

The Merkel Mail

Thursday, February 6, 1986 ...Merkel, Texas

Our 97th Year

All Taylor County races are contested; 3 file for JP's post

The field is set for county-wide elections as the filing deadline passed Monday.

In the latest filings, incumbent Precinct 2 Justice of the Peace Leo Mashburn is being opposed by local men, Jack Keenan and Ronald Bishop. All three candidates are Democrats.

The Precinct 2 County Com-

missioner's race pits incumbent Don Dudley against Julian Bridges, head of the Sociology Department at Hardin-Simmons University.

In county wide races, Taylor County Judge Jess Holloway is being challenged by Bill Williams.

Running for the County Treasurer's office are Michael Dickie, head of the Taylor County risk

management and Anna Moore, assistant to the county treasurer. Jack Turner is also seeking the post as a Republican.

In the local races, incumbent MISD school board member Greg Henderson has filed for reelection.

City Councilman James McKee and mayor pro-tem Ted Smith have also filed for reelection in the city election.

UIL shakes up local district

The Merkel Badgers will be in an eight team district starting next season for sports and other UIL events.

The new district includes Merkel, Wylie, Clyde, Colorado City, Coahoma, Ballinger, Sonora and Brady.

MISD Athletic Director Dick Lepard told *The Mail* Monday "I like the new district because we have seven other teams in the district and that means we will play seven games that count each year instead of five."

For the 1986-87 school year, Wylie will have the largest enroll-

ment in the district and either Clyde or Merkel will be the second largest school. Lepard added "It's been a long time since Merkel's enrollment was at or near the top in the district. That should help us."

Although Merkel's 1986 football schedule won't be finalized until after the District meeting, planned Feb. 14th, the Badgers will hold scrimmages against Coleman and Winters and will play Sweetwater, Cisco and Anson in the pre-season.

About that schedule, Lepard said "We are trying to change our image and play better teams in the pre-district schedule. About

opening with Sweetwater, last year's 4A State Champions. Lepard said "We feel honored to get a chance to play them." The contest will be the season opener for both teams and will be played in Sweetwater.

Lepard also said he was pleased with the scholastic record of MISD students. He said the low failure rates are a credit to Merkel's teachers and the job they are doing.

Lepard also said he felt the new district would be a little more even in that Graham was moved to 4A and have dominated 6AAA

20 musicians named all-district

Fifteen members of the Merker High School Band and five members of the Middle School Band were selected as members of the Zone Band of District II through competitive tryouts last

Saturday at Hardin-Simmons University. 94 students from 35 different schools in Classes A, AA and AAA were chosen for the high school band and 90 members were chosen for the middle school band

from the 35 middle schools presented. The students chosen will meet this weekend for clinic rehearsals and a concert at

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§ These members of the Merker High Band earned All-District Band honors Saturday in competitions. They are [front row from left] Joe Murphy, Randy Graham,

Neff and Shelly Brandon. Also [second row from left] Henry Howk, Alfred Flores, Shane Reagan, David Doan, Kevin Coker,

April DuPont, Adsett and the shown in William Norton. Staff photo



§ These Middle School students earned All-District Band honors at competitions held in Abilene

Saturday. They are [from left] Cara Kelso, Sean Leamon, Chris Gaona, Penny Smith and Angie

Leverich. Staff photo



§ Work is moving along well on Merkel High. MISD maintenance construction work. the new Freshman Addition at crews are doing most of the [Staff photo]

Stenholm seeks reelection

Charles W. Stenholm has announced that he will be a candidate for a 5th term as the representative from the 17th Congressional District of Texas. Accompanied by his wife Cindy, Stenholm expressed appreciation for support from friends through the years. He also assured the group that he is cautiously optimistic regarding the economic future of the country.

"If we can influence 218 votes in the House of Representatives for more legislation to get our fiscal house in order and muster the political courage to continue on this course, this nation will be vibrant and productive," Stenholm said.

Repeating his promise to stay in close contact with the vast district of thirty-five counties, he urged everyone to take full advantage of our freedoms and opportunities as citizens of this great nation by participating in the political process.

Stenholm concluded by saying, "I am thankful that I can face each decision that arises with confidence that you are behind me. I really believe that these past years of experience in Congress make it possible for me to serve the 17th Congressional District and our country in a better way than ever before."



Races contested, teacher's poem

by Cloy A. Richards

Local voters will have a choice in all county elections as last minute filings completed the field for the local Justice of the Peace race.

Incumbent Leo Mashburn is seeking re-election. He is being challenged by Jack Keenan and Ronald (Stewart) Bishop, both of Merkel. All three are Democrats. The race for County Commissioner Precinct 2 features incumbent Don Dudley and challenger Julian Bridges.

There are no contested races in either the city or school election as of Tuesday and Greg Henderson has filed for reelection to the MISD board and councilman James McKee and mayor pro-tem Ted Smith have also both filed for reelection.

While we are on the subject, county commissioner candidate Julian Bridges dropped in Tuesday afternoon for a visit.

He said he does not see the race between he and incumbent Don

Dudley as a rural vs. city race, although the *Abilene Reporter News* continues to report it that way.

It ought to end up being a good race.

..... The following is a poem written by Jeanie Reynolds, a 3rd grade teacher in Merkel, on January 28, 1986 in memory of the seven brave Americans.

Destiny Of Death On a cool, winter morning, Seven people filled with pride, Boarded the shuttle Challenger, Before noon, the seven had died.

With hearts aglow America watched, Their countrymen launched into space, With hope for a new horizon won And a smile on each confident face.

Little did we know those confident ones, Were only minutes from the deadly flame.

Little did we know that America's finest Would never come home again.

On a cool, winter morning, Every eye focused on the sky, We watched with horror in our hearts

As proof confirmed what we could not deny,

There in a smoldering second Life was erased before our faces,

And there in the silence of the moment

Life no longer left any trace:

On a cold, winter evening, I write this sad refrain

For our hearts feel the loss of America's heroes

Who will never come home again.

It seems their destiny was a rendezvous-

A rendezvous with death, But hope was in each challenger's heart

As they breathed their final breath.

Their memory will live forever, And I will believe this till the end

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Great program, good food, new district

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That asked if they would go tomorrow. They would do it all over again. For America was not founded on people afraid to try. And America would not be America. If our fellowmen were afraid to die.

There's a great new service in town being sponsored by Merkel's First Baptist Church. The "Golden Saints Club" is collecting health care equipment and will make it available to people in need at no charge. The group is just getting started and could use equipment donations or cash, which they will use to purchase health care equipment.

People wishing to make donations can do so at the First Baptist Church at 301 Locust here or you may call 928-5596 or 928-5351. If you are in the mood for some good barbecue, Sammy Doan will be cooking again for another charitable cause.

The Merkel High flag and rifle teams are trying to raise money for expenses for the State Competitions. The dinner is set at Heritage Hall Friday from 6 until 8 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children under 6. You might want to take a real close look at your mailing label on this week's paper.

We converted over to a new mail-out system over the weekend and some of the address labels could contain errors (Since I entered them into the computer, I am sure there are a few errors). Let us know if there is a problem and we will get it corrected.

Merkel will be playing in a new district next year as the UIL has announced recent re-alignments. Out of the district are Graham and Breckenridge and newcomers are Colorado City, Sonora, Brady, Coahoma and Ballinger. The Badgers remain in the same district with Wylie and Clyde. MISD athletic director Dick Leopard told me Monday he was happy with the new district and

for the first time in many years. Merkel will have an enrollment at the top end of the scale within the district. That shouldn't hurt a bit. Well, it only took a week for Dale's rainmaking cartoon to work and that's not bad for this part of the country at this time of the year.

Most of the area received a one inch plus soaking Sunday and just about everyone seems to be in a better mood following the rain. Local fruit tree gardeners may not have too much of a crop this year because the trees are starting to think it is spring, even though we must still be anticipating at least one more hard freeze this season.

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20 Merkel band students all-district

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Abilene Christian University, John Whitwell of ACU will rehearse and conduct the high school portion of the program, while Jim VanZandt, the President of the Texas Music Educators Association and band director at North Richland Hills High School near Fort Worth, will work with the middle school students. During Saturday's clinic, Eddie

Green, band director at the University of Houston, will hold a workshop for band directors relating to problems in teaching. Merkel Middle School students selected were Penny Smith, Chris Gaona, Cara Kelso, Angie Leverich, and Sean Leamon. Merkel High School students were: Shelly Brandon, Diem Tran, Lucretia Wade, Stacy Newberry, Pam

Neff, Kevin Coker, April DuPont, Shane Reagan, Ron Turner, David Doan, Joe Murphy, Randy Graham, Henry Howk, William Norton and Alfred Flores. Merkel students selected as 1st chair players were Penny Smith in Middle School and Shane Reagan and Alfred Flores in High School. The concert by the two bands will be presented in Cullen

Auditorium on the campus of Abilene Christian University. The concert will begin at 7:00 P.M. on Saturday, February 8, with the Middle School Band playing first, followed by the High School Band. There is no charge for the concert. The concert is open to the public. Make your plans to attend and support the local Merkel students.

Taylor Electric sets annual speech contest

An all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C. this June will be awarded to two young people from this area by Taylor Electric Cooperative, according to Don

Hart, manager of the system. Mr. Hart said the winners of an oratorical contest would be awarded the trip which begins on June

10th. All high school sophomores and juniors in the system's service area are eligible to enter the contest. Contest entrants will be required

to give a 5 to 8 minute speech on the subject "50 Years of Rural Electrification". Resource materials, that may be helpful to contestants, are available in the school libraries and from the cooperative's office, according to Tommie Cutler, who is in charge of the contest.

Contestants will be judged on the basis of knowledge of the subject, speaking ability, poise, personality and appearance. Deadline for entries will be February 24th and the contest will be held on March 10, 1986 at 7:00 p.m. at the Cooperative office in Merkel.

The trip will begin with an orientation dinner in San Antonio. The group will tour the Alamo and Institute of Texas Culture. They will travel to Austin and will tour the Capitol, visit with the Governor and tour the LBJ Library. The following day, they will start on the trip to Washington, where they will spend several days visiting places of historical interest, visiting members of Congress and getting a first hand view of their government in action.

Approximately 1,000 Youth Tour participants from across the nation will meet during the week for a special program coordinated by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association. The program will feature congressional leaders and high government officials. A visit to the White House and a fun-filled banquet will highlight the day's events.



Barbecue set for flag-rifle squad

This Friday, February 7th, Sammy Doan will be cooking his "famous" and delicious barbecue for a benefit dinner to help the Merkel flags and rifles (otherwise known as Papillon) to defray the cost of their participation in the

State Colorguard Competition. Papillon is a group of band students who perform flag and rifle routines to music during the winter months. The group placed fourth in the State Competition last year and expects to do real well this year. Instructors for the

group are Mrs. Cherry Curry and Mrs. Paula Cabral. The Benefit Barbecue Dinner will be at Heritage Hall on Friday, February 7th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Don't miss our on another opportunity to eat this delicious barbecue cooked by Sammy Doan. Tickets are \$5.00 for Adults and \$2.50 for children (6 and under) and may be purchased from any member of Papillon or you may purchase them at the door on Friday night. We thank you in advance for your support.

9th grade girls complete season

The Merkel girls 9th grade season came to an early end over the weekend. Girls coach Rhonda Rainwater said her team played its best game of the season in a 47-27 loss to Sweetwater. Melinda Baker led with 11 points as Pam Neff added 7, Richa Hill 4, Annissa Jones 3 and Norma Cuellar had 2. The girls hit 5 of 12 free throws. Jones led in rebounds with 10 and Richa Hill had 8. Neff led in steals with six. The game was the first round of the Sweetwater Tournament and the girls were forced to forfeit

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Local club news

Fortnightly group

Mrs. J. W. Hammond and Mrs. Ed Sandusky were co-hostesses for the Merkel G.F.W.C. Fortnightly Study Club which met Jan. 28 in Mrs. Hammond's home. Mrs. Orvel Hill opened the meeting and presided over a short business session. Mrs. J.W. Hammond introduced Mrs. Marie Ward, President of G.F.W.C., The Phoe-

nix Club of Aspermont, Texas, who gave a very interesting account of her recent trip to China. Her program, "I Love China" was very informative about China, the old as well as the new. Members present were Mmes. C.M. Brown, S.C. Dixon, R.M. Ferguson, Ruby Hammond, Lucy

Haynes, Orvel Hill, Buster Horton, Carl Hughes, James Jay, Allen King, C.B. Knight, Joe Lassiter, Henry Martin, Truett Patterson, Phillip Pursley, Curtis Rister, Perry Rogers, Ed Sandusky, C.M. Seymore, Andy Shouse, Howard Sliger, Alf Walla, Ray Wilson, Dent Gibson and Misses Mary Collins, Mildred Hamm and Mau-

rine White.

Art group meets

The Merkel Art Association met February 3rd at Taylor Telephone Cooperative. The business meeting was conducted by Pat Byrd. Mudent 1st in Ft. Worth

Gary Munden, 4-H member from Merkel, placed 1st in Brangus Junior Heifer, Calved September-October, 1984, at the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show, January 25. Competition was among more than 110 entries from across the state.

Lanford wins in Ft. Worth
Julie C. Lanford, 4-H member from Merkel, won two honors in the Rambouillet Junior Sheep Show at the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show, January 26. She had the Reserve Champion Ram and 1st place two-tooth ram.

Bagby's son born
Ferrell & Shannon Bagby of Merkel are the proud parents of James Adam Bagby, born Jan. 29th at Hendrick Medical Center. James weighed in at 6 pounds 15 ounces and was 19 3/4 inches long. His paternal grandparents are Bernice and Jack Bagby of Merkel and maternal grandparents are Barbara and Jack Jackson of Merkel and Audrey Jackson of Genopah, Nevada.

Masons confab set

The Mulberry Canyon Confab meeting of the Merkel Masonic Lodge will be held at 6 p.m. Feb. 8 at the Lodge. It will be a stated meeting and an official visit will be made by the District Deputy Grand Master.

Smith named manager

Jennifer Smith, of Merkel, has been promoted to store manager of Shook Tire Co., 502 Oak, in Abilene. Jennifer went to work for Shook Tire in January, 1974, at the Abilene location, where she worked for the next 9 1/2 years. She then left the Abilene store to accept a position of company auditor which she held for the next two years. Her love for selling and public relations prompted her to accept a store manager position in Brownfield, Texas until March of 1985 when the company sold and the store closed. She returned to Merkel from San Angelo where she has been assistant manager for the Ragsdale Shook Tire Company for the past nine months. Jennifer is the daughter of the late Jim and Lora Smith.

Club President. Members will be busy with paints, canvas and easel, planning the annual Arts and Crafts Show for May. Dale Hammond presented the program. He is a very talented member of the Merkel Art Association. Merkel R.E.A. line-man, Cartoonist, and submits safety cartoons regularly to Texas A&M University. Dale explained the special ink and paper used and the humor, the teaching and the telling of a story as the cartoonist deals with political, social and every day happenings in our own lives. He gave a very informative demonstration, stressing the importance of knowing the subject. The following members were present: Ted Allen, Christi Barnett, Ruth Buster, Pat Byrd, Marie Beaird, Ruth Cox, Bonnie English, Dale Hammond, Ethel Pee, Benny Rogers, Evelyn Stripling, and Robbie Wilson.

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FOREMOST
BUTTER
MILK 1/2 GAL CRTN \$1.09

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HOMO
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JUG \$1.93

RICHES
COFFEE RICH 32 OZ
CRTN 98¢

FOREMOST
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CHEESE 24 OZ CRTN \$1.59

DAIRYLAND
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MILK GAL
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STILWELL 24 OZ BAG
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GOLDEN
DELICIOUS APPLES 49¢
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MISD lunch menu

The Merkel School menu is as follows:

Monday February 10: Crispitos with cheese stick, lettuce and tomato salad, buttered corn, pineapple chunks.

Tuesday February 11: Bar-b-q links, pinto beans, potato salad, corn bread, lemon bars.

Wednesday February 12: chicken fried steak with cream gravy, green beans, whipped potatoes, hot rolls, sliced peaches.

Thursday February 13: Mexican fiesta, pinto beans, lettuce and tomato rice, apricot halves.

Friday February 14: Hamburgers, lettuce, tomato, pickle, onion, french fries, walk to school cookies.

Monday February 17: Pizza, buttered corn, lettuce wedge, apple cheese crisp.

Tuesday February 18: Chicken fried steak with cream gravy, hot rolls, sliced peaches.

seasoned green beans, cream potatoes, hot rolls, jello with fruit.

Wednesday February 19: toasted cheese sandwich, vegetable soup, sliced bread, apricot halves.

Thursday February 20: burritos with cheese wedge, lettuce and tomato salad, buttered carrots, plum cobbler.

Friday February 21: Hamburgers, lettuce, tomato, pickle, onion, french fries, fresh apple wedge.

Satterwhite is Preceptor groups' sweetheart

Preceptor Eta Omega, Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi, met Tuesday at the home of Betty Conley.

President, Louise Dubose called the meeting to order. City Council report was given by Mamie Steck. Betty Satterwhite will be representing Preceptor Eta Omega at the Valentine dance to be held Saturday, Feb. 15 in Abilene at the Civic Center.

A delicious supper was served to the following members: Betty Satterwhite, Ruth Tipton, Jane Carson, Connie Ybarra, Val Patterson, Yvonne Sadler, Louise Dubose, Mamie Steck, Kathy Leverich, Betty Conley and Blanche Hewitt.

For further information, contact the central office of West Texas Rehabilitation Center, 4601 Hartford, Abilene (915-692-1633).

Rehab Center closing in on funds

Glen Churchill, chairman of the board of the West Texas Rehabilitation Center, announced today that WTRC lacks \$9,500 to meet a challenge grant of \$50,000. The Center received this \$50,000 challenge grant from an anonymous foundation and funds toward meeting this have been supplied by the following: Davidson Family Charitable Foundation, \$20,000; Mrs. Jo Bess Jackson, \$10,000; The Clayton Fund, \$5,000; Atlantic Richfield Foundation, \$5,000; and \$500 from an anonymous local couple.

Churchill stated that the challenge grant has a March 1 deadline and he is in hopes that once the general public is aware of the \$9,500 need, funds will be forthcoming.

The grant is to be used for purchasing new state of the arts equipment for physical therapy and audiology plus training equip-

ment and personnel to bring therapists throughout the Southwest up to the most modern techniques of rehabilitation.

Estate planning seminar set in Lubbock

"A properly drawn estate plan may save many farm and ranch families up to \$200,000 in estate taxes." This statement made by Wayne A. Hayenga, Texas Extension Economist and Attorney, assumes a lot of information: a married couple who "like each other" and want to care for each other, who have a farm or ranch worth \$1 million or more, and want to pass it on to their children.

A two-day seminar talking about these complicated tax topics will be held in Lubbock, March 11-13, 1986.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF TAYLOR NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That by virtue of a certain Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable 104th District Court of Taylor County, of the 6th day of January 1986, by Judgement of said 104th District Court for the sum of \$340,237.76 Dollars and costs of suit, under a Judgement, in favor of MBANK of Abilene in a certain cause in said Court, No. 6,703-B and styled MBANK Abilene vs. Gary Hodges Builders, Inc., placed in my hands for service, I John W. Middleton as Sheriff of Taylor County, Texas, did, on the 8th day of January, 1986, levy on certain Real Estate situated in Taylor County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit:

Lots 11 and 12, Block A, Section 2, Springbrook Addition to the City of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, as set out in that one certain Deed of Trust on file in volume 585, page 588, Deed of Trust Records, Taylor County, Texas.

This Sale Will Be For Cash Only, A Cashiers Check From a Taylor County Bank May Be Accepted.

County Bank May Be Accepted. and levied upon as the property of Gary Hodges Builders, Inc. and that on the first Tuesday in March, 1986, the same being the 4th 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 Order of Sale, I will sell said above described Real Estate at public vendue, for each, to the highest bidder, as the property of said Gary Hodges Builders, Inc.

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 the 13th day of January 1986.

John W. Middleton Sheriff, Taylor County, Texas BY Eddie Swanson, Deputy (Seal). 147-85-3tc

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Taylor NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That by virtue of a certain Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable 104th District Court of Taylor County, Texas, of the 6th day of January 1986, by Judgement Order of Sale of said 104th District Court for the sum of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Eight Hundred Sixteen & 98/100 Dollars and costs of suit, under a Judgement, in favor of MBANK Abilene, in a certain cause in said Court, No. 16,702-B and styled MBANK Abilene vs. Gary Hodges, placed in my hands for service, I John W. Middleton as Sheriff of Taylor County, Texas, did, on the 8th day of January 1986, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Taylor County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit:

Lot 4, Section 1, Country Club Estates Addition to the City of Merkel, Taylor County, Texas, as set out in that one certain Deed of Trust on file in volume 534, Page 807, Deed of Trust Records, Taylor County, Texas. This Sale Will Be For Cash Only, a Cashiers Check From A Taylor County Bank

May Be Accepted. and levied upon as the property of Gary Hodges and that on the First Tuesday in March 1986, the same being the 4th 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 Order of Sale, I will sell said above described Real Estate at public vendue, for each, to the highest bidder, as the property of said Gary Hodges.

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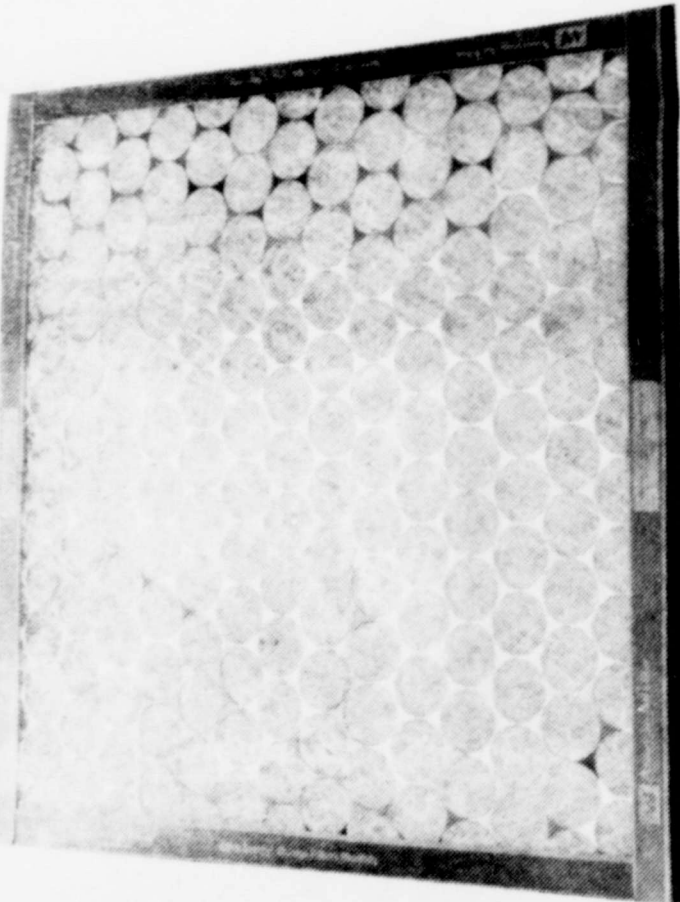
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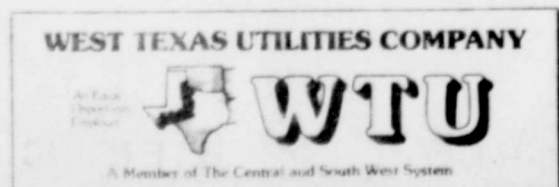
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The purpose of a filter in your heating or air conditioning air blower is to help catch dust and dirt before it can enter your unit. In time, the filter will accumulate dust and dirt. If it gets clogged, your filter won't be able to do the cleaning job it is supposed to and your unit will use more electricity.

To avoid damage to your unit and to save energy and money, be sure your filter is clean. Permanent types can be cleaned according to manufacturer's instructions. Non-permanent filters should be replaced.

West Texas Utilities recommends checking the filter in your heating unit once every 30 days to help keep your system in top operating condition.

For additional conservation tips contact your local WTU office.



Remember REDDY Supplies the energy— but only YOU can use it wisely!

Abilene meeting planned on farm land program

Aim of the new Conservation Reserve Program spelled out in the recently passed farm bill is to take millions of acres of erodible farmland out of production.

In Texas an estimated 700,000 acres are targeted for inclusion in the program this year, the majority being in the plains and Central Texas Blacklands, points out Dr. Bill Harris, soils specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

To qualify for the program, farmland must be classified as

highly erodible (as determined by the Soil Conservation Service). Farmers with eligible land will then be able to enter those acres into the program, which includes costsharing for establishing permanent cover and annual rent payments over a 10-year contract period.

A 10-day signup period is tentatively scheduled to start in early March at local ASCS (Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service) offices. At this time a farmer with eligible cropland must submit a bid for the

annual rent payment on the designated acres, Harris explains. Bids will be reviewed by county and state ASCS personnel, and farmers will then be notified as to whether or not they have been accepted. Annual rent payments will be limited to \$50,000 per farmer.

A farmer participating in the program may elect to return the land to production any time by repaying the government, with interest, all of its costs for annual rental and establishing cover, Harris points out.

Since the Extension Service has the responsibility to inform farmers about the program, a series of regional meetings is slated in late February, Harris points out. Meetings are scheduled as follows: Feb. 18, 9 a.m. to 12 noon,

Blackland Research Center, Temple; Feb. 20, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., Livestock Performance Center (5 miles west of FM 1604 off U.S. 90), Castroville; Feb. 25, 9 a.m. to 12 noon, Texas A&M University

Agricultural Research and Extension Center, Lubbock; Feb. 26, 9 a.m. to 12 noon, New Courthouse, Abilene; and Feb. 27, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., Angelina County Exposition Center, Lufkin.

Parker is Xi Nu Chi's sweetheart

Xi Nu Chi met January 28th at the Pleasantville Center. Mary Hill, president presided over the business meeting. Plans are being made to honor Xi Nu Chi's Valentine Sweetheart, Diana Parker.

program on "A Healthy Diet". Afterwards a question and answer session was held to focus open some individual ideas. A variety of sandwiches and chocolate praline cake was served as

refreshments. Members attending were Vicki Rodrigues, Anita Allen, Connie Harris, Nancy Johnson, Nancy Duncan, Donna Bryan, Minyon Seymore, Barbara Graham, Donna Lang and Mary Hill.

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Ask about Krause's new retail finance plan!

Working faster — thanks to working widths up to 45' — means using less fuel. And the characteristic light draft load of Krause Disc Harrows also saves fuel.

By incorporating crop residue into the topsoil, Krause Disc Harrows help protect against erosion that can rob you of up to 30% of your potential profits.

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- 2- or 3-section flexibility — a Krause original — provides uniform tilling depths in rolling terrain.
- Positive hydraulic depth control and big flotation tires assure proper working depths in all soil types.
- Positive leveling front to rear is provided with two spring-cushioned adjustment screws. Patented hydraulic hitches on some models leather the unit in and out of the soil.
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See us for Krause Disc Harrows, and pick up a free Till-Width Calculator, too.

"SuperSeal" bearings are regreasable and built to assure positive greasing directly into the cartridge. They have a triple lip seal to keep grease in dirt out. Bearings for models with "Rock-Flex" arms are encased in rubber to absorb shock.



Overlapping front disc gangs is a design originated by Krause to leave a smoother, more uniform field finish. The design eliminates the center strip of untilled soil left by ordinary tandem discs. Ideal for chemical incorporation.




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A NEW HEALTHCARE SERVICE HAS BEEN STARTED FOR PEOPLE OF MERKEL AND THE SURROUNDING AREA.

THIS IS THE WAY THE SERVICE WORKS:

WE WILL LOAN HEALTHCARE EQUIPMENT TO ANYONE WHO NEEDS IT. THIS EQUIPMENT CONSISTS OF ITEMS SUCH AS CRUTCHES, CANES, WALKERS, POTTY CHAIRS, WHEEL CHAIRS, HOSPITAL BEDS, ETC.

IN ORDER FOR THIS PROGRAM TO BE A SUCCESS, WE NEED YOUR HELP. THIS IS THE WAY YOU CAN HELP:

IF YOU HAVE ANY OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED ITEMS OR ANYTHING ELSE THAT CAN BE USED IN THE SICK ROOM AND WOULD LIKE TO DONATE THEM TO THIS WORTHY CAUSE, THEY WILL BE PUT TO GOOD USE. IF YOU HAVE NONE OF THE NEEDED EQUIPMENT, YOU MAY DONATE MONEY WHICH WILL BE USED TO PURCHASE THE NEEDED EQUIPMENT.

YOU WILL RECEIVE A RECEIPT FOR TAX PURPOSES FOR ANYTHING YOU WISH TO DONATE.

THIS PROGRAM IS ADMINISTERED BY THE "GOLDEN SAINTS CLUB" OF THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, 301 LOCUST STREET, MERKEL, TEXAS.

TO MAKE DONATIONS PLEASE CALL 928-5595 OR 928-5351. — TO BORROW EQUIPMENT CALL 928-5595.

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1948 Dodge Sedan runs good 90 percent restored \$1,000.00 or best offer or trade after 5 p.m. call 537-2348 camper shell fits import pickup \$50 after 5 p.m. 537-2348. 149-2tp

For Sale: GE Washer, in good condition, color TV, both in working condition. Call 928-4428, can be seen at 1408 N. 6th. 150-1tc

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For rent



Shannonside Equal Housing Opportunity
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For Rent: 2 bedroom house, \$175 per month, call 928-5635 or 928-4594. 150-TFC

For Rent: 3 bedroom house, stove, refrigerator, washer and dryer, ceiling fans, fenced yard \$300 month, \$150 deposit, 928-5194. 134-TFC

For Rent: 2 bedroom rock house, stove, refrigerator, \$250 a month, \$150 deposit, 2 blocks from school. 928-5194. 134-TFC

Mobil Home for lease with option to buy, two bedroom, 1 bath, completely furnished, one bedroom has a king sized bed, before 5 call 692-0702 after 5 call 928-4034. 107-TFC

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For Rent: 2 bedroom, living room, dining room, kitchen, central air and heat, stove, refrigerator, washer, dryer, edge of town on 1 acre. \$375 per month, \$150 deposit. Call 928-5194. 142-TFC

Mobil home spaces for rent in Merkel, \$35 per month Pat McAllister 846-4715 or 846-4696. 146-TFC

For Rent or Sale: 3 bedroom trailer, furnished, rent \$300 a month, sale \$10,000, 112 Manchester, Rex Martin, 928-5583. 150-2tc

For Rent: Furnished or unfurnished house 3 bedroom, two baths. Contact Margie Baker, Ph. 928-4512 Available by March 1st. 150-4tc

REAL ESTATE

Land For Sale: 1 1/2 to 3 1/2 acre tracts available. Owner financing with low down payment, call Ray Pack 928-4916 after 6. 146-4tc

Must sell in Merkel. 3 bedroom brick home, fireplace, utility room, nice fenced yard, large covered patio, double carport. Equity or new loan. 846-3191 or 928-5970. 149-3tp

For Sale: one story house, 2 bedroom, living room, dining room, kitchen, 1 bath, has central heat, in good location, priced to sell, call Cyrus Pee 928-5613. 145-TFC

Mobile Home For Sale: good starter home, new carpeting, set up on lot, a tin shed and a wooden shed, porch, underpinned, 2 bedroom, 1 bath, 2 window air conditioners. Call 928-5650, \$9,000. 120-TFC

Nice Doublewide mobile home for sale, cheap \$12,000.00 Must sell soon, occupied at this time, needs little work and must be moved. 928-4902. 126-TFC

For Sale: Nice 3 bedroom Austin stone home at 1400 Heath Street. Water well, stone fence, call 928-4144, 928-5765 or (915) 353-4872 after 4 p.m. 144-4tc

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Garage Sales

Garage Sale: 411 Runnels, Friday and Saturday, 9:00 until ? 150-1tp

Inside Porch Sale: 1 mile North of Wylie Truck Stop, follow signs, lots of childrens clothes. 150-1tp

4 Family Garage Sale: Saturday only, Men's, Women's and Children's clothes, dishes, books, toys, some furniture, knick-knacks, and more, South of Railroad tracks East of Cherry, 406 Orange. 150-1tp

Yard Sale: Many house hold and camping items, clothing all sizes, 1411 S. 11th, Thursday the 6th and Friday the 7th. 9-5. 150-1tp

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF INCORPORATION
 -Notice is hereby given that CONSOLIDATED PLUMBING, whose principal business office is at 102 Kent, Merkel, Taylor County, Texas, became incorporated on September 10, 1985 with-out a change of firm name.
 DATED January 16, 1986.
 CONSOLIDATED PLUMBING, INC.
 BY: GREG FISHER
 President
 148-18-4tc

THE STATE OF TEXAS
 To: CAMEO BROADCASTING, INC., ALSO dba KMIO BROADCASTING, INC., - CO Defendant.
 Greetings:
 You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Defendant Big Country First Amended Counterclaim & Cross Claim 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 10th day of March 1986, at or before 10 o'clock A.M. before the Honorable 104th DISTRICT Court of TAYLOR County, Texas, at the Court House of said Court in ABILENE, Texas.

LOST: A week ago, tools and a linemans bag from Merkel TV Cable. Reward Offered. Call 928-4750. 150-1tc

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NOTIFICATION

Due to the death of Dr. W.T. Sadler and the closing of his clinic in Merkel, Texas. Medical records will be available through Feb. 28, 1986. Request for a copy of your Medical Records must be made from your Physician with your signed release accompanying this request. A fee of \$10.00 will be charged for copying and handling plus postage. Address Requests to Vivian Davis, 808 Locust, Merkel, Texas 79536. Telephone 928-5851. Requests for copies will be honored through Feb. 28, 1986. 148-3tc

I want to buy, good pocket watch, skill saw, hearing aide, an old cultivator, Oscar McLean 928-5760. 150-1tc

Lost Dog: Large gray and white border collie with black patches, female, very friendly, Reward, 928-4177. 150-1tc

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CARD OF THANKS

I want to express my deep appreciation to neighbors, friends and relatives for their many kindnesses to me during my stay in the hospital and convalescence. Especially do I wish to thank John Wagoner, Lynward Harrison, Derrell and Jynell Farmer and Blanche Hewitt, who were constantly with me during the roughest of this period. People in Merkel have been exceptionally nice to my wife and me since we have moved back here. Words cannot express our gratitude.
 H.E. Farmer
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TEXAS, this the 20th day of JANUARY A.D. 1986.

Attest:
 Rilla Mahoney,
 District Clerk,
 104th Dist. Court,
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 By Rita Moore, Deputy.
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