# Local gins over 3,600 bales so far

A little over 3,600 bales of cotton have been ginned at the Farmers Co-Op Gin here and at Planter's Gin in Trent

Mrs. Red Shafer at the Trent Gin told The Mail Monday tthey had ginned a little over 1,900 bales and had 13 modules on the yard each containing about 9 bales. Mrs. Shafer said they would have a lot more cotton on the yard as soon as the weather drys up and said cotton grades had been holding their own.

Bennet Massey at the Farmers Co-Op Gin here told The Mail Monday they had ginned 1,700 bales and had about 10 bales on the yard but said he expected a lot of cotton on the yard Monday

He said most of the local cotton had been grading between 42 and 52 cent averages and the gin was

Dry weather that prevailed during the past week allowed cotton farmers to resume the 1985 cotton harvest in the Abilene area. Most of the defoliated cotton had areas, so harvesting was resumed light freeze early in the week only Coach Al Mitts. The plaque [Staff photo] partially defoliated cotton in some

were classed at the USDA Cotton Classing Office in Abilene during the week ending November 21; according to Area Director B.B. Manly, Jr. This brought the seasonal total to 157,000 samples

Local cotton prices were mostly steady during the past week in inactive to mostly slow trading. Grade 42, staple 32 cotton miking 30 to 32 sold at 3/ 4 to 1-1/2 cents per pound over Commodity Credit Corp. loan rates. Typical qualities of area cotton sold at physical prices mostly 47 to 51 cents per pound. Demand ranged from moderate to mostly light depending upon quality. Grades 42 and 52, samples 31 and 32, with mike 30 to 32, and strength 23 or higher was in strongest demand. Demand was light for grades higher than grade 32, for staples 30 or shorter, and also for code 85 cotton.

Cottonseed prices paid producers ranged widely from 50 to 80 dollars per ton with a higher volume than usual being sold as feed for livestock.

about 9 percent white grades this team season. Grade 42 has been predo- Senior Center Lance Perry was team was Douglas Taylor a were reduced by at least one team punter. grade for bark or grass content. Fiber length was 27 percent staple running backs Dean Franklin and of the defensive secondary. 33, also 27 percent staple 32, and 22 percent staple 31; with 32.4 being the average staple. Micronaire readings were 90 percent within the 35 to 49 range, averaging 39.2. Grams per tax strength readings of HVI classed cotton have

#### averaged 23.5 for the season. Beights. Newberry named all-district

Kelly Beights and Stacey Newberry were named to the 6AAA All-District Volleyball team, first team, coach Rhona Rainwater announced last week

Newberry is a junior and Beights is a senior this year. Named to the second team from Merkel were Amy Irvin, Michelle Woodard and Sherry Riney.



Howard, and Martin Counties. A Former Merkel High Football coach's memory.

§ Earl Laird of the Badger contains the names of local \$1,500 for Lost 4, 5 & 5, Block M, season with a couple of wins last 13 kids in the game that night and on a limited basis. However, Booster Club [Right] presents families who contributed for the harvesting and ginning was heavy MISD superintendent Bill Everett cost of installing the lighted

## About 53,000 cotton samples Lions buy Merkel Room

ment Corporation for \$2,500.

local effort to raise an additional

Hendrick Medical Center pateints. The hotel like environment will be provided free of charge, The Lions will also be sponsor- tary- Kathy Banks, Patti Greer but donations from people using ing a community blood drive at and Shirley Newland; Merkel the rooms will be encouraged.

The Hendrick Development Cor- a.m. until Noon. poration, with assistance from the

delivered their check for a Independent American Savings of Block S of Bettis Heights and a bid Merkel Room in a project spon- Texas, are asking communities of \$231 for Lot 11, Block N of Bettis shots from the field and 78 percent

sented their check recently and Heights.

People wishing to make con- the superintendent's office until 2 field shots in that contest played \$2,500 for a second Merkel Room. trubutions to the fund are asked to p.m. Dec. 13. The rooms will be available to contact any Lions Club member or Board members also approved immediate family members of Independent American Savings the textbook committee for the here Saturday and had an off night

Heritage Hall Dec. 4th from 7:30 Elementary-Lillie Braune, Kathy

## Perry, Jowers lead all-district picks

the Abilene area has been about 90 good showing in the recently le Chris Reyna and tight end percent light-spotted grades and announced all district football

minate at 46 percent, followed by named as first team offensive guard. grade 52 at 33 percent. About 36 center and Freshman punter percent of the samples classed Kenneth Jowers was named first

Cotton classed by USDA from The Merkel Badgers made a Shayne Newberry; offensive tack

Also named to the offensive

Named to the second tean defense were tackle Cris Reyna end Justin Amerine, linebacke Named to the second team were Douglas Taylor and James Wrigh

# Chirstmas Fair set for Dec. 7th & 8th at Heritage Hall

The Merkel Chamber of Com- Marilyn Tittle. merce will host Christmas Fair '85

The fair will start immediately charged. Money raised by t

The Christmas Fair '85 will feature booths from Merkel and area merchants and hand made items. A doll show will be included for pictures with your childr we are just a little behind in and Heritage Hall will be decked Iris Amerine will be shoot collecting school taxes. We have with Christmas decorations, and pictures and butoons and 5 X collected about 90 percent of at least two Christmas trees.

Booths are available at \$10 each available. and reservations can be made by

Refreshments will be availab ear marked for future Meri Christmas decorations.

Santa Claus from the para chunk of our surplus funds. will also be on hand and availa

#### lots, considering land proposal The Merkel School Board met the district are \$609,000. Everett Anniversary parade for Coca-Cola last Thursday at the Big Country said the statewide average collec-

MISD board approves prom, sells

ed by the school each year.

The board also accepted some about 90 percent. bids on lots the school is selling in In other action, board members the Bettis Heights Addition of voted to: Merkel and tabled a proposal from Our Mother Of Mercy Catholic totaling \$160,068.08; Church who wants to sell their † To amend the budget for property adjacent to MISD to the Federal Vocation Funds in the school.

In a 5-2 vote, board members ed prom each year for a Junior- school year; Senior prom. The prom will be the first school sponsored dance by drink and tobacco in the gym with

In other action, board members careful' tabled a proposal from Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church, "Curriculum Catalogue" for the who want to sell their adjacent 1986-87 school year; property and buildings to MISD for \$100,000. Board members voted band to participate in the 100th meeting Dec. 13th. to table the proposal and set up a committee to look into the possibility of purchasing the property. Board member Greg Henderson is chairman of that committee.

The board did accept bids on some lots in the Bettis Heighs Addition the school acquired many years ago in delinquent tax suits.
Board members accepted a bid
from Bobby & Delisa Webb of Bettis Heights.

The board also accepted a bid of \$1,026 from Lee Vinson on three lots in Block D of Bettis Heights.

The board also accepted a bid 46-43. of Edgar Graham on Lots 1 & 2. Block P in Bettis Heights. That bid was in the amount of \$850.

The board also rejected two bids on lots. The first bid rejected was The Merkel Lions Club has Junior League of Abilene and for \$211 for Lots 1, 2, 3, 4 & 11 in sored by the Junior League of around Abilene to sponsor rooms. Heights. No bid was received on from the free throw line. He also Abilene and the Hendrick Develop- The Merkel Lions Club pre- Lots 7, 8 & 9 of Block M in Bettis led the team in rebounds with 8.

sponsor it's own Merkel Room, but difference between money raised some lots for sale in this week's had 10 points and 7 boards. decided they would underwrite a locally and the needed \$2,500." Mail. The bids will be accepted at

> 1986-87 school year. Members of that committee are: Tye Elemen-Choate, Kaye Lynn Dearing, Jane Roberts, Barbara Sandusky and Patty Sims; Merkel Middle

School- Lisa Britt, Monica Irwin, Teresa Lambeth, Sally Odenwald and Shirley Williamson: Merkel High School- Gayle Baker, Vicki Brady, Karrie Doctor, Richard Hill, Adrain Hood, J. T. Naron. Rhonda Rainwater, Joan Walker and Dana Yancy.

The board also placed a \$1,500 minimum payment for teachers who qualify for career ladder bonus. The board also decided to equally distribute state funds over and above the minimum \$1,500 per teaccher received from the state.

The board also heard the annual audit report from Condley & Company for the 1984-85 school

erett told The Mail "It was a very good audit report and shows MISD to be financially healthy, for the time being. Without changes from the Texas Legislature on school funding, all Texas school districts will be in trouble in the next 3 to 4 years. We are about to spend Dec. 7th and 8th at Heritage Hall. and there will be no admissi \$500,000 in the next two years following the Christmas parade, Chamber from the event will middle school, and probably a adding on to the high school and couple of rooms at Tye Elementary and that will take a large

> He added "The audit did show in time for Christmas, will current taxes with \$106,887 left unpaid. Total delinquent taxes for

Inn and approved a plan to allow a tion rate was about 94 percent with

† Approve payment of bills English teacher

amount of \$8,026.00;

† Approved the Annual Perforvoted to allow one school sponsor- mance Report for the 1984-85 The Aquarium by High School † To continue to allow food,

> sings asking people to 'Please be † Approved the high school

† Approved permission for the

in Atlanta. The band will have to apply and be selected to par-Junior Senior Prom to be sponsor- smaller communities averaging 92 ticipate and travel expenses are to percent. MISD's collection\_rate is be paid for by the band if they are acceeted for the parade;

† Accepted the resignation of Becky Taylor, a high school

The board also approved bids in conjunction with the construction of an 8 classroom addition to Merkel High that will be the Freshman Wing (Already named

The board accepted the bid of Acme Bricks of \$6,013.80 Accepted a bid of \$32,978.05 from DeLa Cruz for foundation work and a bid of \$24,990 from Amerine Mechanical for air-conditioning and heating the new building.

The board will hold their next

# Boys open season

# with two wins

The boys, led by Milo Harris, crushed Anson 72-42 and then beat points and 8 rebounds." Sweetwater here Saturday night

In the Anson game, Anson jumped to a 14-10 first quarter lead bu the Badgers came back strong scoring 18, 18 and 26 in the remaining three quarters.

Milo Harris led the way with 23 points, hitting 57 percent of his The club not only voted to said they would "Aslo make up the The board is re-advertising rebounds and Shayne Newberry

> The team hit 53 percent of it's tough competition. here last Tuesday.

The Badgers hosted Sweetwater according to coach Skip Townsend. The Badgers did take a 46-43 win as 6'1" sophomore Ted Seymore led the way with 13 confidence. We will also be getting points. Seymore hit 48 percent of our best outside shooter, Ramon his shots from the field and 75

percent of his free throws. Townsend told The Mail We had Clyde-Merkel football game).

The Merket Badgers boys var- a bad night, didn't look good at all sity basketball team opened their but we came out with a win. I had we got a lot of help off the bench from Alfred Flores who

This week, the Badgers host Loraine here Tuesday (details not available at press time); will take a break for the Thanksgiving Holidays, and then travel to Loraine next Tuesday night. Next weekend, the Badgers will be in the Hawley Tournament and will play three rough basketball teams in that tournament. The Badgers will face Eula in the opening game, then play Hawley and Matt Cain had 16 points and 7 Wylie. Coach Townsend thinks the tournament will "show us how good we are" becuase of the

> Townsend said "We have 13 good kids on the varsity. They are good students, they were rtaised well and have real good parents. I really think we have the talent to play with anyone around this year. We still need to gain a lot of Moreno, back inthe line-up next week (He was injured in the

## Council ok's Christmas Fair, alley bid

The Merkel City Council gave formal approval for the Merkel Chamber of Commerce's Christmas Fair at Heritage Hall and awarded an alley cleaning contract to Pace Construction.

Council took those actions at their regular meeting held at the Merkel Emergency Medical Service Building Monday night.

Ann Payne, representing the Merkel Chamber of Commerce, MISD superintendent Bill Ev- asked for and received permission Heritage Hall Dec. 7th and 8th.

The event will raise money for Christmas lights for the Merkel water tower.

A council policy states each event "for profit" at Heritage Hall must have prior council approval. Non profit organizations do not come under that policy.

Merkel city manager J. A. Sadler told councilmen "The fair will give a lot of individuals a chance to see what Merkel merchants have to offer

Mrs. Payne told council "She felt like Merkel needed something to bring the town together at Christmas time."

Council received two bids on an alley clean up project. The project will be funded through the current Community Development Block Grant and the job was awarded to Pace Construction.

Council also gave approval for City Hall to be closed Thursday and Friday for Thanksgiving. There will be no residential trash pick-up on Thursday or Friday. The city landfill will be open it's regular hours on Friday and Saturday.

#### Christmas Fair ... more

by Cloy A. Richards

A Christmas Fair, sponsored by the Merkel Chamber of Commerce, will be held Dec. 7th and

8th at Heritage Hall. Twenty seven displays for local merchants and arts and crafts will be inside the hall.

Please See Page 2

#### Gibson's will

#### celebrate

#### anniversary

ir. and Mrs. Dent Gibson, Rt. 3 rkel, Texas, will be celebrating heir 65th Wedding Anniversary with a reception held at the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall on Dec. 1, 1985 from 2:00-4:00. The children of the couple, Mr. and Mrs. L.B. Gibson, Albany, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Gibson, Merkel, Texas; and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Lindsey, Grainola, Okla. will be hosting this event

The couple were married Dec. 4, 1920 in Fort Worth, Texas. Both have lived in Merkel most of their

Mr. Dent Gibson, before retiring, worked as a machine parts finisher at Bill Helicopter, Ft. Worth, Mrs. Dent Gibson, before retiring worked as a hairdresser for 26 years in Merkel. Both were members of the First Baptist Church. They have 7 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.



Mr. & Mrs Dent Gibson

the Rev. Jesse Nave, pastor of the died in 1975.

Burial followed at Rose Hill 1950.

she was graduated from Noodle Harbert of Amarillo and Carolyn

both of Dallas; two sisters, Cleo

### Services held for Annie Dishman

Annie Olena Dishman, 69, of Merkel, died Saturday at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene. Services were held Monday in Starbuck Funeral Home with the Rev. Wayne Keller, pastor of the First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery.

member of First Baptist Church. grandchildren. Survivors include her husband; two daughters, Irene Dalton of Wolfforth and Kay Ford of Fort Stockton; a brother. J.C. Crawford

Born Annie Olena Crawford, of Midland; three sisters, Mrs. March 5, 1916, in Hood County, she S.C. Keith and Mrs. Claude \* PURCHASE NOW married Wright Dishman Dec. 7, Thomas, both of Merkel and Mrs. 1935, in Merkel. She had been a G.N. Leath of Escondido, Calif.; longtime resident of Merkel and a five grandchildren; and two great

### Thanksgiving thoughts ... more

#### From Page One

the annual Christmas parade Indians provided. downtown will be held at 10 a.m. Dec. 7th and the fair will open them through the harsh winters. in College Station following the following the parade.

The event is being spearheaded spring arrived. by Ann Payne and she would be I Improved ways of farming the way I figure it, even Aggies more than glad to tell you promised a plentiful harvest. anything else you want know many difficulties

about the fair Proceeds from the event will be used to decorate the water tower freedom and their will to survive. at Christmas with a tree shaped light display.

written by 6th grade Gifted and yours, we hope you have a happy Talented Class. Members of the thankful that we live in a country class are: Annette Windham, Michelle Ingram, Tanya Beasley, Lillian Leach, Lori Thompson, Cheryl Wood and Chip Browing.

to the New America. H Heritage they brought to their pick-ups until Monday.

new home land. A Achieving their highest goals, they made it to their destination. them through their hardships.

every day life. City Hall will be closed Thurs-T There was a people who came day and Friday for Thanksgiving. Also, there will be no city trash

It's been a long time since I was N Neighborly Indians helped in Kyle Field watching the Aggies with a chance to win the conference K Knowledge for survival the by beating t.u. on Thanksgiving.

N Nurtured by their desires of

G Giving thanks they celebrated

with a feast now known as

From the Richards family to

Thanksgiving, and take time to be

that allows us the freedoms of

THANKSGIVING.

I was 12 the last time it S Skillfully the Indians helped happened and I remember the joy

G Grateful they were when win. Trivial nonsense to some, but should get to celebrate every 18 V Valient pilgrims had survived years or so.

> The children of Martha Allison extend to you a personal invitation to attend her 70th Birthday Celebration Sunday, December 1, 1985 two until four o'clock Heritage Hall Merkel, Texas

> > No gifts please

# Criswell's services held here

Monty Quay Criswell, 68, of of the Starbuck Funeral Home. Michael of Amarillo and Terry of Amarillo, died Nov. 14 in Amarillo Born August 31, 1917 in Gustine, Houston; two daughters, Brenda

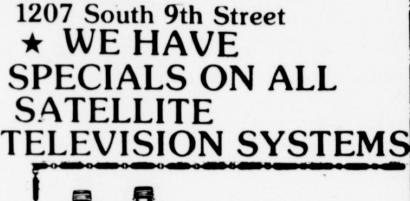
Cemetery here under the direction She is survived by two sons

Funeral services were held here High School. She married Wilher Hearn of Abernathy; two brothers. at the First Baptist Church with Criswell June 11, 1938 here. He Lloyd Reece and Floyd Reece, Petersburg Baptist Church offic- She has been a member of the Reece and Lorene Beaird, both of Petersburg Baptist Church since Merkel; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

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# Browning's services held

Merkel, died Friday after a short illness. Services were held at 3 p.m. Sunday at Starbuck Funeral Home with the Rev. Wayne Keller, officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill

Aug. 22, 1917, in Merkel. She grandchildren.

John Benson Browning, 89, of longtime him in death. He was a member of First Baptist Church.

A son, Horace and a daughter.

Doris, preceded him in death. Survivors include a son, Billy of pastor of First Baptist Church, Tuscola; a daughter, Mildred Holmes of Pottsboro; a brother. Felix of Gainsville; a sister, Lena Born June 19, 1896, in Brown Winegeart of Sherman; nine County, he married Ruby Tatum, grandchildren; and four great



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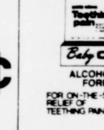
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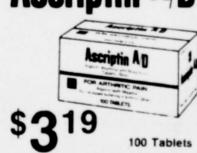


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> Marie Shanks Mike and Phyllis Kathy and Steven 141-1tp

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#### PUBLIC NOTICE

Bids are being accepted by MISD for the following lots in Bettis Heights. Lots 1, 2, 3, 4 & 11;

Block S; Bettis Heights Lots 7, 8 & 9; Block M; Bettis Heights Lot 11; Block N;

Bettis Heights Sealed bids may be dropped off at the Superintendent's Office, 3rd & Ash Street or Mailed to: Merkel ISD / Bids Texas 79536.

Deadline for bid submission will be Friday, December 13, 1985 at November, 1986. 2:00 p.m. Bids will be CITY OF TRENT opened at the December TEXAS 17, 1985 Board meeting. By: Randy Hunt, Mayor 141-23-2tc

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TAYLOR ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, IN-CORPORATED TO CONSTRUCT, MAIN-TAIN AND OPERATE AN ELECTRIC UTI-LITY SYSTEM IN THE CITY OF TRENT. TAYLOR COUNTY

TEXAS

a franchise by the City of Trent for the purpose of operating an electric utility system in said City for a period of twenty-five (25) years from the passage of this ordinance.

Section 2. The Corporation shall place its facilities in such manner as to not interfere with the ordinary travel and use of the streets, alleys, and other public grounds during the life of this franchise.

Section 3. The Corporation shall have the service, during the life of this franchise, to all consumers that the law permits the Corporation to serve in the city and to extend its system along, upon and across public grounds, streets and alleys within the city's corporate terri-

Section 4. The Corporation shall pay the ority in this suit to enter City annually each year, any judgment or decree during the life of this in the child's interes franchise, two (2) percent of its gross receipts from all of its sales of electric service used within the City of Trent, exclusive of sales to the City, as compensation

for this franchise. They City may have the books and accounts of the Corporation audited at its own expense in order to determine the amount of franchise payment due the City for any year, and for

failure on the part of the Corporation to pay said compensation within 60 (sixty) days after the amount is determined to be due, this franchise and all rights and priviliges herein granted shall be forfeiled to the City, and City shall have the right to collect any franchise payment due and owing the City by all legal and equitable remedies given by law for the collection of debts.

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Section 6. The Corporation agrees to indemnify the City of Trent and the City Council of said City from all claims arising out of the construction, maintenance and operation of said electric utility sys-

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Attest: Shannon Payne City Secretary.

141-115-2tc

CATION

TO: OLIVER JEF- man (C-C) FERSON PAYNE Ad- Corp. Circle C. Drilling dress Unknown, Respon- Co., placed in may GREETINGS:

-Section 1. Be it or-pear and answer before November, 1985, levy on dained by the City Coun- the Honorable 326th Dis- certain Real Estate, sitcil of the City of Trent, trict Court, Taylor Coun- uated in Taylor County, Texas, that the Taylor ty, Texas, at the Court- Texas, described as fol-Electric Cooperative, house of said County in lows, to-wit; including Incorporated, a Texas Abilene, Texas, at or but not limited to, tank corporation (herinafter before 10 o'clock a.m. of batteries, pump jacks, called "Corporation"), the Munday next after pipe, and any and all oil its successors and as- the expiration of 20 days and gas in place, situatsigns, is hereby granted from the date of service ed thereon, to-wit: Beof this citation, then and ing the Schneider Leasthere to answer the es # 20017 and # 20122, petition of CHARLES located in Section One EDWARD NAHOOI- Hundred Forty - Five KAIKA and O'LITA (145), Block Sixty-Four GENELE NAHOOIKAL- (64), H&TC RR. Co. KA, Petitioner, filed in Surveys, in Taylor Counday of September, 1985, more particularly desagainst OLIVER JEF- cribed as follows, to-wit: FERSON PAYNE, Res. Lease 1A: Located 589 being numbered 285-CX and 467 feet from the on the docket of said east line (lease line), The Interest of JAMES north line and 505 feet JEFFERSON PAYNE. a Child", the nature of which suit is a request to right to furnish electric terminate the Parental rights of Oliver Jefferson Payne from James Jefferson Payne and granting Adoption of

> January, 1975, in Freeport, Brazoria County. Texas The Court has authwhich 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

James Jefferson Payne

by Charles Edward Na-

hooikaika. Said child

was born the 18th day of

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 di-

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court at Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, this the 30th day of October, 1985. Rilla Mahoney, Clerk,

326th District Court. Taylor County, Texas By Jo Ann Lackey, 137-4tc-87

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 County Court

of Taylor County, of the

15 day of November

1985, by Order Of Sale of

said Carey-Chapman

Diilling Corp .-- Circle Drilling for the sum of Six Thousand Ninety one Dollars and no/ 100 and costs of suit, under a. Judgment, in favor of The Reeves Company in a certain cause in said CITATION BY PUBLI- Court, No. 14,202 and styled The Reeves Com-THE STATE OF TEXAS pany vs. Carey-Chap-Drilling hands for service, I John W. Middleton, as Sheriff YOU ARE HEREBY of Taylor County, Texas, COMMANDED to ap- did, on the 15 day of said Court on the 10th ly, Texas, and being pondent, and said suit feet from the north line Court, and entitled, "In and 589 feet from the from the west line (survey line), of said Section 145; and Lease 2A: Located 330 feet from the east line

and 1520 feet from the north line (lease line). and 444 feet from the west line and 1520 feet from the north line (survey line), of said Section 145; and levied upon as the property of Carey-Chapman Drilling Corp.-Circle C. Drilling and that on the first Tuesday in January 1986 the same being the 7th day of said month at the Court House door, of Taylor County, in the City of Abilene Texas, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., by virtue of said levy and said Order of Sale I will sell said above described Real Estate at public vendue, for each, to the highest bidder, as the property of said Carey-Chapman Drilling Corp.

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

Witness my hand, this 15 day of November, 1985.

John W. Middleton, Sheriff Taylor County, Texas By Eddit Swanson, Deputy. 140-3tc-109

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# Trains are topic for local group

Ornel Hill, Club President. The songs. club collect was led by Mrs. Andy Present were Mmes. C. M. Maurine White. Dickerson's poem, "The Train". Roh Neff. Truett Patterson, Curtis

The Merkel G.F.W.C. Fortnight- Mrs. James Jay gave a history of Rister, Perry Rogers, Ed Sanly Study Club met Nov. 19 with trains from the early days until dusky, Connie Mack Seymore, Mrs. James Jay. The business the present time. Mrs. Burl McCoy Andy Shouse, Howard Sliger Alf meeting was conducted by Mrs. played a piano medley of railroad Walla, Ray Wilson and Misses

Shouse and The Pledge to the Brown, Randy Carson, R.M. Fer-United States Flag was led by guson, J.W. Hammond, Comer Mrs. Billy Bob Neff. The program, Haynes, Orvel Hill, Buster Horton, "The Coming of the Train" was Carl Hughes, James Jay, Allen presented by Mrs. Comer Haynes. King, C.B. Knight, Joe Lassiter, Mrs. C.M. Brown read Emily Henry Martin, Burl McCoy, Billy

# Preceptor Eta Omega meets

of Beta Sigma Phi, met Tuesday ed that the Preceptor Chapter will at the REA after the program, help at the concession stand on that was presented by Kathryn Saturday December 7 and Sunday,

Kathryn's program was "Christ- Decorations for Merkel mas, from our house to yours." Also it was in last week's paper She had a lot of ideas for the that Louise Dubose received her

family and friends are often those Circle Honor. In order to receive stirred up or baked in the kitchen. the Silver Circle a member has to We hope that everyone that be active for 25 years. Publicity attended enjoyed the evening regrets the error. After the program, refreshments Members attending the meeting were served and receipe leaflets were: Jane Carson, Blanche Hewere passed out to everyone that witt, Ruth Tipton, Liz Eager,

# Lambda Beta views Sadier, Confile Toarra, Val Fathy

anti-drug film

Lambda Beta held its regular meeting on November 19 in the home of Martha Sue Justice. Virginia Pirraglia and Debbie Roberson presented the program, "Medicine: The Abuse of Prescription and Illegal Drugs" which included showing the film Drugs Of Abuse available through the Merkel Police Dept.

Members elected Virginia Pirraglia as Valentine Sweetheart to be honored at a dance upcoming in

Those attending the meeting were Kay Bishop, Melinda Dye, Barbara Graham, Beverly Helmer Martha Sue Justice, Janet McKeehan, Rita Moore, Virginia Pirraglia, Debbie Roberson, Robin Robinson, Janet Rogers, Pat Schek-

#### Senior Citizens set Monday singing

The Merkel Senior Citizens will hold a singing at the Merkel Senior Citizens Center starting at 6:30 Monday night.

Everyone is invited to attend.

#### Baker is USAF basic graduate

Airman, R.D. Baker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy D. Baker of Trent, Texas, has been assigned to Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, after completing Air Force Basic

He is a 1964 graduate of Trent High School.

Preceptor Eta Omega, Chapter At the meeting, it was announc-December 8 to help buy Christmas

Order of the Rose honor. That was The gifts most treasured by incorrect, she received her Silver

Betty Conley, Mamie Steck, Y Leverich, and Louise Dubose.

Mary Collins, Mildred Hamm and



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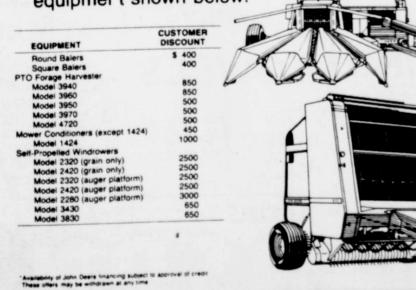
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