

The Merkel Mail

Thursday, July 30, 1987 . . . Merkel, Texas

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David Ray is state FFA winner

David Ray of the Merkel FFA accepted a \$100 check for winning the State FFA Cereal Grain Production Proficiency Award at the State FFA Convention last week. He has submitted his application to compete against other state winners to be named one of four national finalists. Only one winner will be selected from each of the four FFA administrative regions. The four national finalists will receive a plaque, a \$250 check and partially paid travel expenses to the national FFA convention in November.

The National FFA Convention will be held in Kansas City, Mo. where one of the four finalists will be chosen as the national winner. The national winner will be awarded a plaque and a check for \$500.

The Cereal Grain Production Award program is designed to encourage vocational agriculture students to become established in the production of cereal grains. Each student's project involves employing the best management practices available for the efficient production and marketing of cereal grain crops.

There are 29 national FFA proficiency awards recognizing the FFA members for achievements in activities leading to careers in agriculture.



§ David Ray of the Merkel FFA was named state champion in Cereal Grain Production at the recent state FFA Convention. David will compete for the national award.

School board sends high school handbook to committee

Merkel school board members received some good financial news, heard testing results and sent the Merkel High student handbook to a committee at their regular meeting at the Merkel High annex Thursday.

It was the first meeting under the direction of superintendent James Logan.

The board heard results from the 1st grade students on the statewide TEAMS tests. Locally, 1st grade students scored better than the state in a majority of the categories on the test.

Board members also discussed the proposed student handbook for Merkel High students. Board members asked that a committee of parents, teachers and administrators be formed to discuss the proposals included.

Some of the proposed guidelines in the handbook are different from last year's. The handbook specifically states high school students may not wear jams to school. The proposed handbook also states there will always be appropriate optional disciplinary measures that a student may choose in place of corporal punishment (padding).

Normally it is two days of detention hall per swat. That is a major change in the 1987-88 handbook. Before, students did not have the right to that option.

The handbook is almost identical, with the before mentioned changes to the 1986-87 student handbook. Many of the rules covering discipline and dress are state mandated.

Students will have the handbook issued to them on the first day of class and their parents will be asked to sign a form stating they have read the handbook.

In other action, board members learned that 88 percent of the 1986 tax bills have been paid. The district is also collecting more in past due taxes and the budget was increased by about \$120,000 because of the increased flow of revenue. Board members also paid \$128,488.31 in monthly bills.

Following a lengthy executive session, the board accepted the resignations from Gail Thompson, Debbie Utley and Bobby Duke and Bonnie Willingham. The board hired Gena Peel, Fredalyn Everett, Sharon Stewart and Karen Watson.

MISD officials did attend a hearing in Austin July 21st concerning the districts' firing of coach Bob Mace, following his conviction on a DWI charge. Mace appealed his firing to the school district and then the Texas Education Agency. It will be about six months before the TEA will issue a final judgement on that decision.

During the superintendent's report, James Logan told board members the district had not received any revenue amounts from the state and that work on the 1987-88 budget would begin as soon as the revenue estimates were received. A budget workshop was set for August 11th.

Board members also decided to change the school day for high school students. State law mandates 55 minutes per class of instructional time and Merkel High class schedules did not previously allow 55 minutes. The school day will now start at 8:20 a.m. and end at 3:41.

Prior to the business session, board members took a bus tour of new and remodeled MISD facilities both here and in Tye.

Council hears 1986-87 audit

The Merkel City Council met in a regular meeting Monday night and received the annual audit report from the city's auditor, Andy Don Hart, CPA.

The meeting was held at the Merkel Emergency Medical Association's Building.

Hart told the council he felt the City was doing a better job in collection of past due water accounts which had been a problem in the past. He said he'd like to see the inactive accounts (water accounts kept on the city books that are no longer in service) taken off more quickly to more accurately reflect past due water sales.

According to the audit, city revenues fell \$16,000 from the fiscal year ending April 30, 1986. Most of that drop came from the end of the federal revenue sharing program and a \$5,000 loss in oil revenues.

That was offset as the city

managed to spend \$13,500 less than in fiscal year 1986.

The ambulance fund is also experiencing a large amount of bad debts. As of April 30th, \$7,868 in ambulance service bills remain unpaid.

The city has received 88 percent of current property taxes and all 1986 taxes became past due on May 1 of this year.

Hart told council "You have a fine crew at City Hall and I have enjoyed working with them. The transfer of accounting to computer has really worked well."

Merkel mayor Kent Satterwhite told Hart the current audit was the best he had seen in his 17 years as Mayor or a member of council.

In other action, council gave initial approval for two water taps in the Cedar Hill addition on FM 1235 North. Those water taps must also be approved by the City of Abilene.

Council also learned Monday night they must start collecting a six per cent state sales tax on city garbage collections, as a part of the new tax law approved by the Texas Legislature. That new tax will go into effect on Sept. 1st. If the city adds the one per cent local option, sanitation charges will be increased by seven per cent.

A USDA surplus commodity distribution will be held at the Merkel Volunteer Fire Department's station. About 600 people are expected to pick up food according to city manager J. A. Sadler.

Council was also advised that seven delinquent taxpayers had been sued by the Austin based law firm of McCreary, Veselka, Beck & Allen. Those suits are being filed in the district courts in Abilene.

Council's next scheduled session will be August 10th at 7 p.m. at the ambulance service building.



§ These Merkel FFA students received the Lone Star Farmer degree at the recent state FFA convention in Fort Worth. Lone Star farmers are (from left) Billy Ray Riley, Melissa Harris and David Ray. Not pictured are Cassie Townsend and Lynn Hays. Staff photo

Trent's O'Kelly is Lone Star Farmer

More than 5,000 FFA members, vocation agriculture teachers, parents and guests attended the 59th State FFA Convention July 14-17 in Fort Worth.

Scott O'Kelly of the Trent FFA received his Lone Star Farmer's Degree. Lewis Knapp represented Trent as a voting delegate. Scott and Lewis and both Big Country District FFA officers for the 1987-88 school year.

During the four-day convention, FFA members from all across the state gathered to conduct business of the State FFA Association and honor fellow members for their outstanding accomplishments.

This year's convention was highlighted by the special appearances made by Larry Gatlin and the Gatlin Brother Band; Kevin Yost, National FFA Secretary; Susan Forte of NASA's Education in Space program; and Jackie Mayer, a former Miss America.

Twenty-two agricultural proficiency and other State awards were presented to outstanding members, and top chapters were recognized in areas of safety, superior chapter and Building Our America Communities. Lone Star FFA degrees were conferred upon 1,600 FFA members who qualified for the highest state FFA degree as a result of their agricultural and leadership achievements.



§ Scott O'Kelly of the Trent FFA was named a Lone Star Farmer at the recent state FFA convention. Scott is also a Big Country district FFA officer. Staff photo

Budget, book, Badgers. ... more

by Cloy A. Richards

All of the doomsayers were wrong. Texas public school will open on time, local taxpayers will not be facing huge increases in property taxes and there will not be wholesale closings of state wide services.

The Texas Legislature ended their special session last week after passing a tax bill to fund the state's government for the next two years.

The sales tax base was broadened to include interstate telephone calls, local telephone service, custom computer software, data processing, food purchased by common carriers (trains and airlines), garbage collection, private club memberships, janitorial and cleaning services, non-residential repairs and remodeling, landscaping, lawn services, surveying, exterminating, security services, credit reporting, information services, certain transportation and installation charges, insurance services and other

miscellaneous services.

The state will also be receiving additional money by increasing the license fees by \$110 for professionals licensed by the state, increased cigarette tax from 20.5 cents to 26 cents per pack, upped the hotel-motel tax, increased the motor vehicle tax and made permanent an increase on tax of gasoline.

They also increased the state sales tax to 6 per cent.

It's the largest tax increase in the State's history, which just so happened to follow the largest reduction in revenues coming in to the state with the drop in oil revenues.

The proposed student handbook for Merkel High students has a couple of major changes that you might want to know about.

High school and junior high students will no longer be allowed to wear jams (those funny looking, knee length shorts in wild colors). They also can't wear those Spuds McKenzie or Corona

Beach Club shirts because they advertise alcoholic beverages (that's not new but Spuds and the Cornoa shirts haven't been around that long).

Merkel High students will also have the option to choose corporal punishment or detention for violation of school rules. New high school principal Robert Damron told me last week he wanted people to be aware of that.

I haven't been able to find a copy of **Texas Football** yet, but they have picked the Merkel Badgers to end up second in the district 5AAA race this year, behind Ballinger.

Former MISD superintendent Bill Everett will not be leaving the area as he did not accept the headmaster's position at Happy Hills Academy. He will be a professor at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene and his wife was re-hired as an elementary school teacher at Tye Elementary.

Harold Fair takes over as new Church of Christ preacher in Trent

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Harold John Fair has taken over the preaching duties at the Trent Church of Christ. Brother Fair comes to Trent from the Sunset School of Preaching via the Tarzan (near Midland) Church of Christ.

Harold, age 36, was born in Pietermaritzburg in the province of Natal, South Africa and has lived in Zambia, Kenya and Australia. His post-high school training was in architectural drafting, building quantity surveying and contractual buying with the Ellis School of Building in South Africa.

"I was baptized in May of 1961 in Adelaide, South Africa and through the years I have attended a number of congregations throughout the world," says Fair. "I have always been active in the work of the church. In the past, I have been a song leader, personal work director, church treasurer and secretary, missionary, gospel

preacher and youth director, he added.

Fair told **The Mail** "One aspect of my ministry I feel very committed to is the home and family relationships. I love working with young people and encouraging the latent potential within each of them. Each has a unique talent and service to offer the Lord. The young are the church of tomorrow and they provide a special opportunity for us to shape and insure the survival of the church in the future."

Brother Fair plans to further his education at Abilene Christian University under the eye of his brother, Dr. Ian Fair, who is dean of the college of Biblical Studies at ACU. "I am going to start my studies for a bachelor of science degree in the ministry and continue on to a Master's degree in Marriage and Family Therapy," said Fair. "It all goes back to my statement about the future of the



Harold James Fair

church. The family is the backbone of the church and I plan to dedicate my life to helping families in their Christian struggles."

Brother Fair and his wife Bobby have moved into their home in Trent along with their children Juanita-13, Warren-10 and Ursula-4. They invite all the surrounding area to come by and visit in Christian fellowship.

by W. E. Dulaney

Services held here for Minnie Effie Smith

Minnie Effie Smith, 88 of 502 Smith in 1922. He preceeded her in Walnut here, died in Crockett July 24th.

Funeral services were held July 27th at the Assembly of God Church here with Rev. Richard Sessions officiating. Burial followed at Rose Hill Cemetery here under the direction of the Starbuck Funeral Home.

The daughter of Thomas & Margaret Elizabeth Huffman, she was born Dec. 26, 1898 in Milam County. She had married M. W. and 37 great grandchildren.

Melvin Lindley Arrington's services held here

Melvin Lindley Arrington, 59, of Rt 3 Merkel, died July 27th at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene.

Funeral services were held July 29th at Merkel's Church of Christ with Bob Brandon, pastor, officiating. Burial followed at Rose Hill Cemetery here under the direction of the Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born Nov. 25th, 1927 in Taylor County, he was the son of Charlie & Lady Lindley Arrington. He had married Joy Larose Perry Nov. 4th, 1949.

He was a network maintenance supervisor with Southwestern Bell Telephone and was a retired

SeaBee with the U. S. Navy Reserve. He was a member of the Merkel Church of Christ and was an avid hunter and fisherman.

He is survived by his wife of 38 years, Rilla Mahoney, District Clerk, Taylor County, Texas. He has two sons, Richard and Merkel; two daughters, Brenda Turner of Colorado City and Cathy Oiler of Conroe; a brother, W. R. Arrington of Abilene; two sisters, Betty England of Las Vegas and Priscilla Reasor of San Antonio.

Serving as pallbearers were Quannah Dudley, Foster Cox, Manley Denton, Sr., Wallace Whiteside, Jack Hogan and Milton Brown. Honorary pallbearers included Leroy Riney and J. T. Watts.

Masonheimer plays well in area tennis tournaments

Jamie Masonheimer of Trent has been very active in regional tennis tournaments and has done quite well.

He won the Junior Men's single division in the Rotan Chamber of Commerce tournament and then paired with Todd Gruben of Rotan to win the Junior Men's doubles division.

He won the under 14 boys singles division and was first in the under 16 boys doubles, again playing with Gruben, in the Big Spring Figure Seven Tournament.

In the Hamlin Chamber of Commerce tournament, Jamie was third in Junior Men's singles and he and Gruben were 2nd in Junior Men's doubles.

In another Big Spring Figure Seven Tournament, Jamie was second in the under 14 boys singles.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: 1980 CHEVROLET, TWO DOOR VIN# 1P-87LAL557323 OR THE UNKNOWN OWNER OR ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING ANY INTEREST IN A 1980 CHEVROLET AUTOMOBILE

Parties in the hereinafter styled and numbered cause:

You (and each of you) are hereby commanded to appear before the 104th District Court of Taylor County, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday after the expiration of 48 days from the date of the issuance hereof; that is to say, at or before, 10 o'clock A.M. on the 7th day of September, 1987, and answer the petition of plaintiff in Cause Number 17-686-B, in which the STATE OF TEXAS (Plaintiff) VS 1980 Chevrolet automobile (Defendant) filed in said Court on the 20th day of May, 1987, and the nature of which said suit is as follows: The State of Texas is seeking a forfeiture of a 1980 CHEVROLET, VIN # 1P-87LAL557323 bearing TEXAS license UDK422, which vehicle was registered to CAROLYN GUERRA of ABILENE, TAYLOR, County, Texas, and which was seized by officers of the VAL VERDE County District Attorney's Office on May 19, 1987 in VAL VERDE County, Texas, while it was being used in the transporting for delivery of MARIJUANA AND COCAINE.

All is more fully appear from Petitioner's Original Petition in file in this office, and which reference is here made for all intents and purposes.

WITNESS, DISTRICT CLERK of the District Courts of TAYLOR County, Texas.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court at office in the City of Abilene, Texas, this 17th day of July, 1987.

Rilla Mahoney, District Clerk, Taylor County, Texas By Patricia Henderson (Seal)

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: ANTONIO MURILLO OR THE UNKNOWN OWNER OR ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING ANY INTEREST IN A 1976 CHEVROLET P/U AUTOMOBILE

Parties in the hereinafter styled and numbered cause:

You (and each of you) are hereby commanded to appear before the 350th District Court of Taylor County, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday after the expiration of 48 days from the date of issuance hereof; that is to say, at or before, 10 o'clock A.M. on the 9th day of October, 1987, and answer the petition of plaintiff in Cause Number 1813-D, in which the STATE OF TEXAS (Plaintiff) VS, 1976 CHEVROLET P/U AUTOMOBILE (Defendant), filed in said Court on the 22nd day of May, 1987, and the nature of which said suit is as follows: The state of Texas is seeking a forfeiture of a 1976 CHEV-

ROLETP / U, VIN CCL-146S130023 bearing Texas license 2596JX, which vehicle was registered to ANTONIO MURILLO of 2425 GREEN, ABILENE, TAYLOR County, Texas, and which was seized by officers of the 350th County District Attorney's Office on May 21, 1987, in TAYLOR County, Texas while it was being used in the transportation for delivery of MARIJUANA.

All is more fully appear from Petitioner's Original Petition on file in this office, and which reference is here made for all intents and purposes.

WITNESS RILLA MAHONEY, DISTRICT CLERK of the District Courts of TAYLOR County, Texas.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court at office in the City of ABILENE, Texas, this 17th day of July, 1987.

Rilla Mahoney, District Clerk, Taylor County, Texas By Patricia Henderson, Deputy

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE THE STATE OF TEXAS -County of Taylor NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That by virtue of a certain order of sale issued out of the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County, of the 15th day of July, 1987, by order of sale of said 42nd District Court Taylor County, Texas for the sum of twenty three thousand eight hundred sixty six and 21/100 Dollars and costs of suit, under a Judgement, in favor of GILLISPIE OIL COMPANY vs BIG STAR DRILLING COMPANY, placed in my hands for

service, i. John W. Middleton, as Sheriff of Taylor County, Texas, did, on the 21st day of July, 1987, levy on certain real estate, situated in Taylor County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: a 12.5 percent working interest in an oil, gas and mineral lease known as the Cook-Billingsley lease, located in Taylor County, Texas, on the following described property, to-wit: being the South half of the NE 1/4, Section 21, Lunatic Asylum Land, limited to production from the surface down to a depth of 2,400 feet subsurface, Taylor County, Texas; and levied upon as the property of BIG STAR DRILLING and that of the first Tuesday in September, 1987, the same being the 1st day of said month at the Court House door, of Taylor County, in the city of Abilene, Texas, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., for each, to the highest bidder, as the property of said BIG STAR DRILLING. Sale will be held at 10:45 a.m. Sale will be for cash only.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, in a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in The Merkel Mail, a newspaper published in Taylor County.

Witness my hand, this 21st day of July, 1987. John W. Middleton Sheriff, Taylor County, Texas By Eddie Swanson, Sr., Deputy

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 NEUTROGENA SOAP 299 <small>3-Pack, 3.5 oz. Each</small>	 OS-CAL 500 CHEWABLE TABLETS 449 <small>60 Ct.</small>	 OS-CAL 500 + D 489 <small>60 Ct.</small>	 TUMS 149 <small>75 Ct. Peppermint or Assorted, or 48 Ct. EX</small>
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Trent football physicals set

All new Trent students, ninth graders or boys interested in playing football for the first time need to meet at the Trent bus barn Aug. 5th at 2 p.m. to travel for physicals.

If you have any questions, contact Coach Gore at the high school.

by W. E. Dulaney
White Church cemetery donors

The White Church Cemetery Association would like to acknowledge recent donations.

Alice King and Reba Toombs in memory of Hugh Allen King.

Donations were also received from Buddy & Patsy King and Mrs. A. C. Windham and girls.

Beddingfield assigned

Army Pvt. 1st Class Keith A. Beddingfield, son of Bill F. Beddingfield of 1212 S 3rd here, has arrived for duty with the 8th Infantry Division, West Germany. Beddingfield is a 1983 graduate of Merkel High.

Trent hires four new teachers

The Trent Independent School District has hired four new

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teachers for the 1987-88 school year.

Ed Donohue has been hired as head basketball coach and assistant coach in football. He will also teach science. Ed comes to Trent from Grand Prairie.

J. R. Reed is the new band and will also teach English. J. R. comes to Trent from Lovington, NM.

The new home economics teacher will be Melissa Howard. She is from Bronte.

Finally, Doug Gore has been hired as the new football coach. He comes from Rochester (see related story).

At press time, TISD is still looking to hire a math and science teacher.

Herrera earns wings

Second Lt. Edward G. Herrera, son of Art & Becky Herrera of Tye, has been awarded the aeronautical rating of navigator following graduation from the U. S. Air Force Navigator Training at Mather Air Force Base, California.

Students received academic, simulator and flight training in airmanship and basic, celestial and low-level navigation. He is a graduate of Merkel High

School and a 1986 graduate of Texas Tech University.

Ladies Auxillary meets

The Ladies Auxillary of the Veterans of World War I met in the home of Jewell Criswell with a covered dish luncheon.

After lunch a business session was held. Attending were Mabel McRee, Jewell Criswell, Lucy Bonneaux, Maggie Renfro, Ruth Cox, Lorene Baird, Billie Hartley and a visitor P. J. Bonneaux. Their next meeting will be in September.

Harrison reunion set

Although there are only three of the family of W.A. & Elizabeth Harrison left, there are many grand and great-grandchildren and they are still holding a family reunion.

The reunion will be at the Pleasantville Community Room Aug. 2nd. They invite friends to come and celebrate in visiting. Lunch will be served at noon.

The world's best source of borax, a water softener, is in the Mojave desert, California.



NEW CLASSIFIED AD RATES
New classified ad rates are now in effect. Ads paid in advance will be \$3 for the first 18 words and 15 cents for each additional word. Ads placed by phone will be \$3.75 for the first 18 words and 15 cents per word over 18. If charged ads are not paid for in 30 days, an additional billing fee of \$1.50 will be added. THE MERKEL MAIL

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LEGAL TITLE OF BANK Home State Bank Box 125 Trent, Texas 79561	STATE BANK NO. 1398-32
CITY Trent	FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRICT NO. 11 13 20307
COUNTY Taylor	ZIP CODE 79561
STATE Texas	CLOSE OF BUSINESS DATE June 30, 1987

ASSETS	Dollar Amounts in Thousands			
	Bil	Mil	Thou	
1. Cash and balances due from depository institutions:				
a. Noninterest-bearing balances and currency and coin		416		1 a
b. Interest-bearing balances		100		1 b
2. Securities		1640		2
3. Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell in domestic offices of the bank and of its Edge and Agreement subsidiaries, and in IBFs		730		3
4. Loans and lease financing receivables:				
a. Loans and leases, net of unearned income	2708			4 a
b. LESS: Allowance for loan and lease losses	(158)			4 b
c. LESS: Allocated transfer risk reserve	None			4 c
d. Loans and leases, net of unearned income, allowance, and reserve (item 4 a minus 4 b and 4 c)		2550		4 d
5. Assets held in trading accounts		None		5
6. Premises and fixed assets (including capitalized leases)		226		6
7. Other real estate owned		None		7
8. Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries and associated companies		None		8
9. Customers' liability to this bank on acceptances outstanding		None		9
10. Intangible assets		None		10
11. Other assets		260		11
12. Total assets (sum of items 1 through 11)		5922		12
LIABILITIES				
13. Deposits:				
a. In domestic offices:				
(1) Noninterest-bearing	724		5 571	13 a (1)
(2) Interest-bearing	4 847			13 a (2)
b. In foreign offices, Edge and Agreement subsidiaries, and IBFs:				
(1) Noninterest-bearing	None			13 b (1)
(2) Interest-bearing	None			13 b (2)
14. Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreement to repurchase in domestic offices of the bank and of its Edge and Agreement subsidiaries, and in IBFs		None		14
15. Demand notes issued to the U.S. Treasury		None		15
16. Other borrowed money		None		16
17. Mortgage indebtedness and obligations under capitalized leases		043		17
18. Bank's liability on acceptances executed and outstanding		None		18
19. Notes and debentures subordinated to deposits		None		19
20. Other liabilities		070		20
21. Total liabilities (sum of items 13 through 20)		5 684		21
22. Limited-life preferred stock		None		22
EQUITY CAPITAL				
23. Perpetual preferred stock (No. of shares outstanding)	None		None	23
24. Common stock (No. of shares):				
a. Authorized	2500			24
b. Outstanding	2500		250	24
25. Surplus		150		25
26. Undivided profits and capital reserves		162		26
27. Cumulative foreign currency translation adjustments				
28. Total equity capital (sum of items 23 through 27)		238		28
29. Total liabilities, limited-life preferred stock, and equity capital (sum of items 21, 22, and 28)		5 922		29
MEMORANDA: Amounts outstanding as of Report Date				MEMO
1 a Standby letters of credit, Total		None		1 a
1 b Amount of Standby letters of credit in memo 1 a conveyed to others through participations		None		1 b

NOTE: This report must be signed by an authorized officer(s) and attested by not less than three directors other than the officer(s) signing the report.

I, We, the undersigned officer(s), do hereby declare that this Report of Condition has been prepared in conformance with official instructions and is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

SIGNATURE OF OFFICER(S) AUTHORIZED TO SIGN REPORT: *Betty Hamner* DATE SIGNED: 7/28/87

NAME AND TITLE OF OFFICER(S) AUTHORIZED TO SIGN REPORT: Betty Hamner, Vice President/Cashier AREA CODE / PHONE NO.: 915-862-6137

We, the undersigned directors, attest the correctness of this Report of Condition and declare that it has been examined by us and to the best of our knowledge and belief has been prepared in conformance with official instructions and is true and correct.

SIGNATURE OF DIRECTOR: *[Signature]* SIGNATURE OF DIRECTOR: *[Signature]* SIGNATURE OF DIRECTOR: *[Signature]*

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Yard sale: Friday & Saturday 8-5 1 block North of N 4th in Trent.

Garage sale at 608 Ash Thursday & Friday 8-? Children and ladies clothes, shoes, collars, pillows, bicycle & misc. 31-1tc

Garage Sale: Friday & Saturday at 211 El Paso 31-1tc

Garage Sale: Sears dryer, CB radio, canning jars, books, camping gear, tools, welding equipment & misc. 1411 Stewart. 31-1tp

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Garage Sale at 502 Thornton Thursday through Sunday. 31-1tc

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TO: G. L. Shields and wife, Lula Bell Shields, and or the unknown heirs of G. L. Shields or Luika Bell Shields, as the case may be, Residence Unknown.
Defendant's 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 31 day of August, 1987, at or before ten o'clock A.M. before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County, Texas.

at the Court House of said County in Abilene, Texas.

Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court, on the 8th day of July, A. D. 1987, in this cause numbered 40,440-A on the docket of said court, and styled WALTER EUGENE HUDGINS and wife, Shirley Hudgins Plaintiff, vs. G. L. Shields and wife, Lula Bell Shields, and or The Unknown Heirs of G. L. Shields or Lula Bell Shields, as the case may be, et al Defendant.

The names of the parties to the cause are as follows: WALTER EUGENE HUDGINS and wife, Shirley Hudgins are Plaintiffs and G. L. Shields and wife, Lula Bell Shields, and or The Unknown Heirs of G. L. Shields or Lula Bell Shields, as the case may be, and Jerry Huddleston, Sole Heir of Lucretia Huddleston, Deceased, a Single Woman are Defendants.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit: At all times mentioned, Plaintiffs were, and are, the owners of a parcel of real property and of all the improvements on that property, located in Taylor County, Texas. This real property is more particularly described as follows: Lot 9, Block 4, West University Place Addition to the City of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas (residentially known as 1965 Vogel, Abilene, Texas 79601.) Plaintiffs have been in actual, open, notorious, exclusive, hostile and adverse possession of the real property here involved since April 1, 1977. This date precedes the commencement of this action by more than ten years. Because record title appears in the name of G. L. Shields and wife, Lula Bell Shields, a cloud exists on Plaintiff's title to the herein described property. Plaintiffs seek judge-

ment for title in and to the real property described herein, removing the cloud which the Defendants, or any one of them, could assert to Plaintiff's title. Plaintiff seek such other and further relief to which Plaintiffs may be justly entitled, including cost of court and reasonable attorney's fees as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved. The officer executing this writ shall promptly execute the same according to law, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 13th day of July, A. D. 1987.

Attest: Rilla Mahoney, Clerk, 42nd District Court, Taylor County.

Texas By JoAnn Lackey Deputy (Seal)

The City of Tye, Texas has the following for sale: (1) 1979 Ford LTD and (1) 1981 Ford LTD.

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Trent hires Doug Gore as new head football coach

Trent High School head coach Doug Gore has started the duties of getting the Gorillas ready for the coming season.

Gore comes over from Rochester where he guided the Steers to a semi-final berth last year. Gore is a former 6-Man star at Vera High School where he also lettered in track and basketball. After Vera closed his junior year, he finished at Seymore High School. After graduating from high school, Gore attended McMurry College on a basketball scholarship and graduated in 1965.

Gore's first job after college was at Mathis High School, 30 miles North of Corpus Christi as head coach and athletic director.

After four years, he moved to Tom Brown Junior High in Corpus before taking the Rochester job. Gore is director of the 6-Man coaches association and is director of the District 4 East Zone. He coached the East squad in the 6-Man coaching clinic all-star game.

He told **The Mail** "I saw Trent as a great opportunity. It's a good school, has an outstanding administration, good athletes and a fine community. I have met some of the athletes and I was very impressed. I think we are going to do just fine."

He added "I want to build a strong tradition. I want to put fear in the eyes of every team that

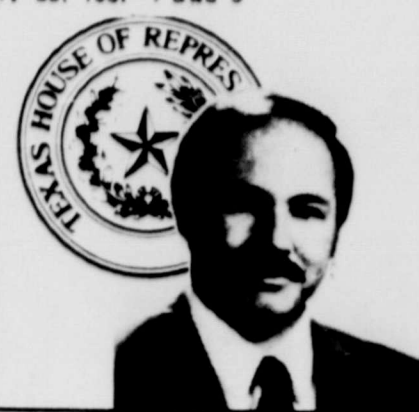
plays the blue and gold. When we take the field, I want people to know that they are in for the game of their life."

Gore plans to run the split I set and likes to throw about half the time. "It really depends on the personnel, but I love to light that scoreboard. We will throw the ball but I also believe in a strong ground game," he added.

Trent's first scrimmage is at May, Aug. 21 at 6 p.m. and Leuders-Avoca comes to Trent Aug. 28th.

Doug and his wife Marie have already moved to Trent along with their daughters Heather age 13 and Holly age 9.

by W. E. Dulaney



CAPITOL JOURNAL

STEVEN A. CARRIKER
House of Representatives

The special session is over, a budget has been adopted, and homeowners are breathing a sigh of relief. Governor Clements has been foiled in his seven-month long crusade to raise local property taxes through shifting the state's burden for education funding. His effort to gut state funding for kindergarten, vocational education, and teacher salaries was rejected by a Democratic legislature that refused to pass the buck to local property owners. As a result, local school

taxes should go up less than one per cent in districts where property values held steady.

The revenue measure to pay for basic state services consists mostly of rounding off the sales tax at six per cent. Other money comes from an increase in cigarette taxes, license fees for professionals such as doctors and lawyers, and changes in the corporate franchise tax. All things considered, this is probably a fair price to pay for holding the line on property taxes and avoiding the

much dreaded state income tax.

An interesting sidelight to the session was the near failure of the entire budget package due to the political maneuvering of about one-third of the House members. This minority, consisting mostly of House Republicans, acknowledged the necessity of the tax bill but did not want to take the political heat for voting for it. For two days, they held the budget captive by denying it the required two-thirds majority. Then they agreed to a legally questionable parliamentary trick to allow them to vote "no" on the tax bill itself, but vote "yes" on another bill to allow the tax bill to take effect immediately. I suspect it will be hard for these legislators to explain why, if they thought the taxes were excessive, they then voted to start collecting them as soon as possible. I guess it just proves that Washington hasn't cornered the market on innovative political double-talk.

Simpson plays for 6-man all-stars

Chris Simpson, a former All-State linebacker for the Trent Gorillas, has returned home after playing in the Texas = Man Coaches Clinic All-Star game July 18th at Tarelton State University in Stephenville.

Chris, who played the games with a fever of 102, started at fullback and carried twice for 21 yards. Simpson also played linebacker in the game and made

seven tackles and causing one fumble.

Ironically, the opposing East squad was coached by the new Trent coach Doug Gore who told **The Mail** "Chris played the game sick but did a real good job. I wish we had him back next year at Trent."

The game was a fine finish to a good career while Chris was at Trent High School. He garnered all-district honors his sophomore

and senior years as a running back and was an all-district linebacker his junior year. He was named All-State his senior year.

Chris leaves Aug. 11th for Sul Ross College in Alpine where he will continue his football career. **The Mail** believes that Sul Ross has received an outstanding prospect and the Merkel-Trent area has not heard the last of Chris Simpson's football exploits.

by W. E. Dulaney

15 local FFA members attend state convention in Fort Worth

Fifteen members of the Merkel FFA chapter attended the 59th annual Texas FFA Convention in Fort Worth last week.

Billy Ray Riley, president of the Merkel FFA chapter and Billy Riley, the Chapter's advisor, attended the three day meeting of representatives of over 920 chapters from throughout the state which included the awarding of advanced degrees, scholarships and the awards to outstanding members of the Texas Future Farmers of America. Lynn Hays and Melissa Harris were voting delegates at the convention.

Other members attending included Billy Williams, Debbie Pack, Todd Smith, Phillip-Seymore, Milti Shelton, Cody Sutterfield, Roy Herd Manahan, David Ray, Steven Ross and Cassie Townsend.

One of the highlights of the convention was the awarding of the 1,464 Lone Star Farmer Degrees. The following members of the Merkel FFA received the degree: Billy Ray Riley, David Ray, Melissa Harris, Cassie Townsend and Lynn Hays.

David Ray of Merkel won the

Cereal Grain Proficiency award at the state level. Lance Perry received the American Farmer

Degree's state approval and his degree will now compete at the national level.

4-H record book winners named

Twenty-two 4-Hers competed in the Taylor County 4-H Record Judging July 17th.

Winners are (Junior Division 9-11 year olds) Beef- Kelby Cowley; Clothing- Kelly Hayes; Food & Nutrition- Jesse Ray Qualls; Family Life- Connie Kanode; Poultry- Jeff Tinney. (Intermediates- 12 & 13 year olds) Clothing- Mandy Conder; Family Life- Cindy Kanode;

Foods & Nutrition- Alisha Johnson; Horse- Angie Welborn; Rabbits- Cody Abney.

Seniors 14-19 years old: Achievement- Jennie Jo Qualls; Beef- Tina Parker; Dog Care & Training- Kris Wilson; Foods & Nutrition- Tina Marsh; Photography- Daylene Wheeler; Health- Elvin Wheeler; Poultry- Kara Tinney; Clothing- Linda Piel and Public Speaking- Jill Starr.

4 from drill team at camp

Four members of the Golden Girls Drill Team: Marjohn Parrish, April Dupont, Melissa Roys and Shelle Doan attended the 1987 Aloha Bowl in Hawaii. There are 152 girls in the United States selected and they will train for six days in Honolulu. These young ladies represented Merkel well in the camp and should be congratulated on their success.

Shelle Doan was selected as a super-star nominee and is eligible to participate in the half-time and pre-game activities of the 1987 Aloha Bowl in Hawaii. There are 152 girls in the United States selected and they will train for six days in Honolulu. These young ladies represented Merkel well in the camp and should be congratulated on their success.

M & T girls compete in Midland

Two teams from the M & T Girls Softball League competed in the UGSA All Star Tournament held in Midland July 22-25. Neither team advanced to the finals on Saturday, but both teams played some very good games.

Named to the All-Tournament teams were Tabi Reed from Division I and Sherrie Clark from Division II.

The Division I team was

coached by Bobby Brazelton, Arnold Evans, Sue Brazelton and Jayne Lanford. Team members included Tabi Reed, Tammy Clark, Jeanette Lanford, Jamie Hellums, Teri Brazelton, Christina Danielski, Sandra Juarez, Jessica McKee, Shera Hammond, Rebecca Evans, Rebecca Hobbs, and Jenny Browning.

The Division II team was coached by Steve Cochran, Clesta

Boone, Jeanina Cochran and Debbie Roberson. The Division II team members included Laurie Hellums, Aimee Roberson, Kelly Warren, Corley Segovia, Dana Hammond, Cecily Caroland, Jennifer McKee, Sherrie Clark, Allisha Hobbs, Andrea Richardson, Kimberly Holmes and Cheryl Schuknecht. Division II alternates Crystal Boone and Robin Cochran also attended the tournament.

Riding club weekend playdays

The Merkel Riding Club arena will be the site of a jackpot playday and barrel race Friday & Saturday.

First on the agenda is the jackpot playday, which will begin promptly at 7 p.m. each evening. Five events will be offered for riders in five age groups. Those events are: barrels, poles, flags, goat tying and goat hair pulling and dummy roping.

Entry fee for the 6 & under group will be \$3 per event; \$6 per event for the 7-10 group; and \$8 for the 15-19 and 20 & over age groups. There will be a separate jackpot playday each evening, and all-around awards will be presented to the all-around winners in each of the age groups.

In addition, there will be a free boot race for all children 8 years old and younger. There will be no entry fee for this event, and there will be prizes for all contestants.

Immediately following the playday, an open jackpot barrel race sanctioned by the West Texas Barrel Racing Association will be held. There will be added money and prizes.

Classes offered include: \$23 open, green \$50, \$150, \$250 and \$500 novice classes, men's open, 45 & over, 14 & under junior, 45 & over, and \$13 open. The average winner in each class will receive awards.

Registrations being taken for Tuesday Thursday school at Church of Christ

It is time to register your pre-schooler ages 3-5 for Tuesday-Thursday school at the Merkel Church of Christ.

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The curriculum includes Bible,

art, learning center activities (number, alphabet, concepts, manners, community helpers and so forth) and supervised free play.

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STORE HOURS
7:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.
MON THRU SAT
CLOSED SUNDAY

VASELINE LOTION
INTENSIVE CARE
10 OZ BOTTLE **\$1 59**

FREEZER POP STICKS
ICE 24 CT
FLA-VOR \$1 29

CANISTER KOOLAID
SWEETENED
22 OZ CAN **\$2 19**

CASSEROLE PINTO BEANS
2 LB BAG **59¢**

KRAFTS MIRACLE WHIP
32 OZ JAR **\$1 49**
LIMIT 2

GANDYS ICE CREAM
1/2 GAL CRTN **\$1 69**

DEL MONTE PEARS HALVES 303 CAN **79¢**
PARADE 11 OZ CAN
MANDARIN ORANGES EA **49¢**
DEL MONTE 303 CUT
GREEN BEANS **2/83¢**
DEL MONTE 303
SWEET PEAS **2/89¢**
DEL MONTE 303
W K **GOLDEN CORN** **2/83¢**
HUNTS 8 OZ
TOMATO SAUCE **2/43¢**
PARADE
TOMATO JUICE 46 OZ CAN **79¢**
PREGO
SPAGHETTI SAUCE 15 OZ JAR **\$1 09**
BEST MAID SLICED
H B DILL PICKLES 32 OZ JAR **98¢**
WOLF
TAMALES 300 CAN **53¢**
PARADE CRUNCH
PEANUT BUTTER 18 OZ JAR **\$1 09**
HORMEL 5 OZ
VIENNA SAUSAGE **2/89¢**

PARADE OLEO
QUARTERS
LBS **2/39¢**

PARADE BISCUITS
10 CT CAN **3/53¢**

GANDYS COTTAGE CHEESE
24 OZ CRTN **\$1 69**

FROZEN FOODS PARADE ORANGE JUICE 12 OZ CAN **69¢**

TOMBSTONE SAMPLES ASSORTED 22 OZ PACK **\$2 89**

SARA LEE 17 OZ POUND CAKE **\$1 79**

ORE IDA 2 LB CRINKLE OR FRENCH CUT POTATOES BAG **\$1 39**

DAIRYGOLD HOMO MILK
GAL **\$1 99**
JUG

GANDYS LOW FAT MILK
GAL **\$1 93**
JUG

COFFEE FOLGERS
1 LB CAN **\$2 19**
2ND CAN \$2.49
LIMIT 1

TEA BAGS LIPTONS
24 CT BOX **\$1 59**
LIMIT 1
2ND BOX \$1.99

CREAMY CRISCO
3 LB CAN **\$1 89**
LIMIT 1
2ND CAN \$2.19

PARADE TOWELS
JUMBO ROLL **2/89¢**

HEFTY LG TRASH CAN LINERS
10 CT BOX
32 GAL **\$1 73**

KLEENEX FACIAL TISSUE SQUARES
100 CT BOX **79¢**

KELLOGGS STRAWBERRY
16.5 OZ BOX **\$1 93**

SCHREIBER SINGLE SLICED CHEESE
12 OZ IMT PKG **79¢**

WHITE GRAPES
SEEDLESS SWEET
POUND **59¢**

COOKOUT MEATS
CHOICE BEEF LEAN
CHUCK BONELESS
STEAK \$1 69 LB

CHOICE BEEF
SIRLOIN STEAK BONELESS LEAN LB **\$2 49**

FRESH GRADE A
FRYERS CUT UP LB **69¢** WHOLE LB **59¢**

GOOCH B H BUY 1 GET 1 FREE
GERMAN SAUSAGE 12 OZ PKG **\$1 99**

GOOCH B R
BACON SUGAR CURED LB **\$2 09**

GOOCH B R
FRANKS ALL MEAT 12 OZ PKG **99¢**

FREEZER PACK 1
5 LBS GROUND BEEF
5 LBS PORK CHOPS
5 LBS CHUCK ROAST
5 LBS FRYERS
TOTAL WEIGHT 20 LBS **\$30 99**

FREEZER PACK 3
5 LBS GROUND BEEF
5 LB. FRYER LEG QTRS.
5 LBS CHUCK STEAK
5 12 OZ GERMAN SAUSAGE
TOTAL WEIGHT 19 LBS **\$28 89**

FREEZER PACK 8
5 LBS GROUND CHUCK
5 LBS CUBE STEAK
5 LBS CHUCK STEAK
5 LBS SIRLOIN STEAK
TOTAL WEIGHT 20 LBS **\$42 99**

LIPTONS POTATO & SAUCE BAG **83¢**

PARADE MACARONI CHEESE DINNER 7.4 OZ **2/49¢**

COUNTRY TIME SWEETENED LEMONADE SUGAR FREE 6 QT **89¢**

DUNCAN HINES CHEWY BROWNIE 12.9 OZ BOX **98¢**

GLADIOLA FLOUR
5 LB BAG **89¢**

COOKING OIL CRISCO
48 OZ JUG **\$1 98**

CARESS BATH SOAP 20¢ OFF 2 BARS **\$1 33**

LIQUID TIDE
64 OZ JUG **\$3 19**

LIQUID JOY
22 OZ BOT **\$1 09**

TRIPPLE DOWNY
CONCENTRATED 21.5 OZ BOTTLE **\$1 89**

FRESH PEACHES LB **49¢**

FRESH CUCUMBERS **2/39¢**

SUNKIST LEMONS **4/69¢**

FRESH CANTALOUPE LB **25¢**

GOLDEN BANANAS LB **39¢**

YELLOW ONIONS LB **25¢**

TEXAS RUSSET SPUDS 10 LB BAG **\$1 69**

DOUBLE GIFT BOND STAMPS EACH WED'S WITH \$5.00 IN TRADE OR MORE

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CARSON'S SUPER MARKET
Fresh Vegetables Best Meats in Town
Merkel, Texas
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