

The Merkel Mail

Thursday, May 31, 1984...Merkel, Texas

Our 96th Year



The Division I USGA All Stars are [bottom row, left to right] Amanda Biers, Lisa Fenton, Belinda Moreno, Sherrie Clark,

Shayla Carter and Shenna Holmes. [Top row] Michelle Ingram, Brandi Watts, Becca Dunnagin, Kristie Smith, Julie Harding,

Becky Donaldson, Donna Denman, Dayna Doan. Coaches are Ted Holmes and Becky Homes and coach Jerry Holmes is not pictured. [Photo by Iris Amerine]



The Division II USGA All-Stars are [bottom row from left] Sandy Collier, Pam Boyd, Paula Whitaker, Betsy Hellums, Melanie

Baker and Mistl Doan. [Top row from left] Amber Whisenhunt, Trisha Newsom, Michelle Dudley, Christy Wade, LuAmy Sloan,

Michelle Barnett, Richa Hill, Judy Williams and Brandi Fenton. [Photo by Iris Amerine]

Council denies water extension

The Merkel City Council denied a requested water increase in the Bettis Heights addition and held a public hearing concerning the city's application on refurbishment of the sewage treatment facility here.

Council held their regular session last Thursday at the Merkel Ambulance Service Building because the regular meeting conflicted with Memorial Day.

Bill Head, representing a group of residents that live outside the city limits had asked council if council would sell them water if

they were to pay the cost of the lines to their homes from the city limits.

Council voted Thursday to deny the request, saying that the city was already technically in violation with usage clauses in the present contract with the City of Abilene.

On a split vote, council decided to deny the request, saying they would re-consider their decision after a new contract has been worked out with Abilene for wholesale water purchase.

Council also held a public

hearing, which no citizens attended, concerning the city's recent decision to seek Community Development Block Grants for water sewage treatment facility upgrading.

City manager J. A. Sadler told *The Mail* last week "The funding on these programs is now being controlled by the state. We probably have just as good a chance as some folks to get funded as others. If we can get our sewage treatment plant redone for around \$10,000 city dollars, we will definitely give it a go."

Sr. Citizen's June schedule

The Merkel Senior Citizen activities through June have been announced.

May 30 they will be having a game day with dominoes and 42 starting at 1 p.m. May 31 a covered dish banquet will be held beginning at 7 p.m. The band will entertain as well.

On June 4th, the Monday night

singing will be held at 7 p.m. and on June 6th game day will be held starting at 1 p.m.

On June 8th, band practice will be held starting at 7 p.m. Refreshments will be served. On June 13, a covered dish luncheon and business meeting will be held starting at 11 a.m. with games

following after lunch.

On June 20, game day will start at 1 p.m. and on June 22, band practice will start at 7 p.m. and refreshments will be served at 7 p.m. Game day will begin at 1 and last until 4 p.m. and on June 28, the Senior Citizens Banquet will be held, covered dish style, with the band providing entertainment.

Summer school starts here

Elementary and Middle summer school will begin June 4 and end July 13. Classes will begin each day at 8:30 and end at 11:30.

No classes will be held July 4th. The first session of the En-

richment and Computer classes will start June 4th and end June 22nd. These classes will be held in the Elementary School building.

All regular school rules and

dress codes will be observed. Tuition for Middle School courses may be paid June 4th.

More information may be obtained from the principal of either school.

Eastern Star sets installation

The Merkel Chapter No 212 of the Order of the Eastern Star will be having an open installation of officers at 8 p.m. Saturday at the Masonic Lodge Hall at 136 Edwards here.

Installation officials include: Installing Officer - Elizabeth Sawyer; Installing Marshal - Ruth Hill; Installing Secretary - Tommie McWilliams; Installing Cha-

plain - Marie Reeves; Installing Organist - Anna Belle Shouse; Special music will be provided by Dan Allen.

The 1984-85 officers will include Worthy Matron - Marilyn Baker; Worthy Patron - Charlie Baker; Associate Matron - Essie McConnell; Associate Patron - Dunning McConnell; Secretary - Mildred Starbuck; Treasurer - Buddy

Hunter; Conductress - Anna Zell Bright; Associate Conductress - Polly Fisher; Chaplain - Martha Allison; Marshal - Fern Windham; Organist - Aileen Knight; Adah - Margaret Hunter; Ruth - Hazel Pargament; Esther - Margaret McAninch; Martha - Una Mae Hays; Electa - Theima Griffin; Warder - Roy Mashburn; Sentinel - A. B. Parham.

Hectic week, an ace, a little of that jazz, funds needed

by Cloy A. Richards

It's been kind of a crazy week. My wife's grandmother, Mrs. Fred Mauldin of Dennison died Sunday at the age of 89. Melanie attended her funeral services in the Sherman-Dennison area Tuesday. That same day, Kim was at basketball camp, Joey at a junior golf tournament in Hamlin, and I was here.

Had a little help from a former employee, (she'd say a lot) Cathy Pack, Tuesday.

Something I have also failed to mention the past couple of weeks, another former employee, Martha Sue Justice, is back with the paper selling advertising. It's been good to have her back.

Avid readers of this column (are you with me so far mom) can remember a tale in these paragraphs telling about a tournament a friend and I made an 8 on a hole to blow what chances we had at winning this golfing event.

Now comes along Lance Jones, you know, the same kid that made a hole in one on a par three last year, and Lance knocks in his tee shot on Number 1, a par four.

An ace on a par four. I figure, if I live here the next 30

years or so, I will probably hit at least 1,000 balls at that hole in that time, and I feel confident you won't be reading about an ace of mine before you read about Lance's next one.

Some interest has been shown locally for jazz dance classes here according to Patsy Cannedy. You can call her at 926-4365 if you are interested in your daughter, between the ages of 10-13, or younger if enough people are interested.

The classes will be taught by an Abilene dance instructor, Mary Milstead.

Merkel Police filed charges on an out-of-state woman, with local relatives in the hit and run accident last Monday involving her car and little Anisa Chavira.

Anisa is recovering well, considering what she has been through and the family's finances could stand some financial help. Local collection jars are available in some convenience stores and contributions can be made to the family at F & M Bank here or at City Hall.

No, I still have not had a

definitive answer from the Taylor County Chapter of the Red Cross about summer swimming lessons here.

Our office will be closed Friday as we will be heading up to Canyon to pick up girls from basketball camp.

We will re-open Monday at 9 a.m.

We started a series of three articles we received this week from the Presidential Task Force on Education. It is the task force Candidate Reagan said he would create and have report to the people on the state of American education. I took the time Monday to read the articles and they are worth the space that will be used in the coming weeks to include them in the paper.

I hope you will find them to be good reading as well.

The Merkel Badgers ended their season last Tuesday as Burnett escorted us out 14-4.

The Badgers did manage their first district championship in baseball, something they should be proud of.

Getting started in the a.m.

By Russell McAnally

Let us pretend it is between five and nine o'clock in the morning. Everyone should be getting up between those hours. About thirty years ago a farmer friend of mine would get up about five o'clock and his wife would get up at six. It does not take much imagination to see her with bathrobe, uncombed hair, eyes almost closed with one hand stretched out in front to keep from bumping things. One morning as she came through the kitchen door he was ready for her with a camera. The picture came out clear and revealed the true feelings of the wife who had to get up and fix breakfast for her husband. He got enough fun showing the picture down town to friends who just had to see it to make up for the fuss about the picture at home.

How do you look and how do you feel when you get up in the morning? What kind of a mood are you in? Why is it that so many people ruin the very best part of the day? The morning is a bright and beautiful gift. Anyone who ruins the morning with a sour mood or a lack-luster attitude is guilty of a terrible crime.

Are you like a daughter in law who had this problem? Her husband said she could not get up and get going until she had a cup of coffee. Her problem was that she didn't drink coffee. I hear a

number of persons say they want all others to stay out of their way for the first hour of the morning. Some brag about this condition while others simply state it as a fact of life. People living alone probably do not have this problem. It would be no fun at all unless you could take the bad mood out on someone. Can a person be grouchy with no one around? I am sure Bro. John can enlighten me on this subject.

If you have never gotten up in the morning, stretched a bit, looked out the window to see the beautiful break of day, hear the birds, get a whiff of the morning dew and growing things you will have reason to be grouchy. But, you look around and softly say, "Good morning" when you would really like to shout it to the whole world. You can step outside and say good morning to everyone out there, look up at the blue sky and say, "Thank you God for everything." Some people have told me that the very thought of doing all these things as soon as you get up makes them sick. I even say good morning to my cat, and a "hello" to my horses. When you put yourself into the new day with all the "Hellos" and the "Good Mornings" none of it is lost. My cat answers back and my horses neigh and come closer. All my neighbors and friends out there wave and wish for me a good day.

I know they do, I can feel it. The blue sky suddenly gets closer and blushes with red in the east as it sends enough light to us for the whole day.

"This is the day which the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it." If you get up with a happy "Good Morning" to everyone and everything you will be using the day for your benefit. If you get up an old grouch it means that the day is using you. Writing a weekly column can get a fellow in trouble. If I wrote one each day, I would probably get in as much trouble as does Art Lawler.

Badgers land 7 on All-District team

The Merkel Badgers landed seven members on the all-district baseball team, coach Phillip Purley announced this week.

Making the team in the infield from Merkel were Keith Watson, Jerry Davis, Steve Farthing and Tommy Bolden. Sean Woodard was named to the team as pitcher, John Warkala in the outfield and Kevin Mitchell as catcher.

It's time to stop talking about education

Editor's Note: The following article begins a series of articles provided us by the President's Task Force on Education. Not to be confused with the Texas Task Force of H. Ross Perot, The Presidential Commission was a campaign promise made by then candidate Reagan. We will run the series on a space available basis in the next three to four issues.

Citizen Action

The Key to Education Renewal
 Education is news again. After a decade of public apathy, we've rediscovered our public school system. It's a campaign issue for the presidential candidates, and it's suddenly a vital issue for all Americans of all political persuasions. The schools have moved out of the shadows and into the spotlight.

Think of it as a fall-out from the recession. Or the result of more than a dozen reports on the state of American schools. In any case, confidence in our educational system has been deeply shaken. But, with this loss of confidence has come a renewed interest in our schools, and an energetic new commitment from all sectors of society for their improvements.

The reports were not short on recommendation for improving public schools, and the strongest, clearest recommendations of all was that there is an important role for the national, state and local governments; for business and industry; and for parents and citizens. Now, as the Education Commission of the State's Task Force on Education for Economic Growth says, "It's time to stop talking about education."

Each of us can think of at least a dozen things that government and industry can do for education. But, if you are like Bob Jennings, you're not sure what you personally can do. Jennings, a midwest computer programmer, is the father of two daughters in public schools. He dutifully pays taxes to support their schools, regularly attends PTA meetings, and last year patiently

and proudly attended all of the basketball games in which his eldest daughter played. Bob Jennings's company also does it's part for education. It, too pays taxes to support local schools and, in addition, sponsors a number of scholarships for talented math and science students. When it comes to doing more for the schools, Jennings replies, "I not only gave at home; I gave at the office too. What more can I do."

Or maybe you're more like Martha Walker, a widow with three grandchildren, who now lives in a Southwestern retirement community? "I've already put two kids through the public schools. It's not my responsibility. It's now up to these young couples with children in the schools. There is nothing more I can do."

A great deal in fact. There are many opportunities to improve education in your community. Here is just a sample:

Serve as a School Volunteer
 Schools always need more helping hands, whether it's in the classroom, the playground, the cafeteria, or the office. Often, by volunteering, you'll free teachers from noninstructional chores to do what they do best—teach.

Tutor Children with problems
 You can volunteer to help children who are having special problems in math and reading. Most communities offer special tutoring programs, particularly for young children. The extra measure of help you provide a youngster today can prevent a failing teenager or dropout tomorrow.

Help In School Fund Raisers
 Every school has it's own, but these efforts are essential for providing funds for both scholastic and extracurricular activities, particularly in these days of sharp budget cuts.

Some other ideas offered by The Commission include: Work to raise funds for our local school library or donate books. One measure of the excellence of a school is the quality of it's library.

Work to get school bond issues

political candidates stand on educational issues. Vote on their educational records.

As a parent, there are many other ways to ensure the best education for your child:

Be active in parent-teacher organizations. They'll keep you appased. They're the life-blood of the schools.

Run for your local school board, or at least get involved in the local school elections.

Write your local congressional representative to muster support for Education. Let them know you want better schools and the money needed to support them. Congress needs to know what your priorities are.

Be informed about education in your local community. Know where the problems are and where local

breast of local school issues and keep you informed on ways you can help to improve education.

Learn how to recognize a good school. That way you'll be able to make more informed judgement's about your child's schools. For example, effective schools share a number of common characteristics: the school has clear, focused goals; it sets high standards for all it's students and gives them adequate support in meeting those standards; teachers are well trained and recognized for their achievements; the principal is an effective educational leader; there are programs in place to serve gifted and handicapped students; and those students who may be potential dropouts; and the school

building offers a decent learning environment.

Spend time in your child's school. Get permission to spend at least part of a day in class. That way, you can determine first hand how well the school is doing.

Make education a high priority at home. It's the best way to give your child a "head start". Read to and with your child; take an interest in his or her homework and their school activities. Above all, learn about the school's educational program. If you value education, chances are, your child will follow your lead.

Remember, we all have a stake in the schools. Now that the talking has stopped, it's time for each of us to do our share.

Drought threatening all but 20 Texas counties

(AUSTIN)—Texas Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower has called on the Reagan administration to give immediate attention to the critical drought affecting every corner of the state. Hightower urged the federal government to use "everything in its 'bag of tricks' to assist hard-pressed farmers and ranchers, as the state is already doing.

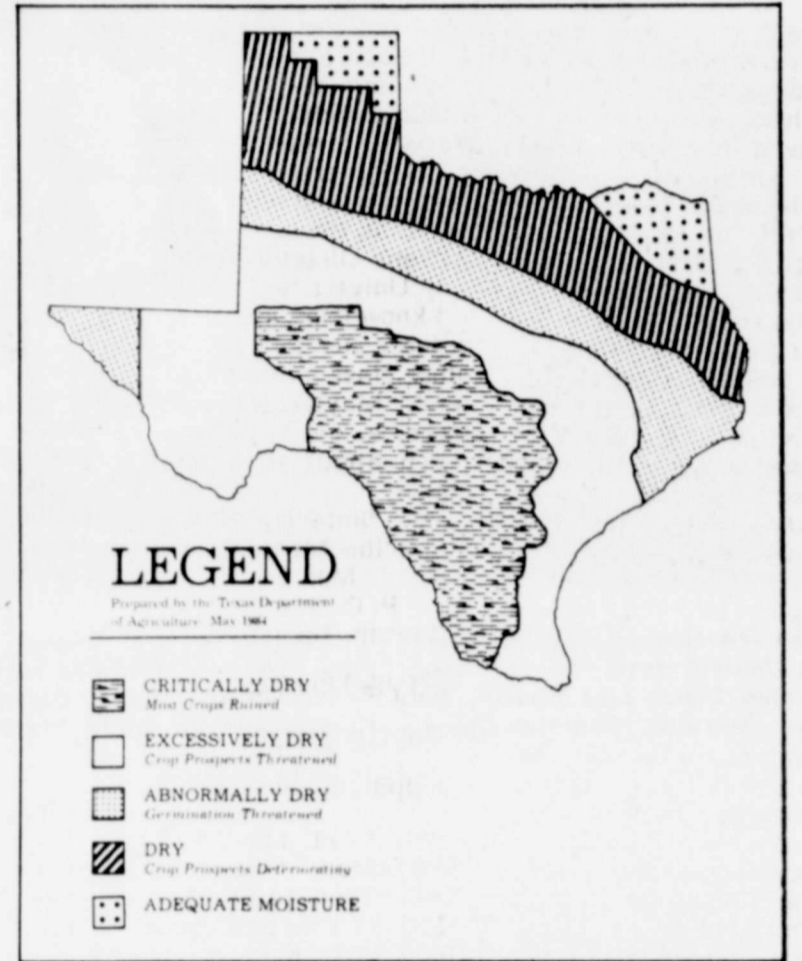
"The spring rains obviously have not come -- a fact that's clearly evident to every farmer, rancher and backyard gardener in the state. In those areas of West Texas that have not received adequate rainfall in four consecutive years now, foundation herds of cattle, sheep and goats are now being sold off and ranchers are calling it quits.

"Coming on the back of the drought of 1983 and last winter's record low freeze, this drought already spells disaster for Texas agriculture. The state is doing everything it can to alleviate the suffer-

ing, but the bulk of the responsibility rests with the federal government.

"Family farmers and ranchers, facing their fifth consecutive year of declining net farm income, simply don't have the money to protect their soil from wind erosion, irrigate their crops even where water is available, or to buy more feed grain for their livestock herds. This year we don't even have a Payment-in-Kind (PIK) Program, the so-called 'crop-swap' in which producers received grains and cotton already in storage when they took a percentage of their acreage out of production in 1983.

"That's why I'm calling on President Reagan and U.S. Agriculture Secretary John Block to gear up now to administer the various federal disaster assistance programs authorized by Congress.



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How about a class of '34 reunion

An open letter for the Seniors of 1934 of Merkel High School.

Can you believe that 50 years have passed since we graduated High School.

It was the world of 10 cent hamburgers at Cotton's; 5 cent "short Cokes at Merkel Drug; 25 cent movies at The Queen Theatre; great music like Star Dust, Object of My Affections, and Stormy Weather and The Great Depression.

We all had good times at games, home parties, BYPU, Epworth League and Christian Endeavor at our churches.

Can you remember ever saying "there is nothing to do", as our children and grandchildren have moaned these days?

Very few students had cars of their own. We drove our family's car for games, dates, or just riding around with the gang down Oak Street, around downtown, out to Shannon's Swimming Pool, or maybe occasionally over to Abilene for a movie at the Paramount or a picnic at Lake Sweetwater.

How lucky we were to have such a good school and great teachers. Most of us probably did not know how lucky we were or how to appreciate the teachers we had. I did not really appreciate Merkel schools until my girls started to school.

Now I can value highly such teachers and administrators as: Mr. Roger Burgess; Coach & Mrs. Briggs Irvin, Mrs. Lucy Tracy Haynes, Miss Juba Martin, Mrs. Len Sublett, Ralph Duke Tom Riddle and many more who did extra things for our benefit.

I especially remember Mrs. Irvin. She was such a wonderful person and

teacher, on top of being an excellent English teacher, she was sponsor for the annual, saw that we got our Badger Weekly out to The Merkel Mail and she had so much school spirit. I shall never forget the many things I learned in her English classes, as well as class projects.

As a class, we accomplished many things that year. We had an annual for the first time in five years—since the Crash of '29; a column The Badger Weekly published in The Merkel Mail; two of our members went to state in UIL; Milton Shannon in the mile and Walderine Hushey in Essay Writing. Milton won the mile with a time of 4:31.7, just shy of the state record of 4:31.2.

Some of our classmates stayed in Merkel to become successful businessmen including David Gamble, Howard Carson and Ray Wilson. Jack Patterson was to become the track coach at Texas University and Athletic Director at Baylor University.

I know there are other success stories from other class members as well. Maybe we can have a reunion and learn about everyone else.

Sincerely
Caribel Mansfield Moore
P. O. Box 218
Quanah, Texas 79252

Boys 16-18 needed for baseball league

All boys age 16-18, interested in playing Texas Teenage Baseball meet at the ball park Thursday, May 31 or call Dale Hammond, 928-5108 or Gary Farthing, 928-5071. We still need boys!



Mrs. Louis Goodman

Townsend on USAR rifle team

Gene William Townsend, former Taylor County 4H Rifle Team member for 8 years, has recently been notified of his selection to the Fifth United States Army Reserve Rifle Team for 1984-1985.

Willy and Major Gregory Dalton of Bay City were the only two from

Walker's grandson is Baylor grad

Annie Walker has recently returned from attending the graduation of her grandson Craig Walker.

Craig received his master's degree in business administration

the entire 90th ARCOM to make this elite marksmanship unit.

Willy will be in Camp Robinson, Arkansas and Columbus, Georgia from May 12 to May 25 to participate in the All-Army Championship Matches.

Willy is with the 490 Civil Affairs Company in Abilene.

He is a graduate of Bedford High and his parents are Mr. & Mrs. Gaston Walker of Hurst.

He has a sister Sylvia who is a junior at Baylor.

Miller-Goodman wed in Tye Saturday

Donna Evelyn Miller and Louis Wayne Goodman were married May 25th at the Tye Baptist Church with the Rev. Oscar Fanning, of Abilene, officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Robert Miller of Tye and was given in marriage by her father.

The groom is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Bill Williams of Merkel. Serving as matron of honor was Melinda Gail Riney of

Serving as maid of honor was Melinda Gail Riney of Merkel.

Bridesmaids were Stacy Lynn Cleveland, sister of the bride, of

Garland. Shirley Atkinson, cousin of the bride, served as organist. Flower girl was Krystal Lynn Mario of Garland, a niece of the bride. Candlelighters were Jay Gibson of Merkel and Larry Atkinson of Scott City, Kansas.

Best man was Eddie Harris of Merkel and the groomsman was Dean Goodman of Abilene. Ushers were Robert Moreno of Merkel and Larry Atkinson of Scott City, Kan.

The bride is a graduate of Merkel High. The groom attended Merkel High and is employed by Merritt Trucking of Snyder.

A reception was given

after the wedding hosted by the bride's parents at the Tye Baptist Church. A rehearsal dinner was hosted by the groom's parents at the Royal Inn

in Abilene. Following a wedding trip to Florida, the couple will make their home in the Merkel area.

Proud of Merkel

Dear Editor: For those of us who attended or participated in the Arts & Crafts Show at Heritage Hall on May 20, let me express our appreciation to the Merkel Art Association for making this treat possible. Merkel can rightfully boast of having a huge amount of talent. The paintings, stichery, and other crafts were varied and exceptionally good. If you are a lover of beautiful things, you must not miss future opportunities to view the handiwork of so very many talented people. (I do hope this will not be the last of exhibitions of this nature.)

I am proud to live in a community which may be small in number but large in the percentage of talented people who create works of art—whether with paints and

brush, needle and thread, or saw, hammer and nails.

Also, I wish to say that we are fortunate in having a school system which encourages the cultural growth of our children through the various music and arts programs. Mrs. Pat Neff's students have made their mark and brought honor to our little town by having some of their works displayed in our capitol building. The band and choral students of Mr. Randy Tierce and others whose names I do not know are a credit to us all!

Thank you for letting me use The Merkel Mail to pass on my personal pride in some of the many great things which are "right" about Merkel.

Sincerely
Bonnie English

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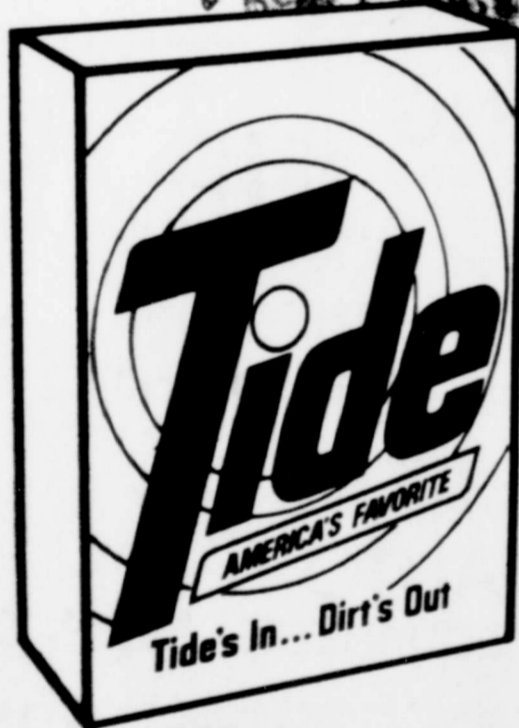
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Davis-Rogers married here Friday

Tambra Fran Davis and Jimmy Don Rogers were married Friday in the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Wayne Keller, minister, and the Rev. Ross Merritt, uncle of the bride, officiating.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Davis. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Rogers of Hawley.

Lisa Owen was the bride's honor attendant. Lori Sloan and Becky Dunlap were bridesmaids.

Brandy Casper was flower girl and Justin Davis was ring bearer. Rendi Meeks carried the Bride's Bible.

Best man was Sammy Tumlinson. Groomsmen were Jerry Ray Davis and Eddy Harris.

Guest were seated by Jay Everett and Nelson Stafford, of Sweetwater. Candlelighters were Jason Davis and Randall

Rogers. Mrs. Lawrence Hall and Beth Hall, of Anson, hosted the reception. The rehearsal dinner was hosted by Mrs. Jean Mattingley, Pat Tumlinson, Judy Hart and Mrs. Jimmy Rogers. Both

were held in the Fellowship Hall.

The bride graduated from Merkel High School and is employed by Farmers and Merchants National Bank.

The bridegroom received the general edu-

cation diploma and is studying air conditioning, heating at Texas State Technical Institute in Sweetwater.

Following a trip to San Marcos and San Antonio the couple will live in Merkel.



Merkel Middle school honor roll

The following is the Merkel Middle School Honor roll for the final six weeks of the school year:

6th Grade All A
Laurinda Powell, Jennifer Hatley, Sheri Miles, Stephen Jacobs.

6th Grade A-B
Lisa Cannon, Toby Dupont, Amy Coleman, Kevin Pilgrim, Shewn Miller, David Miller, Angela Carson.

7th Grade All A
Anissa Jones, Pam Neff, Diem

Tran, Jule Kopflanovich and Walter Best.

7th Grade A-B
Krista Johnson, Maxie Lang, Jennifer Gaona, Michelle Dudley, Mendy Bunselmeyer, Twyla Wilburn, Michele Barnett, Stephanie Ashorn, Jeff Hobbs, Richard Lacey, Glyn Rutledge.

8th Grade A Roll
Son Mi Chon, April Duncan, Kristy Elliott, Staci Ferguson, Michelle Goodgion, Angie Moreno,

Ami Sams, Ted Seymore, Amy Stuckey, Krista Toombs, Misty Vaughan, Stacie Johnson, Shelly Gray.

A-B
Mark Aldrete, Anja Reyna, Michael Woodall, Kyle Coker, Todd Smith, Angie Cannon, Ronald Caswell, Candice Henslee, Allan Isom, Ramon Moreno, Janna Pettit, Dana McKenzie, Angie Boggs, Chad Archa, Shelle Doan, Brit Pursley, C. J. White.

Starr nursing home news

By Mary Wimberly

All residents are fair at this writing.

The Merkel Church of Christ came Sunday morning at 9, but the Church of Christ, from Trent, was unable to fill their appointment. Sorry.

We were indeed sorry to hear of Delours Chavira's little girl getting run over by a car last week. We wish, for her, a speedy recovery and we miss Delours at work. She is our evening L.V.N.

Mrs. Lorene Lee L.V.N. is off of work for a month on account of illness. We hope she recovers soon and is back to work.

Mrs. Gambie has had visitors from California. Mrs. Felton, from Nu-

bia, donated a T.V. to the nursing home. Ours needed to go to the repair shop. We appreciated it very very

much. Ricky Roberts, son of Brenda from Granberry came home on the weekend to see Pamela, his

sister, graduate from Wylie High School. He will soon be returning home. He has been attending school at Granbury.

We welcome Alma Conway, from Tuscola, L.V.N. to our staff. She will be working relief.

Riding club news

The Merkel Riding Club will have its June Pot Luck dinner and business meeting, Wednesday, June 6 at 7 p.m. at Taylor Electric Coop. All members and families are encouraged to attend. The Riding Club rides every Saturday night beginning at 7:00 p.m. The events we are

running for June are barrels, flags, and poles. We will be giving ribbons every week for each event.

Friday, June 22, the club will host a playday and BBQ. Saturday, June 23, there will be a Open Horse Show. More details on these events will be given at a later date.

Recent

Merkel

Cemetery

donors listed

The following persons have made recent donations to the Merkel Cemetery Association:

Mrs. Fred Guitler in memory of Louise Boaz; Gloria West; Mrs. Dewel McLean in memory of Steve Boyd; Mr. & Mrs. Allen Cade Jr.; Florence Berry; J. B. Wade Estate; Lola Stockbridge in memory of loved ones; Bruce & Wilma Deen; Arnwine Estate; Maurine White; Margaret Surratt in memory of Yates Brown Mr. & Mrs. Bill Hays in memory of Ollie Higgins; Farmer's Co-Op Gin; Mr. & Mrs. Paxton Hays in memory of Ollie Higgins; Mr. & Mrs. Jarrett Pinkley in memory of Ollie Higgins & Louise Boaz; Mr. & Mrs. A. H. Murphree in memory of Louise Boaz; Irene Cross; Johnny Sears Snyder in memory of Louise Boaz.

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140-hp 4450	1850	1600	1350
165-hp 4650	2225	1925	1650
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Family Land Heritage Program begins for 1984

(AUSTIN)--The most fascinating aspect of the Family Land Heritage Program according to Texas Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower, is the stories behind the farms and ranches which have remained in the same family for 100 years or more.

"For example, one family's ancestors plowed their fields in pairs--facing each other--so they could always be on the lookout for outlaws. Another farm family tells the story of 40 jackloads of silver still buried somewhere on their land, lost by a Spanish wagon train when it was attacked.

"Another story I heard last year," Hightower recalled, "was of the farm wife and children who operated a soap factory in Monterrey, Mexico, for 19 years until the mortgage on their ranch was finally paid off." That story is told by heirs of the Santo Tomas Ranch, the oldest property recognized under the Family Land Heritage Program in 1983. It was founded in 1790 under a land grant from the King of Spain.

Hightower recalled those stories as he announced that registration for the 1984 Family Land Heritage Program is now under way and will continue through August 17. The program was created by the Texas Department of Agriculture in 1974 to honor families who have kept their land in continuous agricultural production for 100 years or more.

Since the program began, 1,729 properties have been placed in the Family Land Heritage Registry. The oldest, which was recognized in 1976, is the Noriecas Ranch near Hebronville, founded in 1740 under a Spanish land grant.

Qualifications for the program include: continuous agricultural production on the same farm or ranch for 100 years; land ownership within the same family; complete operation or supervision of farm and ranch production by family members who are Texas residents; and the property having never been leased outside the family. TDA is the final judge of eligibility.



TEXAS AGRICULTURE COMMISSIONER JIM Hightower presents Tomas Izaguirre and his daughter, Bea Flores, with the Family Land Heritage Program Certificate at the 1983 Family Land Heritage Program ceremony at the State Capitol. Izaguirre's Santo Tomas Ranch in Zapata County was the oldest property honored during 1983.

Owners of land determined to meet program requirements will receive certificates acknowledging the designation at ceremonies in Austin this fall. After the festivities, a copy of the Family Land Heritage Registry, with its brief history of all families recognized in 1984 (including family photographs) will be forwarded to the honorees.

Hightower urged those who feel they meet the basic qualifications to obtain an application from their County Judge, County Historical Commission chairperson, the nearest TDA District Office, or by writing Family Land Heritage Program, Texas Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas 78711. Carolyn Baetge is coordinator of the program.

"It brings you a lot of memories, a lot of hardships, and--at the same time--lots of pleasures, like it is now," recalled Tomas Izaguirre of the 193-year-old history of his family's property, the Santo Tomas Ranch near Zapata. "I think it's great to keep it in the family from generation to generation," added Eva

Robbins Savage of Matagorda, the current owner of another property that was recognized in 1983.

"Really what we're talking about is not only the past, but more importantly the future," Hightower said. "Are we going to have a family farm and ranch system in another 100 years? That's a fundamental question we must all ask ourselves."

"While the Family Land Heritage Program celebrates achievements of the past and present, it's really pointing out the importance which our family farm and ranch system holds for the future."



Cherrapungi, India has an annual average rainfall of 432 inches--36 feet.

Boosters seeking

funds for marquis

The Merkel Badger Booster Club has already collected \$600 in contributions for a lighted marquis in memory of the late Al Mitts.

The sign will be 5 feet by eight feet and will cost around \$2,600.

Donations are being accepted at the Farmers & Merchants National Bank or can be turned in to Peggy Gibson or Sandy Laird.

Peachey is

SFA grad

Susan G. Peachey of Merkel, was recently graduated from Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacadoches.

She is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. George R. Peachey of Merkel. She received a degree in education with an endorsement in emotionally disturbed children. She had made the deans list several times during her studies at SFA.

Catholic news

On May 31, the celebration of the Ascension of Our Lord into heaven. We have a serious obligation to attend Mass on this day if we are at all able. We should not come simply because of obligation, but because of a genuine joy to celebrate with Our Lord His triumphal entrance into heaven. We will celebrate Mass at 7 p.m.

We rejoice with the eight children who received Our Lord for the first time in Holy Co-

munion this weekend. We'd like to thank Mrs. Juanita Valdez for the hours she spent preparing the children for such an important occasion.

Due to special donations, we are happy to announce that the enlarging and refurbishing of our sanctuary was just short of \$5,000. Once we get our servers trained, our Sunday services should be much more orderly and reverent. We feel that this alone is worth the money spent.

Brown reunion

Relatives and friends of Bill, Charlie and John Brown--old-time settlers of Mulberry Canyon, are invited to attend the Brown Reunion Sunday, June 3rd at Heritage

Hall.

Those attending are asked to bring a picnic lunch. Bread and ice will be furnished.

Midway news

The Midway Cemetery Association will be

holding their annual business meeting June 3rd starting at 11:30 a.m. with a memorial service.

Lunch will follow the service and a business meeting will be held after lunch. Also, persons interested in sign-

ing up for the encowment on graves may do so. The charge is \$75 and it is placed in a savings account and the interest on the money is used to maintain the cemetery.

Persons interested in attending are asked to bring a basket lunch.

Joe Acuna, lifelong Trent resident succumbs

Joe Ascension Acuna, 52, a longtime Trent resident and co-owner of the Acuna Company in Abilene, died at 2 p.m. Friday at West Texas Medical Center following a lengthy illness. Services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday at Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church here. Burial followed at

Trent Cemetery under the direction of the Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born May 30, 1931 in Trent, he was a graduate of Trent High and had lived there all of his life. He was the coowner of a brake repair shop in Abilene. He had served in the United States Army during the Korean

War and was a Catholic.

He is survived by six brothers, Louis and Pascual both of Trent, Antonio and Jose both of Merkel, Jessie of Brownwood and Raymond of Sweetwater; two sisters, Ruby Acuna of Trent and Ann Denny of Houston; and several nieces and nephews.

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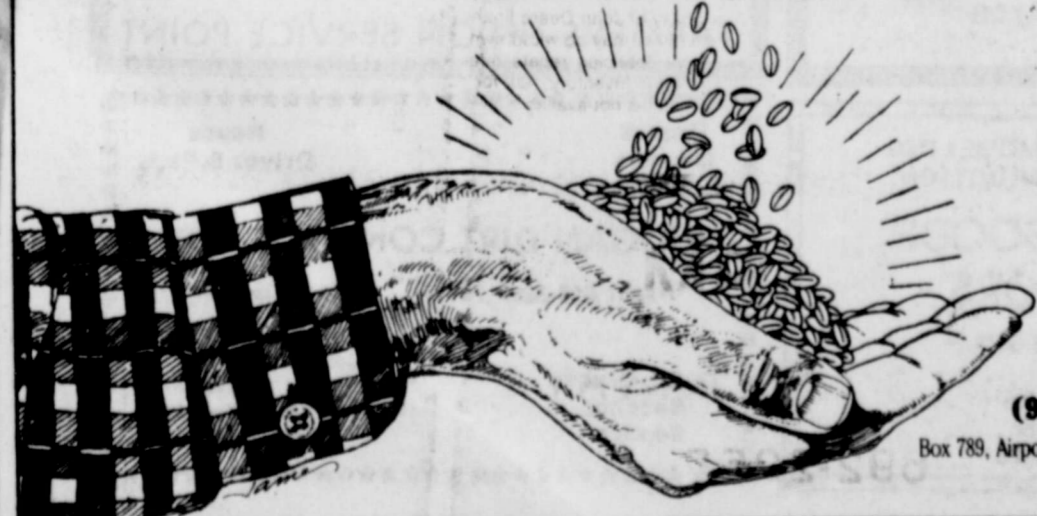
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65-2tc

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65-1tc

For Sale: Refrigerator, 13 cubic feet, frost free, set at Hammond Storage Buidling or call 928-4013.

65-1tc

For Sale: Solid oak blond dining room set, 6 chairs, 2 of them are arm chairs. Chairs upholstered in red velvet. \$125. Can be seen at 1507 Sunset.

65-1tp

Solid oak bunkbeds \$150. Mattresses are new. Call 928-5830.

65-1tc

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63-2tc

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49-TFC

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60-tfc

Granny's Playhouse Child Care open from 6:30 a.m. till 6 p.m. Call 928-4904 or come by 207 Orange.

33-tfc

For Sale: Gail's Barber & Style Shop. Call 928-4815 or 928-5434 in the evenings.

62-tfc

Lost: in the vicinity of 400 Ash, blond colored golden retriever, 3 months old, feet are white, missing since Monday morning. Call 928-4703.

65-1tc

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65-4tc

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35-TFC

Horseshoeing and trimming. Dan Burnett. Call 236-6258. 63-5tp

Germania Insurance Company, for your insurance needs. Locally represented by Donna Carter, 928-5348. 33-TFC

Lost: Female miniature sheltie (small collie), lost at comfort station on I-20 between Sweetwater & Merkel May 27. Reward offered, if found please call collect 505-396-2539 after 6 p.m.

65-2tc

Needed immediately: Nurses aides, 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. shift. Apply in person at Starr Nursing Home.

65-3tc

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65-1tc

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Kent Street, 2-1-1, plus shop, cellar, on 2 lots.

Stucco 2 bedroom on Orange Street.

2.5 acres fenced, city water, well, garden area chicken pens, 1 car carport, 14 wide 3 bedroom mobile home, patio, owner carry, small equity.

183 acres, mobile home, inground pool, fenced, some minerals. 2 bedroom mobile home completely furnished reduced to \$11,000 cash.

Trent
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2 bedroom on corner lot low equity.

2 bedroom house for rent.

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Sweetwater
Gas station and laundry for sale. Both are in operation. Call Betty.

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After 5 p.m. call Betty Stautzenberger 862-6329 Mike Wheeler 676-1320. 61-TFC

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I-20 Commercial Park site, 5 acres at intersection, 1 steel building, 6,000 square feet and one frame building 600 square feet. \$90,000. Daizell Realtors, call Larry at 673-5015 or 692-0205.

63-3tc

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33-tfc

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Apartments for rent; 2 bedroom, refrigerator & stove Upstairs \$250 per month with \$150 deposit downstairs with dishwasher \$275 per month with \$150 deposit. 6 month lease required. Call 928-5194.

58-TFC

For rent: 2 bedroom, furnished. Call 928-5838.

64-2tc

House for rent: half a mile out of town, 3 bedroom, \$250 per month. Call 928-5164.

65-1tc

For rent: 2 bedroom house, stove, refrigerator, and dishwasher. \$150 deposit, \$250 per month, 1206 N. 6th. Call 928-5194.

65-1tc

Unfurnished, 6 room house for rent. 5 miles SouthEast near NuCorp. \$150. Call 928-5454.

65-1tp

Thank You

I thank you for the loving concern expressed by your cards, flowers, phone calls and prayers while I was in the hospital.

God Bless You
Sybil "Pat" Boyd
& Family
64-1tp

Thank You

I would like to express to you my appreciation for your calls, cards and every remembrance of me during my recent hospitalization. It's great to be a part of you.

Frank Merritt
65-1tc

Garage sales

4 Family garage sale: 1002 Trundy, Saturday only, 9 until 3. Lot's of children's summer clothes, infants through teens. Also, free kittens. 65-1tp

Trent June 2 8 am unit? Summer sale, girls clothes size 2 to 6 toys, shoes, curtains, lots of misc. Cheap. On Highway 80 one fourth mile West of town. Stautzenberger's 862-6329. 65-1tc

Garage sale: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Nice couch and chair. Rally wheels with tires, used carpet size 21 X 12, cheap. Mechanic tools of all kinds, mens, women's clothes & jeans, Mr. Coffee pot, stainless steel knives, this year's shelled pecans \$4 per pound, dolls, toys, books lot's of other things so come on to 1403 Herring or call 928-5782. Ethel Mitchell.

65-1tp

Garage sale: Thursday & Friday, 8:30 until 5; stereo with speakers, lots of misc.

65-1tp

3 Family garage sale: Furniture, gas heater, small appliances, clothes, and lots of good junk. Thursday, Friday & Saturday 8 until 5 at 901 Orange.

65-1tc

Yard Sale: Lot's of stuff, books, beds, and much more. 206 Lamar Wednesday through Sunday 10 a.m. until 6 p.m.

65-1tp

4 Family yard sale: Lot's of clothes, books, beds and much more. 206 Lamar Wednesday through Saturday, 10 until 6.

65-1tp

Garage Sale at 810 Trundy, Friday and Saturday starting at 8 am. Stereo, wall hangings, bed spreads, glassware, clothes and lots more.

65-1tc

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: UNKNOWN FATHER, and to All Whom it may Concern, Whereabouts Unknown, Respondent:

GREETINGS: YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable 350th District Court, Taylor County, Texas, at the Courthouse of said County in Abilene, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the Monday next after the expiration of 20 days from the date of service of this citation, then and there to answer the petition of HENDRICK HOME FOR CHILDREN, Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 1st day of May, 1984, against Unknown Father, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 155-D on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Interest of NATHAN DANIEL ALEXANDER, a Child" the nature of which suit is a request to the Court to enter an order for the safety and welfare of the child, and requests to be appointed Managing Conservator of the child.

Said child was born the 29th day of January, 1979, in Abilene, Texas. The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgement or decree in the child's interest which will be binding upon you, including the termination of the parent-child relationship and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the child's adoption.

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