# The Merkel Mail

Thursday, May 8th, 1980...Merkel, Texas

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#### No surprises in Saturday election

Saturday's Democratic and Republican primaries provided no real surprises here as county and state wide incumbents won either reelection, or qualified

In county races that effect local voters, Bill McKay and John Middleton will go at each other June 7th in a runoff for Sheriff. McKay received 164 more votes than Middleton and both men will be hard at work trying to woo the 3,176 votes Bill Olsen drew as well as the 1,028 votes for Lee Thomas.

State Senator Grant Jones of Abilene swept his reelection from an 11 county area but did not fare well at the Merkel box. Roland Simon Arriola, Jones' opponent outdrew Jones 234-182 at the local box and 19-9 at Pioneer Church Box. Arriola also defeated Jones in three other rural boxes. Jones won reelection by an almost 2-1 margin.

President Carter easily won the Democratic popular vote. In local boxes, Carter drew a 10-1 margin over Kennedy in the Merkel Box, 14-1 at Trent and won by a 5-1 margin in the Trent Box and a 4-1 margin at the Tye Box.

For Railroad Commissioner, incumbents John Poerner and Jim Nugent both took the local boxes, but statewide, challenger Buddy Temple defeated Poerner for a spot on that powerful, statewide

In the Taylor County Sheriff race, Middleton won

the Merkel Box with 199 votes and McKay picked up

In the Republican primary, the local voters went for Ronald Reagan 14-1 and approved the wiretap and referendum propositions on that ballot

At the Precinct 24 Democratic convention, President Carter received all 15 delegates to the county convention. Jackie Reynolds was named precinct chairman and Mrs. W.R. Cypert was named precinct secretary. One resolution was adopted and that calls for a county sales tax to replace the current property taxes. The resolution, made by Dan Allen was unanimously adopted and says "If for any reason the State of Texas of Taylor County proposes to increase any taxes upon property owners, i.e. county or school districts, then, in lieu of taxing property owners, a county sales tax will be proposed and voted upon for possible approval to offset any taxes to property owners.

Delegates to the county convention will be F.T. Hogan Jr., Mr. and Mrs. B.M. Tipton, Billy Bob Toombs, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hogan, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lassiter, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hill, Sandy Hogan and Mr. and Mrs. Henry

A total of 416 of the 1447 voters from the local precinct cast ballots in Saturday's election.



Lucy Haynes was honored as Lambda Beta and XiNu Chi as woman of the year at a recpetion Sunday at the Merkel Methodist Church. (Complimentary photo)

## Lambda Beta-Xi Nu Chi names Lucy Haynes as woman of the year

Lambda Beta and Xi Nu Chi chapters of Lambda Beta Sigma Phi announced their woman of the year at a reception held Sunday at the Methodist Church fellowship hall here.

Mrs. Lucy Tracy Haynes received the award that is usually presented at the Merkel Chamber of

Commerce Banquet each year.

Presidents Pat Neff of Xi Nu Chi and Minyon Seymore of Lambda Beta made the award presentations at the reception, with about 90 people

Mrs. Haynes was graduated valedictorian of her Merkel High Class and then received the Olsen Award at Hardin Simmons for maintaining the highest grade point average at HSU.

Mrs. Haynes represented Merkel at a reception for Charles Lindberg after his famous flight. She is past president of the Fortnightly Study Club and she is currently that club's critic-parliamentarian. She has also played the piano at various First Baptist Church activities over the years.

She enjoys working in her yard and has won the honor of Yard of the Month numerous times. Mrs. Haynes is married to Comer Haynes.

### Chamber planning 4th of July fete

The Merkel Chamber of Commerce met Tuesday morning and announced plans to hold a 4th of July spectacle.

The Chamber is planning a day filled with gospel, country and western, ragtime and rock music, booths of food from various local clubs and organizations, and a flea and vegetable market.

The chamber is planning the event for the Merkel City Park and initial plans call for the outing to run from 10 a.m. until 10 p.m.

Martha Sue Justice and Emma Lois Shugart are heading the chamber committee that is planning the event. Groups that would like to have food booths may contact them, as well as individuals who would like to set up tables of miscellaneous items and vegetables for sale. There will be no charge for any

The chamber also decided Tuesday to start a program that would match people that need various household chores done with local youngsters who are willing to work. The chamber will act as a go-between for workers and persons needing work done. The chamber will now accept names of youngsters who are willing to mow lawns, clean up lawns, gardens and flower beds as well as other household chores

Persons who need work done around their home are also asked to call the chamber at 928-5722 and leave their name and address, as well as a description of the work that needs to be done. The chamber will then go through their files of youngsters who have signed up and get a worker to

your home. There is no charge for that service. Chamber members also discussed finances and other business at the meeting.

#### Cornerstone being set at new Merkel High today

A cornerstone will be set today at Merkel High by

school and everyone is invited to attend the

The Grand Masonic Lodge is donating the Georgia stone and the Grand Master of the Texas Masons will

board members names as well as the Mason

members of the local Masonic Lodge.

#### The ceremony is set for 3:30 p.m. at the new high

also be on hand for the ceremony. The stone is inscribed with the superintendent and

#### Elections, higher gas and rain...finally

by Cloy A. Richards Elections.

No real surprises last week although there may be a couple of messages

The county sheriff's race has been one of popularity it seems, have seen, or hear no real campaigning by any of the candidates, but maybe Misters McKay and Middleton will now start saying how they will run the sheriff's office, if they are elected.

State Senator Grant Jones may have received a message from some rural folks. With the exception of the Trent box, each of the Taylor County rural boxes went to Jones' challenger, Roland Simon

Not that Arriola is some kind of rural-farm champion of any causes, he just happened to be running against Jones, who has cast votes on some agri-business related bills that have upset rural voters, at least in Taylor County.

That rural vote may be more important in the future for the state senatorial seat, following that illogical game called re-districting, conducted by the State Legislature.

The presidential primary was up to par with the rest of the nation's primaries, Carter and Reagan were the winners. Followed closely by uncommitted and Bush.

You may have noticed that the Merkel Mail has been closed during business hours at certain times over the past two weeks. We currently are operating the paper with a full-time staff of two, and one of us came down with the chicken pox. By the way, Suzy Rister has been very kind during her illness, considering that my son probably gave her the disease. She is back now, and is noncontagious so the lock should not be on the door between 9 and noon and from one to five, Monday through Friday.

Youth baseball season is here and you can enjoy baseball action each weekday except Wednesday and usually on Saturday at the Merkel Little League park, and the Tri-City fields, as well as United Girls

Softball games at their park. Concession stands are operating at all three parks so come hungry.

The Merkel Chamber of Commerce is planning a July 4th fun day at the City Park and proceeds will go to help construct a shelter at the City Park for events and reunions.

They are also planning to have various singing

groups, a flea and farmers market, food booths, displays, and other activities. They will also be selling chances on prizes donated by local merchants at 25 cents a shot to fund the construction of the

It is a good idea. With gasoline prices going through the roof, and will be at least ten cents a gallon more expensive by the time you read this column next week because of a new imported gas tax, people will be looking for things to do in their own backyard this summer.

Martha Sue Justice and Emma Lois Shugart are heading the planning committee and I am sure they would welcome any ideas or help in planning the

The British police and special army units certainly came up with a novel way to handle their hostage situation Monday. After the ethnic Iranian terrorists shot a hostage to show police they meant business, soldiers tossed a bomb into the building and rushed

Results?

Three terrorists killed, one wounded, the other unhurt, and 19 hostages walked out. Jolly good show fellas.

A new ten cent surcharge should be showing up on gasoline pumps next week because of another import duty on foreign oil. This price increase is one of the few that oil companies had little to do with, if that is possible. But, with that new constant in the price of gasoline, agricultural research has never been more optimistic about the feasibility, and practicality of renewable, grain alcohol fuel.

And then the farmers, and producing cooperatives

would be the new energy barons. If there are some local farmers around that would be interested in seeking information on various grants and programs available to groups wanting to start manufacturing alcohol fuels, give me a call. If the interest is there, as well as some expertise, various state and federal sources should be available to help set things up. It's worth some research, don't you think?

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Flash....Your rain dances last week must have worked, about two hours after deadline Tuesday with the best shower of the year. Of course, that did not take too much.

Funny thing about rain. Just about every day, a farmer around here either makes a brilliant or boner decision when it comes to rain.



Raymond Moreno puts all he has got into a long jump at Monday's track meet for local fourth, fifth and sixth graders, held at the football field here. (Staff photo)

#### Results from 4,5, 6th grade track meet

Merkel fourth, fifth and sixth graders participated in a track meet at the football field, Monday

Winners include: 4th grade boys high jump Lynn Hayes, Raymond Moreno and Jerry Fuston, 5th grade girls softball throw, Mendez, White and Floyd, 4th grade boys softball throw, Scott McCaskand, Scott Boulter and Kevin Riney

In the 6th grade girls softball throw, Taylor, Irvin and Baker, 5th grade boys high jump R. Doan, B. Pursley and Bowerman, 6th grade boys high jump, James Wright, Todd Yaddow and Kerry Miller, 6th grade boys softball throw, Cain, Heyen and Kellogg, 4th grade boys long jump, Lynn Hays, Raymond Moreno and Chip Dallon, 6th grade girls high jump, Gina Stuckey, Ronna Casey and Kelley Riney, 5th grade girls long jump, Jo Ann Mendez, Michelle Woodard and Anna Dela Cruz, 4th grade girls softball throw, Mandy Pack, April DuPont and Jamie Heyen, 5th grade boys softball throw, Santee, Taylor and Olvera, 5th grade boys long jump, R. Doan, Reagan and Pursley, 6th grade girls long jump, Ronna Casey, Gina Stuckey and Cammie

The 5th grade girls high jump, Tracy Bicknell, Tina Jaramillo and Abby Irvin, 6th grade boys long ump Matt Cain, Jamie Cornell and James Wright, 4th grade girls long jump, Tami Isreal, Carolyn Lally, April DuPont, and the fourth grade girls long jump Carolyn Lally, Ginger Van Gurp and Jamie

The winners were listed in order of placement in each event.

#### Sports banquet held Saturday

The annual All-Sports Banquet was held Saturday night at the school cafeteria with featured speaker Gordon Wood of Brownwood High. Annual awards and recognition was given to students that participated in high school athletics this year.

Wood spoke to the crowd on his philosophies as a coach and what it took to make a winner

Before the awards were handed out, Athletic Director Byron Shelley thanked a few people that he said "I would have never made it through the year without." Included in those thanks were Teddy Hallford, George English, Finley Barnett, Bill Tate, Richard Hill, Max Murrell and Booster Club officers. Art and Becky Herrera, president, Wayne and Linda Goode, vice president and Phillip and Jeanette Pursley, secretary-treasurer.

Shelley also told the crowd, before presenting the football awards "I know that everyone is aware of the dismal record we had last year but I am totally dedicated to improving that mark greatly this year. Best Back award went to Junior Randy Martin, best lineman went to Senior Dwayne Roysden and

the Most Conscientious award went to James Turner,

Following recognition of the junior varsity football team, Merkel Girls Basketball Coach Jan Averitt presented the basketball award to Becky Watts, a

senior guard who missed much of the season with a knee injury. Averitt said that Watts had helped her tremendously with the team, acting as an assistant coach. Coach Averitt and captains Norma Frazier and Watts received the District 6-2A championship trophy for basketball from Coach Shelley. The girls track award went to Sarah Prasarn, and

the Coaches Award for a female athlete went to Norma Frazier, who was the District's Most Valuable Basketball Player as a Junior. The Boys Basketball Award went to senior post

man Chris Cox, who was named to the second team, all district team in that sport this year and the boys track award went to Bart Pursley, who qualified for the regional track meet in the 330 hurdles and scored in each meet the Badgers were entered in this year. He was the only track man to do so. The Best All-Around Sports award went to Ty

Nelson, a Junior and the Gene Stuckey Memorial award went to another Junior, Sal Acosta Two new .... abers in the Badger Hall of Fame were also inducted. The men, Harry (Bussie) Boaz

and Melvin Denson were honored. Both were former star athletes at Merkel High in

three sports and Denson now makes his home in Desde Mond, Texas, and Boaz now lives in Brownwood.

#### 62 in off-season football program

The off-season football program is in full swing at Merkel High and head coach Byron Shelley told the Mail that 62 boys are working out for places on three teams next year. Eighth graders through juniors in school have been working out on weights during the off-season program and will work out until school is over. After two months off, the boys report during the second week in August for the start of two-a-days and Coach Shelley said a 'footbal! camp' is being planned during two-a-days this year.

#### Mayor proclaims Beta Sigma Phi year

Merkel Mayor Lou David Allen signed a proclamation at city hall Monday proclaiming April 30, 1980 through April 30, 1981 as Beta Sigma Phi

The sorority is a women's culture and social organization and the local chapter, Xi Nu Chi sponsored the signing of the proclamation.



The Toombs Real Estate Eagles whoop it up as they particiapte in the annual Little League parade

held downtown last week. The season has gotten underway and the Mail is looking for correspondents from each league to report results. (Satff photo)

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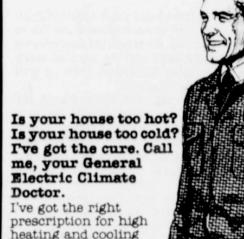
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(A) John Ybarra, Angie Allen, Brenda Hohhertz, Kimberly Pack, Melinda Riney, Cindy Sims (A-B) Joan Fariello, Judy Jinkens, Ray Walters, Brenda Kinder, Bonnie Anderson, Wayne Horton, Denise

7th Grade (A) Darren Pack, Shelly Sherrill, Trung Tran Becky Teague, Tami

(A-B) Justin Dupont, na Stuckey 4th graders see film about littering

The fourth grade classes of Merkel Elementary are working on Litter Posters this week. Last Thursday, Mrs.

showed a film to the

students. It was about

litter from the Texas

State Highway Department. This good film showed how most of us are guilty of littering our streets, highways, Allen D. King and Mrs. and parks. W.T. Sadler, from the Merkel Garden Club,

The Garden Club's motto is Be a Quitter Stop Litter. They want each one of us to do our part to clean up Merkel.

Nanci Stevens, Elane Bodine, Mum Prasarn, Kelly Sherrill, Cindy Williams, Renee Stamper, Donny Brady, Jason Castille, Tim Jacobs, Shane Smith, Melissa Davis, Jennifer Roby, Greg Spurr, John Starbuck, Kelly Stovall. Cindy Toney, Parker



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The 1980 Miss Merkel is Rebecca Sipe of Trent.



Shayla Hardy (center) won the K through 2 division at the Lambda Beta Bueaty pageant. Misty Doan (left) was first runner-up and Betsy Jo Hellums was second.



In the pre school division, Marijke Foster (center)

won while Rikki Cassady (left) was first runner up

Son Mi Chon (right) won the grades 3-5 division as Misty Lea Vaughn (center) was first runner up and Patti Welch was second.

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Tammie Davis (left) was first runner up in the high school division and Lanita Stevens was second.

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### Tye has full calendar of upcoming events

By Harold Boyd

Another week has just passed and "ope i' was eventful and good.

a falt that the elections may have I en over with but it loo' ; like we'll have a run off for the Sheriff's office and Commissioners post on June 7. At this time, we'll only have two each running for the jobs. It will be up to us as to whom we want. So put a mark on your calendar for June 7, 7 A.M. to 7 P.M. Tye Community Center v hen we should vote.

Your new city hall may be occupied before the date the contractors were given. They have completed about 75 percent of it and maybe by next week it may be ready. We should all be proud of this

The Methodist Women and Boy Scout troop No. 289 will host a garage sale and bake sale, May 9th from three to nine p.m. then Saturday, May 10th, a bake sale starting at nine a.m. Along with Saturday's bake sale, the Scouts will have a chili-stew luncheon for \$1.50 a plate. They are trying to raise enough money so as everyone in the troop can attend camp this summer. Ya'll come and get in on the bargains, take home some fine eating.

This coming Tuesday evening at the Community Center will be your monthly city council meeting. Starts at 7:00 p.m. and the public is invited. See and hear your council in action. These meetings usually last about two hours. Hear it first hand and get to know how these people work.

A new convenience store has opened in Tye at the Truck Stop and this week will have their grand opening. Check their ad in the Mail. Greg and his staff will welcome you all and your business will be appreciated.

The four way stop signs have been removed at the loop and frontage road, do observe the signs and be careful at this intersection. For another week, you all take care and mark your

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#### Art group meets, elects officers

calendars of the coming events.

The Merkel Art Association met Monday evening May 5th at United Savings 302 Ed-wards Street, Merkel for

a regular meeting. Ruth Hogan, president, presided for the election of officers for 1980-81. They are Mary Stanley, president; Billy Toombs, vice president; Ruth Hogan, secretarytreasurer; Ann Doan, reporter; and Pat Neff, historian.



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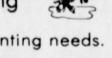
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## Trent News

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### Freeman named winner of DeKalb Agricultural Accomplishment Award

Danny Freeman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Freeman of Trent, Texas, was recently named winner of the 1980 De Kalb Agricultural Accomplishment Award. The award, sponsored nationwide by DeKalb AgResearch, Inc., is presented to the senior agriculture student attaining the highest degree of proficiency in scholarship, leadership and a supervised agricultural program.

Danny attends Trent High School, where he has been president and sentinel of the local FFA chapter, senior class vice president and student council reprsentative. His agricultural program consists of commercial cattle, swine, cotton, and farm mechanics.

As this year's DeKalb Agricultural Accomplishment Award winner, Danny receives a

pen and certificate, and his name will be inscribed on a special plaque displayed in the vocational agriculture

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The Consumer Alert

by Mark White Attorney General

AUSTIN-People frequently ask me, "how do I keep from getting 'ripped off'." There is no sure way to avoid becoming a victim of deceptive trade practices, but this week I'd like to review some of the basic rules for shopping. Check to see how many of them you

-Are you wary of claims that promise more than the product-or seller-can reasonably deliver? Remember, if it sounds too good to be true, it is.

-- Do you comparison shop before making any significant, non-emergency purchase? More and more useable, informative information is contained in advertising, store displays and product labels than at any time in our history. For this reason, comparing products and the promise of the stores which sell them is very worthwhile.

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to do some function, do you review consumer product testing magazines and other literature to see how the experts rate the product you are considering? For example. if you need an economical automobile, you naturally would compare mileage claims made by various manufacturers. An even more important comparison. however, may be the anticipated costs required to keep the automobile in good running condition. This information is readily available from several.

reliable consumer magazines. -- Do you always read contracts, warranties, advertising brochures and any

other documents that are involved in your transaction? If you sign a contract without reading it or purchase a product without knowing the warranty protection afforded, you have no one to blame but yourself if the transaction later goes sour because the transaction is not what you

-- Do you resist high pressure sales tactics? If there is a universal consumer shopping rule it is that high pressure sales equal a low quality product or service. The better the product or service is the more easily it sells itself. Therefore, if the salesperson feels compelled to pressure you to purchase a product or

time to think it over. -Finally, do .... always insure that " significant

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#### Trent High sets awards

#### banquet for May 15th

Trent High will hold their annual athletics and academic award presentations Wednesday, May 15th at the Trent School Cafeteria.

Tickets are on sale for four dollars each and are available from High School cheerleaders, as well as from Mrs. Snyder at the school.

The deadline to purchase tickets is May

Other events coming soon include a Junior High awards assembly scheduled for May 23rd at 3 p.m. in the gym, the baccalaureat service has been scheduled for May 25th and graduation will be held May 30th at 8 p.m.

#### TFU wants energy ideas

WACO-Texas farmers and ranchers are searching for energy ideas. Through the Texas Farm Bureau, a general farm organization of 255,000 members, a program has been designed to surface ideas to

conserve and produce energy for agriculture.

The Farm Bureau Energy Idea Search program was recently announced to the membership of the organization, and FB leaders expect to surface some innovative ideas and technology which will save energy in farm buildings, farm operations, or

produce energy needed for agriculture.

Ideas will be judged by a panel of qualified judges, and ideas selected will be published in Texas Agriculture, the organization's publication. TFB will pay \$25 for each published idea. Each idea selected by the state organization will be sent to the American Farm Bureau Federation headquarters in Chicago, Ill., where a number will be selected for publication in AFBF's publication, Farm Bureau News, for \$25 each. Up to ten ideas will be selected for presentation as symposium papers with awards for \$500 each, and up to ten entrants will receive \$5,000 research grants to continue work on their

"Federal funds for basic agricultural research have fallen behind in the past several years," said Carrol Chaloupka, president of Texas Farm Bureau and a cattleman from the Panhandle.

"Also, with the shortage of liquid fuel that agriculture requires, there is a need for the private sector to assume leadership in developing innovative agricultural energy technology," he said.
The idea search is designed to stimulate Farm

Bureau members to share their energy-saving ideas and to encourage them to participate in further research and development of ideas that could benefit agriculture the most.

The Energy Idea Search is open to all Farm Bureau members and their immediate families, except Farm Bureau employes. Entry forms are printed in Texas Agriculture, (May, 1980) and additional forms can be obtained at county Farm

Ideas will be accepted through Sept. 1, 1980.

#### Transportation week is May 11-17 in Texas

As vacation season approaches, Texas Safety Association urges motorists to remember that weekends, especially holiday weekends, are the most

hazardous driving periods for Texans.

In an effort to call public attention to these dangers, TSA joins the State Highway and Transportation Department in supporting National Transportation Week.

Scheduled May 11-17, National Transportation Week is designed to remind people of America's effective transportation systems and will consist of numerous recognition activities and events related to public mobility

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#### Stith club meets

The Stith Extension Homemakers Club met April 23 in a regular meeting at the Community Center with Margaret Dickerson as hostess. For the opening she read a poem, an Extra Prayer followed by a prayer by Mrs. Fletcher Jones. Two games were directed by Daisy Mashburn with the prize going to Vada Hudson. The prize was four bedding plants. Roll call was answered with "A Tip on Keeping Cool." Plans were made for the Rally Day on the 21st of May. The program, Save Home Energy, was to be given on April 25, 1980 by Mr. Ronnie Freeman at Mrs. Minnie Carey's home in Merkel. Refreshments were served to eight members.

On April 25th the Stith Club met with Compere and Goodman in a combined meeting at the home of Mrs. Minnie Carey. The speaker, Mr. Ronnie Freeman, Trent, gave the program on Save Home Energy. He is supervisor for the air conditioner department at TSTI at Sweetwater. He said solar homes were not practical for everyone, but with larger families and more rooms it could be used very well. Some ways to help save energy were proper ventilation, controlling humidity and keeping home equipment in good shape. Windbreaks and the proper planting of trees on the outside could be a big factor in conserving energy. There were five club members from Stith attending. They were Margaret Dickerson, Genoa Shaw, Daisy Mashburn, Vada Hudson and Louise

#### Mail needs reporter from baseball league

Youth Baseball season has started here and the Mail is trying to find a correspondent from each league to report scores and standings.

If you are interested in getting this information out, call the Mail at 928-5712.

We will have a photographer on hand for some games throughout the season but the weekly reports will be left to correspondents.



Fatheree-Keen

#### engaged

Lisa Fatheree of Garland, daughter of George and Sandra Fatheree, and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Pursley of Merkel, is engaged to be married to Rick Keen, also of Garland.

The wedding is set for July 19th at Eastern Hills Baptist Church in Garland.



Jay Gibson, John Townsend, and Cassie Townsend recently won first place honors at the Taylor County 4H Contest at Hardin Simmons and represented their county at the District contest in San Angelo. Jay won first place in junior public speaking. Cassie won third place in companion animals and John won first place in senior public speaking and will represent District XVII at the State 4H Roundup in June.

#### Abilene homegarden tour set for May 15th

The tenth annual Home and Garden Tour sponsored by the Abilene Garden Club will be held Thursday, May 15. Six Abilene homes will be shown.

The homes are the Jay S. Cockerell home, 1032 Highland; the Kenneth W. Day home, 1234 Sylvan; the Paul R. Galloway home, 6 Woodhaven Circle; the Eddie C. Harrison home, 1126 Santos; the Phil Kendrick, Jr. home 1142 Sylvan; and the Billy B. Massey home, 75 Hedges Road.

Tour hours will be 10 a.m. to noon, 1 to 5 p.m., and 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The tour may be joined at any of the homes and tickets cost \$3.50. Tickets also may be pur-chased at the Garden Center, 300 Westwood. Children under twelve will not be admitted.

The club will have a plant sale at the Day home and refreshments will be served at the Kendrick home. A map is furnished with the tickets. For further information about the tour, contact Mrs. Richard Bloomer, Tour Chairman, at 698-9234.

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#### Compere extension club meets

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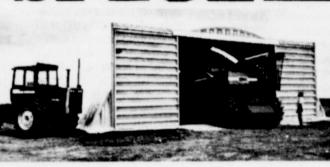
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Members attending the meeting were Mrs. Bud Terry, Hugh Taylor, Dewey Ramsey, Clyde Chancey, Jessie Williams, Don Adair and Clayton

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Brucellosis is a worldwide problem which cost American cattlemen and dairymen more than \$50 million in 1979. Texas, with a large number of infected herds, absorbed losses of over \$14 million last year from this disease.

southeastern United States, goals. brucellosis in cattle can cause delayed conception, abortion, retained placenta, weak calves, infertility in cows, sterility in bulls, and reduced milk volume. As undulant fever it can be a threat to human health.

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When brucellosis research was started by the Experiment Station in 1975, leaders of the beef and cattle industries were called on to aid in the coordination and develop-Prevalent throughout the ment of research plans and

> An international brucellosis symposium at Texas A&M University in 1976, under Experiment Station and cattle industry auspices, was helpful in clarifying needs and coordinating cooperative research.

Topics specifically selected by Texas cattlemen were the subject of addresses by worldexport of Texas cattle, it's renowned leaders in scientific

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The Merkel Riding Club will have their monthly pot luck supper and applied research has been 8:00 p.m. in the Taylor launched and is beginning to Electric Building. All

members are urged to attend and visitors are welcome.

Everyone should bring a covered dish or dessert, and the drinks will be furnished.

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