Mrs. Andy Shouse named

## outstanding

## club woman

Mrs. Andy (Anna Belle) Shouse, president of Merkel's Fortnighty Study Club, was named the of the Mesquite District of Women's Clubs in Knox City Saturday.
She became the first woman representing a
Merkel women's club to be named Outstanding Club Woman.
Merkel's first elub was organized in 1934. Mrs.
Shouse was a member of the Junior Study Clut 1939 and became a member of the Fortnightly Club when the two clubs consolidated. Also representing the Fortnightly Club wer Mmes. Johnny
Those attending the meeting from the Trent
Clubs were Mmes. H.A. Holt, Goldia Malone, Clubs were Mmes. H.A. Holt, Goldia Malone,
Patty Hackney and Willo Ramsey.

Mrs. Andy Shouse was named Outstanding Club Woman at the Mesquite District meeting o women's ciubs in Knox City over the weeken
(Compliinentary photo)

## City collecting historical information

The City of Merkel is attempting to identify important historical resources that reflect the These resources include districts sites buildity structures or objects that are significant in American History, architecture, archeology and culture. They may be of value to the Nation as a whole, the State of Texas, or important only to the local community.
The City is seeking
write an Historic Preservation Plan for Merke funded under the Community Development Block Grant Program. The Plan will be used in tion, and rehabilitation efforts. Cion, Citizens interested in such a project or who
have historical data, reminiscences, old photographs and other such information are urged to contact City Hall, 107 N. Lamar, $928-4911$.

## County jail bond vote is Saturday

The officials polling places for Saturday's 88.9 jail and juvenile detention center have beint selected, according to Tayior County Voting Officer Pauline Pittman. Merkelites will vote at the Senior Citizens
Center, Trent citizens will vote at the City Hall,

Tye voters will go to the Tye Community Cente and the Butma Ballots may be cast between 7 a.m. until 7 p.m and voters are asked to bring their pink identification

## Boys-girls compete in Winters

> The Merkel High girls and boys track team
ooth competed in Winters over the weekend. The Merkel girls, led by two second place finishers, placed fourth in the meet. Viola Eleby was second in the shot put and the Debre Carey and Jackie Casey placed 2nd Others scoring for Merkel were the 440 rela team of Melissa Davis, Carey, Wheeler and
Casey, 6th; Kelly Stovali, 5 th in the 880 ; Janet Casey, 6th; Kelly Stovall, 5 th in the 880 ; Jane
Schuknecht 6 th in the 100 low hurdles; Davis, Eleby, Carey, Casey 3rd in the 880 relay; Amy Amerine 4th and Marsha Tutt 6 th in the discus. The girls will compete in the Comanche Relays finals will be held at $7: 30$. The Merkel boys were placed this week by
Michael McCoy, Roy Johnson and Russell Lucas,

who earned three second place finishes between Luem. second in the long jump and 300 intermediate hurdies. Johnson was second in the shot Others scoring for Merkel were Mike Pape 5th
and Roy Johnson 5th in the discus, 3rd in pole vault, Greg Arnwine 4 th in the sho put, Ronnie Williams, Russell Lucas, Ken Rich Michael McCoy, Gary Tutt 3rd in the 440 relay
Donnie Brady 6 th in the 2 mile, Todd Hensley 5 , in the 110 high hurdles, Ken Rich 4th and David Schultz 6 th in the 440 , Jimmy Mendez 3 rd in the 330 intermediat hurdles, and the mile relay team of Michael McCoy, Jimmy Mendez, David
Schultz and Russell Lucas was second with a 3:48.69 time.
The boys will be competing in Comanche this
weekend.
Lazy days, vote or hush, golf tourney, kudos...more
by Cloy A. Richards
Life is rough I told Chili Joe. A. We were watching the tank because we had applied a chemical that was supposed to remove the oxygen from the water. We were doing that to restock my dad's tank with channel cats.
It didn't work, water temperature was too cold.
So Chili and I just sat there, staring at the tank and lying about all the crazy things we did in high school together

Let's throw Taylor County officials a real shock and vote in Saurday are expecting considering the miserable turnouts for their town hall meetings concerning the jail bond issue.
We are looxing at a 25 per cent tax increase, we down our neck and the jail and juvenile facility will be expensive to build There are some issues, but don't complain don't go vote. don't go vote.
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The ....
There will be plenty of time to vote before the Merkel Ladies Golf Association Brings in Spring The ladies will be hosting a four person entry fee must be paid by noon and a hamburger supper will follow.
Brenda Jackson is the person to call for mo Brend
details. Congratulations are in order for Anna Belle
Shouse, who was named Outstanding Club Woman at the Mesquite District Spring Women's
Convention meeting in Knox City It's the first time a Merkel club received that distinction in the 48 years those ben in existence here
Two people listing Merkel as home are now Legislative District. C.A. Jenkins Jr., formally announced as a
Republican candidate for the seat. He joins Republican candidate for the seat. He joins
Walter Grubbs of Merkel and Roby farmer Steve Carriker. Both Grubbs and Carriker are on the

Board delays teacher contracts, tables bids on gym floor


#### Abstract

The Merkel school board postponed rehiring 23 rd , approved a request from fifth Mrade teachers to take the children on an overnight trip and also heard a report on over-crowding a Merkel Elementary at their regular meeting Tuesday night. as they gave a report on new programs at MISD as they gave a report on new programs at MIS for the fifth grade. Concerning over-population at Merkel Elem Concerning over-population at Merkel Elem- entary, principal David Casey told board members the elementary population would grow by at least one classroom next year in the second members the ecmentary next year in the second by at least one classoom grade and had no idea of how many students grade and had no idea of how many stud would enroll in Kindergarten next year. would enroil in Kindergarten next year. Casey discussed the possibilities of converting the seldom used multi-purpose center into two classrooms. That idea was passed over during the discussion because of remodeling costs. the discussion because of remodeling costs. Casey also told board members the element Casey also told board members the elementary school needed health facilities and space for office machines and duplicating equipment. office machines and duplicating equipment. Fifth grade teachers from Tye and Merke appeared before the board and said they appreciated the attitude of the board toward teachers. They also favorably commented on the advent of ability-grouping of the 5th grade and advent of abinty-grouping of the sh grade and also had goof things to say about newly instituted music and art education. The teachers did express two areas of concern. They indicated the express two areas of concern. They indicated the class schedules needed to be worked on to allow more time for academics during the morning,


Do you have an opinion concerning the
proposed county jail? It doesn't mean too much if you don't vote. Polls open from

7 am until 7 pm Saturday.
FFA results from Houston show

We would like to start off by congratulating Angelo stock shows.
In Houston: Chris Mashburn placed 24th with his Lt. Wt. York which sold for $\$ 1.60$ a pound. Tommy Hays placed 24 wid for $\$ 1$ In San Angelo: Tommy Hz with his Duroces. He also received the Heavy Wi. Duroc Showmanship Award. The stock show season has once again come to
an end for this school year. We have done an end for his school year. We have done a
outstanding job this year. Everyone is looking
forward to next year. We will now start forward to next year. We will now start our livestock judging teams.
We will begin our magazine sells this
Thursday, March 18. You can either order a new
renew your oid subscriptions. This week cur spotlight falls upon our V.A. III. sophomore and enrolled in V.A. III. His project his year, consisted of a Chester Barrow which he took to San Antonio. Brooks has participated in he Leadership and Livestock Judging teams.
Jerry Miller, son of Jerry and Sherry Miller, is a sophomore and enrolled in V.A. III. His project a sophomore and enroiled in. A. Me His project
this year, was a pig, which he toot to San
Antonio, Jerry particinated in toothall for the last two years in Merkel High.
Gary Dickerson, son of Mr. O.W. Dickerson, is sophomore and enrolled in V.A. III. His project this year, was a Chester Barrow, which he took to
San Antonio. Gary also raised 5 Chester Guilts,
this year.

## Click, Carey, Casey, Riggan all district

## The Merkel High Basketball players were named to the all-district first leam in baskeball for the $1981-82$ season. Nancy Click and Jackie Casey were named <br> amed honorable mention. <br> Danny Riggan was named to the boys first ceam all district and Eddie Caulder was named team arable mention.

## Carriker tosses hat in 78th ring

Steven A. Carriker, 31, of Roby, announced his intentions to run for the Democratic nomination for State Representative in the newly-created
78th District of Texas. The sprawling 78 th District covers ${ }^{2}$ Texas. The sprawling 784 North-western Texas. Those counties are Cottle North-western Texas. Those counties are Cottle
King, Knox, Lynn, Garza, Kent, Stonewall King, Knox, Lynn, Garza, Kent, Stonewall
Scurry, Jones, Nolan, and rural Taylor, as well as Carriker's home county of Fisher A farmer and livestock producer, Carriker said conference in the Fisher County Courthouse o Thursday morning that people of the small town and rural areas "need one of their own to stand up for them in the halls of government". He went
dominated by the large urban interests, that due to the configuration of the new district, to elect their own candidate to the legislature. Carriker called attention to the special
roblems faced by the schools, the agricultural roblems faced by the schools, the agricultural
nd business communities, and the elderly of the 78th district and emphasised his desire to work or the of ten overlooked interests of those groups

Carriker and his wife, Kathy, live on the family arm in eastern Fisher County. They have a six year old
n Mav


## Recent cemetery donors named

The Merkel Cemetery donations are as follows of Mrs. Walter Teaff; Faye Henderson in
Soil poster winners
The following are winners from the recent soil conservation poster contest:
Kindergarten: 1st Judd Burton- Mrs. Morris Thomas Brower- Mrs. McFall; Mth Justin Williams- Mrs. McFall.
1st Grade: 1st Caleb Kelso- Mrs. Henderson 2nd Krystal West- Mrs. Henderson; 3rd Denis Henderson
2nd Grade: 1st Missy Bowman- Mrs. Wade 2nd Sha Lang. Mrs. Wade; 3rd Tanya Beasley Mrs. Wade; 4th Lori Best- Mrs. Wade 3rd Grade: 1 st Melissa Aguilar- Mrs. Braune
2nd Dusti Baldree- Mrs. Braune; 3rd Lup Quintero- Stegemoller; 4th Brandon Toombs Mrs. Braune
4th Grade: 1 st Chance Ferguson- Mrs. Sims
2nd Stephen Jacobs- Mrs Smith-Mrs. Sadler; 4th Mechille Vera Cruz-Mrs. Sims.
rade: 1st April Duncan.
Xi Nu Chi holds meeting The members of $\mathrm{Xi} \quad \begin{aligned} & \text { ing the program. } \\ & \text { There were } 18 \text { pre }\end{aligned}$
Nu Chi met in the home of Jocille Brady sent and 2 absen March 9, 1982.
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The next meeting "The program was $\begin{aligned} & \text { will be March 23, } 1982 \\ & \text { with Val Patterson as }\end{aligned}$ with Mamie Steck havhostess.

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Loyd Jinkens, Edna Brown in memory of Stell Pearl Tipton; Mrs. John West; Vayden Horton $\mathrm{Jr} . ; \mathrm{Mr}$ and Mrs. C.M. Brown; Boyce and Ruth Vancil in memory of Bennie Anderson; Mrs R.W. Price in memory of Ransom Price and
Wesley Rister; Mrs. Beryl Brown Mrs. RE Solomot in memory of Bennie Anderson; Mr Wilmer Criswell in memory of O.D. Bland and Gordon Purslel. R.R. Parke

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Fortnightly club hears talk on Texas

mountains. Texas today is fast developing as an
industrial area also. One of its natural resources industrial area also. One of its natural resources
for which it is fast becoming formost in production is oil. Mrs. Fisher used newspaper
clippings to trace the development 0 the industry clippings to trace the development of the industry
from the first oil well to the present time ; te from the first oil well to the present time; the
development from crude drilling to the moder development from crude drilling to the modern
rotary rigs. Oil, she said, has been and still is an important local industry, beginning when the first Winter's well at Noodle Dome "blew in" in September, 1926.
Anna Belle Shouse, president, presided for the business meeting.
Hostesses for the meeting were Dianna Bugg and Avis Deavers. St. Patrick's Day theme of shamrocks and rish hats and an Irish wish
decorated the table and the green and white was carried into the refreshments served to the twenty eight members and guests.

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Goodman club holds meeting

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business meeting, the program "How business meeting, the program, "How to get your
monies worth from your doctor") was monies worth from your doctor" was given by
Mrs. Price and Mrs. Carler. Some poinis were Responses invited on state water plan

A public meeting to give people in the Abilene area an opportunity to comment on issues
relating to amending the Texas Water Plan will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 23 at Mood Student Center, Hardin-Simmons University, 2200 Louis At., in Abilene
the Governor's Task Force Dallas, chairman of Use and Conservation, has orged Water Resourc public officials, and individual citizens to attend the meeting and to make recommendations for revision of the plan to meet the long-range needs of increasing population and economic growth. Force and the Texas Department of Water Resources. A representative of the Senate subcommittee on water, chaired by Sen. E.L.
Short of Tahoka, also will be present. Included among the issues to be discussed are water resource and water quality managemen flood protection, water conservation, water
importation, the state's role in financing importation, the state's role in financing water jects, and others as time permits.
Additional meetings in the series will include
Houston Houston, March 25; E1 Paso, March 30; Temple March 30; and Lubbock and Arlington, April
Meetings were held earlier in March in Texarkana, McAllen, Tyler, Corpus Christi, San Antonio, and Midla
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evenings from 7:30 pm until 8:15 pm
March 24 Made For Each Other
March 31 The Trouble With Us is Me
April 7 What Husbands Need to Know
April 14 What Wives Need To Know
April 21 How To Kill Communication
April 28 The Communication Lifeline
May $5 \quad$ Speaking Frankly About Sex
May 12 Renewing Romance in Marraige

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