The Merkel Mail

Thursday, February 13, 1986 ... Merkel, Texas

Our 97th Year



10th grade]; Billy Ray Riley [1st,

These are the high school Electric Co-Op. 1st place winners 11th grade]; David Ray [2nd, 11th winners of this year's Middle will advance to the district grade] and Greg Pilgrim [2nd. Clear Fork Soil & Water Conser- contest. Local winners are [from 12th grade]. Not shown are Billy vation District Essay Contest. The left] Kendall Hayley [1st, 9th Hair [2nd, 10th grade]; and contest is sponored by Taylor grade]; Robert McFadden [1st Stephanie Boyd [1st, 12th grade].



§ These Merkel Middle school grade; Tonya Moreno, 2nd place, place 8th grade. Not pictures are students placed in the annual 7th grade; Phuong Thao Tran, 4th Cody Sutterfield, 3rd place 7th Middle Clear Fork Soil & Water place, 7th grade; [back row from grade; Shelly Green, 2nd place, Conservation District's essay con- left] Joey Jones and Renea 8th grade and Stephen Jacobs, 3rd test. They are [bottom row from Paulsen, Honorable Mention, 7th place, 8th grade.

left] Neil Newman, 1st place, 7th grade and Jennifer Hatley, 1st



§ The 6th grade students had the Conservation District contest. top five posters in the annual

Winners are [from left] Casey 4th; and James Hill, 5th. Middle Cleark Fork Soil & Water Ellison, 1st; Coty Vaughn, 2nd;

Chip Browning, 3rd; Cindy Webb,

Doan files for city post

Phillip Doan has filed for a ballot is March 5th.,

pro-tem Ted Smith and incumbent to have filed for re-election. councilman James McKee seeking The deadline for filing for a spot the three spots on council. The on that ballot is also March 5th. filing deadline for a spot on the

position on Merkel's City Council. Gregg Henderson is still the So far Doan joins mayor only Merkel school board member

can get more information from Reynolds prompted quite a few City Hall at 107 Lamar (928-4911) compliments from readers and tive office at Third and Ash credit line above the poem

Over 17,000 bales ginned

The two local gins recently Mrs. Red Sheafer at Trent Gin 7,988 bales.

completed their best ginning told The Mail Tuesday We have seasons since 1981 as Trent Gin already finished ginning remnants processed 9,259 bales while the and we are just trying to catch up Farmers Co-Op Gin here ginned on the bookwork. It was our best

year since 1981."

they finished ginning their remnants about three weeks ago, and they are also catching up on

City approves annexation, mobile home park Tuesday

The Merkel City Council met Tuesday night and annexed a 6 acres tract of land and voted to allow a proposed 30 unit mobil home park to be located here.

Council also decided to delay a decision on a piece of equipment for the city landfill at their regular session held Tuesday night at the Merkel Emergency Medical Service Building.

Most of the meeting centered around replacing a loader at the city landfill. Council learned two weeks ago the city's machine needed major repair and council asked City Manager J A Sadler took investigate replacing the machine. Representatives from Godsey Equipment, Case Equipment, Plains Machinery and Treanor Equipment all presented lease purchase plans to council-

men for new equipment.

a.m. Councilmen delayed their ed the annexation. decision because the bids could Council also approved a plat for not be equally compared since two a 30 unit mobil home park South of of the companies based their bids Our Mother of Mercy Catholic on the city machine being in Church. The park will be developworking order and two based their ed by Abilene Mobile Homes, who bids on the city machine as is.

asked to submit new leasepurchase plans to the city manager by 7 a.m. Friday.

loader from Treanor.

ed the annexation of 6.42 acres of velopment Community Block land South of Oak Street. The Grants. property is owned by Howard area, according to his letter roads Monday

seeking annexation. The city will Councilmen decided to delay provide water and sewer service their decision and tentatively set a to the North property line and called meeting for Friday at 7 councilmen unanimously approv-

already own units in the area. The The four representatives were lots in the plat are already zoned for mobil homes.

Councilmen also approved payment of the monthly accounts and Currently, the city is leasing a authorized bids on additional housing rehabilitation under the In other action, council approv- ongoing Huosing and Urban De-

Council's Monday night session Smith and he plans to develop the was postponed becuase of icy

Medicare costs are rising

care patient is responsible for when he or she first receives hospital inpatient services in a ity manager in Abilene said recently. The 1985 deductible was \$400.

the per-day amounts patients are responsible for after specific lengths of stay in a hospital or skilled nursing facility, Hammons

deductible, the amount a Medi- will pay for all covered costs protection but did not. except \$123 a day. The 1985 figure

1986, Glyn Hammons Social Secur- except \$246 a day. The 1985 figure premium was \$174. was \$200.

After 20 days of care in a skilled nursing facility, Medicare will pay Also scheduled to increase are all covered costs except \$61.50 per day. The 1985 figure was \$50.

The basic monthly premium for Medicare medical insurance will not change from the 1985 rate. Some people pay more than this

Medicare hospital insurance a benefit period in 1986, Medicare time they could have had this

The monthly premium for hospital insurance for those people who For each reserve day, Medicare are not otherwise eligible for this benefit period, increased to \$492 in will pay for all covered costs protection will be \$214 in 1986. The

Medical insurance annua deductible will remain \$75; unchanged from 1985.

More information about Medicare and Social Security can be obtained at the Abilene Social Security office, located at 142 S. Pioneer. The telephone number is 698-1360. Free publication can be After 60 days of inpatient care in rate because there were periods of obtained there which give more information.

Cold, questions, coins ...more

by Cloy A. Richards

You woke up Monday and realized, without a doubt, winter was still around as freezing rain made streets slick Sunday night, forced cancellation of school Monday, and ruined a few fruit blossoms that had poked their heads out a little too soon.

I guess it's time to even thing out for the spring like weather we enjoyed in January.

The Merkel Badgers ended their basketball season here Friday night win a win over Clyde and the Badgers ended with a 7-3 district record.

Those dastardly Wylie Bulldogs beat the state-ranked Graham Steers Friday night to eliminate the Badgers from a shot at the playoffs.

Boys coach Skip Townsend told me from the start of the season histeam was good enough to compete in the district and compete they did.

Congratulations on your best season in at least eight seasons.

Last week's poem written by Perons interested in running Merkel 3rd grade teacher Jeanie or from the school's administra- some of you did not notice the because a couple called and said I had written a nice poem.

Again, the credit goes to Mrs. Jackie (Jeanie) Reynolds.

Phillip Doan of Merkel has become the third person to file for the Merkel City Council election.

Doan joins mayor pro-tem Ted At Farmers Co-Op Gin here, Smith and councilman James McKee in seeking the three positions on the city council.

The All-District basketball expect to see the names of Matt mechanisms of Gramm-Cain and Kelly Beights some- Ruddman legislation. where prominently on the all-

district team. scoring this year and turned in repairs of around \$5,000 each. some excellent performances.

The Badger football schedule will also be set up at the meeting that was held Wednesday.

The weatherman said Tuesday morning it would be in the 60's by Friday afternoon. That's only a difference of about 46 degrees from the low this week.

If you have any good questions you would like to ask the candidates of the JP race here and the county commissioner's race, let me know.

We will be sending them each a list of questions to be published in the later part of April before the primary elections.

to be published before the primary elections First off, Id like to thank the

five men that are running for the Justice of the Peace Precinct 2 Blub will meet Monday at 7 p.m. and the Precinct 2 County Com- at the High School Library. missioner's seat.

of candidates.

squeeze your son or daughter onto a soccer team if you act quickly. If you don't know a local coach, contact the Big Country Soccer Association and they will provide you a phone number.

You stil might be able to

The city will be qualifying a few more houses for rehabilitation under the community develop-

ment block grant here. As councilman Derrell Farmer noted at Tuesday's meeting, this

could well be the last year of funds teams will be out next week and for similar projects because of the

Even if the ax falls on the program, more than 30 homes in They each led their teams in target areas here have had

> The Key City Coin Club is sponsoring a weekend exhibit of Texas artifacts in commemoration of the state's Sesquicentennial. The show will be at the Kiva Motor Inn Saturday from 9 am until 6 pm and on Sunday from 9 am until 5 p

> On display will be an exhibit of Texas coins, medals, tokens, paper money and scrip usually on display at Houston's Museum of Natural Sciences. The display is on the road as part of the Texas Sesquicentennial celebration.

The public is invited to the show and there will be no charge for

The Merkel Badger Booster

All members and interested It's wonderful to have a choice parties are urged to attend.

> Local cowboy Rex Bland had a good showing at the recent Ft. Worth Livestock Show's Rodeo.

Rex was 2nd in the 1st go-around in steer wrestling with a time of 4.1 seconds.

He won \$3,300 for his efforts.

You may have noticed new mailing labels on the paper last week. If you had a problem with you address label last week, please let us know.

Trent all-zone band



places in the High School and torium. Junior High All Zone Bands. § Earning All Zone Honors are: Students selected for the bands From left- B.J. Poindexter, Melattended a band clinic on Feb. 8 at ony Orr, Mike Payne, Steven Methodist Church and she has

§ Five members of the Trent ician for the Junior High Band Band were chosen for the All Zone was Jim Van Zandt from North Band. Auditions were held on Be. Richland Hills High School. The 1 at Hardin-Simmons University, two bands presented a concert Over 700 students competed for Saturday evening at Cullen Audi-

Abilene Christian University. Clin- Lamm and Sheli Boles.

Beta Sigma Phi Valentine's ball

Abilene City Council of Beta Sigma Phi, will present their . Valentine Sweethearts at it's annual Valentine Dance Saturday at the Abilene Civic Center.

Jana Nelson, Xi Nu Eta's Valentine Sweetheart, joined Beta Sigma Phi in November, 1981. She has served on the Executive Board in all offices, currently serving as Corresponding Secretary. In 1985, she was honored by her chapter as Women of the Year. A bank loan officer at Security State Bank in Abilene, Jana enjoys collecting antiques, counted cross stitch and quilts.

Betty Lu Satterwhite is the Valentine's Sweetheart for Preceptor Eta Omega

She is married to Merkel mayor Kent Satterhwite and they have a daughter. Kim Smith of Abilene and a grandndaughter, Renee'

She has been a member of the club for three years and has served on the program, social telephone and reporting committees. She and her husband are memebrs of the First United been employed at Taylor Electric Co-Op for 16 years.



Betty Satterwhite



Jana Nelson

Merkel FFA students place well at Ft. Worth show

The Merkel FFA students re- in the lamb, swine, and heifer senhunt; Hvy. Wt. Crossbred Hays, 3rd place Lynn Hays; Med. presented the Merkel I.S.D. and divisions. The results are as Barrows, 18th place Amber Whi-Wt. Hampshire Barrows: 14th community very well in Fort follows: Heavy Weight Finewool senhunt; Lt. Wt. Duroc Barrows: place Criswell Whisenhunt; Lt. Worth, Texas, this past week. The Country of the Co Swine Show: Lt. Wt. Crossbred place Dennis Luedtke; Med. Wt. Cassie Townsend, 12th place students exhibited their animals Barrows, 18th place Amber Whi- Duroc Barrows: 2nd place Lynn Cassie Townsend; Lt. Wt. Chester

White Barrows: 8th place Russell Morgan; Hvy. Wt. Chester White Barrows: 8th place Billy Ray Riley: Lt. Wt. Spotted Poland China Barrows: 8th place Mitzi Shelton, 10th place Mitzi Shelton; Hvy. Wt. Spotted Poland China Barrows: 3rd place C.J. White.

Branman Heifers: Junior Heifer Calves: 10th place Debbie Pack; Senior Heifer Calves: 6th place Debbie Pack.

Congratulations to these outstanding young people of our school and community.

Hammond honored

Susan Hammond, an 8th grade student at Merkel Middle School, has been named a Unites States National Award winner in History & Government.

The award is presented by the United States Achievement Aca-

She was nominated by her teacher, Mrs. Irvin ans she will be recognized in the Achievement Academey's annual yearbook.

She is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Dale Hammond of Merkel. Her grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. H. Hammond, also live here.

Trent essay winners

The Middle Clear Fork Soil and Water Conservation District and the Taylor Electric Cooperative, Inc. sponsored a "Conservation Essay Contest" for students grade seven through twelve. The subject this year was "Soil and Water to discuss how people in the rural and city areas can work together to conserve our soil, water, plants and wildlife. First place winners on the local level will be sent on the district contest

Winners from Trent, this year, include the following: 8th grade: 1st William Self, 2nd Kelly Huie, 3rd Chris Jones, 4th Mike Payne; 9th grade: 1st Billy Clark, 2nd Lewis Knapp; 10th Grade: 1st Brian Massey, 2nd Steven Lamm, 3rd Scott O'Kelly; 11th Grade: 1st Sam Jones, 2nd Simon DelaCruz, 3rd Chris Simpson; 12th Grade: 1st Benjamin Beaver.

The following are the winners from Trent in the Soil and Water Conservation Contest sponsored by Taylor Electric were: Kindergarten: 1st Wendy Harwell, 2nd Blair Niell, 3rd Tracy Jennings, 4th Matt Davis; 1st Grade: 1st Conservation". The essays were Amy Barnes, 2nd Laura Griffith, 3rd Tammy Clark, 4th David Claxton; 2nd Grade: 1st Jaime Ray, 2nd Charles Wood, 3rd Jesse Niell, 4th Teri Brazelton; 3rd Grade: 1st Crystal Hunt, 2nd Justin Williams, 3rd Sarah Griffith, 4th Brian Jones; 4th Grade: 1st David Barnes, 2nd Mark Payne, 3rd Sara Rios, 4th Jason Rea; 5th Grade: 1st Jennifer Cabral, 2nd Mary Ann Borrego, 3rd Corey David, 4th Misty Price; 6th Grade: 1st Anna Rios, 2nd Tracy Neff, 3rd Kim Howard, 4th Patricia Clark.

The 1st place winners will be sent to Abilene for District-wide



These are the 1st place winners They are [from left] William Self, in the annual Middle Clear Fork Sam Jones, Billy Clark, Brian Soil & Water Conservation District Massey and Benjamin Beaver. essay contest from Trent High.

MISD lunch menu

fiesta, pinto beans, lettuce and tomato rice, apricot halves.

Friday February 14: Hamburgers, lettuce, tomato, pickle, onion, french fries, walk to school

Monday February 17: Pizza buttered corn, lettuce wedge, apple cheese crisp.

potatoes, hot rolls, jello with fruit. College for the fall semester.

ed cheese sandwich, vegetable major at the sollege. with cheese wedge, lettuce and elementary education major.

tomato salad, buttered carrots, plum cobbler

Friday February 21: Hamburgers, lettuce, tomato, pickle, onion, french fries, fresh apple wedge

Zelda Ruth Wade Orr of Trent Tuesday February 18: Chicken and Ginger Diane Smith of fried steak with cream gravy, Merkel, have been named to the seasoned green beans, cream Dean's Honor Roll at McMurry

Wednesday February 19: toast- Ginger is a senior accounting

soup, sliced bread, apricot halves. Zelda is the daughter of Wesley Thursday February 20: burritos Wade of Winters and is a senior

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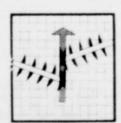
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like that? Many people don't and charged an additional \$124.00, the each year who just can't let a good matter will be turned over to the deal that's too good to be true slip collections department, and the through their fingers, are bilked incident could result in legal tive and Steve Kemper, Field out of millions of dollars.

The offer mentioned above is an the customer's credit rating.

"Congratulations" You have to complete with their choice of if they want to refuse the item,

If the customer decides not to under \$125.00, and if you are not pay the COD fee, the company 100 percent satisfied with your sends letters stating the original item, you may exchange it for any card signed was a binding legal contract to pay the fees, and if How can you turn down an offer they are not paid, they will be proceedings and seriously affect

excerpt from one of the most According to Inspector In recent mail fraud schemes aimed Charge D.C. Strader in Fort at small-business customers. Pos- Worth, postal customers in Texas tal Inspectors in Los Angeles, CA, and Oklahoma, worried about Care Package, which will benefit have initiated an investigation of a having their credit rating ruined, every W.O.W. family. In part, it company operating out of the Los have contacted his office to find Angeles area which is sending out if they have to accept these small-business customers a card COD items. They are advised that

"The improved fertilizer formula-

calcium required. Increasing ratios of

920 times .30 equals 276 pounds

Fenn says the new fertilizer can

people to its dangers, however, as consumers become more aware, fraudulent companies disquise their schemes to fit the more letter. Once the customer pays the informed customer. Inspector Strader says the best defense is to learn to say NO. He added, "If He added, customers should not there is any question in your mind feel intimidated into paying for about a solicitation that sounds items they do not want. fraudulent, then check it out. It's Over the years, the Postal an old saying, but the truth is, that Inspection Service has conducted if it sounds too good to be true, extensive media campaigns to then it probably is.

expose mail fraud and to alert WOW schedule meeting

Dr. Mikeska, State Representa-Representative, will be the special speakers at the Feb. 17, 1986 meeting at the Pleasantville Re-

creation Room at 7 p.m. They will present the Woodmen

will consist of an update on community projects, individual awards and recognition, patrotic presentations, special projects, orphan's care program, and an overall update on W.O.W. insurance that will be of the utmost importance to every member. Please plan to attend. Refreshments will be served

The Scientists Tell Me...

New Fertilizer Process Cuts Nitrogen Fertilization Costs

By Robert L. Haney

A new fertilizer material, soon to rate, but from within the soil no ambe available in either liquid or dry monia loss occurs. form, will save energy, reduce gaseous nitrogen losses, increase am- tion system is effective in all agriculmonium absorption rates by plants tural soils, at pH values from 5 to 9 and cut costs. The process, developed and at temperatures above freezing. and patented by scientists with the "Ammonia losses have been effec-Texas Agricultural Experiment Sta- tively suppressed in clays, loams and tion and Texas A&M University, has sands with only small differences in

It guarantees the retention of all the calcium to urea might be desirable if a fertilizer in the soil, and subsequent- grower desires to use calcium to inly, the calcium results in faster ab- crease yield from the applied urea.' sorption of the newly applied nitro- Economic figures are impressive. gen, encouraging the universal use of If urea retails at \$240 a ton, the value the cheapest dry fertilizer, urea. The of nitrogen is figured at about 26 cents new process will allow surface appli- per pound (\$240 divided by 920 equals cation to substantially replace the .26). If fertilizer loss of surface-applied more expensive process of band appli- urea runs 30 percent, then losses are cation in row crops.

The reason urea is cheap is that it times \$.26 equals \$71.76. requires use of less natural gas in the The Fenn process holds nitrogen manufacturing process than any other losses to 0 percent. Put another way, nitrogen fertilizer. A drawback in its if ammonia losses are eliminated and use is that it is very volatile and it must enough calcium added to increase plant be rapidly incorporated in the soil to production 10 percent, the effective prevent excessive loss. But the incor- cost of nitrogen is further reduced. poration process increases cost of use In the example just mentioned, the and may encourage producers to prevention of nitrogen loss was choose the more expensive fertilizers. \$71.76 per ton of modified urea. The

At present, losses of nitrogen from 10 percent increase in production urea applied on the surface of the soil (e.g. 1,000 lbs extra dry bermucan run as high as 80 percent, with dagrass hay/acre at \$0.02/lb is losses of 30 percent being quite com- \$20.00/acre) produces an extra admon, according to Dr. Lloyd Fenn, vantage of \$20 beyond the urea saved soil chemist who developed the new per acre.

The new form of fertilizer will easily be produced in liquid form. To significantly lower the costs of nitro- obtain this product a grower needs to gen fertilizer use for producers who request it through his fertilizer dealer. must leave fertilizer on the soil sur- The fertilizer dealer can obtain all face until rain or irrigation carries the necessary details by contacting Dr. nitrogen into the soil. The new Mel DeGeeter at 409-845-8674 in proces: uses calcium or magnesium College Station, TX nitrates or chlorides to stabilize volatile nitrogen fertilizers, Fenn says. In soils where potassium is required, potassium salts can be used to free calcium to stabilize nitrogen, even when banded into the soil. Urea with calcium or magnesium can increase rate of nitrogen absorption by plants.

In acid soils, the calcium or magnesium in the formulation will substitute for much of the normally applied lime, and in lime-rich soils it will help improve soil structure.

If fertilizer potassium is required for maximum crop production, the cost of eliminating ammonia loss is essentially the cost of combining urea with potassium, and in some cases, a small amount of calcium.

Inorganic nitrogen fertilizers such as ammonium nitrate, ammonium sulfate and the ammonium phosphates will lose large amounts of ammonia if surface applied to lime-rich soils but none in acid soils, Fenn says. But urea loses nitrogen in both type soils because it is converted biologically to the volatile ammonium carbonate.

Fenn says that for those who need to know the technical explanation for this process, "The method of ammonium loss reduction consists principally of three reactions: 1) the capture and precipitation of the carbonate produced by urea, 2) the reduction of soil alkalinity (produced by formation of ammonium carbonate) by the calcium and magnesium salts, and 3) reduction in the rate of urea decomposition. Formulation and licensing information can be obtained through Dr. Mel DeGeeter at Texas A&M University.

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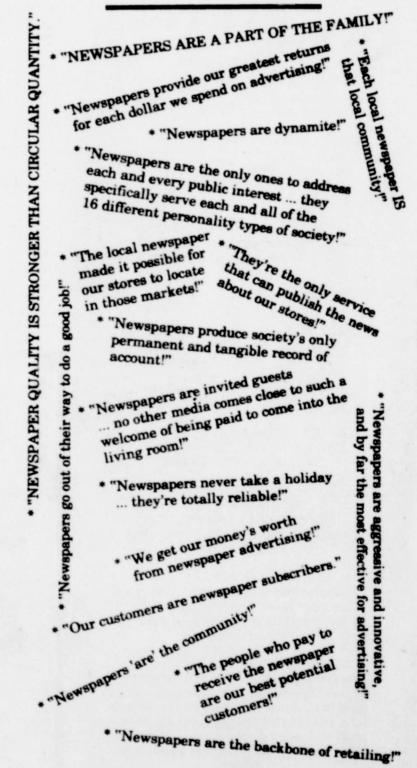
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Said Aniended Counterclaim & Cross Claim was filed in said court. on the 13th day of AUGUST A.D. 1985, in make due return as the this cause, numbered law directs 16.075-B on the docket of said court, and styled. FARMERS AND MER- Seal of said Court, at CHANTS NATIONAL BANK, MERKEL, TE-XAS. A NATIONAL BANKING ASSOCIA-TION Plaintiff. CAMEO BROADCAST ING. INC., et al Defen-

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BY: GREG FISHER

President

148-18-4tc

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To: CAMEO BROAD-

CASTING, INC., ALSO

dba KMIO BROAD-

CASTING. INC .. CO

You are hereby com-

manded to appear by

filing a written answer

to the Defendant Big

Country First Amended

Counterclaim & Cross

Claim at or before ten

o'clock A.M. of the first

Monday after the expi-

ration of forty-two days

same being Monday the

A.M. before the Honor-

Court of TAYLOR Coun-

ty, Texas, at the Court

issuance of this citation.

Defendant.

Greetings:

Merkel Coaching Staff

Thanks,

The names of the parties to the cause are as follows: FARMERS AND MERCHANTS NA-TIONAL BANK. MER- *********** TIONAL BANKING AS- *special someone, for

TED C. CONNELL. GAYLON W. CRISTIE d/b/ a BIG COUNTRY BROADCASTING COM-PANY, & d/ b/ a KMIO BROADCASTING, INC. are Defendants.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit: The Defendant and Cross Plaintiff, BIG COUN-TRY alleges that CAM-EO BROADCASTING. INC., Defendant and has Cross-Defendant, defaulted under terms of a certain Con- \$3,495 tract dated Aug. 30, 1982 to "BIG COUNTRY", a Partnership. Under the \$1,095 contract "CAMEO" has § 1979 Chevrolet Caprice failed to close in accordance with the contract, and BIG COUNTRY is seeking money held in Escrow by the Plaintiff. as liquidated damages, cost of suit, and attorney's fees, as is more fully shown by the Amended Counterclaim \$1,295 & Cross Claim on file in this suit.

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

The officer of this process sha ptly execute the according to law Issued and given un

der my hand and the office in ABILENE TEXAS, this the 20th day of JANUARY A.D.

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4 speed, air § 1969 GMC 1/2 Ton

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The Stamford Democrat had a Chapter Sweetheart.

Congressman Charles W. Sten- fiscal issues. Stenholm tied with 13 award, but the real prize will be On January 23, 1986, Ms. Jo

holm received the highest econo- Representatives and one Senator when the entire American econ-Moore, City Secretary, City of mic ratings in Congress during for the top rating in the most bmy is on solid footing once again. Tye, was one of twelve who

I feel the best way to accomplish graduated from the Texas Muni-Bulldog Award for his efforts to "I'm honored to be recognized this is a balanced budget. I am cipal Clerks Certification Proreduce the deficit, cut federal for my efforts to reduce the deficit working toward that goal. I will gram conducted at North Texas spending and eliminate waste. and balance our budget," Sten-continue to strive for it and vote State University In a ceremony last week in holm said. "I appreciate the the way I perceive the majority of Each graduate spends approximy district wants their vote cast " mately 200 hours of individual

Stenholm was presented his fifth Preceptor Eta Omega holds meeting

nonpartisan organization which men gave their report. Feb. 11 honors officials who promote was the date set for a supper to Hewitt, Jane Carson, Betty Satterhonor Betty Lou Satterwhite, the white, Y. Sadler, Liz Eager, Ruth

attend eight two-day seminars, to Washington as Representative Preceptor Eta Omega, Chapter of how to make the blooming vest, classroom study. The curriculum,

by Watchdogs of the Treasury, a Outstanding committee chair- the following members: Louise Tipton, Connie Ybarra, Kathy cipal law, and personnel manage-96 percent rating, based on 28 key Program for the evening was Leverich, and Mamie Steck. Also votes dealing with economic and presented by Val Patterson. She special guests were Mrs. W.T.

had a special guest, Leola Patter- Sadler and Ruth Hoffman. Public Notices

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 104th District Court of Taylor County, of the 6th day of January 1986, by Judgment of said 104th, District Court for the sum of \$340,237.76 Dollars and costs of suit, under a Judgment in favor of MBank of Abilene in a certain cause in said Court No. 16,703-B and styled MBank Abilene vs. Gary Hodges Builders, Inc., placed in my hands for service, I John W. Middleton as Sheriff of Taylor County, Texas, did, on the 8th day of January 1986, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Taylor County, Texas, described as fol-

lows, to-wit:

Lots 11 and 12, Block A, Section 2, Springbrook Addition to the City of Abilene,-Taylor County, Texas, as set out in that one certain Deed of Trust on file in volume 585, Page 588, Deed of Trust Records, Taylor County Texas. This Sale Will Be For Cash Only, A Cashiers Check From A Taylor Bank May Be Accepted. Sale will be held at 10:15 a.m. and levied upon as the property of Gary Hodges Builders, Inc. and that on the first Tuesday in April 1986, the same being the 1 day of said month at the Court House door, vi Taylor County, in the Taylor County, Texas; City of Abilene, Texas, and 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 known as the Scott Oil vendue, for each, to the highest bidder, as the County, Texas, as eviproperty of said Gary Hodges Builders, Inc.

with law, I give this Stonewall County, Texas 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 news- 1986, the same being the paper published in Tay- 1st day of said month at lor County, Texas.

John W. Middleton Sheriff, Taylor County, virtues of said levy and Texas by Eddie Sawnson, De-

151-86-3tc

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS County of Taylor NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That bu virtue of a certain Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable 104th District Court of Taylor County, consecutive weeks imof the 29th day of January, 1986 by Judgement of said 104th District Court for the sum of Sixty Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty Two & 77/ 100 Dollars and costs of suit, under a. Judgement, in favor of Crescent Supply Company in a certain Texas

cause in said Court, No 16,889-B and styled Crescent Supply Company vs. Barbee Energy

Corp., Eddie D. Barbee & Charles D. Barbee, placed in my hands for service, I, John W. Middleton as Sheriff of Taylor County, Texas, did on the 30th day of January, 1986, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Taylor County. Texas, described as follows, to-wit: Sale will be held at 10:30 a.m. For Cash Only.

The plaintiff's liens are hereby foreclosed on the following described real properties, as well as upon the buildings and appurtenances, and upon the materials, machinery and supplies owned by said owner and used in the digging, drilling, torpedoing, operating, completing, maintaining, or repairing of any such oil or gas

wells, and upon said oil or gas wells for which the materials were furnished, and upon all of the other oil wells, gas wells, buildings and appurtenances including pipelines, leasehold interests, and land used in exploring for oil, gas and other minerals, upon such leaseholds or land or pipelines and right of way therefor. for which said material, machinery or supplies were furnished or haul-

ed or labor performed. Being 5 acres, more or less, out of the Lunatic Assylum Lands Survey, Section 40, also known as the El Dorado Estates Oil & Gas Lease.

BEING 178 acres, more or less, out of the NW/ 4 of Section 152, BBB & C Ry. Co Lands, Abstract No. 764, also & Gas Lease, Stonewall denced by instrument recorded in Volume 299, And in compliance Page 591, Deed Records, and levied upon as the property of Barbee Energy Corp. Eddie D. Barbee & Charles D. Barbee, and that on the first Tuesday in April the Court House door of Witness my hand, this Taylor County, in the the 13th day of January City of Abilene, Texas, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. by said Order of Sale, I will sell said above de-

scribed Real Estate at public vendue, for each, to the highest bidder, as the property of said Barbee Energy Corp Eddie D. Barbee & Charles D. Barbee.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three mediately preceeding said day of sale, in The Merkel Mail, a newspaper published in Tay-

lor County. Witness my hand, this the 6th day of February,

John W. Middleton Sheriff, Taylor County,

by Eddie Swanson, De-this the 30th day of sity, the only university-level January A.D. 1986.

THE STATE OF TEXAS To: CLARA M. ROG-ERS Address Unknown Defendant, Greetings:

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being Monday the 17th day of March, 1986, at or before ten o'clock A.M. before the Honorable 104th District Court of Taylor County, Texas, at the Court House of said County in Abilene, Tex-

Said Notice of Seizure and Intended Forfeiture (Motor Vehicle) was filed in said court, on the 5th day of November A.D. 1985, in this cause numbered 16,887-B on the docket of said court, and styled, THE STATE OF TEXAS Plaintiff, vs. A Brown 1977 Camero, XGC-799, VIN: 1Q87U7L 522126 Defendant.

The names of the parties to the cause are as follows: THE STATE OF TEXAS are Plaintiffs, and LARRY WAY-NE BERRY AND CLA-RA M. ROGERS are Defendants.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is ment, in and for the State of Texas, files Notice of Seizure and Intended Forfeiture of a brown 1977 Camero XGC-799, VIN No. 1Q87U7L522126, for re-

This proceeding is zing Officer for the State of Texas request the Court to enter its Order upholding said Seizure and forfeiting to the State vendue, for each, to the highest bidder, as the property of said Gary Hodges.

And in compliant and forfeiting to the with law, I give this notice by publication, in ment said vehicle as the English language, provided by law, and once a week for three Ordering same to be consecutive weeks imdisposed of in accormediately preceding sions of Section 5.08 of Merkel Mail, a news-Article 4476-15 V.A.C.S., paper published in Tay-proceeds, if any, be lor County. disposed of as provided by law, and for such by law, and for such 13th day of January other relief as the State 1986. of Texas shall be entitled to receive, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

If this citation is not served within ninety issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

The officer executing this process shall promptly execute the same habilitation Plan. 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,

151-3tc-133

Rilla Mahoney, Clerk, 104th District Court, Taylor County, Texas By Joann Lackey, Deputy.

151-4tc-113 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 104th District Court of Taylor County, of the 6th day of January 1986, by Judgment Order Of Sale of said 104th District Court for the sum of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Eight Hundred Sixteen &

98/ 100 dollars and costs of suit, under a Judgment, in favor of in a certain cause in said Court, No. 16,702-B and styled MBank Abilene vs. Gary Hodges, placed in my hands for service. I John W. Middleton as Sheriff of Taylor County Texas, did, on the 8th day of January 1986 levy, on certain Real Estate, situated in Taylor County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: Lot 4, Section 1, Coun-

try Club Estates Addi-

tion to the City of

Merkel Taylor County, Texas, as set out in thatone certain Deed of Trust on file in volume 534, Page 807, Deed Of as follows, to-wit: The County, Texas. This Sale Abilene Police Depart- Will Be For Cash Only, A Cashiers Check From A Taylor County Bank May Be Accepted. Sale will be held at 6:00 a.m. and levied upon as the property of Gary Hodlief aggeging the follow- Tuesday in April 1986, the same being the 1. brought by the Texas Court House door, of Controlled Substance Taylor County, in the Act, and the seizing City of Abilene, Texas, officer would show the between the hours of 10 Court that the vehicle was being used for the purpose of transporting for delivery certain seized property, to wit: Amphetamine. The Sei- ed Real Estate at public

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

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