

The Merkel Mail

Thursday, February 7, 1985... Merkel, Texas

Our 96th Year



DALE HAMMOND

The 'ol clinker may have clunked;

The 'Gipper's budget is junk!

by Cloy A. Richards

You know your mind is starting to go when you start thinking like Dale Hammond.

All week, I have been cubby-holing articles about the proposed Federal Budget to start off my column this week and low and behold 'Ol Dale comes in with a great piece of companion art (his cartoon).

What a team.

All I want to know concerning the Federal Budget- who is President Reagan listening to these days?

It can't be a farmer, it can't be the poor or middle class, it can't be youth, minorities. Who the heck are those people that "advise him" and give him any inclination his budget proposals could have a snowball's chance at getting through both houses of Congress?

Sometimes I wish I had stayed in the military, it seems that's where all the money is.

A look at his initial proposals shows he has no advisors that give him inputs from us folks that make under \$100,000 per year.

He wants to gut the farm subsidy programs, eliminate many student loans, eliminate revenue sharing, virtually eliminate Amtrak, put an end to construc-

tion of low-to-moderate housing, put an end to the Small Business Administration, and on and on.

Where will all the money go that he proposes to cut, to the Pentagon, where they are busy trying to discover the perfect \$250 hammer.

The defense budget has gone up 81 percent since President Reagan took over while domestic spending has gone up 20 percent during the same periods. That's one thing you never heard from him during either of his campaigns.

I admit, a lot of his economic polices have worked. Inflation is in check, interest rates have fallen (a little) and the stock market is up, the dollar was at all-time highs Tuesday morning (which can hurt farm prices).

The man has had some economic success.

But, what about this deficit thing?

How are we going to continue paying such a large portion of the federal budget to pay off interest of the astronomical Federal Deficit. I nearly fell out of my easy chair laughing yesterday when a Democrat on the CBS Evening News likened the President's proposed budget to Fiscal Child Abuse, by strapping our children and grandchildren with a debt they will never repay. It will take longer than that.

Meanwhile, the wars go on in

Washington. I hope the proposed budget has as good a chance as John Riggin getting a date with Sandra Day O'Connor.

Please, adopt a flat tax rate that makes everyone pay an equal portion, start paying off some of the debt by trimming the federal budget, but take like amounts from all areas, seek out and destroy those that waste tax dollars in any way, take a look at the military retirement system and Social Security- without adequate financing, both will eat us alive (or at least our grandchildren) and start acting in Washington like you know what it is like to "get by" on less than an upper middle class income.

That's all I ask.

What weather we have been having.

From bitter- I mean almost all-time record lows, to balmy, to so foggy you can't see 100 feet.

All the local plumbers, both amateur and professional have been up to the tops of their long-johns in broken pipes, people with frozen car batteries and on and on.

Yes, it's been a little nasty.

And not telling what it will be like by the time you read this and I am awful glad I don't make a living trying to tell you what the weather will be.

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City council to hear draft report on planning & zoning ordinances at Monday meeting

Draft copies of Merkel's proposed Subdivision Ordinances, Historical Preservation and Zoning Ordinances were delivered last week and made available to Merkel City Council members.

The drafts, prepared by Randolph, Gilreath & Associates, who are the planning and management consultants for the city's HUD Community Development Block Grant.

They will be formally presented to council members Feb. 11 at their regular session of council.

The zoning, subdivision and historical preservation plans are required under provisions of the 1974 Title 1 Housing and Community Development Act (Amended). Cities that accept Title 1 funds for general improvements are required to adopt planning and zoning rules and regulations.

The reasons for the survey, according to the draft report, are to: (1) Identify buildings, sites, districts, structures, and objects that meet certain criteria so that they can receive recognition and possibly become eligible for Federal funding assistance and tax benefits; (2) Enable the City to meet its planning responsibilities under the Community Development Block Grant; (3) Identify buildings, sites, districts, structures, and objects that contribute to the character of the community and deserve considerations in the local planning process; (4) Provide planners with a data base from which to monitor and channel new development; (5) Establish priorities for conservation, restoration and rehabilitation efforts within the community (6) Provide the basis for legal and financial tools to protect and enhance historic resources; (7) Increase awareness in the public and private sectors of the man-made environment and stress the need of preservation efforts.

The plan lists many homes and business areas that are on the local preservation plan. Some of the recommendations in the action plan include (1) Intergrating the preservation plan with the proposed Planning and Zoning Plans in the city; (2) using the ongoing housing rehabilitation funds on some of the eligible historical buildings; (3) Using Heritage Hall as an accumulation point for historical artifacts; (4) Making more local input into the Taylor County Historical Society.

The recommendations also suggest that extreme caution be used before tearing down buildings. It says that unless the buildings are dilapidated beyond repair, it would be best to rehabilitate and offers plans for tax incentives for business building owners to purchase.

The draft for the historical preservation plans made the following assessment for the future. "The City of Merkel has experienced significant population growth during the 1970's. The need for housing and support services will place a stress on developmental and preservation activities. This growth trend is expected to continue throughout the century. It can therefore be assumed that construction activities will attempt to keep up with this need and that historic properties will be affected. Mechanisms for incorporating preservation measures into the development process can

be developed now. Once it becomes a part of the construction procedure, they will direct the efforts of developers in a more efficient manner and actually save time in the end.

Two advantages can be seen at this stage in Merkel's growth regarding the preservation of historical properties. First, construction activity is not yet so active or time so critical that each situation cannot be evaluated slowly and critically on an individual basis. Secondly, the city's development process (building permits, zoning ordinances, housing and building codes, subdivision ordinances) can be analyzed and adopted according to Merkel's unique needs without being pressed for time.

The future of Merkel looks bright, but that brightness can only be enhanced by preserving the important things from the past, the things that make a "home" and lend clarity to "a sense of place and time."

The draft also includes a proposed historical preservation plan for consideration by the city council.

The Zoning Ordinance portion of the draft is the longest and most complicated. The ordinance sets out definitions for every type of land use imaginable for both

residences and businesses. It also defines the different zones for different types of land uses and will supercede all previous types of land use provisions here.

The plan was based on a plan for the City of Abilene. The plan also sets out the duties of the planning and zoning commission, penalties for non-conformance and other required legal information.

The council is also being presented with a draft of a subdivision ordinance for any developer who wants to develop a section of the city within the city limits. The plan spells out the responsibilities of the developer and the rules and regulations that will apply.

As in most planning and zoning ordinances, the Merkel plan has left room for appeals of Planning and Zoning Commission decisions as well as provided for "special variances", in cases where parties justify their reasons for not wanting to adhere strictly to the rules of the plan.

Public hearings will be held before any of the provisions are to be implemented. Interested parties, especially those in the local construction, remodeling, electrical or plumbing business should attend.

The process won't be fast for implementation, but it will be here before we know it.

County Extension office - Farm Bureau set options seminar

A HEDGING AND OPTIONS MARKETING SEMINAR will be held starting February 14th, at 4 p.m. The program will consist of four meetings. In addition to the first meeting, the subject will be taught on February the 20th and February the 21st and again on March the 7th at 7, each night.

The seminar is unique in the fact that participants will actually be given the opportunity to hedge products through a computer at Texas A&M University. It will be a simulated market system and no money or products will actually be traded but it gives an excellent opportunity for some training.

The seminar is sponsored by the Taylor County Extension Office and The Taylor County Farm

Bureau. The local Farm Bureau, in Abilene, generously is donating money to lower the cost to each participant. The cost for each individual will be \$7.50, which includes a meal, plus, computer time and a notebook of proceedings.

Speakers for the event will include Dr. Roland Smith, Dr. Ernie Davis and Dr. Ed Smith, Extension Economist from Texas A&M.

There will be a limit of 30 for the Seminar, so participants should register with the Extension office, 3rd floor, Old County Courthouse or call the Extension Office at 677-1711, 321, before February the 11th. Pre-registration is necessary to provide the meal and space for each person.

MISD students rate well with area students on TABS tests

The Merkel Independent School District has compared the results of the Merkel students participation in the 1984 Texas Assessment of Basic Skills test with the Region 14 and State results. The TABS test is given annually to students in the third, fifth and ninth grades. Region 14 is comprised of schools in Taylor and eleven surrounding counties. The tests measures skills in Math, Reading, and Writing.

The school is pleased to announce that the Merkel I.S.D. students

achieved at a level equal to or above the region and State in the majority of the categories on the test.

The third grade performed at or above the region or State results in 82 per cent of the test categories. The fifth and ninth grade performed at 62 and 57 per cent respectively.

Mr. Bill Everett, Superintendent of the Merkel School District, attributed the outstanding test results to a continued emphasis on academics.

SUN's annual meeting is Feb. 12th

The annual meeting for S.U.N. Water Supply will be held Tuesday, February 12, 1985 at 7:30 P.M. at Taylor Electric Cooperative Conference room. Members are urged to attend and take an active part in the selection of three members to the board. The terms of Edd H. Jones, Dollye Reddin,

and Vernon Stanley expired at the end of 1984. Each of these will be seeking another term. Other candidates are Wanda McAninch, Larry Dudley, and Duane Shugart. An amendment to the by-laws will be proposed, and action will be taken on this important matter.

The highlights for the meeting

will be entertainment from Russell Lucas and Michael McCoy and some timely remarks from Richard Gist of Brownwood who is vice-president of the Texas Rural Water Association.

Door prizes will be awarded and a time for visiting and refreshments will conclude the meeting.

THE MERKEL MAIL

Brucellosis can be costly...or worse

by Kathryn Banner
DVM Merkel Veterinary Clinic

Brucellosis in cattle also known as Bang's disease, has many serious implications. Herd health, human health, and government regulations are some of the important considerations of the disease. Brucellosis is caused by *Brucella abortus* which is an intracellular organism. In cattle, one of the signs of the disease is abortion. The abortions usually occur in the last three months of pregnancy. In the pregnancies following the abortion, the cow will usually be able to carry the calf to full term. There most often is a decrease in milk production following the abortion. Retained placentas (afterbirths) or metritis (infection of the uterus) or both frequently occur after an abortion. Bulls can become infected and may develop orchitis (infection of the testicles) and such infections can lead to sterility. It is possible for a bull to transmit the disease sexually but this will usually not happen unless the bull is used for AI (artificial insemination).

There are human health considerations as well. The organism can be passed in cow's milk but can be eliminated by pasteurization. Infection can occur from handling an aborted calf, the afterbirth, or the birth fluids. In man, the disease is often called undulant fever and some of the symptoms are headaches, undulating fever, joint pains, chills, and weakness. Relapses of the illness are common. Brucellosis can also affect other animals. One example is the horse. Some cases of fistulous withers and poll evil are caused by *Brucella abortus*.

Vaccination is the means of prevention of this serious human and animal health hazard. The vaccination must be given by a state approved veterinarian and will be paid for by the state. A "live" vaccine of *Brucella abortus* strain 19 is used. Today a reduced dose is used which eliminates the test reactions (so called "false positives") that were seen with the original dose. Heifers should be vaccinated between the ages of four to twelve months, such heifers are called calfhood vaccines. An official vaccination tag

and tattoo are placed in the right ear for later verification of vaccination.

Besides the health aspects, there are state and federal eradication regulations. Brucellosis testing is required in many cases before cattle can be moved, sold, or exhibited. Many states now will not allow female cattle to cross their state boundaries unless the cattle have calfhood vaccinated. Texas is divided into Class B and Class C for brucellosis purposes. We are in Class B, which has more "lenient" rules. For the Class C area, female cattle must be calfhood vaccinated to be moved out of the Class C area or to

change ownership within the Class C area unless the cattle are spayed, "S" branded before sale at a livestock market, or sent directly to slaughter or to a quarantined feedlot or pasture. It is likely that the above restrictions will be extended to Class B in the near future. If brucellosis is detected in an individual or a herd, a strict quarantine will be imposed. Calfhood vaccination of all heifers can help avoid such quarantines and vaccinated cattle will be allowed "freer" movement and more options for use by the rancher.

Newsbriefs

Xi Nu Chi

Xi Nu Chi hosted members of Perceptor Eta Omega and Lambda Beta and other guests to a stuffed potato supper on January 29. Following supper, everyone enjoyed playing trivia.

Members from Lambda Beta included Kay Bishop, Rita Moore, Virginia Pirraglia, Clark, Debbie Robertson and Debbie Sandusky.

Those from Preceptor Eta Omega were Betty Satterwhite, Blanche Hewitt, Jocelle Brady, Kathy Leverich and Ruth Tipton.

Special guests were Karen Riley, Donna Lang, Nancy Duncan, and Marijon Oustad.

Hostesses from Xi Nu Chi were Peggy Valentine, Nancy Johnson, Anita Allen, Mary Hill, Minyon Seymour, Connie Harris, Dianne Parker, Judy Elliott and Vonne Dena Tumlinson.

7th grade downed

The Merkel 7th grade boys were defeated by Colorado City Monday night Jan. 28, 43-21.

Scoring for the Merkel Badgers were Stephen Jacobs, Tommy White

and Shannon Jones with 4 each, Brandon Rice 3, Dusty McCloud, David Thomas, Kyle Doan with 2 each. The 7th grade boys finish the year with 6 wins and 6 losses. The team appreciates the support it has received throughout the year.

Little League rules clinic set

A rules clinic will be held Feb. 18 & 19 at Taylor Electric for those interested in coaching or umpiring this season for Merkel T-Shirt and Little League Baseball.

The meetings will begin at 7:30 p.m. each evening and will cover rules, procedures and rule changes for Little League.

Those interested in more information should contact Terry Wade at 537-2326.

8th grade wins

The 8th grade girls closed out their basketball season with an easy win over Colorado City 34-16. The Lady Badgers played a good defensive game. Bridgett Vaughn and Richa Hill did well

defensively with 2 steals each. Leading scorer for the Lady Badgers was

Teresa Lucas with 13 points. Other scorers were Amber Whisenhunt with 8, Maxi Lang with 4, Christi Wade with 4, Michelle Barnett with 2, Diem Tran with 2 and Michelle Dudley with 1. The Young Lady Badgers finished the season with a 10-3 record.

81 Study club meets

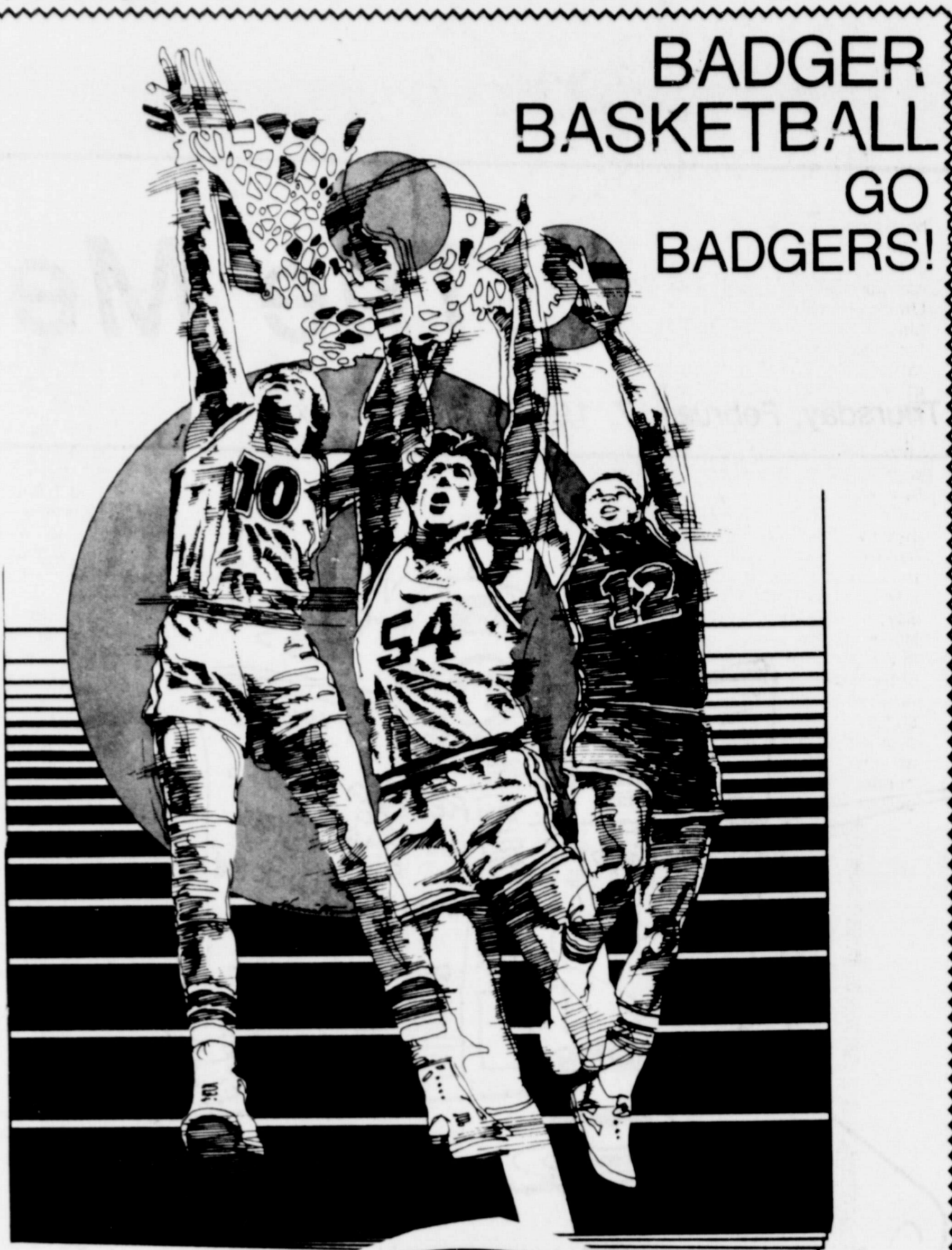
The Eighty-One Study Club held its ninth meeting on January 28, 1985 in the home of Mrs. Katie Griffith.

Attending were: Lorene Beard, Evorie Dillard, Paula Forehand, Katie Griffith, Grace Holt, Goldia Malone, Betty Stautzenberger, Ann Talent and Catherine Winn.

Refreshments were served by our hostess, Katie Griffith, who also gave a very interesting report on how to prepare for a trip to Las Vegas.

The next meeting will be on February 11, 1985 at 4:00 p.m. in the recreation room at Pleasantville. Mrs. Catherine Winn will be the hostess and the theme will be on "How to Prepare for the I.R.S."

BADGER BASKETBALL GO BADGERS!



This week's schedule

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All you can do in life is the best you can

by Russell McAnally

One year a man by the name of Johnny Champion walked onto the campus of Southern Methodist University and stated his desire to play football. He was told he was too small at five feet eight inches tall to receive a scholarship or play at a major college. Johnny told them he did not need a scholarship; that he just wanted a chance to show he could play football, and would attend S.M.U. and pay his own way.

To make a long story short, Johnny Champion made the football team and earned a scholarship. In time the schedule called for S.M.U. to play Notre Dame University, a team feared by all. On the Notre Dame team was a man making All American by the name of Leon Hart at six feet eight inches tall and weighing two hundred and sixty pounds. At game time it was discovered that Johnny Champion at five feet eight and barely two hundred pounds would be playing across the line from Leon Hart.

The game was played by more than twenty two players, but a private game developed between Leon Hart and Johnny Champion. As they lined up to play, Leon looked down at Johnny and told him he was going to step on him. On another play, Johnny would look up at Mr. Hart and ask him to please not hurt him, as he was a little guy. Johnny knew that Leon was an All American player and before the game had progressed very far, Mr. Hart knew that Johnny Champion had come to play football.

S.M.U. won the game over the Fighting Irish of Notre Dame and credit was given to Johnny Champion for the victory in the was he handled the threat of Leon Hart.

Each player had played the game to the best of their abilities, and each one learned to respect the talents of the other.

The game was over and the players were in their respective dressing rooms. There was a knock on the dressing room door of the

S.M.U. field house and a giant of a man came through the door and asked to see the man with a certain number on his uniform. Johnny Champion stepped forward to shake the hand of Leon Hart. They congratulated each other on their fair play and courage. Mr. Hart told the whole team he wanted to meet the man that had hit him harder and put him on the ground more often than any man he had ever played against. Films of that game were passed from school to school over the state of Texas as coaches used it to show their players in high school. Johnny Champion went with the film on several occasions.

This story is told with one purpose in mind, it makes no difference how big, how little, how fat or thin, how old or young, with a world of talents or no visible talents at all, if you do the best you can in whatever you are called to do, that is as good as anyone can do. The world congratulates you.

Lambda Beta meeting held

Lambda Beta held their meeting on Jan. 15 at Pleasantville with Debbie Roberson hosting and giving a program on Our Place in Life. The program was very heart searching. A lot of new and exciting things were discussed

about the upcoming Beauty Pageant in March.

Members Attending were: Janet McKeenan, Sherry Walton, Virginia Pirraglia, Kay Bishop, Annette Clark, Rita Moore, Debbie Roberson, Debbie Sandusky, Pat Schuknecht.

Xi Nu Chi meets

Peggy Valentine hosted Xi Nu Chi at her home on Jan. 22. The program captain was Vicki Rodriguez, who presented her sister,

Angelista Rodriguez, who gave a program on the need to have a will. Angelista is Assistant to Vice President- Collateral Officer of First State Bank in Abilene.

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For rent: 2 bedroom house with built-in range & oven, side-by-side refrigerator, washer & dryer, ceiling fans, fenced yard & storage building. \$150 deposit \$250 per month. 406 Ash 928-5194.
 89-TFC

For rent: 1 bedroom house, partially furnished 175 per month, \$100 deposit. See at 401 Runnels 928-5787.
 100-1tp

For Rent: 2 bedroom house, partially furnished, real nice. 2 miles out of town. Call 928-5189.
 100-1tp

Real Estate

For Sale: 2.9 acres 3 miles North of Merkel at County Line Road & FM 126. In Taylor County. \$10,900. Owner finance. Water lines, utilities, some restrictions, no mobile homes, will divide, inquire next door or call 928-4431.
 100-ttc

For Sale: Living room, 2 bedrooms, dining room, kitchen, bath garage, peach tree, in good location - close to town, a Desirable place. Call Cyrus Pee, Agent 928-5613.
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Card of Thanks

We would like to express our sincere appreciation to all of you who joined in a community effort to help us when our home burned. Your thoughts, prayers and gifts were all very kind.
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Garage Sales

Too much to move. Lot's of nick-nacs, queen size hide-a-bed in fair condition; large ladies clothes; childrens clothes. Thursday at 9 a.m. # 13 Shannonside 928-4853.
 100-1tc

Public notice

THE STATE OF TEXAS
 +To: Charlene Jackson Residence Address Unknown
 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 March 4th day of March, 1985, at or before ten

o'clock A.M. before the Honorable 104th District Court of Taylor County, Texas, at the Court House of said County in Abilene, Texas.

Said Plaintiff's Amended Petition was filed in said court, on the 9th day of November A.D. 1984, in this cause, numbered 16,136-B on the docket of said court, and styled, INTERFIRST BANK ABILENE, N.A. Plaintiff, vs. CHARLENE JACKSON, Individually and as the Sole Heir of Stanley Willis Jackson, Deceased Defendant.

The names of the parties to the cause are as follows: INTERFIRST BANK ABILENE, N.A. are Plaintiffs and CHARLENE JACKSON, Individually and as the Sole Heir of Stanley Willis Jackson, Deceased are Defendants.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit:

Stanley Willis Jackson, now deceased, did execute and deliver to Interfirst Bank Abilene certain promissory notes dated on July 25, 1983; February 15, 1983 and October 21, 1983. The notes were community debts of Defendant, Stanley Willis Jackson, now deceased and Defendant Charlene Jackson is now solely liable for this community debt. Due to Defendant's failure to pay the notes, Plaintiff requests the Court to enter judgment against the Defendant.

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP AND INCORPORATION

Charlene Jackson, for Foreclosure of Plaintiff's security interest in 1977 Chevrolet, for the 3 notes mentions above, for prejudgment int. on all notes, post-judgment interest at highest legal rate, Attorney fees, cost of court, and further relief to which plaintiff may show itself entitled, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

The partnership of JACKSON BROS. FEED & SEED, a partnership composed of WAYLON JACKSON, BOBBY JACKSON, DAVID JACKSON and RANDAL FITZHUGH, is dissolved effective January 1, 1985 and the firm shall continue as a Texas corporation of the name of VOLUME FEED & SEED, INC. and doing business as JACKSON BROS. FEED & SEED with all partnership assets transferred to the corporation effective January 1, 1985 and this notice is published pursuant to Article 13.02 - 2.02 of the Texas Miscellaneous Corporation Laws.
 98-29-4tc

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The officer executing this process shall promptly execute the same according to law, and make due return as the law directs.

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Tuetsch wanted by Texas lawmen

Tommy Teutsch enjoyed the good life. Nice restaurants, expensive cars and clothes--these were the trappings that went with Teutsch's lifestyle.

But state and federal law enforcement officials say there was another side of Teutsch's life--one not quite so glamorous. Investigators say the 34-year-old Corpus Christi native was involved in an international narcotics ring suspected of committing at least six murders.

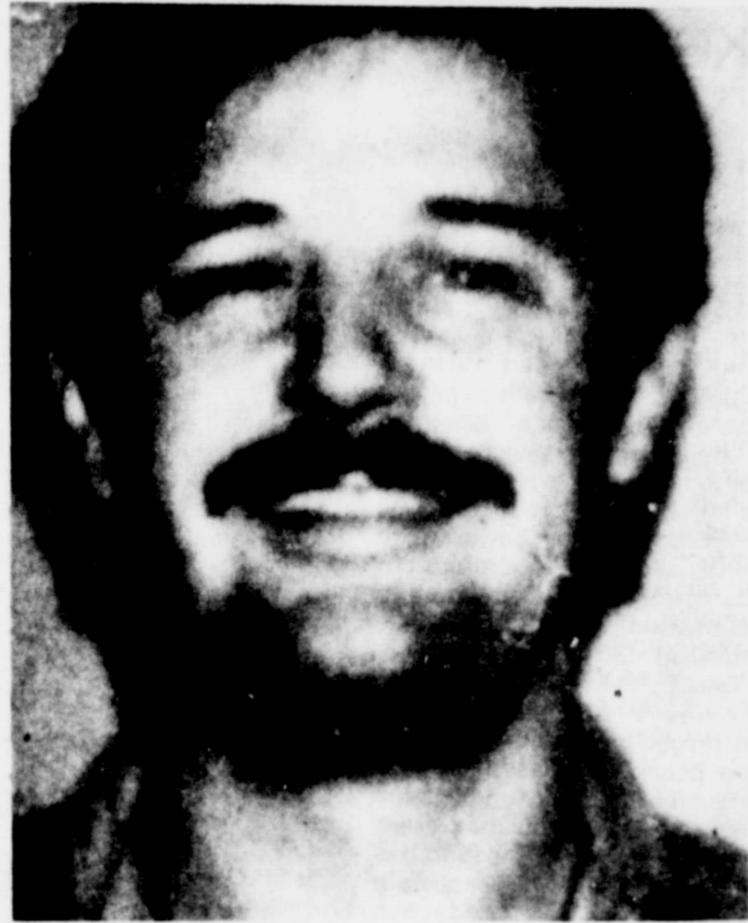
Now Teutsch is running from the law and this week he has been placed on the list of Texas Most Wanted. A \$1,000 reward is being offered for information leading to the capture of Teutsch.

Investigators say Teutsch disappeared in June, 1982, after failing to appear to answer federal charges of Racketeering, Influence, Corrupt Organization (R.I.C.O.). The charges stem from a 1981 arrest in Corpus Christi on four counts of conspiracy to smuggle marijuana and cocaine into the United States.

Texas Department of Public Safety officials say Teutsch was a member of the late Samuel Cammarata organization, a far-flung syndicate that had international drug connections.

Teutsch is described as a white male, 6-2, 225 pounds, with black hair and brown eyes. But investigators say Teutsch is an accomplished make-up artist and may have altered his appearance. He also uses numerous aliases, including Tommy Titsch, Tommy Tyson and Thomas William Teutsch.

Prior to his disappearance, Teutsch left a note suggesting that he was going to commit suicide. But investigators scoff at the notion, pointing out that sightings have been reported of the fugitive since then.



Anyone who might have information about Teutsch's location is asked to call Texas Crime Stoppers toll-free at 1-800-252-8477 or their local Crime Stoppers program. In all cases callers do not have to reveal their identities.

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Russell's are foster parents

Editor's Note: The following article was printed in the Neosho [mo.] Daily News. Jim is the son

of Mr. & Mrs. S. G. Russell of Merkel.

By Bill Ball
It takes special people to be foster parents and Jim and Loretta Russell are just that - special people. They have four children, and seven grandchildren of their own, and have had five foster children and have had five more recently since they are also a temporary crisis shelter.

In fact just this past week they had a little two-year-old girl that they kept overnight. "We only had her overnight, but she was sure sweet and we hated to see her go," Mrs. Russell said.

"We have had no special problems with our kids," Russell said. "All kids have problems and foster children are no different from others. All families have problems and our family is no different from the others."

"These foster children are family. We treat them like our own and consider them our own. We love them, each and every one. We don't think of them as foster children."

He continued, "A child is not in foster care unless there has been a problem in the family. The goal is to return them to their own home."

Mrs. Russell said, "We love kids and we want them to know it. But they also must adjust to us. We do not adjust to them. They do the same work as the other kids around here and have the same. They adjust to our routine. For example, Sunday morning, Sunday night and Wednesday night, we go to church and they go with us. It's just that way."

Russell said he has had some problem with discipline but not too much. "We only had one child that was a real problem and he was not with us too long. He was just a short term child."

Foster children, believe it or not, are not much of a financial burden to the Russells. "We have our own meat and vegetables and we eat good. Of course they have to have clothes and spending but all children do," Mrs. Russell said.

Jim Russell has retired as manager of New-Mac Coop and is currently involved in rope-making and works for himself as a business consultant. Mrs. Russell is 47 and Jim is 49. "We don't plan to quit yet," Russell said. "We plan to keep on for a while."

Not just everyone can be foster

parents. The ones that apply to the Division of Family Services, be checked and undergo training. Even after they have been approved as foster parents they still undergo training every year.

More foster parents are needed in Neosho and new classes will get under way soon.

Persons who believe they would like to be foster parents are invited to call the DFS office in Neosho at 451-3125.



FOSTER PARENTS — Jim and Loretta Russell are foster parents and have been in the program for five years. They have also served as parents in a temporary crisis shelter situation. They say they serve as foster parents because "We love kids." (Daily News photo)

A & M saying cotton growers should take a hard look at '85 farm program

Because of a large cotton crop in the United States and abroad the past year that has depressed market prices, producers need to take a hard look at participating in the 1985 farm program.

With the March 1 sign-up deadline looming ahead, farmers must decide soon whether or not the benefits and risk reduction associated with the program will outweigh any lost revenue from acres taken out of production.

The '85 cotton program is much the same as last year, points out Dr. Carl Anderson, economist in cotton marketing with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

The target price remains at 81 cents a pound, the base loan rate has increased slightly to 57.3 cents a pound, and the maximum deficiency payment per pound has dropped 2.3 cents. The main change is in the acreage reduction phase; last year it was 25 percent of the base acreage while this year farmers will have to idle 30 percent of their land. Ten percent of that will qualify for 30 cents per pound diversion payments, explains Anderson.

"With cotton farmers facing average prices for their 1985 crop

that will likely be near the loan rate, those taking part in the farm program may receive near maximum deficiency payments (the difference between the target price and loan rate)," Anderson points out. "This makes the program fairly attractive to producers."

He notes that a study by the Extension Service has shown that producers in all the major cotton growing areas of Texas would benefit from participating in the farm program. Increased returns would range from more than \$15 per acre on dryland production in the Rolling Plains to over \$63 per acre on irrigated cotton in the Rio Grande Valley.

Since the '85 farm program for

cotton has no cross compliance requirements between farms, producers with several farms can comply up to the maximum on some and then go outside the program on others. Also, because of depressed grain and soybean prices and the potential to set an approximate price floor with cotton options, producers may decide to plant a sizeable amount of cotton outside the farm program, notes Anderson.

The Extension Service has budgets and worksheets available to aid producers in making farm program decisions, adds Anderson. Interested producers should contact their county Extension office for more information.

Services held for Eddie Willingham

Eddie R. Willingham, 74, a cook from Merkel, died at 5 p.m. Saturday at Dallas Veterans Administration Hospital after a lengthy illness. Graveside services were at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Rose Hill Cemetery, directed by Starbuck Funeral Home with the Rev. Bruce Martin, minister from Pilot Point, officiating.

Born February 19, 1910, in Elk, he married Ora Tipps September

20, 1934, in Elm Mott. He was a veteran of World War II and a Baptist.

Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Ileen Scott of Abilene and Lucille Ohlhausen of Fort Worth; two brothers, John of Waco and Erving of Arlington; two sisters, Ellen Clifton of Waco and Izora Helleson of Escondido, Calif.; seven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

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Barnard eludes Texas lawmen

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Texas law enforcement authorities would sure like to know. They want him for bank robberies in Victoria and Corpus Christi. "Barnard" is also wanted by police in Utah and California for other savings and loan robberies.

Here are a few things investigators know about the suspect:

—he uses a number of aliases. He has an Arkansas driver's license issued in the name of Kenneth Earl Barnard. However, investigators have discovered that Kenneth Earl Barnard was the name of an infant who died in 1941. Other aliases used by the suspect include John Roger Canoyer, Edward R. Bright, Edward Grant, and William Grant Osborn.

—the suspect is in his early 40's, is a white male, 5-10 to 6-0 tall, 180 to 200 pounds, has short sandy blonde hair, blue eyes, and has a small facial blemish above the upper lip on the right side.

—he is an avid bridge player and compulsive gambler and travels extensively in the southwest and western states.

Investigators from the Corpus Christi Police Department and the Texas Rangers say "Barnard" robbed the First Texas Savings Association in Corpus Christi on February 8, 1984, at about 12:35 p.m.

Then on Friday, March 3, 1984, the same suspect allegedly robbed the Goliad Savings and Loan in Victoria at about 2:00 p.m. Witnesses say the offender entered the Savings and Loan armed with a blue steel handgun, possibly an automatic. At least \$100 worth of marked money was taken in the robbery, all in \$20 denominations. The vehicle used in the robbery was rented from a Ford dealership in Victoria. Apparently the suspect switched vehicles shortly after the robbery and was last seen driving a Honda motorcycle with Arkansas plates.

Investigators say "Barnard" also is a suspect in the December 28, 1981, armed robbery of Presidential Savings and Loan in Salt Lake City, Utah, and the February 4, 1982, robbery of Gibraltar Savings and Loan in Sacramento, California. In both of those robberies, he used the alias "William Grant Osborn."

The two Texas robberies have landed "Barnard" on this week's Texas Most Wanted list. Anyone with information about the true identity of the fugitive and where he might be located is asked to call Texas Crime Stoppers toll-free at 1-800-252-8477 or their local Crime Stoppers program. All callers may remain anonymous.



mous. A \$1,000 cash reward will be paid for information leading to the fugitive's capture.

Texas Most Wanted is a weekly cooperative effort between Crime Stoppers and the Department of Public Safety and is designed to enlist the support of citizens in

capturing dangerous fugitives.

As of January 26, 1985, the Department of Public Safety reported that Barnard is wanted on the following warrants: Corpus Christi Police Department, Warrant No. 24980; and Victoria County Sheriff's Office, Warrant No. 84-3-11-463.

Children of Buelah Schulz offer poem to readers

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Dear Editor,

I was given this poem and I would like to share it with your readers:

My Mother's Hands
 My Mother's Hands, so dear to me,

They were as gentle, and tender as could be.

When she'd finish her cleaning, she'd go to the yard.

It seemed to me, she worked awfully hard,

And raised a garden, most every fall,

And raised enough vegetables to feed us all.

She gave our neighbors, what we didn't need,

There was no way of knowing how many she'd feed.

If someone was sick, she'd sit up all night,

But she'd be back home by dawn's early light.

She would cook breakfast, gravy and such,

She did all this, with the hands I loved so much.

But there came a time, when God called her away,

We were heart broken, to loose her this way.

When I looked at her, for one last time,

I remembered the time her hands had held mine.

And of the many times, they had cooled my brow,

And I knew we'd go on some how.

When I close my eyes, I can still see,

My Mother's Hands, So precious to me.

The Children of Buelah Schulz of Merkel



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Merkel Elementary students named to first semester A-Team



A Trent family recently posed for this Five Generation picture. They are [top row from left] Mrs. Imogene Harbour of Kerrville and

[Front row from left] Mrs. Blanche Graham of Kerrville and Mrs. Leigh Ann Freeman of Trent and Miss Amber Leigh Freeman of Trent.

The A Team for Merkel Elementary is as follows:

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Cravens, Caleb Kelso.
Mrs. Whisenhunt's Room: Lillian Leach.
Miss McCormick's Room: Tan-ya Beasley.

John Rister services held

John J. Rister, 68, of Levelland, formerly of Merkel, died at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Cook Memorial Hospital in Levelland. Services were at 10 a.m. Friday at George Price Funeral Home with the Rev. Phillip Goodrum, pastor of Second Baptist Church, officiating. Graveside services were at 4 p.m. Friday in Rose Hill Cemetery in Merkel with the Rev. Wayne Keller, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating.
Born March 19, 1916, in Merkel, he lived there until he moved to Hockley County in 1956. He farmed

there until retiring in 1984. He married Mildred Faye Dean Dec. 24, 1935, in Sweetwater. He was a member of Second Baptist Church in Levelland and was serving on the board of South Plains Producers Marketing Association at the time of his death.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Raymond of Levelland; a daughter, Carolyn Mullinax of Lubbock; a brother, Dewey of Avoca; three sisters, Cynthia Park and Ruby Rister, both of Stamford, and Dot Price of Merkel; and four grandchildren. Nephews served as pallbearers.

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- ★ ABILENE'S OLDEST SATELLITE DEALER
- ★ SHOWROOM OPEN -
COME IN & SAMPLE THE PRODUCT
- ★ CHECK OUR PRICES &
PAYMENT PLANS FIRST
- ★ ALMOST ANY SYSTEM AVAILABLE
- ★ FINANCING AVAILABLE
- ★ 5 YEAR WARRANTY AVAILABLE
FOR ALL SYSTEMS
- ★ WE ARE EXPERTS IN THE FIELD WITH
A COMBINED EXPERIENCE OF OVER 55 YEARS
- ★ WE ARE FACTORY REPRESENTATIVES
FOR 27 COMPANIES

MONDAY - FRIDAY 9 - 5 SATURDAY 9 - 1

WE'LL BE HERE AFTER THE SALE
WE'RE HERE TO STAY!

A - TOWN ELECTRONICS

1243 N MOCKINGBIRD
ABILENE 672-3991

**ONLY 2 KINDS
of PRICES**

ROOM FRESHNER
GLADE \$1.09
7 OZ SPRAY

PRICES GOOD
THUR-FRI-SAT
FEB 7, 8 & 9

STORE HOURS
7:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Mon thru Sat
Closed Sunday

TOOTH PASTE
COLGATE \$1.89
TWIN PACK 7 OZ TUBES

COFFEE
FOLGERS
1 LB CAN \$2.19
LIMIT 1
WITH '10 IN TRADE OR MORE
EXCLUSIVE OF CIGARETTES

LOW and LOWER EGGS
PARADE GRADE A LARGE DOZEN 69¢

CARNATION CONTADINA
RED HOT REWARD
\$10 CASH
REFUND

WHEN YOU MEET ALL REQUIREMENTS
OFFICIAL REFUND MAIL INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT CASH REGISTER

8 OZ CAN 2 FOR 39¢
WHOLE 300 CAN 2 FOR 83¢

20 LB BAG \$6.98
HOT COCOA MIX
ASST 12 PACK \$1.39

16 OZ JAR \$1.89
7 LB BAG \$4.59
18 OZ BOX 89¢
TALL CAN 2 FOR 93¢

VLASIC KOSHER DILL
PICKLES
32 OZ JAR \$1.29

CASSEROLE
PINTO BEANS
2 LB BAG 53¢

PREGO SAUCE
SPAGHETTI 32 OZ JAR \$1.39

FROZEN FOODS
BIRDSEYE 8 OZ TUB
COOL WHIP 79¢

SELECT FRENCH FRIES 2 LB BAG 59¢
STILWELL 24 OZ
BREADED OKRA \$1.29 BAG

PILLSBURY ORIGINAL MICROWAVE 3 PACK BOX \$1.39
POP CORN
FOREMOST 1/2 GAL JUG BUTTERMILK \$1.09

KRAFT LITE
MAYONNAISE
QUART JAR \$1.49

KRAFT PRESERVES
PEACH
18 OZ JAR \$1.29

SHORTENING
MRS TUCKER
42 OZ CAN \$1.39

COMET 28 OZ BOX
RICE 83¢

VEL VEETA
CHEESE
1 LB BOX \$1.79

GOLD MEDAL
FLOUR 93¢
5 LB BAG

COUNTRY CROCK
SPREAD \$1.69
3 LB TUB

Extra Lean
PORK CHOPS
Tender...Tasty
...Terrific

ARMOUR STAR
FRANKS
MEAT OR BEEF \$1.19
12 OZ PKG

FRESH LEAN
END CUTS \$1.55
LB

FRESH CENTER LEAN CUT
PORK CHOPS \$1.99
1 LB

FRESH
PORK ROAST \$1.59
LEAN LB

CHOICE BEEF
CHUCK STEAK \$1.59
LEAN LB

CHOICE BEEF
ARM ROAST \$1.79
LEAN LB

GOOCH NO 1
BACON \$1.88
LB

JIMMY DEAN 2 LB BAG \$3.49
SAUSAGE \$1.75
BAG 1 LB

ARMOUR STAR CHICKEN FRIED
BREADED
BEEF PATTIES \$1.79
LB

FROZEN
GROUND
TURKEY \$1.33
LB

PARADE
HOMO
MILK \$1.89
GAL JUG

PARADE
LOW FAT
MILK \$1.83
GAL JUG

KRAFT
1/2 MOON
CHEESE \$1.59
10 OZ PKG

DEL MONTE
PITTED
PRUNES \$1.09
12 OZ BAG

TEXSUN GRAPEFRUIT 46 OZ CAN
JUICE 89¢

DEL MONTE 303 CUT
GREEN BEANS 2 FOR 93¢

DEL MONTE 303
SWEET PEAS 2 FOR 93¢

DEL MONTE 303 WK
GOLDEN CORN 2 FOR 93¢

RANCH STYLE
SEASON
BEANS 2 FOR 73¢

AMERICAN BEAUTY
NOODLES 12 OZ BAG 73¢

ARMOUR 15 OZ CAN
CORN BEEF
HASH 89¢

SWEETSUE
CHICKEN AND
DUMPLINS 24 OZ CAN 99¢

BANNER
TISSUE 4 ROLL CRTN 89¢

WASHINGTON
APPLES
DELICIOUS EX - FCY RED
LB 39¢

FRESH GREEN
CABBAGE 29¢
LB

FRESH
NECTARINES 89¢
LB

FRESH PURPLE TOP
TURNIPS 39¢
LB

FRESH BUNCH 2 FOR
GREEN
ONIONS 49¢
LB

VINE RIPE
CANTALOUPE 39¢
LB

FRESH
CUCUMBERS 2 FOR 39¢
LB

WHITE
ONIONS 49¢
LB

DETERGENT
TIDE
LIQUID 32 OZ \$1.59

LIQUID
JOY
12 OZ SIZE 59¢

DOUBLE
GIFT BOND
STAMPS
EACH WEDNESDAY
ON '5 OR MORE IN TRADE

WE WELCOME FOOD STAMPS
CARSON'S
SUPER MARKET
MERKEL TEXAS
FRESH VEGETABLES
BEST MEATS IN TOWN