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Thursday, June 9, 1988

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CAF will fly in Fun Day opening ceremonies

Merkel's July 4th celebration, Fun Day has a new look and a different sound.

As a part of the opening ceremonies, WWII aircraft will be flown by the Phantom Squadron of the Confederate Air Force at about 9:45 a.m.

The privately owned aircraft will fly over South Park to officially open the 8th annual celebration. They will be flying in the missing man formation to pay tribute to the men who lost their lives in World War II.

The program is being co-ordinated by CAF Colonel Don Hensley.

Chamber manager Marilyn Tittle told **The Mail** Tuesday that 17 booths have been reserved so far and that donations towards prizes are doing well. This year the Chamber will be awarding a \$300 cash first prize, a VCR for 2nd and four tickets to Sea World of Texas for third in drawings. Donation tickets are 50 cents each.

Booth reservations can only be made by calling the Chamber office at 928-5722. The Chamber does not allow duplication of food, fun booth or drink items at the park in hopes of insuring a profit for all vendors.

Taylor County Health Department will check cholesterol levels here

Do you know your cholesterol level?

The Taylor County Health Department will perform cholesterol testing June 16th starting at 9 a.m. at Heritage Hall here. The testing is open to all age groups and it is very important that the young, as well as the elderly, have these tests since the root of heart and blood vessel diseases can be traced to a persons cholesterol level.

Some vital statistics from the Department of Health back that claim up. In 1985, Taylor County had 466 deaths from cardio-vascular diseases which was 46.5 of the deaths in the county.



Plumbers install water and sewer lines as preparations for the foundation of the new City Hall began here this week. The foundation was expected to be poured by the end of the week. (Staff photo)

Tax authority releases 1988 estimated tax rates, values fall in county

The Taylor County Central Tax Authority has released estimated tax rates for 1988.

The largest local increase in estimated tax rate will be for the Trent School District. Trent's estimated tax rate, which is the amount of tax that will raise the same amount of money spent last year, is 1.2703. Last year's tax rate was .9950.

Taylor County's new rate is .3042, compared to last year's rate of .2928. The City of Merkel's new rate is .3265 compared to .3232 last year. The City of Trent's new rate is .2045 compared to .2000. MISD's new rate is 1.0550 compared to 1.0500 and the City of Tye's new rate is .3301 compared to .3265.

These rates will be effected by property tax value changes as approved by ratepayer hearings.

According to the Central Tax Authority, the average value of a single family residence has fallen three per-

cent. The CTA also said that land values have also declined. They cited bank foreclosures and forced sales having caused "significant uncertainty in land values." They also said commercial property "has been hurt by business closings, bank foreclosures and high vacancy rates."

The 1988 base taxable price for oil has been set at \$17.50 per barrel.

The Central Tax Authority also released figures on total appraised values for local taxing entities.

County-wide, taxable values have fallen steadily since 1985.

Estimated taxable values for local taxing entities are (the 1985 values are in parenthesis) Taylor County \$2,-936,210,599 (\$3,251,966,769); City of Merkel \$39,236,346 (\$37,900,239); City of Trent \$4,212,847 (\$3,968,348); City of Tye \$19,613,256 (\$25,292,873); MISD \$119,603,038 (\$171,320,853); Trent ISD \$43,943,820 (\$82,881,985).

Project Graduation committee says thanks to local contributors

The "Project Graduation" Committee and the Senior Class of 1988 would like to say a big thank you to the people of Merkel and Tye for their support of our first "Project Graduation." We had fifty seniors and 21 guests attend.

Major prizes were won by: Russell Doan- computer, Mitzi Shelton- color tv, Tracie Russell- stereo, Carolyn Lilly- four chrome wheels, Kyle Coker- electric typewriter.

Project chairman Sherry Ferguson said "We feel this first attempt at "Project Graduation" was a success and sincerely hope that this will be the start of a new tradition at Merkel High School."

Organizations who donated to the project were: Skinny's, Inc., Gifford Electronics, Magic Dream Cookies, Shock Tire Company, Graybar, Kut & Kurl, Hammond Insurance Agency, Germania Insurance Agency, Merkel Emergency Medical Service, Tims Shell Station, Lemons LP Gas, Taylor Telephone, Masonic Lodge, Father Zimmerman, Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church, Taylor Electric Coop, Merkel Methodist Church, Murrell Chevrolet, Shugart Motors, Young Farm Supply, P&L Auto Re-

pair, Merkel Veterinary Clinic, Andy Hart, CPA, Seymore Insurance Agency, Mid-Tex Resources, Ann's Flowers, Agro Tire Company, Pug & Leo's, The Merkel Mail.

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Ramon, work, Fun Day, tax . . . more

by Cloy A. Richards

Merkel's, I mean Abilene Cooper's Ramon Moreno has made quite a name for himself as a member of the state bound Cooper Cougar baseball team.

Ramon transferred to Cooper at mid-term this year and if you believe he did so because of greater educational opportunities at CHS I have some off shore drilling rights I'd like to sell you in Mulberry Canyon.

Ramon went to Cooper because he felt he had a chance to play baseball and receive a scholarship in that sport in college. He was right. All he did was lead the district in hitting, earned a starting spot at third base and impressed college recruiters along the way.

He raced in with the winning run on a double in Saturday's 2-1 win over De Sota that sent Cooper back to the state baseball tournament. Cooper will face Eagle Pass Thursday night (in a game that will be televised on KTXS-TV) as they try to defend their state baseball championship.

Although I would have loved to have seen Ramon compete in track and baseball this spring for Merkel High, he made the right decision and learned a valuable lesson in life. You have to take advantage of opportunities as they are presented to you.

We wish him and the rest of the Cooper Cougars the best of luck in Austin.

moving right along as plumbers were busy Tuesday getting ready for the foundation to be poured.

Concrete should be poured this week and the walls will start going up soon after that.

The Central Tax Authority released estimated taxable values for local governmental bodies last week and they follow trends that started in 1986.

Every county school district and city with the exception of the cities of Buffalo Gap and Trent have lost taxable value since 1985. That hits us where we live in that tax rates are figured based on the value over the entire taxing entity.

MISD has lost \$52 million and Trent ISD has lost almost half of their value \$39 million since 1985.

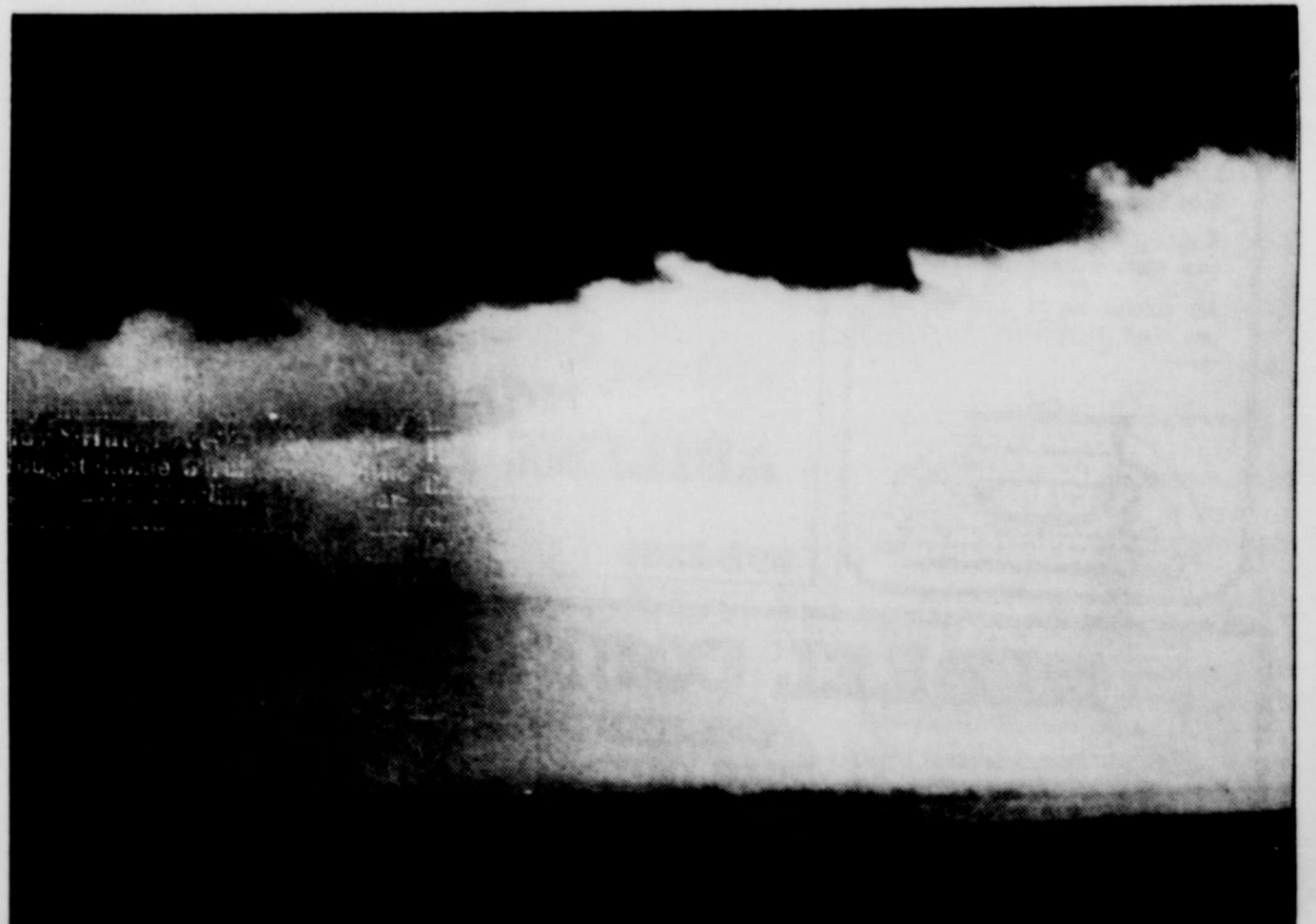
The County has lost over \$600 million in value in the last four years.

The good news is the CTA says the bottom of the Real Estate market has been reached and that land and property values should stabilize.

Chamber of Commerce manager Marilyn Tittle said she is getting a few more booth reservations for the upcoming Fun Day celebration.

If you or your group would like to take advantage of the best fund raising opportunity of the year, give her a call at 928-5722.

Work on Merkel's new City Hall is



Severe thunderstorms swept through the area last Wednesday and Thursday dumping a lot of rain and some hail here. Hail stones were limited to smaller than golf ball size in the Merkel

area but Abilene was hit by hail stones up to baseball size. Some cotton crops will have to re-planted as seeds were washed away but damage was limited to farmland. (Staff photo).

Newsbriefs

Weight room open

The weight room at Badger Stadium will be open starting June 13th from 6 until 9 p.m. according to MISD head football coach Joe Longley.

The facility will be open to the public Monday through Thursday.

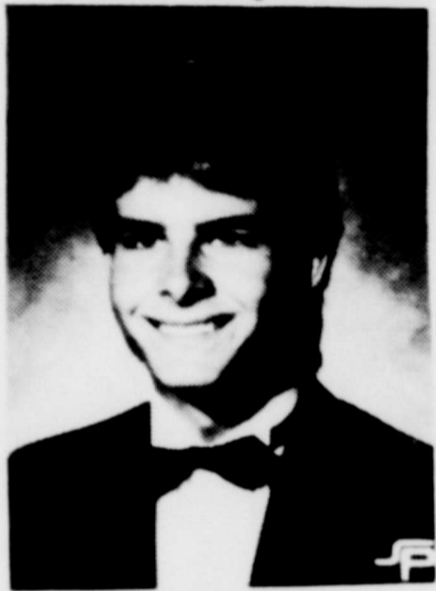
Griffin graduation

Jeremy Griffin is a recent graduate of Friendship High School.

Guests for the occasion were Dianna Anderson of Arlington; Jason Mashburn of Burleson; Betty Anderson of Saginaw; Ruth Anderson, Polly Chittum, Mr. & Mrs. D. H. Anderson, all of Abilene; Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Anderson, Heather and Chrissy, all of Anson.

Following graduation, Jeremy's mother, Judy Martin, his sister Jill and brothers Jacob, Jeffery, Jamie and Jerod served refreshments to the guests. Jerry showed movies of the ceremony. Jeremy will enter Texas Tech in the fall.

Hays is MHS grad



LYNN HAYS

Basketball 1-4, track 3, FFA (sec-treasurer) 1-4, Who's Who 4, Mr. MHS 4, ARSA Swine Proficiency 3, district swine production 1-3, 2nd team all district in basketball 4. He plans to attend Tarrant State University.

Car wash set

The Trent High cheerleaders will be sponsoring a car wash Friday from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the Skinnny's Store in Trent.

Cost for cleaning your car inside and out is \$10.

Jr. Tourney results

The following are the results from the Junior Golf Tournament held Monday at the Merkel Country Club:

11 & Under Boys: Parker Tarker Biley, Bobby Schoenen.

Boys 12 & 13: Damon Watson, Dan Wilson.

Boys 14 & 15: Jeffrey Poe, Adam Rivera.

Boys 16 & 17: Mike Torres, Tony Lara.

Girls: Anissa Jones, Richa Hill.

Starr news

by Charlotte Humphrey and Cookie Martin

Starr Nursing Home would like to say Happy Birthday to residents Terry Chancey and Willie McMahan. They will be honored June 15th at 1:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to help them celebrate. We would also like to welcome new residents Emmie Herron and Ramona Villalobos. Woodrow Wilson visited for a week in May.

Anyone wanting to volunteer a little time to give social contact to an elderly person is encouraged to contact Charlotte.

Activities for June include: June 9 7 p.m. Bingo, June 12 & 19 9:30 a.m. Church of Christ morning worship 3:30 p.m. First Baptist afternoon worship, June 14 7 p.m. Bingo, June 16 7 p.m. The

Country Band, June 16 9:30 a.m. Church of Christ worship and 3:30 p.m. Our Mother of Mercy Catholic mass.

The public is always welcome to attend and enjoy these activities. We welcome all visitors and ask that you sign our register when you stop by.

Our sympathy to the families of Kate Phillips, Juanita Bodine and Senaida Carrasco during their recent losses.

A. D. McCain and his wife were both hospitalized. We are certainly glad they are back with us.

Our new employees are Maggie Wilson and Mellisa Arms (nurse aides) and Rolinda West-GVN. Congratulations to Rolinda who has received her LVN. Ester Stiffler and Carol Zamora are no longer with our facility.

Take a minute to visit our residents.

Riding club events

The Merkel Riding Club has several events planned for the summer.

The WTBRA will be running at the club arena each Monday at 7 p.m. The concession stand will be open.

The club will begin hosting a Novice and C Team roping each Thursday at 7 p.m. There will also be a practice roping for members each Saturday night after the regular playday events.

Friday a club meeting will be held at Taylor Electric. Refreshments will be served and all members and interested persons are urged to attend.

If you are interested in becoming a member, contact Beverly Helmer at 928-5832 or Galen Boone at 928-5789.

Donut sales

A donut sale will be held here Saturday starting at 8 a.m. by youth from Calvary Baptist Church. Proceeds will go to help the youth attend a church camp in July.

Pre-orders are being accepted and donuts will be delivered if you call 928-5120 and place your order. Donuts will be available at the Wes-T-Go, Ben Franklin's and Carson Supermarket.

Canyon fire group

The Mulberry Canyon Volunteer Fire Department will meet June 13th at the Pioneer Memorial Methodist Church tabernacle.

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8th grade photos

Photographs from the 8th grade graduation at Merkel Middle School are in and can be picked up from 9 until Noon and from 1 until 3 p.m. at the Middle School office.

Fandangle tickets

Tickets for the 50th annual performance of the Fort Griffin Fandangle are on sale.

Six performances are set for June 16-18 and June 23-25 at the Prairie Theatre, located just northwest of the Albany city limits.

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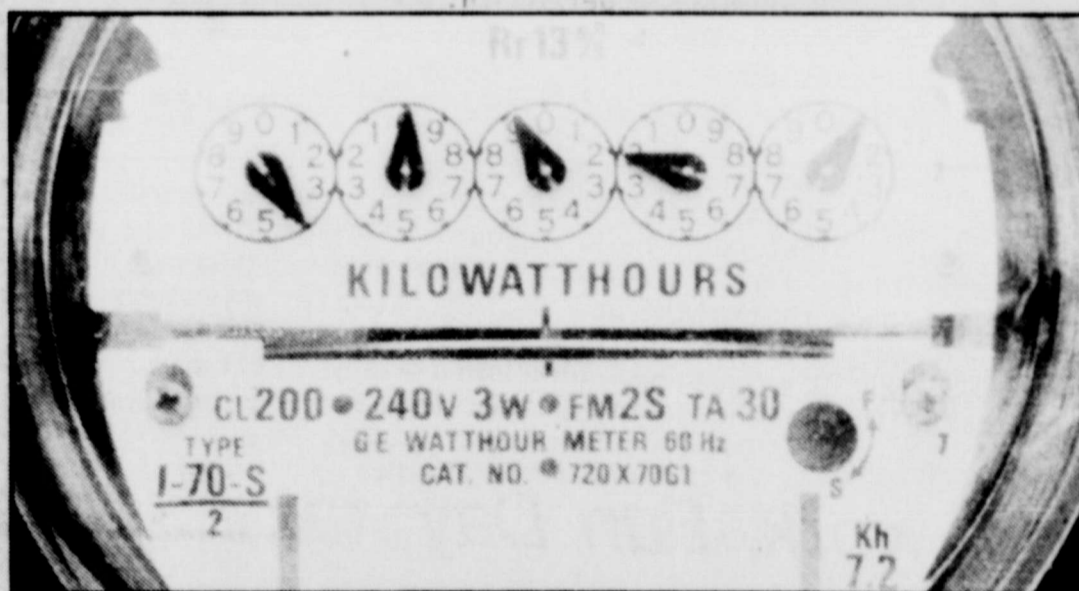
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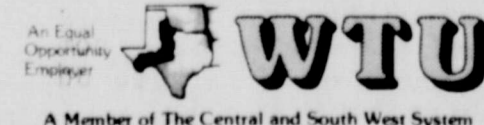
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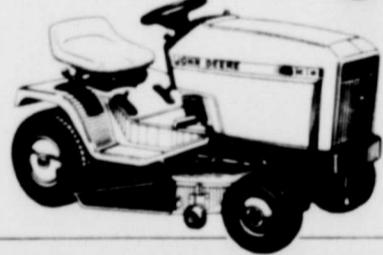
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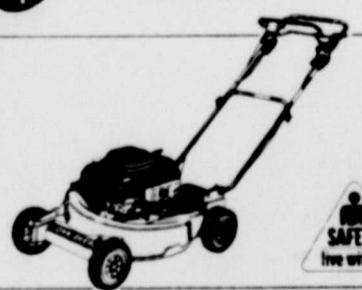
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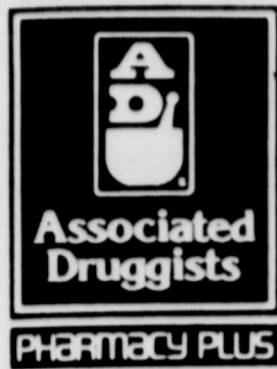
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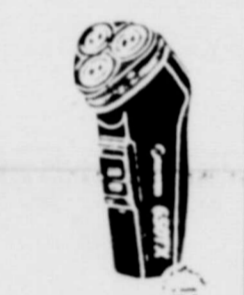
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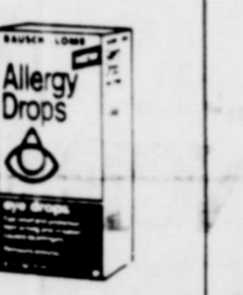
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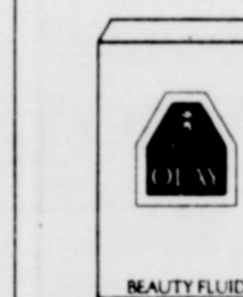
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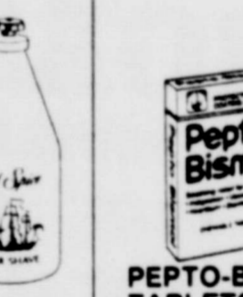
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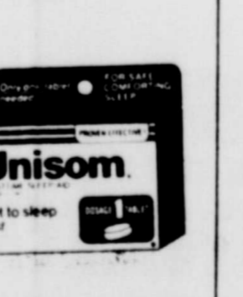
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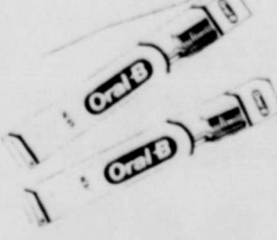
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FRESH BROCCOLI GREEN LB **49¢**

FRESH PLUMS BEAUTY LB **59¢**

GOOCH B R
SUMMER **SAUSAGE** LB **\$1 59**

MARKET SLICED
CHOPPED HAM **BROASTED CHICKEN**
HORMEL POUND **\$2 19**
8 PIECE WHOLE CUT UP **\$4 98** EA

DETERGENT
CHEER KING SIZE **\$3 09**

PURINA
KITTEN CHOW 18 OZ BOX **\$1 19**

FRESH NEW POTATOES LB **29¢**

YELLOW ONIONS MED LB **19¢**

RUSSET SPUDS 10 LB BAG **99¢**

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 CHUCK STEAK
5 LBS SIRLOIN STEAK
TOTAL WEIGHT 20 LBS **\$42 99**

ALPO
DOGFOOD ASST 15 OZ CAN **2/89¢**

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