

# The Merkel Mail

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## City plans info meeting on new City Hall Monday

The Merkel City Council met Monday and set a planning meeting to discuss the new City Hall for Monday night at 7 p.m.

The City has been saving money it receives from Bingo tax rebates and plans to build the structure on newly acquired land with those funds.

Council also agreed to trade building on the block where the new structure will be located, at the corner of Old Highway 80 and Kent Street.

The city will be trading the old city hall building on North 2nd and Lamar here for the "domino hall", located on Old Highway 80. City manager J. A. Sadler told councilmen that exchange would help take care of cleaning up that entire city block.

The city is also planning to house all functions in the new City Hall, including the library. They also are planning a drive through window service area for payment of water-sewage sanitation bills in the new building.

In other council activity, local citizen Cathy Garrett asked the council to complete a fence

on the city's barn facility. She told councilmen she had witnessed a couple of the incidents where gasoline and batteries were stolen from the trash truck and she feels the fence would discourage further thefts. Council said they would look into the cost of completing that fence.

Council also appointed election judges for the May city council elections.

Betty Cypert will serve as the judge and Janessa Green will be the alternate.

The city manager also told councilmen the city would have to have prepared and approved a maintenance and operation plan for the city waste-water treatment facility.

Consulting engineer Billy Jacobs of Abilene will prepare that manual for the city.

Sadler also told council the time was approaching to look for a new landfill site. The city probably has between seven and eight years of use remaining on the current site and the application process could take as long as five years.

Council named Robert Leo Harris as the city's new fire marshal.

Harris will be responsible for inspection of local public buildings as well as investigating causes of local fires.

In other action, council learned that work on six local homes under a state-sponsored rehab program was almost completed.

Council also heard the monthly police report from Merkel Police Chief Bob Jones.

Merkel police worked a total of 46 cases in February.

Police investigated five traffic accidents, two forgeries, two burglaries, and three thefts.

Police also investigated a case each of burglary of a motor vehicle, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, driving while license suspended, assault and criminal mischief.

Police issued 18 citations and made five arrests for public intoxication. They also filed a case of discharging a firearm in the city limits, as well as a case of allowing a dog to run loose.

Police also answered one dog call and made three arrests.



## John Starbuck named citizen of the year by local Chamber

The Merkel Chamber of Commerce named John Starbuck of Merkel as the 1988 Citizen of the Year at their annual banquet held at Heritage Hall Tuesday night.

About 125 people enjoyed a barbecued brisket dinner and the magic of Abilene based magician Lonnie Chevré.

Starbuck is the youngest person to be recognized as the Chamber's Citizen of the Year since the award began.

Chamber manager Marilyn Tittle opened the program with a rundown of Chamber activities held during 1987.

Special awards of recognition were presented to Carson Supermarket, the Farmers and Merchants National Bank and Independent American Savings for their contributions to the clean up and grass seeding of a vacant lot downtown.

Students in Pat Neff's Merkel High art 3 and 4 classes were also recognized for their efforts in helping create Christmas decorations for the Chamber.

Starbuck was recognized for his efforts in behalf of the Chamber, The Merkel Lions Club, his church and the West Texas Rehabilitation Center. John has been a top donation ticket seller for the Chamber and Lions activities for the past ten years.

The Chamber also announced new officers for 1988 at the banquet. The new Chamber president is Dana Dunagin, vice president is Cloy A. Richards and the treasurer is Mary Littrell.

The meal was catered by Pug and Leo's Restaurant of Merkel and a brisket auction was performed by Precinct 2 County Commissioner Don Dudley.

The Chamber's next activity will be an Easter Egg hunt. Details of that will be in the next edition of The Mail.

John Starbuck (with plaque) was named the Merkel Chamber of Commerce's Citizen of the Year Tuesday at the annual banquet. With John are (from left) Jennie Desimone (his grandmother) and parents Charlotte and George Starbuck. (Staff photo)

## Candidates slow to file for races

There hasn't exactly been a mad rush of candidated filing for local elections in May but candidates have until March 23rd to file for a spot on the ballot for school and city elections.

In the Merkel school board race, seats belonging to Bill Sloan and Lee Yaddow are expiring.

Filing so far are Sloan and Ronnie Doan has filed for Yaddow's seat.

The filing deadline is March 23 and since the last three days of filing falls on spring break, candidates should file between 8 a.m. and Noon March 21-23 and if you

want to file after noon a number will be posted on the window of the doors leading to the administrative offices for you to call.

No one has filed for three seats on Merkel's City Council. Seats belonging to Ted Smith, James McKee and Phillip Doan will expire this term.

That filing deadline is also March 23rd.

In the Tye City Council, mayor Violet Law has signed up for re-election.

In the Alderman, Place 2 Race, incumbent David Pery has filed and he has drawn challenges from Leota

Griffin and Allen Ries.

In the Alderman Place 4 race no one has filed for the seat that is currently held by James Dean.

That deadline is also March 23rd at 5 p.m.

For the Trent ISD, three people have filed for two seats. Incumbents Jerry Williams and Mac Sipe have filed for re-election and Gary Beam has also filed.

Since Trent's filing deadline also falls during Spring Break, people wanting to file March 21-23 should contact Robert LaBerge at 862-6164 or Don Gibson at 826-6246.

## City tax rebates drop 4.5%

Merkel's sales tax rebates took a nose dive in February and are now 4.59 per cent behind last year's pace, according to a news release from the State Comptroller's Office.

After a good start last month, Merkel February rebates were \$2,422,97, compared to \$3,975,62 for the same month last year. So far this year, Merkel has received

\$14,507.02, compared to \$15,204.86 last year. The percentage change from February 1988 to February 1987 was 39.05 percent.

Tye fared better as their rebates are up 4.61 percent.

Tye's February check was \$3,631.82, compared to \$4,301.96 for the same period last year for a 15.51 percent decline. So far this year, Tye has received

\$15,455.85, compared to \$14,775.39 through the same period last year. A total of \$52.4 million was rebated to 834 cities and 81 counties that collect the local option sales tax.

March checks represent taxes collected by monthly filers in January and reported to the Comptroller's Office by Feb. 22.



Abilene magician Lonnie Chevré shows a standard magicians trick at the local Chamber of Commerce Banquet here Tuesday. Chevré proved to be very popular with the crowd. (Staff photo)

## Track teams off to fast start

The Merkel boys and girls track teams fared well in competitions over the weekend.

The boys finished 3rd of 20 teams in the West Texas Relays in Odessa.

Track coach Luke Taylor told The Mail Tuesday "We have a real young team this year and we are waiting on some of those guys to develop."

Taylor said his guys turned in some good performances for the early season in Odessa.

Brit Pursley led the way as he won three events and was 2nd in another. The defending state pole vault champ won that event with a jump of 14'6" to set a new meet record.

Pursley also won the high jump with a leap of 6'7" and that also set a new meet record. He won the 110 high hurdles with a time of 14.7 and was 2nd in the long jump with a leap of 21'4".

Shayne Newberry win the discus with a toss of 151, was third in the long jump with a leap of 20'10" and was 6th in the 110 hurdles and the 330 hurdles.

David DeLeon was 4th in the 400 while Phillip Seymore was 5th in the pole vault.

Other members of the varsity track team are Robert McFadden, Billy Hair, Chris Biera, John Paul Dudley, Michael Woodall, Sean Leamon, Richard Eleby, John Boswell, Cory Chick, Cory Hines, Ray Cobb, Tommy White, Kevin Wright, John Walsh, Cole Cisco, Cody Suterfield and Charles Bennefield.

The boys will be competing in the Wylie Relays Saturday, will travel to San Angelo March 25 & 26, to Breckenridge April 2, to Hamlin April 9 and the district meet will be held April 14 and 15 in Sonora.

Girls 2nd in Cisco. The Badger girls placed 2nd in Cisco of 8 team competing as Merkel racked up 120 points.

Coach Dee Goldsmith's are very young this year as there are 12 freshmen among 17 on the varsity team.

The girls were led by Jayna Goldsmith's 34 points. Scoring for the Lady Badgers were Ava Bobanow who was 4th in the discus and shot. Clarica Hines was 6th in the discus.

In the long jump, Goldsmith was 1st and Michele Dudley 4th.

In the triple jump, Goldsmith was 2nd and Dudley 3rd.

In the high jump, Carolyn Lally was 2nd.

In the 100 hurdles, Angie Leverich was 3rd while Cara Kelso was 4th in the 100.

In the 200, Goldsmith was 2nd while Dudley was 2nd in the 400.

Tracy Thomas was 3rd in the 400 while Dudley was 3rd in the 800.

The sprint relay team of Jana Daniels, Kelso, Lally and Goldsmith was 1st.

The 800 relay team of Leverich, Kelso, Goldsmith and Lally was 1st and the mile relay team of Dudley, Leverich, Beasley and Thomas was also 3rd.

## Little League registration is Saturday

Registration for the Merkel Little League will be held again Saturday from 9 a.m. until Noon at the local WYU office.

Deadline for registration is March 26th.

Registration forms have been handed out in school and a form is printed in this week's edition of The Mail.

Cost is \$25 per player or \$35 maximum for a family.

Another registration will be held March 22 from 7 until 8:30 p.m. at Heritage Hall.

The final registration date is March 26th at 5:30 p.m. That will also be the date and time for the major league tryouts. All boys age 10 will be required to try-out as well as all boys over that age who did not play in the major league division here last year.

Little League is open to all players between the age of 6 and 12.

## Free tax assistance available

Free tax assistance is available through VITA, the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program sponsored by the Internal Revenue Service and will be available at Merkel's First United Methodist Church March 19th from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. and at the Ben Franklin Store March 12th from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

VITA helps lower income, elderly and non-English speaking taxpayers fill out form 1040EZ, form 1040A or a basic form 1040. Volunteers also alert taxpayers to the special credits and deductions for which they may be eligible, such

as the child care and earned interest credits, the tax credit for the elderly, and deductions for certain medical and dental expenses.

However, VITA volunteers do not handle complicated tax matters, according to the IRS.

Taxpayers seeking the local help should bring this year's tax package, usually received through the mail, wage and earnings statements the interest received from banks, a copy of last year's tax return, if available, and any other information concerning income and expenses.

## Lambda Beta pageant is April 9

A new date has finally been set for the annual Lambda Beta Beauty Pageant.

The event will be held April 9 and the rehearsal will be held April 8.

Entry forms will be available at all school campuses in Merkel, Trent and Tye at the end of the week.

The entry deadline is April 1. They can be returned to the school or dropped off at 706 Yucca.

There is no entry fee. The winner of this year's Miss Merkel title will receive a \$200 scholarship to be used toward college fees.

For more information, call Virginia at 928-4379 or Sharon at 928-4552.

## Another year, John, fire . . . more

by Cloy A. Richards

It's kind of a red letter week around the ol' Merkel Mail.

First off, we start yet another year of publication and when next March rolls around, the paper will be 100 years old. We have some big plans for all of that and we will let you know what they are when they are finalized.

Also last week, we managed to pay off the business debt at the F & M Bank here and man, that felt good.

A lot has happened, as far as we are concerned, during the past ten years here. We are just as proud as we can be that we cleared that financial hurdle, especially when a lot of folks in this part of the state have seen both good

and bad times.

Don't get me wrong, as my banker can attest, we would never have been able to pay that note off without the help of my parents, and for that, my family and this newspaper will be eternally grateful.

The Merkel Chamber of Commerce recognized John Starbuck as its Citizen of the Year Tuesday night at their annual banquet and from what I have been able to determine, he's the youngest person ever to receive that honor.

As I have said before in this space, he's the kind of guy that every community could stand a lot more of.

He's willing to help, he's willing to work, kind, cheerful and

a heck of a guy.

Noone here could deserve the recognition as much as John does.

Thank goodness that range fire near Albany and Clyde didn't do any more damage than it already did.

Nearly 350,000 acres of range land was burned and ranchers there are going to have a hard time feeding cattle for the next 10 to 12 weeks.

If you would like to help in any way, contact the Shackelford County Extension Office.

A lot of Merkel folks brought food for the Scott family last week and Mrs. A. D. Scott was by the office Monday. She wanted me to pass along here sincere thanks and said people may pick up dishes at the James McKee residence at 822 Yucca here.



**THS track results**

The Trent High School track teams saw action for the first time this season as they traveled to Monday for the Mool Relays. The relays were won by Munday in both the boys and girls divisions. Trent finished 12th in the boys division and 14th in the girls division.

The highlight of the meet was Scott O'Reilly's second place finish in the shot with a throw of 49'2" while Tammy Collier finished

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5th with a throw of 30'10 3/4" also in the shot.

On a related note, freshman Travis Walker finished in 2nd in the JV division in pole vault going out at 9 feet.

The next action for Trent will be in the 6-Man division of the Jayton Invitational Saturday and they will travel to Stephenville March 26th for a 6-Man coaches association sanctioned meet. They also plan to compete in the Asper-

**Local soccer results**

by W. E. Dilaney

The Big Country Soccer Association was in its third week Saturday with four of five teams in action.

The Redskins' game was cancelled due to the range fire that threatened Albany making it impossible for the Albany Lions to field a team.

In under 6 action, the Sidekicks upset their record to 2-1 with a 6-1 shooting of the Cowboys. Matthew Brown led the way for the "Kicks" with three goals with Colby Watts adding two and Adam Vinson getting one. On the defensive side of the field, Courtney Durbase had an outstanding game for the "Kicks" who have won two in a row after a season opening loss.

The Rowdies fell to 1-2 on the season, losing to the #1 seeded Bears 4-0 in under 8 action. The Rowdies received good efforts from Rusty Holmes, Kyle Whisenant, Aaron Dilaney, Kicky Dye and Justin Mann despite the setback.

In girls action, the Defeeters saw their record drop to 1-1-1

with a 6-0 loss to the Jim Ned Spirit. The Defeeters received valiant efforts from all the girls. The team was shorthanded due to illness and had to play non-stop without substitutions.

The 3 Pints, Merkel's own little dynasty, ran their unbeaten streak to 10 games with a 6-0 extermination of the Crickets behind four goals from Shelley Vaughn and two from Jennifer Hewitt. On defense, Kayla Tarpley contributed outstanding play. With the win, the "Pints" remain unbeaten at 2-0-1.

Big Country Soccer action will resume next week with all Merkel teams returning to action.

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By Ade Harkness  
 This week's topic is on passive activity. Beginning in 1987, you can only offset passive losses against passive income. Credits will only be used to offset tax derived from passive activities. The new law does provide exceptions for certain activities, such as rental real estate activities and also certain phase-in rules for some losses.

A passive activity is defined as any activity involving the conduct of any trade or business in which the taxpayer does not materially participate. In order to qualify as a material participant the taxpayer must be involved on a regular, continuous and substantial basis.

Generally, retired or disabled taxpayers are treated as material participants. In order to qualify as a material participant the taxpayer must be involved on a regular, continuous and substantial basis.

The law specifically excludes and working interest in an oil and gas property that the taxpayer holds directly or through an entity that does not limit his liability from the passive activity loss rule.

Any rental activity is a passive activity regardless of whether the taxpayer materially participates. A special exception has been given to individuals who actively participate in their rental real estate

activities. The law allows them to deduct up to \$25,000 of otherwise disallowed losses from rental real estate activities for the offset their other income. To qualify as an active participant the taxpayer must participate in a managerial or substantial way.

Passive activity losses and credits are not allowed in the tax year they are incurred. Instead, they may be carried forward to the next year. Generally, any passive activity losses that have accumulated will be allowed in the tax year in which the taxpayer disposes of the interest or activity. The entire interest or activity must be disposed of and the person acquiring the interest must not be related to the taxpayer.

Interests in passive activities the taxpayer acquired before October 21, 1986, are eligible for a special phase-in of the passive activity losses and credits limits. Because of the phase-in provision, a certain percentage of those passive activity losses and credits will be allowed to offset nonpassive income and taxes beginning in 1987 and continuing until the phase-in of the limits is complete in 1991. The applicable percentage for 1987 is 65%.

**Good luck!**  
**Ladies luncheon**  
 Ladies of the area are invited to an inter-denominational spring "pot luck" luncheon March 26 at Merkel's First United Methodist Church.

The luncheon will be held at the church gym and will start at noon. Area churchwomen are invited to attend.

**Co-Op speech contest is Thursday**

Taylor Electric Co-Op will hold their annual government in action Youth Tour contest Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Cooperative office here.

Students from the area will compete in the oratorical contest for a two week trip to Washington, D.

**Fortnightly group learns about Indy**

The GHW Fortnightly Study Club met Feb. 23 in the home of Mary Colins with Aileen Knight as co-hostess.

President Alice King heard committee reports and accepted volunteers to help decorate luncheon tables in a patriotic theme for the Mesquite District Convention to be held at the Kiva Inn March 18-19.

Vice president Ruby Hammond introduced Leotta Patterson, who informed and entertained us with facts and myths about her native city, Indianapolis.

The main economic base is farming and manufacturing. Indianapolis is a growing city of about 717,000 people near I-65. It has a children's museum, an art museum, a convention center, the Hoosier

Center, where they will tour many of the national shrines.

The subject for the 5-8 minute speech is "Energy and Electricity." A panel of judges will be personnel from neighboring cooperatives. The two winners will be announced following the contest.

Done, the old railroad station is refurbished with shops, restaurants and a stage for entertainment five shopping malls and of course, the Indianapolis 500. Last summer the city hosted the Pan American games and will open its new zoo this summer.

Evelyn Martin closed the meeting by reading her original inspirational poem "Sail."

Members present were Grace Lee Brown, Pam Carson, Bess Dixon, Anna Lou Ferguson, Ruby Hammond, Lucy Haynes, Edna Hill, Nina Bell Hughes, Alice King, Aileen Knight, Mary K. Logan, Evelyn Martin, Leotta Patterson, Jeanette Pursley, Becky Rogers, Ida Seymore, Anna Belle Shouse, Sybil South, Clara Lee Walla, Maurine White and Lucille Wilson.

**1988 basketball season is one to remember**

by John Strickland  
 assistance provided by Johnny Hampton and former Mark Ferguson

This season is one that will be long remembered by the members and friends of the 1987-88 Merkel High Boys Basketball team. The story-book season had a lot of fine accomplishments.

One of those accomplishments that will stand out in the minds of every Merkel citizen for months to come is that this Badger squad knocked off Abilene-Wylie not once, not twice, but three times this season. One of those wins came in the not-so-friendly confines of Wylie Building Gym. That, in itself, was not only an accomplishment but a first, as well. It's been a long time since Merkel has beaten Wylie on their home turf.

When the three-point shot was adopted by the Texas high school boys and girls basketball teams this season, pre-season sports articles had it that the game would be more wide open with this new rule. Merkel had no problem integrating this new weapon into their patient offense. The Badgers had several players who took advantage of the three point shot.

The top gun in the long-range shot department was Monty Griffin. He was pretty effective. Against Breckenridge in a bi-district game he made 7 of 8 attempts. When I asked coach Johnny Hampton what he thought about our 3-point accuracy, he replied "decent, no more than average." When asked if he thought Monty's seven three-point shots in a playoff game would be a record, he said he didn't know.

The old saying "there's no place like home," meant the Badger gym this year as Merkel won all 11 home games. The friendly confines sure came in to play when the Ballinger Bearcats rolled into town with a 21 game winning streak and a number eight ranking in the state poll. The Badger Express was clicking on all cylinders and before the first half was over, Ballinger was just about history. The end result: Badgers 61, Ballinger 40.

Coach Hampton will have several pairs of shoes to fill when the 1988-89 season rolls around. Five seniors, including three starters, graduate from a team that finished its season with a 25-6 record.

These seniors are Brett Parsley, Blakey Westberry, Ted Soyars, Lynn Hays and Allen Isaac. Five people returning next year to defend Merkel's district and bi-district championships include Monty Griffin, Wade Deane, Tracy Trevino, Michael Atkins, Kenneth Jowers, Steve Leaverich and manager Sean Melton.

In closing, this is how coach Hampton summarized the season: "I

wish I had a better year than I expected. I thought we did real well. We made it to the area round of the playoffs and that's something they haven't done in a while."

This writer wishes continued success to the boy's basketball team.

**Tye elementary honor students**

The following is the honor roll for Tye Elementary school for the 4th six week grading period.

First Grade All A: Bruce Bernstein, Jamie Davis, Brandon Law, Jessica Massey, Nevada Copeland, Anita Prado, Lance Spicer, Amber Vickers, Stephanie Finch, Jessica Peterson.

A-B: Jenny Tehrani, Slood Adams, Kristen Smith, Kristin Snowden, Larry Bunsinger, Lance Richard, Brandon Taylor.

Second Grade All A: John Carquillo, Shara Day, Maggie Quintana, Katrina Nelson, Alice Sheffield.

A-B: Jennifer Moxley, Janis Williams, Paul Robinson, Billy Johnson, Deanna Olson, Timothy Pierson, Tonya Pettyjohn, Chris Wilder, Carrie Young.

Third Grade All A: Tiffany Snowden, Aaron Cade, Randi Kilpatrick, Kelly Sanchez, Patricia Scoville.

A-B: Christopher Harris, Rebecca Killam, Christi Massey, Ter-

ra Searcy, Trey Holley, Nichole Jacobs, Randy Jennings, Gary Mc-Killup, Josh Podrovitz.

Fourth Grade A-B: January Johnson, Brandly Jordan, Amy Lepard, Ken Schaeffer, Tim Thorpe, Billy Votaw.

Fifth Grade All A: Jessica Cade, Kellie Edwards, Crystal Gayle, Mar-

issa Searcy, Jennifer Anderson, Jill Jennings, Melissa Podrovitz, Brandi Wilson.

A-B: Toran Newman, Marquita Shank, Larry Somers, George Votaw, Mandy Workman, LaTrisha Curry, Heather Davis, Billy Furman, Naomi Hoover, Brad Locke, Colby Sheffield.

**Softball tourney planned**

The Xi Nu Eta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi will hold a softball tournament (men's sloppitch) April 23 & 24th.

Entry fee is \$100 per team. A 15 man roster is to be turned in before the first game.

The tournament will consist of teams from Division II and down with a two man pickup limit. There will be no home run limit. First, 2nd and 3rd place teams

and individual trophies will be awarded.

A home run derby will also be held. Prize is \$3 for 10 balls. The better will pick his pitcher and a trophy will be awarded.

A concession stand will be available with barbecued sandwiches and snacks.

For more information, contact Cathy Pack at 928-4959, Marilyn Tittle at 928-5722 or Sherry Wright at 928-3000.

**Lambda Beta Beauty pageant entry form**

Children must be 3 years old before pageant date

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Will do typing in my home. I also have Watkins Products and Mary Kay cosmetics. Call Martha Sue Justice at 928-5017.

Germania Insurance Company. For your insurance needs. Locally represented by Donna Carter, please call 928-5348. 11-1tp

Alcoholics Anonymous and Al-Anon meetings are Tuesday & Thursday at the New Testament Church in Merkel on S. 5th & Trundy.

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## TIME & DAY CHANGE

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Granny's Playhouse Day Care Center - Open 6 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. Hot lunch & snacks provided. For more information, call 928-4904 or come by 207 Orange. TFC

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House for sale: 2 bedroo, 2 bath, central heat & air. Call for appointment 928-4738 or 928-5246 after 5. 11-1tp

For sale: 3 bedroom, 1 bath on 2 lots, well insulated, vinyl siding, 1 block from High school call 698-3624, 512-895-2141, 512-895-2259. TFC

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Having trouble qualifying or having credit problems? 2 bedroom, 1 bath, newly remodeled, new carpet & paint. Call me now Ken Hogan at Century 21 Abilene Big Country 692-8311, 928-4826, 675-9138. A.T.C.

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For rent: 1 bedroom, furnished apartment. 9025 Rose. 928-5738. 11-1tp

## GARAGE SALES

SHIPER GARAGE SALE: Dishes, household items, guns, dinette table and chairs, thousands of items, too numerous to name. Well worth the drive outside of town. 7 1/2 miles South of Merkel on FM 126, Friday & Saturday. 11-1tc

Garage Sale: Dining suite, stereo, tools, baby furnishings, motorcycle parts, clothes, lawn care supplies. 1532 Sunset Saturday and Sunday. 11-1tp

Garage Sale: Friday & Saturday at the old Sadler Clinic. 9:30-3. Antiques, new dishes, books, lots of misc. ALSO RAY PACK CASSETTE TAPES. 11-1tp

Garage Sale: Wednesday afternoon, Thursday & Friday from 10-4 North 6th & El Paso. 11-1tp

Moving sale: dishes, small appliances, hard rock maple corner hutch, quilt tops, misc. odds & ends. 709 N 1st Thurs-Sun. 11-1tp

GARAGE SALE #12 Pioneer Ct., Tables, Chairs, Portable Dryer, Bicycle and other misc. Fri. 9 am to 5 pm and Sat. 11-1tcg

BIG 4 FAMILY YARD SALE Bank beds, truck running boards toys, antiques, baby clothes and furniture, lots of misc. Friday & Saturday, street behind Trent Bank. 11-1tcg

Garage Sale: Saturday 8-4 misc. items 1407 Stewart. 11-1tp

5 Family Yard Sale: Lots of everything. 507 Trundy. Wed-Sat 8-5 11-1tp

## CARDS OF THANKS

We want to thank our many friends and loved ones for the love and concern they have shown us during the long illness and death of our loved one. The prayers, visits, phone calls, cards, food and flowers, all meant so very much to us. A special thanks to Brother Keller for the beautiful service and to the choir for the beautiful song service. The family of Sylvia Newsom. Ernest Newsom

Mr. & Mrs. Leroy Thomas & Family  
Mr. & Mrs. John Stout & Family  
Mr. & Mrs. Buddy Hunter & Family  
Mr. & Mrs. Collis Michels  
Mr. & Mrs. Mickey Newsom  
Mr. & Mrs. Ted Newsom  
Mr. & Mrs. Ned Newsom

Our hearts are filled with humility and appreciation for our many good friends whose comfort during our recent sadness meant so much to us. We thank each of you from the bottom of our hearts.

A special thank you to all those who paid such a beautiful tribute to our Jeff.

Thanks to the REA personnel, Gloria Henslee and Dwan English for all your help and to James McKee for his message.

For all the prayers, visits, cards, flowers and plants, they are so greatly appreciated.

May God Bless each one of you. Kelly Scott

The David Scott Family  
The Dawn Shipley Family  
The A. D. Scott Family  
The D. R. Woodard Family

We would like to express our thanks to all the people who have helped us get back on our feet again after our tragic house fire on the 6th of March.

We truly appreciate the quick response of the Merkel Volunteer Fire Department.

We would also like to thank all the wonderful people who donated their food, time, money and belongings to help us get started all over again. We would like to mention everyone by name but that would at least fill this page and we would probably still accidentally leave someone out so we will just say "THANK YOU VERY MUCH". Sincerely, Bruce, Lamm & Nicole Woods

We would like to thank our good friends in Merkel and Trent for their thoughtfulness during Slim Wheeler's illness.

The flowers, cards, calls & prayers certainly helped all of us. Slim Wheeler, Marvin Wheeler, John Wheeler, Lucy Bethel, Ben Wheeler

## Thanks

To those who assisted in every way at the fire at 1405 and 1407 Stewart May 6th. We wish to express our sincere thanks. May God Bless You. John & Sarah Edwards

## PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE THE STATE OF TEXAS County of Taylor

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That by virtue of a certain Writ of Execution issued out of the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County, Texas, of the 1st day of March, 1988, by writ of Execution of said 42nd District Court of Taylor County, Texas, for the sum of Nine Thousand Two Hundred Seventy Nine Dollars & 78/100 Dollars, in favor of Mohawk Mud Company in a certain cause in said Court, No. 38-111-A and styled Mohawk Mud Company vs. Jim Curry, placed in my hand for service, I, John W. Middleton as Sheriff of Taylor County, Texas, did on the 8th day of March, 1988, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Taylor County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit:

being a 7.195 acres tract of land out of part of Survey 22, Lunatic Asylum Lands, Taylor County Texas, described by metes and bounds as follows:

BEGINNING at a corner fence post set for the S. E. corner of a 10 acre tract of land, 813.43 feet East and 2877.81 feet South of the N. W. corner of Survey 22, Lunatic Asylum Lands, Taylor Co-

nty, Texas, for the S. W. and beginning corner of this tract; THENCE North 00 Deg. 05 Min. West 757 feet along the E. B. L. of said 10 acre tract to a corner fence post set in the S. B. L. of F. M. Highway 707 for the N. E. Corner of this tract, said point being in a curve to the left having a central angle of 74 Deg. and 00 Min.;

THENCE around said curve and along the S. B. L. of said F. M. Highway 707, 465.51 feet to an iron pin set for the N. E. corner of this tract;

THENCE South 01 Deg. 01 Min. West 1045.28 feet along an old fence line to an iron pin set for the S. E. corner of this tract;

THENCE North 89 Deg. 05 Min. West 346.81 feet to the place of beginning;

and levied upon as the property of Jim Curry and that on the first Tuesday in April, 1988, the same being the 5th day of said month at the Court House door, of Taylor County, in the City of Abilene, Texas, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., by virtue of said Writ of Execution I will sell said above described Real Estate at public vendue, for each, to the highest bidder, as the property of said Jim Curry.

THIS SALE WILL BE FOR CASH OR A CHASIER'S CHECK ISSUED FROM A TAYLOR COUNTY BANK.

SALE WILL BE HELD AT 10:30 A.M. And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper published in Taylor County, Texas.

Witness my hand, this 8th day of March, 1988. John W. Middleton Sheriff, Taylor County, Texas By Ekkie Swanson, Sr., Deputy 10-3tc

LAURA LEE PRICE, ATTORNEY P. O. Box 208 Abilene, Texas 79604 THE STATE OF TEXAS

TUL RICHARD SIMCO, TRUSTEE AND RICHARD SIMCO, INDIVIDUALLY, Defendant, Greeting:

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. of the Monday next following the expiration of twenty days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you.

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or be-

fore ten o'clock A.M. of the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being Monday the 18th day of April, 1988, at or before ten o'clock A.M. before the Honorable 104th District Court of Taylor County, Texas, at the Court House of said County, in Abilene, Texas.

Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said Court, on the 1st day of March, A.D. 1988, in this cause, numbered 18,138-B on the docket of said court, and styled THE FIRST STATE BANK ABILENE, TEXAS Plaintiff, vs. RICHARD SIMCO, TRUSTEE AND RICHARD SIMCO, INDIVIDUALLY Defendant.

The names of the parties to the cause are as follows: THE FIRST STATE BANK ABILENE, TEXAS are Plaintiffs and RICHARD SIMCO, TRUSTEE AND RICHARD SIMCO, INDIVIDUALLY are Defendants.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Suit on deficiency balance remaining on two Promissory Notes held by Plaintiff First State Bank Abilene, Texas, executed by Defendants Richard Simco, Trustee and Richard Simco, Individually following Foreclosure Sale by First

State Bank, Abilene, Texas, on the liens securing said Notes. Plaintiff seeks judgment for unpaid principal and interest, post judgment interest, attorneys fees, cost of suit and such other and further relief to which Plaintiff may be entitled, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

The officer executing this process shall promptly execute the same according to law, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this 3rd day of March, A.D. 1988.

Attest: Rilla Mahoney, District Clerk, 104th Court, Taylor County, Texas by Patricia Henderson, Deputy Clerk's Name and Address Rilla Mahoney, District Court Taylor County Courthouse Abilene, Texas 79602 10-4tc

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# Obituaries

## Sylvia Newsom

Sylvia Newsom, 84 of Merkel, died March 10 in Abilene. Funeral services were held March 12 at Merkel's First Baptist Church with the Rev. Wayne Keller, pastor, officiating. Burial followed at Rose Hill Cemetery here under the direction of the Starbuck Funeral Home. Born September 17, 1903 in Palo Pinto County, Texas, she was the daughter of Jessie and Alberta (Masters) Harris. She moved to Mulberry Canyon in 1921 in a covered wagon. She was a member of the First Baptist Church here and a member of the TEL Sunday School Class. She was a lover of nature. She married John William Thomas November 24, 1918 in Johnson County, Texas. He died March 13, 1961. She later married Earnest Willie Newsom November 19, 1976 here. She is survived by her husband; five sons, Leroy Thomas of Merkel, John Stout of Merkel, Mickey Newsom of Merkel, Ted Newsom of Granbury and Ned Newsom of Midlothian; three daughters, Ernestine Michels of Munday, Margaret Hunter of Merkel and Jane Rivorvan of Houston, 32 grandchildren and 36 great-grandchildren. Pallbearers were Tommy Anderson, Ricky Thomas, Mike Hagar, Darrell

Herring, Jeffrey Newsom and Ronald Edrington.

## Thelma Scott

Thelma Pha Scott, 78, of Trent, died March 9th in Abilene. Funeral services were held March 11 at the Trent First Baptist Church with Rev. Tom Walton officiating. Burial followed at Trent Cemetery under the direction of the Starbuck Funeral Home. Born March 28, 1910 in Wingate, she was the daughter of George and Molly (Cranfield) Sampson. She was a longtime area resident and a farmer's wife and homemaker. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Trent. She had married W. P. "Percy" Scott August 20, 1933 in Truby. He preceeded her in death. She is survived by two sons, Bill Scott of Austin and Joe Scott of Midland; two brothers, George Sampson of San Bernardino, Ca, and Elmo Sampson of Wichita Falls, as well as several nieces and nephews. Pallbearers included Steve Scott, Todd Scott, Jay Uherir, Michael Young, Weldon Beasley and Dale Rutherford.

## Martin Guenther

Martin Hugo Guenther, 50 of Mer- the Monday next after the expiration of 20 days from the date of service of this citation, then and there to answer the petition of HERMINA MORA, Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 29th day of FEBRUARY, 1988, against ALFONSO MORA, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 16,051-C on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Matter of The Marriage of HERMINA MORA and ALFONSO MORA," the nature of which suit is a request that the court grant a divorce and decree such other relief requested in the petition. The name of Anthony Sigala should be changed to Anthony Mora. The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree dissolving the marriage and providing for the division of property which will be binding upon you.

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

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

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court at Abilene, Texas, this 3rd day of March, 1988.

RILLA MAHONEY, DIST. CLERK  
326th District Court  
Taylor County, Texas  
by Patricia Henderson, Deputy  
11-1tc

DISTRICT ATTORNEY  
TAYLOR COUNTY COURTHOUSE  
ABILENE, TEXAS 79602  
CITATION BY PUBLICATION  
THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: ALBERT AYALA OR TH UNKNOWN OWNER OR ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING ANY INTEREST IN A 1980 CHEVROLET AUTOMOBILE.

Parties in the hereinafter styled and numbered cause:

You (and each of you) are hereby commanded to appear before the 350th District Court of TAYLOR County, Texas, to be held at the Courthouse of said County in the City of ABILENE, TAYLOR County, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday after the expiration of 48 days from the date of the issuance hereof; that is to say, at or before, 10 o'clock A.M. on the 18th day of April, 1988, and answer the petition of plaintiff in Cause Number 2182-D, in which THE STATE OF TEXAS (Plaintiff) VS. 1980 CHEVROLET AUTOMOBILE (Defendant), filed in said Court on the 26th day of JAN. 1988, the nature of which said suit is as follows:

The State of Texas is seeking a forfeiture of a 1980 CHEVROLET, VIN#1P87HAL557858, which vehicle was registered to ALBERTO AYALA, of TIJUANA, MEXICO, and which was seized by officers of the TAYLOR County District Attorney's Office on JANUARY 25th, 1988 in TAYLOR County, Texas while it was being used in the transporting for delivery of COCAINE IN TAYLOR COUNTY, TEXAS.

All as more fully appear from Petitioner's Original petition on file in this office, and which reference is here made for all intent and purposes.

WITNESS, RILLA MAHONEY, DISTRICT CLERK of the District Courts of TAYLOR County, Texas.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court at office in the City of ABILENE, Texas this 26th day of February, 1988.

Rilla Mahoney Clerk of the District Courts, Taylor County, Texas by Patricia Henderson, Deputy Clerk's Name and Address  
Rilla Mahoney Clerk  
District Court  
Taylor County Courthouse  
Abilene, Texas 79602

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kel, died March 14 at Hendrick Medical center in Abilene.

Funeral services were held March 15 at Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church with Father Frank Zimmerman officiating.

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

Born June 12, 1937 in Schulenburg, Texas, he had served as a Merkel city policeman.

He is survived by a son Mike Guenther of Oklahoma; two brothers Matthew Guenther and Frank Guenther of Seguin, as well as several nieces and nephews.

Serving as pallbearers were Vernon Wade, Gary Shelton, Norm Shelton, Mike Pippins, Claude Knight and Scott Tarpley.

## Charley Massey

Charley Massey, 83, of Merkel, died March 12 here.

Funeral services were held March 16th at Calvary Baptist Church with Rev. David Strange, pastor, officiating. Burial followed at Rose Hill Cemetery here under the direction of the Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born Jan. 24, 1905 in Achville, Ok., he was the son of W. L. & Susie (Richardson) Massey.

He married Alma Suter Sept. 4, 1926 in Carpenter's Bluff, Tex.

He had worked for the Texas & Pacific Railroad Company, was a part-time minister, a plumber and had operated a fruit stand.

He lived in Merkel for 60 years

and was a member of Calvary Baptist Church here.

He is survived by his wife of Merkel; a daughter, Barbara Greenwood of LaGrange; a son, Donald

## Xi Nu Eta elects new officers

The Xi Nu Eta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi held its monthly meeting March 8th in the home of Jana Fulton.

New officers were elected. They are Cathy Pack- president, Dana Danagin- vice president, Sherry

Harris of Anaheim, Ca.; a sister, Irene Gouse of Weatherford, as well as two grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by two grandchildren, David & Chris-

## Little League registration form

Wright- treasurer, Jan Fulton- recording secretary, Dee McCollum- corresponding secretary and Dana Danagin, city council representative.

Members made plans for their up-

coming men's slowpitch softball tournament planned April 23 & 24.

Refreshments were served to Dee McCollum, Sandra Smith, Dana Danagin, Sherry Wright, Marilyn Tittle, Cathy Pack and Jan Fulton.

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## NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
County of Texas  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That by virtue of a certain Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable 104th District Court of Taylor County Texas, of the 23rd day of February 1988, by Order of Sale of said 104th District Court of Taylor County, Texas for the sum of Three Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety Nine Dollars / 55/100 Dollars and costs of suit, under a Judgment, in favor of LeClair Operating in a certain cause in said Court, No. 17,746-B and styled LeClair Operating, Inc. vs. Sherman Oil & Gas, Inc., placed in my hands for service, I John W. Middleton as Sheriff of Taylor County, Texas, did, on the 23rd day of February, 1988, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Taylor County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit:  
OVALA SOUTHEAST PROSPECT  
Taylor County, Texas  
LEASE SCHEDULE

All right, title and interest of Sherman Oil & Gas, Inc. in and to the following described leases:  
Lessor: Citizens National Bank; Lessee: Amoruso Petr. Co; Lease Date 1-30-81; Recording Volume 1198, Page 269, Lessor Texas O. Magstaff; Lessee Amoruso Petr. Co.; Lease Date 1-30-81 Recording Volume 1198 Page 272, Lessor Olive A. West; Lessee Amoruso Petr. Co; Lease Date 11-24-80; Recording Volume 1171 Page 185, Lessor: Charles W. Clarke; Lessee Amoruso Petr. Co; Lease Date 11-13-80 Recording Volume 1169 Page 511, Lessor: Leon Copeland et ux Lessee Amoruso Petr. Co.; Lease Date 11-6-80; Recording Volume 1198, Ex. 1327, Page 305, Page 755. Lessor Blantye Copeland; Lessee Amoruso Petr. Co; Lease Date 11-6-80 Eff. 12-7-80; Recording Volume 1198, Ex. 1323, Page 302, Page 561. Lessor Lois Tims McNiece et al; Lessee Amoruso Petr. Co; Lease Date 11-21-80; Recording Volume 1198, Page 294, Lessor Lois Tims McNiece et al; Lessor Amoruso Petr. Co.; Lease Date 11-6-80 Eff. 11-30-80; Recording Volume 1198 Page 280, Lessor George V. Edgar, Jr. et al; Lessee Amoruso Petr. Co.; Lease Date 11-6-80; Recording Volume 1198 Page 291, Lessor Nettie Patterson et al; Lessee Amoruso Petr. Co; Lease Date 11-14-80; Recording Volume 1198 Page 297, Lessor Charlene Reilly et al; Lessee Amoruso Petr. Co.; Lease Date 11-21-80 Eff. 12-5-80; Recording Volume 1198 Page 284, Lessor Doyle W. Taylor et al; Lessee Amoruso Petr. Co; Lease Date 11-21-80; Volume Number 1198 Page 276, Lessor Texas O. Magstaff; Lessee Asamera Oil (U.S.) Inc.; Lease Date 10-18-83; Recording Volume 1332 Page 388 and levied upon as the property of Sherman Oil & Gas, Inc. and that on the first Tuesday in April 1988, the same being the 5th day of said month at the Court House door, of Taylor County, in the City of Abilene, Texas, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. by virtue of said levy and said Order of Sale, I will sell said above described Real Estate at public vendue, for each, to the highest bidder, as the property of said Sherman Oil & Gas, Inc.

This Sale Will Be For Cash Or A Chashier's Check Issued From A Taylor County Bank.

Sale Will Be Held At 10:15 A.M. And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in The Merkel Mail, a newspaper published in Taylor County, Texas.

Witness my hand, this the 7th day of March, 1988.

John W. Middleton  
Sheriff, Taylor County, Texas  
By Eddie W. Swanson, Sr. Deputy  
10-3tc

T. M. REID, ATTORNEY  
P. O. BOX 1359  
Abilene, Texas 79604  
CITATION BY PUBLICATION  
THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: ALFONSO MORA, ADDRESS UNKNOWN, Respondent:

GREETINGS:  
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable 326th District Court, TAYLOR County, Texas, at the Courthouse of said County in ABILENE, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of

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Film 2	<b>Act Better Than You Feel</b>	Film 5	<b>Make Your Relationships Right</b>
23RD MARCH (WEDNESDAY)	7:30 PM	13TH APRIL (WEDNESDAY)	7:30 PM
day / date	time	day / date	time
Film 3	<b>Cut Your Line When It's Tangled</b>		
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**FROZEN FOODS**  
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**WHIP TOPPING 63¢**  
PARADE FROZEN  
ASSORTED 16 OZ BAGS  
**VEGETABLES 93¢ EA**

**PARADE CATSUP 79¢**  
32 OZ JUG  
**7 UP OR COCA COLA 6/\$1.59**  
16 OZ BOTTLES

**TOMATOES**  
FRESH SLICERS  
**59¢ LB**  
GOLDEN BANANAS **39¢ LB**  
FRESH BELL PEPPER **3/49¢**  
WASHINGTON DELICIOUS APPLES **49¢ LB**  
FRESH CANTALOUPE **49¢ LB**  
SEEDLESS RED GRAPES **79¢ LB**  
YELLOW ONIONS **25¢ LB**  
RUSSET SPUDS **99¢ 10 LB BAG**

U.S.A. WET 32 OZ  
**SPORT DRINKS 69¢**  
PARADE GRAPEFRUIT JUICE **46 OZ CAN \$1.19**  
DEL MONTE 303  
SWEET PEAS **2/69¢**  
DEL MONTE 303 CS  
GOLDEN CORN **2/69¢**  
TRADE 303  
WHOLE TOMATOES **2/89¢**  
PARADE 303  
PINTO BEANS **2/59¢**  
RAGU ASST  
SPAGHETTI SAUCE **15 OZ \$1.09**  
PARADE LITE  
WHITE SYRUP **32 OZ JUG 98¢**  
**CHOICE BEEF ROUND STEAK**

DINTY MOORE BEEF STEW **24 OZ CAN \$1.59**  
BEST MAID CAJUN OR REG  
BAR B Q SAUCE **18 OZ JAR 79¢**  
LIPTONS CUP OF SOUP **ASST BOX 79¢**  
KEEBLER CRACKERS **1 LB BOX 89¢**  
BETTY CROCKER TUNA HELPERS **BOX \$1.19**  
KRAFTS VELVEETA SHELL & CHEESE DINNER **BOX \$1.29**  
PARADE CHEESE **SINGLE SLICED 12 OZ \$1.29**  
COUNTRY CROCK SPREAD **OLEO 3 LB TUB \$1.59**

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1 LB **\$1.69** 2ND \$2.00  
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**CHOICE BEEF ROUND STEAK**  
FAMILY PACK BONELESS LEAN - TENDER  
**LB \$1.49**

MINUTE RICE IN BAGS  
14 OZ BOX **\$1.19**

GOLD MEDAL FLOUR  
5 LB BAG **79¢**

WOLF PLAIN CHILI  
19 OZ CAN **\$1.09**

POST TOASTIES CORN FLAKES  
18 OZ BOX **\$1.39**

CHOICE BEEF RUMP ROAST BONELESS LEAN **LB \$1.89**  
CHOICE BEEF CUBE STEAK EXTRA LEAN **LB \$2.69**  
ARMOUR STAR HEAT & EAT CHICKEN FRIED BREADED BEEF PATTIES **LB \$1.69**  
OSCAR MAYER 16 OZ PKG WEINERS OR FRANKS **\$1.79**

DUNCAN HINES FORREST OR CHERRY BROWNIES  
26 OZ BOX **\$2.98**

PARADE MILK  
12 OZ CAN **2/83¢**

CAMPBELLS TURKEY VEG OR SPLIT PEAS & HAM SOUP  
CHUNKY 18 OZ CAN **83¢**

PARADE CONCENTRATED SOAP  
30 POUND BUCKET **\$8.49**

PARADE ALL MEAT BOLOGNA **12 OZ PKG 99¢**  
GOOCH BR BACON SUGAR CURED **LB \$1.39**  
GOOCH BR GERMAN STYLE SAUSAGE **12 OZ PKG \$1.29**  
WISCONSIN - AT DELI - COUNTER CHEESE LONG HORN **LB \$2.98**

CORN OIL CRISCO  
48 OZ JUG **\$2.09**

DAIRY GOLD HOMO MILK  
GAL JUG **\$1.89**

GANDYS BUTTER MILK  
1/2 GAL CRTN **99¢**

LIQUID JOY  
32 OZ **\$1.59**

BATH SOAP CARESS  
ROOM FRESHNER

2 BAR DEAL 20¢ OFF **\$1.49**

GLADE II CRTN OR LITE SPRAYER **79¢**

**DETERGENT GAIN**  
4 OZ BOX **\$1.29**

Freezer Pack 1  
5 LBS GROUND BEEF  
5 LBS PORK CHOPS  
5 LBS CHUCK ROAST  
5 LBS FRYERS  
TOTAL WEIGHT 20 LBS  
**\$30.99**

Freezer Pack 3  
5 LBS GROUND BEEF  
5 LBS CHUCK ROAST  
5 LBS CHUCK STEAK  
5 LBS FRESH FRYERS  
TOTAL WEIGHT 20 LBS  
**\$28.98**

Freezer Pack 8  
5 LBS GROUND CHUCK  
5 LBS CUBE STEAK  
5 LBS LBS CHUCK STEAK  
5 LBS SIRLOIN STEAK  
TOTAL WEIGHT 20 LBS  
**\$42.99**

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4 ROLL CRTN  
**59¢**

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