# The Merkel Mail 

## Frazier named

## MVP, Clark, Click honored by 7AAA

Merkel Senior Norma Frazier was named the
district's Most Valuable player for the second straight year and first year Coach Mary Clark was named Coach of the Year District 7AAA
officials announced last week.
Frazier led the Badgers in scoring the past two ears, averaging more than 20 points per game Norma has been on three straight distric coach Clark was name
Compionship teams here
her first season here.
Nancy Click, the teams second leading scorer and top rebounder was also named first team
all-district for her second year, and Click will be back next year. eam all district but she will not be able to play next year, because of her age.
Honorable Mention honors went to Judy Castille and Jackie Casey. in the bi-district
The girls, who lost championship gam
the season at $25-5$.
Coach Clark resigns
First year coach Mary Clark, who led the
Badger girls to their third straight district Badger girls to their hird straight district
championship and was just last week named championship and was just last week named her resignation effective immediately.
Coach Clark told the Mail Tuesday Coach Clark told the Mail Tuesday morning,
she had been informed her contract would probably not be renewed.
A local citizen appeared before MISD trustees
in January seeking either support or non-support in January seeking either support or non-support
for Coach Clark. That request remained unanswered.
Coach Clark does not have any immediate plans and leaves the girls track team without a No plans to replace her had been made as of
Tuesday morning

## Passing thoughts.



Norma Frazier (in dark uniform) passes off to
teammate in action against Wylie this season. a teammate in action against Wylie this season. Vorma was named district 7AAA's Most
Valuable Player for the second straight year Frazier led the Badgers in scoring this season
with a 22.1 average. (Staff photo by Cloy A. with a
Richards)

## By Cloy A. Richards <br> After reading last week's commen in this column, a local man called

 He said, "I' " but, remember one of the bad side effects of rain,those blankety-blank mesquito " those blankety-blank mesquitos
You can't please everyone.
Congratulations are in order to Coach Mary Clark and Norma Frazier, as well as Nancy
Click, Sarah Prasarn, Judy Castille and Jackie Casey. Norma was deservedly named the district's straight year and Coach Clark grabbed Coach of the Year honors.
Nancy Click made the first team, all district
team, while Sarah second team, and Judy Castille and Jackie Casey were mentioned honorably
The iournalism instructor at my old high shol
The journalism instructor at my old high schoo has asked me to speak to her classes in April, and
I could not be more thrilled. I don't know of any of my peers from high business, but I do know where I got my start. It was the high school newspaper.
My high school days were less than illustrious My high school days were less than illustrious
academically, but that journalism class implant ed my professional future.
If speaking to her class will even begin to repay
the debt I owe to A\&M Consolidated High School fer having an active high school journalism
department, the time will be more than well worth it.
My hat is off to those who chose to seek elected positions at MISD, Merkel, Trent, and Tye.
Elections are the means we Americans have let our leaders know what we want and how we they be a city or a sche public funds, whethe Take part in this year's election. Get to know the candidates, and the opinions they have The Mail will be sending a question and answer
sheet to each candidate in local elections, and sheet to each candidate in local elections, and
their unedited responses will be printed in the their unedited responses will
April 2nd edition of the Mail. If you have any questions you think should be
included, give the Mail a call at $928-5712$. Whady'a know. There is life after Walter
Cronkite. My son still is having a little trouble with this The other day, I picked up our puppy by the
scruff of the neck and Joey said, "Don't do that. You will puil his cha hers onl. After the dog chewed away the tonnge out of
my Adidas, I felt like pulling his feather off.
Baseball-softball crazy this place is. had best be watching the next few editions of the Mail, because there are important meetings
registrations and dates announced weekly. (I registrations and dates announced weekly
Cathy spells that weakly, I will be hurt.) No more milk support eh? What about federa
support to tobacco farmers?
I guess we found out which lobbying agency I guess we found out which lobbying agency
was the strongest, either that or the feds are was the strongest, either that or the feds are
telling us it is more economically sound to have telling us it is more economically sound to have
price support for tobacco products than milk products.
If that
If that is the case, it does not speak too highly
of our attitude at the federal level. of our attitude at the federal level secretary sent out an inner office recently requiring all women employees office wear dresse or coordinated pant suits to work on a daily basis
Women lawyers inside the agency showed up the next day in blue jeans.

I had high hopes for Legislation this year from Austin that would nip the teacher pay issue in the bud, but it isn't going to happen.
You read every day about all of the other You read every day about all of the other
teachers, who have either already resigned or soon will because of the pay issue
What other Texas job requires a degree and
then pays you less than $\$ 10,000$ a year to teach then pays you less than $\$ 10,000$ a year to teach certificates from Baylor, TCU, SMU, or an number of other private colleges in Texas, it wi be a few years before the teacher earns an equa amount of money that paid for the right to teac Austin, by their inaction, is telling local scho
districts, if you don't want to lose teache because of low pay, you had best give them loc raises.
If that is what it takes, then that's the way it will have to be. Either that or be ready to face teacher shortages, because after two or three
years of working for new proverty level pay, they will be in other jobs.

## Well, we have done it again. Girls basketball coach Mary <br> Tuesday morning. She is the third coach to do so in as many years. <br> ficials.

 ing Coach Clark's future hereIt's
Il's no secret here there has been a handful of foiks who did not like the way she did her job.
All she did was lead the Badgers to a third straight title and the best records in three years
 It was a different story for Coach Clark. No It was a different story for Coach Clark. No
school official or board member was ever willing school official or board member was ever willing
to voice public support for the coach. As I said in a column two weeks ago, hiring a
new coach every year is no way to build a girls new coach every year is no way
attletics program.
Coach Clark may have had some personal faults but show me one person here or anywhere else that does not have some personal faults. Based on her performance the past year, she
not only should have been publically supported, not politely asked to stay.
but
She resi
She resigned at least two weeks before any
action would have been taken on her contract for
the next year. The only thing you can do
falling, is to get out of the way

## Local election races set

No last minute filings were reported from
school and city elections set for April 4th.
The Mail did incorrectly rert The Mail did incorrectly report last week that Ray Pack had signed to challenge Charles
Jacobs. Pack is challenging incumbent Larry
Dudiey. The ballot order for the MISD election will
include: Place 5, Jack Ferguson and Charles
Jacobs Place 6 , Jack Riney, Tom Williamson
and Pat Castille; and Place 7, Larry Dudley and
Ray Pack.

## Wade resigns as <br> Wade resigns as

 The Merkel city council swore in a new ade Stanley Toombs was sworn in as council'snewest member. Toombs replaces Emma Lois newest member. Toombs replaces Emma Lois
Shugart, who became ineligible to serve when she moved outside the city limits. Toombs is a cand
April 4th election.
Wade's resign.
candidates will he chosen from. Two counci Stanley Toombs and Larry Beasley Don Dudley In the Trent school board race, incumbents Jerry Nance and John Griffith are being
challenged by Randy Hunt, Ted Simpson, Mac Sipe and Rex Bland.
In Tye city elections, the order on the ballo
includes; Place 1, incumbent Violet $\mathbf{E}$. Law wh iscludes; Place 1, incumbent Violet E. Law who
is unopposed; Place 3 , Gayland Childers and
incumbent A.J. Pence; Place 5, James incumbent A, J. Pence; Place 5, James Dosser
Leon W. Van Gurp and Mrs. Otto Brazell.
All elections are set for April 4.

## EMS director

Medical Service Director was offered because
Wade needs to spend more time with his business (Ann's Flowers) and as Taylor County Constable, according to his letter of resignation.
Mayor pro-tem Kent Satterwhite said, "I hate Mayor protem Kent Satterwhite said, "I hate
to lose Vernon, he is a good man for that job. He
has devoted a lot of time to the ambulance service. Robert Harris was named by council to take
the post. resignation as Merkel's Emergency

## Varsity cindermen take third 3rd

The Merkel High Track Team began their 1981 campaign last weekend in Junction. Merkel placed third of 19 teams in the meet,
with the strongest showing coming with with the strongest showing coming with a $1-2$
finish in the high jump. Ty Nelson leaped 6 feet to take firs
Owen jumped $5^{\prime} 10^{\prime \prime}$ to take second.
Bart Pursley went $12^{\prime} 6^{\prime \prime}$ to take second in the pole vault and Pursley took second in the long
jump with a leap of $20^{\prime} 3$ ". Donald Hegwood placed sixth with a jump of $11^{\prime} 2^{\prime \prime}$.'
In the 400 relay, the team of Gary Tutt, Randy
with a time of 45.20. Martin was fifth in the 110 hurdes, Pursley was third in the 300 hurdles and in the mile relay
In the junior varsity division, the 400 relay In the junior varsity division, the 400 relay
team of Michael Tutt, Russel Lucas, Ronnie Williams, and Jimmy Mendez was first with
47.2 time. Tutt was second in the 100 Lucas was 47.2 time. Tutt was second in the 100 , Lucas was
sixth in the 400 and Mendez was sixth in the 200 Roy Johnson took second in the shot put,
Mendez was fifth in the long jump Mendez was fifth in the long jump, Tutt was sixth
in the high jump and Jay Campbell was sixth in in the high jump.
the pole vault.

## Top news \& events of 1958-57

by Cloy A. Richards
It seems the history installments are crasting
quite a bit of local interest, as we have had a few quite a bit of local interest, as we have had a few
requests for all copies of the Mail since we have started running the two year installments ten weeks ago.
The Mail does not keep more than 75 copies in
our back files of any particular issue and our back files of any particular issue and
recommends that if people want to have a collection of the two year history installments, they had best save each week's paper
We are also asking for information on pioneer
families as we have received 29 so far. That amilies as we have received 29 so far. That
deadline will be set sometime in May so you may need to get an early start.
This week, the Mail will take a look at the top news and events from 1958-57.
January, 1958
The REA in Washington, D.C. announced it had pproved a $\$ 276,000$ loan for Taylor Electric to expand services. A cotton ginner and pioneer
resident of Merkel, Frank Pierce Hamm was buried here. Merkel FFA members Lanny Perry and Del Davis took top honors at the Taylor
County Fat Stock Show. Merkel cattleman Roy Largent has the Hereford Show at the Ft. Worth Show named in his honor
February
An electrification advisor at Taylor Electric Earle M. Watts authored a book concerning a captured the district championship
March
Merkel FFA Member Joe Neill entry in the
amb division of the Houston Stock Show was named reserve champion. The Mail began a series of editorials encouraging Merkel citizens
April
Merkel schools won the District 125 Literary
meet. Manley Denton was named to the Reporter meet. Manley Denton was named to the Reporter
News all area basketball team. Odis Griffin, Ben Hicks, and Newton Logan were elected to the Merks, and City Council. Lester Dorton and Joe
Lassiter were elected to the Merkel School Lassiter were elected to the Merkel School
Board. The 17th annual meeting of Taylor Board. The 17th annual
Electric drew 1,500 people.
May
Merkel High Senior Charles Curb won the state Interscholastic League competitions. A telegram to the Mail from Senator Ralph Yarborough informed us. Merkel's low rent public housing
application had been accepted. Palmer Pontiac begans showing the first imported car for sale here. It was a Vauxhall, produced in England. Charles Curb was valedictorian and Minta Lue Mcanninch was salutatorian of Merkel High's class of 1958. Trent students went to colorado on
their annual trip. The Merkel Badgers won the
district 3A baseball crown. Merkel High district 3A baseball crown. Merkel High
graduated 26 seniors. The Badgers downed
Sanderson to advance to the regional baseball graduated 26 seniors. The Badgers downed
Sanderson to advance to the regional baseball
tournament. County commissioners agreed to tournament. County commissioners agreed to
pay the Merkel Volunteer Fire Department $\$ 25$
per fire they fight outside Merkel City Limits. per fire they fight outside Merkel City Limits.
The Badgers won the regional baseaball tournament, the highest they could ad
the season with a $15-1$ record.
The J.W. Hammond home suffered $\$ 10,000$ in
The
selling for \$1. 55 per pound were shipped from
Merkel. The harvest average was set at 22 Merkel. The harvest average was set at
bushels per acre and was the most volume since 1949.
July

The Merkel Country Club opened July 6th Braggs ceremonies in their present location. August
Louis
Butman, a Merkel rural resident ablar
$\$ 10,00$ $\$ 10,000$ in federal impact aid for expansion of Ty schoois. W.L. Hazeiwood had the first bale 20, which by-passed Merkel, was opened. Th areas last death at a grade crossing occured at
the grade crossing near Blair on FM 126. Joe Cypert defeated veteran county commissione
Rufe Tittle. Gerald Street of Tye had a poetry book published.
September
Merkel schools opened and officials reported
enrollment of 681 . Representative Jim Wrigh was the featured speaker for Taylor Telephone's annual meeting here.
October
Mrs. Mae Lee was named Coming Home Queen, she was a 1901 graduate of Merkel High
South Taylor residents were denied phone servic with a Bell telephone decision limiting servic November
$\left.\begin{array}{l}\text { Democratic candidates in the } 1958 \\ \text { elections won Meneral }\end{array}\right]$ Merkel by a $3-1$ margain. Pontiac elections won Merkel by a 3-1 margain. Pontiac
announced the 1959 auto would make cross-country trip for $\$ 35.79$ in gasoline. Walter
Lewis Farmer, a Merkel resident and forme prisoner of war and a member of the famed Los
Battalion, was buried here. The Merkel foothal team won the 10-A district championship by
defeating Albany. They were defeated bi-district play by Mason. The Lord's Acre Sale December
Work began on the new location of the F\&M I rank. The Merkel High band earned two Divisio and Larry Seymore were named to the all aree
football team. Badger Coach Arrol Benson was named Coach of the Year.
January, 1957
The F\&M Bank reported deposits totaled
million. Chester Collingsworth was named to the million. Chester Collingsworth was named to the all state football team.
February
February
The Borwig residence was destroyed by fire
Officials set damages at $\$ 8,000$ Retert Mcired Officials set damages at $\$ 8,000$. Robert McLeo
scored 51 points in a basketball game agains
Roscoe. A federal grant
 schools. Leon Walker was elected president of the
Merkel Classoom Teachers Association. C.L.
McLeod resigned as Trent mayor. The Badger boys basketball team won the district champion-
ship. Mrs. March
Two-hundred people attended the annual
Chamber of Commerce Banquet. The Badger

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Coach leaves farewell thoughts


Bigbee, ${ }^{\text {Page } 2}$ Farmer, Bigbee on list


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## Top news \& events of 1958-57



Alan Abright is a senior MOC student a Merkel High and is employed at Abilene Poultry Albright is the son of Mr. and Mrs Jack Albrigh
and d lans to beome a truck driver or attend
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Adult league forming
$\underset{\text { Tives for }}{\text { Tepresenta- }}$ women's
softball teams will be meeting Thursday a Taylor Electric at $7: 30$ to organize that lea
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baseball baseball and softbal starts and all team
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are representatives are
encouraged to attend Tri-City meeting set
The Tri City Base ball League will mee
March 20th to enter nato the Texas Teent age Baseball Associa $\underset{\text { Charles Crain, state }}{\substack{\text { ion. } \\ \text { Cle }}}$ Charles Crain, state
director, will be the duest speaker
The meeting will be held at Taylor Electri
and all interested pla yers and parents are encouraged to attend.
Texas Teenage Texas
baseball is
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open to baseball is open to
boys in two age cate-
gories. Boys will compete in $13,14,15$ ages
nd 16,17 and 18 year olds.
Dean sets recital
Mrs. Ronny Doan, of Merkel, is proud to
anounce her puth annual liano recital. The
recital will be recital will be Thurs.
day, March 12 th at day, March 1 12th at
$7: 00 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m} . \mathrm{It}$ will be held at the First Unit in Merkel. The public Students to be prered in the recital re as follows: Krist Kimberly Waller, Aimee Bugg, Susan Hammond, Dawn Hen-
lee, Clay Hammond, Phuong Thao Tran, Kyle Doan, Shelly herrill, Melissa Har Also, April Duncan Also, April Duncan
Kristen Kennedy, Amy rvin, Leigh Anne Allen, Bridget Pallarez, Trang Tran and Trung Tran. o keep a golf course in good shape. having two work
March 21 and 28 women. Players need an established
near Merkel and drew 1,100 people
August The Navy signed their first brother-sister
recruits here when Mary and Jackie Harris signed up.
September
Robert O'R of cotton. A raid netted sevenght in the first bale of cotton. A raid netted seven local gamblers at
the Oasis Hotel here. A fire destroyed $3 / 4$ of a block in Trent and damages ran $\$ 13,000$. October
The Weld
The Weldon McAninch home here was destroyed by fire
The Merkel Methodist Church celebrated it's 75th anniversary here. The church was organized service. A homecoming crowd of 1,500 saw the Badgers down Coahoma 27-6. Two robberies in two weeks, one netting $\$ 472$ from Palmer Pontiac and one netting $\$ 924$ from Merkel Co-Op Gas
station left local citizens wondering if organized crime had invaded Merkel. The Merkel Badgers won the 6 A football championship and were defeated in bi-district play.
"Uncle" Ben Wheeler, a local resident since 1900, died here


## MERKEL COUNTRY CLUB

We are working on the back nine and it should be ready to play at the end of May. Hurray!
As you know, it takes a lot of work In order to get that done, we are

March 21 and 28 .
To show our appreciation, the club is providing keg beer and food to couples who work. We need several
groups doing different jobs. We are groups doing different jobs. We are asking that those attending bring
lools that will be useful. We will be toerving Barbecued Spare Ribs, Beans and Potato Salad. Work days
are set from 8 until 5 and please sign are set from 8 until 5 and please sign
up at the Pro Shop or at the bar, so we will know how much food to cook. The club will be having several
individual tournaments to determine a club champion for both men and
handicap so please post your scores. The club will be sponsoring as many tournaments this year as
there is interest for. We need the Ladies Golf Association to help with these tournaments. So if we are going to make things work, we are gnd let's talk about it. and Don't forget Ladies night every Wednesday night. Drinks are each. Every Saturday night, Prime Rib and all of the trimmings for $\$ 8.95$. The Pro Shop sale continues with
everything 2 j to 50 per cent off. The everything 25 to 50 per cent off. The
sale includes a ladies starter set with putter, men's clubs, clothing with putter,
shoes, etc.
Remember
Remember, we have discontinued
the Abilene line the Abilene line and the phon
number to the club is $928-5514$. Thanks, Patsi

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## Farm Census set for 1982

While most U.S. citizens get counted only once
every 10 years, farmers and ranchers get tabbed at that time as well as every five years, or four years as will be the case with the upcoming Agricultural Census.
Farmers and ranchers can look forward to the 1982 Census of Agriculture which is being conducted for the first time to coincide with the
Economic Census Economic Census, said Joseph Horak with the
U.S. Census Bureau at a recent Census of U.S. Census Bureau at a recent Census of AdM University. Conference sponsors were the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station and Texas A\&M's Department of Rural Sociology.
The last Agricultural Census was conducted in
1978. Following the ' 82 census, the cycle will return to five-year interims. The census started 1920 when the fivenducted every 10 years until In addition to agriculture, the Economic Census will include business, construction, economic surveys, foreign trade, governments
and industry, said Horak. The last time the and industry, said Horak. The last time the
Economic Census was conducted-1977-it cost almost $\$ 60$ million.
Horak said the Census of Agriculture provides a comprehensive picture of U.S. agriculture,
including number and types of farms including number and types of farms and
ranches, kinds of commodities produced, and various details about farm and ranch operators and land use. Agricultural Census, some 4.5
In the 1978 Agre
million forms were mailed to farmers and million forms were mailed to farmers and
ranchers, 326,000 of those in Texas Forms were ranchers, 326,000 of those in Texas. Forms were
mailed to everyone with $\$ 1,000$ or more in annual mailed to everyone with $\$ 1,000$ or more in annual
agricultural sales. However, Horak estimated agricultural sales. However, Horak estimated
that mailings of the 1982 Agricultural Census would be down to 3.5 or 4 million due to the
decline in farm numbers decline in farm numbers
in the U.S. were missed in the 78 census due to
incomplete mailing lists incomplete mailing lists and lack of farmer response but that these were generally smaller
operations that accounted for only about percent of the total sales from agricultural

Reviewing '78 census figures, Horak noted that part-time farmers continue to increase in
number and that about two-thirds of all farmland is operated by individuals or families. While there are many small farming operations, farms
with sales of more than with sales of more than $\$ 100,000$ accounted for two-thirds of all agricultural sales in the U.S. U.S., down 5.6 percent from 1974. However, thos with sales of $\$ 2.500$ or more were up 4.8 percen while those with sales of less than $\$ 2.500$ wer down 27.5 percent
percent froms totaled 194,461 in 1978, down 3.1 more than $\$ 2,500$ werears ago. Those with sales of those with sales below that level dropped 31.4
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## PUBLIC NOTICE OF TAX EXEMPTIONS AVAILABLE TO HOMEOWNERS

Merkel

$\qquad$ Independent School District tax office is currently accepting applications for residence homestead exemptions. The deadline for filing is April - 1. 1981. Applications should be filed as early as possible to avoid inconvenience to the homeowne

Two types of homestead exemptions from school taxes are available to taxpayers who owned their residence homesteads in this school district on January 1 of this year. First, the general homestead exemption is available to all homeowners and exempts $\$ 5,000$ from the market value of the homestead.

Second, any person who is 65 years of age or older or who is disabled can be exempted an additional $\$ 10,000$ from the market value of the homestead. Proof of age or disability may be necessary
"Disabled," in this case, refers to the definition found in the Federal Old-Age Survivors, and Disability Insurance Act under the Social Security Administration Disability is defined as inability to engage in any substantial gainful employment which exists in the national economy, or, in the case of someone who is 55 and blind, inability by reason of such blindness to engage in the employment in which he was previously engaged. The person claiming disability does not necessarily have to be drawing benefits from Social Security.
Homeowners age 65 or older who apply for their exemption will be granted a tax freeze. If application is not made, the tax freeze will be lost for this year

Application forms were mailed earlier to all homeowners who qualified for a homestead exemption in 1980. If you did not receive an application, or if you have questions about qualifying for exemptions or filing application forms, contact the school tax office at -928-4760 (Phone Number)
Application forms may also be picked up at the tax office at 3rd \& Ash Street, Merke



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Top Tye news \& events


#### Abstract

Whats Happening By Harold Boyd Surely this month is rolling along very fast and once again it is time for another column. There is plenty of items and things that are upcoming this month here in Tye. As usual Tye city council will have meet this past Tuesday and there is a host of items that are have consist of the minutes from February 10th meeting. Mr. Jacobs from Yeatts \& Decker will give a report on the sewer project, Walter Graham from the Nutritional Program will speak with the council with changes on that program (Senior Citizens), erections of a stop sign at Edgewood and Air Base Rd., Mr. Kenneth Griffin reporting on damages to his property a reporting on damages to his property, a direct result of the sewer project, renewal of the CD NO. 13926, the establishing of the park fund in memory of Wesley Rister, financial court report, police report and discussion of city equipment and streets will have been discussed. We will report the meeting in next weeks column if you happened to miss this meeting. Candidates for the city council that will be Candidates for the city council that will be held on April 4th, 1981 for place 1,3 and 5 will be: Violet E. Lae, place 1; Place 3 will be Gayland Childers and Incumbent A.J. Pence: Place 5 will be James Dosser, Leon W. Van Gurp with incumbert Mrs. Otto Brazell. We will give you a brief history of each candidate in the next few columns and what they hope to achieve for the community. Several organizations have held fund raisings for Helen Passamore, who has cancer El-Tye-0 Trailer Sales will host one this Saturday, March 14, 1981 starting at 8 a.m. to $5 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. in her behalf. All items will be from 50 to $\$ 1.00$. These new items will be curtains, flower arrangements, wall


 pet, includes tags and shot record. Dr. James
Kelly, Veternarian will be giving the pets their shots.
For ther
Luck Supper that was held that make the 2nd Pot you missed out on some of the finest eating that can't be matched any where. Several did attend
and stayed for the musical and seayed for the musical that was held after
supper. It was noted that several that did stay
enjoyed the enjoyed the music and danced a little. The
department raised and department raised another $\$ 200.00$ closer to their
goal towards getting the truck lack somerds getting the truck ready, we still In the very near future, members of the department will be making a house to house
drive hopes of raising eno drive in hopes of raising enough money to put
this very important piece of equipment into service for your protection.
This is Whats Happening in Tye for another week. If you have any news that you would like to share with your neighbors, drop us a note and we
will get it in the paper. Till next week, be kind to will get it in the paper. Till next week, be kind to
your neighbors, cause we loye ya.

Merkel adult ed gets good review
APL Project staff members, Arnold Nored,
Ann Brownlow, and Sue White made an on-site Ann Brownlow, and Sue White made an on-site
visit to the Big Country Adult Education Co-p in visit to the Big Country Adult Education Co-op in
Abilene, Texas for the purpose of reviewing the Modified Based High School Dipioma Program (MCBHSD), and interviewing knowledgeable educators, employers, and community members
for their response and assessment of this program. APL Staff is pleased to report that this
program is operating in a very efficient and effective manner and is receiving widespread community support. Co-op Director Morris
Foster arranged for APL staff to visit a newly established MCBHSD program in its second week of operation in Merkel, Texas. APL Staff was classroom management and ability to individualize instruction for some 15 different students, all of different levels and engaged in different
program activities. dent of Schools in Merkel, and were pleased with Mr . Everett's expressed support of the new
MCBHSD program. Of note was MCBHSD program. Of note was the fact that a
MCBHSD Program graduate is now employed as a substitute teacher in the Merkel Schools. When APL Staff members visited with Ms. Debbie Bradfield, Director of Education and Ms
Debbie Lacy, Ass't Director, Personnel at Texas Debbie Lacy, Ass tirector, Personnel at Texas
Instruments, we discovered that this employer is most enthusiastic about the MCBHSD program being offered through Big Country Educational
Co-op. Texas Instruments personnti expressed Co-op. Texas Instruments personnei expressed
an interest in establishing a sinilar competency based program on site at their Abilene facility. Final data and evaluation of MCBHSD Co-op area will be part of APL's Final Report to the Texas Eduction Agehcy.
Merkel Adult-Education Classes are held eyery
Monday and Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8:30

Stephen's engagement

| Mr. and Mrs. Robert | and |
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| Stephan, Rt. 4, Abilene | Beaumont Court Re- |
| ve announced the | porters in Be |
| gagement of their | The |
| ughter, Jerrie, to | bridegroom is a grad- |
| Robert Garth Brown, | uate of French High |
| n of Mr. and Mrs. | School in Beaumont |
| Tegart Brown of Kout- | and attended Lamar |
|  | University. He is the |
| The bride elect | owner-operator of Wil- |
| raduate of Merkel | son-Brown Specialty, |
| gh School and at- | Inc., in Beaumont. |
| State University and | The couple |
| graduated from Steno | a May |
| graph Institute of T | ding in |
| as. She is a Certified | Lu |
| Shorthand Reporter | Beaumont. |

Ag students off to San Angelo
This week we would like to take the time to
thank NuCorp Pipe for donating 30 joints of pipe the Merkel FFA. The ag students will be going 10 San Angelo to compete in the Stock Show,
March $10-15$. We have had good turnouts till now so we hope that this luck will continue. This will
be the last stock show so we wish the students be the last stock show, so we wish the students
best of luck. Results will be in next weeks paper best of luck. Results will be in next weeks paper.
This week, we are spotlighting members of our

Brenda Hohhertz, daughter of Harold and
Chera Hohhertz is a freshman and in V A. . Her
roject this year is a Heifer and two steers. asketball, track and pep squad she was on the reehand Quiz Team. Donna Miller, daughter of Robert and Grace
Miller, is a freshman and in his year is pigs. Donna has participated in basketball, track and tennis. She was on the Greenhand Quiz Team.
David Vinson, son of Freddie and Roxie Fuston, is a freshman and in V.A. I. His project Tye Elementary honor roll

Amme Blair, Katina Neith, Eugene Van Gurp.
Third Grade: A Honor Roll: Michelle Davis, Mi kHwa Chon, Lisa Donaldson, Jenee Koja, Shawn Hwa Chon, Lisa Donaldson, Jenee Koja, Shawn Miller; A-B Honor Roll: Lee Kotrlik, Patrica
Martin, Mary Turner, Greg Goodgion, Sandra Marshall, Sheri Miles, Steven Starkey. Fourth Grade: A Honor Roll: Cissy Sever,
Tracy Moore, Irene Alvarez. A-B Honor Roll: Tracy Moore, Irene Alvarez. A-B Honor Roil: Mike Villarreal, Davy DeLeon. Fifth Grade: A Honor Roll: Son Mi Chon,
Michelle Goodgion, Allan Isom, Tami Israel,
Stacie Johnson; A-B Honor Roll: Clara Herrera.
Pee Wee basketball results

The standings are as follows:
3rd and 4th grade boys: $1 . \& 2$. Bucks $4-1$, Bulls 3rd and 4th grade boys: 1. \& 2 2 . Bucks $4-1$, Bulls
$-1 ; 3$. \& 4. Pistons $14 ;$ Rockets 14 . Sth and 6 th h7\% ers 0 S.5. Srard $5-0$ 2. 2. Lakers 3-2; 3. Celtics $2-3$; 4 .





THE MERKEL MAIL-Merkel's 100th Year

## Trent News



Pam Massey, of Trent High, was elected an Homemakers organization. (Staff photo by Cloy

## Council reccomends changes

The National Cotton Council today asked a
Senate agriculture subcommittee to continue the basic principles of the government cotton program for at least four more years, with some fine-tuning to make it work more effectively. the loan floor from 48 to 55 cents, a target price based on per-acre costs, an export credit revolving fund, and more protection for farmers during export embargoes.
Council President Frank
testified that market-oriented farm laws supported by the industrywide organization and enacted by Congress in the last decade have greatly
reduced the government's cotton program expenditures and helped fight inflation. "Government cotton programs in fiscal 1980 cost only one-tenth what they did a decade ago,"
he said "If inflation is taken into account, the cost is less than one-twentieth.
While 22 percent of the federal government's total outlay to stabilize farm income went to
cotton in 1970 , the percentage fell to only three percent last year
Mitchener emphasized the importance of a four-year farm bill, pointing out that a one-year
extension would bring farm legislation up for consideration in an election year.
It also was recommended that authority be withdrawn for set-aside and Normal Crop Acreage compliance as acreage control mechan-
isms for cotton. Under either of these, Mitchener $\left(x^{2}+2\right.$


NOTICE OF TRUSTEE ELECTION ${ }{ }^{\prime}$
AVISO DE ELECCION DE REGENTES ${ }^{\prime}$

$\qquad$ electing 2 trustees for a full 3 year term

ABSENTEE VOTING by personal appearance will begin on Monday $\frac{\text { March } 16}{\text { (date) }} \cdot 19 \frac{81}{}$, and continue through $\frac{\text { Tuesday }}{\text { (day) }} \cdot \frac{\text { (day) } \text { March }^{\text {(date) }} 31}{\text { (dat }}$ 1981 , from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on each day which is not a Saturday, Sunday, or an official state holiday. ${ }^{3}$ (VOTACION POR AUSENCIA en persona comencera el Monday de March 16 de 19 81 y continuara hasta el $\frac{\text { Tuesday }}{\text { (dia) }}$ de March $31 \quad$ de 1981 desdelas 8 ain hasta las 5 p.m. en todos los dias que no sean sibato, dona estatales.)

Hall

[^0]School news
Juniors


Youth band
concert given
The 4 th and 5 th
grade band at Trent Elementary School presented a concert
Friday afternoon for Friday afternoon for
their parents and $\begin{array}{ll}\text { friends. The } & \text { band } \\ \text { played, "An } & \text { O1d }\end{array}$ played, "An 01d folik song, "Upidee"
College song, "Little Man in the Woods",
Humperdinck Humperdinck, "Build ing London Bridge" Novelty tune, "The
Crusaders", Erickson, "Soldier Boy" Erick
son. son.
Featu
cert
cert were: Kim Orr and Scott: Kim Orr
cornet duet. Payne, flute soloist Payne, flute
Leslie
McGlothlin clarinet soloist; Kimberly Walker, flute soloist and Johnny
Nance, Jeff Hobbs, Nance, Jeff Hobert
Rhildress, corRobert Child
The concert was
given for Texas Pulic
Schools Week to give
the parents and others
in the community an
opportunity to visit the
The
Consumer

## Alert

Attorney General AUSTIN-Telephone solicita-
tion is rapidly becoming a advertising by certain repair advertising by certain repair
services.
One example of such a
cheme is the TV repair
business. In certain parts of
the state, these services are being advertised to unsuspect-
ing consumers by sometimes unethical
repairme

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BANK FDIC TRENT, TEXAS
862.6151

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will cost more than agreed trom this sequence of events is upon. If the consumer does of course to deal only with
not agree to pay the extra cost.
reputable TV repair services


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MRS.TUCKER'S 42 OZ CAN SHORTENING ${ }^{5} 1^{29}$ folgers
COFFEE I lb can
${ }^{5} 2^{15}$ AJAX HERGENT BOT $98^{\circ}$ H.DRI Tollet

TISSUE 4 roll pk $89^{\circ}$
PEPSI COLA ${ }^{6 \mathrm{PK} 5} 1^{49}$ foremost whole homo MILK 1 GAL $\qquad$ JUICE 12 OZ CAN $69^{\circ}$ 8FROEFEEE RICH 39 $69^{\circ}$ Washligeton red delcious APPLES fresh gren เв34 CabBAGE เ8 9 fresh
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GOOCH
BEEF STEAKS $1^{5} 1^{79}$ GOOCH COUNTRY STYLE PORK SAUSAGE LB ${ }^{5} 1^{09}$ cooch blue ribbon
BACON SLICED L8 ${ }^{5} \mathbf{1}^{29}$ AMERICAN HERIRAGE SLICED CHEESE ${ }_{\text {PKG }}^{1202} \mathbf{5}^{59}$
sun valley
OLEO SOLID Ls $39^{\circ}$
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CARRIKER FOODS
TRENT TEXAS



[^0]:    Applications for absentee ballots by mail should be mailed to Sylvia Quattlebaum. Trent, Texas 7956
    (Votando por ausencia personal va ser condocido acerca de Irent City
    Hall
    Solicitudes para una boleta de ausencia por correo deben dar vuelta por correo al Sylvia Quattlebaum, Trent, Texas 79561

    The POLLING PLACE(S) ${ }^{4}$ designated below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on the day of the election. (Los sitios de votación indicados abajo se abrirán desde las $7: 00$ am to $7: 00$, el dià de la elecciön.)

    Pct. No. (Nüm de precinto) Location (Colocación)

