

## Local Conservation Posters Winners Listed

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Participation in the Middle Clear Fork Soil and Water Conservation Districts Annual Poster Contest for the 1973-74 School year was very good.

Winners in each grade 1-6 are as follows:

**First Grade**  
Darren Pack-1st, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Pack; Tim Jacobs-2nd; Shane Smith-3rd; James Allday-4th.

**Second Grade**  
Brenda Hohertz-1st; the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hohertz; Casey Johnson-2nd; Russell Lucas-3rd; Charlotte Toney-4th.

**Third Grade**  
Stormy Magee-1st, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Magee; Eddie Martin-2nd; Amye Amerine-3rd; Cissie James-4th.

**Fourth Grade**  
Loyce Baker-1st, daughter

of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Baker; Rene Aiken-2nd; Royce Fowler-3rd; Todd Robertson-4th.

**Fifth Grade**  
Judy Castille-1st, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rosey Castille; Kay Amerine-2nd; Shannon Boyd-3rd; Sheila A. Shannon Boyd-3rd; Sheila Adair-4th.

**Sixth Grade**  
Scott Cain, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Cain; Micheal Stein Mrs. John Cain; Micheal Steinert-2nd; Tomie Santee-3rd; Sherry Roeder-4th.

The first place winners in each grade will be entered in the district contest. In the district contest in Abilene and will be judged this week.

The posters were judged on neatness, originality, and appropriate subject matter. There were four phases to be considered in preparing the posters; wildlife, plants, water and soil.



CHECKING INGREDIENTS--Members of Lambda Beta check correct measurements for recipes for their Spring Tasting Tea to be held Sat. March 16. Looking on from left to right are Mrs. Billy Bob Neff, President, Mrs. Larry L. Teaff, Ways and Means Chairman and Mrs. Larry White, Chairman of Cookbook Committee (Staff Photo by Connie Harris)

## Lambda Beta Tasting Tea To Be Held Saturday

The Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority will hold their Spring Tasting Tea Saturday March 16 at the Masonic Hall.

Serving time will be from 11:30 a.m. till 3:00 p.m. There will be a variety of food to please everyone's taste. Tickets will be \$1.50 for adults and \$1.00 for children under 6. The tickets are available from any Lambda Beta member or at the door. Cookbooks will be sold for

\$1.50 each. They will include all the food dishes at the Tasting Tea and many more of the members' specialties. A drawing will be held at the door for 3 lucky shamrocks which will entitle the holder to a free meal or a cookbook. Persons may register for the drawings even if tickets have been purchased ahead of time. Proceeds will go to help finance a Little League baseball team.

## Jr. Badgers Win 2nd In Merkel Jr. Relays

By GEORGE MARTIN  
It came down to the last event of the Merkel Jr. Badger Relays when the relays were held March 9. The 8th grade Jr. Badgers were 1 pt. behind Albany for the team championship. Whoever came in ahead of the other would win the meet. The Jr. Badgers came in second, behind first place Albany.

The Jr. Badgers go to Albany Thursday, March 14 for their Relays and hope to be a contender for the championship. Results were:  
440 Relay--4th Merkel 5.31  
100 Yd. Dash--2nd Merkel (M. Frazier) 11.7; 4th Merkel (R. Howes) 11.8  
100 Yd. Low Hurdles--1st Merkel (B. Pursley) 13.7  
60 Yd. High Hurdles--1st Merkel (B. Pursley) 9.8  
50 Yd. Dash--5th Merkel (J. Sparks) 6.8  
220 Yd. Dash--3rd Mer-

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## Little League Meeting Friday

Little League season is just around the corner and the officers of the association are hard at work making plans for the coming season. President Larry White announced a meeting will be held Friday night at the Merkel Restaurant Gold Room at 7:00 p.m. for the officers, managers, assistant managers and umpires.

Registration will be held through the month of March, tryouts will be held April 8th - 12th with practice beginning April 18th for the various teams.

The first game of the season will be Thursday May 2. Registration for the tee shirt, boys ages 7-8 will also be held at this time. Only 33 boys signed up last year. More parents are urged to sign up boys in this age so the T-shirt program can remain active.

Officers for this year besides White are J.C. Sims, Vice-president, and Mrs. Finley Barnett, Secretary-Treasurer.

Registration blanks are found on page five of this issue and will run until the season begins.

## Chamber of Commerce Banquet Will Be Tuesday

The Merkel Chamber of Commerce Banquet will be held Tuesday evening, March 19 at the Merkel High School Cafeteria at 7 p.m. Guest Speaker for the event will be Jim Morriss, General Manager of the General Services Division of the Association of Texas Electric Cooperatives, Inc., of Austin. He recently returned to Texas following nine years service with the World Division, Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church.

New directors elected and to take office at the banquet are George Starbuck, Blanche Hewitt, and Travis Davis. The new slate of officers for the coming year will also officially take office. Don Hart, Manager of Taylor Electric Cooperative was re-elected president, and Mary Jane Tittle was elected vice president. Travis, Merkel High School Principal, was elected Secretary-Treasurer.

Retiring directors are Mrs. Ray Wilson, Bill Button, and E. A. Conley.

Highlight of the annual event will be the naming of Merkel's outstanding Citizen and the Woman of the Year. Beta Sigma Phi Sororities are responsible for the selection of the Lady of the Year. A committee of Chamber directors were chosen to select the Outstanding Citizen.

The 'Lady of the Year' award will go to some local



Jim Morriss  
...Banquet Speaker

woman, recognizing her accomplishments in her special field.

Larry White of Merkel,

will serve as Master of Ceremonies this year.

The Chamber Board of Directors has issued a special invitation to former Merkelites to attend this year's banquet.

Larry Gill, Associate Minister of the Merkel Church of Christ will give the invocation. The Rev. Russell McAnally, pastor of the First United Methodist Church, will give the Benediction.

Providing entertainment for the banquet will be the Merkel High School Choir. The Choir has 33 members. Tickets are on sale for \$3 apiece.

Catering the meal will be Barton's Cafeteria of Abilene. Persons planning to attend the banquet are urged to purchase tickets as soon as possible in order for the Banquet Committee, headed by Mrs. Ray Wilson, to make arrangement with the catering firm for the meal.

## 'Meet The Candidates' Meeting March 28th

There will be a Meet the Candidates Meeting March 28 at 7:30 p.m. in the Merkel High School Auditorium. This will give the voters a chance to meet the school board candidates and ask them questions.

The Taylor County Young Homemakers and both chapters of Beta Sigma Phi are sponsoring the meeting. All voters in Tye and Merkel are urged to attend. Refreshments will be served.

## Mawson Receives Eagle Award In Ceremonies

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Sunday, March 10, Boy Scout Troop 18 held a formal Court of Honor during the morning worship service at First United Methodist Church in Merkel. Scoutmaster Calvin Wolf presided.

Kelly Wolf read the patriot opening "A Picture of Our Country." Brad Wade presented the colors and Kelly Wolf led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## Open House Termed Success

The administration and faculty of the Merkel Independent School wish to thank the people of Merkel for making Texas Public School Week March 4-8 a success.

The Open House on March 7 at the Primary and Jr. High Schools had a very good turnout. We had a total of 143 families represented in the Primary and 110 families in the Jr. High, said John Cain, Elementary principal. There were 407 people visiting the Jr. High and 332 in Primary, making a total of 739.

The rank of Scout and the Fingerprinting merit badge was presented to William Martin. Brad Wade received his cooking skill award, Fingerprinting merit badge and his Second Class Rank. Drew Mawson received his community living and environment merit skill awards, Fingerprinting merit badge and First Class Rank. Kelly Wolf received Fingerprinting, Pets, and Citizenship in the National merit badges and Star Rank.

Alan Mawson was then presented his Eagle Pin by his mother, Mrs. Darla Mawson. Alan's father, Donald Mawson of Rock Island, Illinois, presented him with his Eagle certificate and his Eagle tie. Scoutmaster Calvin Wolf presented Alan with his Eagle membership card and a letter of congratulations from the Chief Scout Executive. Eagle Scout Alan Mawson then presented an Eagle pin to his mother and an Eagle tie clasp to his father.

Rev. McAnally closed the Court of Honor with prayer. Friends of Eagle Alan Mawson and the other scouts were honored at a reception in Fellowship Hall immediately following the service.

## Two Doing Student Teaching at Merkel High School

At the present time, Merkel High School is fortunate to have two student teachers teaching in the school. They are Mrs. Rhoda Allen and Robert F. Bailey.

Mrs. Rhoda Allen, senior student at Abilene Christian College, is now doing her student teaching in Merkel High School with Mrs. Pat Dudley. Mrs. Allen, wife of Merkel Mayor, Lou David Allen, is majoring in Eng-

lish and speech. The Allens have two daughters in the Merkel schools: Lisa, a fifth grader and Angie, a second grader.

On January 2, Mrs. Allen began working with one English I class and two English IV classes. For the first few weeks, Mrs. Allen observed during the three classes: taking notes, getting to know students, and becoming familiar with the high

school program. Early in the semester, she began to check the roll, to grade papers, to assist students as they worked, to type stencils, and to operate the various machines in the classroom, as well as in the faculty work room. She has also helped with group projects which the students have prepared. After three weeks of observing and assisting, Mrs. Allen taught a grammar unit during

the English I class. She planned and conducted the unit as she would if she were working in her own classroom under normal teaching conditions. Mrs. Allen continues now to assist in all classroom duties. She can take over the classes at a minute's notice and can conduct the classes alone or teamed with the cooperating teacher. For the last month of school,

Mrs. Allen will have complete charge of planning and conducting the three classes of English. She will experience many of the same joys, frustrations, interruptions, and problems as the full-time teachers do. As a student teacher, Mrs. Allen will certainly get an inside picture of what the teaching profession is all about.

Merkel is indeed fortunate to have Mr. Robert F. Bailey, a senior music education student from Hardin-Simmons University, doing his practice teaching here in Merkel this semester.

Robert is currently working with all phases of music under the supervision of band and choir director, Glenn Reed. Each day a portion of the high school band rehearsal is turned over to him. Three days a week he has an opportunity to work with the junior high band and beginning band. Because of his experience with choir groups he is in complete charge of the high school choir three days a week.

In addition to carrying a full college load at H-SU and doing his practice teaching, Bailey is the principal bass clarinetist with the Abilene Philharmonic Orchestra, and is Minister of Music and Youth at the Tye First Baptist Church.

Bailey is a graduate of Hamlin High School and is married to the former Reba Dale Carter of Rotan.

## 13 From Merkel, 5 From Tye Seek Election to School Board

With the March 6th filing deadline past, a total of 18 persons have filed for the Merkel School Board election to be held Saturday, April 6. Voting will be at Merkel High School.

The list of candidates, which includes only one woman, show five persons from Tye and 13 from Merkel.

## City Race Draws 3 Candidates

With the filing deadline past for filing, there has been three persons file for the three vacancies on the City Council. Three members had their terms expire. Only one, Pete Morgan, filed for reelection. The other two whose terms expire are Connie Mack

## Robert Lee Sr. Services Held Monday

Robert Lee Sr., 48, of Merkel, was dead on arrival at Hendrick Memorial Hospital at noon Wednesday of an apparent heart attack. Funeral services were held Monday at 4:00 p.m. in Starbuck Chapel with burial in Trent Cemetery.

Mr. Lee was born Dec. 5, 1925, in Kaufman County. He married Odessa Polk Jan. 20, 1946, in Abilene. He had been in the automobile salvage business in Merkel for several years.

Survivors are his wife of Merkel; four sons, Robert Jr. of Abilene, Tommy of Tye, Glen Edward of Ferguson County and David of Merkel; five daughters, Bobby Jean Lee of Abilene, Iva Jean Lee of Bakersfield, Calif., and Helen Faye Lee, Mae Francis Lee and Hazel Ann, all of Merkel; two brothers, Clinton T. of Dallas and Clarence of the U.S. Army; three sisters, Bobbie, Jimmie and Belores, all of Dallas; and 12 grandchildren.

## Resume of Candidates Page 5

The candidates in the order their names will appear on the ballot after the drawing for positions are: 1. Charles Jacobs, Merkel; 2. Curtis C. Rister, Tye; 3. Roy Davis,

Merkel; 4. Danny Doan, Merkel; 5. Lee Tucker, Merkel; 6. Mary Jo McConnell Reed; 7. Juan Ybarra; 8. Bobby DuBose, Merkel; 9. David Kraatz, Tye; 10. Bill R. Morgan, Tye; 11. Bobby L. Toliver, Merkel; 12. Benny W. Melton, Merkel; 13. D. C. Hendricks, Merkel; 14. Jake Moore, Tye; 15. Allen O. Cox, Tye; 16. Larry White, Merkel; 17. Robert Stephan, Merkel; and 18. Johnny Teaff, Merkel.

Incumbent members of the Board seeking re-election are Bobby DuBose, Danny Doan, and Robert Stephan. All seven incumbent board member's terms expire due to the consolidation of the Tye and Merkel school districts last year. This is the only year that the entire board will be elected at one time.

The law provides that, due to the consolidation, two members of the new board will be elected from the old Tye District and two members will be elected from the old Merkel District. The other three members of the seven member board will be chosen on an at-large basis. The two candidates from Merkel receiving the highest number of votes will be elected from Merkel and the two from Tye with the most votes will be elected from Tye. The three at-large members will be the three candidates with the most votes from the 14 remaining candidates, regardless of whether they live in Tye or in Merkel.

Members of the current board not seeking re-election are Ben Hicks, Board President and J. R. Henry.

Length of terms will be decided by drawing numbers. Numbers 1, 2, and 3, - 1 yr.; 4, and 5, - 2 yrs.; and 6, and 7, - 3 yrs.

Absentee voting is slated to begin March 18. It will continue until 4 days before the election, which is April 2nd. Persons planning to be out of town on the date of the election, April 6, may vote absentee at City Hall. Persons may vote from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. during the absentee voting period.

Election judges for the school election will be Bill Button of Merkel and Floyd Kimney of Tye.

## NOTICE

All parents who wish to transfer students from outside the district to Merkel Schools should have the transfer forms filled out and turned in before May 1, as this is the deadline. The forms are available in the Superintendent's office.



INSTRUCTING STUDENT--Mrs. Rhoda Allen, English student teacher from ACC is doing her student teaching at Merkel High School under the direction of Mrs. Don Dudley, English teacher. Mrs. Allen is the wife of David Allen and resides in Merkel. (Staff Photo by Connie Harris)



DIRECTING BAND--Robert Bailey is also doing his student teaching in the music program teaching band and choir at MHS under the direction of Glen Reed. He is enrolled at Hardin-Simmons University. (Staff Photo by Connie Harris)



MR. AND MRS. CLAUDE WARREN  
...to observe anniversary

### Mr., Mrs. Claude Warren To Have 50th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Warren will be honored with an open house Sunday, March 17, from 2 to 5 p.m. at their home, 304 Edwards, Merkel, Texas, in observation of their 50th wedding anniversary. Hosts for the occasion will be their children, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Warren of Granbury, Texas, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Warren of Brady, Texas, and Mrs. Tommy Warren of Tucson, Arizona. Members of the houseparty will include the couple's grandchildren, Mike, Cindy and Randy Warren of Brady, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Seale of Stephenville, and Wayne and Connie Warren of Granbury. Another member of the houseparty will be Mrs. Mary Mosier of Merkel. Unable to attend from Tucson, Arizona, are Mrs. Tommy Warren and children, Jack, Becky and Wally, family of Major Tommy Warren who was killed in action in Viet-

### World War I Veterans Meet March 20th

The regular meeting of the World War I Barrack and Ladies Auxiliary will meet Tuesday March 20 in the RFA building. Commander Bonneaux and Auxiliary President Mrs. L. J. Renfro make an appeal for all members to come and those that haven't been coming to our organization to join us. We need everyone to be present for election of officers. Your presence always makes a better meeting and helps keep our membership up to par, said Mrs. L. J. Renfro. District Commander and President Mr. and Mrs. Loden of Stephenville have been invited for their yearly inspection. A Pot Luck Supper will be served.



MISS FERRELL SHAFFER  
...announces engagement

### Miss Shaffer, Mr. Adcock Engagement Announced

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Harist of Blackwell announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Ferrell Shaffer, to Wayne Adcock of Merkel. Miss Shaffer is a graduate of Blackwell High School and is employed at Aileen Inc. in Abilene. Adcock, son of Mr. and Mrs. Waymon Adcock of Merkel, graduated from Merkel High School. He is employed by Taylor Electric Cooperative in Merkel. The couple will be married July 6th in the new home of the groom in Merkel.

### Lambda Beta Met March 5

The Lambda Beta Chapter met March 5 at the home of Mrs. Billy Lucas. Plans were made for the Spring Tasting Tea to be held March 16 at the Masonic Hall. Cookbooks will be sold for \$1.50 at the Tasting Tea. Darla Mawson and Minyon Seymore were in charge of the program.

Those attending were Mmes. Billy Bob Neff, Larry White, Larry Justice, Craig Jones, Paul Moore, Gary Douglass, Obie Coker, Mike Welch, Juan Ybarra, J. H. Clark Jr., Billy Lucas, Phil Seymore, Larry L. Teaff, Harold Hohertz and Darla Mawson.

### Xi Nu Chi Met March 5

Xi Nu Chi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi held its regular meeting Tuesday, March 5th at the Asteroid Restaurant with Mrs. Jack Boone as hostess. After a report of standing committees pre idient, Mrs. Edgar Tipton appointed a nominating committee for selection of new officers for the coming year. They are: Mrs. Glenn Teaff, chairman, Mrs. Weldon McAninch and Mrs. Boone. Mrs. Tipton had a flyer

stating that the Beta Sigma Phi State Convention will be held in Austin June 21, 22, and 23. Several members plan to attend the convention. Program "How To Make Friends" was given by Mrs. Tipton, Mrs. Boone and Mrs. McAninch. Those attending were Mmes. Jimmy Leveridge, Bob Garner, Glenn Robertson, Bob DuBose, Don Watts, Carrol Benson, John Brady, Peck Eager, Gerald Derrick, Boone and Tipton.

### Fortnightly Friendship Program Was March 12

The Fortnightly Study Club met in the home of Mrs. Johnny Cox for a "Friendship Day" program Tuesday March 12, 1974. The president, Mrs. Don Dudley, presided for the business meeting. Minute of the last 2 meetings were read and approved, 15 members answered roll call. Mrs. S. C. Dixon, the incoming president, will be the delegate to the Mesquite District Convention.

Mrs. Comer Haynes read for the club a poem "My Old Friend" by James Whitcomb Riley. Friendship Day was explained by Mrs. Charles Eager as an official day. Friends of Texas was given by Mrs. Mack Fisher. Members attending were Mmes. Andy Shouse, John Cain, Charles Eager, Mack Fisher, S. C. Dixon, Comer Haynes, Bryan Dungan, Don Dudley, Carl Hughes, N. S. Daniel, Ray Wilson, David Gamble, Johnny Cox, Don Hart and Miss Christine Collins.

### Trent School and City Election April 6th

The Trent High School Trustee Election will be held April 6 from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m., in conjunction with the city election at the City Hall in Trent. Refiling for the three positions open on the board are incumbents Weldon Beasley, president; Rosemary Bland, secretary; and Robert Scott, Jr. Two councilmen seats are expiring this year. They are Odell Dickerson and A. V. Boyd.

Filing for the two vacancies are incumbent Odell Dickerson and Booth West. The office of Mayor which is held by Billy Hamner also expires. Refiling was incumbent Billy Hamner. L. P. Halbrook will be election judge for the city and school election. Absentee voting will be at the City Hall from March 18 to April 2.



MISS PATTI MILLIKEN  
...to wed May 18

### Miss Milliken, Mr. Walker Engagement Announced

Mr. and Mrs. Walter C. Milliken of Mineral Wells, announce the approaching marriage of their daughter,

Patti, to Richard Walker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon R. Walker of Merkel. Patti, a 1972 graduate of Mineral Wells High School, is currently attending Hardin-Simmons University at Abilene, Texas, where she is a Junior Music Education Major. Walker is a '67 graduate of Merkel High School, attended Texas Tech and is presently employed by Preferred Risk Insurance Companies of Abilene. The wedding date has been set for May 18 at the Calvary Baptist Church in Mineral Wells.

### Walker Among H-SU Students Conducting Revivals

Steve Walker, freshman from Merkel, will be among 120 Hardin-Simmons University students conducting revivals in Indiana and Kentucky Baptist churches during the spring holiday break from March 16-24. This is the 10th year H-SU has sent student revival teams to the Indiana area to work in churches. The teams consist of a preacher, song director, pianist, and fellowship director and children's director. Each team is assigned to a specific church for the week.

**SENIOR CITIZENS  
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**  
1st Monday Night  
of Month singing  
2nd Tuesday Noon  
Covered Dish  
Luncheon  
Game Nights  
Every Thurs.  
& 4th Monday  
4th Thurs. Game  
Night Reserved  
for Talented Amateurs

### Garden Club Workshop Planned March 21

The Merkel Garden Club will have a Flower Workshop and a luncheon Thursday, March 21 at 12:00 at the Senior Citizens Building. The program will be 'Preparation For Flower Show.' Each member is to bring material for one arrangement to be exhibited. Hostesses will be Mrs. Tom Allday and Mrs. Albert Criswell.

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State Representative

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MARCH 17th

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The spaghetti dinner Mar. 23rd has been cancelled due to party that evening.

Effective this weekend  
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on Sat., Sun. and Holidays.

The Club and Course will be closed Mondays for maintenance starting Mar. 11th.

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<b>MIXED NUTS</b>	TOM SCOT	13 oz. CAN	<b>69¢</b>
<b>PICKLED BEETS</b>	DEL-MONTE	16 oz. JAR	<b>29¢</b>
<b>GRAPE JELLY</b>	BEST MAID	18 oz. JAR	<b>39¢</b>
<b>PIE FILLER</b>	LUCKY LEAF CHERRY	NO. 2 CAN	<b>59¢</b>
<b>CHILI</b>	AUSTEX	20 oz. CAN	<b>89¢</b>
<b>CUCUMBER SLICES</b>	HEINZ	16 oz. JAR	<b>39¢</b>
<b>CAKE MIX</b>	PILLSBURY LAYER	2 FOR	<b>79¢</b>
<b>FLOUR</b>	GOLD MEDAL	5 LB. Bag	<b>89¢</b>

<b>KLEENEX</b> 200 SIZE	PKG. 35¢	<b>LIQUID JOY</b>	GIANT SIZE 49¢
<b>ZEE ASSORTED NAPKINS</b> 60 ct. PKG.	2 FOR 25¢	<b>DETERGENT CHEER</b>	GIANT SIZE 79¢
<b>PUREX</b>	HALF GAL. 29¢	<b>HUNTING LICENSE</b>	NOW AVAILABLE
<b>KEEBLER CRACKERS</b>	1 LB. BOX 43¢	<b>MONEY ORDERS</b>	

<b>GOOCH</b>	HOT BAR-B-Q BEANS		
	CHILI - POTATO SALAD		
	PIMENTO CHEESE		
	<b>FRANKS</b> ARMOURS	PKG.	<b>69¢</b>
	<b>BEEF LIVER</b>	LB.	<b>89¢</b>
<b>BACON</b>	ARMOUR'S	LB.	<b>95¢</b>
<b>SAUSAGE</b>	MERKEL LOCKER HOT or MILD	2 LB. BAG	<b>2.25</b>
<b>HAMS</b>	GOOCH'S SHANK END	LB.	<b>79¢</b>
	BUTT END	LB.	<b>89¢</b>
<b>FRYERS</b>	GRADE-A-WHOLE	LB.	<b>49¢</b>

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<b>COTTAGE CHEESE</b>	GANDY'S	24 oz. CRTN.				<b>89¢</b>	
<b>FRENCH DRESSING</b>	KRAFTS	16 oz. BOTTLE				<b>59¢</b>	

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<b>KIMBELLS CUT GREEN BEANS</b>	303 CAN	4 FOR <b>\$1.00</b>
<b>BETTY CROCKER ANGEL FOOD CAKE MIX</b>	BOX	<b>69¢</b>
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<b>CELERY</b>	STALK	<b>39¢</b>
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### MASONRY MEETING

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### (ANNOUNCEMENTS)

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FOR SALE--Barn and corral at the Riding Club arena. Contact T.G. Hull, 928-5726 after 6 p.m. 3-2tp

### Political Announcements

The following have authorized The Merkel Mail to announce their candidacy for office, subject to action of the Democratic Primary in May:

For State Representative, 61st District:

**Elmer Martin**

**Alton Staggs**

For Justice of the Peace:

**Lewis Millett**

The above political announcements were paid for by the candidates listed.

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### Card of Thanks

I WANT TO THANK everyone for the cards, visits and good food given to me during my recent recovery from surgery.

Betty Conley 3-1tc

### Help Wanted 4

WANTED--Cooks, waitresses, and dishwashers. Merkel Restaurant, 928-4923. 8-1tc

Full time man wanted for work in Parts Department and general clean up at Palmers. 1-1tc

(FARM AND RANCH) Recipient of the 4-H Silver Spur award, a former Soil Conservation Staff member and a conservation award winner with his own row crop and stock farm. State Rep. Elmer Martin knows the needs of West Texas and its agriculture. That is why he co-sponsored the Texas Constitutional proposal to tax agricultural land in relation to production capacity. (Adv. paid by Martin Campaign, Elmer Martin, manager.) 3-1tp

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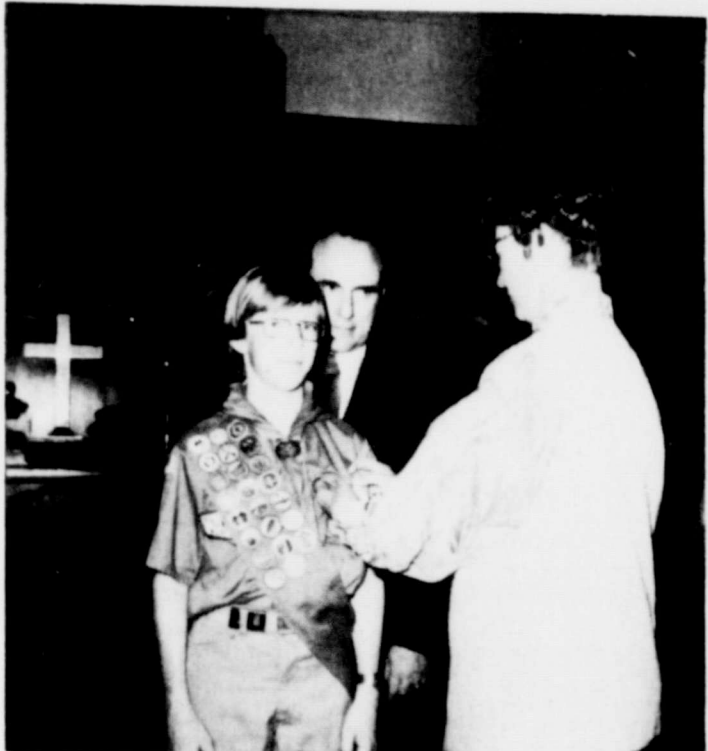
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PRESENTING AWARDS--Scoutmaster Calvin Wolf presented various awards and badges to members of Boy Scout Troop 18 at a formal Court of Honor Ceremony at the First United Methodist Church Sunday. Receiving the awards were from left to right, William Martin, Brad Wade, Drew Mawson and Kelly Wolf. (Photo by Earl Carmack)



PINNING OF EAGLE--Alan Mawson presented his Eagle Pin to his mother, Mrs. Darla Mawson. Looking on is his father, Donald Mawson, who presented him with his Eagle certificate and his Eagle tie. Scoutmaster Calvin Wolf presented him with his Eagle membership card and letter of congratulations from the Chief Scout Executive. (Photo by Earl Carmack)

### BADGER TRACKS

This year's track team is one of the best yet. There were two track meets this last week with Merkel placing in the top five. That's really great! Congratulations! Last week the drama classes presented their class plays during fourth period and fifth period. They were called "The Trial of Aint," and "Run Robber, Run." They were both great! Mrs. Vicki Babington is the drama teacher. This last Saturday, five M.H.S. students competed in the Hardin-Simmons Speech Tournament. Out of the five, only one placed in the semi-finals, Lisa Gregory. Congratulations. UIL is going to be hosted by Merkel this year, with it being held at M.H.S. on March 30. One Act plays will be hosted by Merkel also, but will be held at McMurry College on April 3. Merkel always has been strong in individual UIL events, so I don't think this year will be any different. Elections for next year's Student Council officers will be soon. All officers are open. That's it for this week. Next week I'll have more news from M.H.S.

**Ladies Golf News**  
By SANDRA DOAN  
The Ladies invited the men out for a scotch foursome tournament Tuesday afternoon at the Merkel Country Club.  
Winning first place in the tournament were Ronnie and Sherry Aldridge with a 4l. Placing second was Bob and Doris Hooks.  
Winning the Putting contest was Junior and Annette Clark, and Horace and Fanelle Boney  
Gaylon and Mary Boone won a prize for having the most puts and Ned and Glenda Watts won one for having the highest score.  
Winning the prizes for two weeks ago was Jo Ann Smith, Faye Robertson, Mary Boone and Sandra Doan.  
After Tuesday's tournament was over there was a fine meal served by the Ladies.  
Overheard during the meal was the fact that there would probably be several divorce cases filed Wednesday morning. Gentlemen you must remember that Ladies are not muscled, tobacco chewing Orville Moody's. We are frail, short skirted, members of the Women's Lib that like to overrun golf courses on Ladies day.  
So once again, we say thanks guys for comin out and playing with us.  
Be nice and we might ask you out again on Ladies Day.

**Slide Rule -- Brenda Griffith, David Hackney, Rocky McKinney**  
Informative Speaking--Bob Reed  
Number Sense--Jeff Wells, Brenda Griffith, John Slaughter  
Spelling--Teresa James, Patricia Boyd  
Poetry--Pam King; Alternat-Jacki Adams  
Ready Writing--Teri Hamner, Jan Beck  
Prose Reading -- Becky Freeman  
Typing--Rose Chronister, Becky White, Jan Beck, Patricia Boyd  
7TH & 8TH  
Spelling--Kerry Patterson, Jacki Reed, Pam Evans  
Number Sense --Velma Perkins, Jacki Reed, Ethel Gage  
Oral Reading--Penny Hatfield-Alford, Becky White, Jan Beck, Timmy Moses  
5TH & 6TH  
Spelling--Cheri Patterson, Margaret Evans, Rebecca Sipe  
Reading Writing--Tammie Hicks  
Oral Reading--Vondi King; Alternaze-Norma Frazier and Eddie Adams; Alternat-Danny Freeman.  
4TH & 5TH  
Ross, Patricia Powell, Leslie Masonheimer.

### Friends of Omar Burleson Day Set April 20 in Anson

The Steering Committee of the "Friends of Omar Burleson" day celebration met at noon Thursday in Jamaica Inn in Abilene. General chairman B.J. Gist announced that the work on the bronze of Congressman Burleson had been completed by sculptress Juan Dell of Lubbock.

Mr. Gist reported that ticket sales to the barbecue and celebration were moving along at a fast pace and that predictions of the expected attendance at the celebration ranged from one thousand up to five thousand at this stage. The celebration is scheduled for five o'clock on the afternoon of April 20, 1974, at the courthouse square in Anson, where the bronze of the veteran congressman will be unveiled.  
The program for the celebration will include a barbecue catered by the Texas Trails Chuckwagon of Albany in connection with a musical sampler from the Albany Fandangle Troupe. The unveiling will highlight the day's celebration, and the bronze is to be permanently mounted on

### Tye Contractor Gets Highway Contracts

AUSTIN--A contract for seal coat work on 88.5 miles of highways in the Abilene district was awarded by the Texas Highway Commission during its February meeting here.

The work will be under the supervision of District Engineer J.C. Roberts. The contract includes work in Jones, Kent Scurry, Stonewall, Fisher, Nolan and Taylor Counties.

J.H. Strain & Sons, Inc. of Tye was awarded the contract with a low bid of \$619,090.00. The work will take an estimated 150 working days to complete. Nelson Shave of Abilene is the Highway Department Engineer in charge.

### Fire Auxiliary To Have Meet

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Merkel Volunteer Fire Department will meet Thursday, March 14, at 4 p.m. at the Fire Station.

Plans will be finalized for the Fireman's Convention which will be held April 6 in Merkel.

### ROUND-UP

By KAYE LANHAM  
IVA NELLE BOCKMAN spent the weekend in Mertzon visiting her brother and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Bob Bockman.  
MRS. E. W. SMITH of Hale Center, Texas renewed her Merkel Mail recently. She wrote us that she was born in Jones County four miles north of Trent. Her parents Howell. She always remembered them getting The Merkel Mail. As long as her father lived, he sent them the paper. He died in 1949. Mrs. Smith and her husband moved to Lubbock County in 1929. After her father's death in 1949, she kept taking the paper. She says "There is just always something in it I would know otherwise. It's good to hear from my old home town and surroundings."

WORK ON THE FIRST BAPTIST Sanctuary is in the final stages. Exterior painting is underway, with final costs due to be applied this week. Interior work continues in the sanctuary, with painting of walls, trim, etc. Paving of the parking lot will be done following completion of preparation of the areas. The refrigerated air systems have been installed and the steeple is due to arrive any day.  
MRS. WILL BUTMAN and Mrs. ... of Mertzon were visitors in the home of Mrs. Homer Newby of Elgin last week.

### Girl Scout News

Troop 313 met at the Scout Hut for their regular meeting Monday, March 11, 1974.  
The girls continued working on their Cyclist Badge. They received nine new bicycle laws which they studied and discussed.  
Plans were made for a bicycle ride next Monday, March 18th. The girls will leave at nine o'clock and ride day of hiking and fun and ride back to the Scout Hut by four o'clock.  
La Nita Stephens, Cindy Doan and Shiela Adair served refreshments.

### Paul Reed Promoted To A.I.C.

Airman Paul Reed has recently been promoted to AIC at Dyess AFB in Abilene. A.I.C. Reed is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Reed of Merkel. He is a 1972 graduate of Merkel High School.

### Trent Students To Enter U.I.L. Meet

On April 5, the following students will represent Trent at District in Hawley for the U.I.L. Meet. These students should be commended for their interest, preparation, and time spent in doing a little extra for their school. HIGH SCHOOL

### Senior Citizens News

The Senior Citizens met Tuesday for their monthly meeting. Mr. Albert Criswell was elected as a trustee for the club.

Mrs. Marie Shanks played a melody of Irish songs on the piano.

Mrs. Bob Reed sang for the group.

New members were added to the club. Ninety members were present.

Next meeting will be game night Thursday night.

Bob Robertson is president for the month of March.

### Trent To Sponsor Talent Show

The Student Council of Trent High School will sponsor a Talent Show next month, April 25, at 7:30, in the Trent High School Gym. Mr. Dave Dalzell, of KRBC radio in Abilene, will be Master of Ceremonies for the event.

Mrs. Barbara Henderson, Student Council Sponsor, wants to encourage participation of area residents, as the Talent Show will not be confined to Trent residents. Anyone who is interested in sharing their talent may contact Mrs. Henderson at 862-2411 for additional information.

### MERKEL-TYE SCHOOL MENU

Beef & Cheese Casserole, Mexi Hominy, Green Salad, choice of dressing, Butter, Bread, Milk, Jello w/Topping.

FRIDAY, MAR. 15  
Hamburgers, Pinto Beans, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Onions, Pickles, Potato Chips, Kitchen Made Buns, Milk, Fresh Apple Wedges, Orange Juice.

(School Closed For Spring Holidays March 18-22.)

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# School Candidates At A Glance

Eighteen persons have filed for the seven vacancies on the Merkel School Board. The Merkel Mail has compiled a short resume of each so the public may know a little about each candidate filing.

**BOBBY TOLIVER** -- He farms 1600 acres of land and does some ranching. His wife's name is Sonja and he has two children, Larry, 17, and Gayla, 16. Bobby is presently president of the Taylor County Farmers Union was president of the PTA in '70 and '71 and vice president in '69. He is a 1953 graduate of Trent and has lived in the Merkel and Trent area since 1952. He and his family attend the Merkel Church of Christ.

**ROY DAVIS** -- Roy is married to the former Sandra Merritt of Merkel. They have two children, Tammy, 11, and Jerry Ray, 7. He has been a resident of Merkel for 13 years; is a 1956 graduate of Abilene and received a B.B.A. degree at H-SU in 1960; has done graduate work at ACC. He is employed as a purchasing agent at Munden Wholesale in Abilene and as the Minister of Music and Director of Children's Activities at the First Baptist Church.

**LARRY WHITE** -- Larry has lived in Merkel 18 years. He resides at 1514 Sunset with his wife Marie and two children Rhonda 16 and Russell 11. He works for Dickie's Work Clothes Rental Service, Ft. Worth and attends Calvary Baptist Church where he is choir director and youth director; is currently President of Merkel Little League T-Shirt League for the past seven years; also a member of Merkel Booster Club and past president of Merkel Jaycee and Merkel PTA.

**LEE TUCKER** -- He is employed by Palmer Motor Co. as a salesman; is married to the former Barbara Sue McLeod and has three children, Alan, 18, Paul 15, and Mike 13. They attend Merkel Church of Christ. He has been a resident of Merkel area all his life.

**BENNY MELTON** -- He is married to the former Annette Boney and has two daughters, Jan and Ann age 10. He is employed at Boney Insurance Agency; Merkel Chamber of Commerce manager for past 4 years; stock farmer for last 10 years; Secretary-Treasurer of the Merkel Livestock Association; Director of the Merkel Library Association; Director of the Merkel Youth Program; is past president of the Merkel Little League; past manager of the Merkel Little League; past president and vice-president of the Merkel Homecoming Association; past secretary of the Merkel Community Fund and; served on the Equalization Board of the Merkel Independent School District, serving as chairman for the last 4 years. Benny was raised in the Blair Community south of Merkel and attended school in Merkel, graduating in 1959. Also attended Abilene Christian College.

**CHARLES JACOBS** -- Was born and reared in the Merkel area. He attended the Merkel Public Schools, graduated from Merkel High School and received a B.S. degree in Animal Husbandry from ACC in 1961 and was a member of Delta Tau Alpha Honor Society. He and his wife, Bernice and their three children, Janice 10, Tim 7, and Stephen 2 1/2, live 3 miles southeast of Merkel. He has served on the Merkel School Board for the past two years and is former vice president of Taylor County Farmer's Union and is a member of the Church of Christ.

**BILL MORGAN** -- Is a member of the Tye School Board and is employed at Pride Refinery. He is a member of the First Baptist in Tye and resides at El-Tye-O Trailer Park with his wife, Marilyn and two children, Pam and Buddy who are in Merkel school and Billie, who is in Tye Elementary.

**CURTIS RISTER** -- Works for Civil Service at Dyess AFB; is secretary of the Tye School Board and has two girls, Becky and Sarah in Merkel Schools.

**A. O. COX** -- Is retired from the Air Force; past president of the Tye School Board, and current vice president of the Tye School Board. He and his wife, Edith, have three children, Randy and Jeff, attending Merkel Schools and Sandra, who is a '72 graduate of Merkel. He is a member of the First Baptist Church.

**DAVID KRAATZ** -- He is a member of the Tye School Board and he and his wife, Sue, have four children, David Jr., Susan, and Thomas in Merkel Schools and Chirre in Tye Elementary. He is a member of the Grace Lutheran Church.

**JACK MOORE** -- Currently president of the School Board. He and his wife, Sara, have three children, Shawn, Tonya and Marrie. He is a member of the First Baptist Church.

**D. C. HENDRICKS** -- He works at the Post Office. He and his wife, the former Wanda Hester, have two children, Kathy, 16, and David, 14. Has lived in Merkel all his life; is a '53 graduate of Merkel; is a Mason, and is a member of the Calvary Baptist Church.

**BOBBY DUBOSE** -- Graduated from Merkel High in '49 and attended McMurry and Cisco Jr. College. He was in the Air Force four years. He and his wife, Louise, have three children, Vicki, 17, Danny 16, and Lori 13. Served four years on the Merkel School Board, 2 terms on City Council, is a Chamber of Commerce Board Director and attends First United Methodist Church.

**ROBERT STEPHAN** -- He has a diversified farming operation 10 miles southeast of Merkel. He and his wife, Jera, have a son, Andy, a '73 graduate of MHS, Jerrie, Jr. at MHS, and Netta,

Soph. at MHS. Family attends Zion Lutheran Church in Abilene; has served as usher on Finance Board; Youth Counselor; now serving third year on Board of Elers; served as organizational Adult Leader for Merkel 4-H Club; now on Board of Directors Merkel Co-Op Gin; past director of Taylor County Farm Bureau and served 2 years on Merkel School Board.

**JOHNNY TEAFF** -- Was raised southeast of Merkel in the Crossroads Community. He is married to the former Jean Miller and they have three children, Mike 21, Steve, 18, and Gayle, 9th grade at MHS. He is a graduate of Merkel High School and is connected with Plumbing and Wholesale in Abilene. He also is a farmer and sells liquid feed. He has been on the Merkel School Board for eight years; is on the county committee with A.S.C.S. and is a member of the First Baptist Church in Tye.

**JUAN YBARRA** -- He attended Merkel Public Schools. He and his wife Connie have three children, Debra, 13, John, 8, and Jon, 4. He has been employed at Taylor Telephone Co-op as lineman for 13 years; coached a Little League team several years; is president of Parish Council at Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church where they attend.

**MARY JO McCONNELL REED** -- Is the wife of retired Air Force SMSGT Robert Reed and grew up in Merkel and graduated from Merkel High School. She has three children, Paul, 21, stationed at Dyess AFB, Gayle Marie, 14, and Roger Allen, 12. Has been President, vice president, secretary, manager of the Thrift Shop and Chairman of Ways and Means Committee in the Non-Commissioned Officers Wives Club. They are members of the First Baptist Church.

**DANNY DOAN** -- He and his wife, Sandra, have two children, Ricky, 5, and Misti, 1. Has been employed by Taylor Electric Coop for the past 10 years and is presently in the engineering department. He and his family are members of the Calvary Baptist Church. He has been a member of the Merkel School Board for five years; active member in little league and pony league baseball several years; member of Merkel Country Club; enjoys playing golf, basketball and softball. He is a 1962 graduate of Merkel High School.

All the people in the Merkel School District are urged to turn out and vote in the upcoming school board election.

## Merkelite's Niece Rites Held March 6

Miss Lellani Farmer, 19, of the Abilene State School, died at 4:30 a.m. Wednesday. Graveside services were held at 3 p.m. Thursday at Rose Hill Cemetery in Merkel under the direction of Starbuck Funeral Home with the Rev. Rev. P. T. Stewart, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, officiating.

Born April 14, 1954, she was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eddi Etsel Farmer of El Paso and the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Farmer of Merkel. She had been in the Abilene State School for some time.

Surviving are her parents, two brothers, William Farmer and Ralph Farmer, and her maternal grandmother, Mrs. Audrey King, all of El Paso; an aunt, Mrs. Lawrence Hewitt, and an uncle, Darrell Farmer, both of Merkel.

## NOTICE

The Merkel Riding Club's regular meeting has been changed from Thursday until Friday, March 15 at 7:00 at the REA Building.

A covered dish pot luck supper will be served.



PRESENTING blue ribbons to first place winners in the local Middle Clear Fork Soil Water Conservation Contest is John Cain, principal at M.J.H. Winners are left to right Cain, Darren Pack, Brenda Hohertz, Stormy, Magee, Loyce Baker, Judy Castille and Scott Cain. (Photo by Connie Harris)

## Former Merkelite Services Held

Funeral for Mrs. Ben F. Clark, 79, formerly of Merkel, was held Friday, March 8, 1974 in the Yellville, Ark. Methodist Church, of which she was a member.

Mrs. Clark died Wednesday morning in Wichita, Kansas. Mrs. Clark (Wilmuth Coats) was born in December 1895. Her parents were the late Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Coats.

## Relay

kel (R. Howes) 27.0; 4th Merkel (M. Frazier) 27.2  
330 Yd. Dash--5th Merkel (T. Jones) 42.2  
1320 Yd. Relay--3rd Merkel kel 3:06.6

Pole Vault--1st Merkel (B. Pursley) 8'0"  
Long Jump -- 2nd Merkel (Sparks) 15'8"; 3rd Merkel (Pursley) 15'5"  
High Jump -- 2nd Merkel (Phillips) 48"10"; 4th Merkel (Pursley) 4'8"; 6th Merkel (Shugart) 4'6"  
Discus -- 3rd Merkel (Howes) 10'7"  
660 Yd. Run--4th Merkel (Whisenhunt) 1:43.7  
1320 Yd. Run--3rd Merkel (Whisenhunt) 4:00.0; 4th (Whisenhunt) 4:00.0; 4th Merkel (Sims) 4:01.2  
TEAM TOTALS--Albany, 128  
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128; Merkel, 123; Roscoe, 84; Rotan, 70; Wylie, 59; Clyde, 40; and Baird, 24.

**FRESHMAN**  
440 Relay--4th Merkel 53.4  
1320 Yd. Relay -- 5th Merkel 3:03.3  
220 Yd. Dash--4th Merkel (Doan) 27.0  
60 High Hurdles--5th Merkel (Shaw) 10.1  
100 Yd. Low Hurdles--3rd Merkel (Shaw) 13.7; 4th Merkel (Whisenhunt) 14.1  
660 Yd. Run--2nd Merkel (Wolf) 1:40.3  
Discus -- 3rd Merkel (Pfister) 112'10"; 6th Merkel (Austerman) 102'6"  
High Jump-- 4th Merkel (Doan) 4'10" (tie)

**TEAM TOTALS--Haskell, 170.4; Clyde, 122.9; Albany, 78.4; Wylie, 50.5; Merkel, 48; and Baird, 2.48; and Baird 46.8.**  
Without the support and interest of the community of Merkel, the Jr. Badger Relays would not have been successful. It is people like this that give make it worthwhile for our children to participate in athletics.

We would like to especially say thank you to the men who helped with the Jr. Relays, for giving their time and efforts for the benefit of the boys who participated. These men are: C. W. Moore, Gene Stuckey, John Brady, Leon Walker, Travis Davis, Don Hart, J. C. Sims, R. J. Millikan, Alan Cox, Kent Satterwhite, Calvin Wolf, Leonard Payne, Phillip Pursley,

## GORILLA GROWL

By CINDY BEASLY

Things have been very busy the past week. Last Thursday we had Open House to observe Public Schools Week. There was a large crowd here. The Seniors have been having play practice every night for the past week to get ready for their Senior play. This Tuesday they presented "The Girl Next Door."

The next day they all took off on their Senior trip to Colorado. They plan to spend a week snowsking and just having a good time, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Jon Henderson and Jon Michael. We all hope they have a great time and a safe trip home.

Trent had several people to place on all district in basketball. For the boys: 1st team - Bill Griffith, Sr; 2nd team - Russell Allen, Sr; and for the girls: 2nd team - Rebecca Freeman, Jr. Forward; Peggy Watson, Sr., guard; Honorable Mention - Gayla Heatly, Sr., forward; Brenda Griffith, Freshman, guard; and Cindy Beasley,

She went to school in Merkel and married Ben F. Clark October 18, 1915. They lived on a farm north of Merkel for many years and moved to Yellville in 1952 where she lived until the death of her husband in 1970, and since had resided in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Henry Logan of Wichita, Kansas. Surviving are the daughter, Mrs. Logan; a son, Carvel Clark of Fort Worth; 6 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren; and one brother, John D. Coats of Austin.

Finley Barnett, Derrill Farmer, George English, L. J. Gray, Arthur Moore, Max Murrell, W. W. Willson, L. C. Whisenhunt, J. B. Criner, Steve Shugart, John Cain and Monty Heatly.

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**Band Boosters Meeting Thurs**  
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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

On April 6, we will elect a new slate of school board members for the Merkel-Tye consolidated school district. Whether or not you have children in school--it is important. I urge everyone to attend the Meet The Candidates meeting March 28 at the Merkel School Auditorium. There are many questions I would like to ask the candidates before we vote. For instance--our homes are air-conditioned, our cars are, our businesses are, our offices are, and even some of our tractors are--our schools in Merkel are not. We ask our children to sit

in a classroom for 8 hours and learn the things he will need to know for life with thirty other people, in a sweltering hot classroom. Why? I believe we should do what ever needs to be done to bring our schools up to where our homes and businesses have been for years. If we are going to make them go to school in the summer (begins Aug. 15), we will have to pay the price of making the buildings bearable. This is only one area that needs a responsive school board. Before we vote, let's know how each one feels. Please attend the Meet The Candidates Meeting - our children deserve the best. Thank you, Mrs. Gene Amerine

## Fire Convention In Merkel April 6

The Midwest Texas Fireman and Fire Marshall Association District Convention will be held at Merkel April 6. Merkel, Stamford, Baird, Anson, Clyde, Throckmorton, Hamlin, Roby, Snyder, Rotan, Roscoe, Haskell, Rochester, and Spur are the towns in the Midwest Texas district. We're hoping everyone will help decorate the town for the convention by putting up an American Flag in front of their building," said Fred Starbuck, Decorating, Committee Chairman.

**LITTLE LEAGUE REGISTRATION FORM**

Name-----Birth Date-----Date-----Age-----

Address-----Phone No.-----League Age-----

Boy's Weight-----Height-----Throws Left or Right-----

We, the parents of the above boy, give our approval for his participation in the activities of the Little League for the current season. We release the sponsors, officials, and the Little League organization from responsibility in case of injury or accident. All boys are covered with insurance for practice, games, and travel by The League.

Father's Signature-----Mother's Signature-----

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