The Merkel Mail

Thursday, February 10, 1983

... Merkel, Texas

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Amy Ferguson of Merkel rode Aba San to victory in the Arabian costume competiton last week at the Fort Worth Stock Show

Amy is 13 and a member of the Taylor County 4H and was showing the horse for Circle F Farms here. Circle F breeds, trains and shows

Amy's horse and her were wearing costumes made form drapes in an trailer home. Amy received a large article and picture in the Fort Worth Star Telegram for her accomplishments.

She has been participating in equestrian events since she was eight and moved here two years ago with her family. Her dad told the Mail Tuesday she would be back in Fort Worth in April and then in Waco in June for more events.



BLINDING THE COMPETITION....Amy Ferguson and Aba San wear their costumes made of used curtains

FFA fares well in Ft. Worth

The Merkel FFA contributed to the number of pigs in the swine show at the Fort Worth Stock Show and "placed real well" according to Merkel FFA instructor Bill Riley. Riley said there were between 80 and 125 pigs in each class and there

were 1.600 in the show. Tommy Hays fared better than any students as his light weight Black Poland China was named first in the class and his medium was second.

The following are the results from the swine

show at Fort Worth:

Amber Whisenhunt, 18th heavy weight Hampshire, Kevin Mitchell 15th medium weight Hampshire and Tommy Hays 8th, Amber Whisenhunt 11th and Chris Cutler 17th in the light

Also, Lynn Hays 2nd and 8th, Melissa Harris 13th and Chris Cutler 14th in medium Durocs, Jay Gibson 4th and Lyle Baker 18th in light, spotted China, Lyle Baker 9th and Parker Wilson 14th in medium spotted China and Jay Gibson 7th in medium Berkshires.

Also, Parker Wilson 7th and Jay Williams 29th in light, Chester whites, Billy Ray Riley 13th and Melissa Harris 20th in heavy Chester Whites, Tommy Hays 1st and Lynn Hays 9th in Light Black Poland China and Tommy Hays 2nd and Lynn Hays 4th in medium Black Poland China. Also, Lyle Baker 5th in heavy Black Poland China and Jay Gibson 14th in medium weight

Stock show, sky pilots, Tye, council, PIK corn? ...more

by Cloy A. Richards

The Merkel FFA members did pretty well in the Fort Worth Stock Show as Tommy Hays and Denise Pack both had animals judged best in their class.

Merkel placed half of the pigs they took in the top 25 animals in their class with most classes averaging about 100 pigs. There were ONLY 1,600 pigs in the show.

The FFA will not show this weekend but will travel to San Antonio for a show next weekend. Brad Pursley, former Merkel High pole vaulter and now a star vaulter for ACU and his former team mate, world indoor record holder Billy Olson, were featured in Sports Illustrated last

Everywhere you look, listen or read these days, you can find stories about Billy as he has proven to be the hottest male athlete in the indoor track season so far. The only one giving him a media race so far is runner Mary Decker Tabb. Brad is off to his best start in his career and has already jumped 18 feet 6 inches this season. Before a slight leg injury sidelined him, he had finished second to Billy twice (both times Billy set world records) and the meet Billy did not jump in, Brad

Brad will be back on the pole soon and Billy will keep on re-writing pole vault records as they head for the World Games and then the Olypics, only a year and a half away.

My wife and I take in All My Children most days at lunch but I find the continuing saga of Tye just as intriguing as Erika, Langley, Phoebe, Opal and the gang.

For a while, keeping up with who had what job at Tye was like asking Abbott and Costello who's on first. The intrigue is now being spiced with charges of kickbacks, missing city funds, personal misconduct, sprinkled for good measure with threats of violence.

I have observed some pretty good political in fighting here in the past four and a half years, but, I have to hand it to Tye. They have political fights with a lot more flair than we do.

It's a dubious honor, but for now, well deserved. And it's been a heck of a lot better than the first two nights of The Winds of War.

+1 set a few new personal records on our Atari system last week while fighting off a bug and handing it over to my daughter and wife. I suffered a terrible case of cabin fever after spending four days mostly at home.

I can't take that much time off. Two or three days isn't bad, but after that, it gets boaring.

The Merkel City Council is anxiously awaiting next Monday's city council session because the engineer's technical drawings on the city paving programs should be presented.

Council has expressed as much interest on the quality and time allowed for the paving program as any other HUD funded program and are currently awaiting the forthcoming report to advertise for bids.

If all goes smoothly, the paving should start in

Best quote I have heard concerning the Reagan PIK program.

Farmer to reporter: "When Chrysler was having trouble selling cars, did the government give them more cars to sell? No, they made it easier for them to exist and operate. I can't sell the &&? &! ¶ & Corn I have now and I don't know what I'd do with the PIK Corn. Pop it I guess."

Local farmers will have a chance to get the latest line on wheat production Feb 11 at 2 p.m. at

Texas Agricultural Extension offcials will also be discussing the PIK program, who's deadline

for sign up is March 1.

the Jiva Inn in Abilene

Area wide wheat meeting

set for Friday, PIK included

An area wide meeting for wheat producers and elevator managers will be held in Abilene Feb. 11 at 2 p.m. at the Kiva Inn.

The meeting is sponsored by the Texas Wheat Producers Board, Texas Farmers Union, Texas Grain and Feed Association in cooperation with the Texas Agriculture Extension Service.

Due to a record 1.5 billion bushel national wheat carryover that is projected, additional work in market development, foreign trade policy, and farm program participation is being requested. Wheat producers throughout Texas, who export 90 per cent of their crop, face many uncertanties in the area of foreign trade policy and export outlook. These topics and others related to market development programs and timely production practices will be discussed by extension service specialists and staff of the Texas Wheat Producers Board.

The PIK program will be discussed and producers will be given some information that may help them in determining whether to participate in the program or not.

This meeting is one of five being held in Texas during the week of Feb. 7-11.

Middle schools finish basketball, 7th grade boys wind up 12-1

The Merkel Middle School finished their basketball season Monday night in Hamlin.

The Merkel 7th grade team finished with a 12-1 record as they fell to Hamlin 27-26. Ramon Moreno had 12 and Britt Pursely had 6 in that

The 8th grade boys finished their season at 8-5 as Danny Santee had 7 and Lance Jones 6 to lead the way to a 26-18 win.

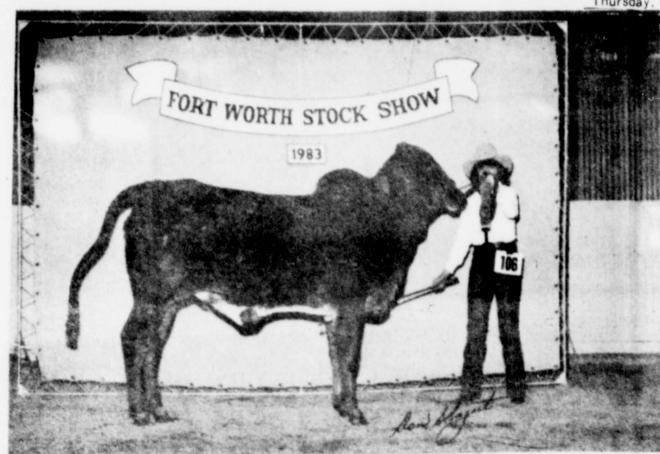
Douglas Taylor and Jones each had six steals and Dusty Moore hauled in 14 rebounds.

The 7th grade girls finished their season at 9-4 as they lost 18-16. Christi Elliott had 8 and Krista Toombs had 4.

The 8th grade girls lost 32-22. Michele Woodard had 9 and Sheri Riney had 5. They finished their season at 5-9.

The only remaining action comes for the 6th grade boys and girls teams as they will play in the Hawley Tournament Feb. 19. The 6th, 7th and 8th graders will start track workouts on Monday.





Merkel's Denise Pack shows the animal placing first in the Open Heiffer Show in Fort

Worth last Thursday. The animal, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Shorty Hobbs is fed, raised and shown

Obituaries Cemetery donors

Mrs. Homer Laney

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Mrs. Homer (Cecil Roman) Laney, 74, of Tye died at 5 a.m. Sunday at Shady (Daks Lodge after a lenigthy illness. Services were at 2 p.m. Monday at Starbuck Funeral Home of Merkel

The Rev. Temple Lewis officiated. Burial followed at Rose Hill Cemetery

Born May 3, 1908 in Rusk, she had lived in Tye since 1956. She was a member of Tye United Methor jist Church. She had married Homer Laney March 26, 1956 in Tyre. He died May 2, 1979.

Survivors include a son, Jerry Johnson of Granbury and two grandchildren

Milton Pate

Milton Pate, 80 of Sweetwat er died at Sunday at Rollings Plains hospital. Serv ices were held at 4 p.nn. Tuesday at McCoy Funeral Home with a Masonic grave side service at Sweetwater Cemetery.

The Rev. Charles Reece and Rev. Kenneth Ford officiated.

B.or n Dec. 3, 1902 in Merkel, he married Ernma Mae Lann Jan. 21 in Sweetwater. He was a retired barber. He was a 50 year rnernber of the Masonic Lodge and a member of First United Me thodist Church and the Downtown Lions Club. He was a former member of the Sweet water school board aind a former tax ases sor-collector for the Sweetwater schools.

He is survived by his wife; a daughter, Jonnnie Beth Monks of Oklahoma, four grandchildren and two great-grandhcildren.

Mearl Barnhart

Mearl Laverne Barnhart, 62, of Merkel, died at 2:45 p.m. Saturday at Baylor Medical Center in Dallas. Services were held at 2 p.m. in Sweetwater.

The Rev. James Bridges of Odessa officiated.

Born Aug. 30, 1920 he married Rosemary Friedman Sept. 11 1942 in Carni III. He was a production foreman at Getty Oil and a World War II veteran. He had lived in Merkel since 1955.

He is survived by his wife; two sons Douglas of Escondido Calif. and Arthur Lee of Abilene; a daughter Ann of Arlington; four sisters Retha Brown and Dolly Patterson of Terre Huate, Ind., Lucy Crabtree of Owenville Ind., and Virgie Smith of Tuscola, III. a brother Alvin of Olney and four grandchild-

The following people have made recent donations to the Merkel Cemtery Association: C. C. Benson, Mrs. Loyd Jenkins, Mrs. Jennings and and Family in memory of Ganevara Middleton, Mr. and Mrs. Wendall Moors in memory of Mrs. R. H. Kingston, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Osner, Don R. & Meddis Rollings , J. W. & Eva Cole, Mrs. Geo. A. Smith & Howard Smith, George and Bobbie West, Mr. and Mrs. James O. Pilant, Mr. and Mrs. Morris W. Roberts, Mrs. V. E. Eller in memory of Ganevera Middleton.

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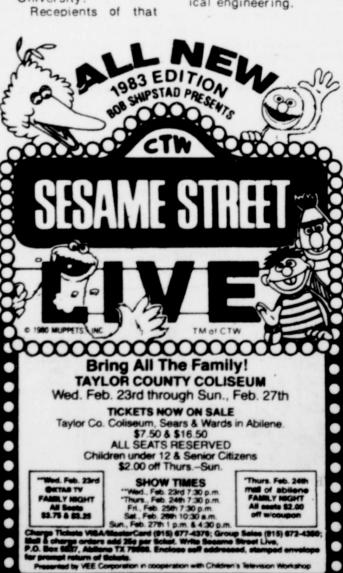
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Allen on Texas A & M list

Neal Allen of Merkel has earned "Distinguished Student" status at Texas A & M University.

honor must earn at least a 3.25 average. Allen is a freshman majoring in mechanical engineering.



Merkel high gets nice letter

Merkel High Principal Al Merritt recently received the following letter from a Merkel ISD

"This past weekend at the Ft. Worth Stock Show you had a teacher and two students with cattle tied next to us. Their names were Denise Pack, Becky Middleton and J. T. Naron.

In my opinion, our country is not as strong as it was 15 or 20 years ago. I think a lot of this is due to people not helping each other. It would have been easy for J. T. and the girls to sit on their show box and watch everyone else get their cattle ready. They only had one heitler so they had a good bit of free time. My daughter, Linda Gilmore attends Merkel but has nothing to do with FFA. We had eight heifers at the show so we didn't have any free time at all. J. T. and the girls were there all the time wanting to know what they could do to help. They were a big help

With people like this, our community will have a good name and our kids will have a strong future, thanks to people like J. T. guiding them. Sincerely, Bill Munden, M Cinco Ranch.

Trent places

3 in Ft. Worth

show sale

Trent High was well represented in the Fort Worth Stock Show sale as three pigs from Trent were in the

Kim Orr was fifth in the heavy Chester class. Casey Johnson was 11th in light Yorkshires and Benjamin Beaver was 18th in the light Durocs.

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tion, same being the

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A.D. 1983, to Plaintiff's

Petition filed in said

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of January A.D. 1983,

in this cause, number-

ed 37,952-A on the

docket of said court

and styled Alex W.

Penns and Erma Mar-

ie penns, Plaintiff, vs.

John Jerry Penns and

Isabel A. Esparza and

The Unknown Heirs of

Isabel A. Esparza, De-

A brief statement of

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is as follows, to- wit:

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

+TO: William Allen Newton, Respondent: GREETINGS

+YOU ARE HEREBY

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NEWTON" the nature of which suit is a request to the Court grant a divorce between the Petitioner and Respondent, and decree such other relief requested in the petition.

WILLIAM ALLEN

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgement or decree dissolving the marriage and providing for the division of property which will

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by Jim Mattox Attorney General

AUSTIN-An average of almost 100 car thefts are reported in this state every day of the year. And despite the coordinated efforts of local and state police, only 80 to 85 per cent of stolen cars are recovered for their owners.

There are several ways in which vehicle owners can help to prevent car theft.

In fact, one precaution is required by the state law, which dictates that the operator of an automobile must take four steps when leaving a vehicle unattended: 1) Stop the engine; 2) lock the ignition; 3) remove the key from the igni-

Mr. & Mrs. Michael

King are proud to

announce the birth of a

son, Steven Michael

James on Dec. 31. He

weighed 7 lbs. 13 1/2

ozs, and was 20 inches

long at birth. Steven

Maternal grandpar-

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Son born

tion switch, and 4) set the parking brake. Also, by law, if the car is on a grade, the operator must turn the front

Ordinary prudence would prompt a person also to roll up the car windows and lock the doors, and to be certain not to leave any valuable articles in

It is also advisable to park your automobile in as public and well-lighted a place as possible. Avoid side streets and dark alleys.

Do not hide an extra key under the floor mat, in the sun

the list are Kelle K

Newsbriefs

iello and Fred Nalley.

Burnett, Mary Far-

Daughter born

Mac and Cindy Sipe of Trent are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Ashlei Breck Sipe, born Jan. 11 at Hendrick Medical Center

Ashlei weighed 7' 11" at birth and has two brothers, Britt and

Club meets

Preceptor Eta Omega Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi, met Tuesday at the home of Connie Ybarra.

Committee reports were given by committee chairmen. An auction was held by Jocille Brady and Kavisor, under the seat or any other "safe place." It has been estimated that more than 40 per cent of cars are stolen by the use of the owner's own keys. Keep your car locked even when it's in your own driveway or garage. Most car thefts, including the "borrowing" of cars for "joy rides," occur in residential areas at night

It's a good idea to keep records of your state plate number as well as your motor vehicle identification number in handy places, such as your wallet and your place of business, to speed police prowheels to the curb before leav- cedures in the event your car is stolen.

In that case, report the theft immediately to the nearest law enforcement agency-your police department, your local sheriff, or the Department of Public Safety.

The enforcement agencies will quickly feed information about the loss and a description of your vehicle into the statewide Texas Crime Information Center Computer. Then

thy Leverich. Connie Ybarra gave her program on how toi make enchiladas the easy wy

Refreshments were served to Kathy Leverich, Jocille Brady, Val Patterson, Ruth Tipton, Mamie Steck by hostess Connie Ybarra.

Trent poster winners named

Winners from Trent Elementary's Soil Conservation Poster contest include (listed in order of placement) 1st Grade Ryan Rivers, Jason Rea, Jodi Chappel and Brandon Rains-Second Grade-Mary Ann Borrego, Wade Watson, Britt Sipe and Brandon Bland. 3rd Grade-Donald Drennon, Ralfie Parin, Junior Chaves and Je-

nny Carroll-4th Grade-

Travis Walker, Chri-

sty Holbrook, Mikal

Rivers and Naomi

Thursday, February 10, 1983

the F.B.L.'s National Crime Identification Center. Commercial, or organized,

car theft operations do not limit themselves to the boun daries of a city or a state. And car thefts are a big business. Your state and local enforce ment officials keep strengthening their cooperative efforts, with each other and the F.B.I., to protect Texas consumers against auto theft and related crimes, such as the stealing of auto license plates.

You can help, too, by making the car thief's work harder by taking the suggested preventive measures; by being on the lookout for any suspicious activities; and by making an immediate report to police authorities if your car

Lamm-5th Grade Melanie Orr, Scott Rovers, Mike Payne, and Shelli Boles-6th Grade Doc Carriker, Kim Walker, Robert Childress and Jason Massey

the report will be entered with Volunteers needed

Volunteers are needed one or two hours per week to provide services to residents of the Starr Nursing Home. Volunteers are needed for arts and crafts, showing movies, singing, playing the piano, helping with parties, etc.

If you could donate some time each week, please attend an organizational meeting at Starr Nursing Home Feb. 14 at 10:30 a.m.

81 Study Club The 81 Study Club

met Jan. 24 at the home of Mrs. Clayton The program was

given by Glenda Wilcox of Abilene on the

+Refreshments were served to eight members and one quest The next meeting will be Feb. 14 at the Senior Citizens Building. They will meet for a tasting tea.

FFA spotlights two

The Merkel F/FA spotlights some of the junior members this week

Lynn Hays, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hays of Rt 1 Merkel is 13 and in the 7th grade. Lynn has been a junior FFA member for 4 years. In the past years he has shown and raised 21 Duroc barrows, 4 Duroc guilts, 4 Hamps, 4 Crosses and other pigs. For Lynn's project this year, he has a registered stud, colt, Duroc barrows and guilts. Poland, Chinas, crosses and hamps. He has shown at all major stock showsand has placed well. He has been honored with 5 grand

champions and 5 reserve champions. Lynn is active in basketball and track. He is 4-H president and a junior member of the National Duroc Swine Registry. Lynn plans on attending college stuudying agriculture.

Billy Ray Riley, son of Bill and Karen Riley of Merkel is 14 and in the 8th grade. He has been a junior member for 6 years. In the past he has shown all types of pigs and is active in his church. He also plans to be in either ag, enginnering or

Survey says 27 % less 83 cotton

A producer survey taken by the National Cotton Council in mid-January points to a total cotton plantings of about 8.5 million acres this year. Included in the total are 68,000 acres of American Pima cotton.

If the survey results prove to be reasonably indicative of actual plantings, Staff Economist Joseph T. Wyrick said this would mean a 27 per cent cut back from last year's 11,499,000 planted acres and a 44 per cent reduction from the national cotton base. The survey results were included in a committee report in advance of the Council's annual meeting in Phoenix.

The Mail questionnaire showed growers in both Southeast and Mid-South planned to decrease their plantings from 1982 by 28 per cent.

Wyrick said the survey was taken immediately after the Administration's announcement of a payment-in-kind program and included questions regarding participation in government programs.

Survey forms with cotton bases indicated 96 per cent of their acres enrolled in the 20 per cent acreage reduction program. This same group of farms said 80 per cent of their base acreage would also be signed in the PIK program.

"Not suprisingly, a great many producers revealed they did not yet have a full understanding of the program alternatives available to them," he said. "In addition, this year, as compared to last year, a much larger number of respondents indicated they had just not decided yet how much to plant.

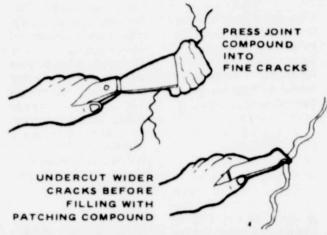
The econmoist said this year's extensive acerage reductions whould result in only the best cotton land being planted, and in producers working the land more intensively than they would be able to do with large acreages. With lower-than-normal acreage abandonment and



above-average yields thus indicated, Wyrick said a reasonable estimate for 1983 U.S. cotton production would be about 9.5 million bales.



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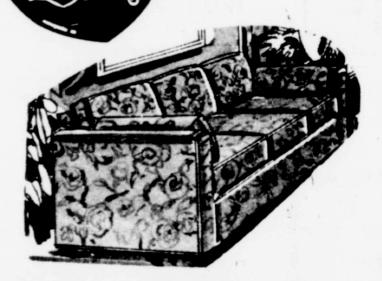
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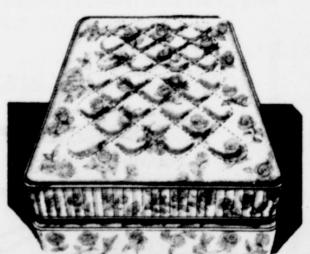
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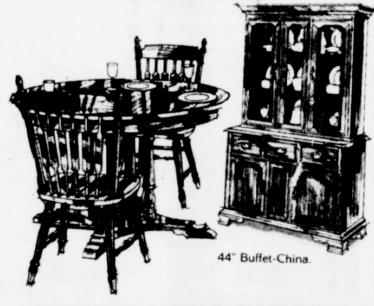


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Decision to join PIK depends on farmers' finances

Whether or not a farmer decides to participate in the new payment-in-kind (PIK) program this year depends entirely on his individual situation, says an economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A & M University

"Each farmer has got to assess his own operation and his current financial situation, and he's got to 'put the pencil' to all the different parts of the program as they apply to his business," says Dr. Ron Knutson. "There is no substitute for working through the program and making all the calculations you possibly can at this point.'

The Extension Service has prepared a special worksheet that can help farmers with their calculations. The worksheet is available from county extension agents.

"Farmers need to know their variable costs, which are crucial in determining participation in PIK" emphasizes the economist. "If a farmer is just covering variable costs in his crop production, participation will likely pay."

Of course, farmers need to be sure to consider deficiency payments when they are making their calculations, emphasizes Knutson. Such payments are based on the difference between target prices spelled out in the farm program and actual average market prices. Thse payments could be substantial this year, particularly for wheat and cotton. However, deficiency payments can be made only on planted acres, so this makes participation in the PIK program less attractive.

"If a producer has a tight profit margin, he's a good candidate for participation in the program" believes Knutson, "while participation might be questionable for a farmer with a wider profit

The program should be also advantageous to farmers with high operating costs and to those with marginal cropland. Farmers with low yielding land might consider putting more of it in the program, suggests the economist.

"Although it's extremely difficult to generalize about the program, we generally feel that corn and grain sorghum farmers will find it advantageous to participate except in those areas where they have sunk considerable expenses for herbecides and fertilizer into the land for preperation for planting," Knutson says.

'Cotton farmers will need to look closely at their operating costs in making a decision while wheat farmers may find it difficult to participate at any level," he said.

cropland out of production and to pay participating farmers with surplus commodities a cotton farmer who participated would be paid in cotton and a corn farmer would receive corn. The farmer can dispose of the commodity in any way he sees fit other than putting it back in

"In other words, the program is aimed at reducing farm product surpluses and eventually raising prices," says Knutson. "Just what effect it will have on the market prices could soften, particularly if farmer participation in the

Merkel High honor roll

The following are the honor rolls for the third

Angie Allen, Kelly Beights, Tina Bicknell, Clay Carey, Stacy Cowling, Tim Dela Vega, Thomas Doan, Joan Fariello, Alyse Ferguson, Dean Franklin, Brian Gary, David Glasscock, Amy Irvin, Don King, Brenda Kinder, Barbara Kinder, Jill Laman, Gayle Landeros, Chris Mashburn, Kim McCasland, Matt Merritt, Donna Miller, Jackie Owen.

Also, Richard Powell, Mum Prasarn, Melinda Riney, Kris Rich, David Ries, Jennifer Roby, Laura Roman, Susan Smith, Renee Stamper, Steven Page, Kelly Stovall, Keith Watson, Cindy Williams, Kyle Wolf and Cindy Sims.

The honor roll at Merkel High for the third six weeks-All A includes Debra Carey, Ronna Casey, Brenda Hohhertz, Ldean Hoyt, Diana Landeros, Tami Elliott, Kevin Mitchell, Richard Powell, Kelly Riney, Shelly Sherrill, Soraya Suksumek Greg Spur, Becky Teague, Lucretia Wade, Windi

Whisenhunt and John Ybarra.

Students making the A Honor Roll for the first semester at Merkel High include Debra Carey, Ronna Casey, Amy Irvin, Todd Hensley, Ldean Hoyt, Dean Franklin, Diana Landeros, Kevin Mitchell, Kelly Riney, Shelly Sherrill, Becky Teague, Windi Whisenhunt and John Ybarra.

The following students made the A & B Honor Roll for the first semester at Merkel High.

They are Tina Bicknell, Brian Gary, Clay Carey, Kevin Coker, Stacy Cowling, Thomas Doan, Tami Elliott, Ann Everett, Joan Fariello, Alyse Ferguson, Sandy Forehand, Christopher Horton, Wayne Horton, Don King, Jill Laman, Gayle Landeros.

Also, Matt Merritt, Richard Powell, Mum Prasarn, Kris Rich, Jennifer Roby, David Ries, Renee Stamper, Greg Spurr, Susan Smith, Kelly Stovall, Lucretia Wade, Keith Watson, Cindy Williams and Cindy Sims.

Elementary poster winners named

The following is a list of the winners of the Soil Conservation Poster Contest and their

Kindergarten Lori Pirraglia-Palmer, Angela Jowers-Tarpley, Trinity Hollis-Tarpley and Laurie Hellums-Tarpley.

First Grade Judd Burton-Henderson, Lana Rogers-Henderson, Cody Pack-Henderson and Michael Valdez-Henderson.

beef and cheese, buttered corn, tossed salad, garlic bread and pineapple bits.

Feb 15-Chicken fried

Market of

Second Grade Trinh Tran-Wade, Denise Cargill-Val, David Stuckey Wade and Jimmy Galbraith-Wade.

Third Grade Stephen Santee-Browne, Shayla Miller, Tanya Beasley and Steven Moreno. Fourth Grade-Jenny Boyd-Seymore, Cara

Kelso-Seymore, Aimee Bugg-Seymore and Jayma Goldsmith-Sims.

Fifth Grade Chris Gaona-Rister, Laura Baker-Roberts Angela Carson-Roberts and Sabrina Boswell-Roberts.

Basically, the PIK program is designed to take Government storage.

program is low."

Knuston advises farmers to seek all information they can get their hands on regarding the PIK program. County ASCS officials will be administering the program and should have the latest information available as it comes from USDA. Changes will be likely regarding various details about the program, since USDA has until Feb. 25 to issue final regulations. Sign up deadline for

Four from Merkel High band named all-district

Four members of the Merkel High Band were named to the all-district band Jan. 8 and one was also named to the all-region band and the all-area

Christi Hamlin, a freshman was named to those bands based on her performance at Hardin-

Named to the all district band were Jennifer Roby, a sophomore playing the B flat clarinet, Angie Greer, a sophomore playing the barritone and James Richardson playing the trap set. The All-District band presented a concert last

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Feb. 17-Turkey pot

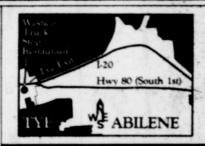
Feb 18-Grilles cheese snadwiches, vegetable soup with meat, sliced bread and apple delight.

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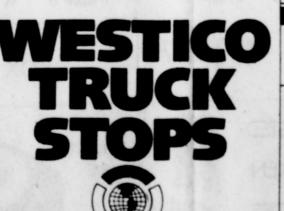
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