies.

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Included was H. B. 263, the bill I introduced which would do away with the career ladder and distribute the career ladder money to all teachers on an equal percentage basis. I have endorsed a similar bill by Representative Stan Schlueter which would make the career ladder optional with each individual school district. The volume of legislation dealing with the career ladder indicates that it has its problems. Education committee members, while reluctant to make changes in the career ladder, privately admit they don't particularly like it.

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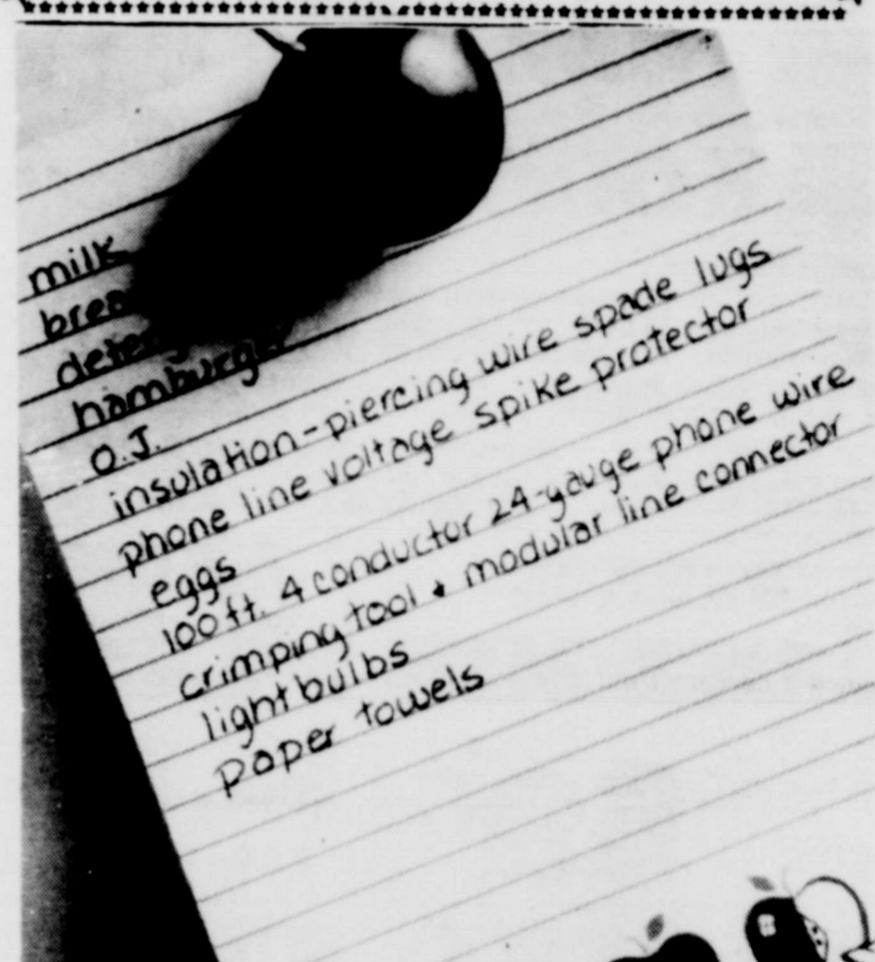
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