# The Merkel Mail

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# 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 years, averaging more than 20 points per game. Norma has been on three straight district championship teams here.

Coach Clark was named Coach of the Year in 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

Sarah Prasarn, a junior, was named second team 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.

The girls, who lost in the bi-district championship game to Comanche 42-40, ended the season at 25-5.

# Coach Clark resigns

First year coach Mary Clark, who led the Badger girls to their third straight district championship and was just last week named Coach of the Year in District 7 AAA, has tendered her resignation effective immediately.

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 for Coach Clark. That request remained unanswered.

Coach Clark does not have any immediate plans and leaves the girls track team without a coach for this season.

No plans to replace her had been made as of Tuesday morning.



Norma Frazier (in dark uniform) passes off to a teammate in action against Wylie this season. Norma was named district 7AAA's Most with a 22.1 average. (Staff photo by Clov A.

Valuable Player for the second straight year. Frazier led the Badgers in scoring this season

Passing thoughts...

By Cloy A. Richards

After reading last week's comments about rain

in this column, a local man called. He said, "I'm not going to tell you who this is, but, remember one of the bad side effects of rain,

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

Norma was deservedly named the district's Most Valuable Basketball Player for the second straight year and Coach Clark grabbed Coach of the Year honors.

Nancy Click made the first team, all district team, while Sarah Prasarn was named to the second team, and Judy Castille and Jackie Casey were mentioned honorably.

Way to go gang. Each of you deserve the honor.

The journalism instructor at my old high school 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 school journalism that later went into this crazy business, but I do know where I got my start. It was the high school newspaper.

My high school days were less than illustrious academically, but that journalism class implanted my professional future.

If speaking to her class will even begin to repay the debt I owe to A&M Consolidated High School for having an active high school journalism department, the time will be more than well

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 to let our leaders know what we want and how we feel concerning the use of public funds, whether

they be a city or a school.

Take part in this year's election. Get to know the candidates, and the opinions they have concerning particular issues.

The Mail will be sending a question and answer sheet to each candidate in local elections, and their unedited responses will be printed in the 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

My son still is having a little trouble with this

strange language of ours. The other day, I picked up our puppy by the scruff of the neck and Joey said, "Don't do that. You will pull his feathers off."

After the dog chewed away the tonnge out of my Adidas, I felt like pulling his feather off.

Baseball-softball crazy this place is. Those interested in playing in leagues this year had best be watching the next few editions of the Mail, because there are important meetings, registrations and dates announced weekly. (If Cathy spells that weakly, I will be hurt.)

No more milk support eh? What about federal support to tobacco farmers?

I guess we found out which lobbying agency was the strongest, either that or the feds are telling us it is more economically sound to have price support for tobacco products than milk

If that is the case, it does not speak too highly of our attitude at the federal level.

One more Washington note. The new interior secretary sent out an inner office recently requiring all women employees to wear dresses or coordinated pant suits to work on a daily basis.

Women lawyers inside the agency showed up the next day in blue jeans.

Guess who won?

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 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. If those teachers received their education certificates from Baylor, TCU, SMU, or any number of other private colleges in Texas, it will be a few years before the teacher earns an equal

amount of money that paid for the right to teach. Austin, by their inaction, is telling local school districts, if you don't want to lose teachers because of low pay, you had best give them local

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 Clark resigned Tuesday morning. She is the third coach to do so in as many years.

In talking with Coach Clark and to school officials, one gets two different stories concerning Coach Clark's future here. It's no secret here there has been a handful of

folks 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

I'd be willing to bet a football coach that had that kind of record here could be elected mayor. It was a different story for Coach Clark. No 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 athletics 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,

but politely asked to stay. She resigned at least two weeks before any action would have been taken on her contract for

The only thing you can do when the ax is 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 report last week that Ray Pack had signed to challenge Charles Jacobs. Pack is challenging incumbent Larry

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

In Merkel City elections, Kent Satterwhite was

the only person filing for mayor. Two council candidates will be chosen from Don Dudley, Stanley Toombs and Larry Beasley.

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 ballot includes; Place 1, incumbent Violet E. Law who is unopposed; Place 3, Gayland Childers and incumbent A.J. Pence; Place 5, James Dosser, Leon W. Van Gurp and Mrs. Otto Brazell.

Medical Service Director was offered because Wade needs to spend more time with his business

(Ann's Flowers) and as Taylor County Constable,

Mayor pro-tem 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

Robert Harris was named by council to take

All elections are set for April 4.

according to his letter of resignation.

# Wade resigns as EMS director

The Merkel city council swore in a new member and accepted the resignation of Merkel Emergency Medical Service Director Vernon

Stanley Toombs was sworn in as council's newest member. Toombs replaces Emma Lois Shugart, who became ineligible to serve when she moved outside the city limits.

Toombs is a candidate for a council spot in the April 4th election.

Wade's resignation as Merkel's Emergency

## Council set their next session for 7 a.m. Friday. 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 a 1-2 finish in the high jump.

Ty Nelson leaped 6 feet to take first and Terry Owen jumped 5'10" to take second.

Bart Pursley went 12'6" to take second in the pole vault and Pursley took second in the long jump with a leap of 20'3". Donald Hegwood placed sixth with a jump of 19'2".

In the 400 relay, the team of Gary Tutt, Randy Martin, Pursley, and Dusty Barnhill placed third with a time of 45.20. Martin was fifth in the 110 hurdles, Pursley was third in the 300 hurdles and Barnhill, Nelson, Pursley and Martin were third in the mile relay.

The varsity will travel to Ranger this weekend. In the junior varsity division, the 400 relay team of Michael Tutt, Russel Lucas, Ronnie Williams, and Jimmy Mendez was first with a 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, Tutt was sixth in the high jump and Jay Campbell was sixth in

# 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 requests for all copies of the Mail since we have started running the two year installments ten

The Mail does not keep more than 75 copies in 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 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 approved 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 new cure for tension. The boys basketball team captured the district championship.

Merkel FFA Member Joe Neill entry in the lamb division of the Houston Stock Show was named reserve champion. The Mail began a series of editorials encouraging Merkel citizens

to take more pride in the community. Merkel schools won the District 125 Literary meet. Manley Denton was named to the Reporter News all area basketball team. Odis Griffin, Ben Merkel City Council. Lester Dorton and Joe

Hicks, and Newton Logan were elected to the Lassiter were elected to the Merkel School Board. The 17th annual meeting of Taylor Electric drew 1,500 people. Merkel High Senior Charles Curb won the state championship in ready writing at University

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 graduated 26 seniors. The Badgers downed Sanderson to advance to the regional baseball tournament. County commissioners agreed to pay the Merkel Volunteer Fire Department \$25 per fire they fight outside Merkel City Limits. The Badgers won the regional baseball tournament, the highest they could advance and ended the season with a 15-1 record.

The J.W. Hammond home suffered \$10,000 in damages by fire. Almost 96 car loads of wheat, selling for \$1.65 per pound were shipped from Merkel. The harvest average was set at 22 bushels per acre and was the most volume since

The Merkel Country Club opened July 6th. Bragg's Department Store held formal grand opening ceremonies in their present location. August

Louis Butman, a Merkel rural resident, obtained a patent on a detatchable implement for a crawler-type tractor. Tye school received \$10,000 in federal impact aid for expansion of Tye schools. W.L. Hazelwood had the first bale of cotton ginned for 1958. The section of Interstate 20, which by-passed Merkel, was opened. The areas last death at a grade crossing occured at the grade crossing near Blair on FM 126. Joe Cypert defeated veteran county commissioner Rufe Tittle. Gerald Street of Tye had a poetry book published.

September Merkel schools opened and officials reported enrollment of 681. Representative Jim Wright was the featured speaker for Taylor Telephone's annual meeting here.

Mrs. Mae Lee was named Coming Home Queen, she was a 1901 graduate of Merkel High. South Taylor residents were denied phone service with a Bell telephone decision limiting service areas.

November Democratic candidates in the 1958 general elections won Merkel by a 3-1 margain. Pontiac announced the 1959 auto would make a cross-country trip for \$35.79 in gasoline. Walter Lewis Farmer, a Merkel resident and former prisoner of war and a member of the famed Lost Battalion, was buried here. The Merkel football team won the 10-A district championship by defeating Albany. They were defeated in bi-district play by Mason. The Lord's Acre Sale at Pioneer Church netted \$534.

December Work began on the new location of the F&M Bank. The Merkel High band earned two Division I ratings in their annual contest. Manley Denton and Larry Seymore were named to the all area football team. Badger Coach Arrol Benson was named Coach of the Year.

The F&M Bank reported deposits totaled \$3 million. Chester Collingsworth was named to the all state football team.

The Borwig residence was destroyed by fire. Officials set damages at \$8,000. Robert McLeod scored 51 points in a basketball game against Roscoe. A federal grant of \$8,728 was announced by Congressions. by Congressman Omar Burleson for Merkel schools. Leon Walker was elected president of the Merkel Classroom Teachers Association. C.L. McLeod resigned as Trent mayor. The Badger boys basketball team won the district champion-ship. Mrs. J.T. Warren, a prominent Merkel citizen, was buried here.

Two-hundred people attended the annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet. The Badgers

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# Coach leaves farewell thoughts

To: The Merkel Mail and Trustees of Merkel Independent School District:

After much thought and many hours of consideration. I have come to the conclusion that I must tender my resignation.

It is with great sorrow that I find that I can not reasonably function in your system at the level which I demand of myself. I would have my students know that this decision is not an adverse reaction to them. I would have the board know that it is not a matter of finance, although in our present economic state, that must be a

When I accepted this position from the board, I was made aware of the possible pressure placed on the coach to win. No coach can avoid that, no matter how often the opposite may be voiced. I accepted that responsibility so stated openly by the board even though I had been given some eronious information by superintendent, principal and athletic director. Be that as it may, the choice of jobs was mine and I willingly accepted Merkel and set about to do the best possible job, as I say, "give a day's work for a day's pay." was my intent and purpose to develop for Merkel the best possible girls' athletic program, a program based on fairness and honesty, a program designed to build character and pride. The pride I wished to build was pride, not just winning, but in one's self as a human being; the character that of one who realizes all the implications of what is said and done. I wished for your youth the ability to seek and find truth beyond petty motivation and self-interest. I saw what I considered to be a genuine future in

Merkel place to stay and grow for many years developing such a program. I was explicit and honest with you, the board, about my past, my ideas and ideals, my health, even my disposition.

Nevertheless, I have found that what I said was

taken to mean that I would resist interference from everyone except board members, work regardless of undue, unfounded, and outrageous criticism from board members and parents, that I would be fired by their father. I was expected to take no defensive stance. For many weeks, I escaped this by living in and on the personal satisfaction that I drew from knowing I was doing the absolute best I could. However, even that slipped away and I found myself lacking in the desire to fight for superior performance from myself, languishing in my conclusions that Merkel could be and would be happy with nothing less than a masochist, which I am not.

The upcoming talent you have, the possibilities of development of supremacy from the athletic standpoint of Merkel are measureless if a coach could be used to the limits of her ability, and not as a doormat for anyone who wishes to take out their personal hostilities and inadequacies on someone held defenseless by your present attitudes and this system.

I have received a great deal of support and satisfaction from many, many parents, even those whose children I do not and will not yet have in "my" program; concerned parents who are genuinely interested in the total program and the ultimate development of their children, as well as, all the children of Merkel. I leave these with much sorrow, for they have shown me that there is hope for mankind and for the future Merkel.

My vision and my purpose will cling to these. and I will say that I have grown personally from their attitudes, encouragement and esteem. Every small system deserves good teachers and It was also my desire to work for an entire year coaches, every child deserves the best possible in harmony with my co-workers, to become an education, not because you or I am teaching active member of your community, to find a them, but because they are human and our hope

Perhaps soon, this board will find someone who can balance these forces of adversity and deserve to coach your future.

Date: 3-10-81

Respectfully, Mary Margaret Clark

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCION DE REGENTES')



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(Por la presente la junta de regentes del distrito escolar independiente da aviso que se llevara a cabo una elección el día Abril 4 de 1981 con el propósito de 2 elegir un regente a cada puesto designado por number

> ABSENTEE VOTING by personal appearance will begin on Monday 1981 and continue through

1981, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on each day which is not a Saturday, Sunday, or an official state holiday.3 (VOTACION POR AUSENCIA en persona comencerá el Lunes

de 1981 y continuara hasta el \_ de 1981 desde las

8 a.m. hasta las 4:30 m. en todos los días que no sean sabado, domingo, o día oficial de vacaciones estatales.)

Merkel Tax Office Absentee voting in person shall be conducted at

S. 3rd and Ash St., Merkel, Texas Merkel ISD Tax Office Applications for absentee ballots by mail should be mailed to Box 430, Merkel, Texas 79536

(Votando por ausencia personal va ser condocido acerca de Same as above

Solicitudes para una boleta de ausencia por correo deben dar vuelta por correo al Merkel ISD, Tax Office, Box 430, Merkel, Texas 79536

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 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. el día de la elección.)

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# Letters to the Editor ...

Dear Editor:

Want to express to you how we love our Merkel Mail. My sister has had it sent to us. We look forward to getting it.

Never will there be such a dear place in our hearts like Merkel. The people at home are really special, without all their love. prayers and gifts of love we would have really suffered. We get many letters each day and calls all along.

Dan is an out patient at M.D. Anderson and we have been here 5 weeks now, (and looks like 2 more). He is taking treatments. This is a great place to be, to get treatments, but there is no place like home. We are country people and this city is really

getting to us. Let us now take home serious and tell our neighbors we love them before we have to be away. Thanks again Merkel Mail for making this possible for us to express our love for you and all your good coverage. M-M. Don Riney

1508 Heath Sleepy little town of Merkel, and we love it

Dear Editor I will be directing the drive to raise money for the American Cancer Society in the Merkel-Trent area on April 7-14. I would like to solicit the help of any clubs or individuals who can help with this effort.

I know that people in this town are constantly bombarded with requests for help for various school projects, community projects, and especially the many non-profit organizations through-

out the U.S. I would like to challenge our people to give to those organizations which benefit us on the local level. Much of the money that is sent to national

organizations is used to pay huge executive salaries and is never directed to the benefit of those who need it The American Cancer Society is an ex-

ception. Sixty per cent of funds raised during this drive will be used by the Taylor-Jones Chapter. The other forty per cent will be used for research and education which benefits those who are now suffering from cancer or who will suffer in the future.

We need to remember that one out of three Americans will get cancer during his or her lifetime. Another important part of our cancer week during April will be to educate the citizens of Merkel to watch for cancer danger signs in their own bodies. Early detection of cancer is extremely important.

Let me again request your support and the support of all Merkel-Trent readers for the cancer drive on April 7-14. If you are willing to walk your block in seeking funds or willing to help us in any way, please call me at 928-5801.

Remember that the odds are high that cancer will strike someone you love. Larry Gill,

**Board Member** 

American Cancer Society To Whom It May Concern

Please place this

donation into the "John Davis" fund. Due to the money situation over here (205 Yen-U.S. 1.00) this is the best I can do, but I hope it helps. John Davis is someone I will always call one

of my closest friends. It is a terrible situation he is in, but as usual the good people of Merkel have come through with something that "big city folks" never experience, people helping people. God willing I will come home soon to those people

Paul D. Reed SSGT, USAF Yokota Air Base, Japan

Dear Mr. Richards:

A few nights ago, it was my pleasure to be with Mr. Edd Sandusky; his son, Glenn; Mr. Don Hensley, President of Farmers and Merchants National Bank, and numerous other friends, during a dinner held in the school cafeteria.

As always, I was deeply impressed with the Merkel folk, most of whom got out in the rain to come into town for dinner.

These are wonderful people. They talk to each other. They support each other. They express faith in each other. And, as they support each other, they sustain me as I continue to believe there is more inherent good in people than there is inherent bad!

It was another fine experience and I deepthank Mr. Don Hensley for inviting me to address this agricultural group. May their kind increase

> Kindest regards, Don Newbury

# Bigbee, Page 2 Farmer, Bigbee on list

Gina Kay Farmer, of Abilene, has been named to the Dean's List at McMurry College for the 1980 fall semester, according to Dr. Paul Jungmeyer, academic dean of the college.

Ms. Farmer, a Physical Ed. major at McMurry, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Farmer of Merkel, Tx.

Margo Jyl Bigbee of Merkel has been named to the Dean's List at McMurry College for the 1980 fall semester, according to Dr. Paul Jungmeyer, academic dean of the

college. Ms. Bigbee, a Religion major at McMurry is the daughter of Pat McAlister of Mer-

kel Randy Joe Bigbee of Merkel, Tx. has been named to the Dean's List at McMurry College for the 1980 fall semester, according to Dr. Paul Jungmeyer, academic dean of the

college. Mr. Bigbee, a Social Science major at Mc-Murry is the son of Mr. Mack Bigbee and Betty Vinson.

### Lambda Beta sets contest

The Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi has announced that the date of the annual Miss Merkel Beauty Pageant will be April 11th. All girls ages 3 through high school are eligible for entry. Entrance forms will be available at the school offices and at Hammond Insurance Agency. Deadline for entry is April 2nd, so don't delay!



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# Top news & events of 1958-57

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beat Abilene High and then lost to Ropesville in regional basketball play

Giant was a first run movie and showing at the Queen theater here. Earl Hughes was elected mayor and Norman Winters and Jack South were elected to city council. Twenty-four new street markers were put up here. Robert McLeod was named all state in basketball here. The Merkel Post Office suspended Saturday operations because of a lack of funds.

Taylor Electric's annual meeting drew 1450 here. Nelda Herron was valedictorian and Laura Carter was salutatorian at Noodle High. Jocille Thompson was valedictorian and Margaret Chancey was salutatorian of Merkel's Class of 1957. There were 35 seniors in that class. Mrs. Louis Butman won a car and \$25,000 in a Chevrolet contest.

Work began on Carson's Supermarket, which was build for \$120,000.

The Soil Day was held at Comer Haynes farm

August

near Merkel and drew 1,100 people.

The Navy signed their first brother-sister recruits here when Mary and Jackie Harris signed up. September

Robert O'Rear of Trent brought in the first bale of cotton. A raid netted seven local gamblers at the Oasis Hotel here. A fire destroyed 34 of a block in Trent and damages ran \$13,000 October

The Weldon McAninch home here was destroyed by fire.

November The Merkel Methodist Church celebrated it's 75th anniversary here. The church was organized in 1882 and seven people attended the first

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 6A football championship and were defeated in bi-district play. December

"Uncle" Ben Wheeler, a local resident since 1900, died here.



Alan Albright is a senior MOC student at Merkel High and is employed at Abilene Poultry. Albright is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Albright and plans to become a truck driver or attend vocational training following graduation.

### Adult league forming

Team representatives for men's and women's slowpitch softball teams will be meeting Thursday at Taylor Electric at 7:30 to organize that lea-

The league will be over before summer baseball and softball starts and all team representatives are encouraged to attend.

### Tri-City meeting set

The Tri City Baseball League will meet March 20th to enter into the Texas Teenage Baseball Associa-

Charles Crain, state director, will be the guest speaker.

The meeting will be held at Taylor Electric and all interested players and parents are encouraged to attend.

Texas Teenage baseball is open to boys in two age categories. Boys will compete in 13, 14, 15 ages and 16, 17, and 18 year olds.

### Doan sets recital

Mrs. Ronny Doan, of Merkel, is proud to announce her 11th annual piano recital. The recital will be Thursday, March 12th at 7:00 p.m. It will be held at the First United Methodist Church in Merkel. The public is invited to attend.

Students to be presented in the recital are as follows: Kristi Smith, Lillian Leach, Kimberly Waller, Aimee Bugg, Susan Hammond, Dawn Henslee, Clay Hammond, Phuong Thao Tran, Kyle Doan, Shelly Sherrill, Melissa Har-ris, and Abby Irvin.

Also, April Duncan, Kristen Kennedy, Amy Irvin, Leigh Anne Allen, Bridget Pallarez, Kevin Coker, Diem Trang Tran and Trung

## MERKEL COUNTRY CLUB ONE MILE NORTH OF 1-20 ON FM 126

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 to keep a golf course in good shape. In order to get that done, we are having two work days scheduled for 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 asking that those attending bring tools that will be useful. We will be serving Barbecued Spare Ribs, Beans and Potato Salad. Work days 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 women. Players need an established

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 going to have to work at it. Call me and let's talk about it.

Don't forget Ladies night every Wednesday night. Drinks are \$1

Every Saturday night, Prime Rib and all of the trimmings for \$8.95.

The Pro Shop sale continues with everything 25 to 50 per cent off. The sale includes a ladies starter set with putter, men's clubs, clothing, shoes, etc.

Remember, we have discontinued the Abilene line and the phone number to the club is 928-5514. Thanks, Patsi



And our sale price is a big Texas-size bargain. Hurry! Monday March 16 thru Sunday March 22 only

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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, said Joseph Horak with the U.S. Census Bureau at a recent Census of Agriculture Data Users Conference at Texas A&M 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 in 1840 and was conducted every 10 years until 1920 when the five-year cycle began.

In addition to agriculture, the Economic Census will include business, construction, economic surveys, foreign trade, governments 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 and ranches, kinds of commodities produced, and various details about farm and ranch operators and land use.

In the 1978 Agricultural Census, some 4.5 million forms were mailed to farmers and ranchers, 326,000 of those in Texas. Forms were mailed to everyone with \$1,000 or more in annual 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

He indicated that about 10 percent of all farms in the U.S. were missed in the 78 census due to incomplete mailing lists and lack of farmer response but that these were generally smaller operations that accounted for only about 3 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 \$100,000 accounted for two-thirds of all agricultural sales in the U.S.

The '78 census showed 2,475,171 farms in the U.S., down 5.6 percent from 1974. However, those with sales of \$2,500 or more were up 4.8 percent while those with sales of less than \$2,500 were down 27.5 percent.

Texas farms totaled 194,461 in 1978, down 3.1 percent from four years ago. Those with sales of more than \$2,500 were up almost 19 percent while those with sales below that level dropped 31.4



Lonnie Jowers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Jowers, is a senior MOC student at MHS. Jowers is employed by the Wylie Shamroc Truck Terminal here and plans to attend vocational school after graduation.

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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, Merkel

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school taxes. in addition, all persons who are 65 or older or under a disability for purposes of payment or disability benefits under Federal Old-Age Survivors, and Disability Insurance are also entitled to an additional exemption of \$10,000 from the market value of their residence homesteads for the

To qualify for these exemptions, an application must be filed with the school district tax office by April 1, 1981. Application forms are available at the school tax office located at: Box 105, Trent, TX 79561.

purpose of school tax-

54-1tc NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF OLGA MEDINA SIL-VA, DECEASED

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# Top Tye news & events

Whats Happening in Tye 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 to be covered. The agenda will consist of or will 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 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 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

Several organizations have held fund raisings for Helen Passamore, who has cancer. El-Tye-O Trailer Sales will host one this Saturday, March 14, 1981 starting at 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in her behalf. All items will be from 50 to \$1.00. These new items will be curtains, flower arrangements, wall

APL Project staff members, Arnold Nored, Ann Brownlow, and Sue White made an on-site

visit to the Big Country Adult Education Co-op in

Abilene, Texas for the purpose of reviewing the Modified Based High School Diploma Program

(MCBHSD), and interviewing knowledgeable

educators, employers, and community members

for their response and assessment of this

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

impressed with the quality of the teacher's

classroom management and ability to individual-

ize instruction for some 15 different students, all

of different levels and engaged in different

program.

plaques and much, much more. Your support will be appreciated and you will have saved money and helped defray the expenses of treatment for Helen. So put it on your calendar. Along the calendar, you may as well circle the 20th also. Tye Senior Citizens will host a pot luck supper to be held at the Community center, starting at 5:30 p.m. till? Plenty of home cooked foods will be served. You be there. Then on the 21st of March, your Volunteer Fire Department will host the 2nd annual rabi clinic at the Fire house from 1 to 3 p.m. These shots would cost you \$8.00 in Abilene, but if you have your pet shots at the station on Saturday, you can have it done for \$5.00. This is a service the department provides to the city and anyone who wants their pets innoulzted, \$5 per pet, includes tags and shot record. Dr. James Kelly, Veternarian will be giving the pets their

For those of you that didn't make the 2nd Pot Luck Supper that was held this past Saturday, you missed out on some of the finest eating that can't be matched any where. Several did attend and stayed for the musical that was held after supper. It was noted that several that did stay, enjoyed the music and danced a little. The department raised another \$200.00 closer to their goal towards getting the truck ready, we still lack some 5100 dollars in completing this truck. In the very near future, members of the department will be making a house to house 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 your neighbors, cause we love ya.

dent of Schools in Merkel, and were pleased with

Mr. Everett's expressed support of the new

MCBHSD program. Of note was the fact that a

MCBHSD Program graduate is now employed as

When APL Staff members visited with Ms.

Debbie Bradfield, Director of Education and Ms

Debbie Lacy, Ass't Director, 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 personnel expressed an interest in establishing a similar competencybased program on site at their Abilene facility.

Final data and evaluation of MCBHSD

programs in the Big Country Adult Education

Co-op area will be part of APL's Final Report to

Merkel Adult Education Classes are held every Monday and Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8:30 in

the Texas Education Agency.

a substitute teacher in the Merkel Schools.

Jerrie Stephan & Robert Brown

# Stephen's engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stephan, Rt. 4, Abilene have announced the engagement of their daughter, Jerrie, to Robert Garth Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tegart Brown of Kout-

The bride elect is a graduate of Merkel High School and attended West Texas State University and graduated from Stenograph Institute of Texas. She is a Certified Shorthand Reporter

and is employed by Beaumont Court Reporters in Beaumont.

The prospective bridegroom is a graduate of French High School in Beaumont and attended Lamar University. He is the owner-operator of Wil-son-Brown Specialty, Inc., in Beaumont.

The couple is planning a May 23rd wedding in Redeemer Lutheran Church in

# 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 to the Merkel FFA. The ag students will be going to 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 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. I. Her project this year is a Heifer and two steers. Brenda is a J.V. Cheerleader, has participated in basketball, track and pep squad. She was on the Greehand Quiz Team.

Donna Miller, daughter of Robert and Grace Miller, is a freshman and in V.A. I. Her project this 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 this year is a pig. David has participated in football and basketball.

# Tye Elementary honor roll

The Tye Elementary School Honor Roll is as

A Honor Roll: First Grade: Hope Ward, Ivy Molina, Melissa Hubble, Becky Donaldson, Michelle Villarreal, Glorietta Acosta, Son Hui Chon, Michelle Guerney; A-B Honor Roll: Misty Johnson, Dwayne Dosser, Zack Walker, Luis

Second Grade: A Honor Roll: Cristi Moore, Billie Jo Dobiez, Crystal Arnold, Jonnie Sever, Kevin Watson; A-B Honor Roll: Carolyn Hall, Billy Kimbro, Richard Neal, Johnny Wells,

Amme Blair, Katina Neith, Eugene Van Gurp. Third Grade: A Honor Roll: Michelle Davis, Mi kHwa 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: Kayce Ward, Stacy Boyd, Mendy Bunselmeyer, 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 results of the Pee Wee Basketball games held Saturday, March 7th are as follows:

3rd and 4th grade boys: Rockets 11- Bulls 34; Bucks 10- Pistons 4; 5th and 6th grade boys: Spurs 34-76'ers 26, Lakers 23- Celtics 20; 3rd and 4th grade girls: Hawks 8- Bullets 3; Nuggets 8-Nicks 4; 5th and 6th grade girls: Nets 14- Jazz 6; Clippers 10- Suns 8.

The standings are as follows: 3rd and 4th grade boys: 1. & 2. Bucks 4-1, Bulls 4-1; 3. & 4. Pistons 1-4; Rockets 1-4. %th and 6th hovs: 1 Snurs 5-0: 2. Lakers 3-2; 3. Celtics 2-3; 4. 76'ers 0-5. 3rd and 4th grade girls: 1. Hawks 4-1; 2. Nicks 3-2; 3. Nuggets 2-3; 4. Bullets 1-4; 5th and 6th grade girls: 1. Nets 4-1; 2. Jazz 3-2; 3. Clippers 2-3; 4. Suns 1-4.

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7th Grade: A Honor Roll: Matt Cain, Kelly Riney, Kevin Mitchell, Amy Irvin, Alyse Ferguson, Ronna Casey. A-B Honor Roll: Thomas Doan, Kevin Coker, Gayle Landeros, Gina Stucky, Barbara Kinder, Lucretia Wade, Keith Watson, Tim Kellogg, Clay Carey

8th Grade: A Honor Roll: Becky Teague, Shelly Sherrill; A-B Honor Roll: Tim Jacobs, Trung Tran, Donny Brady, Shane Smith, Greg Spurr, Kris Rich, Jennifer Roby, Tami Elliott, Cindy Toney, Cindy M. Williams, Kelly Sherrill, Mum Prasarn.

# High school honor roll

The Merkel High School Honor Roll is as follows

A Honor Roll: Christi Brady, Sheila Adair, Stacy Seymore, Norma Frazier, Maria Moreno, Mary Fariello, Tammy Davis; A-B Honor Roll: Sirintorn Prasarn, Mandi Dillon, Alan Glick, Jimmy Davis, Delisa Roysden, Loyce Baker, Rene' Aiken, Janice Jacobs, Mary Bunselmeyer, Connie Page, Pam Allbright, Judy Jinkens, Ray Walters, Melinda Riney, Denise Pack





Ryan's Hope's" version of the fateful love triangle: L-R: Michael Corbett, Louise Shaffer, and Kelli Maroney.

Michael and Kim get caught in bed together on Rvan's Hope by scorned and vengeful Rae who is determined to destroy both their futures. Well, Michael Corbett, who plays Michael Pavel, the aggressive, street-wise voung man who uses his sexual charms as well as his wits to climb to the top, need not be afraid of Rae Woodard's wrath. Cor. bett's career is off and running making him the ABC serial's latest heart-throb.

Following the current trend of bad boys charming the female audience, Michael's Pavel has been taken under the wing of the rich and manipulative Rae Woodard (Louise Shaffer) who lavishes him with gifts, attention and a taste of corporate power. He rewards her generosity by alternating their passionate interludes with a backstreet affair with her daughter Kim (Kelli Maroney). The fact that Kim is married to Seneca (John Gabriel) makes no difference to Michael. Neither does his immoral. self-serving behavior seem to have any effect upon the host of women fans of Ryan's Hope who find him irresistable.

Michael Corbett's background is totally different from that of the character he portrays. Born in Philadelphia, Michael followed his two brothers to the University of Pennsylvania to study international relations. But a Broadway director saw him in a student show at the University's Annenberg Center and asked why he wasn't studying theater arts

That made me think, Michael recalled.

The next year, he enrolled at the Boston Conservatory of Drama, Music and Dance where he earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in drama and music theater. He also studied at the CEC Studio in Los Angeles

The 6' 160 pound actor has appeared in "Love of Life" and has done a variety of regional theatre and summer stock roles.

One positive note on Michael's Pavel character;

As reported in this Michael is the type of lands on his feet and even though Rae has knocked the pins out from under him it's a sure bet that Pavel will find another angle to achieve the life at the top he so strongly

> Now a look at what's been happening and what will happen on all the afternoon dramas.



Preview: 3/16-3/20

AS THE WORLD TURNS -Annie and Brad reach a true parting of the ways. John and Margo begin a true and warm relationship. Joyce wiggles out of

THE GUIDING LIGHT ... Diane and Vanessa try to do a hatchet job on one another. Ross is having guilt feelings and is comforted by Eve. Hope turns the tables on Alan. SEARCH FOR TOMOR-ROW -- Ted can't seem to keep saying no to Jamie. Max is patronizing Garth without his consent. Spence is concerned that Sissy will make trouble for

Roger Lee THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS -- Laurie will do anything to keep Leslie from Lance including throwing Jonas at her. Michael pressures Julia to let him be a part of her life and that of her child.

DAYS OF OUR LIVES --Joshua tells Marlena that Chandler killed Sunny while Chandler is present. After he leaves, Joshua tells her that Sunny is Joshua's mother. Chandler is causing Tod to worry because it appears he is losing touch with reality. Marie and Alex are rescued - Marie tells Tom that Jessica is hers and Alex's daughter. Mary has Leslie fired. Tod takes over the corporation when Kellam worsens. Tod asks Jessica

to marry him THIS WEEK: Chandler becomes more and more irrational. Marlena may be in danger.

Newsbriefs

### Girls softball

Final Registration for the Little Girls Softball is set for Friday, March 20. No one will be allowed to register after this date. Go by the Justice of the Peace Office anytime to register. The registration fee is

### Riggan honored

Danny Riggan was named to district 7 AAA all district second team, the district committee announced last week

Badgers leading scorer this season. Dusty Barnhill and Sal Acosta were men-

Riggan was the

### Art group meets

John Paul Dudley leaps over the rope at a

Twenty-eight teams of six jumpers each

jumped rope for three hours and the teams were

paid by the minute. (Staff photo by Melanie

Richards.)

GENERAL HOSPITAL ..

Lesley is wined and dined

by Castle unaware that he

is Cassidine. Ann is cleared when it is discovered that Diana died

instantly and could not have written her name in

blood. Jeff makes a home

for Pl. Mrs. Grant and Jeff are disturbed when they

learn that Heather will be released for day trips

soon. Luke gets a new clue

to the cabbie he's looking

for when Mrs. Lutz visits

the diner and tells him her

husband is a cabbie work-

THIS WEEK: Jeff keeps a

tight rein on Heather but is

Ann out of reach? Luke

gets closer to the Ice Prin-

TEXAS -- Reena is begin-

ning to resent acting as a

go between for Iris when it

comes to Dennis. Ryan is

pressuring Ginny to tell

him the paternity of the

baby she's carrying and

sticks around to find out

the truth. Ashley is inter-

viewed for a job and Iris

realizes that she has a lot

in common with her. Fliot

is miffed when Dennis

THIS WEEK: Iris confides

in her new found friend.

Ginny is almost caught in a

ANOTHER WORLD ...

Cecile and Jamie an-

nounce their marriage at

Blaine have a romantic interlude. Jordan is very dis-

not an accident.

from the past.

everything was fine.

Michael and gives him back his job. Siobhan is

entranced by Joe.

takes a job at KUIK.

ing the docks at night.

Jump-A-Thon held at the Merkel High Gym

Saturday for the American Heart Association.

tioned honorably.

The Merkel Art Association met Monday March 9 at Taylor Telephone. A demonstration on roses was given by Betty Toombs. All members should make note of the meeting change. The new meeting date will be the 2nd Monday of each month at Taylor Telephone

Members attending were as follows: Gay Featherston, Marie Beaird, Ethel Pee, Ruth Cox, Cora Ree-

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### homecoming

classmates.

The Putnam Homecoming will honor Mr. R.W. Reynolds and Mrs. Roland Nichols.

will be a business meeting and program in the auditorium with M.E. (Dock) Heslep of Roswell, N.M. as master of ceremonies.

Mack Eplen's of Abilene will cater the noon meal. Price per plate will be \$5.55 for adults and \$3.45 for children under 10. For reservations please send a check or money order and a self-addressed stamped envelope to Mrs. Calvin King, Putnam, Texas 76469 or see LaVerne Rutherford at the Post Office by April 15,

\* MINOR TUNE UP

★ WASH & GREASE

The Homecoming committee request if Putnam

The Putnam Homecoming will be held at the Putnam High School on Saturday, April 18, 1981. Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. The morning will be spent in fellow-ship with friends and

At 2:00 p.m. there

Homecomings have been every two years. Please mark your calendar and make plans now to join old friends and classmates at this

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any ex-student or exteacher is not receiving an invitation or has changed their ad-

dress in the past year to please send name and address to La-Verne Rutherford, Putnam, Texas 76469 so the files can be up-dated.



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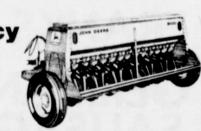
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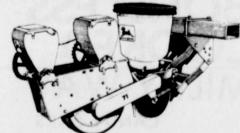
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# Trent News

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Thursday March 12, 1981



Pam Massey, of Trent High, was elected an area officer this weekend of the Future

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.

Among changes suggested were an increase in 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 M. Mitchener, Jr., 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 mechanisms for cotton. Under either of these, Mitchener

el día de la elección.)

said, most farmers can increase cotton acreage and still be in compliance by reducing other

He pointed out that a 20-percent set-aside had been required for cotton on two occasions, and both times cotton plantings actually increased. As an alternative, the Sumner, Miss., producer suggested a paid diversion or a requirement that program eligibility be contingent on planting no more than a percentage of a particular crop's acreage the previous year.

Mitchener strongly urged that CCC funds be used to create a revolving fund to reestablish a direct export credit program for agricultural commodities. He pointed out that these programs were eliminated by Carter administration budget cutters because the loans showed up falsely in the budget as outright expenditures. Actually the loans were fully repaid with interest but the repayments went into the general treasury under government accounting procedures.

"We keenly believe that stimulation of foreign markets is vital to our nation's effort to curb the inflationary influence of trade deficits," the Council president said.

Serious concern also was expressed about export embargoes on farm commodities except in the case of a national emergency declared by both houses of the Congress. If an embargo should be imposed on cotton for any other reason, the Council asked that payments be made to farmers to hold their revenue at pre-embargo

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE ELECTION' (AVISO DE ELECCION DE REGENTES¹)

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# School news

Juniors

The Trent Junior Class will be hauling trash March 16th to raise money for their senior trip.

Anyone having trash that needs to be hauled are encouraged to call Mrs. Gardner at Trent High or contact any Junior class member.

## Massey gets post

The Trent F.H.A. Girls and their advisor attended the Area IV Future Homemakers of America Leadership Training Conference in Abilene, March 6th and 7th. Pam Massey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W.L. Massey of Merkel, was elected vice president of Public Relations at the House of Delegates Meeting Friday night. Pam will be attending the State FHA-HERO meeting in San Angelo next month to begin her term as Area IV offi-

### Houston show results

The Houston Livestock show results are as follows: Barrows: Lt. Wt.

Berkshires: Mat Jackson 10th; Hvy. Wt. Berkshires: Fidel Valdez 11th, Carlos Garza 15th, David Reed 19th; Lt. Wt. Poland: Eddie Adams 21st.

Also showing swine: Lloyd Williams, Debra Williams, Billy Williams, Lee Hunt, Missy Simpson, Chris, Simpson, Casey Johnson, Kevin Whitley, Riley West.

Trent FFA students are now showing swine and steers at San Angelo this week.

Youth band

### concert given

The 4th and 5th

grade band at Trent

Elementary School presented a concert Friday afternoon for their parents and friends. The band played, "An Old Friend", American folk song, "Upidee" College song, "Little Man in the Woods", Humperdinck, "Building London Bridge' Novelty tune, "The Crusaders", Erickson, "Soldier Boy" Erick-

Featured on the concert were: Kim Orr and Scott O'Kelly, cornet duet; Rhonda Payne, flute soloist; McGlothlin, Leslie clarinet soloist; Kimberly Walker, flute soloist and Johnny Nance, Jeff Hobbs, Robert Childress, cornet trio.

The concert was given for Texas Public Schools Week to give the parents and others in the community an opportunity to visit the school.

### The Consumer Alert

by Mark White Attorney General

AUSTIN-Telephone solicitation is rapidly becoming a cheap and fast method of advertising by certain repair

One example of such a scheme is the TV repair business. In certain parts of the state, these services are being advertised to unsuspecting consumers by sometimes unethical and unqualified repairmen.

The operation begins with a phone call to a consumer indicating that a TV

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What happens next some- area. times turns into a frustrating sequence of events for the consumer.

First, the consumer, after waiting a few days will call the the problem is more extensive warranty work. than first realized and that it

repairman will be in the area the payment agreed upon for the purpose of supplying before delivery. If the repair services and that for a consumer pays the repairman low price, they will pick-up, the agreed price, he will repair and deliver the promise to deliver the set merchandise fully repaired immediately. Then, the repair service will not deliver warranty. Most of the time the set to the consumer these individuals will quote because they are not working the consumer a price for the that consumer's area at that time. The consumer ends up inspecting the television set having to go to the business which is supposed to be himself or perhaps to hire repaired. Once the consumer someone else to deliver the set agrees to the "good deal" the to his home. If the set does not repairman will pick up the work properly, the repair service will usually tell the consumer to return the set in some instances will require himself or else it will be picked up next time they are in the

After several attempts to secure the warranty work along with the free pick-up and delivery service, the frustrated consumer gives up repair service and ask about his fight to either get his his set. The usual reply is that money back or obtain the

The lesson to be learned will cost more than agreed from 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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