

# The Merkel Mail

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## Ag economists say farmers must use better management to stay afloat in 1985

**Editor's Note:** The following articles were provided by the Agricultural Extension Service of Texas A & M University, as a part of an outlook at 1985 for agriculture. Also, two articles concerning cotton and wheat production are included.

Many factors will affect the Texas farm economy in 1985 making farm prospects somewhat mixed, say two agricultural economists with the Texas Agriculture Extension Service, Texas A & M University System.

The state's agricultural economy will be heavily influenced by U. S. economic policies that affect government revenues and spending, business conditions, level of interest rates, trade policies and exports, weather, farm policy and abundant crop supplies. If moisture conditions remain favorable, the livestock sector may fare slightly better than most crop producers, predict Dr. Carl G. Anderson and Dr. Michel Paggi, Extension economists.

"On balance, the year ahead may register little change in farm income over the depressed conditions of recent years," they said.

Farming and ranching business costs may increase moderately, assuming inflation remains at current to slightly higher rates.

The enormous government deficit is a major culprit keeping interest rates high, and these high rates are causing serious financial setback to agriculture. They not only increase the cost of doing business, but high rates also strengthen the dollar which discourages exports, encourages imports and stimulates efforts to increase foreign production, the economists explain.

Livestock prices may rise slightly, since the cattle inventory is fairly low, they emphasize. Favorable feed-price relationships are expected to encourage pork and poultry production. Large supplies will probably dampen and sustained price recovery for most crops. Additionally, fairly strong farm program incentives to remove acreages from cotton and rice production may discourage excess production and maintain fairly stable supplies for those commodities.

In 1985, retail food price rises are expected to be small due to ample supplies of crops and livestock products. Marketing services associated with moving food from the farm to the supermarket are expected to account for most of the price increase, Anderson and Paggi say.

Outlook for U. S. agricultural exports continues to be dominated by world economic and political forces. Overall, the current global supply and demand picture is not likely to bring back U. S. agricultural exports are the value of the U. S. dollar relative to other currencies, debt problems of the world's less developed and developing economies, the global economy and the handling of sensitive trade policy issues here and abroad.

Any improvement in demand for U. S. agricultural exports also is dependent on general economic recovery world-wide, and the way that countries handle increasing pressure on institute protectionist policies, contend Anderson and Paggi.

"Levels of interest rates and exports will have major roles in determining the final outcome," the economists say.

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"The real key to successful farming and ranching business is to place available funds where they return the most and to rely on marketing skills to take advantage of favorable price swings," they say.

As fate of farmers and ranchers becomes more influenced by global and national economic and political events beyond their control, producers should develop financial risk management strategy. This strategy should rely on proven production practices and year-round marketing plans that include using quality planting seed, the appropriate amount of fertilizer, herbicides and pesticides, as well as minimum tillage.

In addition, operators should try to gain a favorable price for their commodities by watching markets and knowing market forces that cause prices to move up and down during the year. Producers can lock in an appropriate price by using forward contracts, hedging in the futures market, and commodity options to avoid potential adverse price drops.

### Sound Management Practices Key To Cotton Profits

To stay in business in 1985, cotton farmers will have to keep per unit production costs near loan price levels and produce sufficient yields.

Such production efficiency demands critical evaluation of management practices.

Cotton budgets are available for each production region and kind of operation (dryland, furrow irrigation, center pivot irrigation). These can help farmers assess operating costs and evaluate the probable impact of varying inputs and management practices.

What management practices can farmers adopt that will favorably impact their operation?

Use of short season, high strength cotton varieties and proper seeding rates can improve net return to High Plains farmers, says Dr. James Supak of Lubbock. Textile mills equipped with high-speed spinning equipment are demanding and paying premiums for high strength cotton.

In selecting varieties, a producer should consider such factors as adaptability, stormproofness, disease tolerance and yield potential.

Plant populations ranging from 25,000 to 50,000 plants per acre (two to four plants per foot in 40-inch rows) are considered optimum for cotton production, Supak notes. Excessive seeding rates can promote seedling disease problems, delay crop maturity, increase water and fertility requirements, and lower yield potential.

For optimum stands, farmers should use good quality seed and delay planting until the minimum soil temperature at the 8 inch depth reaches a 10 day average of 60 degrees.

In the Rolling Plains region, U. J. Alexander, Extension agronomist at Vernon, says three practices can have great impact upon the profit potential from cotton: delayed uniform planting date, reduced plant populations and furrow diking.

Delaying planting until May 20 or later aids in boll weevil control, says Alexander. This later planting results in suicidal emergence of a large part of the overwintered boll weevil population and reduces

the length of the growing season, thereby limiting the number of boll weevil generations.

Limiting the growing season also reduces cultivation and insecticide use and can boost net income by \$22 per acre.

With the later planting, two or three plants per foot of row are sufficient for dryland production while no more than four plants per foot of row are recommended for irrigated stands.

Furrow diking of dryland cotton can increase yields by as much as 35 percent, adds Alexander. Dikes should be established in time to store moisture from spring rains and re-established after the last cultivation to store moisture from early fall rains. The normal practice is to dike all rows prior to spring rains and half the rows following the last cultivation. Costs are generally less than \$2 per acre.

Water management practices, variety selection and cultural practices to control pink bollworms are important management considerations in the Trans-Pecos region, says Charles Stichter, Extension agronomist at Fort Stockton.

Soil moisture sensing devices such as gypsum blocks at different soil depths can monitor moisture extraction by plant roots and determine the depth of water penetration into the soil profile following irrigation. By monitoring water extraction patterns, growers can time irrigations to meet crop needs and avoid watering too frequently. Eliminating one 4-inch irrigation can save the grower up to \$25 per acre while missing a critical irrigation can lower yield potential about 25 percent, possibly increase pest control costs, and result in lower crop quality.

Regarding variety selection, farmers need to consider such things as maturity, disease and salt tolerance as well as high strength types.

A good cultural management program can be a sound alternative to costly insecticides in the battle against pink bollworms, Dr. Charles Allen, Extension entomologist at Fort Stockton points out. Since pink bollworm mortality is greatest during the winter, early crop termination and clean harvesting will limit the number of overwintering pink bollworm larvae. Destroying crop residues by combinations of burning, shredding, grazing and plowing are important. Winter irrigations, where practical, reduce pink bollworm survival. These practices are most effective if carried out as a community effort.

For eastern, central and southern sections of Texas, farmers need to focus on such management practices as crop rotation and land selection, early stand establishment, early insect control and cultural practices that help achieve high quality lint, says Dr. Bob Metzger, a cotton specialist at College Station.

Crop rotation is important to reduce soil erosion and to avoid fields heavily infested with diseases such as cotton root rot and fusarium wilt, root-knot nematodes and perennial weeds, says Metzger.

To achieve early stands of healthy cotton, farmers should begin land preparation as early as possible to permit breakdown of plant residue, allow beds to settle or firm up, and provide sufficient time for soil moisture storage.

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Local agriculture is off to a good start with recent rains, including a guiley-washer Sunday and Monday. Wheat is off to a good start and area cattle are making the most of it.

[Staff photo]

## 2 inch rain-snow here since Monday

Following a two inch plus rainfall Sunday and Monday, Merkel was covered with two inches of snow at 3:30 p.m. New Year's Day and MISD superintendent Bill Everett said I can't say now, but it doesn't look like we will have school tomorrow (Wednesday).

The National Weather Service issued a Travelers Alert along the local stretch of Interstate 20, as well as all bridges on all area highways.

The snow was the first of the Winter season and temperatures were forecast to stay at or below

freezing into today (Thursday).

Everett added if the schools would be closed, they would remain so until the weather broke.

He also mentioned the possibility of having school, but not running busses. He said "each day we are forced to close will be a day out of spring break."

## Christmas was Wednesday? House Bill meeting set Jan. 9th in Austin

by Cloy A. Richards

Christmas this year for the Richards' Clan was a little odd.

First off, the weather was so nice in College Station that dad and I went fishing Christmas Eve and did quite well. He caught the day's best bass, almost four pounds.

We didn't celebrate Christmas Tuesday, but, for the first time, we had a birthday observance for dad on Tuesday and then had Christmas with my immediate family together for the first time in nine years. We opened presents Wednesday.

There's an ad in this week's paper urging people to attend a meeting Jan. 9 in Austin to protest certain provisions of House Bill 72, the much-berated Education Reform Bill, passed last summer.

I will be the first to admit that certain provisions of the bill need to be re-evaluated. There are hardships being placed on small schools, and those hardships can

only be corrected by large, successful bond issues.

Schools that were in decent shape before the new bill are being forced to come up with additional classroom space to start classes at proper ratios, required by House Bill 72.

Almost anyone, parent or student, involved in extra-curricular activities, know what the new rules are doing to those activities. That's where most of the rage of the citizenry is coming from, although teachers have made their unhappiness quite clear through their officials voices and channels.

We all know there are problems. We all also must realize something else. The State of Texas wants public education improved and seem to be willing to take chances to accomplish that goal. It's an admirable goal. It's also an area where people become very emotionally involved, and bound to create controversies.

Members of the Texas Legis-

ature will be getting an earful between now and the time they take votes on the House Bill again, which I am sure they will.

After that, whatever they decide, they will undoubtedly be taking heat again, over the same issue.

It was cold, wet and they were saying worse is on the way when it was time for writing. Just the kind of day in late December that makes a lot of people look ahead to 1985.

Looking back on the year, a lot has happened here and we have a lot ahead.

Farmers have at least a chance for a wheat crop this year, if the bugs don't invade and the spring and summer winds don't harvest the kernels.

No telling what the prospects are for King Cotton, but they certainly can't be as bad as they were in 1984.



Nobles Construction of Colorado City found the weather fog for paving Saturday as they worked on the city's southside. The paving is being paid for by a fund secured by delinquent city taxes.

[Staff photo]

# Ag experts stressing management

From Page One

Using quality seed and planting on a raised bed are key steps.

Metzer recommends cotton varieties that bloom early, set bolls rapidly and mature quickly. Early season pest control is also critical since these pests can affect early fruiting and lead to other problems later in the season. Key pests are the fleahopper and boll weevil.

The single most important thing a cotton producer can do after planting, regardless of the section of the state, is to ensure that his crop is carefully scouted for pests, without fail, once or twice a week, Metzer emphasizes. This approach in determining pest numbers, damage and control needs has proven its worth. Every dollar spent on intensive insect scouting returns \$10 to \$20 per acre.

During the growing season, closely managed cultural practices, such as proper fertility, irrigation and pest control can keep plants in proper vegetative-fruiting balance. This is important to successful harvest preparation and high quality lint. Reducing bark samples can prevent losses averaging \$25 to \$30 per bale, Metzer notes. Achieving close cultural management that improves harvest preparation and harvest efficiency can, therefore, increase income by several million dollars annually for Texas producers.

### Tillage, Pest Control Keys To Wheat Profits

Texas farmers hoping to maximize profits from wheat production will need to give particular attention to tillage; disease, weed and insect control; fertilization; and efficient irrigation.

Conservation tillage to store moisture and reduced wind and water erosion is a viable option for most wheat producers, say specialists with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System. Many tillage operations are not necessary for wheat production and actually reduce profits because of the energy and labor expense involved.

Recent herbicide technology has made conservation tillage in wheat production competitive with

conventional tillage, notes Dr. Frank Petr, Extension agronomist at Amarillo. Moisture conservation through reduced tillage can be converted to increased yields. Research indicates that each additional inch of available moisture increases wheat yields by 2.6 to 3.5 bushels per acre.

Adequate soil fertility is essential to maximizing production of both irrigated and dryland wheat, says Petr. If fertilizer is the limiting factor, much high cost irrigation water may be wasted. Wheat production under conservation tillage requires close monitoring of fertility because substantial quantities of nitrogen may be tied up in crop residues.

In the western areas of Texas, wheat responds well to limited irrigation as well as full irrigation and is adapted to furrow and sprinkler application methods. A preplant irrigation helps obtain uniform germination, good plant establishment and rapid growth. A winter irrigation is only justified to maintain stands during prolonged drought. Late winter and early spring irrigations enhance forage growth when needed for grazing but have little beneficial effect on grain yields, Petr points out. Boot and flowering irrigations contribute the largest increments of yield per inch of water applied. Irrigation in the soft dough stage may be justified for the newer high yield potential varieties and when severe moisture stress would drastically reduce test weight and quality.

Wheat disease management is important for avoiding crop losses, notes Dr. Norman McCoy, Extension plant pathologist at Dallas. The most effective and economical method of controlling such diseases as wheat streak mosaic virus and rust is delayed planting. Seed treatment and resistant varieties also are lowcost methods of curbing wheat diseases.

Leaf rust is the most destructive wheat disease, says McCoy. When new races develop, genetic resistance within currently grown varieties is reduced. Consequently, producers are encouraged to hedge by using other varieties or a mixture of varieties. Chemical

control of leaf rust can be cost-effective when yield potential is greater than 40 bushels per acre, and a susceptible variety is grown, and rust is occurring at a 50 percent level on the flag leaf minus one (leaf below flag leaf).

Septoria leaf blotch, Tan spot, powdery mildew and bunt smut are all soil borne diseases that attack wheat, McCoy adds. Producers are encouraged to modify cultural practices by incorporating residue to help break the disease cycle. Planting seed treated with a fungicide will help reduce such diseases as loose smut, bunt smut, seedling disease and foot rot. Where loose smut is present in planting seed, seed treatment at a cost of about \$1.50 per acre can increase yields by as much as 10 bushels per acre.

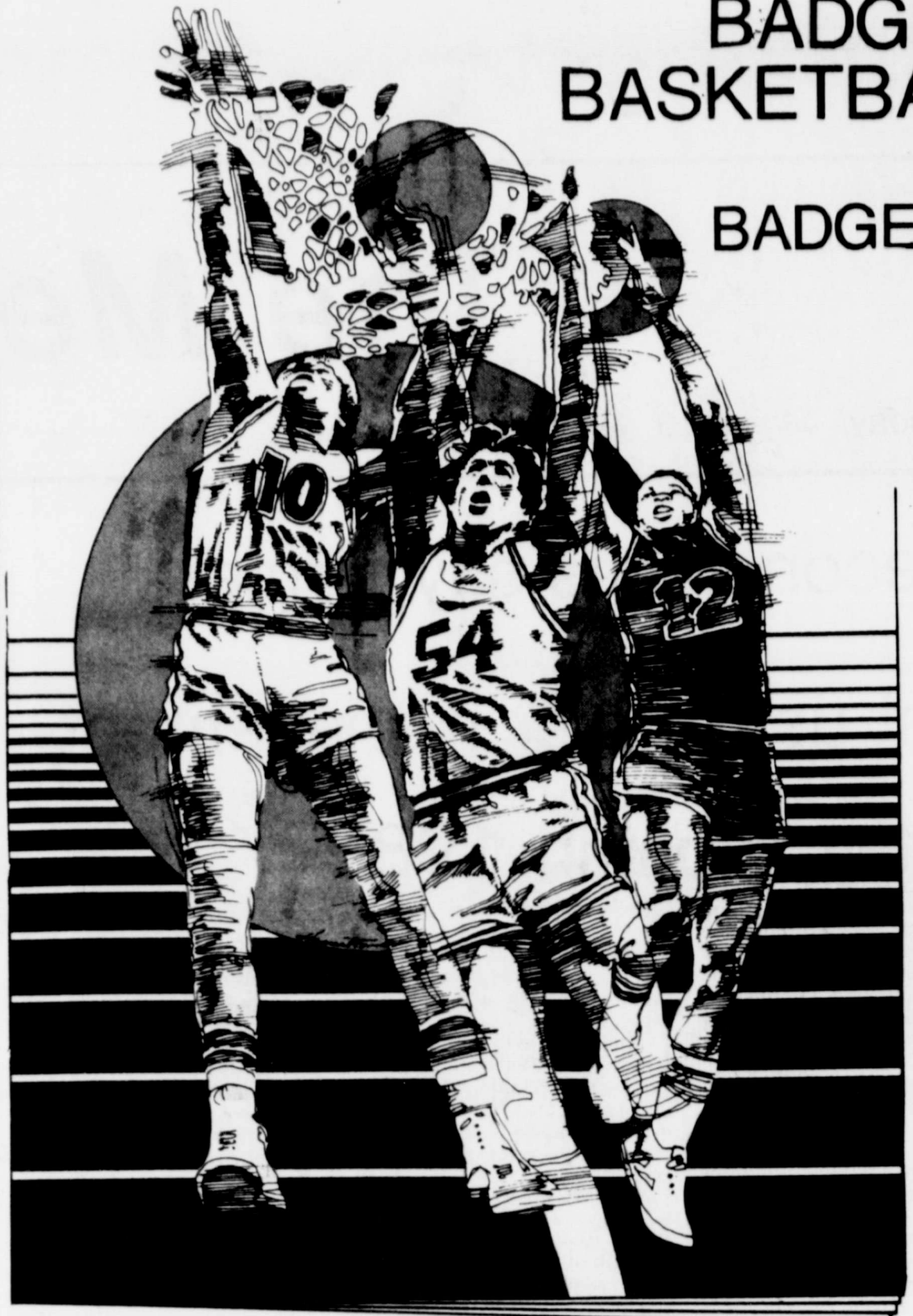
Although chemical control of many diseases is available, producers cannot afford to overlook cropping practices that are relatively inexpensive, easily implemented and proven.

Weed control is closely related to conservation tillage. For example, a post-harvest herbicide application can save up to four trips across the field. Preemergence chemical control at ryegrass and broadleaf weeds in eastern areas can boost yields significantly. Preemergence treatments have led to greater yield increases than early post-applications by an average of five bushels per acre, says Petr.

As far as insect pests are concerned, armyworms, greenbugs and mites lead the pack. Rotating wheat with other crops will help control mites. When greenbugs exceed 100 per foot of drill row, yield losses will justify using recommended insecticides. Damaging infestations may occur in December and again in March and April, but this will vary from year to year depending on climatic conditions, notes H. A. Turney, Extension entomologist at Dallas.

The Hessian fly has been reported in parts of North Central Texas, adds Turney. Its larvae feed on stems, resulting in head lodging. While damage from this pest is still being analyzed, losses can be reduced by late fall planting.

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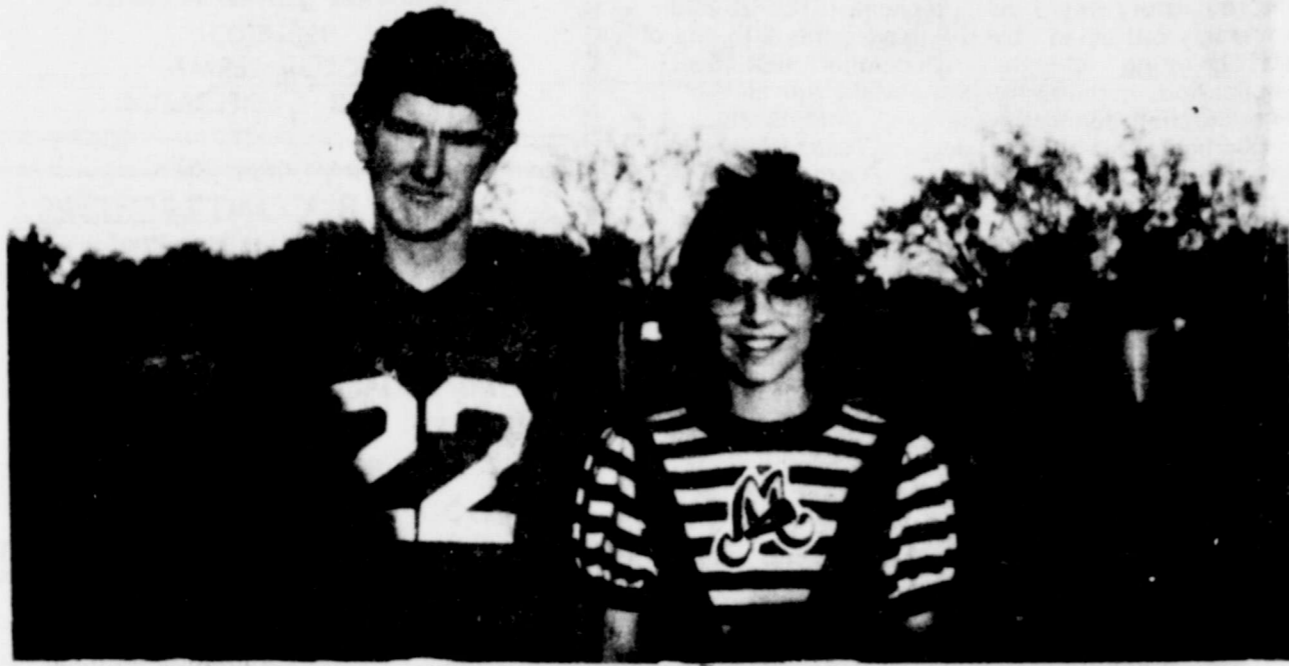
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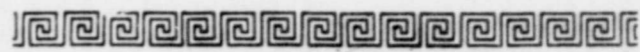
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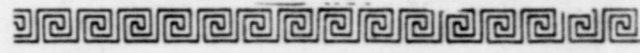


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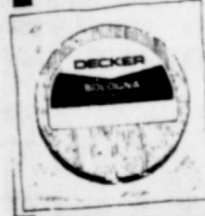
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**Real Estate**

For sale in Merkel. 2 bedroom house. Large corner lot. Southside, new paint, new plumbing. Owner finance 676-3668.  
 93-4tp

**Garage Sale**

Garage Sale: Friday & Saturday 9 until 5 at 302 Rose.  
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**Card of Thanks**

The family of I. J. Hall wishes to thank the relatives and friends for their loving kindness in the passing of their loved one.  
 Ada Dove, Jay, Leslie Meghan and Katie Beth

**Public notice**

THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: BILLY J. GOBER, JR., Defendant, 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 14th day of January, 1985, at or before 10 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 29th day of December, A. D. 1983, in this cause, numbered 38,598-A on the docket of said court, and styled, Abilene National Bank, A Texas Corporation, Plaintiff vs. BILLY J. GOBER, JR. Defendant. The names of the parties to the cause are as follows: Abilene National Bank, A Texas Corporation are Plaintiffs and Billy J. Gober, Jr. are Defendants.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit: Plaintiff requests the Court to enter Judgment against the Defendant for the sum of \$2,851.38 because Defendant has failed and refused to pay this sum or any part thereof. Said sum is due on a Promissory Note executed on September 10, 1983.

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Plaintiff also request Judgment against the Defendant for Attorney's fees in the sum of \$800.00, post judgement interest at the rate of 10 per cent per annum until fee paid, and for all cost of suit, 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 writ 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 the 29th day of November, A. D. 1984.

Attest: Rilla Mahoney Clerk, 42nd District Court, Taylor County, Texas by JoAnn Lackey, Deputy (Seal) 92-91-4tc

**CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS TO:**

The following named persons, if living: C. T. Foster and the unknown heirs at law, devisees, and assigns of C. T. Foster, and if the named persons be not living, to the unknown heirs and personal representatives or assigns of such persons. Defendants, Greetings:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED TO appear before the 42nd District Court of Taylor County, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before Monday, at 10:00 p.m. on the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days after the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 14th day of January, 1985, A. D., to the Plaintiff's Petition filed in said Court on the 26th day of November, 1984, A. D., in this cause, numbered 39,027A on the docket of said Court and styled: "MID-TEX RESOURCES vs. C. T. FOSTER and the Unknown Heirs at Law, Devisees and Assigns of C. T. Foster."

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows: Plaintiff has filed a suit to place mineral in receivership pursuant to Article 2320-B Vernon's Civil Statutes of Texas, under the following described property:

109.6 acres out of the Southwest part of Section 1, Block 18, T & P Ry. Co. Survey, Taylor County, Texas;

As is more fully shown in Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit, said land being situated in Taylor County, Texas.

If this citation is not served within ninety (90) days after the date of issuance, it should be returned unserved.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court at Abilene, Texas, this the 26th day of November, 1984.

Rilla Mahoney, District Clerk, Taylor County, Texas (Seal) 91-83-4tc

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR WASTE DISCHARGE PERMIT RENEWAL - THE CITY OF MERKEL,**

107 Lamar Street, Merkel, Texas 79536 has applied to the Texas Department of Water Resources for renewal of Permit No. 10786-01 which authorizes a discharge of treated domestic wastewater effluent at a volume not to exceed an average flow of 450,000 gallons per day from the wastewater treatment plant which is located approximately 3,200 feet north and 3,500 feet east of the intersection of Interstate Highway 20 and Farm-to-Market Road 126 in Taylor County, Texas. The effluent is discharged into an unnamed tributary of Bitter Creek; thence to Bitter Creek; thence to the Clear Fork of the Brazos River in Segment No. 1232 of the Brazos River Basin.

The permit, if renewed by the Commission, will specify conditions and limitations generally the same as those currently enforced by the existing permit. The expiration date of the existing permit was October 29, 1984. It is proposed that the expiration date be specified as midnight, five years after the date of Commission approval.

Legal Authority: Section 26.028 of the Texas Water Code as amended and 31 TAC 341 of the Rules of the Texas Department of Water Resources.

No public hearing will be held on this application unless an affected person who has received notice of the application has requested a public hearing.

Any such request for a public hearing shall be in writing and contain (1) the name, mailing address and phone number of the person making the request; and (2) a brief description of how the requester, or persons represented by the requester, would be adversely affected by the granting of the application. If the Commission shall conduct a public hearing, after the issuance of proper and timely notice of the hearing. If no sufficient

request for hearing is received within 30 days of the date of publication of the notice concerning the application, the permit will be submitted to the Commission for final decision on the application.

Requests for a public hearing and/or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing to the Chief Hearings Examiner, Texas Water Commission, P. O. Box 13087, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711, Telephone (512) 475-2678. Issued this 27th day of December, 1984 (Seal) Mary Ann Hefner Chief Clerk Texas Water Commission 95-112-1tc

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# Nell Teaff services held Wednesday

Nell Tracy Teaff of Merkel, died at 6:30 a.m. Sunday at her home. Services were held at 10:30 p.m. Wednesday here at the First Baptist Church.

The Rev. Wayne Keller, pastor, officiated. Burial followed at Rose Hill here under the direction of the Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born near here, she was the daughter of R. E. & Pearl Tracy. She graduated Magna Cum

Laude from Simmons College (now Hardin-Simmons University) in Abilene. She was a longtime school teacher here, Baird, Old Glory, and had been a book-keeper in Abilene for 30 years. She was a member of First Baptist Church and had been children's Sunday School superintendent for many years.

She is survived by two family members of the home, Lucy & Comer

Haynes—her sister and brother-in-law; two nephews and nieces, Bill & Sandra Haynes, and Dr. Jack & Molly Haynes, all of Abilene.

Also, three grand nephews and nieces: Susan Feagan of Hamlin, Jack Haynes Jr. of Odessa and Dr. William C. Haynes of Phoenix, Cherie Haynes of Abilene, Shelley Heitt of El Paso, Russell Haynes of Abilene, Melinda Davis of Dallas, and several

smaller ones.

She is also survived by several cousins here: Abilene, Mart, Lubbock, Stephenville and Roswell.

Palbearers included Joe Cypert, Buster Horton, Buddy Hunter, Ted McAninch, Billy Bob Neff, Howard Sliger, Alvin Wozencraft, Howard Carson, Eddie Sandusky, Buster Hester, Nolan Palmer, Griff Barnett and Hoyle Lemens.

the Honorable 101st Judicial Court of Dallas County, of the 5th day of December, 1984, by Writ of Execution of said 101st Judicial District Court of Dallas County, Tex. for the sum of Eighty Nine Thousand Eleven Dollars and 59/100 and costs of suit, under a Judgement, in favor of Marguerite B. Creighton in a certain cause in said Court, No. 80-7909-E and styled Marguerite B. Creighton vs. W. E. Ellis Individ. and Ellis Premium Budget Co., placed in my hands for service, I, John W. Middleton as Sheriff of Taylor County, Texas, did, on the 2th day of December, 1984, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Taylor County, Texas, described as follows to-wit:

Exhibit A  
137.58 acres, more or less, out of the D. B. Corley Survey No. 4, situated in Taylor County, Texas, and described by metes and bounds as follows:

BEGINNING at a point 842.4 vrs. South 15 deg. East and 10 feet North 75 deg. East from the Northwest corner of said D. B. Corley Survey No. 4, for the beginning corner of this 137.58 acre tract of land:

THENCE North 75 deg. East 663.48 vrs. for the NE corner of this tract;

THENCE South 15 deg. East 1110.96 vrs.;

THENCE South 82 deg. 30 min. West 42.1 vrs.;

THENCE South 66 deg. West 100 vrs.;

THENCE South 17 deg. West 54.72 vrs.;

THENCE South 60 deg. West 54 vrs.;

THENCE South 82 deg. 28 min. West 359.64

vrs to a stake in the WBL of Public Road;

THENCE North 15 deg. West 1132.56 vrs to the place of beginning, and being the same 137.58 acre tract of land described and set out in a plat made by G. M. Thomason from a survey on the ground July 7, 1942, which is of record in Volume 308, page 688, Deed Records of Taylor County, Texas.

**THIS SALE IS FOR CASH ONLY, A CASHIERS CHECK FROM A TAYLOR COUNTY BANK MAY BE ACCEPTED.**

**SALE WILL BE HELD AT THE TAYLOR COUNTY COURTHOUSE DOOR,** and levied upon as the property of W. E. ELLIS AND ELLIS PREMIUM BUDGET COMPANY, and that on the first Tuesday in February, 1985, the same being the 5th day of said month at

the Court House door of Taylor County, in the City of Abilene, Texas, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. by virtue of said levy and said Writ of Execution I will sell said above described Real Estate at public vendue, for each, to the highest bidder, as the property of said W. E. Ellis and Ellis Premium Budget Co.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper published in Taylor County, Texas.

Witness my hand, this 13th day of December, 1984.

John W. Middleton, Sheriff, Taylor County, Texas By Eddie W. Swanson Sr., Deputy.  
93-137-3c

# MISD lunch menu through Jan. 18

The following is the MISD school lunch menu through Jan. 18.

Jan. 7; chicken fried steak, cram gravy, whipped potatoes, fried okra, peaches with topping

Jan. 8; burritos with chili & cheese, lettuce-tomato salad, choice of dressing, apricot macaroon.

Jan. 9; toasted cheese sandwich, vegetable soup, apple fried pies.

Jan. 10; spaghetti with beef & cheese, buttered corn, lettuce wedges with choice of dressing, sliced pears.

Jan. 11; hamburgers, fries and all the trimmings, raisins.

Jan. 14, spaghetti with beef & cheese, buttered mixed vegetables, sliced pears.

Jan. 15; pizza, buttered corn, lettuce wedges, jello with fruit.

Jan. 16 Bar-B-Q links, pinto beans, potato salad, pineapple chunks.

Jan. 17; fried fish & tartar sauce, cabbage slaw, blackeyed peas, lemon bars.

Jan. 18; hamburgers fries and all the trimmings, peanut butter cookies.

Jan. 11; hamburgers, fries and all the trimmings, raisins.

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# Go to Austin Jan. 9 and make your feelings known on HB 72!

## THE 1984 TEXAS EDUCATION ACT: REFORM OR REGRESS?

On July 3, 1984 the Texas legislature, in a special session called by Governor Mark White, passed a bill that will have such far-reaching effects on Texans that history may reveal that on that day before Independence Day Texans lost much of their independence from governmental control. Although we heard a lot of rhetoric about improving the quality of education in Texas, only 45 words of the 94 page Act concerns curriculum content. What did the rest of the 94 pages do?

**A. The Act Removed From the People of Texas Their Right To Elect The State Board of Education.**

Although the Democratic and Republican parties rarely agree on any issue, both parties passed a resolution at their June, 1984 State Convention to retain an elected State Board of Education. The surveys of the Texas Education Agency (which distributed over 150,000 questionnaires) indicated that 85% of the respondents favored keeping the elected board. Rejecting the wishes of their constituents, a majority of our legislators voted to take control of public schools out of the hands of the people. The new board is appointed by the Governor. The board is to revert to an elected board in four years, but the legislature can at that time vote to extend the appointed board indefinitely.

Almost all of our state's \$19 billion annual budget is spent in four areas: public schools, highways, welfare and prisons. All four areas are controlled by boards appointed by one man, Governor Mark White.

One-half of our annual state budget is for education. The State Board of Education has the power to set policy for public (state-regulated) schools. Should not the authority over our most precious asset, our children, be directly accountable to the people?

**B. The Act Gave the State Increased Control Over Our Children.**

The Act creates a new government board — the Legislative Education Board — which will exist in addition to, and not in lieu of the appointed State Board of Education. Like the State Board of Education, the Legislative Education Board is appointed. What is the purpose of the new Board? It was given the power to "oversee and review the implementation of" education policy. It has broad powers, including the power to subpoena.

The concept of state-regulated schools is relatively new. In the last century children were taught either in their homes or in private schools. The State created "free" schools to allow parents who could not afford private education to send their children to "free" schools, if the parents so wished. The schools were controlled by local school boards elected by the parents. Then the State passed compulsory attendance laws. The latest step in the regression from parental rights and responsibilities for their children came in the 1984 Act. Parents are required in the Act to sign a written statement "that the parent understands and consents to the responsibilities outlined in the program." [emphasis added] Article VI, Part G, Section 1. What program? The program to be approved by yet another unelected agency — the Central Education Agency.

The new Act also requires that students spend more time in school — more days per year and more time per day in classroom — yielding less time for parents to spend with their children. The Act also requires "parent training workshops." The new law does not tell us what will be taught in such "workshops." The legislature left it up to an unelected board to decide.

The Act allows districts to establish "school-community guidance centers" to "assist children with problems which interfere with their education including but not limited to juvenile offenders and children with severe behavioral problems or character disorders." [emphasis added] Article VI, Part C, Section 1. Who will determine whether a child has a "character disorder"?

Public schools already include courses of "values clarification." The values of children taught by parents are being "clarified." Who will determine how values should be clarified?

The autonomy of the local school board was eradicated by the 1984 Act. The unelected State Board of Education will establish standards and duties for the local school boards and their members. Investigators will determine compliance and if the local districts fail to meet their requirements, State funds may be withheld. The Commissioner of Education is given the power to appoint a "master" to oversee a school district. The Act gives the power to the master to "approve or disapprove any action of the board of trustees or the superintendent of the district."

The power of the central bureaucracy is also increased by the new "equalization plan" which allocates dollars away from the community where raised and transfers them to some other community, as determined by the appointed board.

**C. The Act Gave Us Our Largest Tax Increase In Our History.**

Mark White pledged in his 1982 campaign against Governor Clements to have no new taxes. Two years after taking office, he signed into law the largest tax hike in Texas history.

Texans are willing to pay the price for the education of their children. But how are dollars for education best spent? More than \$4,500 per child is spent in public education per year in Texas. The average cost of private education is far less. The problems of public schools are widely recognized, as are the problems of poverty. But throwing billions of tax dollars at public schools will no more solve the problems of education than pushing hundreds of billions into the welfare system has solved the problem of poverty.

Teacher pay raises account for only a portion of the tax increase. What will the rest of the tax increase be used for? Compliance with all the new regulations is very expensive.

### WHAT CAN YOU DO?

1. Diligently pray that leaders will be raised up who will be guided by principles of parental freedom, fiscal responsibility and free enterprise. Be faithful to pray for those in office.
2. If your State representative or senator voted for the 1984 education bill, work to replace him or her in the next election with a candidate who will vote to repeal the Act. The voting record on the 1984 Act is presented below.
3. Get acquainted with the legislators in office and explain to him or her your views on education, and other matters. Thank those who vote for family values.

4. Consider entering your children in a church or home school. Home schooling is still legal in Texas. But the Texas Education Agency has already stated its objective to ban home schooling. And the new Act sets as one criterion for state funding of local school districts "the effectiveness of the district's efforts to improve attendance" (in public schools). Article IV, Part G, Section 1. All freedom-loving Texans, even those who don't choose to educate their children in a home or church school, must work to prevent it happening in Texas, as it has in Russia, that the state can forcibly take children away from their parents to be educated as the state sees fit.

5. Stay informed. The news media has not presented an accurate and complete picture of the 1984 Education Act. Subscribe to a publication providing accurate information. You might find the following to be informative and helpful: Texas Council For Public Policy, 8609 Northwest Plaza, Suite 341, Dallas, Texas 75225; Pro Family Forum, P.O. Box 8907, Fort Worth, Texas 76134; or The Texas Home Education Newsletter, P.O. Box 835105, Richardson, Texas 75083.

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#### SENATE ROLL CALL

Here is the roll call by which the Texas Senate approved 22-9, its own school-reform measure.

| Member                                | Party-City       | Vote |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|------|
| R. Blake                              | D-Nacogdoches    | Yes  |
| Chet Brooks                           | D-Pasadena       | Yes  |
| J. E. Brown                           | R-Dallas         | No   |
| Kent Caperton                         | D-Bryan          | Yes  |
| Lloyd Doggett                         | D-Austin         | Yes  |
| C. Edwards                            | D-Duncanville    | Yes  |
| R. Farabee                            | D-Wichita Falls  | Yes  |
| B. Glasgow                            | D-Stephenville   | No   |
| O. N. Harris                          | R-Dallas         | No   |
| D. Henderson                          | D-Houston        | No   |
| Ed Howard                             | D-Texasarkana    | Yes  |
| Grant Jones                           | D-Abilene        | Yes  |
| G. Kothmann                           | D-San Antonio    | Yes  |
| H. Lindon Williams                    | D-Dallas         | No   |
| John Leedom                           | D-Mesquite       | No   |
| Ted Lyon                              | D-Dallas         | Yes  |
| Oscar Mauzy                           | R-Arlington      | No   |
| Bob McFarland                         | D-Lubbock        | Yes  |
| John Montford                         | D-Fort Worth     | Yes  |
| Carl Parker                           | D-Fort Worth     | Yes  |
| Hugh Farmer                           | D-EI Paso        | Yes  |
| H. Santelietan                        | D-Amarillo       | No   |
| Bill Sarpalizio                       | D-Victoria       | Yes  |
| John Sharp                            | D-San Angelo     | Yes  |
| Bill Sims                             | D-Saginaw        | Yes  |
| John Traeger                          | D-Saginaw        | Yes  |
| Carlos Truan                          | D-Corpus Christi | Yes  |
| Yelp Adams                            | D-Brownsville    | Yes  |
| Hector Urbe                           | D-Houston        | Yes  |
| R. L. Vase                            | D-Houston        | Yes  |
| Craig Washington                      | D-Houston        | Yes  |
| John Whitmore                         | D-Houston        | Yes  |
| Linton Williams                       | D-Houston        | Yes  |
| L.L. Gov. Bill Hobby did not vote.    |                  |      |
| The Dallas Morning News: Sarah Barnes |                  |      |

#### HOUSE ROLL CALL

Here is the roll call by which the Texas House approved 119-29, the compromise school reform legislation forged by House Speaker G.B. Lewis:

| Member         | Party-City    | Vote |
|----------------|---------------|------|
| Fred Agnich    | R-Dallas      | Yes  |
| K. Armbrister  | D-Victoria    | Yes  |
| G. Arnold      | D-Terrell     | Yes  |
| G. Barnto      | D-Austin      | Yes  |
| Bob Barton Jr. | D-San Marcos  | Yes  |
| Erwin Barton   | D-Pasadena    | Yes  |
| H. Beranga     | D-C. Christi  | Yes  |
| B. Blanton     | R-F. Branch   | No   |
| Elton Boner    | D-Albino      | Yes  |
| J.W. Buchanan  | D-Dumas       | No   |
| R. Burnett     | D-San Angelo  | Yes  |
| John Carson    | D-Sherman     | Yes  |
| D. Cain        | D-Houston     | Yes  |
| S. Carriger    | D-Roby        | Yes  |
| Bill Carter    | D-Fort Worth  | Yes  |
| Reby Cary      | D-F. Worth    | Yes  |
| E. Cavazos     | D-C. Christi  | Yes  |
| N. B. Cervera  | R-Richardson  | No   |
| Jerry Clark    | D-Burne       | Yes  |
| Bill Clements  | D-Police      | Yes  |
| Paul Colbert   | D-Houston     | Yes  |
| F. Colazzo     | D-P. Arthur   | Yes  |
| D.B. Connolly  | R-Stafford    | No   |
| W.G. Coody     | D-Weatherford | Yes  |
| Tom Craddock   | R-Midland     | No   |
| Lloyd Criss    | D-Texas City  | Yes  |
| Jim Crockett   | D-Fearall     | Yes  |
| Debra Danburg  | D-Houston     | Yes  |
| Mark R. Davis  | D-Freeport    | Yes  |
| Tom Delay      | R-Stafford    | No   |
| M. Delco       | D-Austin      | Yes  |
| Betty Denton   | D-Waco        | Yes  |
| R. Early       | D-Portland    | Yes  |
| R. Eckhardt    | R-Houston     | No   |
| Al Edwards     | D-Houston     | Yes  |
| F. Elkamberg   | R-Plano       | Yes  |
| E. Emmerich    | D-Kingswood   | Yes  |
| R. English     | D-Arlington   | Yes  |
| Charles Evans  | D-Hurst       | Yes  |
| Smith Giley    | D-Houston     | Yes  |
| C. Finsel      | D-Houston     | Yes  |
| Milton Fox     | R-Houston     | No   |
| Joe Gamez      | D-San Antonio | Yes  |
| Charles Gandy  | D-Fearall     | Yes  |
| A.C. Garcia    | D-S. Antonio  | Yes  |
| J. Gavin       | D-W. Fagg     | Yes  |
| G. Geishardt   | R-Houston     | No   |
| Bruce Gibson   | D-Ciurme      | Yes  |
| R. Givens      | D-Odessa      | Yes  |
| Smith Giley    | D-Greenville  | Yes  |
| E. Gloscoff    | D-Alice       | Yes  |
| Al Granoff     | D-Dallas      | Yes  |

|               |                 |     |
|---------------|-----------------|-----|
| Gene Green    | D-Houston       | Yes |
| N. Grisham    | D-Rock          | Yes |
| C. Hackney    | D-Houston       | Yes |
| Bill Haley    | D-Center        | Yes |
| D. Harrell    | D-Ponter        | Yes |
| W.N. Hall     | D-Lamesa        | Yes |
| Bill Hammond  | R-Dallas        | Yes |
| J. Hanna      | D-Breckenridge  | No  |
| F. Madia      | D-Sanderson     | Yes |
| W. Harrison   | D-C. Christi    | Yes |
| T. Hefflin    | R-Houston       | Yes |
| J. Hernandez  | D-S. Antonio    | Yes |
| A. Hightower  | D-Huntsville    | Yes |
| Paul Hilbert  | R-Spring        | No  |
| Anita Hill    | R-Garland       | Yes |
| Patricia Hill | D-Dallas        | Yes |
| Juan Hinojosa | D-McAllen       | Yes |
| B. Hollowell  | D-G. Saline     | Yes |
| Jim Horn      | R-Lewisville    | Yes |
| David Hudson  | D-Tyler         | Yes |
| Sam Hudson    | D-Dallas        | Yes |
| James Hury    | D-Galveston     | Yes |
| Lee Jackson   | R-Dallas        | Yes |
| Arves Jones   | R-EI Paso       | Yes |
| Ray Keller    | R-Duncanville   | Yes |
| Hill Kemp     | D-Manvel        | Yes |
| Robin Kenbury | R-Waco          | Yes |
| L.B. Kubak    | D-Rockdale      | No  |
| E. Kuempie    | R-Saginaw       | No  |
| J. Lahey      | D-Harris Center | Yes |
| Don Lee       | D-Harlingen     | Yes |
| E. Lee        | D-Houston       | Yes |
| Bob Leonard   | R-F. Worth      | No  |
| N. McDonald   | D-EI Paso       | Yes |
| N. Lewis      | R-Bryan         | Yes |
| Albert Luna   | D-Houston       | Yes |
| F. Madia      | D-S. Antonio    | Yes |
| J. Mankins    | D-Houston       | Yes |
| R. Martinez   | D-Houston       | Yes |
| W. Martinez   | D-S. Antonio    | Yes |
| N. McDonald   | D-EI Paso       | Yes |
| J. McKenna    | R-Arlington     | No  |
| M. McKinney   | D-Centerville   | Yes |
| J. McWilliams | D-Haltville     | Yes |
| B. Messer     | D-Belton        | Yes |
| M. Millsap    | D-F. Worth      | Yes |
| A. Moreno     | D-Edinburg      | Yes |
| Paul Moreno   | D-EI Paso       | Yes |
| R. Oliveira   | D-Brownsville   | Yes |
| Jesse Oliver  | D-Dallas        | Yes |

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| Yes Jim Parker      | D-Comanche     | Yes |
| Yes K. Patrick      | R-S. Antonio   | Yes |
| Yes D. Patrosella   | D-Houston      | Yes |
| Yes L.P. Patterson  | D-Brookston    | No  |
| Yes R. Pennington   | R-Houston      | Yes |
| Yes Wayne Peweto    | D-Orange       | Yes |
| Yes G. Pearce       | R-San Antonio  | Yes |
| No A. Polumbo       | D-Houston      | Yes |
| Yes A. Price        | D-Beaumont     | Yes |
| Yes Paul Ragadale   | D-Orange       | Yes |
| No I. Range         | D-Kingville    | Yes |
| Yes R. Robinson     | D-Gonzales     | Yes |
| Yes Nolan Robnett   | R-Lubbock      | Yes |
| No Jim D. Rudd      | D-Brownfield   | Yes |
| No Sam W. Russell   | D-Mt. Pleasant | Yes |
| Yes Fry Russell     | D-Lubbock      | Yes |
| Yes R. Saunders     | D-Lufkin       | Yes |
| Yes S. Schuster     | R-El Paso      | Yes |
| No A. Schoenkratt   | R-U. City      | Yes |
| Yes Larry Don Shaw  | D-Big Spring   | Yes |
| Yes G.C. Shea       | R-Living       | Yes |
| Yes A. Short        | D-Texasarkana  | Yes |
| Yes B. Simpson      | D-Amarillo     | Yes |
| Yes Ashley Smith    | R-Houston      | No  |
| Yes C. Smith        | D-G. Prairie   | No  |
| Yes Terral Smith    | R-Austin       | Yes |
| No C. Stanwalis     | R-Amarillo     | Yes |
| No Mark Stiles      | D-Beaumont     | Yes |
| No L. Sutton        | D-S. Antonio   | Yes |
| Yes Frank M. Tejada | D-San Antonio  | Yes |
| Yes Gary Thompson   | R-Houston      | No  |
| Yes S. Thompson     | D-Houston      | Yes |
| Yes Russ Tidwell    | D-Austin       | Yes |
| Yes Mike Toomey     | R-Lubbock      | Yes |
| Yes Rodney Tow      | D-Conroe       | Yes |
| Yes D. R. Uher      | D-Bay City     | No  |
| Yes Robert Valles   | D-EI Paso      | Yes |
| Yes S. Wassens      | D-Dallas       | Yes |
| Yes T. Waldrop      | D-Corpus       | Yes |
| Yes R. Wallace      | D-Houston      | Yes |
| Yes E. Watson       | D-Deer Park    | Yes |
| No Foster Whaley    | D-Pampa        | No  |
| Yes D. Willis       | D-F. Worth     | Yes |
| Yes Ron Wilson      | D-Houston      | Yes |
| Yes C.K. Word       | D-Meridian     | Yes |
| Yes B. Wright       | R-Houston      | Yes |

**NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE**  
THE STATE OF TEXAS  
County of Taylor  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That by virtue of a certain Writ of Execution issued out of the Honorable 104th District Court of Taylor County, of the 25th day of October 1984, by Writ of Execution of said 104th District Court for the sum of Nineteen Thousand Two Hundred Eighty Two Dollars & 58-00 Dollars, and costs of suit, under a Judgement, in favor of William Earl Bounds d-b-a Bounds Well Service in a certain cause in said Court, No. 16,006-B and styled William Earl Bounds d-b-a Bounds Well Service vs. Dale Cox, placed in my hands for service, I John W. Middleton as Sheriff of Taylor County, Texas, did on the 4th day of November, 1984, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Taylor County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: All undivided interest of Dale Cox Operator LOT 1 OF 3RIMES COUNTY SCHOOL LAND No. 147 Located 2 and 1-2 miles Southeast of Merkel, Texas Railroad Commission No. 19058 This will include LEASE HOLD INTEREST, Pump Jacks, storage tanks, casing, tubing, rod etc. Interest of .35 per cent.

**SALE WILL BE HELD AT 10:30 a.m.** This Sale Will Be For Cash Only, A Cashiers Check May Be Accepted From A Taylor County Bank and levied upon the property of Dale Cox, and that on the first Tuesday in February, 1985, the same being the 5th day of said month, at

the Court House door, of Taylor County, in the City of Abilene, Texas, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., by virtue of said levy and said Writ of Execution I will sell said above described Real Estate at public vendue, for each, to the highest bidder, as the property of said Dale Cox.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper published in Taylor County, Texas.

Witness my hand, this 4th day of November, 1984.

John W. Middleton Sheriff Taylor County Texas By Eddie W. Swanson, Deputy  
93-95-3c

**NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE**  
THE STATE OF TEXAS  
County of Taylor  
Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a certain Writ of Execution issued out of the Honorable 104th District Court of Taylor County, of the 7th day of November, 1984, by Writ of Execution of said 104th District Court for the sum of Eleven Thousand Three Hundred Two Dollars & 93-100 Dollars and costs of suit, under a Judgement, in favor of L & O Oilfield Specialties, Inc. vs. South Hills, Inc., & C. E. Clemmer, placed in my hand for service, I, John W. Middleton as Sheriff of Taylor County, Texas, did, on the 4th day of December 1984, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Tay-

lor County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: 420 Acres Located 12 miles Southwest of Merkel Sect. 71 Block 5 T & P Rail Road survey. All undivided lease hole rights, Pump jacks, storage tanks, casing, tubing, heater treaters Interest or .875 This Sale Will Be For Cash Only, A Cashiers Check From A Taylor County Bank May Be Accepted. Sale will be held at 10:00 a.m. and levied upon as the property of C. E. Clemmer and that on the first Tuesday in February, 1985, the same being the 5th day of said month at the Court House door, of Taylor County, in the City of Abilene, Texas, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., by virtue of said levy and said Writ of Execution I will sell said above described Real Estate at public vendue, for each, to the highest bidder, as the property of said C. E. Clemmer.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper published in Taylor County, Texas.

Witness my hand, this 4th day of November 1984.

John W. Middleton Sheriff Taylor County, Texas By Eddie W. Swanson, Deputy.  
93-89-3c

**NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE**  
THE STATE OF TEXAS  
County of Taylor  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That by virtue of a certain Writ of Execution issued out of

It's time for Texans to take a stand to ensure their basic freedoms and the future of our children. Go to Austin January 9 and express your feelings, this may be your last chance to show your opposition to House Bill 72.

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**GREEN BEANS** 2 FOR 93¢

DEL MONTE 303  
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**APPLE PIES** 20 OZ 98¢

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**SYRUP**  
24 OZ JUG \$1.69

SWIFT VIENNA  
**SAUSAGE**  
2 5 OZ CANS 79¢

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**SLICED CARROTS** 2 FOR 83¢

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**INSTANT POTATOES** 16 OZ BOX 89¢

HUNTS 8 OZ  
**TOMATO SAUCE** 3 FOR 59¢

PARADE 300  
**PORK & BEANS** 2 FOR 59¢

FOREMOST  
**BUTTER MILK** 1/2 GAL JUG \$1.09

PARADE  
**HOMO MILK** GAL JUG \$1.89  
**LOW FAT MILK** GAL JUG \$1.83  
1 1/2%  
NO DEPOSIT ON PLASTIC JUG

FOREMOST  
SOLO-REG  
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**CHEESE**  
16 OZ CRTN \$1.23

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**SAUSAGE PATTIES** LB \$1.99

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**DINNER** 2 FOR 49¢

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**PEARS** FRESH POUND 39¢

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FAMILY SIZE \$4.39

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**CASCADE**  
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FRESH GREEN  
**CABBAGE** LB 15¢

WASH EX FCY DELICIOUS  
**RED APPLES** LB 59¢

FRESH LG  
**CAULIFLOUR** EA 99¢

CALIFORNIA  
**NAVEL ORANGES** LB 49¢

HASS LARGE  
**AVOCADOS** 2 FOR 49¢

RUSSET  
**SPUDS** 10 LB BAG \$1.49

DISF. & CLEANER  
**PINE-SOL**  
28 OZ JUG \$1.89

BATH SIZE  
**DOVE**  
SOAP BAR 69¢

STP  
CLEANER  
**SUN OF A GUN TOWELS**  
WITH SPRAYER  
16 OZ JUG \$1.89

SPILL MATE  
**TOWELS**  
JUMBO ROLL  
59¢

PARADE 33 GAL  
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10 CT BOX \$1.29

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