

The Merkel Mail

Thursday, February 17, 1983...Merkel, Texas

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Board buys land, accepts Merritt's resignation as principal

The MISD board of trustees approved a new teacher contract and paid bills of more than \$100,000 during their regular session held at the High School Library Tuesday night.

The board also adopted a new school calendar and added a day to this year's calendar during the session.

After paying the bills this month, MISD has now spent 55 per cent of its annual budget. Bills were paid Tuesday night including \$40,180.00 in general operating funds, \$62,167.01 in transportation that includes payments on a new bus, \$8,002.55 in lunchroom, \$3,506.69 in athletics and \$3,531 in interest and sinking payments for a total of \$113,858.84. The board also heard that about 77 per cent of the current school taxes have been collected and the remaining 22 per cent is now past due.

In other action, board members approved a new teacher contract form that has been approved by the Texas Association of School Boards. Everett said the new contract will protect the board from almost all imaginable problems concerning employer-employee relations.

Board members also added a day to the current school year to make up for a day missed due to snow. Classes will be held Friday, May 27 and a teacher work days that had been planned for the 27th has been moved to the 28th. The board also adopted a new calendar for next school year that will include a few major changes. School will start next year Aug. 17 and the first semester will be over before Christmas break on Dec. 21. School will start again Jan. 3 and school will be out May 17. School superintendent Bill Everett told board members the reasons behind the change were to allow the first semester to end before the break and even though school will be starting one week earlier, we will be getting out almost two weeks earlier in the summer. He said this gives the teachers a little time off that are planning to attend summer school.

The board also further revised the Adult Education Graduation policy that now says a student who drops out of school cannot receive his GED diploma until after his or her original class at Merkel High has been graduated. Everett told board members that it was not fair to students that go through the regular program to have classmates drop out of school and graduate through GED before they could have completed work at MISD. He said "We are not trying to keep a kid from finishing their education and we are

not preventing their education, we are just delaying their graduation until their classmates have been graduated."

In other action, the board heard a letter from local resident Walter Harris complimenting the Merkel FFA department and the student body as well. The board also heard that MISD baseball workouts would be starting daily at 4:15 to allow athletes a chance to participate in either track, tennis or golf. The board also voted in support of the abolishment of the ad-valorem method of taxation in favor of a new penny tax on purchases for school finance and will send a telegram to Austin in support of such legislation.

Board member Leroy Teaff has already filed for reelection to his seat and Kenny Hogan, also up for reelection had not filed as of Tuesday. Filing will end March 2 for the April 2 election.

Following an executive session, the board announced it had purchased 40 acres of land for a future school site. The land was owned by Edwin Read and it is located NW of the Badger field behind the mobil homes near the football field. MISD superintendent Bill Everett told the Mail "We know we will be building a school in the future and we thought we'd best buy that land because it was available and in the spot we need."

Also, board members approved an overnight trip for the Merkel High Band April 29-30. The band will give three concerts at High school along the way and will participate at a band concert at Sandy Lake. The trip is being funded by the Band Boosters and required board permission because of the overnight stay.

Also, the board accepted the resignation of Merkel High principal Al Merritt and extended the contracts of David Casey and Harry Taylor for a year at their current posts.



Shown are the local winners in the soil conservation essay contest. [left to right] April Duncan, 1st 7th grade and second in district, Michelle Goodson 2nd 7th grade, Kim Graham 3rd 7th grade and Kim Watson 4th 7th grade, Terry Flores, 1st 8th grade, Jessie Ragsdale 2nd

8th grade, Chris Cutler 1st 10th grade and 1st in district and Stephanie Boyd 1st in 9th grade and 2nd in District. April, Chris and Stephanie will attend Tuesday's Middle Clear Fork Soil and Water Conservation Banquet where they will be recognized for their achievements. [Staff photo]

Clean up meeting in works

Merkel City Council officially called for an election of two council positions on April 2. Council members Derrell Farmer and Larry Beasley will be up for reelection. Neither had filed for election as of Monday morning and the filing deadline is March 2.

Council discussed a community improvement meeting to discuss plans for clean up campaigns. City manager J. A. Sadler told council he had spoken to the Fortnightly Study Club recently and the group had indicated they would like to help coordinate a city clean up campaign. Sadler said he explained some of the upcoming HUD programs to the group that had money allocated for demolition and clean up.

Sadler told council he has since thrown the idea around town and has asked for the city consultants to get involved. Sadler also sought, and received permission to attend a two day seminar in Arlington concerning the details of Urban Development Action Grants (UDAG) available under the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Sadler said those federally funded grants are available to the industrial and commercial organizations in a city and are designed to either create new jobs or preserve existing jobs.

Sadler said he hoped to have the meeting planned within the next 40 days. He said he also would like to see a clean up campaign targeted at an area, so visible signs of success are evident.

Council also heard a report on the progress of the search for a computer as well as a police report.

Merkel Police Chief Ray Pack told council patrolman John Davis had tendered his resignation to accept a position as a deputy sheriff in Midland. During the police report, Pack said his department worked 67 criminal cases in January. They included five cases of criminal damage and destruction, four thefts, five burglaries, one arson, two driving while intoxicated, three window peepings, five assaults, five disorderly conducts, five accidents, issued 21 traffic citations, six cases of misdemeanor arrest and five felony arrests.

Band boosters set talent show

The Merkel School Band Boosters have scheduled a talent show March 17 at 7 p.m.

The show is designed to be community wide and persons interested in performing are asked to contact Kathy Leverich at 928-4381, George Starbuck at 928-4711 or Ollie Coker at 928-5494.

The Purple Pride band is going to take a concert tour and contest trip to Sandy Lake in the Spring. The proceeds from the talent show will

help pay expenses for the trip. This event promises to be the best community effort for the Spring. The band will perform the grand finale at the show.

The master of ceremonies for the evening will be Ray Pack and he will be assisted by The Halfbreed.

The band has had an outstanding year and the Booster Club wants to show our appreciation for their hard work by encouraging everyone to participate in and support this effort.

Cleaning up, Winds of

Waste, congrats, Gramm...more

by Cloy A. Richards

A Community Improvement meeting. Sounds great, let's have a go at it. The idea came up at a Fortnightly Study Club meeting at which city manager J. A. Sadler was the guest speaker. The ladies in that group are excited about it.

Oh J. A. must have seen something in it because he asked the city permission to attend a two day seminar learning about federal grants designed to clean up ruined areas and stimulate local economy.

We could use a lot of both here. J. A. has a pretty good idea in that we should target an area to concentrate on, he used North Street for example.

When we get to the HUD Community Development portion that concerns the start of zoning and minimum standards for housing and businesses and fire codes, things will change around here.

There is several thousands of dollars, about \$20,000 that can be used for demolition and

clearance of buildings that will not meet the standards. That would be a start at getting rid of some of the insalvagable buildings in town.

There is a lot people can do with rakes, shovels, paint brushes and landscaping and a meeting about it is the best way to start.

How disappointed were you with the Winds of War? I watched it from grusome start to disappointing end and I can't think of enough indifferent things to say about it.

Congratulations are in order for April Duncan, Stephanie Boyd and Chris Cutler for their placing in the district Middle Clear Fork Soil and Water Conservation Essay Contests.

Oh Phil Gramm had little trouble in getting back his house seat in Central Texas by resigning as a democrat and running as a republican. The Republicans are calling it their first victory in 1984 but if they have to outspend all of their opponents in the percentages that Gramm did, they will need wheelbarrows full of gold.

Tax rebates running about the same

Merkel's 1983 tax rebates of the city share of the state five per cent sales tax has been running almost exactly with the pace of 1982 payments according to a news release from the state comptroller's office.

In fact, so far this year, Merkel has received \$10,855.35 compared to last year's to date total of \$10,856.97 a difference of \$1.62.

Merkel's payment for the January reporting period is \$9,426.96.

Tye's rebates are running well ahead of the same period last year as so far they have received \$8,110.54, for a 34 per cent increase this year.

Trent received \$936.00 for the year and is running 367 per cent ahead of their pace last year.

The state returned \$114.3 million to 974 Texas cities for their one per cent share of the state five per cent sales tax. Houston received the largest check, \$21.8 million.

The state sales tax is collected by merchants and rebated monthly to the cities in which they are collected by the state comptroller's office.



Tarra Flowers has been named chapter sweetheart of Lambda Beta.



The Merkel Mail



The Consumer Alert

by Jim Mattox
Attorney General

AUSTIN—The chance to buy merchandise at low discount prices has a lot of appeal for consumers these days because of currently rising prices on many consumer goods.

In the face of such price increases, some consumers have considered joining "buyers clubs" that offer savings on a number of items.

Many of these clubs are able to offer such savings because they can buy in bulk, or because they offer a more limited selection than regular department or specialty stores. In addition, those buyers clubs that operate by mail, with members ordering from catalogs, have no overhead or employee salaries to offset.

But Texans who are solicited to join buyers clubs that may make offers of savings on various kinds of purchases should exercise some caution before committing themselves, say our Consumer Protection attorneys.

Buyers club solicitations often are made by telephone, through the mail, or even in person-to-person or on-the-street contact. They may be followed up by a personal visit from a salesman who occasionally may employ high-pressure tactics.

Salesmen or promotional material for such clubs may paint rosy pictures of the merchandise available and may also indicate unrealistic amounts of the savings consumers can realize if they join and buy through these clubs.

Our Consumer Protection Division points out, however, that what may not be emphasized by the salesman or in the promotional material is that a consumer must pay what usually amounts to a

substantial membership fee to get the right to purchase through the club.

After paying such a fee, the consumer may find out that the benefits, products, and savings are not as great as they had been represented to be.

Consumers may find that some clubs occasionally substitute products for those. Some clubs may also have an insufficient quantity of the products on hand to fill orders, or may require a minimum order.

It may be difficult to get prompt delivery on certain items offered by a buyers club

Hill Cemetery.
Born July 30, 1911 in the Blair community south of Merkel, he had lived in the Merkel area most of his life and had attended Merkel schools. He married Asha McLeod March 4, 1933 in Abilene. He had lived in Abilene since 1977. He was a member of the First Baptist Church here.

He is survived by his wife; three sons, Larry of Clover, S. C. Billy of Austin and James of Houston; a brother M. E. of Abilene; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Will Butman

William Ford Butman, 94 of Merkel, died at 6 p.m. Feb. 3 at the Sterling City Nursing Home following a lengthy illness.

Services were held

at 3 p.m. Feb. 6th at Merkel's First United Methodist Church with the Rev. S. Ronnie Newton and Joe Allen officiating. Burial followed in the Rose Hill Cemetery here under the direction of the Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born Feb. 15, 1888 in Merkel, he had lived in the Mulberry Canyon area most of his life and had attended Butman schools as well as McMurry College and North Texas State College. He was a member of the Nolan Methodist Church, the Masonic Lodge, Woodmen of the World and the Sheep and Goat Raisers Association.

He had married Lita Jones April 15, 1917 in Nolan County. She had died Jan. 17 this year.

He is survived by three daughters Louise Baird of Bryan,

Margaret Newby Peterson of Elgin and Jerry Wilson of Sterling City; one brother Ben Butman of Abilene; two sisters Lottie Everett and Mary Russom of Merkel; four grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren and three greatgreat grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two sons, Banning and Jack.

Pallbearers included Steve Butman, Donnie Russom, Frank Brnovak, Kenneth Ray Joseph Swinney and Tommy Swinney.



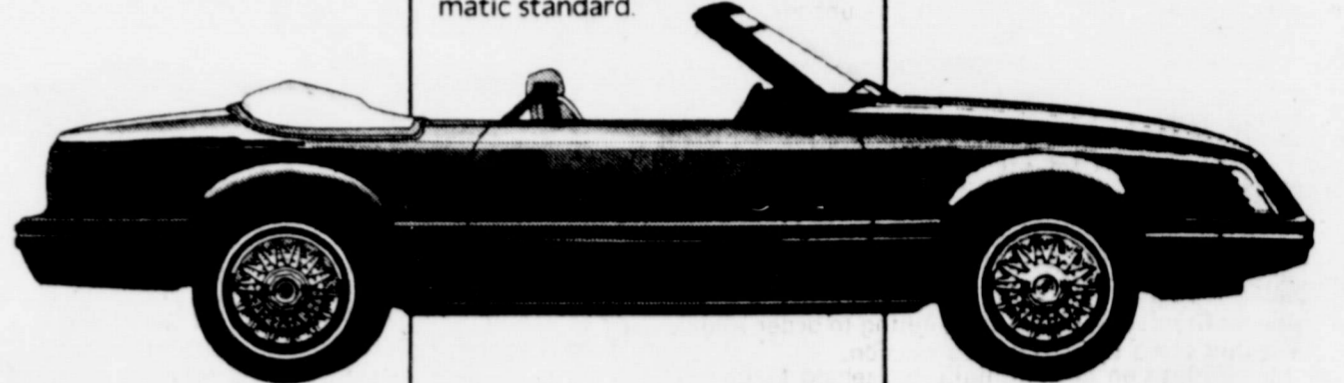
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Tye Bluebonnets set meeting

The Tye Bluebonnets Extension Homemakers are sponsoring a program on Tornado Awareness which will be given by Dave Harmon of the National Weather Bureau.

The meeting is set Feb. 21 at the Tye Community Center at 7 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

If you need further information, call 692-0030 or 692-5385.

Xi Nu Chi holds meeting

Xi Nu Chi chapter of Beta Sigma Phi held their monthly meeting in the home of Marilyn Tittle. All members were present.

Kathy Dacy received her transferee rituals, and Marianne Taylor received her pledge rituals. Guest speakers were Shirley Glandon and Sharon Hasnack from the Rape Crisis Center and Ray Pack, Merkel Police Chief.

The cultural programs were Rape Prevention and Awareness, given by Rape Crisis Volunteers and Legal rights of the rape victim given by Ray Pack. All guests and members held a joint discussion on the precautions to take for the prevention of rape.

Art group

The Merkel Art Association met Monday evening at Taylor Telephone. Barbara Kemp of Abilene gave a portrait demonstration. During the demonstration, Barbara gave pointers and answered

questions on how to paint eyes, hair, teeth, etc. for realism.

A short business meeting followed. Guests present were Margie West and De Ann Dollinger of Abilene. Members present included Lorene Lee, Pat Byrd, Marie Beard, Ethel Pee, Evelyn Stribling, Bettye Toombs, Ruth Buster, Gaye Featherston, Mary Stanley, Ruth Cox, Imogene Coleman and Ruth Hogan.

Louis Mayfield

Louis Kenneth Mayfield, 71, of 4052 S. 7th in Abilene, a retired butcher, died after a long illness at 6:45 p.m. Sunday at Hendrick Medical Center. Services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Starbuck Funeral Home here.

The Rev. Kenneth Jones of Caps Baptist Church officiated. Burial followed at Rose here. She moved to Lynn County in 1915 where her husband farmed. They made their home at Rt. 1 Slaton. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Slaton and was a Gold Star Mother.

She is survived by two sons; F. B. Riney and James Riney of Slaton, a daughter Imogene Taylor of Midland; three sisters, Mrs. C. L. Bridges of Breckenridge, Mrs. Rose Barnes of Merkel and Mrs. A. W. Smith of Cisco; 14 grandchildren, 36 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Zenith Riney

Zenith Belle Riney, 96, of Slaton, died Feb. 7 at the Slaton Rest Home. She was born Feb. 4th, 1888 in Merkel and had married J. J. Riney, Jan. 20, 1908



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55-hp 2350	1,150
50-hp 2255	1,075
45-hp 2150 MFWD	1,450
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130-hp 4440	1,700	1,200	2,900
110-hp 4240	1,500	1,000	2,600
90-hp 4040	600	1,000	1,600
80-hp 2940	1,400	700	2,100
70-hp 2640	900	600	1,500
60-hp 2440	400	500	900
50-hp 2240	100	450	550
40-hp 2040	100	400	500
370-hp 8850	\$8,200	NA	NA
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Jones-Vanstory will wed in Lubbock

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Vanstory of Lubbock have announced the engagement of their daughter, Patti, to Thomas Jones, son of Rev. & Mrs. Kenneth Jones of Abilene.

Miss Vanstory, a graduate of Coronado High in Lubbock, received a B. S. Ed degree from Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene where she served as University Queen during the 1982 school year. She is

presently employed by the Ector County Independent School District.

Mr. Jones is a graduate of Merkel High and attends Hardin-Simmons University. He is a former **Merkel Mail** employee. He serves as director of music and youth activities for Lawn Baptist Church.

The couple will be married May 28 at Highland Baptist Church in Lubbock.



Tommy Jones & Patti Vanstory

MISD lunch menu

The following is the MISD school menu.

Thursday, Feb. 17, Turkey pot pie with mixed vegetables, lettuce and tomatoes, choice of dressing, angel biscuits and plum cobbler.

Friday, Feb. 18 Vegetable soup and grilled cheese sandwiches, sliced bread and apple delight.

Monday, Feb. 21 Bar-b-que links, potato salad and pinto beans, corn bread squares and pink applesauce.

Tuesday, Feb. 22 Salisbury steaks with brown gravy, whipped potatoes, black eyed peas, hot rolls and peaches with topping.

Wednesday, Feb. 23 Spaghetti with cheese and ground beef, corn and garden salad and choice of dressing, garlic buttered bread and fruit salad.

Fortnightly group meets

The Fortnightly Study Club held its regular meeting Feb. 8th in the home of Mary Collins. Aileen Knight was co-hostess. Club president Alwyne Sandusky called the meeting to order and presided for a brief business session.

Many ideas on how to make household tasks easier were given. Federation counselor Rudy Hammond gave a brief report on other clubs in the federation. Program chairman Alice King announced the subject of the program as "Let's stretch the dollar". The program was presented by Linnie Fisher and Clara B. Walla.

Mrs. Fisher gave many helpful hints on ways to conserve energy by insulating. She also displayed pictures of earth homes, built beside a mound or mountain side for protection from cold winds. She

also presented ideas on how to save gasoline by driving slowly and planning the different stops before leaving home.

Mrs. Walla discusses ideas on shopping for food. The twenty five members present were Mrs. C. M. Brown, Miss Mary Collins, Mrs. Avis Deavers, Mrs. S. C. Dixon, Mrs. Bill Everett, Mrs. Mack Fisher, Mrs. Dent Gibson, Mrs. 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. Alf Walla, Miss Maurine White, Mrs. Ray Wilson, Mrs. Lynward Harrison, and Mrs. Russell McAnally.

FFA spotlights jr. members

The Merkel Chapter of the Future Farmers of America is still going strong through this stock show season. As you know, we returned from the Fort Worth Stock Show last week in which we are proud to say we did very well. Some members are at the San Antonio Stock Show this week hoping to top our winning season going. We wish them lots of luck.

Chris Cutler and Stephanie Boyd of our FFA chapter recently received 1st place ribbons in the Middle Clear Fork Soil Conservation Essay contest at the local level.

Our spotlights this week are junior members: Amber Whisenhunt, daughter of Bill and Kathryn Whisenhunt of Rt. 1. She is 11 years old and in the 6th grade. Amber has been a junior member for three years in which she has shown hamps, crosses and durocs. This year she is Justin Harris, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Harris of Rt. 3 has been a junior member for two years and he has helped his brother, Eddy feed and show pigs. He is active in church and likes all sports and plans to be in ag in high school.

showing hamps and durocs at all major shows. She is active in girls basketball, softball and in the Methodist Church. Amber plans to be in ag in high school but has not made plans for her future.

Criswell Whisenhunt, son of Bill and Kathryn Whisenhunt is eight years old and helps his sister raise pigs. He is active in Little League and the Methodist Church. He is a junior member.

Melissa Harris, daughter of Robert and Connie Harris of Merkel is 12 and in the 7th grade. She has been a junior member for three years in which she has shown barrows in the major shows. Melissa is active in church and band and later plans to be a vet's assistant.

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Girl Scouts sales

Girl Scouts officially begin their annual cookie sale at 4 p.m. Friday. This is the 31st annual cookie sale for the West Texas Council. Throughout West Texas Council, which includes 16 counties, cookies will be sold by Brownies, Juniors, Cadettes and Senior Girl Scouts.

Seven varieties of cookies are available this year. They are Caramel delights, peanut butter patties, peanut butter sandwich, shortbread, thin mints, assorted sandwich cremes and nutty chocolate chip. The cookies are \$2 per box.

The West Texas Girl Scout Council will use their portion of the cookie sale money to maintain camping facilities at Camp Boothe Oaks. Girls from the West Texas Council will be able to attend Girl Scout Wider Opportunities, both national and international, financed in part by cookie sale proceeds. Individual troops will also receive funds for special projects and activities. The West Texas Girl Scout Council is a participating agency of the United Way.

Merkel-Trent may lose Greyhound

Merkel and Trent are two of 58 Texas cities that will no longer have Greyhound Bus Service, if the Texas Railroad Commission goes along with a Greyhound Company plan.

Greyhound files with the commission last week in Austin to terminate service to low volume cities that are within 25 miles of a terminal.

The Railroad commission doesn't have the authority to name the cities that can have bus service preserved, but the company must prove that each stop is costing more than revenue produced. The Commission expects to act on the request in the next 90 days.

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Houses for Rent: Call: 928-5635. Reasonable rates. 50-2TP

FOR RENT: nice 2 bedroom house, call 928-5635. 45-TFC

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Garage Sale: Misc. items 802 El Paso Thurs., Fri., Sat. 50-1TC

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Card of Thanks

A TRIBUTE TO WILL BUTMAN

§ Born Feb 15th, 1888 in his grandfather's home in Merkel, he was the oldest of 10 children of a pioneer Taylor County Ranch family. Mr. and Mrs. Sam Butman Sr. he had lived most of his life in the Mulberry Canyon area south of Merkel. He worked on the ranch tending sheep and cattle. He had no pick up with modern equipment but daily would hitch up old Beck and Gray to a

and deliver a supply of feed to each pasture. Occasionally it was necessary to go horseback and it was on one of these days that Will had the worst accident of his life. His horse was one that could not be trusted and this particular day 12 miles from home, the horse pitched him into a creek bed, in a serious condition. Luckily enough, he was able to attract some dogs who in turn brought a fellow ranchman to his aid. Will was a great lover of bull snakes. The larger the better. He would call them by name. He would pick them up, wrap them around his body or put them in his hat and then gently let them go their merry way. Will loved his neighbors and friends. At the community meetings he would always say "I know that Mulberry Canyon has the prettiest ladies in the world." He walked like he was in a hurry. Lot's of times he would jump the yard fence instead of taking time to open the gate. He could be a Santa Claus or a champ at 42. Someone once said "I don't think Will Butman even knows a curse word." He was a good man.

The Will Butman Family

§ Thanks to all of our friends and neighbors for the flowers, cards, and food during the illness and death of our husband, and father, Mearl Barnhart. We shall always remember these expressions of love and support. May God bless each and every one of you. The Family of Mearl. L. Barnhart

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Notice

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO INCORPORATE Notice is hereby given that WESTERN BUDGET RENTAL COMPANY, whose principal business office is located at 1357 Butternut, Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, intends, on or before the 28th day of February, 1983, to become incorporated without a change of firm name. Dated: January 17, 1983. George Humphrey Bob Edwards

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: John Jerry Penns, Isabel A. Esparza, if living, and if not living, The Unknown Heirs of Isabel A. Esparza Defendant. Greeting: YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County at the Court House 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 14th day of March A.D. 1983, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 27th day of January A.D. 1983, in this cause, numbered 37,952-A, on the docket of said court and styled Alex W. Penns and Erma Marie Penns, Plaintiff, vs. John Jerry Penns and Isabel A. Esparza and The Unknown Heirs of Isabel A. Esparza, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: defendants be cited in terms of law to appear and answer herein; that upon final hearing hereof, Plaintiffs have declaratory judgment vesting in them title to the herein-described real estate as of June 9, 1969, and for future relief to which Plaintiffs may show entitled to receive 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 27th day of January A.D. 1983. Attest: Rilla Mahoney, Clerk, 42nd Court Taylor County, Texas By Judy Bennett, Deputy. 48-4tc

PUBLIC NOTICE § The City of Merkel, Texas will receive sealed bids until 4:30 p.m. February 28, 1983 on one (1) pre-owned full sized four door sedan fully equipped. Car must have 12 month, 12,000 mile warranty available. § The City reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and award the contract to best serve the interest of the City. Kent Satterwhite Mayor

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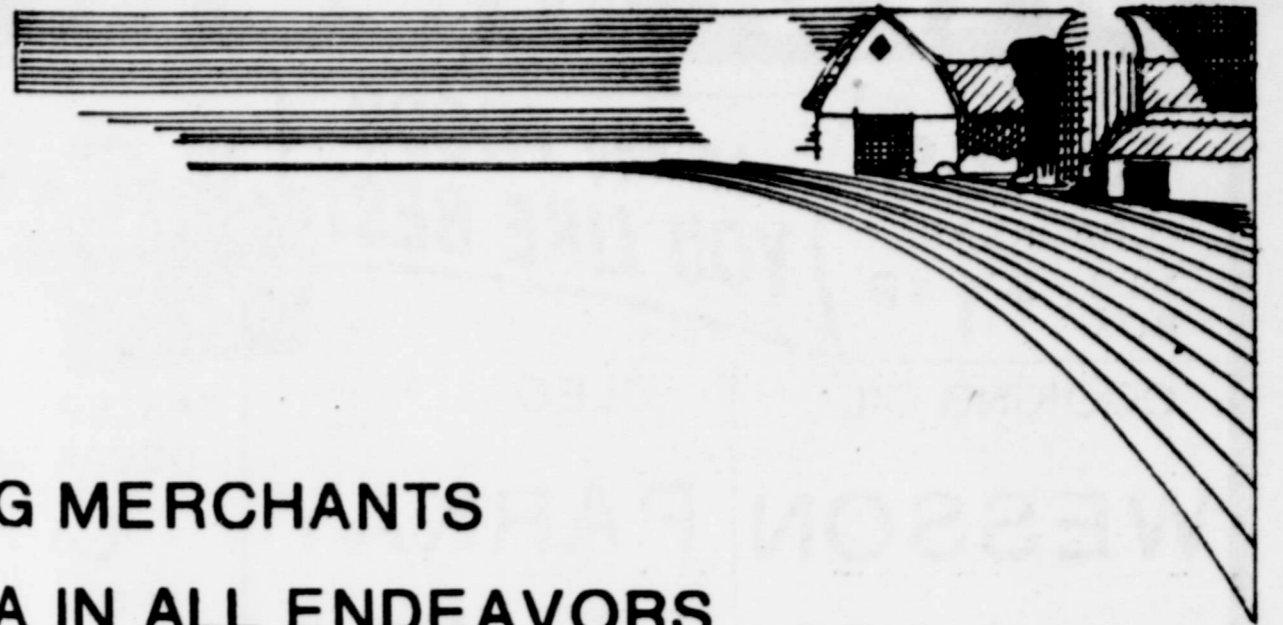
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EXTENDED COVERAGE BY Chris Young Most businesses use cars or trucks of some kind that have to be insured. Some of the coverage is just like a personal auto policy, but there are special needs and situations to be covered as well. If merchandise is being transported, for instance, the insurance must cover not only the vehicle but the cargo. If one truck breaks down and there is a substitute vehicle, THAT must be insured too. If an employee drives his own car in the performance of his business duties, there may be a legal liability for the employer to protect against claims for accidents. Insurance steps in here. Medical payments coverage is sometimes useful. However, this insurance does not apply to employees subject to a Workmen's Compensation Law, who are otherwise protected. Liability insurance is a must, of course, to protect against loss or damage claims for bodily injury or property damage. This is often beefed up with an umbrella liability package. Are your business vehicles properly covered? We can handle ALL your insurance needs at Young Insurance Agency-Boney Insurance Agency, 1022 North 2nd Merkel, Texas 928-5151.

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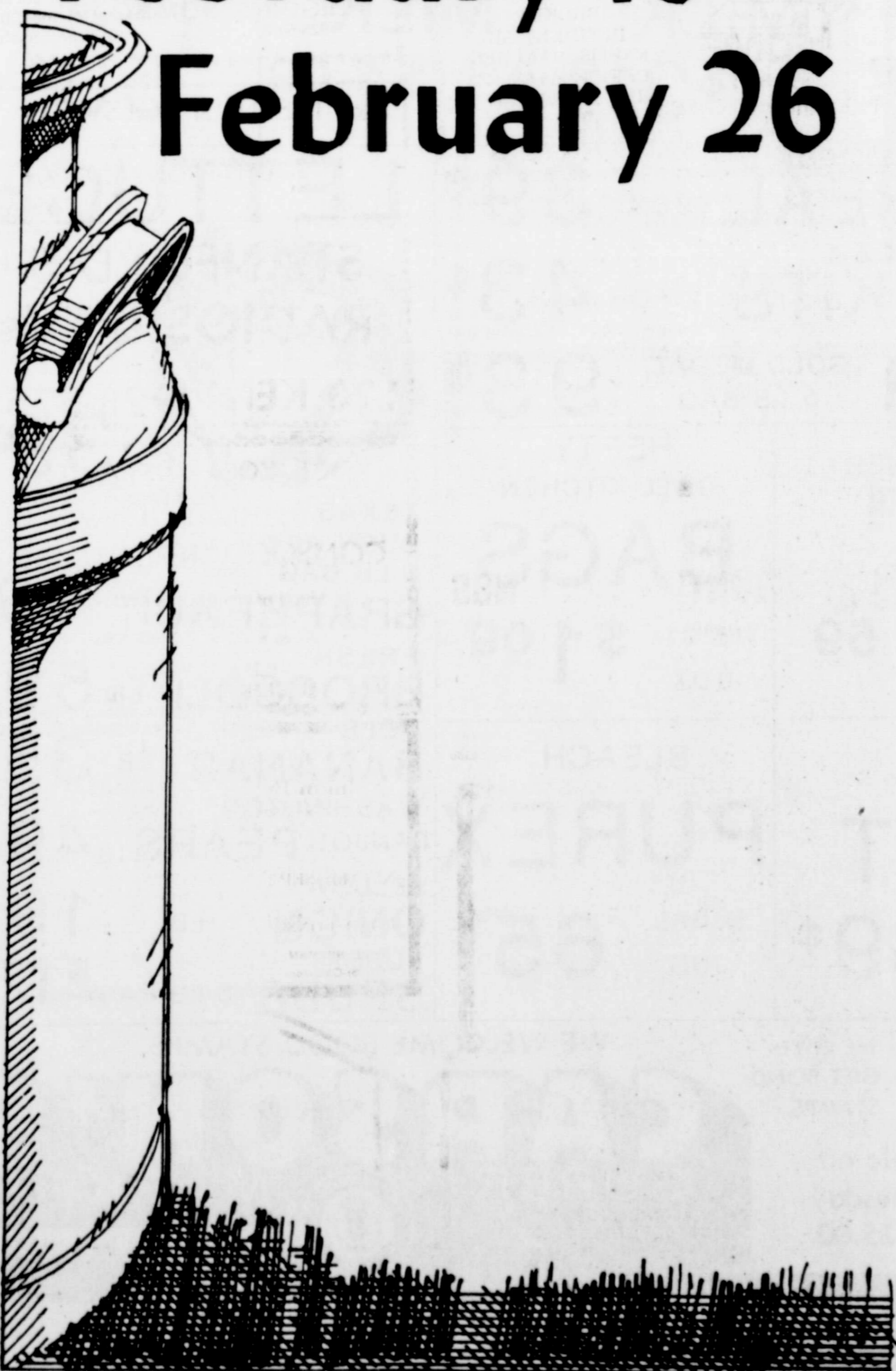


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