

# The Merkel Mail

Our 99th Year

Thursday, March 31, 1988 Merkel, Texas

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## Council approves construction of city hall

The city decided Monday night to proceed with the construction of a new City Hall facility.

The building will be located on the corner of Old Highway 80 and Kent Street and will cover an area of 64 X 96.

To get the building "in the dry" which means everything done but interior finish work and furnishings, the facility will cost about \$42,500.

The city has more than that amount in a savings account that was earmarked for a new City Hall when the city implemented a two percent of gross sales on locally held bingo games.

Council asked city manager J. A. Sadler what it would cost to finish the building inside and he said he did not have those estimates available.

Council member Ted Smith seemed reluctant to start construction of the facility without knowing costs of completing the inside.

He said "I'd like to see it finished once we start. Some of the people I talked to didn't like the idea of a metal building."

Council decided to add an additional four feet to the width of the building from original drawings. The added space will provide a covered parking area and that

portion of the building could be converted into extra office space without any major structural changes to the building.

In other action, council decided to advertise for bids on the remodeling of six more local homes under a HUD/Texas Department of Commerce project. Those bids will be awarded at the April 25th meeting.

Sadler said the city might have as much as an additional \$15,000 to remodel more homes than was originally planned, as the program is that amount under budget.

The city also set budget workshops and public hearings on the new city budget. Those sessions will be held at the next two meetings of council on April 11 and April 25.

They also discussed possible mechanical problems with a crawler-loader at the city landfill. The machine's oil supply has metal shavings in the last sample taken and the city manager said he wanted the machine checked before major damage occurred.

The machine was taken to the Caterpillar dealer in Abilene Monday. While that machine is being repaired, the city will be using a bulldozer on loan from the county.

## MISD discussing coaches

The MISD school board will meet in special session Thursday (tonight) at 8 p.m.

Board members will discuss and act on a plan to renovate a temporary building or to construct an

addition to the annex.

Board members will also discuss the athletic department and will talk about the program and its personnel. They will also discuss assignments for coaches for the 1988-89 school year.

## Fields set for May 7th school-city elections

Every race in Merkel, Trent and Tye school and city elections are contested as the filing deadline has passed.

Elections will be held May 7th. City of Merkel

Four candidates are seeking three spots on the Merkel City Council.

Incumbents Ted Smith, James McKee and Phillip Dean are running and Rodney McClintock is also seeking a spot.

Merkel School Board  
Incumbent board member Lee Yaddow is being opposed by Ronnie Dean while incumbent Bill Sloan is being opposed by Connie Ybarra.

City of Trent  
Four people are seeking two

spots on the council. Incumbent Rocky Bryan, R. T. Bishop, John Dunn and Randy Hunt are seeking election. Incumbent Owen O'Kelly is not seeking re-election.

Trent School Board  
Incumbents Jerry Williams and Mac Sipe are running for re-election while Gary Beam is also wanting a spot on the board. Voters will elect two candidates.

City of Tye  
Mayor Violet E. Law is running for re-election and she is unopposed.

Seeking the Alderman, Place 2 post are incumbent David K. Perry and challengers Boots Childers, Leota Griffin, Larry Storie.  
Incumbent Place 4 councilman James Deen is unopposed.

## Wind, batteries, eggs, trees, building, races, coaches . . . more

by Cloy A. Richards

Have you got any hair left on your head or has it all been blown off during the past few days?

It's getting to be that season where we have the possibility of tornadoes. Remember, the local warning system is a continuous blast from the sirens at the water tower. If you hear that, take cover immediately.

Gary Hicks at Hicks Auto has a way to help clean up around your garage or barn and make a little money for the Merkel Little League. If you have any old car, tractor or boat battery cores around, bring them to Hicks Auto and they will be sold to a dealer. All proceeds will be used by the Merkel Little League.

The Merkel Chamber of Commerce held its annual easter egg hunt Sunday at the City Park. The turnout of hunters wasn't nearly as good as we have had in the past but the kids that did attend did go home with a lot of eggs.

One of the prize eggs was not turned in and if you have an orange plastic egg with a smiley face sticker, contact the Chamber Office for your prize.

The Merkel Art Association recently donated a tree to the Chamber of Commerce.

The chamber has planted about 30 trees recently as well as provided whiskey barrels to many downtown business, who have been great at getting them planted. They look great.

The city decided Monday night to go ahead and start construction of the new City Hall.

Enough money is in the fund to

complete the outside structure of the building and there will be about \$20,000 left to get started on finishing the inside. That won't get all the work paid for, but it will get a good start.

There are a couple of very nice things concerning this building. As most of you know, it will be a metal building. That doesn't necessarily make any kind of comment on the appearance, because there are some things you can do to make them look good. The city is already planning to add decorative rock to walls and door jams, and as those bingo tax rebates keep coming in, the facility can be bricked at a later date.

The facility will also be easy to expand if it is needed. The facility will also house a new library and that will be a definite plus for the city.

As I said last week, it's the most painless way I have heard of building a new city building. The fund it is coming from was built from bingo tax rebates and not a whole lot of that has come from the pockets of local residents. Some has, but the majority of the money spent by bingo players here come in from out-of-town.

It may be a while before the city actually makes the move, but work will get started right away.

All area races with the exception of a place on the Tye city council will be contested in the May 7th elections.

As the filing deadline passed last week, local voters will have a choice in each race, and that's what elections are all about.

Thanks to the men and women that applied for positions on the ballots and for their willingness to serve the public.

Don't forget to set your clock's ahead one hour Saturday night, you won't want to be late for Easter church services.

The Merkel School Board will begin the process of looking for a new head football coach Thursday night as Dick Leppard has asked to be re-assigned.

The board decided to not extend Coach Leppard's contract at their March meeting and also decided to add a clause to the contracts of Coaches Handley, Taylor and Woods that will find their contracts void if Leppard does not coach next year, which he will not.

The board will begin their search for a new head man for the sports program officially Thursday.

I hate to see those four guys leaving the district. They are all good men and have spent a lot of required and non-required hours helping our MIS students.

Changing personnel, especially when it's a public business, is never easy. The board obviously felt a need for a change. The timing of this move may not be so great, especially in the case of track coach Luke Taylor. His team has a solid chance of winning the district, regional and state track meets and all the board has offered him is a worthless contract. It doesn't seem right. The argument of letting the new head man choose his staff can't be used because the board also decided to leave one of the assistant's contract intact.

What's done is done. That does not mean that it should be left alone.

Wishing you  
and yours  
a most joyous  
Easter

The Richards Clan

## Pursley, Newberry shine in Angelo

The Merkel Badgers boys track team placed second in the 3A division at the San Angelo Relays over the weekend.

More accurately, Brit Pursley and Shayne Newberry placed second as they combined for 74 points. They were edged out by Dalhart's 78 points.

Boys track coach Luke Taylor told The Mail Tuesday "It was pretty much the Pursley-Newberry show."

Brit Pursley led the way as he went 15'8" and set a meet record in winning the pole vault. He jumped 6'4" to win the high jump and went 21'10 1/2" to win the long jump. He and Newberry tied for the longest jump but Pursley's second best effort was 1/2 inch further than Newberry's.

Pursley also ran a 14.44 in the 110 hurdles (one of the state's best times) to win that event.

Newberry won the discus with a toss of 154. He won the 330 hurdles with a time of 38.6 (one of the state's best times) and ran a personal best of 14.9 in the 110 hurdles. He also went 21'10 1/2" in the long jump to place second.

Badger 800 runner Kenneth Jowers qualified for the finals but did not place. He ran a 2:03 in both races.

Other Badger efforts were John Walsh's 52.1 and Sean Leonard's 54 in the 400, a personal best of 11.4 by Cory Hines in the 100 and the mile relay ran a 3:28 which coach Taylor called a good "early" time.

Taylor said "As soon as we can get Jowers and Walsh in shape, we will be hard to beat."

He added "We have a lot of young kids that will be grabbing a lot of 4th, 5th and 6th places in the district meet, maybe better. We have 38 kids out for track this season and that's a lot for a 3A school."

He feels if Jowers can get his

time in the 800 to around a 1:57 his team will have a shot at the district, regional and state titles.

The track team has two more meets scheduled before the district meet April 15 & 16 in Sonora.

The boys will be in Breckenridge Saturday and will compete in Hamilton April 9.

Brit Pursley will be competing in the high school division of the Texas Relays April 8 and 9 in Austin.

Girls 10th in Ballinger

Competing with only ten girls, the Lady Badgers placed 10th of 15 teams this past weekend in Ballinger.

Carolyn Lally led the way as she was 3rd in the high jump.

Also scoring for Merkel were Michele Dudley 4th in the 800 and Jayna Goldsmith was 4th in the 200 and 6th in the long jump.

Personal bests were turned in by Goldsmith in the long jump and 200 and Cara Kelso in the 100.

The girls will be at the Breckenridge meet this weekend.

## Adcock honored at Fireman's banquet

Chief Waymon Adcock was honored Saturday night at the Merkel Fire Department's Fireman's Banquet.

Billy Lucas gave the welcome and Jackie Cannon introduced the guests.

Bob Murphy of Nacodoches was speaker. He has always believed in simple pleasures and a good hooper's laugh.

A lawyer by profession, he has had a colorful career. He has been a Western Union messenger boy, a wartime Merchant Marine officer, Fire Chief, the sergeant of arms for the Texas House of Representatives, District Attorney, rancher, humorist and past president of the Texas Firemen & Firemarshalls' Association.

For more than 30 years, he has spoken throughout the United States to all types of audiences.

He has spoken to events ranging from a black tie dinner in Washington D. C. honoring members of the U. S. Supreme Court to a major appearance before the International Chili Appreciation Society, from

the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, to dusty rodeo arenas, from the stage of the Grand Ole Opry and the Nashville Network to guest appearances on Lee Haw, plus thousands of appearances before banquets, conventions, seminars and corporate meetings.

Like the country woman who said she didn't enjoy spreading gossip, but didn't know what else to do with it, Bob Murphy has passed along his earthy philosophy, clear humor, wit and wisdom, to neighbors from coast to coast.

Robert Harris presented service pins to Billy Lucas, Henry Brady and Jerry Horton for 25 years, Ike Garrett for 15 years and Jim Shugart for 10 years.

Billy Lucas presented Chief Adcock with a beautiful gold ring especially designed for him for 48 years of dedicated service to the Merkel Fire Department.

Jackie Cannon presented Johnny

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# Fortnightly group receives awards at district convention

The Fortnightly Study Club met in the home of Anna Lou Ferguson with Anna Belle Shouse serving as co-hostess.

Alice King, president, called for reports from members attending the convention. Attending were Mary Collins, Alice King, Evelyn Martin, Leota Patterson, Becky Rogers, Ida Seymore, Alwynne Sandusky and Anna Belle Shouse.

Mrs. King announced winners at the convention from the Fortnightly Club. Anna Belle Shouse was selected by the Executive Board and elected by the convention as a New Life Member, which is a very high honor. Becky Pyburn was chosen as Club Woman of the Year for her volunteer service. Alice King was installed as 2nd vice-president, and other honors were Arts & Crafts, 2nd place; History program 2nd place; Education project 1st place and Public Relations/Communications 1st place.

The Program on health was introduced by Ruby Hammond, program

chairman. Clara B. Walla told about Henry Denker, author of The Choice. He collects his materials from interesting case histories in the medical profession. He lives in Manhattan. He has had some of his work made into tv productions.

The book was reviewed by Pam Carson. The book is about Dr. Walter Duncan, who, after his experiences as a lieutenant in a medical unit in Vietnam, entered medical school and became a highly successful surgeon.

The book tells about choices Dr. Duncan is faced with. He is torn between time devoted to his practice and devotion to his wife and only daughter. Another choice is whether to testify against a former colleague who botched a surgery that left an 18 year old crippled for life. For consciousness sake, he did testify.

The story continues with choices Dr. Duncan made in the case histories of two young girls, one being his daughter. The treatment of sur-

gery and chemotherapy on one young girl was successful after over a year. But, his own daughter developed leukemia. She went through chemotherapy and bone marrow transplant from her mother. Nothing worked. Later, she was taken home among familiar surroundings and

less than a month later, she died. Dr. Duncan quit his practice to be with his wife. After urgings from other girl patients in the stories, and from the chief of staff of the hospital, he agreed to operate on an orphan boy from an orphanage nearby, and he re-

turned to practice. The doctor and his wife are considering adoption of that boy.

Mildred Hamm prepared a paper on M. D. Anderson Hospital that Becky Rogers read. Our club is donating things to be used by patients at M. D. Anderson.

Those present were Grace Lee Brown, Pam Carson, Mary Collins, Bess Dixon, Anna Lou Ferguson, Mildred Hamm, Ruby Hammond, Lucy Haynes, Edna Hill, Madelon Horton, Joyce Jay, Alice King, Aileen Knight, Evelyn Martin, Leota Patterson, Becky Rogers, Alwynne Sandusky, Ida Seymore, Anna Belle Shouse, Clara B. Walla, Marjorie White and Becky Pyburn.

## Firemen present Adcock with ring for his retirement

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Adcock with a gold watch for standing behind Waymon for the past years.

Chief Adcock thanked the department for all the help he has had over the years and presented the Chief's pin to Billy Lucas and the Fire Marshall's pin to Robert Harris.

Mayor Kent Satterwhite presented Waymon with a plaque.

Guests in attendance were the

Adcock's children; Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Adcock of Merkel; Mr. & Mrs. Sonny Gardner and sons of Abilene and Mr. & Mrs. Gary Adcock of Danville.

Sunday, firemen hosted a public reception to honor Chief Adcock and his wife, Johnny for their dedication to the Merkel Fire Department. Guests attending from out-of-town were former State Firemen's & Fire Marshalls president & Mrs. Norvel Terry of Grand Prairie, Mr. & Mrs. Lon Robertson and Marvin Bedford of Winters and many others.

## Carriker explains decision to run for senate seat

Dear Editor:  
Last week I announced that I am going to be a candidate in the special election to fill the recent vacancy in the 30th District Senate seat. This was a difficult decision for me to make, since Taylor County is another Senate District (where you will be ably served by Terple Dickson next session) If I am successful in reaching the Senate, I would no longer represent Taylor County, at least technically.

Since the term of my house seat and at the same time as the Senate term, I am not required to resign my house seat in order to run, and will continue to serve as your Representative in the meanwhile. Provided I am nominated to the Senate, your Precinct Democratic chairs, along with the chairs of 11 other counties of the 78th district, would choose someone to replace me

on the ballot as your house nominee in November. I would not have considered leaving my house seat unless I were confident that there are qualified and capable people available to fill my seat and that the voters would have a good choice.

The critical factor in my decision to run for the Senate was the advice and encouragement I received from constituents in the four counties I now serve which do not lie within District 30. I am exceedingly grateful that many Taylor County residents have wished me well and expressed their support.

I am enjoying my service as State Representative and I look forward to continuing to serve Taylor County in the future, whatever the capacity.

Sincerely  
Steven A. Carriker  
State Representative

## USDA food distribution postponed

The USDA Food Commodity Distribution that was scheduled for Saturday will be postponed one week due to the Easter Holiday.

The food distribution will be held April 9th at the Merkel Volunteer Fire Department beginning at 9 a.m.

## Trent firemen are busy

The Trent Volunteer Fire Department has been kept busy the past two weeks fighting grass fires in Nolan, Taylor and Callahan Counties.

On March 10, the department answered a call from the Nolan County fire department to aid in a fire that had broken out near the community of Nolan on the Welch Ranch. The fire, which took ten hours to control and burned off several hundred acres.

After returning to the station, the department was summoned to Callahan County to aid in the largest grass fire in Texas history. The department aided in controlling 4 miles of fire line 15 miles North of Albany. They returned to Trent at 7 a.m. Friday morning after 20 hours of grass fire fighting in three counties.

Sunday night, the department was called to a grass fire at 10 p.m. about 10 miles South of Trent. Eight firemen and one truck con-

trolled the fire in less than two hours.

In the last two weeks, towns from Albany to Clyde to Sweetwater have seen fire fighting on a level that this area hasn't seen in quite a few years. Often, volunteer firemen are looked upon as "Keystone Cops" attempting to do a professional job. The fires in Shackelford, Callahan and Jones County, along with the Nolan County fire, gave the people of not only Abilene, but the entire nation, a chance to see that these firemen are every day people, like preachers, ranchers and teachers, and they can fight fires, often as well as the people that get paid for fighting fires. The volunteer firemen deserve a pat on the back for jobs that are dangerous and life threatening. These people are people that could save your home or even your life someday, and they do it for their community with no charge for their services. by W. E. Dulaney

## FmHA accepting nominations for county committee

The Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) will begin accepting nominations April 5th for election of county committee members under new rules that make it easier for farmers to qualify as candidates and to vote. Don M. Newhouse said recently.

FmHA county committees perform a variety of duties for the U. S. Department of Agriculture's credit agency, including deciding whether an applicant is eligible for a farm loan.

"One important change broadens the definition of a farmer to anyone who has an interest in a farm in the county as owner, tenant or sharecropper," Newhouse said. "The new definition also includes the spouse of an eligible farmer. An old requirement that more than half the candidate's income must come from the farm operation has been dropped.

extended to 45 days from the previous 25 days, thus allowing more opportunity for people to run for the committee," Newhouse said. At least three eligible farmer voters, including the nominee, must sign the petition.

Two of the three committee members are elected by farmers in the county, and one is appointed by the FmHA. One of the elected seats is to be filled for a three-year term at this year's election, which is scheduled for June 30.

"Another important change this year is that one member of the committee can be an active FmHA farm borrower, or be eligible for an FmHA farm loan," Mr. Newhouse said. "Previously, this was not allowed." Anyone interested in running for the committee can obtain a petition and other information from the FmHA county office at 2203 Federal Building, Abilene, Newhouse said.

### MISS MERKEL & LITTLE MR MERKEL PAGEANT

Sponsored by Lambda Beta Sorority

Pageant will be held Saturday, April 9 at 7:00pm  
Rehearsal will be Friday, April 8 at 4:00pm

ENTRY DEADLINE IS APRIL 1

Children must be 3 years old before pageant date

ENTRANT'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_ BOY OR GIRL \_\_\_\_\_  
BOTH PARENTS' NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
STREET ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE \_\_\_\_\_ HOBBIES & INTERESTS: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT'S SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

BOYS		GIRLS	
Pre-School age 3-5	Kindergarten-3rd grade	Pre-School age 3-5	Kindergarten-2nd grade
		6th grade-8th grade	9th grade-12th grade
		3rd grade-5th grade	

If you have any questions please call Virginia at 928-4379 or Sharon at 928-4552.

## Church Services Schedule

*I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.*  
John 10:10

<p><b>First United Methodist Church</b> S. 3rd and Locust Pastor - John Wagoner 928-5333</p> <p><b>Sunday</b> - Early Worship 8:30 A.M. Church School 9:45 A.M. Morning Worship 10:50 A.M. Evening Worship 6:00 P.M.</p> <p>Very Important Kids 1st thru 5th Grade 5:30 P.M. Jr. High United Meth. Youth 5:30 P.M. Sr. High United Meth. Youth 6:15 P.M.</p> <p><b>Wednesday</b> - Childrens Choir Pre-School thru 2nd Grade 5:30 P.M. Childrens Choir 3rd thru 5th Grade 6:30 P.M.</p> <p><b>Grace Presbyterian Church</b> Pastor - Robert Christian South 2nd and Ash</p> <p><b>Sunday</b> Sunday School - 10:00 A.M. Morning Worship - 11:00 A.M.</p> <p><b>New Testament Fellowship Church</b> Pastor: Bill Dixon Sunday Services: 10 AM &amp; 6 PM Wednesday Services: 7 PM Nursery Provided</p> <p><b>Calvary Baptist - David Strange, Pastor</b> 506 Runnels 928-5120</p> <p><b>Sunday</b> - Sunday School - 10:00 A.M. Morning Worship - 11:00 A.M. Childrens Church 11:00 A.M. Childrens Choir Practice 5:00 P.M. Financial Seminar 5:00 P.M. Evening Services 6:00 P.M. <b>Wednesday</b> Prayer Meeting 7:00 P.M.</p> <p>Easter Egg Hunt Immediately following Church Easter Sunday.</p> <p><b>First Baptist Church S. 3rd and Locust</b> Pastor - Wayne Keller <b>Sunday</b> - Sunday School 9:30 A.M. Morning Service 10:45 Evening Service 7:00 P.M. <b>Wednesday</b> - Evening Service 6:30</p>	<p><b>Merkel Church of Christ</b> South 7th and Ash 928-5024 Minister - Bob Brandon</p> <p><b>Sunday</b> - Bible Class 9:45 A.M. Morning Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening Worship 6:00 P.M. <b>Wednesday</b> - Evening Bible Class 7:30 P.M.</p> <p><b>First Assembly of God Church 2nd and Runnels</b> Pastor - Richard Sessions 928-5154</p> <p><b>Sunday</b> - Early Worship 9:45 A.M. Morning Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening Worship 6:00 P.M. <b>Wednesday</b> - Family Night 7:00 P.M.</p> <p><b>Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church</b> 1300 Locust Father Frank Zimmermann &amp; Father Lee Zimmermann 928-5239</p> <p><b>HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE</b> Thursday Mass 7:00 P.M. Good Friday Mass 7:00 P.M. Easter Vigil (Saturday) 8:30 P.M. <b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> 11:00 A.M. Confessions Wed., Holy Thursday &amp; Good Friday-30 min. before Mass and after Mass. After Mass Holy Saturday.</p> <p><b>St. Mark's Episcopal Church</b> 3150 Vogel, Abilene 677-1471 Pastor-Charles Chatham <b>Sunday</b> Church School 9 A.M. Service 10:30 A.M. <b>Wednesday</b> Service 7:00 P.M.</p>
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# Local CPA goes over rules for auto deductions

by Andy Hart, CPA  
This week's topic is vehicle use. You can deduct vehicle expenses if you use your vehicle for business or non-business purposes, such as looking after income-producing property. Personal use and commuting to and from work are not deductible. In order to substantiate a deduction for vehicle use you need to keep an accurate log distinguishing between personal, nonbusiness and business mileage. Receipts and cancelled checks are

also needed to satisfy the adequate records requirement. You have the option of using actual expenses or a mileage rate. If you choose actual expenses you need to keep track of all auto expenses such as gas and oil, repairs, insurance, interest, tags and licenses, and tires. Then take the percentage of these expenses that relate to business and or non-business travel as a deduction on your return. You must use actual costs if you use more than

one vehicle in your business. Depreciation is also considered an actual expense. The new tax law has made some changes that limit this deduction in most cases. Beginning in 1987, the recovery period for automobiles and pickups has been extended to five years. Limits have been placed on the amount of depreciation that may be claimed for "luxury" vehicles after 12-31-86. A luxury vehicle is considered to be any vehicle costing more than \$12,800. Maximum de-

preciation deductions that may be claimed are as follows: Year 1- \$2,560; Year 2- \$4,100; Year 3- \$2,450; Year 4 and thereafter \$1,475. This amount includes the optional Section 179 write off also. These limits are further reduced if the business use of the automobile is less than 100%. The mileage rates for 1987 are 22 1/2 cents a mile for the first 15,000 miles and 11 cents a mile over 15,000. If a vehicle is fully depreciated the mileage rate would be 11 cents a mile for all miles.

To this you add parking fees, tolls, and interest. A vehicle is considered fully depreciated after 60,000 miles of business use at the maximum standard mileage rate. Farmers still have the option of taking 75% of their actual expenses if they do not keep a detailed

log of business use. This touches on the main changes regarding vehicle use. Again, adequate records are of key importance. Good luck.

## 8th grade boys win in Hamlin, more results

The Merkel Middle School's 8th grade boys won their first track meet of the season. Scoring for the Badgers were: 400 meter relay 1st (Scott Walker, David Dotson, Chad Taylor, Lorenzo Whitney); 110 hurdles Zacky Rodriguez 1st, Chip Browning 3rd; 800

Fidel Avalos 6th; 100 Whitney 1st; 400 Avalos 4th, Josh Mashburn 6th; 300 hurdles David Dotson 1st, Browning 4th, Chris Baker 6th; 200 Whitney 1st, Rodriguez 4th; 1600 Baker 2nd; 1600 relay 2nd (Avalos, Rodriguez, Mashburn, Dotson); high jump Robert Pace 2nd, Dotson 6th;

long jump Whitney 2nd, Dotson 3rd; Shot put Todd Walters 1st, Whitney 5th; discus Avalos 2nd, Walters 3rd. 7th Grade Boys 6th in Hamlin Scoring for the Badgers in Hamlin were: 440 Relay 6th (Jason Neuman, Holloway, Caleb Kelso, Bran-

don Boyd); 800 Jason Kofood 5th; 110 hurdles John Bauer 5th; 100 Kelso 5th; 400 Jason Putnam 5th; 300 Bauer 8th; 1600 Kofood 3rd; 1600 relay (Kofood, Ascencio, Putnam, MacIntyre) 3rd.

8th Grade Girls 3rd in Hamlin Merkel's 8th grade Lady Badgers scored 99 points to take 3rd in Hamlin. Scoring for Merkel were: 400 relay 3rd (Kriste A. Smith, Coty Vaughn, Ellyn Rutledge, Teresa Ross); 100 hurdles Son Hui Chon 2nd; 400 Amy Walls 5th; 800 relay 1st (Smith, Vaughn, Rutledge, Ward); 200 Ward 1st, Amy Walls 5th; 1600 relay (Smith, Vaughn, Rutledge, Ward) 1st, triple jump Ward 3rd; high jump Teresa Ross 5th, Walls 6th, long jump Smith 3rd, Vaughn 6th; discus Dayna Doan 1st.

Their next meet will be April 2 at McMurry College.

7th Grade Girls 4th in Hamlin The 7th Grade Lady Badgers were 4th in Hamlin scoring 54 points.

Scoring for Merkel were: 400 relay 6th (Crystal Newberry, Delayne Pack, Kimberly Holmes, Shayla Carter); hurdles Andrea Richardson 4th; 400 Angie Nault 1st; 800 relay 3rd (Richardson, Pack, Belinda Moreno, Nault); mile relay 4th (Richardson, Pack, Moreno, Nault); triple jump Nault 4th; high jump Nault 3rd; long jump Carter 6th.

## Newsbriefs

### Jones singing

The annual Jones County singing convention will be held April 2 and 3 in the High School cafeteria at Hawley. The event starts at 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at 10 a.m.

### EMT class

The Merkel Emergency Medical Service will be offering an EMT-Technician's (EMT) Course beginning May 10th at 6 p.m.

Classes will be held at the service's building on Lamar Street here.

Persons attending must be at least 18 years old and more information is available from Vernon or Ann Wade.

### Club meets

The Preceptor Eta Omega Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met March 15th in the home of Opal Garner. New officers were elected.

They are: Mamie Steck- president, Opal Garner- vice president, Yvonne Sadler- treasurer, Marion Shelton- corresponding secretary, Martha Sue Justice- recording secretary.

Connie Ybarra- extension officer and Mamie Steck, Blanche Hewitt and Martha Sue Justice will be city council representatives.

After the business meeting, Opal Garner presented a program on "The Worth of Women."

Following the program, refreshments were served to Marilyn Baker, Blanche Hewitt, Yvonne Sadler, Pat Schucknecht, Mamie Steck, Connie Ybarra, Awanda Richardson, Martha Sue Justice, Marion Shelton and the hostess Opal Garner.

### Sunrise service

The Harvest Temple Church in Trent will hold an Easter Sunrise service at 5:30 a.m.

The tent is open to all persons in the Merkel and Trent area and will be held in front of the Cross at their church on I-20 in Trent.

A Fellowship Luncheon will follow the regular services on Sunday.

### Miss, Mr. Merkel pageant

The Miss Merkel, Little Mr. Merkel Pageant will be held April 9. Rehearsal will be held April 8 at 4 p.m.

Entry deadline is Friday. Entry

forms can be obtained through the school campus or in this week's Merkel Mail.

The winner of the high school division will receive a \$200 scholarship to be used toward college fees.

### Keller on trip

Debbie Keller, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Keller of Merkel, is one of 59 Hardin-Simmons University students performing mission work on Spring Break.

She will be working in Eagle Pass.

### Easter mass

The following is the Easter Mass schedule for Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church.

Confessions will be heard starting about 30 minutes before each Mass. Confessions will also be heard following each Mass.

The Holy Thursday Mass will be performed at 7 p.m. Thursday.

Good Friday Mass will also begin at 7 p.m. Friday.

The Easter Vigil Mass will begin at 8:30 a.m. Sunday and the Easter Sunday Mass will begin at 11 a.m.

**WILSON JEWELRY**  
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**MISC.**

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8-tfc

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13-1tc

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13-TFC

For sale: 1983 Suncraft mobile home. Three bedroom, two baths. No equity, take up payments \$228 a month, nice, call 928-4409.  
---13-tfc---

For Sale: 2 story large living room, dining room, kitchen, master bedroom & bath downstairs, large upstairs, 3 bedrooms, bath, lots of storage room on corner lot, priced to sell, Cyrus Pee, Realtor 928-5613.  
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52-TFC

For rent: 2 & 3 bedroom, furnished or unfurnished, reasonable call 928-5635.  
---13-2tp---

**GARAGE SALES**

Moving sale: Friday, Humphrey's Village #32. Furniture, curtains, bedspreads, clothes (7-9), boat, camper shell, misc. items Bedkin's  
---13-1tp---

Garage Sale: Thursday-Saturday 8 until 5:30 S 5th & Trudy across from Elementary school. Battery - charged 3 wheeler, bedspread with slams, sheets, lots of childrens & adults clothes. Misc. items Bedkin's  
---13-1tp---

Garage Sale: Ray Pack cassette tapes for sale. Quilt scraps, antiques, new dishes, books, lots of misc. Old Sadler Clinic Friday & Saturday.  
11-1tc

Big yard sale: 2 families, Friday & Saturday if not raining. 604 Rose.  
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13-1tp

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Kent Satterwhite  
Mayor  
13-1tc

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF EARNEST NEWMAN MCCOY, DECEASED  
Notice is hereby given that original letters Testamentary for the Estate of Ernest Newman McCoy were issued on March 4, 1988, in Cause No. 17,980, pending in the County Court of Taylor County, Texas, to:  
Margaret Jane McCoy  
The residence of such Executor is Taylor County, Texas. The post office address is:

**PUBLIC NOTICES**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
The City of Merkel, Texas will receive sealed bids until 7:00 p.m., April 25, 1988 on the rehabilitation of six (6) residences located in the City of Merkel.  
Bid information and specifications may be obtained at City Hall, 107 Lamar, Merkel, Texas. This is

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The Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) is accepting nominations for County Committee elections for Taylor County. This notice is issued to inform eligible voters of the right to nominate candidates by petition. Copies of the petition and instructions on its completion can be obtained from your local FmHA office.

Persons nominated should have an interest in a farm as an owner, tenant, or sharecropper within the county or area in which activities of the county or area committee are carried out. They must be citizens of the United States or aliens lawfully admitted to the United States for permanent residence, and be well qualified for committee work. Spouses of those persons who meet the eligibility criteria are also eligible for nomination for election to the county committee. Nominations must be received in the Abilene Office no later than May 19, 1988. FmHA committee elections are open to all eligible voters without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, age, political affiliation, marital status, sex, and/or handicap.

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By Marilyn Miller DDS  
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## Texas Onions Run Rings Around The Rest

(AUSTIN)—Remember the basket of french-fried onion rings everyone used to eat after school at the local hang-out, how sweet and satisfying each morsel tasted dipped in the tiny paper cups of ketchup that came with every order?

Or those Texas-style burgers dressed with lettuce, tomato, dill pickle and a slice of onion as big as the bun?

Or enchiladas that never came without cooked-but-still-crunchy onions in the filling.

As long as Texans can remember, food hasn't been food without onions. More than 40 years ago, a native recalls, the sweetly pungent scent of green onions permeating grocery stores meant spring had arrived. Small boiler onions came next and finally the crop of mature Bermudas, at that time the sweetest onions grown anywhere.

Back then, a youngster might snack on a biscuit and a green onion after

school, and still grow back to a meal that included crisp onions kept fresh in a bowl of cool water. Spring onions were cooked in the oven with roasts, the first meal served after a calf slaughter was liver and onions, and no one put eggs in potato salad—just onions and dill pickle.

Though some native Texans argue that "Yankee infiltration" has diminished the importance of onions, especially in Mexican food, even today no self-respecting cook ever serves barbecue without the zing that only raw onion provides. And when spring arrives, the new crop of onions is as welcome as the bloom on a redbud.

Today Texas, which harvests the country's first crop of spring onions, ranks second in fresh onion production nationwide. Bermudas have been replaced by sweeter, milder Grano varieties, yellow, globe-shaped onions developed over the years by Texas A&M University plant breeders. The

sweetest of these is the Texas 1015 SuperSweet, which for two years running earned the "best raw onion" title in a national sweet onion competition.

Onion harvest begins in the Rio Grande Valley in early March and moves from there into South Texas. Around April 15 SuperSweets head for market. Large onions, they grow to a diameter of three inches or more. The bigger they are, the sweeter they are. Small SuperSweets, in fact, tend to be a little on the pungent side.

This spring the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) will promote SuperSweets during a media tour in two Midwestern cities, Columbus, Ohio, and Indianapolis, Ind. Carol Guthrie, TDA marketing specialist and home economist, will invite residents to write to TDA for a coupon good for a free SuperSweet from a supermarket chain. Texas growers will supply 10,000 onions for the promotion.

"The theory being if we can get people to taste a SuperSweet, they'll buy them every year," said Ery Sandlin, TDA promotional marketing specialist. "The onions have made tremendous inroads in out-of-state markets through the efforts of Texas Fresh Promotional Board and the Texas Citrus and Vegetable Association in Harlingen, but there's potential to expand sales even further."

All spring onions harvested in Texas have a high water content, one reason for their mild flavor. The extra moisture, however, shortens their shelf life to about two weeks. The 1015 seems to be an exception. It has kept up to 45 days when stored in a cool, dry place and two or three months when

with vegetables that require high humidity. Dry, freely circulating air is necessary to maintain quality.

If you still fondly remember those after-school baskets of onion rings—and your children have picked up the habit too—SuperSweets are an excellent choice for deep-frying. Single center onions, they provide symmetrical rings and little waste. Their size is also a plus. A few onions will make enough rings to feed the family—and cut down slicing time for the cook.

Here are some TDA recipes ideal for SuperSweets and other Texas onions.

### CRISPY TEXAS ONION RINGS

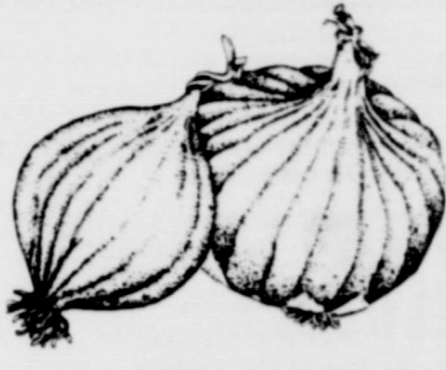
- 3-4 lg. Texas 1015 onions
- 2-3 C. buttermilk
- 1 C. all-purpose flour
- 1 1/2 tsp. baking powder
- 1 tsp. salt
- 2/3 C. water
- 1 beaten egg
- 1 T. vegetable oil
- 1 tsp. lemon juice
- 1/4 tsp. red pepper
- Vegetable oil for frying
- Salt, if desired

Peel and slice onions and separate into rings. Pour buttermilk into large shallow pan. Add onion rings and soak 30 minutes. Combine flour, baking powder, salt, water, eggs, 1 tablespoon oil, lemon juice and red pepper. Stir until smooth. Heat oil to 375 degrees F. Remove onion rings from buttermilk and dip into batter. Fry in hot oil until golden brown. Drain on absorbent paper. Sprinkle with salt, if desired. Makes 6-8 servings.

### ONION-PEANUT BUTTER SANDWICH

- 8 bread slices
- Peanut butter
- Mayonnaise
- 1 sweet onion, sliced 1/4-inch thick

Spread half the slices of bread with peanut butter and half with mayonnaise. Sandwich onion slices between pieces of bread and serve. Makes 4 servings.



refrigerated. Never store any onion



ONION RINGS TASTE as good now as they did in high school, especially when you make them with Texas SuperSweet onions.

## Shaw's services held

Jackie Lee Shaw, 47 of Abilene, died March 27th in Fort Sumner, N. M. Funeral services were held March 29th at Calvary Baptist Church with Rev. James Wilcox of Blackwell Baptist Church officiating. He was assisted by David Strange, pastor. Burial followed at Rose Hill Cemetery under the direction of the Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born March 18, 1941 here, he was the son of M. J. and Doris Marie (Smith) Shaw. He had worked for ten years as the Gypsum Transport Company as a truck driver and was a Baptist.

He attended schools here.

He is survived by his fiancée, Wanshie Weaver of Abilene; his parents Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Womack of Blackwell; two sons, James and Shane Shaw of Abilene; two brothers Glenn Shaw of Abilene and Stanley Shaw of Brownwood; a stepbrother Bobby Womack of Gatesville and a stepsister Jackie Lanier of Robert Lee. He is also survived by two grandchildren.

Serving as pallbearers were Gus Jackson, Grady Knight, Ned Watts, Wayne Adcock, Mike Bloodworth, Scotty Shaw and honorary pallbearers were the employees of the Gypsum Transport Company.

## Sr. parents plan graduation party

Graduation for the MHS Class of 1988 is just around the corner and senior parents are planning "Project Graduation" so that these young adults will have a safe celebration, free of alcohol and drugs.

Parents are planning games, food,

soft drinks and music throughout the night and in order to make the event a success, they will need everyone's support.

Parents are asking that they encourage the seniors to attend and have fun together on their last night as students of Merkel High.

## Womack is recent USAF graduate

AIC John T. Womack has graduated from the avionics systems course at Lowry Air Force Base, Colo.

His wife, Marisa, is the daughter of Lewis and Barbara Peck of Tye.

He is a 1984 graduate of Merkel High.

## Trent tennis tourney results

Rotan, Roby, Abilene Christian, Sweetwater, Aspermont and Merkel joined Trent at the 1st annual Trent High tennis tournament held March 7th and 8th in Sweetwater.

Winners are as follows: Girls singles Luci Masonheimer and runner-up Dien Tran of Merkel.

Girls doubles Hill & Gilbreath 1st of ACHS and Crisp & Qualls 2nd of ACHS.

Boys singles Moran Walker of Rochester 1st and Jamie Masonheimer of Trent 2nd.

Boys doubles Gruben & Speck of Rotan 1st and Garcia and Matthies

of Rotan 2nd.

On March 14th, Trent Jr. High netters saw their first action against Blackwell at the Trent tennis courts. In girls singles, Janet Gibson won while Misty Alston was defeated. In boys action, Tony Dean won these matches without losing a set while Britt Sipe also won his match. In girls doubles, Gibson and Alston lost both of their matches. In boys doubles, Jason Jontra and J. T. Elmore won three of four matches. Sipe and Mark Payne won their match.

by W. E. Dulaney

## Trent boys track team results

The Trent boys track team traveled to Jayton Saturday to compete in the Rolling Plains Relays 6-Man Division.

Trent just took three boys to the meet and finished 9th. They were led by Keith Oden with 15 points. He was 2nd in the 300 intermediate hurdles and 3rd in the

100 meter dash. Travis Walker was 6th in the hurdles.

The Trent golf team, consisting of defending district medalist Mike Payne, along with Chris Jones, Lee Hunt, Lewis Knapp and Scott O' Kelly, will be competing in the district meet April 4 & 5 in Jayton.

## TISD lunch-breakfast menu

The following is the TISD lunch and breakfast menu (breakfast is listed first).

March 31: juice, cinnamon rolls; cheese sandwiches, stew, tater tots, cookies.

April 1: juice, oatmeal, toast; hamburgers, fries, fruit, cookies.

April 4: juice, cereal, milk;

chicken strips, creamed potatoes & gravy, green beans, chocolate pudding.

April 5: juice, donuts; beef & beans, baked potatoes, fried okra, jello with topping.

April 6: juice, biscuits & sausage, jelly; taco salad, corn on the cob, cinnamon rolls.

## Johnson is named national award winner

The United Achievement Academy recently announced that Kenneth Roy Johnson has been named a national award winner in Agriculture. Less than 10 percent of all college students are recognized.

Roy, a senior at Texas Tech, was

nominated by John Hunter, a professor of Range & Wildlife. Roy will appear in the academy's yearbook.

He is the son of Beverly Davis of Trent and Larry Johnson of Fort Worth. Joyce Hallford of Trent is his maternal grandmother.

## Judge says thanks for support

Dear Editor:

I would like to express my gratitude to the voters of Taylor County. It has been an honor to serve our fine people in the last year and I am privileged that they have elected me to continue my service as appellate judge. The victory

represented by the wide margin with which I carry your county would not be possible without the overwhelming support and hard work of many individuals. I hope to be able to personally thank them all in the coming months.

Sincerely, Judge Bob Arnot

## Trent UIL winners named

The following are the Trent High School results from the UIL Literary meet held March 18th in Jayton: Denise Gibson was 1st in news

writing, Billie Jean Poindexter was 3rd in feature writing and Luci Masonheimer was 1st in spelling.

## 6-Man resul results

The Trent High School track teams traveled to the 6-Man Coaches Association meet in Stephenville Saturday.

The only winner for Trent was freshman Travis Walker who placed

second in the pole vault. Hard luck hit Keith Oden who was leading in the 300 hurdles when he hit a hurdle and fell.

by W. E. Dulaney

## Services held for Clarice Higgins

Private funeral services were held for Clarice M. Higgins March 17 at Fairhaven Memorial Park, Santa Anna, Ca. with Dr. James King officiating.

Clarice attended the Merkel public schools and was a drum major for the band. She graduated from Abilene High School in 1943 and was drum major for the Abilene High band.

In 1956, Clarice and her family moved to Santa Anna, Ca and she was

employed at Disneyland in the accounting department for 20 years. She was the daughter of Charles S. Higgins, deceased, and is survived by: her mother, Mrs. Margaret Higgins of Santa Ana, Ca.; two sisters, Frances Bennett of Columbus, Oh, and Mary Gershon of Merkel; a brother, James Allen Higgins and wife Mary of Eugene; a niece Vicki Bennett of Lorain, Oh.; a nephew Sud Gershon of Las Vegas and his son Eric.

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# Farmers-ranchers are affected by new tax law

Agricultural producers are in a new ballgame as a result of recent tax law changes, and additional changes probably will be forthcoming.

This view was expressed recently by James L. Powell of Phit McKavett, who moves up to the presidency of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association.

Powell noted that never has there been a politician who liked to make a hard decision to cut any budget item, but today the politician finds it impossible to reduce even the escalation of most previously programmed entitlements.

"Rather, Congress apparently will continue entitlements as they are programmed except for agriculture where the program changes often and may become less expensive in the future if the program outlined in the current Food Security Act of 1985 is followed for its full term through 1992," Powell said.

In regard to tax programs that agriculture can expect in the future, Powell expressed apprehension about that answer.

"While better prices will probably occur, Congress will try to raise taxes to cut the budget deficit. Remember, this comes after agriculture has given up many tax preferences such as capital gains, accelerated depreciation, investment tax credits, and income averaging in return for lower tax rates," Powell said.

He predicted that an enormous lobbying effort will be needed to recover some of the preference items for agriculture when the tax increase becomes inevitable.

"In the United States, good economic policies are assessed by how rapidly consumption rises, for we are a consumer-based society. It is politically popular, therefore,

for all our industries to achieve an ever-expanding production of consumer goods," Powell said.

He emphasized that those industries buy goods from agriculture and other commodity producers and employ the nation's labor force, all of whom are voters on election day.

In other nations of the world, Powell noted, good economic policy is determined by how sound and stable it is for investment and overall productivity. Policy is structured for a longer term and not constantly being amended as it is here.

"As a result, the U. S. is an inflation prone society and in order to prevent excessive influence on inflation and to reduce the budget deficit, Congress will most likely pass some sort of tax increase since it is not likely that further budget cuts will be made," Powell said.

The Menard County rancher noted that either budget cuts or tax and fee increases will be necessary to abate a rapid fall in the dollar and bring improvement to the current account.

"Tax and fee increases will result in lower profits for ranchers and farmers as well as industry, thereby reducing the amount of capital available for investment to increase production and research," he said.

Thus, the only alternative left for agriculture is to become even more efficient, particularly in animal agriculture, Powell noted.

"The cattlemen will need to change his herd of mother cows as rapidly as possible to produce lean beef carcasses that grades Number 2, Choice, with least costs and time requirements," Powell noted.

# Wheat leaf rust threat smaller than last year

The threat of wheat leaf rust is not as great this season as it has been in the past according to Dr. Wendell Horne, plant pathologist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A & M University System.

"Disease incidence in South and Central Texas is considerably less than it was one year ago. This does not mean, however, that no threat exists. Growers should be aware that the organism is present and that future conditions may be ideal for rapid development."

Factors that may explain why leaf rust is less threatening this season, Horne says, include less wheat acreage planted in South and Central Texas, more varieties being planted as opposed to one predominant variety, more slow-rusting varieties being used and rather dry weather conditions.

"Producers should watch their fields for increases in wheat leaf occurrence. There's still plenty of time for an epidemic to develop if weather conditions favor such an event," Horne says.

He notes that there may be more reason for some producers to use fungicides this year than in the past.

"Wheat prices have increased and another highly effective fungicide is on the market. Chemical control will not likely pay for everyone, but it may pay handsomely in many situations," Horne

says.

Growers considering use of a fungicide should make sure that they have a 40-bushel yield potential and that leaf rust represents a serious limiting production factor, he says. They also should be sure that they have a wheat variety that will respond to fungicide use. Slow rusting varieties, such as Sturdy, are not as likely to give favorable returns as non-slow rusting varieties, such as NK-182, Horne adds.

When one determines that fungicides will pay, make sure that timely applications are made properly according to the product label.

"The object is to protect the flag leaf (the last leaf produced and located just below the head) and insure its full function until grain filling is completed. It also is recommended that the label rate of fungicide be used in five gallons of water per acre by air. Growers who use ground application should apply 20 to 25 gallons of water per acre," Horne says.

Producers should watch their wheat fields closely from now until heading time to determine the potential for leaf rust damage, Horne recommends. Fungicides are available if yield level warrants and potential disease development represents the major limiting production factor, he says.

# When Easter's Over, Eat Those Eggs

(AUSTIN)—The Easter tradition of coloring eggs came to the new World with the Pennsylvania Dutch in 1728. These deeply religious, hard-working farm people colored eggs as tokens of good times to come, a custom that spread across Pennsylvania and New York and eventually the entire country.

Decorated eggs, however, never belonged exclusively to Christian custom, but were symbols of fertility and the earth's spring renewal long before the time of Christ. The ancient Chinese gave painted eggs as gifts during a three-day spring festival. And Persians marked the beginning of their religious year every spring with a feast that included giving colored eggs to friends and strangers.

Eggs have also represented life and immortality. Perhaps the sculptor Brancusi called "the most perfect form of creation"—represented the unending circle of life, death and rebirth central to Christian and other religious beliefs.

Whatever their significance, eggs will be bought in greater-than-usual numbers in Texas and the rest of the country as families get ready for Easter. According to one estimate, about 25 percent of the eggs purchased during the Easter holidays are used for decorations.

Increased demand ordinarily causes prices to rise during this time. But the addition of 4 million laying hens last year to the country's flocks has provided a bonanza of eggs. According to Dr. Dave Mellor, Texas A&M University poultry marketing specialist, "We have lots of hens, lots of eggs, so prices will be good." In fact, eggs have been on sale in supermarkets around the state since February, and prices are not expected to rise significantly through Easter.

When buying eggs to color, it is best to get them about a week in advance. Very fresh eggs are hard to peel. To hard-cook the eggs, Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) home economist Carol Guthrie recommends placing them in a single layer in a large pot. Cover the eggs with about an inch of water and cover the pan. As soon as the water boils, remove the pan from the heat and let it stand 15 to 17 minutes for large eggs. Add or subtract three minutes for each size larger or smaller. For example, extra-large eggs should stand in the water 20 minutes, medium eggs 10 to 12.

Cooking eggs this way yields tender whites and fully cooked yolks. Hard-boiling is to be avoided. It overcooks the eggs and turns them rubbery. As soon as the eggs are ready, place them under cool, running water to ensure an easy-to-peel product.

Once cooked, eggs should be promptly put in the refrigerator to await decoration. If these eggs are handled carefully, there should be no danger of spoilage. Recent tests showed that hard-cooked eggs stored at room temperature spoiled in less than a week. However, when eggs were transferred to the refrigerator after two days, they kept up to three weeks.

Guthrie recommends playing it safe by refrigerating eggs right after cooking them, again after decorating, and finally after the Easter egg hunt. Any colored eggs with cracks should be discarded.

IDA inspectors check eggs at grocery stores to protect consumers from dirty, cracked or improperly sized

or graded eggs. After the eggs are taken home, however, it is up to consumers to maintain quality. A cracked, hard-cooked egg that has gone unrefrigerated is ripe for breeding bacteria.

When Easter is over, mothers are faced with using all those leftover eggs. That's no problem in families that enjoy whole hard-cooked eggs. Sometimes, however, coming up with ideas requires some thought. Hard-cooked eggs are not as versatile as raw, but they can be utilized in a number of different ways. The most common are egg salads and deviled eggs.

To enjoy an egg salad sandwich, serve it piled with lettuce, tomatoes, onions, celery and cucumbers. For an even easier but just as tasty sandwich, slice the eggs and pair them with leftover Easter ham or turkey. Perk up deviled eggs with any one of the following: chopped chives, picante sauce, minced ham, chopped olives or grated cheese.

Leftover eggs are also good in potato, tuna, ham or poultry salads. They can be creamed, turned into dips or served in curries or casseroles. The list isn't endless, but an enterprising cook can make good use of this nutritious little package of protein, vitamins and minerals.

Egg protein is an ideal balance of essential amino acids, the building blocks of protein. In fact, egg protein is of such high quality that it is often used as the standard by which other protein is measured. Eggs contain 13 vitamins, but no vitamin C, and minerals including phosphorus, magnesium, potassium and iron. Their vitamin D content is surpassed in abundance only by fish liver oils.

So, don't throw those brightly colored Easter eggs away. Take advantage of their nutritional value and versatility in dishes like these from the TDA test kitchen.

## SOUTHERN SAUSAGE-EGG CASSEROLE

- 6 hard-cooked eggs
- 1/4 C. butter or margarine
- 1/4 C. all-purpose flour
- 1/2 tsp. salt

- Dash of black pepper
- 2 C. milk
- 1 lb. bulk pork sausage, cooked and drained
- 1 (17 oz.) can whole kernel corn, drained
- 1 C. soft bread crumbs
- 1 T. butter or margarine

Slice 2 eggs into 1 1/2-quart casserole dish. Blend butter, flour, salt and pepper in saucepan; add milk all at once. Cook over low heat, stirring constantly, until mixture is boiling and thickened. Stir in sausage and corn; pour over eggs. Slice remaining eggs and arrange on top of sausage mixture. Sprinkle with bread crumbs and dot with 1 tablespoon butter. Bake in 375 degree F. oven 20-25 minutes or until heated through. Makes 6 servings.



## SKILLET EGG AND POTATO HASH

- 1 lg. grated onion
- 2 minced garlic cloves
- 2 tsp. minced bell pepper
- 1 tsp. crushed dried red pepper
- 1 tsp. ground coriander
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. ground cumin
- 1/4 tsp. ground black pepper
- 3 T. peanut oil
- 1 lb. diced red potatoes
- 1 lb. diced carrots
- 2/3 C. water
- 1/4 C. tomato juice
- 7 chopped hard-cooked eggs

Place onion, garlic, bell pepper, dried red pepper, coriander, salt, cumin and black pepper in container of blender or food processor. Process until thoroughly mixed; set aside. In large skillet, heat oil over moderate heat and add potatoes and carrots. Sauté 10 minutes, then add spice mixture and cook, stirring constantly, for 2-3 minutes. Add water and tomato juice; reduce heat to low. Cover and simmer 15 minutes. Stir in eggs and heat through. Makes 6-8 servings.

## CREAMY EGG DIP

- 1 C. dairy sour cream
- 1 (3 oz.) pkg. softened cream cheese
- 4 chopped, hard-cooked eggs
- 1/4 C. chopped bell pepper
- 1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp. garlic powder

Beat sour cream and cream cheese until fluffy. Add eggs, bell pepper, Worcestershire sauce, salt and garlic powder; mix well. Cover and refrigerate at least 2 hours. Makes 1 1/2 to 2 cups.



## MISD menu

- The following is the MISD lunch menu:
- March 31: spaghetti, corn, lettuce wedges with choice of dressing, fig bars.
  - April 1: hamburgers, fries and all the trimmings, rosey pears.
  - April 4: chicken fried steak with cream gravy, whipped potatoes, seasoned green beans, rosie applesauce.
  - April 5: Beef tacos with cheese, pinto beans, shredded lettuce with tomatoes, jello squares with fruit.
  - April 6: bar-b-q links, potato salad, fried okra, sliced peaches.
  - April 7: fish nuggets with tartar sauce, rotini & tomatoes, blackeyed peas, pineapple.
  - April 8: corn dogs, french fries, vegetable salad, brownies.

## Monday singing set

The Monday night singing will be held at the Assembly of God Church April 4th at 7 p.m.

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- Hay Trailer w/Steel Bed
- International Trailer Chassis
- 16' Stock Trailer - Tandem Axles

#### TRAILERS CONT:

- 27' x 6' Gooseneck 3 Axle Stock Trailer w/3 Compartments and Removable Top
- Tandem Axle Equip. Trailer
- Flat Bed Trailer w/Wooden Spoke Truck Wheels

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- Prowler - Self-Contained, Roof, Air

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## Local soccer results

The fifth week of the Big Country Soccer Association games were held Saturday with the five Merkel teams combining for a 2-2-1 record.

The Defeaters went up against the number one seeded and unbeaten Unicorns in under 10 action and despite valiant efforts by Stephanie Young, Shayla Boone, Becki Stephens and Leslie Jacobs, were defeated 4-0. With the loss, the Defeaters record fell to 1-3-1.

A complete team effort led by Kyle Whisenhunt, Rusty Holmes and Aaron Dulaney helped the Rockets battle to a scoreless tie with the Rockets. "I believe this team has ever played, they all played tremendously," said Rowdie coach Don Whisenhunt. With the tie, the Rockets' record stand at 1-3-1 for the year.

The 1/2 Pints made it 12 in a row by rallying from a 3-1 deficit to deal the Aces a 4-3 defeat. Shelly Vaughn scored three goals and Michelle Andrews had a goal while Jenny Pannell and Cortnee Hamner played great defensive games for the 'Pints, who ran their record to 4-0-1 on the year.

The Sidekicks three game winning streak came to an end with a 3-1 loss to the Dyess Dust Devils. Tony Young scored the only goal for the 'Kicks while goalkeeper Adam Vinson played well defensively. With the loss, the 'Kicks record falls to 3-2.

The Badgers upped their record to 1-3-1 and 1-1-1 in conference

play with a 5-3 taming of the Anson Cubs.

Joey Richards led the way with two goals while Ray Pace, Doug Aldredge and Bryan Miller each had a goal. Defensively, goalie Randall Necessary and Joe Ben Roberts turned in outstanding efforts, along with Cole Manahan.

## Hart's announce birth of daughter

Stephani and Christopher Hart are proud to announce the birth of their sister, Staci Leann. She was born March 24th, 1988 at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene. She weighed seven pounds, 13 1/2 ounces and was 21 1/2 inches long.

Her parents are Andy and Netta Hart of Merkel.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Robert Stephan of Abilene. Paternal grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Don Hart of Merkel.

## MHS grads tour with HSU band

Two Merkel High graduates will be on a spring tour with the Hardin-Simmons University Concert and Cowboy Bands.

Andy Fambrough, son of Rudy Fambrough of Merkel and Chris Horton, son of Jerry Horton of Merkel, are members of those bands.

as, this the 24th day of MARCH, 1988.

Rilla Mahoney, District Clerk Of the District Courts Taylor County, Texas By Patricia Henderson 13-4tc

DISTRICT ATTORNEY TAYLOR COUNTY COURTHOUSE ABILENE, TEXAS 79602 CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: ALBERT AYALA OR TH UNKNOWN OWNER OR ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING ANY INTEREST IN A 1980 CHEVROLET AUTOMOBILE.

Parties in the herein after 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 the issuance hereof; that is to say, at or before, 10 o'clock A.M. on the 18th day of April, 1988, and answer the petition of plaintiff in Cause Number 2182-D, in which THE STATE OF TEXAS (Plaintiff) VS. 1980 CHEVROLET AUTOMOBILE (Defendant), filed in said Court on the 26th day of JAN. 1988, the nature of which said suit is as follows:

The State of Texas is seeking a forfeiture of a 1980 CHEVROLET, VIN#1P87HAL557858, which vehicle was registered to ALBERTO AYALA, of TIAJUANA, MEXICO, and which was seized by officers of the TAYLOR County District Attorney's Office on JANUARY 25th, 1988 in TAYLOR County, Texas while it was being used in the transporting for delivery of COCAINE IN TAYLOR COUNTY, TEXAS.

All as more fully appear from Petitioner's Original petition on file in this office, and which reference is here made for all intent 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 the 26th day of February, 1988.

Rilla Mahoney Clerk of the District Courts, Taylor County, Texas by Patricia Henderson, Deputy Clerk's Name and Address Rilla Mahoney Clerk District Court Taylor County Courthouse Abilene, Texas 79602

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of twenty days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgement may be taken against you.

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LAURA LEE PRICE, ATTORNEY P. O. Box 208 Abilene, Texas 79604 THE STATE OF TEXAS

vs. RICHARD SIMCO, TRUSTEE AND RICHARD SIMCO, INDIVIDUALLY, Defendant, Greeting:

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You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before ten o'clock A.M. or the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being Monday the 18th day of April, 1988, at or before ten o'clock A.M. before the Honorable 104th 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 1st day of March, A.D. 1988, in this cause, numbered 18,138-B on the docket of said court, and styled THE FIRST STATE BANK ABILENE, TEXAS Plaintiff, vs. RICHARD SIMCO, TRUSTEE AND RICHARD SIMCO, INDIVIDUALLY Defendant.

The names of the parties to the cause are as follows: THE FIRST STATE BANK ABILENE, TEXAS are Plaintiffs and RICHARD SIMCO, TRUSTEE AND RICHARD SIMCO, INDIVIDUALLY are Defendants.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Suit on deficiency balance remaining on two Promissory Notes held by Plaintiff First State Bank Abilene, Texas, executed by Defendants Richard Simco, Trustee and Richard Simco, Individually following Foreclosure Sale by First State Bank, Abilene, Texas, on the liens securing said Notes. Plaintiff seeks judgement for unpaid principal and interest, post judgment interest, attorneys fees, cost of suit and such other and further relief to which Plaintiff may be entitled.

as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

The officer executing this process 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 3rd day of March, A.D. 1988.

Attest: Rilla Mahoney, District Clerk, 104th Court, Taylor County, Texas by Patricia Henderson, Deputy Clerk's Name and Address Rilla Mahoney, Clerk District Court Taylor County Courthouse Abilene, Texas 79602 10-4tc

### CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: PERRY DALE OR THE UNKNOWN OWNER OR ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING ANY INTEREST IN A 1979 TERRY TRAVEL TRAILER VIN#10V49139S9142

Parties in the herein after styled and numbered cause:

You (and each of you) are hereby commanded to appear before the 42nd 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 the issuance hereof; that is to say, at or before, 10 o'clock A.M. on the 16th day of May, 1988, and answer the petition of plaintiff in Cause Number 40,798-A in which THE STATE OF TEXAS (Plaintiff) VS. 1979 TERRY TRAVEL TRAILER VIN#10V49139S9142 (Defendant) filed in said Court on the

18th day of Feb. 1988, and the nature of which said suit is as follows:

The State of Texas is seeking a forfeiture of a 1979 TERRY TRAVEL TRAILER VIN#10V49139S9142 bearing TEX license 5VJ518, which vehicle was registered to PERRY DALE OF 10925 ELAM RD, BALCH SPRINGS, TEXAS, and which was seized by officers of TAYLOR County SHERIFF'S OFFICE on the 11th OF FEBRUARY, 1988 in TAYLOR County, Texas, while it was being used in the transportation for delivery of AMPHETAMINES.

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

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You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before ten o'clock A.M. or the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being Monday the 18th day of April, 1988, at or before ten o'clock A.M. before the Honorable 104th 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 1st day of March, A.D. 1988, in this cause, numbered 18,138-B on the docket of said court, and styled THE FIRST STATE BANK ABILENE, TEXAS Plaintiff, vs. RICHARD SIMCO, TRUSTEE AND RICHARD SIMCO, INDIVIDUALLY Defendant.

The names of the parties to the cause are as follows: THE FIRST STATE BANK ABILENE, TEXAS are Plaintiffs and RICHARD SIMCO, TRUSTEE AND RICHARD SIMCO, INDIVIDUALLY are Defendants.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Suit on deficiency balance remaining on two Promissory Notes held by Plaintiff First State Bank Abilene, Texas, executed by Defendants Richard Simco, Trustee and Richard Simco, Individually following Foreclosure Sale by First State Bank, Abilene, Texas, on the liens securing said Notes. Plaintiff seeks judgement for unpaid principal and interest, post judgment interest, attorneys fees, cost of suit and such other and further relief to which Plaintiff may be entitled.


as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

The officer executing this process 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 3rd day of March, A.D. 1988.

Attest: Rilla Mahoney, District Clerk, 104th Court, Taylor County, Texas by Patricia Henderson, Deputy Clerk's Name and Address Rilla Mahoney, Clerk District Court Taylor County Courthouse Abilene, Texas 79602 10-4tc

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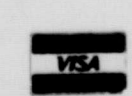
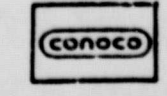

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