

# The Merkel Mail

Thursday, January 20, 1983...Merkel, Texas

25 cents



## Big Wrench!

A Missouri-Pacific crossing crewman loosens bolts on the tracks at the Cherry Street crossing here. The crossing is being smoothed under an agreement reached between the city and the rail line last week. [Staff photo]

## Tom & the Redskins, meetings set, tax rebates...more

by Cloy A. Richards

I'll bet they show the Tom Landry American Express Commercial about 100 times in the Dallas and DC markets over the next week waiting for the Dallas-Washington NFC Championship next weekend.

That ought to be a good ballgame and the Jets-Dolphins should be a dandy as well.

Merkel Golf Association president Virgil Jones told me Monday the group now has more than 70 members. That's pretty good.

For those of you that have not joined, you may still do so by paying for December and January and avoiding an initiation fee.

They sure put the ambulance building up fast. The work on the outside has been completed and inside finish work will be done by Ambulance service volunteers.

Ain't bad for a \$5,000 city investment, is it?

The Badger Booster Club will meet Monday night at the Merkel High Library at 7 p.m. All interested parents are urged to attend.

17th Congressional District Representative Charles Stenholm of Stamford will speak at McMurry College in Abilene at a town hall type meeting.

It get's started at 2 p.m. and oral and written questions have been requested. The forum is open and the public is invited Jan. 22.

The Merkel Golf Association will be holding a covered dish supper Feb. 8th at the club house at

7 p.m.

Persons attending are asked to bring two covered dishes.

The Merkel School board left for a tour of Colorado City facilities following their regular meeting Tuesday morning.

The board members were scheduled to spend most of their time looking at the C-City High School facilities.

Lot's of local youths will be at the Taylor County Fairgrounds Friday and Saturday at the annual county stock show. The swine show, which is always a large one at the county show will get started at 8 a.m. Friday.

The Merkel City Park will be getting anew merry go round in the near future thanks to a Baird couple, local welder Corky Land and Taylor Electric.

We'll have more on that when the merry go round is in place.

Merkel's tax rebate, like almost 70 per cent of Texas cities, dropped during the first reporting month of 1983 according to a news release from the State Comptroller's Office.

Merkel's payment of \$1,428.39, compares to last year's similar time period payment of \$2,023.23. Last year, Merkel received 23 per cent more state tax rebates than in 1981.

Congratulations are in order to the Merkel 6th grade boys and girls, the Merkel 7th grade boys and girls for their tournament wins.

The Merkel 7th grade boys have the best record in town as Coach Forehand's troops are 11-0.

## School hires Lang as principal, buys band uniforms and equipment

The Merkel school board breezed through a routine session before heading to Colorado City Tuesday morning to inspect high school facilities there.

The board did announce a couple of personnel decisions following their executive session. David Laman, who will take over as curriculum director during the 1983-84 school year was changed to a grade 13 pay scale on 12 months.

The board also picked Eddie Lang as principal of Merkel Middle School for the 1983-84 year and changed his pay scale to level 12. Lang will also serve as head track coach at Merkel High at no

additional costs to the school but will have no other coaching duties.

In other action, board members spent about \$23,000 on the school's band. The board received a low bid of \$20,500 for 100 band uniforms and granted about \$3,000 for expenses in starting a stage band.

Board members also officially set the local election date as April 2. Filing will begin Feb. 2 as the term of board president Ken Hogan and Leroy Teaff will expire.

Neither has announced plans for re election publicly.

## Mo-Pac crews start work on Cherry street crossing here Tuesday

A Mo-Pac rail crew began reworking the three track crossing at Cherry Street here Tuesday under an agreement reached between the city and the railroad to take care of "rough crossings."

An agreement was reached between the two groups at a Jan. 10 City Council meeting attended by three representatives from the rail line.

The work on the Cherry Street crossing is coming from Mo-Pac's budget and the city chipped in a backhoe and a dump truck.

MoPac is installing a single line rail through all of the crossings (meaning there are no welded joints of rail in the crossing), is installing new planking and will work on the road's surface, as well as increase the crossing's drainage.

Also under the agreement, the railroad told council it would work to step up the schedule of

work on the Ash (FM 126) crossing. Funds for work for that crossing are derived from the State Highway Fund that has a total of about \$3.5 million aimed at surface work for 140 rail crossings in the state this year.

According to John Dodson of the State's Highway-Rail Funds office "the crossing at FM 126 is on the 1983 program and the state office is currently waiting on a crossing sketch so the railroad can be contacted for estimates on the job. Dodson said "We plan to replank and rework the entire crossing and hope to have it done before the Fall."

He said his office had notified Mo-Pac that the crossing is eligible for state resurfacing funds this year and had asked that a sketch showing the details of the work be forwarded to his office as soon as possible.

## Dudley settling in as commissioner

by Cloy A. Richards

Don Dudley spent most of his time following November's General Elections getting to know all he could about Joe McDuff's former job of commissioner, Precinct 2.

Dudley attended county commission meetings and spent time getting to know the employees of the county, as well as those in his precinct.

"A lot of people have complimented Jack Keenan and myself in the way we conducted the campaign back in November. There were no real issues in the race as far as I was concerned, but the people chose me, I appreciate the confidence they placed in me by electing me to do the job and I will strive to do the best job I can for the people of this precinct," Dudley told me last week.

He said he'd spent a lot of time driving around in the precinct, getting oriented with courthouse procedures but said it was really a help to know most of the people living in the precinct prior to his election as commissioner. He said he's recently ran into some people he'd lost contact with, but generally know most folks in the Precinct.

Dudley was a long time employee at Cal Tex and has served on Merkel City Council.

He will attend a seminar in Austin in February designed to help newly elected county commissioners get to know their job better, from legal

aspects and budgeting matters.

Dudley said "Mr. McDuff has left the Precinct in pretty good financial shape, our equipment is old but in good working order. Our roads are in pretty good shape, in general but there are some spots that will always need attention. We will hold off on all of the bridge work to see how much of the new gas tax money will trickle down to us and we will continue to patch and seal the problem areas in the roads."

Don told me last week he had no personnel changes that he would recommend within the precinct and added "The average person does not realize how big a business the county is. We have a budget of \$10 million, and that is extremely large."

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Although Dudley said he's inherited a county budget for this fiscal year he said he was going to prepare early for the next budget to keep the precinct's share of the budget while upgrading roads and equipment with the money.

As far as upcoming items facing the commissioners, he mentioned a rash of legal suits within the county, the supervision of the new jail construction and the budget work.

## Middle school teams win four of six weekend tournaments

The Merkel Middle School basketball teams all participated in tournament this past weekend and of the six teams playing, four took championships and one took a second place finish.

The Merkel 6th grade boys and girls won their divisions in the Moran tournament by downing Moran, Baird and Ranger.

The 7th grade boys continued their winning satreak as they won the Clyde Tournament. Merkel beat Anson 27-21 with 16 points from Ramon Moreno, and then blasted Clyde 49-11 as Moreno scored 17 and Britt Pursley added 15.

Pursley and Moreno were named to the all tournament team and Moreno was selected the most valuable player.

Monday night, the 7th graders raised their record to 7-0 as they whipped Hamlin 40-19. Ricky Doan and Moreno scored 12 and Pursley added 11.

The 7th grade girls downed Anson in the first game of the Clyde tournament 41-10 as Krista

Toombs had 10, Gina Stuckey 9 and Stacy Ferguson had 8. They then beat Clyde 31-21 to win the championship behind 8 from Elliott, 7 from Toombs and 6 from Stuckey. Kristi Elliott and Krista Toombs were named to the all tournament team and Elliott was named the most valuable player.

Monday, the girls beat Hamlin 30-27 as Toombs had 10, Stuckey has 7 and Sheila White scored 6.

The 8th grade boys didn't fare as well in their tournament as they defeated Baird 37-24 in the opener and then lost 30-27 to Cisco and 36-28 to Eula. They rebounded Monday to beat Hamlin 24-11. Douglas Taylor was named to the all tournament team.

The 8th grade girls won their opener 34-12 over Baird as Michelle Woodard poured in 15, then routed Anson 29-20 behind 18 from Woodard and then are stopped cold by Hawley 35-14. Woodard was named to the all tournament team. Monday night, they downed Hamlin.



DAVE HAMMOND  
CATTLE PEAK ENT.

### Trent stock show results

Results of the Trent 1983 Stock Show are as follows:

**RABBITS:** 1st John Thomas, 2nd Jeffrey King, 3rd Tina Cain, 4th Kate Woods, 5th Tina Cain, 6th Steven Shreiner, 7th Tina Cain, 8th Tina Cain and 9th John Thomas. Grand Champion Rabbit, John Thomas and Reserve Rabbit-Jeffrey King.  
**BROILERS:** 1st Doyle Brenem, 2nd Doyle Brenem, 3rd Jeffrey King and 4th-Doyle Brenem. Grand Champion Broiler Doyle Brenem and Reserve Broiler Doyle Brenem.  
**GOATS:** 1st Ted Woods, 2nd Ted Woods, 3rd Ted Woods and 4th Ted Woods. Grand Champion Goat Ted Woods and Reserve Goat Ted Woods.  
**HEIFERS:** 1st Billy Brazelton, 2nd Scott O'Kelly, 3rd Roger Brenem, & 4th Joey McGlothlin. Grand Champion Heifer Billy Brazelton and Reserve Heifer Scott O'Kelly.  
**SWINE:** 1st Kim Orr, 2nd Brian Massey, 3rd Jeffrey King and Breed Champion Chester Kim Orr and Reserve Chester Brian Massey.  
**CROSSES lt. wt.:** 1st Casey Johnson, 2nd Mike Hallford, 3rd Mike Hallford, 4th Jim Simpson, 5th Leigh McGlothlin, & 6th Leslie McGlothlin.

**LT WT:** 1st Mike Hallford, 2nd Billy Brazelton, 3rd Debra Williams, 4th Leslie McGlothlin, 5th Joey McGlothlin, & 6th Leigh McGlothlin.  
**MD WT:** 1st Hubert Braddock, 2nd David Baker, 3rd Casey Johnson, 4th Billy Williams, & 5th Pat Penton & 6th Joey McGlothlin.  
**HVY WT:** 1st Pat Penton, 2nd Mark Denham, 3rd Willy Brazelton, 4th Hubert Braddock, 5th Leigh McGlothlin and 6th Leslie McGlothlin. Breed Champion Cross Pat Penton and Reserve Cross Hubert Braddock.  
**DUROCS:** 1st Meloney Orr, 2nd Benjamin Beaver & 3rd Leslie McGlothlin. Breed Champion Duroc Meloney Orr and Reserve Duroc Benjamin Beaver.  
**HAMPS LT WT:** 1st Benjamin Beaver, 2nd Matt Jackson, 3rd Matt Jackson, 4th Jim Simpson, 5th Matt Jackson and 6th Willy Brazelton.  
**HAMPS MD WT:** 1st David Baker, 2nd Don Renfro, 3rd Mark Denham, 4th Matt Jackson, & 5th Lisa Slaton. Hamp Breed Champion Casey Johnson and Reserve David Baker.  
**HAMPS HVY WT:** 1st Casey Johnson, 2nd Leslie McGlothlin, 3rd Joey McGlothlin, 4th Leigh McGlothlin and 5th Joey McGlothlin. Breed Champion Brian Massey and Reserve Casey Johnson.  
**OBB's:** 1st Brian Massey, Casey Johnson, 3rd Pat Penton and 4th Doyle Brenem. Grandchampion Swine Casey Johnson and Reserve Champion Swine Kim Orr.  
**STEERS:** 1st Scott O'Kelly, 2nd Scott O'Kelly, and 3rd Scott O'Kelly. Grandchampion Steer Scott O'Kelly and Reserve Steer Scott O'Kelly. Showmanship Rabbits Jeffrey King, Broilers Doyle Brenem, Goats Ted Woods, Beef Scott O'Kelly-trophy and Billy Brazelton-belt buckle, Swine Casey Johnson-trophy, Kim Orr-belt buckle, David Baker-belt buckle.

### Sam Jones, longtime resident buried

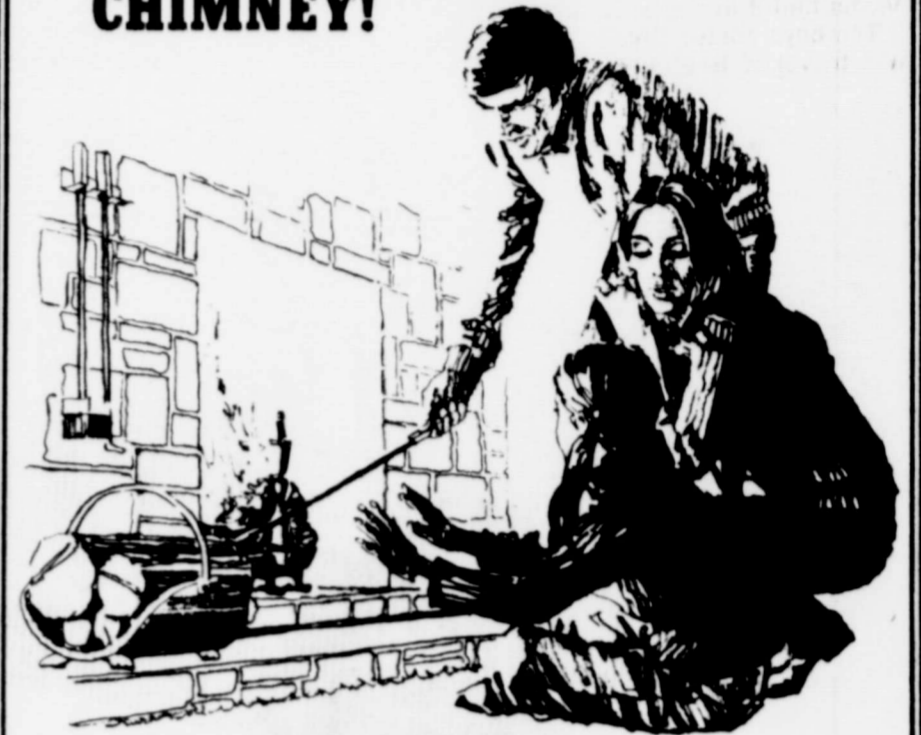
Selma Louis "Sam" Jones, 70, of Merkel, a retired employee of Wilson's food store, died after a long illness at 7:10 p.m. Wednesday at West Texas Medical Center. Services were at First Baptist Church and were directed by Star-buck Funeral Home. The Rev. Kenneth Jones of Caps Baptist Church, the Rev. Don Cauble, Abilene State School chaplain, and the Rev. David Bugg of First Baptist Church officiated. Burial was at Rose Hill Cemetery.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Dale Farmer of Tulsa, Okla.; a daughter, Jana Farmer Ybarra of Merkel; two sisters,

Grace Ingram of Merkel and Thelma Decker of Goree; and four grandchildren. Pallbearers were Pete Ybarra, Waymon Adcock, Derrell Far-

mer, Wade Shaw, Charles Byers and Richard Hernandez. Honorary pallbearers will be Joe Cypert, Ray Wilson, Earle Watts and Griff Barnett.

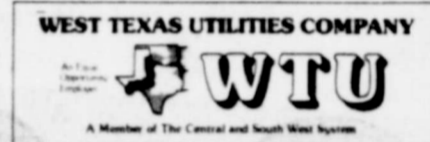
### YOU MAY BE LOSING ENERGY DOLLARS UP YOUR CHIMNEY!



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Remember REDDY Supplies the energy — but only YOU can use it wisely!

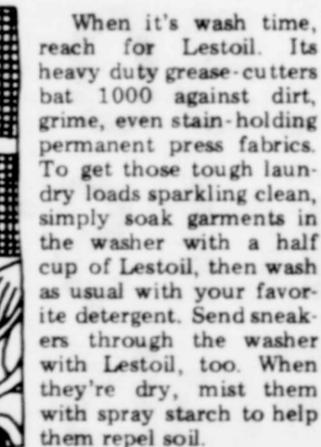
### HOUSEHOLD HINTS for women who hate to clean!

by Samantha of Lestoil Homemakers Service

Are you and your family exercising to stay fit? Here's how to make those workouts less work for you. Always invest in easy-care exercise clothes in machine washable and dryable, no-iron fabrics to help prevent "laundry elbow." Coach everyone to drop heavily-soiled sports clothes into a special laundry bag or hamper, away from regular washables.



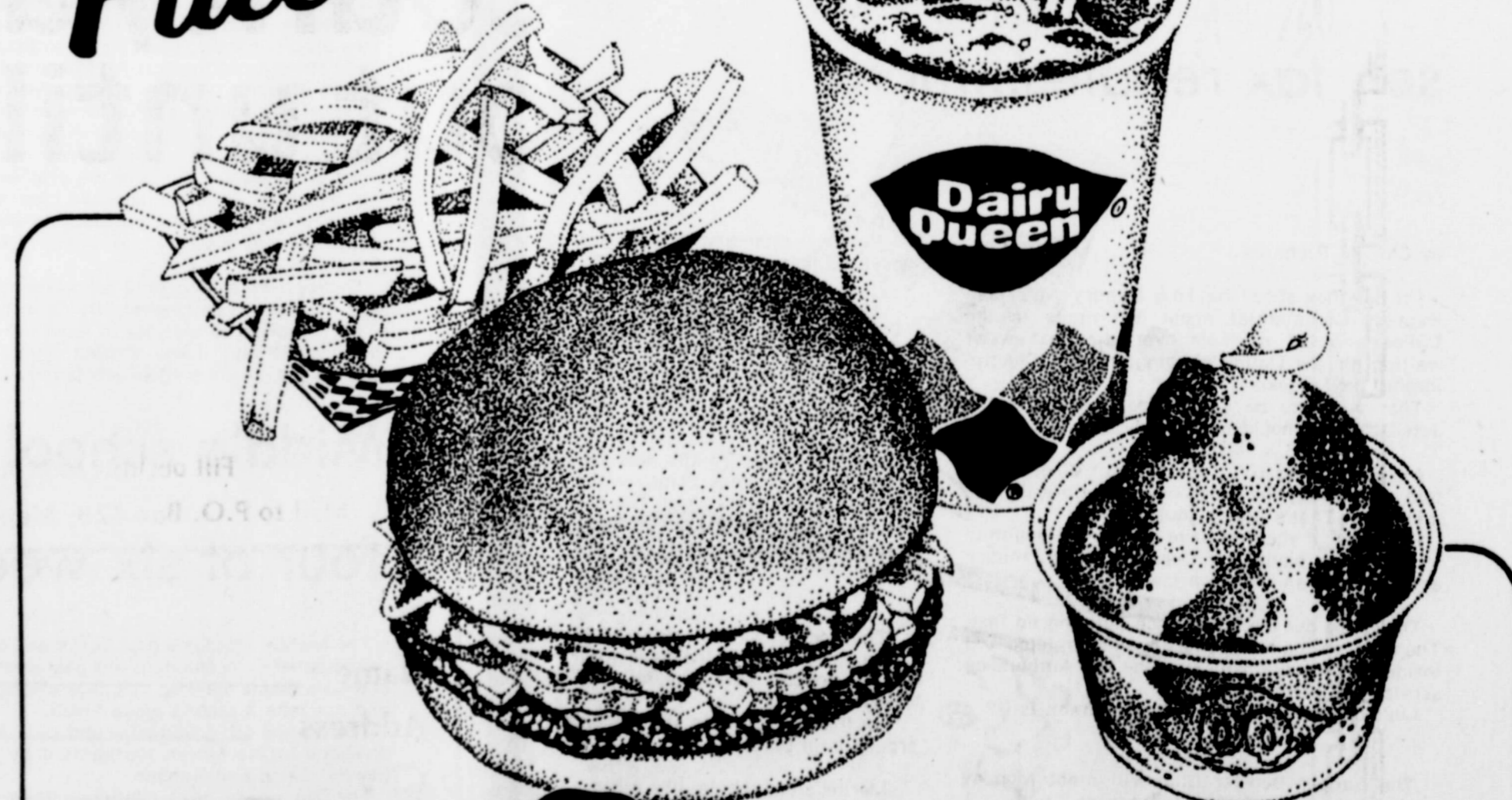
When it's wash time, reach for Lestoil. Its heavy duty grease-cutters bat 1000 against dirt, grime, even stain-holding permanent press fabrics. To get those tough laundry loads sparkling clean, simply soak garments in the washer with a half cup of Lestoil, then wash as usual with your favorite detergent. Send sneakers through the washer with Lestoil, too. When they're dry, mist them with spray starch to help them repel soil.



Has the bathroom become an after-sports spa? It's easier to clean when it's still steamy. Wipe down tub, shower, walls, sink and faucets with a damp sponge or cloth and ¼ cup Lestoil to a gallon of water. Use a mop to sparkle up the floor. The same Lestoil solution takes care of the kitchen floor (except asphalt tile) after the tough football team has tracked through. Bonus point for both cleaning jobs — no rinsing needed!



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### Boys 0-2 in district play

The Merkel boys varsity team saw their season record fall to 11-8 and their district record fall to 0-2 after two tilts last week.

The boys visited Wylie last Tuesday and were treated rudely by their hosts and were beaten by a comfortable margin, 65-49. Michael McCoy led the Badgers with 14, DeWayne Brown had 11 and Sammy Tumlinson had 8.

Coach Cliff Smith told the Mail Monday "We shot 33 per cent from the floor and got beaten on the board and you can't win like that."

On the road again in Electra, the boys took a nine point loss despite a season high 21 from McCoy. Tumlinson chipped in 12 and Derald Munis had 8 in the 61-52 loss.

The boys hosted Clyde here Tuesday night and will travel to Breckenridge Friday.

### FFA ready for weekend county stock show

The Merkel Future Farmers of America will be at the Taylor County Stock Show January 21-22. The judging starts with the pigs on January 21, at 8:00 a.m. The lamb show is the 21st, at 1:00 p.m. The steers show is January 22 at 9:00 a.m. and the heifers show right after the steers. We would like to remind you that the auction is the 22 at 1:00 p.m. and we would appreciate your bid on our animals. We hope we will see you at the Taylor County Stock Show Friday and Saturday the 21 and 22.

Our spotlights are our junior FFA members.

Clay Hammond son of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Hammond is 14 years old and in the 8th grade. Clay has been a junior member for a year in which he has been showing pigs as he is this year. He is active in other clubs such as Texas Teenage Baseball and 1st Baptist Youth. Clay also enjoys

playing football. He plans to be in FFA in high school but is undecided about an occupation at this time.

After high school he hopes to become a scientist or stock broker.

Christi Wade daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Terry Wade of Route 1 is 11 years old and in the 6th grade. This is Christi's first year as a junior member and she is showing steers and horses. She is active in Tye Baptist Church and Pep Squad and enjoys playing basketball. Christi plans to be in FFA in high school and after high school she hopes to become an artist.

David Ray son of Kenneth and Dorothy Ray of Route 3 is 13 years old and in the 8th grade. David has been a junior member for two years which in these years he has showed crossbreeds. This year he is showing durocs. He is active in football and church. David plans to be in FFA in high school.

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## Group says cotton usage increasing

J. Nicholas Hahn, the new president and chief executive officer of Cotton Incorporated, has some food for thought for today's hard-pressed cotton producers.

When asked what he would say to cotton producers who recognize the "good work" that Cotton Incorporated is doing and yet are having economic difficulties because of agriculture's problems, he responded:

"If... a producer plans to stay in cotton for the long haul, then his support of Cotton Incorporated is as important to him and his future as the tractor he operates, or the seed and fertilizer he buys."

In a recent interview with the Cotton Board, which administers the producer-funded research and promotion program conducted by Cotton Incorporated, Hahn said the voluntary per-bale assessment paid by cotton growers helps promote cotton with the American consumers.

In developing consumer preference for cotton over synthetics, Hahn said: "In our advertising we continually hammer away at the positive features of cotton... cotton is cooler in the summer, and warmer in the winter... as compared to synthetics."

Pointing to recent gains at the expense of synthetics, Hahn identified increases in market share in apparel products now featuring higher cotton content.

Showing increases since the mid-1970's is men's slacks-trousers, doubling from 10 to 20 percent; men's dress shirts, rising from 24 to 34 percent; and women's apparel, now 25 percent versus 16 percent.

Cotton Incorporated is also working to improve

cotton's desirability with consumers through better cotton products.

"Our job at Cotton Incorporated is to do research... utilize the results of total research efforts and promote the sale of improved products throughout the world."

### School menu

The school menu for Thursday the 20th will be Bar B Que Links, fried okra, potato salad, rolls and orange wedges. The 21st will be Hamburgers with french fries and peanut butter cookies.

Mon. the 24th will be fiestada with corn and

tortilla shells and pear slices. Tuesday will be Salisbury steak with gravy and potatoes, green beans, rolls and apple cheese crisp. Wednesday the 26th will be spaghetti with lima beans and garlic bread with chocolate fudge cake for dessert.

### Hardy's announce birth of son

Karlen Ronnie Hardy would like to announce the birth of their son, Jordan.

Jordan Gamble Hardy, born Dec. 6 and weighed 3 lbs. 9 and one half ounces and was 17 and a half inches long. Jordan has two brothers, Joshua and Scott and a

### 81 Study Club

The 81 Study Club met Monday, Jan 10 in the home of Goldie Malone. The program was on fire prevention and safety and was given by Waymond Adcock. His demonstration included frayed ironing cord, skillet grease fire and gas safety. He showed us how to prevent a common grease fire from becoming a tragedy by using common sense. There were 11 members present. The next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. Clayton Dillard, Jan 24.

### Moore in Germany

Spec. 4 Richard M. Moore, son of Curtis L. Moore of 431 High Hopes St., Trent, has arrived for duty in Friedberg, West Germany.

Moore, an armor crewman with the 3rd Armored Division, was previously assigned Fort Hood, Texas.

He is a 1981 graduate of Wells-Easton High School, Minn.

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In the state of Texas at the close of business on December 31, 1982 published in response to call made by Comptroller of the Currency, under title 12, United States Code, Section 161.

Charter number 7481 National Bank Region Number 11

Statement of Resources and Liabilities

Thousands of dollars

| ASSETS   |        |               |
|--|--------|---------------|
| Cash and due from depository institutions  |        | 9,381         |
| U.S. Treasury securities   |        | 2,569         |
| Obligations of other U.S. Government agencies and corporations   |        | 830           |
| Obligations of States and political subdivisions in the United States  |        | 358           |
| All other securities   |        | 22            |
| Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell   |        | -0-           |
| Loans, Total (excluding unearned income)   | 8,743  |               |
| Less: Allowance for possible loan losses   | 102    |               |
| Loans, Net   |        | 8,641         |
| Lease financing receivables  |        | -0-           |
| Bank premises, furniture and fixtures, and other assets representing bank premises                                 |        | 150           |
| Real estate owned other than bank premises   |        | 9             |
| All other assets   |        | 626           |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>  |        | <b>22,586</b> |
| LIABILITIES  |        |               |
| Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations   |        | 6,462         |
| Time and savings deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations   |        | 11,192        |
| Deposits of United States Government   |        | -0-           |
| Deposits of States and political subdivisions in the United States   |        | 2,551         |
| All other deposits   |        | -0-           |
| Certified and officers' checks   |        | 97            |
| Total Deposits   |        | 20,302        |
| Total demand deposits  | 6,776  |               |
| Total time and savings deposits  | 13,526 |               |
| Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase   |        | -0-           |
| Interest-bearing demand notes (note balances) issued to the U.S. Treasury and other liabilities for borrowed money |        | 59            |
| Mortgage indebtedness and liability for capitalized leases   |        | -0-           |
| All other liabilities  |        | 512           |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES (excluding subordinated notes and debentures)</b>   |        | <b>20,873</b> |
| Subordinated notes and debentures  |        | -0-           |

| MEMORANDA EQUITY CAPITAL   |                        |                         |
|--|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Preferred stock  | No. shares outstanding | -0- (par value) -0-     |
| Common stock   | No. shares authorized  | 150,000                 |
|  | No. shares outstanding | 150,000 (par value) 375 |
| Surplus  |                        | 375                     |
| Undivided profits and reserve for contingencies and other capital reserves |                        | 963                     |
| <b>TOTAL EQUITY CAPITAL</b>  |                        | <b>1,713</b>            |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY CAPITAL</b>                                |                        | <b>22,586</b>           |

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| Amounts outstanding as of report date:                                    |        |
| Standby letters of credit, total  | -0-    |
| Time certificates of deposit in denominations of \$100,000 or more        | 3,066  |
| Other time deposits in amounts of \$100,000 or more                       | -0-    |
| Average for 30 calendar days (or calendar month) ending with report date: |        |
| Total deposits  | 20,365 |

We, the undersigned directors attest the correctness of this statement of resources and liabilities. We declare that it has been examined by us, and to the best of our knowledge and belief is true and correct.

*Don W. Hensley*  
*[Signature]*  
*[Signature]*

Directors

Betty Jane Tittle  
Vice-President-Cashier

of the above-named bank do hereby declare that this Report of Condition is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

*Betty Jane Tittle*  
Signature  
January 11, 1983  
Date



Traffic was blocked off most of Tuesday as Mo-Pac crossing crew reworked the crossing. [Staff photo]

### Low income homes eligible for help on utility bills

Some low-income Texas households may be eligible for help in paying their heating bills, according to the head of the Texas Department of Human Resources.

Human Resources Commissioner Marlin W. Johnston said the assistance with paying utility bills is available to low-income households who in January 1983 received food stamps, Aid to Families with Dependent Children, Supplemental Security Income, or needs-tested Veterans Administration benefits in January.

Potentially eligible veterans are those who receive payments under 415, 521, 541, or 542 of Title 38 of the U.S. Code or under Section 306 of the Veterans and Survivors Pension Improvement Act of 1978.

Eligibility is limited by gross income. For instance, aid is available for a one-person household having less than \$334.49 gross income per month. The gross income limit is \$546.49 for a two-person household, \$749.49 for a three-person household, \$926.49 for four persons, \$1,092.49 for five, and \$1,277.49 for six.

Eligible households must be subject to energy cost increases—because of higher bills or rent due to rising utility costs. Households are eligible if they live in privately owned or rented housing even if the cost of utilities is included in the rent payment or if the household pays only a portion of its home energy costs.

Johnston said application forms are mailed automatically to households which receive food stamps, AFDC, and SSI. Households receiving needs-tested Veterans benefits must request an application from DHR in January.

If you have not received an application and think your household may be eligible, contact a local office of the Texas Department of Human Resources, Johnston said.

### Fortnightly group holds meeting

The Fortnightly Study Club met on Tuesday, Jan. 11, in the home of Becky Rogers, with Bess Dixon as Co-hostess.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Alwyne Sandusky, who presided for a brief business meeting. Twenty-two members answered roll call.

Federation Counselor, Ruby Hammond, gave a very interesting report. She noted that crimes of all types are on the increase, even in small towns like ours, and encouraged everyone to get involved in doing what we can to prevent crimes and to report any that we might see. One of the most common offences that she mentioned is shoplifting, which costs us all in the long run.

Program Chairman, Alice King, introduced the program "Words and Music Make a Perfect Combination". Musical selections from Bach and Schumann were played on the piano by Elaine Davidson, a junior music major from HSU.

A very interesting book review was given by Bess Dixon. She reviewed "The Nekkid Cowboy", the first novel written by Katie Breeze, now of Abilene. The book, mostly comic, is narrated as seen through the eyes of a strong willed woman of 87 years of age who lived through the changes from the spirit of the frontier to a time of conflicting ambitions.

Delicious refreshments were served to: Mrs. C.M. Brown, Miss Avis Deavers, Mrs. S.C. Dixon, Mrs. Mack Fisher, Mrs. Dent Gibson, Miss Mildred Hamm, Mrs. J.W. Hammond, Mrs. Comer Haynes, Mrs. Orvel Hill, Mrs. Buster Horton, Mrs. Carl Hughes, Mrs. Allen D. King, Mrs. C.B. Knight, Mrs. Curtis Rister, Mrs. Perry Rogers, Mrs. Ed Sandusky, Mrs. C.M. Seymore, Mrs. Andy Shouse, Mrs. Aaron Sudderth, Mrs. Alf Walla, Miss Maurine White, and Mrs. Ray Wilson.



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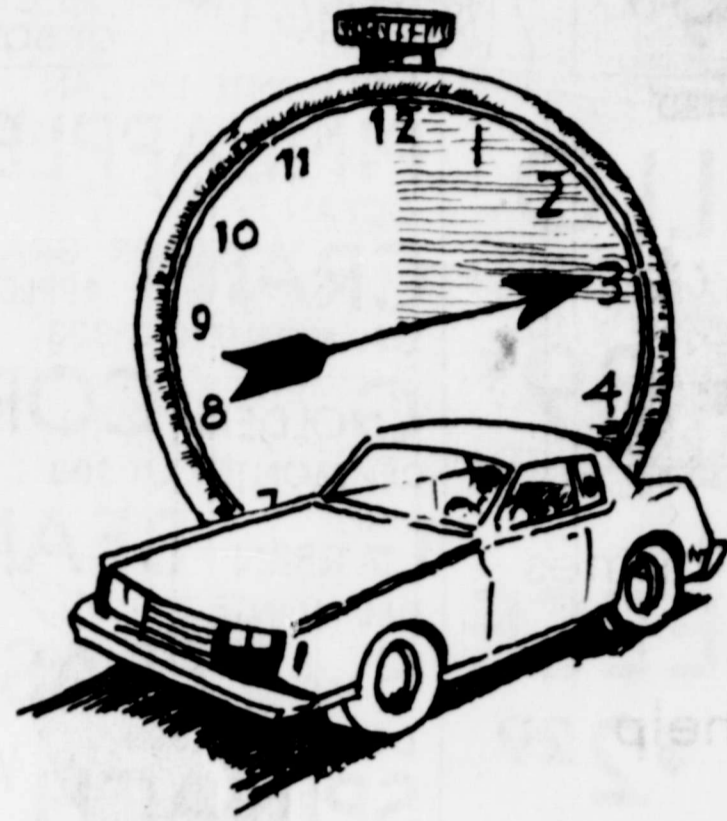
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