

The Merkel Mail

Thursday, January 12, 1984...Merkel, Texas



Trent Livestock show is Saturday, judging gets started at 10 am

The Trent Livestock Show will be held Saturday at the Trent FFA Ag barn. Activities will begin at 6:30 with the Trent Lion's Club serving breakfast at the school cafeteria. All proceeds will be donated to the FFA to contribute as prize money. Judging of animals will begin at 10 a.m. Showing first will be the sheep, followed by goats, cattle and swine. Mr. J. T.

Naron, Merkel VAT teacher will be the judge. Following judging, a bar-b-que luncheon complete with all of the trimmings will be served in the school cafeteria. Officers of the 1984 Trent Livestock Association are Owen O'Kelly, general superintendent, Randy Hunt assistant, Sheila Hunt secretary, Kay O'Kelly assistant, Pat Williams finance

committee chairperson, swine superintendents are Don Orr, chairman, Ted Simpson, Mac Sipe, Bobby Brazelton, Danny Freeman. The steer superintendent is Lloyd Williams, sheep and goat superintendent is Margie Woods and the rabbit superintendent is Rocky Bryan. Mike Ray is the VAT teacher at Trent.

Trent stock show when?, channel choices, teacher shortage, candidates announcing...more

by Cloy A. Richards
The Trent Stock Show, that was reported to have been last weekend in *The Mail* will be this Saturday at the Trent Ag Barn. It was obvious to me when I showed up last Saturday and all I found was a few pigs that looked lonely. Sorry about that.

Merkel tv Cable customers will have a new company to deal with after Jan. 23 as the Colorado City bunch is selling Merkel and Roscoe systems to a Tuscola bunch.

The B. J. Little Corporation of Tuscola, an organization that has operated and owned six cable companies will be taking over and Mr. Little told the Merkel City Council Monday night he wanted to add two stations, as well as another pay service (like HBO). Of course, there will be a rate increase.

I have an idea. They said they were going to ask what people wanted added. You can almost forget WFAA (Channel 8) and KTVT (Channel 38) because of microwave costs. But, what stations do we want here?

Since the C-City bunch is leaving, the door is wide open for Cable News Network.

If you have suggestions, please give us a call at 928-5712 and we will pass them along. Also, we'd like to know what pay service folks would be interested in. I think the local favorite would be to either have a pay service like HBO, Showtime or

Cinemax, one of those three plus either the Disney Channel or another children-oriented station.

Make your opinions known. There's no reason to gripe about what is available on cable if you don't do so.

I received a letter Tuesday that had a good idea in it that I will pass along.

Dr. John R. Silber, President of Boston University has proposed a federally funded program to offer scholarships to college students that want to teach after graduation. The catch would be for the student that they would have to agree to teach for five years or pay back the loans.

Sounds good to me. We need some type of program that will bring back the droves of people that are not interested in teaching as a profession.

While we realize elections are a long way off, filings have opened and some county office holders, as well as state and national representatives have announced.

Leading the list is 24th Congressional District Representative Charles Stenholm, for a fourth term. Despite Stenholm's endorsement of John Glenn, he has done little else to rile local voters and would be tougher than old venison to be defeated in an election here.

Also, State Senator Grant Jones has announced, along with

State Representative Gary Thompson, county sheriff John Middleton and Johnny Cornelius the county tax assessor-collector. Also, local Constable Vernon Wade has not announced. Maybe he will do so in part 3 of the columns he is writing about the Merkel Ambulance Service in *The Mail*.

We are once again making an appeal for a writer from Trent to report local happenings. If you are interested, please give us a call.

The Redskins and the Raiders next weekend, as it should be. Who will win?

Take the Raiders, even though the 'Skins may be the best team. Defense wins big football games, or loses them in the case of the 49'rs.

The Merkel City council heard of a new law concerning recommended procedures in cases of possible conflict of interest Monday night and it was nothing new.

I have seen councilmen, and school board members here excuse themselves from "Potentially sensitive" subject because of the old conflict of interest laws and procedures.

They deserve note of that fact in what Merkel City councilman Derrill Farmer describes as a, well, now is not the time to go into that.

Council learns of Merkel TV cable sale, new conflict of interest law

The Merkel City Council will honor the request of Merkel TV Cable owner Dale Mathis of Colorado City and transfer his firm's franchise to the B. J. Little Corporation of Tuscola January 23, 1984. The city will hold a special meeting sometimes before the 23rd to change the ordinance granted by the city for the firm to operate here.

Most of Mondays meeting, held in the Merkel Emergency Medical Service meeting room concerned questions, answers and explanations concerning the operation of the cable system here and the programming selection.

The new cable system operators said they had plans to add channels to fill up the dial

Channels 9 & 12 can't be used) and to add an additional pay service (HBO is the only current pay service). They also plan to wire areas of the city that do not have cable service.

Council also received new information on the conflict of interest laws in Texas and received an affidavit for councilmen to present when an area of city business is being discussed and would place the councilman in a conflicting interest situation. The councilman would excuse himself from that portion of the meeting under the current procedures.

Merkel City Manager J. A. Sadler gave a report on how the city water system operated under horrible weather condi-

tions here recently and Sadler said the city had its share of little problems, but none like those faced by other cities with large lines.

Sadler also reported on a recent trip to Austin where he was asked to participate in public panel discussion concerning new master plans of the State Department of Parks and Wildlife.

Although it may have not seemed like it, the Merkel Police Department received a month long Christmas present in that their December case load was the lightest month in two years. Merkel Police worked a total of 73 cases.

In 1983 Merkel police worked 553 cases, compared to 307 in 1982 and 280 in 1981.

Student council sponsoring alcohol information events this week

Merkel High School Student Council is sponsoring SMILE Week at Merkel High and Merkel Middle School this week.

SMILE stands for Student Myth-Information and Learning Experiences. The purpose for SMILE is to help young people learn accurate information about the drug alcohol; its use, abuse, and misuse. Their goal is to enable young adults to make informed, responsible choices which can decrease health risks to them and their children, now and in the future.

So far, the student council has received information concerning alcoholism from Mothers Against Drunk Drivers, Abilene Police Department, Care Unit, Mental Retardation Center and the Texas Commission on Alcoholism.

Activities for the week included the distribution of pamphlets and brochures. Monday there were displays, signs and a survey taken in the high school and middle school.

Tuesday, students heard from Steve Hare of the Human

Relations Service. Wednesday films were shown to Middle School students.

Today (Thursday) films were set to be viewed by high school students and a question and answer session with a DPS officer and Betty Prude, representing MADD.

Friday the results of the survey will be accumulated.

Although the results of the survey are not complete now, school officials said it indicates students want more information concerning alcohol education.

Social Security payments up

Several recent changes in Social Security are now in effect.

Benefit increase- If you receive Social Security or supplemental security income, your monthly payments will increase 3.5 per cent effective with this month's check. The maximum Social Security retirement benefit generally payable is now \$734 a month for a person 65 in 1983. And the maximum Federal SSI payment is now \$314 for an individual and \$472 for a couple.

Payroll tax increase- If you are an employee, the Social Security tax rate you pay this year will be the same as in 1983, 6.7 per cent, even though your employer will pay 7 per cent. This is because of a one-time 0.3 per cent tax credit you will get.

Self-employment tax increase- If you are self employed, your Social Security tax rate for 1984 will be 100 per cent of the combined employee-employer rate (14 per cent), rather than at a rate that was roughly 70 per cent of the total. But you will receive a self-employment tax credit of 2.7 per cent of your self employment income for 1984 (as well as a 2.3 per cent credit for 1985, and a 2.0 per cent credit for 1986-89).

Coverage for Federal and nonprofit organization employees- If you are newly hired by the Federal Government in 1984 or later, or if you work for a non-profit organization, you are covered by Social Security. And, if you are a non-profit employee 55 or older first covered in 1984, you will need fewer work credits than normal to be insured for retirement and

survivors benefits.

Improvements for disabled widow(er)s- If you are a disabled widow or widower who started getting checks on your deceased spouse's Social Security record before age 60, your payments may be slightly increased in January (in addition to the regular benefit increase). And if you remarry, your benefits can continue.

Taxation of benefits- If you get Social Security benefits and have substantial other income in addition to your benefits, up to

one half of the benefits may be subject to Federal income tax starting with 1984. Only about one in ten people are affected by this provision.

For more information about these changes, contact any Social Security office. If you need more specific guidance concerning possible taxation of benefits, get in touch with the Internal Revenue Service.

The Abilene Social Security office is located at 142 S. Pioneer. The phone number is 698-1360.

Learn by listening rather than talking

by Russell McAnally

Sometimes we can learn more by listening than we can by asking questions or talking. This morning, I am hearing people express excitement over the beautiful rain. This is the first rain for the 1984 year, but we hope it is not our last. It is a little frightening to realize that our very existence depends on this falling rain from year to year.

This past week I heard people talking about the life and spirit of Jessie Shannon. At the same time and on into Sunday, people were saying good things about Allie Butman. Before last week there was not that much talk about them.

I haven't found much frenzied enthusiasm about my idea of

having a service of recognition for elderly people while they are still alive. We then and there could tell them how we appreciate them. This old world needs human relationships of sharing and caring people.

We listen downtown to gossip and fact, but one thing people are talking about is the friendly, young lady, Kay Jones, now working at the window at the Post Office. I went there to meet her and buy some stamps. She didn't know me but while I was buying the stamps, she inquired as to my state of health. I had the feeling she would have called a doctor if I had told her I was not feeling well. People can

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Listen instead of missing

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be friendly and helpful even in a Post Office.

While in Abilene at a meeting of the County Child Welfare Board, I heard two ladies talking. I listened with interest when I heard one of them mention the name of Merkel. One lady told the other she had been to Merkel to shop at Ben Franklin's. I listen real well when I hear of people from Abilene coming to shop in Merkel.

While listening to a tv pro-

gram last Sunday, just before church time, I heard a well known newscaster say "In the past ten years, 250,000 people have been killed by drunk drivers." I divided that by ten and came up with a figure of 25,000 per year. This is the figure most Americans have accepted as the annual rate of deaths at the hands of drunk drivers. This makes it very hard to understand why, this past year, our Representatives in Austin rejected a bill to make it unlawful for a driver to have an

open bottle in the car with him. I wonder how our representative voted. The next time one of them asks you to vote for them, ask them how they voted on bills concerning drinking and driving.

It seems they sure listen to the lobbyists there in Austin who is paid to promote drinking all times and places.

If you hear someone complaining because there is not much News in the **Merkel Mail**— Ask them if they have sent in any news lately.

FFA news; county show Jan. 20,

The Merkel Chapter of the Future Farmers of America would like to continue the spotlights of the different FFA members. This week, we will concentrate on the General Ag Mechanics class.

Dusty Farmer, son of Phyllis and Travis Farmer of Rt. 3 Merkel is a junior and a member of the General Ag Mechanics class. Dusty's past accomplishments in the FFA include being a chapter officer and competing in Extemporaneous Speaking contest. His goal

for this year in FFA is to be a chapter officer again. His project includes breeding Chester White pigs. His high school functions include athletics. His goal in high school is to win district in football and his goals in life are to go to college and major in vo-ag and minor in general business.

Parker Wilson, son of Don and Judy Wilson of Rt. 3 Merkel is a junior and a member of the General Ag Mechanics class. In the past, Parker has raised hogs been on the senior chapter

conducting team, quiz teams, all major stock shows and attended state conventions.

His goals for FFA include raising hogs, cows and calves. His project for the year includes raising cows, calves and hogs. He wants to learn about computers and vocational education.

He plans to attend college and possibly enter the Air Force.

We would like to remind everyone of the upcoming county stock show to be held Jan. 20 and 21 at the Taylor County Exposition Center.

Merkel tax rebates running way ahead

Merkel's latest check for rebates of the state sales tax went through the roof this month, but State Comptroller Bob Bullock had a good explanation for that increase.

Merkel's January check of \$2,787.24 is a 95.13 per cent increase but it was made possible by new laws concerning rebating of state sales tax pts.

Under the old system, retailers could send in a quarterly payment and reports. Now, the state requires monthly reporting and that will cause some of the figures each month to be a little off, especially the first reporting month of a quarter.

Tye received a check for \$3,535.89 up 16.92 per cent ahead

of last year.

Merkel's year end increase of almost 10 per cent reflected Merkel's best year ever in retail sales.

Texas cities shared in \$44.6 million in payments. Rebates of 1 per cent of the 5 per cent sales taxes are made to what city the tax was collected in.

Badger boy-girl basketball schedules

The Merkel Badgers began their district race here against Wylie Tuesday and the following is the rest of the schedule for basketball.

All games are district games. (JVG-Junior Varsity Girls, JVB-Junior Varsity Boys, VG-Var-

sity Girls, VB-Varsity Boys)

Jan. 13 at Electra JVB, VG, VB. Jan. 17 At Clyde JVG, VG* VB Jan 20 here against Breckenridge JVG, VG, VB Jan. 24 at Stamford JVB, VG, VB Jan 27 at Wylie JVB, VG, VB Jan 31 here against Electra JVG, VG, VB.

Also, Feb 3 here against Clyde JVB, VG, VB Feb. 7 at Breckenridge JVB, VG, VB Feb 10 here against Stamford JVG, VG, VB.

JVB- Junior Varsity Boys



Mrs. James Freeman

Rehab contributors

Through the Merkel VFW, the following people made contributions to the Rehab Center at this past weekend's telethon.

Lee Rasberry and Betty, Claude Childress, Bill Williams, Jo Lerma, R. Funderberg, Beuford Button Raymond Moreno, B. Orr, Louis Brown, Rich Wirtz, Albert Gregory, Sharon Harris, Virgil Hunt, Fanelle Boney, J. D. & Margaret Sandusky, Ruby Shipman, Dean San-

ford, Mac Bigbee, Richard Hernandez, Larry Pack, James Swinney, Pam & Dennis Orsborn, Mike Koflanavich, Gregory & Goode Construction, Marie Shanks, Evelyn Stribling, Dave Dillon, Bob Gilcrest, Fern & J. D. Hughes, Don & Gwen Latimer, Weldon Tittle, Neely Tittle, Jessie Moreno, Bobby & Patsy Owen, Otis Davis, Carter Insurance, Lloyd & Patsy Williams, Louis Wood, Mr. & Mrs. Ken Kratz.

Brockmeyer in group

Chris Brockmeyer, a Hardin Simmons University sophomore, pledged Alpha Phi Omega (service fratern-

nity) during the 1983 fall semester.

Brockmeyer is the son of C. M. Brockmeyer of Merkel.

McGlothlin, Freeman

Leigh Ann McGlothlin of Trent and James Marvin Freeman of Ira were married Dec. 30 at the Trent Church of Christ with Jerry Williams performing the double ring ceremonies.

Leigh Ann is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce McGlothlin of Trent and James is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Elton Freeman of Ira.

An arch candelabra centered the altar flanked on each side with small cathedral candelabras entwined with English Boxwood and accented with pink satin bows. Bridesmaids carried long stemmed Happiness Roses accented with shades of pink satin streamers.

Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Freeman of Roscoe provided the music.

The maid of honor was Leslie McGlothlin, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Janna King of Trent and Mrs. Steve Roberts, cousin of the bride of Abilene. They wore long chiffon dresses of rose pink and dusty rose and carried long stemmed rose. The ring bearer was Chad Sipe of Trent and Jamie Ray, also of Trent.

The candlelighters were Lisa Slaton of Abilene and Lee Hunt of Trent.

Ushers were Brian and Jeff Fry of Lubbock, Bobby McGlothlin, Jeff McGlothlin, all cousins of the bride. Joe McGlothlin, brother of the bride of Trent and Tom Sliter, also of Trent, served as groomsmen. Riley West of Trent was the best man.

Mr. Bruce McGloth-

lin of Trent presented his daughter in marriage. She wore a Mori Lee gown of poly-chiffon reembroidered with a loncon lace bodice with a V neck and pearls for trim. The dress had split sleeves and attached chapal train with loncon lace. The veil dropped from a white wreath of flowers and netting trimmed in pearls. The couple will live in Trent following a wedding trip.

A reception followed in the Fellowship Hall of the church. Colors of rose pink and dusty rose highlighted the decorations. The brides' table was centered with a silver candelabra holding pink tapers and the bride's bouquet, with a three-tiered wedding cake and crystal punch-bowl, with silver appointments. Serving at the reception table were Digi Fry of Lubbock, aunt of the bride and Lynette Sliter of Trent. Debra Williams served coffee from a silver service set. Decorating that table were pink tapers in silver candle holders.

Assisting the houseparty were Mrs. Stanley McGlothlin, Mrs. Eddie McGlothlin of Roscoe, Mrs. Wayne Slaton of Abilene, Mrs. Ray LeMeilleur, Mrs. Hillyer Ward and Mrs. Steve Fikes of Kerrville.

Both Leigh Ann and James are 1983 graduates of Trent High. He is employed by Pancake Drilling Co.

Grandparents of the couple include Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Harbour of Kerrville, Mrs. Irene McGlothlin of Abilene and Marvin Freeman of Trent.



The Merkel Livestock Association

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Church news

Obituaries

Elva Lois Wurst

Elva Lois Wurst, 76, of Merkel, died at 2:23 p.m. Jan. 9 at West Texas Medical Center following a short illness.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the 1st United Methodist Church here with the Rev. John Wagoner and the Rev. Russell McAnally officiating. Burial followed at Rose Hill Cemetery under the

direction of the Starbuck Funeral Home.

She was born April 3, 1907 in Sedgwick, Kan. She married Clyde Wurst Dec. 9, 1930 in Dodge City. They lived in Russell Springs, Kan. until 1937 when they moved to Merkel. She was a member of the United Methodist Church and the Comrades Sunday school class. She was also a

member of the Women's Auxillary of the Merkel Volunteer Fire Department.

She is survived by her husband; two sons, Clyde Jr. of Merkel and Dale of Houston, and a daughter Arlene Helbert of Abilene; two brothers, two sisters and four grandchildren. He was also preceded in death by a brother and two sisters.

William Ozro Steen

William Ozro Steen, 79, a former Trent resident and long time cattle buyer, died at 3 p.m. Jan. 9 at Hendrick Medical Center following a sudden illness.

Services were held Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. at the Trent United Methodist Church under the direction of Pastor Billy Spencer of University Baptist and the Rev. Don Marquardt of Roscoe Lutheran. Burial followed

at Trent Cemetery under the direction of the Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born May 9, 1904 in Greenville he moved to Trent in 1917 as a cattle buyer. He married Lucy Halbrooks Sept. 28, 1928. She died Jan. 15, 1976. He later married Ruth Bly, Aug. 21, 1976 in San Angelo.

He was a member of Trent Methodist and Woodmen of the World. He had lived in

Abilene since 1963.

He is survived by his wife, a son Weldon of Roscoe, a brother Algie of Denver; two sisters, Irene Strawn of Trent and Ruby Holt of Waco, and five grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Tilda Lou Ridgeway.

Pallbearers were Johnny Heatly, Bob Clark, Robert Forkner, C. Q. Young, Wayne Lerner and John Colson.

Marvin Tyros Head

Marvin Tyros Head, 89, a farmer and rancher, died at 2:07 a.m. Monday at West Texas Medical Center. The funeral was held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the First Baptist Church here with the Rev. Carl Rea of the Trent Baptist Church officiated. Burial followed in the Trent Cemetery under the direction of the Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born Feb. 12, 1894 in Erath County, he married Jessie Bell Nov. 4, 1919 in Stephenville. He was a veteran of World War I and a member of the Merkel-Trent barracks of World War I veterans. He had lived in the Merkel-Trent area since 1924 and was a member of the First Baptist Church here.

His wife died Oct. 7,

1978. A son Raymond and three brothers and sisters also preceded him in death.

He is survived by two sons, Edgar of Abilene and Thurman of Grapevine; a daughter, Mary Reda McKee of Merkel; a sister, Gladys Collier of Abilene; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Nephews served as pallbearers.

H. P. Hudman

The father of a Merkel man, Henry Paul "H. P." Hudman, of Abilene died at 3 p.m. Sunday.

Hudman, 87 had been the cemetery manager for the City of Abilene for 20 years. He died at 3 p.m. Saturday and the funeral was held at 3 p.m. Monday at the Calvary Baptist Church in Abilene.

The Rev. Hollis Yelting officiated. Burial followed in Cedar Hills cemetery.

Born March 13, 1896 in Bronte, he graduated from Bronte High and served in the Army in World War I. He moved to Abilene in 1941. He married Ora Lee Johnson Aug. 22, 1953 at Brownwood.

He also had farmed

for 20 years and was a member of Calvary Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife; two sons, Paul of Merkel and Ben of Fort Worth; a daughter Cordia B. Staats of Ferris; a stepdaughter Opal Herrington of Dallas; 12 grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren; four nieces and four nephews.

Mrs. James Roy Baccus

Mrs. James Roy Baccus of 1332 Glencove of Richardson, died Dec. 22 in a Richardson hospital. Funeral services were held Dec. 23 at 1 p.m. at Restland Memorial chapel.

Burial followed in Restland Memorial Park.

She is survived by

her husband, James Roy Baccus and a son Larry of Mexia. She is also survived by her mother, Alta Mae Huckaby of Abilene; two sisters; Billi Black of Connecticut and Jo Ann Overman of Overland Park, Kans.; Her father-in-law, Roy Baccus is a resident of

Merkel.

She was preceded in death by a son Danny in 1972. Her mother-in-law Iva Baccus, died here in March.

The family asked that memorials be made to the volunteer services of the Mexia State school for the therapeutic pool fund.

Mrs. Carl Carey

Funeral services for Mrs. Carl Carey were held Dec. 27, 1983 at the First Baptist Church in Merkel with the Rev. Carl Rae, pastor of the Trent Baptist Church officiating. Burial followed at Rose Hill Cemetery here. She passed away Dec. 25th following a brief illness. She was a longtime area resident having moved to Midland about four months ago to be near her daughter.

Born Minnie Mae Dickerson, March 18, 1903 in Millsap, she married Carl Carey Aug. 4, 1928 in Abilene. They moved to Lubbock in 1954 and returned to Merkel in 1969. He passed away Dec. 29, 1971.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church here and was active in the Senior Citizens Organization and the Goodman Home Demonstration Club.

She was preceded in death by an infant son, her father F. W. Dickerson and two brothers Roy and Herman (Joe) Dickerson.

She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Fred (Lanell) Hopkins of Midland, her mother Mrs. Amzy Dickerson; three brothers; O. W. (Red) Dickerson of Merkel, Odell Dickerson of Trent and Troy P. Dickerson of Merkel; four sisters, Linnie Hatfield of Midland, Mrs. Truman (R. V.) Carey of Abilene,

Mrs. Wiley (Edith) Noah of Merkel, Mrs. A. L. (Elsie) Booe of Seminole and several nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Jesse and Leo Hatfield, Jimmy Carey, Kenneth Booe, C. S. Carey and Wiley Noah.

Max's Kawasaki & Honda
is now Abilene's
New Honda Dealer.
'84 Honda 3-Wheelers
in stock
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§ The First Assembly of God Church here will be presenting the most exciting and the youngest fulltime Southern Gospel singing group in the United States. The group calls themselves The Concord and the concert will start at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 19.

§ Although there will be no admission fee, a Free Will Offering will be collected in support of these young men. We at the Assembly of God Church hopes you will come out and really enjoy the blessings of the Lord through music.

Jessye Mae Shannon

Catholic Church

We want to remind parents and all of our students of the grave importance of CCD classes for growing in the knowledge of our faith. Where else will we learn about God, Jesus, Our Church, our privileges and responsibilities as Catholics?

The importance becomes even greater for those who wish to prepare themselves

for the first Confession and Holy Communion, and for Confirmation.

Repeated absence from class will prevent candidates from qualifying for these Sacraments.

Calvary Baptist

This is the week! American Best Western Motor Inn on I-20 will be the location for the teacher-worker

banquet Friday the 13th at 7:30 p.m.

Calvary Baptist welcomes everyone to its services. We want to

invite you personally. If you need a ride, please call 928-5120, 928-5744 or 736-6311.

Sunday School 10 a.m.
Morning worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship 6 p.m.
Wednesday service 7:30 p.m.

JOHN DEERE

BOTTOM-LINE SPECIALS

New combine buys are best now: get cash rebates from \$2,800 to \$5,200 including header...plus finance charge waiver to first use month in 1984, or a rebate in lieu of waiver

Look at this: not only do you get a cash rebate for a new separator but you also get an added bonus for any new headers bought with the separator or separately (see the chart). That's right—a rebate for the separator, a rebate for the header, and even a rebate if you buy just the header alone.

Use your current combine toward downpayment for a new Titan, finance with John Deere, and pay no finance charge until the first use month in 1984. Or you can take a cash rebate in lieu of waiver.* For example, a 6620 Corn and Soybean Combine bought in December

1983 would have a cash rebate in lieu of waiver of \$3,250 if the first use month is October in your area. Or on a 7720 Grain Combine bought in January 1984, a cash rebate in lieu of waiver of \$2,175 if the first use month is July in your area. Ask your dealer for the amount in lieu of waiver on the combine of your choice. Or another option is to lease a new combine, with lease-payment discount comparable to the waiver of finance charge.*

Now's the time to choose, while the best values are available. This program will end on January 31, 1984.

Model	Cash Rebate on Purchase	Model	Cash Rebate on Purchase
Self-Propelled:		Pull-Type	
4420	\$2,300	6601	2,300†
6620	3,200	7721	1,800
6620 SideHill	3,200	Headers:	
6622 Hillside	3,900	All platforms	1,000
7720	3,600	All row-crop heads	1,000
8820	4,200	All corn heads	1,000

*This rebate applies to the combine with platform, since the 6601 is sold that way.
†Availability of John Deere financing and leasing plans subject to approval of credit. Leases not eligible for cash rebates or for cash in lieu of waiver.
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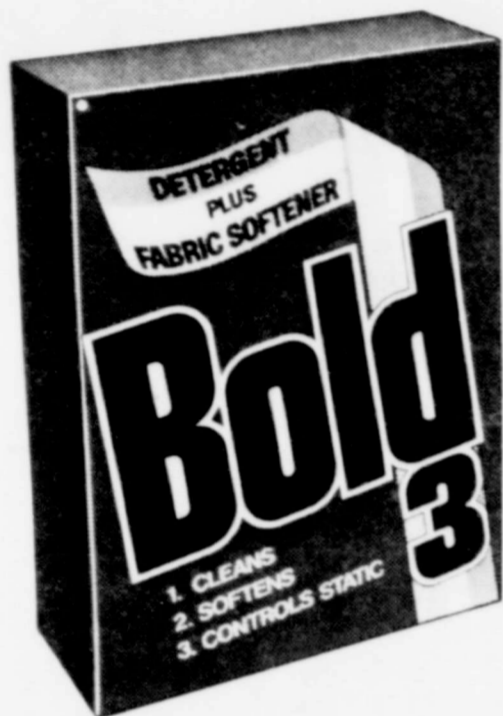


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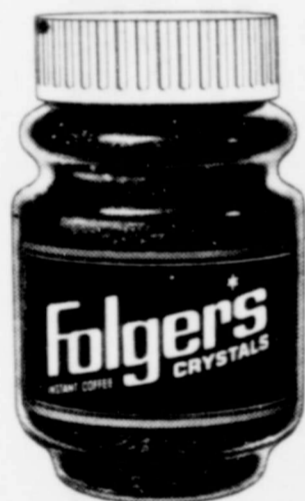
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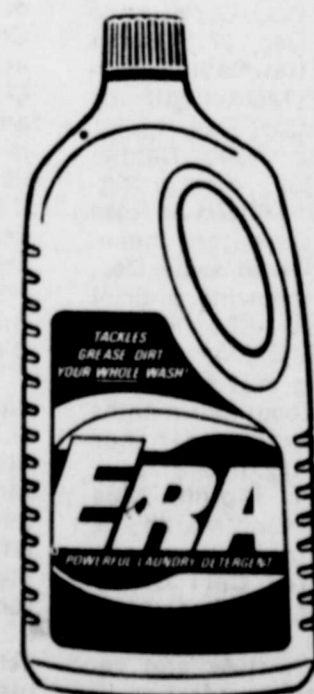
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MERKEL, TEXAS FRESH VEGETABLES

Tips on emergency situations

by Vernon Wade- EMT-Paramedic

President, Merkel Emergency Medical Association

Only about 5 per cent of all ambulance calls are true emergencies. The other 95 per cent are situations in which the patient is in need of medical help and needs to go to the hospital and should receive some care en-route.

Sometimes, this care may start with the patient before the ambulance arrives. A calm attitude is almost always best for the patient. Other treatment you might render to a patient depends on the training, if any, persons may have from first aid, nursing, or CPR. Again, you should not get upset. Getting upset will only worsen the patients' problem. Keep calm, assure the patient that help is on the way. Seconds seem like hours when you are scared and unsure of waiting.

Patient care outside the hospital, in some cases, is different from hospital care. Unless the patient is in danger of further injury, leave the patient where you find them. **Please do not move the patient.** Please do not dress patient. Ambulance personnel need to examine the patient and possibly hook up equipment. We will cover and protect the patient. Movement of the patient could cause stress. The less movement of the patient the better. Should the patient be involved in an accident of any type **don't move the patient unless you see a fire** (in automobile accidents). Oil and water on hot motors causes smoke and steam. Remember, if you don't see a fire, leave the patient where you find them. Moving the patient with injuries can cause more injuries if you are not trained in moving patients.

Please do not wash a patients face with a wet rag. Bleeding from the face is usually very minor. Don't give the patient anything by mouth, except possibly his own medication. No water, no pain pills, no liquor. If the patient is a diabetic and he is fully conscious, something sweet could possibly help. Ambulance personnel need to de-

termine if a patient is sweating. This one thing could tell us a lot about a patient. Use of a damp cloth to wet the patients lips will accomplish the same thing as a drink of water. A drink of water can cause nausea and vomiting. Even in hot weather, a wet skin that feels cool is a major sign. We need to know about the patient.

If the patient is taking medication, gather up the medication for ambulance personnel. The doctors will need to know what medication the patient is taking. If the patient has a special medical problem not related to the present problem, tell us. It will help us and the doctors determine the present needs.

Special Problems

Heart attack: Patient showing signs of heart attack (Refer to last week's Mail for signs of a heart attack)

Keep calm, call ambulance, **assure patient help is coming.** Try to keep patient from moving around. Don't give the patient anything by mouth except his medication. Wet lips with a damp rag. Loosen clothing, belts, pants, shirt, bra, etc. If the patient wants to sit up, let them sit up. It can help their breathing. Get medication patient is taking and give to ambulance personnel.

Remember, a restless patient is a very sick patient. An anxious patient is a very sick patient. Also, a patient that insists that nothing is wrong could be a very sick patient.

If the patient should have a cardiac arrest (heart attack) while you are waiting for the ambulance, call the ambulance phone again and give them this information. If you have been trained in CPR, start CPR. If

you have only seen it done on tv, don't start CPR. I have not seen CPR done on tv properly. (If you would like to know how to perform CPR properly, contact Merkel City Hall and leave them your name and phone number.) CPR can save lives. Take the time to learn to do CPR properly.

If you don't know CPR, get door open, pets out of the way and please try to stay out of the ambulance personnel's way. Up against the wall is best. We can ask you questions, you can hold equipment. We need your assistance but you might get run over or knocked down. A life is hanging in the balance and seconds count. Our concentration will be on patient treatment and every effort is given to the patient. The decisions made are co-ordinated with a medical director (physician) and we will follow his orders. If care is started, we must continue it until the patient is delivered to a doctor.

Probably the hardest part of being an ambulance attendant is when we are unable to save a life and someone dies. We feel that possibly something else could have worked. However, death happens and we feel the hurt also.

Next week, What is an Emergency Medical Technician.

A meeting of concerned people who want to know more about the Merkel Ambulance Service and it's functions will be held at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 17 in the Merkel School auditorium.

It will cost nothing- we will not ask you to do anything. We just want to present information that could save a life.

Please make every effort to attend.



MISD lunch menu

The following is the school lunch menu for MISD.

- Jan 12
Tin can casserole, carrots, potatoes and onions, lettuce and tomato salad, sliced peaches.
- Jan 13
Hamburgers and all the trimmings, french fries and orange wedges.
- Jan 16
Salisbury steak with brown gravy, whipped potatoes and french green beans, mixed fruit.
- Jan 17
Fiesta, tossed salad with choice of dressing, buttered corn, plum cobbler.
- Jan 18
Fried fish with tartar sauce, macaroni and cheese, blackeyed peas, pineapple chunks.
- Jan 19
Turkey pot pie, mixed vegetables, lettuce tomato and choice of salad dressing, rosemary applesauce.
- Jan 20
Chili-dogs with mustard, cheese sticks, pork and beans, relish and onions, prune cake with icing.

Perkins, Parks announce plans

Dorothy Perkins of Merkel proudly announces the engagement and approaching marriage of her daughter, Velma Ann to Ricky Dixon Parks, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Parks of Hico. The bride-elect is a graduate of Trent High and Tarelton State University with a BS in agri-business. Her fiancé is a graduate of Hico High and is attending Tarleton State

as an accounting major. He is employed by Parks Bullet Manufacturing Co. in Hico.

The wedding will take place Feb. 11 at 6 p.m. in the Church of Christ here. The ceremony will be performed by Larry Bristo of Big Spring. Friends and relatives are invited to attend.

Miss Perkins is also the daughter of the late Borden E. (Perk) Perkins.

Preceptor Eta Omega learns about drama

Preceptor Eta Omega Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met in the home of Connie Ybarra with Mamie Steck as president presiding over the meeting. Connie was captain and Blanche Hewitt co captain on the program "Drama, Theatre."

Those present were Connie Ybarra, Louise DuBose, Mamie Steck, Betty Satterwhite, Betty Conley, Kathy LeVerich and Blanche Hewitt.

The chapter volunteered at the Rehab Center telethon.

The next meeting will be Jan. 17 with Val Patteron as hostess.

Flipper is Saturday

The Junior League of Abilene is sponsoring **Flipper**, Sat. Jan. 14 at the Paramount Theatre, 352 Cypress. The movie will begin at 10:30 a.m. Tickets are \$1.25 for children

and students and \$2 for adults. They can be purchased at the movie or by calling the Junior League office at 677-1879. We hope you and your family will join us for all the fun.



Leo Tolstoy's wife copied the manuscript of his epic novel *War and Peace* by hand seven times.

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WTU new rates in effect

New rates for WTU's retail customers have received final approval of the Public Utility Commission of Texas, and are now in effect.

The rates are designed to provide an annual revenue increase of \$11.97 million. The company, in its rate request filed last June 10, had asked for \$26.5 million.

Although the change meant a 5.2 per cent increase in total retail rates, the current effect will be a decrease for customers

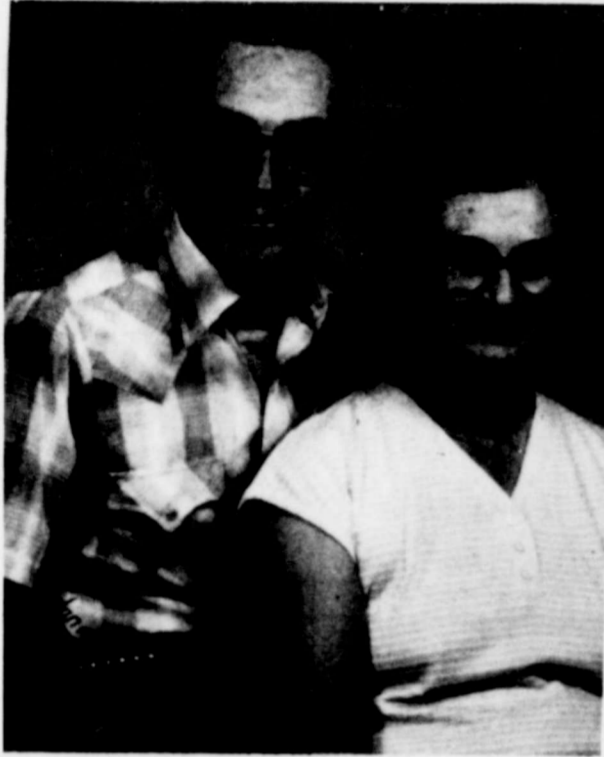
who have been paying temporary rates for the past two and a half months (Merkelites have not been paying the temporary rate). WTU had started collecting interim rates, as allowed by law, on Oct. 22 from those customers except those in 30 towns whose cases had been appealed to the PUC.

Because the final rates approved by the PUC are lower than the temporary rates, WTU will refund the difference plus

interest. This will be done by crediting customer bills and should be accomplished by February or March.

Cash refunds will be mailed to customers who have moved off WTU lines or transferred to towns where the interim rates were not in effect. These checks will be sent to the customer's last known address.

If these customers have not received refunds by April 1, they should contact their former local WTU office.



Ben and Theda Wheeler will be honored on their 25th wedding anniversary with a reception set Jan. 15 at Heritage Hall from 2 until 4 p.m.

7th grade girls 4-1

The Merkel Badgers 7th grade girls basketball team opened up their district games successfully against Clyde Monday night.

The score was 20-15. Starters for this game were Teresa Lucas, Michelle Barnett, Amber Whisenhunt, Diem Tran and Maxie Lang. High point was Teresa Lucas with 10 points and Pam Neff was

outstanding on defense player with four steals and three assists and three defensive rebounds. Amber Whisenhunt was the leading rebounder.

The team is coached by Susan McAdams and she invites everyone to their next game at 4 p.m. Jan. 19 here against Wylie.

The girls are 4-1 on the year.

Reynolds have holiday visitors

Visitors in the home of Mrs. O. J. Reynolds and Bob during the holidays were Mr. and Mrs. Doug Watkins of Snyder, Mrs. Verdis Monsey of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Watkins and Dana of Canyon, Mrs. Bonnie

Sisk of Odessa and Mrs. W. L. Massey and children of Trent.

MERKEL LODGE TO HONOR PAST MASTERS
 § Merkel Masonic Lodge No. 710 will honor its past Masters, Saturday, Jan. 21st at 7:30 P.M.
 § There will be a covered dish supper at 6:30 P.M.
 § This is an open meeting. Masons, relatives and friends of Masons are invited to attend.

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 SUNDAY, JAN. 15TH 2 - 4
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By: Billy E. Clark, CPA
 112 Edwards Merkel 928-5663

by Billy Clark
 The following chart may be of interest to taxpayers who itemize their deductions. The chart shows, by income, the average deduction for medical, taxes, contributions and interest.

Adjusted Gross Income Ranges*	Medical	Taxes	Contributions	Interest
4,000 under \$ 6,000	\$ 1,894	\$ 852	\$ 502	\$ 2,420
6,000 under 8,000	2,066	928	650	2,544
8,000 under 10,000	1,494	969	623	2,306
10,000 under 12,000	1,413	1,056	678	2,523
12,000 under 14,000	1,314	1,176	696	2,397
14,000 under 16,000	1,163	1,284	646	2,626
16,000 under 18,000	995	1,329	667	2,720
18,000 under 20,000	887	1,488	651	2,654
20,000 under 25,000	756	1,718	679	2,887
25,000 under 30,000	672	1,983	697	3,122
30,000 under 40,000	605	2,496	834	3,483
40,000 under 50,000	553	3,211	1,079	4,282
50,000 under 75,000	676	4,400	1,567	5,596
75,000 under 100,000	859	6,637	2,512	8,312
100,000 or more	1,387	14,166	6,522	16,414

This chart does not replace the need to substantiate your deductions, nor does it authorize any "standard amounts." See how you compare. Good Luck!

Reynolds in Snyder

Mrs. Reynolds and Bob spent the last day of the year in Snyder in the Doug Watkins home where they were met by other members of the family.

Merkelite's kin being honored

The new Ruidoso Police, Courts & Detention Facility will be named after the nephew of three Merkelites.

Judge Sam Jones Nunnally, former Ruidoso Municipal Court Judge died May 26, 1983 and he is the nephew of Pug Harris, Jimmy and S. G. Russell all of Merkel.

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Wanted: Party to take over piano. See locally. Write Mr. Reid, Box 771, Olathe, Ks. 66061. Include phone number please.

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Large, grey & white cat at Merkel Vet Clinic. Has black flea collar and is lame in his left front leg. If seen or found, please call 928-5664. Reward offered.

Need help 2 days including 1 night. Lifting involved. Call 928-5268.

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Real Estate Lawn Properties, Inc. M.S.
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Pleasant valley 3-2-2 plus office, fireplace, built-ins on 2 acres.

Merkel

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3-1-1 brick, fenced, close to school on Avondale.

3-1-1 on Sunset, brick fenced, nice yard.

Avondale 3-1-1, fireplace, storage, 2 car carport, storage shed, fenced yard, reduced.

Yucca street, 3-2-2 fireplace, fenced, 3 living areas, large home reduced.

Yucca street, nice yard, 2 bedroom home could be 4 bedroom if upstairs was finished, well fenced.

Doublewide mobile home on 1.30 acres 3 miles North of Tye off 707.

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Trent

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2 story 4 bedroom 2 baths, small equity and assume, possible lease option. Call Betty

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God bless all of you. Ted & Lois Hamm

The family of Allie Butman want to express our deepest appreciation to our friends and neighbors for the loving acts of kindness shown to us during the recent loss of our mother.
Thank you so very much for the visits, prayers, cards, food and flowers.
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We want to thank all our friends for their love and concern during the loss of our sister, Minnie Carey. For the food, flowers, prayers and comforting words, we thank you. God bless each of you.
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of the described premises, and for such other relief as may be entitled to Plaintiffs.
Lots 1 and 2, block A, Martin Addition to the City of Merkel, Taylor County, Tex.
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as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.
If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance it shall be returned unserved.
The officer executing this process shall promptly execute the same according to law, and make due return as the law directs.
Issued and given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this 16th day of December A. D. 1983.

THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: J. R. EDWARDS, ANNIE L. STEVENS, MRS. EULA SANDERSON, MRS. WOOLEN STONE, J. P. SHARP, A. E. LEWIS, SUSIE MOORE AND ANNIE MOORE, Defendants Whereabouts of such Defendants Unknown, Defendants, Greeting:
You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before ten o'clock A. M. of the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being Monday the 30th day of January, 1984, at or before ten o'clock A. M. before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County, Texas, at the Court House of said County in Abilene, Texas.
Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court, on the 7th day of November, A. D. 1983, in this cause, numbered 38,512-A on the docket of said court, and styled, C. E. Clemmer, ET UX Plaintiff, vs. J. R. Edwards, Annie L. Stevens, Mrs. Eula Sanderson, Mrs. Wooten Stone, J. P. Sharp, A. E. Lewis, Susie Moore and Annie Moore defendants.
The names of the parties to the cause are as follows:
C. E. Clemmer and Louise Marie Clemmer are Plaintiffs and J. R. Edwards, Annie L. Stevens, Mrs. Eula Sanderson, Mrs. Wooten Stone, J. P. Sharp, A. E. Lewis, Susie Moore and Annie Moore are Defendants.
A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit: Plaintiff's claim ownership of certain real property more fully described below, and ask for Judgement for the title and possession

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