## The Merkel Mail



Don Latimer is cutting his 60 acre field about 4 he was getting about 25 bushels to the acre on that tract and he earlier contracted at $\$ 3.65$.
Current market is a low 83.40 . (Staff photo by Current market is
Clov A. Richards)

## Crazy sticker, lady golfers, raffle tickets by Cloy A. Richards

I have been chasing down a part for a machine
at the Mail that broke last week and I just at urned from Abilene.
On the way back On the way back, I read a very interesting and On a Datsun, the sticker read "America needs On a Datsun,
America's oil.,
The Merkel women's golf association will be
sponsoring a two woman team scramble here aturday. There are still some spaces left and you may
call Helen Jones, Melanie Richards or the club to enter.
Fun Day should shape up well again this year, especially the entertainment.
The Halfbreed with Ray Pack put on a great show at the Texas Tradition Saturday night as
about 50 from Merkel attended about 50 from Merkel attended.
Ray is in charge of Fun Day entertainment this year. the way, those raffle tickets are available
By
now. We were super pleased with the way the
mail-out of the paper went last week as we started using the new labels printed by computer.
We did have a couple of names misspelled but We did have a couple of names misspelled, but
it looks like the new system is going to work like a charm.
Congratulations are in order for Leo Mashburn, who won this weekend's runoff election with incumbent Henry Guenther for Justice of the
Peace-Precinct 2 . Mashburn won by 77 votes.

The Tye Volunteer Fire Department has heir first weekly Bingo on Thursday night. The games will be held from 7 until 10 p.m. and will be held each Thursday at the Tye Volunteer Fire Department Station.

We have started our historical segments again his week in the paper and have started detailing some events of 1914. We decided to bring the
eature back because of the interest generated by last summer's historical columns.

Lady Lion's meet Thursday
Don Newbury, Western Texas College Presid-
ent, will be the guest speaker at the Merkel ent, will be the guest speaker at the Merkel Lion's Club Ladies Night, set June somen to several Heritage Hall. Newbury h
Merkel groups in the past.


Merkel Chamber of Commerce director hamber to the city for paving around

Runaway train wi
The Mail will again be reporting stories from
the files of the Mail throughout the summer months. We also are doing these historical shorts
because of the interest they sparked leading up to because of the interest they sparked leading up to
last year's Centennial Edition
This year's look back will be from the year
${ }^{1914}$. Merkel country poultry farmers shipped 200
cases of eggs in one week, a record according to che $T$ \& $P$ station master, here. That amounts to an income of 31,000 to the farmers. According to the $T$ \& $P$ agent, Merkel, in 1913, exported 123 carloads of beef, 183 carlooads of
cotton, 82 carloads of cotton seed and 10 loads of grain. Morgan's home and store in Tye was
H.S. Mar
burglarized as H.S. Morgan's home and store in Tye was
burglarized as someone blew open his safe and made off with $\$ 16$.
A local option election on the allowance of pool
halls in the city limits was defeated 138-12. alls in the city limits was defeated 138-12.
Some Merkel youths were caught cheating Some Merkel youths were caught cheating
chicken farmers out of egg money. The youth set up on entry roads and told farmers the Merkel merchants were paying $131 / 2$ cents per dozen for
eggs. They offered a good price at $151 / 2$. Merkel ggs. They offered a good price at $151 / 2$. Merkel
merchants were paying $161 / 2$ and the youth were caught while selling the eggs to Merkel
merchants. merchants.
W. J. Larg
W. J. Largent sold four bulls to the King ranch Merkel made it a misdemeanor to ride horses on city streets or sidewalks. The fine was $\$ 5$ to 310 for the first ofjense.
In Merkel, there were two dentists, two doctors
roject. Accepting the check are elty manager J. A. Sadler (left) and Merkel mayor Kent
Satterwhite. (Staff photo by Cloy A. Richards)
th no driver?
..One of the more interesting pieces we have
seen in the 1914 papers was a story about a seen in the 1914 papers was a story about a
passenger train that came through town, but it
was a littl was a little different than most. You may
remember the Ft. Worth paper did a special column on this incident two years ago.
..This is the Mail's word by word This is the Mail's word by word account: Monday afternoon when Texas and Pacific train
No. 3 came in Merkel it was under full speed without a pilot. Engineer Gilmore had fallen
from the engine un-noticed by the rom the engine un-noticed by the fireman. Tune first the firemen knew his train was
running loose was when the train approached the water tower here without slowing down and on looking down he saw the throttle wide open and he engineer gone.
The fireman appli
once and brought the train to a ency brakes at efore the engine had passed the a station. He not began an investigation as to the location of the engineer. To people who had gathered around, he stated the engineer had walked out on the gang
plank when the train was about a mile and a haly east of town.
.. While the search was going on, Enginees infured was waiking to Tye the gate he was not before the train reached full speed out of Tye. before the train reached full speed out of Tye.
.The lost Engineer was brought back to Merke in an auto owned by Ross Ferrier local cashie Oor the $T$ \& $P$. He explained he had slipped was missing.An engineer on board as as a palsenger took over the controls and proceded
West about ten minutes before Engineer Gilmore

Mashburn downs Guenther by 77 votes for J. P.

Leo Mashburn defeated incumbent Henry Guenther in Saturday's run-off election for total of 279 votes zompared to Guenther's 202 for ${ }^{77}$ vote margin.
Mashburn is not being challenged by a
Republican opponent in the November general elections.
At the Merkel voting box 24, Guenther had 144
votes to Mashburn's 230 . At Trent Box votes to Mashburn's 230 . At Trent Box 25
Guenther had 34 and Mashburn 26 , at Box ${ }_{27}$-Pioneer Methodist, Guenther had 14 and Mashburn 8 Mand at View, Box 28 , Guenther had 10 and Mashburn had 10 with the remainder of the voles coming form absentee voters juencher had won the most votes in Merkel's
May democratic primary when the field included Guenther, Mashburn and A.G. "Shorty" Stout Stout had since then cast his support for
Mashburn, and that apparently made the Mashourn, and that apparently
difference in Saturday's election.

## Wheat harvest totals

The area wheat harvest had it's first week of
good cutting last week but a major portion of the good cutcing last week but a major portion of the
crop has not been cut, although cutting was
supposed to be in full swing here today or At Jack South elevators, they are paying 3.4 per bushel and have taken in 55,000 bushels Sunday was their biggest day of the season when
they handled 12200 bushels Jay handed 12,200 bushels average he had heard was 26 bushels per acre on 200 acres and the poorest he had heard was eigh an acre. He said 15 bushels per acre would be good guess on the yield right now. He also saia
the wheat is dry testing well.
According to Cracker Bartlett at Whisenhun According to Cracker Bartlett at Whiseni
Grain, they are paying 3.40 per bushel. heard on yields are running from 15 to 25 per acr and said he expects they will start getting a lot of grain in during the next couple of days.
So far, Whisenhunt Grain has taken in $1,500,000$ pounds.
Albany getting prepared for
Fandangle
For more than yexas years the people Texans with song and dance, depicting the live of early Texas settlers through the production of the Fort Griffin Fandangle. The two hour outdoor musical is scheduled to
run for six performances June 17-19 and June run for six performances June $17-19$ and June
$24-26$ at the prairie theatre just outside th Albany city limits.
A cast of over two hundred local citizens begin rehearsing as early as February each year to
make the historical narrative possible With make tien historical narrative possible. With the
exception of the directors and technicians, the cast and crew of the show volunteer their many hours of rehearsal and performance
The Fandangle was created 44 years ago by
Albany playwright and author Robert Nail as a senior class play. The praduction was such a expand the endeavor to include the townspeopl Over the years scripts for the show were carefully constructed to tell the story of the old
west and how it was settled. Following Nail' death in 1968, the town drew from within itself for continued leadership and guidance.
For two generations the Fandangle has pulled
from Albany talents that otherwise would from Albany talents that otherwise would hav
gone undeveloped. All music and lyrics for the production are the products of Albany citizens a are the props and scenery.
The large outdoor stage is the setting for
scenes that include a herd of longhorns, buffate stage coach, countless cowboys and a replica the Texas Central locomotive. Also used is a
large street set that transforms large street set that transforms the two acre
stage into the wild and reckless Main Street Fort Griffin, a cattle trail town and home of a military fort by the same name.
Albany celebrates the
Albany celebrates the annual production with a
parade scheduled this year to begin at $6: 00$ parade scheduled this year to begin at 6:00 pm on
Thrusday, June 25 . The sixty or more entries in the parade represent local organizations as wel as several of the moving props from the sho such as the steam pors
early enough to view Albany's many histroica buildings, including the courthouse which was
constructed in 1883 Organ concerts are held each conssructed in 1883 . Organ concerts are hetd eac
evening of performances on the handcrafted pipe evening of performances on the handcrafted pipe Church located one block off the square. Calliope
concerts are held before each show at the thearre.
Tickets for the outdoor extravaganza range in price from $\$ 3$ to $\$ 7$ and are available after June 1 For reservations contact the Fandangle Associa
tion office at $915-762-2525$ or write to: Fandangle, uion office at 915-762-2525 or write to: Fandangle,
Box 185, Albany, Texas 76430 . Group discount
are available. are available.


| ners ma regs er he day a $\$ 5$ fee race for Free Love Run sha- ris will be given io all en ries This year's run is being sponsored by he Abilene Roadrunner's | the Program of the Year <br> Awards were given to various members Secre sisiers were revealed and then they drew for another year |
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| and Mr. and Mrs. Ray | served Sunday |
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| honored | ie Richards and Helen Jones and Renette He- |
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New Beta Sigma Phi group formed A new Chapter degree of Beta Sigma Phi has
been formed in Merkel. The new degree in Preceptor. The Preceptor degree is the fourth degree of Beta Sigma Ph To unite in fellowship and friendship To qualify for a Preceptor degree, a memeber must have six years of active membership in an Exemplar cycle of six programs.
When ten or more members have qualified, the Preceptor Chapter is formed and at that time the Degree.
The name of the Chapter is Preceptor Eta Memb
Members receiving the Preceptor Degree are Mamie Steck, Louise Dubose, Kathy Leverich
Ann Reeder, Connie Ybarra, Val Patterson Jocille Brady, Barbara Hobbs and Opal Garner

## 212 selects

Hunters

Margaret and Buddy Hunter will be installed Tuesday at installation ceremonies for Merkel Chapter 212, Order of Eastern Star. Also involved will be Dunning McConnell,
installation officer; Thelma Griffin, marshal: Hazel Pargment, chaplain Griftin, marshal; tary, and Anna Belle Shouse, organist. Ms. Reid also will do the star point presentation. Other officers to be installed include: Anicell
Brigat, associate matron; Roy associate patron; Mildred Starbuck, secretary; Fred Starbuck, treasurer; Marilyn Baker, conductress; S.E. McConnell, associate conduct ress; Louise Parham, chaplain; Hazel Pargment Windom, Adah; Ruby Haipman, Ruth; Margaret McAninch, Esther; Mary Sue Doan, Martha; Polly Fisher, Electa; Charles Baker, warder,
and Alfred Parham, sentinel. Renli Reynolds and Queena Bigby will present Bible and square and compass, Jeani Reynolds and Margo Bigby will register guests and Candy Meritt will bring

## Oil \& gas report

Railroad Commission Chairman Jim Nugent and 56 oil discoveries were filed with the state's energy regulatory agency
Gas discoveries in the fifth month of the year
included 40 in deep South Texas, 14 in Southeas Texas, 13 in the Regugio area, ten in North Texas, six in the San Antonio area, five in West Central Texas, four in East Central Texas, two
each in the Panhandle and the San Angelo area, Oil discoveries innd area
ight in the Refugio area, seven in North Texas, Angelo and Midland areas, six in Southeast Texas, three each in deep South Texas and the Lubbock area, two each in the Panhandle, East Texas and the San Antonio area, and one in East entral Texas
Through the first five months of this year
here have been 608 gas and 242 oil discoveries here have been 608 gas and 242 oil discoveries
hroughout the state. For the same period last year, there were 478 gas and 279 oil discoveries field tests wound up as dry holes. New applications for permits to drill oil and gas tests otaled 2,266 in May compared with 2,930 in the ame period of 1981
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Re loan is made.
Obstinacy in a bad cause is but constancy in a good."

Harris ending sweetheart reign


#### Abstract

Melissa Ayne Harris, daughier of Mr. and Mrs. Rober Leo Harris of Merkel, is the $1981-82$ Texas Sober Fireman's and Fire Marshalls Auxillary Elecied la Elected last June in San Anionio, Melissa will be ending her year ai the 1982 Convention, being held in Abilene June 12 through 16. Melissa's duites as sweecheart are assisting the president with errands. She will also play the

A 11 year old, Melissa will be in the 7 th grade ai Merkel Middle School. She is active in softball, plays ie bass clarinet, a charier member of the Meihodist Church Rhyymic Choir, and a


assoclace member of the Merkel FFA. She has placed swine well at the Dallas State Fair, $\mathbf{F L}$, Worih, Taylor County and Merkel Stock Shows. Melissa has gone into parinership with he
grandfaiher Joe McCarihy ai M \& H Hog Farm and now produces her own show pigs.
Melissa's grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Joe Melissa's grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jo McCarthy of Pasadena and Mr. and Mrs. Le of Mer of Merkel.
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at Merkel Elementary. A HONOR ROLL- Shayla Carter, Mau Cravens, Spencer Duncan, Tiffany Gill, Tammy
Graham, Kris Harris, Gena Hawkeswood, Esther Hernandez, Jason Heuerman, Ausin Hill, Alisha
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Katherine Ann Rumbaugh became the bride of Jerry Don Holdman May 22 in the First Baptist officiating. THe bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. K. Lindsey of Sundown and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Mr . and Mrs. William A Jones of Merkel and Mre and Mrs. Jerrold Holdman of San Antonio. Amanda O'briant served as maid of honor. Brides maids were Karen Williams of Lubbock
and Staysas Fryer of Levelland. Melissa Stanley cousin of the bride, was fllower girl. The grooms' attendants were Tharon Clark, best man. Groomsmen were Larry Holdman,
uncle of the groom and Scotty uncte of the groom and Scotty Rumbaugh,
brother of the bride. Ring bearer was Harold Rumbaugh, also a brother of the bride. Ushers
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