## The Merkel Mail

Local gins report 5,840 bales

## ginned, 3,700 stripped


#### Abstract

The 1979 Cotton harvest in the Merkel-Trent area is joing stronger than ever this week as a crop that going stronger than ever this week as a crop that local gin managers are calling a record breaker is veing ginned in four local gins. The Mail spoke with managers and bookkeepers at Merkel Gin, Stith Gin, Link Gin and bookkeepers at Merkel Gin, Stith Gin, Link Gin and Planter's Gin and their reports were good as of

Planter's Gin in Trent still leads in bales ginned as Sweetwater Compress. Ed Snafer, gin manager sai 1500 bales are in modules waiting to be ginned. Shafer said that most of the cotton is graded out a midlin and that prices were holding at 55 cents to 57 midinin and that prices were hooding at 55 cents to 5 cents and seed price was $\$ 115$ per ton. Shafer said that he expects Planter's Shaier said that he expects Planter's Gin to bea their 1977 record of 5,027 bales ginned. He said tha Planter's Gin had been operating around the cloc be a week and felt that the 24 hour schedule be maintained until the harvest is completed. Stith Gin is next with 1000 bales ginned accordin to Co-op president George McDonald. He also saic 250 modules in the field to be ginned. He said that the Stith Gin had ginned 4,000 bales in 197 and said that the Stith Gin also expected to set all-time ginning records. He said he expects to gin between 6 and 7,000 bales this season. The Mail made an obvious mistake in last week's harvest story, reporting that the gin was ginning eight to ten bales a day instead of eight to ten bales an hour. When we checked last week, they had no received any cotton grade cards but Mr. McDonal reports that they received grades of midlin las week. Prices are still holding at 55 tc 57 cents and seed prices dropped Monday to si10 per ton. Mr. McDonald said "The haryest is going Mr. McDonald said "The harvest is going fine and the cotton farmer should do protty good this year. The frost has killed some cotton in low spots, and The frost has killed some cotton in low spots, and most ot the fields are being killed off." He also added that we need a good rain.


The Link Gin in Noodle has been purchased by
Reginald and Kenneth Link and has been put back in working order after a fire did considerable damage 0 the gin early this year. Reginald Link told the Mail Monday that they had ginned 475 bales as of Monday
nd that they had weighed in a total of 627 bales. He said the harvest in the Noodle area was running a ittle behind the Trent and Merkel area and that the harvest was just now gotting started. He said he had no way of predicting how much cotton they would gin
his year but that they are ginning about 8 or 9 bales per hour and will probably operate around the clock He said he and his brother bought the gin on He said he and his brother bought the gin on ,000 bales this year. He said that, considering the ginning business.
The Merkel Gin was the last gin to get started as hey got rolling Saturday and had ginned 225 as of clock starting Monday. They estimated 500 bales in he yard. A bookkeeper at the Gin said they had no idea how many bales they would gin. They added
that some farmers waited for the Merkel Gin to start ginning and that others did not. They reported a The Merkel Gin, Stith Gin and Link Gin have The Merkel Gin, Stith Gin and Link Gin have
undergone extensive remodeling since last year's harvest.
The fou
The four gins have ginned 5,840 bales as of Monday
with 3700 already stripped and waiting to be ginned mith 3700 arready stripped and waiting 0, be ginned
makes the total harvest as of Monday 9,540 bales and here is a long way to go before harvest is completed. Local managers aiso agreed that the 1977 cotton they ginned approximately 14,777 bales. At current prices, cotton farmers in the area will ross approx entely a quarter of a million dollers on The Mail will run another update next week on the 1979 Cotton Harvest.


Badger James Turner coralls C-City tight end Aussell Noel as Buster Brown (14) comes flying in

Pursley (20) and Randy Martin (88) dose in. (Saff photo)

## District changes, higher bills

by Cloy A. Richards
ools were notified this weekend by letter that they had been reclassified in University musical competitions. Both Merkel and Trent were affected by the change.
Acter baiking to foiks in both schools, lots of folk seem to like the whole thing and are looking of forward to attending the organizational meetings of the new leagues.
MISD had been seeing and sawing between the
cutoff of class A and class AA for four years and the cutoff of class A and class AA for four years and the
student population finally fell below a magic student population finally fell below a magi Don't think that is a gift in footha
play Hamlin, Bairs, and Rotan football because we piay Hamin, Baird, and rotan in football already
and they have all shown considerable strength
Rotan had a hot girls baskethall team for a year, and even managed a win over Merkel, but I
don't think that is likely to happen too many more year, and even managed a win over Merkel, but
don't think that is likely to happen too many more
times. Boy's basketball will be a lot more competitive, as
Ber will track. The summerer sports, which Merkel does
well in (district championships in tennis and golf) well in (district championships, in tennis and golf)
may suffer because of the quality of competition in may suffer because of the quality of competition in
those sports in the smaller schools. The Merkel summer sports were challenged by the larger
schools, Ballinger, Stamford, Colorado City, and schools, Ballinger, Stamford, Colorado City, and Wylie last year and the smaller sch
Scholastic, band and choral competition will also be changed under the reclassification, and since Merkel will have a higher enrollment than most of
the schools, it should help in those categories as well

The goals committee of Merkel ISD held their
second meeting Tuesday night. They are a
ommittee that includes school board members itizens, and school administrators chat have bee throughout the district. Superintendent Etheridge has told the Mail that the committee has the most important responsibility education possible.
The Texas Education Agency has mandated that all Texas School Districts undergo a five year plan to
acheive academic accreditation and make in-house improvements in ciriculum and student needs. The citizens committee, formed by the board is designe $t 0$ see that those requirements are met. Their meetings are open to the public. MISD boar
of trustees will meet November 20th at $7: 30$ p.m.

City Councilmen are mulling over a hike in your water-sewer-sanitation rates this week and w discuss the matter Friday morning at 7 a.m.
Two proposals, one to take the ratet to $\$ 12$ and one
to take the rate to $\$ 14$ are being kicked around. If you have an opinion on the matter, get up early Friday and let someone hear your ideas.
City officials are trying to make the
City officials are trying to make the water-sewersanitation departments self sufficient so that tax
revenue won't have to be used to pay for maintenance and labor.
It looks like a
It looks like a no-win situation for everyone. The money is needed because inflation has made the cost
of city services go up. So either we have to raise the basic charge and hook-up charges, or we have to aise taxes.

So the best you can hope for is an in
sufficient to meet the increased costs.


The old Noodle Gin is back in business and is now he Unk Gin. Old-timers in the Noodle area ar

## Housing Authority dedicates

## project in Sunday ceremonies


talked to FHA officials that attended. Theasantvilie should be fully occupied at the end a the month and applications for the whiting list are
still being taken at the Housing Authority office.

eona Conley, a resident at Pleasantville, the new ederal housing apartments that were dedicated unday prepares a meal for company. She said she new neighbors. (Saff photo)

## C-City downs Badgers 21-0, Merkel

## changes districts in 1980




THE MERKEL MAIL
Food show set Food Show has been set 17, at the Abilene Christian University
MeGlothlin Student McGlothlin Stude n About 60 youth will compete in the senior \& junior divisions.
Registration will begin at 12:00 p.m. with fudging commencing at on public display from 4:00-4:30 p.m. Senior div is i ion en-
trants are ages $14-19$, while junior divis i ion youth are ages $9-13$. To
be eligible to enter,
 hours in a 4 -H Food
Nutrition Project taught by local volunteer leaders.
For the contest, each 4 For the contest, each in 1 of 4 classes: Main
Dish, Side Dish, Breads \& Desserts, \& Snacks \& Beverages. \& Snacks \& Because the 4-H Food Nutrition Program
focuses on nutrition focuses on nutrition
each contestant wil! have to demonstraté what she or he knows
about nutrition, meal planning, food buying \& meal service, plus pre
aration techniques.

Xi Nu Chi sets party
$\mathrm{Xi}^{\mathrm{Xi}} \mathrm{Nu}$ Chi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi invites
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Mail calendar of local events NOVEMBER

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> ALMER BARNES Rt. 3 Box 112 Merkel
or the Vo-agg students, for taking care and Also the FFA would at the Dallas State Fair
ike to thank J. A. Sadler We appreciate it!

## LOSE WEIGHT

HAPPY NEW YOU
utrition \& Diet Program
Daily Sample Menu

BREAKFAST
1 Slice Bacon
1 Egg, Fried in Pam
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SNACK
O. Chicken Chicken soup

LUNCH
Oz. Ham, 102 . Chesese
1 Slice bread or 2 slices very thin $1 / 2$ C. Cabbage
Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Onion

SNACK
1 C. Skim Milk - Milkshake

DINNER
3 Oz. Steak
$1 / 2$ C. Green Beans
1/2C. Yellow Squas
1/2 C. Yellow Squash

SNACK Peanut Butter
different recipes at each meeting. Every Tuesday, United Savings, 5:30-6:30
PM 10 Week program $\$ 32$. Come by or Call Rhoda Allen $928-5553$ for information

## WANTED!

1. The man who puts God's business above all
other business.
2. The man who brings his children to church
rather than sending them.
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CHILDREN'S PICTURES TAKEN FREE IN COLOR
Friday, November 9 is the big day set to take Living Color pictures of your litte ones.
Pictures will be taken of all children accompanied by their parents or other guardian to the Communty center between
1 PM and 7 PM on Noventer 1PM And 7 PM on November 9 . There will
be no charge or obligation. be no charge or obligation.
The Mail will pubish Thild Mail will publish a picture of your local children entitited "Clitizens of TomorA professional children's photographer
will take the picture in Direct Living color. We emphasize, therefore, that you dress the children colorfully so as to take full
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newspaper circulates please belp us and
res. remember the date Friday November 9 .
Bring your children to be photographed at If you have not already made a appointment for this community event, do it




## Gorillas

## clinch!



Stith game night set


## Trent News



Gilbert Beaver stretches for extra yards in playoffs. Herbert had 301 yards rushing and Friday's win over Hobbs. The win gave Trent the brother Gilbert and Richard are seen throwing
district championship and will move into the blocks. (Siaff photo)
Community Club honors Steck
$\begin{array}{cccc}\text { The Trent Community } & \begin{array}{l}\text { money tree and other } \\ \text { gifts. } \\ \text { The Community Club }\end{array} & \begin{array}{l}\text { is a community wide } \\ \text { service organiza tion } \\ \text { that holds monthly }\end{array} & \begin{array}{l}\text { meetings that feature a } \\ \text { meal and a special }\end{array} \\ \text { program. }\end{array}$
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Bank President J.G. Wilks served as master of ceremonies and New President Bruce Mc-
Glothlin also addressed the crowd. Freinds of Mrs. Steck
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and she was presented a
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The Community Club $\begin{aligned} & \text { service organization } \\ & \text { that holdsmonthly }\end{aligned}$


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Thursday, November 8, 1979
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Jr. Varsity,
9th, 8th, \& 7th
Grade
Football Schedules

September 6: Junior Varsity at Baird at 7:30. September 13: Junior Varsity here against Anson at 6:30. Ninth Grade here against Anson at 5:00. Eighth Grade at Anson at 6:30. Seventh Grade at Anson at 5:00.
September 20: Junior Varsity here against Clyde at 7:00. Ninth Grade here against Gyde at 5:30. Bighth Grade at Cyde at 7:00. Seventh Grade at Cyde at 5:30.
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10-12 0-34 *Winters-T
10-19 0-29 *Anson-H
10-26 21-41 *Ballinger-T
11-2 0-21 *Colorado City-H
11-9 Stamford-T
11-16

Circle A Western House
1-20
Farmers \& Merchants National Bank 111 Edwards

928-4728 Taylor Electric

1610 N. 1 st

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Emma's Clothes Closet
131 Kent
Palmer Pontiac and GMC 1208 N. 1st

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123 Kent

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Doug Guynes
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Lynden Bower

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Becky Watts-Head
Lisa Shugart Kim Mashburn Lisa Allen Shannon Boyd Trish Powell

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