# The Merkel Mail

Thursday, June 7, 1984... Merkel, Texas

Our 96th Year



Trent has received a new fire truck and is organizing an active volunteer fire department. Those interested in joining should contact Mike Jones at Home State Bank in Trent.

## District TFWC meeting here

Mrs. Orvel Hill, president of the Fortnightly Study Club for the ensuing year, announced that the club would host a district year-

served at 9:30 and Mrs. James the coming year. Drain, Mesquite District President will call the meeting to order at 10 highlights that will follow in the 2:30 p.m.

After the invocation, pledge to program are: Tours to headthe United States and Texas flags, and a welcome to Merkel by Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Drain will recognize the book workshop Friday at Heritage new presidents. Mrs. J. W. Hammond, president elect, will Coffee and doughnuts will be discuss the president's themes for

After the yearbook preparation,

quaters, Girlstown USA; MD Anderson Hospital and the TFWC scholarship.

Mrs. Andy Shouse, chairman, and her social committee will be in charge of arrangements and refreshments.

The workshop will adjourn at



## Lt. Hererra is recent Air

### Force Academy grad

Victor G. Herrera, a recent graduate of the United States Air Force Academy, has been assigned to the 82nd Student Squadron at Williams AFB, Arizona, for the purpose of attending undergraduate pilot training.

Lieutenant Herrera is a native of Tye and was the valedictorian

of his 1980 class at Merkel High. He was nominated to the USAF Academy by U. S. Congressman Charles Stenholm of Stamford and subsequently, was offered an appointment by Lt. Gen Kenneth

Victor is the son of Art & Becky Herrera of Tye.

# Sister, surprise, sacrifice...more

by Cloy A. Richards

First off, I wanted to let you know that our office will be closed until Monday. We will be in those French beaches 40 years College Station to welcome back ago. my sister, who has been in Germany with her husband and four children.

They arrived back in the States Monday night so we are there for a few days. The recorder is suppos- like. ed to be on at the office if you want to leave any messages.

We visited Canyon, Texas this week while picking up Kim from basketball camp. Merkel had 29 girls attend the camp. Of course, Canyon and that was interesting. We missed the outdoor musical by two weeks, but looking the place over it looks like a place you'd not mind going again.

Mandy Barnett of Merkel had quite a surprise while there as her picture appeared in The Canyon is illegal to burn househo!

Doggett were a baseball game, I think it might go on forever.

have finished so closely after three stabs at an election. As of deadline, it still appears Doggett increasing frequency. the winner, with a re-count statewide a pretty good bet.

We have been going through a media bombardment about D-Day lately, and I think it is good, especially for the younger ones to see what their grandfathers did on

I have done my share of reading and film watching on the D-Day subject, and everytime I am exposed to those materials, I imagine what that could have been

The fighting troops of the US and their Allies performed many acts of heroism, not only on those foreign beaches, but across most of Europe in days gone by.

Our responsibility is to keep those memories alive, so our we had to take a look at Palo Duro children and grandchildren tan learn to be Americans, for the rich, brave past we all share,

> It's the hot, dry, windy season here again and we all ought to be careful about fires of any type.

Merkelites should remember garbage within the city limits, ed those that live outside the 'ty I'll tell you one thing, if Hance & limits should use extreme caron.

If you don't believe me, as any It's pretty amazing these two Fire Department. They has four ave finished so closely after three grass fires as late as Tue ay and have been seeing them pr up with

> Anissa Chavira, the ve year old victim of a recent hand-run, is

at home and doing well according to her mother.

I had an inte esting experience Sunday as Do King of KTAB came over to clat with me about a story he's doing on newspapers for their local show Big Country Reporter. I lave been interviewed before, but nost of the time they were seeking information while I was in the Air Force.

Havingseen on both sides of a tv camera. I prefer the behind the

That way, you don't end up being he funny looking person at the cher end.

Nuch of the conversation around to n has been about the recently reived taxable evaluations from e Taylor County Appriasal Di-

I have heard a lot of grumbling and had a chat with their office on the phone Monday to find out about the appeal sessions.

I was told no definate dates have been set, but was promised a news by Russell McAnally release when they are.

Missouri-Pacific and the Texas Highway Department did a gopod job on the main railroad crossing

Speaking of crossings, use extreme caution here, especially at Cherry Street, while the grain cars are on the side rails.

## Trent starting fire department

an active volunteer fire depart-

Service of Texas A & M Uni- late this summer.

Mike Jones of Home State Bank in Trent is the coordinator of the

The City of Trent is organizing organization. Jones said they are in the process of building a 50 X 60 foot metal frame building just The city recently received a South of the main railroad crossfiretruck from the Texas Forest ing in Trent. It should be finished

> There are around 20 members actively involved at this time and

they meet the 1st Tuesday of the month in the Home State Bank Community room.

Any interested citizens should contact Jones at the bank and, they will appreciate any donations that can be made to benefit this worth-while project.

## 1983 farm income \$4.1 billion

Texas Farmers got about \$4.1 billion from crop sales last year, slightly less than in 1982.

Weather losses had a big impact on crop receipts in 1983, but last year's PIK program helped bouy cash receipts, says Dr. Carl Anterson, economist with the Telas Agricultural Extension Servio, Texas A & M University system. PIK payments were included in the tabulation of crop receipts for 1983, but other government payments, such as

deficiency payments, were not included.

Cotton continued as the leading crop in Texas, with sales estimated at \$877 million. Although sales were roughly half the level two years before, the South Plains led the state with a cotton crop totaling \$412 million. South Texas followed with sales of more than \$96 million.

Wheat was the state's second leading cash crop with sales of \$638 million. The Panhandle boasted wheat sales of \$199 million. with North Central Texas a distant second at \$115 million.

Texas farmers should see some improvement in 1984 prices since stockpiles of most commodities have been reduced by PIK. Also, increased domestic and export demand as a result of improving economic conditions in the U.S. and abroad should strengthen

## Basketball camp held in Trent

A forilla Basketball camp, arganied by coaches John Grimland ad Robbie Shugart, was held

Forty-five boys and girls beween the 1st and 8th grades participated.

Basic basketball fundamentals and rules were taught along with various drills and competitions.

An exhibition program was held Friday morning with awards given the players for variuos accomplishments during the week.

Awards and trophies were furnished to the program by Adrian & Miks insurance in Trent and a provate conation.

Receiving awards were (Girls

5th Grade & Under) Sara Rios-Hustle award; Janet Marshall Best All Around and Sheri Clark-Most Improved Player. (Girls 6th, 7th and 8th) Sandy Collier- Hustle award: Sheli Boles- Sportsmanship award; Betsy Hellums- Best All Around and Veronica DeLa

Cruz-Most improved player. Also, Anna Rios won the free throw contest, Sheli Boles the layup contest, Betsy Hellums the passing contest, Misti Payne the defensive shuffle contest, Betsy Hellums the ball handling contest, Janet Marshal the hot shot shooting award, Veronica DeLa

Cruz the keyhole shooting contest. Sportmanship award; Anna Rios- Louissa Edmondson the speed aribbling contest.

In the Boys for grades 6, 7 and 8. Jason Massey was best all around, Lee Hunt won the sportsmanship, Most Improved was Mike Payne and the hustle award went to Billy

In the 5th grade and under Best All around was Mark Payne. Sportmanship award went to David Barnes, the hustle award went to Britt Sipe and the most improved player was Eric Arm-



These are the participents of the recent Gorilla basket ball camp.

## Going to the dogs...

experience for me. Some say kittens hidden nearby. people are, "Going to the dogs," The confrontation of the mother

few minutes while the dog explor- neither would back up an inch. My

The old saying, "Going to he rotation. He finally discovered my dogs," has become a very serius mother cat who has several

or that things are "Going to the cat and the bird-dog lasted several minutes. The dog, with one foot A few days ago, a friend of mine raised and pointing as a good bird on a three wheeler with his dog should, and the cat with back bird-dog riding behind him, stopp- bowed and hair standing straight ed for a short visit. We talked a up as a good mother cat should,

ed the area three times in quick friend was worreid that the dog would destroy the cat but I told him not to worry about that. Finally, to break the standoff, I started toward the house hoping the mother cat would follow me. My back was turned to my friend and his dog as I passed the mother cat. Suddenly, something hit me at

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## Merkel had a three minute miracle last week

by Don King

The big news last month was... it rained for three minutes in

Now, that may not seem like very big news to some, but if flowers along the roadside near your town are as thirsty as those around Merkel, and are beginning to resemble a crisp-dried variety that Mom used to bring home from the five-and-dime ... you'll be quic to understand how excited the folks in Merkel were over the three minute miracle.

Of course, the rare occurance had quite an impact on the younger generation. One mother recounted her four year old burst into the house in a state of panic afterhaving been spattered by a rain drop for the first time in his life ( The sky is falling, The sky is

falling!) After explaining to the youngster that it was merely rain... a rare natural phenomenom like an eclipse that occurs every few years or so ... she managed to coax the child back out-doors.

As the precious, life sustaining moisture, scant though it was, teasingly drifted across the parched Taylor County community, then disappeared into a cloud of steam, some residents were said to have held rain smellin' block parties that lasted well into the night. After the shower passed. police reported more traffic up and down Main than since the last homecoming parade. Folks savored the sound of little "minisplashes" that tickled the hot, dry tires of their cars and flirted with mud flaps on pick-ups that had strange effect on the coyotes. seen more useful days,

One cowboy stopped to tell us how he had tracked the thunderstorm through ten counties so his nine year old son, whom he was aiming to educate that future racnher what rain looked like, considering as how the substance is the most important factor in determining his success or failure as a rancher. A farmer told us how he'd worn out three sets of tractor tires without ever getting any of them wet.

People aren't the only ones being affected by the drought. Consider the critters. A state game and wildlife man who ... like myself, never hesitate to stretch the truth a bit (especially if it adds sparkle to a good Texas yarn) said the scarcity of water is having a

stalking a drink of water ... carefully sneaking up on it and third grade teacher expressing loverheard a lady from New York pouncing before it evaporates.

erman. Some folks actually believe the front chasers are responsible for our arrid predibeing shunned in church. Old friends turning away in disgust. slighting their attempts to exchange pleasantries at the Post Office each morning. Our weathermen are much smarter than some around the state. They are very careful and elusive when it comes to out-and-out promises of rain on a certain date. Our are planning a career based on soon, Lord willin' and the creeks weathermen in far West Texas whims of the weather, there may don't rise". Don't bet you last made the mistake of promising rain that failed to materialize. The selling lightning rods. poor man lost his family over the astronomical meterologically misleading blunder. The real

Then consider the poor weath- tendency to life and otherwise corner about the weather. "Does it cament. Some weather progno- about lying, if he continues at this years old." sticators report their families are rate, he's likely to grow up to be a with a lightning rod salesman damp at least for awhile. And like from Midland.

when they stop in our area for the rain check.

Claims some have taken to trouble started when his son came first time. I was walking down a home in tears with a note from his street in Coleman recently and concern over the boys growing as a young man standing on the distort the truth. The note read in ever rain here?" she asked. The part "To give you an idea as to youth disgustingly replied "How how bad Little Johnny is getting should I know lady, I am only 12

Well, I guess I have wasted weatherman like his dad"! The enough ink for now. But, ink humiliated young mother divorced reminds me of Merkel's three the poor weatherman and ran off minute miracle, it's moist and the folks around Merkel, If As the devoted public servant anything resembles moisture, I that had shown only ground can't help wanting to get into it for clutter near Pecos for several two or three minutes. As the old months... he admitted that if you saying goes "We'll meet again be more money and honor in dollar on it baby. The creek risin'

that is. Just think about the negative But, if by some scant chance it impression out-of-state visitors get does and I'm not there, I'll take a

## Newsbriefs=

### Starr Nursing

### Home news

by Mary Wimberly There are no real sick

residents at this writing. Delores, one of our LVNs is back to work Her daughter Penny is out of the hospital and at home after surgery.

Alma Conway of Tuscola is our new LVN. Remember Bingo is June 14th and Ford Smith Jr. and his musicians will be here June

Mrs. Thelma Dedmon and Billie Garrett of Abilene visited their aunt Magie Townsend Sunday

Thanks to Joyce Moore and Mary Palarez for the extra time they worked while Delores was out.

Mrs. Lorene Lee, one of our LVNs is still on sick leave and we hope she will soon be back to

The Noodle Baptist Church filled their appointment Sunday.

### McLean's reunion

Descendants of R. L. & Rosa McLean met May 27th at Heritage Hall. Children attending were Garrie Latimer of Abilene, Blanton Mc-Lean of El Paso and Cullen Toombs of Snyder. A son, Vance of California was unable to attend and a son Dewel is deceased.

Family members signing in at the register include: Ida Mae Mc-Lean, Gwen Latimer. Monty & Marilyn Tittle of Merkel; Cullen

Toombs of Snyder; Sue McLean of El Paso; Karen, Amy & Bryan Willingham of Sweet-

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of Feding Hill, Mass. In attendance were two grandchildren, 9 greatgrandchildren and four great-great-grand-

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### Masonheimer is TSU honoree

Leslie N. Masonheimer of Trent has been named to the A honor roll for a perfect 4.0 average during the spring term at Tarelton

State University. She was also named a distinguished student.

### Russell will be official Jacky Russell, son of

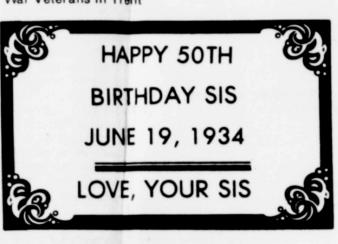
Mr. & Mrs. S. G. Russell of Merkel, will be one of the officials at the Olympic Trials in Los Angeles starting June 15. Jacky is the principal at Westwood Junior High in Richardson.

### Trent war dead being honored

War Veterans in Trent

Cemetery are being honored as flags are being placed on their gravesites.

Obie Coker of Trent said he ran out of flags and will finish placing flags at graves as soon as the new flags come





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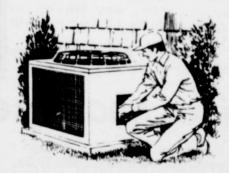
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GUARANTEED

## ...or dogs going to us?

(From Page 1)

the back part of my knees and I went high into the air making a three point landing on my neck and shoulders with my feet in the air. Hearing

Hearing the fussing of the cat and the dog yelping, sent me crawling away as I did not want a cat and dog fighting over me. When I stood up, neither the cat or the dog were in sight. After the dog hit me, he kept going ... somewhere. I asked my friend if his dog was after my cat and he told me I didn't have to worry about my cat, that the dog had run into me trying to get away from the mother cat.

The dog learned... I think ... that dogs shouldn't mess with cats that do not run away. I learned that it

may be worse for a dog "to go to a man", than it is for a "man to go to the dogs."

The past week, a mother dog came to my house and brought all seven of her four week old pups with her. They now live under my house. I did learn that the mother was a Pit Bull breed and the pups were valuable. Now, I am offering all the pups to the children of the surrounding area for \$5 each as long as they last. They are lovely pups and ready for adoption right now. I bought a 25 pound sack of dog food for them because they were very poor when they came here. Considering how fast that bag of dog food is getting empty, I have made a major decision. If you get them no you can have them... free.

The mother dog, I have learned, lived under the Dr. Sadler Hospital before moving in with me. Evidently, she had been kicked around because she still barks at me when I get close to the puppies. I feel that the mother dog will leave when her pups are gone. So, to get her gone, I have decided to give every boy or girl of Merkel a dollar if they will pick up a puppy. Parents, tell your children it would be good for them to "Go to the dogs", and take a puppy home with them. I hope this works as I would not like to have to give them back to the city of Merkel. They sure are cute pups, but I am about to "Go to the Dogs" out here.

### cemetery donors

Recent Merkel

The following people have made recent donations to the Merkel Cemetery Association:

J. O. Lusby, Howard & Evelyn Sliger in memory of Ollie Higgins & Mr. & Mrs. Austin Robertson; Floyd Byron in memory of J. A. Bryan; Viola Ensminger, Mary Sue Doan, Mr. & Mrs. Leo Mashburn, Mr. & Mrs. Mack Tucker in memory of the Vick family; Frances Johnston, Mr. & Mrs. I. D. Riddle, Archie & Anna Farr, W. B. Higginbot-

tom, Clara P. Cooper. Also, Mr. & Mrs. Louis Arnold, Mr. & Mrs. Houston Tiner, Hollis & Lillian Floyd, Hazel Pack, Robert Reed, Mr.

& Mrs. C. O. Patterson. T. J. Toombs estate, Juanita Kuehler, Fredlyn Farmer, Mr. & Mrs. Harlen Hobbs, Mrs. Mildred Park Roberts. A. C. Terry, D. Griffith.

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Mrs. Cullen Toombs. Also, Comer & Lucy Haynes & Nell Teaff in memory of Selena Teaff. Mrs. John Mansfield, Elizabeth Swanke, Mr. & Mrs. Victor Parsons, Mr. & Mrs. F. B. Riney, Mr. & Mrs. Forrest Barnett, Elsea McDonaid, Jane Smith, Mr. &

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# Pecan casebearer spray dates set

The pecan nut casebearer spray dates for Abilene have been set May 28th through June Eggs are being layed

in 3 to 5 days. After the eggs match into the small worms, they feed on terminals and small leaflets for about three days, then eat holes in the nutlets causing them to drop. Spray applications should be timed to kill the worms prior to entry into the nutlets.

Weather effects the life cycle of the casebearer greatly. A cool spell or wet spell can slow egg laying and hatching, so producers should check their trees to make sure eggs have hatched and the worms are present. Infestation maybe light this year,

due to a cold winter. 'Chemicals recommmended for the home-

owner includes Malithion, Zolone or Sevin. Sevin insecticide does not kill aphids. Sevin is a good insecticide for casebearers, but the use of it kills off predators such as lady bugs and lacewings, and popula-

tion outbreaks of yellow pecan aphids can occur. This aphid produces honeydew, a sticky substance that it often found dropping from pecan trees.

Homeowners may want to add zinc to the spray, as soils in this area are low in this mineral and pecans are heavy feeders of zinc.

### dent- Ann Talent; Sec-14 at Heritage Hall. retary- Grace Holt and The following officers

8th grade pictures ready

Pictures taken at 8th grade graduation are available for pick up at

Members of the Eigh-

ty-One Study Club held

their installation servic-

es for new officers May

the Superintendent's office between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

were installed by Mrs.

Allen King. They were:

President- Betty Stautz-

enberger; Vice Presi-

81 Study Club holds installation

## Hicks, Landeros named

Janice Hicks & Diana Landeros were named to

the President's List at Cisco Junior College

Reporter- Paula Forehand.

Members attending were Lorene Beaird, Vernie Bryan, Paula Forehand, Katie Griffith, Grace Holt, Goldia Malone, Cleo Reese, Betty Stautzenberger, Ann Talent and Catherine

Guests attending were Harvey Bryan, Mrs. Allen King, Jay & Sherry Shipman, Gilbert Stautzenberger, Ira Strong, Curtis & Doris Summers, James TaTrent High Jazz Band. Their instructor is Margaret Cooper. Band members include Bebo Beaver, Doyle Brenem,

Roger Brenem, Adam DeLa Cruz, Sherry Sawon, Steven Shriner, JoAnn Talent, Katie Wood, Ted Wood and Richard Vergenz.

The Trent High Jazz Band provided excellent entertainment for the evening. This was the final

meeting for the year. Our next meeting will be





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condition, runs, call

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66-2tp Lost: Reward Medium small black & white female dog, part Poodle & Schnauzer. Very old & cannot see or hear. Please call 928-5653.

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Moving sale: Everything must go. Leaving town. Friday at 8 a.m. at 721 N 2nd (Pleasantville)

Garage sale: South 2nd & Lois. Thursday & Friday.

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Outdoor sale: Children's, womens & mens clothing, shoes, kitchen items, ceramic pieces, misc items, skin care items. Thursday & Friday only from 9 until 5 at 201 Oak.

Garage sale: 508 Oak Friday & Saturday. Lots of clothes, dishes, misc. 66-1tp

Garage sale at 710 Orange. Rocking chair, hanging table, baby clothes & household items. Friday & Saturday starting at noon.

Garage Sale: Toys, clothes, books, new storage room in carton, fan, quilt scraps, lots of misc. No. 8 Ron Circle Wed until 6, Thursday until 7, Friday 8 a.m. until dark.

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### Thanks

Dear Friends: Your many acts of love and kindness during our time of sorrow are deeply appreciated. Mother loved Merkel and always felt it was truly home.

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We love you. The Family of Opal Sandusky

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Alberto & Dolores Chavira & Family

We would like to thank our friends for their loving care in the illness and death of our beloved brother Joe Acuna.

Thanks for the food, and flowers. May God Bless You. The Acuna Family

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EULA, TEXAS, Respondent: GREETINGS: YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable 326th Distirct 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, Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 9th day of

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Said child was born the 3rd day of May, 1984, 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 14th day of May, 1984. Rilla Mahoney, Clerk 326th District Court Taylor County, Texas by Kelly Gandy, Deputy

THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: JOHN H. HOFFA. Whereabouts Unknown, Defendant, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to appear by filling a written answer to the Plantiff's Petition at or before ten o'clock M. of the first Monday the 2nd day of July, 1984, at or before ten o'clock A. M. before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County, Texas, at the Court House of said

County in Abilene, Te-

Said Plantiff's Petition was filed in said Court, on the 17th day of May A. D. 1984, in this cause, numbered

38,769-A on the docket of said Court, and styled IN THE MATTER OF KELLY LYNN HOFFA, TRACI DAWN HOFFA & CHRISTOPHER JOHN HOFFA, Minor Children.

The name of the parties to the cause are as follows

BARBARA L. ORR is Plantiff and JOHN H. HOFFA is Defendant. A brief statement of the nature of this suit is

as follows, to-wit: Petitioner request that the names of the minor children be changes as requested in the Petition, and for such other and further relief to which Petitioner may be entitled either by law or in equity.

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The officer executing this process shall promptly execute the same according to law, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the Seal of Said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 17th day of May, A. D. 1984. Attest:

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Compere TEHA Club met in the home of Alford & Ailene Terry's for a Tasting Bee luncheon May 24. Each quest brought a covered dish.

The prayer was lead by Fannie Ramsey.

Following roll call and TEHA club news the minutes, a program on diet was given by Bertha Hunter.

> All of the Jones County clubs will meet at Deloris Adair's June 13. July 5th will be the club's day out at Luby's in Abilene.

Members attending were Ginger Hoog, Louise Chancey, Bertha

Hunter, Jessie Williams. Maud Busby, Deloris Adair, Fannie Ramsey, Annie Taylor and a guest Mrs. Land from

### Students named

Two Merkel area students attending Angelo State are listed on the

### Cisco honorees

Judy Emma Castille.

Dean's honor roll for the

Those listed are Mi-

chael Edward Pape and

spring semester.

Five Merkel area students attending Cisco Junior Collège were recently named to the Dean's list for the spring

semester. They are Kelle K. Burnett, Brad W. Butler, Nancy K. Butler, Mary M. Fariello and Donna J. McCartney.

### Looking for

### lost sailor

To the Editor: Can you help me find a man with the illustrious name of Robert E. Lee, a Seaman First Class, who was my shipmate aboard the USS Little [DD803]. We are trying to locate as many of the crew as possible and notify them of plans for a reunion to

be held in Boston, on the 40th anniversary of the

ship's sinking. According to old news releases, Robert listed P. O. Box 485, Merkel, as being his address in 1945. If one of your readers know of Mr. Lee's whereabouts

tact me. Edward M. Anderson 8155 Santa Clara Drive Dallas, texas 75218

please have them con-

## Drip systems

### tested

(STONEWALL) -- Drip irrigation systems in Texas have been used on a relatively small scale basis for the last 20 years. Though the carefullycontrolled placement of water on a crop or field is much more efficient and cost effective to operate, most Texas agricultural producers haven't been able to afford installation of the drip irrigation technology.

State Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower has said that any Texas water plan must be based on a commitprovided under drip irrigation

Hightower recently returned from Israel where he viewed firsthand that country's effective drip irrigation system. He's proceeding to have that Israeli expertise adapted for use here in Texas.

Henry Burg of Stonewall is already among the lucky handful of Texas producers. He's been using a drip irrigation system in his peach

orchards for the last seven years.

"I've got 200 small trees that I've been drip-irrigating since 1977," Burg said. "Before then, flooding the fields with irrigation water and overhead sprinklers were the systems we relied on, but I found that anything that puts water on the foliage causes fungus problems."

Flood irrigation isn't as effective as drip irrigation, either, Burg said.

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The system Burg uses gives water to the trees only when they need it. "We use about 30 gallons of water per day per mature tree. On all the trees, the water emitters are at the drip line, also called the shade line." he said.

Water comes from a supply on his property, Burg said, and is filtered in a sediment tank before it passes through pipes that are only five-eighths of an inch wide, running the length of an orchard row.

## Mary Bird succumbs

Mary Hughes Bird, 76, of Bristol, Va. formerly of Merkel, died at 5:30 p.m. Thursday and Bristol Memorial Hospital. Services were held at 2 p.m. Monday at First married Spencer Bird United Methodist Church here.

The Rev. John Wagoner, officiated. Burial followed at Rose Hill here under the direction of the Starbuck Funeral

Born Dec. 6, 1907 in the Blair Community south of Merkel, she was graduated from Merkel High and McMurry College in Abilene. She July 13, 1934 in Denton. She had taught school for 34 years, living in Fort Worth from 1954 to 1979. She had moved to Bristol this past year.

She was a Methodist.

Her husband died in

She is survived by a son, James of Bristol; three brothers John B. Hughes of Merkel, William Hughes of Pueblo, Colo. and Wayne, also of Pueblo; three sisters Nell Miller of Delores, Colo, Laverne Elliott of Grand Prarie and Camora Barrick of Arlington; and a granddaughter, Susan of Bri-

## Ottie Sandusky services held

Ottie Opal Sandusky of Richmond, Va, formerly of Merkel, died May 30th at St. Mary's Hospital in Richmond following a lengthy ill-

Services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Merkel Church of Christ with minister Billy Patton of Ballinger officiating.

Burial followed at Rose Hill Cemetery under the direction of the Starbuck Funeral

She was a member of the Church of Christ and had married R. M. Doan April 19, 1924. He died in 1951. She married William, R. Sandusky Nov. 28, 1953. He died in 1975. She is survived by a son, Jerry Doan of

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