

The Merkel Mail

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Thursday, February 26, 1987 . . . Merkel Texas

Our 98th year



§ A wintery scene greeted Merkelites Friday morning. The area was covered with three inches of

snow that was gone by late afternoon.

Staff photo

City council approves water taps, vehicle repairs Monday

The Merkel City Council approved two water taps on FM 1235 North and heard that funds for the Texas Department of Community Development Block Grant have been released at their regular meeting held at the Merkel Emergency Medical Service building Monday night.

Council also approved repairs on the back-up garbage truck and on a police car.

Council approved two water taps requested by Jerry Wylie. The taps will be near a city line along FM 1235 North of Merkel. Wylie had previously requested about 20 taps but council voted to wait on a pending water contract with the City of Abilene. Both parties have since signed the agreement and Merkel's city manager must get approval on the

two taps from Abilene water officials.

Council also learned that \$179,443.00 in grant money had been released for a housing rehabilitation program here. Already, more than 20 people have made applications for the housing rehabilitation and the applicants are being served on a first come, first serve basis. The state agency approved Merkel's accompanying environmental impact statement, which was the last hurdle in the release of funds.

There is still room for additional applications for the rehab program and interested homeowners should contact city hall as soon as possible.

The council also learned ballot positions were set last week by a

drawing at city hall. Local contractor Glenn Pace drew the ballot positions for the April 4th city election. There are three candidates for two available city council positions. In order on the ballot, they are Bobby Windham, Juan Ybarra and J. T. Naron. The two incumbents, Derrell Farmer and Larry Beasley did not file for reelection. Merkel mayor Kent Satterwhite is running unopposed.

Council members gave city manager J. Asadler authorization to repair two city vehicles.

The back up garbage truck needs a new engine and a patrol car driven by Merkel police officer Steve McNalley needs a new transmission. Council approved both repairs.



These are the Merkel Elementary winners of the Soil Conservation Poster Contest. They are

[from left] Monty Moore 1st Grade [2nd in District], 2nd Place Jane Roberts 2nd Grade [1st in District], Lori Pirraglia 4th Grade

[2nd in District], and Troy Roberts 5th Grade [2nd in District] [staff photo].

Badger boys wind up season 19-10

The Merkel Badger boys basketball team ended their season at 19-10 as they lost a 64-56 decision to Ballinger here Friday night.

Lynn Hays led the way with 18,

Ted Seymore had 14, Ramon Moreno added eight and Kenneth Jowers pitched in seven.

The boys will lose three seniors off of this year's team- Lance

Jones, Justin Amerine and Douglass Taylor.

The boys ended up 4th in the seven team district this season.

Merkel Garden Club commemorates 40th anniversary here

"On Feb. 3, 1947 when the sand was blowing like nobody's business, Mrs. W. S. J. Brown and Mrs. Jack Miller visited Mrs. Earl Lassiter, who is ill. We discussed a garden club for Merkel and a list of names was made that we thought might be interested. We visited each of the names. The ones who were interested were invited to Mrs. Lassiter's home on Feb. 20th, 1947 with Mrs. Jack Miller and Mrs. W. S. J. Brown assisting to organize the club. Shaking in our boots, we await for the outcome."

These are the notes made over 40 years ago by Mrs. W. S. J. Brown, and so began the Merkel Garden Club. Of the 18 charter members present at that first meeting, 5 were honored guests at the anniversary tea held Feb. 19 & at the home of current president

Becky Rogers. They were: Mrs. Carol Benson, Mrs. Paul West, Mrs. Satcy Bird, Mrs. Robert Hicks and Mrs. Geroge F. Moore. Other guests attending were; LaNelle Hodge, Val Patterson, Ella Grace Williams, Eula West, Joyce Ferguson and Leona Hogan. "Valentine Remembrances" was the theme for the event, and each member and guest was presented a red and white heart shaped mementos crested with tiny satin rosettes and streamers depicting the years 1947 and 1987, which was crocheted and hand-crafted by Robbie Wilson and Murel Thompson.

Refreshments of heart shaped tea cakes and punch were served from a lace covered table centered with an arrangement of fresh early spring flowers bordered by silver numerals of the years 1947

and 1947. Minutes of the first meeting were read aloud to the group before putting the original recording secretary's book on display along with other old records and scrapbooks of the club's early years. Many nostalgic memories were brought back to those who have contributed to the illustrious history of the club.

Beautiful background music was graciously provided by Mrs. Andy Shouse at the piano.

Assisting Mrs. Rogers with hostess duties were Leota Sherrrell and Leota Patterson. Other members present were: Alice King, Mary Russom, Billie Hartley, Wynette Barkley, Georgia Allday, Jewel Criswell, Bessie Perry, Lenora Wilburn, Inez Detrick, Olga Pachy, Shirley McBride and Muriel Thompson.

City election ballots are set

The fields are set for the local board race and the Merkel city council race both drew additional candidates since last Tuesday.

In the Merkel city council race, ballot will read Place 1 Dewitt Isom, Place 3 Larry Storie, A. J. Pence and Place 5 Gayland Childers.

In Trent both the council race and mayor's seat are uncontested.

Derrell Farmer and Larry Beasley did not file for reelection. Merkel mayor Kent Satterwhite is running unopposed.

For council are Dale Rutherford and Jerry Frank Patterson and James Wallis is running for mayor.

The filing deadline for all city races was last Wednesday.

The Trent school board race picked up another candidate last week as Gerald Jones filed. He

There were no new filings in the Merkel school board race.

Local farmers invited to learn about new farm bill

A meeting to explain part of the Farm Program will be held March 3rd at 7:30 p.m. at the Taylor Electric Co-Op building here.

A portion of the new farm program dealing with crop compliance regulations and mandatory conservation plans on each

farm by the year 1990 will be discussed.

Farm operators are encouraged to attend and learn the facts so they can comply to the program.

No government farm support can be given unless the farmer is in compliance in all areas.

Ken Cash and Donald Saverance

will present the program. They urged farmers to start making plans now to comply because time will be required to draw up plans and have them approved.

For more information, contact Taylor County Extension Agent Joe Wilson at 677-1711.

Councilmen, new business. . . more

by Cloy A. Richards

The Merkel City Council will have two new members following the April 4th election. Derrell Farmer and Larry Beasley did not file for reelection.

Farmer has been a long time member of the council.

Both men are to be complimented for "taking their turn" to serve the city.

A few new local businesses have popped up during the past couple of months.

They include Randy's Custom Meats, the P & L Auto & Ture repair, Tittle's Appliance Repair and Bragg's department store downtown has changed hands and is now the Main Street Department Store.

We welcome these new businesses and wish them smooth sailing.

The Badger boys basketball team finished their season with a 19-10 record and in fourth place in the district race. Wylie and Ballinger qualified

for the district playoffs.

You don't know quite what to make of the weather these days, do you.

It's been so wet, most of the unharvested cotton locally will be plowed under.

Friday we woke up to three inches of snow and then we get right back into the spring rains again.

Glad I am not a fruit tree trying to decide when to put on the buds.



Early Garden Club Officers . . .

§ This photograph was made in 1947 or 1948 and was taken after the installation of officers of the Merkel Garden Club. Members commemorated their 40th anni-

versary here last week. Shown are [seated, from left] Mrs. W. D. Hutcheson, Mrs. W. S. J. Brown, Mrs. Jack Miller, Mrs. Herbert Patterson [standing, from left]

Mrs. Tye Sublett, Mrs. Carroll Benson, Mrs. Raymond Ferguson, Mrs. J. B. Toombs, Mrs. George T. Moore, Mrs. Paul West and Mrs. John Shannon.

To The Editor . . .

Dear Editor:
Is this happening in your community?

Due to recent circumstances in our rural community, Archer City, our attention has been drawn to the particular sanctions imposed upon doctors of rural areas, in particular, by the Texas Medical Foundation's Peer Review Organization. The criteria set down by this organization is so stringent that no physician could possibly be in compliance with all aspects included.

These sanctions in many cases will result in the closing of many rural hospitals, leaving a large percentage of our population without immediate medical care.

I am interested in finding out how many other communities share our problems.

Only by cooperation of all Texans and their legislators can something be done to rectify this situation. Many of the legislators are aware of the problem and are investigating the workings of the Federally Funded Texas Medical Foundation.

Due to the stigma this imposes upon the physician the public is not always aware of the situation until it is too late.

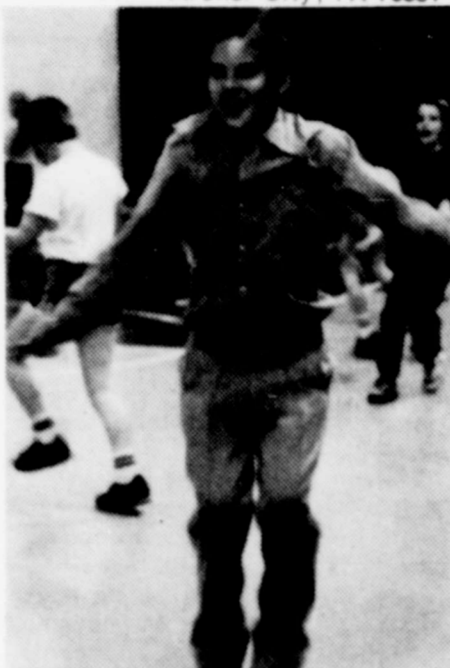
We're fighting for our doctor, R. D. Schlomach, M. D. and our hospital, Archer County Hospital. I hope you will be equally as concerned because this could also be pertinent to you, your physician, and your hospital(s).

The number of hospitals closed

January 1, 1986, through December 1986 is 25. A large number of Texas doctors have been sanctioned and many more are awaiting official sanctions. If the hospital or hospitals in your town or county are presently being threatened, or any of the doctors are being investigated or sanctioned, I would like to hear from you.

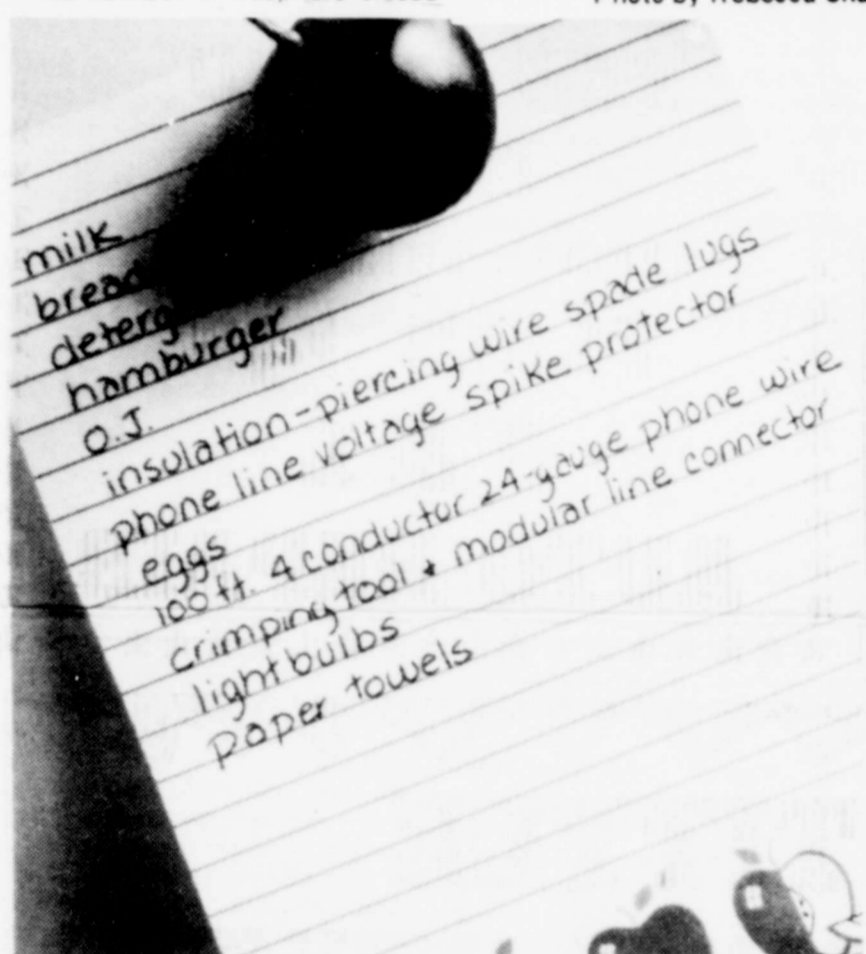
I would appreciate hearing from you.

Janice Alsop
Box 335
Archer City, TX 76351



§ Trent Elementary P.E. students recently participated in a jump-a-thon for the American Heart Association.

Photo by Rebecca Sharp



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Giesler benefit is Saturday

A benefit dance will be held Saturday at the Old Lions Club Building here.

All proceeds from the dance will aid the Jim Giesler family to replace household goods they lost in a fire at their home here Jan 26th.

Music will be provided by Rocky McKinney and "The Confederacy Band". The dance will last from 8 a.m. until midnight.

Admission for the dance is \$3 per person or \$5 per couple. All ages are welcomed and no alcoholic beverages will be allowed.

In conjunction with the dance, a bake sale will be held throughout the evening. Anyone wishing to contribute a baked good should contact Glenda Nance at 928-5619.

Refreshments will be available and organizers of the event are asking all to attend.

Seven from THS band earn 1 ratings

Seven Trent Band students earned Division I ratings at the UIL solo & ensemble contest. The contest was held Saturday on the campus of Abilene Christian University.

Soloists earning top ratings were Glenna Clark- Baritone; Scott Bloodworth, trumpet; Ginger Massey, trumpet; Ve-

Senior Citizens feast tonight

The senior citizens at 112 Edwards street here will have a covered dish luncheon tonight (Thursday)

ronica DeLa Cruz, Julie Clay, Sheli Boles and Lisa Penton-clarinet quartet.

Simon DeLa Cruz earned a Division II rating for his trumpet solo. B. J. Poindexter, Sheli Boles and Veronica DeLa Cruz also earned a Division II rating for their clarinet trio.

The dinner will be served at 6 p.m. and members, as well as people interested in becoming members, are urged to attend.

Trent students jumping

by Rebecca Sharp

Trent's 3, 4th and 5th grade P.E. classes participated in the American Heart Association's Jump-A-Thon Feb 17, 18 & 19. The 45 participants raised over \$200 for the association from solicitations of friends and relatives in the Trent area.

Project chairman and elementary P.E. instructor Robbie Shugart was very pleased with the

enthusiasm of her students. "It's a good experience for them, by learning that exercise is important for their basic health and heart, but also to become involved unselfishly helping others." She added "I would like to thank our community for supporting this project. This is the 1st year the students were involved for the American Heart Association and it was a hopping success."

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1/2 to 3/4 teaspoon ground ginger
1/4 teaspoon NoSalt® salt alternative
Dash ground red pepper
2 tablespoons peanut oil

In non-metallic bowl, combine all ingredients except oil. Let stand 15 minutes. In wok or large skillet, heat oil on high until it ripples. Add chicken mixture all at once and stir fry over high heat until chicken is done, about 4 minutes. Garnish with pea pods, serve over rice. Makes 4 servings.
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Obituaries

Mrs. John Kerns

Mrs. John Viola Whitley Kerns, 72, of Huntersville, N.C., formerly of Merkel and Irvin, died Feb. 24th at Mercy Hospital in Charlotte, N.C.

Funeral services were 11 a.m. today (Thursday) at 11 a.m. at McEwen Charlotte Chapel. Burial followed at Memorial Park in Charlotte.

Mrs. Kerns was a homemaker and is survived by her husband, Tom of Charlotte; two sons, Larry of Lawrenceville, Ga. and Terry of Cornelius, N.C.; three daughters, Mrs. Maxine Ridenhour of Charlotte, Mrs. Marie Wentz of Surfside Beach, S.C. and Mrs. Joan Jones of Eugene, Or.; four sisters, Mrs. Gladys Laws of Sacramento, Mrs. Joyce King of Madera, Ca. and Mrs. Kathleen Howard of Albuquerque, N.M.; two brothers, Homer Whitley of Fresno and Ervin Whitley of Eugene.

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Lela Perry

Lela Ulva Perry, 87, of Rt. 1 Merkel, died at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene Feb. 23 at 7:50 p.m. Funeral services are at 2 p.m. today (Thursday) at the Merkel Church of Christ with Larry Gill officiating. Burial will

follow at Rose Hill Cemetery here under the direction of the Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born Jan. 9, 1910 here, she attended the IXL School. She was a rancher and a homemaker. She had also served as a Farm Bureau delegate. She married Loyd Perry Sept. 4, 1927 here. He predeceased her in death March 2nd, 1963. She was a member of the Merkel Church of Christ.

She is survived by a daughter, Larusc Arrington of Houston; a son, Lanny Perry of Merkel; a brother, Carl Bush of Dallas; two sisters, Eva Faye Allamon and Lois Orr, both of Merkel, six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Palbearers will be Leroy Riney, Jack Hogan, Walter Riney, Jackie Reynolds, Tommy Reynolds and Quanah Dudley.

Tips for parents . . .

A sequence of ordinary little events—like spilled juice, thrown toys, an overflowing sink and ringing phone—can quickly lead to a screaming child and distressed parent.

Stress is something that parents of young children can't avoid; it's the reaction to stress that counts, says family life specialist Diane Welch.

"Parents should be aware of the symptoms that signal stress pile-up and potential danger," says the Texas A & M University Agriculture Extension Service home economist.

Some people react by developing physical symptoms such as headaches, dizziness, appetite loss or an increase in eating, she explains. Other parents become aggressive, which can lead to child abuse.

"Even when parents don't develop physical symptoms, they may cry, become fatigued, sad, angry, very irritable or feel depressed and guilty," Welch says. "It's not unusual for a parent experiencing stress to feel helpless and doubt his or her worth as a parent."

Lack of adequate sleep often contributes to parents' stress, notes the specialist. Sleep requirements vary from person to person, she says, but it's easy for any parent to lose sleep because of a young child's erratic sleep schedule.

According to the specialist, its best to develop some ways of dealing with stressful events as they occur, so the stress doesn't pile up. She suggests some of the following stress-relievers:

□ After putting the child in a safe place, such as his crib or room, step away until you feel you're again in control. You may want to count to ten, sit down and rest or close your eyes for a few minutes.

□ Share your frustration with your spouse or telephone a friend and talk briefly about how you feel. Sharing your inner feelings is not a sign of weakness, it's good therapy when you're upset.

□ Work off your anger by doing

something very physical. Instead of hitting the child, pound a mattress, scrub the floor or dig in the garden.

Mason meet Saturday

Merkel Masonic Lodge # 710 is being honored by the Order of the Eastern Star Chapter of Merkel with a covered dish supper Feb. 28th.

Together, they will celebrate the annual George Washington's Birthday feast. The dinner will start at 7 p.m. and all Masons and their friends are invited.

TISD lunch menu

The following is the Trent ISD lunch menu:

March 2- breakfast: juice, cereal, milk- Lunch: steak-fingers, black-eyed peas, fried okra, chocolate pudding, rolls, tea or milk.

March 3 breakfast- juice, biscuits & sausage, jelly, milk - Lunch barbecued beef patties, potatoes with sauce, peas, yellow cake, rolls, tea or milk.

March 4- breakfast: juice, donuts, milk Lunch: chicken enchiladas, corn, salad, apple cobbler, crackers, tea or milk.

March 5th breakfast: juice, cinnamon rolls, milk- Lunch hot turkey sandwich, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, peanut butter cups, rolls, tea or milk.

March 6th breakfast: juice, malt-o-meal, toast, milk Lunch-corn dogs, pinto beans, apple-sauce, cookies, tea or milk.

Hart on board

Don Hart, manager of Taylor Electric Cooperative, has been appointed by the board of directors of the National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation to serve as interim District 10 manager director until members select a successor in 1988 to fill the unexpired term of Alton Higginbotham.

Higginbotham resigned his position on the QFC board after accepting a position of manager at a cooperative located outside District 10.

Hart previously served as a QFC director from 1977 to 1983.

Xi Nu Eta planning country & western students dance

The Xi Nu Eta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi will be sponsoring a Western Dance for Middle and High school students.

The dance will be held at the First United Methodist Church Gym March 7th from 8 until midnight.

A dance contest will be held with the type of dance being announced at the dance.

A cowboy and cowgirl contest for students attending will be decided. Votes are 25 cents each.

Tickets are \$3 per person which will include refreshments, and may be purchased at the door.

Local girl in group

Mariah Winter Color will present their 1987 show free to the public Saturday at 7:30 p.m. The program will be in the old gym at Howard County College in Big Spring.

Mariah placed 7th in the WGI national competition in 1986 and were West Texas State Champions in the class. Mariah is sponsored by the Howard County College and has 24 members of High School and College students from area towns.

Merkel High student Kristen Kennedy is a member of Mariah 1987. Kristen has been active in Band, Color Guard, and marching competitions throughout her school years. She was rifle captain for Merkel's winter color guard in 1986.

Mariah attended an evaluation and exhibition held Feb. 21 in San Antonio. They will be competing in Fort-Worth Dallas March 7th, Denver and Houston in March, the Texas State Championships in April and in Dayton Ohio for the national competitions in April.

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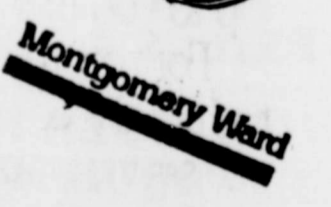
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Work at home scams cost consumers millions

Each year the American public loses millions of dollars through fraudulent schemes operated through the United States Mails. With the increase of unemployment, especially in oil related industries, work at home promotions have become more prevalent. These promotions are aimed at the elderly, shut-ins, the unemployed, and house wives who

want to supplement their family income. Work at home fraud schemes such as envelope stuffing, home addressing and multi-level marketing sales distributorship always include "opportunities" to earn an unusually high income with relatively small investment and with little or no effort on the part of the customer, and in most

cases, by someone they've never met. They are usually schemes to sell the plan to do the work rather than doing the work itself, and no one has ever become wealthy through such schemes.

Any promotion where the success of any operator (regardless of whether "a product is offered") depends on recruiting people to recruit more people, etc., to participate in the program is an endless chain or pyramid. These are forms of lottery and violate the Postal Lottery Statute.

There are three elements of a lottery— consideration, prize and chance. In typical work at home promotions, involving stuffing envelopes, the consideration is usually called an "application or introduction fee" or could be the price of a "start up kit." Consideration in multi-level marketing schemes is the money paid to a promoter in order for the participant to become a distributor and to recruit new distributors. The prize is always the

promised "big money" that can be made quickly after the promotion has progressed several levels, and the chance is that investors will not recruit all the people necessary to fill the pyramid and recoup the initial investments much less earn the "big money" prize. In fact, the chance that all participants will receive mail is mathematically impossible. If a scheme requires participants to mail to six new participants, who in turn mail to six, etc, by the 11th level of the mailing, the entire US population would be exhausted; and by the 13th level, the world population (over four billion) would be exhausted.

The U. S. Postal Inspection Service, who investigates mail fraud and Postal Lottery Statute violations, says that promoters as well as participants in work at home fraud schemes can be found in violation of Federal law, even if

they did not realize the promotion was illegal when they first got into it. If you receive information about a work-at-home promotion you feel may be in violation of the

law, turn it in to your Postmaster. Remember, if it sounds too good to be true— it probably is.



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STEVEN A. CARRIKER
House of Representatives

With a sagging economy, volatile oil prices, and constantly changing sales tax collections, there is talk that annual sessions would give the Legislature a better grasp of budget problems. While the constitution calls for the Legislature to meet only in odd-numbered years, circumstances have caused Governors to call numerous special sessions over the past decade. Several bills amending the constitution have been introduced which would provide for annual legislative sessions. Questionnaire responses from the 78th District indicate that about two-thirds of you support the idea of annual legislative sessions.

The 1983 and 1985 Legislatures set a poor precedent when they chose to raid the Teacher Retirement Fund to make ends meet in other areas of state spending. With the prison crisis, lack of funds for Mental health and Mental Retardation, and other spending pressures, Governor Clements has dedicated to take his own Teacher Retirement "dip" by suggesting pulling \$45 million out of that program. Along with Representative etty Denton, I am co-sponsor of a constitutional amendment that would prohibit the state from taking money from that fund. Representative Denton and I are also sponsoring a bill to increase benefits for long-time retired teachers who have not received adequate costs of living increases.

The Texas Department of Health has proposed a reorganization of the regional health system which could adversely affect health services throughout the state. In the 78th District, the plan calls for dividing operations now in Abilene and spreading these operations to Lubbock, Arlington and Midland. There is concern from West Texas and South Texas about this plan. The central issue is whether the Health Department is putting unnecessary administration or cutting local services. Groups opposing the changes are working to have the health department come up with a cost saving options other than their proposed reorganization. The State Board of Health is now scheduled to vote on the plan at its March 14th meeting, but the mood among West Texas legislators is to slow the process down for more careful consideration of the costs of the plan and alternatives to it.

Comptroller Bob Bullock has come out with his own suggestion for re-vamping the state's tax system. He proposes expanding the sales tax to most sales and services, exempting only the most THS band honored

Three students from Trent High were selected for membership in the Women Band Director's National Association High School All-Star Honor Band.

Kate Wood, flute, is a senior and the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Lewis Wood of Abilene.

Billie Jean Poindexter, tenor saxophone, is a sophomore and the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Poindexter of Trent.

Kim Orr, trumpet, is a junior and the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Don Orr of Dublin. Kim was first chair trumpet in the Trent band as a sophomore before moving to Dublin this year.

Students selected for the band must be nominated by a WBDNA member who has taught in elementary, junior high or high school bands.

The Honor Band gives WBDNA members an opportunity to recognize young women who have made valuable contributions to their high school bands.

These three students were nominated by Margaret A. Cooper, band director at Trent High School.

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