

The Merkel Mail

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Kristie Smith (right) nips Danielle Langnelias at the tape in one of the heats in the 50 yard dash at Merkel Elementary's Track meet, held

Tuesday and Wednesday at Badger Stadium. (Staff photo by Cloy A. Richards)



These contestants in the boys 50 yard dash are keeping an eye on the leader as they head for the finish line. About 200 students participated in

Tuesday's Elementary school track meet. (Staff photo by Cloy A. Richards)

Fun Day only six weeks away

by Martha Sue Justice

Some less fortunate towns have only Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday—but Merkel, Trent, Tye and all the surrounding area are much more fortunate. WE HAVE A FUNDAY, and what a Fun Day it's going to be. There's going to be twice as much activity this year as there was last year and hopefully twice as many people.

I am extremely optimistic this year, because so many people are stepping forward to give us a helping hand in all the work and organization that it takes to make such a large event successful and fun filled.

Rev. Bugg, of the First Baptist Church, along with the church youth group, has volunteered to help organize and supervise a sack race or races for all ages that day.

Rev. Larry Gill, of the Merkel Church of Christ, has volunteered to organize several tug-a-war contests for all ages.

Fun and Games. This is what we want. If you would like to take part in any of these events, please call the above.

Are we going to have fun? You bet we are! Iris and Gene Amerine have volunteered to help us on July 4th, also Don Hensley, president of Farmers and Merchants National Bank, Kent Satterwhite, our very own Mayor, J. A. Sadler, City Manager, and many others. Who knows, we may even put these people in a few of our games. This is one of the things that makes one of these major events in our growing town important. Everyone, and I repeat, everyone taking part in some way to make this a super-fantastic Fun Day.

Volunteers that are in the process of making posters are: Linda and Debbie Williams, Dale

Hammond, Pat Byrd, Cathy Pack, Bob Hammond, Ron Schuknecht, Marilyn Tittle, Salinda Giesler and myself. These people have already put in a lot of work and time and it is definitely appreciated.

Dale Hammond has designed a special t-shirt and cap for our Centennial Celebration along with help from Bob Hammond. These items should be available and on sale within several weeks. They will also be on sale July 4th at the Merkel City Park during our Funday Centennial Celebration.

TICKETS, TICKETS, TICKETS—Do we have tickets for everyone? Remember the purchase of these tickets will pay for the rest rooms, which will be built at the City Park by July 4th. Tickets are now available from the following: Kent Satterwhite, Leonard Byrd, Merkel Auto Parts, Cathy Pack, Mitch Atkinson, Johnny Starbuck, Starbuck Furniture, Terri Garner at the Merkel Country Club, Ben Franklin, Stanford's Radio and TV, Hazel Pack, Mrs. Braune, Hi Val, Higginbotham-Bartlett, Merkel Locker Plant, 9th Street Grocery, Tammie Swinney, Circle A Western House, Bishop 2-B, Tesie's Snack Bar, Ann's Flowers, Barbara Sue Tucker, Merkel Drug, Merkel Mail, Salinda Giesler, and Martha Sue Justice. Prizes that have already been donated to be given away July 4th are as follows: Cypert-Allen Tax Service—\$10.00 off on tax service; Things In General—\$10.00 gift certificates; Super Taco-2 Mexican dinners; Farmers and Merchants National Bank—A Loud Mouth II A.M.-F.M. radio and tape combination; Hicks Auto Supply—2 Car Sking reconditioners, 1 Enginair Power Tier Pump, and 1 Rally Cream Wax. More prizes will be coming in each week, so start buying those donation tickets now.

The Coleman County Cowboy here?

by Cloy A. Richards

The Coleman County Cowboy, Red Stegall, will be featured speaker at Merkel High's graduation ceremonies, set for May 29th at 8 p.m. at Badger Stadium. The Mail will have more on graduation in our senior edition, that will be published next week. Baccalaureate services for Merkel High will be Sunday at the school auditorium at 2 p.m. Trent's Baccalaureate will be held Sunday evening at 8 at their gym.

Fun Day tickets have arrived and are being sold locally. Funds raised this year will go to build a restroom-shower facility at the park. Now, if we can only get Johnny Starbuck and Chris Outler out of school to sell the tickets, we will have it made.

THE MERKEL MAIL—MERKEL'S 100th YEAR

School board buys two busses, hires seven teachers, accepts three resignations Tuesday

MISD school board members voted Tuesday night to purchase two new school busses, hire seven new teachers and accept three resignations at their monthly meeting.

Two of the teachers hired are also coaches. Andy Cummings, a recent ACU graduate was hired as High School science teacher and assistant football and basketball coach. Floyd Forehand, currently employed at Lampassas ISD was also hired. He will coach and teach at Merkel Middle School. Cummings will be paid \$3,000 above state scale and Floyd will be paid \$2,300 above scale.

Also hired as teachers were Joan Walker for High School English, Jeantette Conley for the Middle School and Shirley Maddox, Sally Sadler, Jeanie West and Patti Greer at Merkel Elementary.

The board accepted resignations from Donna McCartney, Milton Brady and Lesa McCann.

The board decided Tuesday to purchase a new 72 passenger bus, as well as a new 32 passenger bus. MISD Superintendent Bill Everett told the board "With population gains in Merkel and the district, we will be looking at needing two busses each year."

During the financial report, the superintendent said 75 per cent of school taxes for the last tax year have been collected and those accounts will be turned over for collection on June 1. Board President Kenny Hogan said he did not like the idea of having to pay a 15 per cent collection fee and Everett added "We are real bad off on tax collections." The board paid monthly bills of \$27,818, which was a low monthly expenditure. The superintendent added he still felt the \$167,000

surplus figure would hold through the end of the tax year in August.

The board also adopted a new policy Tuesday night concerning new first year teachers. All teachers now hired will receive a one year probationary contract. The superintendent said of the plan "The contract would give us some leverage should we get hold of a lemon and the good teachers won't have a thing to worry about."

Keystone Insurance also received the approval of the board for student coverage next school year. New costs for the coverage are \$37 for 24 hour coverage, \$15 for school coverage and \$45 for varsity football coverage (the school pays for that policy).

In other actions, the board decided to:

+ Renew the Farmers and Merchants Bank as the school depository for funds.

+ Spent \$906 to renew the school's membership in the Educational Service Center-Region 14.

+ Approved the use of a school bus for a summer track program here.

+ Agreed to accept federal funds for teachers and aides under the Migrant Worker Acts after learning federal budget cuts had eliminated 25 per cent of Title 1 funds.

+ Retained the accounting and auditing services of Connally and Company of Abilene.

+ Announced Baccalaureate services for 2 p.m. Sunday, 8th grade graduation at 8 p.m. May 28th in the auditorium and High School graduation at 8 p.m. May 29th at Badger Stadium.

The next session of the board is scheduled for June 16th when the results of the Texas Assessment of Basic Skills Test results will be announced.

Baccalaureate set here, Trent Sunday

Merkel and Trent High Schools will be holding their annual Baccalaureate services Sunday.

Merkel's service is scheduled for 2 p.m. at the school auditorium.

Trent's service is set for 8 p.m. at the gym.

MISD superintendent Bill Everett will be the featured speaker for Merkel's service and David Bugg and Larry Gill, pastors of the First Baptist Church and the Merkel Church of Christ respectively, will also participate in the service. Roy Davis will lead the audience in singing

Amazing Grace and the Old Rugged Cross.

Carl Rea, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Trent, will deliver the Baccalaureate address at the Trent service. Also participating in that service will be Floyd Richardson, of the Trent First United Methodist Church, and Shawn Murphy, with the Trent Church of Christ.

Roy and Rebecca Sharp will sing the theme from Mahogany.

Graduation ceremonies for both schools are set for May 29th.

Top news & events of 1934-33-32

by Cloy A. Richards

This week, we will be highlighting the top news and events from 1934-33-32. We are working our way back in history towards a Centennial Edition of the Mail, commemorating Merkel's 100th anniversary.

January-1934

\$39,670 in road projects were announced inside Taylor County Precinct 2. They were funded by WPA. The Mail reported Clyde Barrow's daring scheme to free five prisoners from the state pen in Huntsville.

February

Merkel schools reported record enrollment of 787 students.

March

J. E. Costephens, a canyon farmer and rancher died here. He had voted in the 1878 election to organize Taylor County. His wife died one month later.

April

School board members included S.D. Gamble, W.O. Boney, Fred Hughes, O.J. Adcock-president, Herbert Patterson, J.E. Richardson, C.P. Church.

May

Chester Hutcheson was appointed the city marshal. P.P. Dickinson had previously held that position. The first of the annual free rodeos was held and the event drew 3,000. The front page headlines read, "Barrow and Bonnie slain in trap in Louisiana by rangers-sheriff's posse."

June

Billy Gardner was valedictorian and Waldeline Huskey was salutatorian as 41 were graduated at Merkel High. FDR signed the stock market control bill.

July

Merkel's bookkeeping department at MHS was accredited by the state. Tye pioneer A.W. Ely passed away.

August

Dave Hendricks turned in the first bale of cotton and D.T. Dunn turned in the second bale of the season. The city council cut city-wide taxable evaluations by ten per cent. Trent pioneer C.R.

Hutcheson died.

September

Taylor County farmers were paid \$20 per bushel to plant a short crop according to a USDA plan to curb cotton supplies. MISD schools had 611 registered students. The Lindbergh baby kidnapping trial was reported by the Mail.

October

Merkel area pioneer H.C. Floyd was buried here. Work began on a new gym at Merkel High. The school board furnished \$4300 in materials and the WPA furnished free labor. Pioneer rancher J.S. Swann was buried.

November

The Mail reported FDR's new deal election victory.

December

USDA reported the national cotton crop at 5,000,000 bales. Taylor County farmers agreed with the national Bankhead policy.

January-1933

Mrs. Miriam Ferguson began her second term as Texas governor by asking for a state sales tax.

February

The USDA reported the Taylor County cotton crop at 56,809 bales, an all time record. Al Sharp took top honors at the Merkel Poultry Show.

March

The Mail printed excerpts of FDR's New Deal inaugural speech. The two Merkel banks resumed full-scale operations after actions were curtailed at the height of the depression.

April

The Merkel City council was made up of Mayor W.M. Elliott, W.D. Hutcheson, Fred Baker, C.E. Jacobs, John Hughes, and J.A. Buford. FDR ordered the sale of all gold worth more than \$100 back to the US treasury.

May

The Mail reported MISD was one of the few school districts in the state that was able to pay teachers through 1933 without borrowing funds. Merkel High graduated 33 in it's senior class.

June

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Top news & events of 1934-33-32

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Lucile Campbell was valedictorian and Nell Hughes was salutatorian at Merkel High. The Tracy ranch home, in the canyon, was burned to the ground. Texas farmers, including Taylor County farmers, rallied behind a USDA plan to reduce the 13 million bale cotton surplus.

July
County farmers reduced their 1933 planting by 34,833 acres. Taylor County farmers began plowing up cotton to meet the crop acreage reduction quotas.

August
Dee Bland turned in the season's first bale of cotton. The cotton sold for 9 cents a pound.

September
Merkel voters did not agree with state voters on the repeal of prohibition. Merkelites voted 3-1 to keep Texas and Taylor County dry. The Farmer's Co-Op Gin near Rose Hill Cemetery started operations. Fourteen members of the MHS class of 1933 went to college.

October
The Mail published the full text of FDR's National Recovery Administration rules and regulations. A Trent grocer, George Howell, was charged in the murder of a J. Jones County farmer.

December
Merkel built a new school house for local black children. Merkel pioneer farmer, J.R. Curb, passed away. Bob Mayfield won top honors at the Merkel poultry show.

January-1932
Home State Bank reported total assets of \$170,000. The Mail reported U.S. Congress approval of a \$2 billion bank bail out move. Former Merkel Banker R.O. Anderson's trial for embezzlement of \$4,500 ended in a mistrial.

February
A former military pilot came back here and offered plane rides above the city for \$1.

March
C.M. Largent's Superior Mischief 42 set an all

time record when it sold for \$1.53 per pound at the Ft. Worth Show.

April
The new Merkel postal facility on Elm Street opened. Jimmy Toombs was named the new Merkel Fire Chief. The area received a five inch rainfall in one week, the most rain in three years.

May
J. Olin Lusby was named local WTU manager. Ross Ferrier was valedictorian and Lela Patterson was salutatorian as MHS graduated 29 seniors.

June
A giant U.S. Navy blimp, the Akron, made a pass over Merkel. Drilling on the J.T. Toombs estate started another small flurry of oil leasing.

July
The Mail reported local rainfall for the first six months at 20.4 inches.

August
The Rev. D.J. Dodd was buried here. MISD's total budget ended up just short of \$33,000.

September
G.H. Bryant turned in the first bale of cotton. Ma Ferguson was re-elected governor of Texas. A nine day, 11 inch rainfall pushed Merkel's total to 40 inches for the year. The rain flooded many homes and forced cancellation of rail routes for three days. Four people were killed in Abilene during the flooding. Cotton prices went up 55 cents in one day on Wall Street.

October
The F&M Bank here reported assets of \$330,000. The local cotton crop was estimated at 20,000 bales, total revenue of \$750,000.

November
C.M. Largent and sons won the world's grand championship in Chicago. The 1200 pound steer, named Texas Special, sold for \$1.25 per pound.

December
M.C. Graham, a prominent Merkel farmer, died here. Former Merkel hotel man, W.R. Walker, died.

Baker, Melton added to GED grad

Margie Baker and Glynn Melton have passed their GED Tests. These tests cover Language Arts, Math, Social Studies, Science and Reading. They are members of the Merkel Adult Education Class. They are working on their high school diplomas, and will graduate June 9, 1981, at the Civic Center in Abilene at 6:30. Frank Lanphear, Connie Aldrete, and Robert Cunningham will also receive their Merkel High School

diplomas at that time. Sheri Williams Dye, Sherry Waldon Williams, Linda Hunt, and Jan Melton Williams have completed the diploma program at the Abilene Adult Education Learning Center. We are very proud of these graduates. Adult Education Classes in Merkel will start back in September. The Abilene Learning Center, Alexander Bldg., in Abilene will be opened all summer on Monday through Friday from 8 to 5.

Bankers-Supers on top in LL action

by Ronny Powell
Well last week it was the power of the Supers. This week it's the Big Scoring of the Bankers. They went wild this week. Here are the scores: Tuesday the 12: game 1: Bankers crush the Willies 10-3; Game 2: Pipers come up with a victory 7-3 over the Greenbacks; Thursday the 14: Game 1: Pipers win again 13-12 over the Greenbacks; Game 2: Supers down the Vets 8-2; Friday the 15th: Game 1: Braves hand the Killowatts a loss 5-2; Game 2: The Bankers again win 10-4 over the Willies. Monday the 18th: Game 1: Killowatts win their first game 13-0 over the Pipers; Game 2: the Bankers rip past the Vets 23-3. In T-Shirt action on Saturday the 16th: Game 1: Angels down the Yankees 9-5; Game 2: Eagles claw the tigers 18-1.

The Little League standings look like this: 1. Bankers 5-0; 2. Supers 4-0; 3. Braves 2-2; 4. Pipers and Vets both 2-3; 5. Greenbacks and Willies both 1-3; 6. Killowatts 1-4.

There have been alot of runs scored so far. But still no home runs. The Bankers and Supers are

playing the strongest baseball right now. These clubs have scored a total of 103 runs together. The Little League would like to invite all of you out to see the games. The Little League plays on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. T-Shirt plays on Saturday. All games start at 6:00, night caps at 8:00. Concessions are available at the Park. See you there.



The first woman candidate for president was Victoria Clafin Woodhull, nominated in 1872.

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Cheerleader car wash Saturday

The Merkel Cheerleaders will be washing cars at DuBose Texaco from 9 a.m. until they run out of cars, Saturday.

Costs for the wash jobs are \$3.50 for exterior and interior cleaning and \$2.50 for the outside only.

Golf tournament set here

The Merkel Ladies Golf Association is sponsoring a two day tournament at the Merkel Country Club May 30 and 31.

The tournament is called "Guys and Dolls" and will be played with two person teams made up of a man and woman.

Entry fee for the tourney is \$50 and the fee includes two day play as well as a dinner and dance at the club Saturday night.

A cart fee of \$10 per day will be charged. Cash prizes will be awarded.

Entry fees may be sent to or further information obtained from Wanda Hendricks at Box 445, Merkel 928-4966, Jo Ann Gardner at 676-7796, No. 6 Westwood Mall, Abilene or the Merkel Country Club at 928-5514 Box 550 Merkel.

The deadline for entry is May 28th and golfers are asked to bring their own carts if possible.

Band flag bake sale

The Merkel High School Band Flag Corp will be having a bake sale Saturday in front of Ben Franklin to help raise money for camp in July.

The bake sale starts at 9 a.m. and will last until everything is sold. There will be homemade baked goods available.

Band Boosters will meet

The Merkel "Badger Band Boosters" will meet at 7 p.m. May 26th at the Band Hall.

Items for discussion include fund raising projects for next school year, and the possible purchase of new uniforms.

The group will also elect officers for the coming year.

All parents of band children between the 6th and 12th grade are urged to attend.

Auxilliary units of the band will be meeting shortly after the session.

Tejanitos nipped by Abilene

The Merkel Tejanitos edged by the Abilene Cardinals by a score of 8-7. Ace Moreno opened the game with a leadoff homerun over the left field fence.

With the score tied at 1-1 going into the sixth inning, Merkel erupted with seven runs. Daniel Moreno led the hitting attack with a two-run homer and two doubles on four trips to the plate.

Doug McFadden started on the mound and was relieved by Tony Bra. Tony pitched two innings and was relieved by Richard Hernandez.

Merkel will host Anson Sunday, May 17 at 2:30.

Area club elects officers

The William Norwood Chapter of the Daughters of the Ame-

rican Colonists met May 11 at 2 p.m. at the home of Mrs. P.M. McKee, 4065 Ligustrum in Abilene. Installing the new officers for the 1981-83 term was Mrs. A.V. Jones Sr. of Albany.

Those installed were regent, Mrs. Samuel C. Rogers; first vice regent, Mrs. Michael Lawrence; second vice regent, Mrs. R.W. Norwood; Chaplain, Mrs. Henri Gay Isom; recording secretary,

Mrs. A.C. Mayes; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Jack Bland; registrar, Mrs. P.M. McKee; treasurer, Mrs. Edd E. Fishel; historian, Mrs. Mary Rodgers Easton; librarian, Miss Alma Hall.

Swim lessons

Swimming lessons for children and adults will be offered at Hardin-Simmons.

For additional information or to make arrangements if you can't be at the June 3 registration, please call 673-8590 after 4 p.m.



Mrs. D.B. DuBose has a Century Plant blooming in her yard and what makes that such a big deal is the plants rarely bloom-only once usually. She said she couldn't remember when she put the plant outside, but the last one she planted took 15 years to bloom. (Staff photo by Cloy A. Richards)



At least one major U.S. corporation is said to be working on an automatic dictation machine that would accept voice dictation and return a typed manuscript.

Board place to appeal evaluations

Kenneth Graeber, executive director of the State Property Tax Board, today reminded Texans of their right to appear before local Boards of Equalization (BOE) to appeal values assigned to their property for ad valorem tax purposes.

"The right to appear before the BOE is the single most important remedy that is available to taxpayers regarding the value which is placed on property," Graeber said.

"The board is the taxpayer's opportunity to be heard in an informal setting and without incurring expensive court costs," he added.

Each local government which collects property taxes must have a board of equalization to hear taxpayer appeals on values. Most BOEs meet during May until about mid-July, Graeber said.

Taxpayers who rendered their property to the local assessor must be notified of the time and place of the BOE meeting if the assessor increased the value rendered.

Graeber said those who did not render still have the right to appear before the BOE, but persons in this category will have to learn on their own when the board will convene.

BOE sessions are open to the general public. Time and location of the meeting must be posted in the administration office of the jurisdiction and with the appropriate county clerk. A city BOE, however, is not required to file notice with the county clerk.

Additionally, at least 10 days prior to the BOE meetings, notices must be published in a general-circulation newspaper that serves the

Traffic accidents top killer of youth says DPS chief

The leading cause of death among young people in Texas is traffic accidents, according to Colonel Jim Adams, director of the Texas Department of Public Safety.

"DPS statistics show that during 1980, 1,898 people from infancy through age 24 were killed in traffic accidents on Texas streets and highways. This is 43 per cent of the total traffic deaths," Adams said. He pointed out that 4,424 persons were killed last year in Texas traffic accidents.

"The real tragedy is that so many of these deaths could be avoided if more people of every age would wear their seat belts," notes Adams. The Department of Public Safety is urging all motorists to use safety belts during the Memorial Day holiday as well as the rest of the year.

"If people will use them during the holidays and the summertime, we think they'll get into the habit of buckling up everytime they get into a vehicle," said Adams. "Far too many people, both young and old, are simply not using the very device that could mean the difference between life and death, or between serious injuries and no injuries," he said.

Adams pointed out that when a crash occurs, there are really two collisions. "After the initial impact, the driver and passengers are tossed about inside the car and their bodies strike something inside the passenger compartment," he said.

The information is also available from each tax office by telephone.

Graeber said there are two basic situations in which taxpayers are entitled to receive an adjustment in their tax value:

-If it exceeds local market values. If the property owner finds and submits to the BOE the kind of evidence which indicates the value assigned to that parcel of property is too high, then the taxpayer would be entitled to a reduction in the valuation.

-If it is valued higher than similar property. Regardless of what other property like yours is selling for, the value of property on the tax roll should be about the same as the value for all similar properties in the jurisdiction.

Graeber added that tips on presenting an appeal are outlined in the agency's pamphlet "Taxpayers' Rights, Remedies, Responsibilities!" which is available to local taxing units.

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Mark Bland, Area IV FFA vice president, from Merkel, visits with Dr. Jesse Tackett and Benny Clark at the recent area convention held on the

TSU campus. Bland is the son of Mrs. Roberta Bland, Route 3. Dr. Tackett is Dean of the School of Agriculture and Business at Tarleton and Clark is area advisor.

Newsbriefs

Tejanitos blast Anson 14-6

The Merkel Tejanitos posted their third straight victory by downing the Anson Tigers by the score of 14-6. Merkel collected 16 hits off of three Anson pitchers. Daniel Moreno had a perfect day at the plate with a homerun and four singles. Ace Moreno and Ramon Moreno each had three hits; Ace Moreno hit his second homerun of the year. Tony Biera started on the mound for Merkel allowing six hits and four runs. Richard Hernandez relieved Tony in the seventh and recorded his second save.

Merkel will play the Abilene Cardinals at home on Sunday, May 24 at 2:30.

Reagan writes local class

The students of Mrs. Riley's class at Merkel Elementary recently received a thank you note from President Ronald Reagan.

The students had written get well cards to the President following the assassination attempt. Reagan wrote, "How delighted I was to receive your get well message. It tells me of your friendship and makes me very happy. I know with so many young people rooting for me, that it won't be long before I am feeling much better. From the bottom of my heart, thank you for caring, Ronald Reagan."

McAninch's unit honored

T.W. McAninch, a Merkel native and Marine Corp Reserve major, leads the unit selected the most outstanding in the U.S.

Major McAninch is Commanding Officer of Co. I stationed in Shreveport, La. That unit has been selected to receive the Clifton B. Cates Award for 1980. The major had previously been CO of a company in Austin that won the award.

McAninch is the senior chemist on the Eastman Operations Staff's Clean Environment Program.

Rifle trophies presented

Seven members of the Merkel 4-H club received trophies Sunday for recognition of their competition in the district meet, held May 2 in San Angelo.

Trophies, which have been donated by the Farmers and Merchants Bank here, will be presented to Willy Townsend, Jerry Miller, Rusty Toney, Scott Adair, Russell Morgan, Kerry Miller and Tim Jacobs.

Local vet

graves honored

Graves of local war veterans will be marked with flags May 21st and a local man wants a phone call if any graves are missed.

Kyle Crocker, of Trent, 862-6209, said he would appreciate a phone call if any veteran graves are not honored with a flag.

Tye adds additional policeman

Whats Happening In Tye by Harold Boyd

Beings last weeks column was some 2 weeks old, how about some new news. Beings that some of this column is written in the past tense, this is where we will begin.

To begin with, the senior citizens have brought me this bit of news. They held a program the Friday before Mother's Day and was attended by several of the Senior Citizens. All mothers were greeted by the door and a corsage of roses was pinned on them. Entertainment was provided by Donna McCartney. She played the piano, sang some special songs and told some humorous stories. After all that, she gave a talk. On Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Peterson, nieces and nephews were their guest, in honor of their Golden Anniversary at the Senior Citizen's Building in Merkel. The John Roys furnished music for the time. Visiting old and new friends for some time that afternoon. This Saturday evening, John Roys will provide you with music at their musical. Still at the community center, and everything kicks off at 7 p.m.

This past Tuesday, you city council meet in regular session. The agenda was somewhat long but in a hour or so, much was covered. Briefly for those that were unable to attend, here is what was covered. As for those voting, check at the city hall for the information and details. Minutes are on file at 205 North St., Mayor Jim Snowden opened the meeting, Jo Moore read the minutes of the last meeting, including special called meetings. Mr. Bill Jacobs presented the council with report number 11 regarding the sewer line. This may be completed within the next 2 weeks and maybe by the end of June people may start by hooking on the line. Some testing still lacks and final approval will be needed. Tye Police Chief request for additional help was approved by the council and a new office will be hired within the next few weeks. Mr. Ken Law presented his project to the council and got their approval to add to Vali Hi Addition. Ken, has proposed restricted double wide village to accomodate some additional 70 new homes on spacious lots, paved street, water sewerage, TV cable. If you are looking for a new home, lot and conveniences of home, see the staff at El Tye O Sales. They can give you a closer look at new inexpensive living in several new doublewides. Leon Van Grup, Fire Chief requested a new alarm system for the fire department. The council approved the installation fee for this new alarm system. Mr. Ken Law requested that he be allowed to pay the initial installment fee as his contribution to the fire department and city. Approved by all, the next item was a request from the city to help the Volunteer Fire Department to secure additional equipment and pay off the balance due against the tank truck. The city council approved 2500 dollars to the department. Two new members were appointed to the zoning commission by the mayor and

approved by the city council. These two new members are Bill Adams and Ernest Tyler. They are taking the place of Elmer Patton and Lewis Temple who resigned due to health problems. Mrs. Ken (Violet) Law was elected Mayor Pro Tem for 2 years. Violet has held this post the last two years and has done an exceptional job in this post. Alderpersons were selected to counter sign city checks. The \$100,000 CD was reinvested for 90 days at Abilene National Bank. Court, Police report was read and approved. Meeting was adjourned by Mayor Snowden.

As you can see, Tye is under a slow but steady growth. With the coming of the sewer line, additional to Vali Hi project, fine and up to date school system, why should we take a back seat to anyone. We have the talent, ambitious people here in Tye. We do have faults, but only each person can make this a community that it was years ago. Can't live on the past, but we can look ahead for another day ahead.

Chief of Police, Don Parrack, stopped by and wanted each and every citizen to know of his appreciation to the citizens of Tye for their support in the backing for securing another policeman. He expresses his appreciation profoundly and sincerely, thanks. With another policeman, he can provide more protection, better coverage and get to know more of you on a friendly manner. As always, if you have a question, problem, feel free in calling him.

Your Volunteer Fire Department is still taking donations. If you weren't able to give when the drive was on, you may do so anytime. Rest assure that these donations will be put to good use in your name of protection.

The Volunteer Fire Department presented Cooley's Welding Service a plaque for his tireless talent, work on the new tank truck. This is just one of our concerned businessmen in Tye that has done so much for the volunteer fire department. Again, Don, to you and your employees, our sincere appreciation.

For you 7th graders and up to you seniors, the Rinky Dink will host a Sox Hop Friday, May 22 from 8:30 to 12 p.m. Music will be the juke box, 15 cent drinks and chip and dip free. It is our way to show you our appreciation for your patronage and our congratulations to each and everyone graduating from Merkel High School. God speed ahead for tomorrow you will be the leaders, good luck.

With this last paragraph, Mothers...they will be yours in 6 days to have all day long...till school opens in the fall. In all reality, the next 100 days will be of a critical nature. Safety and three day weekends, beginning this weekend, Memorial Day, the 4th of July, and Labor Day weekend... these are the killer weekends. Remember safety doesn't stop here...let you not be one of the figures in the count down weekends. Drive, Play and keep safety on your minds. Till next week, we will see you in the Mail.

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I would like to express my appreciation to all my friends, neighbors and relatives for all the kindness shown to me during my recent hospital stay and while at home. The flowers, cards, visits and prayers will always be remembered. Annie Mae Boyd 9-1tp

I want to thank one and all who were so nice while I was in the hospital for surgery, and the Dyess Hospital and staff for their wonderful care. Mrs. F.R. Stanford 9-1tp

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Bank in Abilene Plaintiff, vs. Bernice Willingham Defendant.
The names of the parties to the cause are as follows: See Above.

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

Thursday May 21, 1981 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.
The officer executing this process shall promptly execute the

same according to law and make due return as the law directs.
Issued and given under my hand and the Seal of said Court,

at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 1 day of May A.D. 1981.

Attest:
Janice Lyons, Clerk, County Court at Law Taylor County, Texas.

By Marie Gill Deputy.
7-4tc

THE STATE OF TEXAS
AS TO: Bernice Willingham, Defendant,
Greeting:
You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before ten o'clock A.M. of the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being Monday the 15 day of June 1981 at or before ten o'clock A.M. before the Honorable County Court at Law of Taylor County, Texas, at the Court House of said County in Abilene, Texas.
Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court, on the 18 day of Dec. A.D. 1980, in this cause, numbered 12,377 on the docket of said court, and styled, The Citizens National

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King engagement

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La Vonne Dean is the daughter of Mrs. Dean King, of Canyon and the late Dean King. She resides in Canyon where she is a freshman accounting major at WTSU.

Smith is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Smith of Kermit. He is an assistant engineer with Bass Enterprises in Midland.

The wedding ceremony will be performed by Rev. Travis La Duke, pastor of Coulter Road Baptist Church in Amarillo, at 7 p.m. on Friday, July 31, in the J.A. Hill Memorial Chapel on the campus of West Texas State University in Canyon.



Legal notice

THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Gene R. Averitt Defendant, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before ten o'clock A.M. of the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being Monday the 15 day of June 1981, at or before ten o'clock A.M. before the Honorable County Court at Law of Taylor County, Texas, at the Court House of said County in Abilene, Texas.

Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court, on the 28 day of Feb. A.D. 1980, in this cause, numbered 11,861 on the docket of said court, and styled, The Citizens National Bank in Abilene Plaintiff, vs. Gene R. Averitt Defendant.

The names of the parties to the cause are as follows: See Above.

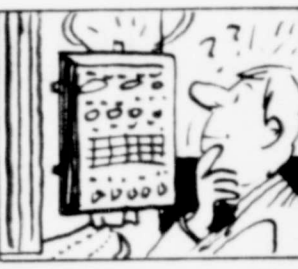
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If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

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

Issued and given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 1 day of May A.D. 1981.

Attest:
Janice Lyons Clerk
County Court at Law
Taylor County, Texas.
By Marie Gill Deputy.
7-4tc



If you frequently blow fuses due to overload, you may want to have an electrician change heavily used outlets into new circuits with separate fuses.

Landrum is artist of month

Landscape and still life paintings in oils and acrylics are being shown now by Bernice Landrum, artist of the month at United Savings of Merkel.

Mrs. Landrum received her BA in art from Hardin-Simmons University and has

been painting and teaching for several years, having won 50 or 60 awards for her art work. She has been presented in a dozen solo shows and represented in private collections including many educational and financial institutions

throughout the southwest. She is co-owner with Ruth Hogan, of the Big Country Arts in Merkel. The artist lives in Abilene. Her husband is the former sheriff of Taylor County, Jack Landrum. They have three daughters.



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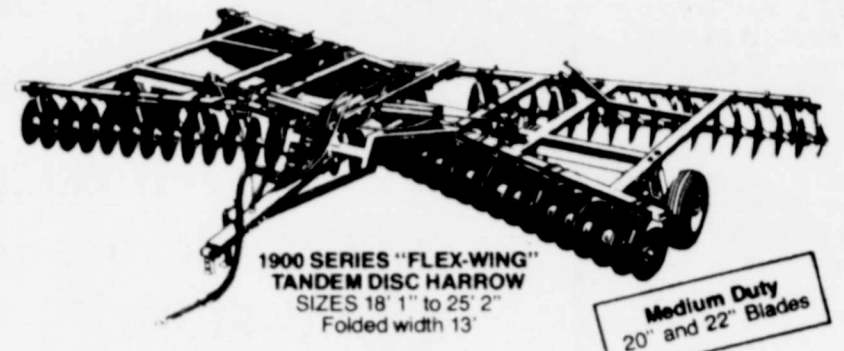
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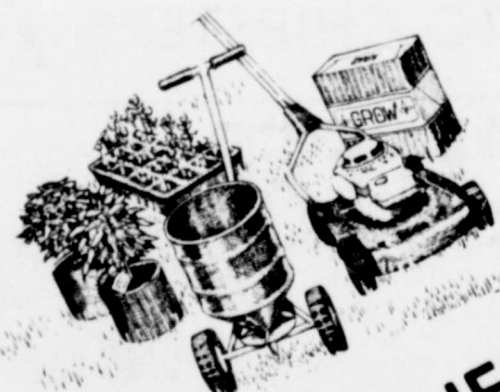
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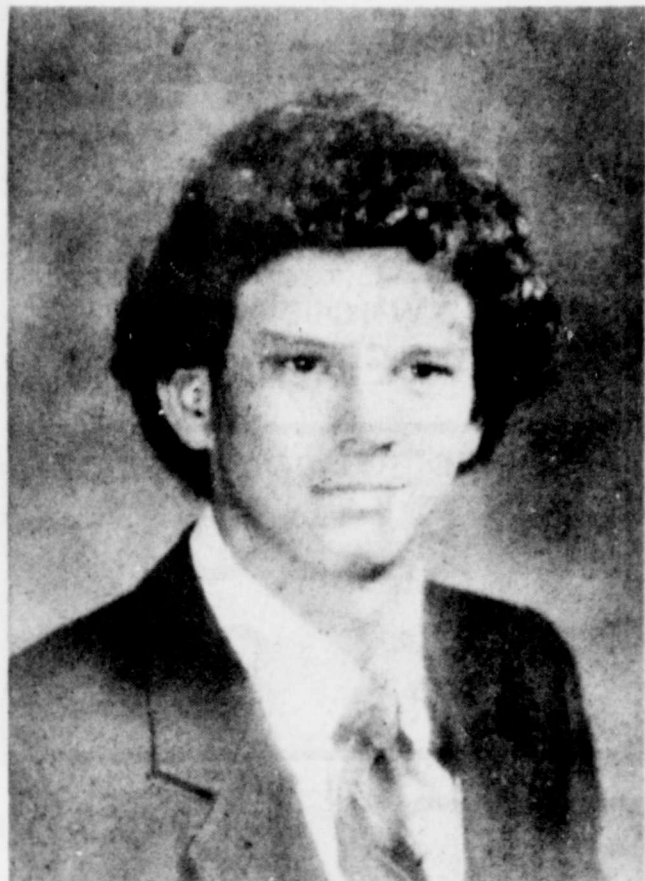
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Trent News



Leslie Nicole Masonheimer has been selected Valedictorian for the 1981 Graduating Class of Trent High School. Leslie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Masonheimer of Trent. Leslie had a grade point average of 96.25. Leslie plans to attend Tarleton State University this fall.



Riley Kincaid West has been selected Salutatorian for the 1981 Graduating Class of Trent High School. Riley is the son of Mr. Booth West of Trent. He had a grade point average of 95.75. Riley plans to attend Texas A&M in the fall.

Legal notices

PUBLIC NOTICE

The city council of the City of Merkel, Texas will review and award contracts for the implementation of the City's Community Development Block Grant two year program at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 26, 1981 at 107 Lamar Street, Merkel, Texas.

Any and all consulting and engineering firms interested in submitting proposals are invited to do so and attend the City Council meeting. The city reserves the right to accept or reject any, all or any part of any proposal and award the contracts to best serve the City of Merkel and its citizens.

Kent Satterwhite
Mayor
9-1tc

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF MILTON EDWARD CHORN, DECEASED
Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Milton Edward Chorn were issued on May 12, 1981, in Cause No. 15015, pending in the County Court of Taylor County Texas, to: Betty Lynn Chorn.

The residence of such Executrix is Taylor County, Texas. The post office address is: 4410 Caprock Road Abilene, Texas 79606
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 12 day of May, 1981.

By Walter P. Morton, Jr.
Attorney for the Estate
9-1tc

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Whom It May Concern-Kenneth Dale Shelton, Whereabouts unknown, Defendant, Greeting:
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 326th District

is as follows, to-wit:

Petitioner is the mother of Richard Lynn Shelton and requests that the minor's name be changed to Richard Lynn Strange, 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 13th day of May

A.D. 1981.

Attest: Irene Crawford, Clerk,
326th District Court,
Taylor County, Texas
By Jo Ann Lackey,
Deputy

9-1tc

THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Johnnie D. Young, Defendant,
Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being Monday the 15 day of June 1981, at or before

Trent FFA leaders attend state confab

The Trent FFA Chapter attended the state FFA Leadership Conference, April 30th through May 1st in San Antonio.

The three day meeting was held in the Convention Center, which is located near the famous San Anton-

io River Walk.

Those attending the meeting were Sandra Griffith, Judy Brenem Debra Williams, Pam Massey, Lynette Sliter (advisor), Janie McGlothlin and Patsy Williams.

Pam Massey is presently serving as vice

president of Public Relations for Area IV. She plans to attend the

National FFA meeting in San Francisco later in the year.

ten o'clock A.M. before the Honorable County Court at Law of Taylor County, Texas, at the Court House of said County in Abilene, Texas.

Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court, on the 8 day of Oct. A.D. 1980, in this cause, numbered 12,254 on the docket of said court, and styled, The Citizens National Bank in Abilene Plaintiff, vs. Johnnie D. Young, Defendant.

The names of the parties to the cause are as follows: See Above.

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 process shall promptly execute the same according to law and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Abilene,

Texas, this the 1 day of May A.D. 1981.

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

7-4tc
Texas Red Meat Production Up 5% From 1980

AUSTIN--"Texas has produced over 10 percent of the nation's total meat supply so far this year, with an output of 1.01 billion pounds through the end of March," Agriculture Commissioner Reagan V. Brown has reported.

"This year's production was up 5 percent from 1980, and was boosted by a 15-percent increase in March."

Brown noted that Texas livestock slaughter statistics are compiled by the Texas Crop and Livestock Reporting Service, a cooperative effort of the Texas and U. S. Departments of Agriculture.

For the first quarter of 1981, cattle slaughter was up 7 percent in Texas, while slaughter of calves showed a 37-percent rise. Slaughter of hogs, sheep and lambs was down 3 percent.

Nationwide, commercial red meat production for the year stands at 9.81 billion pounds, a 3-percent jump from the first three months of 1980. Beef production was up 6 percent; veal, up 10 percent; pork,

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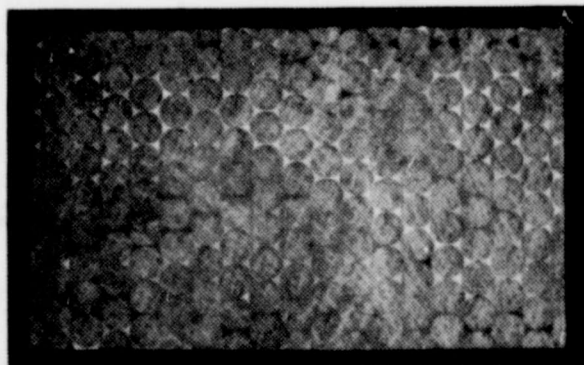
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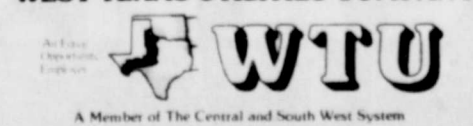
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