

MARK CLEMMER was presented the Agriculture Award at the All-A wards Banquet 1 a st Saturday
night. Son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Clemmer, Mark was cited for his work in feeding lambs, and winning state on judging teams. Mark plans to attend Texas A\&M University.


## 1st Awards Banquet

 Honors MHS StudentsMerkel High School held its first annual All Awards Banquet
Saturday night, April 28, at BarSaturday nignt, Apriene, A large
ton Cafeteria in Abile
crowd of students teachers and crowd of students teachers and
school administrators were pre-
sent for the aftair. Also attend. sent for the affair. Also attend.
ing the banquet were several members of the Merkel School Board.
Master of Ceremonies for the
banquet was Merkel High School banquet was Merkel High School
Principal Travis Davis. Davis Principal Travis Davis. Davis
pointed out that the banquet was pointed out that the banquet was
designed to recognize every stu-
dent dent that has been active in
Merkel High. "I was very
) pleased with the banquet as I dents were recognized for their
der achievements that do not nor-
mally get the recognition they mally get the recognition they
deserve," Davis said. Davis called on various facul-
ty members to present the different awards. Students recognized were:
Band-Patsy Butt on, Band Band-Patsy Button, Band
Captain; Dennis James, 2nd
Lieutenant; and Steve Teaff, Lieutenant; and Steve Teaff,
1st Band Lietenant.
Twirlers-Kathryn Murrell,

| Christi Boone, and Janie Clark. Drum Major-Chris Childers. Rodeo Club-Bobby Barnes, president; Lesli Reddin, vice president; Rufus Welch, secretary; Cindy Whisenhunt, registrar; Mark Clemmer, parlimentarian; and Cindy Whisenhunt, sweetheart. president. <br> Library Club-Linda Black, <br> National Honor Society-Sue Castille, Don Clyburn, Mary Beth Boyd, Glenda Tuckey, Linda Black, and Patsy Button. <br> Drama-Albert Castillo, president; Tonja McAninch, vice president; Marsha Thompson, secretary; and Liz Corley, reporter. <br> Future Homemakers-Linda Black, president; Tonja McAninch, vice president; Liz Corley, secretary; Sherry Bratcher, treasurer; Mary Beth Boyd, degree chairman; Janie Clark, song leader; Patsy Button, parliamentarian; Roseann Noster, historian; and Jerrie Stephan, reporter. Cheerleaders - Linda Black, |
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Tonja McAninch, Anna Hughes, $\quad \begin{aligned} & \text { sy Button. } \\ & \text { and Becky Acuna. }\end{aligned}$ Pep Squad-Sharla Dean,
president; Debbie Fincher, secretary; Ofelia Costillio, report. Social Studies-Beverly Giler; and Liz Corely, treasurer. $\quad \mathrm{H}$ o me Economics-Debbie Future Farmers of America- Fincher. $\quad \begin{gathered}\text { End } \\ \text { Physical }\end{gathered}$ Future Farmers of America-
Andy Stephan, president; Leslie
Peddysical Education- vie president; Steve Reddin, vice president; Steve $\begin{aligned} & \text { Castille and Sue Castille. } \\ & \text { Athletics-Steve Teaff and } \\ & \text { Gentry, secretary; David Rob- }\end{aligned}$ Ather ertson, treasurer; and steve Cochran, reporter.
UIL Events-Prose Reading, Steve Walker, 1st regional. Po, Clemmer. $\begin{array}{lll}\text { Steve Waker, Ist regional; Po- } & \text { Agriculture-Mark Clemmer. } \\ \text { etry Reading, Neilon Ely, 1st re- } & \text { English-Don Clyburn and }\end{array}$ gional; Prose Reading, Tonja McAninch, 2nd regional. Play-
Androcles 'Androcles and the Lion,' 2nd in district-Neilon Ely, best actor; Tonja McAninch, all star cast;
members of cast - Linda $\begin{array}{ll}\text { members of cast - Linda } & \text { and Lizenship-Albert Clack. Castillo }\end{array}$ Black, Neilon Ely, Tonja Mc- were the class officers of each
Aninch, Aninch, Anna Hughes, Terry
Reed, Ronnie Sanford, Danny the four grades. They are: $\begin{array}{ll}\text { Hed, Ronnie Sanford, Danny } & \begin{array}{l}\text { Senior Class - Dennis James, } \\ \text { Walker, and Andy } \\ \text { Land, }\end{array} \\ \text { Sresident; Albert Castillo, vice }\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{ll}\text { Walker, and Andy Hart. } & \begin{array}{l}\text { president; Mary Beth Boyd, sec- } \\ \text { Speech and }\end{array} \\ \begin{array}{ll}\text { Drama-Neilon } & \text { retary; and Liz Corley, business }\end{array}\end{array}$

 $\begin{array}{ll}\begin{array}{l}\text { Mathematics-Ronnie Sanford } \\ \text { and Tonja Crenshaw. }\end{array} & \begin{array}{l}\text { Cox, president; Steve Donald- } \\ \text { son, vice president; Tonja Mc- }\end{array}\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{l}\text { and Tonja Crenshaw. } \\ \text { Science-Jeff Cox and Becky } \\ \text { Santee. }\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{l}\text { Son, vice president; Tonja Mc- } \\ \text { Aninch, secretary and Susan } \\ \text { Donaldson, business manager. }\end{array}$ |
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## Merkel Garden Club Has Large Crowd

 At Annual Spring Flower Show Sat.

MRS. W. L. BROWN is shown with her Creativity en-
try which won first piace in the flower show sponsored ry which won first piace in the flower show sponsored the Merkel Garden Club

The Mellinger Building in $\begin{array}{c}\text { Winning first place in the } \\ \text { downtown Merkel }\end{array}$ was trans- $\left.\begin{array}{c}\text { Tri-Color division was Mrs. John }\end{array}\right]$ $\begin{array}{lll}\begin{array}{ll}\text { downtown Merkel was trans- } \\ \text { formed into a garden of flowers }\end{array} & \begin{array}{l}\text { Tri-Cor division was Mrs. John }\end{array} \\ \text { Shannon. Her entry of Lillies }\end{array}$ formed into a garden of flowers Shannon. Her entry of Lillies
as the Merkel Garden Club held and a Madonna, despicting our
its Annual Spring Flower Show faith won the award for her. as the Merkel Garden Club herd
its Annual Spring Flower Show
last Sath won the award for her.
Mrs. W. L. Brown won first last Saturday.
A large crowd
A large crowd turned out to
inspect the beautiful arrange-
ment and flowers that were on inspect the beaun and fowers that were on
ment and
display. There were approxidisplay. There were approxi-
mately 40 entries in the show.
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Donation To
Cemetery

| The Merkel Cemetery As sociation has received from |  |
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| sociation has received fromFarmers Co-Operative SocietyNo. ${ }^{\text {a }}$ ( Merkel, Texas a check |  |
| for $\$ 500.00$. |  |
| The Directors of the Ceme- | A recent weekend visitor |
| ry Association, indeed all | the Ralph Miller Sr. home was |
| those people who are interested | Mattie T. Murray of Carson |
| in the maintenance and up-keep | City, Nev., who flew in because |
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| ful to the gin for its continued | B. B. Reynolds of Abi |
| support. <br> President Beoth Warren and | Other homes she visited in were the Ray Reynolds Sr. and |
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| ed the associations thanks | Mr. Reynolds is improved at |
| C. Higgins and his astes at the Gin. | this writing and at home at the Windsor Hotel in Abilene. |

ARTISTIC DVIISION
Blue Ribbon Winners-Mmes Blue Ribbon Winners-Mmes.
W. L. Brown (4), R. M. Fergu-
son (1), John Shannon (1), Har son (1), John Shannon (1), Har-
old Odum (1), Oda Clark (1) and old Odum (1), Oda Clark (1) and
Ora Griggs (1). Red ribbons - Mmes.
Clark (4), John Shannon Clark (4), John Shannon (1),
W. L. Brown (1), Ora Griggs (1), Dee Grimes (1), Mack Fish-
er (1) and Johnny Cox er (1) and Johnny Cox (1).
Yellow ribbons - Miss Christine Collins and Mmes. R. M. Ferguson, Lottie Everett, Mary
Russom, Ora Griggs and Odis Russom, Ora Griggs and Odis horticulture Blue Ribbons - Mmes. R. M
Ferguson ((6), Allen King (5), Johnyy Cox (3), Ora Griggs (3), Earl Hughes (2) Odis Griffin
(2), John Shannon (2), Mack Fisher (2), Oda Clark (1),
Charlie Sherrill (1), Aaron SudCharlie Sherrill (1), Aaron Sud-
derth (1) and Miss Nora Foster
Red Ribbons - Miss Nora Foster (1), Mmes, R. M. Fer-
guson (1), Earl Hughes (1), Odis guson (1), Earl Hughes (1), Odis
Griffin (1) and Oda Clark (2). Griffin (1) and Oda Clark (2).
Mrs. Oda Clark was Flower Show Chairman.
Judges were Mrs. Fred New-
man and Mrs. man and Mrs. Ernie Ledford, both of Clyde, and Mrs. Dwight
Caughtield of Abilene.

# Merkel Country Club Sold, Major Expansion Planned 

## Construction Underway

Joe Babits, manager of the
Hilton Inn in Abilene, has pur--
chased the Merkel Country Club
from Bill Wood, effective as of
April 21. The sale includes the
club house and the 9 -hole golf
course.
A $\$ 50,000$ expansion and re-
modeling program is current-
ly under way, with another $\$ 50$, .-
ooo to eb spent by January of
next year, according to Babits.
Plans call for the first phase
of the construction to include a
golfers lounge, pro shop, dining
area, and swimming pool.

-     - Construction Dild T-Shirters to Begin Play on Saturday, May 5
 Yankees vs. Eagles at $6: 15$. The
8:00 p.m. gaane will pit the
Mustangs against the Braves.

| DATEBOOK | Pat Williams, Eagles; Roy Kimbrell and Billy Patton, |
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|  | Elton Freeman, the Mustangs. |
| Thursday may 3 |  |
| 6:15-Kilowatts vs. Vets; 00 -Bankers vs. Braves | Beta, Beta Sigma Phi; EaglesFirst Baptist Church; Yankees |
|  | Wilson's Food Store. |
| Vets vs. Will | Players for each te |
| Braves vs. Supers | includes: <br> BRAVES-Ricky Biera, Joe |
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| Yankees vs. Mustangs, 8:00. | Scotty Alves, Billy williams, Mike Hagar, Jeff Scott, Donan |
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| ens will have | Mike Hagar, Jeff Scott, Donan Justis, Michael Tutt and Donald |
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|  | en Davis, Tommy Hays, Howard |
| dies Auxiliary to the Me | Battreal, Jay Gibson, Wayne Horton, David Vinson, Rusty |
| nil have their |  |
| $r$ meeting at $7: 30$ in the | Toney, and Jerry Miller. |
|  | Tim Brady, Calvin Cooley, Craig |
|  | Cooley, James Freeman II, Ed- |
|  | dy Harris, Chris Mashburn and Carlton Kincade. |

have three children, a son, 14 , and two daughters, 12 and 8 . Two tennis courts will be built
for club members with confor club members with con-
struction to be completed by the struction to be complieted by the
end of summer. "We plan to
build another 9 holes for the build another 9 holes for the
golf course if volume warrants golf course if volume warrants
it," Babits said. "By the end It," Babits said. "By the end
of January we will have the
facilities to water the present facilities to water the present
fairways, which will be a big course," Babits continued. A private club, the 'Merkel
Country Club 10th Hole', will be operated in conjunction with the
Country Club. There are presently 72 charter members of the club. New
memberships will be $\$ 125$ yearmemberships will be $\$ 125$ year-
y with no monthly dues. "Pres-
ent members of the Country Cluu will continue to pay
monthly if they wish," Babits "We plan for the Country Climb to have a family environment, with Special emphasis on goot
food," he said. Dining will lood, he said. Dining wil
offered on weekends to offered on weekends to clitb
members and the general pir
lic. Live entertainment
aliso be offered an also be offered on weekents.
"On our menu will be a spe ial dinner which consists of a tossed salad, shrimp coctitait (all you can eat), fried chickeen fish, scallops, deviled crab,
baked potato, rolls and honey served family style on a
platter for $\$ 5.50$," Babits A Sunday buffet will also
offered offered.
"We have land adjoining the
club and golf course that we club and golf course that we
hope to make available for homesites in the near future," Babits and his wife, Arlene, moved to Abilene from Dallas where he was Catering and
Convention Manager for the
Adolphis Hotel. He has served Adolphis Hotel. He has serve
in the same position in the same position with Statler Hilton in Dallas. A n
tive of New Jersey, Babits tue of New Jersey, Babits was
stationed at Dyess Air Base in Abilene, where he recieved his
discharge in 1965 . discharge in 1965. The Babits
have two daughters, Nancy, 5, have two daughters,
and Debi, 9 weeks.


MRS. JOHN SHANNON won first place in the TriColor division with her entry of Lillies and Madonna portraying our faith. Merkel Garden Club held their
annual Flower Show last Saturday.

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SCHOOL MENU


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Results:

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Garland Childers, Thomas Jones)
Points Scored: 53 and two-

GIRLS DIVISION
Gifts for THE GRANDEST MOTHER On Mothers Day!



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## Farmers Union President Hails Loan Re-opening

announced the reopening stration disaster Loan Program. Hun-
dreds of farmers in over the hundred Texas counties twh
suffered crop suffered crop losses as a result
of a drouth between January and June 19 of 1992 are now
eligible to apply for the 85,000 Disaster Loan at a low inter-
est rate with a forgiveness est rate
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Cadette
Heyday Held
On the weekend of April 14,
57 Cadette girl scouts and 9
adults camped out from Friday ing camp at 12 noon. Troops were from Merkel, Abilene and one troop
School. Arriving at camp about $5: 30$, we unloaded gear and chose our
camp area. Twenty girls and camp area. Twenty girls and 2 had free time until supper had free time until supper.
Our meals were eaten in the dining hall to save time and money except for sunday morn-
ing breakfast. This meal of bacon and french toast was pre-
pared on campfires in each unit with the scouts sharing the
chores. Contests were held Friday
night with loads of laughs. Things were determined such as who peeled a potato with the
longest piece of peeling, who longest piece of peeling, who
could drive nails faster, sack could drive nalls faster, sack
races, stitl races, cracker eat-
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whistle - the first one to do this
wist whistle - the first one to do this
was the winner.) Each contestwas the winner.) Each contest-
ant represented a person from
the "town" such as the sheriff, the "town" such as the sheriff,
Ma, Pa, school teacher, etc. Punkin Center won 1st.
Wide game of campass, la Wide game of campass, lash-
ing, knot tying and nature idening, knot tying and nature iden-
tification were participated in.
Each Each group of girls spent one
hour at each station. Also they hour at each station. Also they
took turns guiding the Brownie scouts. Over 300 brownies visit ed the camp that Saturday. Oh yes! We began our da Saturday with a nature hike at
6:30 a.m.
Attending from Merke
Attending from Merkel
were Tanmy Marin, Mary
Roeder Roeder and Peggy Helmer.
Mrs. Boyd Baker attended with Mrs. Boyd Baker attended with
the girls.
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istration estimates, there are about 74,900 American Indians
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## Flea Market



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Fortnightly Club Program Topic Was Texas Scene
$\begin{array}{ll}\begin{array}{l}\text { Mcombers of the Fortnightly }\end{array} & \begin{array}{l}\text { The next meeting will be a } \\ \text { Study Club met in the home of ofered dish Luncheon in the }\end{array} \\ \text { Mrs. Jothny Cox on April 24. } & \text { coveme of Mrs. David Gamble }\end{array}$

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## Mo., after an illness of six

 Fry Funeral Home in Tuscola. Born Dec. 1, 1916, at Lubbock, he moved to Merkel in1920 and to Buffalo Gap in 1920 and to Buffalo Gap in 1932
He married Alice Stockton Dec 22, 1937, in Abilene.
Survivors are his wife, Alice;
two sons, Kenneth of Austin and two sons, Kenneth of Austin and
Harvey of College Station; and


Crossword Puzzle


AWARDS J. P. Howard

## Sophomore Ciass - Rudy Castil- $\begin{gathered}\text { Funeral ior truck accident vic- } \\ \text { tim Jasper P. (Penn) Howard, }\end{gathered}$ lo, president; Billy Watts, vice $\quad 45$, of Abilene, was held at $2: 30$ president; Jerry Cox, secretary; p.m. Wednesday at the First president; Jerry cox, secretary; and Steve West, business man- Wednesday at the ager. Freshman Class - David

 ager. Freshman Class - DavidWest, president; Paul Tucker, Moward was dead on ar-
Mival at Simmons Memorial Hos$\begin{array}{ll}\text { West, president; Paul Tucker, } & \text { rival at Simmons Memorial Hos- } \\ \text { vice president: Gayla Toliver, } \\ \text { secretary; and Annetta Stephan, } & \text { pital at Sweetwater after his } \\ \text { truck overturned } 13 \text { miles } & \text { east }\end{array}$
 Steve Teaff, president; Terry
Reed, vice president; Ruth Ann
The Rev. Kenneth Jones, pa
Telch Reed, vice president; Ruth Ann
Welch, secretary; and Patsy Button, business manager.
Annual Staff - Mary Boyd and Glenda Tuckey, co-ed-
itors; Kathy Cypert, assistant itors; Kathy Cypert, assistant
editor; and Don Clyburn, business manager.
Cheerleaders for the 1973.74 Cheerleaders for the 1973.74
school were also introduced. They are Gayla Toliver, head chey are Gayla Perer, Jodey Barnes, Cin-
dy Whisenhunt, Becky Santee dy Whisenhunt, Becky Santee
and Becky Acuna. the oil fielcs in Steph, moving to Lawn in 1960. He worked there eight years and moved to Midland in 1938. He moved
to Tuscola in 1972. (0) Tuscola in 1972.
Survivors are his wife; two
daughters, Mrs. Glen (Fonda) daughters, Mrs. Glen (Fonda)
Bicknell of Merkel and Mrs.
Bobby (Shirley) Bobby (Shirley) Sullivan of
Brownwood; a brother Chest Brownwood; a brother, Chester
of Kamey; a sister, Mrs. Eva-
dine Daley, of Massachusetts. dine Daleyey of Massachusetts;
six grandchildren.
tor, the Rev. V. D. Walters.
Baptist minister of Abilene Baptist minister of Abilene, and
the Rev. Russell McAnally, the Rev. Russell McAnally,
Methodist minister of Merkel, officiated.
Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery with Starbuck Funeral
Home of Merkel in charge of Home of Merkel in charge of
arrangements. arrangements.
Mr. Howard re $\begin{array}{ll}\text { Melrose in Abilene and } & \\ \text { been }\end{array}$ been an cenploye of the Indus-
trial Solvent Division trial Solvent Division of Apco Oil Corp. since June 1972. Born Nov, 2. 1927, in Abilene,
he lived at Merkel until 194Z when he returned to Abiliene. He had been employed by the Sun-
shine Biscuit Co. from 1954 shine Biscuit Co. from 1954
1972, when he joined Apco. Survivors are a daughter. R Survivors are a daughter, Ra-
mona Jean Howard of Lancaster; his stepmother, Mrs. Mina A. Howard of Merkel; and
a Fort Worth.

## It's John Deere Weekend Freedom Time!



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erkelites To Austin Merkel will have two repre-
sentatives in the state literary
meets in Austin for the first
time. The meet is scheduled for
this weekend in Austin.
Representing Merkel will be
Neilon Ely and Steve Walker.
Neilon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Or.
val Ely will participate in poe-
try interpretaticn. Walker. son
of Mr. and M. Mr. Leon Waker
will t . participating in prose
reading.
Also representing Merkel at
the state track meet in the 880,
with the states second test time
of 1:57.8, will L. Darrel Bunch,
son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde
Bunch.
Little League Schedule

## canes bued hast will begin

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T-Shirt Schedule


Merkelites


Seven of the High School Li-
brary Aides spent a most enjoyable five hours in San Angelo on Friday. Linda Black, Kathy
Cox, Neilon Ely, Steve Walker, Seniors and Wanda Blair, Sherry Bratcher, Roseann Noster,
Juniors, left school Juniors, left school at $3: 30$ with
their sponsor, Mrs. Ruth Wind their sponsor, Mrs. Ruth Wind-
sor. The first stop was a guided
tour of the Angelo State University campus by Mr. Prentiss Windsor, which included the Li-
brary, the Student Center brary, the Student Center, the
Academic Building, the Gym,
the Stadium, and a drive past the Stadium, and a drive past
all of the other campus faci-

High School Library Aides Enjoy Trip to San Angelo

Merkel Co-op Gin Has Annual Membership Meet

Avoid Snakes By Removing Cover, Food


New equipment developed by
VA enables veterans paralyzed from the neck down to guide
their wheelchairs, turn on TV,uld

Quarterly Report of Taylor County Treasurer

| FUNDS | Balance Ltst.Qtr. | Received This Qtr. | Paid Out <br> This Qtr. | Balance This Qtr. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Jury | \$ 2,944.74\$ | 46,708.81 \$ | \$ 12,641.32 | 37,012.23 |
| Precinct 1. | 25,452.27 | 88,112.80 | 17,383.92 | 96,191.15 |
| Precinct 2. | 48,959.27 | 88,151.36 | 39,908.81 | 97,201.82 |
| Precinct 3. | 31,340.81 | 88,186.74 | 48,505.86 | 71,021.69 |
| Precinct 4. | 40,568.41 | 88,712.28 | 21,879.20 | 107,401.49 |
| General | 87,183.39 | 688,616.53 | 330,893.67 | 424,906.25 |
| Pauper | 13,973.86 | 40,303.00 | 51,405.37 | 2,870.49 |
| Road Fund Series '47 | 230.00 | . 00 | . 00 | 230.00 |
| Road Fund Series '53 | 5.20 | . 00 | . 00 | 5.20 |
| Road Dist. 1. Skg. '53 | 5,528.45 | 274.32 | . 00 | 5,802.77 |
| Officers Salary | 15,976.71 | 223,168.18 | 209,509.48 | 29,635.41 |
| Lateral Road | 25,056.27 | 187.50 | . 00 | 25,243.77 |
| Road \& Bridge R. | 7,445.40 | . 00 | . 00 | 7,445.40 |
| Perm, School | 2,494.77 | 1,596.00 | 595.00 | 3,494.77 |
| Payroll Account | 1,050.00 | 253,508.01 | 253,508.01 | 1,050.00 |
| Perm. Imp. Skg. Ser. '54 | 8,482.93 | 51,861.15 | 55,434.50 | 4,909.58 |
| Library | 2,892.94 | 2,155.00 | 2,856.13 | 2,201.78 |
| Perm. Improvement | 6,932.85 | . 00 | . 00 | 6,932.85 |
| Road Bond Ser. '55 | 685.40 | .co | . 00 | 686.40 |
| F.I.C.A. Tax | 48,356.84 | 14,831.65 | 22,248.09 | 40,940.40 |
| Ref'd. Bond Skg. Ser. '57 | 1,383.29 | 32.50 | . 00 | 1,415.79 |
| Special R. \& B. | 500.00 | . 00 | . 0 - | 500.00 |
| State Comodity Food Plan | 1,281.62 | 3,885.75 | 4,185.57 | 981.80 |
| State Criminal Justice Plan | 3,558.05 | 3,877.50 | 3,731.52 | 3,704.03 |
| Coliseum Skg. Ser. '67 | 10,850.65 | 63,535.69 | 34,462.50 | 40,333.84 |
| Special Tax Fd. | 653,130.00 | 9,284.20 | 652,414.20 | . 00 |
| ourthouse \& Jail Skg. Series $19: 7$ <br> Revenue Sharing | $\begin{array}{r} 22,407.16 \\ 127,463.00 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 188,014.21 \\ & 122,309.00 \end{aligned}$ | $151,690.20$ .00 | $\begin{array}{r} 58,731.17 \\ 249.772 .60 \end{array}$ |




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Brazelton Named BM, Tax Collector By Trent Schools The Trent Independent School
District has employed Mr. Clay on D. Brazelton as Tax Asses ar-Collector and Business Man April 24.
Mr. Brazelton is a 1963 graduate of Newman High School in Sweetwater, and Tarleton State College of Stephenville. He grad-
uated in 1969 with a Bachelor of uated in 1969 with a Bachelor of
Science degree, majoring in Science degree,
General Business.
Mr. Brazelton and his wife,
Wanda, have been residents of Trent for $21 / 2$ years. They have one child, D
years of age.


LEGAL NOTICE

| the state of texas To any Sheriff or any Constable within the State of Texas GREETING: | in said court, on the 23rd day of Feb. A.D. 1973, in this cause, numbered 7872 on the docket of |
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| You are hereby commanded to | Ann Austin, Plaintiff, vs. Fred- |
| cause to be published once eac | dy Dean Austin, Defendant. |
| week for four consecutive | A brief statement of the na- |
| eks, the first publication | ture of this suit is as follows: |
| be at least twenty - eight days | to-wit: A suit for divorce |
| before the return day thereof, | as is more fully shown by |
| in a newspaper printed in Tay- | Plaintiff's Petition on file in |
| lor County, Texas, the accom- | this suit. |
| herein below following is a to | ed |
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| T0: Freddy Dean Austin, De- | writ shall promptly serve the |
| fendant, Greeting: | same according to require- |
| YOU ARE HERBEBY COM- | ments of law, and the man- |
| MANDED to appear before the | dates hereof, and make due re- |
| Honorable Domestic Relatio | turn as the law directs. |
| Court of Taylor County at the | Issued and given under my |
| Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, | hand and the seal of said court |
| Texas, by filing a written an | at Abilene, Texas, this the 4th |
| wer at or before $100^{\prime}$ 'clock A. | day of April A.D. 1973. |
| M. of the first Monday next |  |
| after the expiration of forty- | Attest: IRENE CRAWFORD |
| days from the date of the | Clerk, Domestic Relations |
| issuance of this citation, same | Court, Taylor County, Texam |
| being the 21 day of May A.D. | By Marie Gill, Deputy. |
| 1973, to Plaintiff's Petition filed | ( ${ }^{\text {a-4te }}$ |

THE MERKEL MAIL, MERKEL TEXAS
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Thursday, May 3, 1973

## BADGER TRACKS

The All Awards Banuet was
held at Bartons Caetereria
Saturday night and I believe
it was the first of many exciting events to come in the future.
MHS's cheerleaders were hos. tesses for a very well organized
dinner. The main idea of this outstanding students of MHS

who have represented us well
this year. It was a big success,
Cheerleaders.
Last Friday was the date
for electing 1973.74 cheerleaders.
Head cheerleader next year will
be Gayla Toliver. Others are
Jodey Barnes, Cindy Whisen-
hunnt, Becky Santee, and Becky
Acuna.
The annual Spring Band Con-
cert will be held sometime soon
so be prepared to attend one of
the more outstanding band con-
certs of Merkel High.
UIL State Contest will be
held tomorrow in Austin. Dar-

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unable to read over it, let alone clearly under.



A cheap and easy orthodoxy this is indeed to turning overa single eeaf of his Bible A perron may, by this short and easy method become in the eyes. of some "religious" and A "fine church
member" without ever once consulting the Bible, Geod's Worrd.
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## CHURCH OF CHRIST

"COME VISIT WITH US"


Stith News $\underset{\text { RR1 }}{\substack{\text { Br }}}$ Chronda Tarpley of Lewis-
$\begin{aligned} & \text { ville and Mr. ard } \\ & \text { Tarpley of of } \\ & \text { Ttephenvile } \\ & \text { Buster } \\ & \text { spent }\end{aligned}$ Tarpley of Stephenville spent
the Easter holidays with their the Easter holidays with their
papents, Mr. and Mrs. Babe pparents,
Tappley,
and

## Sunday April 22nd the Tarp. ey family attended a birthday

 ley family attended a birthdayparty or Mrs. Ed Kelso, of, in
Abiler. She is Babe's , grand
 tended includuing her children,
grandchildren,
great-grandchil. grandchildren, great-grandcchil-
dren and great great-grandchil-


## Gariand with their duaghter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bill But-

family, Mr. and Mrs. Bill But-
ler and Jennifer Lynn.
Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Reddin and boys visited Mrs. Ruby
Reddin Sunday.
Sam Burns of Sam Burns of Abilene visit-
ed his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Burns and Mamie Hardin Sunday.
Fletcher
Fletcher Jones entered Hen-
drick Memorial Hospital in Abi-
lene lene Thursday and is in inten-
sive care at this writing. Mrs. Jones is staying at the hospital
with him with him.
Thursday
Thursday April 26 at 5 p.m.
the Rev. Herbert Row, 51 , died
in Morton in Morton hospital of a short
illness. He was pastor of Bled illness. He was pastor of Bled
soe Baptist Church and was a
teacher in the Bledsoe school His funeral was held in the First
Baptist Church in Morton at
10.30 10:30 a.m. Saturday and burial
was in Stith Cemetery at $5: 30$ p.m.
Surviving are his wife, the former Pauline Bradley, and
daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul
Bradley, three daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul
Bradley, three sons, Paul 5 and
Don of Lubbock and David, 8 , of the home; one daughter, Kat-
ie of the home and one granddaughter, Barbara Lea, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Row,
his parents, Rev. and Mrs. M O. Row of Abilene; three
ters and two brothers.
We extend We extend our deepest sym-
pathy to the family.
J. C C Brown at his home in Tuscola of an apparent heart artack. Mr. and
and Mrs. Brown and and Mrs. Brown and daugh--
ters, Shirley and Fonda lived in ters, Shirley and Fonda lived in
Stith Community severai years Suth Community severai
before moving to Tuscola. Mrs. Doug Stephenson Melissa of Midland spent the
Easter weekend with Mr. and
Mrs. F.
George.
The monthly Friday
singing will be held at
Hodges Baptist Church Hodges Baptist Church Friday
night, beginning at $7: 30$. All
singers and persons who like to hear good singing are invited to
attend
attend.
Refrestments will be serv-
Pete Tanner is president.

## Vet Questions

 Q - Can a veteran get VAhelp in dealing with his family and job problems even though A - Yes. Some of VA's veterans a s s is tance centers are
staffed with social workers (now staried with social workers (now
called community service spe-
cialists) to help meet the veteran's total counseling needs. Spe-
cialists are on duty in Boston, New York, Cuicago, St. Louis,
Detroit and other principal cit-
ies, and VA plans eventually to place them in all centers.

Juniors and Seniors Invited To 'Get Acquainted Day'

| ABILENE - High school j ors and seniors from Merk e being extended an open in ation to attend the special G quainted Day Saturday, May | to McMurry, but wherever they go this pre-orientation should be valuable," says David Dillman, Stanverry's counseling col- |
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| at McMurry College. | Registration of students from |
| he object of this event, ac | Merkel will begin at 8 : and continue to 10 a.m. |
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|  | Fine Arts Building at McMurry. There will be a general ses- |
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| Barracks and A | Murry campus, including |
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| 俍 a Pot-Luck supper |  |
| 'Know Your Fire Department' <br> (Third in a series of articles) <br> This week's article concerns the 1954 Ford fire truck, and is classed as a Pumper. It is known as city fire truck No. 2. When the men and women practice team races for the district conventions of the Midwest Texas Fire Marshalls and Firemen's Association, this is the truck they use. This truck carries 500 gallons of water, 1,000 ft . of $21 / 2$ inch hose, 600 ft . of $11 / 2$ inch hose, and 100 ft . of one inch booster hose. It may be pumped independently or from a fire hydrant. There is a two-way radio for fast communication. This truck was bought new to replace <br> dent of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Merkel Fire Dept. <br> Fred Starbuck, a fireman since 1965 , credits all his fire fighting experience to "on the job training." Owner of Starbuck's Funeral Home and operator of Starbuck Furniture Store, he is also the Civil Defense Director for the City of Merkel. He and his wife, Naomi, have one son, George. He is a member of the Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite Masons, a Shriner, Order of the Eastern Star, and Merkel Lions Club. <br> These six men, all totaled, have been with the department 44 years and 3 months. They all give freely of their time whenever they are needed, regardless of the time of day or night or the weather or road conditions. |  |
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