

The Merkel Mail

Thursday, June 25, 1981, Merkel, Texas...Merkel's 100th Year

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The Toombs Real Estate Eagles wrapped up the T-shirt championship Monday night following their win over Merkel Drug. The team finished 6-2 on the year. The team includes (front row, left to right) Brent Toombs, Destry Pack, Brandon Boyd, Zack Byers, Tanner Boyd (bat boy), Scott

Bloodworth. (Top row, left to right) Lynn Gregory, Sean Lemon, Brandon Toombs, Manny Swenny, Brandon Bland, David Chavira, (Back row, left to right) Coach Michael Bloodworth, Billy Bob Toombs, and Rex Bland. (Staff photo by Cloy A. Richards)

Wheat harvest winding down

Jack South has taken in 462,000 bushels and figures from Henderson Grain were not available at deadline this week on their totals. South was paying \$3.77 Tuesday Morning and Henderson Grain was paying \$3.75 Tuesday. About ten cars of wheat are in storage at Henderson Grain and will be shipped as soon as equipment can be brought from Abilene to move the grain from the barn to the loading pits. Jack South has 50,000 bushels on hand and he said he was not too anxious to ship that wheat. He was hoping for the improved market because two countries had ordered wheat Tuesday morning and the USDA is asking that some of this year's

crop be placed in farmer held reserve. South said he only expects about 15 to 20,000 more bushels before harvest is completed and said the custom cutters had all moved North. South also hopes the market with Mexico will improve because of the ease of delivering goods into Mexico. He also said he had a smooth harvest season and especially had no transportation problems. Both South and Henderson Grain will be wrapping up their wheat season in the next two to three weeks and then must get ready for early milo, which is already heading near here. Most of that crop will be harvested in August.

City approves EMS Bingo

The Merkel City Council voted to allow the Merkel Emergency Medical Service to sponsor a Bingo contest at Fun Day.

Council approved Bingo games in the city limits after the Texas Legislature approved Bingo on local option. The EMS had to ask permission to run the game due to a council policy requiring prior approval of all fund raising events sponsored by city departments. Council also voted Monday night to hold their next session July 10. The reasoning for the early

date is due to a seminar being sponsored by the Department of Housing and Urban Development for communities that have been chosen to receive Community Development Grants. That seminar will be held in Dallas July 13, 14. The city offices will be closed Friday, July 3rd, but anyone needing to speak with a city employee won't have a hard time finding them. The city crew will be at the park getting ready for the July 4th Fun Day and Centennial Celebration. The landfill will be open July 3rd, but will be closed July 4th.

How did you say Merkel was named?

by Cloy A. Richards
Alright, all of you history buffs. An argument will ensue shortly. Each history I have read concerning Merkel's founding and how we got our name said we were named after a man S.J. Merkel.
Sounded good to me until I read the January 4th edition of the Merkel Mail in 1916.
The Mail ran an article on a former Confederate General's death. The man, in later years became a railroad builder, land agent, and private loan company. According to the Mail article, General G.M. Dodge allowed his daughter to name one of the towns (water-station depots). She reportedly chose Merkel, because of her friendship with a popular singer of the day named Miss Merkel.
Now, that story seems about right. General Dodge was a rich man, I mean rich. He was a millionaire at death in 1916.
Our Centennial Edition is shaping up fast. Martha Sue has already gathered 24 pages of advertising and most of the edition will be dedicated to the families who pioneered the area. We are using the histories that people submitted so some of the residents here may be left out. Anyone who wants their family included must have their information in our office no later than 5 p.m. Friday.
A local man, Jimmy Riggan was seriously injured in an oil field accident Monday morning and our serious hopes for recovery go to Jimmy and his family.
You don't find a lot of folks better than him.
Congratulations are in order to the Toombs Real Estate Eagles for their championship season in the T-Shirt League and the F&M Bank Bankers for their championship season in Little League.
Looking forward to the third annual Richards Reunion in College Station this weekend. It will be one of our last chances to visit my sister for a while. Her husband has been transferred to Germany.
NATO may never be the same again. I am sure concrete will be on the agenda, Hoy likes free

labor.
Speaking of reunions, Cathy Pack, Mail Office Manager is attending her 10th reunion of Lovington High School this weekend.
She's not too excited, only been talking about it for a couple of months.
The ladies of the Fortnightly Study Club has put together a wonderful piece of writing in the Chamber of Commerce's Centennial Magazine that will be delivered at Fun Day. Their history is straightforward and to the point and is an excellent keepsake. Watch next week's Mail for an order form.
Calling all people who have not purchased Fun Day Tickets.
Besides making you eligible for a fine list of prizes offered by local merchants, plus the booby prize, a lifetime subscription to the Mail, Fun Day ticket sales will fund the end to one of the most common complaints about the park, the lack of restrooms.
Well, Fun Day ticket sales are funding restrooms at the park, and at a quarter a shot or 5 for a buck, it's the best deal in town.
You know who, Johnny Starbuck, is leading the way in sales, that only total \$500 so far.
The Mail would like to thank Ronny Powell for his Little League write-ups this season.
This is the second season Ronny has written the Little League news for the Mail at no pay and he's done an excellent job.
Personal thanks are in order to Donnie Lucas of the Albany News (the oldest journalistic venture West of the Brazos in Texas) for obtaining tickets for Fandangle.
It's hard to imagine a town of 2,400 can put on such a slick, well performed show but Albany does and has for some 40 odd years.
You should try to catch the show this weekend.
The city was formally approved in the \$1.3 million in federal dollars for the Community Development Block Grants. That word came Tuesday morning by mail.
Hip, Hip, Hooray.

Fun Day set July 4th; Bingo, games, fun, food on tap

by Martha Sue Justice
With less than two weeks to go, our Fun Day Centennial Celebration at our park will be totally full of all types of activities.
The First Baptist Youth Group's sack races will be supervised by Lorne Sloan and Glen Burton. At least 20 races will be run that day. Categories are: Pre-school- up to 5 years, children- 6-12, youth 13-17 years, and adults 18 and up. Ribbons will be awarded for the 1st two groups and gag prizes for the last two.
Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church will be having a grand time supervising arm wrestling contests for all ages, male and female.
The Church of Christ is looking forward to a barrel of laughs for contestants and spectators alike for their tug a war contest.
The Methodist Rhythmic Choir will also be having a laugh a minute with their 3 legged races.
Merkel Volunteer Fire Department is going to have a super Water Polo Exhibition. Plans at this time are to have it east of the park on Yucca Street.
The Merkel Ambulance Service is sponsoring Bingo. It will be 25 cents a card and the winner splits the pot. This will be going on all day long. More booths are coming in each day, however, we do have room for more. Make your reservations before the deadline, Thursday, July 2nd. The cost is \$5.00 for a 10 ft. space. If you already have a space and have not paid, please come by The Merkel Mail as soon as possible or

send in your check to P.O. Box 428.
Instructions for Booth Supervisors are as follows: Please bring a sign to put up advertising your items to sell; Display a American Flag and come out to the park sometime Friday July 3rd to locate your spot and start setting up your shelter.
We are asking that all beard contestants be at the City Park at 11:00 a.m. for judging. This will allow all of our contestants to go home afterwards for a quick shave in order to have cooler, non itching Fun Day.
The entertainment is going along very smoothly. We have at least 10 bands and other acts lined up. Ray Pack will have a schedule made out and we will run it in next weeks paper.
To individuals with tickets for sale: Please turn in all money and tickets no later than Thursday July 2nd.
Don't forget to attend the Senior Citizens Talent Night, Thursday, July 2nd at 7:30 p.m. They are promising an entertaining evening for everyone.
Tickets sales so far are in the neighborhood of \$600.00. Sales are as follows: Johnny Starbuck \$300.58, Cloy Richards \$60.00, Hazel Pack \$53.00, Edna Cain \$48.00, Martha Sue Justice \$30.00, Higginbotham Bartlett \$26.75, Hi Val Farm and Home Supply \$9.76, Evelyn Martin \$7.00, and Ben Franklin \$1.56.
Buy Your tickets today and be a major contributor to our park improvement.
FUN DAY IS ON THE WAY!

HUD gives formal approval for city funds

The City got an early surprise this week as the final approval package for \$1.3 million in Community Development Funds was given final approval Tuesday morning.
The city had not expected final approval until June 30th.
The grants total \$650,000 for the first year and about \$675,000 the second year.

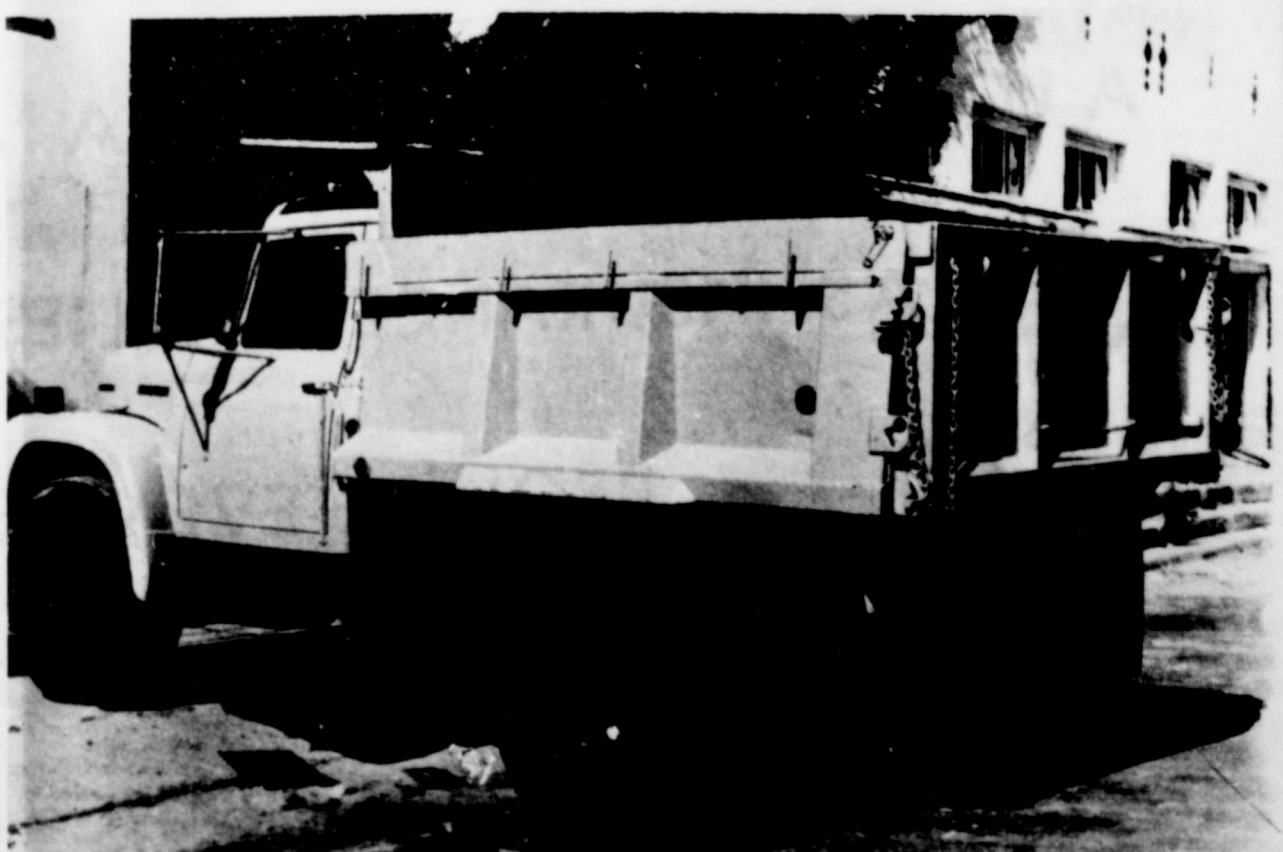
Major projects included in the funding include 50 plus blocks of paving, major refurbishment of the water tower, water-sewer improvements and related projects.
City Manager J.A. Sadler will attend a workshop for cities that have been designated recipients of the HUD money in Dallas July 13-14.

Top news & events of 1917, 1916

by Cloy A. Richards
We skipped a four year period last week in going through or weekly updates on Merkel's first 100 years and this week we are presenting the top news and events of 1917-1916.
We have had numerous calls for back issues from the older papers. Those requests cannot be honored as only one copy of the older papers exist here.
The pages (as my office floor indicates) are very old and tattered and simple, careful handling causes pages to rip and tear.
The year 1917 files are incomplete and we will offer an overview of the months we do have. The files from 1916 are complete.
January-1917
The first meeting of the Merkel Commercial League was held in January. Ben T. Merritt resigned his post at the F&M Bank. The 1916 cotton harvest totaled 11,955 bales. A Merkel citizen, Chief Ferrier sent up to home-made hot air balloons and it caused quite a stir with some Abilene residents. The W.E. Hamner store in Trent was robbed by a lone youth.
The Mail printed a jack rabbit recipe as follows: "Plank 1 Jack Rabbit-Peel the rabbit carefully and remove all interior plumbing. Put in to boil over slow fire, replenish water whenever necessary until cistern is empty. As soon as cistern is full again, repeat process. Select clear, smooth piece of pine plank and place rabbit upon it. Salt and pepper to taste and bake five hours. Then bury the rabbit and eat the

plank."
February
Homer L. Easterwood sold the Mail to Walter Jackson. The Mail carried their first report of the proposed Ft. Worth to El Paso highway.
March
The F&M Bank here reported assets of \$440,000 and the First State in Trent reported assets of \$128,000. The Mail ran letters to the editor for seven straight weeks from Merkel farmers protesting the compulsory attendance law.
April
The April 6th edition reported War Clouds were hanging low in Europe and Uncle Sam was mustering men.
The city paid off \$3,000 of a \$19,000 water bond debt.
May
The city was hit by fire that caused about \$6,500 in damages from smoke and water. A three car derailment on the T&P three miles West of town caused an eight hour mail delivery delay.
Those are all of the copies that exist of the 1917 editions of the Mail, we now move to 1916.
January-1916
The Mail reported General G.M. Dodge's death. According to the article, General Dodge built the T&P line (supervised) and allowed his daughter to name one of the towns along the line. She named Merkel after a famous singer Miss Merkel. The general also made numerous farm

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The city recently received it's used dump truck from the state and immediately gave it a new paint job. The city paid \$2,350 for the truck. (Staff photo by Cloy A. Richards)

Top news and events of 1917, 1916 as Countdown continues

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and land loans in this area. About 600 were enrolled in Merkel schools. Merkel set an all-time high as 4,000 chickens were sold here in one day.

February

Lights were installed at the T&P depot. The 1915 cotton harvest totaled 17,875 bales.

March

The state superintendent of schools visited Merkel and said the school needed a lab, maps and globes. Consolidated Oil and Gas announced plans to drill a well near Trent.

April

Consolidated Oil and Gas ran a one half page ad requesting land leases. Taylor County residents turned in 18,371 jackrabbits ears for bounty in 1915. George Weir and Allen Holder, champion ropers, participated in a \$1,000 winner take all goat roping contest. Weir won the contest.

May

Captain Andrews, a traveling side show pro, attempted a balloon ascension here. Brick work started on the Presbyterian church here.

June

The Mail carried front page stories indicating U.S. troops were about to head to Mexico to put down a rebellion.

July

The Sears ranch in the Canyon area was sold

for \$100,000. Troop trains were a weekly sight here as the U.S. sent more and more soldiers to Mexico and the border areas.

August

R.W. Cross brought in the first bale of cotton. Water was reported scarce in the city well. The Trent Enterprise, a newspaper in Trent, folded and the Mail took over all of their subscribers and accounts.

September

Railroad employees threatened a strike and the T&P put an embargo on freight hauling. Merkel farmers and ginners were having serious altercations concerning ginning techniques.

September

T.G. Hamner of Trent, son of Mr. and Mrs. W.E. Hamner and 16 year old, picked 540 pounds of cotton in one day. Sergeant Kiffen Rockwell, was killed in a dogfight over Germany. The Mail let it's chauvinism show through when it ran a story of a young black girl who at 15 picked 402 pounds of cotton in one day. The last line of the story read, "We would attempt to discourage any who would try, for the task would be too great an undertaking for a girl."

October

The Mail ran a report that nine passenger ships were sunk by German torpedoes. W.D. Roach was killed and C.D. Robinson was injured when their horse drawn wagon and a T&P passenger train collided at the Oak Street crossing.

November

Americans were aboard a passenger ship sunk by a German submarine. A movie company announced it would shoot 1,000 feet of stock footage here for an upcoming movie.

December

Anson reported cotton totals of 9,304 bales while Merkel's pre-season total stood at 11,400. The Mail began receiving wire reports by telegraph on a 30 day trial period.



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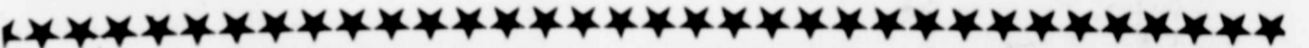
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Thomas Watson

buried here

Thomas Franklin Watson, 80, of Merkel died at 6:45 a.m. Sunday at Hendrick Medical Center after a long illness. Services were at 2 p.m. Tuesday at First Baptist Church in Merkel with the Rev. Kenneth Jones, pastor of Caps Baptist Church, officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery, directed by Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born May 7, 1901, at Franklin, he lived in this area since 1947. He was a retired farmer, retiring in 1964. He retired from the city of Merkel in 1966 after several years of service. He was a member of First Baptist Church. He married Marguerite Farmer Dec. 23, 1928.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Doyle of Houston and Thomas of Houma, La.; five daughters, Leona Amason of Arlington, Jo Ann Smith of Abilene, Joyce Vancil of Richardson, Patsy Smith of Thoreau, N.M. and Betty Radnor of Little Rock, Ark.; a brother, Olen Watson of Sweetwater; five sisters, Grace Talbot and Annie D. Dickerson, both of Sweetwater, Maudine Hale of Odessa, Vernie White of Monahans and Nell Self of Sylvestor; eight grand children; and five great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Mary Jordan. Grandsons served as pallbearers.

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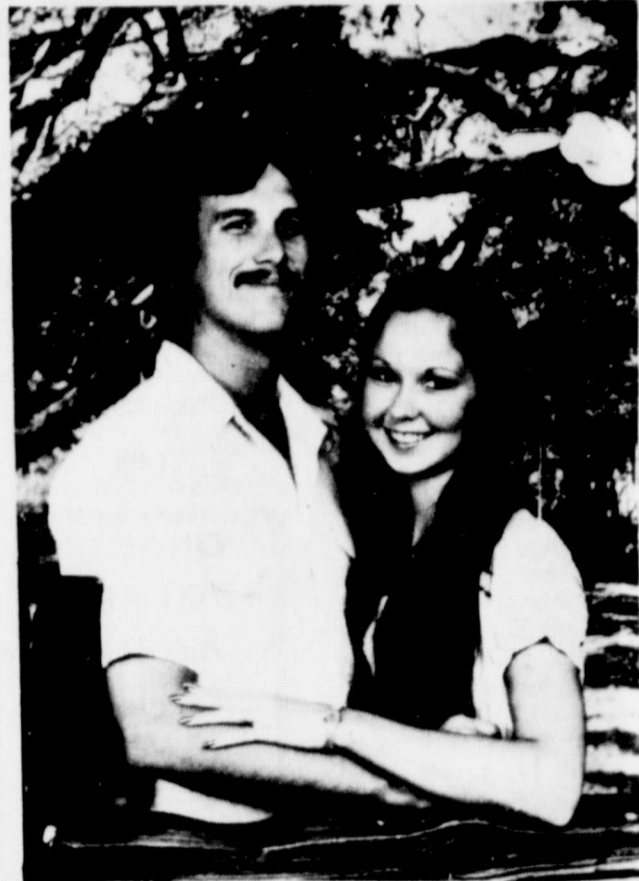
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Alleman, Constable date set

Mr. and Mrs. Clerenc Alleman of Tish, Okla. are proud to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Lawanda Lynn, to Lester Lavon Constable, son of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Constable of Odessa, formerly of Merkel. The couple will ex-

change marriage vows July 24th at the Trinity Baptist Church in Odessa. The bride elect is employed by Foodway No. 4 in Odessa. She attended Crane School. The bride groom is employed at Foodway No. 4. He is a 1973 graduate of Merkel.



Steve Swain & Terri Hamner

Hamner-Swain engagement set

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Wayne Hamner have announced the engagement of their daughter Terri, to Steve Swain, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lee Swain of Memphis, Tennessee.

The bride elect is a graduate of Trent High School and will graduate in August

from Abilene Christian University with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Social Welfare.

The prospective bridegroom is a graduate of Lamar High School in Tyler, Texas and is presently attending Abilene Christian University. He is employed by Record Town, Abilene Mall.



The first athlete to win a gold medal in the modern day Olympics was James B. Connolly who won the hop, skip and jump events in Athens in 1896.



The most long-lived animal is the giant tortoise of the Galapagos Islands. Specimens have been estimated to be as old as 190 years.

Camp of champs

Almost two weeks away from the opening of the ninth annual Howard College Camp of Champs, athletic director at HC and camp director Harold Wilder, said Monday that applications were continuing to be processed daily at a rapid rate.

Camp dates for girls will be July 6-12. The camp dates for boys will be July 13-17.

The Camp of Champs was conceived with the idea of

providing the youngsters of West Texas with top flight instruction in all fundamentals of basketball, such as shooting, ball handling, rebounding, and defense.

The campers will also take part in nightly game situations that are developmental as well as fun.

Applicants can write Camp of Champs, Howard College, Big Spring, Texas 79720, or call 915-267-8896 for further information and camp brochures.

Country Gamblers hosting

The Country Gamblers are having a musical Saturday, June 27th at 7:30 p.m. at the Tye Community

Center. All bands are welcome. A concession stand will be open. Come on out and bring the family and friends.

Public Notice

Southwestern Bell, in accordance with the rules of the Public Utility Commission of Texas, hereby gives notice of the company's intent to implement a new schedule of telephone rates in Texas effective July 21, 1981, unless otherwise determined by the Commission.

It is expected that the requested rate schedule will furnish a 15.8 percent increase in the company's intrastate revenues.

A complete copy of the new rate schedule is on file with the Public Utility Commission at Austin, Texas, and with each affected municipality served by Southwestern Bell, and is available for inspection in each of the company's public business offices in Texas.

Notice to Customers of Other Telephone Companies

The filing includes, but is not limited to, proposals to increase rates for interexchange private line and foreign exchange (FX) service. Changes in such rates would also affect customers of other telephone companies because such companies provide interexchange private line and foreign exchange service in accordance with rates specified in Southwestern Bell's tariffs.

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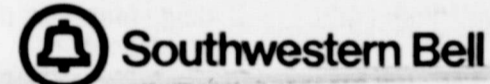
Southwestern Bell, en conformidad a las reglas del Public Utility Commission (Comisión de Servicios Públicos) de Texas, por la presente hace saber su intención de establecer un nuevo arancel para servicio de teléfono en Texas con vigencia a partir del 21 de Julio de 1981, a menos que la Comisión haga otra determinación.

Se espera que el nuevo arancel que se ha solicitado rendirá un aumento de 15.8 por ciento en los ingresos intrastatales de la compañía.

Una copia completa del nuevo arancel se ha archivado en las oficinas del Public Utility Commission en Austin, Texas, al igual que en cada municipalidad afectada y servida por Southwestern Bell, y cada una de las oficinas de la compañía para negocios con el público en Texas tiene una copia para lectura pública.

Aviso a los Clientes de Otras Compañías de Teléfono

El registro incluye, pero no se limita a, propuestas para aumentar las tarifas para servicio de línea privada entre centrales telefónicas (interexchange private line) y servicio de central telefónica extranjera (foreign exchange FX). Cambios en dichas tarifas de servicio también afectarían a clientes de otras compañías de teléfono porque dichas compañías proveen los servicios ya mencionados en conformidad a tarifas especificadas por Southwestern Bell.



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Dear Editor:

A total of 124 Merkel children enrolled for the 1981 Red Cross Learn To Swim program, with free admission to the Merkel Country Club Pool for the classes.

Don Hart, member of the Taylor County Red Cross Board of Directors, coordinated the effort and we are especially grateful to th. Merkel Mail for handling the registrations.

We want to thank Larry Carpenter, Director Parks and Recreation, City of Abilene for recruiting the three volunteer Red Cross instructors who commuted daily from Abilene: John Wall, Judith Mullins, Regina Sanders. They were assisted by the following helpers from Merkel: Chris Cutler, Gina Stucky, Elyss Ferguson, Debbie Jackson, Lisa Shugart and Cammie Bright.

Thanks to all of the above mentioned individuals and organizations, more than one hundred local children will learn how to save their own lives and eventually those of others. Next year we hope to train twice as many. To do so, we will need at least six persons from Merkel to train as Red Cross Water Safety Instructors for the 1982 Learn To Swim Program. We ask the Merkel Community to help in the safety of their children by encouraging parents and other interested adults, 17 years old or older, to become instructors.

In conclusion, we want to thank the generous Merkel citizens whose contributions to the Red Cross Fund Campaign helped make the Water Safety Program possible.

Sincerely,
Wanda Dulaney
Chapter Manager

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Store, can vegetables with care

With gardens flourishing, many consumers are attempting food preservation at home to save on food costs. While home canning may look simple, every detail requires careful attention.

If you do choose to can some vegetables, the Food Quality and Safety Committee of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System, offers these important points:

- Before starting, contact you local county Extension office for the latest information.
- Use only high quality produce for best results.
- Be sure to have the pressure gauge on your pressure canner checked: Your local county Extension office usually has the equipment to provide this service.
- Also check gaskets and seals on your pressure canner.
- Follow direction to every detail; do not use your own times or pressures.
- All low-acid foods such as green beans, corn and potatoes must be processed in a pressure canner. Water bath methods are not adequate for proper preservation of low-acid foods. Firm, fresh tomatoes which are not overripe may be processed in a water bath.
- Use only approved canning techniques; processing in a microwave oven or conventional

**Reader turns in
background**

To The Editor:

We read in the Merkel Mail of the tragedy of the drowning of Raymond Ferguson in the year 1922 while the seniors were on an outing. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ferguson who were our neighbors and lived where the Cramer Reynolds family now live.

We lived where Jimmy and Dorthy Russell now live. My sister, Mabel was a senior with Raymond.

The teacher who was living with us and a sponsor asked another sister, Lucille (who graduated the year before) to go with them. They went to Blow Out on a truck where they had fun and had lunch. The boys decided to go wading. There were about 7 boys holding hands, Raymond fell into a hole and though he was a good swimmer, they couldn't save him. The boys had killed a large rattlesnake. He had the rattlers in his pocket.

Mr. Burgess, the school superintendent, called my mother, Mrs. Selma Russell, to go with him to tell Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson. My mama said that was the hardest thing you ever had to do.

Raymond was a big, strong, young man, a great athlete. They sent his body by train the night after the funeral to Weatherford, Texas to be buried. His parents later moved there.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Leo Harris

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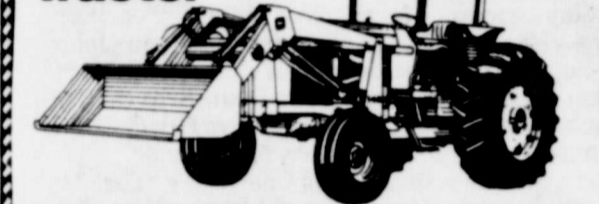


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Israel, Langford wed in Big Spring

Alison Sue Israel and Jackie Ray Langford were united in marriage Saturday, June 20, 1981 at 7:30 p.m. The Rev. Steve Langford, of Pond Springs Baptist Church of Round Rock, Texas, brother of the groom, officiated the double ring ceremony at the First Baptist Church of Anson.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Israel, of Noodle. The bridegroom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Arnold E. Langford, of Anson.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. Penny Cochran, of Pampa was the bride's matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Wilma Jackson, of Anson and Shelly Cobb, cousin of the bride, of Fort Worth. Flower girl was Kimberly Israel, cousin of the bride, of Tye.

Ringbearer was Matthew Medley, nephew of the groom, of Lewisville. Arnold E. Langford, father of the groom, was bestman. Groomsmen were Robert Langford, of Strawn and David Langford, of Dallas, brothers of the groom. The ushers were Lewis Washburn, Abilene; Gary Clayton, Temple; Paul Burkhalter, Abilene; Don Taylor, Abilene; and Eldon Israel, brother of the bride, Nook.

Tami Israel, of Tye and Ami Israel, of Abilene, cousins of the bride were candlelighters. Jackye Cobb, aunt of the bride, of Fort Worth, registered

guest. Pianist was Nell Williams, of Anson, joined by Bob Frost, vocalists. Organist was Durrell Wilson, of Anson. Songs played were, "You Light Up My Life," "Sunshine on My Shoulders," and "The Wedding Song".

The bride's parents hosted the reception in the church Fellowship Hall following the ceremony.

Serving at the reception were Rachael Bogle, Patty Moore, Della Israel, Rhenda Cooper and Lucretia Doty. Handing out rice bags were Joshua Langford, Mike Cobb, Laurie Medley, and Nancy Jennings.

The groom's parents hosted the rehearsal dinner at the 66 Sirlon in Anson, following the rehearsal, June 19th.

The bride is a 1980 graduate of Anson High School, and is now employed by Barbee, Inc., in Abilene.

The groom is a 1977 graduate of Anson High School, and is now attending Hardin-Simmons University for a BFA degree. He is employed by White's Home and Auto of Anson.

After a wedding trip to San Angelo, the newly weds will reside at Rt. 1 Box 200-C, Avenue Q, Anson.

The bride was honored with a bridal shower, April 25th, at the Noodle Community Center.



Mrs. Jackie Langford

Use caution when mowing

"Carelessness" is the main factor in the more than 50,000 people injured each year in accidents involving power lawn mowers.

Proper mower servicing, observing standard operating precautions, and picking up rocks and other objects from the lawn prior to mowing will eliminate most accidents.

"The lawn mower should be routinely serviced each time before taking it out of the garage to mow the lawn," says Dr. Richard Duble, turfgrass specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System. "A properly operating mower is safer to use and cuts grass better than one in poor shape."

Routine service includes checking the blade for nicks or cracks, checking the blade to be sure it is securely attached to the shaft, checking the crankcase oil level in 4-cycle engines, and filling the fuel tank with fresh regular gasoline.

"Always disconnect the spark plug wire before examining the blade," cautions Duble. "The condition of the blade is critical to the mower's operation and safety. Remove, sharpen and balance the blade several times during the mowing season. Replace damaged blades."

Service the carburetor air cleaner and change the crankcase oil after every 25 hours of operation, or at the manufacturer's recommendation. Duble also suggests cleaning the mower after each use to reduce rust and corrosion and to prevent over heating, both of which reduce the life of the mower.

Another reason for keeping your mower clean is to reduce the amount of dirt getting into the engine. Clean the outside of the engine, the cooling fins on the cylinder wall, and the blade housing with a stiff brush and soap and water or a degreaser.

Also clean the muffler and exhaust parts so that the exhaust system does not become restricted. Cleaning the mower regularly will extend its life and will also aid in detecting worn or broken parts before they cause extensive damage, adds the specialist.

Before mowing scout the lawn closely and remove any objects that might be picked up by the mower blade, advises Duble.

While operating the mower, follow these precautions: Never allow children to play in the area where you are mowing since the blade can pick up and throw rocks and other objects; Avoid mowing up and down slopes, always mow across the slope to prevent slipping under the mower housing; Always push rather than pull the mower; Never leave a mower running while unattended; When starting the mower, put your foot on its housing to pull the starter cord.

Caution and common sense will prevent most lawn mower related accidents," says Duble. "That means keeping your lawn mower in good condition and using good judgment."

Bankers 13-0 record takes LL title, All Stars named

by Ronny Powell

This week in baseball, the 1981 Little League All-Stars were given and they are as follows: The alternates are Eddie Biera-Braves, and Chris Simpson-Greenbacks. The All-Stars are: Danny Santee-Supers, Todd Yaddow-Killowatts, Ramon Moreno-Bankers, Dean Franklin-Bankers, Russell Morgan-Supers, David Doan-Bankers, Britt Pursley-Braves, Maury Oler-Willies, Ted Seymour-Vets, Lee Leverich-Supers, Wayne Johnson-Supers, Gary Sutterfield-Willies, Willie Brazelton-Greenbacks, and Ricky Doan-Braves. The Coaches of the All-Star Team are Head Coach Richard Hernandez and Tony Trevino Sr.

Here are the scores of our final week. Tuesday the 16th game 1: Braves just got by the Vets 10-8; game 2: saw the Supers beat the Willies 8-2. Thursday the 18th game 1: The Supers sweep the Willies by Hammering out 28 runs to the Willies 4; game 2 saw the Champion Bankers shut out the Pipers 10-0. Friday game 1 the Killowatts down the Greenbacks 6-1, game 2 saw the Vets upset the Braves 12-10. In some rainout games that were made up Saturday the 20 the Vets beat the Greenbacks 6-3 and the Supers hold of a Brave rally to win 7-5. The final game was played Tuesday night between the Pipers and Braves no score was available because of newspaper deadline. I will have that score next week.

the 22nd: 1. Bankers 13-0 (have clinched the championship), 2. Supers 12-2, 3. Vets 9-5, 4. Braves 8-5, 5. Killowatts 5-8, Pipers 2-10, Willies 3-11 in 7th, 8. Greenbacks 1-12.

In T-shirt action, they to have had a big week as they have had playoffs to decide the T-shirt champ. It was a 3-way tie for first between the Yankees, Eagles and Angels. In round 1 of the playoffs, the Eagles and Angels fought it out at the softball park on Saturday. The Angels who have played super ball this year, jumped to an early lead when Devin Ely stole home giving the Angels a 1-0 lead. But in the 4th inning, the Eagles got some solid hits as they scored 3 runs and took a 3-1 lead. The Angels rallied in the top of the 6th, but were turned away as the Eagles won 3-1. So the championship matched the high flying Eagles against the dreaded Yankees. The Eagles after beating the Angels were determined to win the title and did so setting down the Yankees 14-3 and the Eagles were declared the 1981 T-Shirt League Champions.

If you missed any of these games, you missed alot because they were filled with excitement. The Little League would like to announce that the All-Star Game will be played July 13 at 8:00 at the Northner Little League Park. Merkel will play Winters. I'll have more Little League News next week.

Legal notice

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Trent Independent School District will receive in the Office of the Superintendent sealed bids for the following school-owned property

One (1) 1961 Ford Pick-up Bids must be received in the Office of the Superintendent, Box 105, Trent, Tx. 79561 by 3:00 p.m. on Friday July 10, 1981. Bids

must be submitted on official bid forms furnished by the school and will be opened and read aloud in the school tax office at 8:00 p.m. on Monday, July 13, 1981.

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Researcher says Human Rights being overlooked

by Christopher Flannery
Dr. Flannery is an Editor at Public Research, Syndicated

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The hearings and the interviews, the headlines and the news updates are over, and the chair of the Assistant Secretary of State for Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs stands empty. It is no great matter.

The empty chair may be looked upon as a silent witness to the emptiness of the discussions in the Senate confirmation hearings and in the broader public forum which was captivated momentarily by the "hot issue" of Human Rights. It is a sad and ironic monument to the emptiness of Human Rights themselves as they are conceived today by some of their most ardent advocates.

Generally speaking, the issue before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee as they considered Mr. Reagan's nominee for this minor position, was whether or not the Human Rights policy of the Carter administration should be continued. Polls demonstrated and commentators confirmed that this at least was one policy of the Carter presidency that had not been repudiated by the voters last November. Democratic and Republican politicians and members of the press warned that President Reagan could not afford to reject this policy as he had the economic policy of the previous administration. President Carter himself emerged from silence to deliver a speech reaffirming his, and the nation's "commitment" to this policy.

But this speech, like previous speeches, and like the Carter Human Rights Policy itself, leaves one troubled with the uneasy question: Commitment or what, and why?

"...I am convinced," said the former president, "that there is a broad and pervasive conviction in this country that freedom and the dignity of human beings are fundamental values of the United States which are worthy of protection... If we do not proclaim our belief in freedom, justice and democratic values, then we are not true realists. That commitment to values must be evident."

It is this "commitment to values" that underlies the Carter Human Rights policy. The phrase taken out of context stands as a shocking exhortation to arbitrary willfulness. Mr. Carter, and the other decent men who count themselves supporters of his stand on Human Rights, would indignantly and rightly condemn those vicious "Doctrines of the Will" of which this phrase, extracted from its context, is so perfect an expression. It is a great tragedy for Mr. Carter, and still more for the cause of Human Rights to which he is sincerely committed, that placing his commitment in context does not rescue it from arbitrariness or its emptiness.

It is true that he speaks of "freedom"

"dignity", and "justice". But what is the status of these lofty sounding words? Again, they are "values", or, as if this gave them greater stature, "fundamental values." But why is Mr. Carter committed to these fundamental values instead of to the equally fundamental values that are their opposites? The only reason offered is that there is a "broad and pervasive conviction in this country" that they are fundamental values. The inference is inescapable, that it is not the inherent truth or worth of the values themselves that dignifies and demands commitment. It is rather the commitment (or "conviction") that dignifies the values. That the commitment may be shared by many does not alter its absolute arbitrariness any more than murder, rape and incest grow in dignity the more widely they are practiced.

Mr. Carter's thinking (and the Human Rights policy to which such thinking gave rise) is a faithful reflection of the most powerful intellectual doctrines of our age. These doctrines appear under various names (Positivism, Relativism, Behavioralism) but they are uniform in the central conviction on which the authority of their teaching depends. A respected exponent of Positivism expressed this conviction in its pure form in a book first published when Mr. Carter was a school boy: "It is impossible to find a criterion for determining the validity of ethical judgements... sentences which simply express moral judgement do not say anything. They are pure expressions of feeling and as such do not come under the category of truth and falsehood..." This deleterious doctrine required a new vocabulary to distinguish moral judgments, which say nothing, from those human judgments that do say "something". The key words in this new vocabulary were "values" (nothing), and "facts" (something).

It is the "broad and pervasive" influence of this vocabulary and of the ethical teaching corresponding to it that is the moral ground of the Carter Human Rights policy, though he, and most of his supporters, surely did not understand this. Unwittingly, the country was committed to Human Rights which were values, and therefore to values, which are nothing. Of course, there is a true moral ground for Human Rights, and for a Human Rights Policy, and that is Happiness for us, the same ground on which this country was founded—it is those self-evident truths that every American School boy once knew by heart, but which are literally as nothing in the moral universe of the Carter Human Rights policy.

It is the crowning irony of this affair, that President Carter, who prided himself above all—who was probably elected above all—for his moral qualities, should leave as his one unrepudiated legacy such a mockery of morality itself.



Mrs. Leslie Scott Cain
Teaff Day set

Loneita Teaff Day at Tye Baptist Church Sunday, June 28th will be celebrated. She will be honored in the 11:00 a.m. worship service for over 25 years as teacher of Jr. age boys and girls at Tye Baptist.

Then in the afternoon, there will be a reception for her in the church sanctuary starting at 2:30 p.m.

Gospel singing set

There will be a Gospel Singing, Friday night, July 10 at the Assembly of God Church, N. 2nd and

church sanctuary starting at 2:30 p.m. Ms. Teaff has served as Church Clerk since October 1955. She has served under 8 pastors and has seen her church grow from a membership of 227 in 1955 to 483 in 1981. Her many friends, church acquaintances and relatives are invited.

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Given in marriage by her father, the bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Terry Gardner of Abilene. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Cain Sr. of Abilene.

Mrs. Craig Hutchings of Merkel was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Lesa Hart of San Angelo and Mrs. James Savage of Merkel, sister of the bride.

Shelly Seymore of Merkel was flower girl. Ring bearer was Justin Wood of Abilene. Candle lighters were Tiffany and Stephanie Moore of Lubbock. Donna Carter of Abilene and Robert Fowler of Ingram were special singers.

Mark Copeland of Ingram was best man. Groomsmen were Ted Holmes and John Cain, Jr. brother of the groom.

Chris Cox and Steve Mathewson seated guests. The bride's parents hosted the reception in the fellowship hall. The rehearsal dinner was hosted by the bridegroom's parents at the Merkel Country Club.

The bride is a Merkel High School graduate and attended Hardin-Simmons University. She is employed by Dunigan Management.

A graduate of Merkel High School, the bridegroom is employed by Hardin-Simmons University.

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Learning About Energy—Mike Ray (center), of Trent, Billy Riley (second from right), of Merkel and J.T. Naron (left), of Merkel were among several dozen teachers attending a two day electric workshop this past week in Abilene. They are shown with Ken Pollard (right) of College Station, executive director of the Texas Agri-Business Electric Council, and Carl Piel of West Texas Utilities Company, which sponsored the workshop. WTU holds the vo-ag workshops annually in Abilene and San Angelo. This year's topic was Energy Conservation.

County pumps 2.3 million barrels

Despite a ninth consecutive year of maximum production schedules (the maximum efficient recovery rate) in nearly all of Texas' fields, the state's annual output of crude oil and condensate late year fell below the one-billion barrel mark for the first time since 1965. Moreover, a downward production trend continued for the eighth consecutive year since Texas' output peaked in 1972.

Taylor County, which has had recorded production since 1929, last year produced 2,380,870 barrels of crude oil and condensate at the rate of 6,505 barrels per day. Production in 1980 boosted Taylor County's production total through the end of the year to 108,652,408 barrels.

The total of 960-million barrels included more than 931-million barrels of crude oil. Also produced was 29-million barrels of condensate, according to figures compiled by Texas Mid-Continent Oil & Gas Association.

Last year's production level showed a drop of more than 46.5 million barrels from 1979 output and was more than 330-million barrels below 1972 production of almost 1.3 billion barrels. Nevertheless, production in 1980 pushed the all-time cumulative total since 1889 to almost 45.7 billion barrels of crude oil and condensate.

Legal notice

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Unknown Father, Defendant, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 326th 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 30th day of July A.D. 1981, at 10:00 a.m. to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said Court, on the 16th day of June A.D. 1981, in this cause numbered 5763-C on the docket of said court and styled Thomas Lee & Jennifer Kay Waltrip, Plaintiff vs. Unknown Father, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Thomas Kenton Waltrip was born June 4, 1980 in Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, 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 16th day of June A.D. 1981.

Attest: Irene Crawford, District Clerk 326th District Court 15-1tc

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

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.

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 20th day of May, A.D. 1981.

Attest: Irene Crawford, District Clerk, 42nd District Court Taylor County, Texas by Wilda Jones, Deputy 11-4tc

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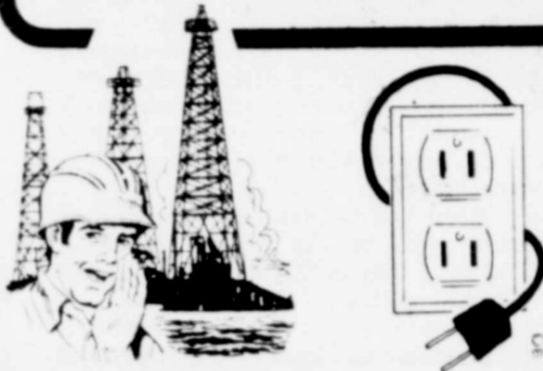
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140 entered in horse show

More than 140 boys and girls will compete in this year's West Central District 4-H Horse Show, Friday and Saturday (June 26-27) in the Taylor County Expo Center at Abilene.

The 17th annual show, open to the public, will draw the competitors from 17 counties in the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, the parent organization of the statewide 4-H program.

The boys and girls at Abilene will be riding for the right to represent the district at the State 4-H Horse Show, July 14-18 at Waco. The top 20 will qualify for Waco, and represent District 7.

District Extension Director Ken Cook of San Angelo said Dr. Gary Potter of College Station will judge the Abilene show, beginning with Class 1, showmanship at halter, at 1:30 p.m. on Friday.

General superintendent at Abilene will be Coleman County Extension Agent Roger G. Blackmon, who said the first day's program will

be made up of 16 classes, including seven fairly new ones: Futurity Fillies, Futurity Geldings, Western Pleasure Futurity, Hunter Horsemanship (Equitation), Hunter Hack, Judged Roping and Breakaway Roping.

The Saturday program will begin at 8:30 a.m. and include these classes: Western Pleasure, Western Horsemanship, Reining, Pole Bending and Barrel Racing.

Coordinator of the West Central District show is Taylor County Extension Agent Alfred Bunting, who said that EC Tool & Supply will give a trophy saddle to the champion horseman and that Hagler & Hagler, Inc., will give custom-fitted leggings to the reserve champion. Both are Abilene firms.

Bunting also said two other Abilene firms, E-Z Serve and Abtex Beverages, have arranged for the show to be in the Taylor County Expo Center at the West Texas Fairgrounds.



Congressman

Charles W. Stenholm

Congressional Comment

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Pogo said, "We have met the enemy and he is us."

The finger of blame for big government spending, if you must find one, is pointed toward every citizen who depended on Uncle Sam to solve a problem that could better have been solved at the local level. It points to every American who has demanded, for good cause or bad, action by the federal government; programs by the federal government; assistance from the federal government.

I don't know of any Congressman who begins his day by thinking up deliberate ways to waste government money. Legislation is almost always initiated to redress some wrong and the demand for such action almost invariably comes from you, the people. The mistake that Congress has made in the past is listening to a small segment of society and judging that voice to express the will and the needs of the people.

Some of the aims and objectives have been honest ones, but expensive nonetheless.

There were good reasons to establish the Environmental Protection Agency, and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, the

Department of Education and the Department of Energy; We, the people, asked for them.

Energy prices are top high. American public complained; so an obliging government established the Department of Energy to regulate energy prices. We need cleaner water and cleaner air, the public cried out. The Environmental Protection Agency soon followed.

The same is true with problem after problem — agency after agency. The more often we look to Washington to take care of a problem that might best be handled on the local level, the more problems we ultimately seem to create.

All of those "good ideas," (and I have long questioned just how good the majority of them actually were) cost money, however. Now the tide has turned and the cry heard most often along the Potomac is "cut spending," or, more accurately, "cut his spending program, not mine."

The difficult decisions of which areas of federal spending to cut are now being made through the budget reconciliation process in the House. I have often said the vote I cast to cut the budget was the easiest vote I will make this

year. The hard ones are coming up in every committee on the Hill right now.

I am aware of the danger of being labeled a "barnburner." That's a farmer who would burn his barn to get rid of the rats. We must use caution to prevent throwing out the good with the bad and use reason and good judgement to spread the projected \$695.44 billion we have been allotted to spend in such a way to provide the most good for the most people. But at the same time, we must not lose sight of the main objective, the return of fiscal responsibility to our federal government.

Williams guests

Mrs. E.G. Williams, had guests from San Bernardino, Calif. Her niece, Mrs. Norma Barns, and Mrs. Barns granddaughter, Patti. The three ladies visited the State Capital, also the Alamo. They spent three days in that area. Reported no bad weather, all had an enjoyable trip.

Riggan injured

Jimmy Riggan, of Merkel, a driller, was seriously injured when a cable on a rig snapped and he fell 15 feet.

Riggan suffered internal injuries plus broken bones. He was taken to Rolling Plains Hospital in Sweetwater for emergency surgery. Extra blood for the surgery was transported from Abilene by the Taylor County Sheriff's Department.

He was listed in serious condition Monday night.

Amtrak At Tenth Anniversary...

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"I am proud of Amtrak. Mr. Chairman!"

With these words, Alan S. Boyd, president of Amtrak, opened his Congressional testimony this spring as the federal government began debating the fiscal 1982 budget and, indeed, the very future of the National Railroad Passenger Corporation.

Despite the myriad of Amtrak's proud accomplishments, its employees are celebrating the corporation's 10th birthday amid uncertainty because Congress "is about to throw the switch one way or the other," as Boyd puts it, on the future of the United States' national rail passenger system. The Administration's proposed budget is insufficient to support such a public transportation structure, according to company officials. Amtrak has proposed its own budget.

Crucial Turning Point
Ironically Amtrak can — by all rational measures — be considered a success at this crucial turning point: a phoenix risen from rail passenger ashes.

Railroads, which once laced the costs together with fast



Amtrak's 10th Anniversary celebration in Washington, D.C. attracted 45,000 visitors who braved long lines to see the new Superliner bi-level cars and ride the newest train.

and fancy trains, began contracting their passenger service in the 1950s and 60s. Simultaneously, these same railroads began expanding their freight business as airways and highways — both heavily financed and subsidized by public funds — became the preferred avenues of public travel.

On April 16, 1971, some 20 freight railroads completed negotiations with the Depart-

ment of Transportation and turned over passenger service responsibilities to a new semi-public corporation named Railpax. Three days later, Railpax changed its name to Amtrak, derived from America, travel and track.

On May 1, 1971 it began resuscitating the nation's passenger service.

Nola Pursley, 65, buried here

Nola Mae Pursley, 65, of Merkel died at 10:40 a.m. June 16th at Hendrick Medical Center following a short illness.

Services were at 4 p.m. Wednesday at the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Kenneth

Jones of Capps Baptist Church and the Rev. David Bugg, of the First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Born Sept. 10, 1915 at Mount Pleasant, she had lived in this area all her life. She was a

sales lady for Stanley home products for many years. She was a member of the First Baptist Church.

She married Gordon Pursley, Feb. 3, 1944 in Abilene. Survivors include her husband; two sons, Phillip and David both of Merkel;

one daughter, Sandra Fapheree of Garland; one sister, Patsy Chancey of Santa Maria, Calif.; seven grand children.

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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, potato salad, salad bar and complimentary keg beer. Dance to the music of THE GALLOWAYS from 8 p.m. till 12 midnight. \$10.00 per 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; NUCORR, INC.; Merkel Country Club Ladies Golf Association; Scott Hensley; Merkel High School.
LADIES NIGHT: Wednesday nights - ladies drinks \$1.
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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. It will be nice to have ya'll out here.
Watch for details concerning the men's tournament set for July 25 and 26

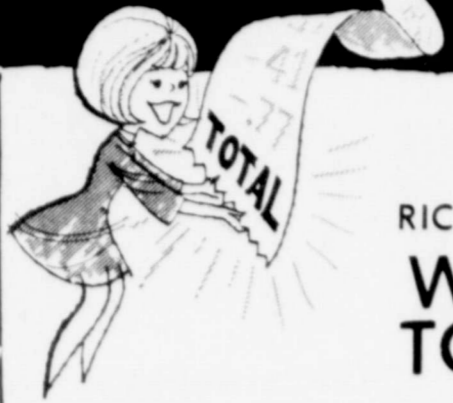
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