

# The Merkel Mail

Thursday, March 17, 1983...Merkel, Texas

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## Fairfield man killed in I-20 crash here Monday

A Fairfield man was killed when the semi rig he was driving sideswiped an abandoned vehicle near Merkel's East city limits on Interstate 20 Monday.

Merkel resident Johnny Jackson told **The Mail** "The semi just sideswiped that car and we got over there as fast as we could. When we got there, the engine was still running and we were afraid that there might be a fire."

Merkel Justice of the Peace Leo Mashburn pronounced Alvis Wayne Ward, 33 dead. Merkel Emergency Medical Service and Volunteer firemen had worked for almost an hour before they managed to free Ward's body from the crumpled cab. His body was taken to Starbuck Funeral Home here.

Merkel Emergency Medical Service Paramedic Mitch Atkinson told **The Mail** at the scene the man was alive when they arrived at 11:58 a.m. but could find no signs of life fifteen minutes later.

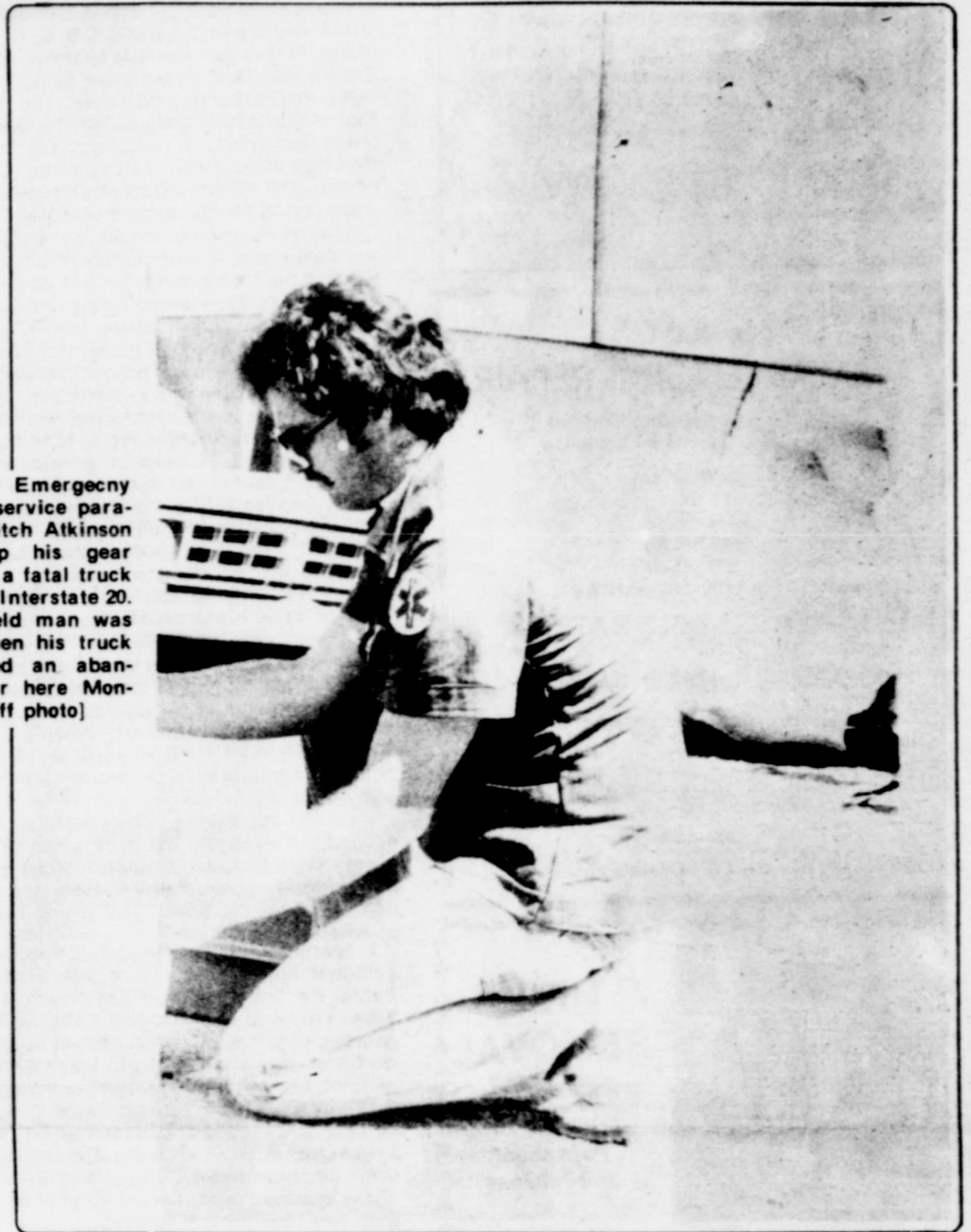
Ward's semi, owned by Dal-Har Distributing in Dallas was loaded with spools of aluminum wire. He was heading East on the Interstate when he lost control of his rig, sideswiped a car that had been abandoned on the Interstate Monday morning, with the impact forcing the semi on it's side. The sideswiped car is registered to Allen Tucker of Merkel and was parked on the shoulder, it was totaled.

Ward's death is Merkel's first traffic fatality of the year.



Merkel Volunteer Fire Department and Emergency Medical Service crews worked for an hour Monday to free the body of Alvis Ward, a Fairfield trucker who was killed here Monday in

an Interstate 20 accident. Ward's semi sideswiped a car that had been abandoned on the shoulder of the Interstate earlier in the day. [Staff photo]



Merkel Emergency Medical service paramedic Mitch Atkinson packs up his gear following a fatal truck wreck on Interstate 20. A Fairfield man was killed when his truck sideswiped an abandoned car here Monday. [Staff photo]

## School board rehires teachers, looks at computer, adopts policies

The Merkel school board reviewed teachers, saw a computer demonstration and amended their annual budget in regular session held at the Merkel High Library Tuesday night.

The board also discussed teacher contracts during a two hour executive session and following the session, made the following decisions.

The board gave blanket approval of all teachers at MISD campuses after discussing the performance of each teacher with the principal of the campus.

The board also accepted the resignation of high school science teacher Rose Davis, R. E. Bratcher who is retiring after 30 years, Cheryl Pieper, elementary art and granted Marcia Lester a one year leave of absence.

The board also renewed the contracts of the employees of the Taylor County Education Cooperative.

Budget amendments totaling \$48,000 were approved. Broken down, \$1,150 was added to the budget to take care of a doubling in the per student price for services rendered by Region 14 Education Service Center. The center had been charging \$1 per student for providing films, audio-visual aides and the like and the center now charges \$2 per student per year. Another \$150 was added for travel for the school nurse. Another \$1,948 was added because the purchase price of the latest school bus purchased and \$40,000 was added for three construction related items.

Those items included \$7,798 that was not budgeted for construction of the bus barn. The total cost of the barn was \$32,798. \$15,000 went for the first payment on the land purchased by the school district and \$17,201.25 will be spent on constructing two new portable buildings.

Board members were also introduced to the

capabilities of the Apple II Computer system by Leprechaun Data Systems. They are computer programmers that specialize in writing software programs that are individually prepared for specific needs of businesses and organizations. Board members asked for further information before considering purchase of the computer and business manager Peggy Gibson was to meet with the programmers to describe programs that will be needed by MISD.

Board members also received three new school policies that will go into effect next year. They include the new seven period class day (currently there are 6), a 70 minimum passing grade (current is 60) and a new four year English requirement for High School graduation (currently a student is only required three). Next year's Seniors will not be affected by the new rule but all other students will be required four years of English.

One more policy was adopted Tuesday that sets a limit of two fund raising projects per year for any school organization. MISD superintendent Bill Everett told the board "It's getting a little out of hand. It's not right to continually call on a town to buy, buy, buy."

Board members also learned there would be a special meeting April 26th to hear an attorney from the Texas Education Agency discuss the legal aspects of lease-purchasing school buildings. The meeting was set up by Corbett Services, a group that designs and builds schools on a lease-purchase agreement. An earlier letter from the company said a school district could save \$26,000 per year, over a 15 year payoff period on a \$2.5 million bond issue if the facility is leased instead of purchased through bonded indebtedness.

## Lone Star requesting 5.59% rate increase effective in April

The Merkel City council heard Lone Star Gas manager Marthe Harmon ask for a 5.59 across the board rate increase and heard a police report at their regular session held at City Hall Monday night.

LSG manager Harmon told council it had been 2 years and seven months since LSG had requested an increase and she cited an "insufficient rate of return on investment here" that predated the change.

She pointed out the 5.59 per cent increase on Merkel's 950 gas meters would average \$1.97 per month per customer.

Harmon also cited growing inflationary woes that had and continues to erode LSG earning here and said LSG had continued to strive to keep the cost of service as low as possible.

Harmon told council "We feel like our rate relief we are requesting is justified and Leonard (Byrd) can back me up because he asks for things sometimes and I have to tell him no, we cannot afford it."

Harmon did not agree that the Texas Rail Road

Commission would end up setting the rate because she said the direct responsibility for the rate lies with the city. She said the RRC does have appellate jurisdiction on natural gas rates for utility companies, but said rate requests than end up at the RRC cost additional time and money that the local customers would end up paying for in the long run.

Council and Harmon got off on discussions of natural gas deregulation and pricing policies and said that LSG has as many as 3,000 separate contracts to purchase natural gas.

Council approved a resolution that will place Merkel in line with rural taxing entities in Taylor County in the selection of a new board member for the Taylor County Appraisal District. Trent resident Bruce McGlothlin is the only rural resident on that board and the rural governments are trying to consolidate their opinions to place a second rural resident on that board.

Merkel Police Chief Ray Pack gave his police report that found the Merkel Police Department handling 116 cases in February.

## Merkel's tax rebates behind 1982

Merkel's tax rebates, which had been running at a 11 per cent increase over 1982 payments, took a nose dive in February leaving the city running at a decrease of 8.42 per cent over the 1982 pace.

Merkel received a check for \$5,230.16, compared to last February's payment of \$6,707.39.

So far, the city has received \$16,085.51 compared to last year's payments of \$17,564.36.

Tye's rebates are still running two per cent ahead of those last year and they are the only

Taylor County town that is showing an increase so far. Tye's latest check of \$3,407.94 pushes their yearly total to \$14,333.75.

Trent did not receive a check last month.

According to state comptroller Bob Bullock, Texas cities are running 4.5 per cent ahead of last year's record payments.

The city sales tax is collected by local merchants along with the state sales tax and rebated monthly to the cities in which the tax was collected.

## Chamber sets Easter egg hunt

The Second annual Chamber of Commerce Easter Egg Hunt has been set for April 2 at the city park.

Categories for the hunt will be preschool, kindergarten through the second grade and third and fourth grades. Each category will hunt at a different time which will be announced at a later

date.

The Chamber will be awarding four prizes in each category which will be determined by separate drawings. Chamber Manager Martha Sue Justice told the Mail "Get those baskets ready for a real fun hunt."

# Correcting confusion, crowded crash

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Lone Star Gas Company, in accordance with Section 43(a) of Article 1446c, V.A.T.C.S., hereby gives notice of the Company's intent to implement a new schedule of rates including a cost of service adjustment clause for natural gas service to be charged to the residential and commercial consumers in the City of Merkel, Texas effective April 12, 1983.

The rate schedule is expected to furnish a 5.59 percent increase in the Company's revenues from residential and commercial customers in the City of Merkel, Texas.

A Statement of Intent has been filed with the City of Merkel and is available for inspection at the Company's business office located at 1289 North Second Street, Abilene, Texas.

Lone Star Gas Company

by Cloy A. Richards

It's fess up time again. One of the sad facts concerning weekly newspapers is that one must wait one week to correct one's mistakes.

We goofed last week in an ad promoting the Band Boosters Talent Show that will be held tonight (Thursday). We had the date wrong and we do apologize.

Another goof was having James Beasley, the Merkel City Councilman in the paper as Larry Beasley. We regret that error as well.

The most disgusting scene I could find at the wreck scene Monday along I-20 were the number of people that came to look at the wreck, close up. People that had no business being on the scene other than satisfying curiosity. The reason I find that disgusting is because of the danger people place themselves in by being close to a situation that they do not know if there is any great danger or not. The other reason of disgust is what they were trying to see, a man that was dying.

One thing people forget at an uncontrolled accident scene is that there are plenty of people there in the first place, trying to do their job. The area immediately surrounding the scene should be left open for emergency teams to operate. I will guarantee you one thing, the Abilene Police Department sets up a police line and no one is allowed to pass it at accidents.

That line is set for for more than one reason, but their primary objective is to make the scene safe again and to make sure rescue teams are allowed freedom to move unimpeded. Police Lines are also set up for the public's protection. Innocent bystanders are injured or killed with regularity in this country because they are unaware of dangers that exist at an accident scene. Not only is the danger of fire always present at a motor vehicle accident, accidents involving trucks can get out of hand quickly when hazardous materials are involved. Not all trucks in the US properly display hazardous material signs and the contents of a truck can only be obtained from the truck's manifest. When the driver cannot warn officials, the threat of the truck containing hazardous materials must be weighed.

I am not about to say the people that crowded around the truck did not have good intentions in mind, those few that actually helped try to free the critically injured driver from the crumpled cab. But most there were just trying to get a look at what was going on.

I learned my lesson about approaching an accident scene about three years ago when a Santa Fe freighter derailed South of Merkel. When I arrived on the scene, I could not find any railroad officials, law enforcement or anyone that could tell me what the train was carrying. Like an idiot, I began to start photographing a tank car that was spewing a liquid onto the ground. I had no idea of what the chemical was and was dumb to get close without knowing. Deadly fumes from some chemicals can kill anything within 100 feet of the accident and if wind conditions are right they can reach much further.

The point of all of this is to stay clear of the immediate area of an accident unless you feel

like you can be of assistance. I don't mean to say you should not go out and see what is going on, but do so from a safe distance. Also, if there are kids with you when you decide to go check out an accident, leave them in the car. There were a few kids Monday who will probably never forget what they saw because of their age and the violence of that accident. Young kids can learn just as much about the hazards of driving by looking at junked cars in a wreck yard, the effects on a human body following an accident is not the type of thing a child needs to see.

Gaston Thomas is asking for money again. He will probably need it since he and his partner, Bobby Windham were clipped by Jerry McCarty and Johnny Thomas Monday afternoon on the golf course.

Gaston is covering up by saying the United Girls Softball League had their equipment burned up in a fire.

Seriously, their equipment was lost in a fire and the league is in dire straits for gear.

And seriously, Gaston and Bobby did get clipped.

## OES holds 'March Wind' Sunday

Merkel Chapter 212 of the Order of the Eastern Star honored the Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Lois Bell Luling, Sunday March 13 with a "March Winds" tea. The tea was held in the fellowship hall of the First Baptist Church.

The Worthy Grand Patron, Gene Bell of Houston joined in honoring Mrs. Bell. Other grand officers were Mrs. Betty Phillip Darrouzett, Grand Examiner Dist. 2, Mrs. Faye

Murphey, Abilene, Dist. Dep. Grand Matron and Mrs. Barbara L. Reynolds, Abilene, dep. grand matron dist. 2 sec. 7.

There were visitors from Sweetwater, Knox City, San Antonio, Anson, Cisco, Amarillo, and Abilene. Margaret Hunter, Worthy Grand Matron of Merkel Chapter 212 and Buddy Hunter Grand Worthy Patron were pleased to see about 90 persons register for the occasion.



The 1983-84 Trent FHA officers are (left to right) Christy Kinnard vice-president, Nancy Brenem, president, Terri Gaskill, secretary-

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BY Chris Young

How's your health insurance? Most people are covered where they work, or through a school or fraternal association. These group plans offer less expensive general coverage, but they may not be adequate to your needs.

Take the time to read the small print and find out exactly what is covered and what is not. Chances are, you'll need supplemental coverage to plug in the gaps in the company policy.

When you purchase additional coverage, look for protection where you're likely to need it. See if the plan limits claims for pre-existing conditions. Ask how long you must wait for coverage.

Find out the deductible on any policy. As with other insurance, you can usually lower premiums by raising the deductible.

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# Jones wins medalist, boys run in Odessa

There is quite a bit of sports news around Merkel schools this week, highlighted by a 7th grade girls win of a track meet, Merkel 8th grader Lance Jones medalist victory in a golf tournament and a good showing from the High school boys track team in Odessa.

### Jones wins Medalist

Merkel 8th grader fired an 82 at Commanche's PAR golf club and took the medalist honors in a junior high golf tournament Monday.

Schools represented in the meet were Hamilton, Belton, Commanche, Brownwood and Lampasas. Jones won the Junior tournament at the Merkel Country Club last year and has placed well in summer youth tournaments.

### Boys Varsity runs well in Odessa

Michael McCoy won two events to lead the Merkel Badgers to a fourth place finish at the West Texas Relays.

Boys coach Eddie Lang told **The Mail** the field in Odessa was as tough as any they would face this year because most of the teams are the teams the Badgers will face in the Regional

McCoy set a school record in the 220 with a 22.75 time and was close to another as he won the long jump with a leap of 22' 5 1/2". Merkel's Sammy Tumlinson was the only other event winner as he cleared 12' 9" in the pole vault.

Also scoring for Merkel was Russell Lucas third in the high jump with a leap of 5' 10", Roy Johnson 5th in the shot with a heave of 45' 9", Donny Brady 6th in the 2 mile with a time of 11:44.09 and the 440 relay team of Micheal Tutt, Lucas, Tumlinson and McCoy was 4th with a 45.1

Also, Lucas was 4th in the 800 with a 2:07.88 and Jimmy Don Rogers was 4th with a 15.66 in the hurdles.

This weekend they will run in Brownwood and then next Saturday they will be in San Angelo.

### 7th Grade Girls win meet

The Merkel 7th grade girls won the Anson track meet last Saturday and it took a win in the mile relay, the last event of the day for Merkel to nip Hamlin 101-97.

Scoring for Coach Robbie Shugart's troopers

were Clara Hererra who won the 440 and placed 5th in the 100.

Amy Stuckey was 4th in the 880 and Karrie Rich was second in the 220.

The 440 relay team of Angie Moreno, Hererra, Stuckey and Rich was second and the 880 relay team of April DuPont, Shirley Jackson, Moreno and Stacie Ferguson was second. The Mile relay winning team was made up of Rich, Moreno, Jackson and Ferguson.

The 6th, 7th and 8th grade girls will compete in Hamlin Saturday.

### 8th Grade Girls Track

The girls placed third in Ballinger March 11 with 59 points and then the next day the Mile relay team was fourth in Ansonm. They include Jo Ann Mendez, Kim Wedling, Anna De la Cruz and Kim Taylor.

### Merkel High Girls in Anson

The varsity won the 880 relay with a time of 1:58. That team is made up of Barbara Kinder, Debra Carey, Melissa Dvais and Kelly Beights.

Kinder was third in the 880 with a 2:39 time and Beights was second in the 220 with a 29.03. She was also fourth in the high jump with a leap of 4'8". Sandy Forehand was 6th in the shot, Carey was sixth in the 440 and the mile relay team of Kinder, Beights, Kelly Stovall and Carey was fourth with a 4:40.

The girls will travel to Ranger Friday and then to Stamford next Saturday.

### 5th Grade places 1, 2 in Divide

The Merkel 5th grade girls basketball team beat Jim Ned's sixth grade team in Divide Saturday to claim that tournament championship. The boys team placed second in that tournament.

### 7th Grade Boys place 3rd in Ballinger

The Merkel 7th grade boys, paced by Brit Pursley who won the pole vault and the long jump, placed third in Ballinger last Friday as Breckenridge ended up with 132, Ballinger 108

## High school honor roll released

The Merkel High Honor roll for the fourth six week period has been released.

### All A

Windi Whisenhunt, Debra Carey, Cindy Sims, John Ybarra, Becky Teague, Shelly Sherrill, Misti Winter, Kim McCasland, Allen Windham, Clay Carey, Ronna Casey, Amy Irvin, Richard Powell, Tina Bicknell, Diana Landroes, Matt Merritt, Jill Laman, Melinda Riney, Brenda Hohhertz, Chris Mashburn, Soraya Susumek, Donny Brady and Amye Amerine.

A - B Honor Roll

Cliff Collins, Anna Scott, Kris Rich, Greg Spurr, Tami Elliott, David Glasscock, Justin Dupont, Cindy Williams, Angie Allen, Brenda Dagstad, Angie Kelley, Brenda Kinder, Jackie Owen, Brenda Rackley, Russell Lucas, Michael McCoy, Anne Everett, Thomas Doan, Christopher Horton, Gina Stuckey, Lucretia Wade, Mum Prasarn, Alyse Ferguson, Gayle Landeros.  
Also, Renee Stamper, Kelly Stovall, Kelly Beights, Kevin Coker, Dean Franklin, Teresa King, Kelly Riney, Brian Gary, LDean Hoyt and Susan Smith.

## Merkel High council at conference

The Merkel High school student council attended the Oilbelt District II Leadership Conference at Abilene High March 9.

Three discussion groups were held. They covered "What is a Leader", "How to get students involved" and "Modeling Leadership for

peers". Entertainment was given by Michael and Amy McCoy. The council would like to thank the local merchants for their donations.

## One Act Play contest March 26

Merkel High's One Act Play cast is preparing for the UIL contests, set March 26th at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene.

The play, **A Company Of Wayward Saints**, by George Herman will be performed. Included in the cast are Honny Powell, Ricky Best, Matt Merritt, Joan Fariello, Christi Hamlin, Kyle Wolf,

Richard Powell, Thomas Doan and Alyse Ferguson. The crew includes Tim Laman and Margaret Wilde.

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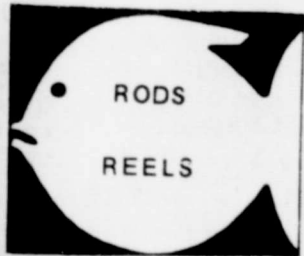
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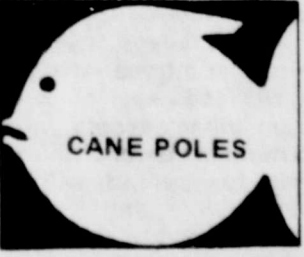





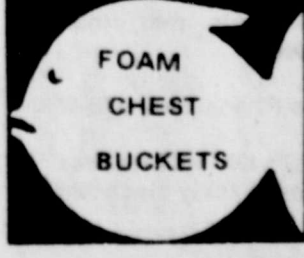












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SHANNONSIDE APARTMENTS 1,2 & 3 Bedroom apartments, shag carpet, all electric, dish washer, garbage disposal, central cooling and heating. For more information call 928-5038. 8 TFC

For Rent: 2 bedroom mobil home, 5 miles South of Merkel, couple only. Call 846-4242. 1-2TC

REAL ESTATE Lawn Properties, Inc. 695-1880

MOVE TO MERKEL Minutes to Dyess and Abilene, we have homes all price ranges in Humphrey's Village one completed and two under construction, many plans to choose from. Call Betty or Marion. Pleasant Valley 4 miles North of Merkel, lovely 3-1-2 brick home, 3 car plus 2.69 acres. West of Merkel 3-1-1 brick home on 5 acres, barns, pens, in Merkel School District TWO STORY HOME ON GOLF COURSE Lovely, has pool, reduced.

Kent Street 2 bedroom, shop, cellar, storage, near downtown, has 2 lots, Call Betty. Mobil Home on 2.5 acres Has chicken houses, garden spot, water well, fruit trees, corner lot, paved street, lots of extras, call for more details. 405 Manchester 2-1-1 rock home, fenced, storage shed, near school, sweat equity.

Runnels Great starter home could be sweat equity near town, call Tom. 700 Avondale 3-1-1 brick has fire-place, storage shed, patio, carport, very nice. Call Betty. Trent Trent brick 3-1-1 new carpet, fireplace, patio, large utility room, beautiful willow tree in front yard, owner anxious. Roscoe Brick, 3 bedroom sweat equity. After 5 p.m. Call Tom Jones 928-4375 Betty Stautzenberger 862-6329 Marion Gobin 698-3431

LAND FOR SALE: in one acre tracts. Call Ray Pack. 928-4916. 45-TFC

Five acre home site one half mile from City limits. Merkel city water, electricity, and phones. Restricted to homes built on site. Owner will finance. Call Cyrus Pee at 928-5613. 49-TFC

For Sale: Trailer house, 68 X 70, furnished, good water well and improvements, 1.9 acres FM road 1 1/2 miles West of Noodle. Call Bert Hayes at 736-6728. 111TP

Recently remodeled 3 bedroom 1 1/4 bath home on quiet street in Merkel. Fenced yard with sun deck and many more extras. Call Dave White, Remax Realtors 915-698-4440. 2-1TC

Nice older home, 3 bedroom 1 bath with double garage on 2 lots \$22,500. 862-6249. 2-4TC

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### 'Beauford' Allen rites held

Addison 'Beauford' Allen died at 12:07 p.m. Sunday at Hendrick Medical Center following a short illness. Services were held at 4 p.m. Monday at the Merkel Church.

of Christ with Larry Gill officiating. Burial followed at Rose Hill Cemetery under the direction of the Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born Aug. 12, 1903 in

### Frazier named hon.

### mention all-conference

Norma Frazier, a member of the Western Texas College Dusters basketball team for two seasons, earned honorable mention on the Western Junior College Athletic Conference All-Conference team.

Frazier, a 5-9 sophomore, averaged 13 points and 8.3 rebounds during the season. She shot .734 from the free throw line, eighth in the conference, and she was ranked fifth in the conference in steals.

Frazier is the daughter of Elby and Jeanette Frazier and a graduate of Merkel High School. She is president of the WTC chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and was named to Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges for 1982-83.

Morgan, he had lived most of his life in the Big Country towns of Moran, Cisco and here. He had lived here since 1947. He retired after 30 years with Exxon Oil and after his retirement was active in cattle and farming interests.

In his youth, he played semi-pro baseball for various teams.

He had been active in the Church of Christ for 44 years. He had married Ted Moore June 29, 1930 in Breckenridge.

He is survived by his wife; one son, Lou David of Merkel; two sisters, Nita Gunn of Cisco and Ima Berry of Big Spring; two granddaughters. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Sabra Lee.

### Letter brags about Merkel FFA

The following letter was received last week by assistant Merkel FFA instructor J. T. Naron:

Please accept my sincere congratulations for the excellent showing the Merkel FFA students made at the San Antonio Livestock Show.

Not only did they make an excellent showing in the ring with their barrows, they exemplified the type of FFA members we are striving toward. Cooperative, hard working, attentive students

### Girls softball registration

The United Girls Softball registration will be held March 26th from 9 to 11 a.m. at the West Texas Utilities building. The registration fee will be \$12.00. The girls must be 8 years of age by Sept. 1 to be eligible.

The softball equipment was burned in a fire and the league is asking for donations to help replace it. Anyone wishing to make a donation can contact Gaston Thomas, Bill Sloan or Bill Whisenhunt.

### MISD school lunch menu

March 17

Tin can casserole, carrots-potatoes-onion lettuce wedge with dressing, corn bread and chocolate peanut clusters.

March 18

Grilled cheese sandwiches, vegetable beef soup, bread, cherry cobbler

SCHOOL WILL BE OUT UNTIL MARCH 28

### Xi Nu Chi meets

The March 8 meeting of Beta Sigma Phi chapter Xi Nu Chi was held at Pleasantville. Captain Anita Allen led the program on communications; language and life-style. Nancy Johnson was co-captain.

Following the meeting, hostess Judy Elliott served refreshments to Anita Allen, Nancy Johnson, Connie Harris, Blanche Hewitt, Vicki Rodriguez, Janice Smith, Peggy Valentine, Minyon Seymore, Mary Hill and Ginny Yaddow.

## Newsbriefs

### 38 Merkelites see state basketball tourney

Thirty-eight Merkelites attended the UIL State Basketball Championships in Austin last weekend. The included the families of Finley Barnett, Greg Fisher, Danny Malone, Ricky Meeks, Jacky Reynolds, Mack Seymore, Larry Toliver, Billy Bob Toombs, Freddy Toombs, Dink Whisenhunt and the following individuals: Laverne Moore, Clifford Smith and Ellen Rutledge.

### Piano recital set

Mrs. Ronny Doan will be presenting her students in a piano recital Friday, March 18, at 7 p.m. The recital will be at the First United Methodist Church in Merkel and the public is invited to attend.

Students participating in the recital are as follows: Leigh Anne Allen, Aimee Bugg, Kyle Doan, April Duncan, Tiffany Gill, Clay Hammond, Dana Hammond, Susan Hammond, Dawn Henslee, and Kristen Kennedy. Also, Lillian Leach, Renli Reynolds, Christy Reynolds, Shelly Sherrill, Kristi Smith, Diem Trang Tran, Phu-ong Thao Tran, Trinh Tran, Trung Tran, and Billy Pat Williams.

### Beasley on roll

More than 2,100 students at Texas Tech University qualified for dean's honor rolls in six colleges during the 1982 fall semester.

To qualify for a dean's honor roll, a student must have a grade point average of 3.5 or more on a 4.0 scale and must have taken at least 12 semester hours of work.

Students making the dean's list included Gregory W. Beasley, Route 2, Trent.

### Son born

Mr. & Mrs. Lavon Constable are proud to announce the birth of their son, Jeffrey Leon, he was born March 5 at 2:10 AM at Womens and Childrens Hospital in Odessa. He weighed 7 lbs 14 1/2 ozs. and was 19 1/2 inches long. He has a brother Jason 2 1/2 years old. Proud grandparents

are Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Allemon of Madill, Okla. and Mr. & Mrs. John L. Constable of Dallas. Great grand parents are Mr. & Mrs. C.M. Vestal of Abilene.

### Bake sale

Girl Scout Troop 241 will have a bake sale, Saturday, March 19, in front of Ben Franklin. The money raised will go toward a trip to Dallas and Six Flags. While in Dallas the girls are hoping to visit the Children's Theatre and Science Museum. The girls will be waiting to serve you at 8:30.

### Golf results

Forty eight people participated in a four

persons scramble sponsored by the Merkel Golf Association.

1st Freddy Toombs, Robbie Shugart, Terry Wade and Ted Smith.

2nd Faye & Lloyd Robertson, Steve Shugart and Dean Smith.

3rd D. C. Hendricks, Bobby Windham, Larry & Beverly Watley.

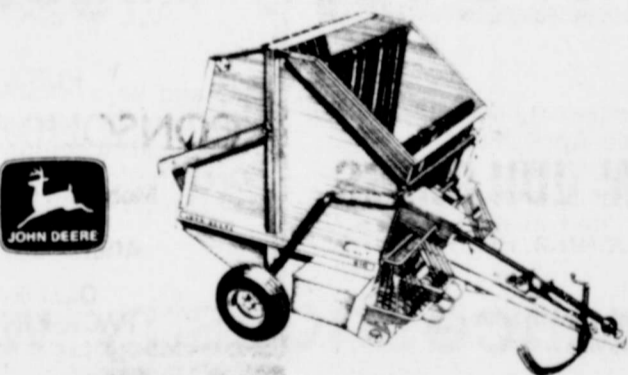
4th Walter Whisenhunt, John Stout, Wanda Hendricks and Cliff Smith.

The next 18 hole scramble is set Sunday April 10 with a registration deadline of 1 p.m. Entry fee is \$5.

A Men's scramble tournament will be held April 23 & 24 at the club and entries for all tournaments may be given to Steve Shugart at the club or call 928-5514.

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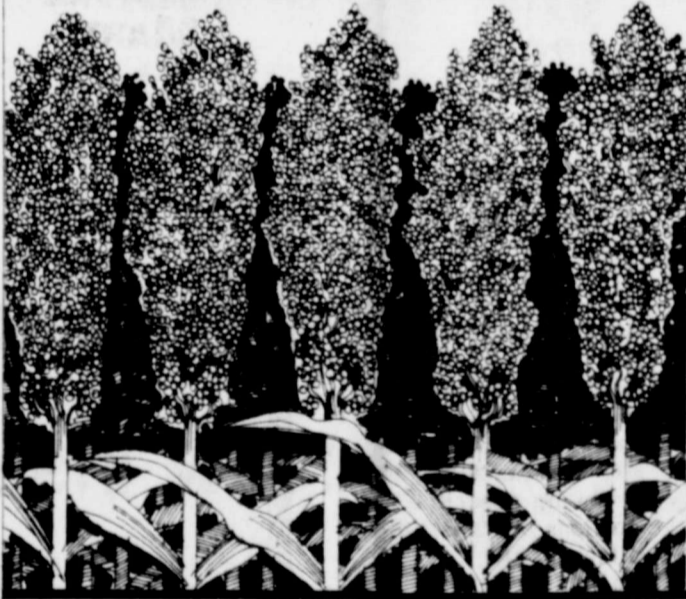
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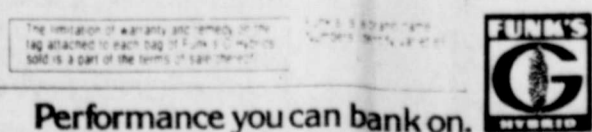
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Little League registration

The Merkel Little League and T-Shirt League will hold their registration March 26th at West Texas Utilities here. Registration for Tye will be at the Tye Elementary school and Trent's will be held at Jim Masonheimer's home, three blocks West of the Post Office.

The registration fee is \$10 for Little League and \$8 for the T-Shirt League and the cutoff day is April 9th. A clean up day for the field has been set on the same day as registration.

Little League tryouts will be held April 14 and 15 at 7 p.m. The season will begin May 2nd and end around June 15.

The T-Shirt players must be at least 7 before August 1 and may not be older than 9 August 1st. Questions about T-Shirt League may be directed to Leonard Neith at 698-2554 or Mac Sipes at 862-6389.

Little Leaguers must be at least 9 on August 1 and may not reach age 13 before August 1.

More information on Little League may be obtained from Jack Ferguson at 928-5644, Billy Riley at 928-5165, Jim Masonheimer at 862-6345 or Ted Corneliuss at 695-0321.



Shena Holmes and Jason Preslar were named Valentine King and Queen at Hamby schools recently. Shena is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Holmes of Hamby and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Homes and Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Santee of Merkel. [Complimentary photo]

Middle school honor roll

The Merkel Middle School Honor Roll for the fourth six week period is as follows:

**SIXTH GRADE A**  
Chad Strange, Walter Best, Maxie Lang, Diem Tran, Annisa Jones, Taylor Walston, Michelle Dudley, Julie Koflanovich, and Richard Lacey.

**SIXTH GRADE A-B**  
Jennifer Heidelberg, Robert Turner, Wade Toombs, Jon-David Layher, Dewayne Clark, Kenneth Jowers, Lisa Harris, Shellie Glisson, Shane Lancaster, Stephanie Ashorn, Michelle Barnett, Jennifer Gaona, Richa Hill, Glyn Ann Rutledge, Twila Wilborn, Mary Dillon, Pam Neff, Teresa Lucas, Steve Leverich, and Melissa Morris.

**SEVENTH GRADE A**

Angie Cannon, Son Me Chon, April Duncan, Kristy Elliott, Michelle Goodgion, Angie Moreno, Ramon Moreno, Amy Stuckey, Krista Toombs, Misty Vaughan, and Staci Ferguson.

**SEVENTH GRADE A-B**  
Clara Herrera, Kyle Coker, Shelle Doan, Tami Israel, Brit Pursley, Ted Seymore, and Todd Smith.

**EIGHTH GRADE A**  
Danny Santee, Sheri Riney, Kim Welding, and Abby Irvin.

**EIGHTH GRADE A-B**  
Billy Ray Riley, Fondale Watson, Terry Flores, Tracy Bicknell, Tina Jaramillo, Sandra Kotrik, Michelle Woodard, Debbie Pack, and David Ray.

Tye Elementary honor roll

The Tye Elementary Honor Roll for the 4th six weeks is as follows:

**FIRST GRADE A**  
-Sandi Wood, Vernon (Buster) Davis, Michel Diaz, Jennifer Johnson, Robin Bishop, Joshua Perry, Joey Guerra, Brian Miller, Karen Webb, and Chad Fambrough.

**FIRST GRADE A-B**  
Jennifer Davis.

**SECOND GRADE A**  
-Cody Parker, Michael Stanley, Jennifer Matteson, Lauri Ashmore, Rebekah Carter, Chad Doan, Kim Israel, Mendy Law, and Lori Snowden.

**SECOND GRADE A-B**  
Steven Sipes, Eric Snowden, Casey Bateman, Michael Diaz, Neyomi Freedman, Jenifer Hicks, Carol Scifres, Danny Williamson, and Donnie

Windland.  
**THIRD GRADE A**  
-Son Hui Chon, Becky Donaldson, Trilena Dortch and Cheryl Wood.

**THIRD GRADE A-B**  
Missy Acker, Greg Parker, Kim Tucker, Hope Ward, and Chad Taylor.

**FOURTH GRADE A**  
-Crystal Arnold and Cristi Moore.

**FOURTH GRADE A-B**  
Jeff Ashmore, Rodney Bunselmeyer, Greg Clark, Jana Daniell, Dennis Griffin, Alicia Helms, Tina Neith, Eugene Van Gorp, and Kevin Watson.

**FIFTH GRADE A**  
-Mi Hwa Chon, Sheri Miles, and Shawn Miller.  
**FIFTH GRADE A-B**  
Tammy Caulder, Teron Bowman, and Rebecca Cates.

Miss Merkel Beauty pageant set

Merkel's annual beauty pageant, coordinated by Lambda Beta will be held April 16th. Prospective sponsors will be called on in the near future by the members of Lambda Beta. An entry form will be printed in next week's

Mail and be available at several locations. All girls from the Merkel, Trent and Tye area are encouraged to compete.

Deadline for all entries will be April 11th and the rehearsal has been set for 3:30 p.m. April 15.

New insurance industry weight tables encourage realism

New height-weight tables recently released by the insurance industry may encourage people to be more realistic about their weight.

"Too many women look to fashion models as examples of the ideal weight, and this simply contributes to unrealistic weight goals and fad dieting," says Dr. Dymple Cooksey, a foods and nutrition specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System.

The new weight tables show a five to seven percent weight increase in most height categories.

"But people should be less concerned about how much they weigh, and more concerned about how much fat they have," states Cooksey.

According to Cooksey, the problem is one of distinguishing "overweight" from "overfat." Overweight can result from many different factors, such as body frame, musculature, or fluid retention, and is not necessarily bad.

Overfat is purely the accumulation of excess fat, which has been linked to heart disease and

other risk factors. It is not always easy to tell the difference, particularly when a person is not too much overweight, says Cooksey.

A height-weight table won't tell people how much fat they have either, she adds. That is why a person should consult with a doctor before beginning a weight loss plan.

The new weight tables are based on insurance records and published by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. of New York. They indicate the weight ranges at which people of various heights and builds will be statistically at less risk of premature death.

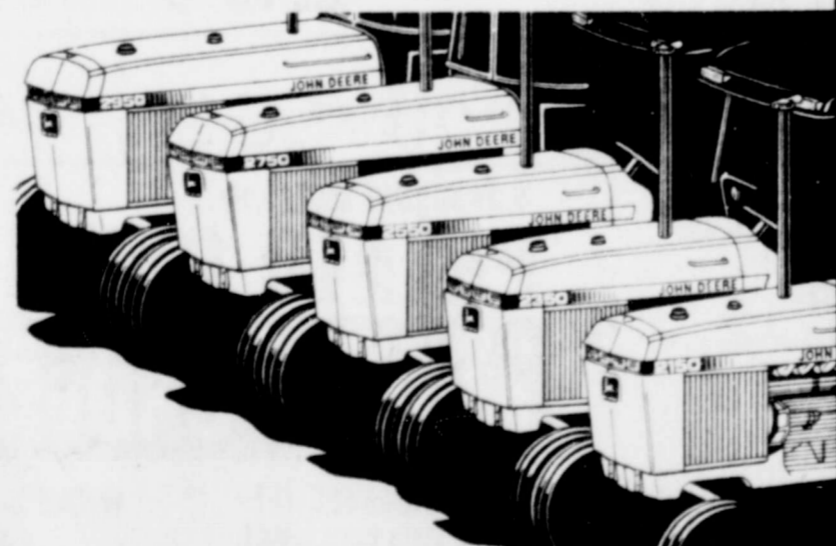
Cooksey predicts that the tables will be widely circulated in diet books, publications and commercial diet programs as appropriate weight goals for the general public.

"However, most educational programs such as ours will continue to stress good nutrition as a means of weight control rather than achieving the weights found in these tables," says Cooksey. Extension Service nutrition and weight control programs serve over adults and youth each year.

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## Fortnightly has 3 new members

Alwyne Sandusky and Avis Deavers were hostesses to the members of the Fortnightly Study Club in the Community room of Taylor Electric March 8.

During a brief business session, club president

## Art group meets

The Merkel Art Association met Monday the 7th at the Taylor Telephone Coop. President Lorene Lee presided over a short business meeting.

Secretary Evelyn Stribling read the minutes of the last meeting and gave a financial report. Members voted to invite Barbara Kent, an Art teacher of Abilene to do a portrait demonstration at the next meeting.

The members adjourned to visit Merkel Primary Open House. Pat Neff had invited the association to see the murals painted on the walls in the hallway. The subject of the murals was nursery rhymes. The paint used was house paint in only four or five colors, nevertheless it was an eye catcher and very interesting. Pat said that she and Billie Beddingfield painted the murals.

Those present at the meeting were Ruth Buster, Ehtel Pee, Marie Beard, Imogene Coleman, Mary Stanley, Lorene Lee, Evelyn Stribling, Ruth Cox, Betty Toombs and Ruth Hogan.

## Mashburn one of 112 judges at seminar

One hundred twelve justices of the peace attended a 40-hour Texas Justice of the Peace Training Center seminar Jan. 30-Feb. 4, in Huntsville. The training center is based at Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos. The seminars are held in compliance with Article 5972, Section B, of the Texas Revised Civil Statutes. Among the judges attending were, Thomas Leo Mashburn of Merkel, James M. Wellington of Collingsworth, and Ben Morrison of O'Donnell.

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## John Paul Dudley places in Angelo

The Merkel Chapter of Future Farmers of America recently returned from the San Angelo Livestock Show. John Paul Dudley placed 7th in the medium weight duocks and the chapter won the herdsman award. This is Merkel's second time to win this neatness award this year. We are very proud of the following members who represented our chapter: Jay Williams, John Paul Dudley, Robin Dudley, Ralph Hernandez, Shain Burks, Keith Beddingfield, Eddy Harris, Darrell Shipman, Tommy Hays and Lynn Hays.

Now that the stock show season is coming to a close, the judging contests are coming up. This is the time when many members spend much of their time studying the best qualities of animals. Our first contest is March 26. We will keep you informed on these contests.

Tuesday, many members received their greenhand and chapter farmer awards at a special FFA meeting. We have started this new program that enables more members to apply and receive these awards.

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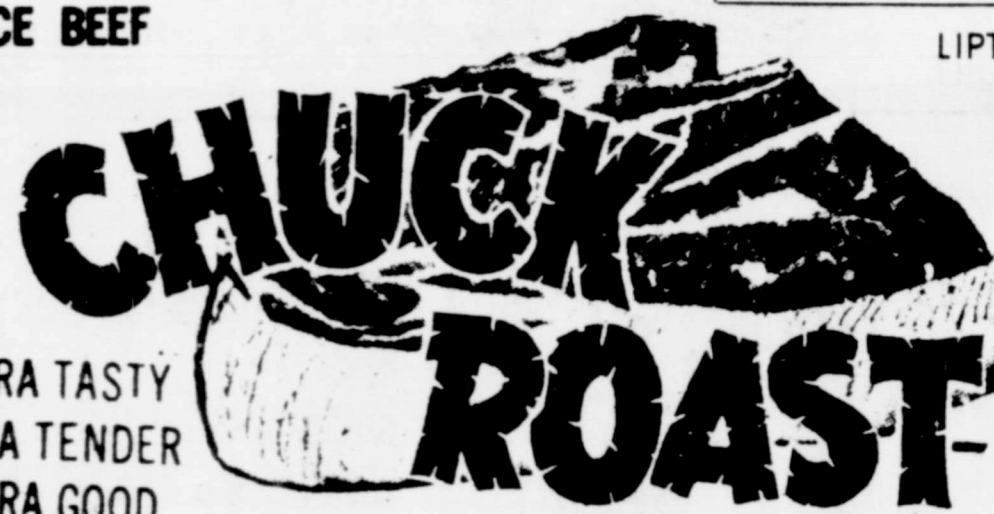
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