

The Merkel Mail

Thursday, May 3, 1984...Merkel, Texas

Our 95th Year

Packed house honors past, current MHS athletes

The Merkel Badger Booster Club presented two new Hall of Fame members and honored this year's athletes at their annual athletic banquet held at Heritage Hall Saturday night.

The hall was completely filled for the event and former Merkel High standouts Doyle Jones and Roger Moore were honored.

Jones, a 1962 Merkel High grad was in California on business and was unable to attend. He is with Marathon Oil and lives in Montana. He is a graduate of the University of Houston where he was a member of a world record setting relay team and was a member of their national championship track team.

Moore, the owner of an advertising agency in Austin was the leading scorer on the basketball team and was named all-district

and to the all-region teams. He was the leading scorer in the regional track meet and went to the state meet in the long jump. He won the Lone Star Conference long jump championship while at McMurry College.

Winning sports awards from the high school were Sean Woodard-Most Conscientious-Football;

Best Lineman-Football- Jay Gibson; Best Back-Football- Russell Lucas; Most Valuable-Volleyball- Amy Irvin; Most Valuable-Basketball-Boys- Russell Lucas; Most Valuable-Basketball-Girls- Donna Miller; Most Valuable- Girls-Track Kelly Beights; Most Valuable-Boys-Track-Field Events Michael McCoy- Running Matt Cain and James Wright- Most Valuable-Golf- Boys Lance Jones - Girls Melinda Riney; Most Valuable-Tennis-Girls Kelly Riney-

Boys- Trung Tran; Coaches Awards went to Russell Lucas and Kelly Beights in and the Cross Country Award went to Steve Farthing. Boosters of the Year were Earl and Sandy Laird and Mr. and Mrs. Billy Lucas were honored for the support and efforts in behalf of the athletes and the booster club throughout the year.

New officers in the club are Earl Laird-President, John Brady-Vice President, Sandy Laird-Secretary and Gayle Baker, reporter.

A moment of prayer was led by MISD superintendent Bill Everett for former football coach Al Mitts, who died last week. Mitts will be honored with a lighted marquis that the booster club is currently raising funds for here. Donations are being accepted at the Farmers & Merchants National bank here.



Sean Woodard [center] was one of many MISD athletes honored at the All-Sports Banquet held at

Heritage Hall Saturday night. The packed audience also witnessed the induction of two new members

into the Badger Hall of Fame. [Staff photo by Cloy A. Richards]

May is Medic Alert month here

by Vernon Wade EMT-P president Merkel Emergency Medical Service

The month of May has been designated as Medic Alert month in Merkel. You may think that this is only a means of getting information from you that is your secret. Let me ask you a few questions.

Do you have high blood pressure? Are you taking heart medication? Are you a diabetic? Are you allergic to penicillin? Do you have emphysema? Are you asthmatic? Are you taking medication for epilepsy? Do you have arthritis? Are you allergic to insect stings? Do you have a

reaction to medication given at the dentist's office? Do you have glaucoma? Are you an organ donor? Are you taking blood thinners? Do you wear contact lenses? Are you taking any medication for any reason on a regular schedule?

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The Merkel High track team will have seven individuals in the regional meet this weekend in

Odessa. They are [front row from left] Steve Farthing, Dean Franklin, Randy Davis, Michael McCoy,

[back row from left] Eddie Lang-Coach, Milo Harris, Matt Cain, James Wright. [Staff photo by Cloy A. Richards]

Hart strikes here, large crowd at banquet, Saturday is primary election-convention,

by Cloy A. Richards

I was impressed Tuesday morning when a young man, who is on leave from his job with local Texas Legislative representative Steve Carriker, came by to talk with me about Gary Hart.

With the exception of three local Constable candidates, I have not spoken with anyone personally about the primary races, or for anyone in their behalf, except Hart. While it is not a vote, and it certainly is not an endorsement, is a brownie point for the Hart people in Cloy's book (for whatever that is worth.)

My daughter and I attended the sports banquet Saturday night, and while it rivaled the Oscar ceremonies in length, it was a good show and a lot of deserving athletes were honored.

In the don't get me started in on sports category, MISD is seeking

applicants for the football coach's job from outside the system now, and Bill Everett's phone has been ringing off the wall.

Saturday is a big election day here, the Democratic Primary with voting open from 7 to 7 at the Senior Citizens Building on Edwards, across from merkel Drug.

Shortly after 7 p.m., the Taylor County Precinct 24 Convention will be held and anyone who voted in the democratic primary is eligible to attend.

The election here ought to be an interesting one as local Precinct 2 Constable is Vernon Wade is being challenged by two, Waymon Adcock and Royce Smith.

If one thing these men may have demonstrated during the campaign, it's that they know how to promote their candidacies. They just may prompt the Merkel City Council to consider an ordinance limiting a candidate only one sign a piece in

a conspicuous place, for every man woman and child in Merkel (just kidding guys).

Seriously, exercise your vocal opinion in government and vote Saturday.

Let's see, a preacher turned columnist who also still preaches, tried and did not produce rain in his column, or Dale Hammond cartoon, which drew a lot of chuckles, produced only a violent sand storm Sunday (Yes that was Dale's fault) so the Merkel Golf Association will try to bring rain with a weekend couples tournament this weekend. More information is available by calling Faye Robertson at Taylor Electric or the pro shop, which happens to have a new manager Danny Doan. Steve Shugart left after a period of admirable service and we expect the same, if not better, from Danny. Are you listening Danny?

by Russell McAnally

It is almost tragic that so many people live in our midst with little or no recognition. They go so quietly and diligently about their business they have neither time or desire to promote their own community recognition. Their acts of community service and personal motivation of youth and older people go mostly unnoticed except for the few who are aware of these activities.

What a person does for others and their community speaks well for the individual but what a person IS speaks of greater value. The reason they do these things and the love they show through these acts is a greater contribution to character growth and development than what they do. I met such a person several years ago in Friona, Texas. She was not a member of my church but that made no difference at all. Her husband was a member of my church while I was pastor there and he made a real contribution in service and attendance.

In 1971, I came to merkel as pastor of the First United Methodist. While pastor here, I learned that the husband and wife mentioned above had moved from Friona and was then living at Fort Phantom Lake. We drove over for a nice visit with them and it was not long before they had sold out over there, bought a motor home and came over to Merkel. They parked their motor home on my property south of town and lived there for a period of time before selling the motor home and buying a home where the wife still lives. The husband became a member of the First United Methodist Church while I was pastor here. The wife went to her church, The Church of Christ of Merkel, where she still leads a very active part. She is loyal to her church as all church people ought to be.

Not long after they were settled in their new home, the husband, Mr. L. B. McLean passed away. His wife, Pearl, picked up the pieces and continued to live her usual, productive life style. I also became well acquainted with her step-daughter, Gwen Graves and her husband, I. T. Graves and their three sons. They all said that no real mother could have been any better to them than their step-mother, Pearl McLean. I know it is true of they say so.

Today, we find Pearl working in the church she loves. In earlier years, she was an English teacher. Today, she spends much of her

time tutoring boys and girls who, because of sickness or their problems, need extra help. Her music students also take up a part of her time. There are elderly people to visit and other chores that make her life a blessing to so many. Before her husband died, her time was taken up in the loving care of him in the last two or three years of his illness. All of this was, and is, being done at the same time health problems kept her in almost constant pain and discomfort. She is the kind of lady everyone ought to get to know. I am glad she is my friend and in our community.

Council looking at budget

The Merkel City Council took a look at the city budget for the 1984 Fiscal Year and the proposed budget calls for expenditures of \$214,000.00. Largest income amounts will come from sales taxes and property taxes.

The water sewer department will take in the most and spend the

most according to the budget. It will collect about \$487,000 during the year and will hopefully spend about that amount, including a \$20,000 transfer into the city general fund.

The city budget will be formally adopted and further discussed at council's next session.

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Kellie Beights will be running in the state track meet in Austin

Friday morning in the 400. She earned that trip by running a 60.9 in that

event at the regional meet. [Staff photo by Cloy A. Richards]

Preceptor Eta Omega meets

Preceptor Eta Omega chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met in the home of Louise DuBose to celebrate Founder's Day and honor their Woman of the Year.

Mamie Steck led the members in the opening ritual. Connie Ybarra gave the Beta Sigma Phi grace. A lovely covered dish dinner was served buffet style and a theme of yellow and white was carried out on the buffet table and dining area. Mamie Steck welcomed the guests and new members. Kathy Leverich

read the Founder's Day message from Beta Sigma Phi International. Louise DuBose presented Mamie Steck, this year's Woman of the Year with a gift. The 1984-85 theme "Paint a Living Masterpiece" was announced. A short business session was held and Mamie led the members in the closing ritual. Attending were Betty Conley, Liz eager, Opal Garner, Blanche Hewitt, Kathy Leverich, Val Patterson, Betty Satterwhite, Ruth Tipton, Connie Ybarra, Jane Carson, Mamie

Steck, Louise DuBose and Janie Rich.

Kindergarten sign up in Trent

Trent Schools will be holding their kindergarten registration in the school office May 10 from 10 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.

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As you can see from the skid marks and the crumpled sign, the car coming off the Interstate Thursday afternoon was going a little too fast and couldn't regain control. Merkel police had the scene cleared up quickly. (Staff photo by Cloy A. Richards)

Bar-b-q benefit set for

Cub Scouts tonight

The Cub Scouts of Pack 220 is having a bar-b-q supper May 3 at Heritage Hall from 6 until 9 p.m. Those coming early will have time to attend the Band Booster's Talent Show. The menu includes Brisket, beans, cole slaw, rolls, drinks, and desserts. Adults tickets are \$4.25 and children under 12 will be charged \$2.75. Proceeds will go to help fund Cub Scout projects.

Elmore, Martindale honored

Walter Elmore, a perfect 4.0 for the winter semester. Frank Martindale, of Rt. 3 Merkel was named to the Dean's list by distinction for making a soring better than 3.5

Church needs council members

Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church has four vacancies to fill in the Parish Council that must be filled before the June meeting. The work of the council is most important for the church. We are asking as many as possible to offer your services as a candidate for which the best talents from the parish can be chosen. This year the council will be especially important in the planning of a new hall.

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- May 4
Cheeseburgers and all the trimming, french fries, rice pudding.
- May 7
Taco with taco sauce, pinto beans, shredded lettuce and cheese, applesauce cake.
- May 8
Spaghetti with beef & cheese, corn, blackeyed peas, pears.
- May 9
Beef and bean burritos, spanish rice, lettuce & tomato salad, apricots.
- May 10
Fried chicken with cream gravy, whipped

potatoes, green beans, whipped jello.
May 11
Hamburgers, fries & all the trimmings, no bake cookies.

Group meets

The ladies of Preceptor Eta Omega chapter of Beta Sigma Phi had a skip-bo party and tournament in the home of Betty Satterwhite, April 26.
Jane Carson and Blanche Hewitt won the honor of being best skip-bo players.
Finger food was served.
Those attending were Mamie Steck, Betty Conley, Kathy Leverich, Connie Ybarra, Ruth

Tipton, Betty Satterwhite, Jane Carson, Louise DuBose and Blanche Hewitt.

Grandson born

The Glenn Robertson's are proud to announce the arrival of a new grandson, Christopher Lee Bibb. Born April 11, 1984, he weighed 7 lbs, 11 oz and was 21 inches long. Chris has a brother, Kyle, age 5. They are the sons of Vicky & Tommy Bibb of Comanche.

Class meets

The Martha Class of First Baptist here met April 17 at the home of Evelyn Sliger for a class party.
The devotional was given by Wanda Mc-

Aninch. Refreshments were served to: Georgia Higgins, Mabel Higgins, Annia Mae Russell, Syble Riney, Evelyn Martin, Maurine White, Stella Blackley, Iva Nelle Bockman, Margerite Watson, Ethel Mitchell, Kathryn Rister, two guests Stella McKeever and Wanda McAninch and the hostess Evelyn Sliger.

THS band boosters

The Trent Band Boosters will be holding their Spring Thing Talent Show May 4 from 7 to 9 at the Trent Gym. Home-made ice cream coffe and cokes will be sold at the concession stand. Proceeds will aid the Trent bands.
Admission is \$1.50 for adults and free for children.

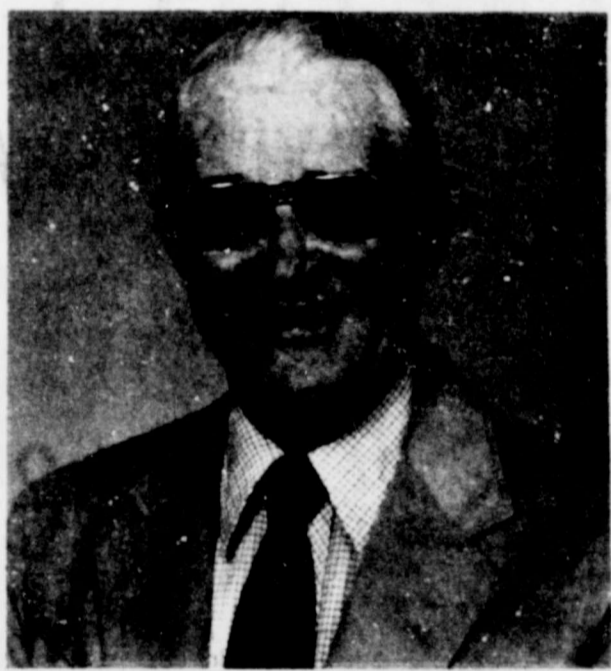
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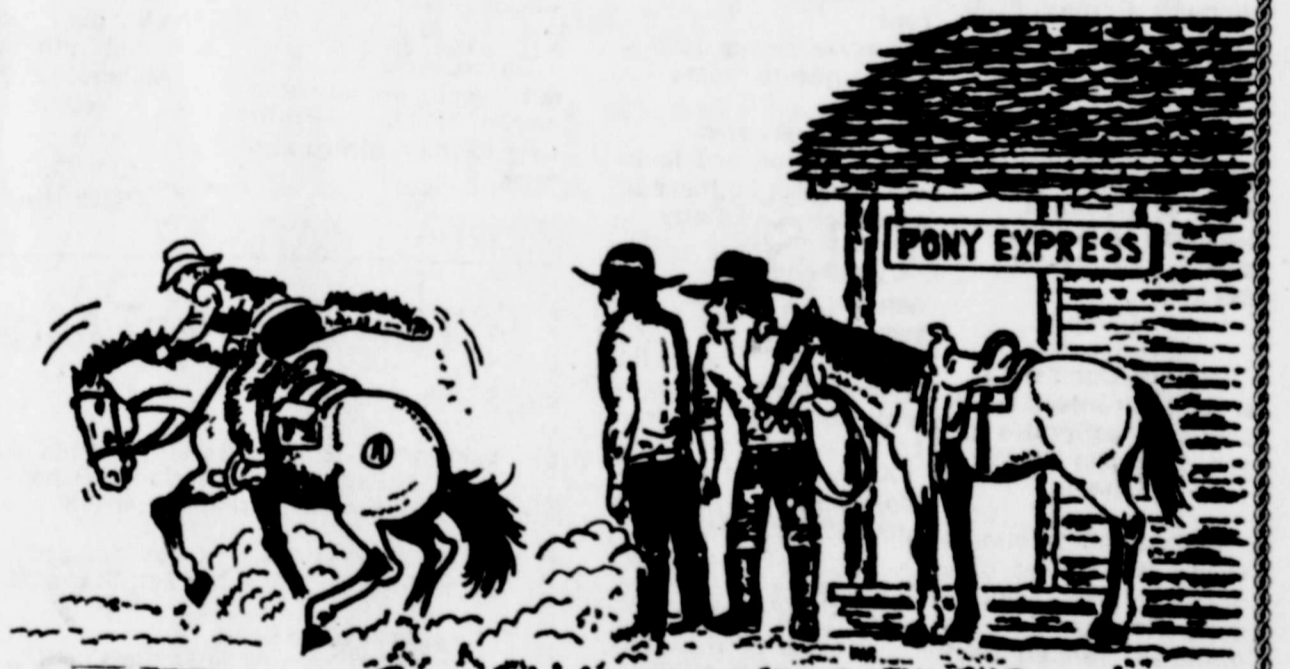
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Acquisition will create more demand for glandless cottonseed

Cotton producers are on the brink of reaping a big payoff from the dollars they have invested through Cotton Incorporated in research of glandless cotton varieties.

The breakthrough came with the recent acquisition of Rodgers Cottonseed Company in Waco by Yazaki USA Corporation.

With an eye toward worldwide marketing of glandless cottonseed kernels as a food source, Yazaki has some 40,000 acres contracted in Texas and Oklahoma this year for the production of the glandless varieties. As an incentive to growers, the firm will pay a premium for the glandless seed of \$75 a ton over the price paid at the time by the oil mills for cottonseed up to a cap of \$225 per ton for the total price. The glandless seed will be processed at the Rodgers Waco plant.

The contracted acreage ranges from Waco to Lubbock and into southern Oklahoma. Most of it is in the Texas High Plains. While a relatively few number of growers will be planting the glandless varieties this year, many more producers will be reaping benefits from the research work.

Scientists have long known that cottonseed had a potential to be a major food source for humans and animals. Conventional cottonseed which is separated from the fiber in the ginning process, contains an acidic compound called gossypol which is toxic to humans and most animals. However, researchers 30 years ago found a way to genetically remove those toxic producing glands, hence glandless cottonseed.

Over the past decade, several research firms have been used by Cotton Incorporated to test the potentials of using the seed as a source of nutrition. Yazaki spokesman Kent Hood said the glandless varieties being planted now perform equally or better than the glanded varieties conventionally used in other areas. "They can

fruit quickly and in terms of fiber quality, they can compete with any cotton on earth and produce yields equal to the glanded varieties.

Rodgers Cottonseed already has supplied cottonseed kernels under the trade name of Cot-N-Nuts for Proteina Wheat Bread, manufactured by Mrs. Baird's Bakeries. The cottonseed kernels have also been used to upgrade nutrition in such food products as cotton and candy.

What the firm lacked, Rodgers noted, was the capital or ability to market the products on a worldwide basis. The acquisition of the firm, formed by a large Japanese food container manufacturer, and 30 per cent of the processing plant has been sold to a large flour and grain trade organization.

Yazaki's Hood said the company was attracted to the digestibility of the glandless cottonseed. "It has the highest protein efficiency ratio of any vegetable protein," he said, "including soybeans." He said that another advantage over soybeans is that when used as a food additive or supplement, the cottonseed flour is virtually tasteless—a factor especially important with U. S. consumers.

"We don't feel the world can afford the luxury of not using the

tremendous benefit in glandless cottonseed—getting food and fiber from the same stalk," Hood said. "The basic research is there. We just want to move it to market and increase the acreage grown year by year."

Initially, he said, "our efforts are concentrated in the US and Japan, but we will open it up to worldwide markets."

While Yazaki's emphasis now is on marketing the glandless cotton products as a food product, Cotton Incorporated's researchers point out that other prospective markets to grow in the area of commercial feed products. In the last few years, Cotton Incorporated has concentrated much of its research on studies that have demonstrated the feasibility of cottonseed as a high protein feed source for commercial production of hogs, chickens, catfish and shrimp.

"With this very exciting development in Texas we are seeing a great step forward in the glandless cottonseed as a commercially viable product—one that will increase the value of the U. S. Cotton producers other product, the cottonseed. That has been a goal of Cotton Incorporated research, and we are delighted that it is becoming a reality for America's cotton producers."



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WTU will be saving fuel costs soon

Efforts to obtain cheaper boiler fuel for its power plants are paying off for WTU.

Through an agreement reached this year, WTU is receiving 20 million cubic feet of lower cost natural gas daily for use at its Fort Phantom Hill Power station near Abilene.

The savings in WTU's fuel bill this year will amount to \$7.7 million, which will be passed along to the customers. The only hitch is that customers will have to wait until the Company's fuel cost factor is adjusted by the Public Utility Commission of Texas. Under new PUC rules, the fuel factor,

which is the amount WTU is allowed to charge its customers for fuel, is set for a 12 month period, or until the utility's next rate case. Under the old system, the fuel factor was automatically adjusted to reflect the current cost of fuel.

The cheaper gas is being purchased from Central Energy Transportation Co. and pipelined from Erath County by Lone Star Gas Co., which is WTU's principal fuel supplier.

"This is only a small amount of gas, considering the total volume used at our eight power stations, but we try to take advantage of every

opportunity to reduce our fuel costs," said Walter Meller of Abilene, WTU's manager of system production.

"Deals like this help offset the higher price we must pay under our major contract for a dependable, long-range supply of natural gas," he added.

The Central Energy contract runs to September of 1985. Total savings to WTU through the term of the contract will be about \$13.7 million.

For the past two years

WTU has been buying a quantity of cheaper low BTU gas and blending it with pipeline quality gas for use at its Paint Creek power station.

Fuel costs have risen sharply every year since 1970s. All of WTU's existing power plants burn natural gas as a boiler fuel. The Oklahoma Power Station, now under construction near Vernon, will be the company's first coal-burning plant and will be the largest plant in the WTU system.

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§ Roger Moore [center] held at Heritage Hall Saturday night. Moore is the son of Arthur Moore of Blair. [Staff photo by Cloy A. Richards]

Seymore is recent host to Fortnightly club

Ida Mae Seymore was hostess to members of the Fortnightly Study Club April 24th. Club president Alwyne Sandusky called the meeting to order and presided over a short business session, during which the 1984-85 budget for the club was read and accepted.

It was announced that the club would host a work-shop at Heritage Hall June 8. Members

are to bring a sack lunch. It was also mentioned that the last meeting of the club year will be a covered dish luncheon in the home of Louise Sudderth May 12.

Program chairman Alice King announced the program on Spring Follies to be presented by second and fourth grade pupils of Jeanette Pursley and Ida Mae Seymore, two of our club members. A number of students from

both classes presented a very delightful and entertaining program of springtime poems and songs.

Those enjoying the program and delicious refreshments were:

Mary Collins, Bess Dixon, Linnie Fisher, Mildred Hamm, Ruby Hammond, Lucy Haynes, Edna Hill, Madelon Horton, Nina Belle Hughes, Alice King, Aileen Knight, Pat Neff, Jean-

ette Pursley, Kathryn Rister, Alwyne Sandusky, Ida Mae Seymore, Anna Belle Shouse, Clara B. Wallace and Maurine White, members and a guest Mrs. Betty Hill.

Jones county TEHA groups meet

The Jones County Council of TEHA met April 17 in the activity center in Anson with chairman Kila Lackey presiding.

Following a roll call game and exchange of coins for freindship, clubs gave reports on their various activities. Bills were paid and a \$100 donation from West Texas Utilities was presented.

They reported membership of 72 in extension in Jones County.

Of those 72, 12 will receive certificates marking 50 years of membership.

Louise Chancey of the Compere Club served as Teller for the district meeting April 26th in Rotan.

Each club is to elect a TEHA chairman and the election will be in June. Rally Day will be held in June at Deloris Adair's home in Merkel. The date will be decided at their next session.

Starr nursing home news

BY Mary Wimberly

Starr will be celebrating Texas Nursing Home week May 13 through the 20th. We plan to have a different theme for each day during the week, and hope to have a good turn out. Willie Nelson is this year's celebrity doing publicity. The focus on the week is to bring people from the community into the nursing home to visit with their residents and that will show you still care.

Our prayers are still with Mr. Will Lambert, he is still in the hospital.

We'd like to welcome Terry Alaniz to our staff at Starr and hope she is happy working with us. Our birthday party is

set May 9 at 1:30. Those celebrating include Lillian Brensem, Will Lambert and Georgia Ribera.

Joyce Moore is on a much needed vacation this week. She plans to catch fish with this reporter and her husband. We wish Joyce good luck and hope things go good at the home while she is gone.

We plan to have Bingo the 10th and could use some more help. Last Month, we did not have enough volunteers and on that subject we'd like to thank everyone for bringing the prizes for Bingo. Our Bingo depends on donations and is greatly appreciated. The Merkel Church of Christ came Sunday

morning. Everyone enjoyed it and many thanks go to the devoted group who come.

Pioneer church was unable to fill their appointment due to the severe sand storm we had.

The welcome mat is always out at Starr. We appreciate your visits.



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STATE BANK NO.	FEDERAL RESERVE DIST. NO.	CLOSE OF BUSINESS DATE	
1398	11	March 30, 1984	

Statement of Resources and Liabilities

		Thousands of dollars
ASSETS	Cash and balances due from depository institutions	526
	Noninterest-bearing balances and currency and coin	none
	Interest-bearing balances	1035
	Securities	850
	Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell in domestic offices of the bank and of its Edge and Agreement subsidiaries, and in IBFs	850
	Loans and lease financing receivables:	3819
	Loans and leases, net of unearned income	50
	LESS: Allowance for loan and lease losses	none
	LESS: Allocated transfer risk reserve	none
	Loans and leases, net of unearned income, allowance, and reserve	3769
	Assets held in trading accounts	none
	Premises and fixed assets (including capitalized leases)	356
	Other real estate owned	37
	Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries and associated companies	none
	Customers' liability to this bank on acceptances outstanding	none
Intangible assets	181	
Other assets	6754	
Total assets	6754	
LIABILITIES	Deposits:	6112
	In domestic offices	6112
	Noninterest-bearing	913
	Interest-bearing	5199
	In foreign offices, Edge and Agreement subsidiaries, and IBFs	none
	Noninterest-bearing	none
	Interest-bearing	none
	Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase in domestic offices of the bank and of its Edge and Agreement subsidiaries, and in IBFs	none
	Demand notes issued to the U.S. Treasury	none
	Other borrowed money	none
	Mortgage indebtedness and obligations under capitalized leases	137
	Bank's liability on acceptances executed and outstanding	none
	Notes and debentures subordinated to deposits	none
	Other liabilities	144
	Total liabilities	6388
Limited-life preferred stock	none	
EQUITY CAPITAL	Perpetual preferred stock	none
	Common stock	200
	Surplus	350
	Undivided profits and capital reserves	(189)
	Cumulative foreign currency translation adjustments	none
	Total equity capital	361
Total liabilities, limited-life preferred stock, and equity capital	6754	

We, the undersigned directors, attest to 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 has been prepared in conformance with the instructions and is true and correct.

Mike Jones
Vice President

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

Directors

Signature
April 26, 1984
Date

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MAY 5 (SAT) 8 - 5
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Billy & Sarah Lucas were given a plaque for their recent support and dedication to the Badger Booster Club. Billy is the outgoing president. [Staff photo by Cloy A. Richards]

Steve Boyd services held

Steve Barrett Boyd, 69, of Merkel, a retired employee of Dow Chemical, died at 5 p.m. last Tuesday at his home following a lengthy illness. Services were held at 3 p.m. last Wednesday at Merkel's First United Methodist Church under the direction of the Rev. John Wagoner. Burial followed at Rose Hill cemetery here under the direction of the Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born July 30, 1914 in Wise County, he had lived in Lamesa and Grand Saline before moving here five years ago. He married Agnes McVey May 29, 1950 in Lovington, N.M.

He is survived by his wife; two daughters Lavelle Bartlett of Merkel and Shirley Dahl of Lewisville; a brother Jim Tom of Lamesa; two sisters, Evora Burger of Euless and Marcille Norris of Longview; five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Pallbearers were Clay Bush, E. E. Gray, E. E.

Gray, Mack Sipe, Oscar Whisenhunt and Bart Whisenhunt. Dale Vaughn, Walter Whisenhunt, Jeff Whisenhunt.

Young named local bike-a-thon chairman

Merkel Bike-A-Thon chairman Chris Young today asked Merkel residents to participate in the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital "Wheels-for-Life" Bike-A-Thon to be held May 12 at Merkel Elementary school.

Volunteer workers and riders are needed for the Bike-A-Thon to raise funds for the world-famous research

center and its battles against childhood cancer and other catastrophic childhood diseases.

In the Bike-A-Thon, riders enlist sponsors who donate a sum for each mile completed. Riders who raise \$25 will receive a St. Jude t-shirt and those raising \$75 will receive a barrel tote bag said Chris. Sponsor forms will be available at the Merkel Schools.

Pony league tryouts are Friday night

Tryouts for Pony League will be held Friday at 7 p.m. Boys interested in registering must do so before Fri-

day night and players that played last year must still register. You may do so at Connie Mac Seymore's Insurance Agency here.

MEMBER-HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

things to do TODAY

Day Saturday Date May 5th

1	VOTE in your Primary	
2	Election--Saturday, May 5	✓
3		
4	Attend your Precinct	✓
5	Convention Saturday Evening	
6	at 7:15 P.M.	
7		
8		
9		
10	Steven A. Carriker, Democrat	
11	State Representative	
12	District 78	
13		

Pol. Ad Paid For By Carriker Campaign Fund, Box 517, Roby, Tx. 79643, F.A. Lohar, Treas.



Russell Lucas walked away with a number of awards at the all-sports banquet. He was named best running back in football for the third straight year and was best basketball player. He will be attending Abilene Christian on a football scholarship next fall. [Staff photo by Cloy A. Richards]

Malone named Miss Chatanooga

Miss Monica Malone, the 17 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Malone Jr of Cleveland, Tenn. and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs.

Robert Malone of Merkel, was crowned the 1984 Chattanooga Miss Teen April 14. She is the recipient of a \$500 scholarship and

an expense paid trip to the state pageant which will be held in Nashville over the Labor Day weekend.

REPORT OF CONDITION

Consolidating domestic and foreign subsidiaries of the

Farmers & Merchants National Bank of Merkel, Texas

In the state of Texas, at the close of business on March 31, 1984 published in response to call made by Comptroller of the Currency, under title 12, United States Code, Section 161. Charter Number 7481 Comptroller of the Currency 11 District

Statement of Resources and Liabilities

	Thousands of dollars
ASSETS	
Cash and balances due from depository institutions	1,148
Noninterest-bearing balances and currency and coin	7,950
Interest-bearing balances	4,863
Securities	
Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell in domestic offices of the bank and of its Edge and Agreement subsidiaries, and in IBFs	1,700
Loans and lease financing receivables:	
Loans and leases, net of unearned income	6,686
LESS: Allowance for loan and lease losses	93
LESS: Allocated transfer risk reserve	-0-
Loans and leases, net of unearned income, allowance, and reserve	6,593
Assets held in trading accounts	-0-
Premises and fixed assets (including capitalized leases)	202
Other real estate owned	-0-
Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries and associated companies	-0-
Customers' liability to this bank on acceptances outstanding	-0-
Intangible assets	-0-
Other assets	461
Total assets	22,917
LIABILITIES	
Deposits:	
In domestic offices	20,634
Noninterest-bearing	6,195
Interest-bearing	14,439
In foreign offices, Edge and Agreement subsidiaries, and IBFs	-0-
Noninterest-bearing	-0-
Interest-bearing	-0-
Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase in domestic offices of the bank and of its Edge and Agreement subsidiaries, and in IBFs	-0-
Demand notes issued to the U.S. Treasury	58
Other borrowed money	-0-
Mortgage indebtedness and obligations under capitalized leases	-0-
Bank's liability on acceptances executed and outstanding	-0-
Notes and debentures subordinated to deposits	-0-
Other liabilities	327
Total liabilities	21,019
Limited-life preferred stock	-0-
EQUITY CAPITAL	
Perpetual preferred stock	-0-
Common stock	375
Surplus	375
Undivided profits and capital reserves	1,148
Cumulative foreign currency translation adjustments	-0-
Total equity capital	1,898
Total liabilities, limited-life preferred stock, and equity capital	22,917

We, the undersigned directors, attest to 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 has been prepared in conformance with the instructions and is true and correct.

[Signatures of Directors]

Directors

Betty Jane Tittle
Vice-Pres. - Cashier

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

Betty Jane Tittle
April 24, 1984

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF VALTA CLEO OAKLEY DECEASED
+Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of VALTA CLEO OAKLEY, Deceased, were issued on April 26, 1984, in Cause No. 16,255, pending in the County (Probate) Court of Taylor County, Texas, to: GARY LEWIS OAKLEY +The residence of such Executor is Travis County, Texas. The post office address is: GARY LEWIS OAKLEY 6203 Aviary Cove Austin, Texas 78744

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. DATED the 26th day of April, 1984. DON R. WILSON P. O. Box 2875 Abilene, Tex. 79604 (915) 677-1351

State Bar No. 21675000 ATTORNEY FOR THE ESTATE

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GREEN **BEANS** 2 FOR **79¢**
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IDAHO **POTATOES** 16 OZ BOX **89¢**
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TOMATO **JUICE** 46 OZ CAN **89¢**
HUNTS
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FARM FRESH
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SANDWICH
1 1/2 LB LOAF **2 FOR 89¢**

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PARADE
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STILWELLS
24 OZ BAG
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1.3 OZ BAG **\$1.00** DISPLAY ONLY

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1 LB BOX **\$1.69**

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18 OZ JAR **\$1.49**

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2 5 OZ CANS **89¢**

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16 OZ JAR **\$1.29**

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VINE RIPE 100
CANTALOUPE 49¢ LB
HASS 34
AVOCADOS 2 FOR **49¢**
DEL MONTE 53
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560 CT BOX **\$2.49**

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ERA
32 OZ BOTTLE **\$1.29**

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GIANT BOX **\$1.39**

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JOY
22 OZ BOTTLE **\$1.09**
BATH
COAST
2 FOR **98¢**

FOREMOST
HOMO
MILK
GAL JUG **\$2.33**

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