

The Merkel Mail

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Kevin Gregory seems real pleased with his gift from Santa at the annual Merkel PTO Christmas Program held here last Thursday. Kevin's

brother Lynn (in scout suit) watches as do (left to right) Danielle Langlais, Mark Reed and Ricky Riley. (Staff photo by Drew Mawson)

Mail starts a backward journey

by Cloy A. Richards

Don't get all choked up, but a recap of the past two years history of this area is replacing my column this week. We are going to recap the major events of the last 100 years here, although some years of Merkel Mails were destroyed in 3 previous fires. The following is a recap of events from 1979 and 1980:

The interest being generated by the thought of a centennial celebration this summer seems to be really catching on.

So far, 13 people have called the Mail and said they would be very interested in helping put on a centennial celebration.

The Mail is starting a look back this week at the events of the past two years, and each week following, we will go through our files and pick out major events affecting Merkel's history. This week we will look at the events of 1980 and 1979.

January, 1980
Billy Bob Toombs, of Merkel, was named as the representative to the Taylor County Tax Appraisal District.

Jan Melton received Taylor Electric's Showmanship award at the annual Merkel FFA Stock Show.

The city received notification it was eligible for federal loans designed to rehabilitate low income areas of town.

Merkel High Student Mark Bland won the annual Taylor Electric speech contest and a trip to Washington, D.C.

February
The cotton harvest of 1980 made just about the biggest news in town as area gins reported 26,050 bales ginned at Trent, Stith, Noodle and Merkel.

Ray Pack was hired as Merkel's Police Chief following the resignation of Leroy Austermann.

Norma Frazier scored 24 points to lead the Badgers to a 46-41 win over Coahoma for the district championship. It was the second straight year the girls had won the district basketball crown.

Defending State AAA Champ Slaton eliminated the Merkel girls from the high school basketball playoffs with a 70-52 win. Slaton went on to win the state championship in 1980.

March
Herbert Beaver and Danny Freeman were named to the Texas Six Man All-State Football team and Eddie Adams and Gilbert Beaver were named to the second team. Trent went 10-1 in 1979.

Former Merkel High Vaulter, Brad Pursley, a freshman at Abilene Christian placed 4th in the National AAU Indoor Meet with a vault of 17' 3/4".

Norma Frazier was named District 6AA's most valuable player and all-district basketball. Nancy Click was also a first team selection. Honorable Mentions were given to Gwen Tarpley, Kay Amerine, and Sarah Prasarn.

Chris Cox made the second team boys all district and Tony Wax and Robert Fowler were mentioned honorably.

A Santa Fe Freighter derailed six miles south of Merkel. There were no injuries in the mishap that caused \$1 million in damage to truck and equipment.

April
The home of Hugh and Mary Wimberly was destroyed by fire.

The Merkel City Council paid the last payment on the bond that brought water from Abilene here.

The city of Tye held formal groundbreaking ceremonies for their city hall.

The Mail began its 92nd year in Merkel.

In Merkel elections, incumbents Ted Smith, Jerry Byrd and Pete Morgan defeated candidates Jo Ann Mashburn, Martha Sue Justice, Paul Crouse and Joe Bigbee for City Council seats. Kenny Hogan and Leroy Teaff were re-elected to the Merkel school board unopposed. In Tye, James Snowden defeated James Barley for Mayor. Elected to council were Dewitt Isom, James White and Leonard Neith, Jr.

In Trent, Bruce McGlothlin, Weldon Beasley and Rosemary Bland were elected to the Trent School Board and Booth West and Ken Kraatz were re-elected without opposition to the city council.

Taylor Electric announced it would remodel its existing facility to add additional office space.

Bart Pursley and Randy Martin qualified for the regional track meet with second place finishes in the district track meet.

May
Lambda Beta and Xi Nu Chi named Lucy Haynes as their "Woman of the Year."

Merkel delegates to the Taylor County Democratic Convention included F.T. Hogan Jr., Mr. and Mrs. B.M. Tipton, Billy Bob Toombs, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hogan, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lassiter, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hill, Sandy Hogan and Mr. and Mrs. John Brady.

John Middleton was elected democratic candidate for Taylor County Sheriff.

The Merkel Chamber of Commerce announced plans for a 4th of July celebration called Fun Day.

The Merkel City Council agreed to underwrite construction costs to erect a Reunion Shelter at the Merkel City Park.

The Merkel Masonic Lodge donated a cornerstone to be placed at the new Merkel High School.

Merkel veterinarian Dr. Warren Dozier, reported six local cases of parvovirus, a newly discovered disease.

The city of Tye approved bids to begin construction on a sewer line in June.

Victor Herrera, a student at Merkel High received an appointment to attend the Air Force Academy. Herrera was Valedictorian of the Class of 1980.

A Merkel native, Mrs. Juanita Zachary released a book on the history of Taylor County.

June
Merkel High graduated 59 Seniors and Trent graduated 10 in ceremonies at the respective schools.

Merkel City Councilmen reached an agreement with Missouri-Pacific Railroad officials maintaining train speeds at 55 through town (45 when dangerous cargo is on board) when railroad officials agreed to repair and rebuild railroad crossings in town.

A large rainstorm passed through the area and flooded young cotton fields and damaged 3,000 acres, mostly southwest of town.

July
Merkel's first annual Fun Day was held and raised \$2,700 for construction of the Reunion Shelter and drew a crowd between 1,750 and 2,000. Activities went on for 14 hours, highlighted by the reunion of Ray Pack and the Halfbreed, square dancing, drawings, gospel singing.

Pre-preliminary figures by the US Department of the Census estimated Merkel's 1980 population at 2,416. The city disputed the pre-preliminary figure because the report also indicated 118 vacant homes within Merkel city limits.

Lone Star Gas officials filed an initial rate increase request with the city asking for a 10.34 per cent increase.

Four months following a \$1 million derailment six miles south of Merkel, Santa Fe's 805 freighter and 11 cars left the track. There were no injuries.

The Great Texas Heat Wave was at its peak as the Merkel area was baked in 100 plus temperatures for 33 days in one stretch.

Rev. David F. Bugg was named as First Baptist's new preacher.

Trent water rates doubled and mandatory rationing was in effect because of water shortages in Sweetwater.

The Merkel City Council approved a 10.34 per cent rate increase for Lone Star Gas.

Taylor Telephone Cooperative announced plans to expand their facility 1,100 square feet.

A large grass fire south of Merkel burned about 3,000 acres of land and required 100s of man hours to extinguish. It also took the area first rain shower in weeks to finally put out the blaze.

August
MISD board members asked for \$1.8 million budget for the coming school year with no tax increase.

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Board votes to replace Elementary, Middle school roofs

MISD trustees decided Tuesday morning to spend the remaining interest money from the sale of construction bonds to re-roof Merkel Elementary and Middle Schools, as well as constructing sidewalks on Merkel campuses.

The roofing will cost about \$25,000 and the sidewalk costs are estimated at \$5,000.

Board members also decided to eliminate the car tax for 1981 taxes. Superintendent Bill Everett told board members the car tax has been the largest single source of irritation for MISD taxpayers. He said eliminating the tax would cost the district about \$60,000 in revenues. Tax

accessor-collector Vicki Thomas told the board only about 56 per cent of the auto tax was being collected.

The board also raised the tax rate to 100 per cent of property evaluation. That move mandated by the 66th Texas Legislative Session, preparing for the start of the county wide tax appraisal districts.

The tax rate will be changed next year when board members determine how much money will be needed to operate the school in 1981-82.

A 35 minute executive session was held and no decisions were announced concerning that session.

PUC grants \$10 million in additional revenues to WTU

The Public Utility Commission of Texas has approved a settlement agreement which authorizes West Texas Utilities Company to raise its rates, effective December 15.

The agreement was reached by WTU and a number of intervenors, including 15 cities in its service area, after several days of negotiations. Stipulations in the settlement were based almost entirely on recommendations of the PUC staff.

The compromise agreement will amount to an average increase of 6.2 per cent in WTU's rates, compared to the 8.27 per cent requested in an application filed by WTU September 30. The amount allowed is almost the same as the company's only previous rate increase which was implemented in 1973.

The increase in annual revenue will amount to \$9,547,192, compared to the \$12,729,691 the Company had requested.

The new rates will go into effect automatically in unincorporated areas and in 26 cities which had denied the increase and had their cases appealed to the PUC. The other 55 incorporated cities in the WTU service area had suspended

action on the rates and are expected to approve the PUC's decision.

Merkel is one of the towns which denied the increase.

The new rates will vary for different customer classifications, based on cost of operations for each class. Residential customers will pay 6.6 per cent more, commercial customers 1.1 per cent more, industrial customers 9.4 per cent more and municipals 20.8 per cent more.

The new residential rate is 4.54 cents per kilowatt hour, compared to the present average of 4.26 cents. This means the average residential customer, who presently uses 702 kilowatt hours per month, will see his bill increase from \$29.94 to \$31.90.

Bill Button (local) manager said the Company is generally satisfied with the outcome of the rate case, although the settlement is for considerably less than has been sought.

"We are pleased that WTU and our customers were able to settle on a friendly basis without getting involved in a lengthy and costly hearing," he said.

Mail holiday schedule, deadlines listed

The Mail would like to remind you we will print the paper one day early next week so it will be delivered before Christmas.

The deadline for letters to Santa is Friday at 5

p.m. They will be printed in the Christmas issue.

The Mail will not publish an issue Jan. 1st and the next edition will be published Jan. 8th. The Mail offices will close Dec. 23 through Jan. 5th.

Tax rebate falls drastically in Oct.

Merkel's one per cent tax rebate of the state's five per cent tax plummeted last month to \$1,200.52. The drop from the same period last year amounts to \$6,620.

Merkel so far has collected \$42,900 this year, compared to 74 dollars less than last year.

Tye received \$3,605 this period, compared to \$4,426 through the same period last year. Tye has shown an increase of 16 per cent compared to last

year's rebate.

So far, Tye has collected \$43,633.66 compared to \$37,319.52 through the same period last year.

Trent did not receive a rebate this reporting period.

Texas cities shared in \$33.5 million in rebates this month. The state comptroller's office collects a five per cent state sales tax from merchants and rebates one per cent of that tax to the community where the money was spent.

Mail asking for family histories

The Mail has already started research and planning on a special edition planned later next year commemorating Merkel's 100th anniversary of its founding.

We are asking for your help. A form will be printed from time to time in the paper asking for information on families that have been in the Merkel area for at least 75 years. If you need

more space than the form allows, feel free to send additional information. Also tell us if you have any old photos of family members or the Merkel area you would be willing to share with others. The deadline for submitting family information is April 15.

Please be sure to include your name and phone number on the form so you can be reached for additional information.

Merkel FFA show set this weekend

The annual Merkel FFA stock show is planned this weekend, fair weather and all, or so they say.

About 100 FFA students will show animals at this year's show, slated to start at 9:30 a.m. at the ag barn, Saturday.

Special prizes will be awarded for showmanship in each division, as well as an overall winner.

About 150 animals will be judged and prize money has been donated by various local businesses and individuals.



Santa and his helper present Sha Rae Oustad with a gift at the annual Merkel PTO Christmas Program. Waiting their turn are (left to right)

Matthew Cravens and Russ Holloway. (Staff photo by Drew Mawson)

Top news and events listed from 1979, 1980

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A Merkel woman was briefly abducted during a robbery at Walls Outlet Store. She managed to escape unhurt.

Taylor County Commissioners approved a 13 per cent tax increase.

Merkel teachers were awarded pay above state scales for the first time in school history.

Police Chief Ray Pack announced he would resign his position to accept a newly created position with the Taylor County Sheriff's Department. Pack was named a rural deputy, covering the Merkel-Trent area.

Merkel ISD Superintendent Dr. Raymond Etheridge resigned after three months of closed door meetings.

September
Jerry Cowin of the Colorado City Police Department was named Merkel's new Police Chief.

Bill Everett, also of Colorado City, was hired as Merkel ISD's new superintendent.

The F&M National Bank installed a new computer and started doing away with counter checks to modernize services.

October
Merkel High opened its new doors to students. The new school was built to replace the high school that was destroyed by fire in 1978.

Homecoming activities were held for former Merkel High Students.

The State sued the city of Merkel for five violations of the Solid Waste Disposal Act. At press time in December, the suit has still not gone to court.

Merkel school board members adopted a tax plan that will save tax payers money for early payments.

The Merkel Badgers won their first football game in 17 attempts by defeating Anson 3-2.

A WTU rate increase calling for a 3.2 per cent increase was denied by the Merkel City Council and deferred to the Texas Public Utilities Commission. An increase of about 7 per cent was approved two months later.

The Census Bureau upgraded Merkel 1980 Census count to 2463 following a re-check of the city's vacant house count.

November
Ronald Reagan defeated incumbent Jimmy Carter for the presidency and for the first time in history, Taylor County voters elected a republican county commissioner.

MISD dedicated their new school facilities at formal ceremonies.

The start of the cotton harvest indicated what area farmers knew already, low yields because of the heat wave.

Merkel city council decided to start assessing a fee for use of the Merkel landfill by area residents outside Merkel City Limits.

The area was blanketed in 11 inches of snow by the earliest winter storm recorded here.

December
The annual Christmas parade was held and

Santa Claus made his traditional first appearance.

Local interest was started in celebrating Merkel's Centennial Celebration. S.J. Merkel founded the area in 1881.

A look at 79

January
Merkel Housing Authority manager Annette Clark announced the approval of a \$600,000 plus project that will supply a home for persons that are handicapped or over the age of 65.

Blair Water Supply president J.D. Sandusky reported that bids for construction of the Blair Water Line would go out soon and the financing was arranged by a \$396,000 loan and matching grant to be paid off from water meter charges.

MISD board of trustees sold school construction bonds totaling \$1.4 million to a management company representing a Dallas and a Houston Bank.

Ice storms caused 23 wrecks in a two week period, forced school closing for five days, as many as 75 people stranded on I-20 because of the ice took shelter at the Merkel Lions Club Building. One death was blamed on icy road conditions.

The Tye Parent-Teachers Organization filed suit against makeup of the Merkel ISD board following consolidation. The suit filing touched off a controversial period following and was filed three months before MISD trustee elections.

February
Emma Lois Shugart was named by the Merkel City Council to replace Darrel Farmer on council after Farmer had resigned. She was the first woman to serve on city council.

Local farmers held two meetings in four days to discuss events of the Washington D.C. tractorcade sponsored by the American Agriculture Movement. Farmers raised money to support the striking farmers in D.C.

The Merkel girls took the 6-2A basketball title away from Wylie, who had won the district for the past 15 years.

Mail photo-journalist Glenn Richards covered the AAM protest in Washington and was the only West Texas media representative to cover the protest firsthand.

A fire at the Big Country Inn damaged 12 rooms and the west wing of that Merkel business.

March
J.C. Wilks retires as president of Trent's Home State Bank. Bruce McGlothlin, a Roscoe native is named to succeed Mr. Wilks.

Don Hensley and Betty Jane Tittle, both of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank here, were awarded Man and Woman of the Year titles at the annual banquet of the Merkel Chamber of Commerce.

April
Bids for construction of new school facilities came in within budget and construction contract was awarded to Haney and Sivley construction company in Abilene.

School officials held ground-breaking ceremonies on April 22nd to open way for construction of facilities.

Taylor Electric's 39th annual meeting drew 1150.

April was also election month and the local voters decided to keep incumbents in five challenged races. James Boyd and Dink Whisenhunt won re-election to their MISD board seats and in city elections, Merkel Mayor Lou David Allen, council members Kent Satterwhite and Emma Lois Shugart won re-elections.

The Merkel girls were eliminated in basketball playoffs as they were defeated by the defending state champs, the Slaton Tigers. Slaton went on to repeat as State champs and the Merkel girls finished the season with a 26-2 season. The strongest indication of their talent came when district coaches named six Badgers to the all-district team.

May
Mark Bland, of the Merkel FFA Chapter, was named as the Big Country District FFA president.

Cindy Smith was chosen valedictorian and Pam Crenshaw was named salutatorian of Merkel High.

Mack Fisher, superintendent of MISD for 27 years died on May 17 at the age of 78.

June
Merkel High graduates 59 seniors in graduation ceremonies. Trent's class of 1979 numbered 13. The city received a \$20,000 ambulance that was purchased through state money with about \$9,000 coming from local donors.

A veterinarian, Dr. Warren Dozier, announced in June, he would open a clinic here.

Wheat prices were at \$4.20 at one point during the record breaking harvest of 1979. Some yields went to near 60 bushels per acre. The wheat harvest was 42 and one half million pounds, beating the 1977 record by two tons. Prices increased during the harvest by \$1.25 and grain car shortages caused those numbers to not go even higher.

Brad Pursley, a former Badger athlete and state champion in pole vaulting, placed second in the vaulting competition at the National AAU Junior Track Meet.

Pursley is now in his first competitive season at ACU.

July
City accepted bids on paving of southside streets that were funded through federal sources.

August
Taylor Electric Cooperative celebrated their 40th year of service to rural customers in the Big Country. Taylor Electric held open house and set up displays concerning their role here as well as

energy conservation.
Lee Presswood and athletic director-football coach Jerry McLeod resigned, Tye Elementary Principal Cecil Todd resigned after he was transferred from his post at Tye to a job that was created, and then abolished after his resignation. MISD hired Allen Merritt as high school principal, Harry Taylor as Tye principal and David Reeves as football coach. Reeves was unable to be released from a contract with Hawley and Byron Shelley was named head coach and athletic director.

Tommye Cutler was named vice chairman of the Texas Electric Cooperatives Association.

September
MISD approved a record budget of \$2,793,615 that called for no additional tax increase over increases approved in last September's bond election.

Rural taxing bodies passed resolution that changed the way a county-wide assessment board would be made up. The rural governments took advantage of a clause in the law that allowed smaller cities a chance to unite and receive representation on the board. The original plan would have called for four delegates, three from Abilene and one from Taylor County with the remaining 14 governmental bodies sharing one delegate. Under the new plan, the rural governments will name three members, Abilene will get one, Taylor County will have one.

October
In October, The Merkel Youth Center completed a four month campaign to raise money to repair the roof at the center.

Becky Watts, a senior at Merkel High School, was named Homecoming Queen.

November
Trent ended their season at 11-1 as they lost to Cotton Center in the state semi-finals in six man football. Trent has a two year record of 20-2.

The Merkel Housing Authority held dedication ceremonies for the 30 units of federal housing on Merkel's east side. The complex, named Pleasantville, houses persons over 62 and the handicapped. The complex was funded by the Farmers Home Administration.

December
A house fire destroyed the home of Merkel resident Linda Kinder 15 days before Christmas. An immediate relief effort was started by the Merkel Volunteer Fire Department to replace lost household goods. Mrs. Kinder has four children.

Stith musical Saturday

A country western musical is planned for Dec. 20th at the Stith Community Center at 7 p.m. There will also be Christmas music. All area bands and musicians are invited. Concession stand opens at 6 p.m. There will be all kinds of refreshments and the public is invited.



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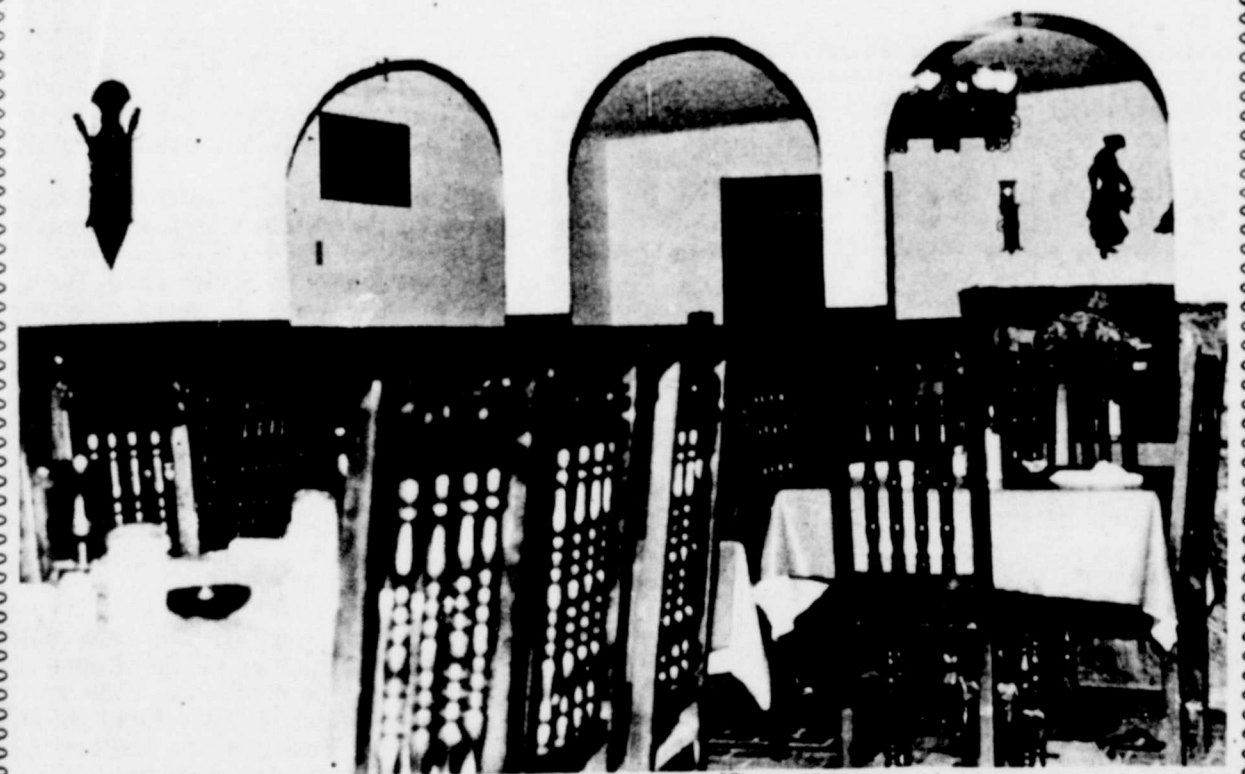
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Tye PTO Christmas show Dec. 18, Tye Fire musical set Dec. 20

Whats Happening in Tye
By Harold Boyd

Tis the seasons to be jolly, holiday fair in the air. Driving around Tye, several homes are lighted up and it is in the air. The yule tide season is here, Santa has made his pre-visits and now is getting ready to make his yearly voyage. Tye is no exception....best be good, cause if you are naughty, he'll just pass you up.

What is happening in Tye besides getting ready for Christmas? Plenty is happening and or has happened. You'll be seeing the police car out again by this time next week. Law and order once will prevail again and to the city alder persons, Mayor and staff, our thanks. These people in this office have looked, studied qualifications of each applicant and selected him. Lets stand behind them and our new policeman and give them our support.

December council meeting was short and the important item was that of the Fire Chief, Leon Van Grup request. Tye Volunteer Fire Department is in progress of getting the truck into shape to meet the state insurance requirements. We have 3 pieces of equipment, 2 are now serviceable and one that needs a lot of repair and equipment to be up to state standards. The tank truck needs to be 1250 gallon capacity plus 3 to 4 sizes of hoses, nozzles, and miscellaneous equipment. The present tank is beyond repair and doesn't meet state requirements nor the community. Chief Van Grup presented to the council idea of a loan from the city in the amount of \$6000.00 to rebuild and equip this truck. Motion was made and seconded but failed to pass due to lack of vote. It is the hope of the department that this will come under study again in the future for the protection of the city of Tye. Other business was conducted regarding the monthly reports, etc. Meeting was adjourned.

Tonight, December 18th, Tye PTO and students will host their annual Christmas Party and program that evening at 8 p.m. at the school. The teachers and students have been working extremely hard on this and do make it a date to

join the many other there this evening. Put the ole spirit in yourself and join this yule tide celebration.

Coming Saturday, December 20, Tye Volunteer Fire will host their Christmas Musical and open house. Open house will start at 4 p.m. til 8 p.m., refreshments will be served and it is rummored that Santa may appear with some goodies. Starting at 8 p.m. til 11 p.m. the musicals are going to be held at the fire house to include; music, diamonds, and the snack bar. Do make this a date. They are proud of the little booster truck and want to show you the start of good protection and of things to come. Again, Fire Department musicals will be held at the fire house instead of the community center.

To E.W. Wommach (Everett) and family, we also share your loss of husband and father. Our prayer to you all. Everett was one of the usual faces seen at the truck stop, drinking coffee with many of us, he'll be missed by all.

As I've sat down, I've gone over many notes, items for the year 1980, things that have occurred. Tis been a good year of events, etc. and it is hoped 1981 will be of more blessings, health.

At this time, and for the last column of 1981, I would like to say to you readers, advertisers, my deepest thanks for your comments, encouragements and constructive criticism, my deepest thanks. It is my hope, prayer that your holiday is filled with health, happiness, and of love. It is the birth of Christ Child and a start of the new year and may yours be one of many blessings. God Bless and a Very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year to you all.

Please note trash collections for the week of December 21st. Trash that is normally picked up on 24-25 will be picked up on the 22nd, trash that is picked up the 26-27 will be picked up on the 23rd. This is so that our city employees can spend their holidays with their families. Mark your calendars or post this near your phone or where ever.

Again, have a very Merry Christmas and a joyous New Year, see you next year.

Ag news spotlights Middleton, Glick,

The ag students and Mr. Naron and Mr. Riley are starting to plan for the Merkel Stock Show which is set for December 20th at 9:00 that morning. Everybody is welcome to come watch and join in on the fun.

This week we are spotlighting members of our V.A. III Class.

Keith Middleton, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Middleton, is a sophomore at M.H.S. and is enrolled in V.A. III. His project program consist

of lambs, which he plans to take various stock shows.

Alan Glick, son of Bill and Betty Glick, is a junior at M.H.S. and is enrolled in V.A. III, and General Ag Mechanics. His project program this year is rabbits.

Steven Register, son of David C. Register, is a sophomore this year and is currently in V.A. III. His project program consist of a duroc sow which he plans to raise.

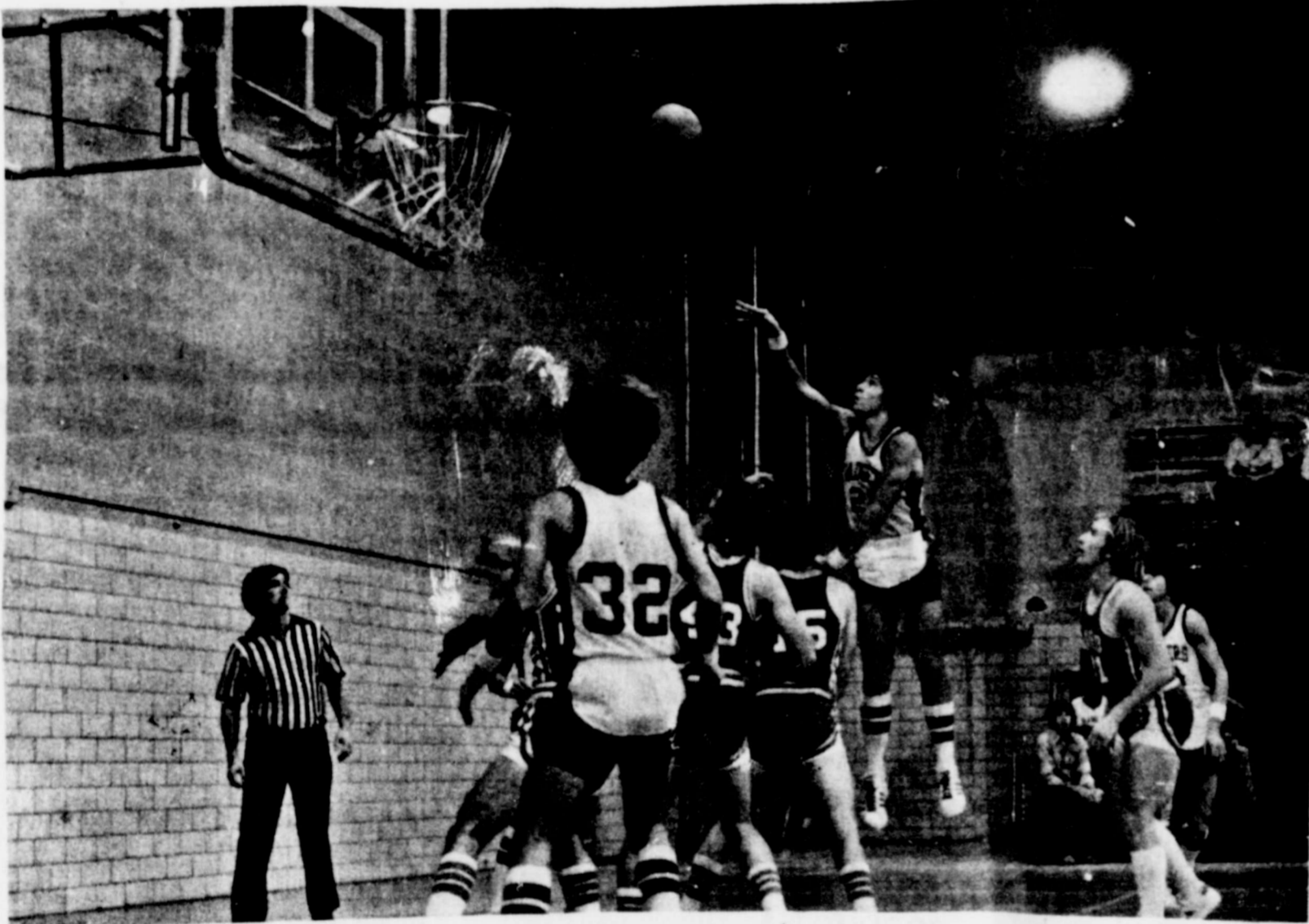
Middle school releases honor roll

The Merkel Middle School Honor Roll is as follows:

6th Grade: A Honor Roll: Abby Irvin, Sherri Riney. A-B Honor Roll: Tracy Bicknell, Tina Jaramillo, Lance Jones, Sandra Kotlik, Britt Pursley, Kristen Kennedy, Billy Riley, Debbie Pack, Thomas Santee, Angela Thomas, Douglas Taylor, Fondale Watson, Michelle Woodard.
7th Grade: A Honor Roll: Kevin Coker, Alyse

Ferguson, Amy Irvin, Kelly Riney. A-B Honor Roll: Cammie Bright, Matt Cain, Dean Franklin, Tim Kellogg, Kevin Mitchell, Regina Stuckey, Clay Carey, Gayle Landeros, Ronna Casey, Martina Moreno, Lucretia Wade, Keith Watson.

8th Grade: A Honor Roll: Trung Tran, Jennifer Roby, Shelly Sherrill, Tami Elliott. A-B Honor Roll: Bill Adams, Jerry Davis, Mum Prasarn, Shane Smith, Nanci Stevens, Becki Teague, Kelly Stovall, Greg Spurr, Donny Brady, Tim Jacobs.



This week's schedule

Dec. 19, Boys and Girls Varsity and JV travel to Anson.
Dec. 30, Girls and Boys Varsities in the Stamford Tournament.
Jan. 2, Girls and Boys Varsity and JV at home against Jim Ned.
Jan. 6, Boys and Girls Varsity and JV in Rotan.

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TO: Clotilda Rodriguez Ronquillo, Respondent: GREETINGS: YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable 326th District Court, Taylor County, Texas, at the Courthouse of said County in Abilene Texas, at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the Monday next after the expiration of 20 days from the date of service of this citation, then and there to answer the First Amended petition of Jose Ronquillo, Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 12th day of November, 1980, against Clotilda Rodriguez Ronquillo, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 4476-C on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Matter of The Marriage of Jose Ronquillo and Clotilda Rodriguez Ronquillo", the nature of which suit is a request to obtain a divorce from the Respondent.

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree dissolving the marriage and providing for the division of property which will be binding on you.

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

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 make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court at Abilene, Texas, this the 12th day of November, 1980.

Irene Crawford Clerk, 326th District Court, Taylor County, Texas. By Johnnie Woodard, Deputy.

40-4tc
NOTICE OF INTENTION TO INCORPORATE
Pursuant to the provisions of R.C.S. Art. 1302-2.02, as amended 1977 and of V.T.C.A., Bus. & Co., Section 6.103(7), Notice is hereby given that Jeff Luther Construction Co., whose principal business office is 1057 Chestnut, Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, has on September 4, 1980 become incorporated without a change of firm name.

Very truly yours, Wagstaff, Harrell, Alvis, Batjer, Stubbeman & Seamster
By: W.G. Arnot, III 40-4tc

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Charles Hatten, Defendant, Greeting: YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the honorable County Court at Law 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 forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 19th day of January A.D. 1981, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court on the 15 day of Aug. A.D. 1980, in this cause numbered 12,164 on the docket of said court and styled The Citizens National Bank in Abilene, Plaintiff, vs. Charles Hatten, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Suit on promissory installment note, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff'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 make due return as the law directs.

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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 the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 8th day of Dec. A.D. 1980.

Attest: Janice Lyons Clerk, County Court at Law Taylor County, Texas By Marie Gill, Deputy.

43-1tc
CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Carl Peskor d-b-a Peskor Oil Company, Defendant, Greeting: YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 42nd District 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 forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 26th day of January A.D. 1981, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 11th day of December A.D. 1980 in this cause, numbered 36-888-A on the docket of said court and styled General Transmissions, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Carl Peskor d-b-a Peskor Oil Company, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: The Balance due and owing to Plaintiff on the account is \$18,487.73. Attorney's Fee would be \$6,000.00. Plaintiff asks that Citation issue and that Plaintiff have Judgment against Defendant for the principal sum of the account, interest, attorneys fee, cost of court and for general relief, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff'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 the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 11th day of December A.D. 1980.

Attest: Irene Crawford, District Clerk 42nd, District Court Taylor County, Texas By Johnnie Wakefield Deputy.

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FFA members delivering fruit

This week the fruit came in and the ag students have delivered it to the people who purchased it. This Saturday is the Merkel Stock Show. It will get underway at 9:00. All people are invited to come watch and join in on the fun.

This week we are spotlighting members of our V.A. III and V.A. II classes.

Todd Robertson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Robertson, is a junior and is enrolled in V.A. III. His project program consist of 1 duroc, 1 Hamp, 2 crossbred and 1 chester barrow. Todd is also a member of the VICA class. He plans to go to all stock shows.

Mike Hogan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mickey Newson, is a sophomore and enrolled in V.A. II. His project program consists of 1 barrow and 1 gilt. Mike is on the basketball team and plans to be in track. Mike was on the Greenhand Quiz and Skills teams.

Jeff Scott, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Scott, is a sophomore and is enrolled in V.A. II. His project program is a commercial heifer. Jeff was on the FFA Skills team this year.

Stay tuned next week for more ag news and results from the Merkel Stock Show. Hope to see ya there.

Newsbriefs

Campbell GED

Reiko Campbell, a member of the Merkel Adult Education Class has passed her G.E.D. Tests. These tests cover writing skills, social studies, science, reading skills, and mathematics. Congratulations.

A competency based high school diploma program has been approved by the Merkel Board. Reiko will begin work on this program in January.

Classes have been dismissed for the Christmas holidays. They will start back January 5th. Classes will be held every Monday and Tuesday evenings, 6:30-8:30 in Room 1 of the Merkel Middle School. For more information, call 928-5680 or come to class on Mondays or Tuesdays.

School menu

The Merkel School menu is as follows:
Thursday Dec. 18:
Fried fish with tartar

sauce, seasoned black eye peas with snaps, spinach, corn bread, and sliced pears.

Friday Dec. 19:
Sliced Turkey sandwich, vegetable soup, and chilled fruit cup.
No school until Jan. 5.

9th wins

The 9th grade boys took a one point win over Colorado City in Colorado City as Russell Lucas scored 20 to lead the way.

According to coach Eddie Lang, the freshmen trailed until late in the 4th quarter when Lucas scored 6, Billy McKeenan had 4, Ronnie Williams and Brad Nally also scored a pair.

The freshmen girls lost 48-24. Donna Miller led the way with 8 and Mandy Guenther scored 6 in the loss.

The next freshmen action is scheduled for Jan. 9 as the boys and girls will play in the Sweetwater tournament.

Band concert

The Merkel H. S. Band will present

"The Many Sounds of Christmas", an evening of Christmas season musical entertainment, Thursday, Dec. 18th at 7:30 p.m. at the H.S. auditorium.

The band, under the direction of Randy Tierce, will present a variety of old and new Christmas music including, "White Wonderland", "Home For The Holidays", and a medley of tunes called "Christmas Joy".

The public is cordially invited to attend and admission is free.

Stribling dies

Claude C. Stribling, 86, of Trent died following a short illness at Starr Nursing Home Dec. 13.

He was a member of First Baptist Church in Trent and had lived and farmed in this area for most of his life.

He was preceded in death by two wives. He married Aug. 3, 1914 to Jewell Duncan. She died in 1928. He married Buena McLeod April 1, 1931. She

died in 1966.

Services were held at Starbuck Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Kenneth Jones of the Capps Baptist officiating Dec. 15.

Survivors include a son, Duncan of Cold Springs, two daughters, Wanda Moore and Wilma Seago of Merkel, also, one brother, Willis of Menard. He is also survived by a stepson, Hubert McLeod of Trent and Helen McLeod of Buerne. He also is survived by nine grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

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Woman looking for family history

Dear Editor:

James Polk Sutphen died in your city on November 27, 1906. The death record does not give any family information (his parents). Do you keep copies of papers that go back this far?

Mr. Sutphen was born in Rusk County, Texas, February 19, 1851. He married Mattie Muckleroy, Feb. 5, 1885. This was the first marriage for Mr. Sutphen and his sixteen year old bride. They honeymooned in Galveston. Their daughter Velma, married Tom Largent. Tom and his father won many ribbons for their Herford cattle at the Fat Stock Show in Fort Worth. Wilhelmina Beane's book, "Texas Thirties" said, "A nationally known exhibitor, C.M. Largent and son sent in their entrance papers on October 12, 1932."

Mr. James P. Sutphen was living in Kosse, Limestone County, Texas before moving into Merkel (year not known). I will be most grateful for any information your readers might have on Mr. Sutphen's parents. Where was his father born? Did the father have brothers or sisters? My years of research have not given me the place of birth for John S. Sutphen, father to James P. Sutphen. The census records list John's birth in Ohio, New Jersey and New York! This one link keeps me from going back to my Revolutionary War Soldier and entry into the D.A.R. I hope to leave a complete record for my Sutphen descendants.

Editor: When you find the space to do so, will you please place this Sutphen information in your paper. Inform me as to the cost of this and the charge to check your November, 1967 paper

for the obituary print. Sincerely, Ruth Sutphen Vanecek

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Jones county club has meeting

The members of Jones County, Texas Extension Homemakers Association met Wed. Dec. 3rd at the Anson Activity Center for the Annual Christmas Party. There were 42 members and visitors present. Registration started at 9:30 A.M. Members from Avoca, Compere, Goodman, Pleasant Valley, Stith and Sunshine were present.

Mrs. Dixie Watts, of the Avoca Club, led the group in songs and several games. A covered dish luncheon was served at noon with Mrs. C.W. Jones, of the Stith Club, giving the invocation.

Mrs. Bertha Hunter, of Compere Club, was selected as Club Woman of the Year. The Goodman Club won first place on their Scrap Book.

The officers for 1981 were installed by Nacey Wilburn, Extension Agent, assisted by Deloris Adair, of Compere Club. Officers installed were as follows: Mrs. Clyde Chancey, Chairman; Mrs. Garland Price, Vice President; Mrs. Vada Hudson, Treasurer; Mrs. Bertha Hunter, Secretary; Mrs. Frank Carter, TEHA Chairman; and Lois Rust, Reporter.

Haynes host club party

Mr. and Mrs. Comer Haynes hosted the annual Christmas party for the Fortnightly Study Club in their home on Oak Street on Tuesday afternoon, December 9.

Mrs. Andy Shouse, president, introduced the Christmas program by leading the group in several Christmas carols. Mrs. Curtis Rister and Mrs. Shouse sang, "There's a Song in the Air", "Tell Me The Story of Jesus" and other Christmas carols with Mrs. Comer Haynes accompanying on the piano. Mrs. Shouse played a piano selection of "Silent Night" by C. Coleman. Mrs. Pat Dudley reviewed the book, The Best Christmas Pageant Ever by Catherine Robinson, a child's account of the usual pageant with an unusual portrayal of the Christmas

Story. Amie Stuckey, a Merkel Elementary School pupil, dressed in the costume of a rag doll, sang, "Are My Ears on Right."

The members of the club brought gifts of linens for the Abilene Boys Ranch.

Mrs. Haynes was assisted by Ms. Nancy Spain, Mrs. Carl Hughes and Mrs. Buster Horton in serving refreshments to Mmes Shouse, Stuckey, Dudley, Rogers, S.C. Dixon, Charles Eager, Mack Fisher, J. W. Hammond, Allen King Ray Wilson, C. B. Knight, Ed Sandusky, Aaron Sudderth, Alf Walla, Connie Mack Seymoure, Orvil Hill, Russell McAnalley, Lynwood Harrison, Ray Elmore, C. B. Brown, and David Bugg, and Misses Mildred Hamm, Avis Deavers, and Maurine White.



Dusty Barnhill (30) hustles for a rebound here last week against Baird. The boys will be in action Friday night in Anson. (Staff photo by Drew Mawson)

Gleaners luncheon held

The Gleaner's Sunday School Class of the United Methodist Church held their Christmas luncheon in the Fellowship Hall, Wednesday, December 10. Hand painted cards, by Ruth Cox, marked each place. Handmade candles and other Christmas motifs decorated the tables. Rev. Ray Elmore offered our thanks.

The program included "Joseph, the Man of Gollilee," by Ruth Cox, "A Christmas Story," by Ila Mae

McLean, and the singing of, "Joy To The World."

A Christmas offering was given for the Methodist Children Home in Waco, Texas.

The following were present: Mmes: Rose Davis, Ethel Cox, Evorie, Dillard, Viola Ensminger, Annie Harris, Jewell Criswell, Ila Mae McLean, Ruth Cox, M a m i e Steck, Lola Stockbridge, Jessye Shannon, Lottie Everett, Mary Click, Bessie Reidenbaugh, Mary Grimes, Lola Cox, and Rev. and Mrs. Ray Elmore.

New Tye chief starts Dec 22

What's Happening in Tye
By Harold Boyd

Seems like another week has left us and is heading towards the Yule time seasons. Just drive around town and see the lights, trees one has on display. Do hope your week was one of good health and news.

Your city council after a long study of candidates for the unfilled job position of Police Chief have hired one to police our city. Donald Parrack will be our new policeman and will begin his duties about the 22nd of December. Donald has several years of law enforcement, investigations training that the council feels that he has the most qualifications. He is currently with the Tarleton State University, as a security officer.

The Tye Volunteer Fire Department will host its 1st open house on the 20th of December. Starting at 4 p.m. til the late hours. The Fire Department wants to show its appreciation to you citizens for your continued support. You can expect Santa Claus, refreshments and just maybe some surprizes for the little ones. Their will be music, dancing and bring your diminoes...doesn't it sound like some old times? Yes, after this month, the Fire Department musicals will be hosted at the fire house and we are in hopes that you will make it. See you the 20th of December.

Reference to bingo. Bingo is illegal according the word we got from the State Attorneys office in Austin. The wording of the law or amendment in error and the attorney has nullified the law. The law is being rewritten and it is the hope of his office that in September 1981, that it will be read and accepted. So please bear till that time, till the law is defined or rewritten.

There are some times when this is written then read that people don't read far enough. I have

had some flack regarding the article that is put together each week, speaking for articles of the last 3 weeks. Let me take a stand now regarding the comments, this writer does not get paid for the time that is consumed or taken in gathering news. Getting news is one thing, but reporting fact or truths is another. This is what this column is, to be of an up coming, to be unbiased of ones problems, not taking anyones side, merely reporting it as it is, nothing more than that. As for the remarks that this writer is an quote, "Troublemaker", "Adjiator" or the alike remarks, they are unfounded. Should one like to start trouble, it can happen in this column, but it is my intentions not too nor it is the place too. If some of you have something that you want to place in this article, do let us know before each Friday so as it can be placed in, "Whats Happening in Tye", if you also have comments, questions or constructive criticism do let me know.

Tye Elementary School will host their annual Christmas Program in December and we will report it to you as soon as we find out.

Your City Council will have met for the last time this year past Tuesday and we shall as always give you a brief report on it as it is written. Again, we encourage you citizens to be present to hear the facts, its adjenda as it actually happens. These meetings are open to the public and you are welcomed to attend to see, hear, let you decide what is what.

Remember the 53 in your daily chores, prayers and as well as our loved one near and far. This is the season of happiness and of the Birth of The Christ Child, a time of Yule time greetings and spirit.

So till next week, bid you all good health and good news.

Compere club has Christmas party

The Compere Extension Homemakers Club met December 9 in Mrs. Judy Devaney's home for their Christmas party in a beautifully decorated room and tree.

The president, Mrs. Ab Hunter, presided for the meeting. Mrs. Hugh Taylor gave the prayer.

The recreation was directed by Mrs. Clyde Mims, "Words from mixed up letters" and the prize went to Mrs. Ab Hunter. She directed a "Guessing game" and led the group in singing "Jingle Bells". Mrs. Taylor read, "Empty day after Christmas."

Roll call was answered with "What I want for Christmas." Minutes were read and finance report given by Mrs. Taylor. New club books were handed out and partially filled in.

Mrs. Clyde Chancey, council chairman, gave a report on the council Christmas party at Anson. She reported the club's "Scrap Book" placed first and we were judged "Club of the year" with a

plaque. Our president, Mrs. Ab Hunter, was named, "Woman of the Year" for all the club activities she has performed.

Pictures were made. Members remembered each club member with a surprise gift and Christmas card. Secret pals were revealed with their gift from the tree.

Pal names were drawn again. The next meeting will be January 8, 1981 in Mrs. Clyde Chancey's home.

Refreshments were served from a beautifully decorated table with the Christmas theme to one visitor, our agent, Nacey Wilburn, Mrs. Clyde Mims, Bud Terry, Hazel Spurgin, Jessie Williams, Clyde Chancey, Hugh Taylor, Dewey Ramsey, Ab Hunter, Don Adair, Clayton Dillard, and the hostess, Mrs. Steve Devaney.

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Trent News

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Thursday December 18, 1980

Trent FFA students getting ready for Jan 10 show

The Trent FFA Stock Show meeting was held December 11. At the meeting, the stock show was scheduled for January 10, 1981. It will be held at the ag barn. Beginning at 10 a.m., rabbits, horses, calves, goats and sheep will be judged, in that order. About 11:30, we will break for lunch.

Lunch will be served at the school cafeteria. Then at 1:00, gilts and barrows will be judged. Our judge this year is Mr. Bill Miller, from Tahoka, Texas. Also the officers were elected at the meeting. They are Clovis McElmurray, general supt.; Brenda Jackson, secretary; John

Hamner, finance chairman; Lloyd Williams, Sr., lamb supt.; David Reed, Jr., lamb supt.; Danny Freeman, Ted Simpson and Randy Hunt, swine supt.; Carlos Garza, Riley West, and Eddie

Adams, Jr., swine supt.; Owen O'Kelly, cattle supt.; Booth West, horse supt.; Leslie Masonheimer, jr. horse supt.; Jessie King, rabbit supt.; and Todd Richardson, jr. Rabbit supt. All parents are urged to start collecting money.

Williams tea held

Mrs. Andy Neiland was honored with a baby shower in the home of Mrs. Bruce McGlothlin, October 23 1980.

Also hosting the affair were Mrs. s: Lloyd Williams, Jerry Williams, Billy Hamner, Garnet Wilks, Roy Neff, Lewis Wood, Joe Alexander, Carlton McLeod, Lane Wells, Roy Sharp and Elton Freeman.

A Halloween theme was carried out. The table was laid with a

brown cloth. The center piece was of orange, beige and brown silk flowers. Hot punch and coffee were served from copper tea pots. A "Black Pot" filled with dry ice gave it the affect of witches brew and pumpkin bread, cookies and candy corn and pumpkins were served out of Halloween trays.

There were 30 guests that registered being from Trent, Big Springs and Monahans.

Neiland shower held

Mrs. Bruce McGlothlin honored Mrs. Lloyd Williams, Jr. with a bridal tea, Nov. 23 in her home.

Co-hosting the affair were Mrs. s: "Bubba" O'Kelly, Othel O'Kelly Mike Ray, Randy Hunt, John Hamner, Ted Timpson, Mac Sipe, Ronny Freeman, Billy Hamner, Don Orr, Garnet Wilks, Red Shaffer, R. L. Bland, Rex Bland, and Mrs. Lena McWilliams

Poovie Sipe and Brenda Jackson.

The table was laid with a lace cloth over brown which held a basket of orange, beige, and brown silk flowers. Punch, cookies, nuts and mints were served by Debra Williams and Leigh Ann McGlothlin.

Gifts were opened and displayed to about 65 guests. Guests registering were from Trent, Merkel and Cleburn.

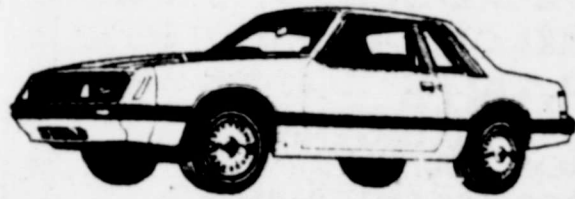


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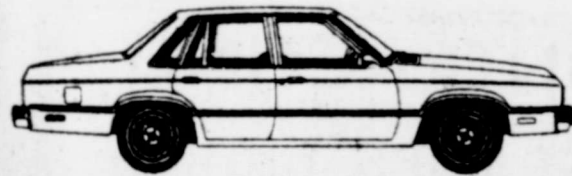
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Pack 220 holds awards night



Pack 220 met Thursday night Dec. 4 for their monthly pack meeting. Awards were given out by Richard Hernandez. Boys in Den 1 received their bobcat badges. They are Lynn Gregory, Chance Ferguson, Dusty McCloud, James Talent, Billy Williams, Kyle Doan, Jamie Lindsay, D.W. Black.

Boys in Den 2 who received their awards are Scott Graham, he received his wolf badge and 1 gold and 5 silver arrow points; Steve Bauer received his wolf, 1 gold and 1 silver arrow points, Stephen Faulkner received 3 silver arrow points, Lee Cain received his bobcat badge.

The boys in the Webelos to receive awards are Doug Bauer received his wolf badge, 1 gold and 1 silver arrow points and his athlete pin, Randy Graham received his artist, Citizen, geologist, naturalist, outdoorsman, and scholar pins, Shane Reagan received his athlete pin.

Our den leaders for Den 1 are Albert Gregory and Tommy Talent assistant; Den 2, Lynda Faulkner and Donna Bauer assistant; Webelos leaders are Richard Hernandez and Randy Leverich assistant.

In our last Pack meeting, Nov. 6, four boys received their bobcat badges. They are Stephen Jacobs, David Thomas, Bobby Joe Faglie, and Chris Brown.

Anyone wanting to join cub scouts can call Richard Hernandez, our cub master.

Den 2 had a skit for the pack meeting about the (extra stocking on the fire place mantle). It was done by Steven Bauer, Ricky Hernandez, Stephen Faulkner, David Thomas, David Clark, and Scott Graham.

Sean Woodard puts up a shot in the tournament held her last weekend. Woodard is surrounded by teammates Carl Jowers (31), Todd Hensely (25) and Kenny Sims (23). (Staff photo by Drew Mawson)

Legal notice

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Constance Lee Taggart, Respondent: GREETINGS:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable 326th District Court, Taylor County, Texas, at the Courthouse of said County in Abilene Texas, at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the Monday next after the expiration of 20 days from the date of service of this citation, then and there to answer the petition of Jimmy David Taggart Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 2nd day of October, 1980, against Constance Lee Taggart, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 4616-C on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Matter of The Marriage of Jimmy David Taggart and Constance Lee Taggart, the nature of which suit is a request to That the court grant divorce to Petitioner and request to be appointed possessory conservator with rights of reasonable visitation.

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree dissolving the marriage and providing for the division of property which will be binding on you.

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

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Irene Crawford, District Clerk, 326th District Court, Taylor County, Texas. By Johnnie Wakefield Deputy. 43-1tc

Volko's daughter

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Randall Volcko on the arrival of their daughter, Constance Christian Faith Volcko. Miss Volcko was born Dec. 8, 1980 at 6:41 p.m. She weighed 7 lbs. 1 ounce and was 21 inches long.

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Were your relatives pioneers here? Let us know!

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When did first direct descendent move here? _____

How did your descendents make a living? _____

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CARLA BORELLI stars as Reena Cook in NBC-TV's "Texas."

Carla Borelli was a stranger to Texas when she arrived to film location scenes for the NBC serial of the same name but it wasn't long before she was feeling quite at home in the Lone Star state.

"I found the people to be very warm, very basic," relates Carla. "They understand why they're here on earth and how life works." Carla was also impressed with the 'bigness' of the state, both in size and ideas. "It's as large as they say and I love the fact that there is still a place in the United States where the American dream could really happen." She illustrates her point, "I could see being a kid there and saying 'Daddy I want to own a 40 story building one of these years' and somehow you could figure out a way to do it. Ideas seem to be wide open."

It is expected that in the near future the cast and crew of "Texas" will return to Houston to repeat some of the same colorful location scenes that marked the premiere of the serial. Still less than a year old and yet to garner a solid share of the viewing audience, was Carla nervous about being in a new show rather than in a veteran serial that has its own established fans? "First of all, I really didn't have time to think about it because I was so busy on

"Another World," (where she first created the character Reena) explains Carla. "I knew Paul Rauch's reputation (the Executive Producer) and I knew that the Corringtons were extremely bright and gifted people (the head writers) so I felt safe there."

Gifted and bright are adjectives that are easily applied to Carla Borelli. Born and raised in San Francisco, her first love was dancing. After realizing how limiting the dance could be in terms of the number of years she could successfully perform, she turned to acting, a craft for all ages and seasons. The transition was quite different. "I really had not paid all that much attention to my voice," admits Carla. "When I showed interest in acting, I found that I couldn't tell people in the industry that I was a dancer because they automatically assumed that I could only dance, that I couldn't act. So I went through a period denying that I had ever trained as a dancer and they suddenly looked at me as an actress. It made all the difference in the world."

Though her obvious talents and abilities should speak for her, Carla is still striving for acceptance in other areas of the business including film-making both as an actress and

perhaps as a producer someday.

Carla concludes, "I feel that when I can work freely in all media and have acceptance in all areas of the business, then I will have finally made it."

Now a look at what's been happening and what will happen on all the afternoon dramas.

Recap — 12/15-12/19
Preview — 12/22-12/26

EDGE OF NIGHT -- The mayor offers Mike a new position which he accepts. This makes Draper and Cliff closer partners. Emily tries to break up the Scott household once again and may succeed. Raven continues to manipulate Chief Mallory as Kelly's chance of clearing himself of Elliott's murder keeps slipping away.

THIS WEEK: Emily and April have a few confrontations. Molly worries about Emily's plan.

AS THE WORLD TURNS -- Nick files for divorce so he can get his life back together and marry Kim. Obtaining the divorce may not be so easy however. Steve is worried about the past coming back to haunt him.

THE GUIDING LIGHT -- Kelly talked and Tim is arrested for drunk driving. Tim is furious with Kelly. Eve is being pressured to give in.

SEARCH FOR TOMORROW -- Sissy is still upset thinking about the baby she gave up. Meanwhile she tries to make a new life for herself in a new job.

THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS -- Nikki continues to play on Greg's sympathy as she throws his drunken "sexual" spree up to him. Kay tries a new technique.

TEXAS -- Maggie is at Billy Joe's mercy. Iris keeps a close eye on Ryan. Reena is afraid that Alex's "death" will push her mother and Striker together.

DAYS OF OUR LIVES -- Alex plans to adopt Jessica. Jessica still doesn't know

that Alex is her father and Sister Marie is her mother. Leslie returns to Andersons to work. Marlena figures out that Liz is the "other woman" and she asks Don for a divorce. Liz is upset about Neil's disappearance.

THIS WEEK: Joshua is still determined to get Chandler. Don pleads his case with Marlena.

ANOTHER WORLD -- Mac is hot on the trail of information that might reveal the real story behind Mitch's "murder."

Larry and Jordan are becoming friendly. Kit tells Brad she wants to go back to work. Jason doesn't like the idea of Tracy having a child to take care of.

THIS WEEK: More insight into the hitchhiker's story. Mac becomes more forgiving.

THE DOCTORS -- Billy tells Greta he doesn't want one-night stands -- he wants marriage! Viveca suggests to Mona that she should tape one of Nola's outbursts to show Jason what Nola is really trying to do. Brad tells Greta he wants her back but Greta, who was resigned to the fact that it was over between them, tells him that this news has her confused again. Mona bugs her house.

THIS WEEK: Mike is unhappy with his new job. Brad is bitter and Billy gains ground with Greta.

RYAN'S HOPE -- A long-distance conversation between Ryan and a tearful Rose, makes Jack wonder what Rose is hiding. Frank and Jill look for Ken's suicide note and Little John reveals that he took a notebook from Ken's room. Ryan has been making paper dolls from the pages which Maeve collects and puts in a box. Rae visits Michael's houseboat while Kim hides in the closet.

THIS WEEK: Roger is in the spotlight now. Rose must choose between her father and Jack.

ALL MY CHILDREN -- The bank robbers ask for one million dollars ransom and a limousine from Palmer. Cliff delivers the ransom despite Palmer's objections but the robbers are determined to take Nina

with them until they are safely away. Shaun comes up with a plan to save Nina.

THIS WEEK: Nina is in great peril. Leora is taking up more of Joe's time than Ruth would like.

ONE LIFE TO LIVE -- Marco is sentenced to four weeks in jail and four years probation. Asa tells Mimi that if she doesn't break up Bo and Pat, she is finished with the Buchanan family.

Brad sees Melinda as a natural ally and they come up with a plan to get their spouses back. Brad wants Sam to marry Asa but Sam says no. Becky agrees to sing again.

THIS WEEK: Vicki wonders if she has made the right decision. All is not well with Marco.

GENERAL HOSPITAL -- Alan and Monica are busy planning their Christmas Ball where Alexandria will be formally presented. The Cassadines plant a spy in the Quartermaine household in disguise as a butler, to find the "Ice Princess." Edward lures Luke back in his employ. Heather's first day home is eventful.

THIS WEEK: Alan and Monica make tentative steps toward a reconciliation. Luke is in great danger.

Reynolds have visitors

Mrs. O.J. Reynolds and Bob visited in May Rising Star and Amity Saturday.

Recent visitors in the Reynolds home

- WILSON JEWELRY
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Co-op speech contest prize is trip to DC

An all expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. next June will be awarded to two young people from this area by the Taylor Electric Cooperative, Inc., according to Don Hart, manager of the system.

Hart said winners of an oratorical contest would be awarded the trip which begins June 12th. All high school sophomores and juniors in the system's service area are eligible to enter the contest.

Contest entrants will be required to give a five to eight minute speech on the subject "Energy Conservation and the Impact on Your Electric Bill". Resource materials that may be helpful to contestants are available from the Cooperative's office, according to Tommie Cutler, who is in charge of the contest.

Speeches will be judged on the basis of knowledge of subject, speaking ability, poise, personality, and appearance.

As participants in the Youth Tour, local contest winners will travel by bus to Washington where they will spend four days visiting places of historical interest, visiting members of Congress and getting a first hand view of their government in action.

Approximately 1,000 Youth Tour participants from across the nation will meet during the week for a special program coordinated by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association. The program will feature congressional leaders and high government officials. A visit to the White House and a fun-filled banquet will highlight the day's events.

The date of the contest is January 19, 1981. It will be held at the Cooperative office in Merkel, Texas, beginning at 7 p.m. Deadline for submitting an outline on their planned presentation is January 12, 1981. Information concerning the contest has been sent to the high schools in the area.

Last year's winners were Karen Moore of Cooper High School and Mark Bland of Merkel High School.

Stith club has Christmas dinner

The Stith Extension Homemakers met December 10 for a Christmas dinner.

The hostess gift was presented to Daisy Mashburn.

Grace Lee Brown presented a program and seven members were present. Attending were Louise Hud-

son, Margaret Dickerson, Mae Jones, Annie Lee Sledge, Genoa Shaw, and five visitors Louise Chancey, Fannie Ramsey, Bettye Copeland, Wade Shaw, Roy Mashburn. After the meeting, club members delivered a box of Christmas gifts to the Abilene State School.

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WIN FREE LARGEST XMAS STOCKEN FULL OF TOYS DEC 18-1 DEC 24-3

CREAMY CRISCO 3 LB CAN \$1.89 WITH \$10.00 IN TRADE OR MORE EXCLUSIVE OF CIGARETTES

NABISCO VANILLA WAFERS 12 OZ BOX 79¢

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VLASIC SWEET PICKLES 16 OZ JAR 89¢

OCEAN SPRAY JELLY OR WHOLE 300 CRANBERRIES 2 FOR 98¢

DELMONTE 300 REG OR LITE FRUITCOCKTAIL CAN 59¢

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BIG TATE INSTANT POTATOES 16 OZ BOX 73¢

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FROZEN FOODS
BIRDS EYE COOL WHIP 8 OZ TUB 69¢

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3 OZ BOX 3 FOR 89¢

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BAKERS CHOCOLATE IMITATION CHIPS 12 OZ 98¢

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FOLGER COFFEE LB CAN \$2.29

WESSON COOKING OIL 38 OZ JUG \$1.83

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FOREMOST HOMO MILK GAL JUG \$2.23

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FOREMOST BUTTER MILK 1/2 GAL CRT \$1.09

ARMOUR TEXAS STYLE CHILI WITH BEANS 15 OZ 63¢

AUT DISHWASHER CASCADE KING SIZE \$1.79

TOWELS
SPILL SPILLMATE JUMBO ROLL 63¢

DETERGENT CHEER GT BOX \$1.59

LIQUID IVORY GT SIZE 98¢

MEADOLAKE OLEO SOFT LB 53¢

KRAFTS MARSHMALLOW CREAM 7 OZ JAR 49¢

BAKERS ANGLE FLAKE COCONUT 7 OZ BAG 69¢

BETTY CROCKER STIR&FROST CAKEMIX ASST BOX 89¢

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BLACKBURN WHITE SYRUP QT 89¢

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GOOCH BR ARM ROAST LEAN LB \$1.39

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