

The Merkel Mail

Thursday, April 9 1981... Merkel, Texas...Merkel's 100th Year

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Bill Button, local WTU manager retires after 43½ years with company

Bill Button, a WTU employee for 43 and a half years, retired last Tuesday as the Merkel Office Manager for WTU.

Button was honored with a party held at the local WTU office attended by friends and management of WTU.

Button and his wife left Merkel the next day to move to Missouri, where the couple are remodeling a lakeside cabin and Button said he plans to "chase those Missouri fish".

Button said, "I have been looking forward to retiring for a long time. I have enjoyed my work here very much and have always been privileged to work around a great bunch of people. My wife and I have already made friends in Missouri, but we are leaving an awful lot of friends behind us. It is a very emotional time for both my wife and I."

Button was presented many gifts at the retirement party, including a money tree and a new fishing rod, something Button plans to use a lot in the upcoming years.



Bill Button retired as local WTU manager here last week and was honored by an office party. Button was employed by WTU for 43½ years and recently moved to Missouri. (Staff photo by Cloy A. Richards)

Badgers win Pied Piper relays

The Merkel Badgers parlayed their depth to the team championship in the Pied Piper Relays this weekend in Hamlin. Merkel won the event without a first place finish.

The Badgers 1600 meter relay team, boasting one of the best times in the Big Country this season, was edged by an eyelash to place second.

Other second place finishes for the Badgers included Tye Nelson's 6 foot leap in the high jump, Randy Martin's 15.45 time in the 110 meter hurdles, Sal Acosta's 2:08.22 800 meter effort, Gary Tutt's 11.44 time in the 100 meter, Jimmy Mendez cruised to a 54.33 in the 400, Dusty Barnhill ran a 41.63 300 meter hurdles, Nelson's 200 meter dash of 23.03, and Sal Acosta's 5:03.05

1600 meter run.

Third place finishers for the Badgers included Terry Owen in the high jump, Barnhill in the long jump, Martin in the pole vault, Nelson in the 110 meter hurdles, Russel Lucas in the 400 meters.

Fourth place finishes for the Badgers came from Greg Arnwine in the shot put, Michael Pape in the discus, Acosta in the long jump, Jay Campbell in the pole vault, Merkel 400 relay team, Alan Albright.

Fifth place finishers for the Badgers included Roy Johnson in the shot put and Ramon Acosta in the 1600 meter run.

Sixth place finishers were Ricky Mathewson in the shot put, and Dwayne Brown in the 1600 meter run.

Lambda Beta pageant set for Saturday here

Mrs. Shannon Barnes, of Merkel, will be master of ceremonies for the Miss Merkel Beauty Pageant Saturday at 7 p.m. in the High School Auditorium.

She is the reigning Miss Merkel. Wayne Henington will photograph contestants

from 5 until 6:30 and will provide 2 5 x 7 photos plus nine wallet photos for \$8.

Admission will be \$1 for adults and 50 cents for children.

Rehearsal will be held at 4 p.m. Friday. For more information call 928-5576.

Great voter turnout is it a mandate? Fish, track, thanks to outgoing board members

by Cloy A. Richards

Merkelites should be proud of their voting performance in Saturday's school and city elections.

The MISD turnout of 492 was the heaviest turnout in a non-bond issue election ever.

The city also had a very respectable turnout of 229 voters.

We received phone calls Saturday night wanting results, which we had and gave to the Reporter News. They did run the results in their Sunday city edition, but was omitted from their regional edition.

To answer one more question from the anonymous caller of Friday evening. No, we did not show favorites to any candidates in last week's paper by printing only responses we wanted.

We mailed each candidate a questionnaire to the address they included on their registration form for elections, and set a noon Tuesday deadline, then printed the responses we had received at that time.

We did not receive any of the responses after deadline either.

If Ronald Reagan's election was a mandate for a new line of thought at the federal level, the same could be said of MISD's election held Saturday.

Two of the three races were close, one was decided by five and one by 19. On the other hand, when was the last MISD election held the three incumbents were defeated. I know it has been at least since 1949.

J.L. Fisher really knows how to ruin a guy's Monday.

As a picture in this week's Mail will illustrate, J.L. hauled in a couple of "haws" Monday morning and he caught them on minnows.

Brad Pursley broke his string this weekend in the prestigious Texas Relays and won the pole vault. Brad had won six straight indoor titles, then failed to win three times this year indoors, but is now back in form.

The Merkel Badgers won the Division 3 title at the Pied Piper Relays in Hamlin this year and it's the second title won by the team this year. This past weekend's results indicates the

Badgers track depth this year as the Badgers won the event, without taking a first in any event. Way to go guys.

K.W. DePew has opened a new business here named D.B. Electric. That firm is located on Kent Street and specializes in oil field and rig wiring as well as commercial and residential wiring.

The Mail welcomes that new commitment to the community and welcomes Mr. DePew to our community.

Attending the special meeting of the MISD Board of Trustees Monday night, this writer was struck with a thought that has to be said.

There were no crowds, no fanfares, as Charles Jacobs and Pat Castille attended their last meeting following their defeat in the recent election. (Larry Dudley was absent).

Jacobs, who served as President of the board was very gracious as he said a few words before the board swore in Ray Pack, Jack Riney and Jack Ferguson.

No one was there to say thanks to Jacobs and Castille for all of the time, headaches, heartaches, and difficult decisions they have made over the past three years. The Mail is doing that now.

We did not support all of the decisions the board has made. We did support the board's authority to make those decisions, and respected those decisions made properly. We also understood the difficulty in making those decisions, because the Mail also had difficulty in reporting the more complex decisions.

People who serve in voluntary, unpaid public office and voluntarily pay the price associated with that office, deserve and command a great deal of respect.

The Mail salutes Jacobs, Castille and Dudley. We thank them for their time spent in the name of our children, we thank them for the pain they suffered, be it personal or public, while doing the job we elected them to do.

The three outgoing members of the board can offer the three new members some very beneficial insight into the trials and tribulations of public office, especially in a small town.

A hearty thanks to Charles Jacobs, Pat Castille and Larry Dudley. The Mail understands what you have done in the past and thanks you deserve thanks, not only from us, but from the entire MISD community.

MISD voters elect Pack, Riney, Ferguson; City elects Satterwhite, Beasley, Dudley

MISD voters ousted all three incumbent school board members, elected a new mayor and two city councilmen in both the city and school elections as 229 people voted in the city election and 492 voted in the school election.

SCHOOL BOARD

For Place 5, Jack Ferguson tallied 346 votes to beat incumbent and School Board President Charles Jacobs, who tallied 146 votes. The Merkel vote was 286 for Ferguson and 110 for Jacobs. Ferguson garnered 60 votes in Tye with 36 cast for Jacobs.

In Place 6, Jackie Riney edged incumbent Pat Castille by five votes. Riney received 177 in Merkel and 25 in Tye for a total of 202. Castille had 167 votes here and 30 in Tye for a total of 197. Tom Williamson ran third in the race garnering 49 votes in Merkel and 39 in Tye for a total of 88.

In Place 6, challenger Ray Pack defeated incumbent Larry Dudley 253 to 234. Pack received 204 votes in Merkel and 49 in Tye while Dudley had 191 votes here and 43 in Tye.

The total votes cast of 492 set an all time high for an MISD election that was held solely for a school board race.

MERKEL-CITY ELECTIONS

Kent Satterwhite, running unopposed for mayor, was elected as Merkel's new mayor with 224 votes.

COUNCIL

Larry Beasley was the top vote getter, gathering 158 and Don Dudley was also elected to council with 149 votes. They were followed by Stanley Toombs who received 133 votes. Beasley and Dudley will be sworn in at the April 13th session of council.

TRENT-SCHOOL BOARD

John Griffith and Randy Hunt were elected to the board in a tight race.

Griffith received 39 votes and Hunt received 37 votes. They were followed by Rex Bland with 34, Jerry Nance with 33, Mac Sipe with 26 and Ted Simpson with 22.

TRENT-CITY

A proposal to adopt a \$10,000 homestead exemption for persons 65 or older or disabled was defeated by a vote of 46 against and 24 for.

CITY OF TYE

All three city council people were returned to their posts by the voters.

In Place 1, incumbent Violet D. Law received 88 votes. She ran unopposed and their was one write-in vote cast.

In Place 3, incumbent A.J. Pence won with 74 votes and challenger Gayland Childers gathered 32 votes.

In Place 5, incumbent Mrs. Otto Brazell was re-elected with 49 votes, challengers Leon W. VanGurp had 46 and James Dosser had 17 votes.

MISD board elects Hogan president

MISD board members held a special meeting Monday night to officially canvass election returns and reorganize the board.

Kenny Hogan was elected board president and Leroy Teaff and James Boyd were re-elected to their positions. Teaff is vice president and Boyd is secretary.

Outgoing school board president Charles Jacobs said, "I want to congratulate the new members of the board and welcome them to the board. I hope the community will work with the board and support your decisions. We have a good school system."

Incoming school board president Kenny Hogan said, "It is an honor for the board to see fit to put

me in this position. Charles has done an excellent job and before very long, I am sure before long, I will further appreciate the work he has done. I know Charles has put in long hours and hope I can do half the job he has done."

In personnel actions, band director Randy Tierce was put on a 10 ½ month contract at \$3,500 above state scale and also receives the \$1,000 raise approved for all classroom teachers.

Junior High and assistant varsity coach and scout Teddy Hallford was awarded a \$2,000 above scale, as well as the \$1,000 raise.

New school board members, Ray Pack, Jack Riney, and Jack Ferguson were sworn in to their positions after the election returns were officially certified.

Fun Day-Centennial planning

Merkel and it's surrounding area's 2nd annual Fun Day and Grand Centennial Celebration are coming up fast. We need all the help we can get. Trent and Tye are again invited to participate in this Fun Day and Centennial Celebration. We would like to ask all clubs, social groups, churches, organizations, businesses, etc. to participate in this celebration. Any and all suggestions will be appreciated in making this week the best.

I am proud to announce that the entertainment committee will again be headed by Ray Pack for the Fun Day Centennial Celebration which will again be held at the Merkel City Park on Saturday July 4th.

There will be a \$5.00 charge this year on all spaces for arts, crafts, garage sales, etc. There will also be a \$5.00 charge for all food concession booths. Let me stress that this is not a money making project on these charges. This money will be used to take care of some of the expenses in promoting this project and of course pay for the electricity that will be used.

At this time, we are planning a beginning day

celebration with a parade scheduled for June 27th. However, we cannot do this without enthusiasm and participation from our clubs, businesses and organizations. If you would like to help or participate in this parade, please call Martha Sue Justice at 928-5712 or 928-5017.

The week of July 4th should be filled with events in celebration of our 100th year. Please step forward and give us a hand. There's lots of work to be done. All suggestions and ideas will certainly be appreciated. For any information call Benny Melton at the Merkel Chamber of Commerce, 928-5722 or the Merkel Mail at 928-5712. Also fell free to call Martha Sue at home after 5 p.m. at 928-5017 or during the day at 928-5712.

Please start making your food concession reservations as soon as possible. Food that has already been reserved is as follows: Popcorn, watermelon, ice, nachos, lemonade, pepsi booth, snow cones, tacos, burritos, hot dogs, frito pies, and punch. There are still many foods which have not been reserved, so call now. Please call Benny Melton at the Merkel Chamber of Commerce, 928-5722 or 928-5755.

Top news & events of 1950-49

by Cloy A. Richards

We have run into our first snag as we trace Merkel's history back to 1881 as the Mail files of the years 1950-49 are inadequate to present a month by month rundown of top news and events.

We did put together a brief overview from that period.

If anyone knows of events from that two year period that is not included in this history installment, let us know and we will include that information in a later edition of the Mail.

Our files are in very good shape back until 1900 but we will need information prior to that date in about two months. If anyone has any information they would like to share, please give the Mail a call at 928-5712.

1950

The new Trent Baptist Church was dedicated. Pastor at the time was Riley Fugitt. The Badger Chevrolet Company held formal ceremonies for it's grand opening. Merkel, Trent and Noodle schools closed for two weeks so children could help with the cotton harvest.

No candidates signed up for City elections so the voters had to write in their choices. H.C. West was elected mayor and Horace Boney for council. One of the feature movies at the Queen was "The Kid from Texas" starring Audie Murphy.

The 1950 Cotton crop totaled 2,121 bales in Merkel Country. The Kelly addition was opened

with the construction of ten homes. The Merkel Badgers won their first district basketball championship.

1949

The Merkel city council authorized purchase of a military surplus 250,000 gallon water tank. The tank was purchased in Brownwood, dismantled and set up here. Bank deposits at the Farmers and Merchants Bank set an all time record. Deposits at the end of the year totaled \$3,429. The previous record was set in 1947 with \$3.2 million on deposit.

Loans totaled \$465,000 an increase of \$10,000 over 1948's highest total.

A semi-annual dividend was paid of \$3,750 up 50 percent.

Forty-two new homes were constructed in 1949, with a bulk coming from the Elmer Herring addition, which housed 22 new homes.

1949 rainfall here measured 23.92 inches, according to local weather observer J.I. Ford. It was a three year high.

Postal receipts for 1949 were \$1,307.04, a 50 percent increase over 1948. C.J. Glover was editor and publisher of the Merkel Mail.

One of the more popular movies in this state was being shown at the Queen, "Home in San Antone" starring Roy Acuff and Jacqueline Thomas.

Top Tye news & events

Whats Happening in Tye
by Harold Boyd

Spring weather is here and much to do to the yards, gardens and the house. Won't be long before the kiddos will be out for the summer if you look at the days on the calendar. Better, just ask the kids... surely can tell you the exact days.

Now that the vote has once again been taken, support these people in their ideas and offer your complaints, suggestions in how you feel about things. They can only do their jobs in your interest, if they don't know how you feel, they can't make decisions.

Regarding the former police chief in Tye and the alleged charges, there has been several remarks regarding him. The news media has had several changes in their stories, the DA's office hasn't fully accepted the facts, which they want to investigate further before bringing it before the Grand Jury. This doesn't mean that he isn't guilty or is, the courts must convict him, not us that either knew him or whatever your feelings. Justice can only be served in the courts: by ascertain facts and a jury. What one or others think is their own feelings and the court will be the deciding palace. In the past, when he was our active chief, we gave praise of his work and efforts, what cause him to do the things he is accused of is beyond our knowledge and only to surface just prior to his leaving. Now it lies with our justice system.

The above statements are not to be confused with our current chief of police, in his ability to do his job, the way he is doing the job. If the truths were known, he probably has done more than any peace officer we have had. Sometime more than he is supposed to do as for the hours, treatment of people that he comes in contact with and his ability to deal with people. Don is more than dedicated but is short handed as for the job goes. In order to maintain law and order, he does

need help and it is up to the community and council to decide that remain facts.

Once again a plea is out for the fire department for donations. The tank truck is about 40 percent done, but the department lack some 5300 dollars in completing the truck. If you can spare any towards the completions of this needed truck, so send in your checks, c-o Tye Vol. Fire Dept., Tye, Tx. Each donation, regardless of its size will be acknowledged with a card. This money will go towards finishing up the truck and putting it into service. At the present time, we have only the mini booster truck to fight fires. If you have any questions as to where it goes, you are invited to view the equipment any time, just give us a call and we will be most happy to show you.

What about TV cable? I have made a call to United Cable Service in Abilene, but have failed in getting the call returned. So I am unable to report what has been done or what is the lag in getting cable service to Tye. We will prusue the efforts in finding out when it can be expected and the hold up that it hasn't been here.

Sports car fans... both race ways will be open this Saturday evening for your racing enjoyment. We will have two tracks... Armalido and I-20 will open and we have two people that will be flagging the cars from Tye. At I-20, driver and now flag man will be Danny Patterson, at Armilido raceway will be Al Ries, Tye Body Shop that will put the green flag out. If you like motor car racing, do make it an evening... check out the track, cars and drivers. Also it won't be long before little league baseball will be starting.

We will get you some dates, times and where to meet for practice in next weeks column.

For this week, we will close. Take care and look forward to seeing you next week. If you have any events, news to let others know about, contact the Mail or me. We will be happy to plug it for you.

Local Red Cross drive ending

The American Red Cross drive is coming to a close for Merkel. Don and Mitz Hart, co-chairmen of the Merkel drive, report that it has been successful.

Mr. Hart stated that he was pleased with the contributions from the business district. Although all did not contribute, most gave their fair share and more is still expected to come in. The support and encouragement has been appreciated.

Mrs. Hart says some workers still have not turned their money in, but indications are that everyone did their best and the contributions have been good. She states, "I know the Taylor County Red Cross will appreciate the efforts put

forth by Merkel businesses and residents. Don and I view this as a rewarding experience and a worthy cause. We are grateful."

Special thanks are extended to the following persons, who helped the Harts work the residential area: Mrs. D.R. Dutton, Christina Diltz, Lonnell Teaff, Mary and Richard Hill, Nell Smith, Betty Lue Satterwhite, Fredalyn Everett, Gerrie Dunlap, Ida Mae Seymore, Judy Elliott, Mrs. Lewis Corder, Ronnie Doan, Dale Hammond, Christy Quince, Sandra Toombs, Janice Hicks, Billie South, Elette Orsborn, Mattie Lou Wozencraft, and Patsy McDuff.

Also, the Harts would like to thank the Merkel Mail for their coverage of the drive.

City population set at 2,493, applying for park matching grant from state,

The city has had nothing but good news to report as the U.S. Census Department set the population at 2,493, up 30 from the pre-preliminary count, passed a resolution Friday to ask for planning assistance for the city park, and the city manager traveled to Dallas last week to make preparations for a \$1.2 million grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Council met Friday morning to adopt a formal resolution asking the Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife to assist the city in plan making for future improvements of the city park.

The city will be eligible for a \$90,000 matching grant from the State and \$90,000 from HUD for park improvements.

City manager J.A. Sadler and Consultant Randy Randolph were in Dallas last week to attend a seminar for cities that have been initially accepted in HUD's block community grant programs.

The final application for the \$1.2 million in grants is due May 1, 1981 and the final decision by HUD officials will be made June 31, 1981.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Linda Fay Daniels, Address Unknown Respondent:

GREETINGS:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable 326th District Court, Taylor County, Texas, at the Courthouse of said County in Abilene Texas, at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of 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 Charlie Lee Daniels, Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 27th day of March, 1981, against Linda Fay Daniels, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 5374-C on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Matter of The Marriage of Charlie Lee Daniels and Linda Fay Daniels", the nature of which

suit is a request to the Court to grant a divorce and decree such order relief requested in this petition.

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.

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

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Irene Crawford, Clerk District Court, Taylor County, Texas.
By J o Ann Lackey, Deputy.

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Mrs. Odell Dickerson in memory of Mae Seago; E.J. Orsborn Estate, Paul Orsborn; Bennie Anderson in memory of I.D. Vancil; Children of Mr. and Mrs. E.L. Palmer in memory of parents; Mr. and Mrs. Boyce Vancil in memory of Houston Martin; J.R. Hester Estate; Mr. and Mrs. James Foster; Mrs. Paul West; Bessie T. Merritt in memory of Mae Seago; Mr. and Mrs. R.E. Wilburn; R.R. Parker; Mrs. D.H. Thomas; Mrs. Viola Ensminger; Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wilson in memory of Earl Baze, Doris Dowdy, Carrie Lambert, Mae Seago; Mrs. Dessie Kirk; Si Higgins; Fern Barrington in memory of I.D. Vancil.

MISD lunch menu

The Merkel School Menu is as follows:

Thursday April 9: Chicken pot pie with vegetables, vegetable salad with choice of dressing, biscuits, and prunecake.

Friday April 10: Hamburgers, lettuce, pickle, onion, french fries, and fresh oranges.

Monday April 13: Burritos, vegetairan beans, lettuce salad, choice of dressing, and lemon bars.

Tuesday April 14: Fried fish, tarter sau-

ce, cole slaw with sweet and sour dressing, blackeye peas, corn meal twists, and pears.

Wednesday April 15: Turkey and Dressing with giblet gravy, green beans, candied yams, hot rolls, and chilled fruit.

Thursday April 16: Beef and cheese pizza, mexicali corn, lettuce wedge, and apple-sauce.

Friday April 17: Cheeseburgers, lettuce pickle, onion, tator tots, and apple pan dowdy.

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I would like to thank everyone who went to the polls and voted in the School Board Election making it the largest turn out for this election ever.

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I would like to thank each and everyone for their support during this election and pray for their support during the NEXT three years.

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J.L. Fisher spent a very fruitful Monday morning as he hauled in a 7 1/4 and a 6 1/2 pound bass from a private pond near Buffalo Gap. (Staff photo by Cloy A. Richards)

Randall Bond, local farmer, buried here

Randal Burlie Bond, 32, of Merkel, a farmer and rancher, died at 9:45 p.m. Thursday at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene after a brief illness. Services were at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at First Baptist Church in Merkel with Dr. Steve Lyons, pastor of University Baptist Church in Abilene, and the Rev. David Bugg, pastor of First Baptist Church in Merkel officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery directed by Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born April 2, 1949, in Merkel, he lived in the Merkel area all his life. The Merkel High School graduate was a member of University Baptist Church in Abilene, where he served as a deacon.

Survivors include his mother, Mrs. B.L. (Lenora) Bond of Merkel; a sister, Mrs. Jerry (Peggy) Gibson of Merkel and a nephew. Pallbearers were Glenn Sandusky, Finley Barnett, Mike Beeman, Ron Keener, Tim Leach, and David Moore.

Honorary pallbearers were the deacons of University Baptist Church.

Merkel bass club wins Brownwood tourney

Merkel Bass Club won the Third Annual Duo Bass Tournament Saturday, April 4, 1981 at Brownwood. The revolving trophy is on display at the F&M Bank in Merkel. Brownwood won the trophy the past two years.

A fish fry was held Friday night before the tournament at

Lake Brownwood and hosted by the Brownwood Bass Club. Twenty Merkel Bass Club members and their families attended the fish fry and tournament. Merkel Bass Club will host the fish fry and the tournament next year.

The Merkel Bass Club holds their monthly meetings on the

second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. The meetings are held at the Taylor Telephone Building in

Merkel. members are invited to attend the meeting on April 14, 1981.

Stith Homemakers celebrating 50th

The Stith Extension Homemakers Club will be celebrating its fiftieth anniversary on April 12, 1981 at the Stith Community Center. The time will be from 2 to 4 o'clock p.m. Charter members to be honored are Mrs. Fletcher Jones and Louise Hudson. The Home Demonstration Club was organized in the spring of 1931

with a large group of women attending. Miss Sue Bonner was Jones County Extension Agent at that time. There are several women that were charter members living in nearby communities and they are especially invited to attend. All other friends and neighbors are invited to join in this special fellowship.

Merkel FFA news

This Tuesday, some of the FFA students will be competing for honors and scholarships at Ballinger. They will also be running for area and district offices. We would like to wish them best of luck at Ballinger.

This week, we are spotlighting members of our V.A. I.

Tommy Hays, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hays, is a freshman and in V.A. I. His projects this year are 8 Duroc sows, 2 Duroc boars and 1 black Poland China Sow. Tommy has got 15 show pigs for the West Texas and Dallas Fair next year. He has participated in all the stock shows this year.

John Ybarra, son of Juan and Connie Ybarra, is a freshman and in V.A. I. His project this year is rabbits. John was on the leadership team.

Paul Aldrete, son of Tony and Connie Aldrete, is a freshman and in V.A. I. His project this year is a garden.

Charlotte Toney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C.R. Toney, is a freshman and in V.A. I. Her project this year is Egg production.

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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 Donald Dee Peterson, Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 1st day of December, 1980, against Leticia Peterson, Respondent, and

said suit being numbered 4846-C on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Matter of The Marriage of Donald Lee Peterson and Leticia Peterson", the nature of which suit is a request to the Court to grant petitioner a divorce.

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 interest which will be binding upon you, including the termination of the parent-child relationship and the appointment of a con-

servator with authority to consent to the children 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 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 1st day of April, 1981.

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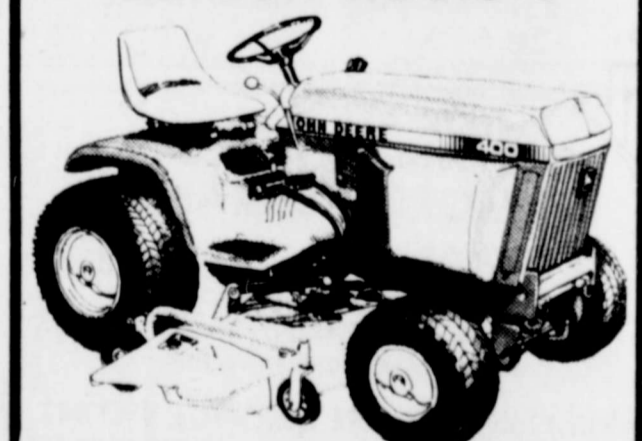
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I wish to thank all who have been so kind to me while I have a broken arm, for all the nice food, cards, and prayers.

Mrs. Gusty Foster

3-1tp

We would like to thank everyone for the cards, prayers, visits, and food, since I've been home and while in the Veterans Hospital in Big Spring. Sam & Faye Jones

3-1tc

I would like to say thank you for the prayers, flowers, cards, gifts, food, and visits. You have made it so much easier for me just knowing there are people like you who care. I'm glad that I live in Merkel. Thanks so much, Bart Whisenhant

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52-4tc

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Tomasa H. Talavera, 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 Manuel M. Talavera, Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 11th day of March, 1981, against Tomasa H. Talavera, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 5283-C on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Matter of The Marriage of Manuel M. Talavera and Tomasa H. Talavera", the nature of which suit is a request to the Court by Plaintiff that the Court grant a Divorce to the Plaintiff.

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 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 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 March, 1981.

Irene Crawford, Clerk 326th District Court, Taylor County, Texas. By Wilda Jones, Deputy.

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF JOE BRYAN, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Administration for the Estate of JOE BRYAN, deceased, were issued on February 23rd, 1981, in Cause No. 14, 914, pending in the County (Probate) Court of Taylor County, Texas, to: Linda C. Bryan

The residence of such Administrator is Taylor County, Texas. The post office address is:

Linda C. Bryan c/o Don R. Wilson P.O. Box 2875 Abilene, Tx. 79604

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED the 30th day of March, 1981.

By Don R. Wilson Attorney for The Estate 3-1tc

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF D. S. GRAHAM, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of D.S. Graham, deceased, were issued on February 24, 1981, in Cause No. 14,915, pending in the County (Probate) Court of Taylor County Texas, to:

Willie Mae Graham The residence of such Executrix is Ovalo, Taylor County, Texas. The post office address is:

Willie Mae Graham P.O. Box 123 Ovalo, Tx 79541

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

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St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is proud to announce that Mr. Joe Bigbee has been named to head the 1981 Spring Bike-A-Thon Campaign in Merkel, Texas.

In making the announcement, Clifford-Damstrom, St. Jude Director for the Southeast Region, stated that "We are proud to find such a dedicated person for this important job."

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is the largest childhood cancer research center in the United States, and it is the first research center dedicated exclusively to the research and conquest of catastrophic diseases of children, such as cancer and other life-destroying diseases," Damstrom stated. "Scientists and physicians, working side by side at St. Jude, have succeeded in rewriting medical textbooks. When St. Jude accepted its first patient in 1962, the survival rate for children diagnosed with acute lymphocytic leukemia was less than 5 percent. Today, the disease free survival figure for children in long-term remission has grown to 50 percent. Cancer treatment procedures that originated at St. Jude are now being used to treat children throughout the United States and in other parts of the world. Such progress has brought world-wide acclaim to St. Jude."

"Children come to St. Jude for one purpose: A chance to live," Damstrom stated. "But no one has ever been charged for medical treatment. Yet medicines and treatments are extremely expensive. St. Jude has always been supported by the public, and we must continue to rely on

public support to help finance the research and patient care programs. Over 70 percent of our 26 million dollar budget must come from public support. That is why this Bike-A-Thon is so important."

Danny Thomas, who founded St. Jude Children's Research Hospital because of a vow, stated its purpose clearly: "To wipe catastrophic diseases of children from the face of the Earth."

"Since Thomas opened the research center in 1962, his dream of conquering cancer and other diseases that destroy our children has been brought closer to reality," stated Damstrom. "Thomas is still extremely active in pursuing this goal, and he inspires all of us in this cause."

In the Bike-A-Thon, riders enlist sponsors who donate a sum for each mile completed. Riders who raise \$25.00 will receive a St. Jude T-Shirt and those raising \$75.00 will receive a back pack. We will also have prizes for other riders. Any local merchants who wish to donate prizes for this event are urged to contact Mr. Joe Bigbee at 928-4868 or 928-4802. Any donations or volunteer workers and riders will be sincerely appreciated. The Bike-A-Thon will be held Saturday, April 25, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

The route to be ridden on will be published in next weeks Mail. All interested riders are asked to pick up sponsor forms at the Merkel Mail office and at Bishop Shell.

The bike-a-thon will start at the fire station and is also sponsored by the Fire Department.

Mesquite fighting tips from A&M

Ranchers battling mesquite brush should consider flying on a liquid herbicide in late spring and early summer.

Since mesquite control with herbicides depends greatly on weather conditions, ranchers need to look at what has happened since last fall, says Dr. Tommy Welch, range brush and weed control specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System.

Herbicides for mesquite control are growth-regulating chemicals that must be translocated from leaves to stems and roots to be most effective. This process is strongly influenced by growing conditions when the herbicide is applied, explains Welch.

Texas Agricultural Experiment Station studies bear this out. Aerial spraying of herbicide produced average mesquite control when monthly rainfall was average or slightly above average for at least three months before the herbicide application. Best control occurred when monthly rainfall exceeded the average for six months prior to spraying. On the other hand, poorest results came after only two months or less of above average rainfall prior to spraying.

Since rainfall has varied greatly throughout the state since last fall, ranchers must evaluate

their individual situations. Also, Welch advises each rancher to watch the foliage development of mesquite when leaves begin to grow. Mesquite with little foliage will be in poor condition for spraying while plants with lots of leaves are ripe for control.

When to apply the herbicide is also important. For maximum kill, do not spray mesquite until leaves have fully extended and have turned from light to dark green. Plants with fully developed, dark green foliage that are past full bloom and have small pods developing are in the best condition for spraying.

In addition to weather conditions and plant growth, check the soil temperature, recommends Welch. Best kill of mesquite is usually obtained when the soil temperature 18 inches deep at spraying time is 75 degree F. or higher.

Usually soils on upland range sites and soils with a higher sand content warm up faster than bottomland soils or those with a lot of clay. As a result, root kill of mesquite is usually higher on upland sites.

If frequent rains occur during the spray season, root kills are often reduced because mesquite plants will continue to add new leaf growth. Thus it's best to delay spraying 10 to 21 days after a good rain to allow new growth to mature.



Mandi Dillon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Dillon, is a junior VICA student and is employed at Walls Manufacturing here. She plans to attend college following graduation.



Ricky Mathewson, son of Fumiko Mathewson, is a Senior MOC student at Merkel High. Mathewson is employed at Palmer Pontiac here and plans to attend college studying Forestry.

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Taylor Electric annual fete

Taylor Electric will be holding their 40th annual meeting, April 16th at the Taylor County Coliseum, starting with a barbecue luncheon at 11:30 a.m., followed by a 1 p.m. business session. All members are urged to attend.

Girls district track meet

The Merkel girls 7, 8 and Varsity track teams will be competing in the District 7AAA track today (Thursday) in Sweetwater at Sweetwater High School.

7th grade events will get started at 9:30 a.m. Varsity preliminary races will start at 10:00 a.m.

Field event finals for all divisions start at 11:30 a.m. Running finals start at 3:30 for all divisions.

All sports banquet set

The All Sports Banquet for the High School will be April 18 at 7:00 at the High School Auditorium. This will be a awards type banquet. The speaker for the banquet will be Willer Tate.

For tickets you can call Jeanette Pursley at 928-5515, Sarah Lucas at 928-5630, or the high school.

Brownie-Girl Scouts fete set

The Brownie-Girl Scout banquet will be April 21 at 7:00 at the Church of Christ Family Center.

Girls and parents should get their names in to their girl scout leader. There will be a

centennial theme for the banquet.

For more information call Melanie Richards or Sarah Lucas.

MHS grad gets honor

1980 Merkel High graduate, John Townsend, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Townsend, has earned recognition from Alpha Lambda Delta, an honor society for academic excellence for college freshmen.

Townsend achieved a perfect 4.0 grade point average in the first semester of college, while taking 19 semester hours of instruction.

Iri-City registration set

Iri-City baseball registration for Texas Teenage Baseball is as follows:

Junior division ages 13, 14, 15 are registering at Hicks Auto or Big Country Inn. The senior division will register at a later date.

Little league try-outs set

Little League try-outs will be April 15, 16, 17 at 7:00 p.m. at the Little League field. All boys, who were not on a Little League team last year, need to be at the tryouts.

T-shirt registration will be April 16th at the Little League field at 7:00 p.m.

Lois' beauty salon closing

Lois' Beauty Salon in Merkel is closing.

Lois has closed the salon to seek a career in real estate. She is associated with Lawn Properties of Abilene. The salon is for sale.

ASCS poster winners named

Soil Conservation poster winners in the 6th grade in Merkel Middle School were 1st place- Clay Hammond; 2nd Place- Danny Santee; 3rd Place- Tracy Bicknell, and 4th Place Lance Jones.

District winners by grades will be determined Tuesday April 7, 1981. The first place posters of each grade will be placed in the Abilene Public Library Auditorium (2nd floor) during the remainder of the week. The Taylor Electric Co-op, Inc. is sponsoring a banquet, Thursday April 16, 1981 at Abilene Christian University to honor 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in district and the Sweepstakes winner.

Riding club supper set

Thursday night, there will be a pot luck supper. We need to plan our coming year. Bring two covered dishes and if you know anyone that's interested in the riding club bring them with you. Let's make this the best year ever for the riding club. It starts at 7:30.

Robinsons 50th anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Orvin Robinson will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday, April 12, with a reception hosted by their children at the Trent Baptist Church from 2:30-4:30.

Their children are Jerry Robinson of Wichita, Kansas, and Janie Keller of Caliente, Nevada.

They met in June of 1929 and married Feb. 1, 1931.

They have lived in the Trent area all their married lives.

They are members of the Trent Baptist Church.

The Robinsons have 6 grand children.

Moore open house set

An Open House tea is scheduled from 2 to 4 Sunday at the home of Shawn and Rita Moore.

The public is invited to attend.

The home is located in the Cedar Hills addition, 1 mile north of 1235 behind the Wylie Shamrock Truck Terminal.

Collins returns from trip

Mrs. Edna (Quinton) Collins of Lamesa was the guest of Mary Collins, her sister in law this past weekend. Other overnight visitors of Mary's were Mrs. Fannie Boaz Richardson of Killeen, Texas and her sister, Lula Boaz Smith of Indianapolis, Ind.

Hendrick free parking

Visitors to Hendrick Medical Center will receive a pleasant surprise Monday, April 6, when they find free parking for visitors has been initiated on the hospital campus.

Four lots will be opened for free parking for patients and visitors. These lots are located on North 19th across from Hendricks admissions area and the regional trauma center, and three lots located off Pine street between North 19th and 21st streets.



BY DALE HAMMOND
CATTLE PEAK ENT

Taxpayer laments; tax, more tax

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Dear Tax Collector:

In reply to your request to send a check, I wish to inform you that the present condition of my bank account makes it almost impossible. My shattered financial condition is due in part to federal laws, state laws, speed laws, local laws, outlaws, and also, in-laws.

As a result of these laws, I am compelled to pay a business tax, school tax, amusement tax, gas tax, sales tax, luxury tax, cigarette tax, excise tax, income tax-even my brains are taxed, I am required to get a business license, car license, driver's license, and hunting license-not to mention marriage and dog license.

I am also required to contribute or donate to every society and organization which the genius of man is capable of bringing to life. For instance: bad boy's relief, rent relief, unemployment relief, politicians' relief and even policemen's relief.

Also, I must contribute to every hospital, institution, and society in the city-including the Red Cross, White Cross, Blue Cross, Black Cross, and the double cross.

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My business is so governed that it is no easy matter for me to find out who owns it. I am inspected, suspected, disrespected, rejected, dejected, examined, informed, misinformed, required, summoned, fined, commanded and

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Trent News

Trent judging team competes, FFA-FHA banquet set April 14

Last Saturday, the Trent FFA land judging team and the dairy judging team participated at the judging meet at Stephenville. Included in the

land judging team were Billy Williams, Jeffery King, Joey McGlothlin, and Adam De la Cruz. Members of the dairy judging team were Todd Richardson, Mike Hallford, and Carlos Garza.

Also attending were Mr. Mike Ray and Mr. Don Orr.

The annual FFA-FHA Banquet is scheduled for April 14. Members and sponsors are busy making preparations for this event.

The 1981-1982 FFA officers have been elected. They are as follows: President- Greg Beasley,

Vice President- Richard Beaver, Secretary- Dee Dee Masonheimer, Treasurer- John Perkins, Reporter- Debra Williams, and Sentinel- Kevin Whitley. A district FFA meeting was held Tuesday at Ballinger. Several Trent FFA members were present.



The Trent High School Seniors recently completed their 'trip of a lifetime' and the Mail received this picture last week. Aboard the Emerald Seas are (left to right) Eddie Adams,

Leslie Masonheimer, Riley West, Todd-Richardson, Rebecca Sipe, David Reed, Mary Brenem, Mrs. John Brady, Mr. John Brady, Fidel Valdez and Carlos Garza.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

To all persons interested in the Estate of Irene Cammack Whitson, Deceased, No. 14,992, in the County Court of Taylor County Texas, including The Unknown Heirs of Irene Cammack Whitson, Deceased, and Janis Marie Hollabaugh, Applicant, alleged heirs at law in the above numbered and entitled Estate, filed on the 6 day of April, 1981, an Application To Determine Heirship in the said Estate and requests the said Court to determine who are the heirs and only heirs of the said Irene Cammack Whitson, deceased, and their respective heirs and interests in such Estate.

Said Application will be heard and acted on by said Court at 10 o'clock A.M. on the first Monday next after the expiration of ten (10) days from the date of publication of this Citation, the same being the 20 day of April, 1981, at the County Courthouse in Abilene, Taylor County, Texas.

All persons interested in said Estate, including Unknown Heirs, are hereby cited to appear before said Honorable Court at said Mentioned time and place by filing a written answer contesting such Application should they desire to do so.

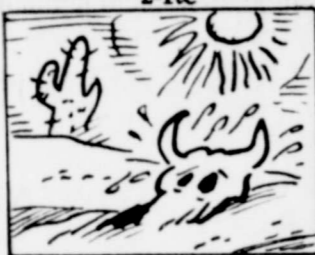
Given under my hand and the seal of said Court at Office in Taylor County, Texas, this 6 day of April, 1981.

Janice Lyons
Clerk of the
County Court
Taylor County, Texas
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Notice is hereby given that the annual report of the FitzGerald Foundation for the fiscal year ended November 30, 1980, by any citizen upon request at its principal office at 1141 Butternut St., Abilene, Texas, during the regular hours of business from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Fri-

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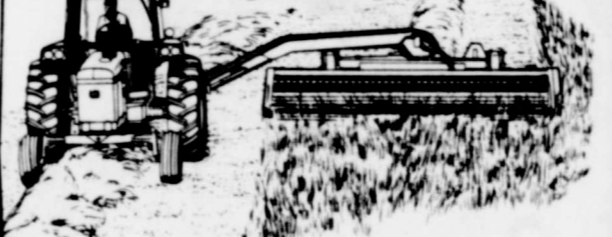


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Weather permitting, there will be scrambles every weekend with the exception of, April 11th and 12th. A mixed scramble is planned for April 19. Check with the Pro Shop for T-off times. We have set a tentative date of May 30th and 31st for a big couples tournament. There will be a barbecue and dance that Saturday night. Details will be released later, keep that weekend free so you don't miss all the fun.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT - Ladies night - Ladies drinks \$1. There hasn't been much interest in the Ladies night, I thought it would be a good way to break-up the week that wouldn't hurt the pocket book. Should we discontinue it?

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GOOCH B R PACKER TRIM BRISKET LB \$1 49

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GOOCH B R CENTER PORK CHOPS LB \$1 89

SUNSHINE CRACKERS LB BOX 63¢

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