

# The Merkel Mail

Thursday, June 18, 1981...Merkel, Texas...Merkel's 100th year

15 cents

## Wheat harvest about 65% complete

Jack South says about 75 percent of the wheat is in and Henderson Grain says they have taken in about half of what they expect as the 1981 wheat harvest closes in on completion here.

The price at South Grain was 3.80 per bushel Tuesday morning and Henderson was paying \$3.83.

At Henderson Grain, they have shipped 33 cars loaded with 200,000 pounds of wheat and had another six cars of wheat in their storage bins. They had the six cars on their siding Tuesday.

Their price went to \$3.83 Friday.

At South Elevator, Jack South told the Mail Tuesday, they had shipped 340,000 bushels and had another 45,000 bushels on hand. He said they were paying \$3.80 because of the Interstate Commerce Commission's recent lowering of the freight rate, not because the market had changed that much.

He also said the recent rains will of course delay the harvest, but said most of the wheat left in the fields should be recovered. He estimates 75 percent of the wheat he will take in has already been delivered.

South said they still have plenty of grain cars on hand and they have also shipped out between 120 and 130 trucks loaded with wheat.

Recent floods in Oklahoma and Kansas will take down harvest estimates in some areas, but the USDA is still predicting an excellent harvest.



Two Jack South employees load another grain car for shipping as the 1981 wheat harvest enters the last two or three weeks here. (Staff photo by Cloy A. Richards)

## Council hears request for rate relief, utilities increase to city, gives aid

This week, Jack and Joyce Keenan, developers of Humphrey's Village, made a second appearance before council to again ask for rate relief and cited an easement written in 1954 between the city and the Humphrey's saying that all heirs and assigns were guaranteed the same rates as city residents paid for water.

The Keenans contend the people who bought homes from Humphrey's Village are assigns and should be paying the same water rates as city residents.

They also asked for rate relief from sewer charges, because they installed and maintain the sewer lines at Humphrey's Village, while the city collects the revenue from the lines. They contend money made on sewer charges to the eight homes are "windfall profits" to the city.

Council retorted the water-sewer-sanitation rates have always been doubled for residents outside the city limits and the rate ordinance is legal. No vote was taken.

Connie Mack Seymore, representing an organization that is responsible for upkeep and

facilities on the three city owned baseball and softball parks, asked for and received financial aid for further park improvements.

The city will release \$1,000 in Federal Revenue Sharing Funds for the next three quarters to help pay for future and past park improvements. The city will also place Joe Acuna on the city pay roll. Acuna will be responsible for keeping the baseball parks, as well as the city park mowed and irrigated. He will be a part time employee at minimum wage.

In other action, council learned the Public Utility Commission ruled in favor of rate increases requested by Taylor Electric and West Texas Utilities. The Taylor Electric rate increase will show up on the city bill to pump water from Abilene to here and the WTU increase will effect only street lights. Street light cost to the city were almost tripled.

Council also approved resolution allowing Mayor Kent Satterwhite and city manager J.A. Sadler to deal with the state department of Parks and Wildlife concerning construction of the Merkel Neighborhood park, a program being jointly funded by the state and federal HUD grant.

The board of equalization was named for the coming year and that board includes Annette Clark, Jerry Goode, Alf Walla, Bill Tate and Albert Gregory.

The city also announced they were picking up the dump truck from the state Tuesday. The city paid \$2,350 and council gave the city manager permission to advertise for a used car to replace an ailing police car.

Council will meet in regular session Monday night at 7 p.m. at City Hall.

## Top news & events of 1915, 14, 13

by Cloy A. Richards

We have managed to work our way back in Merkel's history to 1915, 14 and 13, this week and the papers are getting more and more brittle and yellow.

We could not locate files from 1919, 18, 17 and 16. If any of our readers have any particular information of general interest, please call the Mail and let us know.

January-1915

The F & M Bank gave away 10 acres of corn seed to local farmers to prove corn's ability to produce here. A gin fire at the Browning Gin here, damaged 37 cotton bales. T & P reported more cotton and seed were shipped from here than any other town on their Rio Grande Division. Along with that, went a shortage of freight cars. In the annual report by the Volunteer Fire Department, the largest expense listed was for feed, \$144, remember, fire trucks were horse drawn then.

February

Donner L. Easserwood was editor and publisher of the Mail. Enrollment at Merkel Schools was 600. A banner headline reported Merkel had passed the 20,000 bale mark for the first time.

March

A scarlet fever scare closed Merkel schools and churches for one week.

April

J.J. Sattlings was re-elected mayor here. Ben Walters was elected city marshal. Cotton reached a season high price of 10 cents per pound. Local farmers killed 15 wolves in one

night within a three mile radius of town.

May

Taylor County commissioners were paying a 5 cent bounty on jack rabbits. Merkel voters approved \$18,000 in school bonds.

June

Oat harvests were set at 93 bushels per acre and wheat averaged 36 bushels.

July

County property was evaluated at \$14 million.

August

Elbert Dean brought in the first cotton bale. The Mail reported Galveston's devastating hurricane. The Merkel power company began providing electricity 24 hours per day. Dr. J.M.C. King, who practiced in Merkel from 1895 until 1915, died here.

September

Farmers in the Divide area pleaded with Merkel residents to make repairs on the Sand Route Road. They said they would much rather bring their cotton and grain here than Sweetwater. Cotton prices went to 11 cents per pound. A grade crossing accident killed Tom Everson.

October

Grandpa Sherman, one of the earliest settlers, here was buried in Trent.

November

The Trent Methodist Church was dedicated.

December

The Mail's Editor prodded T&P for deciding to build a new depot in Abilene, instead of here. A

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## TABS, Europe, sports, farewell...more

By Cloy A. Richards

MISD received the results of the Texas Assessment of Basic Skills Tests recently and those results were made public at their regular school board session Tuesday night.

The results came in about the same as last year. In a conversation with MISD superintendent Bill Everett Monday, he said the results indicate, to him, increased emphasis should be placed on math at the seventh through ninth grade level.

He also said he was not happy with the results of the re-testing in the ninth grade level students last year, but said he was not surprised by those results.

The test scores should be used as indicators, he said. The scores seem to be on the low side in some areas of math and reading.

If I could have just lost eighty more pounds, I could have crawled in Brad Pursley's suit case and headed to Europe for six weeks of travel, fun and pole vaulting.

Brad, the former Merkel High and now top jumper at Abilene Christian, is competing on the summer European Tour sponsored by the Pacific Coast Track Club. I wonder if the Pacific Coast Club has an opening for a has-been golfer.

Speaking of sports, Merkel has a pretty dandy summer line up. Both softball and Little League are winding down, Merkel has 50 some odd kids in the summer track program, and 32 are attending a girls basketball clinic this week. Also, Merkel will host the state girls softball playoffs in mid July and will be host to the district playoffs in the boys teenage baseball league.

Spoke with mom and dad (Happy Fathers Day)

this week and they said they almost were floated away in College Station by the recent rains. They also told me of a dam breaking not too far away from the house that held a 15 surface acre lake. If I had been there with my net, we could have had free catfish at Fun Day.

Speaking of Fun Day, Martha Sue has done a wonderful job organizing the event, but Merkelites are not matching her efforts with ticket purchases.

Tickets are on sale just about all over town and they need to be sold out in the next two weeks. Tickets are 25 cents each or 5 for a dollar. Buyers will have a chance at numerous prizes offered by local merchants, as well as the booby prize, a lifetime subscription to the Mail.

Happy trails are in order to about the best golfer partner I could have had here.

Tim Edgmon, the manager of Hertz Rent-A-Car in Abilene and a resident of the Country Club, has been transferred to Oklahoma. His shoulders are still fairly sore from this past weekend's tournament in Hamlin, because he carried our two man team for the better part of two days.

Now all I need is someone capable of shooting six under day in and day out. That may be a problem through, I here Jack Nicklaus, Ray Floyd and Tom Watson are all pretty busy this weekend playing in some tourney they call the U.S. Open.

Speaking of golf, the Merkel Country Club will be hosting a men's tournament July 25 and 26. More information is available from the club or Walt Harris and Steve Shugart.

Buy Your Fun Day Donation Tickets, NOW!

## MISD board learns TABS results, sets attendance policy, buys liability insurance

MISD board members learned the results of the Texas Assessment of Basic Skills Test, increased mileage reimbursement, and purchased liability insurance at their monthly meeting.

The results of the TABS test were very similar to 1980's results and indicated emphasis should be placed on math between the seventh and ninth grade level, according to MISD superintendent Bill Everett.

School board president Kenny Hogan said "The TABS test is designed to indicate areas of weakness in our programs so we can improve those areas." The Mail has some of the results listed on Page 3.

In other business, the school reported a \$200,000 bank balance and the superintendent added he still had hopes for a \$177,000 surplus when the new budget goes into effect September 1st.

The board also rescinded a motion concerning the student insurance carrier and awarded the account to Insurnational, the same organization that has carried student insurance for the past four years.

The board also decided to purchase liability insurance for school administrators and teachers for \$1,007 annually.

The board also made a change in policy for adult education graduates. They voted to not allow a high school drop-out who later finishes

school through adult ed to participate in graduation ceremonies with former classmates. Adult Ed graduates may still earn an MHS diploma, but cannot participate in the ceremonies until the year after they drop out.

The board also adopted an attendance policy for MHS that will require students to miss no more than 12 classes in each subject. Students who miss more than 12 sessions of any class will not receive credit for that class unless the absences are approved by an attendance committee.

Board members also adopted a new policy that will end exemptions for high school students from final exams. The only students who will be exempt from exams are second semester Seniors who meet academic standards.

Final attendance figures for the year were released. The average daily membership at MISD last school year was 1045.47 and the average daily attendance was set at 975.36 for a 93.30 attendance percentage.

Following a short executive session, board members voted to increase the mileage reimbursement to 23 cents per mile from 20 cents and hired Nancy Martin as an elementary school teacher.

July's monthly meeting will be held July 14th.

## Fun Day events, booths listed

by Martha Sue Justice

I hope everyone was tuned in, last Tuesday June 9th, to KTXS TV, Channel 4. At 11:00 a.m. on the ETC. show, with hostess Dell Elliott, Jocille Brady and Salinda Giesler, of Merkel, appeared on the show with all kinds of information on our Fun Day Centennial Celebration for July 4th. Appearing, with them, was a musical group from Tye, John Roys and the Country Gamblers. We are very fortunate to have these people volunteer their time in helping us advertise Merkel's big celebration.

June 23rd at 12:15 on KRBC's Mid-Day with Kay, Jocille and Salinda will again appear on TV in Merkel's behalf. Be sure to tune in to Channel 9 if you are not on cable, or to channel 7 if you are on cable.

Don Hart has advised us that there is a good possibility that representative Charles Stenholm will be able to visit with us sometime July 4th, during our Fun Day Centennial Celebration. If we do receive definite word on Stenholm's visit, we will try to publish a tentative time. I do hope representative Stenholm can fit Merkel into his schedule this particular day, because it will make our celebration even more enjoyable.

J.A. Sadler also had a nice surprise for us this week. He located a 30 x 50 tent, which the Chamber of Commerce will rent for Fun Day. This tent, along with our shelter, will give us over

twice as much shaded area as we had last year for spectator seating.

All types of booth reservations are still coming in. The following is a complete list, to date: (If there is any error in this list, please call the Merkel Mail, immediately at 928-5712): Arts, Crafts, and Misc.: Bob Bockman- Woodwork; Ester Luke- Arts and Crafts; Senior Citizens-garage sale; Sharon Clay- woodwork; Pat Byrd-arts and crafts; Delores Adair- Aloe Vera; Jim Giesler- woodwork; Linda Kinder- Flea market; Virginia Rilliglion and Robin Robinson- Jewelry and misc. arts and crafts; Linda Carroll-ceramics; Jocille Brady- Flower arrangements; Lee Tucker- Clocks; Hazel Pack- garage sale; Nancy Edwards- ceramics; Don Reed- Plaster; Merkel Middle School Cheerleaders- balloons.

Games and Contests: Trent Cheerleaders- Cap Walk; Trent FFA- Ring toss; Merkel Fire Department- wet sponge throw; Methodist Church- Dunkin Sam and Pie Walk; Merkel Girl Scouts- cake walk; Dunagin Transport Baseball Team- Eggs and Face painting; First Baptist Church Youth Group- Sack race; Merkel Church of Christ- tug-a-war; Flag Corp Auxilliary of the Merkel Band- basketball throw; Methodist Church Rhythmic Choir- 3 legged race; Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church- Mens and

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# Top news of 1915, 1914, 1913

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passenger train and a freighter collided between here and Sweetwater. Thirteen people were killed.

January-1914  
A fire caused \$4,000 in damages at Blair.

February  
The Mail reported two local boys were riding a motorcycle and chasing jack rabbits when the bike hit a ditch and threw both occupants in the air. The rabbit escaped unhurt. Weekend rabbit drives killed 836 rabbits.

March  
A rabbit drive on the Swann ranch netted 84 rabbits in one day.

April  
J.P. Sharp, J.L. Harris and O. Williams were elected to the Merkel City Council.

May  
The Merkel area got a four inch rain, the most in one storm since 1908. The MISD school board included J.T. Dennis, N.D. Cobb, Dr. O.F. McMaster, J.S. Swann, and N.D. Cobb.

June  
H.C. Williams was named Merkel's new post master.

July  
Col. Thomas Ball, an unsuccessful candidate for Governor, spoke here. The F&M Bank announced they would build a new building. About 1,500 people attended the Blair picnic. A Mail editorial blamed a local man's loss in the Sheriff's race because Merkelites voted for the placement of the county courthouse in Buffalo Gap. The Mail editorial that week said, "The great war is on."

August  
A Trent man died of a rattlesnake bite.

September  
W.O. Cozart, a Merkel area pioneer, died here. W.R. Turner turned in the first bale of cotton. Merkelites were urged to buy a bale of cotton for ten cents a pound and then hold the cotton until the market reached the dime per pound.

October  
MISD had 359 children enrolled in school.

November  
Late season rains delayed the cotton harvest.

## Bible school

The First Methodist Church of Merkel is having Vacation Bible School, June 22 to June 26, 1981. Jesus, Your Word Lives In Me is the theme for the school, to be held each day from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Classes will be offered for ages 3 through children just having finished the 6th grade. Students will be challenged and involved through such activities as song time, Bible study, classroom

interaction, craft making, and other methods in keeping with the theme, Jesus, Your Word Lives In Me.

The lessons are centered on the Beatitudes of Jesus, teaching youth the importance of God's word and of following the "Beautiful Attitudes" of Jesus Christ.

Workers in the school are needed and welcome. For information regarding attending and/or assisting, call Minyon Seymore, 928-5505.

Local farmers had a hard time getting enough pickers to take in the crops. The Mail reported the war tax was now being collected.

December  
The Merkel Poultry show drew 110 exhibits. Merkel was producing \$1000 gross worth of eggs per week. The Texas Farmer's Union endorsed a freight rate increase for Texas and Pacific.

January, 1915  
The Mail reported the 1910 cotton crop was 2,400 bales, 11,200 in 1911 and 11,000 bales in 1912.

February  
The Editor of a rival paper, The Merkel Herald, was killed in an auto accident. Taylor County Commissioners paid five cents each for 22,418 jack rabbit scalps.

March  
Taylor County Commissioners passed an ordinance saying it was dangerous for county employees to work in the present county facilities.

April  
The Merkel Stock Show drew large crowds, almost 600 per day. Many came to see the Largest herd.

May  
Abilene and Buffalo Gap residents were at it again over the location of the new county courthouse.

June  
J.P. Hamm, a Merkel pioneer, was buried here.

July  
Miss Fannie Tippett, of Abilene, became the first Taylor County woman to seek office.

August  
A.J. Meeks turned in the first bale of cotton.

September  
Merkel schools had 430 enrolled.

October  
Uncle Jack Coggin, a confederate soldier and Merkel pioneer, was buried here.

November  
City councilmen voted to construct a network of street lights.

December  
Homer L. Easterwood purchased the Mail from Jack Jackson.

\$70 entry fee should be mailed as soon as possible to Zeke Luna, 120 Avenger Village, Sweetwater, Texas, 79556, to insure a place in the tournament.

## Photos

ready  
The pictures taken at the Merkel High Jr. Sr. Banquet may be picked up at Mrs. Baker's home until June 26. Mrs. Baker lives one mile north of Merkel on F.M. 126, phone 928-5888.

## Softball tourney

The Sweetwater women's recreation slow pitch softball tournament, which will be held June 19-21, still has a few openings available. Team rosters and

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womens arm wrestling (Nucorp will be donating t-shirts for prizes for this contest).

Food Concessions: Trent Recreational Improvement Project- Pepsi; Merkel Ambulance-Watermelon; Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church- Tacos, Burritos; V.F.W. Ladies Auxiliary- hot dogs, frito pies, punch; Art Club- cokes, Dr. Pepper, 7 up, and cold sandwiches; Trent Junior Class- homemade ice cream; Merkel Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary- lemonade, tea, nachos; Trent Senior Class- popcorn; Dunagin Transport Baseball Team- Candy, baked potatoes, corn on the cob; Church of Christ-fudgesicles, popsicles, etc.; Study Club- cookies, cupcakes, diet drinks; Tye Fire Department- cakes, pies, hamburgers; Lambda Beta- Bar-b-q on bun; Merkel 8th Grade Twirlers- corn dogs; Merkel Middle School Cheerleaders- Kool-aid; Assembly of God- Carmel popcorn, brownies, fried pies; Merkel Flag Corp- Sno cones.

If you haven't paid the \$5.00 for your booth, please pay at the Merkel Mail as soon as possible.

We already have the following entertainment lined up for Fun Day: Ray Pack and Halfbreed, Monty Tittle, Kenny Slack and the Cedar Gap Express, Danny Ortiz, John Roys and the Country Gamblers, Carl Sims (and his band from Wichita Falls), Dee Grimes and Lenord, and the square dancers.

This is not a complete list, however, we will have a schedule coming soon.

We are still in need of items for our general auction. Get those garages cleaned out and give

Waymon Adcock a call at 928-4821.

Ticket sales are not quite up to par. We are now running with a total of \$350.00, which is not even close to our \$2,000.00 goal. If everyone in town would buy \$1.00 worth of tickets each week, our goal could be reached. Anyone that would like to pick up tickets to sell in their own neighborhood, please come by and pick up a bundle at the Merkel Mail. Please help us pay for the restroom facility at the park. We do not have anyone selling tickets in Tye and would certainly appreciate several volunteers. Remember, these tickets also give you a chance on many nice that will be given away the 4th.

Get Ready, Get Set, to go to Fun Day, 1981!

## Hart, Smith, Townsend,

## West on Angelo honor roll

Four Merkel area students attending Angelo State University in San Angelo, are listed on the Dean's Honor Roll for the Spring semester at the university.

Those listed on the 3.00 to 3.49 Honor Roll include Lesa Ann Hart a business major.

Those listed on the

3.50 to 4.00 Honor Roll include Cynthia Ann Smith, a finance major, and John S. Townsend, a pre-medicine major, all from Merkel.

Those listed on the 3.00 to 3.49 Honor Roll include Leanna Darlene West, a elementary education major from Trent.

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# Texas cotton sold for \$1.4 billion

While the 1980 drought devastated crop yields in Texas, cash receipts remained generally stable due to higher prices.

Although final figures are not yet in, Texas Agricultural Extension Service estimates show cash receipts from crops at about \$3.8 billion, down only slightly from 1979. Total receipts from all agricultural commodities for 1980 are pegged at just over \$10.1 billion, almost the same as the previous year.

"These cash receipts, however, don't show the severity of damage that production levels underwent or the squeeze on net income," says Dr. Carl Anderson, Extension economist in marketing.

"Drought and higher production costs have placed serious financial hardships on many farmers. Young farmers and those depending heavily on credit for capital are under considerable financial strain. Record-high interest rates have added to the burden."

According to Anderson, hot dry conditions severely damaged crop production and caused subsequent price increases.

"Prices went up because of the small amount of crops that were available after the summer," explains Anderson.

Despite weather problems, last year's crop receipts should have an agribusiness impact of about \$16 billion on the Texas economy, he says. As far as receipts from different commodities are concerned, cotton alone brought in \$1.4 billion.

The South Plains of Texas brought in the bulk of cotton receipts with an estimated \$665 million. South Texas (mainly the Rio Grande Valley) had the second highest cotton receipts at \$163 million.

Wheat and grain sorghum ran a close race for second place among crop sales at about \$450 million each.

Wheat, a winter and spring crop, generally escaped the drought's wrath. The Panhandle area led the state in value of wheat produced with \$164 million while North Central Texas was second with a wheat crop of more than \$85 million.

The Panhandle also boasted the highest cash value from grain sorghum in 1980 at \$174 million. Second was the Coastal Bend with a sorghum crop valued at \$116 million.

Corn ranked fourth on the list of estimated cash receipts from crops for 1980, totalling about \$349 million. Top producing areas were the South Plains at \$213 million and the Panhandle at \$76 million.

Rice ranked fifth in estimated cash receipts, totalling more than \$274 million. The Upper Coast is the state's major rice producing area with receipts of \$260 million. The remainder of the crop is grown in the Coastal Bend.

Other crops that contributed much to 1980 agricultural receipts were vegetables, about \$250 million; nursery stock, \$225 million; soybeans, \$104 million; peanuts, \$83 million; and hay, \$45 million.

# TABS test results similar to 1980

MISD trustees learned this year's results of the Texas Assessment of Basic Skills tests Tuesday night at their regular monthly board meeting.

The Mail spoke with MISD superintendent Bill Everett Monday about those results and he had mixed emotions concerning their outcome.

He said, "The results are about what I had expected. We seem to be in a little trouble in math, especially in the 7 through 9th grades. I am not real happy with the reading results, but that is what these tests are for. We take the areas where the children were not rated well, and we place increased emphasis on those areas."

The overall results were comparable to last year's, especially at Merkel High.

Last year, MHS students mastered 75 percent of the spelling portion, 63 percent of the reading and 65 percent of the math. This year, 63 percent mastered math, 61 percent in reading and 84 percent in spelling-writing.

Third graders at both Merkel and Tye Elementary Schools were tested this year for the first time.

For MISD fifth graders, 80 percent mastered math portions, 68 percent mastered reading portions and 81 percent mastered writing skills.

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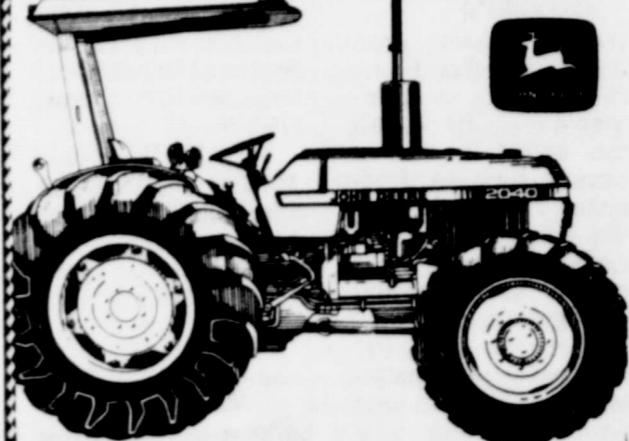
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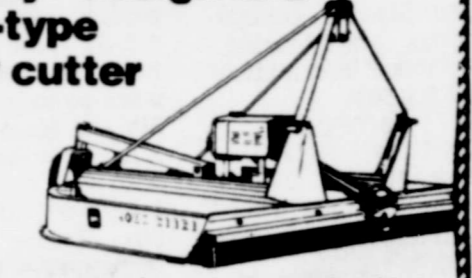
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TO: Charles Farr, Defendant, Greeting: YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before, the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 20th day of May A.D., 1981, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 20th day of May A.D., 1981, in this cause, numbered 36,947-A on the docket of said court and styled The Citizens National Bank in Abilene, Plaintiff, vs. Charles Farr, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: The residence of the defendant therein is unknown to the Affiant and after due Diligence, such Plaintiff and Affiant have been unable to locate the whereabouts of such Defendant, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our friends, neighbors and church members for the kind things done for me since my accident and stay in the hospital. Especially the drs., nurses, also for the flowers, cards and prayers and for the food the neighbors and friends have brought to our home. May God bless each of you. Luther and Euna Belle Orsborn.

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Notice is hereby given that Auto-Chlor System of West Texas, whose principal business office is at 738 South 11th, Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, intends, on or before June 1, 1981, to become incorporated without a change of firm name. Dated: May 14, 1981. Mike McPhail, Owner 10-4tc

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**CITATION BY PUBLICATION** THE STATE OF TEXAS. TO: Unknown Father, 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 Christian Homes, Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 4th day of June, 1981, against Unknown Father, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 5691-C on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Interest of Baby Boy Harold, a Child", the nature of which suit is a request to. Said child was born the 3rd day of June, 1981, in Abilene, Taylor County, Texas.

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree in the child's interest which will be binding upon you, including the termination of the parent-child relationship and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the child's adoption. If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved. The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and 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 10th day of June, 1981. Irene Crawford, District Clerk, 326th District Court, Taylor County, Texas by Wilda Jones, Deputy.

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## Top Tye news & events

Whats Happening in Tye  
By Harold Boyd

It's been two weeks since a column has been in the Mail. We are here this week. With everyone going on vacations, etc. not much in the way of news.

Beginning this week, you may have seen a tall police officer riding around in the car with Chief Parrack. He is our new addition to the police department and his name is John Mauney and come to us from Stephenville, Texas. John, welcome to Tye and do hope your stay here is pleasant and rewarding.

Get one and lose one. Donna Brooks has left the City of Tye to go to work for the Water and Sewer Department in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Donna was our city water and sewer engineer here in Tye as well as a roustabout of public works. Donna's mother has been in ill health and she felt that she should be near her to be able to assist her till she is able to be on her own. To Donna, good luck and hope that you will return to visit us.

The 20th of June, Tye Volunteer Fire Department will host another rabies clinic at the fire house. If you have missed the last one, that was held in May, be sure to take care of this important item. Pets, at this time of the year, are subject in coming in contact with rabies than another other time of the year. The fee for the shots and rags will be \$5 per animal. The time will be 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Mark your calendars for this date.

City Council met last Tuesday and the agenda was short. Nothing of any great importance was on the agenda. The usual items were gone over and a report on the sewer project was given. It is our understanding that the sewer lines may be ready sometime in the next 4 to 5 weeks after all the testing is done. Gets somewhat old in hearing of this, but things do take time and if it is going to be operating, let it be right before we are servicing the lines. Bear with the contractors on this, it will be a reality soon. Then we all can get away from the septic tanks and have this very well needed item and then watch Tye grow.

Big events will be happening in Merkel on the 4th of July. Not only Fun Day but Merkel's 100th Birthday...celebrate these two events in Merkel on the 4th. If you missed last year's 4th of July event, you missed meeting friends of old and visiting with new ones. In any case be sure you attend the 2nd Fun Day in Merkel.

For this week, hope the rains were to your benefit and wish you all good health and see you

next week. The Tye Volunteer Fire Department has a 24 hour phone system and that new number is 692-9382, they also have stickers that are available also with this number on it to be affixed to your phone. Just ask for them. They are free courtesy of the Tye Volunteer Fire Department.

### Middle school honor roll

The Merkel Middle School Honor Roll is as follows:

8th Grade: A Honor Roll: Shelly Sherrill. A-B Honor Roll: Mum Prasarn, Kris Rich, Jennifer Roby, Kelly Stovall, Becky Teague, Cindy D. Williams, Greg Spurr, Donny Brady, Tami Elliott, Trung Tran.

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### Mathewson on All-Stars

Ricky Mathewson has been selected to play in the East-West All Star football game at the Greenbelt Bowl, in Childress August 8. Mathewson was the starting guard and

linebacker at Merkel High the past three seasons.

The game will attract quite a few college scouts looking at prospects for their teams.

## Doan's homer tops LL news

by Ronny Powell

Ricky Doan is in the spotlight this week, as he hit a 3 run homer in the Braves-Greenbacks game. Here are the scores: Tuesday the 9th: game 1 was a big show down between the Bankers and the Supers. The contest went into extra innings before the Bankers won on a dramatic ending as there were 2 outs with Ramon Moreno at 3rd. The pitch got away from the Super catcher and Ramon stole home to give the Bankers a 3-2 victory, in a well played game. Game 2 saw the Vets shut out the Pipers 8-0. Thursday the 11th, game 1, the Vets again shut out the Pipers, this time 14-0. Game 2, the Killowatts spend the Willies 14-3. Friday the 12th, game 1, Braves go on the warpath beating the Greenbacks 13-2. In that game, Ricky Doan shot a 3 run homer. Game 2 again saw the Bankers and Supers meet in a good game. The Bankers took advantage of the Supers early in the game. As they jumped to a 7-3 lead. But the Supers kept chipping away at the Bankers lead and tied the game in the 6th with key hits by Lance Autry, Lee Leverich and Danny Santee. But in the top of the 7th, the Bankers came back to score 2 runs and take a 9-7 lead with important hits by Dean

Franklin, Ramond Moreno and David Doan. The Supers tried a come back but came up with nothing, as the Bankers defeated the Supers 9-7 and sweep the series. A well played game for both teams. Monday the 15th, the Pipers-Bankers game and the Killowatts-Greenbacks game was cancelled because of rain. It will be made up next week. Also the all-star committee met this past week and Little League All-Stars have been picked. They will be given at the awards ceremony next week. In t-shirt action, the Yankees downed the Tigers and the Angels beat the Eagles. The Yankees and Angels will meet Saturday the 20, the winner will be the t-shirt league champ.

The Little League standings look like this: 1. Bankers 12-0; 2. Supers 9-2; 3. Braves 7-3; 4. Vets 7-4; 5. Killowatts 4-8; 6. Willies 3-9; 7. Pipers 2-9; 8. Greenbacks 1-10.

Standings as of Monday the 15th. The Bankers have pretty well snared the crown. They are at least 2 games ahead of the group, but it will be interesting to see how the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th places are ramped up. Concessions are available at the park.

### Moreno, Williams on Band

Lions International District Governor Dewayne Harvey has announced that Maria Moreno and Debbie Williams, students of Merkel High School, have been selected to participate in the Lions International All-Star Band this summer in Phoenix, Arizona. They will receive an all expense paid trip to Phoenix to perform at the Lions International Convention during the week of June 15th through June 20. The Merkel Lions Club is sponsoring these students and paying for their expenses. They will be joined by 75 other musicians from all over west Texas to form the elite organization for the performances at the convention's opening parade and several other functions. After several days of rehearsals at Cisco Jr. College, the group will travel to Phoenix by chartered bus, making side excursions to Carlsbad Caverns.



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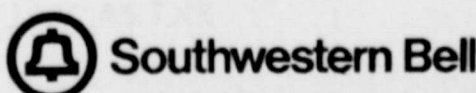
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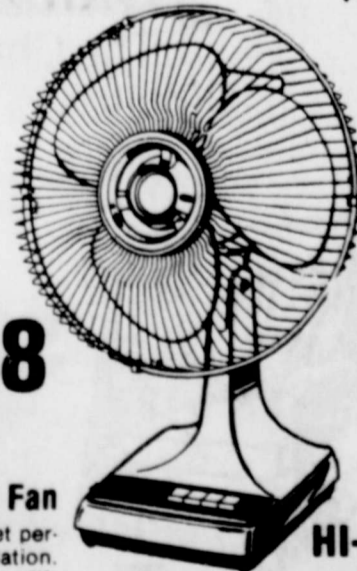
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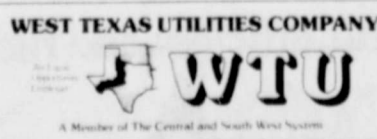
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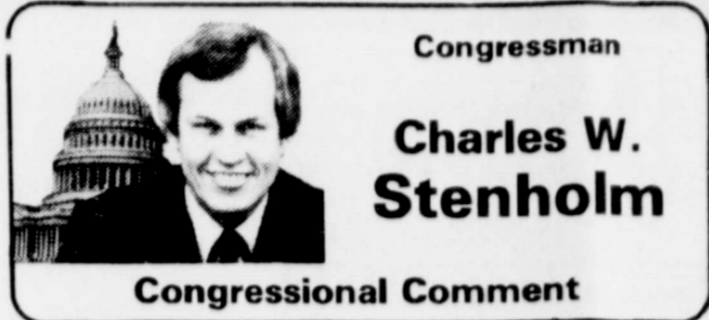
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I also believe there is a time to be bi-partisan and to unite people of like philosophy without regard to labels and without room for compromise. This is such a time.

**Trent FHA concession stand**

The Trent FHA members are sponsoring a concession stand this month at the corner of Kent and First Street in Merkel.

The stand is open from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. Proceeds from this endeavor will help finance FHA projects.

The organization would like to invite wheat harvesters and citizens to help them meet their goal.



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Cardinal Mezzofanti (1775-1849) could speak 114 languages and dialects.

**Summer track**

has 54 enrolled

MISD athletic director Eddie Lang's track program, here, got off to a super start as 54 children enrolled.

Their first meet will be in Abilene June 22 from 6 to 8 p.m. at McMurry College.

A girls basketball camp was also held this week and it drew 32 girls that are students in fifth through eighth grades.



**Roberts announce engagement**

Mr. and Mrs. Kelly R. Roberts announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Lisa

Marie to Ferrell L. Bagby, son of Mr. and Mrs. O.J. Bagley of Merkel. The wedding will be

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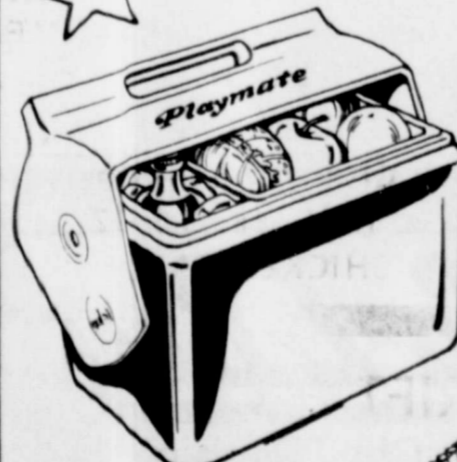
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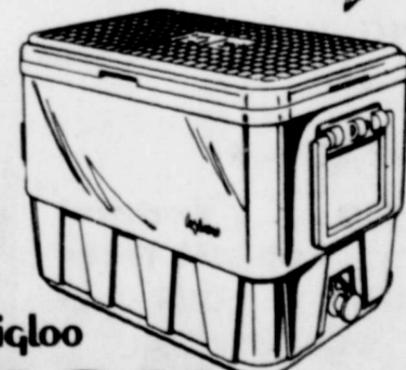
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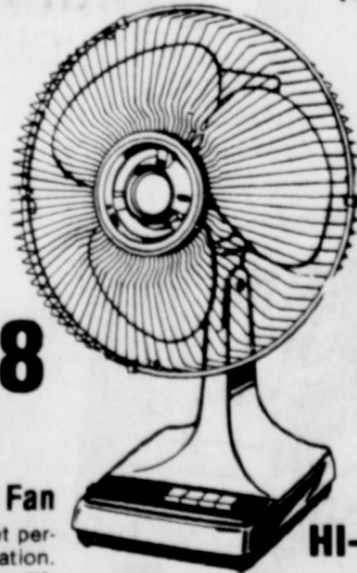
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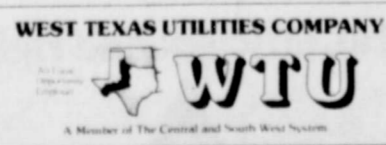
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**The Consumer Alert**

by Mark White  
Attorney General

AUSTIN—Last week, I began a discussion of the new vacation concept, called timesharing. Today, I will present some ideas on how you, as a prospective purchaser of a timeshare, can make as informed decision on whether or not to buy.

—Should you purchase an exchange program in conjunction with your timeshare?

Under an exchange program you can swap your week at your resort for a week at another resort. These programs take two different forms:

1. International programs allow you, for a fee, to exchange time at your resort for time at another resort owned by the developer.

2. External programs are managed by companies independent of the owners of the property. These services arrange exchanges for individual timeshare owners in the U.S. and foreign countries as well. Property from many dif-

ferent timesharing resorts may be included in the pool of properties you may choose from.

You should realize that the exchange service might not always be able to grant your first choice in an exchange, especially if you own a less desirable timeshare in terms of location, quality of accommodations, etc. Therefore, a prospective timeshare buyer should not purchase a timeshare at a place where he does not really wish to vacation every year, nor should he purchase a timeshare merely to join an exchange service.

—Tips and Questions You Should Ask

1. The Timesharing Resort. Try to avoid buying before you have had a chance to examine the facilities. If you cannot, consult reliable sources.

Do you like the area, and will you enjoy returning to it year after year? Are you purchasing your timeshare for the

time of the year you usually take your vacation? Do you like the facilities? Is the timeshare development complete?

Be sure to check with the nearest consumer protection division of state and local Better Business Bureau.

2. The Timeshare Agreement. Be sure to read the contract carefully before you sign it. If there is a part of it you do not understand, do not sign the contract until you do. Ask questions, but make sure your timeshare contract contains all of the promises that you discussed with the salesperson. Do not take his word for something that is not contained in the written agreement.

Below, I have listed questions which should be answered before you sign a contract:

- What is the nature of your interest in the property? (Ownership or lease?)

- For a leasehold timeshare, what is its duration, twenty years, forty years, or life?

- Can you transfer the title of your timeshare, or does it revert back to the developer if you choose to leave or die? Can you sell your timeshare yourself, or does the developer have exclusive rights of sale?

- If your title is for ownership, make sure that the contract waives the "right to partition" so that another tenant cannot compel the sale of the whole unit to get cash for his share.

- Make sure the contract is specific about maintenance fees. Will the fee increase each year?

- Make sure the developer owns the property. If he holds it under lease, is it certain that you can have your right to occupancy each year? What happens to your interest if the developer should sell the property?

3. Planning Your Timeshare Vacation. What

will be your travel costs each year to and from the timeshare location? If you have not purchased a specific week each year, you must remember to make reservations well in advance. Do not leave for your vacation unless you have confirmed reservations for the time you requested.

4. Exchange Services. Are the other locations offered of interest to you? Are you flexible about the areas you will accept in an exchange? You may not always get your first

choice. This type of concept will be the ideal solution to the vacation dilemma for some consumers, but not for all. Before buying, consider carefully the needs and desires of your family. If you have any questions, call the nearest consumer protection division office.



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Merkel will travel to Big Spring on Sunday June 21.

**Stith sets**

C&W musical

A Country and Western Musical will be held Saturday night at the Stith Community Center starting at 7:30. The snack bar opens at 6:30.

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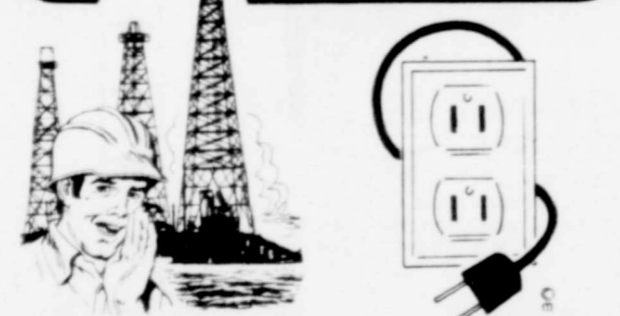
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GOLF LESSONS: beginning June 8, Mr. Woody Wood, Cooper High School's Golf Coach, will be scheduling lessons as follows: Monday's 9 a.m. till 12 noon; Wednesday's 6 p.m. till 8 p.m.; \$12.50 per hour; \$7.00 per 1/2 hour; Woody, a super guy, will teach you everything you need to know about golf, in order that you may feel comfortable playing with your friends. Classes are filling up FAST, call NOW! Woody-692-4297 or the Country Club-928-5514.

TEXAS COOK-OUT: June 27- pool side- charcoal steak, baked beans, Estates. It will be nice to have ya'll out here.

Watch for details concerning the men's tournament set for July 25 and 26.

person. Tickets will be on sale in the office, pro shop and the lounge. IT WILL BE A NICE WEEKEND. COME ON OUT!

SPECIAL THANKS for providing successful parties in May: Ace Pipe and Supply; NUCORP, INC.; Merkel Country Club Ladies Golf Association; Scott Hensley; Merkel High School.

LADIES NIGHT: Wednesday nights - ladies drinks \$1.

PRIME RIB: Saturday nights- \$8.95.

SPECIAL EVENTS in June: June 19 Wedding Rehearsal dinner- Terry Gardner and John Caine; June 22-26 Red Cross swim program - Don Hart; June 27 Golf Tournament- Western Plumbing Wholesalers; June 27 Texas Cook-Out- Merkel Country Club.

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome Randy, Susan and Tatum Leonard as new residents of the Country Club Estates.

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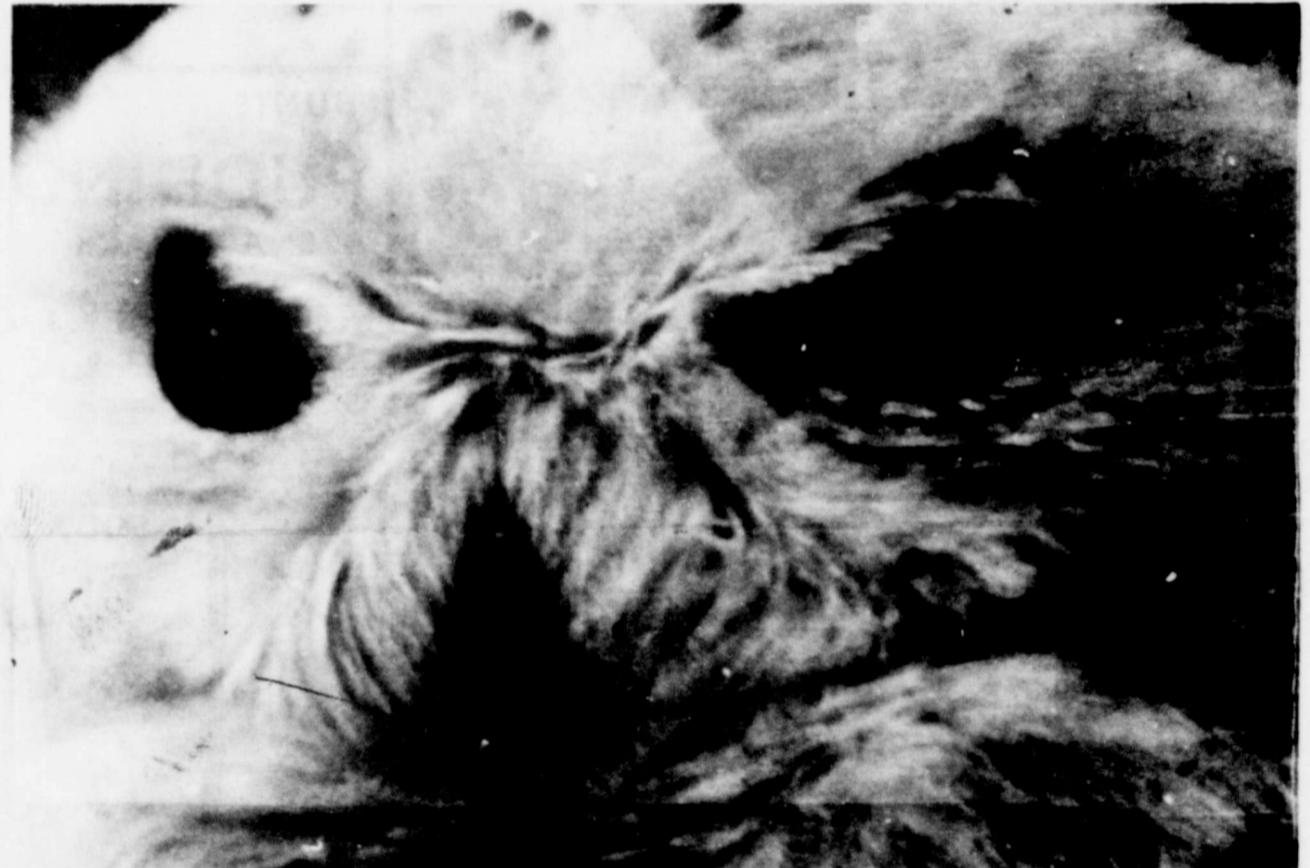
Do you think he is looking for the Tin Man and the Scarecrow? The lion at the Nelson Park Zoo

in Abilene basks in sunshine. (Staff photo by Cloy A. Richards)



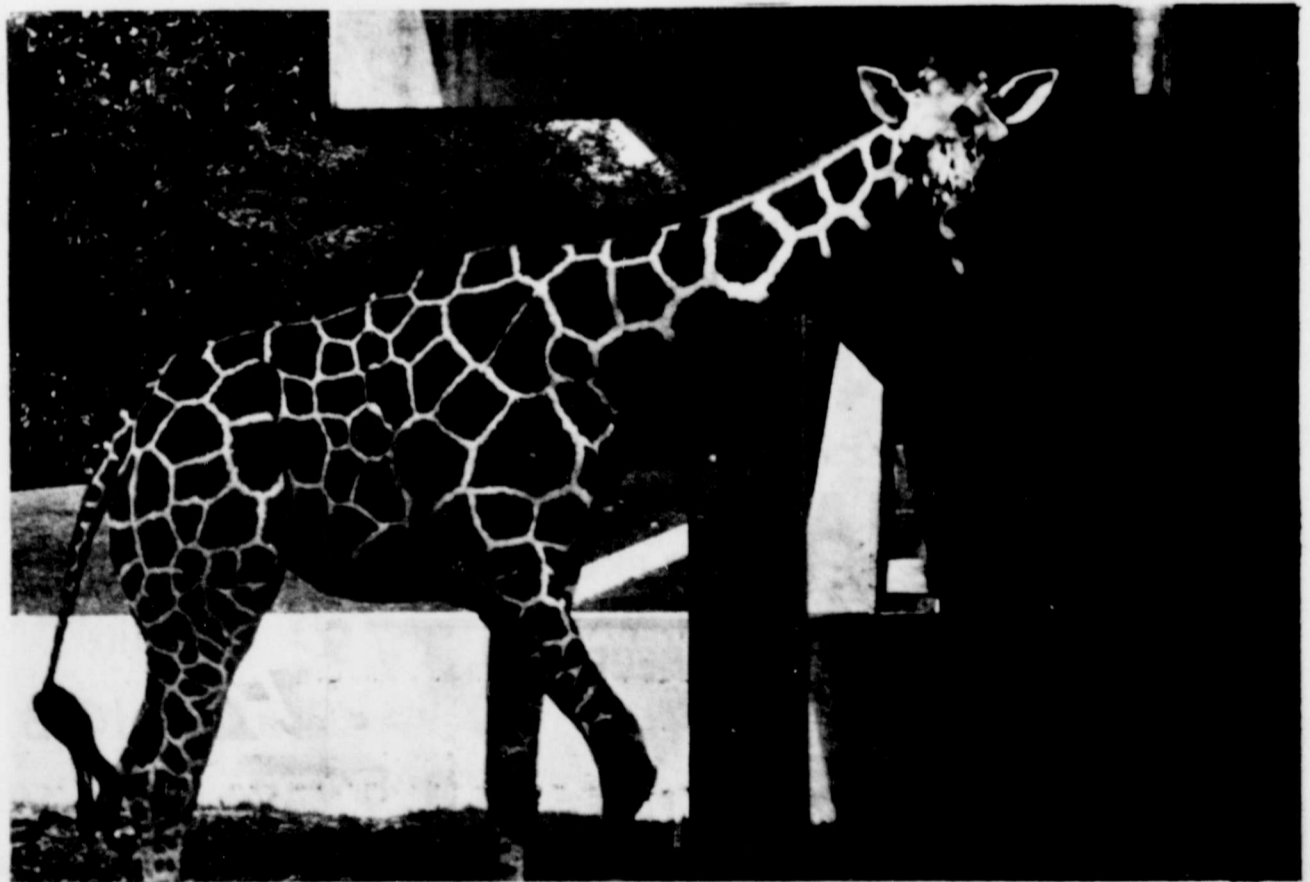
The West Texas sunshine can be a little more than the average polar bear can take as this

bear's position indicates. (Photo by Glenn Richards)



This Great White Owl seems to enjoy looking people over almost as much as people enjoy looking at the stately bird. The Nelson Park Zoo

is open seven days a week and closes at 5 p.m. on weekdays. Family memberships are \$10 and they allow unlimited visits to the zoo. (Staff photo by Cloy A. Richards)



The giraffes at the Nelson Park Zoo are always eager to please the kids with a close up look, but

only if you provide the peanuts. (Staff photo by Cloy A. Richards)

# The Nelson Park Zoo

One of the most frequently heard comments about the Zoo at Nelson Park is "I was really suprised that Abilene would have such a fine Zoo."

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