

The Merkel Mail

Thursday, February 4, 1982, ...Merkel, Texas

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Filing ends for county offices; starts for city-school posts

One more candidate filed for County Commissioner-Precinct Two on the last day of filing for county offices making that a three man race and filings for two school board positions and three city council seats opened Monday.

John W. "Jack" Keenan, a local real estate developer filed as a Republican candidate for Commissioner-Precinct 2.

Keenan joins Democrats Don Dudley, of Merkel, and Sam Hererra, of Abilene, in seeking the office held by Joe McDuff, who retired after 12 years on the county commissioners court.

The field remained at three for the Justice of the Peace-Precinct 2 race. Incumbent Henry Guenther will be challenged by Thomas L. "Leo" Mashburn and Authur G. "Shorty" Stout, both of Merkel.

Filings for county offices closed Monday.

Filings for three available seats on Merkel City Council and two positions on the Merkel School Board began Monday.

One city councilman has already announced he would not seek re-election. Pete Morgan, a 12 year veteran of the Merkel City Council

announced last Monday night. Other councilmen up for re-election are Ted Smith and Jerry Byrd.

School board positions held by Dink Whisenhunt in Place 1 and James Boyd in Place 2 are also open for filing. Neither board members has announced publicly whether they will seek re-election or not.

Filings for both the city and school race will end March 3rd.

According to Pauline Pittman, Taylor County Elections Administrator, the following candidates and incumbents have announced: Judge, 104th District Court: Billy John Edwards, Republican incumbent; Judge, 326th District Court: Henry Strauss, Democrat incumbent; Quannah Parker, Republican; District Attorney: Taylor County-Patricia Elliott, Democrat incumbent; Jorge Solis, Republican; County Judge-James McMillon, Democrat incumbent; District Clerk- Rilla Mahoney, Democrat; Carolyn Teten, Democrat; County Clerk- Janice Lyons, Democrat incumbent; County Treasurer- Mrs. Hayden Thomas, Democrat incumbent; Kay Dillard, Democrat.



These students were selected to the all district band and will be performing in concert Saturday night at 7 p.m. at Hardin Simmons University's Barron Hall.

They include (front row, left to right) Henry

Hawk, Anne Everett, Shane Reagan and Ron Turner. (Front row-left to right) Tina Jaramillo, Gina Stuckey, Kristen Kennedy, Randy Teague, Kevin Coker, Alfredo Flores, Milo Harris and Ronna Casey. (Staff photo by Cloy A. Richards.)

Merkel 5th graders raising money

Merkel Elementary fifth grade students have started a fund raising project to pay for a two day, one night outdoor learning experience planned this spring at Camp Butman.

The students will be selling paperback books to raise money for the project.

The books, ranging in cost of 75 cents to \$2 are award winning books designed for students in first through fifth grade.

Fifth grade teacher, Mrs. Curtis Rister, told the Mail Thursday, "We hope people will buy the

books for their children, but we would appreciate people purchasing the books and donating them to the school."

This overnight trip will be the first for Merkel fifth graders and the children will concentrate on outdoor-related projects while at Camp Butman.

Fifth graders will be bringing home a circular listing the books for sale and their prices.

The books will also be on sale at Open House, planned later this month.

Pee Wee basketball off to good start

The Pee Wee Basketball games got off to a great start Saturday, January 30. The scores are as follows:

Suns 35-Tye Bullets 2; Nicks 12-Hawks 4; Nets 6- Nuggets 20; Jazz 20-Clippers 2; Celtics 24-Lakers 2; Bankers 45-Bombers 8; Dolls 22-Bells 12; Hawks 8-Tacos 0; Honeycones 28-7ers 2; Aces 6-Hoopers 28; Spurs 35-76's 4; Texans 12-Cowboys 2; Roughnecks 22-Mavericks 15; Jumpers 14- Tye Nets 21; Bouncers 18-Shooters 16.

We would like to take this time to Thank the Methodist Church and The Church of Christ for letting us use the gym and activity center for our practices. We would also like to thank Ann Smith and Katherine Rister for setting up all the games and making sure everything went right. And also to Mary Hill, secretary, for her help.

We would like to remind you that all 6th grade games will be played on Thursday nights at the High School gym. The 3rd, 4th, and 5th games will continue to be played on Saturday mornings.

Merkel girls virtually out of race

The Merkel girls, barring any unforeseen miracles, will not be district champions this year after three consecutive district titles.

The girls were soundly defeated in Breckenridge Friday 63-45.

Nancy Click led the way for Merkel with 17, Jackie Casey added 12 and Loyce Baker had 5. Last Tuesday, Merkel defeated Stamford 60-31.

Jackie Casey and Debra Carey led the way in the game with 16, Loyce Baker had 12 and Windi Whisenhunt had 8.

In Junior Varsity action last week, Merkel lost 47-35 to Breckenridge. Kelly Sivall had 12, Donna Miller 9 and Tina Bicknell had 6.

The JV also lost to Clyde 34-31. Angie Greer was the top scorer with 12.

Workers busy on HUD projects here

Work crews are busy all over town on projects included in Merkel's Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Block Grants.

Currently, four separate projects are underway.

Workers began last week on 14,000 linear feet of water line improvements. Crews have just about finished work on North 6th and will start on North 4th either tomorrow or Monday.

Most of the 14,000 feet of pipe will be used to tie in dead end lines, and using larger pipes where pressure has been low.

The city expects to have the water tower back in service in two weeks as those crews are about

finished with inside work. The tower being out of service caused problems the first week to ten days it was taken out of service but the city reported no problems since then.

Merkel's Community Center will be weather proofed in the next week as crews began work on the roof Monday. That \$75,000 project will be the home of Merkel's Meals on Wheels Program, will provide meeting rooms, as well as other activities.

The City Council will get a look at the city land use plan Monday night at their regular meeting.

That plan will be presented by the city consulting firm in charge of the city master plan.

Farm program, basketball, activity...

By Cloy A. Richards

The Reagan Administration finally made an agriculture related stated last week, they proposed a 15 percent set aside on this year's crop voluntary of course.

If you do not go along with the program, farmers will not be eligible for government supported loans and deficiency payments.

This program is an old one, will not solve any problems because of the inherent misuse of the program and is no answer to any problems facing the American farmer.

I would expect this plan to be denounced by rhetoric of an election year.

Charles Stenholm had an interesting plan he explained in last week's Mail, but that plan will only work if farmers are starting out even.

We all know they are not even. Producer based prices is still one of the few salvation, I have heard proposed that will work.

It was a beginning and an end situation in Breckenridge Friday night.

The Merkel boys, 3-2 in the first half of district play downed Breckenridge as Danny Riggan hit a shot at the buzzer. One of Merkel's losses in the last half of play was at the hands of Breckenridge.

If the boys can remain unbeaten, they will win the second half outright, and face Clyde in a one game playoff. If Clyde manages a second half tie they will win the district outright because of their first half championship.

The picture is not so bright for the girls.

In fact, it would take two losses by all other teams for the girls to make the playoffs, and that probably will not happen.

The girls will not be district champs for the first time in four years.

Spent an enjoyable weekend in College Station. We planned about 450 pine trees on my fathers place and got to see A&M hand Texas a one point loss in overtime.

Also had a chance to see former running mates.

We had a little wet stuff Saturday, I am told, about 1.2 inches.

Area wheat needs that and more moisture.

Be careful when you are driving around on some of Merkel's North side streets.

Work has already started on 7,000 feet of water line construction under the city HUD grant.

It's good to see the interest level is up for the upcoming elections.

Statewide races have jammed fields, most

regional incumbents have challengers, and the same is true on the county level.

Freedom of choice is a wonderful thing.

The activity around town funded by the Community Development Block Grant is developing everyday.

Currently, three separate crews are moving along nicely expanding water lines, refurbishing the water tower and putting up the community center.

The timing probably could not be better.

With the "New Federalism" logic in Washington, if the plan becomes a reality, programs that offer local assistance from the feds, will be turned over to the states.

Then the Texas Legislature will control, by some means or another, apportionment of state and federal programs.

If that scenario makes you nervous, it should.

With the Texas Legislature controlling release of funds, I would be very surprised if small communities, like ours, will be as successful garnering funded projects from the feds, as we will be trying to obtain the same funds from the Texas Legislature.

Like most of the other state money, the funded programs will go where the votes are in the Lone Star State.

How many Legislators will make passionate appeals for a \$2 million project in a town with 850 registered voters?

Congratulations are in order for Tina Jaramillo, Gina Stuckey, Kristen Kennedy, Randy Teague, Kevin Coker, Alfredo Flores, Milo Harris, Ronna Casey, Henry Hawk, Anne Everett, Shane Reagan and Ron Turner for being named to the all district band.

Those students will play in concert with other all district band members at Hardin Simmons Saturday night.

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Glenn Toombs, now deceased, is a former Merkel resident and a former county judge at Borden County.

"Being Judge and listening to various and sundry complaints comes easy for me and I know I have built up a certain amount of complacency against some forms of complaints. But this day in time seems that there is no end to constant shortages, high prices, low income (among farmers) and low prices for their products. It's enough to make a person like myself give up.

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Statewide races jammed

This is a listing of candidates of statewide offices that had filed before the 6 p.m. Monday deadline:

Governor: Democrat: Attorney General Mark White of Austin, Land Commissioner Bob Armstrong of Austin, Texas Railroad Commissioner Buddy Temple of Austin, Salesman David Young of Richardson, Don Beagle of Nederland and Ray Allen Mayo, a publisher of San Juan. Republican: Bill Clements of Austin and Lowell D. Embs of San Antonio.

Lieutenant Governor: Democrat: Bill Hobby (incumbent) of Houston and Troy Skates of Cedar Park, retired Navy. Skates sought the Democratic nomination for lieutenant governor in 1978, garnering only 51,963 votes. Republican: Former Texas Secretary of State George W. Strake Jr. of Houston.

Attorney General: Democrat: Former State Sen. Max Sherman of Amarillo, Former U.S. Attorney John Hannah of Tyler, and State Sen. Jack Ogg of Houston. U.S. Rep. Jim Mattox of Dallas, who announced his attorney general candidacy last week, had not filed by 6 p.m. Republican: State Sen. Bill Meier of Eules.

State Comptroller: Democrat: Bob Bullock (incumbent) of Austin, Robert C. Calvert of Hurst, Republican: State Sen. Mike Richards of Houston and former Travis County Sheriff Raymond Frank of Austin.

U.S. Senate: Democrat: Lloyd Bentsen (incumbent) of Houston and Joe Sullivan, a college professor, of San Antonio. Republican: Don L. Richardson of San Antonio, a corporate executive, U.S. Rep. James M. Collins of Dallas, State Sen. Walter H. Mengden, Jr. of Houston.

State Land Commissioner: Democrat: Former Texas Democratic Party executive director, Garry Mauro of Austin, State Sen. W.E. "Pete" Snelson of Midland, State Rep. Dan Kubiak of Rockdale, Former Land Commissioner Jerry Sadler of Grapeland and George E. Fore, a cattle rancher of Paducah. Republican: Al Gutierrez, a

businessman, of Bryan, Woodrow Glasscock Jr, a rancher of Hondo and Andrew Jackson, an oil and gas investor, of Austin.

Texas Agriculture Commissioner: Democrat: Reagan Brown (incumbent) of Austin and Jim Hightower of Austin.

State Treasurer: Democrat: Warren Harding (incumbent) of Dallas, Travis County Commissioner Ann Richards of Austin, former State Rep. Lane Denton of Waco and John R. Cutright, a businessman of Austin. Republican: Millard Neptune an engineer-lawyer of Austin.

Texas Supreme Court: Democrat: (Place 1) Ted Z. Robertson of Dallas and John M. Barron of Bryan; (Place 2) William Kilgarlin of Houston, James Denton (incumbent) of Lubbock; (Place 3) Woodrow Wilson Bean of El Paso and Charles Barrow (incumbent) of San Antonio. Republican: John Bates (Place 1), an attorney of Waco.

Court of Criminal Appeals: Democrat: (Presiding Judge) John F. Onion of Austin; (Place 1) Carl E.F. Daily (incumbent) of Austin, John E. Humphreys of Dallas, Charles F. Campbell of Austin, William Barry Phillips of Harker Heights; (Place 2) Andrew Jackson Shuval of Austin, William Carl Black of Belton, Mel Bauder of Dallas, Roy Rawls of Austin, Charles E. Miller of Dallas, Republican: (Place 2) Ray Moses, an attorney of Houston.

Texas Railroad Commissioner: Democrat: Jim Nugent (incumbent) of Kerrville and Ralph Pacheco, a railroad mechanical inspector, of Austin. Republican: John Thomas Henderson, a stockbroker of Austin.

17th Congressional District: Democrats: Charles W. Stenholm (incumbent) of Stamford. Republicans: None.

State Board of Education District 17: Democrats: Jewell Harris of Abilene and Curly Hays of Abilene. Republicans: None.

11th Court of Appeals: (Chief Justice) Democrats: Austin McCloud of Eastland. Republicans: None.

Newsbriefs

School menu

The school menu is as follows:

Thursday Feb. 4: Barb-que links, baked vegetarian beans, potato salad, corn bread squares, and jello squares with fruit
Friday Feb. 5: Hamburgers, lettuce, tomato, onion, pickle, french fries with cat-sup, and orange wedge
Monday Feb. 8: Burritos, buttered w-k corn, lettuce wedge, and pink applesauce.
Tuesday, Feb. 9: Spaghetti with beef and cheese, green beans, veg. sticks, garlic bread and chocolate cake with white icing.
Wednesday, Feb. 10: Bar-B-Q links, potato salad, fried okra, corn bread, and prunes.
Thursday Feb. 11: Tacos with beef and cheese, taco sauce, pinto beans, shredded lettuce, and sliced peaches with whipped topping.
Friday, Feb. 12: Hamburgers, lettuce, tomato, pickle, onion, french fries, and apple wedge.

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Xi Nu Chi holds meeting

The ladies of Xi Nu Chi met in the home of Blanche Hewitt, Tuesday, Jan. 26, 1982.

The program was Vive LaDifference with Connie Harris as Captain.

There were eighteen present with 3 absent.

The next meeting will be Feb. 9, with Anita Allen as hostess.

Tye fire musical

The Tye Volunteer Fire Department will have a country western musical Saturday night, Feb. 6 at 7:30 p.m.

Come on out and dance or just listen to the music and bring a friend. The concession stand will be open. Everyone is welcome.

Head birthday

There will be an Open House Birthday Party honoring M.T. Head on Sunday, Feb. 7th at 1:00 p.m. til 5:30 or 6:00. It will be held at the 3rd house North of Walls, given by his daughter, Mary McKee.

All friends and relatives are invited to attend.

County looking into robberies

Taylor County Sheriff's investigators are now looking into two robberies in the Merkel-Trent area during the past week.

Myra's Grocery in Trent was robbed last Tuesday night. About \$160 worth of merchandise was taken.

Late Friday night, the Allsups store near Merkel was robbed by a gun toting man according to the sheriff's office. No immediate estimate of money stolen was available.

Both cases are being handled by the sheriff's office.

Weston anniversary

An error in last week's paper may cause some confusion about the Weston anniversary.

The Mail incorrectly reported the celebration would be held on Tuesday. The celebration is scheduled Feb. 7th at the Fellowship Hall of Merkel's First United Methodist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Weston will be cele-

Craft reception scheduled

There will be a Valentine reception at United Savings of Texas Merkel Branch on Friday, Feb. 12, 1982, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to introduce United's new employee, Mrs. Lesa Craft. There will be a drawing for a free Sweetheart dinner for two at the Big Country Inn, and for boxes of candy.

Paintings from Big Country Arts will be on display during the month of February for the public to view.

Hart honored at tea

Mrs. Don Hart was

Thursday February 4, 1982
in Big Lake Saturday, Jan. 30 for an Introductory Coffee honoring her daughter, Lesa Hart Teel, held in the home of Mrs. Vicky Fisher.

The receiving line consisted of Mrs. Fisher, Lesa, Mrs. Hart, Mrs. W.J. Teel, II, Lesa's mother-in-law, and Mrs. Winnie Billingsley, Lesa's grand mother of Lawn.

Guest were served from a table covered with a linen hand made cut work cloth centered with a silver epergne holding an arrangement of blue and white carnations. Coffee and apple cider were served from a silver coffee service.

Blueberry muffins, sausage balls, miniature sausages and cream cheese tarts were also served.

Lesa, a recent bride, was presented a combination food processor and blender by the ten hostesses for the occasion:

Adult ed classes need more students

Adult Education Classes are being held every Tuesday evening

ing at 6:30 in Room 1 of the Merkel Middle School. Classes are held for adults who wish to prepare to take the G.E.D. tests or work on a High School Diploma. For more information call Milly Bright at 928-5680 after 4:00 or come to class any Tuesday evening.



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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Varsity boys: Feb. 5 at Colorado City at 8:30, Feb. 9 at Clyde at 8:30.
 Varsity Girls: Feb. 5 at Colorado City at 7, Feb. 9 at Clyde at 7.
 Junior Varsity Boys: Feb. 9 at Clyde at 5;
 Junior Varsity Girls: Feb. 5 at Colorado City at 5.
 Freshmen Girls: Feb. 8 at Stamford at 7.
 Freshmen Boys: Feb. 8 at Stamford at 7.
 7th Grade Boys and Girls: Feb. 6 at Ballinger Tournament.
 8th Grade Girls: Feb. 8 here against Stamford at 6.
 7th Grade Girls: Feb. 8 here against Stamford at 5.

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Plight of farmer continued

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"I farm 620 acres of dryland cotton and some 50 acres of irrigated. I have 32 mother cows and 200 head of ewes, plus some 100 head of lambs, I am holding 170 bales of 1973 cotton that wasn't ginned until February of this year when the market was going down and it's gone down every day since.

"These 170 bales of cotton in January, if you could have gotten them ginned, would have been worth 63 cents per pound, now they are worth 42 cents per pound.

"Those 32 (two year old) cows were worth \$300 per head last October and calves another \$250 making pairs being \$500 to \$600. Now a good young cow might bring \$200 if there was any market and a calf \$100; maybe, if there is a market. Steers have dropped in the last six weeks from 41 cents to 24 cents here.

"Sheep are hard hit also. Ewes that were worth \$50 per head now are bringing \$16 per head. Lambs last fall brought 60 cents per lb. and now are only worth 35 cents, maybe. These would be 70-80 lb. lambs.

"Wool brought up to \$1.80 per lb. Now it is worth only 50 cents to 60 cents.

"Hogs six weeks ago brought as much as 50 cents per lb. and now are down to 24 cents.

"On top of all this, we are sitting in an area that is dry. Very little cotton has been planted and what has isn't doing any good since our dryland moisture is very limited. Many acres in this area haven't been planted at all due to dry weather.

"Now all these things I have mentioned should tend to disgust a fellow farmer, but we have to live with this from day to day. Yesterday afternoon we ruined a front tractor tire size 7:50 x 16, 6-ply, and my supplier says he doesn't have any and doesn't know when he can get one. (Shortage). This, to me, is the most absurd thing I have ever come across-- a shortage of tractor tires.

"This one item alone has put my operation to a standstill. I can't feature a \$120 tire (that used to be \$50) being short when they are made for the American farmer to keep him productive. Securing replacement parts for tractors (farm) is almost impossible. It's an out and out rout of the American farmer who has seen a lot more famine than feast and seemingly gets more than his fair share of unmitigated hell.

"What in thunder is the American public (industry or whoever) trying to do to us as a producer--make us quit?

"The banks have upped my interest from 7 1/2 to 11 percent in less than a year, fuel costs have doubled, I tell you we can't operate for long under these circumstances if we can't get some relief on the market end. We are living in an era of depressed markets, inflationary prices, high interest and dry weather. Can we win?"



Traci Burson & Mark Allen- Contest winners

Taylor Electric names winners

Taylor Electric Cooperative's annual Washington Youth Tour contest was held on the 25th of January at the Cooperative offices in Merkel. The contest is held each year to select a young man and young woman to represent the Cooperative in an all expense paid twelve day trip to Washington, D.D., according to Manager Don Hart.

Winner of the girls division of the contest was Traci Burson, a student at Clyde High School. Traci is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest H. Burson. Traci's teacher is Mrs. Lloyd Huff.

Winner in the boys division was Mark Allen, a student at Baird High School. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. William C. Allen, Jr. Mark's teacher is Mrs. Johnnie Allen.

Other students entering the contest were Brad Seizler of Clyde High School, Terri Skelton, also of Clyde High School and Pattie Walker, a student at Baird High School. Each student was required to give an eight minute speech on the subject "Electric Cooperatives and Their Fight for Survival". Judging the contest were representatives of two area cooperatives.

Traci and Mark will join other students from across the state and leave for Washington on June 11th. While in Washington, the students will visit all of the historical sites, their congressional representative and President Reagan, if his schedule permits. There will be a one day visit at the World Fair in Knoxville, Tenn.

Merkel FFA off to Fort Worth

This week, the Merkel FFA students leave for the Fort Worth Livestock Show. The schedule for this weeks event is: Tuesday, Feb. 2 leave with Heifer and Bull; Wednesday, Feb. 3 leave with barrows and lambs; Thursday, Feb. 4 weigh and sift barrows and lambs at 8:00 a.m.; Friday, Feb. 5 show heifer, bull, pigs, lambs at 8:00 a.m.

We would like to wish all these students going, good luck. Those who will be going are as follows: O.C. McKeehan, Dean Hoyt, Parker Wilson, Dusty Farmer, Chris Cutler, Lyle Baker, Amber Whisenhunt, Lynn Hays, Jay Gibson, Sheri Riney, Melinda Riney, Denise Pack, Randy Leverich, Billy Ray Riley, Melissa Harris, Mike Hagar, Eddy Harris, Justin Harris, Chris Mashburn, Zak Byers, Cammie Bright, John Paul Dudley, Chuck Peterman, Keith Middleton,

Todd Robertson, Lee Leverich.

Our spotlight this week is on the V.A. I class.

Tim Dillon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Dillon, is a freshman and enrolled in V.A. I. His project, this year, is a pig, which he took to the Abilene show and received Grand Champion Duroc. Tim plans on running freshman track this year.

Dusty Farmer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Travis Farmer, is a freshman and enrolled in V.A. I. His project, this year, is two pigs. Dusty plans on going to the Fort Worth and San Antonio stock show.

Alan Glick, son of Lloyd and Betty Glick, is a senior and enrolled in V.A. I and V.A. II. His project, this year, is rabbits. Alan has plans of either joining the U.S. Naval or Air Force Academy.

Fortnightly club holds meeting

The Fortnightly Study Club met in regular session Tuesday, January 26, in the Taylor Electric Community Room with Mary Collins and Aileen Knight hostesses.

Anna Belle Shouse, president, presided for the business session. Bess Dixon, Federation counselor, reported on International Clubs, and the benefits American club women receive from them when touring foreign countries.

As a part of the Heritage project directed by Grace Lee Brown, Edna Hill acted as tour guide for an imaginary tour through the Big Thicket area, especially around Lufkin, Texas.

The club proudly nominated it's president, Anna Belle Shouse, to represent the Merkel Fortnightly Study Club to the Mesquite District,

as Outstanding Club Woman of the year.

Ronny Doan and Tommy Cutler presented a most interesting program on Energy and Conservation. Slides were shown giving idea as to how to conserve energy. Two of the most important words in energy today are research and development. Much is also said about energy and conservation.

Members present to enjoy the program and cake, coffee, and tea were: Mmes. C.M. Brown, S.C. Dixon, Charles Eager, Mack Fisher, Comer Haynes, Orvel Hill, Busier Horton, Allen D. King, C.B. Knight, Curtis Rister, Perry Rogers, C.M. Seymore, Andy Shouse, Aaron Sudderth, Alf Walla, Deni Gibson, Ray Wilson, David Bugg, Misses Mary Collins, Mildred Hamm and Maurine White.

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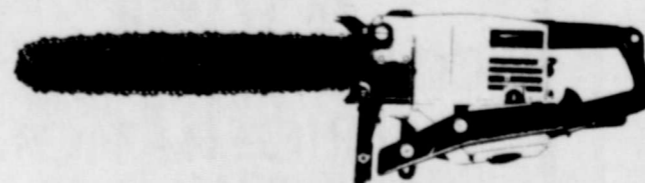
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44-TFC
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45-2tp
FOR SALE: 79 Mercury Bobcat, 4 speed, excellent condition, call 928-4734 after 5 or come by 501 Oak St.

45-TFC
FOR SALE: 1974 Capri Classic, low mileage, new tires, 2 door, drove only by an older woman, \$1300.00 or will trade for an older car and cash. Fire place screen and tools, \$25.00, call 928-5184.

46-1tp
FOR SALE: Kid goats daytime call 928-5631 or 928-4929 at night.

GARAGE SALE

GARAGE SALE: Feb. 5th & 6th, 1500 Heath. Toys, clothes, furniture

46-1tp
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TO: Any unknown heirs and heirs suffering legal disability of Lum Gilbreath, deceased. No. 14,774, County Court, Taylor County, Texas. Geneva Allena Gilbreath, Applicant in the above numbered and entitled estate filed on the 30th day of July, 1981 an Application to Declare Heirship.

Said application will be heard and acted on by said Court at 10 o'clock A.M. on the first Monday next after the expiration of ten days from date of publication of this citation, the same being the 8th day of February, 1982, at the County Courthouse in Abilene, Texas.

All persons interested in said estate are hereby cited to appear before said Honorable Court at said above mentioned time and place by filing a written answer contesting such application should they desire to do so.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

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Aiken's announce wedding plans

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Aiken, of Merkel, are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Tina Rene' to Kenneth Allen Wells, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Wells of Tye.

The couple are plan-

ning a June 5th wedding at the First Baptist Church at 6:00 p.m.

Rene' is a senior at Merkel High School. Ken is a graduate of Merkel High and is employed by Merkel Well Servicing.



Rene' Aiken & Ken Wells
Harris files for State Board of Education post

Grubbs expects no changes in District 78

Representative Walter Grubbs, of Merkel, announced candidate for re-election to the Texas Legislature in the new 78th District, advised today that the panel of three federal judges in Dallas announced Friday that the filing deadline for Texas House and Senate Candidates is postponed from February 1, 1982 until March 19, 1982, and that the panel would modify the Legislation Redistricting Board's plan to correct some deficiencies insofar as minority areas are concerned. The Federal Judges also ruled that candidates for the House and Senate would seek re-election in the modified plan of districts for the 1982 election only and that the plan would be returned also suspended the state's residency requirements for those prospective candidates who are affected adversely by subsequent changes in the House and Senate boundary lines. The three-judge panel did not announce when it expects to report out the modified plan referred to, but it is expected by many ahead of the new March 19th filing deadline.

Grubbs stated further that he does not expect the modified plan to change up significantly the existing alignment for district 78 and that he would begin his campaign for re-election immediately in the new 12-county district.

Pointing out that the expected modified plan of the three-judge panel could possibly make minor changes in this district, Grubbs feels it is not too likely, because the problem areas in the state include only the San Antonio, Dallas, Houston, El Paso, Lubbock and Rio Grande areas. Acknowledging that some ripple effect might cause minor changes, Grubbs stated he feels this district will remain basically as drawn in the plan which is to be modified. He added that some readjustments in Lubbock County would probably not extend beyond the county lines and that the El Paso area is primarily a problem within the county also. Grubbs did concede the judges' modified plan is difficult to predict in its final form at this time, but he plans to start campaigning in the interest of getting into some of the new counties in his efforts to seek re-election in the May 1, 1983 Democratic primary.

Mrs. Jewell Harris, of Abilene, has filed with the State Democratic Party for the office of State Board of Education, District 17.

Mrs. Harris, a retired teacher, has a broad background in the field of education. For six years she taught English and Speech in Holliday High School, Holliday, Texas. She was a teacher of English and Speech in Jefferson Jr. High School, Abilene, Texas for twenty-two years and was Director of Information Services for the Abilene schools for three years. From 1974 until she retired in August of 1981, she was Regional Director for the Texas State Teachers Association, 1965-66, and a Past President of the Texas State Teachers Association, 1970-71. In 1969 she was appointed by the Governor to serve on the first Professional Practices Commission. This group wrote the Code of Ethics for the teaching profession that was adopted by teachers in 1971.

A native of Abilene, she has received a BA Degree from Abilene Christian University, a Master of Education Degree from McMurry College, and has done graduate work at Hardin-Simmons University, and the University of Texas.

In March 1981 the State Human Relations award was presented to Mrs. Harris by the Texas State Teachers Association in recognition of her leadership and promotion of human relations.



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Merkel High releases honor roll

The Merkel Middle School Honor Roll is as follows:

6th Grade: A Honor Roll: Son Mi Chon, Kristy Elliott, Krista Toombs, Ted Seymore, Angie Cannon, April Duncan, Misty Vaughn, Amy Suckey, Angie Moreno, Clara Herrera, Stacie Johnson. A-B Honor Roll: Lee Leverich, Tami Israel, Ramon Moreno, Kevin Riney, Allan Isom, Shelle Doan, Jamie Heyen, Cassie Townsend, Candice Henslee, Staci Ferguson, Mark Aldrete, C.J. White, Randy Graham, Todd Smith, Kyle Coker, Ricky Lollar.

7th Grade: A Honor Roll: Sheri Riney, Debbie Pack, Abby Irvin, Michelle Woodard, Tracy Bicknell, Ron Turner. A-B Honor Roll: Joe Miles, Danny Mayton, Tina Jaramillo, Billy Riley, Brit Pursley, Fondale Watson, Tracy Jordan.

8th Grade: A Honor Roll: Kevin Coker, Amy Irvin, Richard Powell, Kevin Mitchell, Kelly Riney. A-B Honor Roll: Lucretia Wade, Jill Laman, Clay Carey, Anne Everett, Gina Stuckey, Ronna Casey, Clarissa Brower, Gayle Landeros, Alyse Ferguson, Cammie Bright, Dean Franklin, Gary Sutterfield.

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Late IRS bills now at 20% interest

Agricultural producers and others who handle their own tax and Social Security reports face higher interest rates on delinquent taxes and penalties for failing to file certain information forms.

Beginning Feb. 1, the Internal Revenue Service will start charging a 20 percent annual interest rate (up from 12 percent) on delinquent tax accounts as a result of the Economic Recovery Tax Act of 1981. At the same time, the IRS will also pay the same 20 percent interest on overpayments.

"The new, higher rates will apply to the underpayment of individual and corporate estimated taxes and most other tax law provisions imposing interest," points out Dr. Ashley C. Lovell of Stephenville, economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System.

The new interest rate will be determined each Oct. 15 and will go into effect the following Jan. 1. It will be based on 100 percent of the average prime interest rate for the preceding month-September.

"The new 20 percent rate means that many taxpayers who previously borrowed from the U.S. Treasury through underpayments or by delinquent taxes will be reluctant to continue these practices," notes Lovell.

The new tax law also provides for a \$10 penalty per statement for taxpayers who fail to file information returns (Form 1099) with the IRS, adds the economist. The previous penalty was \$1 per statement.

Furthermore, the IRS may dock each taxpayer or income recipient \$5 if he does not use an

identifying number (in many cases the Social Security number) on the various tax forms and returns.

Regarding the Form 1099s, these along with Form 1096 (summary and transmittal form) must be submitted to the IRS by Mar. 1. Information on the Form 1099s should be provided to income recipients by Feb. 1.

Form 1099s are information returns that are used to report total payments of \$600 or more during the tax year to another person in the course of trade or business. Several variations of Form 1099 relate to payments of interest, rents, royalties, fees, commissions and other compensations for services to persons other than employees.

"Many agricultural producers make payments to others in their normal course of business, and these should be reported on a Form 1099," says Lovell. "An exception is if the recipient of a payment is a corporation."

Agricultural producers also have until Jan. 31 to file Form 943 (Employer's Annual Tax Return for Agricultural Employees). This is required if an employers withholds and pays Social Security taxes or if he withholds income taxes under voluntary withholding agreements on farm labor wages paid during the tax year. If timely tax deposits were made, an employer has until Feb. 10 to file Form 943.

Lovell suggests that farmers and ranchers consult their tax advisors and review the "Farmer's Tax Guide" and the "1981 Package X" available from the IRS to learn more about recent changes in tax laws and the various tax forms and deadlines for filing.

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 Lt. Wt. Chesters: 9th Mike Hallford, 7th Joey McGlothlin; Lt. Wt. Hamps: 2nd Debra Williams. Hvy. Wt. Hamps: 2nd Matt Jackson, 4th Matt Jackson, 6th Melonie Orr, 10th Joey McGlothlin.
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 Debra Williams won Reserve Champion of the breed with her Lt. Wt. Hamo.

State Ag hearings in Abilene Feb. 9

Texas Senate Agriculture Subcommittee Chairman Bill Sarpalius today announced two meetings for the subcommittee for early February. The agriculture panel will meet in Abilene February 9 and in Lubbock February 10, he said.

The subcommittee will take testimony on two topics at both meetings—water availability for crops and livestock, along with transportation of agricultural commodities.

Problems in these two areas, particularly for farmers and ranchers in the Lubbock-Abilene area, led to the selection of the topics, Sarpalius added.

The chairman added the subcommittee also would be receptive to testimony on the other topics the subcommittee is charged by the legislature to study. The other topics are public funding of agriculture research, the state farm loan guarantee program, grain elevator explosions, grain elevator bonding and farm labor.

"All the members of the Senate Agriculture Subcommittee are dedicated to trying to help solve the tremendous problems our farmers and ranchers face," Sarpalius said. "We hope many of them will come to these hearings and tell us what we can do on the state level to help agriculture."

"We plan to take the information we gain from these hearings and turn it into legislation, if necessary, for the next time the legislature meets," Sarpalius added.

The Abilene hearing will be at the McGlothlin Center at Abilene Christian University February 9. The Lubbock hearing will be at the livestock arena on the Texas Tech campus. Both meetings start at 9 a.m. Press and public are welcome, Sarpalius said.

Texas A&M sponsoring workshop on farm survival

Texas agricultural producers are groping for survival in an unsettled economic climate, and they must depend heavily on their bankers and lenders as partners in the struggle. Rural banks are also fighting for survival.

At times like these, those who provide operating capital for farmers and ranchers must stay abreast of changing situations. That's the purpose of the 30th Texas Farm and Ranch Credit Conference for Commercial Bankers at Texas A&M University Mar. 1-3.

Furthermore, bankers and lenders will have an opportunity for in-depth training in agricultural credit during a three-day workshop following the conference.

"A major segment of the conference will be devoted to discussions about bank holding companies, including pros and cons, pricing and tax considerations, management philosophy and personnel policy, and how to compete with a holding company," points out Dr. Bud Schwart. Schwart is a dairy marketing economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System, which is sponsoring the annual conference.

"More and more city bank holding companies are incorporating rural banks into the holding company system," adds Schwart, "so there is an acute need for credit officers and bank executives to become more familiar with the risks, needs and opportunities in production agriculture."

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Headlining the conference will be U.S. Congressmen Tom Loeffler of Kerrville and Phil Gramm of College Station. Loeffler will discuss "Banking—Now and Future" while Gramm will give an overview of the nation's economy.

Those attending the conference will also hear about "Texas Agriculture in the '80s" from Reagan Brown, Texas Commissioner of Agriculture, and about "The Implications of National Farm Policy for Texas" from Dr. Ron Knutson, Extension economist in marketing and policy.

A session on "Recognizing and Managing Problem Farm Loans" and discussions on the special requirements of crop, livestock, dairy and farm equipment loans will also be featured.

Because many agricultural landowners have witnessed increased oil and gas activity, a discussion also deals with "Oil and Gas Leasing Hints."

Discussions on the outlook for rice, dairy products, soybeans, grain, cotton, sheep, hogs and cattle will give bankers and loan officials an up-to-date perspective of the major agricultural commodities, says Schwart.

Bankers and lending officials taking part in the agricultural credit workshop will be involved in

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4-H, the youth program of the Cooperative Extension Service in Texas and across the nation, owes much of its success to a dedicated legion of volunteer leaders. They devote their time, energy and resources to support the nation's largest youth organization and its motto—"To make the best better."

Texas boasts some 22,000 volunteer leaders who work closely with county Extension agents in helping about 140,000 youth engage in some 60 different project opportunities and in organizing clubs in virtually every community in the state.

"The evidence of 4-H volunteer leaders is probably greatest this time of the year as they work with youth who will be exhibiting animals at the various livestock shows across Texas," points out Dr. Warren Mauk, 4-H and youth specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System. "These leaders take time away from their jobs to make sure the youth and their animals get to the various shows and help them get their animals ready for the show ring."

Of course, this is but one of the many activities that volunteers engage in, adds the specialist. They help lead various project groups, teach youth certain subject matter, and provide facilities, equipment, supplies, recognition and awards.

"4-H volunteer leaders spend an average of 15 to 25 days a year supporting various educational programs and activities geared to youth aged 9 to 19. They each contribute an average of \$1,000 a year in time and resources because they care about the future of young people," points out Mauk.

Nationally, 4-H volunteers contribute some \$200 million a year in time and resources, more than double the current annual investment of public

and private sector funds.

"While 4-H was born in the early 1900s to teach the basic principles of agriculture to club members, it now provides learning opportunities for youth in all walks of life, giving them a chance to grow and develop to their full potential," says Mauk.

He adds that how much they learn and how well they become prepared to deal with the complexities of life that lay ahead depends a great deal on the dedicated band of volunteer leaders who care about the youth of this country.

Olive Riney buried here

Olive Jane Riney, 87, a longtime Merkel area resident died at 4:40 p.m. Wednesday at Starr Nursing Home after a long illness. Services were at 2 p.m. Friday at Merkel Church of Christ, directed by Starbuck Funeral Home with Larry Gill officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Born March 17, 1894, in Paris, Tenn., she moved to the Mulberry Canyon area, south of Merkel, in 1906 and had lived in the Merkel area since then.

She married Roy Riney in 1910. He died Oct. 28, 1976. She was a member of the Church of Christ.

A granddaughter, Linda Richie, preceded her in death.

Survivors include four sons, Robert, Don and Leroy all of Merkel and Walter of Trent; a daughter, Mrs. D.J. Richie of Merkel; 11 grandchildren; and 21 great grandchildren.

Grandsons served as pallbearers.

Stith club discusses

living on fixed income

Fixed incomes were discussed by the members of the Stith Extension Homemakers Club when the club met January 27, 1982 at the Community Center. As the roll call was to be the best investment I ever made. Grace Lee Brown brought out in her devotion that some of our best investments were of our time, talent and friends. Prayer was by Mae Jones. Bingo was played and the proceeds of \$10.50 go to the March of Dimes.

The President, Daisy Mashburn, conducted the business meeting. It was voted that the proceeds from the country western musical on Feb. 20th will go to the March of Dimes. Margaret Dickerson gave the council report stating that the District III meet would be April 13th. A quilt is to be put in Wednesday, Feb. 3rd at the Community Center.

Refreshments were served to Margaret Dickerson, Louise Hudson, Vada Hudson, Mae Jones, Hazel Lay, Daisy Mashburn, Genna Shaw, Annie Lee Sledge, Bernice Smith, by the hostess, Grace Lee Brown.

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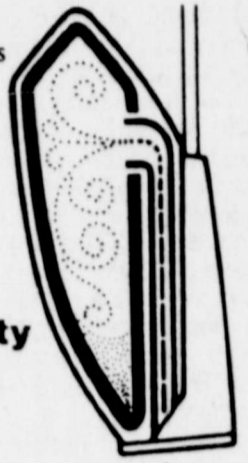
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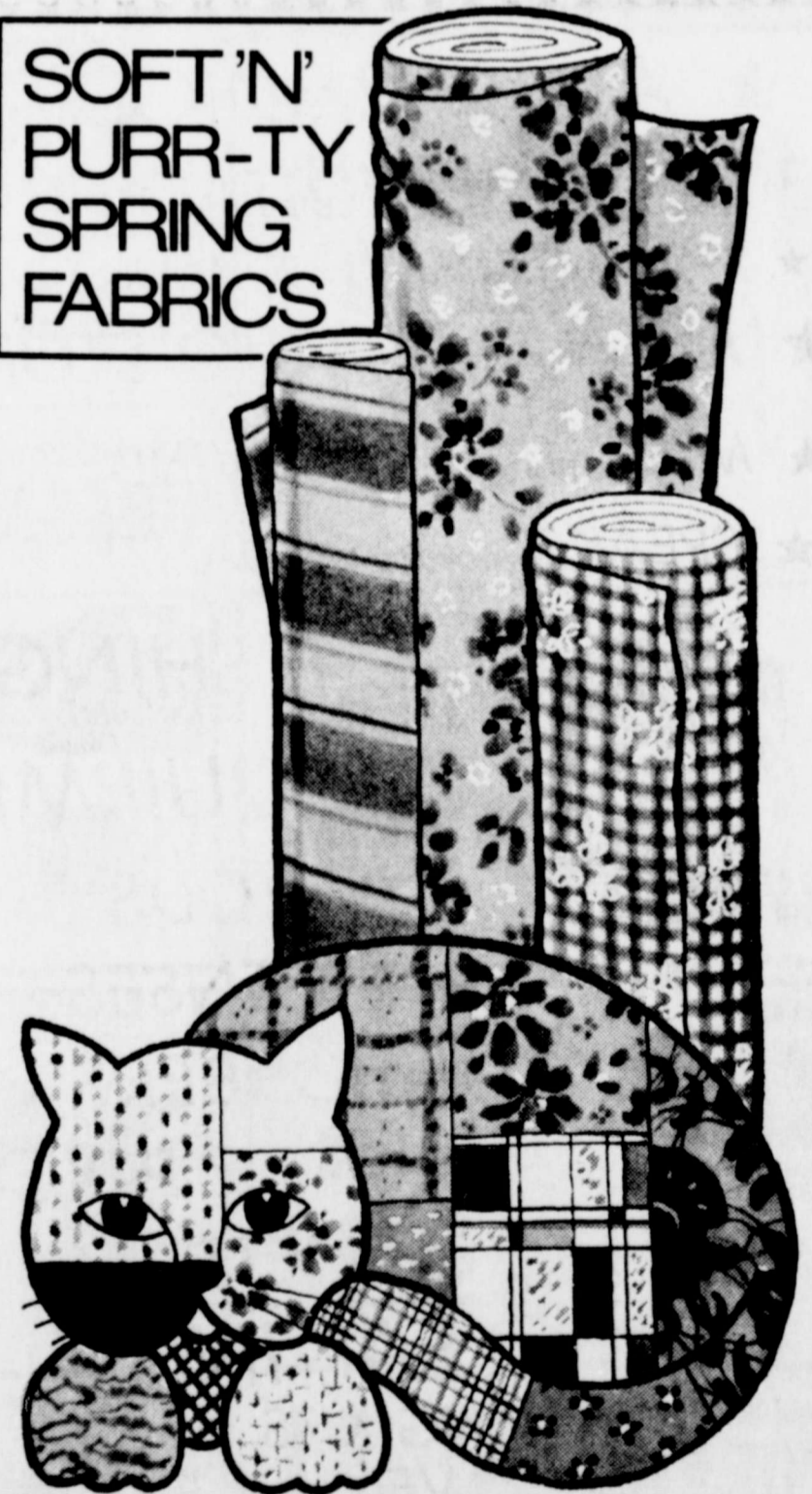
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WASHINGTON, D.C. — There are few programs that exemplify the proper use of minimal federal funds to encourage maximum accomplishments better than programs designed to serve senior citizens.

In early December of last year, I received a letter from a constituent critical of some of these programs, which prompted me to contact my District Advisory Committee on Aging. I rely on this group for guidance in matters concerning senior citizens. I was so impressed with the overwhelmingly positive nature of their comments and the many insights these individuals were able to offer about these programs, that I wanted to share some of these thoughts.

The group addressed critical comments ranging from an exclusive "social club" attitude of the senior citizen center in her county, to discrimination, inadequate contributions by financially able participants and the suggestion that federal funding should not be continued.

Virtually every response I received from the advisory committee enthusiastically espoused the value and worth-

ness of these programs. Although it was stated in many different ways, all of the respondents agreed with the Fisher County member who said, "Many tax dollars are spent needlessly, but I feel such is not the fact in this program. It has in some way made a number of people productive who otherwise might have remained dormant."

A professional woman from Clyde explained, "Our main goals are to keep persons 60 years and over active in community activities, to be a resource in the community, instead of a liability. The reason that I so completely support senior citizens centers is because they are preventive medicine."

Another Abilene professional explained further, "Older persons living alone frequently do not eat balanced meals and consequently their health begins to deteriorate. Hence, they are soon candidates for institutional care with all its escalating costs."

With regard to all income levels being able to participate,

a Ranger man commented, "I do not believe the program was designed for low income only, nor should it ever become another form of welfare program. People in West Texas have a well developed sense of pride and many of the 'truly needy' would not participate if it were identified as a low income program. It would indeed be sad if the program were rewritten to promote further segregation of persons based upon their economic status."

Numerous constructive suggestions focused primarily around sensitivity training for the directors, open discussions in the community about the purposes of the program, clearer understanding of program objectives by all administrators, and in general, greater community involvement.

Still another commented, "Indeed we want to be a 'social club,' but we add quickly that there are no restrictions for membership except for age."

The respondents did not try to claim the programs were perfect. "I suppose there will be abuses in all programs as long as human nature remains as it is. Certainly these should not be tolerated when brought

to the attention of those in authority," mentioned another individual. It was encouraging and heart-warming for me to hear about these many valuable programs being made available to our senior citizens. I believe many of us can join the Knox County woman who said, "I work with many senior citizens on other programs and I find that we owe them so much."

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