The Merkel Mail

Thursday, May 15, 1986 ... Merkel, Texas

Our 98th Year



Stacy Newberry, Tracy Bicknell, [front row from left] Pam Neff, Merkel High's student council for Teresa Lucas, Kristy Elliott, Debbie Pack, Angela Thomas, the 1986-87 school year are [back Dusty Moore, Randy Graham, Shelly Brandon, Abby Irvin and

row from left] Andy Fambrough, Brit Pursley and Stacy Ferguson Krista Toombs. [Staff photo]

Student council elects officers

ness Manager Stacey Newberry, attention she gave as our sponsor. Monday- Mrs. Baird's Breakfast, Reporter Tracy Bicknell. Repre- The Student Council officers cinnamon rolls, orange juice and Debbie Pack, Dusty Moore, Andy Convention on May 2 and 3. Krista Scott Graham.

dent Council would like to wish the

The new Merkel High Student new council the best of luck in all enjoyed the trip. Council members for the 86-87 they do next year. We'd also like The Council has been giving a in the new budget but salaries for school year are as follows: to thank Kelly Riney, our out Teacher Appreciation Week all three employees in the sanitation Officers: President Angela Tho- going president, for doing an this week (May 12-16) to the department were raised \$100 per mas, Vice President Kristy Elliott excellent job this past year and teachers of Merkel High School. month, Secretary Shelly Brandon, Busi- Mrs. Baker for all the time and Each day has a different theme:

sentative: Senior: Abby Irvin, attended the State Student Council coffee; Tuesday- Frito-Lay Day

Toombs, Staci Ferguson, Randy as SMILE (Student Myth Infor- vegetables with salad dressing; Graham, Britt Pursley; Sopho- mation Learning Experience) Thursday- Thunder Thigh Thursmore: Pam Neff, Teresa Lucas, workshops and workshops on day, sweets; Friday-Tutti Frutti "Student Recognition". The offi- Friday, fruits. Stu-cers learned a lot and really

chips and dips; Wednesday- Veg-They attended workshops such gie Weggie Wednesday, cold

City adopts new budget; bans 55 gallon trash barrels

mally adopted the 1986-87 City will be discontinued if residents demolition of the old Castille budget Monday night calling for a don't abide by the ban on the use \$1 increase in charges for sewer of 55 gallon barrels for garbage and sanitation service. Council cans. The ordinance stemmed Pace, a local contractor, also passed an ordinance that will from an inspection by the insuput an end to use of 55 gallon rance company that carries the barrels for household garbage.

The actions were taken during Monday night's regular meeting, held at the Merkel Emergency Medical Service building.

Council also awarded two bids during the session and heard reports concerning water pumps and an application the city is filing for additional home refurbishings here.

The new city budget (see related story) was adopted Monday night and major changes include the new rates for sewer and sanitation charges. The city expects an addition \$25,000 in additional income from the higher charges. Also, city employees, as a whole, did not receive pay raises

Council also adopted an ordi- awarded to Gregory and Goode Pippins and Steve McNally.

The Merkel City Council for- nance that states trash service Construction and the bid for city's workman's compensation. Their rules state the people in the sanitation department shouldn't lift more than 30 pounds at a time. If a sanitation department emliable for the costs of the injury.

Council also heard a report from City Manager J. A. Sadler concerning pumps at the Tye water pumps are 31 years old according to Sadler and it takes 60 to 90 days to order replacements. He sought, to look into replacement costs for the pumps, so they could be purchased and have them on family disturbances. "stand-by" in case the current pumps fail

The final home remodeling project under the Community Development Block grant was Hardware Building on Edwards Street was awarded to Glenn

Merkel Police Chief Ray Pack presented the April activity report and called it the lightest month the city has had since he became a police officer here. Merkel police worked a total of 56 cases in April.

They included two cases of ployee were injured lifting a 55 criminal mischief, a case each of gallon barrel, the city would be criminal damage and destruction and criminal trespassing and answered four prowler calls.

Police also worked a case of hit and run, answered six dog calls station owned by the city. The and picked up four dogs, investigated two accidents and issued 11

Police also investigated a case each of check fraud and felony sexual assualt, investigated four thefts and two burglaries and two

They also investigated a case of Class A assualt, made five misdemeanor arrests and three felony

Merkel's patrolmen are Mike

Sales tax rebates still down

Merkel's latest sales tax rebate last year. check of \$8,954.01 still leaves the The City of Trent is running \$31,089.20 through the same period for all governmental agencies to city 3.6 percent behind the pace of 56.82 percent ahead of last year last year. 1985 collections, according to a with their latest check of \$556.27. The checks represent one per

received \$27,907.98 in sales tax Tye's rebates are running 12.66 state's 5.125 percent tax rate back and Federal Agencies. For the

news release from the State So far in 1986, Trent has received cent of total sales within each due to the high cost of insurance \$1,886.15, compared to \$1,202.73 town. The state Comptroller's and compliance with rules and

received \$27,153.99, compared to

So far this year, Merkel has through the same period last year. Office rebates one per cent of the regulations imposed by the State that amount will come from which began May 1st. rebates, compared to \$28,971.45 percent behin 1985. So far, Tye has to cities where goods were pur- City of Merkel to stay in balance

City will spend \$788,000 in 86-87

The Merkel City Council for- between revenues and expendi- expects to collect \$9,000 in fines. budget Monday night during council's regular meeting and major changes include a higher rate for sewer and sanitation charges, as well as a pay raise for three city sanitation employees.

In a cover letter to council, City Manager J. A. Sadler said "Fiscal year 1986-87 will be a trying year keep check on expenditures and keep within expected revenues

charges \$1.00 per month."

is impossible to set the ad valorem share of the state's sales tax. tax rate at this time, because the The Water-Sewer-Sanitation de-Central Appraisal Board has not partment expects to collect will be forthcoming later in the services. year and at such time the tax rate
The city also expects to receive

In the General Executive Fund, funds. the city expects to receive \$44,000. The city expects to spend franchise taxes and the city

mally adopted the 1986-87 city tures, it was necessary to increase. In the General Fund, the city sewer charges and sanitation expects \$215,711 in income with the bulk of the income derived He added "As in prior years, it from property tax and the city's

> furnished us the appraised values \$517,400. That money will be for this tax year. This information raised by charges for those

\$9,000 in Federal Revenue Sharing

Thirty-Five thousand dollars of \$788,110 during fiscal year 1986-87,

Take cover when lightning hits

by Jerry Eckhart

Each year, over 100 people die from lightning strikes. Another 250 are injured and property losses run into the multi-millions. The property loss generally can't be avoided, but we humans can, gency, for the most part, avoid a similiar

Although lightning is an unpredictable killer, there are a number of precautions we can take to protect ourselves. First and foremost, if you can hear thunder, you are in danger. Lightning has been known to strike objects on the ground as far as 15 miles from the thunderstorm. That's about as far as you can hear the thunder.

Here's a list of safety tips to use other metal farm equipment

when thunderstorms threaten:

1. Get inside a home or large building, or inside an all metal, not convertible, vehicle.

2. If inside the home, don't use the telephone except in an emer-

3. If outside with no time to get indoors, follow these guidelines: a. Don't stand under trees, metal poles, antennas or anything else that can act as a natural

lightning rod. b. Avoid being the tallest object beach, or fishing in a small boat. In fact, get out and away from open water.

c. Get away from tractors and

clotheslines, rails or anything else and teachers who would like to go by Mrs. Gayle Baker's room at as academically. metallic that could become a path attend may purchase tickets from school and pick up their ticket. We look forward to seeing you

f. Don't take shelter in small isolated sheds or other small buildings in an otherwise open area. They make an excellent target for lightning.

place such as a ravine or gully but There were 41 members and 102

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All sports banquet is May 24th

Trent FFA-FHA holds banquet

sports program at school will be purchased by May 16.

The Merkel Badger Booster Sandy Laird at the F & M Nat. Before May 16.

d. Get off and away from Club is hosting this year's All Bank, Earl Laird at the Taylor Our featured speaker for this motorcycles, scooters, golf carts Sports Banquet on Saturday, May Telephone, or contact Pat Bran- years banquet will be Miss and bicycles. Put down golf clubs. 24, at 7 p.m. at Heritage Hall. All don at 928-4092. Tickets for the Claudia Schleyer, Abilene Chris-Lee Trevino learned this the hard students who participated in the banquet are \$4.50 and should be tian University graduate who has won many honors in the past few e. Stay away from wire fences, the honored guests. Parents, dates Students who are eligible, may years playing basketball as well

Shannon Payne, Randy Hunt, Williams Jr., Billy Williams, such as you would be if you were g. In wooded areas, find a low The 1985-86 FFA-FHA Awards Reva Carriker, Mac Sipe, W. L. Trent Gin Area Farmers, Ken standing out in a flat field, on the area under a thick growth of small Banquet was held May 3rd at Massey, Bruce McGlothlin, Bill Kraatz, Earlene Childress, Donna trees. Out in the open, go to a low Briarstone Manor in Abilene.

guests present. FFA members receiving

awards were: Swine Proficiency Award- Benjamin Beaver; Star Greenhand- Billy Clark; DeKalk Award- Benjamin Beaver; Star Chapter Farmer- Benjamin Beaver. Members receiving Certificates of Participation for District Artists, craftsmen and cooks Leadership Contest were: Greenhand Quiz- Jason Massey, Billy Clark, Dock Carriker, Lewis Knapp; Farm Radio Team - Chris Simpson, Sam Jones, Brian Mas-

> FHA members receiving awards were: Outstanding FHA Members- Lisa Slaton, Janna King, Kim Wallis; Trent Homemaking Award- B. J. Poindexter; Certificates of Merit-Suzy Valdez, Lesie McGlothlin Brazelton.

Certificates of Appreciation FFA and FHA: Pat Williams. The next meeting will be a Henry Brady at 928-4869.

son, Marje Wood, Owen O'Kelly, Brooks and Wanda James. Joe Brazelton, Home State Bank,

Clark, Les Byrom, Melinda Simp- Ray, Zelda Orr, Don Orr, Kay

Pat Williams was recognized as Trent Gin, Otis Davis, Hi-Val the Honorary Chapter Farmer. Farm & Home Supply, Othell Receiving honorary FFA mem-O'Kelly, Lloyd Williams Sr., Lloyd berships were Kay Brooks and Missy Cimpson.

Senior Citizens group plans

May 23-24 garage sale

luncheon at noon, May 14th. A The Senior Citizens met Monday good program is planned. May 23 at 7 p.m. for their monthly and 24, there will be a donation singing. A large group was garage sale May 23 at 8 a.m. to 4 present. Refreshments were serv- p.m., Sat. 24 from 8 a.m. to 12. were given to the following people ed to our of town guests from Come and set up your own table or and businesses for supporting the Abilene, Blackwell, and Trent. donations will be picked up, call

Fun Day, state track, fund started

by Cloy A. Richards

Plans are now being made for Fun Day and local groups and It's time for a good rain because ciding what type of fund-raising cotton is this week.

Marilyn Tittle, the new Cham- Maybe that will do the trick. ber Manager, is ready to take reservations for your food or Merkel's All sports banquet will activity booth.

Merkel's Brit Pursley and Trent's now at F & M National Bank. Bebo Beaver as they travel to Austin for the State track meet.

200 and the long jump.

Best of luck to both.

organizations had best start de- the uniform planting date for

event they want to sponsor this Get out the rain-makers and shake them around for a spell.

> be held May 24th at 7 p.m. at A fund has been started here to Heritage Hall.

The Ballinger Chamber of Com- Beaver Pursley will be in the pole vault merce is inviting everyone to Donations can be made at the F Friday and Beaver will be in the participate in their 100th Birthday & M National Bank here. party and Sesquicentennial cele-

bration set June 28th and 29th. are invited to set up booths., at no

Forms are available from the Merkel Chamber of Commerce or by calling Marilyn Tittle at

help pay expenses in the recent This is the big weekend for Tickets to the event are on sale loss of Bradley Beaver of Trent. The child died last week and was the son of Richard and Cindy

Baker leads

in collections

for Heart

Association

Congratulations to second grader Lanae Baker for collecting the most donations for the American Heart Association Jump Rope For Heart. Other large donations were collected by fifth graders, Crystal Woodall and Stacy Judge, third grader Rikki Casady, and first grader McKinsey Laird. Thanks to all who collected money. donated money or jumped rope for the American Heart Association.



Merkel Elementary's top fund left] Crystal Woodall, McKenzie raisers for the American Heart Laird, Lanea Baker, Stacy Judge Association this year were [from and Rikki Cassidy. [Staff photo]

Take cover during lightning

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be alert to the possibility of

h. If you are hopelessly isolated on flat ground and you feel your hair stand on end, lightening may be about to strike. Drop to your knees and bend forward. Put your hands on your knees but don't lie flat on the ground.

Many people, apparently killed by lightning, are merely knocked unconscious and their respiratory system stunned. They can be revived if quick action is taken. Mouth to mouth resuscitation should be given every five seconds for adults and every three seconds for children. If there is no pulse CPR is necessary, but don't administer if you have not had the

those you appear dead first.

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Pape-Best repeat vows

Melody Lynn Pape of Merkel & Mrs. Nicky Pape of Merkel and became the bride of Randy Best, the groom is the son of C. W. and also of Merkel in ceremonies held Ladina Best of Merkel

Mashburn.

Sevelia Kinder was matron of honor and Gary Tutt served as High and is employed by So-

The bride is the daughter of Mr.

Melody is a graduate of Merkel

The couple was married at the High and is employed at An-Dunlap Ranch South of Merkel in thony's in Abilene. She also ceremonies officiated by Leo attends classes at Abilene Beauty

Randy is a graudate of Merkel journer Drilling.

The couple is living here.

Brady is top Physics student

Donny Brady has received the Outstanding Freshman Physics Student Award at McMurry Col-

lege. Brady is a 1985 graduate of Merkel High School. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Brady.

Hymn singing set at FBC spunsored by the Golden Saints

There will be a Senior Adult Club. Hymn Sing at the First Baptist Everyone in town is invited to Church May 17th at 7:00 p.m. come and enjoy the good singing



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Guenther's have son

Melody Pape & Randy Best

John and Tamera Guenther, of Noodle, would like to announce the birth of their son JonZachary Dale Guenther. He was born at Hendrick Medical Center on April 25 at 12:16 a.m. He weighed 9 lbs 51/2 ozs, and was 211/2 inches long. Maternal grandparents are

Acosta in show

Christina Acosta, a sophomore at Angelo State University, participated in a garden party fashion show in Mertzon on Saturday, May 3 at 2:00 p.m. The fashion show was presented by K.C. Blue Inc. Christina is a home econo-

mics major at ASU Christina is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pedro Acosta, of Merkel. Medical equipment available locally

Medical Equipment is on hand to be loaned to people who are in need of it.

Anyone needing, wheelchairs crutches, hospital beds, walkers, etc. need to call Bob Bockman. 928-5595, if no answer call 928-5351.

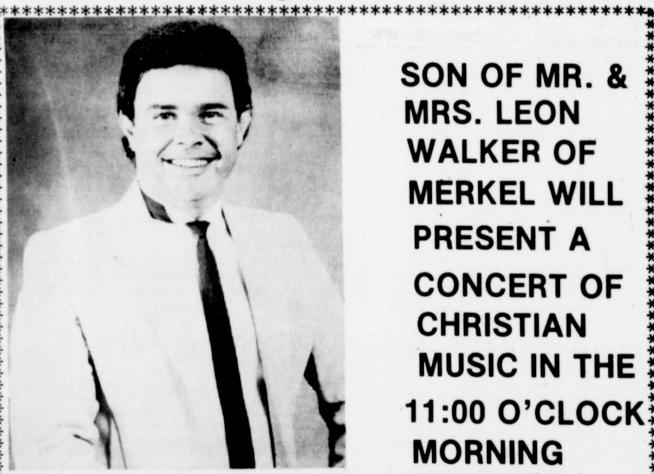
This medical equipment service is free to anyone who is in need of this kind of equipment.

Fisher's son born

Mike and Donna Fisher are proud to announce the arrival of their son, Nicholas Andrew, born April 24 at Hendrick Medical Center. He was born at 3:02, weighed 8 lbs 11 ozs and was 20

3/ 4 inches long. Grandparents are Billy and Carolyn Fisher of Merkel, Don and Barbara Adams of Abilene. Great grandmothers are Marie Fisher of Merkel and Ellen Hale of Aspermont. Great great grandmother is Nella Adams of Colorado City, Texas.

Johnny and Pauline Ringgold of Sonora, Tx. Paternal grandparents are Red and Linette Guenther of Noodle and Connie Guenther of Plymouth, Indiana. His sister is Talia Guenther. John and Tamera would like to thank everyone for their cards, gifts and generous



Stephen Walker

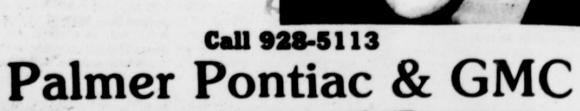
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Former WTU manager succumbs

William H. Button, 67, of 1935. He retired from West Texas volunteer Fire Department. He Golden, Mo., formerly of Abilene, Utilities Co., 1981 as the manager served in the Marines during died Tuesday at a Berryville, for the Merkel plant. He also World War II. at Axley's Culver Funeral Home Quanah, and McCamey.

Ark., hospital after a long illness. served the company in Cross Survivors include his wife, Oma

Services were 2 p.m. Thursday Plains, Rising Star, Stamford, Ruth Rutledge Button; two daughters, Joyce Gail Heisey of Fort in Cassville, Mo. Burial was in He was a member of the Collins, Colo., and Patsy Ann McGuire Cemetery near Golden. Masonic Lodge, No. 710, Optimist Button of Berryville, Ark.; a He was born in Celina and Club, Lions Club and the Boy brother, Jack Button of Abilene; graduated from Abilene High in Scouts in Merkel. He also was a and a granddaughter, Jody Lynne member of the Rising Star Heisey of Fort Collins, Colo.

Preceptor Eta Omega hears Lone Star Gas

Preceptor Eta Omega, Chapter Edwin and Evelyn Read.

held Saturday at the home of

of Beta Sigma Phi, met Tuesday The program for the evening Receipes were presented to all at the Merkel Restaurant, Louise was presented by Kathern Cawley members present. They were:

to prepare on the grill.

Dubose presided over the meet- representative from Lone Star Kathy Leverich, Louise Dubose, Gas of Abilene. Her program was Liz Eager, Val Patterson, Connie Plans were made for the on gas grills. A film was shown on Ybarra, Y. Sadler, Blanche He-Mother's Day Brunch that was proper care and various receipes witt, Betty Lu Satterwhite, Betty Conley and Mamie Steck.

AN ORDINANCE

An Ordinance fixing and establishing a budget for The City of setting the minimum Merkel, Texas for the price and rate for water fiscal year beginning sewer and sanitation May 1, 1986 and ending April 30, 1987.

Whereas: The City Secretary of Merkel, Texas in obedience to the collection of a conthe laws of the State of nect charge, prohibiting Texas, submitted to the use of 42 or 55 gallon City Council of said city barrels for garbage sana proposed budget covering the proposed in- maxium weight allowed come and expenditures for sanitation pickup, of said city for fiscal setting a effective date year beginning May 1, 1986 and ending April 30, lity clause.

1987 Whereas: Notice of said proposed budget hearing were duly post- mum charge per month published in the local newspaper.

Now therefore be it ordained by the City Council of Merkel, Texas that the following budget is hereby adopted as follows to-wit:

ing .00 Total 44,00.00; General Fund: Income 215,711.00 From Operating 3,000.00 , Total 218,711.00; Water Sewer Sanitation: Income 517,400.00 From Operating 1,036.00, Total

518,436.00; Revenue Sharing: Income 9,000.00 From Operating 4,000.00, Total 13,000.00; Expenditures: General Executive Fund: Expenditures 44,000.00,

Operating .00, Total 44,000.00; General Fund Expenditures 218,711.00, To Operating .00, Total 218,711.00; Water Sewer Sanitation: Expenditures 518,436.00, To Operating .00, Total 518,436.00; Revenue Sharing: Expenditures.

Be it further ordained that all transfer of funds set out in the budget are in all things approved. this 12th day of May,

163-1tc-72

Kent Satterwhite, Mayor J.A. Sadler. City Secretary 163-1tc

ORDINANCE 1-86-87 An Ordinance of the City of Merkel, Texas

inside and outside the City Limits of Merkel, setting the cost of water and sewer taps, allowing itation pickups, setting and providing severabi-

Be it ordained by the City of Merkel, Texas: Section One: mini-

ed in City Hall and Or fraction there of shall be made for each connection with the mains of the City of Merkel Waterworks. This charge shall be based on whether the service is inside the City Limits or outside the City Limits Income: General Exe- of the City of Merkel cutive Fund: Income shall be as follows: 44,000.00 From Operat- Inside City Limits: per month service charge \$9.00, per 1,000 gallons of water \$1.50; Outside Ci-

ty Limits: per month service charge \$16.00, per 1,000 gallons of water \$1.50. Section Two: Mini-

mum monthly charge for each sewer connection. A minimum charge per month or fraction thereof shall be made for each connection with the mains of the City of Merkel Sewer System. This charge shall be based on whether the service is inside or outside the City Limits of the City of Merkel and shall be as follows: Inside City Limits: Base charge for residential \$8.00, Base charge commercial \$8.00 or .30 per 1,000 gallons of water

used: Outside City Limits: Base charge for Passed and approved residential \$14.50, Based on each unit servived, Commercial \$14.50 per unit or .30 cents per 1,000 gallons of water

used Section Three: Minimum monthly charge for Sanitatio Service. A minimum charge per

based on whether this service is residential or commercial and shall be as follows: One Pickup Per Week: Inside city limits- Residential \$8.00 Outside city limits- Res-

idential \$14.50. side City Limits: One pickup per week- less than 1 cubic yd. \$8.00; Daily pickup-less than 1 cubic yd. \$21.50; Daily pickup- 1-2 cubic yds. \$26.50; Daily pickup- 2-3 cubic yds. \$31.50; Daily pickup- 3-4 cubic yds. \$36.50; Daily pickup- 4-5 cubic yds. 41.50; Daily pickup- 6 & over cubic yds. \$3.00 per cubic yd

plus .50 cents. Commercial Rates Outside City Limits. Outside the City Limits the rate charged shall be double the rate char-

ged for inside the City Section Four: Minimum Charge for water taps. A minimum charge for all Sewer Taps on the sewer mains of the City of Merkel's Sewer System shall be based

on \$100.00 plus actual cost. Section Five: Minimum charge for Sewer Taps. A minimum charge for all Sewer Taps on the sewer mains of the City of Merkel's Sewer System shall be based on \$100.00 plus actual

. cost. Section Six: A nonrefundable Service Charge of \$10.00 shall be collected on all new

water accounts. Section Seven: This ordinance shall be published in the local newspaper and shall become affective and in full force on the May, 1986 billing cycle.

Section Eight: The use of 42-55 gallon barrels is prohibited for garbage or sanitation pickups inside City Limits or outside City Limits. The maximum weight of suitable containers or bags shall not exceed 30 pounds per each unit Failure to comply with this section shall result

month or fraction there- in loss of pickup service. of shall be made for Section Nine: All Ordeach sanitation service. inances or parts of ordinance in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section Ten: Severa-

bility of parts of Ordinance. It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council of the City of Merkel Commercial Rates In- that the sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases of this ordinance are severable and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional or contravenes superior law by the valid judgement or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitionality or invalidity shall not effect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections of the Ordinance since the same would have been inacted by the City Council without the incorporation of the Ordinance in any such unconstitutional or invalid phrase, sentences, paragraphs or sections.

Passed and Approved this 12th day of May, 1986.

Kent Satterwhite, Mayor J.A. Sadler, City Secretary 163-1tc-198

PUBLIC HEARING # 1 The City of Tye, Texas will conduct a public hearing at 6:30 P.M., May 20, 1986 at the Tye Municipal Building 205 North St., Tye, Texas for the purpose of soliciting citizen input for the development of a Community Development Program Application to be submitted to the Texas Department of Community Affairs. All citizens, particularly low income residents, are invited and encouraged to attend.

CALL IN YOUR CLASSIFIEDS 928-5712

163-1tc-19

Wilson's services

held here

Wilbur N. Wilson, 65, formerly of Merkel, a resident of Shady Oaks Nursing Home, died May 5, 1986 in Abilene following a long illness. Funeral services were held Wednesday at Starbuck Funeral Chapel with John Wagoner Officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Survivors include three brothers Tom Wilson, Harold Wilson and Woodrow Wilson all of Merkel: three sisters, Ethel Pee, Stella Hale and Edna McLeod, all of

Art group holds meeting

The Merkel Art Association met May 5 at Taylor Telephone to elect new officers for the coming year. Officers elected were: President Bonnie English, Vice President Christy Barnett, Secretary Treasurer Ruth Hogan, Reporter Ruth Buster and Historian Robbie Wilson

A very good program was presented by Pat Neff, entitled. "Drawing From The Right Side Of Your Brain'

Members present were: Pat Byrd, Bonnie English, Evelyn Stribbling, Ruth Cox, Robbie Wilson, Marie Beaird, and Imogene Coleman.

The next meeting will be September 8, 1986.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all who attended and participated in our Arts and Crafts show

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157-TFC

For Sale: 3 bedroom 11/2 bath home at 1532 Sunset. Remodeled price reduced. Call ted Smith 928-4728 or home bottles, rabbit feed, 928-5081

156-TFC

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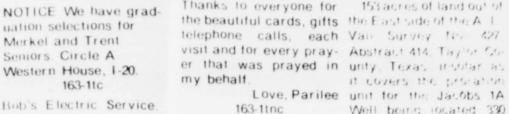
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A special thank you for the cards, phone calls and flowers and especially for your prayers while I was in the

hospital.

Billy Fisher 163-1tp

Public Notices NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS

- County of Taylor NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That by virtue of a certain Writ of Execution issued out of the Honorable County Court at Law of Taylor County, of the 9th day of ment of said County Court At Law for the sum of One Thousand Eight Hundred Eight Dollars & 66/ 100 Dollars and costs of suit under a judgement, in mediately preceeding favor of NQR Pertoleum, Inc. vs. Don Caraway, placed in my hands for service. I. John W. Middleton as Sheriff of Taylor Co-

unty. Texas, did, on the 9th day of April 1986, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Taylor County, Texas, described as follows, towit: All Undivided Working Interest Which Consist Of .04800000

Down Hole Interest Pump Jack, Heater Treater, Salt Water Tank. 2-210 Barrell Oil Storage Tanks.

Sale will be held at within 180 days after 10:00 a.m.

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928-5235 Appointments

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of it's availability. The Barber Foundation 518 Butternut Abnerie, Texas 79602 163-11c

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153 acres of land out of

it covers the proration

Well being located 330

feet from the East line

and 1841 feet from the

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and levied upon as the

property of Don Cara-

way, and that on the

first Tuesday in June,

1986, the same being the

3rd 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 Writ of Execution I

will sell said above

described Real Estate at

public vendue, for each

to the highest bidder, as

the property of said Don

And in compliance

with law, I give this

notice by publication, in

the English Language.

once a week for three

consecutive weeks im-

said day of sale, in the

Merkel Mail, a news-

paper published in Tay-

Witness my hand this

John W. Middleton

Sheriff, Taylor County

Texas

by Eddie Swanson

Deputy

90-162-3tc

The annual report of

the Barber Foundation

is available at the ad-

dress noted below for

inspection during reg-

ular business hours by

any citizen who requests

22nd day of April, 1986.

lor County

Survey No. 427.

An Ordinance seeting out the current balance. expected revenue and committed items for the City of Merkel's General Revenue Sharing Bud

Whereas: The City Secretary of the City of Merkel. Texas in obedience with the Federal Laws and Guidelines submitted the attached review of the City's Revenue Sharing Fund showing the current bank balance, expected revenue and committed items, and

Whereas: Notice of said General Revenue

Sharing Budget Public Hearings were posted in the City Hall and published in the local newspaper

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Now therefore be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Merkel. Texas that the attached budget is true and correct and it is the intent of the City Council to appropriate monies to fund needed and necessary projects as determined by the City.

Passed and approved this 12th day of May,

Kent Satterwhite Mayor J.A. Sadler City Secretary 163-1tc-45

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928-4711

5th, 6th grade gifted students tour Ft. Worth

yards, the water gardens, the section on Texas History.

Gifted / Talented students made Tea Gardens, log cabin village College Sunday during graduation a trip to Fort Worth, While on the and the Omni Theater. The exercises. trip, the students visited Thistle students also toured the Museum Hill Mansion, built by one of Fort of Arts and Science which includ- Trent. She received her degree in Worth's cattle barons at the turn ed sections on man and his slementary education and is a of the century. The students also environment computors and las- 1966 graduate of Winters High visited the Fort Worth's stock ers, man and medicine and a School. She is the daughter of

MISD lunch menu

follows:

Monday May 19: Beef stew, cheese, cherry cobbler carrots, potatoes, lettuce wedge,

Tuesday May 20: Chicken fried steak with cream gravy, whipped hot rolls, sliced peaches.

The Merkel School menu is as Wednesday May 21: Tacos, pinto beans, lettuce and tomato,

Thursday May 22: Meatloaf, cornbread, prune bars with icing. mix vegt., lettuce wedge, hot rolls, whipped jello.

Friday May 23: Bar-b-q pork, potatoes, buttered English peas, french fries, lettuce, tomato, pickle, onion, rice krispie bars.

Riding club sets May 23rd roping, barrel races

holding a spring roping and used in the Riding Club's awards barrel race May 23rd at the Club's fund.

at 6 p.m. and the calf roping at 7 928-5012 or 862-6422.

p.m. with team roping at 8 p.m. The Merkel Riding Club will be Proceeds from the event will be

The open barrel race will start from Jan Woodall by calling Recording Secretary Mrs. C.M. rine White



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A MESSAGE FROM THIS NEWSPAPER AND THE DPS TROOPERS

Texas Consumers Use Newspapers 1st For Shopping

Texas consumers name their local newspaper as the usual source of "Best Buy" shopping information, 10 times more than radio or television.

PERCENT		
Newspapers	Radio	TV
57%	5%	9.3%
57.1%	3.4%	8.3%
58.6%	3.2%	7.0%
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Texas consumers look to newspapers FIRST and MOST for news and advice about shopping. Newspaper ad information is decisive and always available for reading and study.

SOURCE: Consumer Data Service (CDS) Prepared by Texas Newspaper Advertising Bureau (TNAB) (An affiliate of The Texas Press Association)

TEXAS NEWSPAPERS For Your Best Shopping Info

THANKS FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT POLLY'S RESTAURANT IS NOW OPEN SPECIAL THIS WEEK

BAR B Q ON BUN \$199 WITH POTATO SALAD

> * DAILY **LUNCHEON SPECIALS** COME SEE US

ORMER LOCATION OF BIG COUNTRY INN

5 from area graduate

The Merkel 5th and 6th grade botanical gardens, the Japanese received diplomas from McMurry Five Merkel area students

> They include: Zelda Ruth Orr of Nesley Wade of Winters.

Kerry Patterson of Trent received his degree in management. He is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Patterson of Trent and is a 1979 graduate of Trent High.

Ginger Diane Smith received her degree in accounting. She is a

1972 graduate of Merkel High.

Polly Jill B. Campbell received her degree in accounting. She is a

accredited four year liberal arts Baptist Church of Merkel. college. Established in 1923, it is owned and operated by the Northwest Texas and New Mexico Conferences of the United Methodist Church.

Fortnightly group meets

bers of the social committee Attending were Mmes. C.M. serving as hostesses.

The G.F.W.C. Fortnightly Study Seymore; Treasurer Mrs. Alf Club met May 10 at the Pleasant- Walla; Corresponding Secretary ville community room for a Mrs. Curtis Rister; and Parliacovered dish luncheon, with mem- mentarian Mrs. Phillip Pursley.

Brown, Randy Carson, S.C. Dixon, Following the luncheon, club Mack Fisher, J.W. Hammond, president Mrs. Orvel Hill review- Comer Haynes, Orvel Hill, Buster ed activities and accomplishments Horton, James Jay, Allen King, of the club during 1984-86 and Joe Lassiter, Henry Martin, Burl installed officers for the 1986-88 McCoy, Ed Sandusky, C.M.term. They are as follows: Seymore, Andy Shouse, Howard * President Mrs. Allen King; Vice Sliger, Alf Walla, Ray Wilson, and More information is available President Mrs. J.W. Hammond; Misses Mildred Hamm and Mau-



For More Information: JERRY ECKHART 928-5478

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1-3 afternoons TRENT HIGH GYM

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Barnes' services held

a Big Spring hospital after a long Stacy Seymore of Merkel re- illness. Services were held at 10 ceived her degree in accounting a.m. Saturday at First Baptist and finance. She is the daughter of Church with the Revs. Kenneth Mr. & Mrs. Connie Mac Seymore Jones and Gerald Sharp officiat- Albany; his mother, Irene Barnes and is a 1982 graduate of Merkel ing. Burial was in White Church Cemetery, directed by Starbuck Funeral Home.

He was born in Merkel. He was 1982 graduate of Coahoma High, a member of the Veterans of McMurry College is a fully Foreign Wars and the First

Doyal Barnes, 62: heavy equip- Survivors include his wife, Lena ment operator, died Wednesday at V. Skaggs Barnes of Merkel; two sons, A.D. Barnes Jr. and Bobby Barnes, both of Merkel; two daughters, Wanda Ruppelt of Fort Sill, Okla. and Mary Jo Dean of Hurd of Abilene; a brother, Woodrow Barnes of Bakersfield, Calif.; and 11 grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Lonnie Thompson, Ricky Minze, Gene Moyer, Thomas Niell, Donny Russom, and Dennis Orsborn.

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Palmer Pontiac & GMC 928-5113

L & W Snack Bar 1035 N 2nd 928-5484

Thursday Night 2 Pieces of fried chicken, mashed potatoes,

cream gravy, homemade dinner rolls small salad

FRIDAY NIGHT

8 oz Top Sirloin steak, baked potato, all the boiled, spiced shrimp you can eat

(THESE ARE JUMBO SHRIMP) (SHRIMP PEEL) Louisiana red sauce or tartar sauce, homemade rolls, tossed salad

SUNDAY BUFFET Salad bar with a good variety, also jello molds, turkey & dressing BRISKET OF BEEF BAKED POTATO

MASHED POTATO BROWN SAUCE, GIBLET GRAVY DRESSING AT LEAST 2 VEGETABLES AND DESSERT HAMBURGERS WILL BE AVAILABLE

11:30 a.m. til 2 p.m.
COMING SOON
ALL BAR B Q BRISKET- BY THE SANDWICH, BY THE PLATE OR BY THE POUND WITH OUR OWN TANGY BARBECUE SAUCE SERVED WITH RED BEANS, POTATO SALAD AND ROLLS

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DIXIE COLD CUPS

DIXIE PAPER

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