The Merkel Mail

Thursday, May 14th, 1987 . . . Merkel, Texas

Our 99th Year

Evans takes top UIL drama award

Frent Freshman Jon Evans received the "Samuel French" Most Outstanding Performance award at the state UIL Once Act Play Competition Saturday in Austin

The award is a separate honor from best actor and actress and it can be presented to either a male of female. It is the highest award given in the state competitions.

Billie Jean Poindexter also received recognition in the honorable mention category. She is a

The play The Diviners did not place in the top three and that is as far as the judging procedures will eveluate the play. However, the cast and crew were one of eight plays advancing to the state competitoms

About 315 Class A One Act Plays competed this year

by Rebecca Sharp

Board accepts

Curry's resignation The Merkel School board met Tuesday night in a special session

and accepted the resignation of Merkel High principal Larry Curry has accepted the super-

intendent's position with the Iola school district in central Texas. Board members were also to diuscuss promoting a new high

school principal from within the

district, and were to discuss vacancies on the coaching staff. The board has also been interviewing candidates for the super-

intendent's job this week



received the Sameul French Award for the best performa

competitions.



§ Groundbreaking ceremonies

held Saturday for the new location current location on Loop 39 here. of Handy Food Store. The new Shown are From left] Martha Sue

location will be just West of the Justice, John Beall, Mozetta Dve. Eugene Dye and Kent Satter-

Staff photo by Melanie Richards

Council approves higher rates

The Merkel City Council met Monday night and adopted a new Police Chief Bob Jones presented in April. \$800,000 city budget, Council also decided to raise minimum water-Trent Freshman Jon Evans at the State UIL One Act Play rates for non-residential use of the each, as well as approved higher

1987-88 budget will refelct a \$9,000. One arrest and issued two ci- for the need of the increase. deficit between income and ex- tations. am recommending that the Council consider raising the fees charged for the use of the city landfill by non-water customers. As you will note in the budget, the most expensive department in the city operation is the Sanitation department, with expenditures of \$105,580.00 and an income of only \$6,000 from non-water users, this should be adjusted to represent a

more fair picture. He added "Due to the high cost of insurance and compliance with County, State and Federal regulations at the landfill, water plant, it will also be necessary to look at charges for water-sewer-

sanitation service. New Water-Sewer-Sanitation

Rates Newberry was 2 of 4 at the plate." sanitation. The new minimum bill will be \$27.25, compared to the old minimum of \$25. Those rates will go into effect on the June bills.

The new rates will go into effect on the bills mailed by the City

Teams will furnish their own Blue will be as follows: Basic charge Dot balls and more information is for water service will be \$16.75 (up Tittle at 928-5722 or 928-5003 at charges will be 15.25 each (Up from (\$14.50). The new minimum charge will be \$47.25

New Landfill Charges an All-Star tournament here in the city landfill will now be paying higher rates.

> 4-10 cubic yards \$8 (\$6) 30 cubic yards & over \$30 (\$20) Large animals \$20 (\$10)

Those new rates will go into effect as soon as the rate sign at the landfill can be changed.

Small animals \$6 (same)

attended by any local citizens.

Also, Monday night, Merkel Police worked a total of 23 cases

his department's activity report Merkel police worked one traffic Reaves that rates for basic cable accident, investigated seven cases service will be increased by 95 two cases of burglary of a motor

Council was also informed by local cable system manager Mark

of theft, one case of burglary and cents per month starting in June. Reaves said increased costs of

vehicle. They also investigated a decoding devices to unscramble manager J. A. Sadler said "The case of criminal mischief, made signals were the biggest reason

penditures. To offset this loss and keep services at the same level, I Sports banquet here May 23rd

The Merkel Badger Booster Club is hosting the annual All be purchased from Gayle Baker at Sports Banquet, honoring Merkel the high school, Sarah Lucas at athletes May 23 at 6:30 p.m.

This year's dinner will be held Brandon at 928-4092. at the Church of Christ Family

athletes are invited to attend

Tickets will be \$5 each and may Pug & Leo's Restaurant or Pat

Reservations need to be in by May 18th. Tickets will not be Families and friends of Merkel available at the door.

Reagan's send recipes for book

Recipes for the Merkel Cham- Mail. ber of Commerce's book, to be published this summer, are coming in according to Chamber manager Marilyn Tittle.

She has received recipes from

as well as Charles Stenholm Recipe blanks are available at

The Chamber is encouraging all families to submit their favorite recipes.

The deadline for recipes is July 15th and they books will be printed President & Mrs. Ronald Reagan for delivery in October & No-

You may call the Merkel the Chamber office and will be Chamber of Commerce at 928-5722 printed periodically in The Merkel for more information.

ocal sales tax rebates

Merkel, Trent & Tye's sales tax per cent behind last year. So far rebates are all lower compared to this year. Trent has received the same period last year, accord- \$1,796.83, compared to \$1,886.15 ing to a news release from the through the same period last year. State Comptroller's Office.

So far this year, Merkel is \$251.44. running 9.15 per cent behind payments last year. Merkel's cent. So far this year, Tye has latest check was for \$7,637.23. compared to \$8,954.01 in May. 1986. Merkel has received

\$25.354.87 in 1987, compared to months of 1986.

Trent's rebates are running 4.74 cent.

Trent's latest check was for

Tye's rebates are down 11.80 per received \$23,948.83, compared to \$27,153.99 through the same period last year.

Only Lawn is showing an \$27,907.98 through the first five increase in Taylor County. Abiline's rebates are down 15.37 per

Softball tourney planned here

tournament will be held here May

Entry fee is \$100 and team and blue-dot balls. individual trophies will be award-

A men's slowpitch softball must be turned in before the 1st

Teams will provide their own

For more information, contact ed for 1, 2 & 3. The tournament is Cathy Pack at 928-4959 after 5 open to Rec 3 teams with a 2 man p.m. or Marilyn Tittle at 928-5722 pick up limit. A 15 man roster during the day of 928-5003 at night.

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

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

A pancake eating contest will also be held.

Pursley will leap, vault in Austin

Merkel Badger junior Brit Pursley is making his second consecutive trip to the State Track meet this weekend and he hopes things turn out different from last

Pursley suffered an injury while warming up for the pole vault last season and could not compete.

This year, Pursley has qualified in two events as he won the pole vault and high jump at the regional track meet May 1 & 2nd.

In last weekend's state qualify- events, Pursley was not bettered being held in Memorial Stadium ing meet in Abilene, Pursley was by 3AAA competitors.



Pursley's oldest brother, Brad. 3rd in the pole vault at 15'6" and The pole vault starts Friday at 1 was the last state track champion third in the high jump with a leap p.m. and the high jump starts at from Merkel. Brad won the AA department and sewage treatment

of 6'10". In placing third in those 11 a.m. Saturday. Both events are pole vault title in 1978. Badgers take 6-3 win over Wylie

run their district record to 5-2. The next week. Badgers have one district game district championship can be March 23rd.

The Merkel Badger baseball Merkel's if Clyde lost Tuesday Coach Doug Hadley told The Residents of the city will be team downed Wylie Friday 6-3 to night, or if the Badgers beat Clyde Mail Tuesday "We played well paying 75 cents more for wateragainst Wylie Friday. We played a sewer-sanitation charges. The old The Badgers will then face few kids that haven't had much basic rates were \$9 for water and remaining as they will face Clyde either Bowie or Iowa Park in the playing time this season and we \$8 each for sewer and sanitation. either Monday at Rose Park in first round of the playoffs. Playoff hit the ball pretty well. Tony The new rates are \$9.75 for water Abilene or Tuesday at Clyde. The games cannot start until after Juarez was 2 for 3 and Stacey and \$8.75 each for sewer and

Bills up, Evans' day, Luci . . . more

by Cloy A. Richards

Our basic charges for watersewer-sanitation went up as the city council increased minumum bills by \$2.25 per month. The old minimum was \$25.00 and we will now all be paying \$27.25. The she has placed fourth in that increase was necessary because competition. of a \$9,000 deficit in the city

budget of a little over \$800,000. Council also increased charges non-residents have to pay for use of the city landfill, saying the sanitation department had more costs with less income than any other city department.

Those new rates are found on Page One. Trent Freshman Jon Evans had

a day he won't forget in Austin Saturday. Evans won the Samuel French 31 Most Outstanding Perfo mer award at the State One A.t Play

That honor goes to the person turning in the best performance,

coup, especially for a freshman.

Trent's Luci Masonheimer was 4th in the state spelling contests, also held Saturday in Austin. It was the second year in a row

All I ask is that Luci does not

read The Mail closely

They will be holding the dance well as other chores. this summer for high school and To volunteer, contact Terry 10-20 cubic yards \$15 (\$10) middle school students.

A men's slowpitch softball tournament will be held here May 30 & Entry fee is \$100 per team and

trophies will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd & 3rd place teams and individuals. The tournament is open to Red 3 and under teams

male or female, and that's quite a with a two man pick-up limit. Rates for outside the city limits available by calling Cathy Pack at from \$16.00) and new basic 928-4959 after 5 p.m. or Marilyn charges for sewer and sanitation

> The Merkel Little League is looking for volunteers to help run Non Merkel residents who use

Merkel will be hosting the The new rates are as follows: Xi Nu Eta's dance planned for district playoffs for the Little (Old rates are in parenthesis) Saturday has been cancelled League and volunteers will be 2 Cubic yards \$3 (\$2) because of scheduling conflicts. needed for concession work, as 2-4 cubic yards \$5 (\$4)

Wade, Gwynn Tipton or Fred 20-30 cubic yards \$20 (\$14)

Good Luck Brit

Council held two public hearings on the new budget, which was not

MHS principal pens open letter

§ An open letter from the princi- demic decathion; Created and built in conjunction with an grams demonstrated improvepal of Merkel High School:

learning environment.

more effective learning environ- record ment for the students of Merkel

ucation was



DISCIPLINE GOALS

This philosophy was successful, Merkel High School became on the the finest 3A schools in the state of dedicated, professional and caring. Students had the opportunity for a truly quality education within the halls of Merkel High School. Under my educational leadership during four years of service and in conjunction with a dedicated school board, a supportive and caring superintendent and staff, concerned parents and quality young people, Merkel High in the drive for excellence. The greatest teacher of all, the Lord Jesus Christ, has stated that you fruit is brings forth. A few of the

Academic accomplishments an academic awards program; A team letter jackets; medals for semester A-B students; six weeks and semester Honor Rollt cer- ments; In 1986, a new eight tificates; creation of the academic classroom annex was built; In mony for graduating seniors

Instituted the Honors Program: Only 3A school in this region to 1985, tennis courts were added; In p.m. at Hendrick Medical Center. participate in the National Aca- 1985, an athletic weight room was

hosted the Super Brain Bowl; athletic office/ storage building. ments unequaled in 25 years. I made a strong personal Significant improvements in test Special student accomplishcommitment to Merkel High scores: In 1986, 9th grade students ments: The number of student activities which were School for four years as high performed higher on the TEAMS accomplishments within four school principal. Upon interview- tests than any class on record; In years were numerous. Some Junior/ Senior prom; student lead ing with the Board of Education 1986, 10th grade students scored examples are: Merkel High for the position, I shared with PHS (post high school graduate) Band won Sweepstakes; More Science Club; HECE Banquet, them my deep belief that the on the Metropolitan Achievement MHS band students earned all- I sincerely appreciate the opfundamental goal of any school tests in reading skills; In 1986, district honors than any band in portunity to have served the should be to produce an effective 11th grade students increased in the region; MHS developed the young people of Merkel High I was given the opportunity to TEAMS test; In 1986, the 12th the student council was selected shall always allow God to fill their serve the young people. I did so. I grade students scored higher on as outstanding by the State of lives with HIS light, HIS love and was given very specific instruc- the Metropolitan Achievement Texas; FHA chapter was selected HIS life. As I leave you to assume

job as high school principal with a demic honors during the first were selected for national recsingle-minded determination to be semester of 1986-87; there was ognition; the total athletic proa strong school leader and make only a two percent failure rate; a decisions that were in the best five point plan to continue acainterest of the students. I did so. demic improvement was approv-My personal philosophy of ed- ed for the future.

Also, Discipline accomplishments of Merkel High School authority and respect were restored to the classroom teacher; a strong and effective discipline management system was developed; developed a four point discipline plan that proved to be very effective; communicated high expectations; gave strong support to the classroom teacher; corrected misbehavior; gave pos-Texas. The teaching staff was itive feedback for correct behavior; Discipline facts: 80 per cent of the students had no misbevavior and 15 percent had only one behavioral problem

Instituted an effective attendance program with 96 percent average daily attendance; created a positive school climate with an 8.02 drop-out rate compared with a 32 percent rate in the state; developed and implemented the school made giant steps forward. Alpha Center to positively meet students educational, social and personal needs; developed a communications network for pajudge the quality of a tree by the rents with a discipline referral system, students handbook, attengood fruits which Merkel High dance notice systems and prog-School produced in four years ress reports; instituted a special job training program for students who were at risk: implemented a of Merkel High School: developed program to make Merkel High School a drug free learning

Also, physical plant improve-1986, a student gathering area was created: In 1986, a new student parking lot was constructed; In

twenty four learning areas on the best band program in 25 years; School. It is my prayer that they tions when I was hired to create a Test in reading than any class on as outstanding at the state FHA new educational responsibilities, convention; FFA had the largest my prayer to all is: "The Lord Also, in 1986, more students participation rate of any school in bless you and keep you, let HIS High School and move all the were inducted in the National West Texas- they received more face shine upon you and be students towards a higher level of Honor Society than ever before; honors and awards than any gracious to you! May HE look excellence in all areas of the Forty per cent of the students of chapter in the State of Texas; in upon you knidly and give you school. I did so. I approached the Merkel High School earned aca- 1986-87 two varsity cheerleaders peace.

Also, the following are examples

begun: Golden Girls drill team; Bible study; Spanish Club:

Larry Thomas Curry

dents of Starr Nursing Home last organizers said it was hard to tell

+Twenty-seven students from the theme of the week was on Dyess Air Force Base child families. They wanted to spend development center visited resi- time with some grandparents and who enjoyed the visit more, the § The three, four & five year olds children or the Starr residents. Photo by Iris Amerine



§ Luci Masonheimer, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. James Masonheimer of Trent, placed fourth in the State year.

UIL Spelling Contests held Saturday in Austin. She also placed fourth in that competition last

Son born to Earlene Childress

Childress May 5th

Charles Weldon was born at 6:50

A son was born to Earlene He weighed 6 pounds, 14 ounces and was 191/2 inches long Maternal grandmother is Birdie

Pippins of Trent.



§ Billie Jean Poindexter was performance in Trent's production mentioned honorably in the State of The Diviners. One Act Play contest for her

NOTICE OF INCORPORATION In compliance with Article 1302-2.02 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, notice of intention to become incorporated under the same or similar name is given by

NEMCO Electric, Inc., Abilene, Texas. 17-4tc-12

NOTICE TO BID Bid No 87-121

The Commissioners Court of Taylor County will be receiving sealed bids until 10:00 a.m. on Friday, June 5, 1987, for a roofing contract for the new Taylor County Courthouse, Abilene, Texas

Sealed bids will be received at the County Judge's office, 2nd floor, Taylor County Courthouse, 300 Oak Street, Abilene, Texas 79602. until 10:00 a.m. on Friday, June 5, 1987, at which time said bids will be publicly opened and read. Bids should be priced as a lump sum Purchases will be on a cash basis. Each bidder must submit a Bond payable to Taylor County Commissioner's

Court in the amount of five per cent of the largest total amount of Bidder's proposal

Exact specifications for bidding may be obtained by contacting Obie Coker at the Taylor County Courthouse, 300 Oak Street, Abilene Texas 79602, or by calling (915) 677-1711 extension 201

Taylor County reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Jesse A. Holloway County Judge Taylor County, Texas 20-2tc-47

Notice is nereby given that Rural Taylor County Aging Services is

seeking financial assis- count no use-5284 in the tance from the U. S. Department of Transportation under the Section 16 b (2) grant program. Grant funds will be used for the purchase of one (1: 15 passenger van to be used in the Tye/ Merkel areas for the purpose of transportation of Senior Citizens and the handicapped into the urban areas as well as local transportation. Copies of the grant proposal are available for inspection by the public at 105 Scott

Street, Tye, Texas 79563. Any person wishing to comment on the proposed project may submit comments in writing to 105 Scott Street, Tye, Texas 79563 prior to June 4, 1987.

20-2tc-30

THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: T. L. Walker d/ b/ a Lenco Constructors Defendant, Gree-

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 before the Honorable County Court at Law. Taylor County. Texas, at the Court House of said County in

Abilene, Texas. Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court, on the 1st day of April, A.D. 1987, in this cause, numbered 16,314 on the docket of said court, and styled Interfirst Bank Abilene, N.A. Plaintiff vs. T. L. Walker d/b/a Lenco Con-

structors, Defendant. A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit Defendent maintained a checking account with Plaintiff known as ac-

name of Lenco Constructors. By check no 192, dated 2-4-87 Defendant withdrew \$699.75 from that account. By check no. 197 dated 2-4-87 Defendant withdrew \$2,660.75 from that account. The balance in the account immediately prior to the withdrawals was \$64.37. Defendant, therefore, has overdrawn the account. Together with insuficient funds and service charges, Defendant is obligated to pay Plaintiff that sum pursuant to the terms of the parties' agreement. Plaintiff prays that Plaintiff be granted judgement in the sum of \$3,546.56 for the overdrafts and \$1,000 as reasonable attorney's fee; Plainitff be granted judgement for all costs of court; Plaintiff be granted judgement for post-judgement interest at the highest legal rate of interest on the total amount of the judgement from the date of judgement until paid; Plaintiffs be granted such other and further relief, special or gen-

eral, legal or equitable as Plaintiff may be shown to be justly en-

titled to receive; 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 execute the same according to law, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 4th day of May

Attest: Janice Lyons. Clerk, County Court At Law, Taylor County,

Texas by Sandra Harris Deputy, Seal 20-4tc-106 to-wit: INCOME

INCOME

The Tye City Council at a regular held council meeting, April 21, 1987 designated, as allowed by Ordinance # 86-4 Section 1 (6), as a "No Parking" Zone:

'On the West side of F.M. 7070 from the South Railroad Right Of Way to McCartney PENALTY: Any per-

sonviolating any of the provisions to Ordinance # 86-4 shall be deemed guilty of a Class C Misdemeanor, and upon conviction, shall be subject to a fine of not more than two hundred (\$200.00). Each transaction in violation of any of the provisions hereof shall be deemed as a

> Jo Moore City Secretary 20-1tc-28

seperate offense.

AN ORDINANCE +An ordinance fixing and establishing a budget for the City of Merkel, Texas for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 1987 and ending April 30, 1988.

Whereas: The City Secretary of Merkel, Texas, in obedience to the laws of the State of Texas, submitted to the City Council of said City a proposed budget covering the proposed income and expenditures of said city for fiscal year beginning May 1, 1987 and ending April 30,

19888 Whereas: Notice of said proposed budget hearings were duly posted in City Hall and published in the local newspaper

Now, therefore, be it ordained by the City Council of the City of

GENERAL FUND Income \$258,300.00 From Operatings .00 \$258,300.00

Water-Sewer-Sanitation Income \$533,700.00 From Operating .00 \$533,700.00 INCOME G.F. & W.S.S Income \$792,000.00 EXPENDITURES GENERAL FUND Expenditures Expenditures \$242,014.00 To Operating .00 \$242,480.00 EXPENDITURES Water-Sewer-Sanitation

Expenditures \$490,480.00 To Operating .00 \$490,480.00 EXPENDITURES G. F. & W S S Opera-

Expenditures \$732,494.00 Insurance. Notes & Transfers \$68,495.40 \$800.989.40 SUMMARY TOTAL EXPENDI-TURES \$800,989.40 TOTAL INCOME

\$792,000.00

(\$8,989.40) Be it further ordained that all transfers of pay Plaintiff as specifunds set out in the budget are in all things approved.

Passed and approved this 11th day of May,

Kent Satterwhite Mayor J. A. Sadler City Secretary 20-1tc-83

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 tled.

Merkel, Texas, that the date of the issuance of following budget is here- this citation, same being by adopted as follows, 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, Tex-

> 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 there-

fore became bound to

fied 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 enti-

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 prom-

ptly serve the same according to law, and make due return as the law directs. Issued and given un-

der 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,

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 elase. Defendant entered into posession 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 of the judgement 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.

The officer executing this process shall promptly execute the same according to law, and make due return as th 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, 35oth District Court, Taylor County, Texas by Patricia Henderson, Deputy (Seal) 19-2tc-103

1 Maple dinette set and 4 chairs \$100 928-4302

20-1tc

Superior storm shelters, pre-cast, concrete, two models available Tom Landers in Clyde 1-915-893-5496

12-15tp

For Watkins Products call Larry or Martha Sue Justice at 928-5217. TFC

For sale: 1982 X R 250R Honda motorcycle, new tires, good shape, never raced. Tom Carson 928-

17-TFC

For Sale: Windmill \$850.00 Call 928-5917. 20-1tc

Nice fishing worms for sale 410 Nolan \$1 a box. 928-5586.

19-3tc

For Sale: Table, 3 chairs, love seat, odd chairs, 928-5211 211 Cherry.

20-1tp

MISC

Will pay top dollar for old bits, spurs & saddles call 736-6731

20-2tp

CASH for used air conditioners, any type, any condition. Amerine Mechanical 928-4876.

17-TFC

KEEP COOL! Did you know we service all brands of cooling systems, central air, window units, evaporative coolers, etc? We also sell used air conditioners. Call us at Amerine Mechanical. 928-4876.

17-TFC

P & L Auto Parts is open from 7:30 am until 6:30 pm Monday-Friday and from 7 am until 3 pm each Saturday 135 Edwards.

Germania Insurance Company. For your insurance needs. Locally represented by Donna Carter. 928-5348. TFC

Wanted full time cook and assistant cook for local camp, year round position 12 weeks during the summer and weekends during the rest of the year, salary, time off, plus many extras. Call 846-4212. 18-TFC

Granny's Playhouse Day Care Center Open 6 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. Hot lunch & snacks provided. For more information call 928-4904 or come by 207 Orange.

We make hydraulic hoses. P & L Auto Parts 135 Edwards 928-4738. 186-TFC

TFC

Own your own jeansportswear, ladies apparel, childrens- maternity, large sizes, petite, dancewear-aeorbic or accessories store. Jordache, Chic, Lee, Levi, Izod, Gitano, Mens, Calvin Klein, Sergio Valente, Evan Picone, Liz Claiborne, Members Only, Gasoline, Healthtex and over 1,000 others. \$14,800 to \$26,900 inventory, training, fixtures, grand opening, etc. Can open 15 days. Mr Loughlin (612) 888-6555

14-TFC

Lost: Female border collie, lost in the Salt Branch Community Friday. Any information, please call 928-5288. 20-1tc

Mowing, tilling, trim-

ming, edging, reasonable rates, all types of yard work 928-5144 928-5217. Can furnish ref erences Donan Justice. 13-TFC

and Al-Anon closed meetings are Tuesday 8 Thursday at 7 p.m. at Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church.

---TFC-Good clean top soil Caliche, base, gravei septics and drives backhoe work, cleanups call 928-5534.

12-TFC

CARE CENTER: 2nd & Oak, open Monday inrough Friday 6:30 am until 5:30 pm. Call 928-4381

TFC

I would like to do babysitting day & night. Will pick up and take to school. 928-5474. 19-2tc

I would like to do yard mowing and yard work. Experienced 928-5589 or 928-5474.

19-2tc

Responsible hunters booking for good quail lease 928-5797 19-4tc

Lost: Jacque, miniature male apricot poodle Generous reward, any information on him, Polly Fisher 1408 Herring 928-5182, Merkel

REAL ESTATE

For Sale: 2 story, large living room, dining room, kitchen, master bedroom & bath, down stairs large uplots of storage room on corner lot, priced to sell Cyrus Pee, Realtor 928-

20TFC

For Sale: 3 bedroom house on Kent Street Call 928-4510.

20-3tc

For Sale: Large, spacious home on South side of Abilene. Large master bedres & bath plus two st rooms, ceiling s, central air & heat, Reasonable!!! Call Ken Hogan at Century 21 Abilene Big Country Inc 692-8311 or 928-4826

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20-11p

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Raymond & Leatha Thomas

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Hammond's celebrate 50th

Mr. & Mrs. Hershel L. Hammond will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary May

The reception will be held at Heritage Hall May 17th from 2 until 4 p.m.

Hosts will be their children; Mr. & Mrs. Dale Hammond of Merkel and Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Hall of Sunset.

Mr. Hammond was born Aug. 26. 1916 in Florence. At an early age, he moved to Nolan. She was

1918 here.

They met in 1936 in Nolan and were married May 22, 1937, also in

They farmed in Nolan and Taylor County until 1960 when they moved to Arlington. They lived there until 1981 after retiring from Bell Helicopter and L.T.V Aircraft.

They are members of the Baptist Church and have two grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren.



Rodriguez honored on 15th

Monica is the daughter of Tonya Moreno, all of Merkel Robert & Angelita Rodriguez. Her Their escorts were Ramon grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Juan Moreno, Steven Biera, Zack Rod-

well as the Abilene High Eagle Moreno of Mineral Wells.

Valdez, Gracie Gomez, Melissa L. a dance at the Embassy Suites. Rodriguez, Maria Soto, Melanie

Monica Hudruguez celebrated Rodriguez, Melissa M. Rodriguez, her 15th birthday with a Holy Diana Barrientos, Julie Rodriguez Mass given in her honor at Our and Cissy Rodriguez, all of Mother of Mercy Catholic Church Abilene and Cassandra Moreno, Amanda Biera, Vicky Aldrete and

C. Biera and Jose Acuna of riguez, Joe Biera, David Biera, Merkel and Anita Rodriguez of Eric Ascencio, David Chavira, Mark Aldrete, Michael Ybarra Monica is a freshman at Abilene and Martin Landeros, of Merkel High School where she particl- and Mark Cortez, Anthony Rodpates in the tennis program as riguez and Abilene and Michael

The Rev. Frank Zimmerman Monica was escorted by Roman and Paul Klein of Abilene officiat-Martinez. Her court of honor ed. A reception hosted by her included Michelle Valdez, Ericka parents in Merkel was followed by



Fern Bland assumes chapter post

The William Norwood Chapter of Mrs. Marjorie Sayles, 1118 Mayes, chaplain Mrs. Henri Gay of the Daughters of the American Sayles in Abilene.

TISD breakfastlunch menu

The following is the TISD lunch menu for May 18-22

The breakfast menu is listed

May 18: juice, cereal, milk; chicken patties, mashed potatoes, green beans, cherry cobbler, rolls, tea or milk.

May 19: juice, donuts, milk; barbeque smokies, potatoes-sauce okra, pears, rolls, tea or milk. May 20: juice, cinnamon rolls,

milk; pizza, corn, salad, apple crisp, tea or milk. May 21: juice, toast/jelly,

salad, cake, tea or milk. May 22: Juice, biscuits/ sausage, milk; hamburgers, french fries, fruit, cookies, tea or milk.

Leverich's honored

Kathy Leverich was presented Preceptor Eta Omega's Woman of the Year April 25th at the Founder's Day Dance held at the Abilene Civic Center, Jimmy Leverich was presented as the Man of

Members and guests attending the dance were Kathy & Jimmy Leverich, Connie & Jan Ybarra and Mamie Steck.

They met May 5th in the home of Val Patterson. Val presented a program on Beta Sigma Phi's Torch Magazine.

Members attending that meeting were Jane Carson, Y Sadler, Mamie Steck, Betty Lu Satterwhite, Val Patterson and Ruth



The ladies Auxillary of Merkel VFW Pst 5683 selected Jeanie West, a Merkel Elementary teacher as their teacher of the year. Mrs. West taught Americanism and loyalty, along with ideas of freedom, love and respect for the flag and our country.

§ Mary Hicks, Americanism and Loyalty Chairman of the Auxillary, presented Mrs. West with a corsage of "Buddy Poppy" flowers. These are made and sold each year by the Disabled Veterans of Photo by Sally Tittle

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of Bronte installed the incoming secretary Mrs. Harry (Dorrace) officers: Regent (Mrs. Jack (Fern) Bland; first vice regent (Annabel) Murphey; librarian Mrs. Edd (Delonoa) Fishel; se- Mrs. Michael (Loraine) Wingo. cond vice regent Mrs. Bessie



May 1987

May 15-17-Stagecoach Days, Marshall. This little town near the Louisiana border commemorates their history as a transporparades, trail ride, historic homes tour, arts, crafts and entertainment. More information from Chamber of Commerce, Box 520, Marshall 75670 (214-935-

May 16-Pioneer Roundup Hot Air Balloon Festival, Plainview. Festivities include a parade. Chuck Wagon Feed and balloons in the sky. After the Pioneer Woman of the Year is chosen, it's square dancing the rest of the night. Details from Chamber of Commerce, Box 340, Plainview 79073 (806-296-7431).

May 18-Doug Kershaw Celebrity Golf & Tennis Tournament, Paris. Big-name recording artists. TV movie personalities and sports figures such as Willie Nelson, Charley Pride, James Garner, Bob Eubanks, Darrel Royal, Jack Youngblood and many more, will participate in the benefit tourneys. The gallery and evening celebrity concert

Ison; recording secretary Mrs. Colonists met May 8 at the home Mrs. Danny (Roenna) Thomas Marjorie Sayles; corresponding Haynes; resgistrar Mrs. P. M.

> will be open to the public. Ticket and other information from Chamber of Commerce, Box 1096, Paris 75460 (214-784-

May 21-24-Oakdale Park's 16th Bluegrass Jamboree, Glen Rose. Bluegrass groups from across Texas and seven states gather for planned programs and jam sessions. There will be contests on Saturday for guitar and banjo players in junior (under 17) and senior divisions. and bands with at least four instruments. Band winner will be invited to play at next year's festival. Admission per person: \$9 per day; \$27 for 4-day; children under 16 free with parents. No alcohol allowed. Camping available. Schedule and reservations from Oakdale Park, Box 548F, Glen Rose 76043 (817-897-

May 21-June 1-Folk Festival; May 23-24; 30-31-Texas State Arts & Crafts Fair, Kerrville. These twin events offer an enjoyable visit to the Hill Country. The Folk Festival at Quiet Valley Ranch has a full program: evening concerts by songwriters and musicians from all over the country; songwriter and guitar schools; concert-lectures on history of American popular music; and more. Bring lawn chairs and rugged clothing. Camping available.



Local couple needs financial help

To the Editor:

Help a Child

daughter this week and I know Billie Walters. Merkel residents will want to help. I know all of you know Billie. Please help them this child and her family.

Her name is Jennifer and she is

six years old and will have to have so many times and ways. Jennia heart operation in June.

She has helped so many in Merkel

fer's mom and dad need help A grandmother in Merkel told a Her parents are Joey and Leta going to Fort Worth and staying story about her little grand- Brennan, his grandmother is with the child. Money is scarce but that's why they need Merkel.

Mary Lindsey

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO NOMINATE BY PETITION

The Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) is accepting nominations for Coun / Committee elections for Taylor County is issued to inform eligible voters of the right to nominate candidates by petition Copies of the petition and instructions on its completion can be obtained from your local FinHA office.

Persons nominated should be currently engaged in the operation of a farm, have their principal farming operation within the County or area in which activities of the County or area Committee are carried out, derive the principal part of their income from farming (that is more than 50 percent of their gross income must come from agricultural production), be a citizen of the United States or an alien lawfully admitted to the United States for permanent residence, not have an FmHA insured or guaranteed loan, and be well qualified for com mittee work. Nominations must be received in the FmHA office later than June 10-1987 FmHA committee elections are open to all eligible voters without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, age, political affiliation, marital status, ex, and/or handicap.

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Governor explains his position on state budget

by William P. Clements Governor, State of Texas

§ By now, Texans know that our cial interest allies would like you state must make some tough to believe my budget cuts states budget decisions. Let me explain my budget proposal.

It can be explained by a simple equation: 87 times 2 plus 2 per cent.

My budget starts with what we are spending this fiscal year, 1987. That's the 87 in my equation. We spend that much each year for the next two years, '88 and '89. That's the times two in my equation. And

budget

That's a balanced budget that cures the \$1 billion shortfall and tive. keeps taxes at their current level.

amount on education as we are year 1983 was \$26.6 billion. today and spending more on

health, human services and pri- September 1967 is \$36.9 bilion. sons that we are today

Some legislators and their speafford to cut spending \$5.8 billion.

No one is saying cut \$5.8 billion. is only up 12.1 percent. I'm certainly not.

The truth is my budget increases spending \$766 million from its ment spending and taxes increas- education, again, the current level creases current level of \$36.2 billion; That's the 2 percent.

The truth is this is a battle much as our population. we increase spending by 2 per- between fiscal conservatives on one side and budget busters who That's a \$36.9 billion budget, up want to greatly expand the size, \$766 million from this year's role and cost of state government on the other side.

Let's get a historical perspec-

Four years ago, when I left That means spending the same office, the state budget for fiscal

My budget recommendation for

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House of Representatives

The House has voted 87-62 to importance of Texas in the 1988

approve a spending bill which election. Congressman Richard

adequately funds basic state Gephardt of Missouri was in

services. Both the House and Austin last week. Gephardt is an

Senate appropriations bills go to a author of the Save the Family

conference committee to iron out Farm Bill in which Texas farmers

differences between the two ver- and Texas Agriculture Commis-

sions. The House and Senate have sioner Jim Hightower played a

passed spending bills that call for major role. Gephardt also made

more revenue than Gov. Clements headlines recently when he se-

has previously said he would cured congressional approval of

accept. The determination of the an amendment to force foreign

Legislature to advance this leg- competitors into a fair trade

islation in the face of the posture. Gephardt made a strong

governor's veto threat has caused impression in Austin, appealing to

more realistic tax bill without ddressed the Texas House recent-

Democratic presidential con. Jackson will play a major role in

tenders continue to make stops at the Democratic nomination pro-

the Senate Capitol in a show of the cess, as he is very likely to

the fiscal year starting this

That's up \$10.3 billion in four years, a 39 percent increase.

went from \$14.1 billion to \$18.8 Texas taxpayers to pay for. spending. They say Texas can't billion, up \$4.7 billion or 33

only 7.7 percent.

It's clear: Texas state governed three times faster than infla- of spending is maintained. No tion and five-and-a-half-times as cuts

It's just not increasing as fast as it spenders are really saying when myths being bandied around by taxes certain legislative leaders. I want The big spenders are saying cost jobs. all talking about the facts.

The Democratic presidential

state government.

interesting in some time, with

Gephardt, Jackson and Biden

campaign promises to be the most tradition dies hard.

First, there is no such thing as a billion \$5.8 billion deficit. Our only deficit The big spenders are saying is \$1 billion this fiscal year, they want a 16 percent increase Anything more than that simply above current state spending. In that same period education represents what someone wants

The second myth is that I am That's not true. The Health and raise taxes \$5.8 billion. And Texas' population was up Human Services budget is up, not

that taxpayers want more taxes. That's crazy. No Texan has ever These are the tacts. I'm not approached me and said "Bill proposing we cut the budget. The won't you please raise my taxes." budget I propose is up, not down. Let me translate what the big

used to. Let me talk about some they talk about \$5.8 billion more in

to dispel these myths and get us they want the largest tax bill in the history of any state - \$5.8

control a large block of delegates to discourage drinking and drivgoing into the 1988 Democratic ing. The legislation allows law business people will have added National Convention. Other demo- enforcement officers to ticket \$11.2 billion in new taxes in just cratic contenders who have made drivers who are spotted drinking three short years? stops in Austin since the legis- alcoholic beverages while operaaltive session began have been ting a motor vehicle. It is not as taxes that the state government former Gov. Bruce Babbit of tough a law as some would like to was spending when I became Arizona, Gary Hart, Sen. Joe see, since the passengers are not Governor in 1979. Biden of Deleware and former included at all. The Mothers Gov. Charles Robb of Virginia. Against Drunk Driving are finding

Both House and Senate commit- of them likely to figure in the eventual tees now have approved appro- What a signal to taxpayers. more school and prison spending up 30 percent in three short years. Between legislative session last than Governor Clements has said Fisher counties to discuss state state services. House Speaker Gib need to change their thinking. agricultural programs and the Lewis, however, has just recently In the last year and a half, the budget outlook for vital rural been willing to put the matter to a people of Texas made it clear to services. Deputy ag commissioner House vote. Increasingly blurred me they understand we can Mike Moeller outlined the status party lines are also signs that the restrain spending without cutting and the need for diversification of Fearful of big property tax hikes don't know the line-item detail of Texas agriculture to bolster the in their districts, some Republi- the budget. state's economy. This meeting, cans are more openly voting for Texans know our state agencies, understanding of your views on lature and the Clements veto grams, misguided priorities. threat is on the horizon.

"tort-reforms" legislation. The Governor has taken his show on fall. Senate voted to limit damage the road. Clements still fervently awards in lawsuits, to provide believes that Texans want to hold some protection from lawsuit for the line on state taxes so much castor oil as a boy people serving in non-profit or- that they are willing to make My preference is really for a tax ganizations and local government, drastic cuts in services to do so, reform measure that broadens the Frank DeBusk in memory of C. W. and to penalize those who bring Clements is in the midst of a sales tax base, lowers the rate and frivilious lawsuits. In a future 17-city tour of the state to sell his continues the current revenue edition of Capitol Journal I will version and defeat the "budget describe the House action on this busters". Area visits on the tour include Abilene and Lubbock Clements is convinced he is right, and only substantial public input his attempt to convince the to the contrary during this tour is likely to change his mind.

> Many legislators object to Clements leaving the Capitol during the legislative week at the height of this crisis to campaign. Legislative Democrats plan a statewide effort of their own, but the legislators will travel only on days when the House and Senate are not in session. Members opposed to the Clements budget hope to inspire concerned Texans to break their silence on the issue. The Governor's veto of a responsible spending bill will at the least cost Texans an unnecessary and expensive special session to grapple with the financial crisis. At the worst, a veto which could not be overridden by the Legislature would send Texas into a financial

I had the opportunity to work during the recent Easter legislature recess, addressing a large crowd at the Save Our Schools (SOS Rally in Sweetwater. The group included teachers, school administrators, and wary property owners from throughout the Rolling Plains area. The group was rightfully fearful of various impacts of the Clements budget proposal. Educators feared program cuts, job losses, and delayed school openings in 1987-88. All in attendance knew the real bottom line of the Clements plan: taxes will go up to pay for education, and the Governor prefers that higher local property taxes pay the tab. Concerned and responsible legislators know that the equitable was to finance state costs is through a more broadly based state-wide taxing program. The citizens at the Sweetwater rally let me know where they stood. Where do you stand? Please write or call me in Austin. More importantly, write or call Governor Clements at the Capitol. Your

That's more than inflation or population growth justifies and more than we can afford.

proposing cuts that would deprive. I want no misunderstanding on But in the same period inflation Texans of needed human services, this, I will veto any attempt to

> Texas taxpayers and job creators need a break from the endless The third myth has to do with round of tax and spending in-

How attractive is Texas for job creation if we try to tax and spend The last and greatest myth is our way out of our financial mess? In 1984, the Legislature passes a \$4.6 billion tax bill. The discouraged business from coming to or expanding in Texas and cost jobs.

In 1986, the Legislature passed an \$872 million tax bill. That discouraged business from coming to or expanding in Texas and leisure.

What if, in 1987, the Legislature refuses to restrain spending and fic, concrete ways to restrain passes a \$5.8 billion tax bill?

That would be more in new

What a signal to small business. 70 percent of our new jobs come out that this so-called Texas from small business. Small business people are struggling and a big tax increase would sink many

priations bills which will call for Their tax burden has already gone

I was not elected Governor to let week, I traveled to Hamlin with he will approve. The Senate has politics as usual continue as officials from the Texas Depart- been on record since the beginning before. The message I heard from ment of Agriculture. We met with of the session that they would defy. Texans during the last year-andabout 100 farmers from Jones and the Governor and fund needed a-half is that government leaders

like the recent Save Our Schools specific elements of legislative boards and commissions are not Rally in Sweetwater, provided a spending proposals which oppose above scrutiny. They know there valuable opportunity to meet with the Clements bottom line. A is an unacceptable amount of constituents and develop a better confrontation between the Legis- waste and fat, inefficient pro-

took the first step. I reluctantly the tough problems facing Texas. The Senate, after months of With the House and Senate now agreed to support an extension of committee hearings, finally pass- more firmly on record against his the temporary tax increases ed a comprehensive package of unrealistic budget numbers, the approved by the Legislature last tions will say of us that we met the

I did this with little enthusiasm.

But I endorsed the extension because I expected that, by going half-way, the legislature would meet me half-way by restraining

I was mistaken. I did not get cooperation. The response of too many, especially in the Senate. was, "Bill, you've only gone half-way. Go whole-hog and support a \$5.8 billion tax bill.'

The House is acting in a responsible manner, but the Senate is not receptive to restraining state spending.

The time has come for us to face

My message is: don't wait until the last minute of the legislative session to decide where to restrain

Don't make hasty decisions that will be impossible to repent in

Legislative committees in both houses should be exploring speci-

The best thing we can do for those out of work...for those in need...for our schools...is to get our Texas economy moving again so we can create jobs and have the increased revenues from a growing economy

Texans elected me because they trusted me to balance the budget and exercise fiscal responsibility.

Texans feel it is time for state government to draw the line. Those who want to restrain the growth of state spending in order

to get our economy moving and create jobs are on my side. The big spenders are on the other side. They want more state

government and higher taxes. During days left in this legislative session, you will see whose

side your legislators are on. I hope you'll stand with me. If you do, we can give our Texas workers and small businesses time to catch their breath, to get back on their feet, to restart the of Texas Agricultural programs Governor's position is weakening, essential services, even if they great engine that is our Texas economy

Imagine what we can accomplish if we say "no" to a \$5.8 billion tax bill and "yes" to restraining spending.

We will turn our economy around and create jobs.

We will put our fiscal house in To solve the budget problem, I order and meet head on some of

right for Texas. Future generachallenge and paved the way for a brighter, more prosperous Texas.

Recent cemetery donors

The following are recent donations to the Merkel Cemetery Association.

Clements to back off somewhat.

There are now indications that

Gov. Glements may accept a

calling for a costly special session.

G. P. Arnwine, Mildred Rister in memory of Clara L. Baccus, Mr. & Mrs. Waymon Adcock in memory of Leo Mashburn and Lola Parry, Nora M. Hendrix, Robin Richey, Mr. & Mrs. Allen L. Cade Jr., Mrs. W. B. Toombs in memory of Lillian Armstrong, Mr. & Mrs. B.M. Euckert in memory of Lillian Armstrong, Nina Orsborn in memory of Clara Patton

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McAninch in memory of Barbara Coats and Bernard Clark, Mrs. Alleen Richardson, Mr. & Mrs. C. E. Farmer, Mae Collins, Mrs.

a diverese group of legislators.

Rev. Jesse Jackson also ad-

ly and was a surprisingly strong

supporter of family fam policies.

The following donations were received in memory of Verdie Patterson: Mrs. Ray Orsborn, Mrs. W. B. Toombs, Mrs. B. M. Euckert, Pauline Butman and Ida Mae McLean, Griff & Mildred

Jr. High) in memory of Liz Eager, Alma Dye in memory of Claude DYe, Mr. & Mrs. C. E. Farmer and the J. R. Hester Estate.

Fortnightly group meets

April 28th in the home of Ida Matt Dearing, Adreane Holloway, Seymore with Jeanette Pursley Jeffrey Jacobs, Leslie Jacobs, and Alice King co-hostesses.

committee reports were made. Casady, Steven Dietz, Tiffany Edna Hill gave the Federation Hill, Justin Riggan and Christi Counselor's report on the Origin of Rsiter Texas place names taken from the Alice King, president, reminded Texas Club Woman.

program "School Bells are Ring- Wilson's home. ing". Groups of students from grade class presented the pro- Ferguson, Mildred Hamm, Ruby songs Mr. Utley composed. Stu- Sandusky, Ida Seymore, Anna from Mrs. Pursley's group were Maurine White and Lucille Wilson.

The Fortnightly Study Club met Sarah Boggs, Taras Beasley, Cody Minze and from Mrs. During the business meeting, Seymore's Lisa Biera, Rikki

Members enjoying the program Jeanette Pursley's 2nd grade were Grace Lee Brown, Mary class and Ida Seymore's fourth Collins, Bess Dixon, Anna Lou gram. Bob Utley, counselor, ac- Hammond, Lucy Haynes, Edna companied the students as they Hill, Madelon Horton, Joyce Jay, sang Early American folk songs Alice King, Aileen Knight, Evelyn and performed skits, as well as Martin, Jeanette Pursley, Alwyne dents presenting the program Belle Shouse, Clara B. Walla,

Final MISD lunch menu

menu for the remainder of the

May 18: Chicken fried steak, whipped potatoes, green beans, cherry cobbler.

sauce, pinto beans, shredded cobbler. lettuce, chopped tomatoes, taco shells, peaches with whipped

topping. May 20: Salmon patties, pork & beans, frozen buttered mixed veg- cheese, fried okra, mixed vege- House and Senate call for more etables, corn bread, honey, fresh tables, brownies.

orange wedges. lettuce wedges, choice of dressing.

everyone of the last meeting of the Ruby Hammond introduced the year set for Saturday at Lucille

The following is the MISD lunch apple cheese crisp. May 22: Hamburgers, fries and all the trimmings, Hamburger buns, peanut butter cookies.

May 25th: Salisbury steak with brown gravy, cream potatoes, retrace the committee's steps to May 19: Beef tacos with taco english peas, hot rolls, peach

May 28: Cooks choice, pinto said he will accept. May 21: Burritos, buttered corn, beans, vegetable salad, hot rolls, fig bars.

Also, Ana Nell Boyd, Mr. & Mrs. Clyde Irvin, Jessie Newberry,

Eliza Laney, Kathryn Schultz, Mrs. Fred Neyland (N. Carrollton

Governor Clements continues Legislature that Texans want to put the knife to basic state services. The governor has pledged to take his message to the people of Texas, and he claims that the people are telling him that they want no new taxes under any circumstances. While Texas has well over 10 million citizens who depend on state services, Governor Clements has met with carefully selected gatherings of 75-125 people at his few stops. Far from meeting with the general public, he is talking to guests invited by local Republican lead-

Educators across the state are growing more solid in their opposition to the Governor's devestating cuts in education funding. While the governor was lecturing to 125 loyalists about his version of education funding in College Station recently, officials of Texas A & M and Bryan area school districts were announcing the drastic impacts his budget cuts would have on their schools.

ers and chambers of commerce. If

I always met only with my best

friends, I could probably get

through life without any opposi-

The whole House began consideration of the controversial appropriations bill this week. The spending bill is the result of two challenging attempts by the House Appropriations Committee to

work out adequate funding for state services. The House debate will be long and difficult, as we cut all excesses from the budget. This bill is the target of the May 26: Hamubrgers, fries and governor's veto threats, because all the trimmings, walk to school the spending it calls for must be paid with state revenues. Com-May 27: hot dogs with chili & mittee proposals from both the spending than Gov. Clements has

The House has passed a new law

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