The Merkel Mail

Thursday, March 4, 1982...Merkel, Texas

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Kindergarten artist part of capitol display in Austin

A Merkel Elementary art student will have a drawing of his, along with 100 other Texas art students' work, will be displayed in the state capitol's rotunda as a part of Youth Art Month.
Judd Burton, a kindergarten student at Merkel
Elementary and son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn
Burton of Merkel, will have a drawing displayed.
Burton was honored Monday night at a PTO

meeting, which was followed by an Open House. Pat Neff, Merkel's art teacher, said the youngster was very talented and had also won his age division in the USDA Soil Conservation poster contests.

Mrs. Neff, who teaches between 650 and 675 art students at Merkel and Tye Elementaries, gave a description of MISD's pledging art program and it's goals at the Monday meeting.

Merkel Mayor Kent Satterwhite declared, by

proclimation, Youth Art Month here this month. Burton, his family and the Neff's will attend a reception at Texas Lieutenant Governor's apartment March 14 and will view the art display at the capitol.

Burton's mother commented Judd had not realized the importance of his honor and was more excited about losing his first tooth over the weekend. She said that would probably change

when he sees the sights of Austin.

Judd attended Monday's PTO session sketch pad and pen in hand.

Judd Burton listens to MISD art instructor Pat Neff as she tells a PTO meeting Monday one of Judd's drawings will appear in a display at the state capitol in observance of Student Art Month. (Staff photo by Cloy A. Richards)

Ronny Doan files for MISD post

With the filing deadline set for 5 p.m. Wednesday for local elections, James Boyd's seat on the MISD school board is the only uncontested race in upcoming elections.

A new candidate has filed since last week's

Mail, Ronny Doan filed for Place One on the

board joining J.C. Sims and Bobby Toliver. Running for three positions for the Merkel City Council are incumbents Ted Smith and Jerry Byrd. Also running for one of the three spots are James McKee, Elinor Dagestad and Jeff Jones.

Boys race to 4th in Ft. Stockton

The Merkel boys track team placed fourth in Fort Stockton over the weekend as Jay Campbell led the way with a second place finish in the pole vault and Sammy Tumlinson also scored well for

Head Coach Eddie Lang told the Mail Tuesday his team had one week to get ready for the meet and felt his team performed well in spots and not so well in others.

Lang is readying the boys for a weekend meet in Anson while the girls team will travel to

The results from the Fort Stockton meet are Pole Vault-Jay Campbell 2nd-12'6", Sammy Tumlinson 3rd-12'6"; Long jump- Mike McCoy 3rd-19'9"; Shot put-Roy Johnson 5th-44'3", 440

Relay-5th including Mike Tutt, Russell Lucas, Ronnie Williams and Gary Tutt; 110 Hurdles-Jimmy Don Rogers 5th, Sammy Tumlinson 7th; 800 Run- Raymond Acosta 7th; 300 Intermediate Hurdles-Mike McCoy 4th, Sammy Tumlinson 6th; Mile run-Raymond Acosta 6th; Mile Relay 6th including Russell Lucas, Michael Tutt, Ken Rich and David Schultz.

Lang said the times and distances were promising for this time of the year and said his track team will have a lot of sophomores and a

The schedule for this week includes all girls track teams in Stamford and the boys varsity in Anson. March 12th a 6-7-8th grade meet is being scheduled here and the High school boys and girls will travel to Winters next weekend.

Don't use weather pics, Band uniforms, 3

in Trent, Jail a hotel?...more

by Cloy A. Richards

Never, never use a weather picture in the Big Country.

After last Thursday's picture of two pigs in a mud puddle, what did you wake up to Friday? A hint of snow you say?

The Middle School and High School Band Boosters are starting to raise money for new

band uniforms. They will be holding a bake sale March 6th in front of Starbuck's Furniture Store.

Congratulations are in order for three Trent High students for their recent showings in UIL solo ensemble contests held at Hardin Simmons

Simon Dela Cruz, Chris Simpson and Roger Brenem received a 1 rating at the contest.

Judd Burton, a Merkel Kindergarten student, will have one of his drawings on display in Austin

Judd's work was submitted by MISD art instructor Pat Neff and was selected to be a part of the Youth Art Month.

Congratulations are in order for Judd.

If you want to plant a garden this year and

don't have the space available, tell you what, the Mail will help you out.

I ran an ad last week requesting a garden spot. The response was excellent. I had about 15 calls in three days. The Mail will run garden spot requests for free

in the Classified. Give us a call at 928-5712 and we will run the Classified that you are looking for a garden. I appreciate the folks that responded to my ad.

A new jail? Why, it's going to be a motel. If I hear that statement one more time in a political discussion about the proposed county jail, I will scream.

Bloody Murder. The county is faced with spending almost \$9 million for a new jail and has decided to call a

The county's alternative is to do nothing, have the jail classified to house about half of the inmates we have and either release the rest or house them in other counties.

Merkel fifth graders are still raising money for a two night, three day stay at Camp Butman. They are raising money by selling books, candy, pencils and Merkel Badger pendents.

More information is available from the school.

Jail bond hearing held

A town hall meeting concerning the upcoming bond election for the new Taylor County Jail was held here Tuesday by Taxpayers for Necessary

The meeting, was one of a series throughout the county sponsored by the group, which is urging passage of the March 20th bond election. Absentee voting has already started for that vote.

Taylor County's jail was declared substandard by the State Jail Commission and the 50 year old structure will have had to be extensively remodeled or a new facility built. Taylor County Commissioners decided to call a \$8.9 million bond

election to finance, the structure, which will also include a juvenile correction facility.

The town hall meetings are designed to focus attention on the jail's main problems, that being of age and limited escape routes in case of fire. Officers in the organization backing the jail bond issue are Charles Hill, Kenny Biggs and

Raye Howe, all Abilene businessmen. Taylor County officials were on hand at the Tuesday meeting to answer questions concerning the new jail and the state laws concerning the new jail and the state laws concerning housing of

Farm insurance program scrutinized

By Catharine M. Lemieux, Edward G. Smith, James Richardson and Ron Knutson.

Should I take out the new all-risk crop insurance? This is a question which every crop producer must answer in the next few weeks before the sign-up deadline. While this is an individual question, research results reported in this article provide important new insight that producers can use in deciding whether to participate and at what level.

This research is being conducted by the authors who are policy analysts with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station and the Extension Service using funds generated by a special Expanded Research legislative appropriation.

The All-Risk Insurance Program In 1982, the All-Risk Crop Insurance Program becomes the primary disaster assistance program offered by the USDA. This program supersedes both the previous Federal Crop Insurance Program and the Disaster Payment Program. While some disaster provisions still exist in the 1981 Farm Bill, they are either discretionary or available only in those counties whee all-risk insurance is not currently being

All-risk insurance was designed not only to replace the disaster payment provisions of the 1977 Farm Bill, but also to make Federal Crop Insurance coverage more attractive to producers. This was done by giving producers a wider range of choices in terms of both yield and price, and by providing a premium subsidy and extending coverage to additional counties and crops. USDA and the Congress hope that as many as two-thirds of the producers will elect to participate in the program.

While a government program, all-risk crop insurance is sold by private insurance agents supervised by the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation. Private insurance agents, banks, farm credit, associations, and farm organization insurance agencies are, therefore, all likely to be sources of all-risk crop insurance coverage.

The All-Risk Insurance Options Taking out all-risk crop insurance is not simply a matter of deciding whether or not to take out insurance. In addition, a choice has to be made among three levels of yield coverage and three

levels of price coverage. Yield coverage can be taken out for 50, 65 or 75 percent of a guaranteed yield level for each risk area in a county. The guaranteed yield level is based on the county's 10-year production history.

Price coverage can be taken out at levels approximately equal to 60, 70, and 90 percent of a projected market price. Prices, of course, vary from commodity to commodity and from year to year. Specific alternative price coverage levels for 1982 are: Cotton (low to high) .45, .50, .60; Wheat (low to high) 2.50, 3.50, 4.50; Grain Sorghum (low to high) 3.57, 4.29, 5.00; Corn (low to high) 2.00, 2.70, 3.00.

All-Risk Premiums All-risk crop insurance premiums are established on an actuarial basis. That is, they are designed to reflect the risk of loss for a particular crop, in a particular area, at a particular level of coverage. Premiums, therefore, increase for higher levels of yield coverage, higher levels of price coverage and higher levels of risk. Premiums can change over time as the history of yields and losses are experienced on particular

A 30 percent government premium subsidy is available for coverage up to 65 percent of the guaranteed yield. This subsidy exists at each of the three price levels. The existence of the subsidy has substantial impact on both the decision of whether to take out insurance and the level of coverage. With all-risk crop insurance, a producer must wait until the end of the crop year to determine what the shortfall in production will be for the entire farm on the insured crop.

Differences From Commercial Insurance Commercial insurance is generally available for only hail and fire protection. Commercial insurance does not generally cover drought,

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No major injuries were reported after a Merkel School Bus and pick-up collided near Nolan Friday morning. Icy roads were blamed in the accident. (Staff photo by Cloy A. Richards)



celebrated her 107th birthday Friday at a party at the Starr Nursing Home. Mrs. Dishman is still active and occasionally sings religious songs. She has three living children, Mrs. J.D. Bradley, Lois Melton and Wright Dishman, all of Merkel. (Staff photo by Cloy A. Richards) Leona Dishman, Merkel's oldest living resident

MISD menu

The Merkel School menu is as follows:

Thursday March 4: Pizza with beef and cheese, corn, lettuce wedge, and choc. cake with icing.

Friday March 5: Hamburgers, french fries, pickle, onion, lettuce, tomato, and cowboy cookie.

Monday March 8: Salisbury Steak with gravy, creamed potatoes, mixed vegt., hot rolls, and pink applesauce.

Tuesday March 9: Enchilads with chili and cheese, spanish rice, lettuce and tomatoes, and pineapple.

Wednes. March 10: Fish with tarter sauce, blackeyed peas, seasoned spinach, corn bread and applecheese

Thursday March 11: Tin can casserole, car-

the Merkel area.

more information.

Tennis is becoming an uprising

sport for men, women, and children.

It has now become a popular sport in

We have decided to offer tennis

lessons for all beginners and even

you pro's. Andy Cummings, Merkel

High School tennis coach will be

giving lessons at the Merkel Country

Lessons will begin in mid April

and continue throughout the sum-

mer. Cost of lessons will be \$40.00 for

5 sessions. Each group session will

last from an hour to an hour and a

half. If you prefer individual lessons,

they will be offered for \$12.00 per

Scheduling will be based upon

your convenience and participation.

Call 928-5514 to set up lessons or for

rots, potatoes, onions tossed salad dressing, batter bread, and orange wedge.

Friday March 12: Bar-B-Q on bun, pinto beans, pickle, onion, and sliced peaches.

Band sale

The Merkel Middle School and High School band boosters will be holding a bake sale March 6th in front of the Ben Franklin

Money will be used to go toward the purchase of new band uniforms.

Xi Nu Chi news

Xi Nu Chi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi honored their Valentine Sweetheart Judy Elliott with a dinner at the Our Mother of Mercy CCD Hall on Saturday night with thirty members and husbands present.

MERKEL COUNTRY CLUB

TENNIS IS COMING TO

MERKEL COUNTRY CLUB

Xi Nu Chi news

Xi Nu Chi met at Pleasantville with Louise Sudderth as guest speaker. Her program was on England.

Kathy Leverich was hostess.

There were fifteen members present with five being absent.

The next meeting will be March 9th with Jocille Brady as hos-

Book fair

Merkel Middle School is sponsoring a Texas Schools Book Fair March 8 through March 12.

The books will be displayed in the Library throughout the week. We have a large selection of books for sixth through eighth graders.

The public is invited to come and browse. See you at the fair!

Tired of the same ole' fast food

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our noon buffet from 11:00 a.m. until

2:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday. For

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Don't forget about the Shrimp Peel

Congratulations go out to Mr. and

Mrs. Jack Wills who were married

February 20, 1982 at the First

Baptist Church. Mrs. Wills is the

former Sandra Cannedy, daughter of

ATTENTION: The Mens Golf

Association will meet Thursday,

March 4 at 7:30 for a meeting to

form committees to conduct tour-

naments throughout the year. This

meeting will be held in the patio

Dr. and Mrs. Rod Cannedy.

every Wednesday night, cost of the

Shrimp Peel is \$3.95 per person.

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Newsbriefs

Library aides

collect 2,000

labels

We have reached and passed our goal of 2000 Campbell labels. Our final count was

The Librarian and Library Aides would like to thank everyone who participated in the program. Your support has been

greatly appreciated. We will be sending the labels in this week and should receive our books for the library in about six weeks.

Spring sewing

classes set

Spring Sewing classes will be offered to the public this March by the Taylor County Extension Office. Classes will include using fusible interfacings, sleeves, collars, ruffles, lace, piping, pockets, sewing notions and equipment and sewing trends. The classes are designed for anyone who sews and will be two hours of lecture demonstrations. Each class will meet three times and will be Roberta taught by Watters. The classes and meeting places are as follows: Mondays March 8, 15 & 22 at 7 p.m.; Tuesdays March 9, 16 & 23 at 9 a.m.; Tuesdays March 9, 16 & 23 at 1:30 p.m.;

These classes meet in the Extension Meeting

Room, 3rd floor, Old

County Courthouse.

Wednesdays March 10, 17 & 24 at 1 p.m. at Ovalo E.H. Club House Registration is \$3.00 to cover cost of demonstration supplies and printed materials. Make checks to Home

Economic Fund and Mail by March 4 to: Roberta Watters, County Extension Agent, Old County Courthouse, Abilene, Texas 79602.

Giesler's announce daughter

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Giesler are proud to announce the arrival of a baby girl, Sharae Mychele, born Febru-ary 23. She weighed 6 lbs 14 ozs. and was 193/4 inches long. She has one sister, Nichole Denise.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Larry Justice. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Dan Giesler of Maryneal.

Great grandparents are Myron Hubbard of Merkel and Mr. and Mrs. W.C. Justice of San Antonio. Also Helen Clark and Jewel Giesler both of Sweetwater

Great great grand mother is Mrs. Ida Justice of San Antonio.

Obituaries Joel Griffin, 81

Joel Brice Griffin Sr., 81, of Abilene died at 4 a.m. on Tuesday. Feb. 23rd at Hendrick Medical Center following a short illness.

Services were at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Starbuck Chapel with Jim-my Jibin and Bill Luttrell, of Hillcrest Church of Christ, officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Born April 28, 1900, in Morris County, he had moved to Jones County in 1920 and had lived in the area since. He moved to Abilene in 1966. He was a member of Hillcrest Church of Christ and was a member of the Masonic Lodge. He married Hattie Bullock, September 10,

1922 in Holly. Survivors his wife; one son, J.B. Griffin, Jr. of Fort Worth; a daughter, Betty Hale of Abilene; 2 brothers, Samuel and Wintford, both of Calif.; 4 sisters, Winifred Boyd of Kent, Wash., Ola White of Brownsville, Nelia Guinn and Cecil Daniels of Harlingen; four grandchildren; and 1 great grandchild.

He was preceded in death by one daughter and one granddaugh-

Blanche Smith, 79

Blanche Smith Black, 79, of Merkel, died at 8:15 a.m. Thursday in Bronte Nursing Home after a lengthy illness. Services were 4 p.m. Saturday at Calvary Baptist Church with Rev. Joe Davis officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Born April 30, 1902, in Bowie County, she had moved to Merker

in 1938 and had lived here most of the time since. She was a member of Calvary Baptist Church. She married Lonnie Smith 1919 in Bowie County. He died in 1953. She had married Emoch Black in 1968 in Red River County. He died in

Survivors include 3 sons, James and Harold Smith both of Abilene and John Smith of Rohnert Park Calif.; 2 daughters, Doris Womack of Blackwell. Alma Phil-

lips of Merkel; one step son, Enoch Jr. of Ft. Worth; three step daughters, Bonnie Hoffman of King City, Oregon, Lucille Jones of Talco and Elsie Toliver of Calif.; 2 brothers, Ferris Martin of Simms and Bob Martin of Texarkana; 2 sisters, Prudia Dur-ham of Napels and Elizabeth Lumpkins of Little Rock; 20 grand children; and 34 great grandchildren. She was preceded in

death by one son, Morris.

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Look at farm insurance continued

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floods, or other sources of loss. In contrast with all-risk insurance, commercial insurance losses are calculated at the time of disaster. In addition, a farmer purchases a dollar amount of insurance per acre and premiums are determined by the zone for that county, the loss experience, and the crop insured. The farmer normally has an option of 0, 10 or 20 percent deductible and different types of coverage as the crop matures.

The Study Results In our specific study, the benefits of participating in the all-risk crop insurance program were investigated from a farmer's perspective. Participation was viewed as a long-term decision covering a period of 10 years. Long-term participation is encouraged by automatic re-enrollment and discounts provided for a favorable loss experience.

The benefits of participating in all-risk crop insurance were analyzed for a typical 800-acre Texas South Plains cotton and grain sorghum farm. The data to describe this farm were obtained from a random sample of producers on the South Plains. The farm was one-third irrigated and 60 percent leased. All leased land was in close proximity to the land that was owned. Crop choices were cotton and grain sorghum. Average projected crop yields for 1982 were 410 pounds per acre for irrigated cotton, 182 pounds per acre dry land cotton, 3,500 pounds per acre irrigated grain sorghum and 1,300 pounds per acre dryland grain sorghum. The farm contained four family members with \$16,000 of off-farm income and a beginning debt to asset ratio of 40 percent.

The income for this 800-acre farm was simulated over a 10-year period based on actual yield variation obtained for individual farms in the study area. The benefits of all-risk crop insurance were measured by comparing discounted income over the 10 years. Discounted income is defined as the discounted value of the annual after-tax income and the farm's change in net worth over the 10-year period. Discounted incomes were calculated for 11 differect insurance combinations: Without any insurance

the discounted value of the simulated income stream was \$102,475. With a commercial 10 percent deductible hail and fire insurance policy sold by a major Texas company, the discounted income was \$144,724. This level of coverage was roughly comparable to the all-risk high price level, 65 percent guaranteed yield-although the farm's discounted income value was about \$53,000 less.

All-risk crop insurance yield progressively higher levels of discounted income with progressively higher levels of coverage as indicated by the following discounted income values for the various yield and price combinations: Level of 50 percent (low to high) \$142,251, \$148,820, \$160,512; Yield 65 percent (low to high) \$170,596 \$173,102 \$197,598; Guarantee 75 percent (low to high) \$181,591, \$191,016,

Implications High Plains cotton and grain sorghum farmers whose cropland is located in one area should find the new all-risk crop insurance an attractive alternative when compared with commercial hail

and fire insurance. While incentives exist to choose the highest level of yield and price coverage, the farmer seeking the greatest value might choose to insure at the 65 percent yield with the highest level of price coverage. The payoff at that level is nearly as high as the 75 percent yield and the highest price level. The reason for this is that the 30 percent premium subsidy ends at 65 percent yield coverage. That is, the incremental cost of coverage between 65 and 75 percent is not subsidized. As a result, premiums are substantially higher at the 75 percent level, thus reducing the net producer benefits.

The results of this analysis strictly applied are limited to the South Plains cotton and grain sorghum farms studied. The cropland of these farms were located close together. If spread over a considerably wider area, the risk of a substantial crop failure would be reduced. Thus, the payoff from insurance likewise would fall, as would discounted income.

While the principle conclusions of this study may be valid in other cropland areas of Texas, care should be taken in studying the application of the results to each farming situation.

Art group hears about 'Rub Outs'

The regular meeting of the Merkel Art Association was held Monday, March 1 at Big Country Art Gallery. Guest Artist was Mrs. Jackie Swaim, of Abilene, who demonstrated the technique of "Rub Out". With the use of Q-tips and cotton and tooth picks, she rubbed out the paint leaving a distinct image of a beautiful

The president held a short business meeting following the program. It was announced that

there would be a workshop on drawing starting this week at the gallery running for 4 weeks.

Members present were: Ruth Hogan, Marie Beaird, Ethel Pee, Ruth Cox, Betty Toombs, Lorene Lee, Cora Reeves, Frankie Smith, Evelyn Stribling, Sonja Toliver, Mary Stanley, Elizabeth Hicks, Ann Doan, and Louise DuBose.

The club meeting for Feb. 1 was held but because of bad weather no program was

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District women's confab set

The Mesquite District TFWC 22nd annual convention will meet in Knox City at the City Motel on March 12 and 13. Hostesses will be the Knox City and Benjamin Clubs with Mrs. J.C. McGee and Mrs. J.C. Moorehouse as co-chair-

81 Study Club sees suffrage film

The 81 Study Club had their regular meeting in the fellowship hall of the First Baptist Church in Trent.

Betty Stautzenber-

ger showed a film on Women's suferage and rights to vote. There were 12 mem-

bers present and one new member, Mrs.

A date was set for the fund raising book sale to be held the 6th of March beginning at 8 a.m. in the senior citizens center in Mer-

Refreshments were furnished by Wilma Ellison. The next meeting will be March 8th at Ann Talent's home in Merkel

******** HUNTER'S SAFETY CLASSES

Hunter's safety classes will begink March, 16 at the Taylor Electric Co-Op building at 6:30 p.m.

Nine hours of instruction is necessary for certification.

Classes are scheduled for Tues. March 16 from 6:30-9:30 p.m., Thursday, March 18 6:30-9:30 p.m. and Saturday, March 20 from 1 until 4 p.m. Refreshments will be served to each class furnished by the Ladies

Auxillary VFW Post 5683. For further information, call J. D. Sandusky, Hunter Safety Instructor at 928-5170. A fee of ¥ \$1 will be charged. Classes are open to all who desire instruction in firearm safety. The

course is sponsored by Merkel VFW Post 568

The theme for the convention is "Color Your World With Rainbows". Registration will be at 12:30 on March 12 with the formal opening at 1:30. The executive committee will meet at 11:00

The Mesquite District president, Mrs. Bonnie McBride, will have charge of the 6:00 dinner meeting when the club presidents will give

The clubs will convene again at 8:30 on Saturday morning. Mrs. B.M. Sims, TFWC president, will be the guest speaker at the noon

Registration for the meals and motel rooms should be made by March 8 with Mrs. Thomas Christ, Rt. 1 Box 96A, Knox City, 79529, phone number 817-658-3307.

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vs. Defendant. A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Petitioner request a change of name of a Minor, Artie Vincent Gutierrez to Artie Loredo. The residence of Vincent Albarron, a

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

Petition on file in this

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Eleven Trent High School and Jr. High students attended the Stamford Literary Meet Saturday, Feb. 27. Trent students competed with students from area schools of all classifications. The event is a practice meet in preparation for the District U.L.L. contest to be held in April.

Winning a first place medal in Newswriting was Pat Gloria. Luci Masonheimer won 2nd in the 6th grade Number Sense division. Also competing Saturday was James Funderburg, Kim Wallis, Missy Simpson, John Perkins, Angie Penton, Leigh Ann McGlothlin, James Freeman, Pam Massey, and Darla Ross. Accompanying the students were U.I.L. Director Jocille Brady, Spelling Coach Kay Brooks, and Journalism Coach Patt Roach.

DeLa Cruz, Simpson, Brenem win UIL awards out if you are in good enough After you buy a sport shoe.

Three members of the Trent Band earned top ratings for their solo performances Saturday at U.I.L. solo and ensemble contest. Roger Brenem received a division I rating for his clarinet solo. Roger is a freshman and first clarinet player in the Bold Gold. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brenem.

Seventh grade cornetists Chris Simpson and Simon DeLaCruz received first division I ratings for their solo performances in the junior high competition. Chris is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Simpson. Simon is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Manuel DeLaCruz.

Four soloists and one brass quartet received division II or excellent ratings. Soloists were Steven Schreiner and Ted Wood, cornet; Adam DeLaCruz, French horn; and Kate Wood, flute. Ensemble members receiving division II ratings were Donna Willis, French horn; Billy Brazelton, baritone; Chris Simpson, cornet and Simon

Receiving division III or good ratings on solo and ensembles were Adam DeLaCruz, Ted Wood. Steven Schreiner, and Benjamin Beaver, brass quartet and Joey McGlothlin, Benjamin Beaver and Billy Brazelton, trombone trio. Donna Willis received a division III rating on the French horn

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TFU asking for set aside changes

In an effort to increase participation by Texas farmers in the recently announced USDA crop acreage reduction program, Texas Farmers Union President Mike Moeller has asked U.S. Secretary of Agriculture John Block to consider

two important changes in the program.

As outlined by the USDA, a farmer will be prohibited from putting his 1982 crops into the Commodity Credit Corporation loan program unless he reduces his planted acreage by 15 percent (using 1981 acreage as a base) for cotton, wheat, or rice or by 10 percent for corn or grain sorghum.

Moeller, who farms in Hays and Guadalupe counties, says that unless consessions are made in the set-aside program, most Texas Farmers will be unable to participate in 1982. According to Moeller, "Most of us in Central and South Texas had already planted much of our 1982 crops before the set-aside program was announced. It's not fair to ask us to forfeit the \$50 to \$100 an acre we've already invested in planting this year's crop in order to participate in the program while farmers in the Northern states have not begun planting and can sign up for the set-aside without having invested any money in planting their 1982

"Furthermore," Moeller said, "Many of us rotate our crops which means that, in most cases, we'll be drastically reducing some crops and significantly increasing others. Under the existing rules, many Texas farmers will only be able to qualify about half of their 1982 crops for the program.

Moeller reiterated that Texas Farmers Union supports the need for a fair and equitable program to reduce surplus crops. "We fully understand that the situation requires a Federal set-aside," he said.

In order to be fair to Texas farmers and encourage them to take part in the program, TFU is calling for a change in the official method used to determine a farmer's "base acreage" For farmers who had planted their crops prior to announcement of the program, Moeller says their base acreage should be the acreage planted on the day of the announcement.

In addition, TFU is asking the USDA to reimburse farmers who had planted prior to the set-aside announcement for their planting costs incurred on the acreage they will now have to plow under.

Moeller said, "Most Texas farmers didn't have the luxury of waiting until after the set-aside was announced to plan and plant this year's crops. Unless the USDA will at least help these folks recoup their planting costs for the acreage to be set aside, many of them simply, won't be able to participate.

"We're not asking Secretary Block to do anything that is outside his legal authority. All we're really asking is to be allowed to do our part in solving the economic crisis in agriculture without having to sacrifice any more or less than the other farmers in America.

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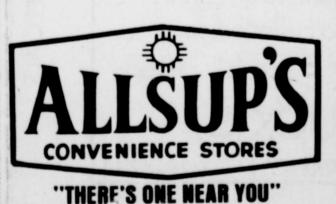
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Anna Belle Shouse, president, presided for the

meeting. Fredalyn Everitt presented the heritage review on the Trinity River District emphasizing the beauty of the area and the opportunities offered by the many museums in Dallas.

Refreshments were served to twenty-five members and three guests.

Stew supper-dance set in Tye

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Social security; budget intact

By John A. Daeley, Regional Director U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Efforts to reduce U.S. government interference in your life, and thus to reduce the tax drain on your pocketbook which that implies, is well under way as the Reagan administration completes its first year in office. A "New Federalism" budget for fiscal 1983 has been submitted to Congress and I would like to underscore early in this column a point that often is lost in the heated debate: The budget reductions are mostly in the rate of increase, although there are indeed some cuts in actual dollar amounts where reforms are needed or where the federal government should not be so heavily involved. The fact remains, however, that the new budget for the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)-at \$274.2 billion-is \$56 billion larger than that proposed for the Defense Department. I think this is evidence of the administration's commitment to the needy.

The long-range success of the Reagan administration's "New Federalism" depends on public support of policies being put into place, beginning with the reductions already made. This administration began its program in the belief that tax dollars could go farther to serve human needs if reforms were made in the way they are handed out. No one said the reforms would be entirely painless. But the idea is to achieve the reforms in ways that get results toward the objective of less government and still provide necessary help to those who truly need public

One way to get an idea of just how big a job that will be is to consider the following comparisons: My department-HHS-proposes to spend more money than any nation on earth, except the U.S. as a whole and the Soviet Union; \$274.2 billion in fiscal 1983. That's about \$750 million per day, more than all 50 states combined.

The further perspective on this is that it took decades to reach this spending level with ever-increasing steep deficits and a constant spiral of inflation. I believe our citizens now realize that government cannot go on living beyond its means.

A big reform already started is the Block Grant approach to federally supported programs. Many such grants are under way and more are being proposed in the concerted effort to reduce the scope of the federal government. In HHS we have placed 25 programs into 7 Block Grants. The states had options about taking on these Block Grants, and I'm glad to say all five states in my southwest region decided to "take up the federal offer" on programs which gives them more local control over how the money is spent. The states, cities and counties should know better how to spend the money because they are closer to the problems of the people who receive the benefits. The 7 Block Grants over health and social service programs which this year will amount to \$225.3

So a good beginning has been made. Other efforts include stronger roles for the Inspector General to control waste and fraud in HHS programs. For example, one project involves HHS and the departments of Agriculture, Labor and Housing and Urban Development working with state welfare agencies. These departments and agencies match wage reports and the incomes reported by beneficiaries to weed out those not eligible for benefits. those not eligible for benefits.

HHS will continue to take reform initiatives in all areas of its responsibility-cutting down on regulations where possible, promoting new ways to reduce spiraling health costs, involving private companies and individuals in volunteer efforts to deliver efficient services to the needy in their local communities, and restoring financial stability to the Social Security System.

I want to make an important point about Social Security in view of the fears some recipients have about losing benefits: No one on Social Security is losing any benefits, nor will anyone. The discussion in this administration has centered around restoring financial soundness to Social Security so those not yet retired can count on it. A bipartisan task force has been named to recommend long-term reforms to put the system on sound footing. Meanwhile, to address the shorter-term financing problems, the President recently signed legislation authorizing interfund borrowing to transfer funds temporarily from the Disability and Hospital Insurance Trust Funds to the basic Old Age and Survivors Trust Fund to meet current needs. This means that everyone on Social Security will continue to receive their

Merkel FFA

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This week we will be participating in the largest livestock show in which Merkel competes in. We wish all those students going good luck with their animals.

Our spotlight falls on the V.A. I class. Ken Hogan, son of Kenneth and Nancy Hogan, is a freshman and enrolled in V.A. I. His project this year is 22 acres of wheat. Ken is also a member of the M.H.S. Band.

Clifford Collins, son of Cliff Collins, is a sophomore and enrolled in V.A. I. His project this year is a pig. Sheila Swinney, daughter of Tommy Swinney,

is a senior and enrolled in V.A. I. Her project this Ralph Hernandez, son of Geo. and Paula Hernandez, is a freshman and enrolled in V.A. I. His project this year is 2 pigs, which he is

planning on taking to San Antonio and Houston.

Cotton group against ag-weather cut

The National Cotton Council has raised a strong objection to the National Weather Service's proposed elimination of its agricultural weather program in fiscal 1983.

The proposal is included in the agency's budget recommendations now being considered by a House Science and Technology subcommittee

chaired by Rep. James H. Scheuer (D-N.Y.). Council President Edward Breihan of Lubbock,

Cotton style show set

in Lubbock April 6-9

A Cotton Art and Style Snow will be held during the Cotton Ginners Convention in Lubbock, Texas on April 6-9. Cotton Gin men and women throughout Texas, New Mexico, Louisana and Oklahoma will be attending. The show will be judged and cash prizes will be given to 1st place winners in each catagory. Entries are due all day on April 6th and until 11 a.m. on the 7th, and must be picked up by 11:30 a.m. on April 9. There is a \$3.00 entry fee and 15 percent commission charge on all sales. The catagories are: Oil Paintings, Watercolor, Pastels, Graphics, China Painting, Photography and Sculpture.

All work must be original in concept and design, with a label attached to the back with the artists name, address, phone, catagory, title, media and price (if for sale). Entries should be suitably framed and wired for hangings, no nails, strings, or wet paint. Glass or plexaglass required on watercolor, pastel and graphics. Hangers or stands should be brought for china. Photography must be 5 x 7 or more and matted or framed. While reasonable care will be taken, all entries are displayed at the artists risk.

For further information: call, or send a stamped addressed envelope to: JoAnn T. Mock, Rt. 2, Post, Texas 79356, Phone: (806) 996-5415.

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Texas, in a letter to the subcommittee chairman this week, described the program as "highly

valuable" to farmers as well as consumers. "It saves farmers hundreds of millions of dollars each year," Breihan stated, "and also means untold additional savings to consumers in

terms of increased production and lower prices." Breihan cited a 1978 study which showed that the availability of timely weather information meant a potential 16 percent savings in cotton-growing costs in Mississippi. In 1981, he noted, this amounted to nearly \$57 million in savings for only one crop in one state

The Council president pointed out that weather has to be taken into consideration in every farming operation, and that unexpected rain can make it necessary for farmers to repeat land

preparation or insecticide applications.
"With today's high fuel and chemical prices, each such operation may cost as much as \$10 or more per acre," he added.

Breihan said the proposal to end the program comes at a time when farmers are especially financially vulnerable to weather problems. Most have had two successive years of financial losses due to the drought in 1980 and to unusually low prices this season, he added.

"We strongly urge that you and your committee find a way to continue this highly valuable program in fiscal 1983," the Council president wrote.

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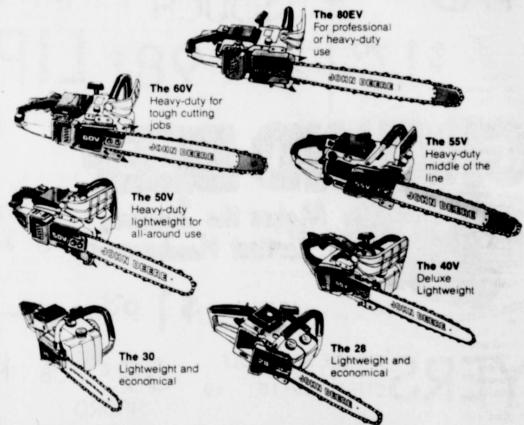


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