

# The Merkel Mail

Thursday, April 10, 1980...Merkel, Texas

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## Badgers host meet Friday

The boys varsity track team will make their only Merkel appearance here tomorrow at Badger Stadium as they host a quadrangular meet.

Also in the meet are Jim Ned, Anson and a strong Hamlin team.

The events will get underway as the prelims of the 120 yard high hurdles will get started at 2:30, followed by prelims of the 100 yard dash at 2:40, the 440 yard dash at 2:50, the 330 yard intermediate high hurdles at 3:05 and the 220 yard dash at 3:20.

Field events are scheduled to get started at 3:30 and the finals will start at 5:30 with the 440 yard relay, followed by the 880 yard run at 5:40, the 120 yard high hurdles at 5:55, the 100 yard dash at 6:50, the 440 yard dash at 6:15, the 330 yard intermediate hurdles at 6:30, the 220 yard dash at 6:45, the mile at 7 and the mile relay at 7:20.

The Booster Club will have the concession stand open.

Last Thursday, Merkel hosted a 7th, 8th and J.V. Boys meet here against Anson and Hamlin.

The 7th graders placed second in their division with 179 points. Anson won with 198 and Hamlin was third.

In the 8th grade, it was Anson with 157, Hamlin with 155 and Merkel with 137.

In the J.V. Boys division, Hamlin won with 213, Merkel 159 and Anson had 94.

Over the weekend, the boys and girls varsity ran in the Wylie meet at ACU stadium Friday and the boys traveled to Spur, where they placed third Saturday.

Friday, the boys set school records in five events as the sprint relay ran a 45.59. Randy Martin ran a 15.92 110 high hurdles, Danny Davis ran a 53.36 in the 440, Sal Acosta had a 2:07.93 in the 880 and Bart Pursley had a 41.58 300 intermediate high hurdles time.

Debra Carey placed fourth in the mile for the girls and Sara Prasarn made it to the finals of the 440.

On Saturday, the Badgers traveled to Spur and did well in the field events. Badger track coach Doug Guynes told the Mail "I guess the runners were a little tired from Friday but the field events pleased me."

The Badgers placed first and third in the pole vault with Danny Riggan winning and Bart Pursley placing third.

Merkel made it a clean sweep of the high jump as Ty Nelson easily cleared 5'11", and was followed by Kevin Farmer and Terry Owen, who both cleared 5'9".

Mark Copeland placed fourth in the shot put and sixth in the discus. Sal Acosta also managed fifth in the long jump.

The girls will travel to Coahoma Saturday for their district track meet and the boys district meet has been set for April 18th and 19th in Colorado City.

## Election results

In very light to record turnouts Saturday, Merkel voters returned two incumbents to city council and Tye saw two incumbents defeated.

In Merkel City races, Ted Smith, won his first election to city council. Smith already serves on council but was filling the unexpired term of Jim Atkinson. Smith was the top vote getter with 138.

Councilmen Jerry Byrd and Pete Morgan were returned to office. Byrd grabbed 119 votes and Morgan tallied 116.

Jo Ann Mashburn was the top challenger with 77 votes, followed by Martha Sue Justice with 30, Paul Crouse with 28 and Joe Bigbee with 27.

Merkel school board incumbents Kenny Hogan and Leroy Teaff were also returned to office. They ran unopposed.

Teaff drew 286 votes and Hogan drew 251. In Tye races James Snowden was voted in as the new mayor. He defeated incumbent mayor James Barley by 26 votes.

In the alderman races, Dewitt Isom also defeated an incumbent as he bested Earnest Tyler by 11 votes. James White was also elected as a Tye alderman, defeating Leon Van Gorp by 23 and Leonard Neith Jr. by 59 votes. The turnout set records for Tye city elections.

In the Trent school board race, Bruce McGlothlin was the top vote getter with 81 votes and incumbents Weldon Beasley with 79 and Rosemary Bland with 6 were also returned to office.

Challengers Sheila Hunt drew 32 votes and Ted Simpson drew 23.

In Trent city races, Booth West and Ken Kraatz were reelected to city council, both men were unopposed. Trent mayor Zula Darby said "it was not a bad turnout," as West polled 58 votes, Kraatz polled 56.

## Clean up campaign

The Merkel Garden Club is asking all city officials, churches, businesses, clubs, school teachers and other individuals in joining us in beautifying Merkel.

The club's slogan is "Be a quitter, stop littering."

Next week we will

give you some of our ideas, start using some of your own.

For more information, please contact the following Committee on city beautification members Mrs. W.T. Sadler, Mrs. Albert Criswell and Mrs. Allen D. King, club president.



Danny Riggan makes an attempt in the pole vault at last Friday's Wylie Track Meet. The Badgers will host a quadrangular meet at Badger Stadium Friday. (Photo by John Townsend)

## Mail begins 92nd year here

by Cloy A. Richards  
This week marks the beginning of our 92nd year in business here and we are older than any other business in town by 17 years.

That is the case in most towns. One has to wonder why.

The Mail has been around to document and chronicle the times of this area since the town was incorporated in 1905 and for the 16 years that the area pioneers were carving a city out of the prairie, buffalo and dust.

The Mail's first edition rolled off the press on April 12, 1889, eight years after the first Texas and Pacific train rolled west across the Texas prairie. J.V. Vaughn was the first agent for T and P Railroads and also served as the area's first postmaster in 1882.

It took Merkel, which was named for S.H. Merkel in 1881, until 1890 to grow out of the "village" of 25 in 1885 to 400 in 1890. Merkel was also the home of a college before Abilene was, but the ill-fated Western Normal and Commercial College closed its doors in 1887, after only three semesters of operation.

Some of the early merchants, that helped get the Mail off the ground with their advertising were

Henry West, J.H. Thornton, W.P. Browning and Marion French.

The Mail was started by Mary Jane Cox in 1889 and, Dr. Henslee was the area's first physician, as he set up shop also in 1889.

The early editions of the Mail do offer some insight into Merkel's beginnings, but two fires in the history of this paper have destroyed many of the older Mail issues.

There are some obvious lessons to be learned from the older editions of the paper. We may be in some days of economic dire straits in this area now, but reading about the panic of 1907, a fire that destroyed one and a half blocks of downtown in 1896, the depression of the 1920s, gives one a sense of perseverance.

Those old papers also serve to remind the staff of the Mail that no matter what hard times we face, whether they be financial, or community problems, just what this newspaper's responsibilities are.

People have grown accustomed to having this paper in their mailbox each Thursday. The current staff intends to see that you get your paper each week, and that it won't be a waste of time to thumb through it.



Lone Star Construction workers wait while Tye city officials have their photos made during groundbreaking ceremonies at the construction site of the new Tye city hall. (Staff photo by Cloy A. Richards)

## Tye breaks ground for city hall

Tye city officials held formal groundbreaking ceremonies for their new City Hall Friday.

The new hall will house city offices and will be built at a cost of \$35,000. The structure will be wooden framed and bricked and will be 32 feet long and 50 feet wide. Lone Star Construction in Abilene has the contract.

Tye mayor James C. Barley said the building, which is being built about two blocks east of the current city hall, will replace a facility that Tye has

used for 26 years and that the money to construct the building came from pinching pennies made from water-sanitation charges. Tye just began collecting ad-valorem taxes last year.

The new city hall will also be heated and cooled by central systems.

Mayor Barley also told the media (KRBC, KTAB, KTXS TV and the Reporter News) that construction would start soon on a \$650,000 sewer line project that the federal government is paying 75 percent of the tab. Tye will pay the balance.

## Board hires two coaches, retain officers

MISD board members hired two coaches, reelected the same slate of board officers, and said they would discuss a five point pay and benefit proposal for Merkel teachers at their next session.

The board also canvassed the returns of Saturday's election that saw incumbents Leroy Teaff and Kenny Hogan reelected. The board also reelected Charles Jacobs as school board president, Leroy Teaff as vice president and James Boyd as secretary.

The board hired a first assistant football coach who will also serve as a counselor. Eddie Lane last coached at Lampassas and will hold the double-duty position.

Gene Shackelford was hired as head basketball

coach and assistant football coach. He last coached at Nocona. Both coaches were hired at \$2,900 above state scale.

Merkel girls basketball coach Jan Averitt, who guided the Badgers to a district championship in her first year, was given a \$250 bonus for her job as coach.

In the superintendents report, Dr. Raymond Etheridge reported to the board that construction at Merkel High was moving along and that most of the exterior brick had been put in. He also reported that a large crane was in place to hoist air conditioning and heating units on the high school roof.

Board members will hold their next meeting April 15th at 7:30 p.m.

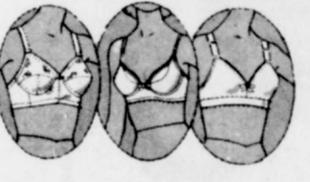


Third graders are set and raring to go at their

annual Easter egg hunt held on the Braune farm, south of Merkel, Friday. (Staff photo)

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### MHS competes in UIL one act play

by John Townsend  
Last Tuesday, 19 students from Merkel High performed the One Act Play ASYLUM, for the UIL one-act play contest at McMurry College. The play failed to place at the contest, despite a good performance by the actors. The following students portrayed the following characters in the play: John Townsend played Harper, Brad Wade as Stan, Sheila Adair as Jenny, Judy Castille as Wanda, Kyle Wolf as Mitch, Billy Walters as Ron, Jeanessa Cypert as

Kris, Mike Fisher as Bob, Christie Brady and Todd Gregory were the chorus, Matt Merritt played the doctor and Gayla Bowerman played an unnamed character.

Members of the crew included Sherry Ascencio, Gayle Irvin, and Kelly Knight. The alternates were Shannon Bagby, Larry Hines, Sharon Isom and Lisa Shugart. Kathy Chisolm directed and special awards went to Brad Wade as a member of the all star cast and John Townsend, as honorable mention.

### Brown's have son

Bobby and Mignon Brown announce the birth of a son, Joshua Heath, born April 1, 1980. Maternal grandpa are Rev. and Mrs. Robert Brown of Petersburg, Texas. Paternal great-grandmother is Mrs. Velma Darby, of Winter Garden, Florida.

### Pageant postponed

The Lambda Beta Beauty Pageant has been changed due to conflicting schedules. The date has been rescheduled for April 26th at Merkel High School Auditorium. Rehearsal will be Friday, April 25th. Entry forms are available at any Merkel School office, Hammond Insurance Agency or from Belle Hammond at 928-5108.

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**Card of Thanks**

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Hugh and Mary Wimberly would like to thank all of our friends who gave their support, friendship, and encouragement during the recent loss of our home. Our special thanks to the First Baptist Church and the staff of the Starr Nursing Home. Hugh & Mary Wimberly 7-1tc

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**CITATION BY PUBLICATION** THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: Barbara Christine Kenan, Respondent.

**GREETINGS YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED** to appear in 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 James Lewis Pruett, Jr., Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 4th day of April, 1980, against Barbara Christine Kenan, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 10,415-DR on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Matter of The Marriage of James Lewis Pruett, Jr. and Barbara Christine Kenan", the nature of which suit is a request to appoint Movant (James Lewis Pruett, Jr.) as managing conservator of the child.

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree in the child's interest which will be binding upon you, and the appointment of a conservator.

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 the seal of said Court at Abilene, Texas, this the 4th day of April, 1980.

Irene Crawford Clerk, 326th District Court, Taylor County, Texas. By Johnnie Woodard, Deputy 7-1tc

THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: George W. Eastburg and Betty Jean Eastburg or the unknown heirs of George W. Eastburg and Betty Jean Eastburg, if they be deceased, Defendants, Greeting: YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 10th day of March

A.I. 1980, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 10th day of March A.D. 1980, in this cause, numbered 36,568-A on the docket of said court and styled Ray J. West, Plaintiff, vs. George W. Eastburg and Betty Jean Eastburg et al, Defendants.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Suit to establish lost, destroyed or carried away deed of Lot 25, Block "P", Section 5, Alameda Addition to the City of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, and in the alternative to establish title by limitations. As is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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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 the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 10th day of March A.D. 1980.

Attest: Irene Crawford Clerk, 42nd District Court, Taylor County, Texas. By Johnnie Woodard, Deputy. 4-4tc



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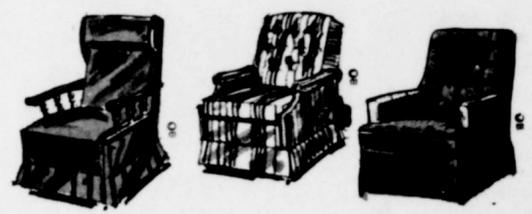
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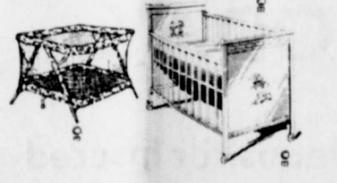
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# Gorilla's busy this week

This week is full of activities. Monday was the District Girls Golf Meet at Bronte. Tuesday and Wednesday was the high school and junior high girls' Tennis Meet at Angelo State courts. The boys' district

gold tournament was also Tuesday and Wednesday held at the Angelo Country Club. Thursday will be the Junior high girls and boys district track meet at Robert Lee. Friday the high school girls and

boys district meet will be at Robert Lee. About 10 to 12 high school and junior high students are also entered in the Science Fair held in Abilene. Good luck to all the students and their events

## Variety show set for Saturday

A variety show is being planned and sponsored by the Trent Band Boosters. The show is set for April 12th at 7 p.m. at

the Trent Gym. Home-made ice cream, cookies, and cold drinks and coffee will be sold. The admission is 50

cents for children and one dollar for adults and the show will benefit the Trent Band program.

## Calendar of events offered

Pleasure-loving Texans and visitors to the state should have no trouble locating fun events this summer. The Calendar of Texas Events for April through September, just issued by the Department of Highways and Public Transportation, lists nearly 850 festival opportunities.

Musical happenings range from an harmonica blow-off to symphony concerts; there are tournaments for such diverse activities as golf, bass fishing, tennis or checkers. And there'll be races too; everything from mules to armadillos to balloons to crawdads.

The nation's muleshoe pitching champion will be crowned at Muleshoe. Over in Miami (Texas), the world's champion cow-caller will be named. But for real variety, consider food festivals. Culinary pride will be on the line when Texans bring forth prize recipes featuring pecans, strawberries, and ice cream; and when they fire up for cookoffs of brisket, goat, seafood gumbo, pinto

beans, barbecue, cornbread, and, of course, Texas chili! With short-trip, mini-vacations in vogue, the Calendar of Texas events pinpoints all kinds of close-to-home fun activities in every corner of the state. Free copies are available at any Texas Tourist Bureau or by mail from Calendar of Texas Events, Dept. DHT, P. O. Box 5064, Austin 78763.

### Charles W. Stenholm

SEVERAL CHANGES in the banking industry, more formerly known as the Depository Institution Deregulation Act, were passed by the House of Representatives.

I voted for this legislation even though I had reservations about some specific parts of this complex bill.

The bill establishes a board to remove the ceiling on and eventually deregulate interest rates, thus allowing the free market to set a fair rate. It also directs the board to phase out Regulation Q, which allows federal control over interest rates on deposits at banks and savings and loans. This phasing out will have a particular impact on heavy users of credit, such as the housing industry.

Many changes in the Federal Reserve System (Fed) are also included in the bill. It spreads the reserve requirements more evenly through all institutions and allows all services of the Fed to be available to all institutions at a market price instead of exclusively to members. While spreading the reserve requirements, it gives the Fed a better picture of the financial reserves of our country, a tool that is needed to shape monetary policy in the future.

A preemption of state usury laws is also included in the language of the conference report. This section corrects an inequity that existed between the state and national banks. The inequity gave a competitive edge to the national banks, particularly in regard to local borrowers. Also in the bill is a provision that raises the

level of FDIC and FSIC coverage from \$40,000 to \$100,000. It contains, as well, simplification of the regulations involved in truth in lending requirements to cut paperwork for both the creditor and the customer.

Savings and loans and credit union are now allowed to offer the equivalent of interest-bearing checking accounts (NOW accounts) and other services previously available only to banks. I feel this will result in a more competitive atmosphere in our financial community, provided that the problem of the differential in allowed interest is addressed properly.

With passage of this legislation, the day is fast approaching when all financial institutions will be regulated by the same rules. I now feel that this is inevitable.

A PUBLIC hearing on legislation designed to develop an improved program for reducing predator damage to livestock has been scheduled in Washington on April 16.

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STATE BANK NO.	FEDERAL RESERVE DIST. NO.	CLOSE OF BUSINESS DATE	
1398	11	March 31, 1980	
ASSETS			
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1. Cash and due from banks		391	1
2. Due from other depositories and all cash items in the process of collection		0	2
3. U.S. Treasury securities		150	3
4. Obligations of other U.S. Government agencies and corporations		0	4
5. Obligations of States and political subdivisions in the United States		0	5
6. All other securities		0	6
7. Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell		525	7
8. Total loans (including overdrafts totaling \$ ) (From Schedule A, Item 8)		1,910	8
9. Lease financing receivables		0	9
10. Bank premises, furniture and fixtures, and other assets representing bank premises		22	10
11. Real estate owned other than bank premises		0	11
12. Letters of credit and customers' liability on acceptances outstanding		0	12
13. All other assets		11	13
14. TOTAL ASSETS (sum of items 1 thru 13)		3,339	14
LIABILITIES			
15. Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations		1,410	15
16. Time and savings deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations		1,394	16
17. Deposits of United States Government		0	17
18. Deposits of States and political subdivisions in the United States		244	18
19. Due to banks		0	19
20. All other deposits		0	20
21. Certified and officers' checks		12	21
22. Total Deposits (sum of items 15 thru 21)		3,060	22
a. Total demand deposits		1,465	22a
b. Total time and savings deposits		1,595	22b
23. Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase		0	23
24. Interest-bearing demand notes issued to the U.S. Treasury and other liabilities for borrowed money		0	24
25. Mortgage indebtedness for which the bank is directly liable		0	25
26. Unearned discount on loans		0	26
27. Letters of credit and acceptances outstanding		0	27
28. All other liabilities		1	28
29. TOTAL LIABILITIES (excluding subordinated notes and debentures) (sum of items 22 thru 28)		3,061	29
30. Subordinated notes and debentures		0	30
31. Allowance for possible loan and investment losses		0	31
EQUITY CAPITAL			
32. Common stock (No. of shares outstanding 500 )		50	32
33. Certified surplus		100	33
34. Undivided profits		128	34
35. Uncertified surplus, reserve for contingencies, and other capital reserves		0	35
36. TOTAL EQUITY CAPITAL (sum of items 32 thru 35)		278	36
37. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY CAPITAL (sum of items 29, 30, 31 and 36)		3,339	37

NOTE: This report must be signed by an authorized officer and attested by not less than three directors other than the officer signing the report.

I, the undersigned officer, do hereby declare that this Report of Condition (including the supporting schedules) has been prepared in conformance with the instructions and is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

SIGNATURE OF OFFICER AUTHORIZED TO SIGN REPORT <i>Betty Freeman</i>	AREA CODE/TELEPHONE NO. 915-862-2151	DATE SIGNED April 8, 1980
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NAME AND TITLE OF OFFICER AUTHORIZED TO SIGN REPORT  
Betty Freeman, Asst. Cashier

We the undersigned directors, attest the correctness of this Report of Condition (including the supporting schedules) and declare that it has been examined by us and to the best of our knowledge and belief has been prepared in conformance with the instructions and is true and correct.

SIGNATURE OF DIRECTOR <i>Betty Hammer</i>	SIGNATURE OF DIRECTOR <i>J. W. Wine</i>	SIGNATURE OF DIRECTOR <i>Bruce McArthur</i>
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MERKEL, TEXAS, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1928.

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## New Oil Well Boosts Merkel

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### Merkel Came With T&P, Has Close Abilene Ties

When the Texas and Pacific Railway streaked across Taylor County in the early months of 1881, Merkel was one of the towns created in its wake. Which makes this year the Diamond Jubilee Year for Merkel, as well as for Abilene.



Through the 75 years the history of the two towns has been closely connected. The two are kissing cousins — kept close by actual kinship of families in the two towns, by intermingled business interests and by social ties.

BRING HOME BACON! This is J. V. Vaughan, Merkel's first regular T&P railway agent.

Merkel was named, according to the Handbook of Texas, for S. H. Merkel who arrived in the area early in 1881. One of the town's earliest and most noted residents was J. L. Vaughan, who moved his family to the community when it was just an infant, served as railroad agent and was named postmaster when the post office was opened in 1882. It took Merkel several years to get out of the village class, but when it did it sprouted. In 1885 the population was put at 25. By 1890 it was 400.

Merkel became a college town several years before Abilene did. The Western Normal and Commercial College was opened here in 1886 with Prof. F. E. Haynes as principal. The college died, however, after the spring session of 1887. Henry West, whose family came here in 1889, recalls some of the everyday merchants in Merkel. J. H. Thornton, later county treasurer, was an early storekeeper. W. P. Browning was in the furniture business. Marion French had a drug store and operated the post office. A man with an unusual name, Mary Jane Cox, edited the Merkel Mail, the newspaper which was started in 1890. A Dr. Henslee was an early physician. W. B. Alsbrook was an early doctor and his son operated an early hotel. Tragedy struck the little town in the 1890's when fire broke out in the store where Bragg Dry Goods is now located and swept a half-block. With little equipment or water to fight it, the blaze burned itself out, West recalls.

put into cultivation and the cotton crops were bumper. West recalls that around 20,000 bales were marketed in about '06 or '07.

In 1906 Merkel got the railroad fever. The Little Rock road was started. Plans were to build it to Anson and on into Oklahoma. An addition was surveyed in the east part of town as site for shops. The grade was built as far as Smith. Then the panic of 1907 hit and the railroad folded. Evidence of the old "dumps" can still be seen.

Merkel was long known as a "windmill town." Underground water was good and each household had its own "system." But this didn't take care of fire-fighting, so the town was incorporated in 1908 mainly to put in some sort of water system. An elevated tower was built in 1909.

The big event in the late 1920's in Merkel was the Noodle Dome oil boom which bulged the population. The boom tied down within a couple of years, but oil production is still a major factor in Merkel's economy. New fields have been brought in all over its trade area in postwar years. Camp Barkeley during World War II, changed Merkel's way of life. Overflow from the camp budged the population. The same effect is being felt here already from the new Abilene Air Force Base.



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HERE COMES THE FREIGHT — Back in 1907, it was a common occurrence to see Bob Russell driving the first express line in Merkel. This picture is owned by C. K. Russell. Others in the picture are Alvis Sherman and William Berry.



MORE PIONEERS — Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Adcock are real pioneers of this area. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last summer. Mr. Adcock is a former postmaster of Merkel.

FOR VICTORY



POSTOFFICE IN MERKEL — When this picture was taken, it shows the postoffice employees. At left to right are Victor Harris, brother of Mrs. Harry Bullock, R. L. Adcock, brother of O. J. Adcock, F. A. Sanders, Price Bankhead, brother of Mrs. Adcock, and his son, Hollis, and O. J. Adcock. In the foreground, the young fellow reading the mail is Stanley King, still a mail carrier. H. C. Williams, Postmaster, and his daughter, Eiva Williams, now Mrs. Ellis Warren, Knox City.



EARLY DAY PARADE — Here's one of the floats in an early day parade in Merkel. You can see how the old horse is used as an advertising medium by Burton-Lingo Co. and the fancy ornaments on the float.

## Brown, Hellums wed in local ceremonies

Carrie Anne Brown and James Matt Hellums were married Thursday, Feb. 14, 1980 at the First United Methodist Church. The bride's uncle, Tommy South, minister of the Anson Church of Christ, officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Brown of Merkel. The bridegroom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hook of Trent.

Shannon Bagby was maid of honor and Dana Brown, sister of the bride, was junior bridesmaid.

Larry Hellums was his brother's best man and Bill Hamner of Trent was groomsmen. Seating guests were the

bride's brothers, Kenny Brown and Charlie Brown.

The bride was given in marriage by her father.

Parents of the bride hosted the reception in the church fellowship hall. The bridegroom's parents hosted a rehearsal dinner at the Big Country Inn.

Attending the wedding was special guest from Munich, Germany, Arthur Bagby.

Following their trip to Dallas, the couple now lives in Merkel.

The bride is a senior at Merkel High School.

The bridegroom attended Trent High School and is employed by G.C.O. Drilling Company of Abilene.



## Tye has busy week

by Harold Boyd

What a week. Elections, groundbreaking and the egg hunts have filled the week with activity.

Congratulations to the winner and losers in Saturdays elections. The people of Tye proved they can get the folks out to vote as a record voter turnout of 214 votes were cast.

We hope that we can get another good turnout for the May 3rd county election primaries.

The Tye city council met Tuesday and swore in new members, mayor James Snowden, Dewitt Isom and Melvin White.

On behalf of the Tye Volunteer Fire Department, we wish to say thanks for the support we have received during the Saturday night musicals. The fire department needs your support and aid if we are to have the equipment necessary to be an effective fire department. We currently have only one truck that can carry water to a fire and cost of replacements are a tremendous expense. By attending the musicals, you can help us have and maintain equipment.

If you are 18 years or older, and can attend or serve, our meetings are held the 1st Tuesday of the month at 7:30 and join up.

The Planning and Zoning Commission will meet and turn over their recommendations to the city council. The commission only makes recommendations on the citizens' and communities behalf.

For this week, take care and pray for rain, we all need it. Remember to speak well of your neighbor.

## Sign those IRS forms

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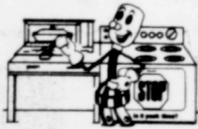
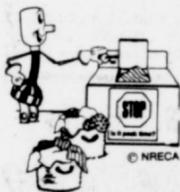
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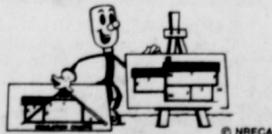
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reducing settings on electric water heaters to 120°-130°



## Best buys at Texas markets

COLLEGE STATION—Best food buys at Texas grocery markets for the next two weeks include pork, poultry, eggs, salad greens, potatoes and carrots.

Fresh-fruit season is just beginning, so be on the lookout for strawberries, pineapples, oranges, apples and melons, too, says Dr. Carol Akkerman, consumer information specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, the Texas A&M University System.

April price-quality trends are:  
MEAT—Pork is the "glamour" buy, followed by chicken and turkey.

Canned hams and bacon are features in many markets, along with whole chickens or fryer parts.

Chicken is still the top buy when you consider price per pound and nutritive value, though.

Beef prices remain high—but careful shoppers can put variety into meals economically if they'll choose from the less-expensive cuts.

Less-expensive cuts include round steaks, beef briskets, short ribs, ground beef and chuck cuts.

Egg prices continue low.  
When there's only a few cents difference between jumbo and large sizes, jumbo is the better buy.

Refrigerate eggs to maintain their quality. Also, since they're protein food, cook them slowly at a low

temperature for best results.

VEGETABLES—are becoming more abundant. Add variety to salads by selecting from these lettuces: bibb, romaine, red-leaf and curly endive. Fresh cabbage and spinach also make excellent salad ingredients.

Here's another salad idea: use cucumbers, bell peppers, green onions and tomatoes as special salad items.

They'll be plentiful in upcoming weeks, and since each has a unique flavor, select a combination, add your special dressing and a sprinkling of celery seed or dill, and you'll have a tantalizing salad.

Other plentiful vegetables are carrots, sweet potatoes and onions.

In fact, as we enter spring, many vegetables will enjoy supply increases accompanied by price drops.

Each week, then, introduce one or two seldom-eaten vegetables into your family's diet—for additional variety and interest.

FRUITS—Strawberries, pineapples and pears are excellent buys.

Remember, these are seasonal, so you can easily freeze them for later use, or make them into jellies, jams and preserves.

That would be an economy-wise thing to do, because usually when a fresh-food item is plentiful, its price is lower.

Of course, the same item in frozen or canned form usually has lower prices as well.

More plentiful fruits include a variety of apples and oranges.

Give cantaloupes and honeydews a few more weeks for peak flavor and ripeness, though.

In general remember, you can add variety and interest to meals economically—by using the best buys.

## MHS scholars advance

by John Townsend  
The annual UIL district scholastic meet was held at McMurry College on March 29th.

Eleven Merkel High students entered the contest and two of them placed high enough to advance to the regional meet at Lubbock, later in the month. Competing and placing for Merkel High were: Satcy Seymore and Ed Herrera in number sense, they placed 8th and 11th respectively. Walter Elmore, Ann Wooten and Ed Herrera competed in the science contests, Brad Wade grabbed third in slide rule followed by Josh Amerine in 4th and CVictor Hererra in 5th, Judy castille entered the shorthand contest, Roberta Duran placed 10th in typing and Gayla Bowerman placed 20th, John Townsend grabbed fourth in prose interpretation, Corina Longnecker won the 9th grade oral reading and Maria Moreno placed third in spelling.

The two students that will advance to regionals are Brad Wade and Maria Moreno. Students must place third or better in their events to go to the regional meet. Congratulations to all students who entered the contests and we wish Maria and Brad well in Lubbock.

## 101 birthday fete

A reception will be held April 20th from 2 to 4 p.m. honoring the 101 birthday of Mrs. Minnie Kelso.

The reception is being held at the Shady Oak Lodge in Abilene and all friends and relatives are invited to attend.



The Moore family in Tye recently held a dinner to honor their fifth generation. Mrs. L.N. Crawford (bottom right) is 94, Mrs. Lemona Moore (top right) is 70, Jack Moore (top left) is 46, Shawn Moore (holding baby) is 22, and Monty is 10 days old.

## Riders cleaning up

The 1980 season for the Merkel Riding Club will get started Saturday at 5 p.m. with a workday and wiener roast at the club arena.

We would like to invite all members and prospective members to attend. Our arena area really needs to be cleaned up and put into good

shape before we start the weekly ridings on Saturday nights.

Everyone attending is asked to bring enough for weiners, buns and desert for their family. The chili, beans and drinks will be furnished. Please come by and help our 1980 season off to a good start.

## Lambda Beta meets

Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met April 1 at the home of Gayla Beard.

Following the reading of the minutes, committee chairmen gave their reports, snacks were

served to members Annetts Clark, Judy Elliott Belle Hammond, Gloria Henslee, Mary Hill, Nancy Hogan, Minyon Seymore, Barbara Welch, Beverly Reed and Jodie Morris.

## Art group meets

Members of the Merkel Art Association met April 7th at the United Savings Building.

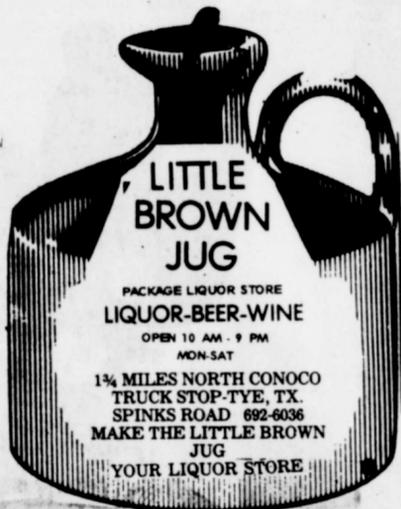
Ruth Hogan presided over the business session and plans were made for an art demonstration to be given at the next meeting, May 5th. The instructor will be announced at a later date.

It was also voted to hold a three day work

shop in June. Plans were also made to hold the annual art exhibit in October, the location will be announced later.

The following members attended the meeting: Mary Stanley, Elizabeth Hicks, Betty Toombs, Ann Doan, Cora Reeves, Ruth Cox, Ruth Hogan and Frankie Smith.

The next meeting will be May 5th and will be held at the United Methodist Church here.



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# Industry issue \$77 million in coupons Asencio engagement Local Girl Scouts

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cents-off days you can easily double your savings at the checkout stand. One supermarket in Houston tried to increase their business on their "slow" days by trying "double cents-off days" and quadrupled their business. The program was so successful that they continued "double days" EVERY day.

Rules on using cents-off at your supermarket are very simple. (1) Check the expiration date, if it is expired, throw it away. A helpful hint is to circle the date in red so it will be easy to spot and save time at the checkout. (2) Use cents-off coupons ONLY on the product specified on the coupon. Do not embarrass yourself by attempting to ask the clerk to accept a cents-off for a different product than listed on the form. It is against the law and considered fraud! (3) Give the proper coupon with the right product at the point of purchase. Don't hand a wad of coupons to the checkout clerk after you have umpteen bags of groceries already bagged! Put yourself in their place and be extra courteous. (4) Figure out how much you saved, try it for a month or two and see if you are becoming a "Smart Shopper".

For a sample refund bulletin that lists several hundred refund offers, send \$1.00 to Shopper's Bonus, P.O. Box 109, Marksville, LA 71351. For a free listing of over forty refund bulletins, send a long self-addressed stamped envelope to the same address.

Here are some offers to try. Bake-It-Easy \$1.00 Refund, P.O. Box 55219, Houston, Tx. 77055. \$1.00 cash refund, send four Bake-It-Easy proof of purchases. Offer expires 12-31-80. "Rosie Deal", P.O. Box NB268, El Paso, Tx. 79977. Four 25c coupons on Coronet products, send four Coronet product labels. Limit one per family. Offer expires 12-31-80.

## Older Americans

Taylor County residents 60 and older are invited to an April 21 public hearing concerning the implementation of the Older Americans Act. The West Central Texas Council of Governments Area Agency on the aging will hold the Taylor County Hearing at 11 a.m. at Rose Park Senior Citizens Center, South seventh and Mockingbird in Abilene. Eighteen other hearings are scheduled in the 19 county WCTCOG region. Agency officials plan to listen to senior citizen's ideas about delivery of services.

Mr. and Mrs. A.C. Asencio are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Kandi Asencio, to Walter Micheal Brodzick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Brodzick of Lancaster N.Y. The bride elect is a graduate of Merkel High School and attended Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos. The prospective groom is a graduate of St. Mary's High in Lancaster and also attended Southwest Texas State. The couple are planning a June 28th wedding at Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church here.

## Elementary ties for 2nd

Merkel Elementary School tied for second in this weekend's UIL District meet held in Wylie, Stamford won the division with 72½ points and Merkel and Anson tied for second with 25 each.

## James Cunningham

James Cunningham, 67, of Merkel, was pronounced dead of natural causes at his home at 6 p.m. Tuesday by Justice of the Peace Henry Guenther. Services were at 2 p.m. Thursday at Starbuck Funeral Home Chapel in Merkel. The Rev. Clifford Sanders, retired Baptist minister officiated. Burial was in Maryneal Cemetery. Born April 1, 1913, at

## Local Girl Scouts sell 212 cases of cookies

Merkel Girl Scouts sold 212 cases of cookies in the 1980 Girl Scout COOKIE SALE. That's 2544 boxes of cookies!

Twenty-eight girls earned Cookie patch by selling 4 cases each. Five Brownies earned the Brownie-Dad Special Overnight at Camp Boothe Oaks (choice of two dates—June 6-7 or July 4-5) by selling seven cases. They are: Troop 109, Teresa Lucas; Troop 244, Richa Hill, Kim Richards, Darla Swinney; Troop 107, Jayna Goldsmith.

Earning Cookie patches are: Cadette Troop 313, (chairman Sherry Ferguson) Ronna Casey, Tammie Swinney, Gina Stuckey, Janice Buckley, Lucretia Wade, Amy Irvin, Marsha Tutt, and Alyse Ferguson. Junior Troop 306 (chairman Vicki Thomas) Angela Thomas, Suzan Albert, Michelle Woodard, Fondale Watson, Tracy Bicknell, Sheila white, Debbie Pack. Junior Troop 245 (chairman Teri Nalley) Melissa Harris, Amy Stuckey, Staci Ferguson.

Brownie Troop 107 (chairman Bessie Hellums) Betsy Hellums, Tracy Thomas, Jayna Goldsmith, Cara Kelso, Deanna Clay, Phoung Than Tran. Brownie Troop 244 (chairman Mary Hill) Richa Hill, Kim Richards, Darla Swinney, Camilla Bright. Brownie Troop 109 (chairman Mrs. Billy Lucas) Michelle Barnett, Teresa Lucas, Pam Neff. Brownie Troop 241 (chairman Sandra Williamson) Bridget Acuna, Angela Carson, Robynn Dudley, and Penny Smith.

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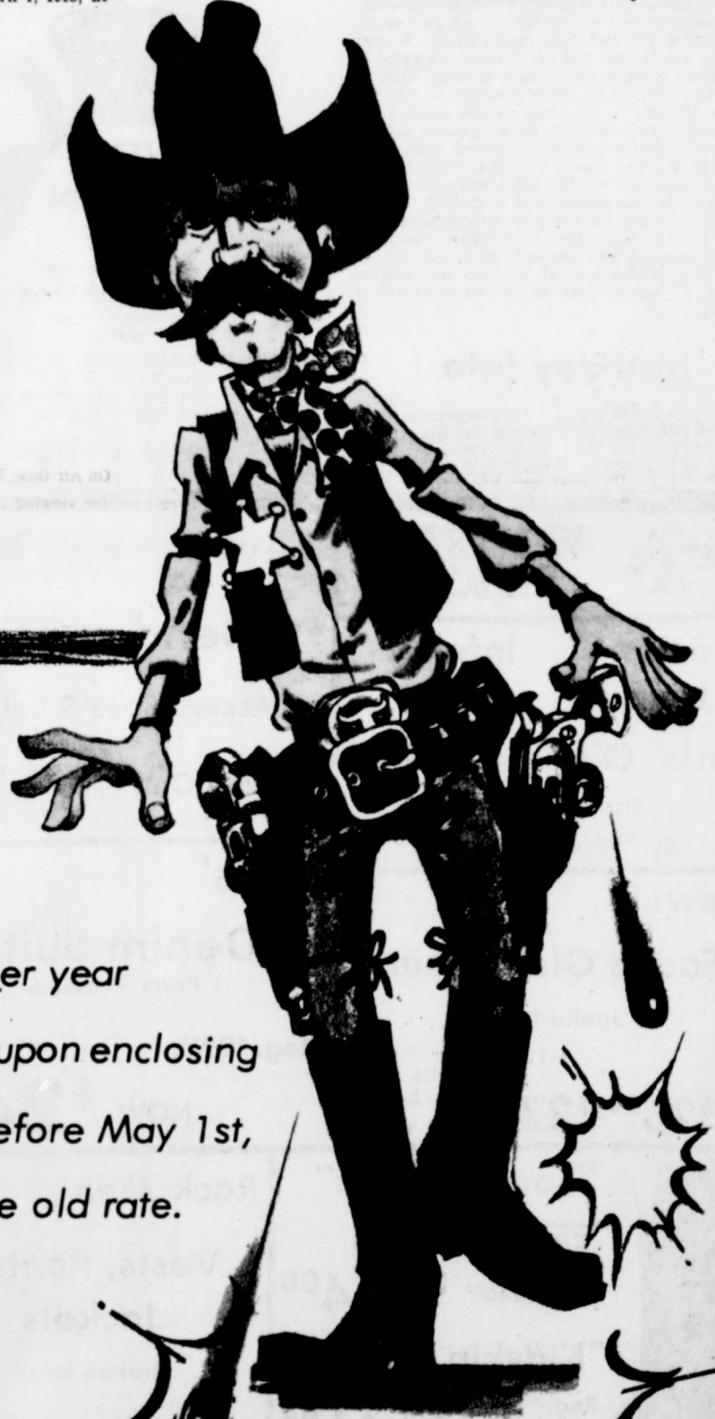
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# Cotton council back changes

WASHINGTON, D.C. April 4—The National Cotton Council today strongly supported House Appropriations Committee Chairman Jamie Whitten's call for a reduction of costs associated with unnecessary government regulations.

The Mississippi Democrat, presiding over considerations of various regulatory agencies' 1981 budget requests, recently warned Congress and the Administration that repeal or suspension of many regulations is "absolutely necessary" to prevent a breakdown of the U.S. economy and increase productivity.

Council President Herman Propst, in testimony filed with a House appropriations subcommittee, said the explosion of government regulations has been a major factor in the real decline of productive agriculture research. He noted that research resources in many instances have been shifted into projects necessitated by regulations that frequently are "overly stringent, unnecessary, impractical, and counter-productive."

Propst said Congressional action to eliminate needless and excessive regulations would allow research directed toward reducing costs and increasing future productivity to grow without hiking current outlays.

"Such action in our judgment would also cut government spending and lower prices to consumers."

As another inflation-fighting measure, Propst called for more aggressive action in the export credit area to enable U.S. agriculture to take full advantage of its potential for overseas sale. He pointed out that the long-term trade balance deficit has contributed heavily to inflation, and urged changes in laws and accounting procedures to more accurately reflect the self-sustaining aspect of the export credit program.

Regarding regulations, the Anson, Tex., producer pointed out that the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's cotton dust standards threaten "the very life" of the U.S. cotton industry.

"Many feel these standards will not fully resolve the byssinosis problem even with mandated capital equipment costs of some \$2.5 billion for our industry," he stated. "The ultimate solution is to find and eliminate the unknown substance in cotton dust that causes byssinosis in susceptible workers, and that answer can only come from research."

Propst said USDA and industry scientists have developed a two-year, \$9 million research plan which they believe can find a practical solution to the problem, and a joint industry-USDA recommendation on the program is expected by mid-April.

The Council president said a task force of more than 100 specialists from government and industry, after a two-year study of every area of cotton research, has recommended an increase in cotton scientist years from the current level of 431 to 594.

"While we believe the recommendations represent a sound national investment and are compatible with the intent of Congress in approving Title XIV of the 1977 farm act, we recognize that increases to the recommended level may be impractical at the present time," he stated. "In light of current regulatory problems, however, we do request that

cotton research funds be not less than the level for 1980 as adjusted for inflation, and further to accommodate requirements for implementing the special cotton dust research program."

Propst said the cotton industry and the rest of American agriculture cannot meet the nation's future requirements for food and fiber without adequate research on a sustained basis.

Regarding export credit, he urged the committee to authorize \$1.6 billion for GSM-5 loans in fiscal 1981 in addition to the GSM-101 risk assurance program already announced.

Propst said the GSM-5 program, which apparently would be eliminated by the Administration, actually makes a profit since the interest rate charged foreign borrowers is higher than that paid by the government.

The Council president said changes should be made in accounting procedures to credit GSM-5 loan repayments to the program instead of to the general treasury, and make it a self-sustaining, revolving fund. Propst added that elimination of the GSM-5 program could reduce U.S. agricultural exports since foreign customers have not widely accepted or used GSM-101 and may take their purchases elsewhere.

# First Methodist sets revival

Merkel's First United Methodist Church will



REV. Cooley

have a revival beginning April 14th and running through April 20th. Services will be held at 7 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. daily.

The guest evangelist is the Rev. J. Alvis Cooley and singers will be Bill and Melanie Beachy. Family night is set for Tuesday night, youth

night is Wednesday evening and adult night is Thursday. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

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## Sloan new PCA manager

The Rolling Plains Production Credit Association Monday has named a new manager.

Mike Sloan took the office March 29th. Sloan is a native of Jones County and was gradu-

ated from Merkel High School. He also received a bachelors degree in Agri-business from Abilene Christian University in 1978. His wife, Tammy is employed at Irene's Flowers in Munday.

Sloan's parents are Betty and Harold Sloan of Rt. 1 Merkel. Paternal grandparents are Troy and Leona Sloan of Merkel and maternal grandparents are Otis and Ruby Foster of Merkel.

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### Engagement announced

Cindy Newton of Dallas and Allen Gullede of Dallas will be married May 24th at Pilot Grove Church in Old City Park, Dallas.

The bride elect is the daughter of Weldon Newton and Mrs. Patty Newton of Dallas.

The prospective groom is the son of Gill and Bernice Gullede of Dallas.

The bride elect attended Angelo State Uni-

versity and Texas Women's University. The prospective groom attended Southern Methodist University.

Cindy is employed at the Fort Worth State School and Allen is sports director and announcer for KDFW-TV in Dallas.

The bride elects maternal grandparents are Mrs. Allen Nichols of Dallas and the rev. and Mrs. Allen Forbis of Merkel.

### XI NU CHI meets

Xi Nu Chi, chapter of Beta Sigma Phi, met Tuesday night at the Methodist Fellowship Hall. A rush party was held for rushees.

All members were dressed as their favorite advertisement. Various games were played during the night. The theme for the evening was "advertisement". Rushees were Gloria Henslee, Mary Hill, and Dana Dozier.

City council report was given by Ginny Yaddow. Rituals which are to be held in Abilene, April 12th were discussed. Special report committees were also given. Louise Dubose gave a report on the woman of the year for the Merkel area. Connie Ybarra on the nominating committee gave the following special report for the year

1980-81:

President, Connie Harris; vice president, Kathy Leverich; recording secretary, Glenda Teaff; treasurer, Blanche Hewitt; corresponding secretary, Ginny Yaddow; extension officer, Mamie Steck. Mamie Steck was also nominated to be city council representative. Connie Ybarra will be alternate.

Man and Woman of the year were also elected.

Following the games, refreshments were served to the following members: Kathy Leverich, Connie Ybarra, Louise Dubose, Jocille Brady, Pat Castille, Anita Allen, Liz Eager, Val Patterson, Ginny Yaddow, Glenda Teaff, Connie Harris, Mary Hill, Gloria Henslee, and Dana Dozier.

### Banquet held

Cub Scout Pack 185 of Trent held a Blue and Gold party, March 27th at which patches and badges were awarded.

The party was held at the Fellowship Hall of the United Methodist Church, the new sponsor.

Attending were: Blake Woodall, northern district representative and parents and relatives of pack members.

Bobcat badges and Pinewood Derby patches were awarded to 13 cub scouts and scout show patches were awarded to 10 cubs.

The dens were rechartered and members of Den 1 are Scott Richardson, Jeff Hobbs, Lee Hunt, Michael Jackson, Mike Wallis, Mike Carriker and Johnny Nance. Den 2 members include Scott O'Kelly, Willie Brazelton, Chris Simpson, Steven Lamm, Jimmy Collier, Billy Davis and David Conatser. Mike Payne is also a new member of Den 1.

Through donations from parents and relatives at the Party, the pack is now able to purchase a needed pack flag.

Pack 185 started about six months ago with five boys and five adult leaders, the minimum number to charter a pack. It has now grown to 15 boys, a cub master, two den leaders, an assistant den leader and several committee members. The troop is now in the process of organizing a Webelos Den and a Scout Troop. Anyone wishing to help can call Floyd Richardson at 862-3541. Thirteen cubs attended the Northern District Pinewood Derby. The cubs had a great time and Mike Wallis won second in the eight year old division.

The pack had a booth at the Northern District Scout Show in the National Guard Armory in Sweetwater. The pack's booth scored 260 points out of a possible 280 to receive one of the seven blue ribbons awarded. Lee Hunt was one of the two cubs in the Northern district to sell 100 tickets to the scout show.

The adult leaders of Pack 185 want to thank all who have helped in any way to get this Pack started and growing.

### Little League tryouts 14 & 15

Little League tryouts will be April 14th and 15th at 7:00 at the Little League field. All new Little League boys need to be at the tryouts.

There will be a work lay at the Little League

field April 26th at 9:00. This work day is not just for coaches. Any parent of a child playing is welcome to come and help get the field in shape for their children.



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