

# The Merkel Mail

Thursday, August 6, 1987 . . . Merkel, Texas

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## School board will make final decision on high school handbook

A committee created by the Merkel school board to look into the proposed Merkel High student handbook, spent five hours discussing the manual last Tuesday night at the Merkel High Library.

The handbook, written by new Merkel High principal Robert Damron, was left mostly unchanged as the committee, made up of parents, school administrators and students, discussed rules Merkel High students are expected to abide by.

A large portion of the meeting was dedicated to determining how Damron would handle situations concerning discipline, a source of controversy last year at MISD.

The Merkel School board will meet tonight (Thursday) at 8 p.m. to discuss and act on the proposed handbook. Board members will also be discussing the addition of Abilene telephone lines for each Merkel School campus and will also discuss the school's policy for

hiring para-professional personnel. That meeting will be held in the board conference room at the Merkel High annex.

The committee made the following recommendations for changes in the handbook.

The committee decided to allow students to wear jams to all campuses and suggested that professional counseling for students and parents would be added as a discipline management technique. The counseling would be at the expense of the parents and would be used in lieu of expulsion. The counseling would require that parents and students attend the counseling and would be used in cases of drug and alcohol problems.

The committee also decided that female teachers will administer swats to female students.

The handbook was a major source of problems with parents and the school administration

during the corporal punishment controversy last spring. At the Tuesday meeting, both parents and school administrators wanted to insure that some of those problems could be eliminated by the fair and equitable carrying out of discipline under the policies of the student handbook.

Incoming Merkel High principal Robert Damron assured the committee he would run Merkel High with the best interest of the students at heart. New MISD superintendent James Logan assured the committee the district would be very open to discuss school rules with parents at any time they wish.

Much of the student handbook is taken from state laws and pre-existing discipline management policies of MISD.

The board will make final recommendations on the handbook at tonight's meeting. That meeting will be open to the public.

## Badgers start workouts Monday; picked in district by 2 polls

Merkel Badger head football coach Dick Lepard said he was flattered that Dave Campbell's Texas Football and the Harris Rating Systems both picked the Merkel Badgers to finish second in the district 5AAA race this season and he feels the reason why is returning players.

The Badgers do return an offensive and defensive line almost intact, as well as the offensive and defensive backfields. The Badgers do need some inexperienced players to step in at linebacker and positions and if that comes about, the Badgers may be looking for their first trip to the playoffs in quite a few years.

It all starts Monday as the Badgers will begin two a day workouts. The Badgers will start at 8 a.m. Monday and will be working at 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. each day until August 26th. The first four days of practice will be in shorts and the Badgers put on the

pads tomorrow (Friday).

Lepard told **The Mail** Tuesday "We will be staying with the 50 defense and the wishbone offense but we will be installing a new passing attack from the wishbone. Last year, we mostly threw the play action pass but this year we will throw the ball with the same alignment, there just won't be as much play action."

Lepard is starting his fourth season here and the Badgers had their best season in 11 years last year as they posted a 6-4 mark. He said "at first you just try to play with as many wins as losses, but trying to improve from there to 9-1 or 8-2 isn't easy. I am ready for the season to start. We'd really like to enjoy this season and if the kids play up to their potential, we will be able to give the town something they can be proud of. We are shooting for the playoffs this year."

Lepard said he plans to carry about 30 players on the varsity and said they won't try to play a

freshman schedule this season. He said "we only had 15 sign up pre-season and that's not really enough to field a team and we didn't feel the kids would get much experience in positions they would play on the varsity level."

He added "quite a few were coming up this summer and working in the weight room and that shows the kids attitude is improving. I think you will see good leadership this year and they feel like they are ready to be a good team."

All first time football players that would like to play this year must have a physical.

Coaches also said that all incoming freshmen and 7th grade players that want to play football should have a physical. Forms are available from the coach's office or from your family doctor.

Seventh grade coaches would like to see their players get their physicals before school starts so they can attend workouts the first day of school.

## Carson re-elected to IG's board

Herman Carson of Carson Super Market in Merkel, was re-elected to the Board of Directors of Independent Grocers, Inc. of Abilene. This event took place at the 41st annual stockholders meeting and trade show held recently at the Abilene Civic Center. Mr. Carson has served on the co-op's board for the past thirty years having served as board president six times during this period. Herman with his son Tom, own and operate Carson Super Market and have recently embarked on an extensive remodeling project to better serve the people of Merkel. The Carson family has had grocery stores in Merkel for the past 68 years.

Independent Grocers, Inc. is a grocery distributor that is owned by the 500 retailers served by the co-op. The 800 retail stores served by the companies fleet of trucks are scattered over 300,000 square miles in Texas and New Mexico. The co-op also serves military bases in Texas, New Mexico and Oklahoma. Despite the economy of the area, the co-op reported record earnings for their year ending May, 1987. Over \$1 million was distributed among the stockholders of the company.

The co-op is made up of small to medium size stores in areas not served by the larger chains in the state. The co-op's buying power allows the members to offer products and prices similar to the larger supermarkets. Founded in 1946 the members contributed over \$200,000 in retail sales to

the communities served by their stores.

The co-op is directed by an 11 member board made up of retail grocers elected by the members.

### Boosters plan 1st meeting Monday

The Merkel Badger Booster Club will have a meeting to kick off a new football year. The meeting is planned at 7 p.m. at the football field August 10th.

### Committee hears Damron's philosophy

by Cloy A. Richards

The committee meeting on the proposed student handbook held last Tuesday was quite an event.

Back during all of the controversy last spring, the school board told parents they would be involved in the formulation of the 1987-88 student handbook.

Last Tuesday night, a group of 13 parents, school administrators and a couple of high school students sat and discussed the proposed book for five hours.

One of the reasons it took so long, in my opinion, is that parents attending were trying to "feel out" new high school principal Robert Damron. If you know Robert, one thing you soon learn about him is that he shoots pretty straight. A lot of folks around here don't know him. For the past few years, he has been principal at the middle school and that's not exactly a high profile position.

The board works with the management staff of President and General Manager Jim Mullins and Chairman of the Board Gayland Seaton.

The club is looking forward to a good football season and everyone is invited to attend.

Robert assured the committee he would handle discipline problems fairly and equally. He also let the committee know that he very strongly encourages students and their parents to seek professional counseling for serious problems including drug and alcohol abuse.

He also wanted people to know they can always come by his office to discuss his philosophy on discipline and how the school handles students who violate school rules.

In short, he was trying to assure folks around here he wanted to do what's best for the students, and was going out of his way to let people know how he feels.

To me, those are refreshing changes.

Merkel High students will get a chance to hear his opinions during their opening day of school student assembly. I suggest to them they pay attention to what the man has to say.

## 1987 Merkel Badger Football Schedule

Date:	Opponent	Location	Time:
Sept. 4	Sweetwater	There	8:00
Sept. 11	Cisco	Here	8:00
Sept. 18	Anson	There	8:00
Sept. 25	Clyde Homecoming	Here	8:00
Oct 2	Sonora	There	8:00
Oct 9	Wylie	Here	8:00
Oct. 16	Colorado City	There	8:00
Oct. 23	Ballinger	There	8:00
Oct. 31	Brady	Here	8:00
Nov. 6	Coahoma	There	8:00

### Scrimmages

Aug. 21	Coleman	There	6:00
Aug. 27	Winters	here	6:00

### Junior Varsity

Sept. 3	Sweetwater	There	7:00
Sept. 10	Cisco	There	6:30
Sept. 17	Anson	Here	8:00
Sept. 24	Clyde	There	7:00
Oct. 8	Wylie	There	7:00
Oct 15	Colorado City	Here	7:00
Oct. 22	Ballinger	Here	7:00
Nov. 5	Coahoma	Here	7:00

### Merkel Junior High Football

Sept. 17	Anson	Here	5:30 & 7:00
Sept. 24	Clyde	Here	5:30 & 7:00
Oct. 8	Wylie	Here	5:30 & 7:00
Oct. 15	Colorado City	There	5:30 & 7:00
Oct. 22	Ballinger	There	5:30 & 7:00
Oct. 29	Ballinger	Here	5:30 & 7:00
Nov. 5	Coahoma	There	5:30 & 7:00

## City Bingo rebates are up

The city received their latest Bingo rebate check last week and deposited \$3,505 in into the City Hall building fund.

So far this year, Merkel has received \$12,593.10 in Bingo rebates and that is a 7.8 percent increase over last year.

Tye has shown a 16.9 percent increase this year.

Tye's latest check of \$5,513 pushed their 1987 total to \$19,330.32. There are a total of 1,625 non-profit organizations licensed to

hold Bingo games in the state in the 124 cities and 71 counties it has been legalized by local option elections.

## Trent's Lewis Knapp named to 6-man honor roll

§ Dave Campbell's Texas Football has picked Trent running back Lewis Knapp to their 1987 Six-Man honor roll. Knapp has over 1,900 yards rushing and over 3,000 yards in total offense last

season for the Gorilla's. Campbell also has picked Trent to contend with Ira for the second playoff spot in the District 4-East race behind Jayton, who is ranked 2nd in the state.

by W. E. Dulaney

## Trent High School

Scrimmages

Football schedules

Aug. 21	May	There	6:00
Aug. 28	Lueders-Avoca	Here	6:00
Sept. 4	Grady	There	8:00
Sept. 11	Rule	There	7:30
Sept. 26	Ira	There	2:00
Oct. 2	Weinert	Here	7:30
Oct. 9	Hermleigh	Here	7:30
Oct. 16	McCaulley	There	7:30
Oct. 24	Blackwell	Here	8:00
Oct. 30	Jayton	There	7:30
Nov. 6	Highland	Here	7:30

## Trent Junior High

Sept. 10	Ira	Here	6:00
Sept. 24	Hermleigh	There	6:00
Oct. 1	McCaulley	Here	6:00
Oct. 8	Blackwell	There	6:00
Oct. 15	Jayton	Here	6:00
Oct. 22	Highland	There	6:00

## Services held for Roy Westbrook

Roy Wilton Westbrook, 93 of Merkel, died Aug. 1st in Abilene at the Shady Oaks Retirement Center.

Funeral services were held Aug. 3rd at the Starbuck Chapel with the Rev. Wayne Keller officiating. Burial followed at Rose Hill Cemetery here under the direction of the Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born March 22, 1894 in Eastland County, he was the son of Edgar Matthew Westbrook and Mary Ellen Bell. He was a veteran of

World War I and had been a farmer in the Merkel area since 1923. He was a Baptist.

He had married the former Laura Geneva Light Sept. 23, 1922. She preceded him in death in 1967.

He is survived by four sons; Glenn Westbrook of Abilene, Troy Westbrook of Merkel, Aurvel Westbrook of Abilene and Carlton Westbrook of Seminole, Okla.; three sisters; Lela Hazard of Eastland, Clio Little of Abilene and Lea Light of Amarillo; a

brother Wilmer Westbrook of Abilene; 14 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren. A son Aubrey preceded him in death.

Pallbearers were Arnold Westbrook, Blake Westbrook, Matthew Davis, Jerry Don Horton, Dub Horton and Joe Brazilio.

## TCTA happy with education funds

Leaders of the Texas Classroom Teachers Association have commended the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Speaker of the House and Texas Legislature for keeping education funds intact at least for the next biennium.

"In spite of an 11th hour attempt to cut deeply into education funding, and thanks to pressure applied by TCTA members,

teacher's salaries, the career ladder, prekindergarten and kindergarten, and the class size 22:1 ration will all be fully funded during the next two years," TCTA President Wendell Whittenburg said.

The TCTA President commended Governor Bill Clements for

"singing into law the largest tax bill in the history of the nation and keeping his promise that 'schools will be open September 1.'" By signing the bill, education survived the budget ax," Whittenburg said.

The TCTA president said the Legislature's and Governor's decision to preserve education funding would insure that reform would continue. "Efforts to improve our school has just started and not ended. What has occurred as a result of House Bill 72, passed in 1984, was just a down payment on the long term process. We can't lower our expectation for school reform and neither should we lower our commitment to it."

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## Golden Saints planning benefit garage sale

The Golden Saints, a senior citizen organization sponsored by the First Baptist Church of Merkel, are entering into their second year of ministry which provides hospital type equipment such as wheel chairs, walkers, etc. This equipment is loaned without charge to those in need regardless of race, color or creed.

This ministry has been successful to the extent that there are requests for this type of equipment that cannot be met. In order to obtain more equipment that will meet these needs, the Golden Saints are planning a community garage sale. This will be an all-day activity held in the South Park here Sept. 19. All funds received from this garage sale will be used to purchase additional equipment to be loaned to those in need.

### Sr. Citizens plan garage sale Sept. 3 & 4

The Senior Citizens of 122 Edwards Street will have a garage sale Sept. 3 & 4th from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. each day.

People are invited to set up their own table and visit the sale to see the items that have been donated to the Senior Citizens.

## Bratcher engagement told

Mr. & Mrs. R. E. Bratcher of Merkel, announce the engagement of their daughter, Sherry Luella Bratcher, to Tony Michael Dobbs, son of Mr. & Mrs. Walter Vestal of Van, Texas.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Merkel High School and Angelo State University with a degree in psychology. She is employed by Conatser & Associates, Inc of Fort Worth.

The prospective bridegroom is a graduate of Hawkins High School and attended Irvin's North Lake Community College. He is employed with Willard Boswell Co, Inc. of Grand Prairie. After their marriage, the couple plans to live in Arlington.

An Aug. 22 wedding is planned for 2 p.m. at the Wedgwood Baptist Church at 5522 Whitman at Walton in Fort Worth.

Bob Bockman, president of the Golden Saints, says there is an urgent need for donation of items which can be sold at the garage sale. There is also a need for cash donations which can be used to cover the expense of this activity. Donations of hospital type equipment will be welcomed.

Those who will make a donation of any kind to this community activity should bring that donation to Bob Bockman at 701 S 2nd Street here (on the East end of S. 2nd). If you need someone to pick up a donation, you may call Bob at 928-5595 on Wednesday-Friday between the hours of 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. or you may call the First Baptist Church of Merkel Monday through Friday between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. The church phone number is 928-5351.

If you would like to make donations, call 928-5074 or 928-4869. Your donations will be picked up and all proceeds from the sale will be used to cover the club's expenses. Individuals who set up tables will keep their own profits.



## Shannon-Gregory repeat vows

Tina Sue Shannon and Todd Laney Gregory exchanged marriage vows at 7 p.m. July 4th at the First Baptist Church in Brownfield.

Kenneth Flowers, minister, officiated the double ring ceremony. The bride is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Mack Shannon of Brownfield and the groom is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Joe D. Gregory of Merkel.

A candelabra tree was flanked by candelabras and baskets of red roses. The unity candle was centered in front of the candelabra tree.

Jennifer Thomas attended the registration table which was white lace and seed pearls over red satin.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a gown of delustered satin featuring applied white satin roses and medallions on lace and hand-beaded sequins and pearls, which flowed into a cathedral train. She carried red roses.

The maid of honor was Rebecca Congleton of College Station. The matron of honor was Sandra Hendrickson of Houston and the bridesmaid was Jennifer Thomas of Lubbock. Tamara Tarpley, cousin of the groom, served as flower girl.

The bridal attendants wore floor-length black and white designer gowns and carried long-stemmed red roses. The flower girl wore a floor length gown and carried a white basket of red roses and love knots.

Best man was Tom Wainwright of Dallas. Groomsmen were Stacy Stanley of Texarkana, brother-in-law of the groom and Bart Pursley of Sweetwater. Chris Reasor, cousin of the bride, served as ringbearer.

Candlelighters were Brad Shannon, brother of the bride, Dale Shannon and Joe Shannon, brothers of the bride, were ushers.

The groom wore a white tuxedo with tails. The male members of the wedding party wore black tuxedos.

Dan Hays and Marge Flowers provided wedding music.

A reception followed with the bride's table set with crystal and red roses featuring a three-tiered candlelight cake. The groom's table was appointed in silver with English Ivy and served chocolate cake.

Reception coordinator was Mrs. Lisa Stanley, sister of the groom. Houseparty members were Mrs.

Tonda Pursley, Mrs. Ann Wainwright and Ms. Ghronda Tarpley. Brandi Tarpley provided birdseed in red satin roses to each guest.

The bride and groom are graduates of Texas Tech University and will make their home in Concord, California.

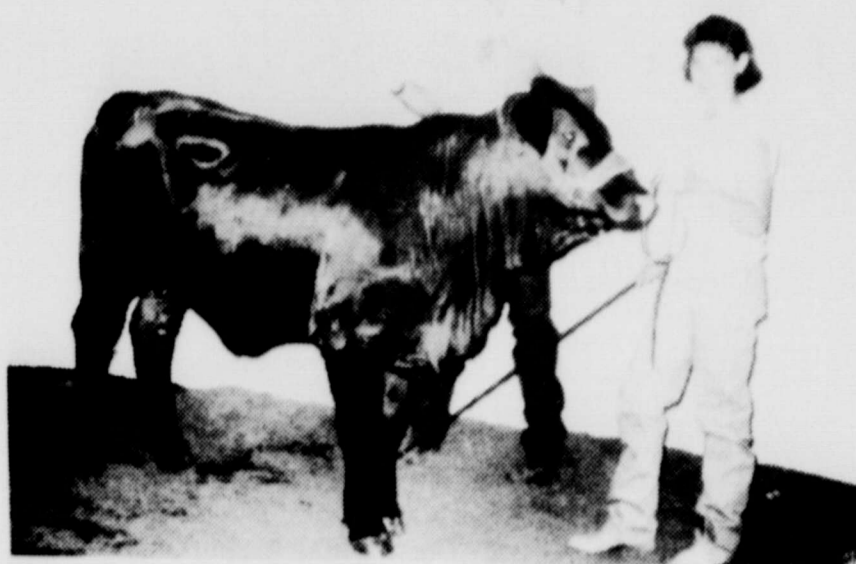
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Amy Welborn of the Merkel FFA is shown with her prize-winning heifer. Complimentary photo

## Owens takes Odessa coaching job after posting 102-29 record in Midlothian

Coach June Owen has accepted a basketball coaching and teaching position at Odessa High School for the 1987-88 school year.

Miss Owens was head girls basketball coach at Midlothian High school from 1981-1986. She compiled a record of 102-29 making the basketball playoffs

four out of five years. Her 1985 team posted the best record on the history of the school at 28-2 and a trip to the AAA State Basketball Tournament.

She is the daughter of Mrs. Jo Owens and the late Roscoe M. Owens of Abilene. She is also a graduate of Merkel High.

## Carey's will reunite re-unite Saturday

The family and friends of William and Mary Carey will gather for a reunion on Saturday, August 8th at the Taylor Electric

Co-op building here. Activities will begin at 9 a.m. with a pot luck luncheon at noon. Friends and acquaintances are invited to attend.

Ron Hunt, an infielder who played with various National League teams holds the record for getting hit by pitched balls.

## Welborn's heifer wins

The Junior Beefmaster Breeders Association held its second annual National Beefmaster Heifer Show in Kerrville.

Among the winners were Amy Welborn of the Merkel FFA, daughter of Bob & Pam Welborn of Merkel.

Amy won 1st place with her Summer Yearling Beefmaster Heifer. For winning her class, she will receive a Beefmaster Heifer from the Ed Singer Ranch at Three Rivers, which she will show at next year's national show.

Amy's heifer was among 72 Beefmaster Heifers brought to the show from all over the Southwest. The national show was a three day event which included a showmanship clinic, judging contest, and a tour of the YO ranch near Kerrville. It ended with an awards banquet.

Others attending the show were J.T. Naron, ag teacher at Merkel High as well as Bob, Pam, Angue and Robby Welborn.



Don Gibson is the new superintendent for the Trent public schools. Gibson began his duties with the school district in June. Staff photo

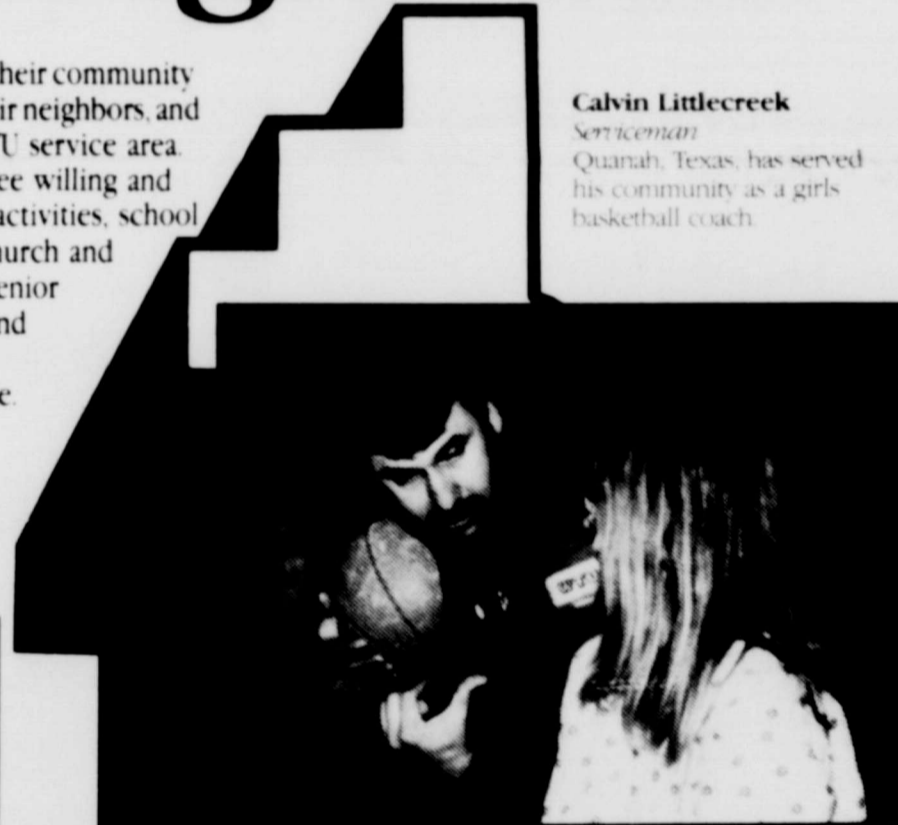
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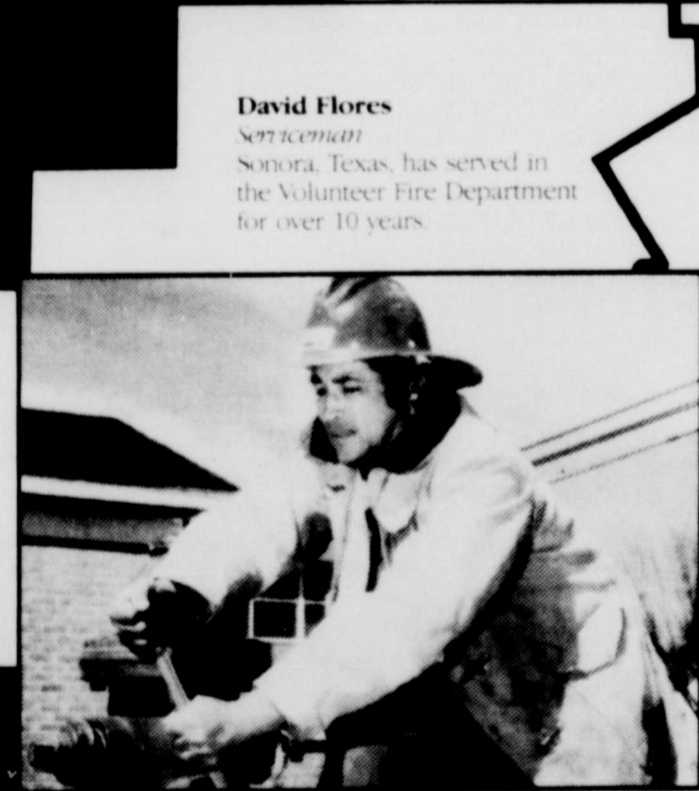
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Quanah, Texas, has served his community as a girls basketball coach.



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Sonora, Texas, has served in the Volunteer Fire Department for over 10 years.



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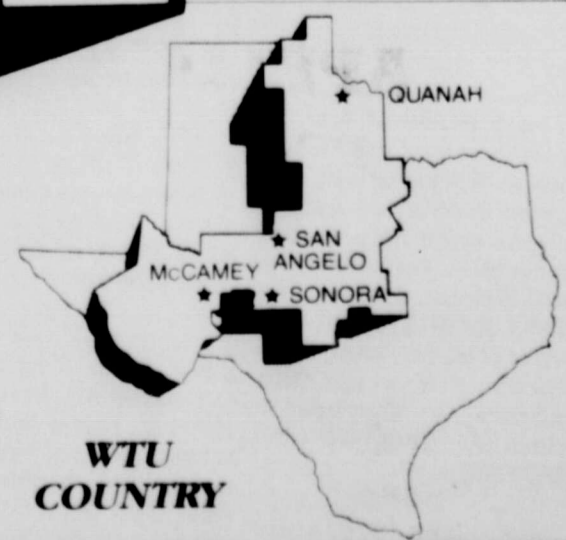
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**Jerry Stapp**  
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25-TFC

For Sale: 80 acres of farm land 12 miles South of Merkel on FM126 Call 846-4351.

31-2tp

House for sale in Trent: 3 bedroom, 2 bath, living room, dining room, kitchen, utility room, steel siding, storm windows, carpet, central air & heat, built in range & oven, dishwasher, water well. Cyrus Pee Realtor 928-5613.

31-TFC

Two bedroom, bath, washer-dryer connections, cellar, storage shed \$6,000 or best offer call 692-7576.

32-1tp

For Sale: 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, all brick, all electric, home near school. Central heat and air in the middle to 2 lots, ask for Dorothy 698-4484 or 695-7634.

31-TFC

**FOR RENT**

For rent: 1 bedroom cottage house, unfurnished, carpeted, washer-dryer hookups \$150 per month \$50 deposit at 704 S 2nd. Apply at 302 Orange or call 928-3281.

31-2tc

For rent: \$200 per month, 2 bedroom, mobile home, carpeted, central air & heat, stove & refrigerator, fenced yard, call 928-5251 or 928-5062.

23-TFC

For Rent: large 2 bedroom apartment, ceiling fan, dishwasher, all electric, water paid at 205 Taylor or call Sheley at 928-3472.

31-3tc

For rent: Farm house, 3 bedrooms, furnished or unfurnished, fully modern 928-5189.

32-1tp

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32-3tc

1,2 & 3 bedroom mobile homes. Rents start at \$185 and \$200 is the highest rent. Mobile home lots for rent near school \$50 per month. West end of S 7th. Call 928-4973.

23-TFC

Equal Housing Opportunity

Shannonside Apartments \$1, 2 & 3 bedroom arments, all electric, central heat & cooling. For more information, call 928-5038.

25-TFC

For rent: Nice 2 bedroom furnished house, HUD approved. Call 928-5970.

32-1tp

GARAGE SALES

Garage Sale: Saturday #7 Carson Circle; clothes and lots of misc.

Garage sale: 812 Oak, Thursday, Friday & Saturday until noon. Come & see.

32-1tc

Garage sale: 2 blocks N of the school in Trent. Stereo, 10 speed bicycle games, octagym, clothes and lots of misc. Saturday only 8-?

32-1tc

Garage sale: Thursday-Saturday 8 a.m. until ? at 1517 Sunset. Furniture, bicycles, books, and lots of back to school clothes.

32-1tp

Big yard sale at 1408 N 6th, starts Friday at 8-?, Lots of everything.

32-1tp

Garage sale: 112 Locust, Thursday & Friday 8-6 Saturday 8 til noon. Teenagers clothes, sheets, bedspread, dishes & clothes of all sizes.

32-1tp

Garage Sale: 1522 Sunset, Friday & Saturday 8-5.

32-1tp

Garage sale: 307 Haynes Friday & Saturday 8-4. Clothes, shoes, almost new coats and more.

32-1tc

Garage sale: 5 families, furniture, Wrangler jeans 3-12, odds & ends Wimberly Road 2nd house on the right, Saturday only 8-4.

32-1tp

Moving sale at 701 Cherry Street Storage #2 Lots of misc. Friday 8:30-4.

32-1tc

Garage sale: Thursday only: Toys, books, dolls and parts, van benches, ping pong table chord organ, bicycle and lawnmower parts, six week old kittens, lots of misc. Half mile West & North of Walls.

32-1tc

**CARDS OF THANKS**

Words cannot express the blessings and encouragement we received from your cards, visits, calls and especially prayers on our behalf. Thank you and may the Lord multiply these blessings back to you. Jerry & Jean (Mathews) Stallo

We wish to thank everyone who furnished food, flowers, and cards during our time of sorrow in the passing of our mother and grandmother, Minnie Smith. We wish to give special thanks to Rev. Sessions, Billy Walters and the people of the Assembly of God Church. The Smith Children

**PUBLIC NOTICES**

CITY OF TYE, TEXAS STREET SEAL COATING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

-Separate sealed bids for the construction of STREET SEAL COATING will be received by THE CITY OF TYE, TEXAS at City Hall, 205 North Street, Tye, Texas, until 7:00 P.M. August 20, 1987, and then at said location publicly opened and read aloud.

The Contract Documents, consisting of Advertisement for Bids, Information for Bidders, Performance Bond and Payment Bond, General Conditions, Notice of Award, Notice to Proceed, Plans, Specifications and Addenda may be examined at Tye City Hall or the office of Jacob & Martin, Inc., Consulting Engineers, 3465 Curry Lane, Abilene, Texas 79606.

A Bid Bond will not be required, however, the successful Bidder will be required to provide a Performance and Payment Bond in the amount of 100 percent of the contract price.

Award of the contract will be made to the

lowest responsive, responsible Bidder. The City reserves the right to reject any or all bids received and to waive formalities.

The Plans, Specifications and Bid Documents may be obtained from the office of Jacob & Martin, Inc., 3465 Curry Lane, Abilene, Texas 79606 (915) 695-1070 upon payment of \$15.00 per set, non-refundable. (Payable to Jacob & Martin, Inc.)

THE CITY OF TYE, TEXAS Violet Law, Mayor 32-2tc-62

**THE STATE OF TEXAS**

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 Hud-

gins 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 judgment 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 13th day of July, A.D. 1987.

Attest: Rilla Mahoney, Clerk, 42nd District Court, Taylor County, Texas By JoAnn Lackey Deputy (Seal)

30-4tc

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# Writer discovering West doesn't always agree with East during National Tour of Texas

"West Texas is dry when it comes to rainfall but wet when it comes to liquor. East Texas is wet with rain but dry of alcohol. And while West Texans eat their barbecue dry, East Texans smother it in sauce."

Such are the observations of *Texas Monthly* senior editor Dick J. Reavis concerning some differences between east and west in Texas. Reavis has driven more than 50,000 miles of state highways that have taken him from Brownsville to El Paso to Texarkana. His wanderings are all a part of the National Tour of Texas, a journey that began at the Cotton Bowl on New Year's Day of 1987 and will eventually cover every inch of highway in the state before returning to the Cotton Bowl on January 1, 1988.

## Registrations being taken for Church of Christ Tuesday-Thursday school

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Reavis is driving a Chevrolet Suburban, which was dubbed the National Car of Texas by *Texas Monthly* last year, and he is writing monthly columns for the magazine describing the people and places he sees along the way. Now, halfway through his trek, Reavis stopped for a while in a northeast Texas La Quinta Inn to share his firsthand observation of Texans on either side of the state.

"The economy is a topic of discussion everywhere," says Reavis, "but for varying reasons. In the west it's the decline of the oil industry and the devaluation of the Mexican peso. But in the forests of East Texas, where the lumber industry is so important, the decline in the home building industry is what's hurt that region."

The most amusing difference Reavis has recorded have to do with people. Having talked with hundreds of Texans over the last six months, this *Texas Monthly* writer has developed some well-researched opinions about the people of the Lone Star State.

"Concerning religion, West Texans are either Baptist or Catholic. But East Texans are either Baptist or Baptist or Baptist. Overall, West Texans are more matter-of-fact and very blunt. They don't waste words. But East Texans will talk your ear off on any subject. They're more conscious of social mores too."

Reavis sees these differences as quite natural considering the disparities in population between East and West Texas. You can drive a hundred miles through West Texas and count the number of human beings you see on one hand. But you can't go a hundred yards in most East Texas towns without seeing at least as many people, and even the region's rural areas are heavily settled.

Reavis has also been observing lawmakers both east and west during his trip. "Becoming a judge in West Texas is a minor honor," says Reavis. But in East Texas, if a man serves on term on the county bench, he's called Judge for the rest of his life. Most counties in West Texas don't have constables at all. And in the counties that do have them, the constables are just assistants to

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 350th District Court of Taylor County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse of said county in the City of Abilene, 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 CHEVROLET P/U 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 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 (Seal) 31-4tc-85

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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, once 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 31-82-3tc

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE THE STATE OF TEXAS County of Taylor NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That by virtue of a certain Writ of Execution issued out of the Honorable 134th District Court of Dallas County, of the 8th day of July, 1987, by Writ of Execution of said 134th District Court for the sum of TWELVE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED TWELVE & 66/100 Dollars and costs of suit, under a JUDGEMENT, in favor of HELLER FINANCIAL, INC: in a certain cause in said Court, No.

86-1923-C and styled HELLER FINANCIAL, INC: FKA TEXAS HELLER WESTERN vs. THE FASHION MAKER INC, dba L. C. MAKER ET. AL, placed in my hands for service, I, JOHN W. MIDDLETON as Sheriff of TAYLOR COUNTY, Texas, did, on the 30th day of July, 1987, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in TAYLOR County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: 42.5 PER CENT INTEREST LOTS 3,4,5, 6,7 AND 8 BLOCK 13, SCOTT HIGHWAY PLACE AN ADDITION TO THE CITY OF ABILENE, TAYLOR COUNTY, TEXAS and levied upon as the property of L. C. MAKER et al and that on 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, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., by virtue of said levy and said WRIT OF EXECUTION I will sell said above described Real Estate at public vendue, for each, to the highest bidder, as the property of said L. C. MAKER et al.

-THE SALE WILL BE HELD AT 11:00 A.M. SALE WILL BE FOR CASH ONLY. And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in THE MERKEL MAIL, a newspaper published in Taylor County.

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The City of Tye, Texas has the following for sale: (1) 1979 Ford LTD and (1) 1981 Ford LTD. Sealed bids will be accepted in the office of the City Secretary, 205 North St. P. O. Box 145, Tye, Texas 79563 (915) 692-8588 until 3 p.m. Tuesday, August 18, 1987 Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the regular scheduled council meeting August 18, 1987, at 7 p.m., 205 North Street, Tye Municipal Building, Tye, Tx. The City reserves the right to reject any and or all bids and to accept the bid considered most advantageous to the City of Tye.

Jo Moore City Secretary City of Tye, Texas 31-2tc

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FRESH LEAN PORK CHOPS END CUT LB \$1.53  
 FRESH LEAN PORK CHOPS CENTER CUT LB \$1.99  
 OSCAR MAYER ALL MEAT BOLOGNA MARKET SLICED LB \$1.49  
 ARMOUR STAR FRANKS ALL MEAT 12 OZ PKG \$1.35  
 GOOCH B R BACON TRAY PACK SLICED SLAB LB \$2.09  
 GOOCH B R SMOKED SAUSAGE 12 OZ PKG \$1.39

LUCKY LEAF NO 2 CAN APPLE PIE FILLING \$1.29 EA  
 DEL MONTE CRUSHED IN JUICE OR SYRUP PINEAPPLE CAN 63¢  
 DEL MONTE SPINACH LEAF 303 CAN 2/83¢  
 DEL MONTE 303 SLICED CARROTS 2/83¢  
 PARADE C S 303 GOLDEN CORN 2/69¢  
 PARADE 303 WHOLE NEW POTATOES 2/69¢  
 HUNTS 300 CAN TOMATO JUICE 2/69¢

BOUNTY JUMBO ROLL ASSORTED TOWELS 79¢  
 KRAFTS SHELL & CHEESE 12 OZ BOX DINNER \$1.19

KRAFTS GRAPE 18 OZ JAR JELLY 89¢

DEL MONTE PINEAPPLE JUICE 46 OZ CAN \$1.23

POINSETTA HOMO MILK GAL JUG \$1.99

BORDEN LOWFAT MILK GAL JUG \$1.93

BORDEN BUTTER 1/2 GAL CRTN \$1.09

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

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

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