

The Merkel Mail

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Local FFA stock show is Saturday



State's largest FFA chapter will hold annual show at 9 a.m. in refurbished show barn

The state's largest FFA Chapter will be holding their annual stock show Saturday as the Merkel FFA show will get underway at 9 a.m. About 215 entries are expected this year according to Billy Riley of the Merkel FFA.

Students must check in hogs and sheep Thursday at 8 p.m., cattle Friday at 8 p.m. and rabbits Saturday at 8 a.m.

Riley told **The Mail** Tuesday "We expect about 50 lambs, 100 pigs, 40 rabbits, 5 steers and 15 heifers. Riley said entries were up this year over last while donations to the show were a little slower.

Even with "normal" stock show weather (ice and snow), participants and onlookers should be more comfortable than ever before. The school board recently approved funds to totally enclose the show barn with the pens and to pour concrete so students and their animals would be out

of the weather. Riley said he wanted to thank the school board and the superintendent for the recent improvements.

The judge for this year's event is James Bevell, the FFA instructor for Haskell schools.

Riley said he expects the quality of the local animals to be better than last year. He said "the kids have done a real good job of taking care of their animals and I expect we will do real well at the County Show in all classes."

There are 230 students enrolled in FFA this year and Riley said it is the largest FFA chapter in the state, regardless of school size. He said the increased enrollment is due to a large amount of interest in the Middle School and the fact that class sizes in the high school are increasing.

A concession stand will be provided by the FFA Association and the public is welcomed to attend the event.



New taxes are in effect

Texas State Comptroller Bob Bullock said the final stages of a massive tax bill passed by the state Legislature last summer will go into effect Jan. 1st.

"This has been one massive job, but we are ready to handle the changes made by the state's lawmakers," Bullock said.

Bullock said the Legislature authorized the wider tax base and increased the state sales tax to six per cent in order to balance the state's 1988-89 budget.

Two services, data processing and commercial real property repair and remodeling became taxable January 1st.

Several other services, such as debt collection, pest control, information, security, janitorial, landscaping and garbage collection became taxable Oct. 1st, 1987.

The Legislature also temporarily

raised the state franchise tax rate to \$6.70 per \$1,000 of taxable capital, Bullock said. The minimum franchise tax due was raised from \$68 to \$150. This increase will expire in 1990.

Banks are subject to the same tax rates as other corporations.

Bullock said lawyers will be paying a new occupational tax beginning Jan. 1st. The yearly fee of \$110 will be collected by the Comptroller's Office when the lawyer's state license is renewed.

Other professionals, such as physicians, architects and accountants, began paying an occupational tax in September.

The state's hotel-motel occupancy tax and motor vehicle sales tax were increased to six per cent in September. The state's cigarette tax has been 26 cents per carton since October.

Good start for '88,

letter, FFA. . . more

by Cloy A. Richards

Things couldn't have started better for the Richards Clan in 1988 as we spent the weekend at my in-laws place at Lake Canyon where we caught a few fish and watched the Aggies dominate Notre Dame in the Cotton Bowl.

Sportwise, things couldn't have ended any better for 1987 as the Merkel boys basketball team beat Wylie in the McMurry Holiday Basketball Tournament.

The year also starts with a flourish around here as the Merkel FFA Livestock Show will be held Saturday, the Trent Livestock Show is next weekend, followed the next weekend by the County Show. I guess that means we will have three weekends in a row of ice and snow, if past stock show weather is any indication.

I received a letter to the editor this week from a Roy Roberts of Arlington concerning the general decline and disrepair of buildings in downtown Merkel (the letter is printed elsewhere in the paper). I felt a need to respond to Mr. Roberts and will see that he gets a copy of his "hometown" paper since he is a non-subscriber.

He is correct in the fact that some of the downtown buildings are in need of repair, what he doesn't know is how much better things look than just five years ago. I know of at least a half a dozen buildings that have been painted or refurbished inside during that time, as well as a couple of eyesores that have been destroyed and removed. The city has also taken great strides in the last couple of years in removing dilapidated homes from residential areas, as well as enforcing a local weed ordinance to control overgrown lots in the community.

As for the leadership question and does Merkel want to be the nicest little town in West Texas, that's a different story. His question concerning leadership here makes a valid point and I take it personally. I am the current Chamber of Commerce president and have held that post since last March. It has been the most frustrating thing I have ever attempted to do in that we have a very limited amount of annual dues received and are forced to

try and raise funds through selling fajitas and donation tickets at Fun Day, and this year have taken on a couple of new projects including a haunted house that made about \$500 and the publishing of a cookbook that should generate about \$4,000, if we sell out. Currently, the Chamber doesn't even have \$4,000 in the bank and one of our major investments during the past year was for fill dirt at a lot downtown and the seeding of grass there. You can't clear any land to speak of with that amount of funds without a lot of help from the land or lot owner or from the city and county governments.

So far, these replies have just been excuses and they never help solve problems, so here, Mr. Roberts, are a couple of solutions to our local problems.

Folks that live in Merkel need to make a concentrated effort to buy all they can here. Without retail dollars generating other dollars in the community, local business people cannot repair, expand or enter into new enterprises. "Hometown" people need to consider careers in Merkel and people who have jobs here should consider living here. I don't even want to know the percentage of MISD employees that live outside the school district. Local youths should consider returning to their hometown following formal education to live and work here.

Yes, Mr. Roberts, I think some folks from Merkel still want to see Merkel be the nicest little town in West Texas. We just have a bunch of problems that need to be worked out and believe it or not, there are a few people around here are doing what they can, with what they have to work with, to see improvements made. There are ways former Merkel resident can help and if you'd like to know how, drop me a line, I can give you a couple of hints.

The Merkel FFA's Stock Show is Saturday and even if the weather is bad, it should be a lot more comfortable this year. The MISD trustees approved spending some money to enclose areas between the new facility and large doors won't have to be left open to bring animals into the show ring. The show starts Saturday at 9 a.m.

Boys take win over Wylie to run record to 11-5

The Merkel Boys basketball team ran their record to 11-5 over the holidays with a win over Wylie in the Holiday Basketball Tournament at McMurry College and the Merkel girls were defeated in both of their holiday games.

The Merkel boys started district play Tuesday as they hosted Coahoma (details not available at press time). The boys started their holiday action with a 61-46 win over Coleman. In the first round of the McMurry Tournament, the boys downed Burlington 62-58. The boys carried a 13 point lead into the fourth quarter and missed the front end of six one-and-one situations down the stretch.

The next day, the Badgers dropped a 48-45 decision to Wichita Falls Ryder as a three point attempt hit the rim and fell out at the buzzer.

In the third place game, the Badger boys had a 12 point lead going into the final quarter over arch-rival Wylie and again, poor free throw shooting and a Wylie three pointer at the buzzer sent the game into overtime. The overtime was a different story as free throws began to fall and the Badgers took a 66-58 win.

Coach Johnny Hampton told **The Mail** Tuesday "We have been trying these first 16 games to improve as a team. Most of the

teams in our district have good records so far."

The boys opened with Coahoma Tuesday, will travel to Clyde Friday and will host Colorado City next Tuesday. Hampton added "We don't know that much about the other teams in the district. We are just trying to play our best and if we win, fine, if we lose, I just hope the other team is better than us."

Hampton said his team's lack of height will cause problems and this his team needs to do a much better job of rebounding.

Meanwhile, coach Jan Whisenhunt's Lady Badgers lost a heart-breaker in overtime to Coleman, who ran their record to 13-2 with that win. The girls had the lead with 30 second left in the game and a turnover game Coleman a chance to tie. The game went into overtime and Colemand pulled away with a 50-44 win. Teresa Lucas led with 15 while Michele Dudley added 11.

The girls ten traveled to Stephenville and were drummed 70-49. In that game, Lucas had 11, Amber Whisenhunt 10, Dudley 9 and Kristi Toombs added 8. Coach Whisenhunt said "They had the girls playing and our girls seemed to be intimidated. They are a late ranked 4A school but our big game is tonight (against Coahoma)."

Commodity sign-up set

People who feel they are eligible to receive USDA surplus food in 1988 will need to register, regardless of whether or not they have received the food in the past.

Every other month, the USDA releases surplus foods and they are passed out here at the Merkel Volunteer Fire Department Sta-

tion. If you wish to sign-up, you may register Monday, Tuesday or Thursday at Heritage Hall from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Eligibility rules have been changed dramatically this year. The next scheduled distribution will take place next month.

Gins over 13,600 bales here

The local cotton ginning season is nearing completion and the two local gins are reporting 13,600 bales processed so far.

The Farmer's Co-Op Gin here has processed 7,000 bales and have about 1,500 bales in modules still to gin. There is still some cotton on the stalks in the fields and some modules are in places where it is too wet to get to

them.

Over at Trent Gin, 6,600 bales have been processed and they are down to picking up modules in fields. Patsy Williams told **The Mail** Tuesday "We probably have about 20 modules in fields that we know of and we don't expect much more after we get to those."

Recent rains, as well as an ice storm two weeks ago have delayed the harvest.

Special ed meeting set

The Taylor/Callahan Education Cooperative will hold a Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting Jan. 11th at the Region 14 Education Service Center.

The Center is located on the Albany Highway in Abilene and the meeting will last from 4 until 5

p.m. The meeting will be held in Rooms A & B.

All persons interested in Special Education for handicapped children are invited to participate. More information is available by calling the Taylor/Callahan Education Cooperative Office at 928-5700.

Trent basketball tourney set

Trent will host its first annual Invitational Basketball Tournament Friday and Saturday. The first game will be at 4 p.m. Friday, pitting the Hermleigh Cardinals, coached by former Trent student John Stevens, against the Coahoma JV Lady Bulldogs. That game will be followed by the Hermleigh boys against Coahoma.

Trent's Lady Rillas will take the court at 7 p.m. against the Sweetwater Freshmen while the boys will play Sweetwater at 8:30.

The losers of Fridays games will play at 11:30 a.m. Saturday for the 3rd place trophy while the two survivors will battle for the

championship at 3 p.m. in the boys bracket. The 3rd place game in the girls bracket will start at 10 a.m. with the championship game being played at 1:20 p.m.

This is the first tourney that Trent has hosted in the five years I have lived in Trent and it's really great that the school is getting some good basketball action for the area. The community needs to go out Friday and Saturday and cheer for the two Rilla teams as they try for the first place trophies. The more people show up, the better the tournament will be and will show the school the community will support a good tournament.

by W. E. Dulaney

Allen-Chaney wed

Angela Leigh Allen, daughter of Lou David & Rhoda Allen of Merkel and Gregory Paul Chaney, son of Pat & Elaine Chaney of Medina, were married Dec. 19th at the Merkel Church of Christ with Bob Brandon officiating.

Lisa Brandt, the bride's sister was Matron of Honor. Serving as bridesmaids were Jennifer Vannoy of Garland, Leslie Alexander of Fort Collins, Co. and Jenny Chaney of Medina.

Robert Greenwalt of Holliday was the best man. Groomsmen were Bodie Brandt of Iowa Park, Scott Marshall of Ft. Worth and Scott Olson of Abilene.

Matthew Cravens, son of Logan & Linda Cravens of Merkel was candlelighter. Natalee Cravens was the flower girl. Kacey Toliver, son of Larry & Susie Toliver was the ring bearer and Marisue Meyer of Abilene directed the wedding.

A reception was hosted by the bride's parents in the Merkel Church of Christ Fellowship Center. Parents of the bridegroom hosted a rehearsal dinner at Pug & Leo's Restaurant here.

The groom is employed by the U. S. Postal Service and both are attending Abilene Christian University.



Mrs. Gregory Chaney

Walton is new FBC Trent pastor

Former Merkel resident Tom Walton has taken over the duties of minister at the First Baptist Church in Trent. Brother Walton comes to Trent from the Belmont Baptist Church in Abilene where he served as youth minister.

Tom, age 24, was raised in Wichita Falls and moved to Merkel in 1979. He is a 1981 graduate of Merkel High. After graduation, he served as a district manager for a major insurance company in Wichita Falls and he worked as a roughneck for WestTex Drilling from 1983 until 1986. He is a sophomore at Hardin-Simmons, majoring in Bible. Besides being youth director at Belmont Baptist, he has served as music minister for the Avondale Baptist Church in Sweetwater and was an assistant camp director. He is certified in Continuing Witness and as a Disciple Youth Equiper.

"I grew up in church and have always felt God's call to minister," said Brother Walton. "I was saved April 20th, 1966 in Abilene and I surrendered to the ministry

May 5th, 1986. Every Christian's calling is to minister and my main job is to help our members find their ministry, whether its preaching, leading music, missionary work or visiting from home to home. Each Christian needs to willfully submit to the Holy Spirit and with my help I hope the entire church will submit and we will grow to our full strength."

"I want our church to grow by ministering to the people in this town... they need to hear about Christ... but they also need to know you care; you need to meet their needs. By reaching the needs of the people, you show them you care and it will help you show that Jesus Christ loves and cares for them also."

Brother Walton and his wife Sheri have moved to Trent along with their children Allison-5, Trey-2 and Andy-1. They invite the people of the surrounding area to come by and visit with them.

by W. E. Dulaney

Local group holds Christmas party

The Preceptor Eta Omega Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met Dec. 14th at the Family Buffet Restaurant in Tye for their annual Christmas party. A steak dinner was served and secret sisters exchanged Christmas presents. Christmas past. Members present for the dinner were Marilyn Baker, Opal Garner, Blanche

Heidi Y Sadler, Pat Schuknecht, Mamie Steck and Connie Ybarra.

Local CPA explains new IRS deductions

by Andy Hart, CPA

1987 is over. This means tax time is just around the corner, and once again you must sit down and try to figure out how to fill out your tax return. The government has made this task extremely difficult this year with their so-called "Tax Simplification Act." I have been doing tax returns for the public for close to nine years and never before has there been such a radical change in the tax laws.

Over the next 15 weeks, I will try to make you aware of changes that might affect your taxes. Of course, each situation has different rules for different circumstances, so you should consult your tax advisor or read the instructions in your form booklet if you have any questions. The IRS office also has free publications available for your use at the Abilene IRS office.

To start this series off, I think you should be aware that the personal exemptions have changed for 1987. You will receive \$1,900 per exemption you claim on your return. This, combined with your standard deduction of \$3,760 for joint returns and surviving spouses, \$2,540 for head of households and single filers, and \$1,800 for married filing separately, is deducted from your adjusted gross income to determine your taxable income. However, if your total itemized deductions exceed the standard deduction this will be

used instead of the standard deduction. For example, if you are married with two children and file a joint return you can make \$11,360 before paying any income tax.

The additional exemption for the elderly and blind has been eliminated in 1987. These taxpayers will be allowed their personal exemption of \$1,900 and a standard deduction of \$5,000 coupled with an additional \$600 per taxpayer over 65 or blind. For example, if you are married and over 65 but your spouse is not, you can make \$9,400 before paying any income tax.

Any children over the age of five claimed as a dependent must have a social security number which will also need to be included on the face of the tax return. In addition, any dependent who is claimed on another person's return can not use their personal exemption on their return and their standard deduction may be limited.

If your child is 14 or under and has over \$1,000 in unearned income, he will pay tax on this amount at his parent's top marginal rate. This combined with the elimination of his personal exemption and any other earned income will cause you child to owe income tax.

This has been a brief overview of what you are entitled to in the way of exemptions. I hope this series will be of benefit to you and help ease the chore of filing your 1987 tax return.



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§ Roy Lehmann and Heather Henderson were named the 6th grade students of the month. Roy is the son of Susan Archa and his favorite subject is geography. He enjoys playing basketball and wants to be a mechanic.

§ Heather is the daughter of Greg and Dayna Henderson. Her favorite subjects are art and band and she enjoys riding horses. She wants to become a registered nurse. They were selected as Students of the Month in November.



§ The 7th grade students of the month for November are Caleb Kelso and Susan Holden.

§ Caleb is the son of Leon and Carolyn Kelso and his favorite subjects are computers and sci-

ence. He enjoys programming computers. Susan is the daughter of Lela and Junior Holden and her favorite subjects are science and homemaking. She enjoys playing basketball and wants to become a good basketball player.



§ The 8th grade students of the month are Scott Cannon and Callie Schramper. They are the students of the month for November. Scott is the son of Jackie

math. He enjoys playing basketball. Callie is the daughter of Sully and Mary Schramper and her favorite subjects are art and English. She likes to draw and



§ The 6th grade students of the month for December are Rosa Avalos and Bryan Lepard. Rosa is the daughter of Joe & Lupe Avalos and her favorite subjects are science and reading. She likes to

play basketball and wants to be a coach. Bryan is the son of Dick & Karla Lepard. His favorite subject is science and he likes to watch t.v. He wants to play pro football.



§ Mendy Law and Donnie Windland are the 7th grade students of the month for December. Mendy is the daughter of Kenny and Janet Law and her favorite subjects are athletics and home-making. Her favorite past times are shopping and playing basket-

ball and she wants to be a good basketball player and make all A's in school.

§ Donnie is the son of Donnie and Sarah Windland. His favorite subjects are computers and history and enjoys hunting. He wants to make a lot of money.

MISD lunch menu

The following is the MISD lunch menu:
 Jan. 7th: Fried chicken, whipped potatoes, green beans, sliced peaches.
 Jan. 8th: Hamburgers with fries and all the trimmings, walk-to-school cookies.
 Jan. 11: Salisbury steak with brown gravy, whipped potatoes, english peas, applesauce cake with lemon sauce.

Jan. 12th: Kitchen made beef & cheese pizza, mixed vegetables, lettuce and tomato salad, sliced peaches.
 Jan. 13: Bar-b-q links, pinto beans, fried okra, pears.
 Jan. 14: Turkey pot pie, mixed vegetables, lettuce wedges, whipped jello with topping.
 Jan. 15th: Hamburgers fries and all the trimmings, fresh orange wedges.



§ Receiving five year awards from Walls are [from left] Wayne Palmer, Natividad Teitez, Juanita Almaguer, Demetria Valero, Josie Gonzales, Wanda Wegener, Rachel Atkins, Darleen McCormick, Rosalinda Lally, Rose Holmes, Victoria Gonzales, Maria Moreno, Willia Williams and Ron Istre. [Walls photo]



Receiving ten year service pins from Walls are [from left] Wayne Palmer, Jeri Treadwell, Sandra Thomas, Ferrell Adcock, Doris Robertson, Ruby Acuna, Juanez Buntin, Elvira Vasquez, Elsie Swinney, Allie Tuckey and Ron Istre. [Walls photo]

Walls honors employees

Service certificates were awarded to 23 employees in the Merkel facility of Walls Industries, Inc. Dec. 15th. Presenting the awards were Wayne Palmer, plant manager and Ron Istre, vice president of manufacturing.

In presenting the awards, Istre said the contribution of all the people honored had been a major factor in making Walls the leading name in the apparel industry. Walls Industries is based in Clerburne and has eight locations in Texas that employ over 1,400 people.

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Letter to the Editor:
 Over the holidays we came back to our "hometown" for a visit. It was distressing to see downtown Merkel in such a disaray. Old buildings in need of repair, refurbishment, or just plain needed to be taken away and the area

cleaned up.
 Where is the leadership of Merkel? Doesn't Merkel still want to be the nicest little town in West Texas?
 Roy Roberts
 610 West Inwood Drive
 Arlington, Texas 76010

Local students honored at TSTI

The following local students were named honor students at TSTI-Sweetwater for the fall semester.

Named to the Dean of Instruction's Honor Roll were Jenny Wilde and Danny Beasley in

Automated Office Technology. Mary Rister in Computer Science and Shelly Bradshaw in automated office.

Named to the President's Honor List was Alvin Caulder Jr in air conditioning and refrigeration.



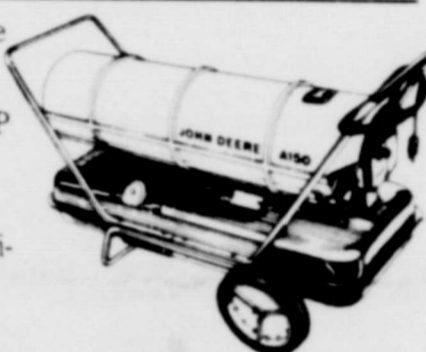
§ The 8th grade students of the month are Lillian Leach and Peppy Avalos. Lillian is the daughter of W. R. and Ann Leach and her favorite subjects are art and history. She enjoys showing

sheep and she wants to become a teacher. Peppy is the son of Jose and Lupe Avalos. His favorite subject is american history and he enjoys throwing the football with his brother. He wants to go to college.

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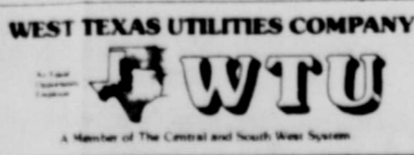
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THE STATE OF TEXAS, TO: MRS. J. H. TERRELL, PAULINE TERRELL, CHARLES TERRELL, MRS. FRANCES BOOKHART, JAMES E. ROSS, HUGH W. ROSS, JR., MATTYE Z. POGUE BURKS, DOYLE POGUE, NORA POGUE, STEVEN THOMAS JONES, and THELMA DECKER, Defendants, GREETINGS:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Second Amended Original Petition at or before ten o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being Monday, the 25th day of January, 1988, at or before ten o'clock a.m. before the Honorable 104th District Court of Taylor County, Texas, at the Courthouse of said County in Abilene, Texas.

Said Plaintiff's Second Amended Petition was filed in said Court on the 8th day of December, 1987, in this cause, numbered 16,912-B, on the docket of said Court, and styled, THE FIRST STATE BANK, ABILENE, TEXAS, PLAINTIFF v. BILL MUNDEN, INDIVIDUALLY AND D/ B/ A M-CINCO RANCH AND BILL MUNDEN WELDING, PAUL-ETTE HICKS MUNDEN, CARY MUNDEN BY AND THROUGH HIS NEXT FRIEND, BILL MUNDEN, KEVIN MUNDEN, BY AND THROUGH HIS NEXT FRIEND, BILL MUNDEN, KEITH MUNDEN, BY AND THROUGH HIS NEXT FRIEND, BILL MUNDEN, LINDA MUNDEN, BY AND THROUGH HER NEXT FRIEND, BILL MUNDEN, BILL MUNDEN, THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK, ABILENE, TEXAS, TRUSTEE FOR THE CHARLES TRACY MUNDEN TRUST, NO. 1, MRS. J. H. TERRELL, PAULINE TERRELL, CHARLES TERRELL, MRS. FRANCES BOOKHART, JAMES E. ROSS, HUGH W. ROSS, JR., MATTYE Z. POGUE BURKS, DOYLE POGUE, NORA POGUE, STEVEN THOMAS JONES, and THELMA DECKER, DEFENDANTS.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows to-wit: A suit against BILL MUNDEN, INDIVIDUALLY AND D/ B/ A

M-CINCO RANCH and D/ B/ A BILL MUNDEN WELDING on a debt; a trespass to try title and partition of certain real property located in Taylor County, Texas, including the improvements thereon, described as follows, to-wit:

TRACT ONE: The Southwest one-fourth (SW/4) of Section 7, Block 5, T & P Ry. Co. Lands, Taylor County, Texas, less ten (10) acres conveyed to G. W. WILSON on April 15, 1907, by Deed recorded at Volume 55, Page 616, Deed Records, Taylor County, Texas.

TRACT TWO: The North 171.9 acres of Section No. 15, Block No. 4, T & P Ry. Co. Survey, Taylor County, Texas, and the North one-half (N/2) of Section No. 7, Block No. 5, T & P Ry. Co. Survey, Taylor County, Texas, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Second Amended Original Petition on file in this suit.

If this citation is not served within ninety (90) 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, Taylor County, Texas, this the 9th day of December, 1987.

Attest: Rilla Mahoney, District Clerk 104th District Court, Taylor County, Texas. By: JoAnn Lackey, Deputy (Seal) 51-4tc-111

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Thomas Hanley's services held here

Thomas Robert Hanley, 76, of Merkel, died Dec. 29th at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene.

Funeral services were held Dec. 31st at Merkel's First Baptist Church with David Strange officiating. Burial followed at the Hills-Ferry Cemetery in Newman, Ca.

Born Sept. 12, 1911 in Dustin, Okla., he was the son of Tom Hanley and Jessie (Norman) Hanley. He was a retired dairy worker.

He had worked for Avoset Foods

Retired school teacher's services held

Mary Kate Campbell, a retired school teacher, died Jan 2 at Palo Duro Hospital in Lamar County.

Funeral services were held Jan 4th at the Central Church of Christ in Amarillo with Paul Sneed officiating. Graveside services were held Jan. 5th at Rose Hill Cemetery here with Bob Brandon of the Merkel Church of Christ officiating. Burial followed under the direction of the Starbuck Funeral Home.

She had been an elementary

Trent writer has new phone number

A letter to my Trent readers: It has been brought to our attention that I seem to have slowed down on my news gathering for the community.

Due to an oversight on my part, I have failed to include my new phone number on any of my articles so, unfortunately, people who have had news to report for The Mail have been unable to contact me. I apologize for my mistake and I am really sorry if

any thing needed printing was overlooked.

As for slowing down, no, this is not true. The Christmas Holidays have come and gone and I will start my snooping again. To all of you that were kind enough to ask what happened, Thank You! Here's to a happy New Year! We hope all of your news is good news.

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Eighth grade students at Merkel Middle School will have the opportunity to travel to Washington D. C. this spring.

Monica Irwin, a middle school teacher will be leading the trip and the trip is open to any 8th

Mitchell-Higgins wedding held here

Jennifer Mitchell and Danny Higgins, both of Merkel, were married Dec. 21st in the home of Linda & Russell Larson, also of Merkel.

Serving as Matron of Honor was Becky Golson and best man was

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grade student who are in good standing with teachers and administrators. A meeting will be held for interested parents Jan. 12th at 6:30 p.m. in the Middle School Library. For more information, contact Monica Irwin at the Middle School.

the groom's brother Dale Higgins. The Rev. Bill Hilliard of the Northside Baptist Church here, officiated.

Following a wedding trip to San Antonio, the couple are making their home here.

school teacher in Amarillo for 30 years. She was a lifetime member of the Texas State Teacher's Association as well as the National Education Association. She was also a member of the Amarillo Retired Teachers Association and the Beta Delta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma. She also was a member of the Amarillo Senior Citizens Association and the Central Church of Christ since 1929.

She is survived by a sister, Ouida Reed of Merkel and a nephew, Bill Reid of Canyon.

As this year's deer season is completed it was appropriate for me to finally turn a bit more. I always feel slightly relaxed if I don't get to hunt in the winter driving rain. The thunderstorm that blew in late last week did indeed float; and, outside of we feel and a late start, both hunters survived to hunt again.

Last Saturday, I witnessed some shooting that bordered on fanatic. A fellow hunter shot four wild pigs in one day. The first pig was fairly routine and fell to the hunters custom built 270. The other three pigs were anything but routine; the hunter shot each one in the run with three consecutive

shots in about four seconds. Each pig was hit cleanly through the shoulder with a 257 Roberts slug a about 75 yards. I have never seen as consistent, cool shooting as that. This is a classic example of a very experienced Hunter-shooter using a rifle fitted specially to him. His rifles are also loaded with carefully handloaded ammunition and tested all year long. It takes this kind of attention to detail to be capable of such good shooting should the opportunity present itself.

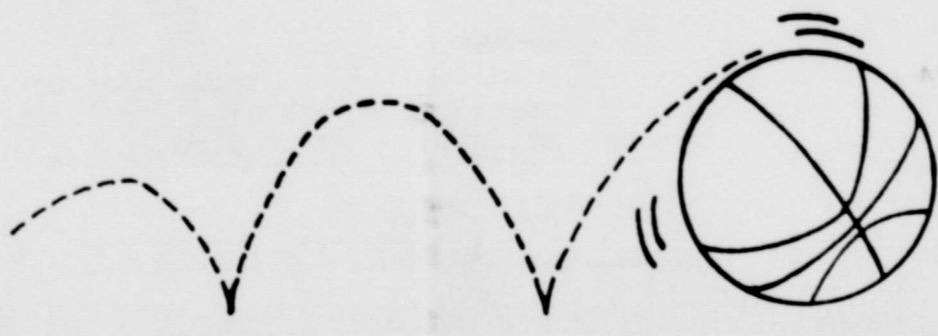
Since deer season ends this weekend, if you don't get some hunting in you will have to wait until next year or make due with quail or ducks. I hope the hunters have had the opportunity to spend as much time afield as I have; this season has been one of the most enjoyable and productive I can remember.

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