

The Merkel Mail

Thursday, April 21, 1983...Merkel, Texas

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The winners from the Miss Merkel Beauty Pageant held Saturday night are (left of right)

Brandy Casper, Almee Roberson, Misti Doan, Michelle Smith and the new Miss Merkel, Brenda Hohhertz. [staff photo]

Police working bomb scare case

The Merkel Police have some leads, but have made no arrests following the third bomb threat in eight days at Merkel Middle School.

Merkel Police Chief Ray Pack told *The Mail* Tuesday he had some leads furnished to him by the FBI and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

The latest bomb threat was called in about 6 a.m. Monday morning to Eddie Lang's home. The Dyess bomb detection team responded and no explosives were found by bomb detection dog "Killer".

Pack also told *The Mail* that Continental Telephone has installed phone traps on some lines to help in identifying the caller.

MISD is now offering a \$500 reward for the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the threats. Persons having information are asked to call Chief Pack and callers need not identify themselves.

Pack also told *The Mail* they had some leads in the case they are working on, but were not close to making an arrest.

The first threat was received by an MISD janitor who answered the middle school phone early last Monday morning. The second threat came the next day and was answered by Middle School principal David Laman and the third threat was called in to Coach Lang's home. All three callers had different voice characteristics but the police have no idea if they are dealing with one person or three callers.

The Chief told *The Mail* "any information in his case would be useful to us because this situation is getting ridiculous and scary to some people."

Ridiculous, busses, kudos...more

by Cloy A. Richards

"This situation is getting ridiculous!", Merkel Police Chief Ray Pack told me Tuesday morning. He was, of course, talking about the three bomb threats at Merkel Middle school in eight days.

So far, all the police know about the case is that one of the callers sounded like a young, white male, one sounded like an older white male and the other sounded like an older Spanish man (Has anyone seen Rich Little lately?).

Ray sought and found a little help from the FBI and the Alcohol-Tobacco-Firearms agents and the Dyess bomb squad and "Killer's" talented nose have failed to turn up anything that even resembles a bomb. One good thing to report, Killer can also detect narcotics and he did not find any of that either.

The school board is offering a \$500 reward for the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the bomb threats and everyone hopes the crazed caller is caught.

Personally, I'd like to see the caller fenced up with a big ol' mongrel dog for a couple of days.

Lots of people to congratulate for good deeds in the past week.

¶ To the Merkel boys track team for the first district championship in quite a while by winning the district meet.

¶ To the Merkel High baseball team for finishing second in their tourney and John Ybarra for being named co-MVP of the tournament.

¶ To Janet Deen and Helen Jones for winning their flight in a ladies golf tournament in Abilene.

¶ To Brenda Hohhertz for being named the new Miss Merkel and division winners Misti Doan, Michelle Smith, Almee Roberson and Brandy Casper at the Lambda Beta Miss Merkel Beauty Pageant.

¶ To my wife, (while I am at it) for putting up with me one more week.

The Railroad Commission hearing on Greyhounds' proposal to stop bus service here was quite a success.

About 75 interested citizens, including about 60 Senior Citizens and 15 business people attended to say they wanted the bus service here to continue.

The fellows that Greyhound sent were not prepared to answer questions concerning freight volume shipped from and to Merkel and Bobby DuBose, the local Greyhound terminal owner had to go back to his Texaco station to find the related documents.

Merkelites made it known in no uncertain words that we want a bus service here. Many told the hearing examiners they had used the busses and must do so in the future.

The Sweetwater bus company that has filed for permission to operate here will be a shuttle service to Abilene, basically but they said they would haul and deliver light freight.

In that light, I expect to see the Railroad Commission approve the move to stop local Greyhound Service. With 18 busses per day streaking by on I-20, both East and West, it seems it would not be too much trouble for them to make a brief stop, but all of those brief stops add up and Greyhound says they are losing money on low volume stops.

Merkelites will remember T & P Railroad saying that when they closed the local passenger terminal and freight station.

The Merkel Golf Association is sponsoring its first major tournament of the year this weekend and it's a two-man scramble. My partner, Clyde Journal publisher Don Tabor and I will at least win the best score by a team made up of newspaper owners, but I don't think that flight pays too well.

The ladies of the Merkel Garden club asked me to remind all of you they are still needing donations for the cemetery fence fund. They said donations to the Cemetery Association intended for the fence fund, should be so designated, or the donation goes in the Merkel Cemetery Association fund. Donations intended for the fence fund should be noted on the check or letter.

The Merkel Little League is conducting a fund raising campaign and they are taking orders for cookies, seasonings and spices. Money raised will be put into the equipment fund and for ball field improvements.

Cookies being offered come in decorator tins and are Danish, assorted Danish, chocolate chip, and butter cookies.

More information is available from Reva Carriker at 862-6251 or 862-6137.

Co-Op meeting

Taylor Electric will hold their annual meeting Thursday at the Taylor County Coliseum in Abilene starting with registration at 9 a.m.

The morning will be used for entertainment and drawings for attendance prizes and the meal will be served at 11:30.

Main items in the 1 p.m. business meeting include reports by officers and directors, election of three new directors for the Co-Op. Candidates for director are Duane Shugart, Buster Horton and Ralph Bridwell in Taylor County.

Taylor Electric sold a total of 156,741,591 kilowatt hours last in 1982, a 4.5 per cent increase over 1981. They also constructed 100 miles of transmission lines in 1981 and added 522 meters. They are planning to add 12.5 miles of transmission lines and build two more substations during the next year. Co-Op manager Don Hart, Co-Op manager said in the brochure for the meeting that 1967 Co-Op members will share in \$219,094 in Capital Credit Checks.

The Co-Op will also be handing out employee awards. They include Hugh Baker-25 years, J. H. Clark-25 years, Jerry Patterson-25 years, Dorothy Gilmore-20 years, Vaughn Doan-15 years, Dick Atkins-5 years, Donald Dye-5 years, Greg Henderson-5 years, Ronnie Holmes-5 years, James McKee-5 years, Retha Parker-5 years, Betty Sloan-5 years and James Swinney-5 years.



Pruning shrubbery near the gate at Rose Hill Cemetery here are Becky Rogers (left) and Peggy Black. Construction of the Rose Hill Cemetery Fence has been a project of The Merkel

Garden Club for many years and the project is financed by contributions to the club's fence fund. Peggy Black is chairman of the fund and Becky Rogers is co-chairman. [staff photo]

Greyhound hearing held here

The Texas Railroad Commission, at the request of State Representative Steve Carriker, held a public hearing here Wednesday concerning Greyhound Bus Lines proposal to stop service to 58 Texas cities and about 75 to 100 Merkelites attended.

Most of the interested were Senior Citizens and no one spoke in favor of stopping bus service here.

Hearing examiner Ren'ee McRight told *The Mail* she would be handing down a decision this week in the matter and said the Merkel hearing was the 12th held on the proposal to stop service here June 1st.

Mac Kniffen, county judge for Callahan County spoke on behalf of the mayors of Clyde and Putnam and said he did not want to see the bus service stopped in his county.

Forty-three local citizens spoke in favor of retaining the Greyhound service and no one spoke for it to be discontinued. The stories seemed to be the same, the Senior Citizens said they depend on Greyhound to get them in and out of Merkel and local merchants said they needed a fast, dependable way to get small freight.

During the hearing, Q. L. Brentz told the hearing examiner a bus line he operates will apply with the Railroad Commission to start a commuter service to Abilene and he said they would also handle small freight. He said they wanted to offer a commuter operation serving Sweetwater, Rotan, Roby, Trent and Abilene. He said the busses would get to Abilene each morning at 7:45 a.m. and would leave after 5. He also said they would offer daily package express.

Ms McRight, the hearing examiner, told *The Mail* "We will be releasing our initial ruling by Friday. We don't just look at the profitability of the routes for Greyhound, we also have to look at service to the general public. She said the 12 hearings she had held on the matter surprised her because she had no idea there would be that much public comment on the proposal. She said she had heard from a lot of county judges and attorneys on the matter and said it would take at least a week to review the testimony.

Local police busy

The Merkel Police Department had a busy weekend as they made an arrest about 16 minutes after a robbery at 211 El Paso street here and helped capture a suspected armed robber in Trent early Sunday morning.

Merkel Police Chief Ray Pack told *The Mail* a Crime Stopper tip called in and said a burglary was in progress at 211 El Paso and police caught the suspects within minutes.

In the Trent incident, area law enforcement officials were in pursuit of two armed robbers and the chase ended up in Trent with the Merkel Police making the arrest of one of the suspects, the other escaped. The captured suspect is in Nolan County jail on charges of armed robbery of the McDonald's restaurant in Sweetwater. Police have identified the other suspect, who remained at large Tuesday.

MHS baseball team second

by Dale Hammond

Last Saturday's High School baseball tournament saw Snyder's Tigers take the championship trophy with the Merkel Badgers finishing second.

The Badgers advanced to the final spot by eliminating the Abilene Eagles twice 14-2 and 6-5. Snyder downed Abilene Cooper 18-12 and Merkel and Snyder squared off in the double elimination with Snyder taking the trophy.

John Ybarra shared tournament MVP honors with Snyder's Jimmy Valesquez. Merkel's Ybarra turned in a solid fielding and batting performance to earn his share of the honors.

The Badger pitching staff was hampered with the loss of Sammy Tumlinson, who suffered a sore elbow. A good performance by Keith Beddingfield in the first game and key relief work by Mike Hager kept the Badgers in the race.

The Badgers had played nine games during the

week, splitting one double header with Snyder. Fatigue was a factor in the late evening playoff games.

After accepting a beautiful trophy furnished by Don Hensely and the F & M Bank of Merkel, the Snyder coach told **The Mail** that he was more worried about Merkel than the Abilene teams. The reason, he said, was that Merkel had already proven they could beat Snyder and the Badgers were not intimidated by the larger schools. This, coming from a city that has an excellent baseball program with strong partisan support should encourage the Badger staff and players when they finally get into district play with comparable teams.

Coach Phillip Pursely asked **The Mail** to extend his warmest thanks to the many volunteers who helped make the tournament a success. He also said he was extremely happy with the way his young team kept battling back after a tough week and a long hard Saturday.

Track team wins district

The Merkel Badgers took the 7 AAA district track meet in Hamlin Monday and qualified six individuals and two relay teams for the regional meet May 5, 6 and 7 in Odessa.

The team title came down to the last event, the mile relay and Merkel went into that event one point in front of Stamford. The Badgers blew the field away in the relay and won the team championship. Merkel scored 121 points, followed by Stamford with 108, Clyde 103, Wylie 82, Breckenridge 76 and Electra 33.

Badger track coach Eddie Lang told **The Mail** "we are tickled to death in winning and the depth of our team made the difference. The younger kids really came through for us because we 5th and 6th placed the other teams to death. We will take this week off, run in a regional qualifier meet, probably in Iraan next Friday."

Scoring for Merkel were James Wright 2 and Donnie Brady 5th in the 3200 meter run, the 400

relay team was second—that team includes Michael Tutt, Russell Lucas, Jimmy Mendez and Michael McCoy. Russell Lucas third and Dean Franklin 5th in the 880 run, Matt Cain 5th and Sammy Tumlinson 6th in the 110 high hurdles, Michael Tutt 4th in the 100, Jimmy Mendez 6th in the 400.

Also, Sammy Tumlinson won and Dean Franklin 5th in the 300 IM hurdles, Michael McCoy won and Michael Tutt 4th in the 200, Donnie Brady 6th in the 1600, and the 1600 relay team won. That team includes Michael McCoy, Jimmy Mendez, Sammy Tumlinson and Russell Lucas.

In the shot, Roy Johnson was second, Sammy Tumlinson 2nd, Randy Davis 5th and Michael Tutt 6th in the pole vault, Michael McCoy 6th in the high jump, Michael McCoy 2, Russell Lucas 5th and Sammy Tumlinson 6th in the long jump and Derald Muniz was 6th in the discuss.

Tax rebates staying same

Local tax rebates are holding up pretty well compared to state and county averages according to a news release from the State Comptroller's office.

Merkel has received a check for \$2,996.53 for

the reporting period ending April 8th and February sales. Merkel has received \$19,084.04 so far this year, a decrease of 1.92 per cent over last year. The county rebates are down 9.51 per cent and the state average is 3 per cent off of 1982 figures.

Xi Nu honors Tittle at meeting

Xi Nu Eta chapter of Beta Sigma Phi held their March meeting in the home of Marianne Taylor of Abilene. The new officers are Kathy Dacy, president, Jana Nelson vice-president, Maxine Harlow treasurer, Marilyn Tittle recording secretary and Marianne Taylor secretary.

The Club's woman of the year for 1982-83 is Marilyn Tittle. The guest speaker was Lynn

Barnett of the cultural affairs committee of the Abilene Chamber of Commerce.

The April meeting was held in the home of Kathy Dacy. The guest speakers were from the Noah Project and they told about the lives of battered women and children. Tow guests, Dee McCollum and Susan McHiver attended the meeting. Their next meeting is set May 3 at the home of Jana Nelson in View.



Eating Your Landscape...and Having It, Too

The home landscape as partly edible but entirely ornamental is an idea whose time has come.

Small space, high food costs, and less disposable time have attracted home gardeners to food in the flower border, edibles overhead and even fruit trees in the lawn.

Why not grow a cherry tree that fruits, too, instead of merely flowering? Intermix cabbage with the coleus. Tie up tomatoes against the ugly wall. Cover the fence with a cucumber trellis. Plant peppers, such as 'Better Belle', a good stuffing type, for their crisp green foliage and lovely, yellow-eyed, white flowers. Eggplants, such as 'Dusky', have even prettier lavender flowers and silvery green foliage...and the fruit is blackish purple with high sheen.

'Florida Basket' is a new tomato from Pan-American Seed with a cascading habit, an ideal premise for its name and its



'Florida Basket' tomato — tasty and attractive.

growing container. Strawberries are ideal in baskets, barrels or doormat beds. One good one is new 'SweetHeart', the first real-sized strawberry grown from seed.

There's an apocryphal report on marigolds as a repellent of aphids when planted next to vegetables, but whether true or not, marigolds are beautiful — whether it's the sunniness of the variety 'Yellow Girl' or the deepest red of 'Red Cherry'.

Delphinium 'Blue Springs' is lovely planted next to 'Top Star' broccoli...the blue and lavender of the delphinium next to the soft green broccoli leaves. And fernlike carrot foliage contrasts with the tailored look of impatiens.

Bush-type squash such as 'Peter Pan' have handsome leaves atop long stems with handsome scalloped-shaped fruit nestled at the base.

Rhubarb chard interplanted with 'Morning Mist' vinca is a stunning combination — the rosy red eye of the white-flow-

ered vinca plays beautifully against the red-stalked chard.

Grow lettuce and zinnias — such as 'Pulcino Yellow'. Combine parsley with 'Explorer' potatoes. Plant sweet peas and 'Sugar Snap' peas to climb the same trellis — pick the blooms of one, the pods of the other. Just be sure you plant brightly colored varieties of sweet peas so you can tell them apart.

One of the best ideas we've seen is a curbside planting in the business district of Seattle, combining sweet corn, petunias, tomatoes and marigolds in one narrow strip two feet by twenty feet.

The interplanting of ornamentals and edible ornamentals doesn't have to stay outside...grow pots of chives side by side with 'Ballet' African violets, and 'Florida Petite' tomatoes (only eight inches tall and loaded with fruit). Mix food and flower in beds, curbside plantings, apartment balconies and townhouse decks.

And don't stop with vegetables. Blueberries make handsome shrubs, whose crop of dusty blue berries is ideally played off against the lemon yellow of 'Encore' marigolds or bright yellow 'Sundance' gazanias. Currants and gooseberries make good border plants — stunning combinations with white and green 'Nicki' nicotianas.

And if you say food is food and flower is flower and never the twain shall meet, how about a salad basket planted right beside the back door? Take a fruit basket, fill with a good soil mix such as Jiffy-Mix, plant radishes, lettuce and green onions — then, just for fun, add 'Smash Hit Red' geraniums. Good looks, good taste, all in one.



'Dusky' eggplant — beautiful — in flowers, foliage and fruit.

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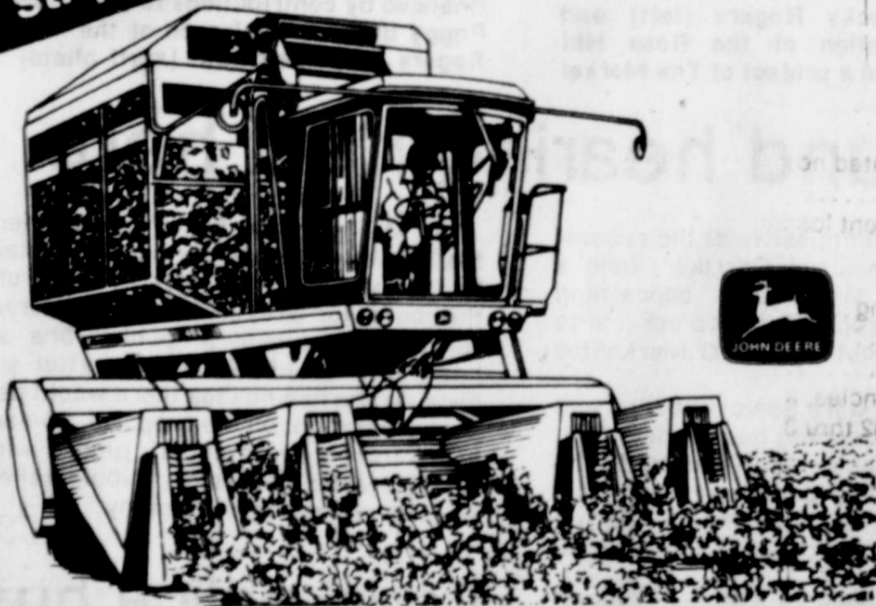
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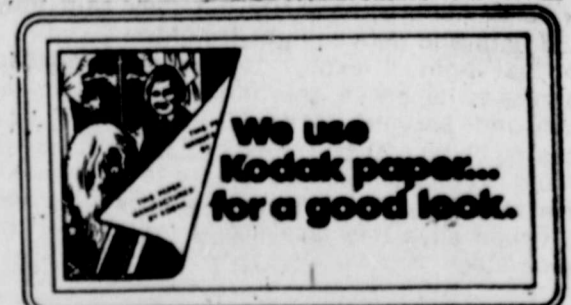
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These FFA members won district contests last week and will be competing in area FFA ag

contests in May. They are (left to right, Brenda Hohertz, Lyle Baker, Jay Gibson, Tommy Hays, Dusty Farmer and Chris Cutler. [Staff photo]

Hohertz named Miss Merkel

Miss Merkel and her court were selected Saturday night at the school auditorium. The event was sponsored by Lambda Beta chapter of Beta Sigma Phi.

Brenda Hohertz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hohertz was named Miss Merkel. She was sponsored by Taylor Electric.

First runner up in the high school division was Lauri Glaze, sponsored by United Savings. Second runner up was Pam Wheeler sponsored by D & B Electric. Other competitors and their sponsors include Trudi Baker-Home State Bank, Barbie Conner-Ruby's Swirl and Curl, Kathy Paden-Whisenhunt Grain and Cindy Williams-Chapparel Building Systems.

Misti Doan was chosen as winner of the 5th through 8th grade division. She is the daughter of Sandra Doan and was sponsored by Roger Beard-CPA. Second was Sabrina Boswell, sponsored by Watts and Moore Dirt and third went to Julie Stanley sponsored by Pleasantville.

Others in the division and their sponsors included Elizabeth Britton T & B Plumbing, Tammy Calder-Raymond Milligan Texaco, Nancy Frazier-Dunnigan Transport, Kim Orr-Trent Gin and Melony Orr-Taylor Telephone.

Michelle Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Smith was first in the 2nd through 4th grade division. She was sponsored by Merkel Upholstery. Second place was Michelle Ingram sponsored by Sonya's Beauty Salon and third went to Rebecca Dunnigan, sponsored by Braggs.

Other girls and their sponsors include Yvonne Alexander-David Perry Mobil Homes, Mary Ann Borrego-Marie's Beauty Corner, Amanda Bunch Amerine Heating and Air Conditioning, Jennifer Carroll, Myra's Grocery, Kena Clark-Stanford Radio and TV, Donna Denman, Boney and Young Insurance, Trilena Dortch-Gayles Barber and Style shop, Shayla Hardy-Merkel Drug, Alisha Hobbs-Joe's Boot Wagon, Stacy Jones-Merkel Brick and Lumber, Lillian Leach-Jack South Grain, Christi Minze-Ann's Flowers, Amy

SparksUnited Savings and Shawandasec Warren-El Tye O Mobil Homes.

Aimee Roberson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Noah Roberson was chosen winner of the kindergarten through 1st grade division. He sponsor was Hi-Val Feed. Second place went to Mandy Doan sponsored by Tye)20 Mobil Homes and a tie for third between Crystal Boone, sponsored by Big Country Inn and Lori Pirraglia sponsored by Starbuck's. Others in the division and their sponsors were Rebekah Carroll-Tran Clinic, Rikki Lynn Casady-Consolidated Plumbing, Heather Davis-WTU* Stephanie Frazier-Higginbotham-Bartlett, Crystal Grooms-Germania Farm Mutual, Dana Hammond-Ben Franklin, Lauri Hellums-Merkel Locker Plant, Heather Henderson-McAninch Transport, Trinity Hollis-F & M Bank, Meather Liggins- P & L Auto, Julie Lanford-Merkel Farm Supply, Amanda Kay Sanders-Circle A, Cne' Seymore-Merkel Tire and Brandi Tarpley-Seymore Insurance.

Brandy Casper, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Casper was the winner of the pre-school. She was sponsored by Carson's Supermarket. Second was a tie between Jeanette Lanford sponsored by the Merkel Riding Club and Tamara Tarpley, sponsored by Stith Gin.

Otehrs in the division and their sponsors were Chrystal Beard-Modern Beauty Shop, Shayla Boone-Jack South Grain, Stephanie BunchKid's Korner, Sarah Carroll-Mid Tex Resources, Kacy D'Anne Casady-The Merkel Mail, April Crabtree-Hicks Auto, Sally Ann Ely-Pat's Beauty Shop, Danette Farand-Dr. Warren Clinic, Molly Griffith-Eimor Moore Trucking, Shara Hammond Hammond Insurance, Jamie Hellums-Wilsons Jewelry, Mandy Liggins-Barnett Barber Shop, Jamie Ray-Max Murrell Chevy and Candice Williamson-Bishop Auto.

Master of ceremonies for the evening was Ray Pack and the judges included Cliff Whisenhunt, Brenda Bradshaw, Tommy Milliron, Paula and Jim Moschetto

Lambda Beta asked The Mail to thank everyone for their cooperation.

Williams reunion

The family of I. L. & Ada Williams had a family reunion April 16 at the Pleasantville Family Center.

Attending were Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Williams, Jay, Twila and Judy of Merkel, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wootton, Michell & Mark of Sonora, Mr. and Mrs.

Robert Williams, Keith, Chancey, Reed, Scott of ZDallas, Mr. and Mrs. Clude McRae Kelly, Jennifer, Sharon of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wotton, Craig Mikel of Monahans, Mr. and Mrs. Asa Bohrer of Erie Kan. and Mr. and Mrs. Arden Snider of Fayetteville Ark.

MISD menu

Here is the MISD lunch menu through April 27.

April 21, turkey pot pie, mixed vegetables, lettuce and tomato salad, variety of desserts (no choice)

April 22 chili dogs, pickle relish, chopped onions and pork and beans, applesauce with the peanuts.

April 25, chicken patties with cream gravy creamed potatoes, celery and carrot sticks and peaches with topping.

April 26 Mexican fiesta with rice, pinto beans, lettuce tomato cheese, pineapple tidbits.

April 27 Beef & later bake, garden salad, lemon pudding.



Chris Mashburn of the Merkel FFA received the district's nomination for state FFA president. [Staff photo]

The first baby to be born in the White House was James Madison Randolph, born Jan. 17, 1806. He was a grandson of then President Thomas Jefferson.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF CONDITION (Including Domestic Subsidiaries)

LEGAL TITLE OF BANK				
Home State Bank				
CITY	COUNTY	STATE	ZIP CODE	
Trent	Taylor	Texas	79561	
STATE BANK NO.	FEDERAL RESERVE DIST. NO.	CLOSE OF BUSINESS DATE		
1398	11	March 31, 1983		
ASSETS			Mil.	Thou.
1. Cash and due from banks			310	1
2. Due from other depositories and all cash items in the process of collection			42	2
3. U.S. Treasury securities			312	3
4. Obligations of other U.S. Government agencies and corporations			337	4
5. Obligations of States and political subdivisions in the United States			432	5
6. All other securities			-0-	6
7. Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell			475	7
8. Total loans (including overdrafts totaling \$3,186.08) (From Schedule A, Item 8)			4,408	8
9. Lease financing receivables			-0-	9
10. Bank premises, furniture and fixtures, and other assets representing bank premises			229	10
11. Real estate owned other than bank premises			2	11
12. Letters of credit and customers' liability on acceptances outstanding			-0-	12
13. All other assets			389	13
14. TOTAL ASSETS (sum of items 1 thru 13)			6,936	14
LIABILITIES				
15. Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations			940	15
16. Time and savings deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations			4,297	16
17. Deposits of United States Government			-0-	17
18. Deposits of States and political subdivisions in the United States			509	18
a. Deposits of the State of Texas			-0-	18a
19. Due to banks			-0-	19
20. All other deposits			-0-	20
21. Certified and officers' checks			124	21
22. Total Deposits (sum of items 15 thru 21)			5,870	22
a. Total demand deposits			1,172	22a
b. Total time and savings deposits			4,698	22b
23. Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase			-0-	23
24. Interest-bearing demand notes issued to the U.S. Treasury and other liabilities for borrowed money			-0-	24
25. Mortgage indebtedness for which the bank is directly liable			-0-	25
26. Unearned discount on loans			164	26
27. Letters of credit and acceptances outstanding			0	27
28. All other liabilities			135	28
29. TOTAL LIABILITIES (excluding subordinated notes and debentures) (sum of items 22 thru 28)			6,169	29
30. Subordinated notes and debentures			-0-	30
31. Allowance for possible loan and investment losses			51	31
EQUITY CAPITAL				
32. Common stock (No. of shares outstanding 2000)			200	32
33. Certified surplus			350	33
34. Undivided profits			5	34
35. Uncertified surplus, reserve for contingencies, and other capital reserves			161	35
36. TOTAL EQUITY CAPITAL (sum of items 32 thru 35)			716	36
37. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY CAPITAL (sum of items 29, 30, 31 and 36)			6,936	37

NOTE: This report must be signed by an authorized officer and attested by not less than three directors other than the officer signing the report.

I, the undersigned officer, do hereby declare that this Report of Condition (including the supporting schedules) has been prepared in conformance with the instructions and is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

SIGNATURE OF OFFICER AUTHORIZED TO SIGN REPORT: *Mike Jones*
 AREA CODE/TELEPHONE NO.: (915) 862-6137
 DATE SIGNED: 4-18-83

NAME AND TITLE OF OFFICER AUTHORIZED TO SIGN REPORT: Mike Jones - Vice President
 We the undersigned directors, attest the correctness of this Report of Condition (including the supporting schedules) and declare that it has been examined by us and to the best of our knowledge and belief has been prepared in conformance with the instructions and is true and correct.

SIGNATURE OF DIRECTOR: *Bruce Jones* SIGNATURE OF DIRECTOR: *Betty Hamner* SIGNATURE OF DIRECTOR: *H.H. McLeod*

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7-1TNC
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700 Avondale brick 3 bedroom, fireplace, patio, reduced to sell, equity or new loan call Betty.

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5 family yard sale in Trent, brick house under water tower. Friday and Saturday 8 until ? 7-1TC

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Little girls and boys clothes and shoes. Some women's and men's clothes also. Lots of misc items. Saturday only 8 until 6, 204 Yucca. 7-1TP

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Garage Sale Friday 9 to 4 411 Kent. Craft supplies, good clothes, 25 cents each paint flower pots, odds and ends. 7-1TP

Inside sale Thursday from 8 until 5 at 505 Haynes. 7-1TP

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Dated the 2nd day of March, 1983.
Glandon, Erwin, Scarborough, Baker, Choate & Arnot, P.O. Box 3659 Abilene, Texas 79604. (915) 673-8261 by William G. (Bud) Arnot III, Attorney for the Estate. 7-1TC

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Better Cotton Insect Sampling Leads Better Management Decisions

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Science Writer

Wise cotton grower his pest management on insect sampling accuracy of these can affect profits, ing to Dr. Winfield g, a professor of ento- with the Texas Agri- Experiment Station. urate insect sampling ult in dependable pest ment decisions," Ster- rs, "and minimize the of two costly errors. is the decision to in- control measures when re too few to cause able losses. The other is the decision not to n pest control, when it, potential profits lost due to insect

The major hazards of un- needed control are: 1) waste in the cost of insecticides and their application; 2) destruc- tion of a pest's natural ene- mies; 3) resurgence of sec- ondary pests; 4) increased risk of developing insecticide re- sistance in the target pest; and 5) risk of killing non- target organisms.

On the other hand, Ster- ling says, if control measures are not used when they are really needed, the farmer may suffer losses in yield and profits.

The key factor is that yield losses must exceed the cost of the insecticide use or no ben- efit is gained. Minor losses do not always translate into losses in profits.

"With most of the sam- pling methods currently in use," Sterling says, "there is little statistical confidence in decisions made that rely on

these methods.

"A better one, in my judg- ment, is the use of *sequential sampling techniques*. With plans that we have developed, the level of confidence is usu- ally set at 80 percent.

"This level is about as high as we can go and still make decisions in a reasonable length of time and at a reasonable cost. Using the 80 percent level of confidence, with se- quential sampling we can make decisions in an average of 15 minutes per field for both pests and natural ene- mies."

Under field conditions, when the target population is very abundant or very scarce, Sterling says that management decisions can often be made with only ten samples and still retain the 80 percent confidence in decision.

A complication as all ento- mologists know is that the

number of pests present is not always a predictor of crop loss. Bollworms, tobacco bud- worms and boll weevils are particularly susceptible to pre- dation and other mortality factors.

"Sequential sampling plans are available for sampling natural enemies as well as pests," Sterling says. "These plans are currently being used in Australia, Brazil and Israel. Publications which show how to use these plans are avail- able from my office at Texas A&M University at College Station.

"As with most techniques, sequential sampling is not a panacea for all our decision- making problems. It is a powerful tool but must be used with common sense.

"For example, the sampling plan is no better than the action levels used for pests or the inaction levels used for predators.

"The action level is the number of pests requiring control and the inaction level is the number of 'beneficials' that will control the pests.

"At A&M University, we are working on computer models of key pests, their natural enemies, and the cot- ton system. In my opinion, the greatest payoff of this modeling research will be to provide more accurate esti- mates of action levels for the pests and inaction levels for the natural enemies.

"Many factors will affect these levels such as geogra- phical area, fertilization, irri- gation, planting date, variety of cotton, history of land use, insect distributions, etc.

"Computers can handle this multiplicity of factors much more easily than our mental computers. Once reliable action and inaction levels are generated by our computer models, we can have even greater confidence in decisions made by our sampling tech- niques.

"Sequential sampling can add to this level of confidence so that management decisions are made with the highest level of confidence and the smallest sample size that is economical to achieve," Ster- ling concluded.



The longest golf hole in the world is the 17th hole at a course in North Carolina. It measures 745 yards, and is a par six.

State Highway System In Financial Crisis

AUSTIN—Texas is in the grip of a highway crisis that threatens the state's future and its citizens' ability to move about effi- ciently and safely, accord- ing to some state officials and the Texas Good Roads and Transportation Asso- ciation (TGR/TA).

Rep. David Cain (D) of Dallas, House sponsor of legislation to ease the desperate situation, said that unless the Legi- slature provides adequate funding during the cur- rent legislative session, that the resulting damage to the roadways would be irrevocable and Texas would diminish as an industrial leader and as a good place to live.

Cain and the TGR/TA have immediate concerns that the state cannot provide enough matching dollars to qualify for the maximum amount of federal funds available to Texas. Without these federal dollars even the interstate and U.S. highway systems would be threatened.

Without additional fund- ing to the highways, millions of dollars in state projects will have to be cancelled just to provide the state's match for federal monies allotted to Texas.

Projects to ease the major traffic snarls in almost every urban area would not be built, and the farm to market system would continue to de- teriorate.

Congress has passed a five-cent motor fuels tax

increase. Texas will receive about \$400 million more for highways annually. Those funds, however, are tagged for the interstate and U.S. highways. The state must also provide matching funds— from 10 percent to 25 percent for these projects.

That means that the state has less dollars to spend on its state highways and farm to market systems. Rep. Cain's bill is designed to provide \$700 million annually for repair and improvement of the state system. Additionally, \$100 million annually would be earmarked for city governments to repair and rehabilitate city streets.

TGR/TA has suggested that those funding needs should be met by those who use the highways. Among the alternatives suggested is a five cent hike in the motor fuel tax and increasing vehicle registration to \$25 a year. The rise in the fuel tax would mean a motorist who drives 10,000 miles a year would pay about \$100 in tax, compared to the \$53 that has been paid since 1955.

"There are a number of ways the Legislature can provide the funds," Rep. Cain said, "but the one alternative we can't afford is to do nothing. We must fix our roads now or face disaster. The longer we wait the worse it becomes and the more costly it is to make repairs or re- construct."



The Consumer Alert

by Jim Mattox
Attorney General

AUSTIN—Consumers are advised to obtain a second opinion when they inquire about servicing a major appliance, according to the Independent Appliance Service Association. This newly organized association was created by the Independent Service Companies in response to the growing number of consumers who are subject to false, mis- leading or deceptive business practices by unscrupulous ap-pliance repair companies.

It has come to the attention of many of the members of this Association that consumers, who know little or nothing about repair of a major appliance such as a washing machine or refrig-erator, are being deceived by repairmen who have the advan- tage of such knowledge.

Often a consumer will call a repairman to make an esti- mate as to what has to be repaired and how much it will cost. Be wary of a company that double bills you for the service call by charging once for the estimate and again for the actual service. When mak- ing an estimate unprincipled repairman may relate in detail that there are repairs needed and will require him to return a second time to do the necessary work.

This is the point that you as a consumer would be well- advised to procure a second opinion as to what repair is

really necessary and to shop around as to the cost. This practice is not only beneficial to the consumer but it would also be conducive to the Association to ascertain which companies are damaging the reputation of all repair com- panies. It is relatively easy for an unethical repairman to inform an unknowing con- sumer that unneeded parts or services are required to bring the appliance into working order when a minor adjust- ment or an entirely different repair is necessary.

A second opinion would also be advantageous in receiving a fair and reasonable cost for the work needed. An unethical repairman who recognizes a situation of dire necessity or sees the chance of making a fast buck may try to over- charge for the services or parts required. A person who isn't aware of the normal prices will ordinarily pay the price quoted. A second opin- ion will help assure you of being given the best possible service at a fair and reasonable cost.

Therefore, the consumer would be wise to heed the advice of the Independent Ap-pliance Service Association by obtaining a second opinion as to the necessity of repairs and the cost thereof to receive reliable service at equitable cost for the repair of major ap- pliances.

ested in constant human companionship. This type of behavior has contributed to the fact that many people dis- like cats. But, it is important to realize that a cat is dependent on its owner to fulfill both physical and emotional needs. It requires a secure relationship with, and re- sponds to feelings coming from, its owner. Once a trust- ing bond has been achieved, your cat may finally think you've earned its friendship. Accept it eagerly; it may not be offered again!



well-kept litter box, regular exercise and, of course, lots of attention. When satisfied, Stansbury added, "these few requirements make for a con- tented cat."

Independently dependent
Most cats are not inter-

Cat's trust is earned

Today, approximately 24 percent of America's house- holds comprise the ranks of feline aficionados, with some 34,000,000 cats loved and doted on by their owners. This means that one of every five American homes has at least one cat, an increase of 55 percent in the last decade. Owning a cat is a highly personal thing, and it has become increasingly apparent that the owner is the key to a happy or unhappy relation- ship with a cat.

and more popular as pets for this very reason. Hundreds of families, working couples and senior citizens consider a cat the perfect household pet.

However, there are a few simple needs an owner must furnish to encourage a trust- ing bond with a cat. Accord- ing to Dr. Robert Stansbury, noted feline veterinarian of Long Beach, Calif., and a member of the Research Advisory Board at Lowe's, manufacturer of Kitty Litter brand cat box filler, "A re- sponsible owner must provide proper nourishment, a

Need limited care
Cats are very easy to care for and have become more

NEWS ABOUT JOBS

Field Of The Future

A national Gallup poll shows that computer careers are the number one choice of male high school students. Financial rewards and excitement of a com-



puter career are the most important factors. For female high school students, computer science is the choice after medicine, secretarial and nursing.

Commenting on this Gal- lup poll, Kingsley Bewley, President, Bell & Howell Education Group (BHEG), says there are a number of op- portunities for skilled people in computer science.

He offers three popu- lar examples: computer programmers, who tell comput- ers what to do; computer operators, who actually run computers; and computer salespersons.

BHEG consists of a net- work of 10 technical insti- tutes offering programs in Electronics and Computer Science for Business. Mr. Bewley says qualified Com- puter Science for Business graduates with bachelor's degrees from a BHEG insti- tute have received impres- sive starting salaries, aver- aging over \$18,000.

For more information on career opportunities in Computer Science for Busi- ness, write: Bell & Howell Education Group, Dept. 5802, 2201 W. Howard St., Evanston, IL 60202.

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Fortunately, nighttime is actually the healthiest time for your lawn to be watered. According to turf specialist Dr. W.H. Daniel at Purdue University, "Early morning is often ideal as wind is down, humidity is high and turf is already wet with dew." Because water is not left standing, mildew and lawn diseases receive little encouragement. Use only the water neces-

sary for your lawn. Over-watering can cause fungus and rot, as well as an expensive water bill.

Water conservation can save you money on water bills when the supply is plentiful. You can measure exactly how much water your lawn is receiving, and also water when pressure is strongest (usually between 10 p.m. and 3 a.m.), simply by investing in the right sprinkler. New Melnor Time-A-Matic oscillating sprinklers not only have control settings for the right amount of water they distribute—from 100 to 1,600 gallons—they also have timers that turn them off automatically. Although water pressure

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During extreme dry spells, you may also want to:

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Fortnightly group meets

Linie Fisher and Paralee Gibson were hostesses to members of the Fortnightly Study Club when it met April 12th at the Big Country Inn.

Club president Alwyne Sandusky presided over a short business meeting and project chairman Lucille Wilson reported that work is being done to preserve the records of the club since it's beginning in 1934. Federation Counselor Ruby Hammond gave a report on art.

Alice King introduced the program on children's literature and then members participated in a nursery rhyme contest conducted by Jeanette Pursley. The program was

presented by Grace Lee Brown on children's books.

Refreshments were served to Mrs. C. M. Brown, Miss Mary Collins, Mrs. S. C. Dixon, Mrs. Bill Everett, Mrs. Mack Fisher, Mrs. Dent Gibson, Miss Mildred Hamm, Mrs. J. W. Hammond, Mrs. Comer Haynes, Mrs. Orvel Hill, Mrs. Buster Horton, Mrs. Allen King, Mrs. C. B. Knight, Mrs. Burl McCoy, Mrs. Phillip Pursley, Mrs. Curtis Rister, Mrs. Ed Sandusky, Mrs. C.M. Seymore, Mrs. Andy Shouse, Mrs. Aaron Sudderth, Mrs. Alf Walla, Miss Maurine White and Mrs. Ray Wilson.

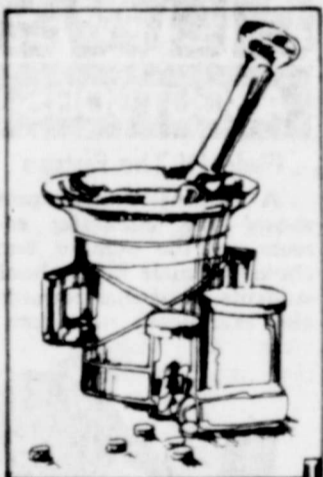
Know Your Medicine

If you're like many Americans, you'd like to know more about the medications you take and what you could do to help your doctor provide the most beneficial drug therapy. Now, thanks to a new consumers' guide of information about drugs, you can become a more responsible participant in your own health care.

The *Consumer Drug Digest* is not intended as a do-it-yourself handbook or as a substitute for a doctor's or a pharmacist's recommendations. It is not intended to help a patient "second guess" his doctor. It's a quick reference handbook for the patient who wants to supplement the information provided by health practitioners.

The text of the book was drawn from the American Society of Hospital Pharmacists (ASHP) American Hospital Formulary Service, a guide to prescription drugs used by every major hospital in the United States. Portions have been specifically rewritten for the lay reader.

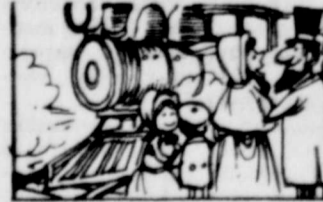
Consumer Drug Digest includes descriptions on more than 200 of the most frequently-prescribed prescription drugs. Over 1,000 brand names are covered. Information is included on generic or brand names, reasons for use, how the drug acts, side effects, potential interactions with other drugs, food or alcohol and hints on how a patient can monitor his own therapy.



A new book has in-depth descriptions of more than 200 drugs—more than 80 percent of all prescriptions.

The book is organized by disease states or medical problems, such as drugs used to treat heart attacks, high blood pressure, colds, asthma, tension and anxiety—over 20 sections describing over 40 "classes" of drugs and over 200 individual drugs. Some medical or technical terms are used, but a glossary and pronunciation guide is included to aid the reader. There are also two indexes—one alphabetical by generic and U.S. brand names and one alphabetical by generic and Canadian brand names.

For brochures on *Consumer Drug Digest* and for ordering information, write: ASHP, Dept. CDD, 4630 Montgomery Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20814.



The first railroad station in the U.S. was the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad depot in Baltimore, Maryland.



The spoked wheel, historians estimate, was invented around 2000 B.C.

Lieutenant Governor's Report

By Bill Hobby

AUSTIN — A year and a half ago, after the defeat of Proposition Four, we began a process of reconsidering this state's water resource policies.

For various reasons, voters statewide have rejected the last three water plans. In this latest effort, we tried to involve a number of different groups with opposing views.

Our goal is a water agenda that is acceptable to a majority of our citizens. Primary emphasis is on dealing with problems we can solve, not problems fifty years down the road which we can only anticipate. Working with Land Commissioner Garry Mauro, Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower and several senators, I believe we have a package of bills and resolutions that provides a fiscally responsible water resources agenda. It is a five point program:

- A proposed constitutional amendment — sponsored by Senators Ray Farabee, John Montford, and Ed Howard — would authorize the sale of an additional \$300 million in water development bonds. These funds could be used by cities with hardships to develop water supplies and water quality programs.

- Senators Howard and Carl Parker are sponsoring a constitutional amendment which would allow the state to underwrite \$250 million in water development projects for local governments. It also would allow the Legislature to appropriate money for a loan program for major projects.

- Senators Montford and Bill Sarpalius are sponsoring another constitutional amendment to establish a bond program that would help farmers improve water conservation techniques.

- Senator John Sharp is sponsoring a bill strengthening the Texas Water Commission's authority. In issuing water permits, the commission would assess the impact and ensure that the productivity of the state's bays and estuaries are maintained.

- Senator Tati Santiesteban is sponsoring a conservation bill that requires any political subdivision to have a water conservation plan before it is eligible for state financial aid on water projects.

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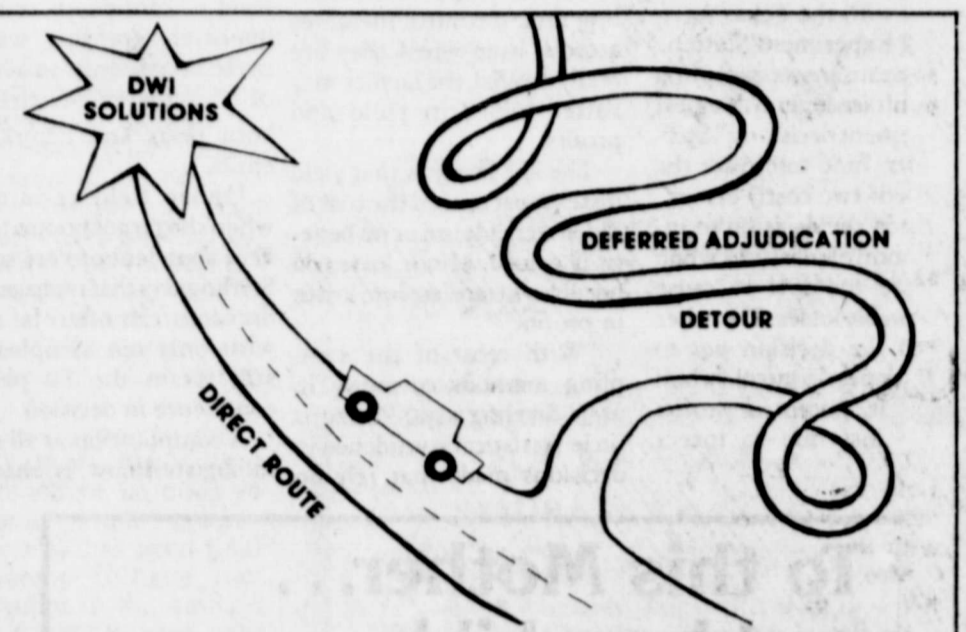
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Many members are working on their speeches for the area convention May 12. We would like to

wish the members well as they work on their speeches for state president, area president, public speaking and the Houston Livestock scholarship.

During the past week, Voc Ag classes have been working on the new fence at the ag barn. We invite everyone to come up and watch how we are progressing on this.

Once again, we want to remind you the horse show deadline is Friday.

Stay indoors if weather threatens

Editor's Note: The following is a letter from MISD superintendent Bill Everett and it is published as a public service by The Mail.

by Bill Everett

Dear Parents:
The storm season is rapidly approaching and all indications are that it will be a more stormy season than usual.

Please remember the warning that has been issued from the Weather Bureau to stay in safety where you are. Your CHILD will be safer in school than they would be in your automobile, going to or from your shelter.

A large percentage of deaths and injuries occur during a tornado when people panic and leave their shelter.

Don't let you or your child be a statistic!!

Hee-Haw set here

The Hamby PTO is going to perform a special presentation of Hee-Haw on April 22 at 8 p.m. at the school auditorium. Some Merkel residents had seen the play earlier and asked that it be presented here. It will be a night of family entertainment.



Chuck Peterman is an area officer and will run for area president as a result of last week's FFA district competition. [Staff photo]



Porcupines are excellent swimmers because their quills are hollow and help to keep them afloat.



Extended Coverage

by Chris Young

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Other appropriate locations: near the basement, if furnace and hot water heater are located there, and near living areas. Don't place smoke detectors too near a stove or near windows, doors, or air registers.

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Garden group meets

The Merkel Garden Club met April 14th with Mrs. John Shannon hosting. Members answered the roll with the name of their favorite iris.

Mrs. Alan King showed slides of her trip to South America.

Members present included Mrs. Tom Allday, Mrs. Bill Black, Mrs. C. V. Baker, Mrs. W. L. Brown, Mrs. Ada Clark, Mrs. Mary Click, Mrs.

Albert Criswell, Mrs. Lottie Everett, Mrs. Mac Fisher, Mrs. Earl Hughes, Mrs. Allie King, Mrs. E. J. Patterson, Mrs. W. T. Sadler, Mrs. Rogers, Mrs. Tom Russom, Mrs. John Shannon, Mrs. Charlie Sherrill, Mrs. Truett Thompson, Mrs. Ralph Wilburn and Mrs. Leslie Detrick. A former member, Mrs. Raymond Ferguson also attended.



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REPORT OF CONDITION

Consolidating domestic subsidiaries of the

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In the state of Texas at the close of business on March 31, 1983
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Charter number 7481 National Bank Region Number 11

Statement of Resources and Liabilities

Thousands of dollars

ASSETS

Cash and due from depository institutions	9,391
U.S. Treasury securities	2,568
Obligations of other U.S. Government agencies and corporations	830
Obligations of States and political subdivisions in the United States	312
All other securities	22
Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell	650
Loans, Total (excluding unearned income)	8,950
Less: Allowance for possible loan losses	107
Loans, Net	8,843
Lease financing receivables	-0-
Bank premises, furniture and fixtures, and other assets representing bank premises	162
Real estate owned other than bank premises	9
Intangible assets	-0-
All other assets	535
TOTAL ASSETS	23,322

LIABILITIES

Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	6,207
Time and savings deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	11,907
Deposits of United States Government	-0-
Deposits of States and political subdivisions in the United States	3,049
All other deposits	-0-
Certified and officers' checks	50
Total Deposits	21,213
Total demand deposits	6,445
Total time and savings deposits	14,768
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	9
Mortgage indebtedness and liability for capitalized leases	-0-
All other liabilities	343
TOTAL LIABILITIES (excluding subordinated notes and debentures)	21,565
Subordinated notes and debentures	-0-

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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				1,007
TOTAL EQUITY CAPITAL				1,757
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY CAPITAL				23,322
Amounts outstanding as of report date:				
Standby letters of credit, total				-0-
Time certificates of deposit in denominations of \$100,000 or more				3,726
Other time deposits in amounts of \$100,000 or more				295
Average for 30 calendar days (or calendar month) ending with report date:				
Total deposits				21,022

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]

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Vice-Pres.- Cashier

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DUNCAN HINES
ANGEL FOOD
CAKE MIX
BOX \$1 29
PLASTIC
GLASSES
15 OZ
4 FOR \$1 00

WASHINGTON DELICIOUS
RED APPLES 49¢ LB
FRESH
YELLOW SQUASH 49¢ LB
TEXAS
GOLDEN YAMS 29¢ LB
FRESH BUNCH
GREEN ONIONS 2 FOR 49¢
YELLOW
ONIONS LB 25¢
RUSSET
SPUDS 10 LB BAG \$1 19

SPLIT
FRYER
BREAST \$1 39 LB
ARMOUR STAR JUST HEAT & EAT
CHICKEN FRYED \$1 79 LB
BEEF PATTIES \$1 79 LB

CLEANER
MrCLEAN
28 OZ BOTTLE \$1 59

DEODORANT
SHIELD
BATH SOAP
2 FOR 83¢

AUTO DISHWASHER
CASCADE
50OZ BOX \$2 09

GOOCH B R
RUSTLERS
SMOKED
GOOCH B R
BACON \$1 89 LB
GOOCH B R
GERMAN
STYLE SAUSAGE 12 OZ PKG \$1 39

FOREMOST
HOMO
MILK
GAL JUG \$2 29

FOREMOST
LOW FAT
MILK
GAL JUG \$2 19

FOREMOST
COTTAGE
CHEESE
SOLO
16 OZ CRTN 98¢

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