# The Merkel Mail 

## Mashburn downs Guenther, Dudley wins in commissioner race, White new governor

| well follwed the Democratic party line in elections held here Tuesday that saw Box 24 , the Merkel box set a vere finally tabulated for the county at 11:22 p.m. Tuesday night found incumbent Justice of the Peace Henry Guenther had been defeated by Leo Mashburn by a 3-1 margin and Don Dudley had defeated Jack Keenan in the County Commissioner Precinct 2 race. <br> erkel voters pretty well voled win the rest of the state on the statewide races, while Taylor County as a whole did not. Merkel voters went |
| :---: | heavily for Mark White tor governor while the

county leaned toward Clements and U. S. Senator LLoyd Bentsen won easily in Merkel and had a
close total vote in Tayior County. Bentsen won easily in the statewide results. The vote also saw Taylor County Criminal
District Attorney Pat Elliott deteated by a republican challenger Jorge solis. Solis was the Only republican to win a local race in the county.
Quanan Parker, the Repubblican challenger to
 retained his sea
The Merkel vote was the heaviset turnout for
Box 24 . At least 1,017 people cast ballots at or Mox 24. Al Senior Citizens Centar where election
workers there said there were lines of people waiting all throughout the day to vote when the
poots closed at 7 p.m. All in line when the polls closed at 7 p.m. were allowed to vote.
The official results of the Taylor County races was not olficial until $11: 22$ p.m. a and Taylor
County Elections Administrator Pauline Pittman com the Mail the lateness was due to the writy Guenther that had to be hand
cat counted and the fact people were in line at 23 of
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## Crazy Days parade goes well

The Merkel Chamber of Commerce had an
extremely successful Crazy Days Parade here las extremely successful Crazy Days Parade here las
Saturday and the CCamber has already started work on another project. Chamber manager Martha Sue Justice told the
Mail Monday the chamber would be selling Mail Monday the chamber would be selling
chances on a half of beef, cut and wrapped, for 50 cents each or 3 for $\$ 1$. Winners at the parade included Girl Scout
Troop 292 first in floats and Troop 241 second; the winning car was "The Mayor's. kintolks" and second was the Stith pick-up; Winning marchers included Candy Mer ritt first, Bill Cody and Shawn Leman tied for
second, Josh Mashburn was third, Dusti McCloud fourth and Joe Sandusky fifth. The first place horse was ridden by Rodney Russell, second was Shelley Seymore and an honorable mention went Judging for the kids dress contest was held Friday at Merkel schools and the results follow Judges were Ray Pack


Matt Smith Merkel Elementary Lisa Cannon 2nd, Melissa Halford 3rd, Laura Baker 4th, Brandon Boyd 5th Hald Matt Cravens was 6th. Runners up included
and Chenid Stuckey. Cheryl Schunkent, Queena David Stuckey, Cheryl Schunkent, Queena
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Mason, Ricky Riley, Rosa Reiz, Spencer Duncan

Thomson, James Talent, Pam Boyd, Phillip Seymore, Penny Smith, Tim Hohnertz, Billy Williams, Manie Swinney, Betsy Hellums,
Rodney Russell, Lori Wilburn, Steven Jacobs, Angle Mason, Daniel West and Amy Bugg. Jessie Ragsdale Junior High
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acy 3rd, Berla White Lacy 3rd, Bella White 4th and Casey Borrego was hitth. Runners up included Sherry Archer, Lisa Harris, Marty Flowers, Robert Grewell, Sissy Server, Darla Swinney, JJommy Mendez, Michele
Dudiey, John McNeal, Mike Davis, Billy Collins, Dudley, John McNeal, Mike Davis, Billy Collins,
Mary Kinder, Liz Reddin, Chris Brown, Chris Meymer, Cassie Townsend, Joseph Graham Mandy Pack and Tony Roberts. In order of finish (tie) Cindy Sims and Ronny
Powell, (tie) Matt Merritt and Sam Mashburn (tie) Sammy Tumlinson and Gloria Richards, (tie) Jim Richards, Mandy Guenther and Becky
Middieton; Joyce Patterson, (tie) Dana Brown and Natlie Schukneckt and Gary Miller
Tye Elementary Mark Patterson and Tracy Martin, 1st, Robbin Martin and Chris Moore second, Patricia Martin Mard Chris Ashworth third, Michelle Da,..rtich
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Two great ways to get nearly everyone to accept Will Rogers said it If you whisper something that Will Rogers was supposed to have said, however everybody knows it's a lie because Will never told those kind of jokes.
I've become a student of Rogerisms because they apply so well even today. To wit: have to close down by 3 a.m. and there is a public drunk by 3 a $m$ he ain't really trying :" You know hardly a day goes by that some All you got to do is be innocent and stand by and someone will shoot you."
"There was four innocent people shot in one day last week. Did you see that in the paper? It's hard to find four innocent people in New York
City.
i.that's why the gun men don't have to aim. They just shoot anywhere. Who ever they hit, he's The "Youthful kids are marching on the nation's capitol. Boy the kids are mationg action. They're
want to get invloved in military marching to keep us out of it. Seems to me they are getting about the same training they'd be
getting in the military. Of course, when you got to go 7,000 miles to find a war, foiks, you really got to be looking.
"But we got scouts out, you know. We got jokes on the kids. We ain't got no war over there. We say we ain't got no war, the other side says we
ain't got no war, so there you are. Of course, the ays getting shot at sayit's the best immitation they have seen yet.
"The kids don't really believe that the
politicians can get us out of this mess. But, $I$ do. Ignorance got us in, why not." mess. But, I do. "But do you know something?. We got a great country in spite of our government, not because
of it. Listen, everyone of those guys and gals
down there in Whan down there in Washington is no better, no worse
than the folks that voted them in there. They're a than the folks that voted them in there. They're a
lot better than the folks that didn't vote at all, boy, I tell ya that

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Farm economy


The King and Oween at Morkel Elementary Toombs from Mrs. Wison's 3rd grade room. They were crowned at a ceremory held at the Merke school auditorium Saturday evening. [Staf] improvement means hard choices

Everyone knows that the agricultural industry is currentiy in a severe slump. But there are few D. Ron Knutson, economist in marketing and policy with the Texas Agricultural Extension
Service of the Texas A\&M University Syster Service of the Texas A8M University System
offers three options for reviving agriculture. "One option is to buy our way out of the curren slump "throuah oroduction control programs," he says. "These programs cost either money or
producer freedom. They cost money if you pa producer treedom. They cost money if you pay
farmers to retire their land from production. This is currently going on, but land retirement levels are not high enough nor are the programs 'tigh Mand be effective production control programs would subetantial but farmers would have to give up Knutson points out. For many Texas farmers that are on the brink of bankruptcy, survival is more important than this loss of freedom.
The economist says that economic recovery
would be another option to ending the agricultural would be another option to ending the agricultura
slump. But recovery from this nation's sis coming slower than most economists had
is and is credicted.
"Were still months to a year away from an improved economy in the U.S. while the woridwide recession may not be over for another
two years or so," says Knutson. "Many farmers cannot wait that long. They tend to favor more controls."
A third option is to let economic forces take
their toll-to let farm prices an dine their toll-to let farm prices an dincomes fall to
the point where the excess capacity is weded the point where the excess capacity is weeded
out. This "survival of the fittest" Option would force more and more farmers out of business. Bankruptcies would be even higher and land and
used farm machinery prices would fall even used farm machinery prices would fall even
further. Removal of excess agricultural resources would bring higher farm prices-after considerable agony, notes the economist. "Among these options, the choice seems easy
enough-economic recovery," says Knutson "But enough-economic recovery,", says Knutson. "But
that recovery may not come fast enough to avoid falling into the economic forces of the third
option, that option, that of a reduction of agricultural
resources.

Former Trent residents in movie Former area resiWaltz Across Texas Dancers" in the soon-"-be-released movie, They are La Vonne Dean (Vondi) and Stephen Smith,-of Midmer resident of Trent and a student of West Texas State University is the 21 year old
daughter of Mrs. Janie J. King of Amarillo, and the late Dean King, who was super in ols. Stephen is the son of Mr. \& Mrs. Bobby mith of Kermit. were chosen as part of the cast by the show's choreographer at danMidland at the Stardust Club where the dance
ilmed. $\frac{\text { filmed. }}{0}$ On Oct. 22, the Smiths attended the premiere in Midland and later performed at Club after the $\$ 100-\mathrm{a}-$ plate dinner. Saturday, Oct. 23, danced at Midiand Park Mall and held interviews with the audience. Presently, Mrs. accounting major at The University of Te xas, Permian Basin in Odessa. She attended
WTSU in Canyon in 1980-81. Mr. Smith is employed by Bass Oil
School menu
The School Menu for Thursday will be Fried English Peas, Salad, Corn Meal Twist \& Lemon Pudding. Friday will be Hamburfor dessert
Monday will be fried chicken patties with gravy, whipped pota-
toes, rolls, $\&$ peach macaroons for dessert. Tuesday, Beef Raviol,
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Tye Elementary honor roll



Fortnightly meeting
 by six members of the Merkel Club who attended the meeting. These included Alwyne Sandusky,
Alice King, Ruby Hammond, Anna Belle Shouse, Maur ine White, and Luciile Wilson. Mildred Hamm and Ruby Hammond, subsitut-
ing for Louise Sudderth, presented the program ing for Louise Sudderth, presented the program
on Famous Buildings of America and Famous
Buildings of Texas. Some of the buildings included in Miss Hamm's talk were: The White
House, M. Vernon. Monticello, the Empire State House, Mt. Vernon, Monticello, the Empire State
Building, Rockefellar Center, The Little Church Around The Corner, and the Morman Temple. Mrs. Hammond's talk included interesting
information about the Alamo. The Adol phus Hotel in Dallas, the Governor's Mansion, Judge Roy
Bean's Home, and the State Capitol. "A bit of nitty-gritty", she said, "is the fact that we do not have a
stands Delicious refreshments were served to 19 members: Mrs. C.M. Brown, Miss Mary Collins, Gibson, Miss Mildred Hamm, Mrs. J.W. W. Gisson, Miss Mildred Kamm, Mrs. D.W.
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Sandusky. Mrs. C.M. Seymore. Mrs. Andy Sandusky Mrs.
Shouse, Mrs. Alf Walla, Miss Maurine White, and Shouse, Mrs. Alf
Mrs. Ray Wilson.

Price's celebrate 50th Nov. 19 of Merkel will cele brate their 50 th wed-
ding anniversary on
November November 19th. Jim
Nas born in Oklona was born in Oklona,
Arkansas. Elsie was Arkansas. Elsie was
born in Grandberry, Texas. The couple met in Merkel. Texas and kel . They are both lit

Merkey have lived in years. A reception will be held in their honor on 7:30 till 9:00 from Shelton Inn Rest. in Shelton Inn Rest. In
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