# The Merkel Mail

Thursday January 10, 1980...Merkel, Texas

15 cents



Merkel Volateer Firemen were called ou Monday night as a pickp caght on fire following a collision. Trey McClary was taken to Hendrick Medical

Center for treatment of facial cts by the Merkel Amblance Service. (Staff photo by glenn Richards)

# Local gin's break 20 thousand bale mark, growers see price fall

Area gins broke the 20,000 bale mark for the first time in history as the cotton ginning season enters its late stage. Cotton prices, which had climbed steadily, fell about 3 cents in two days following President Carter's announcement of cancellation of grain sales to Russia.

Gin managers agreed that most local cotton farmers have already contracted their harvest but said those that had not would probably be getting under 60 cents, is they didn't act fast.

Planters Gin in Trent had ginned 7,900 bales as of Monday and Red Shafer, manager, estimated 4.500 bales in the yard. Shafer said they would probably be ginning at least six more weeks. Shafer, on the price of cotton, said "If the price drops for two or three

I hope your holidays were as enjoyable as the period my family and I enjoyed.

went to Sherman-Denison, Fort Smith, Ark. and

College Station and visited relatives. It was quite an

experience for our two children. They had three

Upon our arrival Thursday we had a few calls

from folks that were worried their subscription had

run out because they did not receive a paper on

January 3rd. We had printed a couple of stories on

the paper that we would not be printing that week,

During our travels, we saw many bumper stickers,

advertisements and T-shirts with various slogans

about Iran's religious leaders. The most impressive

displays we ran across were Hugo, and Durant,

We took a couple of weeks, actually ten days, and

by Cloy A. Richards

package opening sessions.

Back to the real world.

guess it just slipped by a few folks.

Passing thought's

days in a row, chances are it will continue to slide." Planter's Gin is enjoying its busiest harvest ever and Shafer said they may well reach 12,000 bales before the ginning season is over.

president George McDonald told the Mail Tuesday that they had about 100 bales on the yard and about 1800 bales in modules waiting to be ginned.

for at least three more weeks and said that the price had dropped to an average of 60 cents on Tuesday. At the Merkel Co-op Gin, their total stands at 4,500

bales with about o more weeks work ahead. Link Gin finished the season with 2300 bales

Oklahoma. Businesses and townspeople alike were

flying their flag, every day until the release of the

The Merkel Livestock Show was held, and from

The girls basketball team is right where they

should be, tied for first place after four district

games. Friday's game in Wylie will be a big one and

Merkel residents responded well to a call for help

Contributions were taken to the Merkel Volunteer

Merkelites came through with that call for help.

That is something for the whole community to be

in the relief of the Linda Kinder family following a

reports I have heard, came off well. Congratulations

to the winners and thanks to Taylor Electric's Ronny

Doan for the photos loaned to the Mail.

Fire Department and given to the family

the Badgers need your support.

late December fire.

American hostages in Iran.

### Stith Gin has processed 5,100 bales and gin McDonald estimated that they would be ginning

quick, professional work by the Tve and Merkel Fire

# Construction crews miss deadline for completion of gym

Haney and Sivley Construction crews failed in their attempt to complete the Merkel Middle School Gym by the end of the Christmas holidays and Merkel ISD superintendent Dr. Raymond Etheridge said he has no estimate on when the building will be

The superintendent added that the roof on the facility was finished and that a lot of brick work inside had been completed.

Haney and Sivley was under no contractural timetable to complete any of the four facilities, other than the overall project target date of September 1,

Construction officials had promised the school the Gym, Vocational Agriculture Center and the Multi-Purpose Room would be finished first.

Dr. Etheridge said the recent decision by the US Air Force to purchase part of the land at El-Tye-O Mobile Home Park only will affect about ten Merkel

ISD students. The superintendent also said that Standardized testing, mandated by the Texas Education Agency

for fifth and ninth graders this year will take place in the end of February and that the administration would receive results by the first of May. Middle School Principal John Casey is the project director and local test administrator.

The next meeting of the Merkel ISD Board of Trustees is scheduled for Tuesday night at 7:30 in the high school annex. At that meeting, trustees will vote on adoption of educational goals for the district, as well as learn the results of an independent evaluation of administrative and academic performance of the district. The evaluation was done by three school administrators from other school districts and was voluntary. Dr. Etheridge said the report contained praise and recommended areas of emphasis and

The superintendent also added that he was pleased with the way the recent stock show went and said the FFA department should be commended for the improved conditions the show was held under. He said club members had completed extensive work on the livestock show arena.

# Toombs appointed to Tax Board

Billy Bob Toombs of Merkel was sworn in Tuesday night as a member of the Taylor County Tax Appraisal District.

Toombs will represent the Merkel Independent School District and the city of Merkel in that board.

The board is charged with setting one taxable property evaluation for all property within the

The board was created by Senate Bill 621 by the 66th Texas Legislative session as a remedy to different taxable evaluations placed on land parcels by a wide variety of taxing entities.

The Taylor County board will make no official property evaluation until January of 1982. Toombs was nominated to the post by the Merkel ISD school board.

# Blaze interrupts Christmas

A Christmas Day blaze at the home of Johnny and Jean Teaff, seven miles southeast of Merkel interrupted Christmas festivities for Tye and Merkel

Teaff said the fire damanged three rooms in the house but did not damage the structure. He said Departments saved their home and said he was impressed and grateful for the way they handled the

ere were no injuries reported in the fire and the Teaffs are living in a mobile home that was set up next to their damaged home, while it is being repaired.



A gin hand at Planter's Gin works on another modle as the cotton harvest contines. The for local gins went over the 20,000 bale mark for the first

time and Red Shafer at Planter's Gin said they will be ginning for another six weeks. (Staff photo by Cloy A. Richards)

# Merkel livestock show results

Complete results from the recent Merkel Livestock Show follow.Rankings by division are indicated by sequence of names listed:

FINE WOOL LAMBS; 1, 2, 3, 4 Jan Melton, 4, 5 Jay Gibson, 6 Dusty Barnhill, 7, 8, 9 Jay Gibson, 10, 11 Keith Middleton, 12 Dusty Barnhill, 13 Bucky Crouse, 14, 15, 16, 17 Gibson, 18 Bucky Crouse, 19, 20 Tammra Phillips

CROSS BRED LAMBS-- 1 Jan Melton, 2, 3, 4 Jay Gibson

MEDIUM WOOL LAMBS-- 1, 2, 3 Jan Melton, 4 Mike Pape, 5 Willie Townsend, 6 Shelia Swinney, 7 Jay Gibson, 8 Shelia Swinney, 9 Gibson, 10 Mike Pape, 11 Willie Townsend

SOUTH DOWN LAMBS-1 Jan Melton, 2 Jackie

GRAND CHAMPION LAMB- Jan Melton

RESERVE CHAMPION LAMB - Jan Melton BARROWS (Lightweight) -- 1 Ann Melton, 2 Taresia English, 3 David Wilkerson, 4 Roy Lee Isom, 5 English, 6 Mark Bland, 7 English, 8 Todd Robertson, 9 Patti Bird, 10 English, 11 Jay Campbell, 12 Sammy Tumlinson, 13 Dana Faglie, 14 Robertson, 15 Billy Williams, 16 Kim Mashburn, 17 Keith Benningfield, 18 Robertson, 19 Brad Elliott, 20 Eddie Caulder, 21 Tammy Cunningham, 22 Criss Mashburn BARROWS (Medium Weight)

1 Billy Ray Riley, 2 Tommy Hays, 3 Ann Melton, 4
Taresia English, 5 Riley, 6 Larry Land, 7 Mark
Bland, 8 English, 9 Walter Elmore, 10 Eddie Harris,
11 Lynn Hays, 12 Todd Gregory, 13 Danny Riggan, 14
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Lynn Hays, 18 Kelly Knight, 16 Lisa Allen, 17 Darla
Lynn Hays, 18 Roy Lee Isom, 19 Paul White, 20 Mike
Lynn Hays, 12 Mike Hager, 22 Harris, 23 Kevin Farmer,

24 Melissa Harris, 25 Kenneth White BARROWS (Heavy Weight)

1 O.C. McKeehan, 2 Ann Melton, 3 David Wilkerson, 4 Patti Bird, 5 Todd Robertson, 6 Tommy Hays, 7 Roy Johnson, 8 Billy Ray Riley, 9 McKeehan, 10 Mike Jorden, 11 Walter Elmore, 12 David Wilkerson, 13 Dana Faglie

GRAND CHAMPION BARROW-Billy Ray Riley RESERVE CHAMPION BARROW-Tommy Hays GILTS-JUNIOR (Light Weight) 1 Billy Riley, 2 D.W. Best, 3 Randy Best, 4 Roy Johnson, 5 Robert

GILTS-JUNIOR (Medium Weight) 1 Mike Jorden, 2 Taresia English, 3 Jorden GILTS-JUNIOR (Heavy Weight) 1 Taresia Eng-

lish, 2 Mark Bland, 3 David Wilkerson GRAND CHAMPION GILT--Taresia English, RESERVE CHAMPION GILT-Mark Bland

GILTS -OPEN (Light-Weight) 1 English, Bland, 3

Ricky Riley RABBITS Jr. Does (Rex)1 Hayes, (Broken Rex)2 Hayes, (Black)3 McKeehan SR. DOES-1 McKeehan, 2 Randy Leverich, 3

Robert Miles CHAMPION--Grand-Time Brady, Best Opposite-Randy Leverich

SR. BUCKS-1 Brady, 2 Randy Leverich, 3 Lee Leverich, 4 Debra Laery, 5 Hayes, 6 Robert Miles, 7 Lee Leverich, 8 Michael Langford BROILERS-1 Allen Ries, 2 David Ries, 3 Jimmy

SHOWMANSHIP AWARD given by Taylor Electric Co-op to Jan Melton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs.

# Stenholm announces plans for re-election to House

STAMFORD--Citing mounting tension in the middle east as a prime example of the need for increased United States preparedness as the top priority in the 1980s, Congressman Charles W. Stenholm announced his plans here Tuesday to run for his second term of office.

Stenholm told a large group of supporters of his firm commitment to a stronger defense position that could "leave no doubt in any nation's mind of America's resolve to defend our hard won

"That is one of my primary goals during the next session of Congress," he said. "One of the reasons I am asking for a renewal of my contract to serve the

people of the 17th District."
"Cindy and I wanted to make this announcement here at home where it all began," Stenholm told the group. "We could not have won in 1978 without your We shall continue to work hard to merit your confidence and pledge to every citizen in the district our commitment to listen to their views, to respond to their needs; and to represent them in Washington to the best of our abilities.

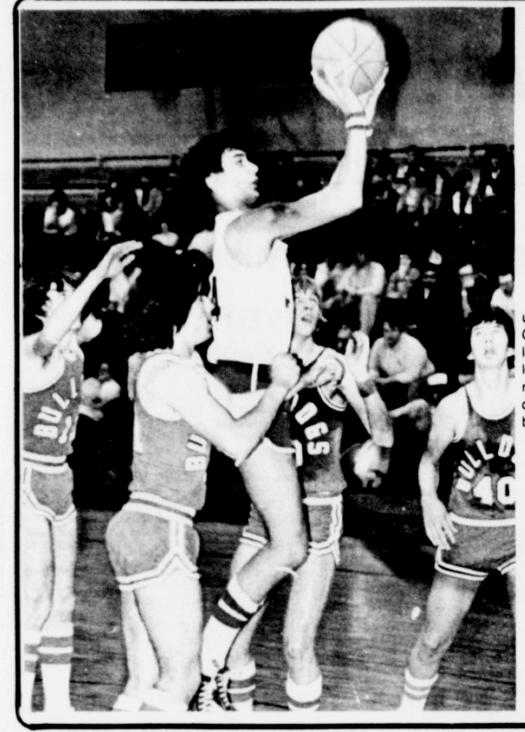
Stenholm, 41, was elected to Congress following the retirement of longtime Congressman Omar Burleson of Anson. He serves on the House Agriculture Committee and was recently named to the House Small Business Committee. A native of Jones County, he graduated from Tarleton State University in 1959 and in 1961 received his BS degree from Texas Tech University. The following year he earned his MS in Agriculture Education at Texas Tech.

Stenholm told the group of the "new and varied challenges" faced every day in the Congress. Outlini g his overall views, he said he had "every confidence in our system of government and I am optimistic about the second session of the 96th Congress." he stressed the elimination of deficit spending as another primary goal and emphasized his intentions "to continue to do all that is possible to cut any unnecessary federal spending.

"The true test of a good Congressman however is

"The true test of a good Congressman however is knowing where to cut-knowing what is unnecessary fat and what is real muscle. In the case of national defense, we are dealing with the backbone of our country," he emphasized.

"We are grateful for the encouragement and help given by all of our good friends in the past and during the upcoming campaign," Stenholm concluded. "We know our roots here in Texas soil will continue to provide the strength and determination to use all of our energies in service to the people of the 17th District."



Merkel's Tony Wax puts up a shot against the Coahoma Bulldogs here last Friday. The Badgers lost to even their district record at 1-1 and are 8 on the year. (Staff photo by Cloy A. Richards)

# FFA spotlights two

Taresia English, se-Orr dead noir, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George English is a student in V.A IV this year. She feeds at 95 and shows hogs for all major shows. Taresia was awarded the swine Lillie Cleveland Drr. production award her 95, of Merkel died at sophomore and junior 9:30 p.m. Wednesday at vear Her junior year a local nursing nome she got the DEKAIB and after a lengthy illness.

woodworking award at

the local level.

Taresia was on the Church of Christ. farm Radio Team which Larry Gill, minister, placed first at district officiated. Burial was in contest and fourth at the Rose Hill Cemetery, directed by Starbuck Fu-

neral Home. Born Nov. 15, 1884, in Hunt County, she moved to Merkel at an early age and had lived here ever since. She was a member of the Church of Christ. She married Charles Orr Aug. 8, 1904,

Services were at 4 p.m.

Friday at Merkel

Lillie

in Merkel. Mr. Orr died Sept. 10,

Survivors include two sons, Clifford of Abilene and Burnett of Merkel; a daughter, Fairy Pribble of Merkel; five grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and four great-grea tgrandchildren.



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area IV contest. She participates on the livestock judging team and the Dairy Production Team.

Jan Melton, junior, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Benny Melton, is in V.A. III this year. She has participated in all also received awards in FFA with her lambs such as sheep production. She was on the Radio Team which placed first in district and fourth in area IV

competition. All of her lambs placed in the top three in the Merkel Stock Show. She also won the Showmanship Award presented by the Taylor Electric Co-op. participates in all FFA activities. She is on the Dairy Produce team the livestock judging team, and public speaking. Jan acts as delegate at the district and area and state level. That was

FFA SPOTLIGHT

#### JANUARY CLEARANCE SALE \$1500 **DRESSES** \$3400\_\$7800 VALUE RACK OF \$500 BLOUSES UP TO 129" VALUE \$5°5 \_ \$13°0 \$750 KNIT TOPS VALUE \$2500 -\$1250 \$ 1000 - \$500 SUBTEENS VALUE SELECT GROUP

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# Girls on top

The Merkel girls ran their season district record to a perfect 4-0 mark and tied for the district 6-2A lead with perinnial power Abilene Wylie.

The girls record went to 4-0 as they took an eight point win over Coahoma here last Friday. Norma Frazier and Nancy Click provided the scoring punch as Frazier scored 22 and Click poured in 18. Jackie Casey also had nine for the Badgers

Girls coach Jan Averitt told the Mail Monday that she was nervous as a mouse about the Friday showdown with Wylie at the Wylie Gym. She said the winner would definitely have the inside track on the district championship.

Coach Averitt expressed concern with bad passing performance in the Coahoma win and also said they were getting into too much foul trouble.

Results of Tuesday's game against Colorado City here were unavailable at press time.

# Boys record 7-8

The Badger boys fell below the 500 mark as their season record went to 7-8 after taking a 17 point spanking from Coahoma Friday.

Badger coach Byron Shelley told the Mail that bad free throw shooting, execution and spotty floor shooting spelled doom for the Badgers.

The boys are now 1-1 in district play as their victory came against Stamford before the Christmas holidays.

In the Coahoma loss, senior Chris Cox paced the Badgers with 23 points while Tony Wax had 14 and Robert Fowler added eight.

#### Art Association meets

The Merkel Art Association met January 7 at 7 p.m. at United Sav-

The meeting was called to order by Ruth Hogan, president. Minutes of the previous meeting were read by Ruth Tipton, secretary.

The president appointed special committees for the ensuing year. They are: Ways and Means- Ruth Cox, Elizabeth Hicks and Ann Doan; Program and Projects- Frankie Smith, Marie Beaird, and Ruth Tipton; Hospitality- Ethel Pee, Shane Smith, Pat Neff and

Mary Stanley: Tele-

phone- Ann Doan, Cora Reeves and Marie Beaird; Year Book- Mary Stanley and Ruth Tipton.

Plans were made for an art demonstration to be held at the next meeting, February 4 at the United Savings in Merkel. All active members (unless sickness or work prevents attending meetings) are invited to attend.

Ruth Cox is January Artist of the Month and will be honored with a reception and tea by United Savings of Merkel, Friday, January 11th. The public is invited to attend.

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#### Dear Editor...

Dear Editor:

The Merchants who attended the "Merchants Appreciat i o n Dinner" a few days ago knew about the event. So many people in the community have asked "What really happened" that we use this means to explain what hap-pened and who did it. There were hundreds of people involved in the 'Appreciation Dinner" and we also wanted to say "Thank You" to so many.

One morning I was awakened by the thought that our Merchants and bus s i n e ss people in the Merkel Community were really fine people with a strug-gle to keep things going, and that too many of us were not aware of their effort to provide us with shopping places and outlets. In fact, we seem to be caught up in the maze of suspicion-fear and disgust at rising prices and inflation and take it out on those who sell goods and service. There should be a way to let our business world know that we really do appreciate them.

The idea of a Merchants Appreciat i o n Dinner was presented and accepted by those contacted. Those service on the planning committee were Charles Eager, Jimmy Jacobs, Ginny Yaddow, Pat Neff, Mary Hill, Mildred Cypert and Russell Mc-Anally. Mary Hill was selected Secretary Treasurer, and only one meeting was held to plan the entire affair. One hundred thirty invitations were mailed out to business leaders and other dignatures. The entire community entered into the project with enthusiasm.

The dinner was provided by the following: the Masons, Farmers Union, Farm Bureau, and Methodist Men provided the baked ham. Home baked bread was given by the Eastern Star. Green beans came from the garden club. The candied sweet potatoes came from the garden of Russell Mc-Anally and were cooked by the members of the Fortnightly Club. Salads were prepared by Lambda Beta, and desserts came from Xi Nu Chi. Butman Methodist Camp furnished knives, forks and enoone Co.

napkins and other supplies came from the Methodist Church. The First Baptist Church bought the stamps and supplies for mailing the invitations. Ladies from Pioneer United Methodist helped serve along with these others, as listed-Mildred Cypert, Mae Seago, Ruby Shipman, Anna Belle Shouse, Mary Russom, Alice King, and Lynward Harrison. Expenses and dona-

tions to be accounted for is listed so you will know. Expenses-Ham, \$95. Postage and enve-lopes, \$36. Coffee and tea, \$5. Table covering, \$5. for a total dollar expense of \$141. Donations of money-Masons, \$50. Baptist Church, \$25. Methodist Men, \$18. Farmers Union, \$20. for a total of \$113. Sold from oversupply of ham, \$35. making a total of \$148. As you can see we came out \$7 ahead which will be used as a nest egg to start the Merchants Appreciation Dinner in 1980 as everyone we have talked to are asking that it be done Sixty business places

were represented at the dinner, and those pre-sent listed over two hundred and fifty employees. We have received letters and telephone calls expressing appreciation for the Appreciation Dinner from the business places. Besides all this there were hundreds and hundreds of community people joined together to put on this Appreciation Dinner. Some business places offered to provide the dinner, but they do so much through the year in so many ways that we wanted the Community to do this for our Business friends. One thing is sure; there would be no Merkel without you. My sincere thanks to each one who responded through work and provisions to make this a success. Perhaps next year, more busi-ness leaders will accept our invitations as they will know there are no strings attached and it is only a big Thank You-Appreciation Dinner from your friends.

Thanks to the Lions Club for letting us use their building.
Russell McAnally

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### School menu

The Merkel ISD School Menu beginning Thursday, January 10 is as follows:

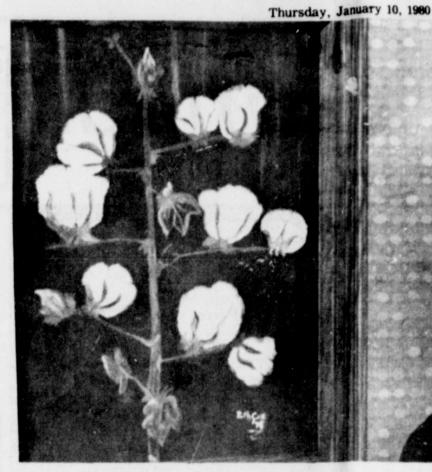
Thursday-Tin can casserole, vegetable salad, choice of dressing, cornbread, milk, plum cobbler

Friday-Hot dogs with chili, pinto beans, pickle relish, sliced onions, coney buns, milk, cowboy

Monday-Beef tacos, taco sauce, spanish rice, lettuce and cheese, orange wedge

Tuesday-Chili beans. with beef, green salad, choice of dressing, cornbread, peaches with whip topping

Wednesday-Fried steak, cream gravy, hot rolls, whipped potatoes, seasoned green beans, chilled pears



Rth Cox of Merkel has been named as the Merkel Art Association's Artist of the Month. Some of her

Survivors include

three sons, Larry B. and

Alex, both of Amarillo,

and Morris B. of Mine-

ral Wells; three daugh-

ters, Mrs. Leo Ortega of

Amarillo, Minnie Cha-

vez of Mineral Wells and

Janie Ramirez of Belle-

vue; three brothers, Le-

on, Juan and Manuel

Biera, all of Merkel; one

sister, Soledad Vasquez

of San Antonio; and 12

Roy Dickerson

Services for Roy Ber-

vel Dickerson, 68, were

held Sunday, December

23, at 3 p.m. in Singleton

grandchildren.

## **Obituaries**

Theresa B. Ramirez, 57, of Merkel, died at 2:20 a.m. Saturday at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo following a lengthy illness. Services were at 10 a.m. Monday in Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church in Merkel.

The Rev. Jerome O'Mahoney officiated. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery in Merkel, directed by Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born March 22, 1922, in Merkel, she lived there most of her life. moving to Amarillo two years ago. She was a member of the Catholic paintings, inclding the one she is pictoed with, will be displayed at United Savings here. (Staff photo by glenn Richards)

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Home. Born May 6, 1911 in Parker County, south of Millsap, Texas, he died December 21 at 6:10 p.m. in the Permian General Hospital Emergency Room following a sudden illness.

He moved to Caps south of Abilene, Aug. 29, 1922. He was a 91/2 year resident of Andrews, previously residing in Lamesa for fifteen years. He was a retired self-emp l o y ed cattle buyer.

He married Molly Wright January 1, 1959 in Lamesa. He had been a Baptist since May

Survivors include: his wife, Molly of Andrews; one son, Billy Roy Dickerson of Odessa; two daughters, Alene Cochran and Renee Dickerson, both of Andrews; his mother, Amzy Dickerson of Merkel; five sisters, Minnie Carey, Linnie Hatfield, Bea Carey, and Edith Noah, all of Merkel, and Elsie Booe of Seminole; four brothers, Otis Dickerson, Joe Dickerson, and Troy Dickerson, all of Merkel, and Odell Dickerson of Trent; and four grandchildren. His father, Frank W. Dickerson, preceded him in death in February, 1962.

## Cox named Merkel Art Associations Artist of the Month

Ruth Cox of 202 Cherry, Merkel, was named as the Merkel Art Association's Artist of the

Mrs. Cox said she does oil painting, water colors. She says she has been painting since 1970 and has studied art in school as well as having experience in art instruction. Her favorite subjects for her art are still lifes, houses and farm scenes.

Mrs. Cox is a charter member of the Merkel Art Association and she frames her painting herself. Some of her work will be on display this month at the Merkel Branch of United Sav-

#### AUCTION

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Jan and Ann Melton show off their sheep and ribbons following the recent Merkel Livestock Show. Jan was a big winner in the show. Complete resits are listed in this week's Mail. (Photo codesy Taylor Bectric and Ronny Doan)

### Victory singers

Victory Gospel Singers will meet January 14th at 7 p.m. at their regular place of meeting, 307 El Paso Street. All who love good sing-ing are invited to attend.

#### On team

Artie Asencio, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Cascio played in the All-Star European Foot-ball Championship. His team played Spain and Germany All-Stars and won. Artie's team cap-tured the title of The European Football

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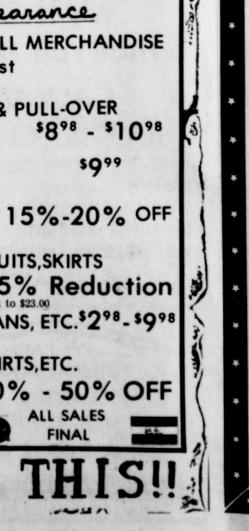
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On behalf of the retired tenants of Brickhaven. Shannonside and Pleasantville, we would like to say Thank You to all who provided the nice Christmas Party in the Pleasantville Community Room, Dec. 19,

Especially to Mr. Don Hensley and the F&M National Bank for the nice bags of fruit; to Mr. Herman Carson and the Carson Groc. for the candy and nuts and bagging for Santa as well as the Monopoly game; to Emma's Clothes Closet for the candy canes and the dominoes; to the many nice ladies: Betty Conley, Emma Shugart, Betty Doan, Betty Satterwhite, Bink Smith,

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The Staff and Directors of Housing Authority I want to express my appreciation to all of you for your love and

concern you always showed Tutt with your friendship and love for him made his long illness much easier for him to get by from day to day. Your prayers, phone calls, cards, and visits were a great comfort to him. Also, thank you for the love you have shown me since his passing. Tutt and I always had a special place in our hearts for our Merkel friends. May God bless

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Dear friends, neighbors and loved ones, we wish to thank you for all your prayers, kind words and love during the illness and loss of our loved one.

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A special thanks to all who helped make our final service so special. The family of George Smith

We would like to thank all of our friends who have been so generous during our time of need. We appreciate every good deed that has been

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These are two of the 48 trailers that will be moved as a part of a recent pochase of land near Dyess Air Force Base. The land was pochased by

the government becase it is a danger area. (Staff photo by glenn Richards)

# Vandals cause \$3,000 to Tye

Vandals have caused at least \$3,000 in damages in Tye according to the Tye Police Chief.

The chief told the Mail Monday that windows at the Police Station, a beauty shop next door, Boyd Window and Screen Repair, Hughes Diesel Service, highway billboard signs and a private residence all came from BBs being fired through windows.

A custodian at Tye Elementary told the Mail that window damage at Tye Elementary was from a rock-throwing incident and two female juveniles are being sought in connection with damages at the

school. School maintenance personnel installed new glass at Tye Elementary.

Local businessman Harold Boyd told the Mail that he and some of the others that have been hit by vandals are "waiting to catch the vandals red-handed, and call the law."

Three youths have been identified by the Tye Police Department as having caused at least some of the damages. It was not known at press time if charges against a 16, 15, and 10 year old boys would be filed. Parents of the three youths have been asked to make restitution for the damages.



Tye Police Chief Joe Rcizdlo points ou some damage left by a recent boot of vandalism. The

chief said three yoths admitted responsibility for the \$3,000 in damages. (Staff photo by glenn Richards)

# Tye scribe rings in the new

by Harold Boyd

Another decade is here and at this writing doesn't look very promising of "Peace". We shouldn't overlook the issue in the far East for today's miles are only hours apart.

What's happening in Tye? This week our city council will have met and we shall report its happenings next week's column. One of the major items is to advertise for bids on the Waste Program better know as the sewer system. Yes the bid specifications can be viewed at our city hall or the consultants of Yeatts and Deeker Associates. Surely a dream or reality to come true. Another item is the discussion of a new city hall. Our present one is too small and not very sound or lacks room. So in '80 our city will progress to the betterment of all and hopes that we can continue our steady growth. It is with due regret that we will be losing some 40 families from the El Tye-O Mobile park. This is due to the interest of future safety of trailers and families in an approach area of Dyess AFB. I'm sure Ken and Violet Law regret this sale of the land but also they are interested in the welfare and safety of those who must move. Best of luck to you and do hope you'll like or can settle here elsewhere in Tye.

Over the holidays we business people as well as our school had suffered several thousand dollars worth of glass and sign damage here in Tye. There are a few unattended young people, a few parents who don't know or care what their children do, and are let to roam the city with air guns, bb guns, to do damage to others property as well as the school. This damage, especially the school, will come out of our

taxpayers pockets and the families that are somewhat responsible are transit people. Our city policeman has this thing under investigation and some strong suspects who are juveniles. So it has to be bore by us to replace the damage out of our pockets, etc. So be it an additional expense to others. Our city has an ordinance covering the use, etc. of air guns, etc. in the city. Our police chief has waged wars on anyone caught in the act of damaging property or whatever. Also, there are a few concerned citizens who are watching certain areas where damage has been done, and won't be afraid to report and follow through to the point of going into court to testify.

To the staff at city hall, sure looks good our water and refuse bill and hope that this machine saves time as well as dollars. Should you citizens have a problem with your billings, contact Pat at city hall and I'm sure she will look or go over it with you.

Keep up the good job, girls.

How was your holiday? Surely I hope that it was one of good health and fellowship and that Santa did you well. Now it is the time of the year that we look back over the past year and avoid those mistakes this coming year. Got to work some three and a half months to take care of the government and then I can go to work for myself. Then comes April 15 when we all must file our 1040 forms and most people will

receive something back whereas others must send a little extra, but this is every year.

But for this week, I shall close and wish you a good week of good health.

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GREETINGS:

TO: Jamie Denise Bo-

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pear and answer before

the Honorable 326th Di-

strict Court, Taylor

County, Texas, at the

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as, at or before 10

o'clock a.m. of the

Monday next after the

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Matter of The Marriage

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Taylor County, Texas.

By Johnnie Woodard,

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AGAINST THE ES

TATE OF WILLIAM B.

BURRIS, DECEASED

Deputy

326th District Court,

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### 43 will move from park

Forty-three families will be and are being moved from a portion of El-Tye-O Trailer Park for their own safety, says Air Force officials in the wake of last week's purchase of about 13 acres from the Tye business.

Lt. Col. Donald Neal. chief information officer at Dyess Air Force Base said the Air Force purchased the land because a study two years ago indicated that sight as being the most prone for an aircraft accident.

The Air Force refers to the areas around Air Force installations and between any commercial, private facility as a buffer zone. Military installations were asked three years ago by the Department of Defense to make studies to insure that proper buffer zones were left undeveloped between homes, businesses and military runways.

The government is paying part of the relocation cost for the 43 families that had to move their trailers. Violet Law at El-Tye-O said most of the trailers involved in the move are owned by El-Tye-O and that portion had also just undergone rennovations in utility hookups and parking areas for trailers.

The Air Force will take control of the 13 acres at El-Tye-O and 153 other acres involved in the sale at the end of April.

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HOGAN BURRIS.

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Mr. and Mrs. Leo Harris celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary Sunday, January 6. Their daughter and son, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Lucas, Russell, Teresa and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harris, Melissa and Kris hosted the party in the Lucas home. They

were assisted by Mr and Mrs. Harold Hohhertz, Brenda and Tim. The lace covered table was beautiful with the white cake and red roses and red roses floral arrangement. Many beautiful gifts were received by the couple and about 60 friends attended.

#### F.F.A. to compete

Jerry Gibson, and Buc-The Merkel FFA ky Crouse, son of Mr. Chapter would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who contributed to the Merkel Livestock Association. Thanks to you our show was a great suc-

Taresia English, Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George English, Jan held in Abilene, January and Ann Melton, daugh-19 to the 23. The Chapter ters of Mr. and Mrs. will be taking 40 pigs, 37 Benny Melton, Jay Giblambs, 10 pens of broison, son of Mr. and Mrs.

in county show

and Mrs. Paul Crouse, attended the Sand Hill Finewool Show in Odessa this past week. Sponsors of the group were Benny Melton, J.A. Sadler, and ag teacher J.T. Naron. The county and regional stock show will be

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Harris

#### Look who's here

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Hicks are proud to announce the arrival of their new son Bradley Scott. Brad was born Dec. 15, 1979 at 12:10 p.m. He weighed 8 lbs 2 oz and was 211/2 inches

long. Brad's maternal grandparents are Mr.a and Mrs. John M. Swenson of Avoca, and his paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hicks of Merkel.

# Merkel cemetery donations

Donations to the Merkel Cemetery Association as of December 31, 1979 are as follows: Bessie T. Merritt, Viola Ensminger in memory of Ensminger and Turner families, Maureen White, Mrs. R. E. Wilburn, Nina Sherrell in memory of Ernest Douglas, Ruby Thornton, Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Isenhower, Mr. and Mrs. Odell Anderson, L. L. Proctor, Mr. and Mrs. Joel Crain, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Darsey, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Weston, Mrs. Autrey Pence, Bebbie L. Knight, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Morgan in memory of our little grandson and other loved ones, Alice Glenn Ricks, J. D. Witcher, Inez Detrick in memory of Leslie Detrick, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Jordan Jr., Mr. and Mrs. John Rister, Patricia A. Dalziel, T. E. Meeks, Leonard Stribbling, Pet Touchstone in memory of Mossie and Eula Sears. P.C.M., Mrs. Kennith Pee in memory of Owen Brady, Ruth Reidenbach in memory of Mrs. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Spurgin in memory of Ted Bicknell, Thomas and Vennie L. Green, Maureen White, Ray Earthman, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wilson in memory of Rilla Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Jones, Pet Touchstone in memory of Owen Brady, Sallie Gant in memory of O. E. Brady, W B. Arnwine, Dr. and Mrs. W.T. Sadler in memory of

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# Six new numbers to help consumers

COLLEGE STATION--Six new hotline numbers can help consumers solve problems, says Claudia Kerbel, a consumer information specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

These new numbers include Department of Energy-1-800-424-9246. Consumers can report possible pricing violations by retail and

wholesale petroleum firms.

International Fabricare Institute--1-800-638-2627. Call this number for information on dry cleaning problems which involve dry cleaners who are members of the International Fabricare Institute.

Mainstream, Inc.-1-800-424-8089. This non-profit organization provides confidential answers to questions about laws relating to the handicapped, particularly those questions concerning employ-

Reynolds Aluminum Recycling Company--1-800-228-2525. Call this number for the location of the aluminum collection point nearest you.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation--1800-424-5488. Call this number if you have a complaint concerning a bank insured by the FDIC.

Commodity Futures Trading Commission--1-800-424-9838. Call this number to find out whether a firm or sales representative is registered as required by law and whether any administrative or judicial action has been taken against the firm.

Nine other hotline numbers that can help are: Consumer Product Safety Commission--1-800-638-8326. Report a potentially dangerous product or a product-related injury, and request free fact sheets on a wide range of products.

CPSC investigates anything from toothpicks to tricycles but does not regulate safety of cars, boats,

airplanes, food, cosmetics or drugs. Auto Safety Hot-Line--1-800-424-9393. Call this number to find out whether a car has ever been

recalled because of safety defects. Use this number to report hazardous aspects of a car, and ask for free brochures and fact sheets. This hotline is staffed by the National Highway

Traffic Safety Administration. Solar Hot-Line--1-800-523-2929. Staffed by the National Solar Heating and Cooling Information Center, they provide information and brochures on

solar heating and cooling.
Housing Discrimination Hot-Line--1-800-424-8590. THis number is provided by the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

They investigate charges of housing discrimination based on race, color, sex and national origin.

However, they can't help if the discrimination is based on marital status. Lawyer Referral Service-1-800-252-9690. Call this number, provided by the State Bar of Texas, for the

name of a local attorney who specializes in a particular problem. Education Hot-Line-1-800-638-6700. For information on federal grants for undergraduate college students, call this number. This hot-line is staffed by

the Office of Education, Department of Health, Education and Welfare. Operation Venus--1-800-523-1885. Call this number

for information about veneral disease. They will give the name of a local free testing clinic.

Hearing-Aid Help-Line-1-800-424-8576. For information on hearing disabilities, call this number. It is staffed by the Better Hearing Institute.

They will refer you to local doctors, clinics and hearing-aid dealers.

Moving Hot-Line-1-800-424-9312. Call this number for general information about transporting household goods--and for assistance with loss-and-damage claims.

It is staffed by the Interstate Commerce

## Garden Club list donations

The members of the Merkel Garden Club are appreciative of the friends of the cemetery who contribute to the Merkel Garden Club Cemetery Fence Fund. This money is on deposit at F & M Bank in a special account and draws interest until needed. Anyone wishing to make a memorial or honor someone, should

contact Mrs. Johnny

Cox, 212 Cherry, 928-5315 and a card will be sent to the person named.

These memorials have been made recently: Mrs. Louise Sudderth honoring Mr. Mack Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Fox honoring Mrs. Dee Perry, Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Fox nonoring Mr. Hobb Robertson, Mrs. Lottie Oswald honoring Mrs. Dovie Cox, Minnie Coats,

Hazel and Ted Pargament honoring Mr. Irl Walker, Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Boaz honoring Mrs. Beulah Stanford, Leslie and Dee Dee Masonheimer honoring Mr. and Mrs. Fenton Boyd, the James Masonheimer family honoring O.D. and America E. Pruett, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Cypert honoring Mr. Owen Edwin Brady, Mrs. Johnny Cox honoring

Mr. Owen Edwin Brady, Mr. and Mrs. Robert T. Hodge honoring Mr. Irl Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Robert T. Hodge honoring Mr. Albert Chaney, Mr. and Mrs. Robert T. Hodge honoring Mrs. Beulah Stanford, Mrs. Allen D. King honoring Mrs. Beryl Healy, Mrs. Allen D. King honoring Mr. Allen D. King, Mrs. Johnny Cox honoring Mrs. Myrtle Buford.

Merkel Badgers 979-80 Raskethall Schedule

Date	School	Place	Teams	Time
Nov. 17	Abilene High	Here	G-B, G-A	6:30
Nov. 20	Hamlin	Here	B-A&B, G-A&B	4:00
Nov. 27	Sweetwater	Here	B-A&B G-A&B	4:00
29, 30, 1	Anson Tourri	There	B-A, G-A	
29, 30, 1	Winters Tourn.	There	B-B, G-B	
Dec. 4	Hamlin	There	B-A&B, G-A&B	4:00
6, 7, 8	Merkel Tourn.			6:30
Dec. 11	Winters	inere :	G-A&E	6:30
Dec. 13	Ballinger	Here	G-AFF	6:30
13, 14, 15	Roscoe tourn.	There	B-A	
Dec. 18	3támford	There	B-A&B, G-A&B	4:00
Dec. 20	Abilene Christian		Varsity Girls	
21, 22	Tourn.			
Jan. 3,	Anson (Jr) Tourn.	There	B-B. G-B	
4, 5				
Jan. 4	Coahoma	Here	B-A, G-A&B	5:00
Jan. 8	C-City	Here	B-A&B, G-A&B	4:00
Jan. 11	Wylie	There	B-A&B, G-A&B	4:00
Jan. 15	Anson	Here	B-A&B, G-A&B	4:00
Jan. 18	Winters	Here	B-A&B, G-A&B	4:00
Jan. 22	Ballinger	There	B-A&B, G-A&B	4:00
Jan. 25	Stamford	Here	B-A&B, G-A&B	5:00
Jan. 29	Coahoma	There	B-A&B, G-A&B	4:00
Feb. 1	C-City	There	B-A&B, G-A&B	4:00
Feb. 5	Wylie	Here	B-A&B, G-A&B	4:00
Feb. 8	Anson	There	B-A&B, G-A&B	4:00
Feb. 12	Winters	There	B-A&B	6:30
Feb. 15	Ballinger	Here	B-A&B	6:00
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TRENT HIGH SCHOOL AND JR. HIGH 1979-80 BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

	Opponent	Piace	Teams	Time
Tues. Nov. 6	Ira	Here	G (HS&JH)	6:00
Tues. Nov. 13	Jayton	There	G (HS&JH)	6:30
Mon. Nov. 19	Divide	Here	B&G (JH)	6:30
Tues. Nov. 20	McCaulley	Here	B&G (HS&JH)	5:30
Tues. Nov. 27	Hobbs	Here	B&G (HS)	6:30
ThursSat. Nov. 29-Dec. 1	Trent Tourn.	Here	(HS)	
Mon. Dec. 3	Divide	There	B&G (JH)	6:30
Tues. Dec. 4	Hobbs	There	B&G (HS)	6:30
Fri. Dec. 7	OPEN	111010	200 (12)	0.00
Tues. Dec. 11	Jayton	Here	B&G (HS)	6:30
ThursSat. Dec. 13-15	Roscoe Tourn.	There	(HS)	
Tues. Dec. 18	McCaulley	There	B&G (HS)	8:30
ThursSat. Dec. 27-29		There	(HS)	0.30
Fri. Jan. 4	Jayton Tourn.	There	B&G (HS)	6:30
Mon. Jan. 7	Highland Blackwell	There	B&G (JH)	
Tues. Jan. 8	Bronte	There	B&G (HS)	6:30
Fri. Jan. 11	Robert Lee	Here	B&G (HS)	6:30
Mon. Jan. 14		There	B&G (JH)	6:30
Tues. Jan. 15	Wingate	Here		6:30
Jan. 17-19	Highland	There	B&G (HS)	6:30
Fri. Jan. 18	Blackwell Tourn. Divide	There	B&G (JH)	
Mon. Jan. 21		There	B&G (HS)	6:30
Tues. Jan. 22	Divide	Here	B&G (JH)	6:30
Jan. 24-26	Blackwell	There	B&G (HS)	6:30
Fri. Jan. 25	Highland tourn.		B&G (JH)	1
Mon. Jan. 28	Bronte	Here	B&G (HS)	6:30
Tues. Jan. 29	Blackwell	Here	B&G (JH)	6:30
Fri. Feb. 1	Robert Lee	There	B&G (HS)	6:30
Mon. Feb. 4	OPEN	Here	DAC (TIL	
Tues. Feb. 5	Wingate		B&G (JH)	6:30
	Divide	Here	B&G (HS)	6:30
Fri. Feb. 8	Blackwell	There	B&G (HS)	6:30
Mon. Feb. 11	Divide	Here	B&G (JH)	6:30
Unknown	Hobbs tourn	There	B&G (JH)	7

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#### Merkelits receives promotion

Dan Hollis, President and the Board of Directors of First National Bank of Henderson are happy to announce the promotion of Kathy Williams to Personnel Offi-

Mrs. Williams was previously employed by First National Bank in Garland as Personnel Administrator. Mrs. Williams has seven years experience in personnel and two years as Credit Manager for a

large jewelry firm. Kathy and her husband, Jimmy have one daughter, Michele. Kathy is a native of Merkel and is the daughter of Orene Windham and the late A.C. (Buddy) Windham. Jimmy is employed with Texas Utilities and they have a new home in Chamberlain

# Legal notice

THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: Samuel Robert Williams, Defendant, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 25th day of February A.D. 1980, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 8th day of January A.D. 1980, in this cause, numbered 36,450-A on the docket of said court and styled Leslie C. Strange, Trus-tee, Plaintiff, vs. Samuel Robert Williams, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Trespass to Try Title to Lot 17, Block 15, Section 2, NORTHWOOD AD D I-TION to the City of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas and special pleas of Limitations as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law dir-

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 8th day of January A.D.

Attest: Irene Crawford clerk, 42nd District Court, Taylor County, Texas. By Rella Mahoy,

THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: A.F. GOLLI-HUGH Deceased, the. Unknown Stockholders of W.C. Belcher Land

Mortgage Company, and any person, firm or corporation having any right, title and interest in Lot 9, Block 10, Lakeside Addition to the City of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, Defendants, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 25th day of February A.D. 1980, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 8th day of January A.D. 1980, in this cause, numbered 36,449A on the docket of said court and styled

Opal Marie Alexander Earnest and Maida Estelle Alexander Judd. Plaintiffs, vs. A. F. Gollihugh et al, Defen-A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Suit for full title to Lot 9. Block 10, Lakeside Addition to the City of

Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, and special pleas of Statutes of Limitation as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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Attest: Irene Craw-ford Clerk, 42nd District Court, Taylor County, Texas. By Rella Mahoy, Deputy.

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#### Saturday. (Staff photo by Cloy A. Richards) Notice to merchants

pens a little more pleasant, at least for the pigs.

Their stock show is schedled to begin at 10 a.m.

Food and Cloth in g merchants who are interested in entering into a contract with the Community Action Program, Inc. for a food and clothing voucher program should contact Martha E. Romero-Marchitelli at 720 Pine,

Abilene, Texas or call 673-5785. Stores participating will honor our vouchers and the Community Action Program will reimburse them. A contract will be worked out with those stores participating.

#### Heating bill help

The Community Action Program on 720 Pine Street is now accepting applications for assistance under the "Energy Crisis Assis-

tance Program, 1980". The E.C.A.P. program is designed to help families who experience energy needs due to the direct result of the high cost of utility bills. Counties will include Taylor, Haskell, Jones, Throckmorton, and Shackelford.:

All applicants must qualify under C.S.A. po-

verty income guidelines. Proof of income, in writing, must be presented. Past due or current utility bills should be provided. Other limited assistance may be available to qualified applicants.

Termination for the program is September 30, 1980. All interested individuals may apply at 720 Pine Street between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. or may call 673-5785. For local information, contact Viola Harris at 928-5204.

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# Trent show set for Saturday

Trent FFA will sponsor their annual stock show Saturday at the Trent Livestock Barn beginning at 10 a.m. Mike Ray, vocational agriculture instructor at Trent High told the Mail that the smaller classifications will be run Saturday morning, and classification such as hogs, which boast over 120 entries, will be judged after lunch.

Speaking of lunch, Trent High FFA and FHA groups are sponsoring a barbecued beef plate lunch from noon until 1:30. Cost for serving is \$2.50 and everyone is invited to attend the feast

FFA members were busy Monday adding dirt to swine pens and readying the show area for

# Grain transportation poll conducted

PLAINVIEW, TX .- Texas farmers will have a unique opportunity to be heard on grain transportation issues through a poll announced today by Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc.

James W. Lindsey, president of Pioneer's Southwestern Division, today outlined details of the "Pioneer Poll on Grain Transportation" to be conducted in 16 major agricultural states to gather farmers' opinions on the current crisis in grain transportation.

"The purpose," Lindsey said, "is to find out exactly how serious our current transportation problems are, how they affect farmers in various regions and what farmers think should be done.

According to Lindsey, poll results will be publicized and shown to key decision-makers to give them a better understanding of farmers' views.

"Pioneer dealers are responsible for distribution and gathering of completed questionnaires," Lindsey said. "Each dealer is encouraged to work for maximum distribution and return in his area by reaching all concerned grain producers.

Estimates are that this poll, available to all farmers, will yield as many as 75,000 completed questionnaires, possibly more.

"Polling this extensive is unusual," Lindsey said,

facing farmers in many areas."

Prepared by Jefferson Davis Associates, a Cedar Rapids, Iowa research firm and Yankelovich, Skelly and White, Inc., New York, the questionnaire asks farmers to respond to more than 50 statements on grain transportation issues.

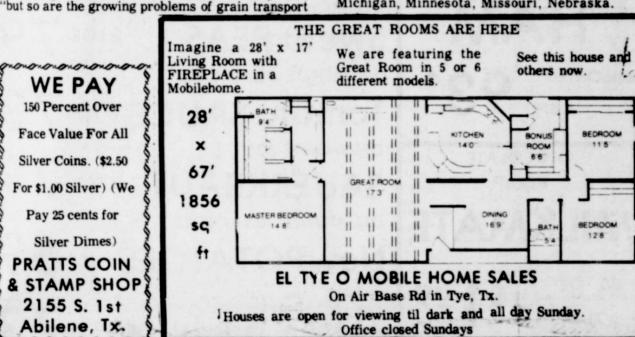
Subject areas include rural roads and bridges, railroads, barge lines as well as rates and regulations affecting grain carriers.

Every questionnaire will be electronically scanned to provide the total result. Findings of this poll should provide the most complete picture yet of the current relationship of transportation and the American farmer, according to Lindsey.

This is one of the most effective ways I can think of for farmers to reach those who can help solve transportation problems-shippers, carriers, law-makers, government agencies," Lindsey added.

"The best way to make farmer opinions count is to make them heard. With the growing importance of crop exports to Texas farmers, we all have a big stake in an efficient system of grain transport, Lindsey said.

In addition to polling Texas farmers, Pioneer will be distributing questionnaires in the following states: Colorado, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska.



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