

# The Merkel Mail

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Thursday, February 2, 1984...Merkel, Texas

Our 95th Year



Brenda Elkins [right] goes over a questionnaire with Mrs. King, meals program director here for the senior citizens nutritional program. Mrs. Elkins is with the West Central Texas Council of Governments. [Staff photo by Melanie Richards]

## Senior citizens surveyed here

A marketing firm in Sioux Falls, South Dakota will know what a lot of Merkel senior citizens have on their minds after last Thursday's lunch at Heritage Hall. Brenda Elkins, a program specialist with the West Central Texas Council of Governments asked the senior citizens to answer a questionnaire that requested income and housing information, as well as other general categories. During the next 12 months, Phoenix Systems, the firm

conducting the survey, will be collecting questionnaires from Senior Citizens in 10 states. The states, and local agencies were selected because of their high level of contributions the senior citizens have donated to help offset the cost of the meals program. Mrs. Elkins told **The Mail** "through their generous and unselfish contributions, the senior citizens here have helped our Area Agency on Aging reach additional individuals and expand services. Merkel and the

Rural Taylor County people have helped to make their program one of the best in the nation." The U. S. Administration on Aging is funding the study of the best operations in the country in order to help them further improve, and then share their success with others. Mrs. Elkins will be attending the board meeting at the Tye Senior Citizens Center on Feb. 7th at 1 p.m. in order to show a new emergency response system for the elderly.

## MISD will sponsor voluntary finger-printing Feb. 6-10

MISD will be sponsoring a voluntary finger printing campaign Feb. 6 through 10th for all children, including pre-school children Feb. 6-10. Parents of school aged children will receive a letter this week from the district that will include a form from **Young People Prints** a national, non profit organization dedicated to

the safety of children. The Merkel school board approved the idea at their January meeting as a safety precaution for parents. Merkel Police Chief Ray Pack, also a school board member, said the fingerprints would either be kept in a safe at the school or the parents could keep the prints for their records.

He said no law enforcement agency could obtain the finger prints of a juvenile legally. On the back of the form, there are spaces for a photo of the child, along with the dentist to contact for dental records. Parents who want their children fingerprinted are asked to return the material to the school with their children by Feb. 6th.



[Staff photo by Melanie Richards]

## Man walking cross-country says 99% of people he's met are good

by Melanie Richards

Doc Dozier had a customer last Thursday he thought was unusual enough to give the paper a call. Jerry Lynch, 34 and his dog Marie are two and a half years and 3,250 miles into a six year journey that will carry them some 6,000 miles. It appears they are way ahead of their schedule after two and a half years, however, Jerry says he will be volunteering along the way for any function held in support of the handicapped and retarded. He has spent a week helping at the "Special Olympics" and has visited some 60 state and federal agencies for the handicapped. He has played his guitar and sung songs and spoke for the handicapped ever since he began his journey Sept. 21, 1981 in Seabrook, New Hampshire. So far, his travels have taken him through 13 states. He has encountered so much that is new for Jerry. He calls himself a "Dumb Yankee" because he had lived in New England for 31

years and feels he led a very un-enlightened life as far as the rest of the country went. He did not know of Cajuns at all and said he had never seen sugar cane or pump jacks (if you can imagine that.) His occupation before starting the walk was that of electronic engineer, but Jerry felt that he was missing something. He was inspired by a book written by Peter Jenkins **A Walk Across America**. He thought that would be a most interesting project. Jerry feels he may follow his walk with a book **Paws Across America** due to the difference of his canine companion, who, by the way, loves to walk. Jerry accounts that the people he has encountered have been 99.5 per cent friendly and has had no real problems with undesirables. As a matter of fact, the weather is the only real problem he encounters. Extreme cold, of course, keeps him from walking as does extreme heat since he carries a backpack

that would choke a dinosaur. While passing through the site of the first episode of **Bill Moyers A Walk Through the 20th Century** (PBS- Wednesdays) Marshall Texas, he encountered a blizzard. A couple of the towns people would not hear of him walking in that kind of weather so they insisted that he get in the car and they would run him to Austin, where it would be much warmer they assured him. When they arrived, it was 7 with a wind chill factor of 26 below, the coldest weather he had encountered his whole trip so far. The record warm weather he has encountered was 102 in Fort Meyers, Fla. He has scheduled enough time to encounter even more extreme cold and heat than this. He will hibernate when it gets too bad. He asks anyone who is interested in his cause and in encouraging him to give donation to someone in the community who can really use it. He wants to help the handicapped and retarded at the local level.

## Newsbriefs

### Movie

The Junior League of Abilene is sponsoring **Cheaper by the Dozen** at the Paramount Theatre, 352 Cypress. The movie will begin at 10:30 a.m. Tickets are \$1.25 for children and students and \$2 for adults.

### Meeting held

Preceptor-Eta Omega chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met in the home of Val Patterson with Val and Mamie Steck giving the program on music past and music popular. A group discussion was held. Those attending were Val Patterson, Mamie Steck, Betty Conley, Connie Ybarra Betty Satterwhite, Kathy Leverich, Ruth Tipton and Blanche Hewitt. Their next meeting will be Feb. 7th with Kathy Leverich as hostess.

### Castille named

Judy Emma Castille of Merkel, a student attending Angelo State University in San Angelo, is listed on the dean's honor roll for the fall semester. Ms. Castille, an elementary education major is listed on the 3.0 to 3.5 honor roll.

### Ray's honored

Mrs. E. C. Ray and his wife, the late Mrs. Margaret Butman Ray, were honored at a dedication service at the Butman Methodist

### Camp.

Mrs. Ray was the daughter of the late Sam Butman Sr., founder of the camp. The dining hall at the camp has been named the Ray Dining Hall in their honor. Rev. Russell McAnally led the service. Scriptures were read by Billy Ray Riley, the great grandson of the Rays. Songs were sung with Mrs. Kenneth Ray playing the piano for the group. Dinner was served to those attending the service.

### Hunicutt, Sandusky graduates

Todd Lawson Hunicutt and Barbara Faye Terrill Sandusky have received degrees from Hardin-Simmons University. Hunicutt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Hunicutt of Merkel and received his bachelor of business administration degree and will receive a diploma during spring commencement exercises May 5. Sandusky completed her Master of Education program

### Trent band

Three students from the Trent Junior High band were selected for membership in the all-district band. Brian Massey, Jason Massey and Steven Lamm were selected at Hardin-Simmons University Saturday. Richard Vergenz was selected as first alternate to the High School all-district band or both snare drum and timpani. Students selected will play in concert Feb. 4 at the Cullen Auditorium at Abilene Christian University.

### McMurry honors

The following students have been named to the Dean's honor roll at McMurry College: Stacy Seymore of Merkel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cornie Mac Seymore, Randy Bigbee, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mack Bigbee and Nowlin Cox, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nowlin Cox.

### You should have tax package

If you haven't received your tax package by now, you probably won't receive one this year, the Internal Revenue Service says.

Tax packages are mailed each year shortly after the December holidays, and are received by most taxpayers during the first two weeks in January or earlier. Due to the postage costs involved, tax packages only receive limited forwarding.

Those that cannot be delivered as addressed are not forwarded outside of local carrier routes, IRS explains.

Some taxpayers wait well into February hoping that their tax package will still arrive in the mail. Although tax packages are very helpful in filing federal tax returns, especially due to the computerized peel-off address labels and coded envelopes they contain, these items are not absolutely necessary to file a return. Taxpayers who do not receive tax returns by mail may obtain forms from many libraries, banks post

offices, IRS offices, or by calling the IRS at 1-800-424-1040.

### 81 Study club

The 81 Study Club met Jan. 23 in the home of Mrs. Betty Stautzenberger. President Grace Holt called the meeting to order. Eight members were present and a new member was voted in. Attending were Verma Bryan (new member), Evory Dillard, Paula Forehand, Katie Griffith, Patty Hackney, Grace Holt, Betty Stautzenberger, Ann Talent and Catherine Winn.

Betty Stautzenberger served refreshments and was in charge of the program. Officers Billings and Hoppe of the Abilene Police Department gave a presentation and films covering crime prevention and safety.

The next meeting will be held at the Senior Citizens Building in Merkel Feb. 13 at 4 p.m. Mrs. M. E. (Katie) Griffith will be the hostess and the theme will be on visual arts.

### Tye musical set

The Country Gamblers of Tye are having a musical Saturday night at the Tye Community Center benefiting the Abilene Girls Home.

Profits from the concession stand will be donated. All musicians and music lovers are invited to attend.

## Finger prints, drilling totals...more

by Cloy A. Richards  
If you have children attending MISD, you will be getting a letter in the mail pretty soon about a fingerprinting program being sponsored by the school and the Merkel Police Department.

The program is voluntary and most of you know what the intention of the plan is, and that is aiding in locating children that are kidnapped or missing each year.

Read the information enclosed in the packet, it isn't cheap sending a letter to the parents of 1,300 plus students.

The Texas Railroad Commission processed 49,080 drilling applications last year according to a news release from their

office, including 6,500 in this area.

Total new holes drilled were 25,722 and there were 5,914 dry holes.

One benefit from the recent cold wave in the state for farmers is that that there may well be far less problem from

insects this growing season.

MISD superintendent Bill Everett was still kinda glowing with the success of the Brain Bowl held at here last week.

He said he'd already heard from one superintendent whose school declined to send a team and been assured they would be there next year.

### 3 in Constable, Precinct 2 race

At filing deadline Tuesday, the race for the local office of Constable, Taylor County Precinct 2 has incumbent Vernon Wade facing two challengers.

Royce Smith and Waymon Adcock have both filed with the County Elections Office to challenge Wade in the May 5th primary.



## Church news

### Our Mother of Mercy

Mass will be celebrated this week at Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church Thursday and Friday at 7 p.m. instead of 7:30. Thursday, we will celebrate the feast of the Presentation of the Lord, preceded by the blessing of the candles. Those who may want their candles blessed may bring them to this Mass. Remember, that there is no magic about such candles, we burn them as a symbol of the fact that Christ, the light of the world, has entered into our world, as Simeon indicates at the time of

the Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple. Then on Friday, we will celebrate the feast of St. Blaise, followed by the blessing of the throats as a prayer to God to keep us from serious throat ailments and other evils.

### First Baptist sets revival

The First Baptist Church of Merkel is having a revival Feb. 5-8.

David Ray, an evangelist from Abilene will be preaching. Leading the singing will be Dale Coody of Lawton, Okla. Services will be held at noon and 7

p.m. each day. Everyone is welcomed to attend.

### McKee honored by Calvary Baptist

Last Sunday, upon the recommendation of our pastor, Calvary Baptist Church honored Brother James McKee with a certificate of license to the gospel ministry.

Brother McKee is well thought of and loved by our people and has been faithful in the Lord's service, and in filling the pulpit during the pastor's absence.

God Bless Brother James McKee.

## Obituaries

### Mary Bankston

Mary Kathryn Bankston, 82, formerly of 302 Edwards here, died at care Inn Nursing Home Jan. 20.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday at the North Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Ronnie Newton of Evangelical Methodist in Abilene officiating. Burial followed in Rose Hill cemetery here.

Born in Collin County, Texas June 1, 1901 she had moved to Noodle with her parents in 1903 and was raised in Noodle. She married Walter Farnsworth Feb. 15, 1925 in Wichita Falls. He preceded her in death in 1926. She married Sam Bankston in 1927 and

he preceded her in death in 1975. They had lived in the Merkel area all of their married life.

She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star here.

She is survived by a sister Ruffie Cook of Borger, a nephew Elmer Mattingly of Tye; two neices Juanita Broadus of Borger and Gladys Evers of Fritch Colo.

### A. R. Brown

A. R. (Daddy Boy) Brown, 73, of Merkel, passed away at 1:30 a.m. at his home Jan. 24th.

Services were held Jan. 26th at 2 p.m. at the First Baptist Church here with the Rev. dean Williams and the Rev. Bill Tho-

mas of the First Assembly of God in Abilene officiating. Burial followed at Rose Hill cemetery.

Born Sept. 20, 1908 in Logansport, La., he had married Evelyn Jones in Hainesville, La. in 1929.

He had worked for Sears. He was a member of the Assembly of God and moved to Merkel six years ago from Lake Charles, La. He was a member of the Coast Guard Reserve during World War II.

He is survived by his wife Evelyn Brown of Merkel; three daughters, Pat Castille of Merkel, Judy Reppond of Merkel and Jo Savage of Abilene; two sons, Tommy and Jimmy, both of Lake Charles; a brother Brad Wood of Logansport; 18 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren.

## Neff named scout of month

Tracy Neff, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Neff of Trent, was named Scout of the Month at Pack No. 185's January meeting Thursday.

Other scouts receiving awards include Mark Payne, Erik Armstrong, Scott Bloodworth, David Barnes.

Jerry Collier received his Webelos badge. Junior Chavez and Rafael Tarin also received awards.

The awards presentation was held at the Trent United Methodist Church and were led by scoutmaster Bill Clark of Nubia. Mrs. Lee Ann Collier served refreshments.

Three boy scouts of Powell in play at CJC

Merkel High graduate Ronny Powell will participate in the roof garden production of *Arsenic and Old Lace* by Joseph Kennedy.

Ronny, a 1983 graduate of Merkel High portrays Teddy Roosevelt. For details on performance times, contact the drama department at Cisco Junior College.

### Griffin Bently wed

Marc Griffin and Lisa Bently were married at noon, Jan. 20 here. Justice of the Peace Leo Mashburn presided.

The couple was attended by Dewayne Tucker as best man, Cindy Tony, maid of honor, and Dayna Bently, flower girl.

The couple will live in Merkel. Lisa is a senior at Merkel High and works part time. Marc works for Armstrong Electric in Abilene.

Lisa's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Benitey of Noodle and Marc is the son of Ken Griffin of Tye. Marc was living with his grandparents, Alford and Allene Terry of Hawley.

Trent's Pack 185 went before the board of review this month to advance in rank. Trent Lions Club members Jerry Williams and Greg Rains drilled Scouts John Thomas, Dock Carriker and Lonnie Clark.

Awards were presented to John Thomas-Tenderfoot badge family living, community living and communications skills awards; Dock Carriker



We started numbering our highways on a nationwide basis in 1925, adopting the now familiar U.S. shield sign.

Tenderfoot Badge, Lonnie Clark, 2nd class badge, 1st aid merit badge, family living, community living, hiking, and physical fitness skills awards.

Also, Mike Payne physical fitness skill award, Mike Hicks-scout badge, physical fitness, 1st aid and citizenship skill awards, Billy Clark athletics, communications and music merit badges.

## Public notice

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: LARRY BEASLEY, Address Unknown, California, Respondent:

GREETINGS: YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the 326th 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 Christian Homes of Abilene, Inc., Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 30th day of November, 1983, against LARRY BEASLEY, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 8821-C on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Interest of KENNICIA DAWN PRICE, a Child", the nature of which suit is a request to terminate the parent-child relationship between Larry Beasley, the alleged natural father, and the child. Petitioner requests the Court to appoint a guardian ad

item to represent the interest of the child.

Said child was born the 28th day of November, 1983 in Abilene, Taylor County, Texas.

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

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 20th day of January, 1984.

Rilla Mahoney Clerk 326th District Court Taylor County, Texas by JoAnn Lackey, Deputy

(Sig.) 48-1tc

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4250	2,450	2,200	2,000
4450	2,600	2,350	2,100
4650	3,200	2,900	2,600
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46-tfc

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47-2tc

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48-2tp

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48-1tp

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48-1tc

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48-1tc

For sale: Cheap covered double-wide horse trailer. Call 928-5416 after 6 p.m. Also hay rack horse feeder for sale.

48-1tp

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34-tfc

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48-1tc

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48-1tp

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48-2tc

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3-1-1 on Sunset, brick fenced, nice yard.

Avondale 3-1-1, fireplace, storage, 2 car carport, storage shed, fenced yard, reduced.

Yucca street, 3-2-2 fireplace, fenced, 3 living areas, large home reduced.

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48-tfc

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48-3tp

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### NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Taylor  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That by virtue of a certain Order Of Sale issued out of the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County, of the 6th day of January 1984, by Order Of Sale of said 42nd District Court for the sum of One thousand nine hundred eighty one dollars and 40 cents and costs of suit, under a judgement, in favor of Bilbo Well Servicing & Swabbing, Inc. in a certain cause in said Court, No. 38-488-A and styled Bilbo Well Servicing & Swabbing, Inc. vs. Cary-Chapman (C-C) Drilling Corp., dba Circle Drilling, placed in my hands for service, I, John W. Middleton as Sheriff of Taylor County, Texas, did, on the 9th day of January 1984, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Taylor County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: being 182.5 acres, more or less, out of Section 145, Block 64 H. & T. RR. Company Survey. Taylor County, Texas, also known as the Schneider Oil & Gas Lease.

NOTICE—This sale will be for cash—A Cashiers check from a Taylor County bank will be accepted. The Sale will be held at 2:00 PM and levied upon as the property of Cary-Chapman (C-C) Drilling, Corp. a Texas Corp. and that on the first Tuesday in March 1984, the same being the 6th day of said month at the Court House door, of Taylor County, in the City of Abilene Texas, between

en the hours of 2 and 4 p.m., by virtue of said levy and said Order of Sale. I will sell above described Real Estate at public vendue, for each, to the highest bidder, as the property of said Cary-Chapman (C-C) Drilling, Corp. a Texas Corporation dba Circle Drilling.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in The Merkel Mail, a newspaper published in Taylor County.

Witness my hand, this 9th day of January 1984.

John W. Middleton, Sheriff Taylor County, Texas  
By Eddie W. Swanson Deputy.

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Notice to Contractors  
Notice is hereby given that the City of Merkel is seeking contractors for lot clearance and demolition activities. Projects include removing junk and debris from vacant lots and demolishing vacant and dilapidated structures. Those contractors interested, or other interested parties should contact J. A. Sadler, city manager, 107 Lamar, Merkel, Texas, 928-4911 for specifications and additional information.

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# Diabetic emergencies discussed

by Vernon Wade  
EMT-Paramedic  
Merkel Emergency Medical Service

**Diabetes Mellitus:**  
The Diabetic Emergencies seen by ambulance personnel usually fall into two different situations. The first is with a person who doesn't know he has a problem and suddenly they are in trouble. The second is with a person who knows, but does not take care of themselves.

When the patient's system fails to produce the required insulin needed, they get in trouble. This medical problem is known as diabetic ketoacidosis, and progresses slowly over a period of 12 to 48 hours. The signs of diabetic ketoacidosis are: 1. excessive urine output (using the restroom often), 2. excessive thirst, 3. excessive eating, 4. nausea and vomiting, 5. fast heart beat, 6. deep rapid breathings, 7. warm, dry skin and dry mouth, 8. usually patient will have a fruity odor to their drinking problem, 9. sometimes drinking problem, 9. sometimes fever, abdominal pain and dizziness problem related to diabetic patients is a condition known as too much insulin.

Signs of too much insulin include: 1. weak, rapid pulse, 2. cold, wet skin 3. weakness and no coordination, 4. headache, 5. irritable, nervous or bizarre behaviour, 6. possible seizures and coma in severe cases. In both the problems dealing with diabetic patients if the patient is completely conscious and aware of what is going on try to get them to drink or eat something sweet. If they are unconscious or in a stupor behavior, do not give them anything by mouth. The insulin patient (too much insulin) usually will feel better with the sugar given. It usually will not harm the diabetic problem so if they are aware of the problem and conscious, give them something sweet. If, while you are with a patient before the arrival of the ambulance and the patient should pass out, try to keep them from hurting themselves in the fall.

When confronted with a patient who acts strange, smells of fruity breath, the first reaction is they are drunk, not so in some cases. If you are unsure, call for

the ambulance. Minutes could be the difference between life and death.

In the patients with too much insulin, they can go from being fully aware of their surroundings to coma and death in a very short period. Don't hesitate, call for an ambulance.

Over the past weeks, we have discussed some medical problem which confront you as well as your ambulance personnel. These articles are an attempt to help you in an emergency. If you think you have a problem,

contact your doctor. If you don't know and someone is in pain, call your ambulance service. We will help you get to your doctor. We will not ever tell you that you don't have a problem. With our equipment and training, we will decide your next move and help to make contact with your doctor concerning the problem you call us about.

If you would like to know how to handle a certain problem, call us and let us know. We will get you in contact with someone who will help, your doctor.  
Next week- burn patients.

## Trent FFA county show results

The following are the Trent FFA results from the Taylor County Livestock Show.

Patrick Penton led the way as his champion hamshire was named grand champion market swine of the show.

Billy Williams was 1st and 6th in the light weight cross division and Chris Simpson was 7th.

In steers, Scott O'Kelly was 2nd in heavy and 8th in middle and Joe McGlothlin was 13th in light. Adam Dela Cruz was 3rd in heavy weight hamshire, Doyle Brenem 6th and Lisa Slaton 11th in light hampshires. Mark Denham was 4th in OPB and Doyle Brenem was 5th in chester white.

## MHS honor students named

The following is the honor roll for the third six weeks and the first semester at Merkel High:

**Third Six Weeks All A**  
Angie Allen, Tracy Bicknell, Jay Gibson, Brenda Hohertz, Wayne Horton, Abby Irvin, Amy Irvin, Billy Ray Riley, Kelly Riney, Melinda Riney, Sheri Riney, Kelly Stovall, Shelly Sherrill, Becky Teague, Trung Tran, Fondale Watson, Shane

White, Allen Windham and Michelle Woodard.

**Third Six Weeks A-B Honor Roll**  
Rita Atkins, Donny Brady, Michelle Brandon, Clay Carey, Jerry Davis, Thomas Doan, Tami Elliott, David Glasscock, Todd Hensley, Melissa Hinson, Tina Jaramillo, Sandra Kotrolik, Tim Laman, Debbie Pack, Lance Perry, Richard Powell, Danny Santee, Shane Smith and Angela Thomas.

## YOUR HEALTH

Facts From The American Dental Hygienists' Association

What we eat and how much we eat affects the way we look and feel. Like the rest of the body, your teeth and gums need proper food to stay healthy.

In the 4th century B.C., Aristotle noticed that people who ate lots of ripe figs had more tooth decay than people who did not.

It wasn't until the 1950s that scientists started to see the relationship between food

and tooth decay. Decay occurs because of plaque, a sticky, colorless layer of harmful bacteria that forms on everyone's teeth. The bacteria in plaque feed on sugars and produce acids that attack your teeth and gums. The plaque holds these acids on to the teeth. After many such attacks, the tooth enamel breaks down, forming a cavity.

It would be difficult to eliminate all sugar-containing foods from your diet. The object is to cut down on the number of times plaque bacteria can go to work producing harmful acids.

The American Dental Hygienists' Association offers these tips on diet for better dental health:

- Eat balanced meals daily.
- Don't snack between meals. Each time you eat acids attack tooth enamel for twenty minutes.
- Remove plaque by brushing and flossing thoroughly at least once a day.

If your nose itches, some say, it is a sign that you will have a fight.



Missy Simpson won the Showmanship trophy and Patricia Penton showed the Grand Champion market swine at the recent Taylor County Stock Show. Both are members of the Trent FFA. [Staff photo by Mleanie Richards]

## Was the program a lot of smoke?

by Russell McAnally

The smoke from the fireplace chimney swirled and settled back to the ground. The cold from the outside drove me to the fireside and out of the snow. The fire was good, but I had almost finished two cords of wood and that made the fire less enjoyable. I had seen in the papers where the Government might help some of the poor people with their high heating bills. I decided I don't really know who the government is, and I sure don't know which ones are poor and which ones are rich. Some of the poor are rich and some of the rich are poor. The more I see and here the more I am convinced that the Government doesn't know what I need and therefore couldn't help me.

I remembered the account of how the Government helped Mr. Jones with his heating problem.

Let me tell you about that. Mr. Jones had this same heating problem. In fact, he had the same problem with eating and paying other bills. Mr. Jones looked out his window into his

back yard and saw a man standing there looking up at the smoke coming up from the chimney. The man was acting like he was concerned and wanted to help. Mr. Jones went outside and was told by the Government man that he could solve all his problems with the heating costs if only he had a chance. The man who acted like he wanted to help said this was a Government program to help all people with their heating problem.

In a few days, there was delivered to Mr. Jones, a packet with instructions. This was a device to insert in the top of his chimney to cut down on the draft which would help cut down on the amount of wood burned. This would give Mr. Jones, along with the money saved on wood, a chance to buy other necessities, and with all of these purchases, the economy of the entire nation would receive a needed boost. Mr. Jones was also told that he was very fortunate to be living in a land where the Government helped

people. Mr. Jones was told that all fireplaces were getting the device. He was also told that there was no cost to this helpful device. There would be a users fee and a little added expenses for the government cost of handling.

Everything was fine at first. The device was installed and it did seem to cut down of the amount of wood used, but there was one little problem, it did also seem that there was quite a bit of smoke on the house. At first, the smoke was ignored because Mr. Jones wanted to give the Government program a chance to work. The smoke became such a problem that a call was made to the man who acted like he wanted to help. The actor man was offended and told Mr. Jones that no one should expect to have the comforts of home, the help of the Government without a little suffering and sacrifice. Mr. Jones was also told that he was the only one to complain- that all the others were suffering in silence.  
(Continues next week)

## THE TRENT FFA

WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS ITS APPRECIATION TO THE FOLLOWING WHO PURCHASED LIVESTOCK AT THE ABILENE COUNTY SHOW

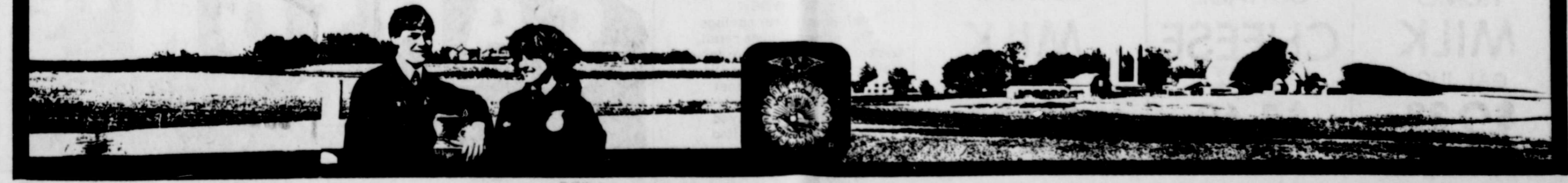
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