## The Merkel Mail

## Kindergarten

## artist part of

capitol display

## in Austin




Judd Burton listens to MISD art instructor Pat Neff as she tells a PTO meeting Monday one of Judd's drawings will appear in a display at the
state capitol in observance of Student Art Month. (Staff photo by Cloy A. Richards)

## Ronny Doan files for MISD post

With the filing deadline set for 5 p.m. Wednesday for local elections, James Boyd's seeat
on the MISD school board is the only uncontested race in upcoming elections.

Mail, Ronny Doan filed for Place One on the Running for three positions for the Merkel City Council are incumbents Ted Smith and Jerry Byrd. Also running for one of the three spots are
James McKee, Elinor Dagestad and Jeff Jones.

## Boys race to 4th in Ft. Stockton

> The Merkel boys track team placed fourth in ort Stockton over the weekend as Jay Campbell led the way with a second place finish in the pole $\begin{aligned} & \text { vault and Sam } \\ & \text { the Badgers. } \\ & \text { Head Coach }\end{aligned}$
> $\begin{aligned} & \text { the Badgers. } \\ & \text { Head Coach Eddie Lang told the Mail Tuesday }\end{aligned}$ $\begin{aligned} & \text { Head Coach Eddie Lang toid the Mail Tuesday } \\ & \text { his team had one week to get ready for the meet }\end{aligned}$ and fell his team performed well in spots and not
> so well in others.
> $\begin{aligned} & \text { Lang is readying the boys for a weekend meet } \\ & \text { in Anson while the girls team will travel to }\end{aligned}$ in Anson
> $\begin{aligned} & \text { The results from the Fort Stockton meet are } \\ & \text { Pole Vault-Jay Campbell 2nd-12' } \mathbf{c}^{\prime \prime} \text { Sammy }\end{aligned}$ Pole Vault-Jay Campbell 2nd-12' $6^{\prime \prime}$, Sammy $\begin{aligned} & \text { Tumlinson 3rd-12 '6"; Long jump- Mike McCoy } \\ & \text { 3rd-19'9"; Shot put-Roy Johnson } 5 \text { th-44' } 3^{\prime \prime} \text {, } 440\end{aligned}$

Don't use weather pics, Band uniforms, 3
in Trent, Jail a hotel?...more
by Cloy A. Richards
ather picture in the Big After last Thursday's picture of two pigs in hint of snow you say?

The Middle School and High School Band Boosters are starting to r band uniforms.
They will be holding a bake sale March 6th in
ront of Starbuck's Furniture Store.
Congratulations are in order for three Trent sigh students for ensemble contests held at Hardin Simmons University.
Simon Dela Cruz, Chris Simpson and Roger
Brenem received a 1 rating at the contest.

Judd Burton, a Merkel Kindergarten student, will have on display in Austin Judd's work was submitted by MISD ar instructor Pat Neff and of the Youth Art Month.

If you want to plant a garden this year and

Relay-5th including Mike Tutt, Russell Lucas Ronnie Williams and Gary Tutt; 110 Hurdles Jimmy Don Rogers 5th, Sammy Tumlinson 7th;
300 Run- Raymond Acosta 7 th; 300 Intermediate 300 Run-Raymond Acosta 7 th ; 300 Intermediate
Hurdles-Mike McCoy 4th, Sammy Tumlinson 6 th ; Murdiles-Mike McCoy 4th, Sammy Tuminsongond Acosta 6 th; Mile Relay 6 th ncluding Russell Lucas, Michael Tutt, Ken Rich and David Schultz.
Lang said the times and distances were
promising for this time of the year and said his promising for this time of the year and said his ot of depth
The schedule for this week includes all girls rack teams in Stamford and the boys varsity in anson. March 12 th a $6-7-8 \mathrm{th}$ grade meet is being
cheduled here and the High school boys and scieduled here and the High school boys
girls will travel to Winters next weekend.
don't have the space available, tell you what, the Mail will help you out 1 ran an ad last week reques ting a garden spot.
The response was excellent. I had about 15 call The response
in three days.
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A new jail? Why, it's going to be a motel. If I hear that slatement one more time in political discussion about the proposed count
aiil I will scream. Bloody Murder.
The county is faced with spending almost $\$ 9$ million for a new jail and has decided to call a The coun he jail classified to he is to do nothing, have inmates we have and either release the rest or

Merkel fifth graders are still raising money for a two night, three day stay at Camp Butman. They are raising money by selling books
candy, pencils and Merkel Badger pendents. More information is available from the school

## Jail bond hearing held

A lown hall meeting concerning the upcoming bond election for the new Taylor County Jail was
held here Tuesday by Taxpyers Security. The meeting, was one of a series throughou the county sponsored by the group, which is urging passage of the March 20th bond election Taylor Counly's jail was declared subslandar by the Siate Jail Commission and the 50 year old siructure will have had to be extensivel Commissioners decided to call a $\$ 8.9$ million bond

Farm insurance
program

## scrutinized

By Catharine M. Lemieux, Edward G. Smith, James Richardson and Ron Knutson.
Should I take out the new all-risk crop insurance? This is a question which every crop producer must answer in the next few weeks
before the sign-up deadline. While this is an individual question, research results reported in his article provide important new insight that producers can use in deciding whether to This research is being c authors who are policy analysts with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station and the Exten-
sion Service using funds sion Service using funds generated by a special The All-Risk Insurance Program In 1982, the All-Risk Crop Insurance Program becomes the primary disaster assistance program offered by the USDA. This program Insurance Program and the Disaster Payment Program. While some disaster provisions still exist in the 1981 Farm Bill, they are either
discretionary or available only in those counties whee all-risk insurance is not currently being ffered.
All-risk insurance was designed not only to
replace the disaster payment 977 Farm Bill, but also to make Federal Crop insurance coverage more attractive to producers. This was done by giving producers a wide and by providing a premium subsidy and and by providing a premium subsidy and crops. USDA and the Congress hope that as many as two-thirds of the producers will elect to articipate in the program.
While a government program, all-risk crop
insurance is sold by private insurance agents upervised by the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation. Private insurance agents, banks, insurance agencies are, therefore, all likely to be sources of all-risk crop insurance coverage
The All-Risk Insurance Options
Taking out all-risk crop insurance is not simp Taking out all-risk crop insurance is not simply
matter of deciding whether or not to take out insurance. In addition, a choice has to be made among three levels of yield coverage and three evels of price coverage.
Yield coverage can be percent of a guaranteed yield level for each risk area in a county. The guaranteed yield level is based on the county's 10 -year production history.
Price coverage can be taken out at levels Price coverage can be laken out al levels
approximately equal to 60,70 , and 90 percent of a projected market price. Prices, of course, vary from commodity to commodity and from year to year. Specific alternative price coverage levels
or 1982 are: Cotton (low to high) 45,50 . 60 ; Wheat (low to high) 2.50, 3.50, 4.50; Grain Sorghum (low to high) 3.57, 4.29, 5.00; Corn (low Sorghum (low to high
to high) $2.00,2.70,3.00$
All-risk crop insurance premiums are estaAlished on an actuarial basis. That is, they are designed to reflect the risk of loss for a particula crop, in a particular area, at a particular level higher levels of yield coverage, higher levels of price coverage and higher levels of risk Premiums can change over time as the history of arms.
A 30 percent government premium subsidy is
available for coverage up to 65 percent of the available for coverage up to 65 percent of the guaranteed yield. levels. The existence of the subsidy has substantial impact on both the decision of whether to take out insurance and the level of coverage. With all-risk crop insurance, a to determine what the shortfall in production wil be for the entire farm on the insured crop.

Differences From Commercial Insurance
for only hail and fire protection. Commercia insurance does not generally cover drough (Continued on Page 3)
electuon to finnance the structure, which will also
include a juvenile correction facility include a juvenile correction facility
The town hall meetings are desi The town hall meetings are designed to focus
attention on the jail's main problems, thet of age and limited escape routes in case of fir Officers in the organization backing the ja bond issue are Charles Hill, Kenny Biggs and
Raye Howe, all Abilene businessmen Taylor County officials were on hand at the Tuesday meeting to answer questions concernin the new jail and the state laws concerning the
new jail and the state laws concerning housing of new jair and the state laws concerning housing o
prisoners. prisoners.
 No major injuries were reported after a Merkel
School Bus and pick-up collided near Nolan Friday morning. Icy roads were blamed in


Leona Dishman, Merkel's oldest iiving resicent celebrated her 1ofth birthday Friday at a party at the Starr Nursing Home. Mrs. Dishman is stil active and occasionally sings religious songes. She
has three living children, Mrs. J.D. Bradley, Lote Melton and Wright Dishman, all of Merkel. (Staff photo by Cloy A. Richards)


Look at farm insurance continued

the discounted value of the simulated income
stream was $\$ 102,475$, percent was $\$ 102,475$. With a commercial 10 percent deductibie hail and fire insurance policy
sold by a major Texas company, the discounted income was $\$ 144,724$. This level of coverage was roughly comparable to the all-risk high price level, 65 percent guaranteed yield-although the
farm's discounted income value was about $\$ 53,000$ less.
All-risk crop insurance yield progressively higher levels of discounted income with roicated by the following discounted income values for the various yield and price
combinations: Level of 50 percent combinations: Level of 50 percent (low to high) $\$ 142,251$, hish $\$ 1820, \$ 160,512 ;$ Yield 65 percent
(low to high) $\$ 170,596$ \$173,102 $\$ 197,598 ;$ Guarantee 75 percent (low to high) $\$ 181,591, \$ 191,016$, 200,623.
Implications

High Plains cotton and grain sorghum farmers whose cropland is located in one area should find the new all-risk crop insurance an attractive alternative when compared with commercial hail and fire insurance
While incentives exist to choose the highest
level of yield and price coverage, the farmer seeking the greatest value might choose to insure at the 65 percent yield with the highest level of
price coverage. The payoff at that level is nearly as high as the 75 percent yield and the highest price level. The reason for this is that the 30 percent premium subsidy ends at 65 percent yield
coverage. That is, the incremental cost of coverage. That is, the incremental cost of
coverage between 65 and 75 percent is not subsidized. As a result, premiums are substantially higher at the 75 percent level, thus reducing the net producer benefits
The results of this analysis strictly applied are
limited to the South Plains cotton and grain orghum farms studied The cotton and grain farms were located close together If spread of farms were located close together. If spread over
a considerably wider area, the risk of a a considerably wider area, the risk of a
substantial crop failure would be reduced. Thus, the pay off from insurance likewise would fall, as would discounted income. While the principle conclusions of this study
may be valid in other cropland areas of Texas care should be taken in studying the application the results to each farming situation.

Art group hears about 'Rub Outs'
The regular meeting of the Merkel Art
Association was held Monday, March 1 at Big
Country Art Gallery. Guest Artist was Mrs.
JJackie Swaim, of Abilene, who demonstrated the
technique of "Rub out", With the use of Q-tips
and cotton and tooth picks, she rubbed out the
paint leaving a distinct image of a beautiful
figure.
The president held a short business meeting
following the program. It was announced that
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meeting when the club presidents will give
reports.
The clubs will convene again at $8: 30$ on
Saturday morning. Mrs. B.M. Sims, TFWC
president, will be the guest speaker at the noon
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## 11 Trent students

in UIL contests
Eleven Trent High School and Jr. High students attended the Stamford Literary Mee Saturday, Feb. 27. Trent students competed with
students from area schools of all classifications. The event is a practice meet in preparation for the District U.L.L. contest to be held in April. Winning a first place medal in Newswriting
was Pat Gloria. Luci Masonheimer won 2nd in was Pat Gloria. Luci Masonheimer won 2nd in
the 6th grade Number Sense division. Also competing Saturday was James Funderburg Kim Wallis, Missy Simpson, John Perkins, Angie Penton, Leigh Ann McGlothlin, James Freeman
Pam Massey, and Darla Ross. Accompantid students were U.I.L. Director Jocille Brady Spelling Coach Kay Brooks, and Journalism
Coach Patt Roach.
Dela Cruz, Simpson, Brenem win UIL awards Three members of the Trent Band earned top
ratings for their solo performances Saturday at ratings for their solo performances Saturday a U.I.L. solo and ensemble contest. Roger Brenem Roger is a freshman and first clarinet player in the Bold Gold. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs Robert Brenem. Seventh grade cornetists Chris Simpson and
Simon DeLaCruz received first division for their solo performances in the junior hig competition. Chris is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Simpson. Simon is
Four soloists and one brass quartet received division II or excellent ratings. Soloists wer Steven Schreiner and Ted Wood, cornet; Adam Ensemble members receiving division II rating were Donna Willis, French horn; Billy Brazelton baritone; Chris Simpson, cornet and Simo DeLaCruz, cornet
Receiving divisi
Receiving division III or good ratings on solo and ensembles were Adam DeLaCruz, Ted Wood,
Steven Schreiner, and Benjamin Beaver, brass quartet and Joey McGlothlin, Benjamin Beave and Billy Brazelton, trombone trio. Donna Willis
received a division III rating on the French horn
solo.
Trent students entered eleven events in all, including eight solos and three brass ensembles Eleven members of the thirty
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TFU asking for set aside changes

> In an effort to increase participation by Texas farmers in the recenty announced USDA crop $\begin{aligned} & \text { acreage rediction program, Texas Farmer } \\ & \text { Union President Mike Moeller has asked U.S }\end{aligned}$ Secretary of Agriculture John Block to consider (wo important changes in the program. $\begin{aligned} & \text { as ouiuned by the USDA, a farmer will be } \\ & \text { prohibited from putting his } 1982 \text { crops into the }\end{aligned}$ Commodity Credit Corporation loan program $\begin{aligned} & \text { unless he reduces his planted acreage by } \\ & \text { percent (using } 1981 \text { lacrege }\end{aligned}$ $\begin{aligned} & \text { percent (using } 1881 \text { acreage as a base) for cotton } \\ & \text { wheat, or rice or by } 10 \text { percent for corn or }\end{aligned}$
> $\begin{gathered}\text { sorghum. } \\ \text { Moeller, who farms in Hays and Guadalupe }\end{gathered}$ counties, says chat miless consessions are made $\begin{aligned} & \text { in the sel-aside program, most Texas Farmer } \\ & \text { will be unable to participate in 1982. According to }\end{aligned}$ Moeller, "Most of us in Central and South Texas $\begin{aligned} & \text { had arready planted much of our } 1982 \text { crops } \\ & \text { before the }\end{aligned}$ before the set-aside program was announced. It's
not fair to ask us to forfieit the $\$ 50$ to $s 100$ an we've already invested in planting this year's crop in order to particicipate in the program while Carmers in the Northern states have not begun
planting and can sign up for the set planing invested any money in planting their 1982
${ }^{\text {crops. }}$ Furthermore," Moeller said, "Many of us rotate our crops wich means that, in most case significantly increasing others. Under the existing rules, many Texas farmers will only be able to qualify about half of their 1982 crops for
the program., the program.
Moeller reit
supports the need program to reduce for a furplus crops. "We fully understand that the situation requires a Federa set-aside," he said
In order to be
encourage them to take part in the program TFU is calling for a change in the official method
used to determine a farmer's "base acreage" For farmers who had planted their crops prior to announcement of the program, Moeller says their base acreage should be the acreage planted on
In addition, TFU is asking the USDA to reimburse farmers who had planted prior to the set-aside announcement for their planting costs
incurred on the acreage they will now have to incurred on
plow under
Moeller said, "Most Texas farmers didn't have the luxury of waiting until after the set-aside was announced to plan and plant chis year's crops. Unless the USDA will at least help these foiks set aside, many of them simply, won't be able to participate.
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Social security; budget intact
Cotton group against ag-weather cut
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So a good beginning has been made. Other efforts include stronger roles for the Inspector General to control waste and fraud in HHS programs. For example, one project involves and Housing and Urban Development working with state welfare agencies. These departments and agencies match wage reports and the those not eligible for benefits.
HHS will continue to take reform initiatives in all areas of its responsibility-cutting down on to reduce spiraling health costs, involving private companies and individuals in volunteer efforts to deliver efficient services to the needy in their ocal communities, and restoring financia I want to make an important point about Socia Security in view of the fears some recipient have about losing benefits: No one on Socia The discussion in this administration has centered around restoring financial soundness to Social Security so those not yet retired can count
on it. A bipartisan task force has been named to on it. A bipartisan task force has been named to on sound footing. Meanwhile, to address the shorter-term financing problems, the Presiden recently signed legislation authorizing interfund Disability and Hospital Insurance Trust Funds to the basic Old Age and Survivors Trust Fund to meet current needs. This means that everyone on Social Security will continue to receive thei

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sophomore and enrolled in V.A. I. His project this year is a pig.
Sheila Swinney, daughter of Tommy Swinney is a senior and enrolled in V.A. I. Her project this year is sheep.
Ralph Her
Rernandez, is andez, son of Geo. and Paula Hernandez, is a freshman and enrolled in V.A. I.
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comes at a time when farmers inancially vulinerable to weather problems Must have had two successive years of financial louess due to the drought in 1990 and to unusually low Cul
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