

# The Merkel Mail

Thursday, March 10, 1983...Merkel, Texas

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## Wilson, Hohhertz win trips to D. C. in Taylor Electric speech contest

Three Merkel High students were honored at Taylor Electric's annual speech contest held here Monday night.

Parker Wilson won the boys speech contest and Brenda Hohhertz won the girls division. Chris Cutler was named the boys runner up. Hohhertz and Wilson will receive an all expense paid trip to Washington DC as a part of the Youth Tour of Government in Action.

Nine boys and girls from Taylor Electric's service area competed for the title and it was the first time in at least five years that both of the

division winners came from Merkel.

Taylor Electric's Tommy Cutler told **The Mail** Monday night "This is our 22nd annual contest and it seems to get better and better each year. Cutler also pointed out that this year, three directors attended the contest, J. D. Sandusky, Buster Horton and Larry Sloan."

Cutler also thanked the teachers that have supported the contest over the years and presented them, and all contestants with a solar-powered pocket calculator.

Brenda Hohhertz and Parker Wilson won their divisions in the Taylor Electric Speech contest Monday night. They will receive an all-expense paid trip to Washington D. C. for their efforts. Both are students at Merkel High. (Staff photo)



## Pee Wee Basketball closes out year,

### F & M presents medals

The Merkel Pee Wee Basketball league finished their season Friday night, and before it was over, 155 children between the third and sixth grade received participation medals, donated by the Farmers and Merchants National Bank.

Virgil Jones and Ted Smith, two of the bank's officers presented the medals.

Pee Wee basketball does not keep league

standings and play for championships according to League President Fred Toombs.

Toombs told the Mail Monday "The association wants to thank all of the coaches, parents and players that helped make the program a success this year, and we have appreciated the support we have received a lot of help from the public this season."

## Trent has no contested local elections

Local elections in Trent will not be too exciting this year as the six incumbents at Trent ISD and the city have all filed for reelection and are running unopposed.

In the school race, incumbents Weldon Beasley, Rosemary Bland, Bruce McGlothlin will run for

their seats and Owen O'Kelly has filed for his unexpired term.

Trent mayor Randy Hunt and council member Jerry Frank Patterson have also filed for reelection and are running unopposed.

Elections are set for April 2.

## Boys win Anson meet, travel to Odessa

The Merkel Boys varsity track team won the Anson track meet Saturday with 111 points with their nearest competitor, Rotan at 87.

Scoring for the Badgers were Jimmy Rogers 2nd, Sammy Tumlinson 4th in the pole vault, Russell Lucas sixth in the high jump, Mike McCoy 1st and Matt Cain 6th in the long jump, Roy Johnson 4th and Greg Arnwine 6th in the shot put, Donnie Brady 4th, Dean Franklin 5th and Todd Hensley 6th in the two mile, James Wright

4th in the mile.

Also scoring were McCoy 1st in the 220, Tumlinson 1st in the 330 Hurdles, Jimmy Rogers 1st, Matt Cain 4th in the 120 hurdles, Lucas third in the 880, the 440 Relay team of Tutt, Lucas, Tumlinson and McCoy was 2nd and the mile relay team of McCoy, Rogers, Tumlinson and Lucas was third.

The boys will travel to Odessa this weekend.

## Artists, trouble, Carriker & the logical legislature, golf, Kenny's leaving...more

by Cloy A. Richards

Merkel will have three young artist in Austin this weekend as their work has been on display in the state capitol as a part of Youth Art Month.

Young Judd Burton, a Merkel first grader has already made one trip under the program, and this year he is being joined by Dean Franklin, a 9th grader and Soroya Suksumek a MHS senior. Merkel ISD art instructor Pat Neff was real proud of her students, as she should be.

Cloy got himself in trouble Friday night. I had told Fred Toombs I would try to make their Pee Wee Basketball awards and I did not show up. The gang and I went to Canyon Lake to see Melanie's parents and I missed the pictures. Fred said I wasn't forgiven but we finally agreed on six strokes the next time we play 18 holes. (he will probably claim I was talking 9 holes but noone gives 'Willie' six shots on nine).

Local Representative Steve Carriker is pushing a bill in Austin, along with 20 other Representatives that would eliminate the ad valorem tax finance public schools through an increase in the state one per cent sales tax.

Mail readers may know this is the kind of legislation MISD officials were hoping would be introduced and passed in the Texas Legislature.

My opinions about that bill have also been expressed in this column but I have a couple of further thoughts on the extra one per cent sales tax. First, it could be a bad habit to teach the Texas Legislature because they would see exactly how much money a one cent tax can raise and they may get to liking the idea a little too much and we will end up with a 6-9 cent sales tax because of whatever money needs the state has at the time. Secondly, I still don't think that Texans want to lose their local control of their schools, as they would lose some control if the state was paying the bill for education.

Lastly, although the state sales tax is the most logical, fair way to finance schools as far as all Texans paying their fair share, ideas full of logic, common sense and startling new approaches to old problems are not known to originate while the Texas Legislature is in session. Besides, the Reps from Austin, Houston, San Antonio and the

Dallas-Ft. Worth area would figure out a way to obtain more money per students for their districts.

You may remember the bill that came up two years ago that would have seen the city sales tax rebated back to cities based on their population, not based on where the money was spent. That bill was easily and soundly defeated and was just as logical and fair.

The Merkel Golf Association will be sponsoring an 18 hole Florida Scramble this Sunday that gets started at 1 p.m. Well, it will probably start around 1:30 but the sign up deadline is 1.

I haven't been too well known for handing out kudos to the MISD school board but one is deserved in the case of outgoing school board president Kenny Hogan.

Hogan has not told me why he decided not to run, not saying that he should, but he is not seeking reelection.

Kenny ran the school board meetings well and he kept the meeting moving. He was always in control of the floor and recognized comments from the audience, when there was one, when they contributed to the discussion before the board.

Noone knows what possesses a person to run and serve on a school board, or any other non-paying elected office, but whatever reasons he had, he served them and us, well.

I guess about the highest compliment a Texas journalist can pay any elected Texas official is appropriate in Hogan's case. He only called for an executive session when it was absolutely necessary, and there were plenty of meetings that he ran that did not require an executive session. That was certainly not the way things were here when I first arrived and the discussion of controversial issues in open session shows courage and a willingness to do things above board and not behind the closed doors of an executive session.

To a journalist, that's better than gold and it certainly makes making sense of the school business a lot easier when details are explained and discussed in public.

## Council tentatively approves 7.5 % raise

The Merkel City Council held a budget workshop Monday night at City Hall and when it was over, Merkel City employees wound up with a 7.5 per cent pay increase.

It was the first budget decision announced this year on the new city budget that will kick in May 1.

City manager J. A. Sadler told **The Mail** "I expect the overall budget will be about the same

## Field set for school-city elections

The field for the Merkel School-City elections has been set for the April 2 vote.

Merkel mayor Kent Satterwhite is running unopposed for his seat and two council members will be elected from Derrell Farmer, James Beasley and Glenn Burton.

At MISD, Otto Brazell and Greg Henderson are seeking the seat being vacated by school board President Kenny Hogan and MISD board vice president Leroy Teaff is seeking his seat unopposed.

Absentee balloting in both races will start March 19 and continue through March 29.

## State honoring 3 MISD art students

Merkel ISD will be sending three young artists to a reception in the Senate Chambers Sunday afternoon and according to MISD art instructor Pat Neff, Lady Bird Johnson will be among the dignitaries in attendance.

Judd Burton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenr Burton, Dean Franklin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Butman and Soroya Suksumek, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael J. Todaro have had their art work honored as three of the 100 students that will be honored from Texas public schools.

This is the second year that MISD has participated in the program and it will be Judd Burton's second trip. The festivities are all a part of Youth Art Month. The art work the three will be recognized for will hang in the state capitol rotunda from March 12-19.

MISD art instructor Pat Neff told **The Mail** that she was extremely proud of the three students and said she hoped Merkel could have more students represented in next year's Youth Art Month.

as last year's. The fourth police officer was not discussed by council during the session, although it may come up at a later date. (Merkel Police Chief Ray Pack requested a fourth police officer at Council's last regular session).

Sadler also said the city has about \$17,900 left in payments on the city street maintainer and council also discussed methods of purchasing a new fire truck, mandated by the state fire insurance board to retain Merkel's key rate.

He indicated that taxes may be adjusted, slightly this year, although the budget work is not that far along at this time. A lot of that will depend on when the city decided to purchase the cab and chassis for the fire truck.

Council will hold a regular session Monday night at City Hall at 7 p.m.

In that meeting, Lone Star Gas has already filed pre-rate hike papers. Sadler said the rate being sought by Lone Star Gas is about 5.7 per cent across the board. **The Mail** will have details on the new rate next week.

Sadler, speaking on utility rates said the city bill for street lights to WTU had gone up \$3,000 in two years by comparing March bills.



Three MISD artists will have their work displayed in the State Capitol this month as a part of Youth Art Month. They are (left to right) Dean Franklin, Judd Burton and Soroya Suksumek. They will be recognized at a Sunday meeting in the State Senate Chambers.





## Reagans chief analyst lists 4 point program to help farm prices

President Reagan's chief economic analyst for agricultural programs said March 1 "the current level of federal spending for agriculture, more than \$18 billion—can't be sustained because it's about equal to income from agriculture."

Dr. Glenn Nelson, who serves on the President's Council of Economic Advisers, said that the overall economic picture for agriculture "just doesn't look good over the short term" during an address to Texas bankers at Texas A & M University. He offered the following policy alternatives.

1. A strong free market orientation. This would be a real "shock treatment" and would mean continuing low farm prices which would put pressure on foreign production.
2. Mandatory controls on agriculture production with current or slight increases in prices. Such controls might serve a purpose for a year or two. While mandatory controls with higher farm prices would be more favorable, they would mean high costs to the government and have a detrimental effect on exports.
3. Massive export subsidies. These would make our agricultural products cheaper to foreign buyers but again would be costly to our government. They would also mean higher food prices in the U. S. than overseas, and could even risk a trade war.
4. Evolution of policy. Developing policy along the way means a continuation of the current PIK program through the 1984-85 crop year as a short-term solution.

"All of these alternatives currently have a "bad

taste" to them, but one or more may be necessary for long term improvements in agriculture" Nelson said. "We badly need programs in the short term to bring about long term improvement."

"How we resolve our current situation will be affected by our policies as well as by world events," Nelson pointed out. "The export market is highly volatile, and we need to be concerned about agricultural production and consumption overseas. Prices affect production overseas just as they do in the U. S. Higher prices overseas could lead to increased agricultural production."

"Consumption of agricultural products overseas is affected by population growth, prices and economic growth. In the short run, the world economy should continue to be 'soft' at least through 1983," Nelson said.

"One of our main thrusts should be to do everything we can to help the world economy recover," Nelson emphasized. "This means keeping our boarders open to exports because of a policy of 'protectionism' would jeopardize the agricultural sector."

A second major thrust, according to Nelson, should be to price our agricultural products competitively so that they can be moved abroad. "If we keep our price structure competitive, we should see some pick up in agricultural exports in the next few years," he said.

Some 150 bankers took part in the annual Farm and Ranch Credit Conference

## Recent cemetery donors recognized

The following people have made recent donations to the Merkel Cemetery Association:

Donations in memory of Mary Grimes  
Vivian Davis, Mrs. Earl Hughes, Mrs. Boog Eysen, Mrs. S. D. Gamble.

Donations in honor of Will Butman  
Donations in memory of The Will Butman's Pauline, Butman, Marvin & Fredia Egger, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Brown, W.S.J. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Orsborn, Lillie Butman, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bronovak, Pauline Butman.

Donations received in memory of Clarence Newqton  
Sybil Riney, Mrs. Hudora R Ely.

Other donations have been received from Mary Bird, Johnny Sears Snyder in memory of Mrs. Velma Largent and Mrs. Dee Grimes, Cal and Florence McAninch in memory of Clarence Newton and Mary Grimes, Mrs. Ronnie Egger, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Teaff in memory of Sam Jones, Clarence Newton and Mary Grimes, Mr. George T. Moore in memory of Mary Grimes and Mrs. Will Butman, A.P. Johnson in memory of Price Mitchell, Faye Henderson in memory of Davis Williams, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Richards, Eva Mae Williams, Lucille Vancil-Mrs. R. E. Salamon and Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Parker in memory of Davis Williams, Mrs. W. D. Richardson, Irene Cross in memory of Mom & Dad Cross, Vayden Hornton, Mrs. D. C. Doan, Billy D. Doan, Mrs. Johnnie R. Hooper, Fred

Perry, Edwin and Maggie Renfro in memory of L. J. and Gerald Renfro, Lewis Pence and Randal Stevens, Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Sadler in memory of Willie Spurgin, Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Smith, L. J. and Lucille Gray, Friends and neighbors in memory of Mrs. Homer Laney, H. F. and Vida Jeffrey, Mr. and Mrs. John Herron in memory of William Davis and Mabel Dubree John and Roberta Williams.

### A JOINT PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR AND THE AGRICULTURE COMMISSIONER OF THE STATE OF TEXAS

WHEREAS, our family farmers and ranchers are the most efficient and productive in the world, and

WHEREAS, the production, transportation and marketing of agricultural food and fiber is the second largest industry in Texas, generating \$37 billion a year and accounting for one out of every five jobs, and

WHEREAS, family farmers and ranchers are the source of our agricultural abundance, but are not presently receiving a fair return for their productivity, and

WHEREAS, current market prices for agricultural products actually are far below what it costs to produce those products, putting thousands of Texas farmers and ranchers in imminent danger of foreclosure, through no fault of their own, and

WHEREAS, every Texan has a direct stake in restoring prosperity to our family farm and ranch system so future generations also can benefit from the unparalleled output of these entrepreneurs,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Governor and the Agriculture Commissioner of the State of Texas, do hereby pledge our offices and our best efforts to the task of cultivating a new prosperity in the Texas farm and ranch economy, and to mark this pledge, we do hereby

PROCLAIM the week of March 18 through March 24 to be

#### TEXAS AGRICULTURE WEEK

and we do further call upon all Texans to consider during this week your own reliance on the three percent of our population that produces the food for the other 97 percent of us, and we do call upon every citizen to support efforts to ensure the survival of these family farmers and ranchers.



(signed)  
Mark White  
Governor

(signed)  
Jim Hightower  
Commissioner of Agriculture

## Riding Club meets

The Merkel Riding Club met for their monthly business meeting and pot luck supper March 2.

Forty five members were present and discussion was held to move the meetings to 7 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month.

The club will be holding two work days to shape up the arena for the season. They are set for March 11 at 5 p.m. and all day March 12. People are asked to bring their own tools and snacks and beverages. They also wanted to thank Ann and Milton Payne for donating the paint.

The Merkel FFA will hold their horse show at the arena April 14.

The group encouraged all members to attend the work day and help make their 23rd years their best ever. Prospective members are encouraged to attend the meetings and annual dues are \$30 per year per family.

## Tri-City baseball meeting

Junior Division Meeting Monday March 14 at Big Country Inn, time is 7:30.

This is a very important meeting. We need a president and if we

don't get someone to take over we may not have Junior Division baseball ages 13,14,15.

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## FFA's fare well in Houston

The Merkel Chapter of the Future Farmers of America placed very well at the Houston Livestock Show. The results from the showing are as follows.

Junior Brahman heifer, 8th place to Denise Pack.

Medium weight duroc, Tommy Hayes second place and Melissa Harris 9th.

Amber Whisenhunt was 13th in the light hamp and Eddy Harris was 18th in the heavy berkshire. Kevin Mitchell was also 18th with his light chester white and Lyle Baker also had an 18th in light spotted poland china. Tommy Hays second place medium duroc sold for \$2,850.00 in the auction.

The Merkel FFA chapter would like to express a special thanks to Taylor Electric Cooperative; their directors, manager and members. Each year they sponsor a girl and a boy from their service area to attend the Government in Action Youth Tour to Washington, D. C. They will receive an all expense paid trip and three Merkel FFA members came away winners. Chris Cutler was the boys runner up and Parker Wilson won the boys division while Brenda Hohertz won the girls division.

Many Merkel FFA members will be attending the San Angelo stock show this weekend and The Mail will have those results next week.



Leona Dovie Dishman, Merkel's oldest resident celebrated her 108th birthday last week at the Starr Nursing Home. 'Granny' delighted the crowd at her party with some singing and a brief argument concerning her age. She is now and has been a resident of Starr Nursing Home since she was a spry 91. [Staff photo]

## Texas Agriculture week set here

Zeroing in on the economic difficulties of Texas family farmers and ranchers, Texas Governor Mark White and Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower have issued a joint proclamation declaring March 18-24 "Texas Agriculture Week."

The observance will coincide with National Agriculture Week and the National Agriculture Day, March 21. Hightower said the Agriculture Department will be sponsoring a series of activities during the week. Plans include agricultural exhibits in the State Capitol rotunda, a March 19 Agriculture Fair on conjunction with the Austin-Travis County Livestock Show and Rodeo, a House-Senate cow-milking contest and a major farm policy statement by White and Hightower.

"This is not a celebration," White cautioned. "You don't celebrate when people are in trouble, and our farmers and ranchers are in serious trouble. The observance is to call the public's

attention to the plight of our family farmers and ranchers and, hopefully, to rally public support for steps we can take to turn things around for them, whether it's her or in Washington."

"This observance is not just for rural folks," Hightower explained. "It's for all of us. The food and fiber industry accounts for one in every five jobs in Texas, in both urban and rural areas, and our farmers and ranchers are the biggest consumers in the state. When the farm economy is depressed—and it's certainly depressed now it directly affects the economy of the entire state. We have all got a stake in reviving our farm and ranch economy, and it is not enough to sit around and wring our hands. There's a job to be done, and I'm especially pleased that the Governor is eager to work closely with us on turning things around for our family farmers and ranchers. And this proclamation is our invitation to all Texand to join with us in the effort."

## MISD Elementary honor roll

The following is the Merkel Elementary school honor roll for the fourth six weeks.

### First Grade

All A  
 § Jamie Alexander, Doug Alldreege, Judd Burton, Mandy Gregory, Dana Hammond, Lisa Harding, Heather Henderson, Carmen Holden, Linda Layher, Lana Rogers, Erin Sams, Corley Segovia, Nathan Stamper and Marck Wright.

### A-B Honor Roll

Richard Adkins, Kelly Atkinson, Lydia Brubaker, Cecily Caroland, Cody Carson, Alisa Chavira, Belma DeLeon, Corey Dennis, Isaac Duran, Ramiro Flores, Robert Flores, Juanita Gilchrest, Anita Glasscock, Mikki Griffith, Mandy Householder, Roy Lehmann, Jennifer Martin, Mleanie Mitchell, Jason Nalley, Cody Pack, Troy Roberts, Omar Segovia, Jason Tipton, Michael Valdez, Kelly Warren, Justin Williams and Maurice Williams.

### Second Grade

All A  
 § Shayla Carter, Matthew Cravens, Spencer Duncan, Mariette Duran, Tammy Graham, Jason Heuerman, Austin Hill, Susan Holden, Russ Holloway, Caleb Kelso, Brent Martin, Jennifer McKee, Cliff Owen, Renli Reynolds, Vutrinh Tran and Krystal West.

### A-B Honor Roll

Kim Anderson, John Bauer, Jeremy Beal, Joel Bird, Tanner Boyd, Amanda Bunch, David Casper, Tiffany Gill, Kris Harris, Gena Hawkeswood, Esther Hernandez, Alisha Hobbs, Stacy Jones, Jason Kofod, Lonnie Liggins, Delayne Pack, Orville Pirraglia, Shelly Seymore, Chad Smith, David Stuckey, Paul Travis and James Wade.

### Third Grade

All A  
 +Tanya Beasley, Michelle Ingram, Lillian Leach and Treska McCullough.

### A-B Honor Roll

Mandy Barnett, Queena Bigbee, Dayna Doan, Julie Harding, Elizabeth Hernandez, John Lally, Shayla Miller, Christy Minze, Steven Moreno, Eilyn Rutledge, Kriste Smith, Amy Sparks, Travis Walston and Brandi Watts.

### Fourth Grade

All A  
 § Melannie Baker, Dustie Baldree, April Griffith, Betsy Hellums, Cara Kelso, Kari Sams, Michelle Smith, Brandon Toombs, Phoung Thao Tran, Daniel West.

### A-B

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### Fift Grade

All A  
 § Dayna Bentley and Penny Smith.  
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### NOTICE OF TRUSTEE ELECTION

+The Merkel Independent School District Board of Trustees hereby gives notice of an election to be held on April 2, 1983, for the purpose of electing two (2) trustees each for positions designated as Place 3 and Place 4.

### ABSENTEE VOTING

+By personal appearance will begin on Monday, March 15, 1983, and continue through Tuesday, March 29, 1983, from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. each day which is not a Saturday, Sunday, or an official state holiday.

Absentee voting in person shall be conducted at Merkel ISD South 3rd and Ash, Merkel, Texas.

Applications for absentee ballots by mail should be mailed to Merkel ISD, P.O. Box 430, Merkel, Texas, 79636.

The POLLING PLACES designated below will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on the day of the election.

Pct. No. 24, 25, 27, 28 & 34 10, Merkel High School Gymnasium, 3 and Ash Streets.

20, 21 & 22 Jones Co. Pt. of 8, 9 (Stith) 10 (Noodle) Tye Elementary School Cafeteria, Tye, Texas.

### AVISO DE ELECCION DE REGENTES

+Por la presente la junta de regentes del distrito escolar independiente da aviso que se llevara a cabo una eleccion el dia Abril 2, de 1983 con el proposito de elegir dos (2) regentes a cada puesto designado pora numeros 3 y 4.

### votacion por ausencia

§ en persona comenecera el Lunes de Marzo 14, de 1983 y continuara hasta el

Martes, de Marzo 29, de 1983 desde las 8 a. m. hasta las 4 p. m. en todos los dias que no sean sabado, domingo, o dia oficial de vacaciones estatales.

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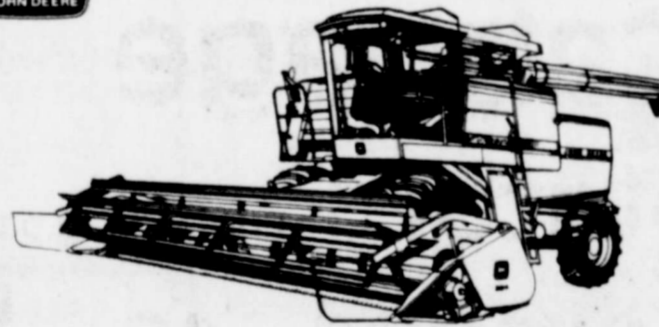
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Los sitios de votacion indicados abajo se abiraran desde las 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

### el dia de la eleccion.

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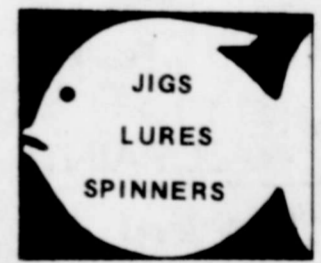
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### Card of Thanks

Thanks Our heart felt thanks to all who extended comforting sympathy and help in our recent sorrow. For the beautiful service, floral offerings and other kindnesses, we are deeply grateful. The Family of Ruby Dye

THANKS For the many visits and prayers in the months past.

For the food and the flowers.

For all expressions of friendship and love in the illness and death of our beloved father and husband, Loyd Perry. We thank you, Mrs. Lela Perry Mr. & Mrs. Melvin Arrington Mr. & Mrs. Lanny Perry

A big thank you is to be extended to the people of Merkel, Trent and Tye. This comes from 104 Girl Scouts and Brownies. They are saying thank you for your support in cookie sales. Over 300 cases, 3,600 boxes were sold. Your support and cooperation is appreciated by all involved in Girl Scouting in this area. Thanks again

### GARAGE SALES

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### Notice

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS City of Merkel Texas Street Improvements D. H. U. D. Project No. B-82-DS-48-0013 Separate sealed bids

Separate sealed bids for the construction of STREET IMPROVEMENTS will be received by THE CITY OF MERKEL TEXAS at Heritage Hall, 2nd and Taylor Street, Merkel, Texas until 7 p.m., April 4, 1983, at J

then and said location publically opened and read aloud.

The Contract Documents, consisting of Advertisement for bids, Information for Bidders, Bid Proposal, Bid Bond, Contract, General Conditions, Performance and Payment Bonds, Certificate of Attorney, Wage Determination, Notice of Award, Notice to Proceed, Drawings, Specifications, Addenda if any, and Labor Standards Administration-Equal Opportunity Contractor Packet, may be examined at the following location:

JACOB & MARTIN INC., Consulting Engineers 1333 North 2 Street, Abilene, Texas § Bidders on this project will be required to comply with program guidelines for Contract Labor, Equal Employment Opportunity, and Contractor's Section 3 Plan as set forth in the Labor Standards Administration-Equal Opportunity Contractor Packet is included in the Contract Documents.

Copies of the Contract Documents may be obtained from the office of JACOB & MARTIN INC. 1333 North 2nd Street, Abilene, Texas 79601 (915)-677-1494 upon payment of \$50 for each set.

Any Prime Bidder, upon returning the Contract Documents in good condition, within five days after bid opening, will be refunded his payment. Any Non-Bidder, including suppliers and subcontractors, upon returning the Contract Documents in good condition within five days after bid opening will be refunded \$25. Bidder's attention is particularly called to the requirements as to

conditions of employment to be observed and minimum wage rates to be paid under this contract as set forth in the Wage Determination Decision.

No bidder may withdraw his bid within a 60 day period after the actual date of the opening thereof.

City of Merkel, Texas by Kent Satterwhite Mayor

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF GELNNE GULLETT +Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Glenn E. Gullett were issued on February 25, 1983, in Cause No. 15,716, pending in the County Court of Taylor County, Texas, to: Lilie Mae Gullett The residence of such executor is Taylor County, Texas, the po-

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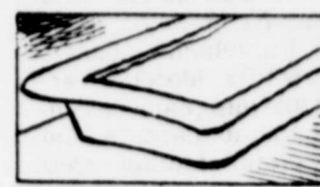
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**Public Notices**

**NOTICE OF CITY OFFICERS' ELECTION**  
**[AVISO DE ELECCION DE FUNCIONARIOS DE LA CIUDAD]**  
**+ CITY OF MERKEL**  
 +Notice is hereby given that a City Officer's Election will be held on the 2nd day of April, 1983, in the above named city for the purpose of electing the following officers for said city: Mayor and two (2) Aldermen. Said election will be held at the following polling places in said city: In Election Precinct No. 1, at Merkel High School Gym Building.

The polls at each of the above designated polling places shall on said election day be open from 7 o'clock a.m. to 7 o'clock p.m.

The absentee voting for the above designated election shall be held at Merkel City Hall Building, in said city, and said place of absentee voting shall remain open for at least 8 hours on each day of the absentee voting which is not a Saturday, Sunday or an official State holiday, beginning on the 20th day and continuing through the 4th day preceding the date of said election. Said place of voting shall remain open between the hours of 7:30 o'clock a.m. and 4:30 o'clock p.m.

Dated this 7th day of March, 1983.

(Se da aviso por la presente que se llevara a cabo una Eleccion de Funcionarios de la Ciudad el dia 2nd de April de 1983, en la ciudad arriba mencionada para el

proposito de elegir a los siguientes funcionarios para dicha ciudad: Alcalde 2 El Precincto Electoral Num 1 en el Edificio Merkel High School Gym.

Los sitios de votacion arriba designados para dicha eleccion se mantendran abiertos en el mencionado dia de elecciones de las 7 a. m. a las 7 p.m.

La votacion ausente para la eleccion, arriba designada se llevara a cabo en el Edificio Merkel City Hall, en dicha ciudad, y dicho lugar de votacion ausente se mantendra abierto por lo menos ocho horas en cada dia de votacion ausente no siendo sabado, domingo o dia festivo oficial del Estado, princiando 20 dias y continuando hasta el cuarto dia anteriores a la fecha de dicha eleccion. Dicho lugar de votacion se mantendra abierto de las 7:30 a.m. a las 4:30 p.m.

Fechado esta dia 7 de March de 1983.  
 Kent Satterwhite  
 Mayor

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE ELECTION**

The Trent Independent School District Board of Trustees hereby given notice of an election to be held on April 2, 1983 for the purpose of electing three (3) trustees for a full three (3) year term. Electing one (1) trustee for an unexpired term of one (1) year.

**ABSENTEE VOTING** by personal appearance will begin on Monday, March 14, 1983, and continue through Tuesday, March 29, 1983 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on each day which is not a Saturday, Sunday, or an official state holiday.

Absentee voting in person shall be conducted at Trent City Hall. Applications for absentee ballots by mail should be mailed

to Sylvia Quattlebaum Trent, Tex. 79661.

The **POLLING PLACES** designated below will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on the day of the election. Precinct Number 25 at Trent City Hall.

**NOTICE OF CITY OFFICER'S ELECTIONS**

Notice is hereby given that a City Officer's Election will be held on the 2nd day of April, 1983, in the above named city for the purpose of electing officers for said city: Mayor, one Alderman, one Commissioner.

Said election will be held at the following polling place in said city: In Election Precinct No. 25 at Trent City Hall Building.

The polls at each of the above designated polling places shall be on said election day be open from 7 o'clock a.m. to 7:00 clock p.m.

The absentee voting for the above designated election shall be at **TRENT CITY HALL** Building, in said city, and said place of absentee voting shall remain open for at least 8 hours on each day of absentee voting which is not a Saturday, Sunday or an official State holiday, beginning on the 20th day and continuing through the 4th day preceding the date of said election. Said place of voting shall remain open between the hours of 7:00 o'clock a.m. and 7:00 o'clock p.m.

Dated this 7th day of March, 1983.

Randy Hunt  
 Mayor

**NOTICE OF ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF JOEL BRICE GRIFFIN SR.**

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Joel Griffin, Sr. were issued on June 10, 1982, in Cause No. 15,425, pending in the County

Court of Taylor County, Texas to:

Hattie Lee Griffin  
 The residence of such Executor is Taylor County, Texas, the post office address is c-o Gaston Welborn Jr. Box 3812

Abilene, Tex. 79604  
 All persons having claims against this Estate, which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

**DATED** the 28th day of February, 1983.

By Gaston Welborn Jr.  
 Attorney for the Estate

**NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF JAMES R. WILLINGHAM, SR.**

+Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of James R. Willingham, Sr., were issued on July 19, 1982, in Cause No. 15,457, pending in the County Court of Taylor County, Texas to:

James Roy Willingham Jr.  
 The residence of such Executor is Taylor County, Texas, the post office address is: c-o Gaston Welborn Jr. Box 3812

Abilene, Texas 79604  
 All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

**DATED** the 28th day of February, 1983.

by: Gaston Welborn Jr. Attorney for the Estate

**NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF LAURA MAE DECKER**

+Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Laura Mae Decker were is-

sued February 7, 1983, in Cause No. 15,697, pending in the County Court of Taylor County, Texas, to:

John C. Stevens  
 The residence of such Executor is Taylor County, Texas, the post office address is: c-o Gaston Welborn, Jr. Box 3812

Abilene, Texas 79604  
 All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

**DATED** the 28th day of February, 1983.

by: Gaston Welborn Jr. Attorney for the Estate

**CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS**

TO CECIL ALLEN CHRISTENSEN\* Residence unknown, Respondent:

**GREETINGS: YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED** to appear and answer before the Honorable 326th District Court, Taylor County, Texas, at the Courthouse of said County in Abilene, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the Monday next after the expiration of 20 days from the date of service of this citation, then and there to answer the petition of JOANNE CHRISTENSEN\* Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 24th day of February, 1983 against CECIL ALLEN CHRISTENSEN\* Respondent, and said suit being numbered 8547-C on the docket of said Court and entitled "In The Matter of The Marriage of JOANNE CHRISTENSEN and CECIL ALLEN CHRISTENSEN" the nature of which suit is a request to ask the Court to grant a divorce between the Petitioner and Respondent, and decree such

other relief as requested in the petition. Petitioner request a change of name to JOANNE MARTIN. The Court has authority in this suit to enter and judgement or decree dissolving the marriage and providing for the division of property which will be binding upon you.

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved. The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Abilene, Texas, this the 24th day of February, 1983.  
 Rilla Mahoney-Clerk  
 326th District Court  
 Taylor County, Texas  
 by JoAnn Deputy

**TALENT SHOW**

THURSDAY, MARCH 12

7:00 P.M.

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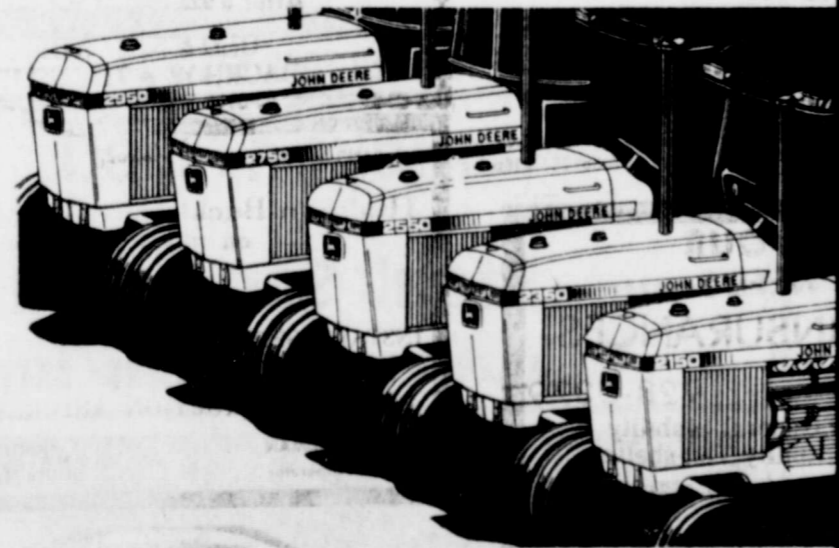
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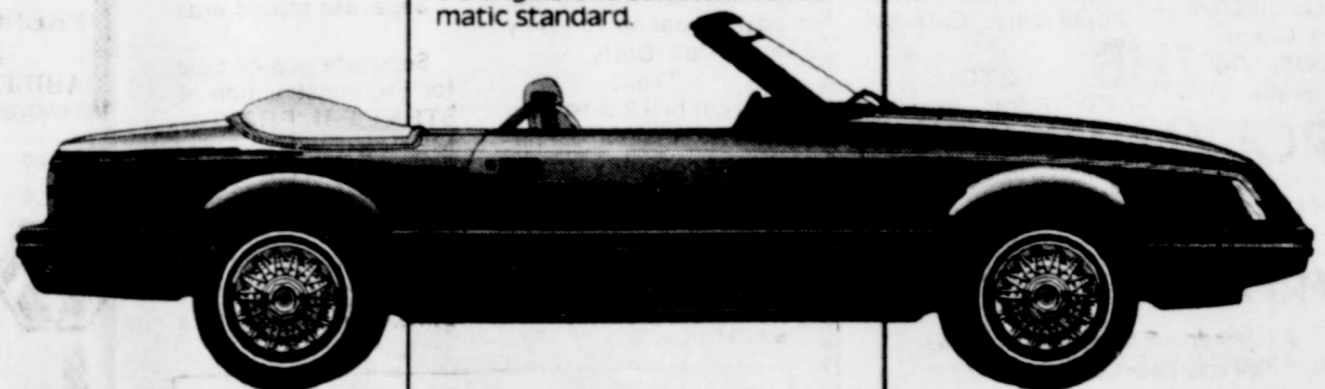
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**The Consumer Alert**

by Jim Mattox  
Attorney General

AUSTIN—If you're looking through the classified section of your newspaper, sooner or later you're sure to run across an ad that reads something like this:

"Business opportunity! New firm expanding into this area needs distributors for national products. No selling required. Earn \$20,000 a year working part-time! Proven investment returns. Call Mr. Wonder."

"If you respond to this or similar ads, there's a chance you could become the object of a misleading sales pitch for a less-than-profitable distributorship. The sales routine for such a deceptive offer generally follows this pattern:

Mr. Wonder comes to your house or sends a sales representative to explain the distributorship investment opportunity. The product to be distributed may be anything from film to children's books to vending machines that dispense freeze-dried coffee or soup.

Very likely, you will be shown lavish colored photographs and brochures of the product designed to impress you with the fact that large amounts of money can be made with little effort. The salesman of such a product as vending machines may get you to agree that such a machine will sell at least 15 units of the product a day.

"But let's be conservative," he may say. "Suppose it sells only 10 units a day. Even at that, you can make \$1400 a month if you purchase 10 machines and they earn 50 cents on each sale."

After describing the profitable machine locations provided by the company, the salesman will urge you to sign a contract immediately to take advantage of the "fantastic" offer for only \$2000.

When you sign, you may be told that a "locator" will call a few days after your machines are delivered to tell you the spots at which they will be placed.

So your machines are delivered, your money paid. After what may vary from a few days to never, the locator comes by with a list of loca-

tions for your machines and has you sign a form stating that "locations have been provided and are acceptable."

Later, when you survey the locations, you may find that your soup dispensing machine is located in the back of a beauty salon or service station where there is little public traffic.

Very seldom will you get a profitable location, so naturally, there is little chance for a return on your investment—no "monthly income without effort."

If you complain to the company, you may be told that an attempt will be made to sell your distributorship to someone else. Chances are good, of course, that you will never get your money back.

Experiences such as this may be an exception, for there are many reputable firms engaged in the sale of distributorships, but they are occurring frequently enough that they have become a matter of concern for Attorneys General in all states.

Often the people who buy such distributorships can ill afford to lose their money. Typically, most sellers of misleading distributorships aim their pitches at retired military persons, people with hard-earned savings to invest, or those who have to borrow the necessary money.

The Attorney General's Consumer Protection attorneys advise taking these precautions before investing any money in a distributorship:

—Find out who the principal investors are in the company.

—Ask for a list of other investors and contact them to learn what experiences they have had in dealing with the company.

—Don't rely on the representations made to you by salesmen for such companies about investment returns, product quality, or anything else—verify these things yourself or ask others.

—Don't be high-pressured into signing a contract immediately—think about the offer for a few days or even weeks, and have your lawyer look over the contract.

**Newsbriefs**

**Beasley honored**

Greg Beasley, of Trent has been named to receive a presidential scholarship at McMurry College for the coming year.

Beasley was accepted based on his scores on the ACT and the finish in their high school class.

Greg graduated in May, 1982 from Trent and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Beasley of Trent.

**Burnett, Fariello in fraternity**

Kelle Burnett and Mary Fariello of Merkel have been initiated into the Alpha Gamma Gamma Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa.

Phi Theta Kappa is the honor fraternity organized in junior colleges across the country.

**Eastern Star sets meeting**

The Merkel Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star invites you to attend a "March Winds" Bell Tea when they honor Worthy Grand Matron Mrs. Lois Bell.

The event will take place March 13 from 2 until 4 p.m. at the First Baptist Fellowship Hall.

**Beta Sigma Phi**

Preceptor Eta Omega, Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi, met Tuesday at the REA building. Hostess for the meeting was Kathy Leverich.

Committee reports were given. Plans were discussed for election of officers to be held at the next meeting.

The program for the

Thursday, March 10, 1983

evening was presented by Mamie Steck. She spoke on the various types of recipes for basic sour dough.

After the program, refreshments were served to Louise DuBose, Jocille Brady, Liz Eager, Connie Ybarra, Ruth Tipton and Mamie Steck.

**81 Study Club**

The 81 Study Club meeting was held Feb. 24 in the home of Marjorie Wood. The program was on gardening and becoming self sufficient by growing your own food.

Refreshments were served to five members and they had fresh vegetables from Marjorie's garden as well as herbs and spiced tea.

The next meeting will be in the home of Katie Griffith in Trent and will be March 14. The subject will be ceramics and all members are asked to bring a guest.

Those attending the last meeting were Goldia Malone, Ruth McHugh, Katie Griffith, Ann Talent, Marjorie Wood and reporter Mary E. Dillard.

**Obituaries**

**Ruby Dye**

Ruby Frances Dye, 76 of Merkel, died at 7:15 a.m. here following a lengthy illness. Services were held at 2 p.m. March 8th at the Merkel Assembly of God under the direction of H. S. Earp and Dean Williams. Burial followed in Rose Hill Cemetery under the direction of the Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born Nov. 17, 1907 in Bandera County, she had married Robert Dye on Jan. 1, 1927 in Merkel. She was a housewife and had lived here most of her life. She was a member of the Merkel Assembly of God.

She is survived by her husband; a son

Bobby of Maryneal; two daughters Beulah Kinsey of Amarillo and Imogene King of Merkel; a brother Alvin Skurlack of Lovington, N. M. nine grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren. Grandson and nephews served as pallbearers.

**Iva Baccus**

Iva Lily Mae Baccus, 81, a long time Merkel resident, died after a long illness at 11 a.m. Sunday at Starr Nursing Home. Services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Merkel's First United Methodist Church.

The Rev. Russel McAnally, pastor of the Pioneer Methodist Church, and the Rev. Joe Allen, pastor officiated, burial followed in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Born Dec. 22, 1901 in Santo, she had lived here most of her life. She married Roy Baccus Dec. 25, 1922, in Trent. She was a Methodist.

A grandson, Danny Roy Baccus died in 1972.

She is survived by her husband; a son, James Roy of Richardson; a brother Dr. Elmer Landreth of Denver; a sister Jo-hannie Everett of Jacksonville, N. C.; and a grandson Larry Baccus of Mexia.

**FACTS & FIGURES**

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**MISD school lunch menu**

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| <p>March 9<br/>Beef tacos with cheese, Pinto beans lettuce and tomato, taco shells and chocolate pudding.</p> <p>March 10<br/>Hot Dogs with chili, trimmings, french fries, honey buns and fresh orange wedges.</p> | <p>March 14<br/>Chicken patties with cream gravy, creamed potatoes and green beans, hot rolls, pineapple tidbits.</p> <p>March 15<br/>Beef tacos with cheese, pinto beans, lettuce and tomato, taco shells and lemon bars.</p> | <p>March 16<br/>Salisbury steak with brown gravy, macaroni and tomatoes, blackeyed peas, hot rolls, peaches and cream.</p> <p>March 17<br/>Tin can casserole, carrots-potatoes-onion lettuce wedge with dressing, corn bread and chocolate peanut clusters.</p> <p>March 18<br/>Grilled cheese sandwiches, vegetable beef soup, bread, cherry cobbler.</p> |
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**SCHOOL WILL BE OUT UNTIL MARCH 28**

**Carriker supports end of ad volorem tax**

In an effort to lower taxes for low and middle-income families and to help solve school finance problems, State Representative Steve Carriker, along with twenty other representatives, unveiled what has been called "the best idea heard about in Austin": the Residential Tax Relief Package also known as "Proposition Zero."

"Proposition Zero" is a major tax-reform proposal calling for the replacement of school taxes on homes and personal cars and pickups with a state wide one cent increase in the sales

tax. Taxes levied by counties and schools would not be affected.

School districts across the state are being forced to raise taxes to meet growing costs while facing rollback election which would devastate the school system.

When asked about the chance of passing the "Proposition Zero" package, Carriker said that such a major change of policy will only be adopted if the people are behind it. "We have been getting a very positive response from all around the state and I'm very encouraged" he concluded.

**Land Bank announces lower interest rates**

The Federal Land Bank of Texas announces a decrease in Bank closed loan fees to 2 per cent on farm loans and 4 per cent on rural residence and farm-related business loans, effective immediately.

"The loan fee reduction was made possible by the recent decrease in the cost of funds" said Thomas H. Benson, Land Bank president.

The reduction follows the Jan. 1, 1982 variable interest rate reduction to 11.25 per cent on farm loans and to 11.75 per cent on rural residences and farm related business loans.

The Federal Land Bank of Texas makes long-term real estate loans throughout the state through it's 55 Federal Land Bank Associations. The bank has \$2.4 billion in loans outstanding.

**7th grade boys win meet in Anson**

The Merkel 7th grade boys won their division in the Anson track meet this past weekend.

Merkel had 118 points and outscored the second place team, Hamlin by 30.

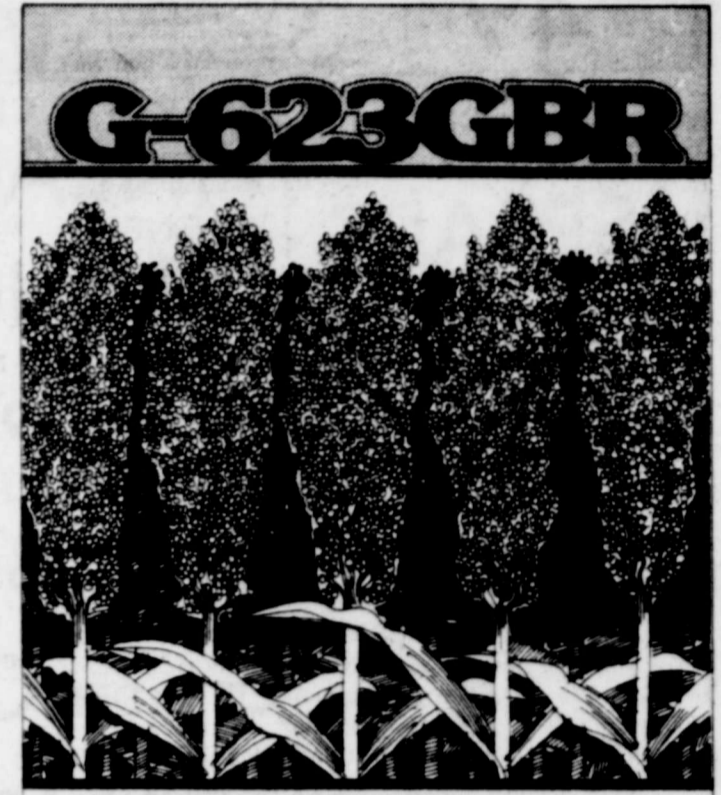
Scoring for Merkel were Ricky Doan 3rd and Ramon Moreno 6th in the long jump, Doan, 1st, Britt Pursley 2 and Moreno 6th in the high jump, Chad Archa 4th in the shot put, Britt Pursley 1st in the pole vault, Rodney Sittler 1st in the mile, and the sprint relay was 4th.

Also scoring were Mike Farthing 5th in the 880, Doan 2nd in the 120 Intermediate Hurdles, Pursley 4th in the 100, Sittler 1st in the 440, Moreno 4th and Doug Bauer 6th in the 330 and the mile relay team of Farthing, Archa, Pursley and Sittler Archa 2nd and Moreno 5th in the 200 run.

**Starr Volunteers meet**

A volunteer meeting has been set for 10 a.m. March 11 at the Starr Nursing Home.

Persons interested in volunteer work are encouraged to attend.



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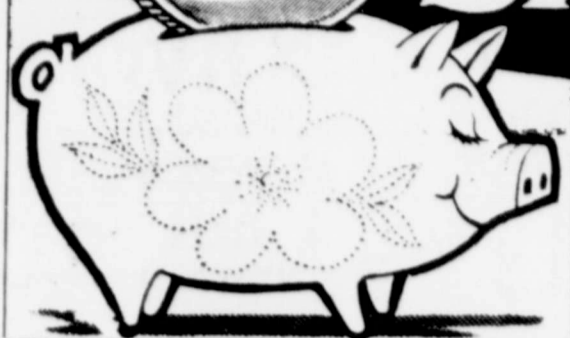
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