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June 23, 1988

Our 99th year

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Medical fund set up for Moses

A fund has been set up at the F&M National Bank here to help out with medical expenses for former Trent resident Alvin Lynn (Bo) Moses.

He is in intensive care at the John Peter Smith Hospital in Fort Worth following a car accident June 13th.

Money will be used to help offset medical expenses.

Seymore named top agent

Connie Mack Seymore of Merkel, a local agent for Farmers Insurance Group of Companies has been recognized for outstanding achievements in the insurance field and selected to attend the annual meeting of top sales producers.

Member companies of the Farmers Group are the nation's third largest automobile and homeowner insurers.

The four day Topper Club convention is being held at the Antlers Hotel in Colorado Springs, Co.

Agent Connie Mack Seymore joins an elite group of Topper Club members who have achieved the upper ranks in providing insurance services to the public.

He represents Farms Insurance locally through Seymore Insurance at 102 Edwards.

Oden is Assembly of God pastor

The new pastor of the Assembly of God Church David Oden wishes to extend a welcome to all people in Merkel to attend their services.

He said "Our teaching and preaching will strongly emphasize the word of God, the Lord Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit and Divine Healing & Prayer."

Sunday services are held at 9:45 and 11 a.m., the evening service is being held at a new time- 7 p.m. and Wednesday evening services are at 7 p.m. The church is located at the corner of Runnels and S. 2nd Street.

John, asbestos, shop here, joke ... more

by Cloy A. Richards

Hide your wallet and protect your purse, John Starbuck is starting to sell Fun Day tickets today.

Ol' John has sold a slew of those things for the Merkel Chamber of Commerce and he's going to do so again. I'm sure Hazel Pack will give him a run for his money again as well.

Donation tickets this year are 50 cents each and the grand prize is \$300, 2nd is a VCR and third is four tickets to Sea World.

This year, Fun Day profits are being set aside to purchase and install street signs here.

Deborah Leeson will be singing for the grand opening ceremonies for Fun Day, which is now less than two weeks away.

The Merkel School Board found out just how much asbestos is lurking in the schools as they heard a report from the school's maintenance director Hayden Reeves.

A federal mandate requires the removal of all asbestos materials from public schools and Hayden says that will get expensive over the next few years.

The school is compiling their findings and will have a removal report prepared by the Texas Association of School Boards.

As a lot of you know by now, the Main Street Department Store here is going out of business.

It's a sad but basic fact of life for many small towns in Texas. Small business are having a hard time making a go of things. It's not so much the Texas economy that drives a lot of small businesses, it's competition from neighboring communities and larger cities.

I'd hate to know how much retail sales Merkel loses to Abilene each year. It's pretty dagged obvious that the amount is quite large when you consider the city does not collect over \$50,000 a year in sales tax re-



Two Taylor County Justices of the Peace attended a 20 hour seminar in San Angelo recently. The seminar was designed to update JP's on recent changes in legal legislation. Attending from Taylor County were Precinct 2 JP Jack Keenan (left) of Merkel and Clarence R. Collins, Taylor County Precinct 1 JP.

New FmHA rules will help farmers

Proposed rules, which could assist hundreds of farmers, who are behind on their Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) loans, were issued last week according to FmHA Texas State Director J. Lynn Futch.

The new regulations will carry out portions of the Agricultural Credit Act passed by Congress last December. "There will be a 30 day comment period and additional time for any appropriate changes before the regulations become effective," Futch said.

One of the changes would allow FmHA to reduce the delinquent debt of certain borrowers to help them stay in business. There are about 5,000 delinquent borrowers in Texas, many of whom should be assisted by this program, once implemented.

bates and that would represent less than 30 percent of available "disposable" income here.

Those are broad figures. According to the Texas Press Association, retail trade total sales for Merkel area residents is a little over \$11 million a year based on a trade area population of 4,250.

Local merchants would be in good shape if they just received half of that.

Just something to think about before you get in your car and head east.

My brother-in-law told me this one. Two Aggies decided to go ice fishing. After picking a likely looking spot they drilled a hole in the ice and began fishing... they soon heard a booming voice that said "There's no fish under the ice".

Figuring it was a fluke, they kept on fishing and again they heard a voice saying there's no fish under the ice."

Determined to take home a mess of fish, they decided to continue and they heard "Attention, this is the rink manager, there's no fish under the ice."

Fun Day '88 is shaping up as the Chamber of Commerce is looking forward to a successful event.

So far, sponsorships for the event have been secured from The F & M National Bank, Max Murrell Chevrolet, Merkel Drug, DuBose Texaco, Carson Supermarket, B. Moreno Paint & Body Shop, Gerald Rutledge Operating, Manuel's Dozer Service, Gem Drilling, Starbuck's, Andy Hart, CPA, Independent American and Mid-Tex Resources. If you are your business are interested in becoming a sponsor, contact Marilyn Tittle at 928-5722.

A lip-sync contest has been added for children's events and booth reservations are still available, although a few food and drink items have been reserved and the Chamber does not allow duplication of those items.

MISD learns of asbestos problem

The Merkel school board met in regular session Monday night and heard a report on asbestos contents of MISD facilities.

MISD maintenance director Hayden Reeves reported to the board on asbestos contents of MISD facilities. Reeves told board members "We do have an asbestos problem and it will get very expensive down the road. We found it in places we didn't expect and what bothers me is that it will cost a lot of money to get rid of."

All public schools are under a federal mandate to completely remove all building materials containing asbestos. MISD collected 348 samples of materials to check for asbestos content. MISD will be forwarding data collected to the Texas Association of School Boards, who will in turn create a plan for the removal of the asbestos.

Board members also renewed a contract for searches on school property by dogs trained to find drugs and alcohol.

Merkel High principal Robert Damron told the board "I have mixed emotions on this. Their visits won't cure the drug and alcohol problem here but I feel it serves as a deterrent." The board approved the contract on a 6-1 vote.

In other action, board members decided:

- * Paid bills
- * Amended the budget
- * Heard a report that 83% of current property taxes have been collected.
- * Approved the purchase of a new computer system for the high school principal's office
- * Approved the lease of five Minolta copy machines

copy machines

* Selected liability insurance for school board members, administrators and volunteers acting on behalf of the school from the Texas Association of School Boards... the policy will cost \$2,899 a year and that is a \$1,000 savings over the current policy cost

* Heard a report from athletic director Joe Longley on use of the weight room... he told board members that about 25 students were using the room between 6 and 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday and the facility is open to the public during those hours. He also presented a report on student insurance and said he would like to obtain more information before making a recommendation

* Superintendent James Logan told board members the school was applying for a \$18,000 program funded by the West Central Texas Council of Governments that will help identify students who may drop out of school and fund counseling and tutoring to keep the kids in school... He also said the district was applying for a program funded by the Texas Education Agency to begin a computer science program

* Hired Bill Roark as a high school teacher/coach, Darlene Williams as an aide at Tye Elementary, Lannie Templeton as a high school teacher, Rose Yarko as a high school teacher, Brenda Bland as a Tye Elementary teacher, Norma Frazier as a high school teacher/junior high coach and Tommy Waters as a high school teacher/coach. They accepted the resignations of Dick and Karla Lepard. Lepard has accepted the position of assistant football coach at Andrews.

Booster Club holds awards banquet

The Merkel High All-Sports Banquet was held May 21st and students and former students were recognized.

Receiving the Gene Stuckey award were Brit Pursley, Shayne Newberry and Carolyn Lally. The most valuable football players were Newberry, Robert McFadden, Chris Biera and Kenneth Jowers. Most valuable in boys basketball were Lynn Hays and Brit Pursley. Most valuable in girls basketball were Teresa Lucas, Amber Whisenhunt and Krista Toombs. Most valuable in baseball were Seymore and Jowers. Most valuable in boys track were Newberry and Pursley. Most valuable in girls track were Michelle Dudley and Lally. Most valuable in golf were Kyle Coker and Anissa Jones, most valuable in tennis

was Deim Tran and Boosters of the Year were James and Mary Logan.

Inducted into the Badger Hall of Fame were C. B. Brown, Weldon Tittle and David Pursley.

Booster Club officers for this coming year will remain the same. The president is Bob Brandon, vice president is Virgil Jones, Pat Brandon is secretary/treasurer, Bill Sloan is the reporter and Barbara Gardner is in charge of promotion.

After awards were given the group heard a message from former NFL great Don Maynard who played with the New York Jets.

The Boosters wanted to thank all of the folks in Merkel for their support this year and are looking forward to the next sports year.



Shown along with former NFL standout Don Maynard (left) are the recent inductees into the Badger Hall of Fame. They are (from left) C. B. Brown, David Pursley and Weldon Tittle.



Winners of the Gene Stuckey Memorial Award for athletics at MHS this year were (from left) Brit Pursley, Carolyn Lally (speaker Don Maynard) and Shayne Newberry.

Texas' trip

If you would like to see the musical drama **Texas** at Palo Duro Canyon, contact Mildred Starbuck at 928-4712.

A group will be traveling to the canyon July 14 & 15.

Knight is Tech grad

Kelly Bryan Knight of Merkel is a recent graduate of Texas Tech University. He was also named **Graham-Harrison honored by Duke**

Two Merkel Middle school students are to be honored by Duke University for their performance on the SAT-ACT tests designed for college bound seniors.

Tammy Graham, daughter of Edgar & Barbara Graham of Merkel and Patrick Harrison, son of Angie (Lerma) Lloyd of Merkel scored well enough on the ACT to be invited to a ceremony honoring them at Baylor University. Twelve of the 118 7th grade students qualified for the talent search by scoring 97% or better on Achievement tests. These two students then scored better than half the college bound seniors in the country on the ACT tests.

Local basketball camp

A basketball camp for girls will be held here July 11 through 15 for girls entering 4th through the 9th grade.

Girls entering the 7th, 8th and 9th grades will work out from 8-10 a.m., and girls entering grades 4, 5 and 6 will work out from 10 a.m. until noon.

Cost of the camp is \$10 and t-shirts will be available for \$6 each.

Basketballs will also be available for sale at the school price of \$24 each. They are the same balls the school will use in workouts and games.

You may register by sending your fee of \$10 to Jan Whisenhunt, Box 311 Merkel. Coach Whisenhunt will be assisted by former MHS standout Norma Frazier.

Beta Sigma Phi

Beta Sigma Phi of Merkel celebrated Founder's Day and honored their "Woman of the Year."

Founder's Day, a traditional celebration, this year honored the 57 year history of the largest women's service, social and cultural organization in the world. There are now 250,000 members active in chapters in 28 countries throughout the world.

The opening ritual was led by Virginia Pirraglia. Mamie Steck gave the welcome and the Founders Day Pledge was led by Martha Sue Justice. Nancy Johnson read a message from the international group and Sandra Wurst announced the theme for next year "Pave It With Stars." Lambda Beta Chapter was in charge of the woman of the year presentation. The theme of the presentation was "Build Bridges of Friendship." Cindy Beaver introduced the woman of the year from each chapter. Representing Lambda Beta was Virginia Pirraglia, Nancy Johnson of Xi Nu Chi and Mamie Steck of Preceptor Eta Omega. Each woman was presented a yellow rose as she crossed over the bridge of friendship.

The Beta Sigma Phi son was presented by Minyon Seymore and the closing ritual was led by Opal Garner. Tea followed the presentation, which was attended by about 20 members.

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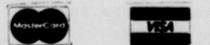
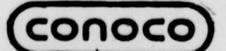
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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of BOOTH L. WEST were issued on the 15th day of June, A. D. 1988, in Cause No. 18,079 pending in the County Court of Taylor County, Texas, to MARGIE VALREE PRUITT. The residence of such Executrix is Taylor County, Texas. The Post Office address is 2310 South 21st Street, Abilene, Texas 79605.

All persons having claims against this Estate, which is currently being administered, are required to present them within the time and in the manner as prescribed by law.

DATED this the 15th day of June, 1988.

MARGIE VALREE PRUITT
PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Governing Body of the City of Tye subject to the provisions of Articles 2559/2566 a. V.T.C.S. will receive applications from all interested banking institutions in the City of Abilene and Merkel, to serve as prime depository for the City of Tye and maintain custody of the funds of the City following acceptance of the City Council. Any such applications shall be delivered to the Office of the City Secretary, 205 North Street, prior to 3:00 P. M. Wednesday

July 13, 1988. The City of Tye reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, to waive all formalities, and to accept the bid considered the most advantageous for the citizens of Tye. The City also reserves the right to place or invest part or all of any of its surplus funds outside the designated depository in any lawful manner as may be determined by the Governing Body of the City from time to time throughout the term of the contract. Formal acceptance will be given the bids at the regular meeting of the City Council on Tuesday, July 19, 1988, at 7:00 P. M.

Jo Moore
City Secretary
City of Tye, Texas
25-1tc

PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY
K. Lee Hamilton, Assistant Criminal District Attorney, 2nd Floor, Taylor County Courthouse, Abilene, Texas 79602

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THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO; ROBERT WAYNE STIVER, BENJAMIN NIEVES, JR. and DANIEL THOMAS REED, Respondents and Whereabouts Unknown.

NOTICE TO DEFENDANTS:
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GREETINGS;
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Said child, Robert Wayne Nieves was born on May 13, 1977 in Cleveland, Ohio.

Said Child, Jerry Thomas Reed was born on Sep-

tember 2, 1981 in Cleveland, Ohio.

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree in the child's interest which will be binding upon you, including the termination of the parent-child relationship and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the child's adoption.

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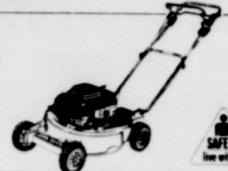
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