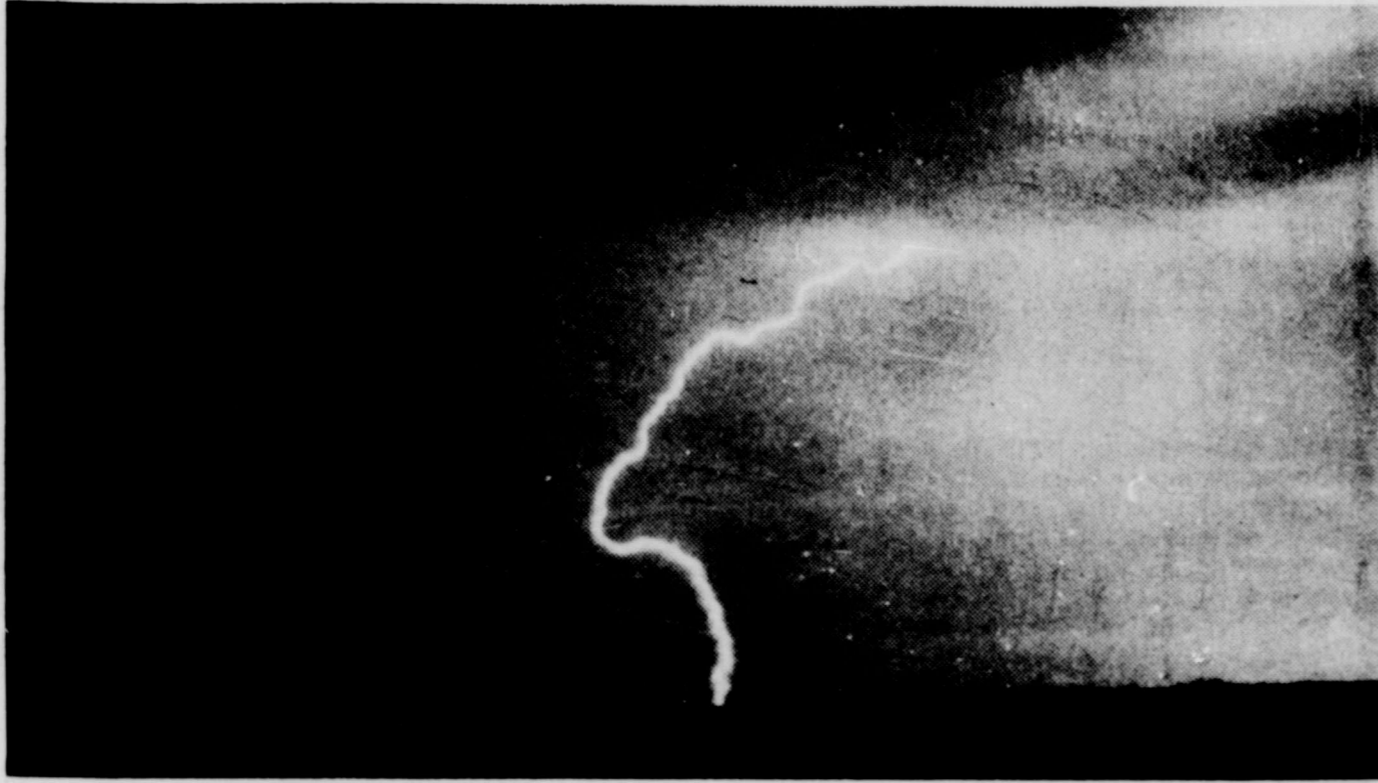


The Merkel Mail

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Our 99th Year



§ The first spring thunderstorm of 1987 rolled through the area Monday evening.

The thunderheads put on quite a show South of Merkel late Monday afternoon. Staff photo

April 4th will be busy as ballots will be cast in local, county elections

—April 4th will be a busy day here as Merkel, Trent and Tye will all hold city elections and the county will be holding a special election on the 911 emergency response phone system. Merkel and Trent's school districts will also be holding trustee elections. Absentee voting in all local elections, including the county elections, has already started. If you wish to vote absentee in any of the local races, go by your City Hall or school office and do so. To vote absentee in the county election in person, you must go to the elections office in the Taylor County Courthouse.

The special county election to fund the 911 emergency phone system was called after a group of citizens requested that system to Taylor County's Commissioner's Court. According to Merkel Fire Department officials, the 911 would increase their quality of service because Merkel will have its own system. Calls placed from the Merkel area will be routed through a local dispatcher. Cost to local taxpayers has been estimated at 20 cents per month.

you cast your ballots in the November general elections. School and city elections will be located in their normal places. Merkel school and city voters will vote at the high school gym

There has been one change in the local election scene, as William Norton has withdrawn from the Place 7 MISD board race. Norton is a WTU employee and that company prohibits employees from serving in elected positions.

Spring sports schedules set

Merkel High's spring sports program is going full steam as Merkel is fielding boys and girls teams in track, tennis and golf as well as a high school baseball team.

The following are schedules for those sports.

High School Baseball

The district has a new team this year as Wylie has joined Merkel and Clyde playing 5 AAA Baseball.

March 20 Wylie at Merkel 5 p.m.
March 31 Merkel at Albany 5 p.m.
April 7 Clyde at Merkel 5 p.m.

April 10 Merkel at Wylie 6:30 p.m.
April 21 Merkel at Clyde 6:30 p.m.
April 24 Wylie at Merkel 5 p.m.
May 5 Clyde at Merkel 5 p.m.
May 8 Merkel at Wylie 6:30 p.m.

Merkel High Track

The track teams have already traveled to two meets this year, winning the Anson Relays and placing 4th in Brownwood.

Remaining meets include this weekend's Breckenridge meet, a March 28th trip to San Angelo, an April 4th meet at Wylie and an April 11th meet at Colorado City. The district meet is April 18 at

Wylie. Regionals are May 1 in Odessa and the state meet is May 14, 15 & 16 in Austin.

High School Golf

The boys are playing in Winters today (tee time 10 a.m.) and will also travel to Eastland March 23 for an 8:30 a.m. tee off.

On March 24th, the girls travel to Winters and the girls travel to Breckenridge on April 6th. The boys go to Colorado City on April 7 and both teams will participate in the Abilene Tournament April 16-17th.

Merkel Art Association plans Sunday show

An Arts & Crafts show will be held from 1 until 4 p.m. at Heritage Hall Sunday. The show is open to the public and items will

not be sold at the show. Those wishing to enter arts and crafts should bring their entries to the hall Saturday from 9 a.m. until Noon. Entries must be picked up

by 5 p.m. Sunday. The show is sponsored by the Merkel Art Association. This will be a good opportunity to see some of the talent of our surrounding area residents.

Board, ballots, Art show...more...

by Cloy A. Richards

I want to remind our readers of a long-term standing policy **The Mail** has for letters to the editor. We will not print letters that urge a vote for any particular candidate in any election. You may urge voters to study candidates, issues, whatever but we made a deal a long time ago, about 8½ years ago in fact.

We agreed then that **The Mail** would never tell readers how to vote as long as you didn't try to tell our readers how to vote.

One more tidbit on the Merkel school board race. Each candidate in the MISD election received a questionnaire from **The Mail** this week and their responses will be printed in the April 2nd edition. That edition will be delivered to every U. S. Postal Service customer within MISD as we will be "sample mailing" the paper that week.

The United Girls Softball Association board members and any interested parents will be meeting Monday at 7:30 p.m. at Taylor

Electric's Community Room. The purpose of the meeting is to fill several vacancies on the board and to finalize registration plans for the 1987 season.

Any nominations, volunteers or help will be appreciated and anyone is invited to attend. No, if you are wondering, I haven't heard a word about Little League baseball this season. I will let you know as soon as I do.

MISD superintendent Bill Everett was surprised Wednesday afternoon as about 65 teachers and administrators wished him well. Everett announced he would retire from public schools on Sept. 1st of this year.

The hastily called show of support for the superintendent was well attended by local school professionals.

I was both shocked and pleased with the editorial in Monday's **Abilene Reporter News**.

The paper said it did not agree with the use of corporal punishment in the public schools. As a former \$1 a day reader

now cut back to 50 cents because of the demise of the evening paper, I haven't seen that many local **ARN** editorials that disagreed with local policies and the AISD does use corporal punishment.

The Merkel Art Association will be holding an Arts & Crafts show here Sunday at Heritage Hall. Items on display will not be for sale but it is a great chance to see work by local artists.

I haven't been able to find out too much about the 911 emergency phone response system election that will be coming up for Taylor County voters on April 4th.

I do know this. Merkel's fire and ambulance services are in favor of the system. They both say they will be able to better serve the public with the 911 system. Merkel will have a local dispatcher handling those calls and response time should be even faster.

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MISD board hears complaints, praise; offers teacher contracts

The Merkel school board met Tuesday night in regular session. About 80 citizens attended the meeting as two citizens presented complaints about Merkel High policies in open session, two requested to appear before the board in executive session and two spoke in praise of Merkel High. The board also offered teacher contracts for the 1987-88 school year.

The meeting started with approval of minutes from the last regular session and three special meetings. Board members then paid bills of \$88,625.16.

Betty Vinson of Merkel was the first to speak against school policies, as well as a list of grievances concerning policies on discipline, spending and hiring. She also protested a 10 minute time limitation the agenda required for each person to speak before the board.

Barbara Peek also presented the board a proposed discipline policy and guidelines. She asked for a discipline committee to be formed.

Billy Bob Neff of Merkel read a letter of praise to the school board. He commended the school

board and the administration for living lifestyles that people can look up to and told board members that hatred and suspicion have never solved any problems.

Following Mr. Neff, a representative of Merkel High teachers presented Merkel High principal Larry Curry a certificate of appreciation for the school's discipline policy.

Board members then approved the textbooks for the 1987-88 school year, as well as a policy book update. The board then approved a job training proposal being offered through Merkel High and the West Central Texas Council of Governments to students who are at least 16 years of age.

Interested high school students should contact Merkel High counselor Donna Adams.

Mrs. Adams also presented a summer school proposal. Merkel High now requires students pass four year of english and require completion of lower level english before a student can enroll in a higher level course. Students will now be able to take summer english remedial classes here for a \$100 fee. Of the \$100 fee, \$75 will

go to the teacher and \$25 to the district for building usage costs.

Following a two hour executive session, board members announced their decisions on the teaching staff for MISD for the 1987-88 school year.

The board accepted resignations from two Merkel elementary teachers, Mrs. Johansen and Mr. Utley. Utley will complete his master's degree at ACU and will be entering the ministry full-time. Merkel Elementary also did not rehire Lisa Williams because her position will not be open next year.

All teachers at Tye Elementary Merkel Middle School and Merkel High School will be offered contracts. Girls coach Patty Jones was not offered a contract next year at the request of the superintendent and the athletic director. The board hired Mrs. McClintock as a special education teacher at Merkel High school.

The board then heard from three citizens during the open forum session of the meeting and told Barbara Peek they would have an answer on her proposed discipline committee at the next board meeting.

Cotton marketing loan boosting sales

The cotton marketing loan provisions of the current farm bill has given a big boost to the entire cotton industry, says an economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, the Texas A & M University System.

"The marketing loan, which adjusts the price of U. S. cotton to the world market price, has made American cotton more competitive abroad," points out Dr. Carl Anderson. "The result has been increased world trade, reduced

foreign acreage and production, and expanded consumption of U. S. cotton."

All this has has a positive effect on the U. S. cotton producer and the cotton industry although government costs to fund the program (difference between world market price and government loan) have increases, says the economist. At the same time, global cotton prices have made a remarkable recovery from the low levels of mid-1986, and that means

future government costs should be reduced.

"The marketing loan really gave a boost to cotton exports," notes Anderson. "After Aug. 1, 1986, when the marketing loan was implemented, export commitments shot up. Almost 5 million bales went into the export market the next three months compared to less than 2 million bales for all

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Bake sale will benefit local heart patient

A bake sale will be held Saturday at the Ben Franklin Store to benefit Wayne Lightfoot. Please open your hearts and help this family. On Feb. 7th, Wayne

had a heart attack and was in Humana Hospital in CCU. He is home now and doing well, but he still may face heart surgery. His family has no income and

are in great need of our support. Donations will be welcomed.

If you would like to help in any way with the bake sale, contact Kay Bishop at 928-4838.

Red Cross disaster van will visit city

March is Red Cross Month and the American Red Cross disaster van and canteen will be here March 24th from 10:30 a.m. until

1:30 p.m. The van will be located on the vacant lot at the corner of N. 2nd & Edwards.

The Red Cross is inviting all Merkelites to come get acquainted and learn more about their services.

USDA food distribution set April 4th

A USDA food commodity distribution will be held here April 4th.

The distribution will take place at the Merkel Volunteer Fire Department.

Citizens who feel they may be

eligible and have not yet completed an application may do so any weekday at City Hall. March 26th is the deadline to sign up for the April 4th distribution.

If you registered for the Feb-

ruary distribution, you do not need to do so again. Your eligibility has been certified for one full year.

More information is available by contacting City Hall.



MISD superintendent Bill Everett (left) was given a show of support last Wednesday by MISD teachers and

administrators. The superintendent announced he would retire from public schools Sept. 1.

Staff photo

How about a different conversation topic ?

From Page One

It will cost each county taxpayer around 20 cents per month. The polling places will be in the same location you voted in November's General election.

Which can be different from where you will cast your school and city ballots, also on April 4th.

Most Merkelites will cast their school-city ballot at the Merkel High Gym and their county ballot at the Merkel Senior Citizens Building.

We will have more on the 911 emergency phone system before April 4th's election.

The Merkel school board met Tuesday night and heard complaints from five speakers about Merkel High policies and also drew some praise from some Merkel High teachers and a local citizen.

I know what some of you are already thinking, because you

have told me the same thing in person.

A lot of folks out there are sick and tired of hearing all these horror stories, rumors and just generally bad things about Merkel's High School.

Then there are some folks that are telling me they are generally concerned about a few things.

Then others are telling me we need to get on with the program and get back to educating children.

The public's interest in the corporal punishment issue must have had a whole lot of effect on last Tuesday's vote for a new discipline option at the high school. Three weeks earlier the board had voted to affirm the old discipline policy which allowed corporal punishment for the first time violation of rules in the high school.

Yessir, it's been one of those

dangled if you do, dangled if you don't type situations.

All in all, I think the citizens of this community has handled the controversy pretty well. I'm sure people on both sides of the issue have said some things they regret since this whole thing started. Name me one controversy where that type of thing hasn't happened. You think Ronald Reagan hasn't kicked himself a few times for things he has said since his Iranian mess was revealed ?

This is a school system I have seen grow from having it's certification taken away by a national accreditation agency

eight years ago, to a AAA high school that offers programs that schools our size don't. And a lot of them were in place before House Bill 72 required them to be.

No one is saying evrything has been sugar and spice. I'll bet even Larry Curry, the high school principal would tell you he's made a few mistakes while performing his job. Before you putty in that last pane on your glass house, you might ought to get rid of the rest of the rocks nearby.

As far as the paper is concerned, we are going to tell you what goes on during the school board meetings. Not everything said, uttered or read will be printed in the news articles. Some folks like to read about other things.

Even if everyone connected with this newspaper is a little tired of the same topic of conversation.

What this town needs now is for some good things to happen. Wouldn't it be great to have the topic of conversation changed.

Farm loan program boosts cotton exports

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of 1985. Domestic sales also accelerated and may be at the highest level for the 1986-87 marketing year since 7.25 million bales were sold in 1975.

Competitive prices and the marketing loan triggered an 11 percent decline in global cotton acreage from 1984 to 1986, notes Anderson. The slide was particularly sharp in China, where plantings dropped 36 percent. At the same time, world cotton consumption has increased due to the increasing popularity of natural fibers for apparel use. World cotton trade for the '86-87 marketing year is expected to jump 3

million bales to about 23 million. With these kinds of happenings, prospects look good for the U. S. to regain its past market share of about 30 percent of the international market.

Production in the export nations has dropped from 75 percent more than use in 1984 to only 30 percent more than use, notes the economist. As a result, ending stocks to use in export nations are declining to the lowest levels in three years.

"If the U. S. can keep a flexible cotton program with a price that is competitive on the world market, export prospects look good," says Anderson. There are

savings from reduced CCC storage costs and loan forfeitures, and the increase in exports of both raw cotton and cotton textiles means increased economic activity.

The economist also estimates that direct government costs will likely decrease as much as 50 percent in 1987 and remain low in 1988 due to higher marketing prices.

"Program costs under the marketing loan will be considerably less than without it," emphasizes Anderson. "The marketing loan stimulates economic activity from increased exports and the indirect benefits of the increased U. S.

textile mill activity. With U. S. mills operating on a competitive basis against foreign mills and favorable currency relationships, textile imports decline from current high levels."

Anderson adds that the marketing loan makes U. S. agriculture more competitive as well as more productive while letting the global marketplace play a key roll in adjusting production levels. Yet, U. S. farm exports must compete against foreign governments that have been willing to subsidize their producers and exports. Thus, U. S. producers must remain highly productive to compete against low-cost foreign labor and rapidly improving technology abroad.

"This means that strong trade policies and trade agreements are essential to maintaining and expanding exports," emphasizes the economist. "A balanced program of macroeconomic policy designed to reduce the federal deficit, co-ordinated trade policies, and a market-sensitive and flexible farm policy are all needed for U. S. cotton to compete effectively with foreign production."

There's no place like home -- let's keep the Texas Homestead Protection

By Jim Hightower



With disastrous economic times on the farm, the proposal now before the State Legislature to eliminate the long-standing Texas Homestead Protection would hit Texas farmers and ranchers at a time when they are totally vulnerable. Because of bad national farm policy, thousands of Texas farmers and ranchers are being driven out of business, while many more are holding onto their operations by their fingernails. Since 1981, 49,000 Texas farms have gone out of business. Between the summers of 1985 and 1986, 17,000 Texas farms closed down. Another 24,000 farms are having increasing difficulty making ends meet, with estimates that 600 Texas farm families are being forced out of business every month. Nationwide, the U. S. farm debt is greater than the total national debts of Argentina and Brazil combined. The last thing our farmers need is to shoulder more debt and risk losing the roofs over their families' heads.

But that's exactly what they face in a proposed amendment to the Texas Constitution that would remove the historic homestead protection from that century-old state charter. Simply stated, the Texas Homestead Protection says you cannot lose your home if you are unable to pay your bills, with the exception of debts for house payments, taxes and home-improvement loans. In the city, the family home and up to one acre of land are protected. In the country, a family farm or ranch house and up to 200 acres of land are protected from forced sale for payment of debts. If there is one thing a struggling Texas farm family does not need or want right now, it's a requirement that the family home and that last 200 acres be sacrificed in order to go deeper in debt.

While there are a good many reasons to live in Texas, the Homestead provision is one of the best. It was created in 1839 by the Republic of Texas in response to the Panic of 1837, in which thousands of citizens were forced out of house and home. While the rest of the country was recognizing a person's right not to be seized and thrown in jail for failure to pay debts, Texas went a step further. The State Constitution extended that right to cover a person's home and ability to put

food on their family's table. Though a number of states subsequently followed Texas' example, they have in recent years given in to strong pressure by various money interests--leaving Texas with the strongest homestead protection of any state in the nation.

The Texas Homestead Protection is a critical safeguard for farm owners and homeowners, particularly in hard times. The reports by counselors for the Texas Farm Crisis Hotline attest to the fact that, though thousands of farms have gone under in Texas, for the most part the farm families still have roofs over their heads, unlike their Midwest

counterparts. That's due solely to constitutional protection of the Texas homestead.

No one can argue that Texas farmers and ranchers are hard-working, enterprising people.

Homestead Protection is a great example of how the law functions to safeguard the honest, working citizens of our state. The Texas economy is hurting bad enough on the farm and in our cities that we shouldn't make it worse.

For our future's sake, we must keep the Texas Homestead Protection.

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Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

As a mother of six graduates of Merkel High School, I would like to express my appreciation to the faculty and school board, both past and present, of the Merkel Independent School District.

My children attended MISD from 1973 to 1984. I feel the faculty and school board were responsible for the excellent education my children received. Those six children are graduated with honors. Those six children also received discipline in school and at home as they progressed through school. (Dr. Spock was not a household name in our home.) To impress upon you the quality education they received, one is a graduate of Texas A & M with a B.S. degree in civil engineering, is employed in that career field and is currently working on his masters degree at the University of Houston. One holds a B. S. degree in mathematics and is teaching high school math in another state. Two are currently enrolled in college, plus each holds a responsible job. Two chose to marry shortly after graduating from MISD, both do have background in bookkeeping and office procedures.

They all received a part or all of the foundation for their education in the MISD system. The older children received only part, as they entered MISD as a senior and the other a sophomore.

My reasons for writing this letter, however, are two-fold. In the twenty three years that I have had children in public school systems, this is the first time I have felt overwhelmingly compelled to speak out concerning a situation such as the present one at MISD. In addition to my concerns, the recent flood of letters to the editor of the Abilene Reporter News has incited me to attempt to make clear the misconception involving the school discipline program (ie) the belief that concerned parents and citizens are opposing discipline, per se.

There is a small percentage of parents "hysterical" if you will, who are loudly voicing their opinion against "corporal punishment." They too feel justified in their opposition. There are those who feel spankings for serious or repeated infraction are necessary. They are, however, concerned with the degree to which spankings are administered.

The parents want the choice whether their child is to be spanked or not spanked. The parents of my daughter's freshman math class in Almagordo, N.M. were given that choice. It is not a new concept-- that was in 1970.

These parents also want a female faculty member, with a female witness, to administer the spankings to female students.

TV coverage of the concerned parents meeting did not give adequate coverage of the "constructive" ideas that were given.

I was impressed by the high school student who spoke to the group under rather adverse circumstances. He was applauded by a large percentage of those in attendance when he left the podium. I feel he improved others as well as myself.

I signed the petition against Corporal Punishment for two reasons. One: I was appalled when I saw the bruises on the body of the MISD student. Two: I do not believe in corporal punishment; if one refers to Webster's New World Dictionary, one will find that the juxtaposition of "corporal" and "punishment" denotes a deplorable connotation.

Our young parents are faced with the teachings of Dr. Spock, pediatricians, psychologists, and psychiatrists telling them how mentally and physically harmful it is to spank children. This concept was also taught in HECE classes my daughter was enrolled in while in junior high and high schools in Arizona, Missouri and Texas. The basic premise in the teachings is to divert the child's attention to a positive activity rather than use negative reinforcement or spankings. She has since learned the value of spanking as well as a hug and love as versus continued diversionary tactics which lead to mother becoming frazzled.

Let us hope other young parents, or parents of any age for that matter, will realize that discipline beyond diversion is sometimes necessary. Discipline must begin at home and at an early age. Not when the child reaches school age and has already formed habits and characteristics that will follow the child through life.

In the eleven years my children were enrolled in the MISD there have been a number of obstacles which MISD has had to overcome: a fire, an influx of students

causing over-crowding, loss of tax revenues due to bankruptcy of a major business, the general state of the economy, and last but not necessarily least, House Bill 72.

I believe the school board and faculty should be applauded for bringing our school up to the high standards of academics that MISD students now enjoy.

Bonnie J. Fariello

To the Editor:

On April 4th, we the registered voters in this community, will elect three members to the MISD board of trustees.

Our entire educational process here in Merkel has been in turmoil the past few weeks thanks to a small group of individuals who are more interested in sensationalism and recognition on the evening news than on the education of our children.

Discipline begins at home, and is the responsibility of parents, and cannot be delegated or passed off to others. If our children experience their only discipline at school, then we have so many problems at the school house that we don't get around to much in the way of education. On most occasions, I believe the paddle is needed at school because it was never used at home. I also believe that some of the administrators of the paddle at school got carried away with what they were trying to accomplish. This should not happen again.

All students should be entitled to one infraction of the rules and a stiff warning prior to the paddle. Children who continue to disrupt others at school need to be returned to the custody of the parents for discipline and further education by whatever means the parents decide on.

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Once the excitement of the past few weeks fade away, we return to the business of public education of our children. We face some tough days ahead as state and federal funds disappear and the taxpayers of the district are saddled with increased costs of providing public education. I would urge you to take a serious look at each of the candidates and then get out and vote on April 4th.

Earnest Reynolds

To The Editor:

My heart is saddened at the events that have been occurring in the school which my children attend. Not many years ago, I watched as MISD went from a down-trodden school with some of the lowest morale seen and experienced, to what it has become today. The High School band went from low man on the totem pole to #1 several times; teachers once again smiled, laughed and spoke their expertise. The football team began to improve more and more year by year. I could go on but I won't.

Superintendent Bill Everett took charge of a "washed up tug" and made it into a "Sailable ship." How time erases good points in history! How soon we forget!

Merkel does have problems, some of them "norms"; some are not and need working on; but the question I'm wondering is . . . Where do we go from here? Yes, the spanking incident was unfortunate. . . . but what now?

Those involved in the uprising are some of the ones that have absolutely no control over their own children. They are known throughout the town. They wouldn't correct or use "corporal punishment" on their own children because it's already too late. But still they cry "don't beat our kids."

Folks, if we abolish the guide-

lines . . . if we take away the rules, what do we have? Respect for authority is a must in our society. Without it, there is nothing. We cannot give up on this. Think about it. School training in the area of authority is a prerequisite in becoming an adult. If kids can't

make it through junior high and high school because they don't like it or they don't like the administration or authority . . . or with they respect and obey authority on the job site? . . . or with law enforcement?

Parents, children are not just a warm body to feed and board for

18 years. We are examples and role models. What do our children learn from us? To balk at, argue with and fight school officials, employers, neighbors, family, law officials? I ask you with urgency . . . what now?

Donna J. McCartney

Fortnightly group holds meeting

Mrs. Perry Rogers was hostess and Mrs. S. C. Dixon was co-hostess for the March 10th meeting of the Fortnightly Study Club in Mrs. Rogers home.

Mrs. Allen King presided over the business meeting as committee reports were heard and plans completed for attending the Mesquite District TFWC Convention in Snyder March 20 & 21.

The Federation counselor's re-

port was given by Edna Hill on Action Plans as given by our District President, Mrs. Archie Nichols, taken from *Texas Club-woman* magazine.

Ruby Hammon announced the program. The club collect was led by Mary Collins. Lynn Banres sang a medley of songs, accompanied by Lucy Haynes. Becky Rogers presented an informative report on the AARP convention in Anaheim, Ca which

she and her husband attended.

Those present were Lynn Barnes, our guest and members Grace Lee Brown, Mary Collins, Bess Dixon, Anna Lou Ferguson, Mildred Hamm, Ruby Hammon, Lucy Haynes, Edna Hill, Madelon Horton, Joyce Jay, Alice King, Aileen Knight, Leota Patterson, Becky Rogers, Alwyne Sandusky, Ida Seymore, Anna Belle Shouse, Clara B. Walla, Maurine White and Lucille Wilson.

Youth invited to discipleship program

The Youth workers at the First Baptist Church in Trent are inviting all area youth to attend the "Discipleship Program" held March 27 & 28 in the church.

This will be a study program instructing young people how to

live and walk daily in a relationship with the Lord. It will start Friday at 6 p.m. and concludes Saturday at 9:30 p.m.

The young people will be staying with Christian couples overnight. The program is being led by the

youth directors and young adult couples in the church. There is a cost of \$10 per person for the study materials, all food and transportation is provided.

If you are a young person and are interested, phone Tamara at 736-6014 or John at 673-7089.

Xi Nu Chi elects 1987-88 officers

Xi Nu Chi met March 10th in the club room of the Pleasantville Apartments.

Sandra Wurst presented a program on learning how to be a more efficient warrior.

An election of the 1987-88 officers. The new slate of officers is Nancy Johnson, president; Sandra Wurst, vice-president; Ju-

dy Elliott, recording secretary; Nancy Duncan, corresponding secretary; Donna Bryan, treasurer; Anita Allen, extension officer; Connie Harris, city council representative.

Hostess Nancy Duncan served refreshments to members Anita Allen, Donna Bryan, Judy Elliott, Connie Harris, Mary Hill, Nancy

Johnson, Minyon Seymore and Sandra Wurst.

On March 14th, club members Anita Allen, Connie Harris, Mary Hill, Minyon Seymore and Sandra Wurst attended Beta Sigma Phi's Spring Rituals and Luncheon at the Petroleum Club in Abilene. Connie Harris and Minyon Seymore were honored in the Order of the Rose Ritual and presented yellow roses and certificates.

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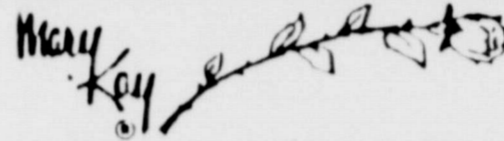
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Obituaries

Charles Tandy

Charles Mills Tandy, 17, of Merkel, died March 18th at his home here.

Graveside funeral services were held Tuesday at Rose Hill Cemetery here with Father David Puckett, officiating. Starbuck Funeral Home of Merkel was in charge of the arrangements.

Born November 9, 1969 in Alameda, Ca., he had lived in

Engelbert, Switzerland, Montana, Merkel and Abilene.

He enjoyed skiing and was a state champion weightlifter in Montana in 1985.

He is survived by his mother and father, Kerry and LeAnne Tandy of Merkel; a brother Hart Tandy of Merkel; a sister, Kandece Horton of Miami and his grandmother, Mrs. Robert E. Hester of Shreveport, La.

Zana Young

Zana Kathryn Young, 80 of Merkel, died March 13th at the Rolling Plains Memorial Hospital in Sweetwater.

Funeral services were held at the Starbuck Chapel March 17th with the Rev. Wayne Keller, officiating. Burial followed at Elmwood Memorial Park in Abilene under the direction of the Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born Sept. 19, 1906 in Kosse, located in Limestone County, Texas, she was the daughter of Wylie Brown Lofland and Sarah Clyde David. She was a public school teacher for 37 years and held a Master's degree from McMurry College in Abilene. She lived here for 23 years.

She taught school in Boyd Chapel, Noodle, Hermleigh, Trent, Roscoe, Rankin, Merkel, and Mineral Wells, where she retired.

Both of her sisters were also school teachers.

She was a Baptist. She had married John O'is Young Sept. 3, 1928. He passed away Oct. 1, 1982.

She is survived by four sons, John of Merkel, David of Dallas, Billy of Livingston and Tommy of San Angelo; a daughter, Zana Beth Scott of Midland; a brother, William Lofland of Rust; two sisters, Oleene McLeod of Livingston, N. M. and Fay Johnson of Odessa; ten grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

Lena McCaa

Goldia Malone of Merkel attended last rites for her sister, Lena McCaa, 86, who died Feb. 28 in Panorama Hospital in Los Angeles.

Services were held at the Old North Chapel in Los Angeles by

Dr. Forest Lawn. Mrs. McCaa is survived by three daughters: Eltha Pillars of Dallas, June Eiderton of Phoenix, Mrs. Edwards of Simi Valley, Ca.; eleven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Merkelite's son in military exercise

Sgt. 1st Class Marvin L. Jowers recently participated in "Roadrunner '87" a corps level command post exercise staged throughout a 16 county area in Texas.

Jowers, whose mother and

stepfather are Mr. & Mrs. G. E. Spencer of 114 Mockinbird Lane, Georgetown, is a cavalry scout with the 2nd Armored Division at Fort Hood, Texas. His father is Marvin Jones of Rt. 1, Merkel.

Piano recital set here

Mrs. Ronny Doan will present her students in their annual spring recital Monday at 7 p.m. The recital will be held at the First United Methodist Church here.

Students participating include Brandy Casper, April Duncan, Dana Hammond, Richa Hill, Christy Hill, Lillian Leach, Rendi Meeks and April Pruitt.

Also, Gay Lynn Robertson, Lana Rogers, Lisa Seymore, Shana Seymore, Shelly Seymore,

Trent lunch menu

The following is the Trent ISD menu for Thursday & Friday. There will be no school next week as it is Spring Break.

March 19: breakfast: juice, biscuits & sausage, milk Lunch: spaghetti & meat sauce, english peas, salad, peanut butter cups, tea or milk.

March 20: breakfast: juice, toast, jelly, milk Lunch: hamburgers, fries, pears, cookies, tea or milk.



Mrs. James Wright

Downey to present recital

Betty Downey of Big Spring, a senior at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin will perform an organ recital March 22 at the First Baptist Church in Odessa.

She is the piano accompanist at the First Baptist Church in Big Spring and is a 1968 graduate of

Trent High School.

Her parents are Marvin and Vera Sharp of Trent. Vera has been the pianist and organist at the First Baptist Church in Trent for over 25 years. Vera also donates her time and musical ability to many of the high school and community functions.

Trent downs McCaulley in match

The Trent High tennis team played a match with McCaulley last week.

In the boys action, they won three of four matches.

In singles, Simon DeLa Cruz defeated Erick Martinez 8-0; and Sam Jones also defeated Martinez 8-2.

In doubles, Lee Hunt and Chris Simpson won 8-0 and Dock

Garriger and Billy Clark lost a 7-8 match.

In girls singles action, Veronica DeLa Cruz defeated Marci Stevenson 8-6 and Luci Masonheimer also defeated Stevenson 8-0.

The tennis team will be playing Roby this week and will play in the Rotan tennis tournament during spring break March 26 & 27.

Elliott-Wright repeat vows here Saturday

Tami Lynn Elliott and James Leroy Wright were married Saturday at the First United Methodist Church here.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Ricky Elliott of Merkel. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Bill Owens of Tye.

Dusti Whisenhunt was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Lisa Leddy, cousin of the bride from College Station and Kristy Elliott, sister of the bride.

Best man was Tim Carter. Groomsmen were Dean Franklin of Trent and Tim Baber of Merkel. Candelighters were Wendy Elliott, sister of the bride and Lanae Baker. Steven Register, brother-

in-law of the bridegroom and Chris Wright, brother of the bridegroom, were ushers. Kelly Riney registered the guests.

Organist was Vicki Lay and soloist was Kathy Banks, both of Abilene.

John Wagoner, pastor, officiated.

Serving at the reception table were Shannon Barnes, Angela Cannon, Melissa Davis and Robin Register, sister of the groom.

Both were graduated from Merkel High School. The bride will graduate from Cisco Junior College in May with an associate's degree. The bridegroom is employed by the United States Army.

Mulberry Canyon fire group sets Saturday workday

The Mulberry Canyon Volunteer Fire Department will be holding a workday Saturday starting at 1 p.m.

Persons attending are asked to

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MISD honor students named

High school

The following is the Merkel High All A Honor Roll for the 4th six weeks grading period.

Laura Baker, Dayna Bentley, Tracy Bicknell, Shelly Brandon, Susan Brandon, Diana Brown,

Local girl on winning color guard team

The Mariah Winter Color Guard of Big Spring traveled to Denver last weekend to compete in the Rocky Mountain Regional competitions.

They won a first place in the Class A competition. The guard competed in Dallas a week earlier in the Southwest Regionals where they placed 1st in the Open Class. They have three more competitions this season in Houston for the state competition and then to the nationals in Dayton.

Kristen Kennedy, a senior at Merkel High school, is a member of Mariah.

Three local students

on TSTI honor list

Two students from Merkel were named to the President's Honor Roll and one was named to the dean's honor roll for the Winter Quarter at TSTI-Sweetwater.

Cheryl Clemmer and Weldon Tittle were named to the president's list with 4.0 grade point averages. Cheryl is a full time computer science major and Weldon is a part time student studying air conditioning and refrigeration technology.

Jenny Wilde is on the dean's list. She maintained a 3.6 grade point average and is studying automated office technology.

Local Girl Scouts

honor 75th anniversary

The Girl Scouts of America celebrated their 75th anniversary here last Thursday.

They met nationwide to honor the flag, their country and their association with a "Promise Circle."

Girls from five local troops gathered at the flagpole of Independent American Savings here for the ceremony.

Merkelite's granddaughter

Janice & Allen Phillips of Rising Star are proud to announce the birth of a daughter, Kali Larissa Phillips, born Feb 5th.

Kali's grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Winford Carrey of Merkel.

WWI Auxilliary meets

The Ladies Auxilliary of Veterans of World War I met at the home of Jewell Criswell.

She opened the meeting with a prayer from Ruth Cox.

Lunch was enjoyed by Ruth Cox, Anna Lou Ferguson, Parilee Gibson, Mabel McRee, Jewell Criswell, Billie Hartley.

MISD menu

The MISD menu is as follows:

March 19 beef & cheese tacos with sauce, pinto beans, shredded lettuce and tomatoes, pineapple chunks.

March 20th: Hot dogs with chili, fries, combination salad and choice of dressing, fig bars. No school March 23 through the 27th, Spring Break.

Compere club news

The Compere Extension Homemakers met in the home of Mrs. Ailene Terry March 13th. There were seven members and five visitors present.

County Extension agent Martha Alice Sprayberry presented the program "Texans War on Drugs". This includes many education programs.

Mrs. Sprayberry gave information on inhalant abuse. The list of dangerous products include many found commonly in homes. Abuse of inhalants can cause violent mood swings.

The San Angelo Region includes this area. Marion Golightly is the Region A coordinator. For more information on the Texans War on Drugs, contact her at 3132 Executive Drive, Suite 115, San Angelo 76904 or call 915-944-9516.

After the program, refreshments were served to Dolores Adair, Maud Busby, Evorie Dillard, Ginger Hoog, Amie Price, Annie Taylor, Ailene Terry and guests Elizabeth Meroney, Linda Bentley, Lisa Griffith, Martha Sprayberry and baby Sheena Griffin.

Their next meeting will be held March 26th in the home of Mrs. Hugh Taylor. The program will be on insurance.

Angela Cannon, Mi Hwa Chon, Son Mi Chon, Doyle Clary, Michelle Davis.

Lisa Donaldson, April Duncan, Kristy Elliott, Staci Ferguson, Marjean Flowers, Troy Flowers, Michael Gandy, Tricia Garrett, Shelly Gray, Abby Irvin, Stephen Jacobs, Stacie Johnson, Anissa Jones, Jeremy Judge.

Also, Steve Leverich, Dusty McLeod, Shawn Melton, Sheri Miles, David Miller, Melissa Morris, Pam Neff, Stacey Newberry, Debbie Pack.

Also, Gary Palmer, Brad Pierson, Kevin Pilgrim, Laurinda Powell, Sheri Riney, Shawn Miller, Penny Smith, Millie Sorreis, Deann Stevens, Tracy Stevens, Doug Taylor, Angela Thomas, Krista Toombs, Chip Townsend, Die Tran and Fondale Watson.

Also, Kim Welding, Tommy White, Michelle Woodard, Veronica Washington, Clara Herera and Kyle Coker.

A-B Honor roll:

Bridget Acuna, Gina Addington, Michael Adkins, Michelle Barnett, Doug Bauer, Steven Bauer, Walter Best, David Biera, Sabrina Boswell, Lee Cain, Janet Cavender, Albert Chavira, Dewayne Clark, Brad Cochran, Clay Crow.

Also, Michael Davis, Bonnie Devin, Russell Doan, Michelle Dudley, Toby DuPont, Amy Ferguson, Chance Ferguson, Chris Gaona, Jennifer Gaona, Travis Gober, Randy Graham, Monty Griggin, Lynn Hays, Richa Hill, Jeff Hobbs, Allan Isom, Lance Jones, Jonnie Martin.

Also, Terry Martin, Linda Munden, Tina Myatt, Scottie Myers, Shane Pietsch, Kevin Pilgrim, Anja Reyna, Chris Reyna, Cheryl Rucker, Ted Seymore, Gayle Shugart, Lu Amy Sloan, Jeff Steadman, Tracy Stevens.

Also, Darla Swinney, Teresa Lusk, Mechille Vera Cruz, April Walker, John Walsh, Billy Webb, Twyla Wilburn, Michele Williams, Michael Ybarra, Kim Richards, Maribel Borrego and Graci Molina.

Middle School

The following is the Merkel Middle School's Honor Roll for the fourth six week grading period.

All A 6th Grade Trinh Tran, Caleb Kelso, Minda Brnovak.

7th Grade Lillian Leach, Elizabeth Hernandez, Elynn Rutledge, Son Hui Chon, Kristi A. Smith, Chris Baber, Ben Balliew, Stephen Santee, James Melendez, Michelle Ingram, Michelle Bowman, Jennifer Hobbs, Annette Windham, Tanya Beasley and Cheryl Wood.

8th Grade: Phung Thao Tran, Brandon Toombs, Gene Henderson, Sean Leamon, Mike McFadden, Angie Wilborn.

A-B Honor Roll: Shane Massey, Belinda Moreno, Justin Combs, Mark Connors, Kenny Deluna, Jason Kofoid, Doug Hall, Austin Hill, Anna Rodriguez, Delayne Pack, Patrick Harrison, Andrea Richardson, Shayla Carter, Krystal West, Randy Gabriel, Sebastian Ascencio, David Melendez, Cody Tittle, Matthew Cavens, Jason Heuerman, Lori Snowden, Kim Isaacs, Renli Reynolds, Jennifer McKee, Shelly Seymore, Travis Sanders, Tammy Graham, Susan Holden, Mary Walker, Tony Windham, Donnie Windland, Howard Palmer.

7th Grade: Amanda Biera, Becca Dunagin, Peppy Avalos, Lori Best, Sharon Mack, Jan Taylor, William Clark, Todd Walters, Scott Cannon, Scott Walker, Taylor Scott, Marc Jenkins, Christy Russom, Lori Raynor, Dayna Doan, Mandy Barnett, Lisa Fenton, Hope Ward, Yvone Alexander, Hollis Deatheridge, Richard Smallridge, Becky Donaldson, Amy Gilmore, Lori Thompson.

8th Grade Karen Folkes, Melissa Cuellar, James Halsel, Michelle McMurry, Shelly White, Tammie Pierson, Betsy Hellums, Cara Kelso, Renee Melendez, Michelle Woodruff, April Griffith, Jamie Beasley, Jana Daniel, Jayma Goldsmith, Brandy Fenton, Daniel West, Kenneth Fickle, Angie Leverich, Lupe Quintero, Amy Welborn.

Elementary School

The following is the Merkel Elementary Honor Roll for the 4th six weeks grading period.

1st Grade All A: Christine Baker, Eric Beard, Shayla Boone, Brandy Bryan, Brittany Burton, Kacy Casady, Wesley Carter, Natalee Cravens, Kelli Delp, Cheryl Dodd, Anna Dutton, Nieries Gonzales, Tamra Helmer, Guillermo Hernandez, Brad Hicks, Tony Layher, John Ledezma, Brian Lerma, Justin Mann,

Christina McCarty, Monty Moore, Elia Morales, Mark Moreno, Jason Myers, Amy Pack, Tanya Rister, Nicholas Rodriguez, Scotty Rodriguez, Diana Rogge, Jeremy Sanders, Julie Sanders, Daniel Samples, Clay Sparks, Cameron Strange, Beki Stephens, Tamara Tarpley, Monetta Teague, Rachelle Van Zandt, Michael Voyles.

1st Grade A-B: Brandi Ascencio, Brandon Blue, Scooter Carmack, Candice Carson, Monty Clay, Chris Crouse, Jason Davis, James Dietz, Bryce Freeman, Nichole Giesler, Justin Gray, Brandi Gray, Jerry McFarland, Mike Miller, David Moody, Esther Morales, Tommy Navarrette, Duane Parsons, April Phillips, Brandy Rifenburg, Clint Sparks, Shaelett Sutterfield, Caroline Vera Cruz, Cory Walker, Robby Welborn, Aneka Wood, Stephanie Young.

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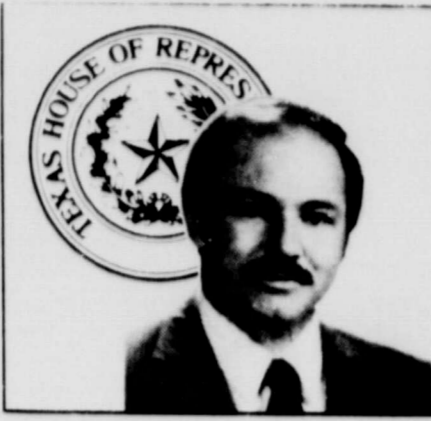
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by Stephen Carriker

Democratic president frontrunner Gary Hart met with members of the House Democratic Caucus last week, then went on to address the Senate. Hart endorsed the "Save The Family Farm" bill, sometimes called the Harkin-Hightower" bill. He went one-up on the farm bill's sponsor, Democratic rival Richard Gephardt, by suggesting even more far reaching measures such as collective bargaining powers for farmers. Democratic politicians across the country seem to be lining up in favor of the Texas-written alternative to the current costly and unpopular farm law.



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bill authorizing a pilot project for privately funded prisons. The Legislature sees this as a necessary first step in keeping Texas out of the federal courthouse and

keeping convicted criminals behind bars rather than out on the street.

Leaf rust is monitored

There is action in the Legislature to promote "truth-in-advertising" on constitutional amendments. I have co-authored a "Clear language" bill with Rep. Bob Richardson (R-Austin) that would require that proposition wording on the ballot would clearly explain to voters what they are deciding. Too often, constitutional amendments are worded to sell their idea rather than to inform the voters. The most flagrant example of this is perhaps the recent amendment to do away with the state's 100 year long prohibition of branch banking. Fearful that the voters would not accept a change in the banking laws, the authors of the amendment specified wording to "full-service banking" on the ballot. The bi-partisan effort by Rep. Richardson and myself would end this type of deception.

History was made last week when 82 percent of the House Republicans voted for increased taxes under the Clements tax plan. The tax bill which passed the House increases the sales and gasoline taxes on a permanent basis. A number of rural Democrats voted against the tax, saying it was part of a larger plan to gut services in rural areas like small school funding and the Extension Service. It was the contention of those Democrats that the bill making the spending decisions should be laid out on the table before asking Texans to pay more taxes.

The open-again, closed-again prison crisis is a growing concern. The House recognized the need for expanded prison space, and has passed and sent to the Governor a

Leaf rust again appears poised to deal a severe blow to the Texas wheat crop, and the Texas Agricultural Extension Service is staying abreast of the situation to help producers with their decision-making.

Depending on weather conditions the next few months, the disease once again could reduce yields sharply, says Dr. Wendell Horne, plant pathologist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A & M University System.

The fungus-caused disease successfully "over-summered" last year and then infected the new wheat crop in the fall, Horne explains. Infected fields have been observed from South Texas to the Red River.

"With the current mild weather and good moisture conditions over much of the state, the disease could be devastating," says Horne.

The Extension Service has monitoring devices located over the state to track the disease and determine its development. Horne points out. These devices trap the disease-causing spores. The devices are checked weekly and reports are issues via a special radio network. Reports also go to county Extension agents, who in turn, advise farmers.

"We are working hard to monitor the situation as closely as possible so that a farmer can make an intelligent decision regarding chemical control, harvesting the crop for grain or grazing it out," Horne points out.

"In addition to that, we are continuing to evaluate the susceptibility of various wheat varieties and to test the effectiveness of different fungicides."

All commonly-grown wheat va-

rieties are susceptible to the rust fungus even though some offer resistance.

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"Friends" organization close to FFA

Vocational agriculture has faced and is continuing to face many rough and rocky times. With the implementation of House Bill 72, new rules and regulations, and the governor proposing 50 percent budget cuts to vocational education, vocational agriculture needs all the friends and support it can get. Friends of Vocational Agriculture/ FFA was designed with that purpose in mind. Friends was also instrumental in coordinating the activities of the other support groups of vocational agriculture to help continue and improve the program. "One of Friends' main objectives is to establish local Friends organizations in communities around the state," said Roden. "Through these local

groups, we expect to develop the grass-roots support necessary to achieve our goals of keeping and improving agricultural education." For more information concerning Friends of Vocational Agriculture/ FFA, contact Public Relations Director, Cara Jernigan at P. O. Box 1695, Denton, 76202 or call 817-387-8010.

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION
To the registered voters of Tye, Texas.

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7 p.m. on April 4, 1987, for voting in a general election, to elect Aldermen, Places 1, 3 & 5.

LOCATION OF POLLING PLACES Tye Elementary School, 129 Concho, Tye, Texas. Absentee voting by personal appearance will be conducted each week day at the Tye Municipal Building, 205 North St., Tye, Texas between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. beginning on March 16, 1987 and ending on March 31, 1987.

Applications for ballots by mail should be mailed to Jo Moore, P. O. Box 145, Tye, Texas 79563.

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on March 27, 1987. Issued this 24th day of February, 1987. Violet E. Law

AVISO DE ELECCION GENERAL
A los votantes registrados del Tye, Texas.

Notifiquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitadas abajo se abriran desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 4 de Abril de 1987 para votar en la Eleccion para elect Aldermen, Places 1, 3 & 5.

DIRECCION DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES Tye Elementary School 129 Concho, Tye Texas. La votacion en ausencia en persona se llevara a cabo de lunes a viernes en Tye Municipal Building, 205 North Street, Tye, Texas entre las 9 de la mañana y las 3 de la tarde empezando el Marzo 16, 1987 y terminando el Marzo 31, 1987.

Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan enviarse a Jo Moore, P. O. Box 145, Tye, Texas 79563.

Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan recibirse para el fin de las horas de

negocio el Marzo 27, 1987. Emitada este dia 24 de February, 1987. Violet E. Law Alcaldede 12-1tc-87

NOTICE OF INCORPORATION
Notice is hereby given pursuant to Texas Revised Civil Statutes Article 1302-2.02 that the sole proprietorship owned by GERALD RUTLEDGE doing business as MANUEL'S DOZER SERVICE, whose principal office is located two (2) miles West of Merkel on Interstate 20, P. O. Box 421, Merkel, Taylor County, Texas 79636, became incorporated as of December 1, 1986, under the name of MANUEL'S DOZER SERVICE, INC.

Exact specifications for bidding may be obtained by contacting the Taylor County Judge's Office, 300 Oak Street, Abilene, Texas 79602 or by calling (915) 677-1711, extension 235. Taylor County reserves the right to reject any or all bids. JESSE A. HOLLOWAY COUNTY JUDGE TAYLOR COUNTY TEXAS

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
The Commissioners Court of Taylor County will be receiving sealed proposals until 10 a.m. on Friday, March 27th,

1987, for the proposals listed below. **RFP-87-114**

A contract to provide microfilming service for the District Clerk's office of Taylor County. **RFP-87-118**

Proposals to provide a micro computer based election tabulation system for Taylor County.

Sealed proposals must be received at the County Judge's Office, 2nd floor, Taylor County Courthouse, 300 Oak Street, Abilene, Texas 79602 until 10 a.m. on Friday, March 27, 1987, at which time said proposals will be publicly opened and read. Proposals should be unit prices. Purchases will be on a cash basis.

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CARNATION
MILK
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