

# The Merkel Mail

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Our 99th Year



This is the cast and crew of Trent's one Act Play that will compete in the state finals Saturday in Austin. They are [back row, clockwise] Chris Simpson, Kate Wood, Sandy Gilchrist, Billie Jean Poindexter, Glenna Clark, Sam Jones, Lewis Knapp, [seated from left] Dock Carriker, Willie Brazelton, Billy Clark, Billy Fee and the semi-dead person in front in Jon Evans. Staff photo

## Trent's 1 act play in state meet Saturday in Austin

Twelve students and their English teacher will be leaving Friday morning from Trent, for the state UIL Class A One Act Play competitions. They have earned their way to Austin, along with seven other plays.

Director and English teacher Miss Kelly Boston, said the group had competed against 80 other schools to reach this goal. She said "there will be another school performing our play *The Diviners* but that doesn't worry me at all. I have confidence in our cast, they

work very hard and I really feel like they are going to be winners."

Miss Boston credits much of her interest and experience in drama and acting to her high school English teacher, Jack Meares in Roscoe. "He is still teaching and he has helped us so much with this play. He has provided props and encouragement and I really appreciate his interest in education."

*The Diviners* was written by Jim Leonard and is the story of a retarded boy and his emotional connections with nature and his

dead mother. It is the story of an ex-preacher who changes all of their lives when he is hired to work for a family as a field hand.

Sophomore John Evans, who is the high school principal's son, plays the lead roll as Buddy. John was selected Best Actor in the Regional meet.

The play will begin Saturday at 4:50 p.m. at the University of Texas Opra Labortory. The cast will return to Trent Sunday afternoon.

by Rebecca Sharp

## S.U.N. sets annual meeting

The annual meeting of the S.U.N. Water Corporation will be May 12th at 7:30 p.m. at the Taylor Electric Conference room here. Three directors will be chosen. Candidates are Hugh Baker, Gerald Rutledge, Ronnie Freeman, Bill Tims, James L. Jay and Jim Helm.

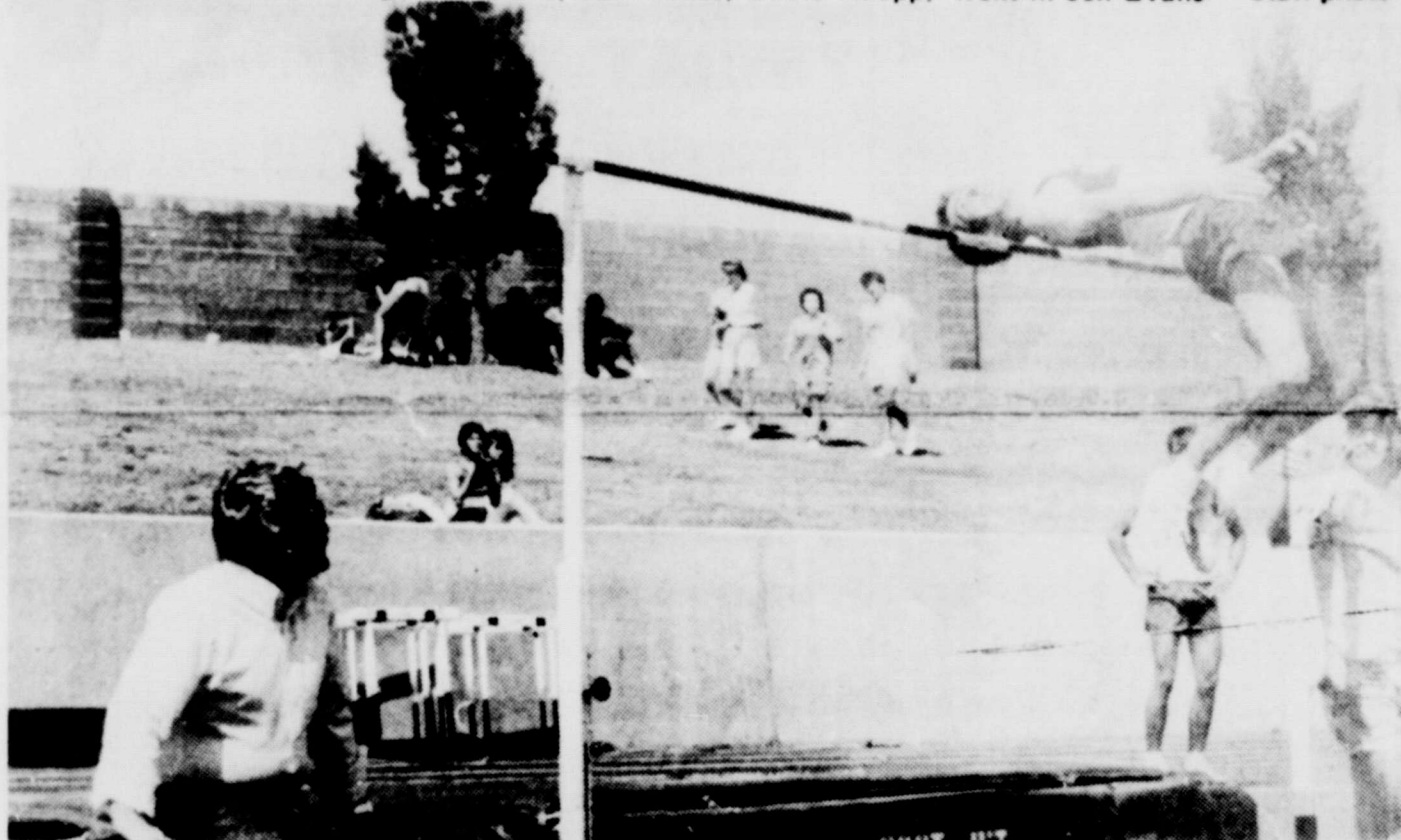
Each member of the corporation is urged to attend and vote. There will be door prizes, a good program, refreshments and fellowship. "The Melody Five", composed of Sybil South, Jean Irvin, Jake McMillon, Ray McCarty and Georgia Higgins will entertain. Joe McDuff, charter member and past president of the corporation, will have interesting comments concerning the organ-

ization, growth, development of S.U.N.—some informative—some comical.

This will be a night for remembering those who have played a major role in the corporation. The annual meeting is being dedicated to the memory of Vincent Barnett, Cramer Reynolds, A. C. Bland, Paul Hudman, and Hollis Irvin. All current and past directors of the corporation are also being honored. These include Leon Kelso, Carol Best, Tom Hogan, Joe McDuff, Odell Freeman, Joe Henry, Max Murrell, Vernon Stanley, Roy Mashburn, Othel O'Kelly, Truett Jeffrey, Jack Boone, Larry Dudley, Gary Heurman, Edd Jones, Doliye Reddin, Jacky Reynolds,

Bill Tippen, Gerald Rutledge, and Hugh Baker.

Only those owning a membership in the corporation are bopafide to vote. However, if you live on property serviced by S.U.N. with the membership there belonging to the owner of the property serviced by S.U.N. with the membership there belonging to the owner of the property, you are not qualified voter unless the member has given you his proxy in writing and delivered to the corporation on or before the time of the meeting. We welcome any guests who may be interested in learning more about S.U.N. or just enjoying an evening of getting to know the people who are your neighbors and friends.



Merkel's Brit Pursley clears He went on to clear 6'8" and will qualified for the second straight year in the pole vault. regional high jump championship. May 15th and 16th. He also Staff photo

## Masonheimer will compete in state spelling contest

Luci Masonheimer, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. James Masonheimer of Trent, earned eligibility for the UIL State Spelling contest by placing first at the Regional Meet held at McMurry College in

Abilene April 25th. Luci will compete in the state meet Saturday at the University of Texas at Austin. This is the second year in a row she has qualified for state competition in spelling.



## Trent plans registration, banquets

The following are announcements from the Trent Independent School District:

Trent ISD will hold pre-registration for kindergarten May 13 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. in the school office.

To enroll your child for kindergarten, please bring his or her

birth certificate and immunization record to the school. A child must be five years old on or before September 1, 1987 to be eligible to enroll.

### Trent Award Banquet

Trent will hold its annual award banquet May 19 at 7 p.m. at Allen's Family Style Meals in

Sweetwater.

Tickets are available at the school office for \$7.50.

### Trent FFA-FHA Banquet

The Trent annual FFA-FHA Banquet will be held May 15th at 7 p.m. at the Kiva Inn in Abilene.

Tickets may be purchased at the school office for \$7 each.

## It's been week of hard knocks

by Cloy A. Richards

I really don't know how to sum things up since the last time I wrote this column.

Let me just say it's been a week of hard knocks...

First off, the Merkel Badger track team was excited about their chances of taking quite a few to the State track meet May 15th and 16th.

In reality, only Birt Pursley will be competing as he won both the high jump and pole vault at the regional meet.

Kenneth Jowers placed fourth in the 800, Stacey Newberry had a 5th place finish in the 110 hurdles and the triple jump and that was it for the scoring in Odessa Friday

and Saturday.

I feel sorry for Justin Amerine, the lone Merkel senior who scored points in the district meet on the boys team this year. Justin is a 15 foot pole vaulter and he was beaten out at the district meet after clearing 15 feet for the first time in his career. It is very likely 15 feet will either win or place in the top three at the state meet. He alone knows how another good vaulter feels who won't be in Austin at the state meet, Scotty Miller of Goldwaithe. Miller had jumped 16'7" this year but he no-heighted in his regional meet.

Stacey Newberry had a chance in the triple jump but man, that was a rough field at the regional meet. It would have taken a 37

foot leap to qualify for the state meet, and friends, that is getting out there.

The good news is, Merkel has a good returning core for a track team next year. The sprint relay team that includes Ramon Moreno, Kenneth Jowers, Pursley and Shayne Newberry will return. Moreno and Newberry also are regional qualifiers in the long jump this year and Newberry will be in the hurdles next year, barring mistakes in the district meet. Steve Leverich qualified in both hurdle events as a sophomore.

Merkel will also have an excellent shot at the girls 800

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Nelson scholarships were awarded to 22 Big Country high school seniors at the Abilene Woman's Club luncheon on Friday, May 8th.

The scholarship, given annually by the Abilene Woman's Club, are part of the W. A. Nelson and Mary McKinney Nelson Scholarship Fund Trust presented to the Woman's Club in 1976. One thousand dollars was awarded to each student. Recipients are Taylor County Students and funds are to be used for tuition, books, study materials and other necessary aids to the student's education. Recipients were selected on the basis of "grade average of at least 85 during their senior year, conduct and character and the need to continue education."

Merkel High students selected were:

Tracy Bicknell, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Glen Bicknell, 2826 South Willis, has been active in Student Council, Future Homemakers, band, basketball and volleyball. She has been a cheerleader for three years and a member of the National Honor Society for two years. She will attend Tarelton State and major in pre-law.

Angela Thomas, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Gaston Thomas of Merkel, has been president of the Student Council, vice-president of the National Honor Society, president of the Spanish Club and Senior Class president. She has been a band member for four years and competed for three years in state twirling. Angela was the Homecoming Queen for this year. She will attend McMurry College and major in psychology.

Kim Welding, daughter of Jim & Kay Welding of Rt. 4 Abilene, has maintained a 100 point grade average while taking honors classes in chemistry, accounting, calculus, Spanish and typing. She is president of the National Honor Society and plans to attend McMurry College and major in accounting.

From Trent High: Sam Jones, son of Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Jones, Rt 2 Trent is salutatorian of his class and was selected as the most outstanding student by the faculty. He participated in band, basketball, golf,

track, football, tennis, one act play and Future Farmers. He is head usher and youth representative of his church and plans to study design communications at Angelo State University.

Chris Simpson, son of Mr. & Mrs. Ted Simpson of Trent, is a member of the Volunteer Fire

Department and plans to attend Sul Ross University and become a coach. He has lettered for four years in football, basketball and track and was chosen for the 6 Man All-State game. He lettered two years in tennis and golf. Ted is an usher in his church and is currently serving as president of the Future Farmers.

## City looking at local tax-service increase

The Merkel City council held their first budget workshop for the 1988 fiscal year Monday night and council agreed some type of increase would be necessary to fund city services next year.

Council discussed a five cent tax increase to be earmarked for street improvements as well as a raise in water-sewer-sanitation rates. Council has already agreed to freeze wages of city employees.

Merkel mayor Kent Satterwhite told council members "I'd like to see some kind of a wage increase for employees but that is just not possible this year."

Merkel mayor pro-tem Ted Smith said "It looks like we will

have to consider some increase in revenues."

City manager J. A. Sadler told the council he would like to see a five cent tax increase to be specifically earmarked for street repairs.

The council also expressed a strong opinion for the city manager to make sure that every water meter in town was read each month. Council agreed with the thought the employees responsible for reading meters should read all of the meters or "hunt another job."

Council will hold another budget workshop at their regular meeting, set May 11th at the Merkel Emergency Medical Service Building.

## MISD hires Whisenhunt as girls coach, drops volleyball

The Merkel School Board met in special session Tuesday night and hired a new girls basketball coach.

The coach, Merkel 5th grade teacher is not really new, she is Jan Whisenhunt and the one year she coached here she led the Lady Badgers to the district basketball title.

The board hired her with the stipulation that she complete hours necessary for her to teach high school students.

The board also voted to drop the girls volleyball program at the same meeting. They also accepted the resignation of Bobby Pierson as girls basketball and track coach.

The board also hired Shirley Williams as a fifth grade teacher at Tye Elementary.

The board spent most of their time Tuesday night in executive session, reviewing applications and resumes they have received for the superintendent's post.

## Lions re-set pancake supper here

The Merkel Lions Club has re-set their pancake supper for May 14th at Heritage Hall.

The supper will be held from 5:30 until 8 p.m. and tickets are \$3 each. Pancakes and ham will be

served. The supper was originally set for May 7th but was changed to the 14th.

A pancake eating contest will also be held.

# So, tell me about your Monday . . . more

which Michelle Dudley has qualified in the last two seasons and Gay Lynn Robertson, the freshman miler will also be back.

So how was your Monday?  
I'll tell you about mine.  
It started off well enough.

I got a call from J. T. Naron to take some photos of a group of FFA students who won in their district meet. Simple enough, kinda routine for me.

All went well with the photos until I started home and started daydreaming or thinking about what all was left for the day. In my careless stupor, I failed to see a pick-up, driven by Merkel High junior Ted Swymore, stop on the road that swings by the band hall. By the time I hit the brakes, I had already smashed into the back of his truck. It was perfect timing too. There were a lot of high school kids returning to class from lunch, so there was a pretty good crowd, that grew, along with my embarrassment, as soon as word got around.

At least I picked a good truck to hit. Ted has one of those plate steel bumpers on the back of his truck and it was none the worse. The front end of my car was a

different story...

Let's hear your Monday story.

The hard knocks continued Tuesday afternoon as the Merkel Badgers had a five run lead against Clyde and ended up losing their district baseball game Tuesday. Errors were the downfall and the Badgers now have a game with Wylie Friday and a make-up game with Clyde to finish out their district play.

Trent's One Act Play **The Diviners** will be in Austin for the state Academic meet this weekend and we hope they "break a leg" in that contest.

Luci Masonheimer of Trent is also competing in her second straight UIL state spelling contest. We don't want her to break a leg, just spell well.

The Fortnightly Study Club will be holding a bake sale Friday from 9:30 until 11 a.m. in front of the Ben Franklin Store.

Proceeds from that event will be used for the club's scholarship fund.

A groundbreaking for Handy Food Store's new building, just West of the current store, will be held Saturday at 10:30 a.m. The public is invited to attend and coffee will be served.

A word to the wise...  
Mother's Day is Sunday and that is something that you don't want to miss.

I am planning on seeing my mother over the weekend, but if it doesn't work out, I'll try to come up with something to show my gratitude.

Words usually work for me, but there is no way I could ever tell her how much she has meant, and means to me. I am sure I am in a majority in that opinion.

So, Mom's everywhere, thanks

for what you have done, and will do for your children. A lot of times it is a thankless job and Sunday is your chance to express your appreciation.

The group that didn't have any bad breaks this week was the Merkel High Band.

The Purple Pride Band was named the top band at the Greater Southwest Music Festival for the third year in a row and brought home impressive trophies for the sight reading and concert performances.

Bill Woods' troops, just last week earned Division I ratings at the UIL concert and sight reading contests to cap another outstanding season.

City Bingo tax share up 10%

the State Comptroller's Office.

The City of Merkel's share in the state tax on legally held Bingo games is running 10 per cent ahead of payments last year, according to a news release from the City.

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§ Merkel's Ken Jowers placed 4th in the 800 at the regional track meet in Odessa Saturday. Jowers is a sophomore. Staff photo

## MHS elects student council

The student council held their 1987-88 officers and representative elections. They are: Kristy Elliott-president; Teresa Lucas- vice president; Staci Ferguson- secretary; Krista Toombs-reporter and Son Mi Chon- business manager.

Senior representatives are Carolyn Lally, Connie McMillon, Mitzi Shelton, Allen Isom and Tony Roberts. The Junior Representatives are Michelle Dudley, Richa Hill, Pam Neff, Kim Richards, Diem Tran and Scott Graham. The Sophomore Representatives are Bridget Acuna, Susie Brandon, Dianna Brown, Angela Carson, Laurinda Powell, Michelle Vera Cruz and Stephen Jacobs.

Congratulations are in order to all of these students.

Kristy Elliott, Krista Toombs, Laurinda Powell and Mrs. Baker, student council sponsor, attended the student council state conven-

tion in Austin last week.

The student council dinner will be May 7th at Gardsky's starting at 6:30 p.m. Angela Thomas, 1987-87 president will hand over her gavel to new president Kristy Elliott during the dinner.

Teacher appreciation week is May 11-15. Students are reminded to do something extra nice for their teachers to show their appreciation.

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# Obituaries

## Clayton Reynolds

Clayton Leon Reynolds, 71, died May 5th at the Abilene Care Inn. No funeral services were held. Born March 7, 1916 in Mulberry Canyon, he was a retired steelworker.

He was a Veteran of World War II having served in the U. S. Army.

He had married Irene L. Irwin. He is survived by his wife; a sister, Mina Riffel of Hayward, Ca. and several nieces and nephews.

## Clara Baccus

Clara Lee Patton Baccus, 70, of Merkel, died May 1st in Garland. Funeral services were held May 4th at Merkel's First Baptist Church with the Rev. Wayne Keller, pastor and John Wagoner officiating. Burial followed at Elmwood Memorial Park in Abilene under the direction of the Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born Nov. 30th, 1916 here, she was the daughter of Charles Robert Peterson and Sara Lela Stanford. She was a housewife and had married Woodrow Charles Patton Nov 30, 1934. Following his death, she married Roy Baccus in May of 1964.

She is survived by her husband; a stepson, James Roy Baccus of Mexia; a son, R. N. Patton of Garland; two daughters Anna Beth Austin of San Angelo and Ava "Lucky" Chapman of Arlington; five brothers C. R. Peterson of Tuscola, Earl Peterson of Odessa, Royce Peterson of Tuscola, Stanley Peterson of Abilene and Charles Peterson of Tuscola; three sisters, Mavis Patton of Austin, Francis Johnson of Austin and Betty Jo Siewert of Abilene.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church and was a lifelong area resident. She is also survived by six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Pallbearers included Harry

Mergle, Mark L. Malone, Robert Malone, Robert Higgins, Don Kliever and Devlin Allsup.

## Mary Armstrong

Mary Lillian Armstrong, 76, of Bonham, a former Trent resident, died April 30th in Bonham.

Funeral services were held May 2 at the Starbuck Chapel with Tommy Beck officiating. Burial followed at Rose Hill Cemetery here under the direction of the Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born May 20th, 1910 in Blair, she was the daughter of E. B. and Rebecca Rains of Blair.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Trent and of the Calvary Baptist Church in Bon-

ham. She had lived in Trent from 1946 until 1984.

She had married Arnold Armstrong Dec. 24, 1926.

She is survived by her husband; a sister L. V. Spurgin of Abilene; a son Leroy Armstrong of Valiant, Okla and Ancel Armstrong of Manhattan, Kan and Joe of Vaiden Miss.; a daughter Dora Sanders of Bonham, 13 grandchildren and nine great-great grandchildren.

Pallbearers included L. D. Jones, R. O. Payne, Sherman Driggers, Wayne Woodard, W. L. Spurgin, Dale Farmer. Honorary pallbearers were Spud McLeod, A. B. Driggers, Don Bishop, Eldon Woodard, Ronnie Woodard.

## Tye's First Baptist sets revival

The Tye Baptist Church at 207 Morgan Street will be holding revival services May 17th through the 22nd.

A covered dish luncheon will be held at noon Monday through Friday-May 18 through the 22nd. Evening services will take place at 7 p.m.

The evangelist will be Rev. Odell Snow.

Johnny Bernstine, pastor, and the family of believers at Tye

Baptist Church extend a warm welcome to all to come and be a part of these special services.

On Wednesday night at 6 p.m. a children's supper will be held and Cap'n Dave will follow. On Thursday night a 6 p.m. youth supper will be held followed by a special guest and Tuesday night of the revival week a community night will be held with refreshments being served after the service.

## MISD lunch menu

The following is the MISD lunch menu:

May 11th: Spaghetti, buttered corn, combination salad, pineapple chunks.

May 12: bar-b-q links, pinto beans, cole slaw, apple cheese crisp.

May 13: sliced turkey with

brown gravy, buttered rice, mixed vegetables, lemon pudding.

May 14: lasagne, green beans, buttered corn, fruit with whipped topping.

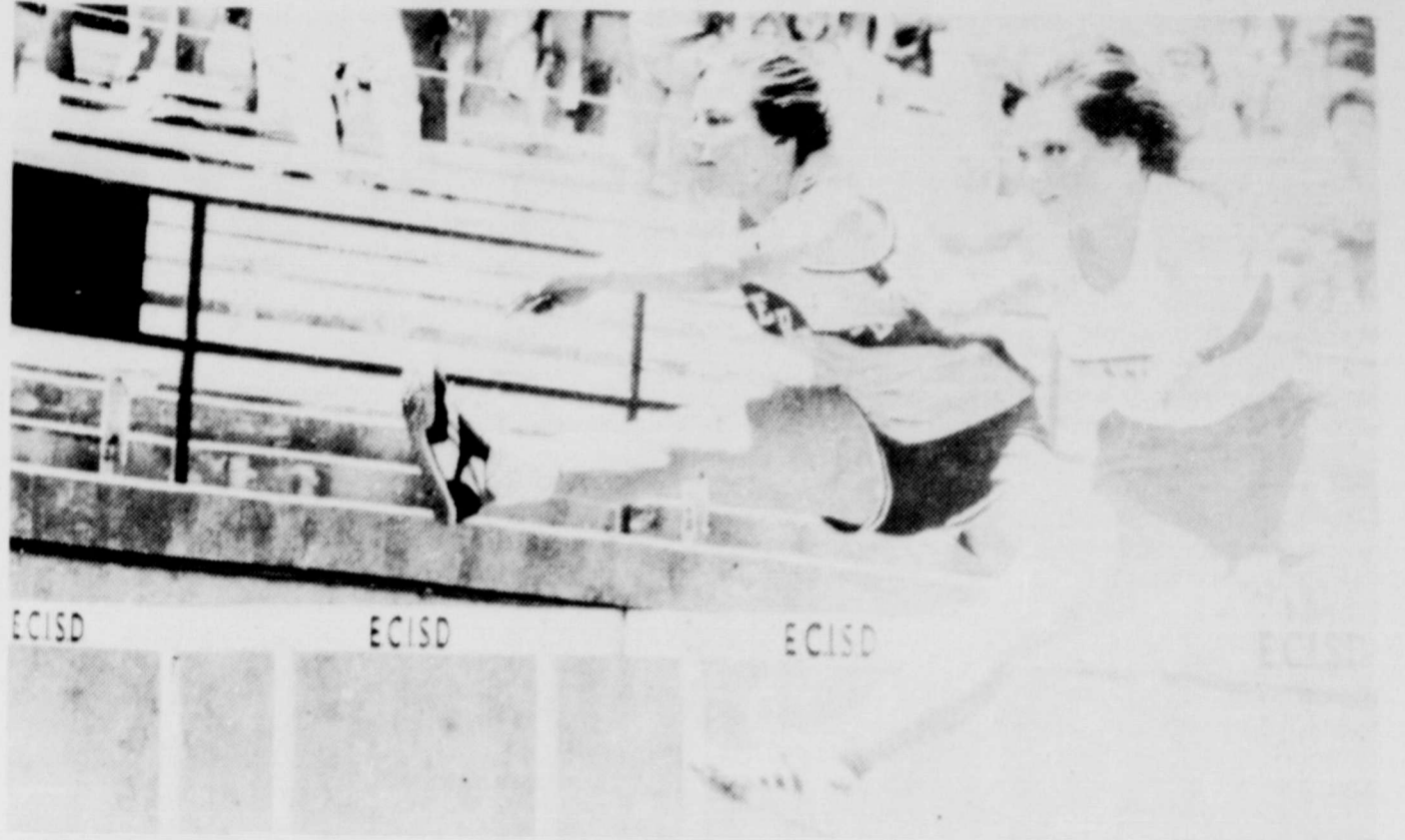
May 15: hamburgers, fries and all the trimmings, fig bars with icing.

## Welch ranch in Western Heritage Classic

The Buster Welch Ranch of Merkel will be participating in this weekend's Western Heritage Classic Ranch Rodeo May 8th &

9th. The rodeo will be held at the Taylor County Expo Center.

For more information, call the Expo Center at 677-4376.



§ Merkel's Stacey Newberry [left] placed 5th in the 110 hurdle finals in the Regional track meet Saturday. Newberry is a senior and was the track team's leading scorer for the past three seasons. Staff photo

## Art group elects 1987-88 officers

The Merkel Art Association met May 4th at 7 p.m. at the Taylor Telephone Building.

The program on the "Art of Needle Punch" was given by Dr. Tom McClelland of Abilene. He is retired and does needle punch in his home as a hobby, he also teaches one class a week.

Mr. McClelland displayed many beautiful finished pieces of needle punch pictures, framed with a hoop and trimmed with lace ruffle borders; also throw pillows and sweaters. Members tried their skill at operating the small needle punch machine while he instructed. This was a very fascinating program as he drew his pictures with a machine, needle and thread.

A business meeting followed with Ruth Cox presiding. She announced the next regular Art

Association meeting would be in September. The following officers were elected for 1987-88. President-Bonnie English; vice-president-Christie Barnett; secretary-treasurer Dot Coker; reporter-Evelyn Striblino; Historian- Rob-

## Xi Nu Eta sets May 15th dance

The Xi Nu Eta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi is sponsoring a youth dance for high school and middle school students. The theme is "School's Out, Let's Jam Out."

Wear your jams and come on

## Masonheimer takes men's tennis title

Jamie Masonheimer, a 14 year old from Trent, won the men's singles title in the Winters Mayfest Tennis tournament May 2nd. He was playing in the 15-30 year

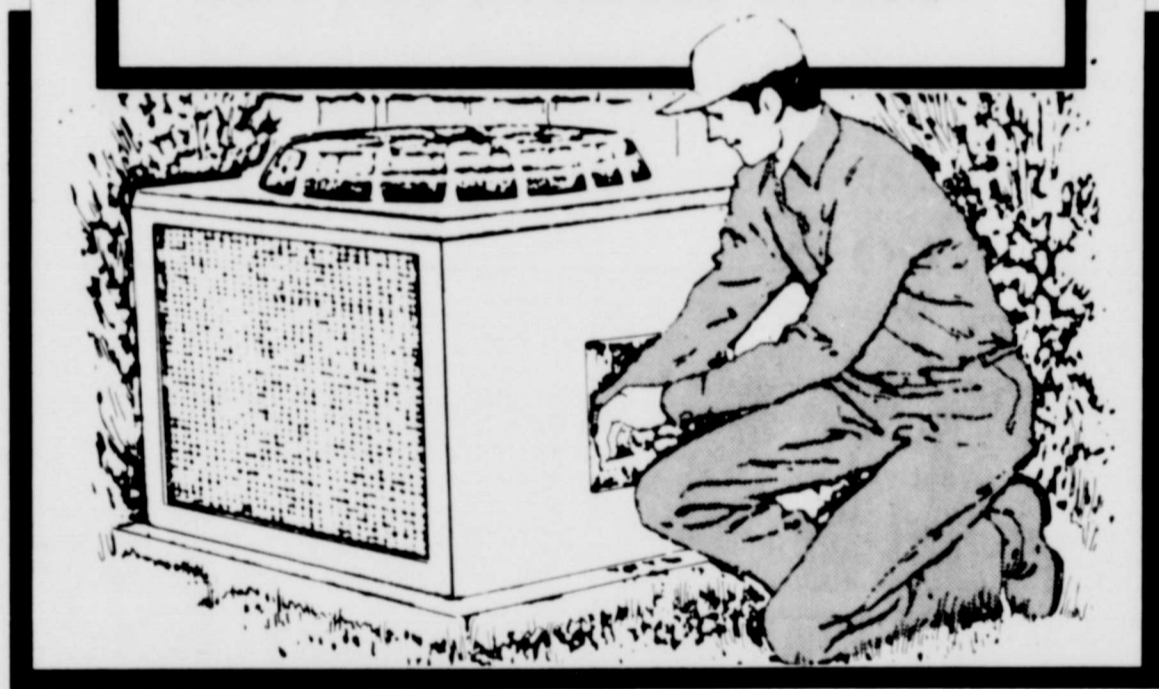
age group. The following attended: Pam Neff-guest and members Ruth Cox, Imogene Coleman, Bonnie English, Dot Coker, Pat Neff, Ruth Hogan, Ethel Pee, Marie Beaird and Ruth Buster.

Admission is \$3 which includes refreshments. The group is trying to locate a DJ for the event.

The dance will be held May 15th at the Merkel Methodist Gym from 8 p.m. until midnight.

Jamie beat last year's champ and won two other matches on his way to the title. All three of his matches went into the third set of play.

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17-TFC

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ium small, great dis-  
position. Also, baby kit-  
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19-4tc

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19-4tc

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cious home on South  
side of Abilene. Large  
master bed, & bath  
plus two guest rooms,  
ceiling fan, central air  
& heat. Reasonable!!!  
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tury 21 Abilene Big  
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928-4826

12-TFC

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room, dining room, 3  
bedrooms, 2 bath, kit-  
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19-TFC

For Sale: 3 bedroom, 3  
bath, living room, kit-  
chen. Frame house on 3  
acres, 4 1/2 miles North  
of Merkel.oombs Real  
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14-tfc

For Sale: 3 bedroom, 3  
bath, living room, kit-  
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acres, 4 1/2 miles North  
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14-tfc

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of Merkel. Prime farm  
land, stock tank. Priced  
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17-3tp

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siding, one block from  
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17-tfc

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with washer-dryer con-  
nections, storm cellar,  
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18-3tp

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17-TFC

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bargain, 2 bedroom, kit-  
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bath, has central heat,  
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pliances stay with the  
house. Call Cyrus Pee,  
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17-TFC

Austin stone house for  
sale at 308 Rose in  
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10-tfc

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tivation, half grass,  
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site, cattle guards, be-  
low market value. Call  
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19-TFC

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12-TFC

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16-TFC

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bile homes. Mobile  
home rents start at \$185  
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for rent near school \$50  
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15-1FC

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room, central a-h, ap-  
pliances furnished, fen-  
ced front and back  
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19-2tc

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front of the Ben Frank-  
lin Store. Sponsored by  
the Fortnightly Study  
Club proceeds raised  
will go for their schol-  
arship fund.

**Yard sale:** weather  
permitting May 8th Fri-  
day only: curtains, baby  
clothes, a lot of misc.  
1311 S 2nd

19-11p

Garage sale: Satur-  
day 8 until 7. furniture,  
clothes, bookcase, cag-  
es, phones, cocker spaniel  
puppies at 206 Taylor

19-11p

Garage Sale: Satur-  
day 9 until 7. 105  
Runnels Blue jeans, ba-  
by bed, glassware,  
plants and misc.

19-11p

Three family garage  
sale: Lots of children's  
clothes, adults clothes,  
misc. items 9-5 Friday  
& Saturday May 8 & 9  
911 S 2nd

19-11tc

Garage Sale: 907 Oak,  
Thursday, Friday & Sat-  
urday. Quilt tops, af-  
ghans, patterns, books  
quilts, handcraft items,  
kitchen items, chrome  
chairs, blouses dresses,  
bed frame, square fan,  
electric motor, heavy-  
duty jack, few antique  
tools, lounge chair, and  
lots of misc.

19-11p

**Garage Sale:** 701 Oak  
Thursday, Friday & Sat-  
urday 8 until 7. Large  
appliances, dishes, fur-  
niture, clothing, toys,  
louvered folding doors,  
bed frame, vacuum  
cleaners, saddles, hide-  
a-bed sofa, lamps, rugs,  
and lots, lots more.

19-11tc

### CARDS OF THANKS

The family of Leo  
Mashburn would like to  
thank the friends and  
relatives who brought  
flowers and food.

We would especially  
like to thank Bro. John  
Wagoner and the ladies  
that made lunch at the  
Methodist Church and  
Ladies Auxiliary.

Katherine Byrd  
Sue Henderson  
Gary Stutts

We wish to thank you  
good people of Merkel  
for your prayers, cards,  
food, transportation to  
the hospital. To Pat  
Bigbee for the blood, to  
Southside Baptist  
Church in Abilene for  
the blood they gave; to  
Chuck Webber, Chaplain  
of the State School for  
his visits, playing &  
singing, and to every-  
thing you did for the 18  
days while he was in the  
Humana Hospital. Its a  
wonderful place when  
you are sick. God Bless  
each of you.

J. H. (Hugh) & Mary  
Wimberly

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In compliance with  
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15-4tc-12

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Revised Civil Statutes of  
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17-4tc-12

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These are some of the Merkel FFA students who won first place at the district FFA convention over the weekend. They are [back row from left] Billy Ray Riley, Bryan Hayley, Ted Seymore, Lee Leverich, Russell Morgan [front row from left] Cassie Townsend, Melissa Harris and John David Layher.

Staff photo

### Local FFA chapter rates 11th superior award

The Merkel Chapter of the FFA came home with 18 of the 28 first place awards at the Big Country FFA competitions.

First place awards were won by Bryan Hayley in Nursery Operations; Ginger Neill in soil & water management; Bryan Hayley is floriculture; John David Layher in Agricultural mechanical.

#### Texaco station remodeled

The Bob DuBose Butane and Texaco Service Station here recently underwent a complete facelift.

Bob, who has been at the present location since 1966, updated the look of his service station to the Texaco 2000 style. While the renovation has given his station an attractive a modern style, the friendly service of Bob and his employees remains the same.

The renovations were performed by DLS Contractos in Abilene.

#### Amerine's scholarship

Lisa Amerine of Merkel has received the Ruth Ann Burton scholarship.

The scholarship was established in 1979 by Mrs. Burton's husband, Bill J. Burton, and her daughter, Mrs. Shellie Burton Hall, to honor upper-level under-graduate English majors who plan to pursue a career in teaching.

Russell Morgan in Agricultural sales & service; Kody Hogan in feed grain production; Angela Boggs in poultry production; Lee Leverich in agricultural production; David Ray in cereal grain production; Melissa Harris in sheep production; Ted Seymore in forage production; Lynn Hays in swine production; Ted Seymore in beef production and Cassie Townsend in diversified livestock production.

Cooperative training awards were received by Russell Morgan in services and Lee Leverich in production.

Melissa Harris received the Texas Sheep & Goat Raisers Association award.

Billy Ray Riley received the Star Lone Star Farmer award.

Winning second place awards were Donnie Todd in agricultural pre-lab; Debbie Pack from the Texas & Southwestern Cattle Raisers and Billy Ray Riley in swine production.

Five members of the Merkel FFA received the district nomination for the Lone Star Farmer's Degree. They are Billy Ray Riley, David Ray, Melissa Harris, Cassie Townsend and Lynn Hays.

Lance Perry, a 1986 graduate of Merkel High received the district nomination for American Farmer.

Melissa Harris was elected district treasurer and Cassie Townsend was elected district reporter.

The Merkel FFA chapter was named a Superior Chapters for the 11th consecutive year.

#### TRENT GORILLA BASKETBALL CAMP FOR GIRLS

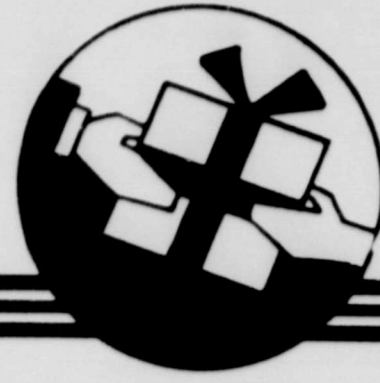
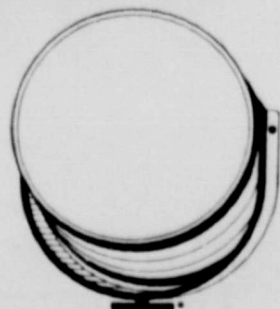
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date- June 1-5 [Monday - Friday]  
 Time- 10:00 a.m. Noon  
 Place- Trent High School Gym  
 Cost \$25 per girl  
 Parents signature \_\_\_\_\_  
 Grades 3-8th [this school year]  
 Shirt Size \_\_\_\_\_  
 Return by May 18th with \$5 deposit if interested [not refundable].  
 Fun- Prizes - Awards Free T Shirt  
 Coach Robbie Shugart

## SPOTLIGHTING GOZ

**THE DIVINERS**  
 THESE TRENT BUSINESSES  
 CONGRATULATE  
**TRENT'S AWARD WINNING  
 UIL ONE ACT PLAY  
 BREAK A LEG AT THE  
 STATE ACADEMIC  
 COMPETITIONS THIS  
 WEEKEND IN AUSTIN**  
**HOME STATE BANK**  
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**TRENT BEAUTY SHOP**  
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 CONGRATULATE LUCI  
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# Merkel High's honor students

The following students at Merkel High school were named to the All A honor roll for the 5th six week grading period.

Gina Addington, Laura Baker, Doug Bauer, Diana Bentley, Dayna Bentley, Tracy Bicknell, Dianna Brown, Sandra Bynum, Mi Hwa Chon, Son Mi Chon, Kyle Coker, Shelle Doan, Russell Doan, Lisa Donaldson, April Duncan, Kristy Elliott, Staci Ferguson.

Also, Marjean Flowers, Troy Flowers, Michelle Goodgion, Clara Herrera, Abby Irvin, Tami Isreal, Stephen Jacobs, Stacie Johnson, Jeremy Judge, Debbie Keller, Dusty McLeod, Shawn Melton, Sheri Miles.

Also, Shawn Miller, Melissa Morris, Debbie Pack, Gary Palmer, Kevin Pilgrim, David Ray, Christy Reynolds, Billy Ray Riley, Sheri Riney, Penny Smith, Jeff Steadman, Renea Thomas, Angela Thomas, Krista Toombs, Chip Townsend, Kim Welding, Tommy White and Michelle Woodard.

## A-B Honor Roll

Eric Ascencio, Stephanie Ashorn, Steven Bauer, David Biera, Sandra Black, Shelly Brandon, Susan Brandon, Chris Brown, Angie Cannon, Brad Cochran, Toby Dupong, Melissa Folkes, Chris Gaona, Tricia Garrett, Travis Gober, Lori Gohke.

Also, Michelle Grant, Stello Hall, Lynn Hays, Teri Hello, Caren Hendrix, Alan Isom, Lee Kotriik, Teresa Lusk, Jon Mack, Terry Martin, David Miller, Cassandra Moreno, Linda Munden, Scottie Myers, Stacey Newberry, Deppy Newman, Mandy Pack, Marjahn Parish.

Also, Laurinda Powell, Cheryl Rucker, Karen Sharpe, Chris Shudart, Ed Silvia, Todd Smith,

Millie Sorrels, Tracy Stevens, J. Taylor, Randy Toombs, Cassie Townsend.

Also, Ginger Van Gorp, Misty

## Trent's FBC sets "With Our Lord" meet

Starting the evening of May 10th, First Baptist Church of Trent will host three nights of "With Our Lord" meetings.

Carl Rea, former pastor, will be preaching and John Ayres will be

## Anita, Dan Allen honored by Xi Nu Chi

On Saturday evening, April 25th, Xi Nu Chi's chapter president, Anita Allen, was presented as Woman of the Year at Founder's Day Dance in the Abilene Civic Center. Dan Allen was presented as Xi Nu Chi's Man of the Year.

Members and guests attending the dance were Anita & Dan Allen, Donna Bryan, Connie & Robert Harris, Minyon & Phil Seymore

## TISD menu

The following is the Trent ISD lunch menu:

The breakfast menu is listed first.

May 11: Juice, cereal, milk; steak fingers, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, cherry cobbler, rolls, tea or milk.

May 12: Juice, donuts, milk; chili cheese enchiladas, corn, salad, chocolate pudding, crackers, tea or milk.

May 13: Juice, cinnamon rolls, milk; spaghetti, meat sauce, english peas, salad, chocolate cake, rolls, tea or milk.

May 14: Juice, malt-o-meal, toast, milk; grilled cheese sandwiches, stew, jello-fruit, ice cream tea or milk.

May 15: Juice, biscuits & sausage, jelly, milk; turkey & dressing, gravy, green beans, fruit salad, rolls, tea or milk.

leading the singing.

The Sunday service will be held at 6 p.m. and the services will be held Monday & Tuesday evening at 7 p.m.

Everyone is invited to attend.

and Sandra & Clyde Wurst.

Xi Nu Chi met for a regular meeting Tuesday April 29th at Pleasantville clubroom. Judy Elliott presented a program "How to be Better Organized." Donna Bryan served refreshments to Anita Allen, Nancy Duncan, Judy Elliott, Nancy Johnson, Minyon Seymore and Sandra Wurst.

## AKC trials

Darla Knepper of Merkel showed the high obedience trail dog May 3rd at the Big Spring Kennel Club's annual AKC sanctioned "B" match Neeper's Borzio Car-

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Miss Merkel photos are ready

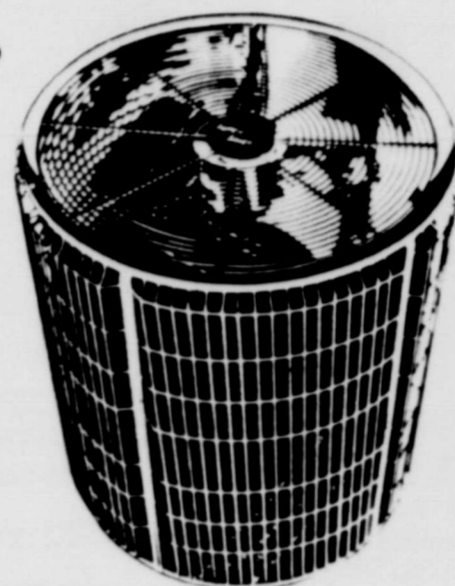
Photos taken at the Miss Merkel-Little Mr. Merkel pageant are in and can be picked up at 706

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THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: NICK CARL WARD Defendant, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before ten 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 25th day of May, 1987, at or before ten o'clock A.M. before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County, Texas, at the Court House of said County in Abilene, Texas.

Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court, on the 23rd day of January, A.D. 1987, in this cause, numbered 40,220-A on the docket of said court, and styled, FIRST STATE BANK Plaintiff, vs. NICK CARL WARD AND KENNETH A. MOWDY, Defendant.

The names of the parties to the cause are as follows: FIRST STATE BANK are Plaintiffs and NICK CARL WARD AND KENNETH A. MOWDY are Defendants.

A brief statement of the nature of the suit is as follows, to-wit:

On or about August 5, 1985, Defendant signed and executed a certain promissory note for \$6,600.65. Defendant accepted the terms & conditions of said promissory note and therefore became bound to pay Plaintiff as specified in and according to the terms of the promissory note, which terms and conditions are reasonable and fair. Plaintiff ask the Court to enter Judgement

against Defendant for: 1) For sum of \$6,600.65, plus pre-judgement at the rate of 15.9981 per annum to date of judgement. 2) For interest at the rate of ten per cent per annum from date of judgement until paid. 3) For atty fees 4) For all costs of court. 5) For all other and further relief, at law or in equity, to which Plaintiff may be justly entitled.

as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition 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 executing this process shall promptly serve the same according to law, and

make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 10th day of April, A.D. 1987.

Attest: Rilla Mahoney District Clerk, 4nd District Court, Taylor County, Texas By Patricia Henderson, Deputy (Seal) 19-2tc-104

THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: GARY B. BYRD Defendant, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before ten o'clock A.M. of the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of service of the issuance of this citation, same being Monday the 25th day of May, 1987, at or before ten o'clock A.M. before the Honorable 350th District Court of Taylor County, Texas, at the Court House of said County in Abilene, Texas.

Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court, on the 6th day of August A.D. 1986, in this cause, numbered 1423-D on the docket of said court, and styled O.B. STEPHENS, JR. Plaintiff, vs. GARY B. BYRD Defendant.

The names of the parties to the cause are as follows: O. B. Stephens, Jr. are Plaintiff's and GARY B. BYRD are Defendants.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: On May 21, 1985 Plaintiff leased to Defendant certain properties for a 32-month term for which Defendant agreed to pay according to the terms of the lease. Defendant entered into possession of the premises, and despite Plaintiff's full performance of all obligations, Defendant has breached the lease contract. Plaintiff ask the court to enter Judgement against Defendant for: 1) Past due rentals in the sum of \$16,659.00, with interest from the due date until judgement. 2) Damages for breach of lease in a sum in excess of the minimum jurisdictional limits of the Court. 3) Damages to the leased property caused by Defendant in the sum of \$10,571.00. 4) Attorney's fees 5) Costs of Court 6) Interest from its date until paid and such other and

further relief to which Plaintiff may be justly entitled.

as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition 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.

hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 10th day of April, A.D. 1987.

Attest: Rilla Mahoney, District Clerk, 350th District Court, Taylor County, Texas by Patricia Henderson, Deputy (Seal) 19-2tc-103

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: LINDA TELLEZ, Address Unknown, Respondent:

GREETINGS: -YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable 326th District Court, Taylor County, Texas, at the Courthouse of said County in Abilene, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the Monday next after the expiration of 20 days from the date of service of this citation, then and there to answer the petition of LUIS R. TELLEZ, Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 27th day of April, 1987, against LINDA TELLEZ, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 14,748-C on the docket of said Court; and entitled "In The Matter of The Marriage of LUIS R. TELLEZ and LINDA TELLEZ" the nature of which suit is a request to the Court to grant a divorce between the Plaintiff and Respondent and decree such other relief as requested in the petition.

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgement or decree dissolving the marriage and providing for the decision of property which will be binding upon you.

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

of the Court, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 10th day of April, A.D. 1987.

Attest: Rilla Mahoney, District Clerk, 326th District Court, Taylor County, Texas, at the Courthouse of said County in Abilene, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the Monday next after the expiration of 20 days from the date of service of this citation, then and there to answer the petition of CHRISTIAN HOMES OF ABILENE, Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 4th day of May, 1987, against JUAN CRESPO, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 620-CX on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Interest of BABY GIRL GODINES, A Child", the nature of which suit is a request to terminate the parent-child relationship.

Said child was born the 17th day of April, 1987 in Abilene, Taylor County, Texas.

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

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

of the Court, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court at Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, this 4th day of May, 1987.

Rilla Mahoney, District Clerk, 326th District Court, Taylor County, Texas by Karen Munns, Deputy (Seal) 19-1tc-76

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| <b>CHEEZ WHIZ</b> 8 OZ Reg \$1.68           | \$1 19           |
| <b>TOM'S TORTILLA CHIPS</b> 8 OZ REG \$1.39 | 99¢              |
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**STEAK** **FINGERS** 12 OZ PKG \$1.35

**GOOCH B.R.**  
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**CASSEROLE**  
**PINTO**  
**BEANS** 2 LB BAG 55¢

**CORN OIL**  
**CRISCO** 32 OZ JUG \$1.39

**FRESH CALIFORNIA**  
**STRAWBERRIES** PT 79¢

**FRESH**  
**BROCCOLI** LB 49¢

**GOLDEN**  
**BANANAS** LB 35¢

**FRESH GREEN**  
**CABBAGE** LB 17¢

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