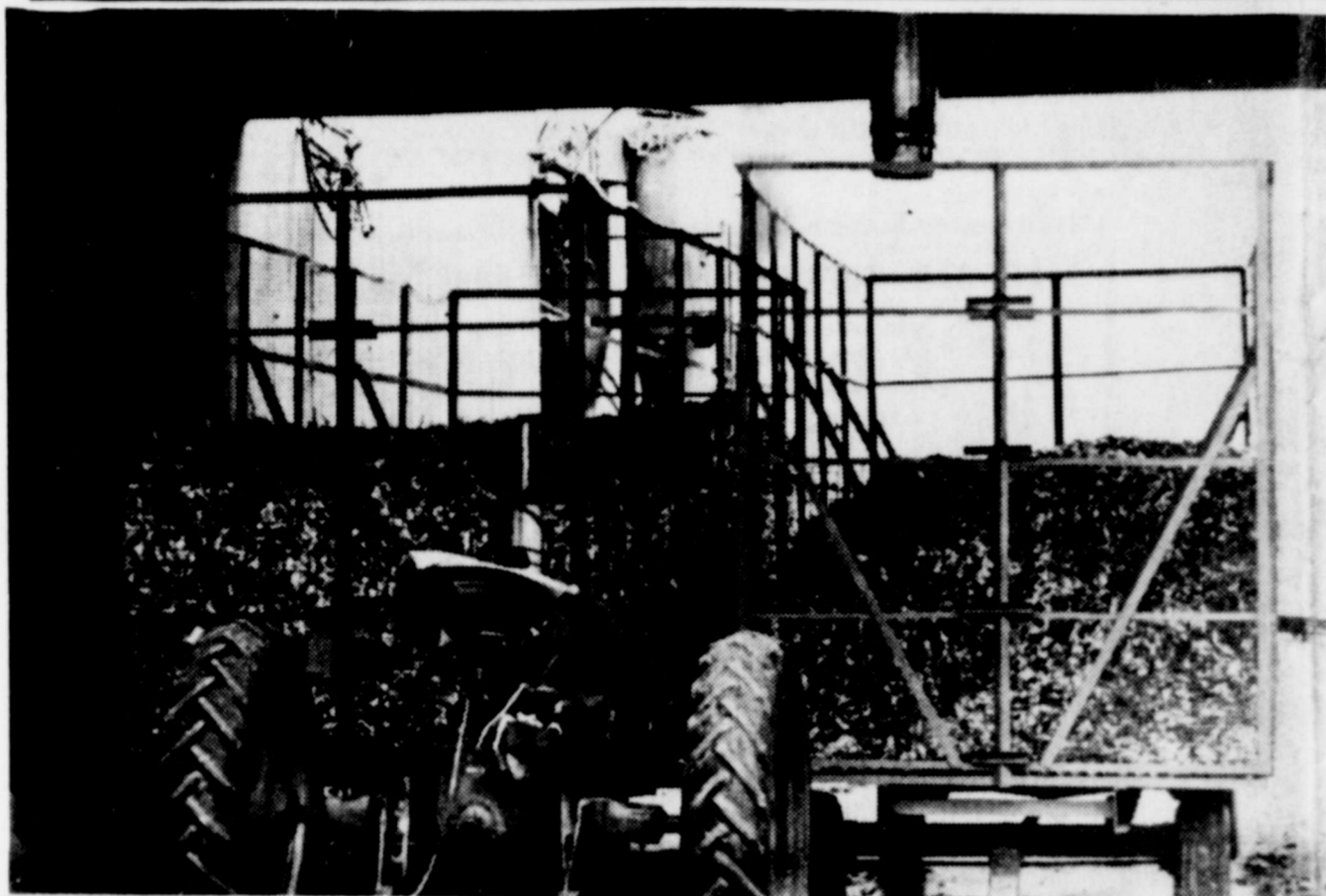


# The Merkel Mail

Thursday, December 11, 1986...Merkel, Texas

Our 98th Year



§ Not much is happening at the two local cotton gins as recent rains have put a temporary halt to the harvest.

## Damp Weather Delays Cotton Harvest

Recent damp weather has put a hold on the 1986-87 cotton harvest. The Farmer's CoOp Gin here has processed 618 bales as of Monday. They only had three bales on the yard to gin. Average lint production has been running at 18.6 per cent and the seed price Monday was \$100 per ton. Lint price per pound was averaging 47 cents. At Trent Gin, 196 bales have been processed so far and there was no cotton on the yard Monday afternoon. Lint has been averaging 22 to 23 per cent and the seed price was \$90 per ton. Trent Gin had not received any grades from the USDA office and had no price averages to report.

## Local Basketball Results

### Varsity Boys

The Merkel Badger boys basketball team is 4-3 on the year after losing to 4A Graham and last year's 2A finalist in the Possum Kingdom Tournament in Graham over the weekend.

Boys coach Skip Townsend told **The Mail** Tuesday "We have been playing very good basketball and going up against some very good teams.

In the opening round, Merkel defeated Jacksboro 66-46. Brit Pursley led the way with 16 points. Pursley was 7 of 8 from the field. Ramon Moreno and Shayne Newberry each added 12.

The Badgers fell to Graham in the 2nd round 70-62. Moreno led the scoring with 16, Pursley and Lynn Hays each had 12 and Newberry had 10 points and 12 rebounds.

In the consolation game, Merkel fell to Archer City 62-60. Archer City was in the 2A finals last year. In that contest, Moreno didn't miss a shot as he scored 19. He was 6-6 from the field and 7-7 from the free throw line. Ted Seymore had 17 and Pursley 11.

The Badgers played Sweetwater here Tuesday night and will travel to the Early Tournament this weekend.

Townsend said "I have really been proud of these kids. They have been upset with a couple of the losses and we have been playing some very good teams. We are shooting the ball real well, we hit 51 percent against Archer City."

### Trent Girls

The Trent High girls were defeated last week 61-31 by McCaulley. B. J. Poindexter led with 11 points and Tammy Collier added 10.

The Junior High girls downed Roby 30-24. Ginger Massey led with 24 points and nine steals. Julie Clay hauled in 12 rebounds.

This weekend, the high school boys and girls will be playing in the Highland Tournament. Brackets and times are posted at Home State Bank in Trent.

### 7th Grade Girls

The 7th Grade Girls placed 4th in the Wylie Tournament this past weekend. Merkel defeated Wylie "B" 32-6 in the first round. In the

second round, Ballinger defeated Merkel 11-9, and in the third round, Clyde defeated Merkel 13-8.

The Badgers leading scorer in the tournament was Becca Dunagin with 16 points. Other scorers were Coty Vaughn 10, Becky Donaldson 6, Christy Minze 4, Eilyn Rutledge 4, Sheila Bynum 4, Dayna Doan 2, Son Hui Chon 2, Shayla Miller 2, and Lori Thompson 1.

Shooting percentages were as follows: Chon 100, Bynum 67, Minze 50, Donaldson 50, Dunagin 41, Vaughn 27, Rutledge 25, Miller 20 and Doan 17. Vaughn and Thompson both shot 50 percent from the free throw line.

Leading rebounder for the Badgers was Dunagin with 12. Other rebounders included Tanya Beasley with 8, Donaldson 6, Vaughn 4, Kristi G. Smith 4, Hope Ward 3, Minze 3, Michelle Ingram 3, Bynum 2, Chon 1, Mandy Barnett 1, and Eilyn Rutledge 1.

Leading in recoveries and steals was Vaughn with 11 and Dunagin with 7. Chon, Beasley and Bynum had 3 each, Donaldson, Ward, Julie Harding and Ingram each had 2, and Doan, Smith, Thompson, Miller and Barnett each had 1.

### 7th Grade Girls

The Badgers got revenge Monday night by defeating Clyde 29-14. Leading scorer Monday night was Dunagin with 11. Other scorers were Vaughn 6, Doan 4, Rutledge 4, Chon 2, and Bynum 2. Doan shot 67 percent, Vaughn 60 percent, Dunagin 42 percent, Chon 33 percent, Rutledge 33 percent and Bynum 25 percent. Dunagin shot 25 percent from the free throw line.

Vaughn led the team in steals and recoveries with 6. Dunagin had 4, Chon 3, Doan 2, Rutledge 2, Jennifer Hobbs 2, Donaldson 1 and Bynum 1.

Dunagin and Beasley led in rebounds with 5 each. Smith had 4, Vaughn, Doan, and Chon each had 3, and Donaldson, Thompson, Bynum and Miller each had one.

### 8th Grade Girls

The 8th Grade girls basketball team defeated Clyde 24-14, Monday night. High scorer for the Lady Badgers was Betsy Hellums with 10 points. She was followed by Jayma Goldsmith with 6, Brandy Fenton and Melanie Tankersley with 3 and Cristi Moore

and Ava Bohannon with 1 point each. As a team they shot 24 percent from the field and 27 percent from the free throw line.

Leading the Badgers in rebounds were Tankersley with 5 and Fenton, Moore, and Bohannon with 3 apiece. Leading in steals and recoveries was Hellums with 8, followed by Tammi Pierson with 3.

Other girls contributing to the team were April Griffith, Phuong Thao Tran, Angie Leverich, Tonya Moreno, Jamie Beasley, Tracie Thomas, Melissa Cuellar and Lori Stockard.

The girls face Sweetwater in their first home game of the season, next Monday at 5:00.

### Trent Players Recognized By Community Club

The December meeting of the Trent Community Club was held this past Thursday evening, with a smoked ham dinner. The Community Club honored the 196 Football Team for its 20th anniversary. Head Coach John Grinstead spoke on behalf of his team and recognized the following players for their selection in this year's all district team:

All Zone: 1st Team Offense: Lewis Knapp-running back, Brian Massey-end; Honorable Mention Offense: Chris Simpson-running back, Sam Jones-center, Billy Fee-end, Dock Carriker-quarterback; 1st Team Defense: Chris Simpson-linebacker, Lewis Knapp-linebacker; 2nd Team Defense: Sam Jones-linebacker, Honorable Mention Defense: Jason Massey-safety, Billy Fee-linebacker, Brian Massey-linebacker.

### Annual PTO Meeting and

### Christmas Program For

### Local Elementary Is

### Tuesday At 7 P.M. In

### The Auditorium

## New Water Contract In Effect; City On New Accounting System

The Merkel City Council met Monday night and got their first look at a new accounting system for the city.

Andy Don Hart, the city's CPA, presented council with a look at the accounting procedures he is now using for the city.

Hart called the system a "complete set of books" and said the city will benefit by paying less for annual audits.

Hart will be performing about 75 percent of the city's accounting work.

Council also was told by City manager J. A. Sadler the new water contract with Abilene was signed by their council last Thursday.

The new contract calls for a 50 cent per gallon rate increase that will appear on local bills in January.

The city is now working out an agreement with the City of Tye and Blair Water Supply for pumping charges and a plan to share costs on needed repairs to pumps and lines.

Council also approved the holiday schedule for City Hall. The city office will be closed Christmas Day (Thursday) and Friday, the landfill will be closed Wednesday & Thursday but will be open Friday and Saturday.

Merkel patrolman Mike Pippins presented the monthly police report.

Merkel police worked a total of 46 cases in November.

Police made one arrest for disorderly conduct, investigated three thefts and seven burglaries, two cases of run-a-ways and four cases of criminal mischief.

Police also investigated six traffic accidents, made one arrest for possession of marijuana, investigated two cases of burglaries of coin-operated machines.

Police also investigated one case of obscene phone use, one aggravated kidnapping and two burglaries of a motor vehicle.

Police also made one arrest for possession of a prohibited weapon, issued nine citations, made four arrests and answered two dog calls.

## Local Parade Comes Off Well As Chamber Of Commerce Awards Prizes

Locals are calling it the best Christmas parade in recent memory as the Merkel Badger Band led the three block parade.

Parade organizer Martha Sue Justice told **The Mail** "The parade would not have been a success without the help and cooperation of Waymon Adcock along with Bill Woods and the Merkel Badger Band."

She added "There were entries

from local club and civic organizations as well as riders from the Hawley-Hodges 4-H club."

The Merkel Fire and Police Departments pitched in and escorted Mr. & Mrs. Claus.

Winners included the Senior Citizens \$50 with 2nd place to the Merkel Dairy Queen. A \$40 check was presented to the Merkel Garden Club for the best car or truck. 2nd place was the Fort-

nightly Study Club.

Cody Tittle, marching for the Merkel VFW was presented a \$30 check and Leslie Jacobs was presented a \$20 check for best bicycle.

The prize money was presented by the parade's sponsor, the Merkel Chamber of Commerce.

The Chamber also wanted to thank Martha Sue Justice for her work in organizing and a special thanks to Mozetta and Gene Dye.

## WTU Will Refund In January

West Texas Utilities Co plans another refund to its retail customers early next year.

The Company was to file a request Wednesday with the Public Utility Commission of Texas requesting permission to refund a total of \$4.9 million in retail revenues collected in excess of actual fuel costs during October and November. The total includes \$4.7 million actual fuel cost savings, plus \$.2 million in interest.

Glenn Teaff, WTU local manager, said recently negotiated contract revisions reflecting the continued soft price of natural gas makes the refund necessary.

"As our cost for boiler fuel went down, we simply over-collected under the fuel rate approved by the PUC," Teaff said.

This will be the fifth refund

made to WTU retail customers since the summer of 1965. With each refund, the fuel rates charged to customers have been adjusted, but the price of natural gas, WTU's main power plant boiler fuel, has continued to decline.

WTU's base rates have not changed since December 1984. However, Company officials have said that a base rate increase will be necessary after the new customer will receive about \$9.00.

tion near Vernon is completed and placed in service. The assured supply of coal under a long-term contract is expected to stabilize WTU's power plant fuel costs and to partially offset the necessary base rate increase.

The refund will be made through one-time credits to retail customers in January and February depending on when the PUC approves it. The typical residential customer will receive about \$9.00.

### Rural County

### Transportation Group

### Seeks Federal Help

People For Progress, Inc. is making a re-application for federal funds to the U. S. Government.

The organization provides transportation for the general public to medical and commercial centers in Fisher, Scurry, Nolan, Mitchell and rural Taylor County.

People for Progress is asking for a \$419,087 grant to provide additional routes, more service and acquire additional vehicles.

Currently, the service has eight vehicles and three are equipped to accommodate passengers in wheelchairs. The goal of People for Progress is to provide transportation for rural citizens who do not have an automobile, have lost their driver's license due to age or driving infractions, and for the physically and mental handicapped. The group also hopes to obtain two new vehicles this year including a 15 passenger bus and a mini van.

People for Progress is located in Sweetwater. Gladys Gerst is the executive director. Last year, the group provided 18,078 one way trips to people meeting eligibility requirements.



§ Merkel carrier John Brady received recognition Tuesday from the U. S. Postal service for 25 years of service on the same

route here. Brady received a citation, a pin and a dinner for and his wife.

Staff photo

# High School Honor Students Named

The following is the Merkel High honor roll for the second six week grading period.

All A: Bridget Acuna, Rita Adkins, Mark Aldrette, Laura Baker, Doug Bauer, Steven Bauer, Dayna Bentley, Track Bicknell, David Biera, Angie Boggs, Shelly Brandon, Diana Brown, Albert Chavira, Son Mi Chon, Doyle Clary, Michelle Davis, Shelle Doan, Lisa Donaldson, April Dupont, Krista Elliott, Staci Ferguson, Michael Gandy, Michelle Goodgion, Shelly Gray, Caren Hendrix, Candice Henslee, Clara Hererra, Abby Irvin, Allan Isom, Tami Isreal, Salli Jackson, Stephen Jacobs, Stacie Johnson, Anissa Jones, Debbie Keller, Lee Kotlik, Carolyn Lally, Steve Leverich, Connie McMillon.

Also, Shawn Melton, Melissa Messick, David Miller, Shawn Miller, Cassandra Moreno, Ramon Moreno, Melissa Morris, Stacey Newberry, Debbie Pack, Marjohm Parish, Brad Pierson, Kevin Pilgrim, Laurinda Powell, David Ray, Anja Reyna and Chrissy Reynolds.

Also, Billy Ray Riley, Sheri Riney, Tony Roberts, Steven Ross, Danny Santee, Gayle Shugart, Penny Smith, Doug Taylor, Angela Thomas, Kim Welding, Renea Thomas, Krista Toombs, Cassie Townsend, Diem Tran, Misty Vaughn, Fondale Watson and Michelle Woodard.

A-B: Michael Adkins, Eric Ascensio, Stephanie Ashorn, Michelle Barnett, Walter Best, Chris Biera, Steven Biera, Sabrina Boswell, Chris Brown, Dianna Brown, Sandra Bynum, Angela Cannon, Kevin Cannon, Lisa Cannon, Angela Carson.

Also, Janet Cavender, Mi Hwa Chon, Dwayne Clark, Brad Cochran, Kyle Coker, Michael Davis,

Melissa De la Cruz, Russell Doan, Michelle Dudley, Robyn Dudley.

Also, April Amy Ferguson, Chris Gaona, Jennifer Gaona, Tricia Garrett, Michelle Green, Melissa Harris, Lynn Hays, Richa Hill, Jeff Hobbs, Curtis Jackson, Lance Jones, Jon Mack, Patricia Martin, Terry Martin.

Also, Robert McFadden, Carrie McGough, Chantelle McKeehan, Dusty McLeod, Phoebe Mills, Gracie Molina, Keith Munden,

Linda Munden, Scottie Myers, Pam Neff, Terry McNailey.

Also, Shayne Newberry, Debbie Newman, Linda Peo, Brit Purseley, Keith Reagan, Stephanie Reid, Kevin Riney, Kevin Roberts, Tracie Russell, Glyn Ann Rutledge, Ted Seymore, Karen Sharpe.

Also, Mitzi Shelton, Judy Williams, Chris Shugart, Ed Silvia,

Lu Amy Sloan, Todd Smith.

Also, Millie Sorrellis, Jeff Steadman, Darla Swinney, David Thomas, Chip Townsend, Ginger Van Gorp, Kdy Walker, Kim Waller.

Also, Veronica Washington, Billy Webb, Bena White, C. J. White, Twyla Wilburn, Michelle Williams, Steve Williams, Marie Wiloth, Marty Windham, Michael Woodall, Kevin Wright and Michael Ybarra.

## 7th Grade Boys Face Sweetwater Monday

The 7th grade boys did not get off to such a resounding start, losing their first three. But, through some hard work and eager learning, the young men have won two of their last three. The wins came over Ballinger and Clyde.

The teams last win was a come-from-behind win over the Clyde Bulldogs. Early mistakes caused the team to go in at the half, down 16-7. The Third quarter

was one of smart plays. The boys cut Clyde's lead to three by the end of the quarter. Clyde came back with 4 quick points to lead by 7 early in the fourth. These points only stirred a fire under the Badgers and the fans. The next few minutes were played with outstanding hustle and all out desire to win. A very exuberant crowd also helped the Badgers take a last minute victory, 30 to 27. James Hill, Criswell-Whisenhunt, and Scott Cannon

sparked the effort by attacking the ball all over the court. They were helped by good rebounding on the part of David Dotson, Johnny Wells and Lorenzo Whitney. The Badgers next game is at 5:00 at Sweetwater on Monday, December 15.

## Xi Nu Eta Meets

Xi Nu Eta, Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi, met December 3 in the home of Sondra Smith for their monthly meeting.

Secret sister gifts were exchanged. The drawing for the Mini-Badge was held with Cathy Pack being the winner. Plans

were made to attend the Christmas Dance held on December 6 at the Civic Center.

Members present were Sondra Smith, Cindy Wilder, Carolyn Shelburn, Dee McCollum, Jana Nelson, Danna Dunagin, Marilyn Tittle, Sherry Vinson and Cathy Pack.

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### Public Notice

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS -TO: JESSIE RICHARD PHILLIPS' Address Unknown, Respondent.

GREETINGS: YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable 326th District Court, Taylor County Texas, at the Court-house of said County in Abilene, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the Monday next after the expiration of 20 days from the date of service of this citation, then and there to answer the motion of Texas Department of Human Services Taylor County Child Welfare, Movant, filed in said Court on the 26th day of November, 1986 against RICHARD PHILLIPS, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 113-CX on the docket of said Court and entitled "In The Interest of ANNE MARIE PHILLIPS, A Child", the nature of which suit is a request to the Court to enter an Order to modify an Agreed Order dated the 6th day of August, 1985, since the circumstances of the child or parent have materially and substantially changes since the entry of the Order concerning the present managing conservator. Said child was born the 15th day of July, 1973 in Pensacola, Florida. The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgement or decree in the child's interest which will be binding upon you, including the appointment of a managing conservator.

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

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

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court at Abilene, Texas, this the 26th day of November, 1986.


Rilla Mahoney, Clerk  
 326th District Court  
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 By JoAnn Lackey  
 Deputy

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**Middle School**

The Middle School honor roll is as follows:

6th Grade A Honor Roll: Mindi Brnovak, Spencer Duncan, Jason Heverman, Kim Isaac, Caleb Kelso, Mendy Law, Andrea Richardson, Tami Sims, Lori Snowden, Trinh Tran, Donnie Windland. A-B Honor Roll: Sebastian Ascencio, Amanda Avalos, Shayla Carter, Kobie Clay, Justin Combs, Randy Cubriel, Kenny Deluna, Doug Hall, Austin Hill, Susan Holden, Russ Holloway, Wendy Hudman, Kim Isreal, Stacy Jones, Jason Kofeod, Lonnie Liggins, Richie MacIntyre, Jennifer McKee, Belinda Moreno, Angie Nault, Howard Palmer, Renli Reynolds, Travis Sanders, Shelly Seymore, Cody Tittle, Mary Walker, Krystal West, Tena Windham, Allen Wright.

7th Grade A Honor Roll: Mandy Barnett, Tanya Beasley, Son Hui Chon, Dayna Doan, Jennifer Hobbs, Lillian Leach, Sharon Mack, Christy Minze, Elynn Rutledge, Amy Sparks, Lori Thompson, Annetee Windham, Cheryl Wood. A-B Honor Roll: Yvonne Alexander, Peppy Avalos, Chris Baber, Ben Balliew, Lori Best, Amanda Biera, Sheila Bynum, Scott Cannon, Kim Conners, Randy Davidson, David Dotson, Becca Dunagin, Lisa Fenton, Amy Gilmore, Julie Harding, Elizabeth Hernandez, Damen Hershey, Michelle Ingram, Marc Jenkins, Stephanie Jones, Josh Mashburn, Melissa Maxwell, Shayla Miller, Billy Page, Ricky Riley, Christy Russom, Stephen Santee, Taylor Scott, Shawn Taylor, Trisha Trevino, Coty Vaughn, Scott Walker, Hope Ward.

8th Grade All A Honor Roll: Melissa Cuellar, Sean Leamon, Renee Melendez, Brandon Toombs, Phuong Thao Tran, Daniel West.

8th Grade A-B Honor Roll: Dustie Baldree, Jamie Beasley, Jana Daniell, Brandy Fenton, Karen Folkes, James Halsel, Betsy Hellums, Gene Henderson, Cheri Kelly, Cara Kelso, Angie Leverich, Mike McFadden, Sundae Melton, Christi Moore, Kevin Munden, Kenny Nault, Neil Newman, Tarrance Parrish, Tammy Pierson, Lupe Quintero, Frank Repnyek, Melanie Tankersley, Shawanda Warren, Amy Welborn, Angie Welborn and Shelly White.

**Elementary**

The Merkel Elementary School honor roll is as follows:

1st Grade All A: Christine Baker, Eric Baird, Shayla Boone Brandy Bryan, Wesley Carter, Kacy Casady, Monty Clay, Brandon Cobb, Natalee Cravens, Chris Crouse, Kellie Delp, Cheryl Dodd, Anna Dutton, Brandy Emberlin, Brandi Gray, Tamra Helmer, Guillermo Hernandez, Brad Hicks, Tony Layher, Brian Lerma, Christina McCarthy, Shannon Middleton, Monty Moore, Elisa Morales, Esther Morales, Amy Pack, Brandy Rifenburgh, Tanya Rister, Nicholas Rodriguez, Scotty Rodriguez, Diana Rogge, Jeremy Sanders, Julie Sanders, Clay Sparks, Clint Sparks, Beki Stephens, Cameron Strange, Tamara Tarpley, Monetta Teague, Rachelle Van Zandt, Caroline Vera Cruz, Michael Vayles, Robby Welborn and Aneka Wood.

1st Grade A-B: Brandi Ascencio, Brandon Blue, Brittany Burton, Scooter Carmack, Candice Car-

**Local Honor Students**

son, Jason Davis, James Dietz, Stephen Dye, Nieries Gonzales, Jeff Gouge, Justin Gray, Jamik Hellums, Johnny Hester, Rhonda Hollis, John Ledezma, Justin Mann, David Moody, Mark Morano, Jason Myers, Tammy Navarette, Duane Parsons, April Phillips, Saniel Samples, Sharlet Sutterfield, Jusun Tucker, Cory Walker, Stepha Young.

2nd Grade All A: Taras Beasley, Sara Boggs, Matt Dearing, Sheri Ely, Brent Fisher, Tabitha Garrett, Chris Gilmore, Justin Goldsmith, Angela Gregory, Amy Haley, Cam Hendricks, Jeffrey Jacobs, Leslie Jacobs, Amanda Love, Shawna Maxwell, Craig Mullins, Cody Minze, Jane Roberts, Eric Stegemoller, Jeremy Tipton, Crystal Watson and Tristan Wilburn.

2nd Grade A-B: Anthony Alexander, Matt Boswell, Stephanie Burns, Erica Cano, Brandon Cowling, Bryan Cruz, Randy Dudley, Crystal Evans, Shaw Fenton, Linda Flores, Kristie Fuller, Francisco Hernandez, Adreane Holloway, Jason Hudman, T. J. King, McKinsey Laird, Jeanette Lanford, Valarie Luttrell, Marisela Martinez, John McCullough, Michael McMurray, Joe Mitchell, Dustin Necessary, Jacob Necessary, Artie Rollins, Travis Rogers, Nicky Rucker, Josh Welch, Christie Williams.

3rd Grade A-B: Elizabeth Acuna, Heath Braddock, Nicole Burch, April Burns, Jeremy Burt, Oscar Cano, Christina Danielski, Raven Emberlin, Jennifer Folkes, Tessa Fudge, Mandy Fuller, Jessie Gray, Molly Griffith, Jessie Jackson, Paul King, Jessica Mar-

tin, Michelle Reyna, Robby Samples, Robbie Stephens, Amy Williams.

3rd Grade All A: Lanae Baker, Chrystal Baird, Holly Browning, Jenny Browning, Rachel Buddin, Rhett Buntin, Brandy Casper, Wendy Elliott, Shera Hammond, James Hester, Rebecca Hobbs, Ryan Holmes, Sandra Juarez, Shelli Leamon, Beth McClintock, Jessica McKee, Rendi Meeks, Tabi Reed, Ryan Reynolds, Tina Rister, Robin Willingham, Angela Worley.

4th Grade All A: Crystal Boone, Bryce Buntin, Jason Clinton, Erin Folkes, Rachael Haley, Marcus Malone, Amanda Myers, Scott Richardson, Christy Rister, Aimee Roberson, Amanda Sanders, Brian Sparks, Katrina Tittle, Gregg Valentine, Ricky Vaughn.

4th Grade A-B: Matt Brnovak, Roberto Cano, Robin Cochran, Teresa Cuellar, Patrick Frame, Kevin Graham, Stormie Golson, Augustine Gonzels, Laurie Hellums, Adolfo Hernandez, Martin Hernandez, Tiffany Hill, Angela Jowers, Anthony Landeros, Amy Lindsey, Cole Manahan, Trisha Marsh, Felecia McIntyre, Zolie Moreno, Stacy Morris, Ray Pace, Chad Pettyjohn, Lori Pirraglie, Alma Prieto, Chris Powell, Joey Richards, James Rogge, Jason Seyfert, Cne' Seymore, Cory Strabge, Trinity Tankersley, Nancy White, Brandi Tarpley, Charlotte Williams.

5th Grade All A: Velma DeLeon, Dana Hammond, Lisa Harding, Heather Henderson, Linda Lav-

her, Roy Lehman, Kathryn Rister, Corey Teichelman, Billy Vera -uz.

5th Grade A-B: Doug Alldredge, Judd Burton, Cecily Caroland, Wendy Cummings, Cody Fudge, Jason Hernandez, Carmen Holden, Julie Johns, Bryan Leopard, Hyrum Mills, Melanie Mitchell, Troy Roberts, Lana Rogers, Corley Segovia, Jason Tipton.

**Tye Elementary**

The Tye Elementary School honor roll is as follows:

First Grade: A Honor Roll: Deanna Knapp, Alice Sheffield, Chris Thomas, Angela Webb, Josh Greer, April Helm, T.J. Lipham, Jennifer Mendez, Jimbo Newman, Timothy Pierson, Maggie Quintanilla, Janis Williamson. A-B Honor Roll: Joel Antaya, Erika DeLeon, Paul Gohmann, Corbin Martin, Christi Molina, Jaren Phelps, Benjamin Prado, Chris Wilder, Jack Keen, Domingo O'Con, Kristi Watson, Carrie Young, Nadean Pelkey.

Second Grade: A Honor Roll: Billy Hafner, Bandi Kilpatrick, Christi Massey, Anthony Williamson. A-B Honor Roll: Bonnie Bamber, Ken Crowe, Wendy Finch, Nichole Jacobs, Kim Lowery, Micaela Alcantar, Shannon Harris, Randy Jennings, Jennifer Jones, Corrie Molina, Tiffany Snowden.

Third Grade: A Honor Roll: Jeremy Daniel, Brandy Jordan, Melissa Clark, Julianna Helm, William Donaldson, Randy DeLeon, Amy Leopard, Doug Turner, Tim Thorpe, Shannon Washington. A-B Honor Roll: Amanda Davis, Lisa Hall, Camron Jacobs, Carrie Malo, Stacey Long, Kenneth

Schuessler.

Fourth Grade: A Honor Roll: Jennifer Anderson, Marijke Holmes, Tomas Newman, Colby Sheffield, Karyn Utley, Mandy Workman. A-B Honor Roll: Kellie Edwards, Shane Flynt, Crystal Gayle, Alanna Hafner, Jill Jennings, Brad Locke, Larry Sommers, Brandon Stephenson, Donna Bouldin, Joe Castillo, Don Caven-der, Heather Davis, Naomi Hoover, Billy Miller, Julie Sires, Eric Stark.

Fifth Grade: A Honor Roll: Brian Miller, Sandi Wood. A-B Honor Roll: Kelly Atkinson, Robin Bishop, Melissa Daniel, Kristi Duncan, Jennifer Johnson, Josh Perry, Stacey Powell, Brenda Silvas, George Wellmaker.

Mrs. Wheeler's Class: A-B Honor Roll: Leah Holder, Norma Humphries

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For Sale: 1981 Buick Rivera, leather interior, electric windows, seats and locks, am-fm tape, 50,000 miles, cruise, tilt, Tom Carson, 928-5069. 190-TFC

For sale: 1976 Toyota Corolla \$750 or best offer. In good condition. Also have several bicycles, some BMX, 10 speed 115. Most in good shape. Call 928-5939. 193-11c

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For sale: brick home, large living room, fireplace, 2 bedroom (1 is large master), 1 3/4 bath, kitchen, dining room, cabinet top range, dishwasher, rural water & well on 9.6 acres. Pasture behind also 30 X 60 metal building & 10 X 20 storage building. Could easily be 3 bedroom. Call Cyrus Pee 928-5613. 193-TFC

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House for sale at a bargain, 2 bedroom, living room, kitchen, one bath, has central heat all furniture and appliances stay with the house. Call Cyrus Pee, Agent 928-5613. 179-TFC

House For Sale: large living area, water well, storage building, central air and heat, available for immediate occupancy, call to see Cyrus Pee Realtor 928-5613. 185-TFC

For Sale: a six radiant Dearborn heater stove in good condition, call 928-5207 or 928-5606 after 6. 193-11p

For Sale: 1978 T-Bird, high mileage, \$1,200 or 1981 Buick Skylark, 34,000 miles, \$3,100. Both in excellent condition, 862-6272, after 5. 193-11p

House For Sale: 2 bedroom, living room, kit-

Classifieds

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chen, 2 baths, three lots, call Cyrus Pee Agent 928-5613. 186-TFC

For Sale: 3 bedroom brick house, central air and heat, bath & 3/4, built in dishwasher and range, on 2 lots, 1 car garage, horsepens, and storage building, 906 Locust 928-5145. 171-TFC

Choice Lots For Sale: in the growing area of town, after 6:00. 928-5067 189-TFC

House for sale: living room, dining room, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, kitchen, central heat & evap cooling, good location, storage in the back, water well, 2 pecan trees, on five lots, new carpet. Cyrus Pee, Realtor 928-5613. 190-TFC

For Sale: by owner, in Merkel, handymans special, some work needed, but liveable, five room house, bath, outside storage on 50x 140 lot, \$6,000. Shown by appointment. Call 846-3106. 192-2tp

Al-Anon, a self-help support group for the families and loved ones of alcohol and/or drug abusers is meeting every Tuesday at 8:00 p.m. at the Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church, Merkel. 185-TFCNC

Found: Last month, pet dove. Identify & pay for ad or will sell \$5. 928-4189. 193-11p

P & L Auto Parts is open from 7:30 am until 6:30 pm Monday-Friday and from 7 am until 3 pm each Saturday. 135 Edwards. 176-TFC

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MISC. Tye Golden Griddle, located 101 East Street, next to Tye Post Office, Open 8 a.m. til 7 p.m. serving Hamburgers, Cheeseburgers, and Hot Dogs. 193-11p

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Garage Sale: 9:30 til ? behind Senior Citizens Building, lots of new and used Christmas decorations, Friday and Saturday, Hazel Pack. 193-11c

BAKE SALE: Xi Nu C I Bake Sale, Saturday morning December 13th at 9 a.m. - Ben Franklin, Proceeds go to help needy families in community. 193-11c

CARD OF THANKS The family of Lloyd Pribble wishes to express their appreciation for all of the help and kindness during the illness and death of our beloved husband and father. Your many expressions of love and sympathy will not be forgotten. 193-11nc

PUBLIC NOTICES NOTICE OF CREDITORS Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of F. M. PRUITT, Deceased, were issued on December 3, 1986, in Docket No. 17,351, pending in the County (Probate) Court of Taylor County, Texas, to: ROSE DALE PRUITT, The residence of the Independent Executrix is in Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, the post office address is: c/ o Don R. Wilson 4433 South 3rd Street P. O. Box 2875 Abilene, Texas 79604 State Bar # 21675000 All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. DATED the 4th day of December, 1986. Don R. Wilson Attorney for the Estate 193-11c-35

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF J. J. KINSFATHER, deceased Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of J. J. KINSFATHER were issued on the 1st day of December, A.D. 1986, in Cause No. 17,353, pending in the County Court of Taylor County, Texas, to VIVIAN KINSFATHER. The residence of such Executrix is Taylor County, Texas. The mailing address is 1466 Bridge, Abilene, Texas 79603. All persons having claims against this Estate, which is currently being administered, are required to present them within the time and in the manner as prescribed by law. DATED this the 1st day of December, 1986. VIVIAN KINSFATHER 193-34-1tc

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF TAYLOR -NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That by virtue of a certain Execution issued out of the Honorable District Court of Travis County, of the 30th day of October, 1986, by Execution of said District Court for the sum of Two Hundred Two Thousand Seven Hundred Fourteen and 75/100 Dollars and cost of suit, under a Judgment, in favor of Travis Bank & Trust in a certain cause in said Court, No. 355,479 and styled Travis Bank & Trust vs Penroc Energy, Virgil Robbins, placed in my hands for service, I John W. Middleton, as Sheriff of Taylor County, Texas, did, on the 6th day of November 1986, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Taylor County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: Lot 34, Section Three of Country Club Estates, being 11.95 acres out of lot nineteen, Grims County School Land, League 148, Taylor County, Texas and levied upon as the property of Virgil Robbins and that on the first Tuesday in January, 1987, the same being the 6th day of said month at the Court House door, of Taylor County, in the City of Abilene, Texas, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. by virtue of said levy and said Writ of Execution I will sell said above described Real Estate at public venue, for each, to the highest bidder, as the property of said Virgil Robbins. The sale will be held at 10:00 a.m. And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in The Merkel Mail, a newspaper published in Taylor County. Witness my hand, this the 6th day of November, 1986. John W. Middleton Sheriff, Taylor County, Texas by Eddie Swanson, Deputy THE STATE OF TEXAS -TO: M. E. BISHOP, An Individual, Address Unknown, Defendant, Greeting: You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being Monday the 22nd day of December, 1986, at or before ten o'clock A.M. before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County, Texas, at the Court House of said County in Abilene, Texas. Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said Court, on the 28th day of July, A.D. 1986, in this cause, numbered 39,981-A on the docket of said court and styled ODDILEE REDDIN, AN INDIVIDUAL Plaintiff vs. M. E. BISHOP, AN INDIVIDUAL Defendant. The names of the parties to the cause are as follows: ODDILEE REDDIN, An Individual are Plaintiffs and M. E. BISHOP, An Individual, are Defendants. A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: On the 15th day of July, 1986, the Plaintiff, was and still is, the owner in fee simple of the following described premises situated in the County of Taylor and the State of Texas: Lot 7, Block 6, Original Town of Merkel, Taylor County, Texas. After the 15th day of July, 1986, the Defendant, M.E. Bishop, unlawfully entered upon and disposes her of such premises and withholds her the possession thereof. Said property being described as Lot 7, Block 6, Original Town of Merkel, Taylor County, Texas. Plaintiff prays that the Defendant be cited to appear and answer this petition and that the Plaintiff have judgement against the Defendant for the title and possession of the above described premises, for her damages and costs of suit, and such other and further relief to which the Plaintiff may be entitled either at law or equity. as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit. If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unreserved. The officer executing this process shall promptly execute the same according to law, and make due return as the law directs. Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 3rd day of November, A.D. 1986. Attest: Rilla Mahoney District Clerk, Taylor County, Texas 42nd District Court by Rita Moore, Deputy (Seal) 191-4tc-109

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## Newsbriefs

### Preceptor Eta Omega Meets

Preceptor Eta Omega, Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi, met at the home of Y Sadler Dec. 2nd.

Kathy Leverich presided at the business meeting. Plans were made for a Christmas dinner to be held at Pug & Leo's on Dec. 14th.

The program for the evening was a candle and cookie exchange. Members also enjoyed seeing Y's collection of dolls.

Refreshments were served to Jane Carson, Liz Eager, Blanche Hewitt, Kathy Leverich, Val Patterson, Y Sadler, Betty Satterwhite, Mame Steck, Ruth Tipton and Connie Ybarra.

### Class Of '71 Reunion

The Class of 1971 of Merkel High School will hold a class reunion for

all members, spouses and previous classmates on Dec. 27th.

For more information or if you have information about someone in the class, contact Karlan Gamble Hardy at 846-3041 or Buster Tarpley at 928-5362. Please respond as soon as possible.

### Miller Assigned

Army Private First Class George A. Miller, son of Joyce Comeaux of Rt 3 Merkel and George Miller of Stafford, Texas, has arrived for duty with the 426th Supply Company in Ft. Campbell, Ky.

Miller is a motor transport operator.

### MISD Lunch Menu

The Merkel School menu is as follows:

Monday December 15: fiesta, rice, pinto beans, lettuce, tomato, pineapple chunks.

Tuesday December 16: fish nuggets, cole slaw, macaroni and tomato, corn bread, prune bars.

Wednesday December 17: lajagne, buttered corn, comb. salad, batter bread, whipped jello.

Thursday December 18: turkey and dressing, whipped potatoes, green beans, cranberry sauce, hot rolls, fruit salad.

Friday December 19: grill cheese sandwich, vegt. beef soup, lettuce wedge, slice bread, oatmeal peanut butter cookies.

### TISD Lunch Menu

The Trent School menu is as follows:

Monday December 15: Breakfast: juice, cereal, milk. Lunch: chicken fried steak, mashed pota-

toes, gravy, mixed vegetables, jello with topping, rolls, tea or milk.

Tuesday December 16: Breakfast: juice, donuts, milk. Lunch: mexican fiesta, corn, applesauce, cookies, rolls, tea or milk.

Wednesday December 17: Breakfast: juice, biscuits, sausage, jelly, milk. Lunch: beans, beef, buttered potatoes, salad, chocolate cake, corn bread, tea or milk.

Thursday December 18: Breakfast: juice, cinnamon rolls, milk. Lunch: oppy Joes, later tots, salad, banana pudding, tea or milk.

Friday December 19: Breakfast: juice, cinnamon toast, milk. Lunch: Ham, candied yams, green beans, peach cobbler, rolls, tea or milk.

### '87 Ag Income Up

Agricultural income may in-

crease slightly in 1987 from the depressed level of recent years, says a Texas Agricultural Extension Service economist.

"Higher livestock prices, reduced production expenses and large government payments are expected to support a moderate rise in farm and ranch incomes," points out Dr. Carl Anderson. "Export levels during the new year will be a key factor in determining the final outcome."



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PARADE  
3 OZ JAR **\$1.79**

B. P. I.  
SODA POP  
2 LITER BOTTLE **69¢**

FRESH TENDER  
PORK CHOPS CENTER CUT LEAN LB **\$1.99**

PLANTERS  
CHEESE  
SNACKS  
5 OZ CAN **93¢**

PARADE  
MAC-CHEESE  
DINNER  
7.4 OZ BOX **49¢**

GOOCH B. R.  
SMOKED BACON LB **\$1.99**

GOOCH B. R.  
BRISKET PACKER TRIM 7-9 LBS POUND **\$1.19**

DETERGENT  
TIDE  
GIANT BOX **\$1.79**

PARADE  
FACIAL  
TISSUE  
175 CT BOX **99¢**

PARADE  
FRANKS ALL MEAT 12 OZ PKG **89¢**

HORMEL MARKET SLICED  
SPICED LUNCH MEAT LB **\$1.79**

JIMMY DEAN  
PURE PORK  
SAUSAGE 2 LB BAG \$4.15 1 LB BAG **\$2.09**

AUTO  
DISHWASHER  
CASCADE  
LIQUID  
40 OZ JUG  
**\$1.59**

LIQUID  
JOY  
22 OZ BOTTLE  
**\$1.09**

LIQUID  
LAVA  
WITH DISPENSER  
15 OZ SIZE  
**89¢**

ROOM FRESHNER  
GLADE  
SPRAY  
7 OZ CAN  
**\$1.09**

DOUBLE  
GIFT BOND  
STAMPS  
EACH  
WED'S  
WITH \$5.00  
IN TRADE  
OR MORE

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