

TEN School Board Candidates Answer Six All Important Questions



Winona Wolf

EMPLOYED BY: Office Manager at Westgate Firestone

YEARS IN MERKEL: 6 Years

EDUCATION: High School Graduate



George English

EMPLOYED BY: Lone Star Gas

YEARS IN MERKEL: 42 Years

EDUCATION: Graduate of Merkel High School



Edith Kennedy

EMPLOYED BY: Medical Technologist at West Texas Medical Center, Abilene, Texas

YEARS IN MERKEL: 33 Years

EDUCATION: Graduate of Merkel High School (Honor Student) Attended Hardin-Simmons University 1960-63 (Honor Scholarship)



Vicki Spurr

EMPLOYED BY: U.S. A.F. Civil Service

YEARS IN MERKEL: 6 Years

EDUCATION: High School Graduate and attended ACU 1965-68



Ned Watts

EMPLOYED BY: Continental Telephone

YEARS IN MERKEL: 39 Years

EDUCATION: Graduate of Merkel High School in 1956. Attended Telephone Technical School Institute in Dallas, Houston, and A&M, Saint Louis, Missouri. Twenty years telephone experience.



Larry Dudley

EMPLOYED BY: Texas Dept. of Human Resources, Regional Business Officer in Abilene since July 1976.

YEARS IN MERKEL: Born and raised in Merkel

EDUCATION: BBA in General Business-McMurry College



Robert Roysden

EMPLOYED BY: City of Abilene

YEARS IN MERKEL: Approximately 4 years

EDUCATION: High School, 26 hours college, certified fire fighter, judge of corporation court.



Charles Jacobs

EMPLOYED BY: Self-employed Farmer

YEARS IN MERKEL: Born and raised in Merkel

EDUCATION: Bachelor of Science Degree - ACU



Barbara Fowler

EMPLOYED BY: U.S. Postal Service in Merkel, Texas.

YEARS IN MERKEL: Husband's family born and raised in Merkel, entered Armed Services and returned with him 5 years ago.

EDUCATION: High School graduate and partial college education.

Stith Country Western Musical

The monthly Country and Western Musical will be held at the Stith Community Center, Sat. night, March 18th at 7:00. There will be hot dogs, cold drinks, cake, coffee and pop corn in our snack bar. It will open at 6:30. All bands are invited and everyone is welcome to come. So come on out and enjoy the good music and singing.



Pat Castille

Write-In Candidate

EMPLOYED BY: Self-employed - Castille Hardware

YEARS IN MERKEL: 8
EDUCATION: High School Graduate and Business Course

Trent To Be

Without Mayor

According to City Secretary of Trent they had one place open for reelection - that was for Mayor. However, there was one problem - NO ONE FILED!

Volleyball Tournament Scheduled For Last Week In March

There is going to be a volleyball tournament in the Old Gym March 27, 28, 30 and 31. The Women's Division will be March 27 and 28, starting at 6:30. The Men's

Division's will be March 30 and 31 starting at 6:30. All proceeds go to the boys Tri-City Boys League. For more information contact Gary Hicks 928-5166.

Tri City Ball Project Committee To Meet

There will be a meeting held at Pug & Leo's Restaurant March 20th at 7:30 P.m. for anyone interested in building two softball diamonds for girls softball. Anyone wishing to donate chain link or their time in helping get the girls a place to play

are welcome to attend. We need to get the diamonds in shape soon if the girls get to play. All equipment and what is built is done so on land that is paid for. Will be a permanent home field for the girls softball.

QUESTIONS ASKED:

1. Why are you running for the Merkel School Board? 2. What improvements would you make in our schools? 3. In looking forward to the next 25 to 50 years, what are your feelings about a new high school? 4. Are you disappointed in the school boards progress this year? 5. Which is uppermost in your mind -- Taxes or Childrens Education? 6. Many of our students have expressed this year and years in the past, of a great lack of equipment to teach many of our classes properly, particularly in the science field, and feel that the physical educational department has been first. What are your feelings in this area?

VICKI SPURR

1. First because I care and am interested. Secondly, Tye does not currently have a school board representative. It is almost impossible for the school board to be kept in informed and aware of all the problems, needs and activities in the Tye Elementary School.

2. I would like to see an improvement in the relationship between Merkel and Tye, -- a more helpful atmosphere. Once accomplished, faculty improvement would follow.

3. With growth, definitely there will have to be some building. Both communities are continuing to grow and develop, resulting in more population. I think a good look will need to be taken in both areas for future building needs.

4. I don't feel that I can fairly answer this question due to the large number of rumors circulating.

5. I don't think a choice can be made between taxes and education. Certainly, high taxes have to be kept in mind as a decision about education is reached, but the quality of education can not be allowed to suffer due to lack of funding.

6. In the past, in many rural communities, emphasis has been placed on athletics. With the ever changing world, this emphasis is gradually being shifted to the arts and sciences. To be fair to students wanting to go on and obtain a higher education, I do feel this opportunity needs to be provided for them.

NED WATTS

1. I have two kids in school, and I am interested.

2. Any improvements that are needed, determined by the number of students we have in the next 25 to 50 years. I'm sure that there will be improvements.

4. Under the conditions, I think they did a good job.

5. Both are very important to me, but a good education comes from good teachers, which I think we have.

6. No, I think if any student wants to dig into any subject any deeper than he gets out of classroom, any teacher up there would be willing to go as far with them as they want to go. Athletics is also very important. It teaches kids discipline, team work, & good sportsmanship, and in my opinion, athletics is very healthy for kids.

ROBERT ROYSDEN

1. I think I can do a better job.

2. The major improvement I would make would be in the educational program. I believe the budget can be better utilized to the advantage of the student.

3. If we keep growing as we are at the present, we are going to need a new school.

4. In some cases.

5. I think children education should come first, because they will be here long after we're gone. I have two children and I certainly would not want them to come out of school without a good education.

6. If the superintendent was more up to date on the information concerning grant that are available, we would not have these problems in these areas.

GEORGE ENGLISH

1. I believe the school board is the most important governing body there is. They have the responsibility of setting the rules and regulations that all the teachers and students have to go by. It's an important job and I want to be a part of it.

2. As far as improvements go, I would have to be briefed on what is needed. If an improvement is needed it will be reported to the board and then be acted upon. I do know that we need more classroom space. Everyone is aware of this and it will be acted upon.

3. Since we had the fire in our high school, I can see no alternative but to build it now. If we remodel the old school, that would be fine, but to start with, it is not large enough for the expected growth of our schools. If we remodel now we will have to build a new high school in the next few years. The longer we wait, -- the more expensive it will be.

4. No, I am not.

5. Children's education is the most important thing I can think of. After all, these students we are educating now are going to run our town and our country in the future. Taxes are important also. We need to try to keep them as low as possible and run our schools as adequately as possible.

6. I can't believe that the students do not have adequate equipment that they need in their classrooms, but if not this will be looked into and if they do

not, -- it will be brought before the board. I would think the school board would not place any particular school functions ahead of the other.

BARBAR FOWLER

1. Because I'm a concerned parent, taxpayer and citizen and I would like to take and active part in the administration of our schools for the benefit of our children.

2. As a board member I think it is his duty to see that our buildings are maintained according to safety, cleanliness and efficient. I do not feel like over the years they have (schools) have been maintained as they should have.

3. As of this time I do not have the necessary information to say what our growth span is going to be or if it's feasible to build a new building at this time. As soon as I do have this information and if elected I shall not hesitate to recommend to the people the required action to take.

4. I feel one of the main functions of a school board in the selecting and hiring of qualified personnel and due to the unusually high frequency of our personnel turnover -- I believe we have a problem in this area.

5. Childrens education should come first, but our education can only be as good as what the people can afford.

6. We need to get our priorities in order.

EDITH BAGBY KENNEDY

1. I feel there is a need for dedicated people who are willing to be involved. Effective school boards make effective schools.

2. As a member of the board I would hope to see expansions made in the vocational education to include auto mechanics, cosmetology, welding, and electrical classes. I would like to see an art department added as this training would prepare students for such vocations as commercial art, advertising, interior design, and many more art associated jobs.

3. I feel Merkel has needed a new high school for many years. Now seems to be the time to move forward with larger, more modern facilities.

4. I am disappointed in the present school board's failure to follow school board policy in some matters. The school board should be involved in making policies and not taking over administrative duties. I question the legality of the board acting on such important matters as contracts for the faculty and the hiring of a new superintendent with two vacancies on the board. I feel these vacancies should have been filled.

5. As a Mother, I want my child to have the best education possible. As a

CONTINUED ON

PAGE 2

News and Thoughts

By Martha Sue Justice



I hope all of you will turn your attention toward the elections we are facing. Too many times voters go to the polls and vote according to how someone looks, fesses, political preference, and religious preference. The time has come in this election and all elections for the citizens of this country to take a wider look at all candidates and not just an outside view. Listen to your candidates, find out what ideals they stand for, and most important of all - can they do the job! We can never hope to have honest and dependable public servants unless we all work to see this enforced in city, state, and federal offices. Campaigning and voting are the only tools we have to work with, and they will not work unless used intelligently. Listen to what candidates have to say publicly and privately, but if at all possible know the candidate.

CONTINUED ON PAGE 11

working mother. I am equally concerned with taxes and the high cost of living.

6. I feel every school is guilty of placing too much emphasis on athletics. Athletics are very expensive and benefit only a selected few. In my opinion Academic and Vocational training are more important in preparing our students for the tasks ahead in life.

WINONA WOLF

1. Our schools seem to be at a standstill and I hope I can contribute some worthwhile ideas towards its future growth and development and can help establish programs that will be considered outstanding progress over the next three years.

2. I would like to see a larger choice of vocational training programs because only about 10 to 15 per cent of the students will go on to college. In our elementary building, I would like to see a larger program in music and art.

3. At the present growth rate, we will have to have a new high school. To spend money to repair the damage to our already inadequate and over crowded high school, then in four or five years to build a new high school seems like a terrible waste of the taxpayers money. In a recent survey by the Visiting Committee of the Southern Association of College and Schools showed that classrooms were too small for adequate instruction, need for improved heating and lighting, major improvements needed for science, bath space and equipment, the floors need improvement, and special education and MOC cottages are not large enough to meet the students needs. This is quite a list of improvements, but mainly the report stressed lack of proper classroom space and that there are signs of over-crowding already in many areas.

4. I am disappointed in what seems to be the lack of progress the last few years. I hope I can help make decisions that will add to the present program and that the board will set goals with the

future interests of our children and community in mind.

5. Our children are the future of Merkel and unless they receive the best possible education there is no future for Merkel.

6. I think lack of proper space rather than lack of funds prohibits the purchase of more equipment for science-homemaking, etc. The athletic program helps pay its own way by charging admission to games.

LARRY DUDLEY

1. For the kids
 2. I don't really know at this time. The whole situation will have to be studied in depth.

3. To me if you have an increase in people, you will have an increase in revenue and therefore it definitely warrant a new school. The justification for building a new school must be seen tax wise, people wise, and most important of all a definite need.

4. Not necessarily, however I do feel we are making progress in hiring a well qualified superintendent.

5. Children's education must always be the number one priority.

6. I agree that all phases of education need adequate equipment. Certainly physical education is a needed area in each student's education, but areas such as art, science, business machines and vocational education definitely need equipment. Therefore, I agree with students,--there is a need to fulfill.

PAT CASTILLE

1. This is a sobering question that I have not taken lightly. Several citizens of our community approached me with a question. Will you be a write in candidate for the school board election. After much prayer and soul searching I agreed. I feel that this will be an opportunity for me to help provide the best possible education for ALL the students

at Merkel and Tye, not just my own. I have 3 children still in school and they range from grade school to high school. I have a sincere interest in the welfare of the students and the faculty.

2. I would like to see a closer working relationship between our school board members, faculty, parents and concerned citizens. I see a need for more class rooms and more adequate facilities for all levels of education.
 3. Right now we are facing a situation that seems grim. We have to have a new high school, one that will serve us for a long time. I can't really say about 50 years from now, but I can see the growth pattern in our community. Our facilities were already too small and overcrowded. Of course our first concern is for the safety of our children and then a building program that will serve us for at least 20 years.

4. I can't say that I was disappointed in the progress the school board made because I really don't know what their goals and objectives were. I was not happy with some of the decisions they made but we were given the opportunity to speak our opinions to the school board. I feel that that was progress. We need to make our wishes known.

5. Education of Course!, but I do feel this needs to be tempered with a little wisdom and understanding. We are all overburdened with taxes and inflation, but I don't feel that our childrens education should suffer. The sacrifice should be made somewhere else. Someone paid for our education with hard earned dollars and we need to educate

our own.

6. First of all, let me say, I believe that Physical Education is good. A good healthy well exercised body makes for a healthy mind. Our Athletic Department plays a big role in our overall school program. The team effort teaches self-discipline. It also lends to the school moral. It is a known fact that if the team is doing good, school moral is high. We need a team that we can be proud of. Our band and pep squad also add to these factions. We do have some who are not inclined toward athletics. We should not neglect these children. We should expand our facilities to reach those who are not interested in these areas. We need more vocational training programs. We need a better equipped science lab to prepare those who want to pursue a career in medicine and scientific research. We need an art department. Some people might not think this is important, but do you ever look at a magazine or textbook without pictures. There are house plans to be drawn, and many fields of art to pursue. It's true we can say we need a lot of things, but most of all, we need to all work together for the good of our school, which is the backbone of our community.

CHARLES JACOBS

1. Because I love children and want to see them get the best education we are capable of giving.
 2. I feel like we have an excellent academic program in most area. The greatest need as far as curriculum is concerned is more vocational training.

Congress must be held accountable for the laws it writes

Today, we're saddled with higher taxes than ever before and yet we get fewer services and benefits. Congress writes the tax laws.

Our Social Security payments are going up again, but the Social Security System is so mired in waste and inefficient management that many of our older citizens subsist on fatback and beans. Congress writes the Social Security laws.

Just about everybody you can think of has to fill out reports and forms in triplicate just to allow the government to meddle in your business. Congress writes the laws that require all these reports.

Thousands of people are out of work. And if you do have a job, inflation eats into your pay check before you even see it. Congress writes the laws that make economic policy.

Congress writes the laws that govern our lives. And Congress must be held accountable when these laws don't work. BUT IS IT?

We need someone who will be accountable in Congress. As your Congressman, Dusty Rhodes will be accountable to you. We need Dusty Rhodes in Congress.

DUSTY RHODES TO CONGRESS



Paid for and authorized by the Dusty Rhodes For Congress Committee, 1001 Allen Street, Abilene, Texas 79601. Box 1978, Abilene, Texas 79601.

The major drawback to that is the hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of facilities. At present we are working on expanding our agricultural program. We have the opportunity to get a second teacher that teaches auto mechanics, welding, etc., - if we provide the building. This is still in the plans and we committed to do so at this time. This is the starting point for more vocational training to our schools.

I realize that we woefully inadequate in our science lab and homemaking departments. These are on top of our priority list for facility improvement. We also have a great need for expanded gym facilities for the middle school and elementary programs. There's also an immediate need for remodeling middle school and elementary buildings,--this includes lowering ceilings, new light fixtures, and covering over the existing windows. These are some of the things PTO has contributed to and we need to finish up on these projects. These two buildings also are in need of having the steam heating systems replaced. Each of our buildings plus the Tye buildings are in need of extra classroom, because of our growing enrollment. The cafeteria cooking and dish washing equipment needs to be brought up to

date. We are presently in a program to replace classroom furniture, encyclopedia, etc. We have just finished replacing all the school buses.

3. Yes.

4. Yes, I regret that the funds have not been available to build and replace facilities that cry out for attention. The place mostly to blame for this problem is on Governor Briscoe. I spoke to several members of the state legislature in about four trips to Austin this past year in regard to tax refund and their reply was, "We can't do anything because of Gov. Briscoe". His cry of no new taxes sounds good, but it means no new taxes for industry, etc.,--while the old taxes that we pay are doubling and tripling. We have joined with numerous other schools as member of Texans For Equitable Taxation in a law suit against the State of Texas, charging that our present system of taxation is unconstitutional. We are expecting a favorable ruling from the district judge in Austin in the near future. If this lawsuit is successful, there will be funds available to operate the schools as we would like to see them run. At the present, certain areas of our economy are over burdened with

taxes, while some of the wealthier areas go nearly tax free.

5. The uppermost and most important is childrens education, but I must take issue with the question - what are we talking about - when we say taxes? Are we talking about taxes to provide adequate facilities and education or taxes to provide swanky facilities that are above the ability of our district to pay for? There are numerous home owners on fixed income, retired and elderly persons, and farmers on greatly depressed incomes at this time who are paying about as much taxes as they can stand. We need to provide the best facilities, personel, and curriculum possible as funds become available.

6. I feel there is a great deal of truth in that, -- more so in the past than at the present. We are seeing a trend in the other direction. We need to put more emphasis on programs that will better prepare a student to earning income and upon

things that will be used throughout their life instead of just their school years. Our athletic programs are presently expanding to take in sports that will include all the student body instead of just a concentrated few. I feel that the major programs that we now have are important to our school, but I see a trend toward including the rest of the student body in competition in other sports.

Improvement in science and science lab, homemaking facilities, etc., are on the school boards five year program for improvement and may be included in a reconstruction of the high school building in whatever form that might take.



In China, at one period, there were 3,000 rules of conduct to be learned and obeyed.

Golden Acres BRAND
 HYBRID GRAIN SORGHUM
 UNIVERSALLY POPULAR YELLOW ENDOSPERM GREENBUG RESISTANT



TE Y-101-R

- Easily Threshed
- Drouth Resistant
- Heavy Yield Potential
- Semi-Open Uniform Well Exserted Heads
- Thick, Short, Heavy Stalk, Excellent Standability
- Extensive Root System, Adapts to Varying Soils
- Excellent Greenbug Resistance

WE RECOMMEND TE-Y-101-R

ED'S FEED & SEED
 130 EDWARDS
 COME IN NOW FOR YOUR SEED NEEDS

LOT'S OF NEW SPRING CLOTHES TO CHOOSE FROM
 REGISTER THURSDAY & FRIDAY & SATURDAY
 DRAWING WILL BE SATURDAY AT 5:30 FOR \$25 GIFT CERTIFICATE



SUITS
 REGULAR '31" \$24.95
 BABY GIFTS

EMMA'S CLOTHES
 131 KENT CLOSET 928-5100

We pay the **HIGHEST RATES** allowed by law.

We pay up to **8.06%** effective annual rate on **7.75%** 6-year certificates.

- ALSO AVAILABLE:
- 7½% ON 4-YEAR CERTIFICATES
 - 6¾% ON 30-MONTH CERTIFICATES
 - 6½% ON 1-YEAR CERTIFICATES
 - 5¾% ON 90-DAY CERTIFICATES
 - 5¼% ON DAY-TO-DAY SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

- Earnings on all accounts are compounded daily.
- Earnings on certificate accounts may be credited or paid monthly, quarterly, or annually.
- A substantial penalty is required for early withdrawal on certificates.
- Certificate accounts are issued in \$1,000.00 minimums.



United Savings OF TEXAS

ABILENE SAVINGS DIVISION
 402 Cedar Street / Abilene (915) 673-5171 116 Commercial Street / Coleman (915) 625-5648
 1242 North Fourth / Abilene (915) 673-5171 701 Avenue D / Cisco (817) 442-1605
 3002 North 12th Street / Abilene (915) 673-5171 South Second at Main / Albany (817) 762-2252
 3365 South 14th Street / Abilene (915) 673-5171 1101 East Court Plaza / Anson (915) 823-2401
 278 South Pioneer Drive / Abilene (915) 673-5171 301 Edwards Avenue / Merkel (915) 928-4702
 Now offices statewide in Houston, Abilene, Brownsville, Corpus Christi, Ft. Worth
 A COMPANY OF SOUTHWESTERN GROUP FINANCIAL, INC. (ASE-SGF)



CONGRESS 17TH DISTRICT DEMOCRAT JOBS

Fike Godfrey's untiring efforts to create new and better jobs to build a healthy economy helped make West Texas the envy of the nation during the last recession because it had the lowest unemployment rate in the country. He has helped kill proposed federal and state legislation which would have cost the people of the 17th District jobs and bankrupted many. Fike has played a major role in helping to provide new jobs which have enabled many young people to stay in their communities instead of being forced to leave to find a job.

For more information about Fike Godfrey Write:
 Fike Godfrey for OUR Congressman Committee
 Box 3434
 Abilene, Texas 79604

Let's Elect **Fike Godfrey** OUR Congressman





5 DAY SALE
16-17-18-20-21

COCA-COLA
7-UP
OR
MR. PIBB
32 OZ 6 PACK \$1.45 PLUS DEPOSIT

MARYLAND CLUB
COFFEE
LIMIT 1
1 LB CAN \$2.89

SHORTENING SWIFT JEWEL 42 OZ \$1.09

BACON GOOCH BLUE RIBBON LB \$1.49

FRANKS GOOCH 12 OZ 79c

ROUND STEAK CENTER CUT LB \$1.59

ROUND STEAK END CUT LB \$1.39

LITTLE SIZZLERS HORMEL PKG 98c

CLUB STEAK LB \$1.69

BORDEN INSTANT POTATOES 1 6 1/4 OZ 79c

GRIFFIN GRAPE JELLY 18 OZ 59c

DEL MONTE TOMATO JUICE 46 OZ 59c

HEINZ SWEET CUCUMBER SLICES 16 OZ 59c

DEL MONTE CATSUP 14 OZ 39c

KEEBLER VANILLA WAFERS 12 OZ 59c

AJAX CLEANSER REG SIZE 29c

KEN-L-RATION DOG FOOD 15 OZ 2/45c

LIPTON INSTANT TEA 3 OZ \$1.69

PINEAPPLE DELMONTE SLICED NO 1 1/2 CAN 2 FOR \$1.00

TOMATO SAUCE HUNTS 8 OZ CAN 5 FOR \$1.00

NEW POTATOES DEL MONTE 303 CAN 3 FOR \$1.00

GREEN BEANS DEL MONTE SLICED SEASONED 303 CAN 3 FOR \$1.00

TURNIP GREENS GRIFFIN WITH DICED TURNIPS 303 CAN 4 FOR \$1.00

PREM LUNCH MEAT 12 OZ CAN 89c

TOMATOES DEL MONTE 303 CAN 2 FOR 79c

PEAR HALVES DEL MONTE 300 CAN 2 FOR 89c

FLOUR GLADIOLA YELLOW ROSE 5 LB 69c

MIRACLE WHIP SALAD DRESSING

QT \$1.09

ZEE NICE & SOFT TISSUE

4 ROLL PKG 79c

TOWELS HI-DRI

BIG ROLL 2/ \$1.00

PUREX BLEACH

1/2 GAL 2/ \$1.00

PALMOLIVE LIQUID

22 OZ 79c

DETERGENT GAIN

KING SIZE \$1.98

MILK PRESTONS LOW FAT GAL \$1.59

MILK PRESTONS LOW FAT 1/2 GAL 89c

ICE CREAM GANDYS RND CTN 1/2 GAL \$1.19

COTTAGE CHEESE GANDYS 24 OZ CARTON 99c

CHOCOLATE MILK FOREMOST LOW FAT GAL JUG \$1.45

OLEO PARKAY WHIPPED LB 69c

Prices Cooled on
FROZEN FOODS

JENOS OR FOX PIZZA EA 89c

BANQUET POT PIES EA 29c

KEITH CRINKLE CUT POTATOES 2 LB BAG 49c

Cream of the Crop
PRODUCE

NAVEL ORANGES LB 29c

LETTUCE EA 29c

TOMATOES LB 29c

CARROTS PKG 19c

RUSSET POTATOES 10 LB BAG 79c

USDA APPROVED TO REDEEM FOOD STAMPS

DELIVERIES TUESDAY & FRIDAY AT 10:00 A. M.

\$5.00 MINIMUM DELIVERY



SAVE LOWER OVERHEAD CHEAPER PRICES

Where Customers Send Their Friends
PHONE 928-5713

go to market daily in the WANT ADS

CALL
928-5712
FOR SALE

FOR SALE: 5 old wooden barrels, \$25 each, 2 sets of old bar stools. Enquire at L&W Snack Bar.

51-tfc
FOR SALE: Sucker rods 3/4" to 1", \$2.50 up. Call 673-9835, 7:30 to 9:30 a.m.

2-4TP
FOR SALE: 1969 Plymouth, 318 2 barrel. Call 928-5017 after 6:00.

2-TFCNC
FOR SALE: 1972 Suzuki motorcycle, good condition, \$225. Call 928-5235.

2-TFC-NC
FOR SALE: 2 bedroom rock home with extra lot, 1111 South 8th. Call after 5:30 p.m. 928-5436.

3-2tc
FOR SALE: Amway Products. Call 928-5339.

3-21tp1tc
FOR SALE: Ladies handbags. If you need a new bag for Easter come by 403 Runnels. 928-5940. 4-1tc

FOR SALE: Ducks, geese, guineas, chickens. 928-5623 after 6 p.m. 4-1tc

FOR SALE: Worm Casting (Organic Soil) for sale. Excellent for garden use or house plants. Call 928-5710. 4-1tc

FOR SALE used living room suite. 928-5145. 4-1tc

FOR SALE: Miniature poodles, white and apricot. \$25.00. 527-2855. 4-1tp

FOR SALE: Roto Tiller, 125.00; 1974 Datsun pickup with camper shell. 928-4932. 4-1tc

FOR SALE: '70 Ford Torino wagon, 351 Cleveland, '71 Honda S.L. 175, 2 - 5 slot mag wheels, Marshall Whorton. 2 miles north on FM 125. 928-5259. 4-1tc

FOR SALE: 1974 Grand Prix. 21,000 miles, cruise, tape, rally wheels, bucket seats. One owner, clean. 928-5069, 928-5231. 4-1tc

WANTED

WANTED: Want to buy a used freezer. 928-5145. 4-1tc

REAL ESTATE

FOR SALE: Merkel Investment Property. House and duplex, carpeted, nice, good rental property, North side. \$30,000. Senter Realtors, 677-1811, Rhoda Allen 928-5415, Linda Cravens 928-4860.

LAND FOR SALE? Call Collect-Bill Largent, Farm and Ranch Mgr. at Frances McClure Inc., Realtors. 3157 South 27th, Abilene. 698-3211, Night 698-2375.

FOR SALE: 64 1/2 acres North of Merkel. Home, metal barns, corral tank stocked with fish, water well, good fences, and farm equipment (optional). Franklin Realtors Estate, Tuscola. 554-7814. 4-1tc

FOR SALE: Nice 2 bedroom home, stove, refrigerator on Ash. Will carry note. Also for sale new Hoover Dial-a-matic vacuum cleaner with automatic power drive. \$100. Call 928-5079. 1-4TC

Services

FINE FURNITURE FABRICS a better prices. Professional upholstery available. Randy's Fabrics, 1190 Butternut, 673-2238. 6-tfc

HELP WANTED

HELP WANTED: Relief help for laundry and housekeeper. Applications now being taken for experienced nurses aid. Apply in person at the Starr Nursing Home.

WANTED: Full-time custodian for the Merkel Schools \$2.85 per hour. Apply at the Superintendent's office, Merkel High School building. 1-TFC

HELP WANTED - waitress. Apply in person at Pug & Leo's Restaurant. 4-1tp

Sewing

Home Service Call: No extra charge. Clean, oil, adjust, \$4.95 your home or our store. Free loan machine. Out of town service. All work guaranteed. Neechi Sewing Center, 241 Cedar, 677-0672. 1-4TC

MISCELLANEOUS

NOW BOOKING ORDERS for Channel Catfish Fingerlings. Fish farm open daily. Douglas Catfish Farm, Sylvester, 915-993-4644. 3-4tc

NEED lady to stay with 2 children five days a week in the evenings. Call Margo at 928-4923. 1-TFC

WE BUY PAPERBACKS. Come by or call The Merkel Mail, 928-5712. 3-tfc

NEED a twelve year-old babysitter? If you do, call 928-5220 or come by 807 Rose Street in Merkel. 2-TFC

FOR RENT

FOR RENT: Business building, front 25 x 60 ft. First door East of Mansfield Feed Store. Phone Ray Wilson, 928-5713 or 928-5615. 1-TFC

SHANNONSIDE APARTMENTS-1, 2, and 3 bedroom apartments, shag carpet, all electric, dishwasher, garbage disposal, central cooling and heating. For more information call 928-5038. 8-tfc

FOR RENT: 3 bedroom house, large livingroom. 928-4932 noon or evenings. 4-1tc

NEED
A New Water Well Drilled? Also install Meyers Subs & Jacuzzi Jets
ROBERT HIGGINS
928-5998

CAN HAUL
DIRT, ROCK & GRAVEL
LEVEL & REPAIR DRIVEWAYS.
CALL EVENINGS
Harold Walker
PHONE 928-5872
202 CHERRY

CAKES GALORE
WEDDING, BIRTHDAY, ANNIVERSARIES, SPECIALTY
928-5508

CRAIN'S GARAGE
MAJOR AND MINOR AUTO REPAIR
AUTOMATIC TRANS
MISSION REPAIR
ALSO TRACTOR WORK AND MOST FOREIGN CARS.
NORTH 1st, MERKEL
ROUND TOP BUILDING, PHONE 928-4915.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank all my friends for the letters, cards, flowers, phone calls, and visits. Thank you most of all for your prayers during my recent illness and hospital stay. May God Bless every one of you.
Mrs. Callie Price
4-1tp

I wish to thank all the members of the Order of the Eastern Star Merkel Chapter No. 212 for the lovely party they gave me. It was wonderful.
Mrs. Viola Ensinger
4-1tp

PUBLIC NOTICE

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: The Unknown Heirs of Carl R. Kuykendall, deceased and Dotty Kuykendall Will, Defendants, Greeting:
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable County Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of ten days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 20th day of March A.D. 1978, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 7th day of March A.D. 1978, in this cause, numbered 11,808 on the docket of said court and styled Petition for Determination and Declaration of Heirship in the Estate of Carl R. Kuykendall, Deceased by Jerry Kuykendall, Petitioner, vs. James M. Kuykendall, Dotty Kuykendall Will and the unknown heirs of the decedent, Respondents.
A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Action to determine the names, residence, and respective interests of all heirs of the Estate of Carl R. Kuykendall, Deceased, who died September 28, 1974, at Abilene, Taylor County, Texas as is more fully shown by Petitioner's Petition on file in this suit.
If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.
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 seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this 10 day of March A.D. 1978.
Mrs. Chester Hutcheson
Clerk
County Court Taylor County, Texas
By Pat Allen, Deputy.
4-1tc

MERKEL VFW
POST 5683
MONTHLY REG. MEETING
8:30 P.M.
SECOND THURSDAY
POST & LADIES AUXILIARY
Y'ALL COME NOW!

PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF TYE, TAYLOR COUNTY TEXAS
P.O. Box 145
Tye, Texas 79563
NO. 78-2
AN ORDINANCE
Prescribing regulations for vehicular general speed limits: Specific speed limits: Racing prohibited: Minimum limits: Exemptions: providing for a penalty not exceeding more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00)
Passed and approved this 6 day of March, 1978.
Mayor, James C. Barley
4-1tc

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.
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 seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this 10 day of March A.D. 1978.
Mrs. Chester Hutcheson
Clerk
County Court Taylor County, Texas
By Pat Allen, Deputy.
4-1tc

SEAT COVER CENTER

SEAT COVERS
TRUCK CUSHIONS
DOOR PANELS
ARM RESTS
HEADLINERS
1056 BUTTERNUT
677-1349
ABILENE

PRE-PAID FUNERAL PLANS
CEMETERY HEADSTONES
BURIAL INSURANCE
LIFE INSURANCE
STARBUCK FUNERAL HOME

C.B. RADIOS REPAIR SUPPLIES TV REPAIR C.B. ANTENNAS
PRICES ARE VERY DEFINITELY COMPETITIVE
STEROS RECORD CHANGER & 8 TRACK PLAYERS
STANFORD'S ELECTRONICS
123 KENT MERKEL 928-5762

ALL TYPES OF INSURANCE BONEY INSURANCE AGENCY
Phone 8-5151

PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF TYE, TAYLOR COUNTY TEXAS
P.O. Box 145
Tye, Texas 79563
NO. 78-2
AN ORDINANCE
Prescribing regulations for vehicular general speed limits: Specific speed limits: Racing prohibited: Minimum limits: Exemptions: providing for a penalty not exceeding more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00)
Passed and approved this 6 day of March, 1978.
Mayor, James C. Barley
4-1tc

GREGG FISHER PLUMBING
ALL TYPES OF PLUMBING WORK
QUALITY WORK AND REASONABLE PRICES
CALL 928-5379
928-5627

FOR THOSE GOOD SHELL PRODUCTS STOP BY DISHMAN'S SHELL
211 KENT
928-5222
MECHANIC ON DUTY

FOR ALL YOUR INSURANCE NEEDS . . . SEYMORE INSURANCES
102 EDWARDS 928-5379
Auto, Property, General Liability, Crop, Health, Life, Disability, Tax-sheltered retirement, Educational plans
FARMERS UNION SERVICE POINT

LOOKING FOR THAT GOOD USED CAR, WE HAVE A NICE SELECTION
12 MONTHS - 12,000 MILES - WARRANTY AVAILABLE "NO DEDUCTIBLE"

- 73 Pontiac Grand Ville 4 dr. air and power only. \$1295
- 76 GMC 1/2 TON HIGH SIERRA Super equipped, red and white excellent condition. \$4295
- 3-75 PONTIAC CATALINAS 4-door sedans, choice of colors. Super buys EACH. \$2395
- 77 GRAND PRIX Automatic, air, power, radio tape, cruise, tilt, rally II wheels, 8,900 miles, never registered. Only. \$5895
- 74 Chevy Nova 4 dr. air and power, local 1 owner. \$2395
- 74 Pontiac Gran Prix air and power, rally wheels, new tires, only. \$2995
- 72 Dodge Monaco Brougham 4 dr., air and power, only. \$1295
- 4-74 PONTIAC/CATALINA 4-door lease cars, reconditioned new paint vinyl top, warranty reduced to. \$1895
- 73 AMC GREMLIN 5-Cylinder, 3-speed air conditioning new tires. ONLY. \$1395
- 72 PONTIAC CATALINA 2-door, air and power, rally II wheels, white with black vinyl top, nice for only. \$1695
- 72 GRAN SAFARI WAGON Loaded, Green Color. \$1695
- 72 BUICK ELECTRA 226 Has all the goodies, green with vinyl top, nice for only. \$1995
- 73 PLYMOUTH SATELITE SEDAN 2 door, air and power. \$1695

"WE SELL 'EM-WE LEASE 'EM"
Palmer Pontiac & GMC
BE APPLIANCES & TV
MERKEL 928-5113 ABILENE 673-1162

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION
Notice is hereby given that the partnership under the firm name of Southwest Respiratory Care, located at 2226 Grand Street, Abilene, Texas, was dissolved by mutual consent on March 2, 1978, and that the business will be continued thereafter under the same name as a Texas corporation. Payment of debts owing to the partnership and presentation of demands due by the partnership should be made to the corporation at 2226 Grand Street, Abilene, Taylor County, Texas.
Dated: March 3, 1978
4-2tc

FOR BEST RESULTS AT LOWEST COST USE MERKEL MAIL 'Quick Action' Classified Ads JUST TELEPHONE MERKEL 928-5712

WE PAY 150% OVER FACE VALUE FOR ALL SILVER COINS. (\$2.50 FOR \$1.00 SILVER) (We pay 25c for silver dimes) PRATTS COIN & STAMP SHOP 2155 S. 1st. Abilene, Texas

AUTHORIZED DEALER
Lawn & Garden Equipment
Allis-Chalmers-Owatonna
Hay Machinery
Farm Equipment and Forney
Welding Equipment
Shafer Plows - Continel Belton Products
677-4349
DOTY FARM EQUIPMENT CO.
366 Chestnut
Nights-Sundays-Holidays 672-2451 - 698-2572

MEMBER
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

The Merkel Mail
PUBLISHER'S STATEMENT
Established in 1889
Published weekly at 916 N. Second St., Merkel, Texas. Entered at the Post Office at Merkel, Texas, 79536 as second class mail.
Any erroneous reflection upon the character, standing or reputation of any person, firm or corporation, which may appear in the columns of the newspaper will be corrected, gladly, upon being brought to the attention of the publisher.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES: \$5.50 Per Year Taylor County \$6.25 Per Year outside of Taylor and adjoining counties.

Member of the Texas Press Association and West Texas Press Association.
Steve Lanham Publisher
Martha Sue Justice Editor
Lillian Pack Advertising Sales Manager

For Classified Rates:
\$1.50 minimum for the first four lines (18 words). Excess of 4 lines will be charged at the rate of 8 cents per word.
TERMS: 25 cents discount if bill is paid prior to first insertion.
Card of Thanks: \$3.00 minimum for the first 50 words, 6 cents per word for each additional word.
TERMS: Cash in advance unless account is established.
NOTICE: of typographical or other errors must be given before the second insertion or claims for refund or extensions will not be recognized.

MERKEL ELECTRIC
We do commercial and residential electric work. Need a house rewired or just a little work. Call us for a free estimate. You don't have to wait for work you want done at a reasonable price.
FRANK CAMPBELL
512 Cherry
P.O. Box 163
928-5291

Political Announcement
The following have authorized The Merkel Mail to announce their candidacy for office, subject to action of Democratic Primaries on May 6, 1978.
For U.S. House of Representatives, 17th Congressional District:
CHARLES STENHOLM
FIKE GODFREY
JIM SNOWDEN
JIM BAUM
For Jones County Commissioner
J.G. (DUDE) HEALD
Precinct 4

Toombs Real Estate
FREDDY TOOMBS (Broker)
116 EDWARDS
PH. 928-5921
RES. 928-5696
PEGGY DENNISON RES. 672-6727
VACANT LOTS FOR SALE - for trailer and buildings in all sections of town. Reduced for quick sale.
Two lots on FM 126 North close to Country Club. Excellent building site.
WE HAVE BUYERS AND NEED LISTINGS FOR HOUSES, FARMS, & RANCHES.

Merkel School News

By Milly Bright, Media Coordinator



Pam Roper

Harmon - Roper Engagement Announced

Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Roper of Star Route, Andrews, Texas are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter Pam to Ensign Chuck Harmon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Harmon of Richmond, Texas. Pam and Chuck are to be married in the All Faith's Chapel on the Texas A & M University campus at 6:00 p.m., April 7, 1978. Pam is a 1973 graduate of Andrews High School and a 1977 graduate of Texas A & M University where she majored in Landscape Architecture. She is currently employed by the City of Charleston, South Carolina as a landscape architect. Pam is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Weston of Merkel. Chuck is a graduate of Lamar Consolidated High School in Richmond and is a 1977 graduate of Texas A & M. He majored in Wildlife Ecology. He is currently residing in Newport, Rhode Island while he attends the United States Navy Surface Warfare Officer's School.

The next regular school board meeting will be Monday, March 20.

Middle School News

We are proud to announce that Kent Scott won a fourth place ribbon and a certificate of merit for his entry at the science fair held Thursday and Friday at Hardin-Simmons University. Congratulations to Kent on his fine work.

Mrs. Mitzi Hart has received notice that Dwayne Brown was the top winner in the most books read in the recent Multiple Sclerosis Read-a-thon.

Also, Merkel Middle School was top district winner in having the most books read-1,077.

Both Dwayne and the Middle School will receive prizes for their efforts which will be announced later.

Merkel Elementary School News

Last Thursday evening over 200 persons attended the Merkel Elementary School open house during Texas Public Schools week. They toured the buildings and observed many of the things which the students have been making during the year. We appreciate the interest the parents have in their children and the fine turnout last Thursday.

Winners in the soil conservation contest were announced Friday afternoon. Judges for the contest were: Mrs. Betty Cypert, Mrs. Elleta Orsborn, and

Mrs. Lena Dunagin.

The winners were: Kindergarten: 1. Misti Don, 2. Laura Baker, 3. Melissa Hallford and Michelle Vera Cruz.

First Grade: 1. John McCure, 2. Sabrina Frazier, 3. Teresa Luca and 4. Richa Hill.

Second Grade: 1. Ted Seymour, 2. Kristy Elliott, 3. Ladonna Roysden, and 4. Aretha McKinney.

Third Grade: 1. Tracey Bicknell, 2. Gayle Shugart, 3. Suzan Alberts and 4. Michelle Woodard.

Fourth Grade: 1. Amy Irvin, 2. Regina Stuckey, 3. Alfred Flores and 4. Matt Cain.

Fifth Grade: 1. Tim Jacobs, 2. Missy Jones, 3. Sean Woodard and 4. Shane Smith.

Tye

The first graders in Mrs. Evans's room are enjoying a subscription to the Weekly Reader, which was paid for with money provided by the P.T.O. This newspaper is written by educators with the child's development in mind. It is filled with "fun" stories and puzzles which are tailored to build reading and thinking skills. The "fund" activities are designed to spark imaginations and awaken new interests.

We are pleased to announce that Shane Lancaster won first place in the first grade Soil Conservation Poster contest. Shannon Pence won second place, Son Mi Chon third place and Eric Smith won fourth place.

This past week the second grade and the third grade had a visitor to come and speak to them about Soil Conservation.

After seeing many slides and discussing each one, we had a much better idea about what Soil Conservation is all about. Our poster winners in second grade are first place, Tasha Todd, second place, Michelle Goodgion, third place, Stacie Johnson, and fourth place, Tami Israel. We have also been preparing for our P.T.O. program for Texas Public School Week. Every class sings a song about Texas. The second grade sings "The Yellow Rose of Texas." Also, for Texas Public School Week, we have been learning many things about Texas. We have learned about our state bird, state flower, state capitol, and state tree. Each student made a Texas state flag. We did this in getting our room ready for P.T.O. open house.

Elementary Soil Conservation Poster Winners

KINDERGARTEN - 1st place Shawn Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Miller, 2nd place Eric Konopinski, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Konopinski, 3rd place Mi Hwa Chon daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pyong O. Chon, 4th place Lisa Donaldson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Donaldson.

FIRST GRADE - 1st place Shane Lancaster, son of Frances Watts, 2nd place Shannon Pence, son of Mr. and Mrs. A.J. Pence, 3rd place, Son Mi Chon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pyong O. Chon, 4th place Eric Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gary B. Smith.

SECOND GRADE - 1st place Tasha Todd daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil W. Todd, 2nd place Michelle Goodgion, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy

GOODGION, 3rd place Stacie Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold W. Johnson, 4th place Tami Israel daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Israel.

THIRD GRADE - 1st place Kathy Corbin daughter of Ken and Sherron Corbin, 2nd place Dean Rodgers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Cagle, 3rd place Paulette Monk, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rayburn Monk, 4th place Joe Miles, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roddy Miles.

FOURTH GRADE - 1st place Keith Watson, son of Mr. and Mrs.

Goodgion, 3rd place Stacie Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold W. Johnson, 4th place Tami Israel daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Israel.

FIFTH GRADE - 1st place Billy Scott, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Scott, 2nd place Billy Spoon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Billy G. Spoon, 3rd place Dale Roys, son of Mr. and Mrs. Aury Roys, 4th place Charles Corbin, son of Ken and Sherron Corbin.



First Week Of Classes - 'Different'

By Tommy Jones

The first week of classes held in the gym were a new experience for everyone. If anything, our experiences in the open classroom concept will be one we will never forget.

Seven classes are being held on the gymnasium floor and one class in the gym's foyer. Bookshelves, filing cabinets, tables,

and chairs are used as partitions to separate the seven classrooms. Those classes taught in the gym in my opinion, are as quiet as the ones were in the high school building.

On the whole, there is not as much difference in this situation and the regular schedule. Although we can turn around and holler at

our fellow classmates in the next room, everyone has done an excellent job in keeping themselves in line.

With the upcoming weeks we hope that the teachers and the students will be able to continue and finish this year's term without any hardships on anyone.

Something special for our out-of-town customers.

When you drive in to Abilene to buy a car from us we'll show our appreciation by giving you:

Free license plates

50 free gallons of gas

And a guarantee to beat any deal from any out-of-town dealer, properly signed and documented.

Dan Hixson CHEVROLET

Bring this coupon with you.

NOTICE OF CITY OFFICERS' ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCION DE FUNCIONARIOS DE LA CIUDAD)

MEKEL, TEXAS
Name of City (Nombre de la Ciudad)

Notice is hereby given that a City Officers' Election will be held on the _____ day of _____, 19____, in the above named city for the purpose of electing the following officers for said city: Mayor, _____, Aldermen, _____, Commissioners. Said election will be held at the following polling places in said city: _____ at _____ Building; _____ at _____ Building; _____ at _____ Building; _____ at _____ Building. The polls at each of the above designated polling places shall on said election day be open from _____ o'clock a.m. to _____ o'clock p.m. The absentee voting for the above designated election shall be held at _____ Building, in said city, and said place of absentee voting shall remain open for at least 8 hours on each day of absentee voting which is not a Saturday, Sunday or an official State holiday, beginning on the 20th day and continuing through the 4th day preceding the date of said election. Said place of voting shall remain open between the hours of _____ o'clock a.m. and _____ o'clock p.m. Dated this _____ day of _____, 19____.

(Se da aviso por la presente que se llevará a cabo una Elección de Funcionarios de la Ciudad el día _____ de _____ de 19____ en la ciudad arriba mencionada para el propósito de elegir a los siguientes funcionarios para dicha ciudad: _____ Concejal(es), _____ Comisionados. Dicha elección se llevará a cabo en los siguientes lugares de votación en dicha ciudad: _____ en el Edificio _____; _____ en el Edificio _____; _____ en el Edificio _____; _____ en el Edificio _____. Los sitios de votación arriba designados para dicha elección se mantendrán abiertos en el mencionado día de elecciones de las _____ a las _____ p.m. La votación ausente para la elección arriba designada se llevará a cabo en el Edificio _____ en dicha ciudad, y dicho lugar de votación ausente se mantendrá abierto por lo menos ocho horas en cada día de votación ausente no siendo sábado, domingo o día festivo oficial del Estado, principiando 20 días y continuando hasta el cuarto día anterior a la fecha de dicha elección. Dicho lugar de votación se mantendrá abierto de las _____ a.m. a las _____ p.m. Fechado esta día _____ de _____ de 19____.

[Signature]
Mayor / Alcalde

vote
FOR
ROBERT ROYSDEN
SCHOOL BOARD
APRIL 1, 1978

WE SPECIALIZE IN
SEPTIC SYSTEMS
ROADS & DRIVES
L. R. MCGEE
BACKHOE SERVICES
RT. 3 BOX 94 928-5423

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
EXTENDS A SPECIAL
INVITATION TO EVERYONE
TO ATTENDED SERVICES
WITH THEM

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Services 7:00 p.m.

**IF YOU NEED
A RIDE
CALL
928-4846**
(Our Church Bus Will Be Glad To Pick You Up)

**FOR A FREE
KJV NEW TESTAMENT
CALL 928-4846**

**CALVARY
BAPTIST CHURCH**
5th & RUNNELLS ST.

**Believe
it
or not**

Over 80% of all
highway deaths
take place on a
clear day

Office of Traffic Safety

NOTICE
This is A Test Ad

In order to test our newspaper advertising, we are offering for seven (7) days only, the 1978 model, stretch stitch, buttonhole, overcast, blind hem, monogram, etc. With this ad \$38.95.

**CALL FOR FREE
HOME DEMONSTRATION**
Noochi Sewing Center
241 Cedar
677-2714

**\$ DOLLAR \$ DAYS
AT CRAWFORD'S**

60" DOUBLEKNIT VALUES TO \$3" \$1.00	MENS SHIRTS VALUE TO \$12" \$5.00
VALUES TO \$22" DRESSES \$10.00	VALUE TO \$20" PANTS \$5.00
VALUES TO \$18" DUSTERS \$10.00	VALUE TO \$10" JACKETS \$5.00
VALUE TO \$25" SWEATERS \$11.00	VALUE TO \$21" WESTERN SHIRTS \$10.00
VALUES TO \$12" JEANS \$5.00	VALUE TO \$99" SUITS \$55.00
VALUE TO \$18" SHOES \$6.00	VALUE TO \$60" SPORT COATS \$25.00

**IT'S TWICE AS NICE TO SHOP
CRAWFORD'S**
135 EDWARDS PHO. 928-5612

March 6, School Board Minutes

Editors Note

This newspaper specifically asked for names of board members and how they voted according to the minutes of the March 6, 1978 meeting. However, this information was not released.

Quoted from the Texas Public School Law Bulletin —

Article 6252-17A Section 6 Item 4

Without limiting the meaning of other sections of this act, the following categories of information are specifically made public information:

(4) The names of every official in final record of voting of all proceedings in governmental bodies.

The Merkel School Board met in a special called meeting Monday, March 6, 7:30 P.M. The meeting was held in the Merkel School Auditorium. Chairman of the Board, Charles Jacobs, called the meeting to order with all members of the board present.

Others present for the meeting were numerous persons from the community, several faculty members and students.

Jerry McLeod, high school faculty representative of the community, spoke on behalf of Mr. Presswood.

Mr. Pat Castille, representative of the community, spoke on behalf of Mr. Presswood. A petition was presented to the Board Chairman, Charles Jacobs.

Tommy Jones, representative from the high school student body spoke on behalf of Mr. Presswood. A petition was presented to the Board Chair-

man, Charles Jacobs.

Marianne Rankin, middle school faculty representative, spoke on behalf of Mr. Cain.

Mr. John Townsend spoke on behalf of Mr. Cain.

Motion was made by James Boyd and seconded by Dink Whisenhunt.

To accept Rose and Son as first preference and C.E. Oats as second preference, which ever can do it first, for damage appraisal on fire damaged high school wing.

It was approved unanimously.

George B. Buescher recognized as being a representative of a bonding company.

The motion was made by Dink Whisenhunt and seconded by Leroy Teaff.

Charles Jacobs appointed to represent board members in working with the insurance company.

It was approved unanimously.

Chairman of the Board, Charles Jacobs called for an executive session.

Chairman of the Board, Charles Jacobs called for the meeting to return to regular session.

Motion was made by James Boyd and seconded by Kenny Hogan.

To renew Mr. Presswood's contract for one year at the present salary above base.

Approved: Unanimous Motion: James Boyd Leroy Teaff

To renew Mr. Cain's contract for 1 year at the present salary above base.

Approved: For: 3 Against: 2

Chairman of the Board, Charles Jacobs called for an executive session.

Chairman of the Board, Charles Jacobs called for the meeting to return to regular session.

Motion: Kenny Hogan

Second: Leroy Teaff

To give Dr. Raymond Etheridge a two (2) year contract for superintendent at \$3,500.00 per year above state base with contract to be reviewed each January for renewal or evaluation to go in effect June 1, 1978. A cr will be furnished according to present board policy, \$1,000.00 for moving expense and he will attend all state meetings.

Approved: Unanimous Motion: James Boyd Second: Dink Whisenhunt

For Dr. Raymond Etheridge to report to work on April 3, 1978 or as soon afterwards as possible as an advisor

until June 1, 1978.

Approved: Unanimous There being no further

business, Chairman of the Board, Charles Jacobs declared the meeting adjourned.

J. G. Heald Runs For Jones County Commissioner



J. G. Heald

I am a native of Jones County and have lived 54 years of my life in Precinct 4. I am a graduate of Anson High School and a member of the First Baptist Church of Anson. My wife, Estelle, and I have two sons, Jack of Anson and Mack of Farwell, Texas.

I have farmed 29 years in Jones and Bailey County, and was in the wholesale oil business, along with farming, while living at Muleshoe, Texas.

In 1954, our older son, Jack, and I formed the Heald Trucking Co. and went into the air base and road construction work. I retired from this organization in 1972. Sixteen years of this time was applied to road construction alone.

I believe that with this experience in road construction and with the experience of combating a depression in the 30's, along with the disasters of farming, and the trucking business, and still be current with finances, I am fully qualified to be Commissioner of Precinct 4.

If elected, I will convert my barn into a machine shed and storage space at my expense, saving the county this expense. I will work with the other members of the commissioners court and have a congenial

and solid court. I will operate on a conservative basis as much as I can, and still have well maintained roads and machinery. I will have an open mind to each individuals problem, and will help each of you as much as the state law allows.

As I have quit farming, I will apply my full time to this work. The only hobby I have is working with Youth organizations such as 4H, FFA and others that will build a better future for them. I will be able to help with these programs after work hours and on week ends. They will have my full support all of my remaining years that I am able to do so.

I want to at this time to commend Mr. Touchstone for a job well done. He is a good man and has been a good commissioner. He is going to be hard to follow, but I will accept this challenge with an open mind and with no animosity toward anyone.

I will seek your vote and influence on my merits,



JUDGES ATTEND REGIONAL SEMINAR—Seventy justices of the peace attended an advanced 20-hour Texas Justice of the Peace Training Center Seminar Feb. 21-24 in Arlington. The seminars are held in compliance with Article 5972, Section b, Texas Revised Civil Statutes. The training center is based at Southwest Texas State University. Among the judges attending were, left to right, Judge Henry J. Guenther of Merkel, Taylor County, Precinct 2; Judge Silas E. Clark of Abilene, Taylor County, Precinct 1, Place 1; and Judge Mozelle W. Nance of Stamford, Jones County, Precinct 2, Place 1.

SCHOOL MENU

The Merkel i.s.d. menu for the week starting March 20 and ending March 24 is as follows;

MONDAY: Fried fish, tarter sauce, cole slaw with creamy dressing, potatoes au Graten, hot rolls, chilled pink apple-sauce.

TUESDAY: Chili pie, buttered whole kernel corn, lettuce & tomato salad, choice of dressing, lemon bars.

WEDNESDAY: Beef tacos, taco sauce, lettuce & cheese, pinto beans, pineapple nut cake.

THURSDAY: Turkey & dressing with giblet gravy, seasoned green beans, cranberry sauce, hot rolls, fruit salad.

FRIDAY: Bar B-Q on bun, potato salad, baked beans, buns, fruit.

and hope my opponents do the same.

As my wife is recovering from a broken limb, I will have to spend some time with her and I may not be able to contact each voter by the 6th of May. I should fail to contact each of you, would you please take this as a solicitation for your vote and influence. Go to the polls May 6th and vote for the man of your choice. Your vote and influence will be appreciated very much.

Thanks for all your consideration.

J. G. (Dude) Heald (Pol. Adv. paid by J.G. Heald)

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of those who came to our aid in a time of tragedy. Our wholehearted appreciation is given to the Abilene Fire Department, the Dyess Fire Department, the Tye Fire Department, the Texas Department of Highways & Public Transportation, the Department of Public Safety and the news media who aired special bulletins concerning the fire.

Additionally we would also give thanks to our own fire department, police department, city personnel, school personnel and to the ladies that made and served refreshments to the workers.

We would be remiss if we did not mention the fantastic way our citizens and students helped to empty the burning building of books, desks, etc.

In the presence of a great tragedy for our school and city we still count our blessings in the form of the good citizenship that we witnessed Sunday March 5, 1978.

Lou David Allen-Mayor, City of Merkel in behalf of the Merkel City Council.
Charles Jacobs-Merkel School Board President in behalf of the Merkel School Board.

GRAND OPENING

MOBIL SELF SERVICE PUMPS

HONOR MOBIL, VISA, AND MASTER CHARGE CREDIT CARDS

MOBIL OIL
30 WT.
59¢
Limit 5

FREE COKE
WITH PURCHASE
OF GASOLINE

REG. &
UNLEADED
GAS

REGISTER
FOR
FREE GAS

FREE
BUBBLEGUM

GOOCH
12 OZ
FRANKS 79¢

MARYLAND
CLUB
COFFEE
\$2.89 LB

2' Gal.
DISCOUNT
WITH COUPON

CRACKER
JACKS
10¢

SNOWDRIFT
SHORTENING
3 LB CAN
\$1.39

LG.
SLUSH PUPPIES
29¢

1. G. Bread
1 1/2 LB LOAF
3 FOR \$1.00

FREE
BALLOONS

<p>1/2 GAL BIG RED 89¢</p> <p>DEL MONTE NO 303 NEW POTATOES 3 FOR \$1.00</p> <p>DEL MONTE YELLOW NO 303 CREAM STYLE CORN 3 FOR \$1.00</p> <p>PREMIUM CRACKERS 1 LB BOX 59¢</p> <p>HUNTS 32 OZ CATSUP 79¢</p> <p>BEST MAID PICKLES 48 oz 98¢</p> <p>HUNTS SNACK PACK 4 CANS 79¢</p> <p>HI-C DRINK 46 OZ 59¢</p> <p>REGISTER for 10 GALLONS OF FREE GAS</p> <p>5 winners of 10 GAL. EACH</p> <p>NAME _____</p> <p>ADDRESS _____</p> <p>PHONE _____</p>	<p>FROZEN SPECIALS</p> <p>STRAWBERRIES 10 OZ 39¢</p> <p>KEITH GREEN PEAS, CORN, MIXED VEGETABLES 3 FOR \$1.00</p> <p>2 LB BAG FRENCH FRIES 49¢</p> <p>CIGARETTES</p> <p>REG., KINGS & LONGS</p> <p>\$5.00 CRTN.</p>	<p>COCA COLA — SEVEN UP — MR PIBB</p> <p>32 OZ BOTTLE 29¢ EACH</p> <p>\$1.69 CRTN PLUS DEPOSIT</p> <p>69¢ MORTONS 69¢ POTATO CHIPS REG, BARBEQUE, SOUR CREAM, & ONION 2 BAGS \$1.00</p>	<p>PRODUCE SPECIALS</p> <p>RUSSETT 10 LB POTATOES 79¢</p> <p>TOMATOES LB 29¢</p> <p>LETTUCE HEAD 29¢</p> <p>LEMONS EACH 10¢</p> <p>ONION PLANTS 3 BUNCHES \$1.00</p> <p>SEED POTATOES LB 15¢</p> <p>ONIONS YELLOW LB 15¢</p> <p>CARROTS 1 LB BAG 19¢</p> <p style="text-align: center;">EXPIRES MARCH 22, 1978</p> <p style="text-align: center;">COUPON</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Good At 9th Street Grocery</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2' GAL. DISCOUNT</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PRESENT THIS COUPON AND GET 2' A GALLON OFF PURCHASE OF 12 GALLONS OR MORE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NAME _____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ADDRESS _____</p>
--	---	--	--

NINTH STREET GROCERY

Merkel Badgers Win Featherlite Relays

The Merkel Badgers opened the track season on a high note by winning the AA division of the Featherlite Relays in Ranger by outdistancing Comanche and Cisco to win the championship. Merkel scored 57 points in the field events to open a big lead and cinched the title by winning both relays to bring home the victory. Donnie Riggan, Brad McCoy, and Brad Pursley lead the onslaught in the field events. Riggan was fourth in the high jump and second in the pole vault. McCoy was third in the high jump, second in the long jump,

while Pursley won the long jump and the pole vault. Ricky Howes started the running finals off right by anchoring a come from behind victory in the sprint relay by nudging Comanche and Cisco at the tape to give the Badgers a big lead. Brad Pursley followed with a victory in the 880, while McCoy won the 100, and Rick Howes got a second in the 220. However, Cisco and Comanche began cutting into the Badger lead with victories in the hurdles, the 440, and the mile. However, Freshman Sal Acosta got a fourth place in the mile so that

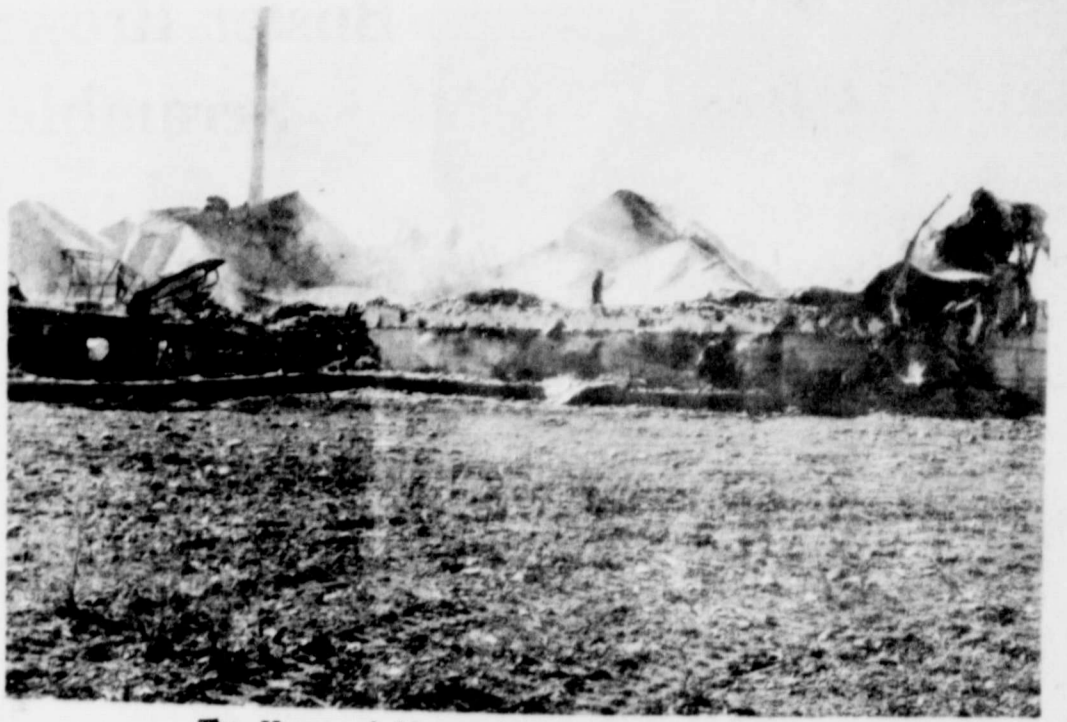
Merkel would need only a third in the mile relay to win the championship. However, it didn't matter since the Badgers got off to a big lead thanks to Brad McCoy and Rick Howes and were never headed as Kelly Wolf brought the stick home 20 yards in front of the nearest competitor. Merkel brought home all three trophies in their division and all members of the team performed exceptionally well for the first meet of the year. The Badgers run Saturday in the Canyon Reef Relays in Snyder.

Comanche-115, Cisco 112, Eastland 75, Winters 34. High Jump: 3. McCoy 6', 4. Riggan 5'10". Long Jump: 1. Pursley 20'7 1/2", 2. McCoy 20'3 1/2", 6. Hutchings 18'7 3/4". Pole Vault: 1. Pursley 13'1", 2. Riggan 10'6", 3. Howes 40'6 3/8". Discus: 4. Wells 103'. 440 Yard Relay: 1. Merkel (Hutchings, McCoy, Pursley, Howes) 46.4, 880 Yard Run: 1. Pursley 2:12, 120 HH: 3. Wolf 17.8, 110 Yard Dash: 1. McCoy 10.6, 4. Hutchings 10.8, 330 IH: Bart Pursley 45.0, 220 yard dash: 2. Howes 24.5, 4. Hutchings 25.5. Mile: Sal Acosta 5:13.5. Mile Relay: 1. Merkel (McCoy, Howes, Pursley, Wolf) 3:47.8

Piano Recital

Mrs. Ronny Doan will be presenting her students in a piano recital Fri., March 17th. The recital will be at the First United Methodist Church at 7 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

Students participating in the recital are as follows: Angie Allen, Christi Brady, Cammie Bright, Tina Cain, Velma Childress, Kevin Coker, Mike Davis, Angela Dunlap, Becky Dunlap, Gayle Irvin, Janice Jacobs, Pam Massey, Bridget Pallarez, Cheri Patterson, Kelly Riney, Marissa Sandusky, and Marissa Toombs.



The Home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Spradling was destroyed by fire last Thursday morning. The fire was apparently caused by explosion of the hot water heater.

ELECTION ORDER AND NOTICE

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF Taylor
On this 31 day of January, 1978, the Board of Trustees of the Merkel Independent School District convened in session, open to the public, with the following members present, to-wit:

Charles Jacobs, President
James Boyd, Leroy Teaff
Dink Whisenhunt, Kenny Hogan

and the following absent: none
constituting a quorum and among other proceedings had by said Board of Trustees was the following:

WHEREAS, the term of office of Charles Jacobs and two existing vacancies

members of the Board of Trustees of this School District will expire on the first Saturday in April, 1978, said first Saturday being April 1st, 1978, and on said date a trustee election will be held in said School District.

WHEREAS, it is necessary for this Board to pass an order establishing the procedure for filing for and conducting said trustee election:

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF MERKEL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT:

1. That an election be held in said School District on April 1st, 1978, for the purpose of electing to the Board of Trustees of said School District three trustees

2. That all requests by candidates to have their names placed upon the ballot for the above mentioned election shall be in writing and signed by the candidate and filed with the secretary of the Board of Trustees at the superintendent's office not later than 30 days prior to the date of said election.

All candidates shall file with said application the loyalty affidavit required by Art. 6.02 of the Election Code.

The Secretary of this Board of Trustees shall post on the bulletin board in the building where the Board of Trustees meets the names of all candidates that have filed their applications in accordance with the terms and provisions of this Order, and said Secretary shall otherwise comply with the terms and provisions of Art. 13.32 of the Election Code.

3. That said election shall be held at the following places, and the following named persons are hereby appointed officers for said election:

(a) In election precincts numbered Merkel at High School Gym Building, in Merkel, Texas, in said School District, with Joe Lassiter as Presiding Judge and Mrs. Raymond Ferguson and Fay Robertson, Clerks.

(b) In election precincts numbered Tye at Tye School Cafeteria Building, in Tye, Texas, in said School District, with Floyd Kimmey as Presiding Judge and Allie Mae Kimmey and _____, Clerks.

NOTE: If additional polling places are necessary, follow the above form for each additional polling place and insert here.

The polls at the above designated polling places shall on election day be open from 7:00 o'clock a.m. to 7:00 o'clock p.m.

4. Blanche Hewitt is hereby appointed Clerk for absentee voting, and _____ and _____ are hereby appointed Deputy Clerks for absentee voting. The absentee voting for the above designated election shall be held at _____ City Hall, Merkel, Texas

within the boundaries of the above named School District and said place of absentee voting shall remain open for at least eight hours on each day for absentee voting which is not a Saturday, a Sunday, or an official State holiday, beginning on the 20th day and continuing through the 4th day preceding the date of said election. Said place of voting shall remain open between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. on each day for said absentee voting. The above described place for absentee voting is also the absentee Clerk's mailing address to which ballot applications and ballots voted by mail shall be sent.

6. The manner of holding said election shall be governed, as nearly as may be, by the Election Code of this state, and this Board of Trustees will furnish all necessary ballots and other election supplies requisite to said election.

7. Immediately after the votes have been counted, the officers holding said election shall make and deliver the returns of said election and perform all other duties as provided by the Election Code.

8. The Board of Trustees shall give notice of said election, and this combined Election Order and Notice shall serve as Notice for said election. The President of the Board of Trustees is hereby authorized and instructed to post or cause to have posted said combined Election Order and Notice at three public places where notices are customarily posted in this school district, and said posting shall be made at least 20 days before the date of said election.

The President shall also cause a copy of this combined Election Order and Notice to be published one time in a newspaper of general circulation in the county where this school district is located. Said publication shall be not more than 30 days nor less than 10 days before the date of said election.

It is further found and determined that in accordance with an order of the Board of Trustees, the Secretary posted written notice of the date, place and subject of this meeting on the bulletin board located in the central administrative office of this school district, a place convenient and readily accessible to the general public, and said notice, having been so posted, remained posted for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

It is further found and determined that in accordance with an order of the Board of Trustees, the Secretary furnished a notice of the date, place and subject of this meeting to the county clerk of Taylor County, Texas, the county in which most, if not all, of this school district's pupils reside.

The above order being read, it was moved and seconded that the same do pass. Thereupon, the question being called for, the following members of the Board voted AYE: Charles Jacobs, James Boyd, Dink Whisenhunt, Leroy Teaff, Kenny Hogan

and the following voted NO: none

ATTEST: _____ Secretary of Board of Trustees

ORDEN Y AVISO DE ELECCION

EL ESTADO DE TEXAS
CONDADO DE Taylor
En este día 31 de Enero, de 1978, el Consejo de Administradores del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Merkel se reunió en sesión pública, con los siguientes miembros presentes, a saber: Charles Jacobs, Presidente; James Boyd, Leroy Teaff; Dink Whisenhunt, Kenny Hogan

y los siguientes ausentes: _____
constituyendo un quorum y entre otras actas tomadas por dicho Consejo de Administradores se encuentra la siguiente:

EN VISTA de que el régimen de Charles Jacobs y dos Vacancias Existentes

miembros del Consejo de Administradores expira el primer sábado de abril de 1978, dicho primer sábado siendo el 1 de abril de 1978, y en dicha fecha se llevará a cabo una elección de administradores en dicho Distrito Escolar.

EN VISTA de que es necesario que este Consejo pase un orden estableciendo el procedimiento para archivar y conducir dicha elección de administrador:

POR LO TANTO, SE ORDENA POR EL CONSEJO DE ADMINISTRADORES DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR DE MERKEL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT:

1. Que se lleve a cabo una elección en dicho Distrito Escolar el día 1 de abril, de 1978, para el propósito de elegir al Consejo de Administradores de dicho Distrito Escolar tres miembros de consejo de Administradores

2. Que todas las solicitudes de candidatos a que se incluyan sus nombres en la boleta de la arriba mencionada elección, se harán por escrito y firmadas por los candidatos y archivadas con el secretario del Consejo de Administradores en la oficina del superintendente antes de los 30 días anteriores a la fecha de dicha elección.

Todos los candidatos deben agregar para que la solicitud sea archivada, el acta notarial de lealtad como lo requiere el Artículo 6.02 del Código Electoral.

El Secretario del Consejo de Administradores debe colocar en la tablilla de avisos en el edificio donde se reúne el Consejo de Administradores, los nombres de todos los candidatos que hayan archivado sus solicitudes de acuerdo con los términos y provisiones de esta Orden, y dicho Secretario deberá en toda forma cumplir con los términos y provisiones del Art. 13.32 del Código Electoral.

3. Que dicha elección se llevará a cabo en los siguientes lugares, y las personas nombradas a continuación se les nombra por la presente como oficiales de dicha elección:

(a) En los precinctos electorales número Merkel en el Edificio Gym Escuela Mejor en Merkel, Texas, en dicho Distrito Escolar, con Joe Lassiter como Juez Presidente y Mrs. Raymond Ferguson y Fay Robertson, Escribitas.

(b) En los precinctos electorales número Tye en el Edificio Cafetería de Escuela en Tye, Texas, en dicho Distrito Escolar, con Floyd Kimmey como Juez Presidente y Allie Mae Kimmey y _____, Escribitas.

NOTA: Si se requieren lugares de votación adicionales, siga el formato arriba indicado para cada lugar de votación e insertese aquí.

Los sitios de votación arriba designados se mantendrán abiertos el día de elección de las 7:00 a.m. a las 7:00 p.m.

4. A Blanche Hewitt se le nombra Secretario de votación ausente, y nadie y nadie se les nombra por esta como Diputados del Secretario para votación ausente. La votación ausente para la elección arriba designada se llevará a cabo en _____ oficina de Ciudad de Merkel

dentro de los límites del Distrito Escolar arriba nombrado y dicho lugar de votación ausente se mantendrá abierto por lo menos ocho horas cada día de votación ausente no siendo sábado, domingo o día festivo oficial del Estado, principiando 20 días y continuando hasta el cuarto día anterior a la fecha de dicha elección. Dicho lugar de votación se mantendrá abierto de las 8:00 A.M. a las 5:00 P.M. horas cada día de votación ausente. El lugar arriba descrito para votación ausente es también la dirección postal del secretario de votación ausente a la cual se podrán enviar por correo solicitudes de boletas y también las boletas con votos.

6. La forma de llevar a cabo dicha elección será gobernada, en todo lo posible, por el Código Electoral de este Estado, y este Consejo de Administradores suministrará todas las boletas necesarias así como también otros materiales de votación necesarios para dicha elección.

7. Inmediatamente después de haberse contado los votos, los oficiales a cargo de dicha elección deberán completar y entregar los resultados de dicha elección y ejecutar todos los deberes como esta provisto por el Código Electoral.

8. El Consejo de Administradores dará aviso de dicha elección, y esta combinación de Orden de Elección y Aviso servirá como Aviso de dicha elección. Al Presidente del Consejo de Administradores se le autoriza y ordena por la presente a colocar o causar que se coloque dicha combinación de Orden de Elección y Aviso en tres lugares públicos en donde se acostumbra colocar avisos en este distrito escolar, llevándose a cabo dicha colocación por lo menos 20 días anteriores a la fecha de dicha elección.

El Presidente también causará que una copia de esta combinación de Orden de Elección y Aviso sea publicada una vez en un periódico de circulación general en el condado donde se encuentra este distrito escolar. Dicha publicación se hará no más de 30 días ni menos de 10 días anteriores a la fecha de dicha elección.

Además se encuentra y determina que de acuerdo con una orden del Consejo de Administradores, el Secretario colocó aviso escrito de la fecha, lugar y propósito de esta junta en la tablilla de avisos situada en la oficina central administrativa de este distrito escolar, un lugar conveniente y fácilmente accesible al público en general, y dicho aviso, habiéndose colocado en esta forma, permaneció colocado por lo menos 72 horas anteriores a la hora programada para dicha junta.

Además se encuentra y determina que de acuerdo con una orden del Consejo de Administradores, el Secretario proporcionó aviso de la fecha, lugar y propósito de esta junta al secretario del condado, Condado de Taylor, Texas, el condado en el cual residen el mayor número, sino es que todos los alumnos de este distrito escolar.

Habiéndose dado lectura a lo anterior, se hizo la moción y fue secundada para ser adoptada. Después al llamado sobre esta pregunta, los siguientes miembros del Consejo votaron AFIRMATIVAMENTE: James Boyd, Dink Whisenhunt, Charles Jacobs, Leroy Teaff, Kenny Hogan

y los siguientes votaron NEGATIVAMENTE: nadie

CERTIFICA: _____ Presidente del Consejo de Administradores

Beauty Pageant To Be Held

Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi is planning their annual Miss Merkel Beauty Pageant. The beauty pageant will be held Saturday, April 8th, 7:00 p.m. at the Merkel High School Auditorium.

There will be five divisions of competition. They are as follows: Preschool, Kindergarten-2, 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12. The winner of the High School division (9-12) will be crowned Miss Merkel.

To enter the Miss Merkel Beauty Pageant, please complete the form in this paper and return it to Ann Doan, 704 Locust, or Mary Hill, 1523 Sunset. If an entry form is not available, please call Ann Doan at 928-5717, or Mary Hill at 928-5752.

There will be awards given in each division. Among the awards will be a \$25 savings bond given to Miss Merkel. Worthy Long will be photographer and pictures will be made at 5:30. Two 5x7 and four billfold size will be \$5.00. Admission to the Miss Merkel Beauty Pageant will be \$1.00 for adults and 50 cents for children.

Beauty Pageant Application

NAME _____ AGE _____ GRADE _____
ADDRESS _____ PHONE _____
PARENTS' NAME _____ SPONSOR _____
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS _____
CALL 928-5717 928-5752

VOTE



for... Marie Cunningham
AS YOUR CANDIDATE
FOR
Justice of the Peace
Precinct 2

My objectives are:

1. Better service to the community.
2. Fair, honest, and equal justice for all.

Help Better Our Community
By Voting For
Marie Cunningham.
We Need A Change
Thank You!

Paid Political Advertisement
By Friends Of
Marie Cunningham

GRAND OPENING

FRIDAY
9:30
RIBBON
CUTTING

At The Outlet Store

DRAWING FOR
DAC. II COAT
DOWN FILLED
BOOTIES

OPEN HOUSE

Tour The Factory From 9:30 - 11:30

COME AND LOOK AROUND
AND ENJOY REFRESHMENTS

WALL'S FACTORY

ACCESS I- 20



Dr. Ira Williams

New Life Mission Begins March 19th

There will be a new life mission at the First United Methodist Church of Merkel starting Sunday night, March 19. Services will be at 7:00 p.m. and 7 a.m. through Wednesday night, March 22. Doctor Ira L. Williams, pastor of Saint Paul Methodist Church of Abilene will officiate with Charles Helmer leading the singing Sunday, Tuesday, and Wednesday nights. Johnny Ray Wat-

son will be charge of the music Sunday night, March 20. Youth night and fill the pew night will be Monday night, March 20. Saint Pauls Chancel Youth Choir will bring special music Sunday night, March 19. A morning breakfast will be held Monday through Wednesday at 6:30 a.m. Everyone is invited.

Girls Varsity Basketball

Selected to the 6-AA All-District team from Merkel were guards Freda Crenshaw and Gina Farmer and forward Cindy Boone. Freda is a senior and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Crenshaw. Gina is a junior and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Derrell Farmer. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Boone are the parents of Cindy who is a junior and who averaged 16.5 points a game in district play. Gina averaged the most steals per game while Freda was the leading rebounder. Other team members who were selected to the honorable mention team were senior Pam Morgan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Morgan, sophomore Gwen Tarpley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Trophy, and Norma Frazier, a freshman and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elby Frazier.

Buster Brown Wins Calf Scramble at Houston Livestock Show

Buster Brown of Merkel, Texas wrestled a calf over the finish line at the March 4, 1978 performance of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo to earn a \$275 calf purchase certificate. The certificate, donated by Houston Natural Gas will enable Buster to purchase a beef or dairy heifer which he will feed and groom during the coming year under the direction of Billy Riley. At next year's Livestock

Show the youngster will return with his calf to compete in special show ring competition. The rough and tumble calf scramble takes place at each of the 15 Rodeo performances. Twelve calves and 24 youngsters are turned loose. Each contestant who manages to halt a calf and drag it across the finish line receives a purchase certificate donated by Houston-area businesses and individuals.

While the viewing public sees only the scramble and judging events, the heart of the Calf Scramble program is the knowledge the scramble winners gain in the intervening year. Closely supervised by a Vocational Agricultural Teacher or County Extension Agent, each youth keeps accurate records and performs other obligations designed to underscore the responsibilities involved in raising a calf. The Calf Scramble is only one example of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo's commitment to the youth of Texas, and the benefits of this one event alone are considerable. Many heifers purchased with these certificates form the basis for future cattle herds. Since the calf scramble program began, more than 7900 animals valued at more than \$1.5 million have been donated to Texas youngsters. Each year the show awards some 260 purchase certificates worth \$71,500 to scramble winners.



Buster Brown of Merkel was a winner in the Calf Scramble at the March 4th performance of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. Buster won a 1275 calf purchase certificate donated by Houston Natural Gas and will use it toward the purchase of a registered calf. Shown together following the scramble are (left to right): Buster Brown, winner; Dave Keith, Houston Natural Gas Sponsor.

The popular Calf Scramble event is only one of many exciting events which take place during the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. The show, which runs Feb. 22 through March 5, draws first-rate professional cowboys who compete for the world's largest rodeo purse of more than \$150,000 and features top names in entertainment.



Winner, Pug Harris accepting TV she won in the drawing at Western Auto. Presently the TV is Curtis Ruster, owner of the Western Auto Association Store in Merkel.

Free Washington Trip For Youth

An all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. in June will be awarded to two young people from this area by Taylor Electric Cooperative according to Don Hart, Manager. The trip is part of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's annual Rural Electric Youth Tour that brings around a thousand rural youth to the Nation's Capital each year.

Mr. Hart said the winners of an oratorical contest sponsored by Taylor Electric would be awarded the trip which begins on June 9th and runs for about 11 days. The contest is open to any boy or girl who is at least sixteen years of age but not eighteen years of age prior to September 1, 1978. Entry forms are available at the local

schools and at the Taylor Electric Cooperative office. Contestants will be required to give an eight minute talk on the subject of energy conservation. All entry forms must be returned to the Cooperative by May 1, 1978. The contest will be held May 8, 1978 at 7 p.m. at the Cooperative office, located at 1610 North First Street in Merkel. Teachers, parents, and friends are invited to attend the contest. Resource material is available through the Cooperative and related businesses.



Some oak trees are 1,000 years old.

Compere Home

Compere H.D. Club met at 10:00 a.m. Thursday March 9 in the home of Mrs. Ab Hunter for a regular meeting to be followed by a covered dish luncheon. Roll call was answered by giving last month's heating cost. The program consisted of a very informative talk on "weatherizing your

Demonstration Club

home," given by the agent, Mrs. Nece Wilburn. Different types of stripping for windows and doors were shown and directions were given for the use of them. Those attending the meeting were mesdames:

Clyde Mims, David Chaney, Hazel Spurgin, Don Adair, Ab Hunter, Clayton Dillard and Clyde Chaney and two visitors, the agent, Nece Wilburn and Kathy, the Chaney granddaughter from California.

As Your Attorney General

JOHN HILL

- ★ Successfully fought telephone rate increases
- ★ Fought national corporations' attempts to limit irrigation farmers' access to natural gas for well pumps in times of gas shortage
- ★ Urged the legislature to adopt a constitutional amendment to allow farm and ranch land to be taxed on the basis of productivity instead of on market value

JOHN HILL
GOVERNOR

WATTS & BISHOP

DIRT CONTRACTORS

315-928-5769 MERKEL

DOZER	FREE ESTIMATES	LOADERS
DUMP TRUCKS	MAINTAINERS	

ROADS	SAND	LEVELING
DRIVES	GRAVEL	CLEARING
WATERWAYS	CALICHE	TERRACING

KEN'S RADIO & TV

KEN KRAATZ - OWNER

REPAIR ALL MAKES & MODELS OF TV'S & RADIOS

F.C.C. LICENSED

REASONABLE RATES

PICK - UP & DELIVER

CALL 862-3501, TRENT

JOCKEY BRAND UNDERWEAR

"Something Very Special"

BUY ANY 6 JOCKEY GARMENTS AND GET '3 BACK

WINTER READY-TO-WEAR

1/2 & 1/3 OFF

NEW SELECTION OF SPRING MERCHANDISE

JUST IN TIME FOR EASTER

"EXCLUSIVE BUT NOT EXPENSIVE"

BRAGG'S

213 EDWARDS 928-5811

ALLSUP'S CONVENIENCE STORES

OPEN 24 HOURS

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

PRICES GOOD MAR. 16-19, 78

CANNATION TUNA	6 1/2 OZ.	59¢	WILSON'S BACON	12 OZ	69¢
RANCH STYLE BEANS	15 OZ.	4/\$1.00	SHURFRESH BACON	1 LB PKG	89¢
BORDER'S ASST'D FRUIT DRINK	1/2 GAL.	49¢	GOLD MEDAL FLOUR	5 LB BAG	69¢
VAN CAMP PORK & BEANS	SIZE 300 CAN	4/\$1.00	IMPERIAL SUGAR	5 LB BAG	99¢
BORDER'S ASST'D FRUIT DRINK	GAL.	79¢			
BORDER'S ASST'D FLAVORED DIPS	8 OZ.	39¢			
BORDER'S SOUR CREAM	8 OZ.	39¢			
BORDER'S NOVELTIES	ALL SIZES	2/25¢			

CRISCO 3 LB CAN \$1.59

MONEY ORDERS .00 - \$200.00

for only **09¢**

BURRITOS

3 \$1 FOR 1 FRESH COOKED

COCA COLA

25¢ GIANT SIZE CUP

24 OZ.

NOTICE OF CITY OFFICERS' ELECTION

(AVISO DE ELECCION DE FUNCIONARIOS DE LA CIUDAD)

CITY OF TRENT
Name of City (Nombre de la Ciudad)

Notice is hereby given that a City Officers' Election will be held on the 1st day of APRIL 1978, in the above named city for the purpose of electing the following officers for said city: Mayor, Commissioners. Said election will be held at the following polling places in said city:

In Election Precinct No. 25	at CITY HALL	Building:
In Election Precinct No. _____	at _____	Building:
In Election Precinct No. _____	at _____	Building:
In Election Precinct No. _____	at _____	Building:

The polls at each of the above designated polling places shall on said election day be open from 7:00 o'clock a.m. to 7:00 o'clock p.m.

The absentee voting for the above designated election shall be held at CITY HALL Building, in said city, and said place of absentee voting shall remain open for at least 8 hours on each day of absentee voting which is not a Saturday, Sunday or an official State holiday, beginning on the 20th day and continuing through the 4th day preceding the date of said election. Said place of voting shall remain open between the hours of 5:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Dated this 5th day of MARCH, 1978

(Se da aviso por la presente que se llevará a cabo una Elección de Funcionarios de la Ciudad el día 1 de abril de 1978 en la ciudad arriba mencionada para el propósito de elegir a los siguientes funcionarios para dicha ciudad: Alcaldé, Comisionados.)

Comisionados: Dicha elección se llevará a cabo en los siguientes lugares de votación en dicha ciudad:

El Precinto Electoral Núm. _____	en el Edificio _____
El Precinto Electoral Núm. _____	en el Edificio _____
El Precinto Electoral Núm. _____	en el Edificio _____
El Precinto Electoral Núm. _____	en el Edificio _____

Los sitios de votación arriba designados para dicha elección se mantendrán abiertos en el mencionado día de elecciones de las 7:00 a.m. a las 7:00 p.m.

La votación ausente para la elección arriba designada se llevará a cabo en el Edificio _____ en dicha ciudad, y dicho lugar de votación ausente se mantendrá abierto por lo menos ocho horas en cada día de votación ausente no sábado, domingo o día festivo oficial del Estado, principiando 20 días y continuando hasta el cuarto día anterior a la fecha de dicha elección. Dicho lugar de votación se mantendrá abierto de las 5:00 a.m. a las 7:00 p.m.

Fechado esta día 5th de March de 1978

Billy W. Hunter
Mayor (Alcaldé)

Dear We with the M staff ber c We w muni about dred facul Midc supp Since Merk Scho

Febr

Dear We press

Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor:
We would like to share with you a letter which the Merkel Middle School staff sent to each member of the school board. We wish to let this community know how we feel about Mr. Cain. One hundred per cent of the faculty and staff in the Middle School chooses to support Mr. Cain fully.
Sincerely,
Merkel Middle School Staff

John Cain as principal of Merkel Middle School. We believe that Mr. Cain has been effective in the areas of improving education, fair in the discipline of the students, efficient in the administration of his duties, and industrious in the maintenance of our plant and equipment. During his years within the system, he has had the job of trying to supervise too many buildings, he is always available when we need him. He shares our pride in our school and our concern for giving each student the best he can each day. His support, encouragement, and advice have been a tremendous help to each of us in our teaching efforts. We know of no other person in our system who spends more hours working for the welfare of the students and the betterment of our school. It is our hope that you will acknowledge the support of those who work daily with Mr. Cain during the school year. His ability, efficiency, and fairness are a great asset to our system. We would surely welcome and support Mr. John Cain back as our principal next year. We do feel that the views of those who work with him should be considered.

Sincerely,
Earl Bratcher
Marianne Rankin
Karen Riley
Teri Nalley
Mrs. John S. Townsend
(Sandra Patterson)
Russell Gee
Mitzi Hart
Robbie Hicks
Billie McLeod
Milly Bright
Pam Carson
B.B. Patty
Jo Ann Gardner
Kenneth E. Elliot

my reflecting I came to the realization that Merkel High School had not burned. A building burned, and this represents considerable financial loss to the school district.

I am sure there was personal loss to teachers and students. There is a sense of loss, also, to anyone who is now or ever has been associated with the school.

But Merkel High School did not burn. Merkel High School is, in a real sense, students and faculty of today and of days gone by. It lives in the hearts of those in the community who have supported it through the years. A part of Merkel High School

exists in the life of anyone who ever darkened its halls.

A new building will be built to house the daily activity of the school, but no building could ever contain all that Merkel High School is now, has been in the past, or will be in the future.

Merkel High School is fond memories for the ex-students, dreams being fulfilled for the present students, and high anticipation for those yet to come. It represents challenge and reward for its faculty, staff and students. There will be a stronger challenge for awhile; however, with the support of a community that

cares, Merkel High School will continue to be all it has been and even more.

The fire was a tragedy. The school day will have inconveniences. Rebuilding will be a difficult task, but the responsibility for moving on will be shouldered by a responsible community. In the midst of tragedy we must be thankful to God for the blessings of the past and seek His guidance as we build for the future.

In some communities such a fire might spell defeat, but in Merkel it will be a call for new dedication to bear the heavier load.
"Hooray for the Purple and Gold....."

It will wave in its triumph forever.

Sincerely,
Gaston L. Walker
Class of '49
LOOK WHO'S HERE!



Mr. & Mrs. Ricky Elliot are proud to announce the arrival of their daughter, Wendy Gay, born March 7th at 5:16 p.m. She weighs 7 lbs. 14 oz. and has two sisters Tami and Kristi. Maternal grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Harry K. Grant of Abilene. Paternal grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Eddie Elliot of Abilene.

February 23, 1978

Dear Board Member:
We would like to express our support for Mr.

SOUTHWEST HOME CENTER ANNOUNCES...

SATURDAY SPECIALS

OPEN THIS SATURDAY FROM 8 AM TIL 6 PM

ACE IS THE PLACE WITH THE HELPFUL HARDWARE MAN.

MARCH SPECIAL

50 Foot Extension Cord (16-3 wire)
Flat Yellow A Woods Wire Product
\$4.41

WOODS WIRE
LIMITED QUANTITY

WICKER FURNITURE

SWING CHAIR

ONLY **\$44²²**
Compare at 75.00

STAND ALSO AVAILABLE FOR ADDITIONAL \$79.22
Compare at \$99.00

All wicker items limited quantities

WICKER DINING TABLE & 4 CHAIRS

NOW ONLY **\$384⁴⁹**

ROOFING SPECIAL
FLINT KOTE SHINGLES
Now 16.99 per sq. White or colors/C.G.B., picked up at our yard or delivered to job site. For larger quantities 1 week delivery.

PEACOCK CHAIR

Compare at \$149.95.....NOW **\$65²²**

WASTE BASKET
(12"x12"x8")
ONLY **\$1²²**

LAUNDRY BASKET
(18"x14"x22")
ONLY **\$1²²**

WICKER CLOTHES HAMPERS

LARGE SIZE 24" W **\$4²²**
SMALL SIZE 20" W **\$3²²**

CORK SQUARES

12"x12"x3/8"
4 sq. ft. per pkg.....NOW **88¢** per pkg.

BAMBOO BLINDS

3'x6' INSIDE PEEL **\$4⁷⁵**
4'x6' INSIDE PEEL **\$6⁷⁵**
2 1/2'x6' Match Stick **\$6⁷⁵**
3'x6' Match Stick **\$7⁵⁰**
Other sizes & styles available.

ALL WOOD PANELING SPECIALS

Weyerhaeuser

YOUR CHOICE

Values to 8.88 Now **7²²**

SCENIC VISTA GOLD
VILLAGE BIRCH
NATURAL BIRCH
VOYAGER PINE
DISCOVERY PINE
BLOCK HOUSE PECAN
HONEY BLUFF
COUNTRY ROADS MOON DROP
ARDSLEY ASH
SUNDANCE HICKORY

MANY NEW PATTERNS JUST ARRIVED!

OTHER PANELING SPECIALS

	REG.	SALE
Citation Walnut	6.99	6.22
Woodglen Birch (Realwood Veneer) 1/4"	10.95	10.22
Green Bathroom Paneling	7.56	6.22
Candyland Butterscotch	7.26	6.22
Georgian Walnut	6.53	6.22
Chantique Oak (white)	6.53	5.22
Defender Elm	7.95	6.22
Closet lining (4x8) Cedar flakeboard	11.27	10.22
Natural Elm		6.22
Liquid Nails Panel Adhesive		89¢
Panel Nails	Box	89¢

ALL "DEVOE" PAINT NOW AT BUILDERS PRICES

DEVOE PAINT SPECIAL

LATEX HOUSE PAINT
DOUBLE WHITE CLOSE OUT!

ALL DEVOE PAINT NOW SOLD TO EVERYONE AT PAINTERS PRICES.

\$13²² A Reg. \$16.00 Value per 2 gal.

Prices on all Devoe Interior & Exterior paint have been lowered

"DEVOE" LATEX WONDER TONES WALL PAINT

Ready Made colors only (does not include white, soft white, off-white)

\$5⁹⁹ Complete Assortment of Wood & Aluminum Ladders to paint your house & trim your trees.

reg. 9.99 SALE

"DEVOE" Unique Expressions LATEX SATIN ENAMEL

BRIGHT ACCENT COLORS: FOR CABINETS OR TRIM
Red, Blue, Orange, Yellow
LIMITED QUANTITIES

Reg. \$11.85 Per Gal. (Quarts comparable priced)

SALE AS LOW AS **\$7⁰⁰** per gal.

FIREPLACE ACCESSORIES

Black Log Carrier **\$8.43**
Corn Popper **\$9.16**
Tool Set with Maple Handles **\$25.48**

BLACK STOVE PIPE

8"x24" NOW **\$1²⁹**
8"x24" NOW **\$1⁹⁹**

FIREPLACE GRATES (cast iron) NO. 617

24" reg. 32.16 SALE **\$28.22**
28" reg. 38.96 SALE **\$30.22**
32" reg. 41.78 SALE **\$35.22**

CAST IRON HEAT DISPENSER

will let you fully utilize the heat from your fireplace.
reg. 204.22 SALE **\$115⁹⁹**

WOOD BURNING HEATERS (cast iron)

reg. \$165⁹⁵ SALE **\$129²²**

LOOK! BUY "STANLEY'S" Best steel hammer and receive a "Stanley" Pruner Absolutely Free

\$17.29 Value For Only **\$6⁹⁹**

STORE HOURS
7:30 to 5:30 DAILY
8:00 to 6:00 SAT.

SEE ALL OUR FINE SALESMEN FOR YOUR NEEDS.

EASTER BASKETS

SMALL **79¢**
LARGE **\$1²⁹**

REGISTER FOR CAST ALUMINUM LAWN FURNITURE

With Tefcoat vinyl cover retail price **\$554²²**
TO BE GIVEN AWAY SATURDAY, APRIL 1st
Nothing to buy need not be present to win.

4042 N. 1st 673-8393



Pictured are Teresa English and her pig that is being prepared for the livestock show.



This calf was born only hours after the Merkel Livestock participants arrived in Houston. It belongs to Walter Elmore.



Pictured are Michelle Brown and her lamb that was shown in the Houston Livestock Show.

Merkel Ninth Grade Out Runs Winters

The Merkel ninth grade out ran Winters ninth grade here on Thursday by a score of 131 to 60. Merkel started out by winning the sprint relay (Alan Albright, Randy Martin, James Turner, and David Greer) and were never headed. Bart Pursley led the onslaught by winning the 70 yd hurdles, and the 120 yd hurdles and the long jump. Other first place winners were Mark Bland in the 440, Donnie Tutt in the 220, Sal Acosta in the mile, Walter Elmore in the 880, Randy Martin in the pole vault, and Terry Owen in the high jump. The Bad-

gers ended the meet the same way they started by winning the mile relay (Mark Bland, Pursley, Elmore, and Turner).

The ninth grade will be running Colorado City ninth grade here on Thursday.

MEET RESULTS:
440 YD RELAY: (1.) Merkel-48.9 880 YD RUN: (1.) Elmore-2:22.9 (2.) Ty Nelson-2:27.6 (3.) Marsh-2:36.9 70 yd h., pursley-10.3 (2.) Martin-11.3 (3.) Franklin-11.4 100 Yd Dash: (2.) Tutt-11.2 (3.) Greer-11.3 (5.) Vicars-12.1 440 Yd Dash: (1.) Bland-

60.5 (2.) McClure-61.5 (3.) Moore-62.0 120 Yd LH: Pursley-15.6 Albright-16.4 Sloan-19.2 220 Yd Dash: (1.) Acosta-5:22 (3.) Rankin-5:48.9 (4.) Gregory-5:55.5 (5.) Moore-5:56.3 Mile Relay: (1.) Merkel-4:04.5 Pole Vault: Martin-10'6", Franklin-10' High Jump: (1.) Owen-5'2" (4.) Pursley-5' (5.) Campbell-5' Long Jump: (1.) Pursley-16'10 1/2" (2.) Turner-16'4" (3.) Acosta-15'4" Shot Put: (2.) Greer-39'1 1/2" (4.) Walters-34'2" (5.) Mathewson-33'7" Discus: (3.) Bland-105'3" (4.) Knight-92'9" (5.) Metts-89'10"

The Merkel 7th grade boys finally defeated a Winters team for the first time this year. The team totals read Merkel 99, Winters 84.

First Place Finishers were: Mike Hagar in the Pole Vault, 70 yard low hurdles, 440 yard dash; Eric Maddox in the 120 yard low hurdles; Jimmy Mendez in the long jump; and Sammy Tomlinson in the shot put.

The 880 Relay Team was first place and was made up of Dewayne Brown, Mendez, Alan Breen and Tomlinson.

The 440 Relay Team was also first but was disqualified.

There were six second place finishers, they were Chris Mashburn, 660 yard run and 120 yard low hurdles; Mendez, shot put; Tomlinson, high jump; Raymond Acosta, 220 yard dash, D. Brown, 100 yard dash.

Seven 3rd place finishers — Acosta, 100 yard dash; Roy Johnson, 440 yard dash; Brian Gary, 220 dash, discus; Hagar, high jump; Mashburn, pole vault.

Five 4th place finishers—Randy Leverich, 660 yard dash; Hank Scott, long jump; Johnson, discus.

Seven 5th place finishers — Tim Brady, 660 yard run; Scott, 70 yard low hurdles, 220 yard dash; Turner, 100 yard dash; Green, High jump; Sloan, Shot put,

discus.

8th Grade Boys

Coahoma The Merkel 8th grade boys track team went to Coahoma and saw some stiff competition finishing fifth out of eight schools.

Gary Tuttt managed Merkel's only first place medal in the 100 yard dash in 11.87 seconds.

Kevin Farmer finished second in the high jump with 5'0". Tutt finished third in the long jump with 16'11. Danny Riggan was fourth in the pole vault with 8'4". O.C. McKeehan was fifth in the shot put with 35'5".

The 440 Relay Team was fifth with a time of 52.6 (Terry Schoggins, McKeehan, farmer, tutt)

The 1320 Relay team was also fifth with a time of 3:01.5. (Schoggins, Roland Phillips, Farmer, Tutt).

Sixty-Seven Attend Middle School Open House

We had a total of 67 parents to visit school during open house on March 9 in observance of Texas Public School Week.

We wish to say thank you and hope that anyone wishing to visit will come anytime. The teachers had displays of the students work in their rooms. Teachers were available for conferences or for making appointments for conferences. The students have been working on Soil Conservation posters and U.I.L. events and all of this work was on display.

Services Held for Mrs. O. C. Sosebee

Services for Mrs. O.C. (Irene) Sosebee of Walnut, Miss., who died at 2 a.m. Monday at the Tupelo, Miss., hospital after a lengthy illness, was at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday at Rose Hill Cemetery, directed by Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born Oct. 21, 1911, in Haulka, Miss., she married O.C. (Pat) Sosebee of the Noodle community in Jones County Dec. 24, 1936, in Marietta, Okla. He died in 1962.

Survivors include two nieces, Mrs. Al Hopkins of Gulfport, Miss., and Mrs. Joe Street of Auburn, Ala;

a brother-in-law, John Boyd of Walnut, Miss.; eight sisters-in-law, Mrs. A.L. Brothers of Paducah, Mrs. Merton Ferguson and Mrs. George Woodward of Anson, Mrs. Wayne Satterwhite of Midland, Mrs. Clinton Woodlock and Mrs. J. Frank Woodard, both of Lubbock, Mrs. Alton Goodrich of Fort Worth and Mrs. Johnny Jarratt of Ruidoso, N.M.

Junior High Girls Attend Track Meet

Last Saturday, the Junior High girls attended a track meet at Coahoma. The girls did an outstanding job and they came in third place in the overall competition with

District Seven 4-H To Meet March 18th

The District 7 4-H Adult Leaders' Association and the District 7 4-H Council will meet here for training Sat. March 18.

The meetings will be in the Texas A&M University Agricultural Research and Extension Center and in the Angelo State University Center for Management, Instruction, and Research, both on Highway 87 North.

The leaders will represent 17 counties in the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Iris F. Kalich of San Angelo, Extension 4-H and Youth Specialist, said training will be in home environment, gardening, public speaking, rabbits, dog care and training, wildlife, poultry, arts and crafts, and entomology.

Those conducting the training will be John E. Begnaud, Tom Green County Extension Horticulturist; Gary Coates County leader; Mrs. Jan Young and Mrs. Bruce Lewis, Taylor County leaders; Carolyn Gilbert of the Texas 4-H Center at Brownwood; David H. Kattes, Mitchell County Extension Entomologist.

Also Dr. David B. Mellor and James H. Denton of the Texas A&M University Poultry Science Department; Gerald T. Bohmfalk, Tom Green County and Runnels County Extension Entomologist; Mrs. Jean F. Holland, County Extension Agent-at-large; Dr. Dale A. Wade, Extension Wildlife Specialist; and Mrs. Alice Willis, Taylor County leader.

78 points. Other teams entered in the meet were Coahoma, Ozona, Big Lake, Roscoe, Colorado City, Midland Christian, Post and Merkel.

These are the events in which the girls placed: 440 Relay — 4th place 57.2 (Viola Elby, Loyce Baker, Yvonne Swinney, and Sirintorn Prasarn)

880 Relay — 5th place 2:01.6 (Viola Eleby, Pam Massey, Yvonne Swinney and Sirintorn Prasarn)

1320 Relay — 2nd place 3:17.9 (Debra Carey, Stacy Seymore, Nancy Click and Loyce Baker)

660 Yard Run — 1st place 2:00.6 Debra Carey

100 Yard Dash — 2nd place 13.6 Yvonne Swinney

Council officers are Co-Chairmen Tonya Moore of Merkel and Kirk Stubblefield of Colorado City, Secretary Elizabeth Asbury of Wylie, and Public Relations Officer Patricia Long of Llano.

Association officers are Chairman Bill Kurtz of San Angelo, Vice Chairman Clinton Hodges of Sterling City and Mrs. Clarence Kellemeier of Paint Rock, and Secretary Kay Halfmann of Rowena.

220 Yard Dash — 4th place 30.0 Sirintorn Prasarn

330 Yard Dash — 1st place 49.0 Nancy Click; 2nd place 49.2 Loyce Baker; 6th place 53.0 Stacy Seymore.

Broad Jump — 3rd place 14'3 3/4" Yvonne Swinney; 4th place 13'9" Sirintorn Prasarn

Triple Jump — 4th place 29' 1/2" Loyce Baker; 5th place 28'11" Michelle Brown.

Discus — 2nd place 71'5" Kim Smith; 5th place 67' Tiffany Toppin

Shot Put — 5th place 26'10" Tiffany Toppin

The 7th and 8th grade girls will be traveling to Anson Friday, March 17, for another track meet.

WWI Veteran

Veterans and ladies Auxiliary will meet for their regular meeting at the REA Saturday, March 18, at 12:00 p.m. All members are asked to be at this meeting being sponsored by our barracks April 15, and bring the usual covered dish and enjoy our monthly get together. Carl Bonneaux, Commander and Jewel Criswell, president.

Lambda Beta News

Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met Tuesday, March 7, in the home of Ginny Yaddow. The program was given by Minyon Seymore and Milly Bright. A film was shown "Narcotics, Pit of Despair," as their program.

The film was very informative committee reports were given. More plans were made regarding the Beauty Pageant.

Refreshments were served to the following: Gloria Henslee, Bobbye



Kent Scott

Kent Scott proudly displays his science project which won him a fourth place ribbon and a certificate of merit for his entry at the science fair held Thursday and Friday at Hardin-Simmons University.

Elliott, Sarah Lucas, Mary Hil, Nncy Hogan, Milly Bright, Minyan Seymore, Ginny Yaddow and Ann Doan.

VOTE ON APRIL 1st

for

ALVIN MITCHEL

MAYOR

IF YOU ARE IF YOU ARE READY FOR SOME CHANGES IN TYE

Our Christ Ambassadors still have light bulbs for sale!! If you need bulbs please call 928-5761.

Thoughts for the Day!

The best safety device in a car is a rear view mirror with a policeman in it.

A modern home is where a switch controls almost everything but the children.

Statistics show that for every 100,000 people killed by liquor, one is killed by a mad dog, yet we shoot the dog and license the liquor.

Need A Ride?

Call 928-5761

FIRST OF GOD ASSEMBLY

N. 2ND & RUNNELS

CLOSE-OUT ON GIRLS DENIM JEANS & O'ALLS SIZES 6 - 14 \$4.99

MENS & BOYS SHORTS ASSORTED COLORS \$3.95 - \$4.95

LADIES DENIM O'ALLS

JUMPSUITS, GAUCHOS, KNIT WESTERN JACKETS & PANTS 1/2 PRICE

CIRCLE A WESTERN HOUSE

PAT CASTILLE

HAS

ANNOUNCED

CANDIDACY

AS A WRITE IN CANDIDATE

FOR THE MERKEL SCHOOL BOARD

A special committee for the betterment of Merkel School has drafted Pat Castille (with her permission) to be a write incandidate for the school board election April 1.

It is our feeling that Pat has the business experience the feeling as a mother and the great concern for the future of our school system and community to be a very good board member.

We would urge every voter to consider Mrs. Castille and join us in writing her name in on the ballot April 1 write in candidate.

Paid for by the Committe for Better Schools

Rosey Castille - Treasurer

LARGE "11x14" COLOR PORTRAIT BEAUTIFUL, SCENIC, HAND PAINTED BACKGROUNDS



A \$25.00 Value

\$1.99 Plus 78c Handling

Ben Franklin's

201 KENT FRIDAY ONLY MARCH 24 10:00 - 5:00

All Ages: Babies, Children, And Adults. One Sitting Per Subject. Limit One Special Per Family. Special Pricing For Groups.

News & Thoughts continued -

"For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?"

Lane McGee had one of those embarrassing encounters last week with Barbara and Don McDonald's goat, Priscilla. Lane just happen to be bending over checking his horse, when Priscilla saw a once in a lifetime opportunity. She took careful aim and struck right on target. No one could have been more surprised than Lane. The pain wasn't so bad, but the damage to Lane's dignity was shot for the day.

GRAIN SITUATION - Feed grain producers will do well to review the recent reports with regard to the number of cattle on feed. USDA's Crop Reporting Board reported that cattle and calves on feed February 1, 1978 for slaughter markets in the seven states preparing monthly estimates totaled 8,614,000 head, 9 per cent more than a year ago and 3 per cent higher than February 1, 1978. Marketings of fed cattle totaled 1,740,000, 9 per cent above last year and 19 per cent greater than 1976. Placements of cattle and calves on feed in the seven states during January totaled 1,639,000 head, 20 per cent more than last year and 19 per cent greater than January 1976.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY - Do Good To Them That Hurt You: Our Heavenly Father was so supremely wise. He knew that this would be our greatest problem—we would be hurt. In His Magnanimous intelligence He left the Word—Love Thy Neighbor As Thyself. And He stressed it as the Second Greatest Commandment. Try to believe that unkind hearts are often troubled souls. In their disagreement, they are only crying out to us not to leave them—not loving them—but to draw closer to them in understanding. Search for good in the hearts of all.

A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger. Proverbs 15:1

JUST KEEP ON SMILIN!

SOIL CONSERVATION POSTER CONTEST WINNERS



Pictured from left to right: Tim Jacobs, Amy Irvin, and Tracy Bicknell.



Pictured from left to right: Ted Seymore, John McClure, and Misti Doan.



Appreciation Banquet Held

Merkel Girl Scouts held a Parent-Appreciation Banquet Friday, March

10th. The fourth and fifth grade troop prepared the meal as a requirement for

a badge. There were 120 people in attendance. Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Helmer

were special guests. Awards were presented to Mrs. Lupe Moreno, Mrs.

Mary Hill, Mrs. Jean Peppin, Mrs. Linda Irvin, Mrs. Christi Barnett, and

the Merkel Lions Club. The program was presented by the individual troops.

Girl Scout Week Proclaimed

This year Girl Scout Week in the U.S. is March 12-18.

Mayor Lou David Allen signed a proclamation designating the week at his office today. Attending the ceremony were Sherry Ferguson and Donna Riney from Service Unit 6 of West Texas Girl Scout Council.

The Mayor remarked on how, since its founding 66 years ago, the organiza-

tion has opened doors to new worlds for many girls, and how it has become an important part of community life. He was informed that more than three million girls and adults are Girl Scout members today, and that since Scouting in the U.S.A. began in Savannah, Georgia in 1912 more than 32 million girls, women and men volunteers have been involved.

Mayor Allen said that,

because Girl Scouting stressed the highest ideals of character and personal ethics, it helped girls develop their potential for active citizenship and thus benefitted the community. He called upon all the citizens of Merkel to continue to actively support Girl Scouts and join them in the efforts toward conserving energy and natural resources as well as their other service projects related to community, national, and international concerns.

"We need Girl Scouts," said Mayor Allen.

The West Texas Girl Scout Council is a participating agency of the United Way.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. celebrates the 66th Anniversary of its founding on March 12, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Eight; and

WHEREAS, This organization has influenced the lives of more than 32 million girls and adults who have been members since its inception, and

still leads the way to new worlds for our daughter, our community, our nation; and

WHEREAS, Girl Scout program based on proven values continually grows and evolves to reflect the concerns of contemporary life, and provides new worlds to explore to help girls expand their awareness of the world around them through activities related to conservation of natural resources and energy, international friendship, and other vital issues; and

WHEREAS, We in Merkel are enriched by their involvement in this community through their service and dedication to the ideals of Scouting;

NOW, THEREFORE, I Lou David Allen, by virtue of the authority invested in me as Mayor of Merkel, Texas hereby proclaim March 12 through March 18, 1978, as Girl Scout Week in the township of Merkel, and I do further call upon all citizens of Merkel to give Girl Scouting, now and throughout 1978, their support and cooperation so that

more and more girls and the community may enjoy its benefits.

In Witness Where of I have hereunto set my

hand and have caused the seal of the City of Merkel to affix this 10th day of March, nineteen hundred and seventy-eight.

Western Auto Now Has
Authorized Repair Service For All
Western Auto Appliance
And Will Make Any Other
Major Appliances.
PHONE 928-4727



ALLEN
FLYING SERVICE
Green Bug & Weed Spraying
RADIO EQUIPPED COMPETITIVE PRICES
ABILENE-698-9988 ALLEN BROOKS

CASTILLE'S HAS A
COMPLETE NEW LINE OF
RCA TV'S & STEREO'S
MANY SHAPES STYLES
AND SIZES TO CHOOSE FROM
REG PRICE \$233.00
SPECIAL \$225.00
THURSDAY, FRIDAY & SATURDAY
CASTILLE'S
214 EDWARDS (PHO 928-5310)

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO INCORPORATE

Notice is hereby given that Abilene Marble Company, whose principal business office is at 1458 South Treadaway, Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, intends, on or before March 1, 1978, to become incorporated without a change of firm name.

The entire assets of Abilene Marble Company will be transferred to

Abilene Marble Company, Inc., a Texas corporation whose principal place of business is at 1458 South Treadaway, Abilene, Texas, and which will become bound to pay the debts of the said Abilene Marble Company and that said corporation will be solvent upon becoming so bound.
Dated: 16 February, 1978.
Vincent E. Davis, Owner

3-4tc

For faster results...
use the WANT ADS

HAPPY
40th
BIRTHDAY
PHILLIP

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND
OUR
\$200 SPECIAL
AFTER 5
THURS., FRI., SAT., & SUN.
PUG & LEO'S
FAMILY RESTAURANT
Catering & Carry Out
I-20 PHONE 928-4720

BOOKS
BOOKS
BOOKS
BUY NOW 25¢ EACH
MAY 1st
THEY WILL BE 30¢ EACH

We Rush the Season



SPRING FOOD SALE

5 BIG DOLLAR DAYS
THURSDAY THRU TUESDAY MARCH 16-17-18-20-21

M-J-B
COFFEE
1 LB CAN **\$2.19**
WITH *10¢ IN TRADE OR MORE EXCLUSIVE OF CIGARETTES

YOUNG KENT BOY CREW SOCKS
8 TO 11 3 PAIR PKG **\$1.00**

KEELBER CRACKERS
2 LB BOX **98c**

HORMELS VIENNA SAUSAGE
3 5 OZ CANS **\$1.00**

TOMATOES
FRESH VINE RIPE
RUBY RED **LB 29c**

LG. DAIRY FRESH HOMO MILK
GAL JUG **\$1.65**

FROZEN FOODS
GREEN GIANT CABBAGE ROLL STUFFED PEPPER OR
SALISBURY 14 OZ PKGS **93c**
BANQUET 8 OZ ASST POT PIES 4 FOR **\$1.00**
JENOS-ASST-13 OZ PIZZAS JUMBO PKG **79c**
BANQUET CHERRY PIE 20 OZ BOT. **79c**

INSTANT TEA LIPTON
3 OZ JAR **\$1.69**

FRESH GRAPEFRUIT **LB 15c**
FRESH LETTUCE **LB 19c**

LG. DAIRY FRESH LOW FAT MILK
GAL JUG **\$1.59**

LOTION INTENSIVE CARE VASELINE
10 OZ BOT **\$1.29**

KRAFT CHEESE
SINGLES 12 OZ PKG **98c**

WINESAP RED APPLES **LB 39c**
FRESH CELLO CARROTS 2 FOR **33c**
RUSSET SPUDS 10 LB BAG **79c**

CHILI WOLF
19 OZ CAN **83c**

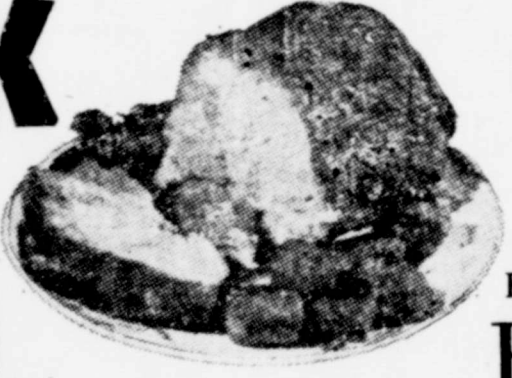
FOREMOST BUTTER MILK
1/2 GAL CRTN **83c**

SHORTENING SWIFT 42 OZ CAN **99c**
FLOOR GOLD MEDAL 25 LB BAG *2.98 **79c**
5 LB BAG

YOUNG LEAN PORK ROASTS
BEST by TASTE

DEL MONTE KOSHER OR WHOLE DILL PICKLES
DILL 22 OZ **63c**

BAYERS CHILDS ASPRINS 36 CT BOX **39c**
DAINTY MOORE BEEF STEW 24 OZ CAN **85c**
KRAFTS VEL VEETA 2 LB BOX **\$2.09**
DUNCAN HINES ASSORTED BOX CAKE MIX **59c**



REG. OR SUPER 40 CT BOX TAMPA **\$1.59**
GRIFFIN BLACK PEPPER 4 OZ CAN **79c**
BATH SOAP ZEST 3 FOR **\$1.00**

FRESH PIMENTO CHEESE
POUND **\$1.69**

2 TO 3 LBS LEAN PEARS HALVES 2 FOR **\$1.00**
DEL MONTE JUICE PINEAPPLE 46 OZ **69c**

BAMA PEANUT BUTTER 18 OZ JAR **89c**
3 FOR **\$1.00**

FRANKS GOOCH BR 12 OZ PKG **79c**

DEL MONTE 303 CUT GREEN BEANS 3 FOR **\$1.00**

LIQUID DAWN GIANT BOTTLE **79c**

MERKEL LOCKER SAUSAGE 2 LB BAG **\$2.89**

CALA RIPE 2 1/2 CAN PEACHES 2 FOR **89c**

BACON GOOCH BR POUND **\$1.45**

OUR DARLING 303 W.K. or C.S. Golden CORN 4 FOR **\$1.00**

STEAK CHOICE BEEF ROUND LB **\$1.59**

VAN CAMP 300 PORK & BEANS 4 FOR **\$1.00**

ROAST CHOICE BEEF CHUCK LB **89c**

HUNTS 300 TOMATO Juice 4 FOR **\$1.00**

CHOICE BEEF SHORT RIBS LB **69c**

OCEAN SPRAY 300 CRANBERRY Sauce 3 FOR **\$1.00**

KRAFT BAR-B-Q SAUCE 18 OZ JUG **59c**

KELLOGGS POT TARTS BOX **59c**
BRAUNY TOWELS JUMBO ROLL **49c**

KING TIDE BOX **\$1.98**
2 LIMIT

DISWASHER CASCADE KING SIZE **\$1.39**

WE GIVE GIFT BOND STAMPS
Double on Wednesday with \$5.00 or more

WE WELCOME FOOD STAMPS

CARSON'S SUPER MARKET

MERKEL TEXAS FRESH VEGETABLES

FREE DELIVERY MON WED FRI BEST MEATS IN TOWN