

The Merkel Mail

Thursday, Jan. 17, 1985

... Merkel, Texas

Our 96th Year



Simon De la Cruz's [right] hamp is trying to take a bite out of his competitor's ear, a hamp belonging to Chris Simpson. The Trent FFA held their annual stock show in very cold weather at Trent. Staff photo

Trent stock show results

Trent FFA students held annual Trent Stock Show before quite a few and supporters at the FA Barn. Following is a list of the (all entries appear in their finish in each class)

Championship: Sheep: Leslie in, Melanie Orr; Steers & Hogs: Scott O'Kelly, Willie Brazelton; Pigs: Kim Orr, Lee Hunt, Chris Simpson and Lisa Slaton.

Lambs: Fine Wool- Leslie McGlothlin first three placed and Grand and reserve Champion lamb.

Heifers: Scott O'Kelly, Willie Brazelton, Grand Champion O'Kelly and reserve champ Willie Brazelton.

Steers: Scott O'Kelly won first two places and Grand and Reserve Champion.

Market Hogs: Lee Hunt, Willie Brazelton. Hunt was grand champion and Brazelton reserve champ.

Chesters: Scott O'Kelly, Sam Jones, Joey Bredmyer. Breed champ was Scott O'Kelly and reserve was Sam Jones.

Durocs: Light Britt Sipe, Willie Brazelton, Benjamin Beaver. Heavy: Chris Simpson, Missy Simpson and Mark Denham. Breed champ was Chris Simpson and reserve Missy Simpson.

Hampshires: Light Chris Simpson, Simon De la Cruz, Billie Brazelton; Medium Kim Orr, Doyle Brenem, Jim Simpson; Heavy: Doc Carriker, Lisa

Slaton, Missy Simpson, Lee Hunt; Breed Champ Doc Carriker and Reserve Chris Simpson.

Poland Chine Scott O'Kelly, he also had breed champ; York's; Doyle Brenem he was also breed champ.

Crosses: Light Melanie Orr, Bryan Massey, Kim Orr, Jason Massey, Lewis Knapp; Medium: Jim Simpson, Pat Penton, Jim Simpson, David Barnes, Billy Clark; Heavy: Britt Sipe, Chris Simpson, Ginger Massey, Brian Massey.

The Breed champion for Crosses was Britt Sipe and reserve champ was Jim Simpson.

The Overall Champion Market Hog was shown by Britt Sipe and the reserve champ was shown by Jim Simpson.

Merkel Brick & Lumber has low bids on 4 homes, police have light month

Merkel Brick & Lumber was awarded four bids and Don Gayoso the fifth as the Merkel City Council accepted their low bids on housing rehabilitation projects at the regular meeting of council Monday night at the Merkel Emergency Medical Service Building.

Council also gave approval of a new contract with Taylor County to house prisoners. The county went up from \$15 to \$22 per day for holding city prisoners. Pack says they take about 50 prisoners a year to jail. The county also has contracts with the city of Abilene and Tye to house prisoners at the \$22 rate.

In the housing rehab, bids were received from Gregory & Goode, Merkel Brick & Lumber, Home Insulation, Jim Wilde and Don Gayoso. Council accepted the low bids on each unit. The funds for the remodeling of private homes to people meeting federal guidelines, is a part of a three year community development block grant here.

In other reports, council learned Federal Revenue Sharing is being cut from \$24,062 in calendar year 1984 to \$15,377 for calendar year 1985. Federal revenue sharing is a federal program that allows local municipalities to share in tax revenues from the federal government.

Sadler also told council the recent paving project was just

about completed, although some touch up work remains, on Merkel's Southside. The project cost \$14,000 and paved almost a mile of city streets.

Council also approved a request from Gregg Fisher and Ted Smith to have their property annexed into the city limits. The annexation was approved.

Council also heard a police report from Merkel Police Chief Ray Pack for December activities. Pack said December was "a very light month". His department

worked 61 cases including a case each of criminal mischief, criminal damage and destruction, DWI, reckless damage and destruction and an attempted murder.

Police also worked 7 accidents, two assaults, answered 2 dog calls and picked up 7 dogs, answered 2 burglar alarms, 6 prowler calls.

They also worked four cases of public intoxication, issued 18 citations, investigated 3 thefts, two burglaries and answered three family disturbance calls.

MISD board will consider \$130,000 renovation project tonight

MISD board members will discuss a \$130,000 plan for additions at its regular meeting tonight (Thursday) at 7 p.m.

The \$130,000 is an estimate of what it will cost the district to add six classrooms and restroom facilities at Merkel Elementary; construct new concession and restroom facilities at Badger Stadium and to cover a slab at Merkel Elementary so children can use it during inclement weather.

According to Bill Everett, superintendent, MISD maintenance

crews will do most of the labor, except for air conditioning, plumbing and pouring a slab for the projects.

MISD will have to come up with the money in surplus funds.

Also on the agenda, board members will be asked to approve April 6th as an election date for the board. Board members James Boyd and Ronnie Doan's terms are up and filing for those positions will open Feb. 4th and close March 6th. Neither has indicated publically whether or not they will seek reelection.

Board members are scheduled to hear from C.W. Best, who requested an appearance from the board concerning a school bus policy and a presentation of course offerings at Merkel High from principal Larry Curry.

The board also has an executive session scheduled and one of the items for discussion will be a consideration of a new contract with MISD superintendent Bill Everett.

The meeting, open to the public, will be held at the Merkel High Library and will begin at 7 p.m.

Ray's not a drunk Mexican, he's a ...

by Cloy A. Richards

First off, I have to start off with a retraction about a mistake in an ad in last week's paper.

The Gourmet Shack, a new business that opened here recently, ran a 1/2 page ad last week and at the top of that ad it read "That Drunk Mexican, Ray ..."

It should have read "That Dumb Mexican, Ray ..."

I would like to apologize for any embarrassment Ray may have suffered, as well as the ribbings he took last week over the mistake.

Now the record is straight. Ray at The Gourmet Shack is not a Drunk Mexican he's a dumb one, according to the joke that has been going on between Ray and his partner Fred for several years, according to them.

They both told me Monday that things were going "better than expected" and that business had been very good for them so far.

Like I said, we do apologize for the mistake.

The City awarded bids on the remodeling of five more homes under the Community Develop-

ment Block Grant Monday night at a regular council meeting.

Four of the bids went to Virgil Hunt of Merkel Brick & Lumber and the other to a local man, Don Gayoso.

The city still has funds left and if you would like more information, contact City Hall.

After more than one setback, city manager J. A. Sadler told councilmen Monday night he thinks the next batch of water bills will be printed locally by the city's computer for the first time.

Four city employees- Robert Harris, Sadler, Annette Melton and Fannelle Boney, will be attending a computer operations course and started classes this week.

Merkel school board members will be deciding whether or not to spend about \$130,000 of general fund money on expansions and improvements here.

The board meets tonight (Thursday) and will hear estimates of adding classrooms, restrooms and a covered recreation area at Merkel Elementary and building

new concession stands and restrooms at Badger Stadium.

The crew of maintenance director Hayden Reeves will do the labor, and they will start next week if funds are approved. Of Reeves' crew, superintendent Bill Everett said "those guys are great. We will only have to contract out a couple of things and they can do the rest."

No matter what you think of Texas Comptroller Bob Bullock, he's got the best PR people and mind of any state official.

As much mail comes across my desk from his office as any other. The latest, was a report to the governor, mailed to all Texas media organizations, on what his office is doing to save money during the current budget "crisis" in Austin.

The state is looking at a huge budget deficit, even with all the new taxes, and the state legislature is not used to that.

Student council holds alcohol awareness events

This past week was SMILE Week at Merkel High. The student council sponsored several activities to promote alcohol awareness and alcohol education. The student body was surveyed and several different aspects of alcohol use.

A film about peer pressure and a similar film were shown to students at Merkel Middle School.

A BYOB (bring your own banana) party was held for teachers. Members of the council brought different ice cream top-

plings to make banana splits.

On Jan. 22, the Camfel production film *Desperado* will be shown. The film is centered around attitudes toward alcohol and drugs. During the month of February, the program shows that many different effects alcohol has on the body.

Yesterday, the council gave a presentation about the SMILE projects to the Merkel Lions Club so that the people in the community

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Students of the Month for December at Merkel Elementary are (first row from left) Stephanie Burns, Shaun West, Shelli Leamon, T. J. Dohogne, Tiffany Bitman and Jon Slover. [Second row] Corley Segovia, Oscar Le-

deama, Renli Reynolds, Caleb Kelso, Lillian Leach and Rickey Riley. Staff photo

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Cain has hot game against Graham

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Some political heads will roll in Austin before this is all over, and maybe some other long standing Texas traditions.

The talk of "new areas of revenue" will be politically chic in Austin between now and adjournment and some of those will include proposals for tax increases to pari-mutual betting and a state lottery.

If you think Texans yelled a lot about HB 72, wait till they get

ahold of these juicy conversation pieces.

Merkel High basketball player Matt Cain turned in the best performance of the season here last week as he scored 35 to lead Merkel to a 45-43 win over Graham in overtime.

It was a sweet win for the Badgers, who lost to Graham in football, and then were maligned by a sports writer for the **Graham Leader** following the game.

Talk about perfect stock show weather. It was just that Saturday morning in Trent.

I had on all the clothes I could move in and was still cold and I saw a lot of red-nosed people in attendance. The weather didn't stop the kids and supporters from attending and working the show.

Congratulations are in order to the winners and all of the people who volunteered time and effort into making the show a success.

Student poll on alcohol released

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can be aware of the drug and alcohol abuse programs the council is involved in.

The following are the tallies of a poll taken by 249 Students at Merkel High.

When asked if they felt alcohol was an addictive drug, 77.85 per cent said yes and 51.68 per cent of the students said they drink alcoholic beverages.

When asked how often, 39.85 said never, 43.45 said occasionally, 8.3 said once per month, ten per cent said weekly and 3.75 per cent said more than once per week.

When asked where they drink, students said (these are number

or respondents, not percentages), at clubs - 9; at friends homes - 60; in cars - 27; at home - 42; at parties - 84 and 29 "other" locations were listed.

Merkel High students also felt 35.65 per cent of their peers had drinking problems and 66.64 per cent did not have any friends with a drinking problem.

When asked where they would send a friend for help with a problem from alcohol (again, these are numbers, not percentages) 104 said Alcoholics Anonymous, 30 said Parents, 18 said CareUnit, 4 said Counselor and 2 said they did not know.

A majority of the students feel that some students in their school are under stress brought on by their parents' drinking. The students said 49.81 per cent are under stress while 47.16 per cent are not. Students also said they know people, under age, who can buy alcohol, at least 73.59 per cent of them said they know people who illegally purchase alcohol.

Eight of ten Merkel students feel that Merkel should provide alcohol and related education and 65 per cent said they felt the school should offer more information on alcohol.

Two local families receive World Books

Two Merkel families were selected to receive a set of the **World Book Encyclopedia** through the firm's Company with a Heart holiday gift-giving program, it was announced by Barbara Graham, area manager for World Book, Inc.

Several thousand sets of the encyclopedias were distributed coast to coast through the program to help needy families. Families were identified through school officials, local citizens and charitable organizations.

The Arthur Windham family was nominated by Sandy Clubb, local World Book representative, to receive a set of books through the First Baptist Church here. Amy and Barry Coleman were nominated to receive their set by

Barbara Graham, through the Merkel Middle School.

Along with Lorne Green, honorary national chairman, it is their hope that these gifts will provide

an opportunity for educational awareness and bring the very special gift of knowledge to children in the Merkel community, said Mrs. Graham.

Services held for Hollis Floyd

Hollis Eugene Floyd, 68, a lifelong resident of Merkel, died at 5 a.m. Sunday at his home after a brief illness. Services were held at 2 p.m. Monday at Starbuck Funeral Home.

The Rev. John Wagner, pastor of the United Methodist Church here officiated. Burial followed at Rose Hill under the directions of the Starbuck Funeral Home. Born Aug. 24, 1916 here, he was

a grocery store manager and a musician. He was a veteran of World War II and a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He is survived by two brothers, Price of Merkel and Paul of Abilene; a sister, Lillian Floyd of Merke; and several nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Leon Floyd, Bill Foster, Joe Bigbee, Kent Satterwhite, Mac Bigbee and Albert DeFoor.

BADGER BASKETBALL GO BADGERS!



This week's schedule

JAN. 17 9th GRADE BOYS & GIRLS HERE AGAINST ASPERMONT

JAN. 19 7th GRADE BOYS & GIRLS AT HAWLEY TOURNAMENT

JAN. 19 8th GRADE BOYS & GIRLS HOST MERMERKEL JUNIOR CLASSIC

JAN. 21 7, 8, 9th GIRLS AT WYLIE BOYS HERE AGAINST WYLIE

JAN. 18 VARSITY GIRLS & BOYS & JV BOYS HERE AGAINST BRECKENRIDGE

JAN. 22 VARSITY GIRLS & BOYS HERE AGAINST CLYDE

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Merkel Drug 121 Edwards 928-5012	Merkel Brick & Lumber 102 Lamar 928-5014
Hi-Val Farm & Home Supply 604 Kent 928-5632	Braggs Department Store 213 Edwards 928-5811
Wylie Truck Terminal & Shamrock I-20 E 928-5584	Farmers & Merchants National Bank 111 Edwards 928-4728
Taylor Telephone I-20 928-4733	P & L Auto Parts 135 Edwards 928-4738

IRS changes irk retired preacher

by Russell McAnally

There has been a great effort recently to simplify the tax structure. They also said there would be further efforts to simplify the tax. I want to give you an example of this simplified tax structure.

A minister is rated as self-employed, even if he has 500 bosses. Until I retired, I averaged driving around 30,000 miles each year. In later years, my church gave me an allowance to help repay some of my expenses for driving my car in the business of the church. The travel expense was added to the salary to make up the total salary base. The Government (IRS) allowed me 20 cents per mile for business expense up to 80 percent of total miles driven. We simply read the speedometer at the beginning of the year, took 80 per cent and that was our allowed travel expense.

This year it has been changed. No longer do they take my word for my total miles driven, each mile has to be verified. It works this way, I go to Abilene to the hospital to visit a member. After the visit, I take my wife to the piece goods store for a few yards of cloth. Then we go to the office supply store for some church related supplies. On the way home I have to stop at a hardware store and then we swing by Carson's Super Market for our groceries, from there we go home. Now, we record the speedometer before we leave home, and again as we leave the hospital because from there to the piece goods store is personal business. We make another recording because from there to the office supply place is church business. Another reading is taken because we travel from the last store home, but then we turn off to go the hardware store and the miles have to be recorded as personal business. When we get back to the store to the place where we left South 1st street to go home there is another reading because from there on it is a return trip from church business. That is the last of it until we turn aside to go to Carson's store. That side trip has to be deducted as personal business. When we get home, a final reading of the miles has to be recorded.

If that sounds complicated, listen to this. In my report to the IRS, not only do I have to record

those mileage divisions, but I have to report where I went and my purpose for making each division of that trip. I feel I am asked to keep a personal diary and then turn it over to the IRS. Anyone who drives miles while working for another will be asked to keep such records.

It may just be that I am getting cranky in my old age. The Federal Government has always been, and will always be, telling us what to do. I think that is necessary, but

What do you do when you lose a pet ?

Provided by The Merkel Veterinary Clinic

§ "Lassie" has disappeared. The family is distraught and the kids won't eat. What to do? Who can help?

Many pet owners do not know what to do if they have lost a pet. The first thing to do is to write down a description of the animal, type of animal (dog, cat, etc.), sex, breed, color, approximate age and size, and any distinguishing features (collars, scars, torn ear, etc.). Call the local animal shelter and or the police department to find out what is done with strays. In the City of Merkel, strays are taken to the pound which is kept at the Merkel Veterinary Clinic north of Town (first house North of city limits on West side of 126). The phone number for the Taylor-Jones Humane Society is 915-672-7124.

Report the description of the animal, where it was lost, and the date it was lost. Canvass the neighborhood looking for the pet and asking if it has been seen. Be sure to check with the neigh-

borhood children. They may have seen the pet while out playing. Call local veterinarians and kennels. Publicity can be important if the phone calls and neighborhood canvass have not produced results. Ads in the "Lost and Found" sections of local newspapers, radio ads and posters in the neighborhood may help. Offering a reward might be an incentive. A photograph can really make a difference. Be persistent - keep calling and checking and searching. Don't give up hope quickly. There are many stories of lost pets that have happy endings.

All those people who tell us what to do - I wonder who tells them what to do.

Please remember that prevention is much better and safer than the above measures. The best prevention for a lost pet is keeping it inside, letting it out only on a leash or into a fenced yard or out on a chain. Be sure your pet has a properly fitting collar and ID tag. There are stretch safety collars and ID tags available for cats. Keep a current photograph of your pet for reference. Tattooing and nose printing have also been used as a means of identifying pets.

Take care of your furry friends - they depend on you!

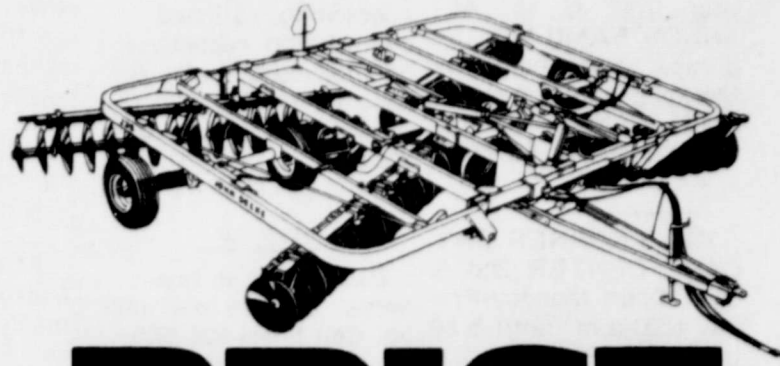
Merkelite's are new grandparents

Mr. & Mrs. Tim Beasley of Lubbock have announced the birth of a daughter, Emily Joanne born Jan. 6 at 6:14 p.m.

She weighed 7 lbs, 14 ozs. and was 21" long. She has a brother, Keith.

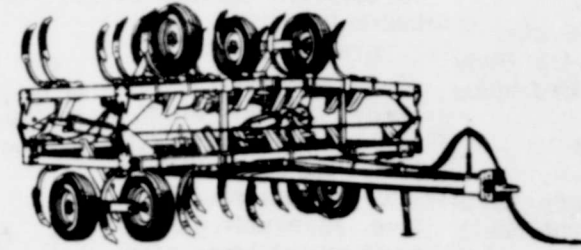
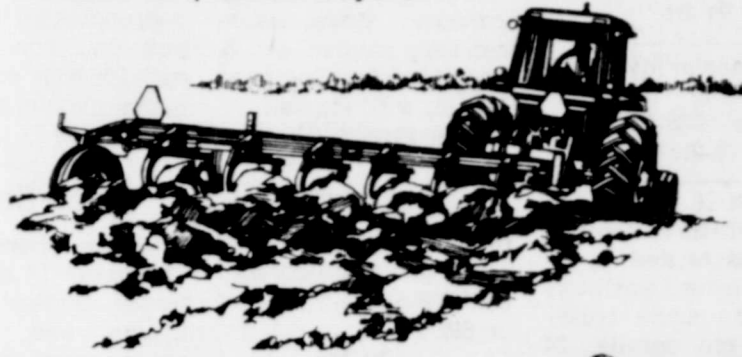
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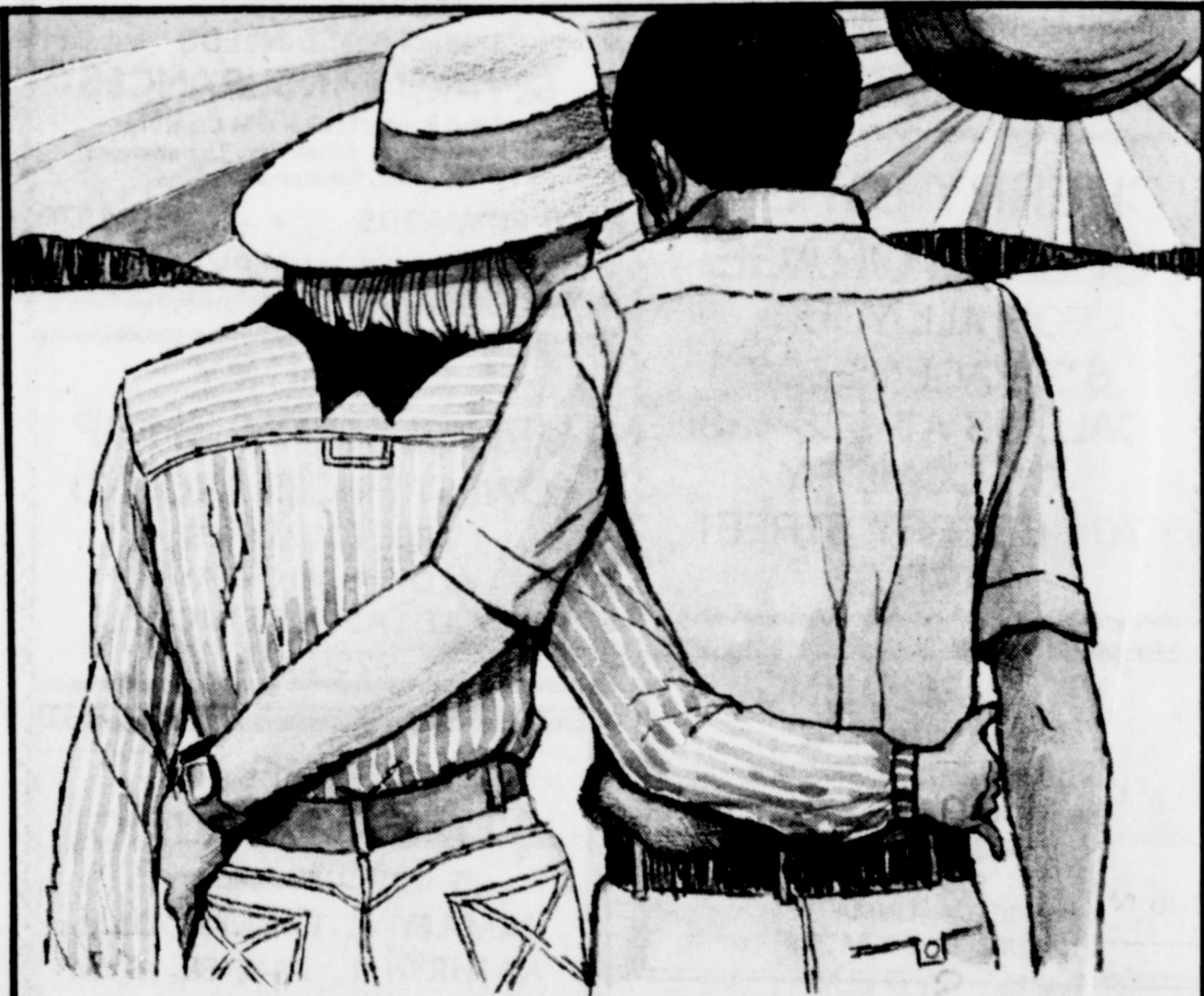
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90-TFC

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96-2tp

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96TFC

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96-4tc

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91-TFC

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1, 2 or 3 bedroom mobile home for rent in Merkel. 928-4973.
27TFC

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97-1tc

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

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97-1tc

\$19,000- terms \$1,200 down and \$142 per month. Water lines, utilities, some restrictions, no mobile homes, will divide, inquire next door or call 928-4431.
97-1tc

Card of Thanks
We sincerely thank everyone for their thoughtfulness and love shown during our loss. Our special thanks to Rick Carney, Brother John, the ladies of the First United Methodist Church and the Emergency Crew.
We appreciate everything so much. The Brothers, Sisters, Nephews & Nieces of Hollis Floyd

In this time of the loss of our mother & daughter, we would like to thank all for your prayers, flowers, cards and food.

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The Family of Melba Borton

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Carey-Hillin wed in Abilene

Cathy Lou Carey, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Winford Carey of Merkel and Freddy Ray Hillin were married Dec. 1 at Pioneer Drive Baptist Church. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Lee Hillin of Abilene.

The ceremony was read by the Rev. Kenneth Jones of Caps Baptist. The bride was given in marriage by her father.

Maid of honor was Marilyn Garrett of San Angelo and bridesmaids were Mrs. Allen Phillips of Cross Plains, Mrs. Butch Rogers and Debra Ann Carey of Merkel, sisters of the bride.

Flower girl was Shanna Lanace Hillin, daughter of the bridegroom.

Susan Caffey of Merkel and Mrs. Barry Pennell of Tuscola lighted candles.

Best man was Tony Breedlove of Dudley and groomsmen were Burl Crawford, Ricky Wink and Will May.

Crawford and May also seated guests.

Parents of the bride hosted the reception in the church fellowship hall and the bridegroom's parents hosted the rehearsal dinner at K-Bob's Steak House.

The bride was graduated from Merkel High and Stenograph Institute of Texas and is employed at Dennis Communications.

A graduate of Abilene High, the bridegroom is owner of Hillin Construction.

The couple is making their home in Abilene following a wedding trip to Steamboat Springs, Colorado.



Mrs. Freddy Hillin

Preceptor Eta Omega names Blanche Hewitt sweetheart

Ann Reeder and Mamie Steck were hostesses Tuesday night for the Preceptor Eta Omega Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi.

Ann and Mamie gave the program on "feelings" with each member participating.

Blanche Hewitt was elected Valentine Sweetheart for 1984-85. After the meeting, everyone

worked on cookbooks. Attending were Louise DuBose, Liz Eager, Bobby Mansfield, Betty Satterwhite, Opal Garner, Connie Ybarram Jane Carson, Kathy Leverich, Mamie Steck, Ann Reeder, Betty Conley, Ruth Tipton and Blanche Hewitt. Their next meeting will be Jan. 22 with Liz Eager as hostess.

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First Grade A-B

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Third Grade A-B

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5th Grade A-B

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8th grade tourney set Saturday

The 8th grade Merkel Badgers boys basketball team brought home the third place trophy from the Eula Tournament Saturday.

In losing the opening game to Novice 42-32, Kenneth Jowers led with 18, James Glaze 4 and Tony Trevino, Wade Toombs, Freddy Gonzales, Martin Landeros and Chad Strange each had 2.

In the consolation game, Merkel downed Hawley 50 to 28 after leading 38-10 at the half. In that game, Jowers had 17, Toombs 12, John David Layher 6, Landeros 5, Glaze 4 and Cory Hines, Steve Leverich and Tony Trevino each added 2.

The 8th grade boys are now 6-3 on the year and they are hosting the Merkel Junior Classic Saturday. Because Jim Ned withdrew at the last moment, Merkel will divide its 8th grade team to play games with Rotan and Hamlin. One Merkel team will play Rotan's team at 10:30 a.m. with the other half of the team hosting Hamlin at 1:30.

8th Grade Girls

The 8th grade girls team had a rough game against Wylie Jan. 7th losing 29-20. The Christmas holidays took its toll as the Lady Badgers committed a total of 17 turnovers and shot a low 22 per cent from the field. Leading scorer was Maxie Lang with 8, Michelle Barnett and Christi Wade each added 5.

The Lady Badgers were able to beat Novice in the first round of the Eula Tournament 37-15. Merkel played well defensively and were led by Briaggett Vaughn with 6 steals followed by Richa Hill and Glyn Ann Rutledge with 5 steals. In scoring, Amber Whisenhunt, Rutledge and Vaughn had 6, Diem Tran 5, Michelle Dudley 4, Twyla Wilburn with 3, Michelle Barnett, Maxie Lang and Julie Koflanovich each had a free throw.

In the championship game, the Badgers were out-hustled by Hawley 28-17. They committed a total of 16 turnovers and shot only 10 per cent from the line. Merkel was led by Teresa Lucas with 7 and 12 rebounds. Other scorers were Christi Wade with 6 and Maxie Lang and Diem Tran with 2.

The girls are now 6-3 on the year and will play in their own Merkel Junior Classic Saturday.

7th Grade Girls

Jan. 7 the 7th grade team were edged by Wylie 14-13. Leading scorer was Penny Smith and Pam Boyd with 4, Misty Doan 3 and Judy Williams 2. Angela Carson and Judy Williams led the team in steals and Penny Smith grabbed 8 rebounds.

Tricia Newsom, Lu Amy Sloan, Laurinda Powell, Stacey Miles and Ella Eleby also came off the bench to play tough defense.

The Lady Badgers are now 3-4 on the year and will play at the Hawley Tournament Saturday.

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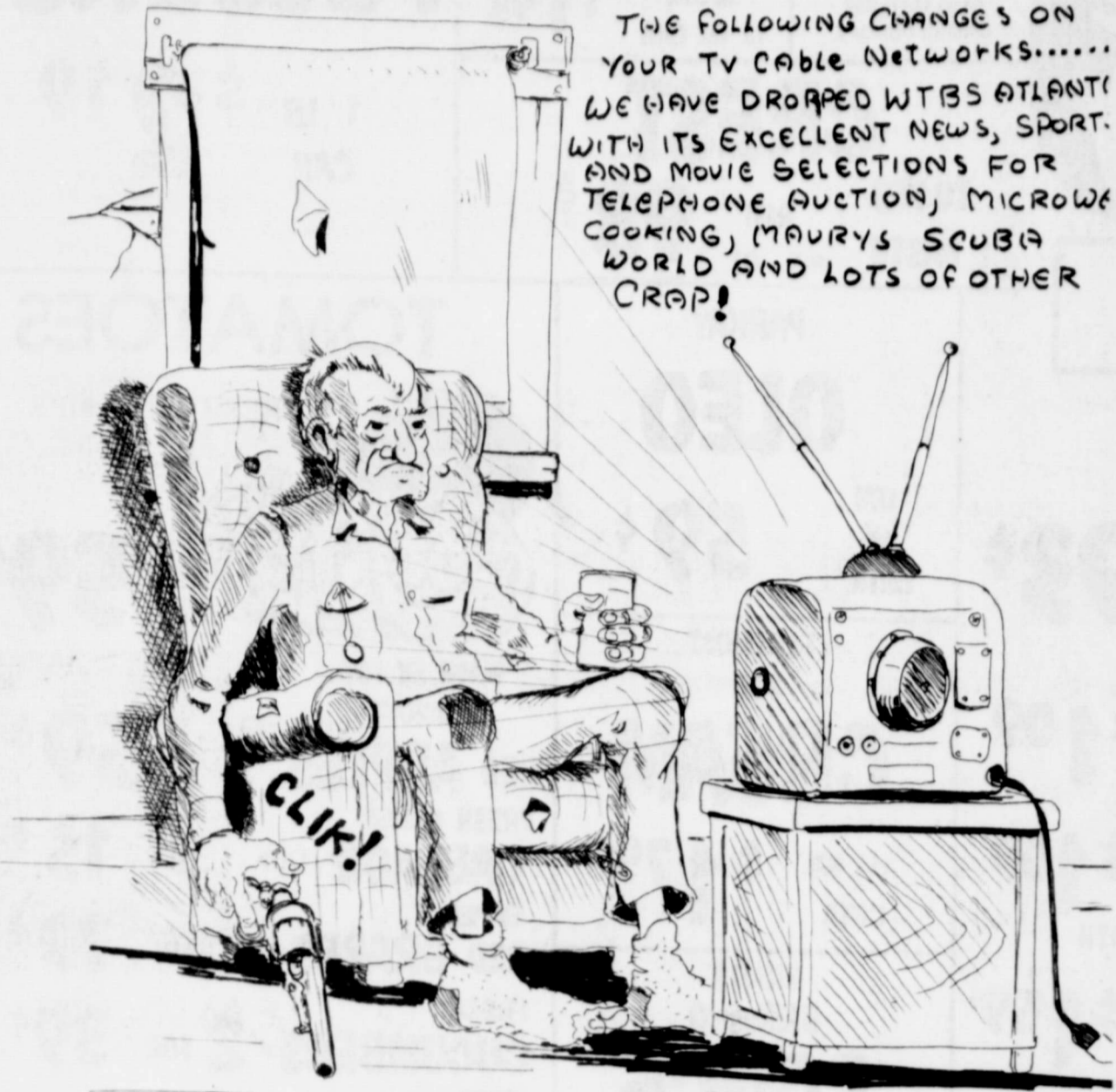
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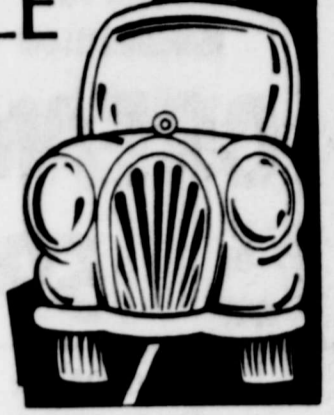
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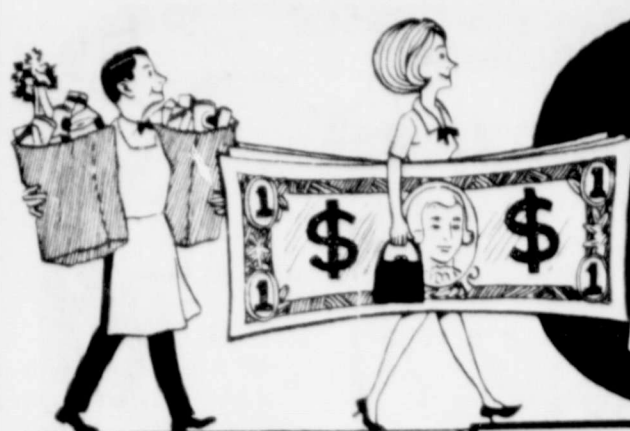
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28 OZ JAR 79¢

HONEY BOY CHUM SALMON
16 OZ CAN \$1.59

PIONEER BISCUIT MIX
40 OZ BOX \$1.49

DETERGENT SURF
GIANT BOX \$1.89

SHORTENING MRS TUCKER 42 OZ CAN \$1.49

DEL MONTE 15 OZ CRUSHED PINEAPPLE CAN 59¢

DEL MONTE 46 OZ ORANGE PINEAPPLE JUICE EA 98¢

DEL MONTE 303 WHOLE GREEN BEANS EA 59¢

DEL MONTE 303 NEW POTATOES 2 FOR 93¢

PARADE 303 C S GOLDEN CORN 2 FOR 83¢

PARADE 303 SPINACH 2 FOR 79¢

HUNTS 46 OZ TOMATO JUICE OZ CAN 83¢

RANCH STYLE SEASON BEANS 23 OZ CAN 63¢

BEST MAND WAFFLE SYRUP
16 OZ JAR 69¢

FOREMOST WEIGHT WATCHER YOGURT
8 OZ CRTN 53¢

FOREMOST BUTTER MILK
1/2 GAL CRTN \$1.59

FINAL TOUCH SOFTNER
33 OZ BOTTLE \$1.19

SOAP CARESS REG SIZE 2 FOR 89¢

LIQUID JOY
32 OZ SIZE \$1.59

FACIAL TISSUE PUFFS
175 CT BOX 79¢

TOWELS BOUNTY
JUMBO 79¢

NEFTY KITCHEN BAGS
15 CT BOX \$1.19

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