# The Merkel Mail

Thursday, May 20, 1982...Merkel, Texas

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Mary Fariello-Valedictorian



Edward Herrera-Salutatorian

### Perkins, Beasley top THS seniors

John Perkins has been named valedictorian and Greg Beasley has been named salutorian for

Trent High's 1982 graduating class.

Perkins carried a 95.896 grade average and
Beasley carried a 95.721 grade average.

The announcement was made at the Trent

Awards banquet in Sweetwater. The other awards presented are as follows: National Honor Society award- John Perkins, Bausch & Lomb award- Greg Beasley, Science award-Nancy Brenem, Music award-Nancy Brenem and Sherry Sawon, John Phillip Sousa

History award-Matt Jackson, Government award John Perkins, Business award-Darla Ross, UIL recognitions-Joey McGlothlin, Pat Gloria, Darla Ross, Angie Penton, Pam Massey, Leigh McGlothlin, John Perkins, and Adam de la Cruz, & Math award-Christy Kinnard.

The fighting Gorilla award in football went to Greg Beasley and Richard Beaver. In track the award went to Cheryl Freeman, Richard Beaver and Greg Beasley. In basketball the award went to Leigh McGlothlin, Pam Massey and Greg Beasley. Dee Dee Masonheimer received the yearbook award

### award-Donna Willis, and Steven Schreiner, Brassfield honored by Continental

Dennis Brassfield, the Merkel I-R Technician for Continental Telephone of Texas was presented Continental's coveted Silver Merit Award during a recent Andrews luncheon ceremony, recognizing his life-saving act last

According to the certificate from Continental Corporation President James V. Napier, it " is reserved for those who give unselfishly of their time and skill to aid their fellow man.'

District Customer Services Manager Robert Moon and Division Safety Manager Bobby Overby concurred that "your fellow employees share our enthusiasm in knowing that in an emergency, you can be counted on'

On the morning of July 7, 1981, Brassfield and Mike Thompson were returning from Abilene with a new truck. They noticed a crowd of people gathered at the underpass of I-20 about five miles East of Merkel, A man had been run over by his own truck, they discovered.

"Being a certified paramedic, I immediately began to assess the extent of the injuires and saw that he had a few broken bones and some scrapes. He also had fractured ribs, "Brassfield stated.

A five year phone company employee, Brassfield took his first aid training in Dumas. "My brother got me into the fire department and he and I attended the first Emergency Medical Training program in the Panhandle.



Dennis Brassfield

# May Days, Channel 11, Fun Day...

by Cloy A. Richards They've opened the swimming pool, little league and softball players have a few games under their belts, seniors are thinking about NOTHING but graduation and related activities, farmers are waiting for the fields to dry to plant

It must be mid-May.

Congratulations are in order for Mary Fariello and Ed Herrera. They were named valedictorian and salutatorian respectively for Merkel High.

We've had a few questions about the Merkel TV Cable recenlty from people who wanted to know what happended to Channel 11.

Well, it's a complicated story, but in a nutshell, the Federa Communications Commission recently allowed a rate increase that tripled the charges payed by the cable folks for a microwave link-up. Mitch Atkinson, the local cable operator told me last week the company was going to purchase another satellite receiving dish to replace the lost stations in a couple of months. That wasn't so bad was it?

Be sure to get ahold of Martha Sue Justice if your organization plans to run a food booth at

She needs to know before June 1st because last year's vendors get first crack on the same type of food this year.

Why wasn't something in the paper about the Miss Merkel Beauty Pageant?

My wife and I were out of town last Saturday and we asked for something to be turned in. It wasn't turned in until this week.

If Dale Hammond and his crew come by my house Saturday morning at 7:30 selling donuts, I bet they don't make a sale.

That's too early for me but a perfect time to have some fresh-baked donuts delivered. The Tri-City baseballers will benefit from the sale.

Ray Pack has again agreed to be the master of ceremonies for Fun Day, which will be held on July 3rd this year.

Congratulations are in order for Jackie Casey, who won the recent Miss Merkel Beauty pageant. Details in this week's Mail.

### Fariello, Hererra top MHS students

Mary Fariello and Edward Hererra have been named valedictorian and salutatorian of the 1982 Merkel High graduating class, according to MHS principal Allen Merritt.

Miss Fariello with a 96.9 grade average for foury years at Merkel High, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Fariello of Merkel.

Mary has been active in the National Honor Society for 2 years, Student Council for 3 years, a twirler for four years and a band member of four years. She was a state twirler for three years and also competed in UIL calculator contests one year and was a regional qualifier. Mary plans to attend Cisco Junior College and major in

Nursing.

John Perkins-Valedictorian

Mr. Hererra had a 96.7 grade average for four years at Merkel High and is the son of Mr. and

Mrs. A. Q. Hererra of Tye.

Ed has been active in the National Honor Society for two years, student council for three years, football for four years and basketball for three years. He also competed in UIL spelling for two years and was a regional qualifier. Ed plans to attend Texas Tech and major in aeronautical

Baccalaureate services will be May 23 in the MHS auditorium and graduation exercises will be May 28 at the Merkel Badger Stadium, weather permitting, if not, it will be held in the MHS gym.



Greg Beasley-Salutatorian

# FFA holds annual banquet

The Merkel FFA banquet was held Friday evening and annual awards were presented.

Shane Smith received the freshman scholastic award and Melinda Riney received the overall scholastic award. Dusty Farmer received the beef production award and Tommy Hays won the swine production award. Jay Gibson won the diversified livestock production award and Chuck Peterman won the sheep production award.

Also receiving awards were Keith Middleton for horse production, Tommy Hays for poultry production, Willy Townsend for crop production, Chris Mashburn for agricultural sales and service and Lyle Baker for placement in agricultural production.

Also receiving awards were Randy Leverich for agricultural electrification, Jay Gibson, for

public speaking, Brian Gary for general agricultural mechanics, Brooks Boyd for VA2 Shop, Chuck Peterman for VA 1 Shop

Jay Gibson was named the Star Chapter Farmer and Eddy Harris received the Dekalb

The following persons and organizations received certificates for service to the Merkel FFA. They are Hi-Val Farm and Home Supply, Higginbotham Bartlett, Merkel Industrial Foundation, Walter Harris, Jack Riney, Ray Pack and Whisenhunt Grain Company.

The buyers of county animals were also

honored. They are Ed's Feed and Seed, the Farmers and Merchants National Bank, Dr. Warren Dozier, Carson's Supermarket, Acco Feeds and Palmer Pontiac and GMC.

### Merkel's tax rebates well ahead

Merkel's quarterly rebate checks from the city share of the five per cent state sales tax is still running well ahead of last year's payments.

So far this year, Merkel has received \$31,094.60, a 24 per cent increase over payments last year. This month's check, the largest this year, was

Tye is still running 2 per cent ahead of last year as they have received \$23,381.80 so far this year. Trent is running 17 per cent behind last year's pace as Trent has collected \$1,106.34 so far for the

### MISD Board approves two projects

The MISD school board voted Tuesday night to approve air-conditioning for the special education center (the old elementary multi-purpose center) and to install steel siding at a Tye Elementary School building.

No specific bids were approved but the board authorized MISD maintenance supervisior Hayden Reeves to get additional bids on both projects.

The board approved a heat-pump-cooling unit for the special ed center and the current heating system will be moved to the band hall. The board also approved \$42,096.05 in monthly

In other action, board members heard a presentation of converting MISD's ten school

busses to compressed natural gas (CNG). Jack English of Nu-Fuel Systems Inc. of Texas said he had already placed the CNG system into some Dallas area schools and had testimonial

letters from those schools to present to the board. English estimated a savings to MISD of about \$1,100 per month if the system converted to CNG and said the set up system would cost the board

\$1,374 per month for 48 months. MISD's fuel bills for school busses is right at \$30,000 per year.

If the plan were approved by the board, MISD would have to build a slab for the fueling station, run electrical service to the slab and make a gas line hook-up to the slab. Nu-Fuels would bear all of the costs of converting the busses to CNG. MISD would have the option to cancel the \$1,374 lease after one year and at the end of four years, purchase all of the Nu-Fuel equipment on site for

English said the CNG system is no longer a new system, but is an innovative system. He also said during the presentation that MISD could save about 3 to \$400 per month by making the conversion on bus maintenance because CNG is a cleaner burning fuel than gasoline and caused less engine wear and maintenance.

The board took the proposal under study, and discussed the proposal following the executive session, but made no decisions on the matter.

In other transportation related items, the board purchased two new 71 passenger busses to replace smaller busses. Those two busses will cost MISD about \$46,000.

The board also voted to continue accepting federal funds for the migrant education program. MISD received \$17,313 in federal funds for the program during it's last fiscal year.

MISD renewed it's contract with McCreary and Hewitt, the Austin law firm in charge of collecting delinquent school taxes.

MISD superintendent Bill Everett said the firm had been doing a good job, as of late, in collecting

He added that MISD is still behind on collecting this year's school tax, due by December 31, 1981 and said 12 per cent of the current tax had still not been collected.

McCreary and Hewitt receive a 15 per cent commission on collection of taxes, but MISD passes that 15 per cent onto the payer of late taxes so the school will get 100 per cent of the tax,

Following a 45 minute executive session, the board hired Barry Beverly as an 8th grade coach at \$2,500 above state scale. He will replace Coach Bauer, who will teach 6th grade next year. Bauer had requested he be relieved of his coaching duties and the board expressed a job well done to the coach when making their announcement.

### Newsbriefs'

MISD menu

The Merkel school menu is as follows: May 20-beef spaghetti with cheese, buttered corn, lettuce, sliced pears.

May 21-hamburgers with cheese, fried vegetable sticks, lettuce tomatoes, onion, pickles and rice krispie

May 24-Turkey pot pie, mixed vegetables, salad, bisquits, and

prunes May 25-Salisbury steak with brown gravy, tater tots and blackeyed peas, hot rolls and butterscotch peanut bars

May 26-Turkey sandwiches, salad, vegetable soup, sliced bread, peaches.

May 27-COOK'S CHOICE May 28-SCHOOL'S

Tye musical set

The Tye Senior Citizens will hold a musical May 22 at their center beginning at 6

Everyone is invited to attend. Tarpley reunion

The descendents of the late William Henry and Sarah Elizabeth Tarpley will meet at the Senior Citizen's Building in Merkel on May 22, 1982 for a

family reunion. The Boyd and Earnest Rarpley families will be hosts for the noon meal.

Friends of the family are invited to attend or stop by for a visit in the afternoon.

#### Martin graduates

Amn. Rex. R. Martin, son of John W and Rosemary Martin of 507 Rose, Merkel, has completed Air Force basic training the Air Force has reported. He will remain at

Lackland Air Force Base for secuirty police training.

#### Xi Nu Chi meets

Xi Nu Chi met at Pleasantville as Mary Hill served as hostess 'Hope in Our Heriwas the program presented by Minyon Seymore. Seventeen members attended the meeting.

The next meeting will be at the Louise DuBose's with a dinner and awards.

#### Casey in group

Jill Casey, a senior elementary education major from Merkel, was inducted in Alpha Chi honor society at

Abilene Christian. Senior members are required to have at least 96 semester hours and a grade point average of at least 3.4.

Mrs. Casey and her husband, Tommy, live at No. 2 Palmer Circle, Merkel.

#### Food Booths

The Merkel Chamber of Commerce is asking organizations that had food booths at last year's Fun Day, and want to sell the same type of food this year, must make their reservations, so those types of foods may be released to other

Booths will be \$7 each and reservations may be made by calling 928-5722, 928-5017, or 928-5407.

#### Loyalty Day

#### MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION

Whereas, The citizens of this city are extremely proud of this Nations more than 200 year Heritage of Freedom and are loyal to the ideals, traditions and institutions which have made our nation so great, and WHEREAS, Their obvious dedication to our way of life is indicative of a strong, continued desire to preserve the priceless American herita g e, and WHEREAS, They will be proud to stand up and publicly declare their determination toward actively and positively safeguarding our freedoms against any foreign or domestic ene mies, now THEREFORE, I Kent Satter white Mayor of the City of Merkel, Texas hereby call upon all my fellow citizens to take full advantage of the specbrated annually

ial occasion known as LOYALTY DAY, celethroughout the nation on the first day of May, as an incentive for every true American to reafirm his and her love of flag and country, and I urge that all individuals, schools, churches, organizations, business establishments and homes within my official jurisdict i o n display proudly the Flag of the United States of America and participate in public patriotic Loyalty Day activities which are to be co-sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, and others, on

Kent Satterwhite Mayor J.A. Sadler

1, 1981

LOYALTY DAY, May

City Manager CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF

TO: Michael Ray Suits, Sr., Respondent; GREETINGS: YOU

GREETINGS: YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable 326 District Court, Taylor County, Texas, at the Courthouse of said County in Abilene, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the Monday next after the expiration of 20 days from the date of service of this citation, then and there to answer the petition of Karl Lee Jackson and Ida Anita Hines Jackson, Petitioners, filed in said Court on the 6th day of May, 1981, against Mi-chael Ray Suits, Sr.,

Respondent, and said

### SHIRLEY'S PLACE

SHIRLEY WILLIS, MGR. (BOOGER RED)

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suit being numbered 4388C on the docket of said Court, and entitled"In The Interest of Michael Ray Suits, Jr. organizations. and Michaele Renay

Suits, Children," the nature of which suit is a request to determine what parent-child relationship exists between the children and any other person, that same be terminated, that Karl Lee Jackson be granted a degree of adoption of such child-

Said child Michael Ray Suits, Jr. was born the 6th day pf December, 1974, in Charleston, South Carolina. Said child Michaela Renay Suits was born the 2nd day of August, 1977 in Travis County, Texas.

The court has authority in this suit to enter and judgement or decree in the child's interest which will be beinding upon you, including the termination of the parent-child relationship and the appointment of a conservater with authority to consent to the child's adoption.

If this citation is not served within ninety days of it's issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court at Abilene, Texas, this the 12th day of May, 1982.

Irene Crawford Clerk, 326th District Court, Taylor County, Texas by Rilla Mahoney, Deputy.

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Guardianship for the Person and the Estate of Aradine S. Ard were issued on May 3, 1982, which guardianship proceedings are pending in the Probate Court of Taylor County, Texas, under Cause Number 15,393, and that Marsha Ard now holds such Letters.

All persons having claims against the Person and Estate of Aradine S. Ard are hereby required to present the same to the aid Marsha Ard, as Guardian, at the post office address given below and within the time and in the man-

ner prescribed by law. The residence of said Guardian is in Dallas County, Texas, and her post office address is as follows;

Ms. Marsha Ard 3524 Bryn Mawr Dallas, Texas 75214 DATED the 13th day of May. 1982.

> CITATION BY **PUBLICATION** THE STATE OF

TEXAS TO: Simon C. Simmons, Joseph P. Simmons, Samuel R. Coggin, James W. Carter, Patrick H. Odom, F Brookreson, if living and if any or all said persons be deceased, the unkown heirs of each or all of said deceased persons, Defendants, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY

COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 21 day of June A. D. 1982, to Plantiff's Petition filed in said Court, on the 4th day of May A. D. 1982, in this cause, numbered 37,493A, on the docket of said court and styled CLA-

DEAL, Plnatiff, vs. Simon C. Simmons, Joseph P. Simmons, Samuel R. Coggin, James W. Carter, Patrick H. Odom, F. Brookreson, if living, and if any or all said persons be deceased, the unkown heirs of each or all of said deceased persons, De-

RICE SHIPMAN

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit:

18, Block 23, Original Town of Buffalo Gap, Taylor County, Texas, and a 300 foot by 150 foot tract out of the A M. Boyd Survey No 112, Taylor County, Texas, sometimes known and recognized as being lots 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 and 24, Block 23, Simmons Addition to the town of Buffalo Gap, Taylor County.

Suit for full title to Lo

Limitation. If this citation is not served within 90 days after the date of it's issuance, it shall be

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more fully shown by

Plantiff's Petition on

file in this suit of

returned unserved. The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 4th day of May A. D. 1982.

Attest: Irene Crawford Clerk, District Court Taylor County, Texas by Rilla Mahony, Deputy. 10-4TC

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TO: Angel Aguirre, Bobbie Aguirre Aten-

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Defendant. A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: A suit to declare 401 Ash, more specifically described as lots 7 & 8, Original Block 65, Town of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, a public nuisance and to

et al dba Soul-A-Delic,

enjoin the owners and operators of the same as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 28th day of April A.D. 1982.

Attest: Irene Crawford, Clerk, 42nd District Court, Taylor County, Texas. By Jo Ann Lackey, Deputy.

### Let us Worship Together

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GRACE PRESSVTERIAN Dr. Rubert Christian Supply Paster Sunday School 18-08, Worship 11-98	PERST UNITED METHODIST Rev. Ray Elmare Sunday School P B. Wership 10:50 Sunday 6:50 p.m.
ASSEMBLY OF GOD  Nov. Dean William Sunday School 1-6, Worship 10-50 Sunday 7-60 p.m., Wednesday 7-60	OUR MOTHER OF MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH Father Frenk & Lee Emmerman Sunday 11:10 a.m.
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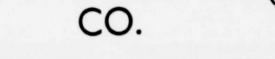
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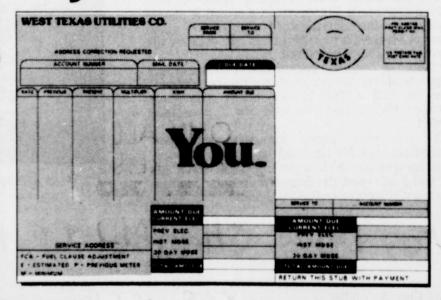


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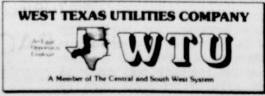
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### Miss Merkel winners named

Jackie Casey was named Miss Merkel at the recent Lambda Beta Beauty Pageant.

Jackie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David

Casey of Merkel. Casey was sponsored in the event by Whisenhunt Feed and Grain.

Pam Wheeler was second as she was sponsored by Skinny's Convenience Store and Cindy Sims was third as she was sponsored by Dairy Bar.

In the preschool division, C'Nee Seymore, sponsored by Seymore Tire Store was first, Renee' Perry, sponsored by Palmer Pontiac was second and Brandy Casper, sponsored by Carson's Supermarket was third.

In the kindergarten through second grade division, Lillian Del' Ann Leach, sponsored by Jack South Elevators was first, Delayne Pack, sponsored by the Merkel Mail was second and Michelle L. Ingram, sponsored by Wylie Truck Terminal was third.

In the third through fifth grade division, Jennie Jo Quance, sponsored by United Savings was first, Sheri Miles, sponsord by Starbuck was second and Vickie DeLorce Langlitz, sponsored by C.A. Scott Mobil in Tye was third.

In the 6th through 8th grade division, Patti Welch, sponsored by the Hohhertz Dairy was first, Sandra Britton, sponsored by Ben Franklin's was second and Misty Lee Vaughn, sponsored by Castle Peak Enterprises was third. Lambda Beta also wanted to thank the Alpha Rho Kappa Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi in Clyde

serving as master of ceremonies. They also offered special thanks to MISD, Ann's Flowers, the Starbuck Company, Pleasantville and the Merkel Mail for their special help. A list of competetors and their sponsors are as follows

for judging the contest and Shannon Barnes for

PRESCHOOL 3 - 5

Joni Dawn Beasley-Max Murrell Chevrolet, Teri Brazelton-Hicks Auto Supply, Crystol Boone-Gene's Hot Shot, Monica Bugg- American Testing, Tiffany Dawn Butman-Taylor Telephone Rikki Casady-Merkel Saltwater Disposal, Nicole Castillo-Leach Farms, Robin Renee Choc h r a n-Taylor Telephone, Christina Clove Cummi n g s -Ninth Street Grocery, Shera Hammond-Ben Franklin Store, Laurie Helen Hellums-Warren Clinic, Tiffany Renee Hill-Allison Company Plumbing, Marijki Holmes-Aloe Vera by Ava, Julie Lanford-Merkel Farm Supply, Jessie Neill-United Savings, Lori Pirraglia-Barnett Barber Shop, Candice Renee' Williamson-Ann's Flowers. KINDERGARTEN - 2nd Grade

Yvonne Elizabeth Alexander-Alfredos Mexican Food, Kelly Diane Atkinson-Merkel TV Cable, Michele Bowman-Merkel Upholstery Shop, Traci Michelle Boyd-erkel Veterinary Clinic, Margaret Carruth-Shannonside Apartments, Mandy G r egory-Gregory and Goode Construction, Mikki Griffith-Mid Tex Resources, Nikki Griffith-M e rkel Fina Station, Dana Hammond-Hammond Insurance Agency, Shayla Kay Hardy-Merkel Drug, Alisha Hobbs-Hays Welding, Heather Henderson-McAninch Oil, Dawn Marie Henşle eAloe Vera by Ava, Michelle Eileen Hije-Lemens Bulane, Jennifer Hobbs-United Savings, Carroll Ann Hunt-Max Morris Construction (View), Misty Lou Johnson-Pats Beauty Shop, Kimberly Marshall-Wilsons Jewelry, Melisa Massey-Wil 1 iams Truck Repair, Christi Mintz-Ann's Flowers, Sha Rae Oustad-Oustad Enterprises, Nikkie Quance-Seymore Insurance, Roberta Reed-Elmo Moore Trucking(Tye), Lana Rogers-Starbuck Company, Effie Sanders-Van's Werecking(Tye), Elise Mae Sanders-Circle A Western Wear, Shelly Nicole Seymore-Maries Beauty Korner, Sonhui Chon-Lambda Beta, Misty Cham bers-Hogan & Sons

GRADES 3 - 5 Jamie Beasley-Allen-Cypert Tax, Pam Boyd-Williams Truck Repair, Aimee Bugg-P & L Auto Parts, Tammy Calder-Hohhertz Dairy, Melissa Anne Campbell-Max Morris Construction(View), Kathy Carruth-Big Country Inn, Tricia Cave-Amerine Heating & Air Conditioning, MiHwa Chon-El Tye O Mobil Home Sales, Deanna Clay-Tessies Snack Bar, Misty Doan-Beauty Nook, Jayma Goldsmith-Hammond Insurance Agency, Susan Hammond-Taylor Electric Co-op, Betsy Jo Hellums-Rubys Beauty Salon, Alicia Helms-Ninth Street Grocery, Richa Hill-Shannonside Apartments, Angela Oustad-Oustad En t e rprises, Sandra Marshall-Big Country Arts, Melissa Kaye Roys-Rindy Dink Cafe(Tye), Michelle Elaine Smith-Continental Telephone. GRADES 6-8

Elizabeth Britton-Stanfords Radio & TV, Nancy Frazier-DuBose Texaco, Lauri Glaze-F & M Bank, Melissa Ayne Harris-M & H Hog Farm, Kristen Kennedy-United Savings. HIGH SCHOOL

Mary Fariello-Higginbotham Bartlett Co., Nancy Galbraith-Henslee Farms, Brenda Hohh e r t z -Hohhertz Dairy, Jan Renee Newton-Flowers Horse Shoeing, Jackie Owen-United Savings, Tammy Selman-Merkel Brick & Lumber, Renee' Stamper-Merkel Riding Club.

### Eastern Star meets

The Past Matrons-Past Patrons of Merkel Chapter 212 Eastern Star met in regular meeting May 11. A pot luck supper was enjoyed by 17 people.

A musical program by Georgie Faye Higgins was presented following the meal. A meeting chaird by Una Maye Hayes-president followed.

Members attending were Una Maye Hay-

es, Mildred Starbuck, Ouita Reid, Anna Belle Shouse, Lena Dunigan, Ruby Hammond, Fern Windham, Viola Ensminger, Ailene Knight, Estelle Humphrey, Thelma Griffin, Dunning McConnell.

Guests attending included Georgie Faye Higgins, Essie McConnel, H. C. Reid, Fred Starbuck and Bill Ha-



1982 Miss Merkel

### Cemetery donors

The following people have recently made donations to the Merkel Cemetery Association: Floyd Bryan Family, Margaret Sears Brown, Mr. & Mrs. Earl Palmer in memory of Drotha Reynolds, Lucille Vancile in memory of Drotha Reynolds, Mr. & Mrs. D.J. Richie in memory of Drotha Reynolds, Mr. & Mrs. Ray Osborn in memory of Drotha Reynolds, Mabel Dubree, Mr. & Mrs. Edd Fishel in memory of Belle Fishel, Mrs. Maurice Cox, Mrs. Frank DeBush, Mr. & Mrs. Brandion Wade, Faye Henderson in memory of Mildred Kulen, Mr. & Mrs. Ed Sandusky in memory of Earl Harwell, Mrs. Mat

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Masonheimer gets scholarship

Dee Dee Masonheimer was one of 13 students who received a Nelson Scholarship

presented by the A b ilene Women's Club. Dee Dee and the other honorees attended a luncheon May 7th.

### MHS honor roll

The following Merkel High School students made the A Honor Roll for the fifth 6-week period: Angie Allen, Loyce Baker, Linda Davis, Cindy Dawson, Mary Fariello, Joan Fariello, Gary Forehand, Sue Ann Harris, Brenda Hohhertz. Wayne Horton, Ldean Hoyt, Ed Herrera, Melinda Riney, Janet Schuknecht, Shane Smith, Stacy Seymore, Mary Santa Cruz & Shelly Sherrill.

The following students appear on the A-B Honor Roll; Christina Acosta, Bill Adams, Irma Aguinaga, Bonnie Anderson, Robbie Boen, Elaine Bodine, Mary Bunselmeyer, Kelle Burnett, Debra Carey, Jerry Davis, Susan Doan, Roberta Duran, Chris Farthing, Alan Glick. Debbie Green, Nanci Galbraith, Ted Howk, Janice Jacobs, Brenda Kinder, Diana Landeros, Tim Laman, Chris Mashburn, Maria Moreno, Jackie Owen, Connie Page, Steve Page, Mum Prasarn, Kris Rich, Jennifer Roby, Shane Smith, Kelly Sherrill, Cindy Sims, Renee Stamper, Kelly Stovall, Greg Spurr, Pam Wheeler, Cindy Williams, Sean Woodward & Debbie Williams.

### Merkelite's grandson gets scholarship

Announcement was made today by William A. Nesbitt, President of the Citizens National Bank. Waco, that the Citizens National Bank Scholarship at Baylor University was awarded to Todd Dorton of Route 2, Lott, Texas.

The scholarship will provide \$3,500 toward room, board, and tuition for the 1982-83 school year and may be continued for a full four year degree plan. The recipient was chosen from 25 finalists on the basis that he was most likely to succeed in banking.

Todd Dorton is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Lester F. Dorton, Jr. of Lott, Texas. Todd graduated from Rosebud-Lott High School with a grade point average of 94.27. He was a member of National Honor Society, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and Who's Who Among American High School Students. Todd's athletic success has included All- District selection in football and varsity letters in baseball and basketball. He has, also, been a member of varsity track and golf teams.

Todd is the grandson of Mrs. A.C. Windham of Merkel, Mrs. S.A. Bacon of Abilene, and Lester Dorton Sr. of Victoria, Texas.



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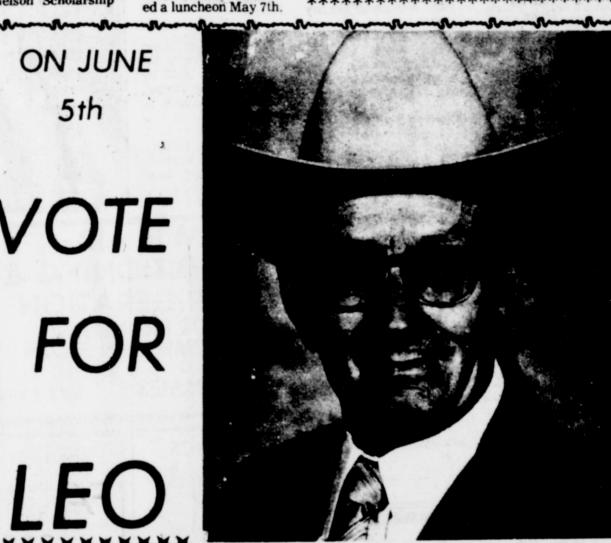
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# Bird's repeat wedding vows

Margie Bird of Kaiserslautern, Germany and T.J. Bird, Jr. were reunited in marriage by Justice of the Peace Clarence Collins in a garden ceremony at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Carlton Brooks, 2425 South 21st, Abilene.

The bride was given in marriage by her brother, Jimmy Don Carey of Abilene. Maid of honor was the couple's daughter, Patti VeAnn Bird of Merkel. Flower girls were Dee Dee Herring and Emily Green, great nieces of the bride. Bart Lane O'Dell, brides nephew of Amarillo was ring bearer. Amy Green registered

Best man was the bride's brother, Alvin (Buddy) Carey of Abilene.

Those attending the wedding were: Mr. & Mrs Johnnie O'Dell, Carey, Garey, and Paul (Amarilla), Mr. & Mrs. Fred Hopkins (Midland), David Kraatz, Mrs. & Mr. Wiley Noah, Mrs. Minnie Carey(Merkel), Mrs. W. Carey, Mrs. Jimmy Don Carey, Truman and Christopher, Mr. & Mrs. Bobby Gen, April and Amber, Mr. & Mrs. Don Herring, Alice Nall, and Mr. & Mrs. Carlton Brooks all of Abilene.

Mrs. Bird will return to Germany to complete her tour with the U.S. Government.

A pre-nuptial dinner was enjoyed by family members at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Don Herring, 1725 Woodridge on the eve of the

### Conley wedding announced

Mr. & Mrs. E.A. Conley, Jr. are nving in Midland following their marriage May 1 at First Methodist Church. The Rev. Russell McAnally of Pioneer Methodist Church officiated. Given in marriage by her father, the bride is the former Cathy Cornett, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. M.M. Cornett of Lamesa.

The bridegroom is the son of Bettye Conley and the late E.A. Conley.

Vicki Corwin of Dierks, Ark. was Matron of Honor. Delbert Dearing was his brother-in-laws'

In order to avert the economic crisis now

gripping agriculture from turning into a serious

depression, the Texas Farmers Union is

endorsing proposed emergency legislation sub-

mitted by the Congressional Farm Cirsis Group

in Washington, D.C. TFU President Mike

Moeller, in calling on support from both

producers and consumers, said "unless we take

Andrea Cornett of Lamesa was flower girl.

Ring bearer was Matthew Dearing. Candlelighter was April Cornett of Lamesa. Gusest were seated by Ronnie Cornett of Lamesa, brother of the bride.

The bride's parents were hosts for the reception at the home of the groom's grandmother, Mrs. Morris B. Smith. The rehearsal dinner was hosted by the bridegroom's mother at Harry

The bride is a graduate of Lamesa High School The bridegroom graduated from Merkel High School and received a BBA degree from McMurry College. He is employed by Siesmic Reflections Inc. in Midland.

# Dickerson honored on 97th birthday TFU endorses emergency bills

Mrs. Amzy Dickerson, 301 Oak, was honored on Mother's Day at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Wiley Noah, when she celebrated her 97th birthday.

Five generations were represented, Amzy Dickerson, Mrs. R. Carey, daughter; Mrs. Carlton Brooks, grandaughter; Dianne Brooks Green and Kay Brooks Herring, great grand. aughters; Amy, Emily, April and Amber Green and Dee Dee Herring, great-great grandaughters

Those attending the celebration were: Mr. & Mrs. A.L. Booe, Karen, Jason and Jennifer of Seminole, Texas; Mr. Embry Hatfield, Mrs. & Mrs. Leo Hatfield and son, of Midland; Mr. & Mrs. Johnnie O'Dell, Paul and Bart of Amarillo,

Mrs. Ray Dickerson and Ashley, Mrs. Aline Cochran and Lori of Andrews; Mrs. & Mr Jimmy Don Carey, Vicki, Cara, Truman, and Christopher, Buddy Carey, Alice Nall, Mrs. RV. Carey, Mr. & Mrs. Carlton Brooks, Mrs. Don Herring and Dee Dee, Mrs. Bobby Green, Amy, Emily, April and Amber of Abilene, Mrs. & Mr. Odell Dickerson of Trent, O.W. Dickerson and Gary, Mr. & Mrs. Troy Dickerson, Mrs. Minnie Carey. Mr. & Mrs. Wiley Noah, Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Casady, Mr. and Mrs. T.J. Bird, Jr. and Mabel McRee all of Merkel.

# Senior citizens hold meeting

The Senior Citizen's met last Tuesday for their monthly meeting.

A large group was present to enjoy fellowship, a song service and domino games. Rev. James Carrol, pastor of the Trent Methodist Church brought a devotional which was enjoyed by all present.

Mrs. Carrol and other guests were present to enjoy the day.

A luncheon was also served.

Birthdays were celebrated for the month Mrs. Esther Carson donated a beautiful cake and flowers from Bessie Reidenbach's yard

All senior citizens are urged to be present for the meetings.

For any information of meeting times or

New members are always welcomed.

### Patterson's hold reunion at Butman

Children of the late Mr. & Mrs. E.H. Patterson met a the Methodist Encampment for a reunion,

the first one in several years, May 8. Mr. & Mrs. Patterson were the parents of 6 children, only 3 surviving now. Virgil Patterson of Merkel, Bill Fulton of Lovington, NM, and

Irene Bar & Hurd of Abilene. The day was spent visiting, sewing and having a good ti ie.

With f present attendees were from Santa Rosa an i Lovington, NM, Lamesa, Lubbock, Trent, Merkel, Abilene, Houston, Albany, Blugrass and several from the canyon.

The family hopes to meet again next year. We are so thankful to the management for the

lovely Luncheon they catered to us as well as being so very nice for the accomodations.

### Blair in WTSU student foundation

Keith Blair, a sophomore physical education major from Merkel, has been selected as one of 33 new members in the West Texas State University

Student Foundation. To be eligible for membership in the WTSU Student Foundation an interested student must have maintained a 2.0 grade

point average based

on a 4.0 scale.

decorated the birthday table.

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immediate action the agricultural economy will be headed toward bankruptcy and the national situation grow worse in the next six months. food policy will be nothing more than an empty cupboard.

The Congressional Farm Crisis is calling for a three point plan to increase commodity prices and require a mandatory set-aside to reduce surpluses. The plan must be approved in a democratic referendum by producers following

its approval by Congress. The plan calls for the following steps: 1. A nationwide referendum of producers of cotton, wheat, rice and feed grains will be held in July, 1982 requiring a 15 percent reduction in planting through a mandatory set-aside. The plan must be approved by 55 percent of the producers casting votes. 2. If adopted, prducers who participate in the set-aside program will qualify for a 10 percent higher loan rate on their commodity. The individual producer will be paid for plowing under his crop if he will set aside 20 percent instead of 15 percent. 3. Failure to comply would result in the producer being barred from participating in any federal programs for three years which affect agricultural producers.

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low prices while continuing to suffer from high interest rates and costs of production," Moeller said. "We are in worse shape now than in any year since 1932 in regards to farm income," the TFU president stated

"Farmers and ranchers right now are hit with

Moeller urged all producers to join in support of the program to avert a serious financial crisis and possible food shortage should the economic

### Milton Hall buried

Milton Reece Hail. 94 of Merkel, a retired civil service carpenter, died at 12:01 p.m. Monday at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene after a long illness. Services will be at 4p.m. Wednesday at the United Methodis t Church, directed by Starbuck Funeral Home.

The Rev. Lynward Harrison will officiate. Burial will be at Rose Hill Cemetery Born May 2, 1888, at

Greenville, he moved to Merkel in 1901, where he had lived most of his life. He married Leola Coats Feb. 16, 1916, at Mer-kel. She died April 8, 1972. He was a Metho-

Survivors include a son, F.D. of Merkel; two sisters, Vivi an Winter of Merkel and Dee Derstine of Lamesa; a grandson, Guy Hail of Austin; and several nieces and nephews.

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# Trent News

### Masonheimer's daughter's wedding

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Crouch of Hamilton. Leslie is a 1981 graduate of Trent and Mark is a 1978 graduate of Throckmorton High School

They will reside in Hamilton for the summer and then resume studies at Tarleton State University at Stephenville in the fall, where both are pre-med students.

Leslie is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Boyd of

### Stevens graduated

Stevens, son of J.E. Stevens, Sr. of Trent has earned a Bachelor of Science degree from McMurry College in Abilene, Tex.

John, a secondary education major, re-

ceived his diplo m a during spring commencement exercises on the McMurry cam-pus May 9. He has teaching fields in English and speech with a special education endorsement.

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### WTU sets coal plant groundbreaking

Groundbreaking for West Texas Utilities Company's first coalfired power plant will be held Saturday, May 22, at the plant site eight miles southeast of Vernon.

The public ceremony at 2 p.m. will be jointly sponsored by WTU and the Vernon Chamber of Commerce. Participants will include U.S. Representative Jack Hightower of Vernon; Glen D. Churchill of Abilene, president of WTU; Bob Arnold, Wilbarger County judge; and Roy Dickey, Jr., mayor of Vernon.

A luncheon for members of Vernon civic clubs and their spouses will be held earlier at the Wilbarger Auditorium in Vernon.

The Oklaunion Power Station will be a joint project of three operating companies in the Central and South West System. WTU will be the major owner and will operate the plant, while Public Service Company of Oklahoma and Central Power and Light Company will own smaller shares.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Dwayne Bishop, Address Unknown, Respondent: GREETINGS

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer beffore the Honorable 326 District Court, Taylor County, Texas, at the Courthouse of said Coounty in Abilene, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the Monday next after the expiration of 20 days from the date of service of this citation, then and there to answer the petition of Valerie Lynn Whitaker, Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 11th day of May, 1982, against Dwayne Bishop, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 7235-C on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Interest of Daysha

Monique Benton,a Child", the nature of which suit is a request to the Court to terminate the relationship between the child and Dwayne Bishop:, and that Roy Whitaker be granted a Decree Of Adoption of the child. Said child was born

the 1st day of August, 1977, in Erie County, New York.

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgement or decree in the child's interest which will be binding upon you, in-cluding the termination of the parent-child relationship and the appointment of a con-servator with authority to consent to the child's adoption.

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of it's issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and he mandates hereof,

# Ag dept. looking for family held farm

"This year we're hoping to surpass the 1,500 mark in the total number of Texas properties registered in our Family Land Heritage Program," Agriculture Commissioner Reagan V. Brown said recently

"And we certainly hope individuals interested in history or agriculture in Taylor County will help us by bringing as many qualified applicants into the program as possible.

"Ms. Eileen Kohout, Taylor County Historical Commission chairperson and Taylor County Judge James McMillon, will be working with us on the program," Brown said.

Since 1974, the program has honored 1,443 Texas properties.

The Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) is entering its eighth year in sponsoring the program which honors "those families that have preservered for a century or more in the cultivation and production of food and fiber,"

The registration period will extend from May 15 to August 15.

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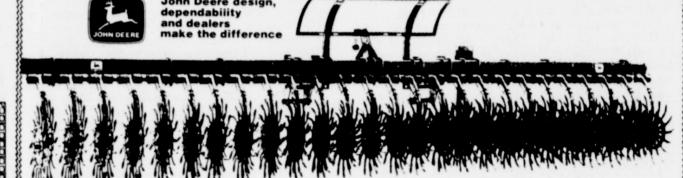
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### Fortnightly group names officers

The Fortnightly Study Club met in the home of Mrs. Aaron Sudderth for its final meeting of the year, May 15, for a covered dish luncheon. When members found their places at foursome tables, Mary Collins gave thanks.

Mrs. Anna Belle Shouse presided for the last time of her two year term in office. In keeping with the subject of the day, her introductory remarks were "After two years of enjoyable work with The Fortnightly Study Club, we have now come for the last roundup in the Sudderth Corral, and all of you have come to help do the branding. We hope we brand each of you as a good club woman. We have partaken of this delicious chuck-wagon dinner, and as we digest it, may our thoughts over the club year be rekindled in our minds as we reflect over our

After a brief business session, Mrs. Shouse called her officers for the past two years to the front, namely: Lucille Wilson-vice president, Mary Collins-recording secretary, Mil dred Hamm-corresponding secretary, Aileen Knighttreasurer, Ruby Hammond-parliamentarian, Avis Deaver-reporter, Mrs. Alice King-histroian. Mrs. Bess Dixon-Federation Counselor presented each of the ladies a gift and those retiring as department heads were presented with a gift.

Mrs. Shouse was congratulated as being the Outstanding Club Woman in the State of Texas. Other presentations of state awards were given to Maurine White for first place in community education and to Mrs. Ruby Hammond for her work in organizing a new club, which is the Trent 81 Club.

Incoming officers were called to the front for installation and each was given a symbol of office in which she serves. Mrs. Alwyne Sandusky-president, Mrs. Alice King-vice president, Maurine White-recording secretary, Clara B. Walla-corresponding secretary, Avis Deavers-treasurer, Anna Belle Shouse-parliamentarian, Mildred Hamm-reporter, Ida Mae Seymore-historian, and Ruby Hammond-federation counselor.

The gavel presented to incoming president Mrs. Sandusky was made by Rev. Russell McAnally out of Merkel mesquite wood and the base was made from the step of the district judge's stand of the old county courthouse. The gavel is presented to the club as a traveling gavel

to be passed on in future years.

Other club members present were: Mrs.
Charles Eager, Mrs. Fredalyn Everett, Mrs.
Linnie Fisher, Mrs. Comer Haynes, Mrs. Edna
Hill, Mrs. Madelon Horotol, Mrs. Joyce Jay, Mrs. Carl Hughes, Mrs. Russell McAnally, Mrs. Grace Lee Brown.

#### Merkelite's father buried

Post-James Edward Huntley, 77, of Post, died at his home of an apparent heart attack. Services were 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Post Church of Christ.

Filas Short, minister will officiate. Harold McSweeny, pastor, assisted. Burial was at Terrace Cemetery, directed by Justice-Mason Funeral Home.

He had lived in Post since 1920 and was a construction worker as well as a farmer-rancherall of his life.

His daughter, Cha r-lene Hensley lives in

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### Waites-Russell wed in Abilene

Robin Jan Waites and Doyle Wayne Russell exchanged marriage vows Saturday in a ceremony at Procter Street Church of Christ with Houston Itin officiating.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Wayne Russell of Merkel.

Matron of honor was Mrs. Robert Hines of Abilene and bridesmaids were Dawn Crowder of Abilene and Deborah Waites, sister of the bride.

Tommy Sloan of Wichita Falls was best man and groomsmen were Willis Swarts of Abilene and Ronald Taylor of Honey Grove, Brian Gray of Sabine Pass and Dwain English of Merkel were ushers.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Merkel High School and is a secondary education major at Abilene Christian University. He is employed by Andrews Furniture.

The bride's parents were hosts for the reception in the church junior auditorium. The

rehearsal dinner was held at Luby's hosted by the groom's parents.

The bride is a graduate of Port Neches-Groves

High School, attended Abilene Christian Univer-

sity and is employed at First National Bank of

The couple will live at Merkel following a wedding trip to New Orleans, La.

# Tri-City league selling donuts Sat.

The Merkel Tri-City Baseball League will be selling fresh donuts May 22 starting at 7:30 a.m. They will be sold door-to-door by the dozen in Merkel, Trent and Tye. All proceeds will go for equipment and uniforms.

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