# The Merkel Mail

Thursday, May 5, 1988 . . . Merkel, Texas

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### Jowers, **Pursley** qualify for state track

The Merkel Badgers boys and girls track team had disappointing showings at the regional track meet held Friday and Saturday at Ratliff Stadium in Odessa.

However, for the first time in ten years, the boys will be represented by two in the state track meet in Austin as junior Kenneth Jowers won the 800 and senior Brit Pursley placed second in the 110 high hur-

The meet was held with a constant wind of 25 mph with gusts hitting 40 mph in Odessa Friday. The wind didn't get any lighter Saturday.

In the field events, where the Badgers were expected to make a run for the regional championship, the Badgers were held to a fourth place finish by Shayne Newberry in the discus. Newberry had his best toss of the year as he had a toss of 165 feet but finished fourth, two feet behind the winning toss.

Newberry also qualified for the finals in the long jump but did not get off a good jump without scratching in that competition.

It wasn't any better for Pursley, the defending state champ in the pole vault and last year's runner-up in the high jump.

Pursley no-heighted in the pole vault and did not clear 6'6" in the

He did manage to make it into the finals in the 110's, where he placed second sending him to the state meet. Newberry also qualified for Saturday's final in the 330 Intermediate hurdles but a fifth place finish ended his chances for a trip to the

Kenneth Jowers won his qualifying heat in the 800 and then ran his best nal to earn his first trip to the State track meet. Jowers ran a 1:58

in the finals. In the girls competition, Michele

Dudley qualified for the finals but placed 6th in the 800. Carolyn Lally, the Lady Badgers high-jumper, had an off day and did

not manage to clear 5'2". The state meet will be held May 13th and 14th at memorial Stadium in

### Trent FBC sets

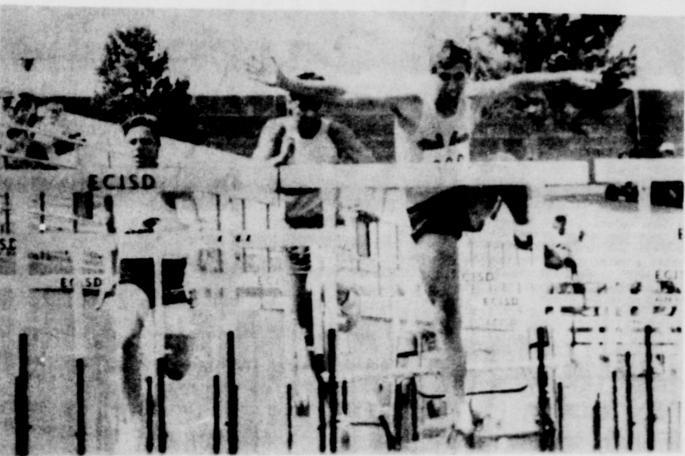
revival May 15-22

The First Baptist Church in Trent will be holding a revival May 15-22 as Tom Walton will welcome evangelist Tommy J. Culwell and music director Dan R. Briggs.

Mr. Culwell is pastor of the Balmont Baptist Church in Abilene and is a graduate of HSU. He has been active in pastoring, preaching, youth work, interim work, church public relations work, student recruitment and has served as a youth camp pastor.

Mr. Briggs has a degree in music education from Southwestern Oklahoma State University.

Special events will follow the evening services, which start each night



Merkel's Brit Pursley hits a hurdle but hangs on to run a 14.2 and win his heat sitions on the Trent City Council. in the Regional track meet Friday in Odessa. Pursley qualified for the state meet in that event. Pursley has turned in the best time in the state in that event this year. (Staff photo)

### Trent hires Donahue as new principal

Ed Donahue, head basketball coach been hired to replace Arnold Evans as the new principal for TISD.

Donahue joined TISD last year and is a 1970 graduate of Corsicana High School and attended West Texas State before receiving his degree from North texas State in 1980. He will begin work on his master's thesis this summer at East Texas State in Commerce.

Ed has five years experienceas a magnatometer operator for a national company in Dallas, two years as a police officer and has spent seven years in the education field.

"I think the school is in good hands and is very stabe. I am looking forward to the job," said Donahue. "I like small schools, they allow kids to participate in a wider range of activities which will make them a more well rounded kid when they graduate. Donahue continued by telling THE MAIL "If it isn't broken, don't fix it, we have excellent teachers, good kids and I am looking forward to continuing that

Ed is married to Margie Donahue and has two sons, Tye (3) and Jed (4). by W. E. Dulaney

Merkel's Kenneth Jowers leads the pack in the 800 preliminary at the regional track meet. Jowers won that event and will be compting in the state track meet May 13 & 14 in Austin. (Staff photo)

### City-school elections set for Saturday Local city and school elections will be held Saturday as local vo-Merkel School Board Both races for MISD are contested.

ters have from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. to mark their ballots.

In Place One candidates are incument Lee Yaddow and Ronny Doan. In Place Two, candidates are incumbent Bill Sloan and Connie Ybarra. MISD voters will cast their ballots at the Merkel High Gym or at the Tye Elementary School Cafeteria. City of Merkel

The city race is contested this year as four men are seeking three

spots available on the council. incumbents Ted Smith, James Mc-Kee and Phillip Doan are seeking re-election and Rodney McClintock

City of Trent Four people are seeking two po-

is also seeking a spot on the city

re-election, as are R. T. Bishop, John Dunn and Randy Hunt. Voting in that election will take place at the Trent City Hall.

Trent School Board Both incumbents are seeking reelection. They are Jerry Williams and Mac Sipe. They are being challenged by Gary Beam. Voting in that election will also take place at Trent's City Hall.

City of Tye Tye mayor Violet E. Law is running

Candidates for councilman Place 2 are the incumbent David K. Perry and challengers Boots Childers, Leota Griffin and Larry Storie. Incumbent Place 4 councilman James

Deen is unopposed. Voting in the city election will take place at the Tye Elementary School cafeteria.

### Merkel needs volunteers

The Merkel Emergency Medical Association is looking for new volunteers at 6 p.m. who want to be a part of one of the best ambulance services in Texas.

They will be holding an informational meeting Sunday at 5 p.m. at their building on Lamar Street.

The ambulance service will be sponsoring an Emergency Medical Technic-

ian Course that will begin May 10th

The association pays for all training for students and uniforms. Students are asked to pay for their own student malpratice insurance and theyw ill be reimbursed when they join the association.

Association president Vernon Wade told THE MAIL "We really need your

### Bingo rebates increase

The City of Merkel's Bingo tax rebates are up 20.7 percent according to a news release from the State

Comptroller's Office. Merkel recently received a check for \$5,007.27 for first quarter Bingo tax rebates on legally held games here. The city has been saving that money for the construction of

a new City Hall. So far this year, Merkel has collected \$10,970.66 in Bingo tax repercent ahead of those last year. So far this year, Tye has received \$13,205.20 including a check for \$7,100.86 recently.

The State sent checks totaling \$1.8 million to 98 cities and 63 counties who have legal Bingo games in the state.

As of last week, 1,650 non-profit organizations were licensed to hold charity Bingo games in Texas.

### SUN water annual meeting

The annual meeting of the SUN Water Supply Corporation is set for 7:30 p.m. May 10 at the Taylor Electric Coop meeting room. Richard Gist, president of the Texas Rural Water Association will be the featured speaker for the event. Richard is very knowledgable concerning the rural water situation and he is both entertaining and an interesting hum-

chael) will furnish musical entertainment. Door prizes will be awarded and three new directors will be elected. Candidates for the board are Dink Hall (Mt. View Estates), Benny Hobbs (Stith), Virgil Jones (FM 126), Jeanette Pursley (FM 126), Ab Hunter (Compere) and Dick Griffith (Trent, Noodle, Sylvester) area.

All members are urged to attend, The McCoys (Burl, Amy, Jan and Mi- vote and join in on the fellowship.

### City Hall, type, vote . . . more

by Cloy A. Richards

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It's one of the most unofficial, official rumors going around and that's the location of Markel's new

City Hall. And really, the whole matter is up in the air right now but it sure has a lot of folks talking.

The congregation of the Markal Church of Christ learned Sunday about an idea that would find the church donating its former sanctuary building to the city for use as a new City Hall. It's a very kind and generous idea on the part of that congrega-

Now, the city council has not had a chance to discuss the idea in that they have not met since they were approached by the church's leaders last week. They have a meeting set for Monday night at 7 p.m. and I am sure

the proposal will be discussed then. The reason I opened with official, unofficial rumor is this. No formal offering has been made to the council in open session and no decision has been made by the council.

Lots of folks have given me their opinion on the matter. Its a pretty hot topic around.

We will let you know next what what council decides next week.

Hopefully, this will be the last issue that you will have to put up

with small type.
We are getting help in the form of a loaned computer from my father and "expertise" on its operation from my brother and we plan to publish next week's paper using that new system. We do appreciate your patience with

us since the old system cratered a couple of months ago. Believe me, I am ready for something besides this

Local elections are Saturday and frankly, they are as low key as I can

I hope that doesn't show up as com-There are choices in each election in Merkel, Trent and Tye, with the exception of a council spot in Tye

and the mayor's post in Tye. Loyal readers of THE MAIL know what is coming next... we really don't care who you vote for as long

The Markel Badger boys track team didn't perform as well as expected at the regional meet in Odessa but I didn't hear any excuses being offered needing to raise funds for any reason and that says a lot especially about Shayne Newberry and Brit Pursley. Shavne and Brit went into the meet favored to win a couple of events

each and it didn't work out that way. Newberry didn't qualify for the state meet and Pursley isn't going in the two events he was first and second in last year. That's heartbreaking for those two and they earned the school a lot of good publicity in the Abilene Reporter News this

As disappointing as that turn of events may be, it's the first time since I have been here that two people qualified for the state track meet as Pursley will be in the 110 high hurdles and Kenneth Jowers will compete in the 800.

Trent's Luci Masonheimer will be going to state in two events and they don't have a thing to do with each

Luci qualified for the state UIL spelling competition for the third year in a row. That competiton will be held this weekend.

She will also being playing in lacency on the part of local voters. the girls singles in the state tennis tournament. That competiton will start May 13th in Austin. While we are talking about Luci,

she called last week and told my answering machine that she was not in the Miss Merkel pageant, as we had reported. If you are wondering what happened to pictures from that event, we have

If your group or organization is your best bet of the year is coming up pretty soon.

not seen them.

The Merkel Chamber of Commerc'e Annual Fun Day will be held July 4th at South Park and chamber manager Marilyn Tittle is already taking reservations for food, game and drink As you know, the Chamber has always

maintained an exclusive policy on all booths so you best giver Marilyn a call at 928-5722 pretty darn quick. Speaking of Fun Day, Ray Pack and his band will be playing from 3 until 7 p.m. for you country-western fans and the Chamber has signed a band that features music from the 60s & 70s from 8 until midnight.

They ought to get your boots



#### Masonheimer to state in spelling, tennis

Luci Masonheimer, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. James Masonheimer of Trent, will compete in the UIL State Literary meet May 7th in Austin in the spelling competition. She was first in the regional meet.

This is Luci's third year to go to the state meet in spelling and she had to study a list of 7,500 spelling words. Her coach is Melissa How-

She will also compete in the tennis singles at the State Meet May 13. She placed 2nd in the regional meet and is coached by Robbie Shug-

### Senior Citizen voting begins

the second Texas Silver Haired Legislature. Now through Friday, May 20th, individuals may vote in their community center for senior citizens or by mail. Voting is open to all perons who are 60 years or older, a registered voter, and who reside in the district in which they are vo-

Voters are asked to contact their local Senior Citizens Center for the specific dates and times when absentee voting will be conducted. If you are homebound and are unable to go to a voting site you may receive a ballot by mail. Contact Jimmy Walls, Area Agency on Aging, West Central Texas Council of Governments, P. O. Box 3195, Abilene, Texas 79604 or call 672-8544.

The statewide election day is May 24th in senior citizens centers throughout the region. Again, each center should be contacted for the specific times their polls will

Delegates to the Silver Haired Legislature will be elected through the 28 Area Agencies on Aging in Texas. The West Central Texas Council of Governments covers a 19 county region. This region will be sending four delegates to the Silver Haired Legislature when it convenes in September. There will be one legislator from each of the three regions and one candidate elected 'at-large'.

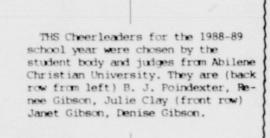
The Silver Haired Legislature was authorized by the 69th texas Legislature. The Silver Haired Legislature is an elected, non-partisan body of citizens 60 years of age or older elected by people 60 years of age or older. When they convene in September, they will discuss and debate issues concerning senior citizens. Resolutions will be developed and prioritized with hopes that the Texas Legislature will consider them when it convenes next January.

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### 1988-89 student council

These Merkel High students will be on the student council next year. They are (back row from left) Steve Leverich, Scott Graham (middle row) Pam Neff, Diem Tran, Angela Carson, Phuong Thao Tran, Jana Daniels, Sheri Miles, Laurinda Powell, Laura Baker, Jayma Goldsmith, Christi Moore, Susie Brandon (front row) Kim Richards-reporter, Michele Dudley-Secretary, Dianna Brown-vice-president, Amber Whisenhunt-business manager and Teresa Lucas-president. (Staff photo)

### RE-ELECT **RE-ELECT** LEE YADDOW PLACE 1 MISD

In the past three years I have tried to represent each one of you in establishing a first rate school system. I have constantly voted for stronger academics and for more extra-curricular activities. I have also tried to spend your tax money wisely and prudently. In order to keep up with the increasing enrollments, MISD has built the following facilities since I have been on your board:

TYE - Four new classrooms with teacher workroom and restrooms and music room

MERKEL HIGH - New eight room annex - new gym floor - new auditorium drapes - new parking lots - new Ag barn and show

MIDDLE SCHOOL - New two room reading lab with media center.

MERKEL ELEMENTARY - Six new classrooms - new gym - and new library.

FOOTBALL FIELD - New athletic director's office and storage -, new concession stands and restrooms

All of this has been accomplished without a "bond election" and decreasing your school tax by two cents last year.

I would appreciate your vote. Together we can continue to furnish the quality education our community deserves.

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#### Newsbriefs

#### Beddingfield's medal

Private 1st Class Keith A Beddingfield, son of Billy F. Beddingfield of Merkel, has been decorated with the Army Achievement Medal in West Germany.

The Achievement Medal is awarded to soldiers for meritorious service, acts of courage or other accomplis-

Beddingfield is an infantryman with the 8th Infantry and is a 1983 graduate of Merkel High.

#### Softball tournament

tion will be holding a Fun Tournament Friday, May 13th.

Anyone high school age or older may enter. This will be a co-ed tournament and teams will be drawn from a hat that night. Entry fee is \$5 per person.

Plans are also being made for a men & women's tournament to be held at a later date.

#### TISD news

The TISD board has filled two positions and received three resignations for the 1988-89 school year. With the resignation of principal Arnold Evans, head basketball coach Ed Donahue has been promoted to

that position (see related story). The new kindergarten teacher is Carla Sandusky. She comes to Trent from Bronte High School.

Kelly Derman, english and spanish and director of the award winning one act plays has resigned to take a similar post at Roscoe.

Carol Studebaker, second grade teacher at Trent has resigned and accepted a position at a Christian school in Shipiro, Japan. With the resignation, Linda Bradford will

move up to the second grade position form her kindergarten post.

At press time, Trent was looking to fill the english/spanish/ one act play position and the position of head basketball coach/ assistant football such and a jun! hie science position. by W. E. Dulaney

#### Riding Club

The Merkel Riding Club has planned a trail ride for May 7th. Riders will leave the club's arena at 10:00

Everyone should bring a sack lunch and they will have a meeting May The Merkel Girls Softball Associa- 12th at the arena, That meeting will start at 7 p.m. and all members are being urged to attend. Final plans will be made for the upcoming Mule Show that is being planned for May 14th. Anyone interested in participating in the Riding Club is invited to pay their annual dues and become a member.

#### **HSB** reception

To show their gratitude for the many hours of hard work put in by the ladies at Home State Bank, the town of Trent will host a reception in their honor May 7th at 7:30 p.m. at the Trent School, Contributions can be made to help with expenses and can be made to the Trent Gin or by calling 862-6136 or 862-6359.

#### Compere news

The Compere Home Demonstration Club met April 29 at Pug & Leo's Restaurant here.

President Bertha Hunter presided. The group went to Evorie Dillard's home for a business meeting. The club discussed the National Homemakers Week activities at the Women's Building in Anson, Details on those activities are available

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will see their next action May 13th by calling Amie Price at 862-6306. & 14th in the Sweetwater AJRA rodeo Their next me ting will be May in the Nolan County Coliseum. 12th at Mrs. Frank Carter's. by W. E. Dulaney Deserts were served to Bertha

Hunter, Dolores Adair, Annie Tay-TSTI honors

Trent tennis

The Merkel area students were

President's Honor Roll. They are

Cooper High School in Abilene was

tournament held April 27th and 28th.

qualified for the state tournament

in Austin advancing to the finals

before losing to defending state

champ Stacy Shanks of Baird 1-6.

vanced to the final with a 6-0,

0-6. Masonheimer, who's first match

will be May 13th at 8:30 a.m., ad-

6-2 whipping of Kari McGluclim of

Chillicothe , a 6-1, 6-2 thumping

6-1 slapping of Stacy Cheek of Knox

In boys singles, freshman Jamie

Masonheimer advanced to the second

Baird's Jim morrison before losing

to # 1 seed and eventual regional

round with a 6-2, 6-3 putdown of

of Ann Silba of Baird and a 6-0,

In girls action, Luci Masonheimer

the site of the Region II tennis

Deana Covey and Jenny Wilde.

named to the Dean of Instruction's

#### evorie Dillard. Trent track

Honor Roll for the Winter Quarter Trent's pair of shot putters, at TSTI-Sweetwater. Scott O'Kelly and Tammy Collier trav-They are Danny Beasley, Shelley eled to McMurry College in Abilene Bradshaw and Alvin Caulder, Jr. for the Region II track meet April Two students were named to the

or, Amie Price, Ailene Terry by

29th and 30th. O'Kelly, who had the 10th best throw in the Big Country this year with a 49'2", never could get untracked and failed to make the finals with a toss of 43.5".

Collier, who uncorked her best throw of her career last weekend in Munday, heaved the iron ball 34'2" for a seventh place finish. by W. E. Dulaney

#### Trent rodeors

D. J. and Kaci Bland were big winners in the Snyder Jr. Rodeo at the Scurry County Coliseum held recently.

Kaci, age 6, placed 3rd in 8 & under flags, 4th in 8 & under poles and 5th in 8 & under barrels while brother D. J., age 8, placed 1st in 8 & under poles and flags and 3rd in the barrels.

They are the children of Mr. & Mrs. Rex Bland of Trent and they

champ Chris Womack of Lawn. Mike Garcia and Todd Gruben of Rotan, a Trent district rival, advanced to the semi-finals in doubles before eventually finishing fourth. by W. E. Dulaney

#### Trent golf

The Trent Golf team traveled to Maxwell municipal golf course in Abilene April 26th and 27th for the region IIA Golf Tournament. The tournament decided the indi-

the state tournament in Austin. It was dominated by Baird with a two day total of 639 while Robert Lee also qualified for Austin with a 647 second place finish. Trent finished 11th with a two day total of 780. The 'Rillas were led by Mike Payne's two day total of 182, along with Dock Carriker's 186. Lee Hunt 204, Chris Jones 207 and Lewis Knapp had a 227. Trent's district rival Jayton finished 10th with 774 total. by W. E. Dulaney vidual and team representatives for

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#### **VOTE BILL SLOAN**

#### Comptroller of the Currency Administrator of National Banks

#### REPORT OF CONDITION

Consolidating domestic and foreign subsidiaries of the

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#### Statement of Resources and Liabilities

Cash and balances due from depository institutions:	Thousands of dollars
Noninterest-bearing balances and currency and coin	1,392
Interest-bearing balances.	800
Securities	12,227
Federal funds sold	2.050
Securities purchased under agreements to resell	-0-
Loans and lease financing receivables:	
Loans and leases, net of unearned income	771
LESS: Allowance for loan and lease losses	145
LESS: Allocated transfer rick reserve	-0-
Loans and leases, net of unearned income, allowance, and reserve	12,626
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Premises and fixed assets (including capitalized leases)	
Other real estate owned	255
Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries and associated companies	-0-
Customers' liability to this bank on acceptances outstanding	-0-
Intangible assets	=0-
Other assets	753
Total assets	
Losses deferred pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823(j)	-0-
Total assets and losses deferred pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823(j)	30,408

Losses deferred pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823(j)	
Total assets and losses deferred pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823(j)	
Deposits:	
In domestic offices	27.771
Noninterest-bearing	
Interest-bearing. 20.161	
Federal funds purchased	-0-
Securities sold under agreements to repurchase	-0-
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Other borrowed money	THE RESIDENCE ASSESSMENT OF THE PARTY OF THE
Aortgage indebtedness and obligations under capitalized leases	-0-
Bank's liability on acceptances executed and outstanding	
Notes and debentures subordinated to deposits	
Other liabilities	391
Total liabilities	
Limited-life preferred stock	-0-
Perpetual preferred stock	-0-
Common stock	37.5
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Individed profits and capital reserves	
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Total equity capital and losses deferred pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823(j)	2.167

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of the above-named bank do hereby declare that this Repor

### Glover-Perkins set wedding

Elizabeth Ann Glover of Littlefield and John Emmett Perkins, also of Littlefield, have announced their and is employed as a cashier at Wal

wedding plans. They will be married June 11 at the Duggan Avenue Church of Christ

in Littlefield. Elizabeth is the daughter of Mr & Mrs. Bertrum Golver of Littlefield and is a 198: graduate of Little-

from South Plains College witha degree in marketing and management Mart in littlefield.

John is the son of Dorothy Doan of Merkel and the late Borden E. Perkins. He is a 1982 graduate of Trent High School and a 1986 graduate from Texas A&M University. He is employed by the Farmers Home Administration



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at New Testament Church on 5th 6

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TFC

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Six family garage sale Friday & Saturday May 6th and 7th from 8 a.m. until ? Items for men, wo-

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### Classifieds

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Car port sale: 605 Rose Street Priday and Saturday 8 a.m. until ? New and used tires, dishes, pots and pans, womens and mens clothes, pot plants.

18-1tp Carport sale: Friday only 407 Ash Street.

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friends and neighbors and loved ones for the kindness and concern shown us during the illness and death of our wife, mother and grandmother. Your prayers, visits, phone calls,

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THE STATE OF TEXAS County of Taylor NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That by virtue of a certain Writ of Execution issued out of the Honorable 42rd District Court of Taylor County, Texas, of the 16th day of Garage sale: 907 Oak Thursday and March, 1988, by Writ of Execution Taylor County, Texas for the sum of Two Thousand Forty Five & Brock Operating, Inc. in a certain cause in said Court, No. 40-442-A and styled Brock Operating, Inc. vs. Robert Maurer, placed in my hands for service, I John. W. Middleton, as Sheriff of Taylor County, Texas, did on the 17th day of March, 1988, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Taylor County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: All Undivided Working Interest of Robert Maurer being 4.5% 158 acres out of the east side of the A. L. Vail Survey #427, Abstract 414, Taylor County, Texas, in so far as it covers the poration unit for the Ja-

cobs 1-A well, being located 330 feet from S. Line of said A. L. Vail #427, and levied upon as the property of Robert Maurer and that on the first Tuesday in June, 1988, the same being the 7th day of said month at the Court House door of Taylor County, in the City of Abilene, Texas, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. by virtue of said levy and said

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said above described Real Estate at public vendue, for each, to the highest bidder, as the property

of said Robert Maurer SALE WILL BE HELD AT 10:00 a.m. SALE WILL BE FOR CASH OR A CAHSTERS CHECK ISSUED FROM A TAY-LOR COUNTY BANK ONLY.

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

unty Texas. Witness my hand, this the 18th day of April, 1988.

John W. Middleton Sheriff, Taylor County, Texas By: Eddie W. Swanson, Deputy ----1/-3tc--

Plaintiff's Attorney Charles E. Myers, Attorney 1150 Estates Drive, Suite D Abilene, Texas 79602 CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS Respondent:

TO: JOHN WILLIS, ADDRESS UNKNOWN, GREETINGS: YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable 326th District Court, Taylor County, The City of Merkel, Texas will Texas, at the Courthouse of said Co- hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. unty in Abilene, Texas, at or before May 9, 1988 in the Council Cham-10 o'clock a.m. of the Monday next bers. after the expiration of 20 days from Purpose of said Public Hearing athe date of service of this cita- is for citizens to comment on the tion, then and there to answer the petition of CHRISTIAN HOMES OF ABI-LENE, INC, Petitioner, filed in said are encouraged to attend. Court on the 27th day of April, 1988, against JOHN WILLIS, ADDRESS UNKNOWN, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 875-CX on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Interest of BABY GIRL SMOOT, a Child", the nature of which suit is a request THAT THE COURT DETERMINE WHAT PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIP EX-ISTS BETWEEN THE CHILD AND ANY OTHER Said child was born the 14th day

of April, 1988.

The court has the authority to enter any judgement or decree in the child's interest which will be binding upon you, including the termination of the parent-child relation-

servator with authority to consent

to the child's adoption. The officer executing this writ shall promplty serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court at Abilene, Texas, this the 29th day of

April, 1988. Rilla Mahoney District Clerk 326th District Court Taylor County, Texas by Patricia Henderson, Deputy

Clerk's Name and Address Rilla Mahoney Clerk District Court Taylor County Courthouse

Abilene, Texas 79602 NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of twenty days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgement may be taken against you." 18-1tc

PUBLIC NOTICE

City's 1988-89 Fiscal Year Budget. Any and all interested citizens

Kent Satterwhite Mayor 18-1tc

The annual report of the Barber Foundation is availabe at the address noted below: for inspection during regular business hours by any citizen who requests within 180 days after publication of this notice. of its availability.

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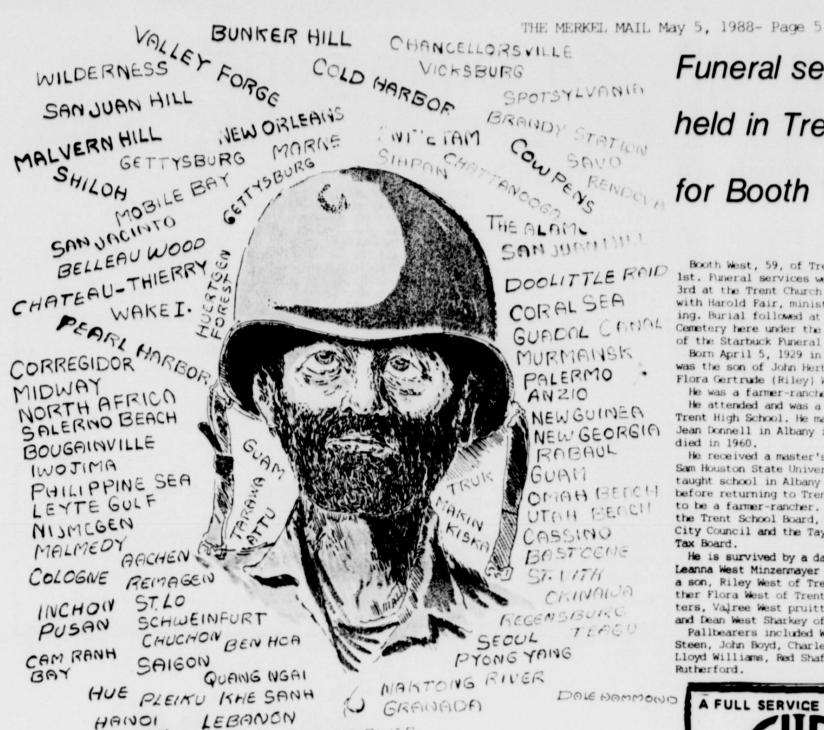
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AMERICAN MEN AND WOMEN HAVE BEEN VOTING WITH THEIR LIVES FOR OVER TWO HUNDRED YEARS. WE AT THE MERKEL MAIL ARE NOT TELLING YOU WHO TO VOTE FOR, WE ARE SIMPLY ASKING OUR READERS TO TAKE THE TIME TO VOTE THIS SATURDAY.

RAPIDO RIVER

### Writer wants standards set for state meet

Looking at the regional results for both Merkel and Trent this weekend, it brings to mind an argument that has been raging for the last few years. Is there any doubt that Brit Pursley in the pole vault and jump and Shayne No 330 hurdles deserve to be in the state meet in Austin?

All because of one bad day. This is not fair!

What about Scott O'Kelly in the shot for Trent?

Pursley would probably be the state champ in the pole vault and the high jump while Newberry and O'Kelly would finish high, with a few breaks, but because of the UIL's decision to hold regional meets to decide state qualifiers these young men will be staying at home. Back in 1976, Abilene High had five sub 10 flat 100 yard men! Because of the UIL only one of these young men made the three local athletes that are it to Austin while a 9.3 100 yard man sat at home.

best high school track in the nation and instead of highlighting these athletes, they punish them for having a bad day. Instead of automatically qualifying for the state meet after winning regionals, wh not set a qualifying time in the races and a qualifying heighth or distance in the field events. If those standards are reached during the season you automatically quali fy for the state meet. By that method, you do not punish the athlete for having a bad day or for being injured when the district or regional meet takes place. By reaching those standards these athletes would prove they deserve to be in Austin for the state meet regardless of what happens in a weekend meet held in bad weather or if that athlete

suffers an injury. Pursley, Newberry and O'Kelly are being punished for sub-par regionals but the state of Texas is full

justin for the state meet. Maybe it's time the UIL rethinks its position on state qualifiers. It won' help the three local athletes but maybe in the future, we will have true state champions instead of champions that didn't earn it against the best competition. by W. E. Dulaney

#### Karate winners

Pat McDaniel's Kajukembo Karate team brought back 31 trophies (16 of them were 1st place) from the Jal, N. M. tournament April 23rd. Those winning from Merkel in-

Advanced forms 1st Elijah Whitfield: Intermediate Forms 1st Franci Caldwell; Specialty Blackbelt 3rd Sifu Pat McDaniel.

Kaumite: Advanced 3rd Elijah Whitfield; Beginners 3rd Richard Bryan; team fight 1st Richard Bryan and Shawn Melton; Beginners 3rd Mario Moreno.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Lone Star Gas Company, in accordance with the Gas Utility Regulatory Act, hereby gives notice of the Company's intent to eliminate the Rate Schedule for Public Schools-N and to implement a new schedule of rates for natural gas service to be charged to the residential and commercial customers in the City of Trent, Texas effective May 11, 1988.

The rate schedule is expected to furnish a 6.34 percent increase in the Company's revenues from residential and commercial customers in the City of Trent.

A Statement of Intent has been filed with the City of Trent and is available for inspection at the Company's business office located at 307 Locust St., Sweetwater, Texas

LONE STAR GAS COMPANY

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### Funeral services held in Trent for Booth West

Booth West, 59, of Trent died May 1st. Funeral services were held May 3rd at the Trent Church of Christ with Harold Fair, minister, officiat ing. Burial followed at Rose Hill Cemetery here under the direction of the Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born April 5, 1929 in Trent he was the son of John Herbert West and Flora Gertrude (Riley) West.

He was a farmer-rancher in Trent. He attended and was a graduate of Trent High School. He married Shirley Jean Donnell in Albany in 1960. She died in 1960.

He received a master's degree from Sam Houston State University. He taught school in Albany for 14 years before returning to Trent in 1973 to be a farmer-rancher. He served on the Trent School Board, the Trent City Council and the Taylor County Tax Board.

He is survived by a daughter, Leanna West Minzenmayer of Abilene, a son, Riley West of Trent, his mother Flora West of Trent; two sisters, Valree West pruitt of Abilene and Dean West Sharkey of Seymore. Pallbearers included Weldon

Steen, John Boyd, Charles Adams, Lloyd Williams, Red Shafer and Dale Rutherford.





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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

## Texas ag income up in '87, '88 looks good

creased substantially in 1987 from an agricultural economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, the Texas A&M System.

Anderson says a sharp gain in livestock sales was followed by a moderate rise in crop receipts, ln addition, sizeable government payments and steady farm expenses boosted net income. Anderson adds.

"Estimated cash receipts totaler \$10.6 billion, a marked increase from the previous year. Higher cattle prices pushed cattle sales up hogs, sheep, goats, wool and mohair total, also increased, and dairy product marketings advanced slightly. Poul- ves in 1987 are estimated at \$5.1 try and egg receipts, however, declined, " Anderson noted.

"Cotton sales posted a big increase, with higher prices and record yields. Citrus, vegetables, nur- goat numbers are down slightly. Essery crops and timber receipts improved somewhat, but marketings of oil crops, feed grains and food grains declined, " Anderson adds.

Agricultural income from fishing and aquiculture activities advanced substantially, while income from hunting leases increased slightly. On the other hand, outdoor recreation held steady while income from annually," Anderson says. horses slowed, he adds.

"Texas is expecting to challenge Iowa for second place among states in 1987 cash receipts, behind Calif-vious year. Volume was slightly hiornia. Texas ranks first in sales of ther to about the same leading to cattle and calves, sheep and wool, lower sales of \$598 million. goats and mohair, cotton, spinach, value of farm real estate, number of Wool and mohair receipts totaled farms and ranches, and farm and ranch land, " Anderson says.

"Farm assets in Texas -- including wool sales of \$16 million. land, buildings, livestock, machinery, crop and livestock on hand, and Receipts from wheat and rice harfarm financial assets -- total about vests added about \$353 million to \$64 billion. The state has 160,000 farms averaging 838 acres with a value of land and buildings averaging \$482 per acre, he adds. AGRIBUS INESS

The economic impact of 1987 agribusiness production in Texas is es- million acres, down 25% from the timated in excess of \$33 billion, Anderson notes. Businesses related were \$233 million, woth per acre to agriculture employ more than 20% yeilds of 28 million bushels comof the state's work force. Many bus-pared to 25 million bushels in individuals are involved in providporting, processing and marketing agricultural commodities, he ex-

Agricultural income for Texas in- Major efforts by the Text Agricul- million, a 30% decline. tural Extension Service and the Tex- Corn yield decreased to 107 bush- lion pounds the previous year. Cit-1986 levels, says Dr. Carl Anderson, as Agricultural Experiment Station, els per acre, down from 112 bushels agencies of the Texas A&M System, in 1986. Acreage harvested declined support development of the state's 6% to 1.25 million. Sales of hay, agricultural industry to its great- dats, barley and ensilage increased est potential. Agriculture in Texas slightly. benefits from a relatively warm climate, productive soils, and excellent export and transportation facilities," Anderson says.

MEAT ANIMALS Beef cattle in Texas boost the na- lion, 1 28 percent increase over tion's cattle industry and represent 1986. Yields rose to a record 502 14% of the U. S. cattle herd and 16% pounds from 353 pounds per acre the of all beef cows. Cattle fed in Tex- previos year. sharply. Receipts from marketing of as account for about 23% of the U.S.

> billion -- 48% of the state's agricultural sales. Marketings from hogs Soybean yield averaged 28 bushels totaled \$88 million.

Sheep herds are expanding, while \$92 million and goats \$29 million. DAIRY PRODUCTS

"The Texas dairy industry continues trong. The state's 2,100 dairy operators produced about 1.4 million gallons of milk daily from an in value of commercial vegetable estimated 328,000 cows. Milk produc- crops with aboyt 200,000 acres hartion sales return about \$575 million vested in 1987 for estimated re-POULTRY PRODUCTS

Prices for broilers, eggs and tur- Fruit and nut marketings remain keys in 1987 declined from the pre- strong, with sales of about \$78

MISCELLANEOUS LIVESTOCK an estimated \$59 million. Mohair receipts of \$43 million exceeded FOOD GRAINS

Texas agricultural marketings. Sales of rice approximated \$120 million. Per-acre-yield decreased from 6,250 pounds in 1986 to 5,900 pounds on 7% fewer acres.

Texas wheat farmers harvested 3.6 year before. Estimated cash receipts

Cotton and cottonseed marketings increased to \$1,120 million due to increased acres and higher yields. Acreage harvested totaled 4.4 mil-

oil crops Estimated oil crop sales increased Cash receipts from cattle and cal- slightly to \$137 million. Texas farmers harvested only 150,000 acres of soybeans, a 21% decrease from 1986. per acre, up from 23 busheld in 1986 with marketings at \$18.8 million.

Peanut yields averaged 1,800 timated receipts from sheep totaled pounds per acre, compared with 1,750 pounds the year before on 235,000 acres. Sunflowers and other oil crop receipts totaled \$3.7 million. VEGETABLES

> Texas ranks among the top states ceipts valued at \$388 million. FRUITS AND NUTS

million, up from \$52 million in 1986. The pecan crop rose to 45 million pounds, compared with 40 milrus production is recovering rapidly from the 1983 freeze, but the peach crop was reduced sharply by adverse weather. NURSERY INDUSTRY

Texas' wholesale nursery industry continues to grow with sales of \$444 million. The nursery industry produces only a small amount of plants and turfs sold within the state.

TIMBER minher production in Texas in-

with pine accounting for 80% of the due to increases in fish and aquaharvest, Prices paid to landowners increased gradually because of high national demand for wood products. Pine harvest exceeded growth by 5%, while the hardwood harvest was 65% of growth. Projected cash receipts for timber in 1987 totals \$275 mil-

OTHER RESOURCES Agricultural income from hunting leases, fish production and aqua-

culure, horses and outdoor recreatcreased 4% to 574 million cubic feet ion at \$470 million rose moderately culture operations. Recepits from hunting leases totaled about \$149 million. Horses generated some \$93 million in sales.

Income from outdoor recreation remained steady at \$146 million. The future promises steady growth in gross income from these agriculturally-related activities," Ander-

son predicts.

 Agricultural Cash Receipt Projections for Texas, 1987 Percentage of Total Cash Receipts for Commodity Groups Meat Animals (50%) Related Income (4%) Dairy Products (5%) Poultry and Eggs (6%) Miscellaneous Livestock (1%) Cotton (11%) OH Crops (1%)

## AMMINITION inesses, financial institutions and 1986. ing supplies, credit and services to Feed crop cash receipts amounted farmers and ranchers, and in trans- to \$633 million. Grain sorghum marketings totaled \$242 million, with yield increasing to 3,528 pounds per acre from 3,192 pounds a year ear-\*Texas agriculture remains strong, lier. Harvested acreage totaled 2.65

**May 10th Determines Your Future** 

In this year of elections, the last thing you need is someone else talking to you about politics or your responsibility to other beef producers. It's a busy time of the year, and you've got your mind on your operation, not on going to town.

But, on Tuesday, May 10th, if you don't stop for a few minutes, go to your County Extension Office and vote, you'll miss the referendum that decides the fate of the Beef Checkoff Program.

Just a couple of years ago, our industry was being beaten up, and we were backing up . . . taking it. But we got our backs up and did something. We drew a line in the dust.

We began to fight back. And you know what . . . it's working. Many people are eating beef more often, and the newspaper headlines read that beef is coming back.

Now, we're not telling you how to vote. That's your business. But, on Tuesday, May 10th, the National Beef Checkoff Program is going to continue, or it's going to stop dead in its tracks. It's totally up to you. So take a trip to your County Extension Office and vote. You'll be glad you did.

# Vote May 10th

Beef Checkoff Referendum at your **County Extension Office** 

Don't let someone else determine your future.

#### Memories of mom and the bank

worked there all through my childhood and school years, in fact, she had worked there ever since she gra- years of work and no retirement.My duated from Trent High in 1955. I can remember many afternoons as a child playing undermeath the antique teller's window as mom closed out and balanced the books on days when she had to work a little late. My mother was a friend to all.

Over her years of employment in the small town bank, she became more than just a head teller to the community. The elderly came to trust and depend on her to watch over their accounts and business. She and her dear friend and co-worker, Betty Hammer, have hosted and organ- sometimes where the real value in ized many a forgotten wedding or baby shower, often when noone elese was going to bother. They have labored endless hours lookinf for a "lost check" or "unpaid bill", figuring out a troubled check book and many other services to aid their of the bank. It seemed so unjust to had always remembered their kindness and at Christmas and other spe- ers cried as they said their farecial occasions, showered them with homemade chadies, cakes and other goodies. Many a spring day you would walk into the bank and see a bundle of fresh cut roses or iris from someone's yard that they had brough in for "the girls at the bank" to enjoy.

The giving continued, my mom and her co-workers supported the school posessor of the ability to make and its students devoutly by buying every fund raising project known to man. They wore their football ribbons proudly each week, painted the and I guess this is my tribute to front windows with victory slogans,

sold raffle tickets and on and on. grandbaby, hug an old saint or offer She is honest and giving beyond congratulations to a new bride or groom. She has been late getting home in the evenings to help the choir director copy a new batch of music, run bulleting copies for the church, or type up a new recipe for

a neighbor to mail to a friend.

And when the loan payments stopped Home State Bank in Trent was like coming in on accounts and the strugmy second home as a child. My mother gle began, my mother and her co-work-They sacrificed their retirement, 30 mother has had no other job in her

> She loves the people in Trent with all her heart and she has spent many sleepless nights in worry of the fate of her community and their re the heart of our community and my mother has played a big role in its spirit. The Home State Bank could have been saved for a mere \$400,000 We all know that many larger institutions and corporations have been saved for millions more, I wonder our society lies.

My heart was broken when I went to the F & M Bank in Merkel last week and saw 30 years of professional service to others reduced to a folding table and chair at the back community customers. The townspeople my mother. Many old friendships will be broken, often she and her customwells, some diciding on keeping their accounts in the new bank upon her going or staying. As I watched this happening, my heart swelled with pride, and I began to see what a treasure I had in my mom. She was something more valuable than money. She has something very important and worthwhile to us all. She is the people cared for and loved and more

importantly... people "trust" her. know that Mother's Day is near my mother. There are many unacknow ledged public servants among us, but Many a time my morm has stopped in in my eyes my mother shines out in the middle of something important or the crowd, I have never known a fipressing to cheerfully greet a new ner example of a "Christian Woman". compare. I rest in knowing my inheritance from her will be a rich one, rich with character and the example of service to others. I love you mom! Betty Freeman is a wonderful person and I am so blessed and proud to be your daughter.

### Tribute to mothers and Vickie

To my Mother, Sister & Friends: May this Mother's Day be a joyful have stars in my eyes in May. day in my life. This special basket of flowers was made by "angels" for my Mellow Yellow. I know an "angel" ent a kiss my way, and as a final "Touch of the Master's Hand", as we tied this little bow for your angel. You see, this "angel" was my Mellow Yellow. May we have bright days

what Jesus Christ did for me, I now

Rebecca Freeman Sharp

God Bless You and Always and Forever be with our Mother, Sister &

Love, Jennifer Marie In sweet memories of my friend Vickie. The angels carried her away

### Trent ISD sets kindergarten registration-orientation May 6th

The Trent ISD will hold Kinderarten pre-registration for the 1988-89 school year May 6th. This year, the district will hold an orientation for kindergarten students. Parents are being encouraged to bring their children

to school and leave them from

The kindergarten teacher will have plenty of various activities to keep the kids busy that day. To enroll, a student must be years old on or before Sept. 1st and must bring along a shot record

and birth certificate.

### Pre-registration planned for Tye kindergarten students

Pre-registration for children who of registration and proof of equiwill enter kindergarten at Tye Ele- immunizations. mentary or the four year old pre-kin- To qualify for pre-kindergarten, a dergarten for the 1988-89 school year child must be at least four years

Registration will be held in the kindergarten building on the North side of the school. To attend kindergarten, a child

must be five years old on or before Sept. 1, 1988. The enrollees must bring a birth certificate and proof

will be held at the Tye Elementary old on or before September 1, 1988 school May 12 from 3:15 until 4 p.m. and qualify for free and reduced lunches or be of limited English speaking ability. This program will be housed at the Tye Elementary cam-

If there are any questions, please call 692-3809.

### Tye elementary honor students

The following Tye Elementary students were named to the 5th Six Week Honor Roll. First Grade All A

Bruce Bernstein, Jamie Davis, Branber Vickers, Stephanie Finch, Jessica Petersen. First Grade A-B

Robert Alcanter, Bert Duncan, Jared Fletcher, Trokecha Smith, Sloan Adams, Michael Goodgion, Kristen Smith, Kristin Snowden, Christina Sudbury, Michael Anderson, Larry Buselmeyer, Brandon Taylor, Justin Fielding.

Second Grade All A John Cargille, Shara Day, Maggie Quintanilla, Angela Webb, Christi Molina, Alice Sheffield. Second Grade A-B

Jennifer Mendez, Cynthia Stone, Janis Williamson, Carrie Wilson, Paul Mathias, Colby Sheffield, Brandi Gohlmann, Josh Greer, Billy Joe Jenson, Donna Bouldin, Marijke Hol-Gohlmann, Josh Greer, Billy Joe Jensen, Deanna Knapp, Katrina Noland, Domingo O'Con, Chris Wilder, Carrie Young, Tonya Pettyjohn.

Fortnightly group holds seminar

The Fortnightly Study Club met Ap- trict president Maurine Nichols of ril 26th at Heritage Gall for a pub-Baird was present. We were also lic affairs program with the social camittee hostesses. gy, law enforcement, school, fire Alice King, president, welcomed department and nursing home folks guests and members. Ruby Hammond, present along with others from our

program chairman, introduced the speaker, Tommy C. Reid of Abilene, director of Aged and Disabled Services, Texas Department of Human Resources.

He talked about being aware of the possibilities of elderly abuse which could be willful abuse by others, self-neglect, care taker neglect and exploitation by others. Mr. Reid showed slides demonstrating these areas of neglect. Also, major provisions of the Adult Protective Services Law were stated and explained.

Our Mesquite District TFWC Dis-

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE THE STATE OF TEXAS County of Taylor

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That by virtue of a certain Writ of Exeution issued out of the honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County, of the 28th day of March, 1988, by Writ of Execution of said 42nd District Court of Taylor County, Texas for the sum of Twnety Five Thousand Five Hundred Twnety Six \$ 31/100 Dollars and costs of suit under a Judgement in favor of Gillespie Oil Company in a certain cause in said Court No. 40,088-A and styled Gillespie Oil Company vs. Big Star Drilling, placed in my hands for service, I, John W. Middleton as Sheriff o Taylor County, Texas, did on the 20th day of April, 1988, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Taylor County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: All Undivided Working Interest of the following described property:

1. 1/32 working interest in and to that certain Oil, Gas & Mineral Lease dated April 1, 1982 from Fred E. Allyn and wife, Mary E. Allyn, in favor of Billy Standard as Lessee, said Lease covering the SW 1/4 of Section 7, Block 3 S. P. RR Co. Surveys, Taylor County, Texas, and being recorded in Volume 1240, page 323, of the Deed

Records of Taylor County, Texas. 2. 2.625% working interest in and to certain Oil, Gas & Mineral Leases assigned to Cottonwood Petroleum Company to Big Star Drilling on November 15, 1983, said assignment being recorded in Volume 1326, page 123, of the Deed Records of the Deed Records of Taylor County, Texas, said lease covering 20.02 acres of Section 21, Lunatic Asylum Lands, Taylor

County, Texas. 3. Being all that 6.25% working interest in and to those certain Oil, Gas & Mineral Leases assigned by Raven Royalty Corporation to Big Star Drilling, Inc. by Assignment recorded in Volume 1341, page 651, of the Deed Records of Taylor County, Texas, said leases covering 118.6 acres out of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 23, Lunatic Asylum lands, 315 acres out of the North 1/2 of Section 43, Lunatic Asylum Lands, and 227 acres out of the W. E. Vaughn Survey No. 106, all in Taylor County, Texas, more partucularly described in said Assignment.

4. 3.125% working interest in and to that certain Oil, Gas & Mineral Lease known as the Griffith Lease, which lease covers the South 100 acres of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 42, Blind Asylum Lands, Taylor County, Texas as shown in that certain Assignment from keith Wells to Big Star Drilling Company, recorded in Volume 1407, page 797, of the Deed Records of Taylor County, Texas. and levied upon as the property of Big Star Drilling Company and that on the first Tuesday in June, 1988, the same being the 7th day of said month at the Court House door of Taylor County, in the City of Abilene, Texas, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. by virtue of said levy and said Writ of Execution I will sell said above described Real Estate at public vendue, for each, to the

Third Grade All A

Terra Searcey, Tiffany Snowden, Aaron Cade, Bandi Kilpatrick, Ruthie Scoville. Third Grade A-B

don Law, Jessica Massey, Amanda Cope. Micaela Alcantar, Clayton Celley, land, Anita Prado, Lane Spicer, Am- Wendy Finch, Christopher Harris, Rebecca Killam, Christi Massey, Crissy Wright, Nichole Jacobs, Gary McKillip, Robby Sanchez, Anthony William-

Fourth Grade All A Melissa Clark Fourth Grade A-B Brandy Jordan, Amy Lepard, Tray Sutton, Tim Thorpe,

Fifth Grade All A Jennifer Anderson, Heather Davis, Jill Jennings, Melissa Podrovitz, Jessica Cade, Kellie Edwards, Crystal Gayle.

Fifth Grade A-B Billy Furman, Brad Locke, Arthur mes, Tomas Newman, Larry Sommers, George Votaw, Mandy Workman. Mrs. Wheeler's Room A-B

pleased to have members of the clercommunity. There were 61 people

who registered for the meeting. The Fortnightly Study Club thanks the community for its support.

#### Mulberry Canyon fire group

The Mulberry Canyon volunteer Fire Department will meet Morday at 7 p.m. in the Pioneer Memorial Methodist Church Tabernacle.

All ladies that had recipe forms to turn in are requested to do so at the meeting.

SALE WILL BE FOR CASH OR A CASH-IER'S CKECK ISSUED FROM A TAYLOR COUNTY BANK ONLY.

SALE WILL BE HELD AT 10:15 a.m. And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English Language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceeding said day of slae in The Merkel Mail, a newspaper published in Taylor

Witness my hand, this the 20th day of April, 1988. John W. Middleton Sheriff, Taylor County, Texas

by Eddie Swanson, Jr. Deputy

----17-3tc----CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: PERRY DALE OR THE UNKNOWN WINER OR ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIM-ING ANY INTEREST IN A 1979 TERRY TRAVEL TRAILER VIN#10V49139S9142 Parties in the hereinafter styl-

ed and numbred cause: You (and each of you) are hereby commanded to appear before the 42nd District Court of TAYLOR County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse of said County in the City of ABILENE, TAYLOR County, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday after the expiration of 48 days from the date of the issuance hereof; that is to say, at or before, 10 o' clock A.M. on the 16th day of May, 1988, and answer the petition of plaintiff in Cause Number 40,798-A in which THE STATE OF TEXAS (Plaintiff) VS. 1979 TERRY TRAVEL TRAILER VIN#10V49139S9142 (Dedendant) filed in said Court on the 18th day of Feb. 1988, and the nature of which said suit is as fol-

The State of Texas is seeking a forfeiture of a 1979 TERRY TRAVEL TRAILER VIN#10V49139S9142 bearing TEX license 5VJ518, which vehicle was registered to PERRY DALE of 10925 ELAM RD, BALCH SPRINGS, Texas, and which was seized by officers of TAYLOR County SHERIFF'S OFFICE on the 11th OF FEBRUARY, 1988 in TAYLOR County, Texas, while it was being used in the transportation for delivery of

AMPHETAMINES. All as more fully appear from Petitioner's Original Petition on file in this office, and which reference is here made for all in-

tents and purposes. WITNESS, RILLA MAHONEY DISTRICT CLERK of the District Courts of TAYLOR County, Texas.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court at office in the City of ABILENE. Texas, this the 24th day of MARCH,

Rilla Mahoney, District Clerk Of the District Courts Taylor County, Texas By Patricia Henderson 13-4tc

The annual report of the Dodge Jones Foundation is available for inspection at its principal office during regular business hours by any citizen who requests it within 180 days after publication of this notice. The address of the foundation is 400 Pine Street, Abilene, Texas 79604. The principal man-



These three Merkel High students were reqional qualifiers in the UIL Academic and Literary competitions. They are (from left) Diem Tran, Karyn Tilley, Clara Hererra. (Staff photo)



These Merkel High art students had their work on exhibit at the State School Board's meeting room in Austin recently. These art students of Pat Neff's are (back row from left) Stephen Jacobs, Chance Ferguson, Kevin Riney (front row) Dusti Baldree, Laura Baker, Tammy Molina, Chris Boggs. (Staff photo)

## Church Services Schedule

"And be renewed in the spirit of your mind . . . for we are members one of another."

#### (Ephesians)

First United Methodist Church S. 3rd and Locust Pastor - John Wagoner 928-5333

Sunday - Early Worship 8:30 A.M. Church School 9:45 A.M. Morning Worship 10:50 A.M. Evening Worship 6:00 P.M. Very Important Kids 1st thru 5th Grade Jr. High United Meth. Youth 5:30 P.M.

Sr. High United Meth. Youth 6:15 P.M. Wednesday - Childrens Choir Pre-School thru 2nd Grade 5:30 P.M. Childrens Choir

3rd thru 5th Grade 6:30 P.M.

Grace Presbyterian Church Pastor - Robert Christian South 2nd and Ash

Sunday Sunday School - 10:00 A.M. Morning Worship - 11:00 A.M.

New Testament Fellowship Church

Pastor: Bill Dixon Sunday Services: 10 AM & 6 PM Wednesday Services: 7 PM Nursery Provided

506 Runnels

Calvary Baptist - David Strange, Pastor 928-5120

Sunday - Sunday School - 10:00 A.M. Morning Worship - 11:00 A.M. Childrens Church 11:00 A.M. Childrens Choir Financial Seminar 5:00 P.M. 6:00 P.M. Evening Services

Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:00 P.M.

First Baptist Church S. 3rd and Locust

Ministers: Wayne Keller, Pastor, Johnny Warren, Education Roy Davis, Music Sunday: Sunday School 9:30 AM Morning Worship 10:45 AM Children's Choir 5:30 PM Churuch Training 6:00 PM Sanctuary Choir 6:00 FM

Evening Worship 7:00 PM Wednesday: Prayer Meeting 6:30 PM Acteens, G.A.'s, R.A.'s, Mission Friends 6:30 PM 928-5351 urch Office



Merkel Church of Christ South 7th and Ash 928-5024 Minister - Bob Brandon

Sunday - Bible Class 9:45 A.M. Morning Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening Worship 6:00 P.M. Wednesday - Evening Bible Class 7:30 P.M.

Sunday

First Assembly of God Church 2nd and Runnels Pastor - Richard Sessions 928-5154

Early Worship 9:45 A.M. Morning Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening Worship 6:00 P.M.

Wednesday - Family Night 7:00 P.M.



Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church 1300 Locust Father Frank Zimmermann & Father Lee Zimmermann

Saturday Mass 5:30 PM Sunday Confessions 10:15 AM - 11:00 AM Mass 11:00 AM CCD Classes 9:15 AM Mon-Tues-Thurs-Fri-Sat Mass 7:30 AM Wednesday Mass 7 PM



St. Mark's Episcopal Church 3150 Vogel, Abilene 677-1471 Pastor-Charles Chatham

Sunday Church School 9 A.M. Service 10:30 A.M. Mednesday Service 7:00 P.M.

This Worship Schedule Sponsored by: STARBUCK FURNITURE o mothers WYLIE TRUCK TERMINAL MERKEL DRUG FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH CALVARY BALTIST CHURCH DUBOSE TEXACO





