

The Merkel Mail

Thursday, April 3, 1986 ...Merkel, Texas

Our 98th Year

Hume traveling across the country to Save the lady'



Mel Hume stopped by Circle A Western Wear Wednesday on his trek across America to aid the fund raising efforts for the Statue of Liberty's Restoration Fund. Hume left California Jan. 1 and hopes to raise \$36,000 along the way. Staff photo

Mel Hume pulled in to Circle A Western Wear last Wednesday, but he wasn't like most folks that stop in. He pulled up aboard a Paint horse with a Mustang carrying gear, headed for the Statue of Liberty. He left Jan. 1 from La Purisima Mission on the Pacific Coast in California and hopes to raise \$36,000 for the Statue of Liberty Restoration Fund. So far, he hasn't asked anyone

for a dime he says but they have given him a lot more. When he lost a bag off his horse near Midland, the Police Department gave him a few shirts. He's been fed, his horses fed and watered and said he's had great support from people he has met along the way. Hume, a former Marine and Vietnam Veteran, said he felt the ride was the best way he could do something, in a large way, for the

statue's restoration fund. His seven year old son will ride the last 218 miles with him. Hume also said once he told people about what he was doing, people also want to be a part of the project in some way. If you'd like to make a contribution to the ride, you may do so by sending a check or money order to Trans America Ride, # 00169-09953, Bank of America, Lompoc Branch 0016, 215 North H Street, Lompoc, CA 93436.

Local elections are Saturday; contested races Trent & Tye

Local elections will be held Saturday from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. and contested races will be decided in the Trent School Board and Tye City Council. In Merkel city elections, incumbents Ted Smith and James McKee are seeking re-election. Councilman Jerry Byrd decided not to seek re-election after 12 years on council. Phillip Doan of Merkel is seeking election to council. The Merkel ISD race finds incumbents Leroy Teaff and Greg Henderson seeking election. Seeking three positions on the Trent School Board are Greg Armstrong, Mike Carriker, Rocky

Bryan, Shannon Payne, Rosemary Bland, Billy Hamner and Mark Copeland. Mrs. Bland is the only incumbent in that group seeking three at large spots. Running to fill an unexpired term are Mac Sipe and Billy Clark. In the Trent City elections, Robert Lee and Owen O'Kelly are seeking two spots in the at large election. The city of Tye has two contested races. Seeking election for mayor is A. L. Ries, who is challenging incumbent mayor Violet E. Law. Running for Place 2 are Billy E. Miller, Al Turner and David

Perry. Seeking re-election unopposed in Place 4 is James Steen. Merkel voters will cast their ballots at the Merkel High School Gym on 3rd and Ash Street here. Both city and school ballots can be cast at separate locations in the gym's corridor. MISD voters in Precincts 20, 21, 22, 1 & 10 will cast their ballots at the Tye Elementary School's Cafeteria. Both Trent's school board and city elections will be held at Trent City Hall. Polling places will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. at all local voting stations.



Tacky Days was held Tuesday at the Senior Citizens Nutritional Program at Heritage Hall. A group in 'different' attire entertained others taking part in the meal. Staff photo

Sign up deadline is Friday for April 26th food distribution

The sign up deadline is Friday (tomorrow) for the April 26th USDA food distribution here. The distribution had been previously set for April 12th, but will be held April 26th. The distribution will begin around 9 a.m. and those who

qualify for the program must pick up their food before Noon. About 350 people had made applications for the surplus commodities as of Monday. Applications may be filled out at City Hall Friday from 7:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

The surplus commodity distribution is a program of the United States Department of Agriculture. Periodically, distribution of surplus commodities, purchased by USDA by farm program funds, is distributed to people who qualify for the program.

100 attend Easter Egg hunt

About 100 children participated in the annual Chamber of Commerce Easter Egg Hunt Saturday at the Merkel City Park.

Prize eggs were found by Leon Massey in the 9 & over group, Tabitha Garrett in the 6 to 8 age group and Shawn Toombs in the 5

& under division. The next event for the Chamber will be the annual Fun Day event, planned July 4th at the South Park.

Trent bands set spring concert

The Trent Bands will be holding their spring concert April 4th at the Trent Gym.

Admission is 50 cents. The concession stand will be open featuring fresh pies and

cobblers. The event is sponsored by the Trent Band Boosters.

Boosters set April 15th meeting

The Badger Booster Club will meet April 15 at 7 p.m. at Merkel High School to discuss Hall of Fame nominees and the All-Sports

Banquet. The banquet is planned for May 24th at Heritage Hall. The group will also nominate

officers for next year's duties. All Booster Club members are urged to attend.

Special Easter, lot's of eggs comet, Lions dinner ... more

by Cloy A. Richards

Some members of the Merkel Emergency Medical Crew saved a life at Easter Sunrise Services held at Camp Butman Sunday. Local volunteer paramedics were told at Humana their efforts had saved the man's life. That will bring special Easter memories to them.

The Chamber of Commerce Easter Egg Hunt was held Saturday and a lot of kids attended.

It sure takes a lot longer to hide those eggs than it does to find them, as parents everywhere found out recently.

The best day for viewing The Comet here, well it's Saturday. The comet will be in the Southwest sky and can be seen after 4:15 a.m. until daybreak. Here's the plan, get up early, go to a viewing sight with an unobstructed view of the South East horizon (away from the glare of Dyess AFB), watch the comet, go eat breakfast, go vote and by 8 a.m. you will have the rest of the day for other worthwhile projects.

Local elections are Saturday (see related story on Page One). Polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. Although there aren't any contested races here, Tye and Trent

do have a couple of choices to make.

Well, you had a taste of summer with the kids home from school this week. How did you like it?

I made a short trip to College Station to see my family. My sister, who lives near Washington D.C. and her two youngest children were here for a visit, so Joey and I left Wednesday night. Thursday morning, Joey and I took Nathan and Tiffany to catch crawdeads and other water creatures. They were enthralled with the wildflowers and wanted to know what this flower was and so on.

I taught them about bluebonnets, dew-berries and indian paintbrushes.

Or at least I thought I had. The next day, Nathan spotted a blue flower. When I asked him what it was, he said (of the bluebonnet) "that's a blue-berry vine."

That's what uncles are for. To confuse young nieces and nephews.

The Lions Club pancake supper, coming up April 22nd, is a good way for you to help a good cause. The local Lions use proceeds from this event to purchase eye-glasses for children who cannot afford glasses.

Even if you don't plan on attending, purchase a ticket from a local Lions member.

It's money that will be well spent.

I read, with great interest, the new Reporter News editor's column Sunday.

He was explaining the increase in the single copy price of the paper to 50 cents daily and \$1 on Sunday. In part of his reasoning, he said Abilene didn't have the advertising base as Dallas or Fort Worth, so the Reporter News' higher single copy price was justified.

If all facts are relative, we should be considering a single copy price of \$5.

All things aren't and we barely gave the idea a second thought.

Congratulations are in order to Chris and Patty Young of Abilene. Patty brought a 8½ pound baby boy, Daniel Christopher, into the world Friday.

Chris is owner of Boney Insurance Agency here and manager of the Merkel Chamber of Commerce.

Dale's cartoon this week is a gem.

It could run in any newspaper in this country, and make perfect sense.



Dale Gammage cartoon

Budget cuts will hurt state extension service

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service, supported by federal state and local funds, will receive a blow to its educational programs if federal dollars are cut back as proposed by the Reagan Administration.

"We are currently looking at about a 59 percent reduction in federal funding, which would reduce our budget for the coming fiscal year by about \$10 million," points out Dr. Zerle L. Carpenter, Extension Service director.

Federal support for the nationwide system of the Cooperative Extension Service, which was established in 1914, totaled \$343,727,000 for the past fiscal year.

"The proposed budget reduction would mean a cutback in certain programming efforts at a time when our farmers and ranchers are suffering through the worst economic times since the days of the Great Depression," says Carpenter.

"Our role over the years has been to serve as a transfer agent—to take new technology from agricultural research to the farm and ranch to help producers improve their well-being," Carpenter explains. "Most often this has been done through on-farm demonstrations."

"While producers have fallen on hard economic times, we are attempting to work them in every way possible to improve production efficiency by cutting costs and improving management and to look at alternative sources for generating income. We also are putting increased emphasis on educational programs relating to

the marketing of agricultural commodities so that farmers and ranchers can reap greater returns from the products of their labors.

"Through agricultural research and our efforts in technology transfer, we have helped farmers and ranchers produce a supply of high quality food and fiber that is second to none in this world," Carpenter emphasizes. "Americans spend less for high quality food than any other society in the world, and it's all due to our tremendous agricultural industry."

"While thousands of Texas farmers have gone out of business in the past few years, we are continuing an all-out effort to provide farm management assistance, including computer-assisted financial analyses and other educational aids to help producers with decision-making. We also are focusing on educational programs to deal with family stress situations created by the financial plight of farmers and ranchers," Carpenter noted.

Some 2,700 Texas farmers were

forced out of business last year alone, and net farm income declined some \$600 million from the 1984 level, according to preliminary estimates by Extension Service economists. At the same time, gross farm and ranch receipts held steady.

"Through our county Extension offices, our agency has day-to-day contacts with farmers, ranchers and others in need of assistance, people needing a helping hand," he added. "That's why a cut in federal funding for Extension

Service programs would be so the people that have made this devastating to rural America and nation what it is today.

Lions club set April 22nd pancake supper

The Merkel Lions Club will be holding a pancake supper April 22nd, from 5:30 until 8 p.m.

Tickets to the event are \$3 each and the pancake supper will be held at Heritage Hall.

All proceeds will benefit local youths who need glasses but are not financially able to afford them.

All Lions club members have

tickets and they are also available at Hicks Auto, P & L Auto Parts, F & M National Bank, Carsons, Starbuck Furniture and Boney Insurance Agency.

Trent firemen plan benefit

The Trent VFD and Firemen's Ladies Auxiliary will sponsor a softball game. Firemen vs. ladies and spaghetti supper, Saturday,

April 5. The game will start at 4 p.m. at the Trent school ballfield and supper will be at 7 p.m. at the fire department. There will be

door prizes. Tickets are on sale from any firemen or firemen's lady in Trent or at Circle A in Merkel.

Local wildlife hearings set in Abilene

Seventy-eighth District State Representative Steve Carriker announced that the Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife will be holding public hearings on proposed changes in the state's hunting and fishing regulations.

Since these hearings are the only opportunity the public has to

directly influence the regulations, Representative Carriker urged all sportsmen, landowners, and other interested persons to be sure to attend one of the hearing at the most convenient location. West Texas locations include Lubbock (April 1st at the County Courthouse), Wichita Falls (April 2 at the Field and Stream Building),

and Abilene (April 3 at the Old Taylor County Courthouse). All hearings will begin at 7:00 p.m.



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Biera's will celebrate anniversary

Mr. & Mrs. Juan C. Biera will be honored April 5th at a special service at Our Mother Of Mercy Catholic Church at 5:30 p.m. The celebration will be held in observance of the couple's 40th wedding anniversary. A reception, hosted by their children, will be held following the service.

Hosts include Mrs. Angie Rodriguez, Mrs. Juanita Valdez and Rudy Biera of Abilene; Mrs. Vicki Rodriguez, Miss Christina Biera, Rosie Niera, Joe Biera and Steven Biera, all of Merkel; John Biera of Lubbock and Mrs. Liria Craciano of San Marcos, CA.



The couple has ten grandchildren, 5 boys and five girls.

Fortnightly group a holds meeting

Mrs. Comer Haynes was hostess for the Merkel G.F.W.C. Fortnightly Study Club, which met March 25 in her home. Mrs. Orvel Hill, Club President, opened the meeting and Mrs. Truett Patterson led the club members in giving the "Club Collect". Roll call was given by members telling a good family joke. Mrs. Comer Haynes introduced the program, "Home Life". Maurine White and Mary Collins discussed the topics "I like housekeeping" and "The joy of socks". Mrs. Henry Martin read the poem "Mama's Hat" while Mrs. Buster Horton modeled

her hats. A novelty song, "Hats" was sung by a quartet. A story "A day of new thought", was read by Aileen Knight.

Members present were Mmes S.C. Dixon, R.M. Ferguson, Mack Fisher, J.W. Hammond, Comer Haynes, Orvel Hill, Buster Horton Dent Gibson, Carl Hughes, C.B. Knight, Joe Lassiter, Henry-Martin, Billy Bob Neff, Truett Patterson, Phillip Pursley, Curtis Rister, C.M. Seymore, Howard Sliger, Andy Shouse, Alf Walla, Ray Wilson, Richard Hill, and Misses Mary Collins, Mildred Hamm, and Maurine White.

Xi Nu Chi meets

On March 25th the Xi Nu Chi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met at the Pleasantville Center. During the business meeting, an election of new officers was conducted. The new officers are as follows: Anita Allen- President; Donna Bryan- Vice President; Vicki Rodriguez- Corresponding Secretary; Barbara Gardner- Recording Secretary; Nancy Johnson- Extension Officer; Mary Hill- Treasurer; Donna Lang- City Council Representative.

The program for the evening was presented by Vicki Rodriguez.

ques. The topic was "Fit for life". She handed out information sheets and demonstrated exercises that would benefit your heart, to spot reducing exercises, to exercising for a glowing look.

Refreshments were furnished by Barbara Gardner. A lovely fruit tray with dips and a combination of cheese and crackers on the side was served to Minyon Seymore, Donna Bryan, Vicki Rodriguez, Nancy Johnson, Barbara Gardner, Connie Harris, Mary Hill, Anita Allen, Judy Elliott, and Nancy Duncan.

Garden club will plant roses at cemetery

The Merkel Garden Club met March 20th at the home of Olga Peachy. Jewel Criswell served as co-hostess.

Becky Rogers, president, presided over a brief business meeting and pre-registered for the District meeting on April 3rd and 4th in Snyder was taken. Members are urged to write to Rep. Stenholm in support of the bill legislating the third week of April as "National Gardening Week."

A discussion was held on the placement and binds of flowers to set out at the cemetery entrance. A committee was appointed to purchase rose bushes and necessary materials for preparation of

the beds. A special welcome was extended to three new members, Sue Johnson, Robbie Wilson and Leota Patterson. Other members present were: Olga Peachy, Jewel Criswell, Becky Rogers, Peggy Black, Inez Detrick, Leota-Sherrell, Alice King, Billie-Hartley, Lenora Wilbourn, Shirley McBride, Mary Russom, Georgia Allday, Wynette Barkley, Estelle Humphrey, Mary Click, and Verdine Patterson.

The next meeting will be a dutch treat luncheon at the Royal Inn in Abilene followed by a town of flower gardens. Members will meet at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, April 18th at 112 Oak Street.

MISD school menu

The following is the MISD lunch menu.

April 7, Chicken fried steak with cream gravy, creamed potatoes, buttered english peas and applesauce.

Tuesday April 8, Beef tacos with cheese, pinto beans, shredded lettuce and tomatoes, pineapple chunks.

April 9, Toasted cheese sandwiches, vegetable soup, apple cheese crisp.

April 10, Burritos with cheese sticks, Maccaroni and tomatoes, lettuce wedges, cherry cobbler.

April 11 Hamburgers with french fries and all the trimmings, walk to school cookies.

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158-1tp

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89-TFC

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27-TFC

For Rent: 3 bedroom, mobil home in Merkel, partially furnished, carport, storage building, chain link fence and close to school, \$150 deposit, \$275 a month, 928-4954, after 6:00 p.m., 928-4042.
150-TFC

Mobil Home Lots For Rent: 1st month free, west end of south 7th street, \$50 a month, Call 928-4973.
138-TFC

For Rent: Extra nice, quiet, one bedroom, upstairs, furnished apartment, carpet, air conditioner, refrigerator, gas range and heater, share utilities \$100 deposit \$165 per month, 910 Rose call Glynn Johnson 317-282-2116 collect after 6 p.m. or see Mrs. Hatley 928-4110.
158-2tc

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

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

In Merkel: For Sale or Rent, brick, 3 bedroom, fireplace, covered patio, fenced, double carport. Owner carry, 846-3191.
158-1tp

For Rent or Sale: 3 bedroom, 2 bath, extra nice mobile home. Call after 5:00 695-4976.
158-1tp

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

For Rent, Sale or Trade for equal value, 1975 Schultz, 14X80, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, Contact Joyce at 928-5673 Monday-Friday.
158-2tc

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

For Rent: 2 bedroom, all electric apartments. Upstairs \$250 with \$150 deposit, Downstairs with dishwasher \$275 with \$150 deposit, 928-5194.
149-TFC

For Rent: 2 office spaces, Kent Street. Will remodel to suit tenant's needs. Call Glynn Johnson 817-282-2116 collect after 6 p.m.
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157-2tc

Mobile Home For Rent: 2 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, fenced in yard, storage building and garden area, call 928-5845 or 928-4991.
156-2tc

Classifieds

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

REAL ESTATE

4 bedroom, living room, dining room, utility room, water well, call Cyrus Pee, 928-5613.
153-TFC

Land For Sale By Owner 160 acres, after 6 call 915-928-4916.
157-TFC

For Sale: 3 bedroom 1 1/2 bath home at 1532 Sunset. Remodeled, price reduced. Call Ted Smith 928-4728 or home 928-5081.
156-TFC

House For Sale By Owner: nice Locust street location, large living room, den with fireplace, 3 bedrooms, 1 3/4 bath, central heat and air, fruit trees, pecan trees, cement cellar, and water well. All of this for under \$40,000.
155-TFC

For Sale By Owner in Merkel. Duplex, 2 bedroom each or can be a 4 bedroom house, \$30,000 \$5,000 down, 928-5787 of 401 Runnels, Merkel.
157-2tp

For Sale by Owner. 2 acres with house in country. Low down. Living room, 3 bedroom, 1 bath, kitchen utility room. A large incomplete addition. Shown by appointment only. 928-5787 or 401 Runnels, Merkel.
157-2tp

For Sale: 3 bedroom house in Merkel. 928-5345 or 846-5125.
157-2tp

For Sale By Owner 1 1/4 acres with 2 trailers, front trailer 2 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, kitchen, dining room separate, central heat and air, furnished nice, screened in front porch. Back trailer, 3 bedroom, 1 bath, good furniture, \$27,500. Call 928-5175.

GARAGE SALES

Garage Sale: 112 Locust Thursday and Friday, 8-6 Sat. 8-12, Bedspreads sheets, clothes, shoes, books, Free Kittens.
158-1tp

Yard Sale: 610 Cherry, Friday only.
158-1tp

Yard sale: Friday only. Evaporative cooler, yard tools, lawn mowers baby clothes, lots of misc. 1311 S 2nd & Ash if weather permits.
158-1tp

Moving Sale: Saturday & Sunday, 5 miles North of Merkel on FM 1235. Children's clothing bunk beds, etc.
158-1tp

5 Family Garage sale 2nd house off Wimberly Road North, Saturday only.
158-1tp

Garage Sale: Friday at 807 Locust.
158-1tp

2 Family Porch sale Thursday and Friday weather permitting if not inside sale 8:30 until 4. Little bit of everything, clothes, 403 Lois Merkel.
158-1tp

Yard Sale: Friday only starts at 8:30. North 3rd. Clothes, new contemporary jewelry, other household items.
158-1tp

shown us in our time of sorrow. May God Bless each of you.

The Family of Sie Hamm
158-1tp

We want to thank all our friends who shared our sorrow in the loss of our daughter, Angie Moreno. All the prayers, cards, flowers, food and thoughtfulness made our grief a little easier to bear. God has blessed us with many friends and we will always cherish their generosity.

The Moreno Family
158-1tnc

I want to thank everyone for their kindness during my recent stay in the hospital. Thanks to the Merkel Emergency Medical Service for their being there quickly after being called. The people for their prayers, cards and flowers. Special thanks to Rev. John Waggoner & Wayne Keller for their visits, prayers and the Commrade Class. May God Bless each and every one of you.
Velma Mashburn

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THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: FELECITO GARCIA, Address Unknown, Defendant, Greeting: You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before ten o'clock A.M. of the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being Monday the 28th day of April, 1986, at or before ten o'clock A.M. before the Honorable 350th District Court of Taylor County, Texas, at the

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The names of the parties to the cause are as follows: THE STATE OF TEXAS are Plaintiffs and A WHITE 1971 EL CAMINO 616-6CT, VIN # 136801K176908 (Felicitio Garcia) are Defendants.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit: Plaintiff alleges that the above described vehicle was being used to facilitate the transportation of certain property described in Article 4476-15, V.A.C.S., to wit: Cocaine, by carrying said Cocaine. Plaintiff alleges that the use of a vehicle for the purpose of transportation or possession of any certain property described in Paragraph (a) (1) of Section 5.03 of the "Texas Controlled Substance Act", was denounced and made illegal by the provisions contained in Article 4475-15, V.A.C.S. WHEREFORE, the seizing officer in and for the State of Texas, request the Court to enter its Order finding said vehicle was used or intended for use for the purpose of possession, and uphold said seizure and forfeiture, and forfeiting to the Abilene Police Department the said 1971 El Camino as provided by law, and Ordering the same to be disposed of in accordance with the provisions of Section 5.08 of the "Texas Controlled Substance Act", and the proceeds, if any be disposed of as provided by said law, and for such other relief, at law or in equity, as Plaintiff shall be entitled to receive, as is more fully

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Newsbriefs

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Kinder's granddaughter

Linda Kinder, of Merkel, and Charles Kinder of Perrin, are proud to announce the new arrival of their granddaughter, Jennifer Rene. Born April 28, she weighed 7 lbs 2 ozs and was 19½ inches long.

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Perkins on A & M list

John Emmett Perkins from Merkel, senior agricultural economics major, has earned "Distinguished Student" status at Texas A&M University.

Oil price drop hurts tax base

Richard C. Hudson, chairman of Texas Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association, today expressed his concern about the valuation of oil and gas properties by local jurisdictions in light of the dramatic drop in crude oil and natural gas prices.

"These dramatic declines in oil and gas prices are unprecedented in the last 50 years that the Texas oil and gas industry has been supporting our state and local governments through severance taxes and local property taxes."

Hudson said, "This economic condition was recognized by the State Comptroller in May of 1985, almost a year ago, when he gave his estimate for revenues for the current biennium, and there have been many other factors that have heralded this dramatic event."

Never before in history has the oil and gas industry experienced such an economic downturn. Drilling operations and the work-over of older wells have been curtailed or in many instances abandoned. Oil and gas exploration projects are being postponed or totally scrapped as companies restructure their organizations to survive.

"The property tax law provides that valuations be on a fair market value," said Hudson. He urged that "local taxing jurisdictions make their valuations based on market conditions that have existed for well over a year and currently exist in the values of oil and gas."

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