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Celebrate good times, Cmon!

The Merkel girls basketball team hoist their third consecutive district basketball trophy high following presentation ceremonies here Friday

night. The girls will play in the bi-district game against Comanche at Cisco Junior College Tuesday (Feb. 24) at 7:30 p.m. (Staff photo by Cloy A. Richards)

Stenholm on farmers, elderly, cuts

EDITORS NOTE:

Charles Stenholm, the 17th Congressional District's Representative, from Stamford, is making his presence known in the nation's capitol.

Stenholm is coordinator of the 30 member Conservae Democratic Forum, fast becoming the most powerful democratic legislature lobbying group in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Articles concerning Stenholm's leadership of that organization have appeared in major, national newspapers and magazines and it looks like the 17th Congressional District will soon have another "influential heavyweight" on Capitol Hill before too long.

Stenholm was in Abilene last week and he took some time to talk to the Mail concerning his the soon to be implemented rarm Act, budget cuts, social security and set asides

by Cloy A. Richards

U.S. 17th Congressional District Representative Charles Stenholm talked about his first meeting with President Ronald Reagan, and said, "The President started off saying, 'It's quite ironic that a Conservative Republican President would be first asking the leader of the Conservative Democratic Forum for support on my proposal to increase the national debt.' I told the President he would have my support, but I was going to have some fun with the Republicans in the House because they had been campaigning all these years, they had voted against increasing the national debt, but now they are the majority in the Senate, had increased representation in the House, and a lot of Republicans had to vote to increase the debt."

That's how Stenholm's second term officially began, and it won't be the last time Stenholm has the ears of some of the nation's political heavyweights.

Stenholm one four agriculture political committees, as leader of the Conservative Democratic F m (CDF), he will be personally involved in almost every major political decision in the next two years.

Concerning the 1981 Farm Act, Stenholm said it was much too early to tell the direction of the Act, but had some definate opinions on the matter.

"The farmer held reserve (on site storage) is the key to this or any other Farm Act. The Farmer has to be able to hold on to his crop until the market price reaches Parity for production. The target price concept is basic to the Farmer. The idea of subisdy has always been very difficult to achieve and we are in a period of budget cutting. Right now, we will be fighting to save the farm programs we've already got.

Congressman Stenholm also had some definate opinions concerning the real meanings of the elimination of most land set asides

"If we produce more than we can sell, we will have economic devestation. The set aside eliminations means we might have an unlimited market. Increasing exports is not the answer. Farmers have to follow the lead of small business. We (Farmers) have to sell our product at cost plus a reasonable profit.

Interest rates will probably be lowered but they will still be higher than the Farmer is used to. Energy costs are going up and will continue to do so. That makes just about every other price rise and Farmers will have low farm prices.'

The Congressman also agreed with the thought that set aside elimination was a way of USDA telling farmers that tough times are anead.

He talked about the organization and the actions of the CDF. CDF was organized last September. "We began dealing with the leaders of the 97th Congressional Congress to strengthen conservative ideals.

Stenholm said the group has already made major gains in winning seats on two key committees. "On the policy steering committee, we have four conservatives where last year we had none. In the budget committee, we placed a conservative and we had not had one the year before.'



Charles Stenholm visits with a Snyder businessman during his recent stay in Abilene. The Mail spoke with the Congressman and that story is on Page 1 of this week's Mail. (Staff photo by Cloy A. Richards)

Stenholm also said, "The truly needy elderly. who depend on their Social Security Check and the twice yearly cost of living raises, have nothing to worry about with Reagan's Economic

... "Median income for those over 65 exceeds income of those under 65"...Congressman Charles Stenholm

He did point out a fact that could change the concept behind the Social Security System. "For the first time ever, median income of those over 65 has exceeded the median income of those not 65. Here is where I emphasize the truly needy have no fears of budget cuts. People who can get by well on their own will have their Social Security cut in the future." He added, "21 percent of the residents in the 17 Congressional District are 65 or older."

The Congressman said the main difference in being a Representative in your second term is, You know your way around. I kinda followed Sam Rayburn's philosophy that Freshmen Congressmen are to be seen and not heard last year. I learned a lot and received some committee appointments I was very happy about. I am tickled to be there and have gained some confidence.'

In closing comments, Stenholm said there were a few things he'd like to say to the Merkel people.

"Help us cut down on the growth of government and the growth of expenses. Decisions we are making now and will be making in the near future at the national level, will effect everyone. I ask your continued input concerning those decisions. The Budget cuts will be shared from top to bottom. We, as a Nation, should build on the feeling of joy and Pride in our country, and seek leadership from our schools, churches and communities.

EDITORS NOTE: Congressman Stenholm also made a statement in his recent trip to Abilene that bears repeating. Speaking on the shape of the economy, Stenholm made an illustration to the logic behind the economy.

"Something is out of kilter when an unemployed auto worker in Detroit is making 40 per cent more money than a fully employed Texas School teacher.'

Girls take 3rd straight title, play Comanche Feb. 24 in Cisco

For the third straight year, the Merkel girls were presented with the 7AAA district championship trophy Friday night.

The girls became district champs following their 64-22 pounding of Stamford. The girls finished the season 25-4 and 9-1 in district play. The Bi-District Championship game against Comanche is set Feb. 24th at 7:30 p.m. at Cisco

Junior College's Gym, in Cisco. The girls will play a practice game either in Eastland Thursday at 7 p.m. or at home against

Eastland on Feb. 20 (Friday).
In their final game of the year, Nancy Click led the team in scoring as she dominated the offensive and defensive boards the short period she played. Click had 11, followed by Debra Carey with 10, Lois Baker with 9, Norma Frazier and Stacy Seymore had 8. The girls received the district championship trophy following the Stamford game here Friday.

Coach Mary Clark told the Mail Monday, "Comanche depends on outside shooting for most of their scoring. They have been a real inconsistent team this year, but if they get hot from the outside, they can hurt you."

Coach Clark said she would play a man-to-man defense against Comanche to put pressure on those outside shooters and said she planned to use Sarah Prasarn's tough outside defense on Comanche's leading scorer.

Junior forward Nancy Click, the team second leading scorer and top rebounder, sat out the Monday practice game because of the flu but should be ready for the Eastland practice game, and by the bi-district play off game Tuesday.

A win over Comanche puts the Merkel girls in the regional AAA playoffs for the first time and that tourney is set for Feb. 27 and 28 in Lubbock. Eight teams will be in the tourney, and the Regional Championship Tournament is single

elimination, meaning one loss and you are out. MISD Superintendent Bill Everett told the Mail Monday the school was thinking about sending a bus to the game in Cisco Tuesday and more information on that is available by calling 928-5813.

The girls were in a sticky situation, but

Tuesday's games changed all of that.

Merkel blasted Wylie in Wylie behind good scoring from Frazier, Click, Jackie Casey and Sarah Prasarn. The game was tight in the first half, but dominating rebounding by Nancy Click in the third quarter, paved the way to an impressive Merkel win at Wylie. That same night, Breckenridge downed Clyde making a three way tie in the second half of district play. Since Merkel had gone 5-0 and won the first half, Merkel was declared district champs.

In the JV's last game of the year, the two

Donna's led the way again.

Donna Green poured in 15 and Donna Miller added 11 as the JV smashed Stamford 62-37. The JV had a balanced scoring attack as Jackie Owen added 7, Kim McCasland and Kelle Burnett added 6 and Maria Moreno had 5.

Board selling old equipment, talks growth, discusses talented student program

MISD Board Members decided Tuesday morning to sell some old equipment, carpet two portable buildings, discussed growth in the Elementary and Middle Schools and talked about implementing a gifted and talented program for

The board held their regular meeting at 6:30 a.m. Tuesday morning at the Big Country inn During the superintendent's report, Bill Everett discussed growth in the Middle and Elementary schools

Everett said, "We just keep growing. There are 433 students in the Elementary school here and we are flat running out of room. We are looking at a couple of approaches to solve those problems. We could move the fifth grade to the portable buildings where they are now. We could sound proof the multi purpose room to make it into classrooms, and we could change the existing building around for more classroom

He continued, "We are suffering through growing pains. The Middle school facility will be

overcrowded in two years.' The superintendent also discussed the direction of shop classes. "Our shop teacher is retiring this year and we ought to look at starting an auto-mechanics course. The school and the facilities would have to be State approved but a car mechanics class would probably keep about 5 per cent of the potential dropouts in school."

Everett also informed the board of his plan for starting a Superior-Talented Student program

The State has mandated Texas schools to offer a full STS program by 1985 and Everett p to start the program with next year's freshmen

students would receive acc education programs to be rated on a grade point average system, similar to college level grading

"We are finally placing some emphasis on students instead of kids just kicking a football around. There will be a little more work involved by the teachers, but most teachers look forward to working with the STS students. We are going to have to come up with a workable program, and after the kids catch on, they will eat it up. I think it is a step in the right direction.'

The board decided to place a 1954 pick up, a Farm All tractor and an old building up for sale on a bid basis. Information on that equipment is available by calling the superintendent's office at

Monthly bills totaling \$90,568 were paid and the board learned 58 per cent of the 1980-81 budget had been spent.

Following a 2 hour, 10 minute executive session, new athletic director, Eddie Lang's salary was adjusted and the four school principals were given a \$2,000 annual raise.

Fire Dept. pancake supper goes well

Merkel Volunteer Fire Department Chief Waymon Adcock called Saturday's 2nd Annual Pancake Supper a hugh success and reported the Fire Department sold 360 tickets to the event.

Adcock said his crew of waitresses and cooks were a little more skilled at serving pancakes this year and said the "boys in the department

handled it pretty well."

Adcock said the turnout was better than last

year and said besides a Fun Day concession planned this July 4th, the Pancake Supper is the only fund raising effort sponsored by the Fire

Adcock also said Pug and Leo Harris have been named Ma and Pa of the Merkel Fire Department, "Because they have been so good to us in the past." He said the department is having a flag made to officially declare the Harris' the Ma and Pa of the Department.

Merkel mayor announces he will not run

In late election developments this week, Merkel Mayor Lou David Allen has publically announced he would not seek re-election and Larry Dudley has filed for his post on the Merkel School Board.

Mayor Allen told the Mail Monday, "I have other personal interests I would like to devote

more time to and also feel it is someone else's turn to be mayor. My term has been enjoyable, but feel it is time for new blood as mayor.

Larry Dudley has filed for re-election to his post on the Merkel School Board and Dudley was the only person that had filed as of Tuesday

Top news & events of 1964-63

This week's historical installment deals with the top news and events of 1964-63. The Mail is running the two year installments

leading back to Merkel's 100th year, to be celebrated here July 4th at the Merkel City Park. January, 1964

Conservation winners of the Middle Clear Fork Conservation District Essay Contest were Debbie Black who won first place in the seventh grade division, and Donald Russom, who won second place in the 8th grade division. The Brushstompers elected Nancy Watts as their club sweetreat. Sue King, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allen D. King, won the over all showmanship trophy at the Trent Community Stock Show. Rusty Holloway had the grand champion steer at the Merkel Stock show and sis Lea Ann Holloway had the reserve champion steer. Lea Ann also had the grand champion steer in the 1964 Abilene Fat

Stock Show. Four senior girls from the Trent High School were selected as members of the 9th Annual All Senior Honor Band at East Texas State College. The girls were: Delores Barnes, Betty McAninch, Donna Sharp, and Candy Higgins. The Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce selected Miss Bronwyn Gamble to represent Merkel in the Fort Worth Stock Show.

Barbara Whisenhunt was elected Sweetwater-Abilene area director of the West Texas Barrel Racing Association. City ordinances against stray dogs and fowl were to be re-enforced. The Annual Fireman's Banquet was held at Merkel School cafeteria. Guest speaker was Dee Sneel of the Abilene Fire Department. The Beta Sigma Phi Valentine Party was held at the Taylor Electric Co-op Building. Highlight of the evening

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was the crowning of the Valentine Queen, Mrs. Ann Scott.

March

Beverly Butman won the title of 1964 Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow in Merkel by winning top honors in a homemaking examination. John Hardesty, Taylor Telephone Company, was elected president of the Merkel Chamber of Commerce. Robert Malone was elected vice president, and Earl Hughes elected secretary. A "Badger" trophy was presented to the Merkel School as a gift from Dan Melba and Melody Gooch of Casper, Wy. Trent basketball girlsk won bi-district by beating Ira 75-55. The team went on to win state victory in Austin by winning over the Burkville Bearcats 67-21 for Class B championship. 161 rattlesnakes were captured on three local ranches, Mr. and Mrs. Don Jones killed 22 rattlers on the Sam Swann ranch. Howard Brown and John Perry killed 31 on the Tom Russom ranch, and 108 on the Earnest Meeks ranch. Trent held an Appreciation Banquet for their girls basketball team. Guest speaker was State Representative Omar Burleson. The Merkel High School senior class took their class trip to the Mayan Ranch in Bandera.

Badgers set three new track records while competing and winning the team championship at the District 6-A Track Meet in Sweetwater. The Badgers won with a score of 107 points, Roscoe finished second with 98 points, followed by Coahoma with 861/4 points. 150 attended the Pancake supper in Trent, sponsored by the Trent High School Pep Club. The proceeds went towards the Athletic Banquet. Archie Boyd, 101/2 year employee of the Trent post office, was named post master of Trent to succeed F.B. Steadman. The Merkel Junior Chamber of Commerce re-organized and named Larry White president, John Odell vice president, and Carl Guiles secretary treasurer. Errol Rutledge and Arthur Bagby are directors. Carol Sue McAninch senior student at Merkel High School, was a first place winner in short hand in the Interscholastic Meet held at Texas Tech in Lubbock.

May
The annual Spring Concert was presented by
the four Merkel Bands at the high school
auditorium with 600 attending. Betty McAninch
was named valedictorian and Donna Sharp
salutatorian of the Trent High School Senior
Class. Merkel Future Farmers of America held
their 4th annual Father and Son Barbeque and
presented awards. Larry Howard was named
Valedictorian and Carol Ann Joiner salutatorian
of the Merkel High School senior class.

Patsy Shields was named Miss Merkel in the Beauty Pageant. Other first place winners were: Suzie Wilson, elementary; Diana Dayton, primary; and Kim Satterwhite, pre-school. Merkel voters approved bonds to maintain a vocational building and band hall for the public

schools. Carol Lynn Joiner was top winner in the senior division and Mary Johnson in the junior division of the Taylor County Girls 4-H Dress Revue.

The Merkel Chamber of the American Business Women's Association was organized, and officers were elected. Two members of the local Tad Phi Lambda Sorority were elected to office at the Texas State Rally in Houston. Mrs. M.H. Ely was named first vice president, and Mrs. Gene Clift elected to the civic and patriotic committee. Three area students attended the Attorney General's Youth Conference in Austin. The Merkel students were Robert Shouse and Johnny Hardesty. Trent representative was Ricky McElmurray. The Merkel Little League All-Stars placed second in District play. The Merkel Semi-Pro team won district championship in playoffs in Hamlin.

August
Three area students were named as reporters for the Merkel Mail. Merkel school reporter is Honey Steck. Floydel Ross will report the Trent happenings and Janice Hill was named Noodle correspondent. The Merkel Semi-Pro team placed third in state at Lubbock. Approximately 150 attended a Sunday steak dinner at the school cafeteria. The dinner was sponsored by the Merkel cheerleaders, and proceeds were to be used for new game suits for the cheerleaders. Lynn Knight was elected president of the Quarterback Club in the initial meeting of the year. Ted Cooper was elected vice president, and Leon Walker, secretary.

The Merkel Schools showed an enrollment of 737 students. Of that number 240 were registered in High School, 234 in Junior High, and 263 in Elementary School. The Merkel High School Band placed third in Class B in the High School Band Parade held at Austin. John Read of the Merkel FFA Chapter had the over all champion Hampshire Barrow at the West Texas Fair.

October

September

Trent youth, Jerry Shafer, was named Taylor County's 1964 Gold Star Boy. 2250 attend homecoming game against Coahoma.

November

Lena McWilliams was crowned Homecoming Queen at the Trent game against Hermeleigh. Janice Hil of the Noodle 4-H Club, was named Jones County Gold Star Girl in 1964.

December

Soil Conservation awards were given to 4 area youngsters. Andy Stephen, Merkel, was over all winner in the poster division. Other winners were Cheryl McElmurray, Trent, Valorie Buntin and Annetta Stephen of Merkel. The Trent High School team captured the Fifth Anniversary Dyess AFB High School Girls' Basketball

tournament by beating Sundown High School 74-61. Santa Claus arrived in Merkel by helicopter to highlight the Christmas parade. Linda Windham was named, "Miss Merry Christmas" of Merkel at the end of the Christmas Parade ceremonies.

January, 1963 The change of ownership of two Merkel establishments was announced. Doan's Cash Food Store on Kent Street was sold to Troyce Perry and the South 9th Street Grocery was purchased by Mr. Q.P. Boygent. Mrs. Homer Patterson was recognized for her contributions to progress and history of Texas by being listed in Texas Women of Distinction. The annual Merkel Livestock Show was held Jan. 12 at the FHA Barn west of the high school. E.S. Chastain was named editor of the Merkel Mail. Joe E. Lassiter was promoted from the position of executive officer of the 425th Civil Affairs Group of Abilene to the position of commanding officer. Approximately fifteen delegates from the Merkel Brushstompers rode in the Grand Entry at the Southwestern Exhibition and Livestock Show in Fort Worth.

February 1 marked the first anniversary of Crawford's Men's Wear established in Merkel. Farris Neill captured the championship title with his Southdown lambs in the open show at the Fat Stock Show in Fort Worth. Myrtie Davis and Barbara Whisenhunt placed in the West Texas Barrel Racing Association in Lubbock. Louis Butman holds patents on a windmill tower and header and has made plans to market the windmill. A fire with an estimated damage of \$2,000 struck the Ernest Goodman home. Miss Sallie Carter, from Trent High School, was elected Homemaker of Tomorrow. The Merkel Garden Club won first place in the Advanced Clubs Group 2 with their 1962-63 yearbook at the Spring meeting of District VIII, Texas Garden Clubs Inc. in Sweetwater.

March
The Merkel Track Team captured the Class A championship in the Iowa Park Invitation Track Meet. Dr. W.T. Sadler and Booth Warren received their 35 year chevrons as members of the Lions Club. Duane Shugart, of Merkel Motors, was presented Ford Motor Company Sales Award. Don Warren was elected president of the Chamber of Commerce. Other officers elected were Paul Woods, vice president; and Earl Hughes secretary treasurer. Merkel Badgers led by the performance of Roger Moore raced to the team championship of the Fifth Annual Double Mountain Relays.

Horace Boney was named mayor of Merkel. Nancy Vaughn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D.H. Vaughn, was named to Who's Who. Merkel Badgers won 6-A district track meet in Big Spring. J.D. Sandusky was elected outstanding farmer. Joe E. McDuff and Mrs. John Hardesty were elected to the Merkel School Board of Trustees. A new business establishment, Carroll's Paint Store, held its open house. The house

belonging to Hump Curb and rented by Raymond Thomas was almost completely destroyed by fire. Bro. W.D. Tanner accepted the call of the First Baptist Church as pastor. Merkel Badgers won the Class A championship in the Region I track and field meet held in Lubbock.

Billy Ray Neill was given a Texas Baptist Fellowship valued at \$6,000. Joe Cunningham was awarded with 3 blue ribbons awards of merit for his painting in the Fine Arts Festival in Abilene. Bill Holloway was honored with a trophy presentation by Merkel Elevator for participation in and following the prescribed feeding program which helped Holloway win grand championship with his Herford steer in Taylor County Livestock Show. The Merkel Badger track team left for Austin to compete for the State Championship. Honor Students for the class of 1963 were Valedictorian Keith Wilson and Salutatorian Douglas Gladden. The 1963 Badger yearbook of Merkel High School was dedicated to Mrs. Ellen McReynolds, history teacher. Ruth Corder was selected reporter of Women's Forum at North Texas State University. The Farmers and Merchants National Bank increased its Capital Account from \$100,000 to \$150,000 by Stock Dividend of \$50,000. Carol Sue McAninch received the homemaking award for having the highest average of the sixty-eight girls enrolled in homemaking. Thirty-two seniors received diplomas from Merkel High School.

Mrs. Elsie Sharp Nash retired after 32 years as a teacher in Merkel public schools. The "learn to swim" program began with 134 entries. Four girls, Jil West, Shirley Sandusky, Ann Riney, and Kim Satterwhite, walked away with beauty crowns from the beauty pageant sponsored by the Band Parents Club. Grand opening for Max Murrell Chevrolet dealership was held. Stanley B. King retired as Rural Mail Carrier after 41 years in the postal service. The fifteenth anniversary of Starbuck Funeral Company in Merkel was celebrated. Postmaster Wrenn Durham announced Merkel's new zip code number as 79536. Marvin H. Clark, formerly of San Angelo, accepted the pastorate of Calvary Baptist Church.

July
Merkel's Pony League Ball Park was dedicated
to Bob Hook and Named the Bob Hook Park.
Plans were announced to build a Farm to Market
road between Merkel and Stith. The Merkel High
School Class of 1943 held their first reunion at the
Merkel Community Center. Merkel Badgers won
the Class A championship in the Region I track
and field meet held in Lubbock.

August

Sam Swann was appointed to the roundup committee for the cattlemen's round-up for crippled children. Dr. Chester B. Gardner was reappointed to the State Board of Medical Examiners for a six year term. Rains up to three

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inches were received in the Merkel Area. September

Lane Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mack Davis, was rescued from a near drowning by Horace Hargrove. A total of 719 enrolled in local schools with eight new teachers entering the Merkel School System. Merkel was the site of an investigation and survey by a research team from Texas A&M University on the economic impact of an iterregional highway on small towns that have been bypassed. The community Fund

committee set a goal of \$4,000 for the drive fund.

Election for sewer system was held with voters

approving the issue by a 6 to 1 margin.

October A total of 149 registered during the Merkel High School Homecoming. The highlight of homecoming activities was the game in which Merkel defeated Baird 6-0. Parents visitation and American Education Week was observed in the Merkel Schools October 21-25. Formal open house was held at Tye for the new Tye Methodist Church. The Bobby Fincher home was destroyed by two fires over the weekend with damages estimated at \$17,000.

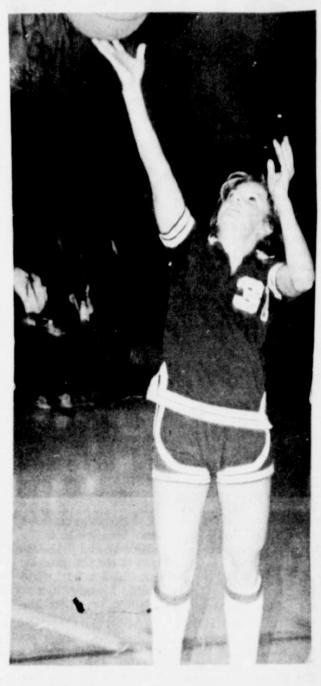
November Fire broke out in the garage and storeroom of C.B. Biggers resulting in an approximate loss of \$1,500. Approximately 179 attended a chili supper sponsored by the Merkel Booster Club. Four admendments were voted on. Badgers pushed through to become District 6-A winners and to play Seagraves for Bi-District championship. The Badgers beat Seagraves which carries them to regional play. The city observed a day of mourning for John F. Kennedy, late president of the United States.

December Horace Hargrove received a Red Cross Certificate of Recognition for saving the life of Lane Davis. Bill Holloway won the 4-H Gold Star Award for 1063 in Taylor County.

Class of 71 reunion set

The class of 1971 is planning a Class Reunion. If you know of anyone who hasn't been contacted or if you haven't been con-

tacted, please call Jana Farmer at 928-5100. The reunion is for the class of 71 and anyone associated with that class



Judy Castille scores two in Wylie last Tuesday. The badgers blasted Wylie, the same night Breckenridge downed Clyde, making Merkel the 7AAA District Champs for the third straight year. (Staff photo by Cloy A. Richards)

Champs, candidates, Canada...

by Cloy A. Richards

The Merkel Girls have just wrapped up their third straight district title and now enter the playoffs with their first test coming against Comanche at Cisco Junior College in Cisco, Feb.

The girls made it through the year without injuries and, with the exception of the flu bug that bit Nancy Click early this week, are heathly.

The girls should dispose of Comanche, because Comanche depends on making outside shots to win, and Merkel plays a power type offense, hardly ever taking a shot from more than 12 feet

Merkel should dominate the inside with Click and Norma Frazier and the guard tandem of Sarah Prasarn and Judy Castille will be concentrating on defense, making those long Comanche shots a little tougher.

But it is a game, and all kinds of things could happen. Merkel has enough talent, experience and playoff pressure experience and that should carry them to, well, let's say a 12 point win over Comanche next Tuesday.

The regional tournament in Lubbock on Feb. 27 and 28. You know Slaton will be tough and girls Coach Mary Clark spent Tuesday of this week at a Slaton game, trying to figure out a way to beat their press-no easy matter.

The Regional tourney involved eight teams, pairings to be drawn at random and single

More about that in next week's Mail, the job at hand now is to bring home the bi-district trophy. See results from the bi-district game in next week's Mail.

No candidate had filed for Merkel City or School posts as of Monday and the filing deadline for both elections is March 4th.

MISD voters will be choosing three board members. Incumbents in those positions are Pat Castille, Charles Jacobs and Larry Dudley.

To be eligible for the school election, candidates must be 18 years old, not be under conviction on a felony charge, be a registered voter. There are no filing fees or petitions required for placement on the ballot. Candidates must, however, name campaign treasurer and an expense report, regardless of whether they collect or spend any money.

City voters will pick a mayor and two council members.

Eligibility in the city and school elections are the same, including the filing of a campaign treasurer and the filing of expense reports. The deadline for filing is March 4th and the election is scheduled for April 4.

The turnout was great at Saturday's 2nd Annual Fireman's Pancake Supper held at Pug

and Leo's Restaurant. About 360 showed up to gooble all the pancakes and trimmings one could eat and to get a few laughs at the Firemen, dressed in waitress get

Ol' Robert Harris ended up a little more publically involved in the supper than he wanted. We got an old, file photo of Harris and inserted it on a line drawing of a waitress in an ad last week. He didn't know about it before, of course, and had to take a little ribbing because of it.

Then, some cameraman from KTAB stuck a TV camera in his face and interviewed him about the supper, waitress get up and all. And he thought the only hazards of that job

were getting burned. Brad Pursley continued his winning streak last

weekend as he won pole vault events in Toronto and Ottawa Canada last week Brad will be jumping in Kansas City this weekend, as that sophomore from Merkel tries to

become the Number 1 jumper in this country. I had a chance to speak with Charles Stenholm

in Abilene last week and the more I learn about him and his activities, the more I am impressed.

SPECIALS OF THE WEEK BAR-M-MEATS

BEEF PATTIES 2 LB \$2.80 BACON 5 LB BOX \$6.99 COD FISH 41/2 LB BOX \$7.99 PORK CHOPS 5 LB \$7.49 PRESTON MILK GAL. \$2.15 BUTTERMILK 1/2 GAL.



this year are (left to right) Bart Pursley, Dusty Barnhill, Kevin Farmer, Ty Nelson, Coach

Members of the boys varsity basketball team Martin Gohlke, Randy Martin, Royce Fowler, Danny Riggan and Sal Acosta. (Staff photo by



Members of the boys JV team this year include: (left to right) Eddie Caulder, Lorne Sloan, Greg Arnwine, Dwayne Brown, Gary Tutt, Ed Hererra, and Coach Sam Jernigan. (front

row, left to right) John Dodson, Mike Hagar, Tim Brady, Mike Pape, Billy Williams, and Norman Brown. (Staff photo by Drew Mawson)

THE FOLLOWING MERCHANTS SUPPORT BADGER BASKETBALL

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51-1tc FOR SALE: 7/8 polled Siemmital Bull, 14 months old, \$600, W.D. Herndon, Trent Cafe, 862-6321.

51-1tc FOR SALE: Refrigerator, washer-dryer, micro-wave oven, captain's bed and dresser, come by 702 Avondale or call 928-4924. 51-1tc

REAL ESTATE

FOR SALE: 2 bedroom home. 208 Rose. Phone 928-5166. Gary Hicks.

38-TFC

FOR SALE: 2 lots near Merkel schools. Call after 6, 928-4157. 45-TFC

FOR SALE: 2 bedroom, Merkel, large corner lot, will sell FHA or VA, \$16,000. 2 bts at Merkel Countty Club, \$11,000 and \$10,500. Older home, stone construction, 3 bedrooms on 81/2 acres at Eula. Extra acreage available. To setthe estate, 242 acres in Callahan County. Pecan orchard, livable hame, whenever you are buying or selling, call Ronnie Hardy at Century 21, or stop in Abilene, 182 South Willis 673-4535 or 846-

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The residence of

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P.O. Box 2875 Abilene, TX 79604 Attorney for The Estate

TO: Janet Ann Phil-

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer beMonday next after the expiration of 20 days vice of this citation, then and there to answer the petition of Douglas Duane Phillips & Brenda Phillips Petitioners filed in said Court on the 26th day of January, 1981, against Janet Ann Phillips, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 5087-C on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Interest of Melody Arlene Phillips and Duane Jan Phillips, Children" the nature of which suit is a request to terminate the parent-child relationship between Janet Ann Phillips and the children, and the adoption of the Children by Brenda Phillips. Said child, Melody Arlene Phillips, was born the 25th day of November, 1971 at Dyess AFB, Texas. Said Child.

AFB, Texas. The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree in the child's interest which will be binding upon you, in-cluding the termination of the parent-child relationship and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the child's adoption.

Duane Jan Phillips,

was born the 15th day

of July, 1975, at Dyess

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved. The officer execut-

ing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and e mandates hereof and make due return as the law directs.

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Chamber planning Centennial, Fun Day The Chamber is already making reservations for food or game booths at Fun Day activities, set

The Merkel Chamber of Commerce is registering men in the Centennial and Fun Day Beard Growing Contests.

Applicants may register at Boney Insurance during business hours and must be clean shaven at the time of registration.

well as camper hook-ups for 10 trailer spots North of the Park. Dear Editor...I'm upset with landfill fine

Dear Editor: I would like to share with the local citizens an experience I had with the City of Merkel. I live between Merkel and Abilene. I drive eight miles to dump my trash in the

sanitary landfill at Merkel, as it is against the law to burn trash. One night in Decem-

ber, I drove to the landfill with two neatly tied bags of trash. I found that the hours had been changed, and the dump ground was closed. Not wanting to return home with my trash, I walked down into the dump ground and put my trash in one of the holes. Inci-

dentally, I did not

enter a locked gate. I merely walked around it, as there was no fence. It seems that I put the trash in the wrong hole, so someone went through my trash, got my name off of some mail, and filed a complaint against me. I was then fined

for July 4 at the City Park.

If I had intentionally

done wrong, I would have no room to complain. However, I think it is a disgrace when people have anything better to do than fine someone for dumping trash at the trash dump.

Merkel, TX 79536

Mark Mahaffey

This year, the Chamber is trying to raise

money to build a restroom and shower facility, as

Fortnightly group meets

Mrs. J.W. Hammond hosted the Fortnightly Study Club in her home on Tuesday, February 10. A Valentine theme was used for the tea table decorations and in the refreshments served to

nineteen members. Mrs. C.M. Brown led the group in the pledge to the Texas flag and briefly reviewed its display and history. Avis Deavers presented the program, "Tex-as and Her People"

using old, rare, and new published books and articles to show its varied cultures and unique geography and background.

Mrs. Andy Shouse. president, presided for the meeting. She announced that the annual tea will be at the Methodist Fellowship Hall on February 24 when Mrs. Lucy Haynes will present the "Thomas program, Jefferson: Champion of Freedom.'

Hohhertz's celebrate 60th

Mr. and Mrs. Albert E. Hohhertz of Rt. 4, Abilene, celebrated their 60th Wedding-Anniversary, Sunday, February 15, 1981 at 1842 Edgemont, Abilene.

The party was given in their honor by their children who are: Mr. and Mrs. Orville Helberg of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. John Glenewinkle of Levelland and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hohhertz of Abilene-Merkel.

Mrs. Hohhertz was born Aug. 7, 1900 in Lee County, Texas and Mr. Hohhertz was born Nov. 2, 1902 in Shiner, Texas. They were married in Romney, Texas on Feb. 13, 1921.

They have lived all their married life in the

Abilene area. First in Abilene, then New Hope then in 1943 to their present home, some 12 miles south east of Merkel off F.M. 1235. In 1958 Mr. Hohhertz and his son Harold put in Hohhertz Dairy along with their farming operation. Mr. Hohhertz was active in the Dairy until his retirement. They still enjoy a big yard and garden. They are members of Our Savior Lutheran Church, of Abilene. They have 10 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. Tim and Brenda Hohhertz are their grandchildren.

Some 50 relatives and guests attended their party Sunday, from Dallas, Austin, Sweetwater, Giddings, Levelland and the Abilene and Merkel



Members of this year's boys freshmen team includes: (top row, left to right) Coach Martin

Gohlke, David Fuston, David Shultz, Brad Nalley, Russel Lucas, Rodney Goins, and Ray

The results of the Pee Wee League are as

follows: 3rd & 4th: Girls: Hawks 7- Bullets 6; Nuggets 2-Nicks 0 (forfiet); Boys: Bulls 16-Rockets 3; Bucks 10- Pistons 8.

5th & 6th: Girls: Nets 18- Jazz 13; Clippers 11-Suns 8; Boys: Spurs 30- 76ers 10; Lakers 16-

The standings after the first two games are as 3rd & 4th: Girls: 1. Hawks 2-0; 2. Nuggets 1-1;

2. Nicks 1-1; 3. Bullets 0-2. Boys: 1. Bucks 2-0;

Walters. (front row, left to right) Tommy hays, Ronnie Williams, Michael Tutt, Brooks Boyd, Danny Taylor, Jay Gibson and Billy McKeehan. (Staff photo by Drew Mawson)

Pee Wee basketball results, standings

2. Pistons 1-1; 2. Bulls 1-1; 3. Rockets 0-2. 5th & 6th: Girls: 1. Nets 2-0; 2. Jazz 1-1; 2. Clippers 1-1; 3. Suns 0-2. Boys: 1. Spurs 2-0; 2. Celtics 1-1; 2. Lakers 1-1; 3. 76ers 0-2.

Three Merkel area students attending Angelo State University in San Angelo, are listed on the Dean's Honor Roll

Those listed on the 3.00 to 3.49 Honor Roll include, Lesa Ann Hart, Cynthia Ann Smith. John Townsend.

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Tye city council meets

Whats Happening in Tye By Harold Boyd

Another week and here we are. Our town has been somewhat on the quite side til this evening. Prior to gathering news items, etc., we experienced a grass fire on the McCartney Rd. and a minor accident resulting in great property

City council met in regular session and approved all items on the adjenda that was brought forth. Our city is somewhat still in the blue in spite of the large amount of cost on the sewer project that remains under construction at this time. The city allowed Police Chief Don parrack to buy a gage for his safety, as well as a shotgun holder.

The cub scouts will have held their Blue and Gold Supper this past Monday at Tye Elementary School. This is an annual affair where dad and son get out for the evening and to honor each cub

Looking around at the calendar, March 7, the fire department will host another Pot Luck Supper, as well as their musical. Do make it or circle your calendar of this date. They will accept your cash donation or your food.





Contest winner Linda Reamer leaves NBC Studios with one of her luncheon dates, Ben Thomas (Jack Garner) from "The Doctors."

Recap: 2/16-2/20

pulated.

Preview: 2/23-2/27

SEARCH FOR TOMOR-

ROW -- Janet is still bitter

about Ted but denies any

feeling for him. Stephanie

tries to get the real story

from Kathy. Wendy is

THE YOUNG AND THE

RESTLESS -- Michael

pressures Julia to tell him

the truth about her baby.

Eve tries to learn more

about Julia's pregnancy.

The crisis with Heather

brings April and Paul

Margo resents all the lies

that Lyla has told her.

Margo leans on James for

support. Bob and Lyla drift

THE GUIDING LIGHT --

Hope wonders about

Alan's strange behavior.

Though Jennifer is not

guilty she faces social

pressure on Eve to leave

EDGE OF NIGHT -- Mike

goes to San Francisco to

find Nar.cy. Kelly is the

new Children's Program

Director a WMON. Raven

tries to investigate

Martine's past. Even

though Sky has sent

Gunther to watch the

rehearsals, Gavin and

Martine still carry on like

Ross alone

For Linda Reamer, our Speaking of Soaps "Name That Soap" contest winner, her first trip to New York meant a closeup look at a daytime drama being filmed, lunch with not one, but two, handsome leading men from that soap and a tour of some New York landmarks including Radio City Music Hall and Greenwich Village. Rockefeller Center, the

home of NBC's "The Doctors," was Linda's first stop. We arrived just in time to see the final run through and blocking of that day's episode. Gracie Harrison, who play Greta, made Linda feel very much at home by introducing the University of Pennsylvania senior to other cast members. Alec Baldwin (Billy) gave Linda a tour of the finer parts of the show's favorite stage bar, "The Medicine Man." He also explained how lighting techniques can enhance or destroy a

Boys lose two games

The Merkel Badger boys were blasted by Wylie in Wylie last week and then lost a one point heartbreaker to Stamford here Friday night.

Danny Riggan turned in his best effort of the year against Stamford as he scored 33.

The Badger boys wind up their year at home Friday night with tipoff set for about 7:30 p.m.

Mexican dinner set by Catholic Church

There will be a Mexican Dinner at the Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church. The dinner is set for Sunday, March 1 in the Merkel cafeteria from 11 p.m. til 2 p.m. Tickets are \$3 for adults and children 12 and under \$2. Tickets are available at the

Recent baseball parks donations

Recent Donations to elimate almost \$3,000 in debts by the Merkel Baseball Parks Association have been received from W.A. Witcher, Danny Malone, Billy Doan, Freddy Toombs and David

Won't be just a few more weeks and any or all candidates will have to file to be placed on the voting ballots. We will have 3 council people to be either re-elected or will have oposing candidates. Jo Ann Moore can give you all information as to what you need to do. All information as to what you need to do. These people serve the community with out pay. This is not a job that you devote a few hours to, it is one of responsibility, dedication and to represent the citizens of the cummunity. It does take each and everyone's time, due to it deals with Tye and the people as to where or what needs to be done. If you feel like that you want to serve the community, this is your opportunity to do so. File for the post that you want to run for and get out and have the voters get behind you. At this time, we haven't had anyone file, but will keep you up on who is running for these vacancies.

Driving around town, it is apparent that there will be a few gardens again this year. Plenty of rotortilling taking place and looking somewhat close, see that onion sets are in already. Lots of work goes into a garden but the end results are there in the eating of them. It won't be too long

steps by questioning Emily's doctors. Raven

plays up to Gunther.
THIS WEEK: Nicole's recovery seems assured. Draper and April have more uncomfortable moments.

ANOTHER WORLD --When Jordan tries to cause Jamie to have a fatal accident, Sandy steps in and saves his life. A grateful Mac takes Sandy to his home to recuperate. Mac decides to send Jamie on a working vacation out of town. Cecile will go along distressing Mary Ann who sleeps with Rick to mend her broken heart. Larry gets fired and is offered a job by Jordan prompting an upset Clarice to give Larry a "him or me" ultimatum.

THIS WEEK: Kit warns Rick to be careful when it comes to Mary Ann. Blaine gets a new job.

RYAN'S HOPE -- Frank's wedding plans with Faith proceed despite his dreams of Jill. Roger begins to serve as watchdog for Rae. Michael steps into another one of Rae's traps.

THIS WEEK: Faith begins to doubt Frank's sincerity. Rae sets another trap for

ALL MY CHILDREN --Brandon lies about his past to Erica. Shaun makes a miffed about being mani- discovery about Daisy's connection with Palmer truth. Brooke is stunned by the situation at her family home when she returns for a visit.

THIS WEEK: Brandon's lies catch up with him. Brooke delves deeper into the English mystery

AS THE WORLD TURNS --ONE LIFE TO LIVE -- All are worried that Melinda will tell what she knows about the baby switch. Clint is more upset than ever about Vicki. Marco's life is in danger. Ted's shady past is revealed.

THIS WEEK: Brad is on to a hot story. Melinda's babbling becomes clearer. problems. Vanessa puts

GENERAL HOSPITAL -

Diana tries to convince Jeff that PJ is Stephen Lars. Alan plans a weekend fling with Susan. Heather enters Diana's place with a gun. Later she stands over Diana's body and writes Ann's name in blood near the body. PJ begins to cry and Heather quiets him down: Jeff goes to see Heather at the hospital moments after Heather two love-sick school kids. sneaks back in. Scorpio April retraces Nancy's and Luke join forces to

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fight off Albert the valet and the Cassadine secretary.

THIS WEEK: Luke's new theory delights Alex. Alan and Alex have secrets to

DOCTORS -- Billy has a secret meeting with Natalie. Mona sets up a trust fund for Jessica which Nola and Jason have access to. Catherine has a blackmail plan to thwart Nola. Theodora's death is of suspicious origin. Althea plans to leave town. Ashley gleefully hands John the divorce papers. A medical emergency stops Althea from leaving. The attorney for Theodora's estate accuses Greta of killing Theodora.

THIS WEEK: Garner worries about Ashley's behavior. Catherine enlists Kevin's support in her scheme.

TEXAS -- Alex and Iris hold a reception for Dennis and Paige. Chris Straw comes to town. He is the owner of the Chicken Coop and a former lover of Paige. Chris puts pressure on Paige to get him money to produce a movie. As a surprise gift Alex brings Vivien to Texas to help Iris. Ginny decides to make a go of it with Barrett. Jeb starts getting involved with Courtney again.

THIS WEEK: Paige is acting strange and Dennis wonders why. Ginny has second thoughts. **DAYS OF OUR LIVES - Neil**

and Don argue over Liz. Brent threatens Lee telling her she'd better cooperate with his blackmail demands. Lee can walk but tells no one. Renee, however, sees Lee walking. Mary flies to Montreal to check on Jessica's past. Alex and Marie secretly fly off to Montreal but crash in the wilderness. THIS WEEK: Lee tries to get

Brent off her back. Alex and Marie face the peril of the unknown.

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Mexican fiesta, lettuce

tomato, pinto beans,

corn chips, and pine-

apple. Tuesday Feb. 24: Whipped potatoes,

green beans, hot rolls. and sliced peaches and whip topping. Wednesday, Feb. 25:

Pizza, Buttered corn, lettuce salad, pink applesauce.

Thursday, Feb. 26: Fried fish with tarter sauce, cole slaw with creamy dressing, blackeye peas with snaps, corn bread, and lemon bars.

Friday Feb. 27: Hot Dogs with chili and cheese, pickle relish, sliced onion, french fries, and fresh orange wedge.

Former mayor's wife submits proclomation

Dear Mr. Richards, In browsing through some of my "keep sakes" this morning, I came across this write up from the Merkel Mail, written in February 1961. It is as true today as it was in 1961. If you would like to use this "Proclamation", you may, but please return the old one to me. It is price less to my family.

PROCLAMATION IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF MERKEL

WHEREAS, the security and future progress of our Nation depend more than ever before upon our teachers and the adequacy of our schools, and

WHEREAS, never before in our history has there been greater

need for educated leadership, and

WHEREAS, our public schools will furnish our leaders of tomorrow with the basic human, moral and spiritual foundations necessary for more advanced training and knowledge, and WHEREAS, the

teaching profession is one of dedication and teachers play an im-portant role in building character and moulding good citizens worthy of their herit-age of American citizenship,

THEREFORE, Earl Hughes, Mayor of the City of Merkel, do hereby designate the week of February 24th 1961, to be Teacher Appreciation Week in Merkel.

EARL HUGHES Mayor

Wanda Maxwell buried here Tuesday Survivors include a

Wanda Joyce Maxwell, 49, of Abilene, an employee of two Buffalo Gap restaurants died at 12:20 a.m. Monday at Hendrick Medical Center after an apparent heart attack. Services were at p.m. Tuesday at Merkel Church of Christ with Larry Gill, minister, officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery in Merkel, directed by Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born April 21, 1931, in Stith, she had lived in the Merkel and Abilene area most of her life. She was employed by Buffalo Gap Steak House and Deutschlander Garten, both in Buffalo Gap, at the time of her death.

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son, Doyce of Merkel: two daughters, Mrs. Mark (Starlene) Hill and Tonya Maxwell, both of Abilene; her mother, Mrs. Stella Tarpley of Abilene; grandmother, Mrs. Minnie Kelso of Abilene; a brother, E.L. Tarpley of Merkel; a sister, Mary Lou Hicks of Merkel; and four grandchild-

She was preceded in death by her father, David Tarpley, and a brother, D.V. Tarpley



Randy Martin strains as he goes up for a shot against Wylie last Tuesday night. The boys play their final game of the year at home Friday. The game should start about 7:30. (Staff photo by Cloy A. Richards)

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Trent News

Thursday February 19, 1981

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Trent vandals caught; filing open

Trent ISD announced last week that vandals ausing damages to the Trent Gym have been dentified. Roy Neff also reported maintenance

fficials were able to remove the paint. Trent ISD voters will be choosing two board

members April 4th, and there is already a contested race.

Incumbents John Griffith and Jerry Nance terms are up and Nance, Ted Simpson, Randy Hunt have already filed for the two spots. Filing

Stenholm meeting set Feb.2

Family farmers and ranchers who want a firect input into the 1981 Farm Bill will have heir chance Saturday, February 21 when a Farmer's Town Hall Meeting will be held with Congressman Charles Stenholm (D), Stamford, he representative of the 17th Congressional District. The open meeting will be held from 11 .m. until 3 p.m. at the Fine Arts Building of the Cisco Junior College in Cisco and will include a Use the warmth of the sunshine! uestion and answer session with the congres-

the Texas Farmers Union. Newly elected Texas Farmers Union President Mike Moeller said the culmination of the series of local meetings held the week of January 20th to 27th "will provide the opportunity to directly present to Congressman Stenholm the views of those people whose livelihoods depends on agriculture.

On sunny days open the drapes. The sun shining through the glass

ONE MILE NORTH OF I-20 ON FM 126

The Trent Senior

Class are working on

several projects to wind up their two year effort for friends

to finance their senior

trip. Although the final

payment has been

made on the cruise

package, additional

funds are needed for

tours and sightseeing.

combined garage and

bake sale at the home

of Ruby Faye and Rebecca Sipe. The

On Sat. Feb. 14th, a

February Specials

selling tickets on the

Quilt, which will be

given away on March

10th. Tickets sell for

\$1.00 each or 6 for

Also scheduled for

Feb. are is a trash

haul and taking alum-

inum cans and paper

for recycling. Anyone wishing to donate goods for the garage

sale, buy a ticket or

Community

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\$5.00.

Ladies Night-Every Wednesday night from 5 pm until closing, Ladies drinks are only \$1.

The Pro Shop sale Continues, with prices marked down 25 to 50 per cent off on almost all items. Sale includes golf clubs, golf bags, golf and tennis shoes, clothing, sports bags.

Our delicious prime rib will be featured every Saturday evening at a special price of \$8.95 per person.

Special Notice. Due to the rising cost of our telephone system, we have elected to have the Abilene line of 672-3942 disconnected. It is just as efficient and less expensive to use the 1-+ dialing system. Please call 1-928-5514 for the Merkel Country

Good golfing weather is just around the corner, so get out tho se rusty clubs, clean them up and get ready for the golfing season.

month with farmers and ranchers sponsored by

The Farmer's Town Hall Meeting is a result of will supply additional heat at no 14 county tour and grass roots meetings last cost Merkel Newsbriefs

ngagement

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald B. Perkins Jr. of El Paso, Tex. have announced the engagement of their daughter Catherine Ann to Juan (John) Biera, Jr. son of Mr. and Mrs. Juan

Biera, Sr. The bride elect is a graduate of Irving High School in El Paso and is a senior at the University of Texas at El Paso.

prospective bridegroom is a graduate of Merkel High school and is a senior at University of Texas at El Paso.

The couple plan to exchange wedding yows March 14 at St. Patricks Cathedral Catholic Church in El Paso, Tx.

Graduate

Kathy Gregory, a member of the Merkel Adult Education Class has passed her G.E.D. Tests. These tests cover science, social studies, math, english, writing skills and reading. Congratulations Kathy.

Classes are held every Monday and Tuesday evenings from 6:30 - 8:30 in Room 1, Merkel Middle School. For more information, come any Monday or Tuesday to

Adult Education

Merkel Adult Educaion Classes are now offering the Diploma Program. A student can receive a Merkel

diploma after fulfilling the requirements. Many of the students enrolled are working on the requirements and doing an excellent

Classes are held every Monday and Tuesday from 6:30-8:30 at Merkel Middle School, Room 1. For more information call 928-5680 or come to

Xi Nu Chi

Xi Nu Chi met Tuesday, Feb. 10th at the Methodist Fellowship

Hostess for the evening was Val Patterson. Plans for a party to honor Mary Hill were discussed. Mary Hill will represent Xi Nu Chi at the Valentine Dance which will be held Sat., Feb. 21 at the Abilene Civic Cen-

Program for the evening was on music, presented by Captain Val Patterson, and co-captain Anita Allen. Special guest speaker was Dan Allen. He led the group in several songs and sang

several songs. Refreshments were served to the following members: Anita Allen Ginny Yaddow, Mary Hill, Connie Harris, Louise Dt bose, Connie Ybarra, Blanche Hewitt, Val Patterson, Mamie Steck, and

Kathy Leverich. Wedding set

Janet Wade and Al-bert Engard III will be married Saturday, February 28 at 7:30 p.m. in the home of

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The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Thelma Wade, of Merkel.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Engard II of Abilene. He is employed at Bridwell Oil Company

All family and friends are invited to attend. Stith musical

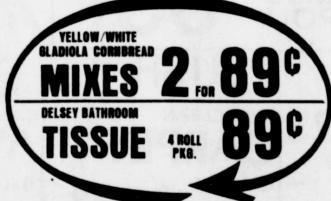
set Saturday There will be a country and western musical at the Stith Community Center,

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