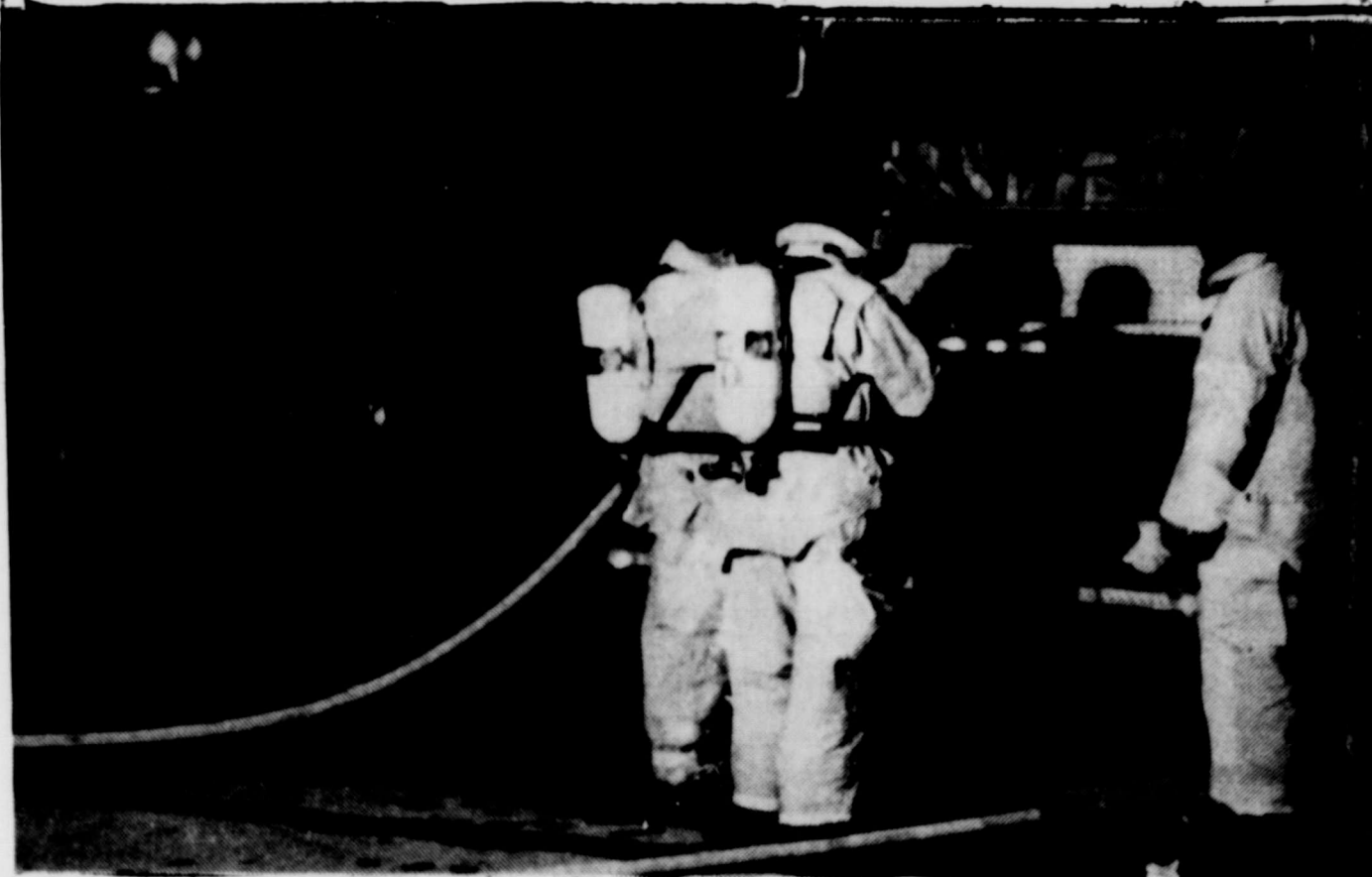


The Merkel Mail

Our 99th year

Thursday, January 14, 1988 . . . Merkel, Texas

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Merkel firefighters take a break at the Merkel Elementary School Saturday night. A small fire broke out in the boys bathroom and damage was contained to the restroom and the hall of the main building. Staff photo

Fire causes slight damage at elementary school

An electrical fire at Merkel Elementary school Saturday night damaged the boys restroom in the main building.

A person living near the school called the fire department around 7:20 Saturday evening to say

smoke was seen coming from the building.

The Merkel Volunteer Fire Department rolled every available vehicle and quickly brought the fire under control. A faulty heating vent or its wiring was

thought to be the cause of the fire.

The building suffered very little damage although it became filled with smoke.

MISD maintenance personnel worked all day Sunday to ready the facility for classes Monday.

Council buys lot for new city hall

The Merkel City Council met Monday night and awarded bids on local home remodeling paid for by a state program. The city also announced the purchase of a lot at the corner of Old Highway 80 and Kent Street. The city will build a new City Hall building when funds are available on that lot.

Council also heard the monthly police report.

Bids for the remodeling of six homes funded by the state's Department of Commerce were awarded. Paul Lewis of Sentry Services in Abilene was the low bidder on four homes and Don Gayosa of Merkel received two of the contracts.

The city also announced the agreement of a purchase price for a lot to build a new City Hall. The building will be paid for from the city's share of the local option tax on Bingo games held here by the

Merkel Emergency Medical Service. The Merkel Volunteer Fire Department and Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church.

The city will pay Greg Fisher \$5,000 for his lot at the corner of Kent and Old Highway 80. The lot is where Consolidated Plumbing and Browne Enterprises were located before they were destroyed by fire. Council had been considering the location for the past two months and agreed Monday night to purchase the property. The city will have the lot cleaned in the near future as a pile of rubble from the burned buildings is still in place. Council said they would start building the new City Hall when the Bingo tax rebate fund had enough to cover costs.

Council also decided to table a request for beautification along the railroad right of way through

town. Local resident Henry Brady had asked the city to be a sponsor of the project at the request of the railroad. Council agreed to find out more what the sponsorship would require before approving the request.

City police Chief Bob Jones also presented the monthly police report.

City police worked a total of 29 cases in December including two cases of theft, a case each of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, burglary and burglary of a motor vehicle.

Police also investigates two cases of criminal mischief, three traffic accidents, a case of possession of marijuana, a case of forgery.

Police also made three arrests, answered a dog call and issued 13 citations.

Chamber of Commerce's cookbooks, they are available at the Chamber office, Ben Franklin's, Main Street, Independent American and Hammond Insurance Agency.

New Testament church calls Dickson as new pastor

The New Testament Church of Merkel has extended a call to Brother Bill Dickson and his wife Bewiah as pastor.

Bill has served as a pastor for 15 years.

He said he discovered God could be taken at his word so he began to study and grow in the word. He said he teaches the word positively and his God given ability as a minister enables him to transmit that God is no respecter of persons, that he deeply desires to fully perform his word in every life.

MHS juniors raising money for prom

A bake sale will be held Monday starting at 8:30 in front of the Ben Franklin Store here.

The sale is being sponsored by the Merkel High Junior Class and proceeds will be used for the Junior-Senior Prom.

Firemen quickly brought the fire under control and most of the damage was contained to the boys bathroom and hallway.

MISD maintenance folks worked all day Sunday so classes could resume Monday. The fire could have been a disaster without the quick response of the fire department, along with local WTU, Lone Star Gas and school personnel.

I owe a word of thanks to John Starbuck for calling me and letting me know about the fire. I did not have my police scanner on and I owe him a word of gratitude.

The Trent Livestock Show is Saturday at the Trent Ag Barn on Old Highway 80 in Trent.

The show gets started at 10 a.m. and will break for lunch at noon, with the show resuming at 1 p.m.

The Merkel boys basketball team jumped off to a 2-0 start in district play and should be at 4-0 when they square off against Wylie Tuesday at Wylie. The Wylie boys have a loss to Ballinger so far and it should be a three team race for two playoff spots.

The girls will have to try and qualify for the playoffs in the second half of district play as they dropped their second district contest here last week to Coahoma. Their second season also starts in Wylie next Tuesday.

If you haven't already picked up a copy of Merkel Makings, the

Local stock show results

The following are the complete results from Saturday's Merkel Livestock Show.

The names are listed in the order the show animal placed in each class.

Sheep Division

Five wool (light weight) Cole Manahan, Brad Neill, Brad Neill, Ginger Neill, Kenneth Finkle.
Medium weight: Ellen Rutledge, Roy Manahan, Roy Manahan, Joe Jones, Ellen Rutledge.

Breed Champion Finewool: Ellen Rutledge, Reserve Champion Finewool Roy Manahan.

Crossbreds (light weight) Cole Manahan, Brad Neill, Melissa Harris, Bridgette Vaughn, Ginger Neill, Brad Neill.

Medium weight: Roy Manahan, Mitzi Shelton, Mitzi Shelton, Mitzi Shelton, Coby Vaughn, Ellen Rutledge, Coby Vaughn.

Breed Champion Crossbred Cole Manahan, Reserve Champion Crossbred Roy Manahan.

Medium wool: Ginger Neill, Ava Bohanna, Brad Neill, Ginger Neill, Brad Neill, Ginger Neill.

Medium weight: Roy Manahan, Melissa Harris, Mitzi Shelton, Jeff Gray, Ava Bohanna.

Breed champion medium wool: Roy Manahan, reserve champion Ginger Neill.

Southdown (light weight) Ginger Neill, Melissa Harris, Melissa Harris.

Breed Champion: Ginger Neill, Reserve champion Melissa Harris.

Grand champion lamb Roy Manahan, reserve champion lamb Ellyn Rutledge, lamb showmanship Melissa Harris.

Ewes

Class One: Lillian Leach, Lillian Leach.

Class Two: Lillian Leach, Lillian Leach, Jeff Gray.

Breed and reserve champion Lillian Leach.

Rams Lillian Leach, Lillian Leach.

Grand and reserve champion rams Lillian Leach.

Goats James Johnson all three places and grand and reserve champion.

Fryer rabbits Tricia Newsom, Judy Williams, Rodney Russell, Steven Ross, Joe Ban Roberts.

Grand champion Tricia Newsom, reserve Judy Williams.

Rabbit Division

Junior bucks Tricia Newsom, Joey Jones, Casey Ellison, Zack Mashburn.

Champion buck Tricia Newsom, reserve Sean Leamon.

Senior Bucks Tricia Newsom, Sean Leamon, Steven Ross, Kenny Nault, Billy Williams, Jeremy Judge, Judy Williams, Marty Boyd, Jeremy Judge, Kody Vaughn, Shelle Leamon, Jeremy Judge.

Junior does Rodney Russell, Billy Williams, Zack Mashburn, Joey Jones, Jeremey Judge, Shane Fuller, Matt Dearing, Amy Ellison, T. J. Roberts.

Senior does Tricia Newsom, Judy Williams, Judy Williams, Steven Ross, Judy Williams, Jeremy Judge, Rodney Russell, Sean Leamon, Sean Leamon, David Melendez, James Melendez, T. J. Roberts, Morty Boyd.

Champion doe Tricia Newsom, reserve Judy Williams.

Rabbit showmanship Tricia Newsom, Grand champion breeding rabbit Tricia Newsom, reserve Tricia Newsom.

Cattle

Light weight steers Russ Holloway.

Middle weight Russ Holloway, Adrian Holloway.

Heavy weight Brent Toombs, Grand champion Brent Toombs, reserve Russ Holloway.

Steer showmanship Andrea Holloway.

Heifers

Class One Angie Wellborn, Class Two Amy Wellborn, Casey Ellison, Casey Ellison.

Class Three Bennett Massey, Amy Wellborn, Keith Munden, Chris Weustenhouse.

Grand champion Bennett Massey, reserve Amy Wellborn, Showmanship Keith Munden.

Swine Division

Crossbreds (light weight) Coby Sutherland all four places.

Medium weight Ricky Riley, Ricky Riley, Zack Mashburn, Destry Pack, Lorena Pack, Owen Terebaugh, Beverly Williams.

Breed champion Ricky Riley, reserve Coby Sutherland.

Durocs (light weight) Kris Harris, Melissa Harris, Kris Westerausen.

Medium weight Brandon Toombs, Lynn Hays, Phillip Seymore, Cne Seymore, James Tallent, Matthew Davis.

Heavy weight Lynn Hays, Kris Harris, Brandon Toombs, Melissa Harris.

Breed champion Lynn Hays, reserve Kris Harris.

Hampshires (light weight) Phillip Seymore, Criswell Whisenhunt.

Medium weight Jimmi Collier, Criswell Whisenhunt, Daniel West.

Heavy weight Amber Whisenhunt, Criswell Whisenhunt, Amy Sparks, Sean Leamon, Destry Pack, Robyn Golsen, Steven Pyburn.

Breed champion Amber Whisenhunt, Criswell Whisenhunt.

Poland Chinas Neil Newman also had breed champion.

Spotted Poland China (light weight) Lynn Gregory, Daniel West.

Medium weight Lisa Harding, Lisa Harding, Sean Leamon, Tanner Boyd.

Heavy weight Brandon Boyd.

Breed champion Brandon Boyd, reserve Lisa Harding.

Yorkshire (light weight) Douglas Collier, Robyn Dudley, Ricky Riley, Shawn Williamson.

Heavy weight Cne Seymore, Lynn Gregory.

Breed champion Cne Seymore, reserve Douglas Collier.

Crossbred (light weight) Steven Bynum, Keith Wilson, Keith Wilson.

Medium weight Randy Dudley, Trey Bird, John Paul Dudley, Trey Bird, Kris Westerausen.

Heavy weight Amber Whisenhunt, Amber Whisenhunt, Jeremy Judge, Ricky Riley, Robyn Dudley.

Breed champion Amber Whisenhunt, reserve Randy Dudley.

Overall grand champion market hog Lynn Hays, reserve Amber Whisenhunt.

Market swine showmanship John Paul Dudley.

Breeding gilts (light weight) Criswell Whisenhunt, James Melendez, Fred Munez, Coby Sutherland.

Medium weight Amber Whisenhunt, Lynn Hays, Matthew Davis, Randy Dudley, Sean Leamon, Lynn Hays, Tac Nagid, Levi Cunningham, Robyn Dudley, Zac Nagid, Jeremy Judge.

Heavy weight Kris Harris, John Paul Dudley, Ricky Riley, Owen Terebaugh, Eugene Van Gorp.

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O'Kelly, Knapp named to all state team

The Trent Gorillas had two players honored Saturday by being named to the Texas 6 Man's Coaches Association All-State team.

Scott O'Kelly, a 6'2" 250 pound senior center was named to first team all-state at his position and was joined by 6'0" 180 pound junior Lewis Knapp who was named at two positions, second team linebacker and honorable mention running back.

O'Kelly joins a select group of former Trent football players by being only the 8th all state athlete to suit up for Trent and only the

second center. Former 1st team all-staters for Trent are Danny Kiser - offensive line- 1986, Gilbert Beaver - defensive end 1979, Herbert Beaver - running back 1979, Danny Freeman - safety 1979, Eddie Adams - center 1980, Richard Beaver - running back 1982 and Bebo Beaver - punter, 1985.

Knapp may have started a tradition at THS. This is the 2nd year in a row that Trent has had a linebacker named to the all-state team. Last year, Chris Simpson made the all-state team, also as a second team linebacker.

by W. E. Dulaney

Trent stock show is Saturday

The Trent FFA will hold their annual stock show Saturday starting at 10 a.m. at the Trent Ag Barn.

The schedule of events begins with rabbits, poultry and turkeys. The stock show committee will host a barbecue lunch at noon consisting of barbecued brisket. Price is \$3.50 per plate for children and \$4.50 per plate for adults.

The competition will resume at 1 with hogs, goats and calves.

Trent sets commodity registration

Trent will hold a commodity registration January 27th at the Trent City Hall.

Anyone wishing to receive food

"We should have a really good show this year," said Mike Ray, Trent Ag teacher. "We have about 35 kids showing this year with over 80 entries in all. Our biggest class is probably hogs but we have quite a few broiler rabbits," continued Ray.

Persons having entries in the rabbit competition will need to bring their rabbits to the Ag Barn beginning at noon Friday for weigh-in.

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Trent will hold a commodity registration January 27th at the Trent City Hall.

Anyone wishing to receive food

in 1988 must register whether or not they have received food in the past.

by W. E. Dulaney

Local sales tax rebates go up

Local retail sales in December helped pushed Merkel's share of the state sales tax by more than 12 percent according to a new release from the State Comptroller's Office.

In the first reporting period of the year, Merkel collected \$3,248.08 compared to \$2,881.62 for the same period last year for an increase of 12.72 percent.

Tye's rebates were up 2.84

percent. Tye's check of \$4,676.32 compares to a check of \$4,741.52 for the same period last year.

Trent did not receive a rebate last month.

County-wide, sales were up 9.27 percent. Abilene's collections increased 9.89 percent, Buffalo Gap's fell 6.09 percent, Lawn's rebates increased 12.72 percent, Impact's increases 38.61 percent and Tuscola's increased 50.52 percent.

County hires assistant agent

Donna G. Gatlin of Cleburne will assume the position of Assistant County Extension Agent - Home Economics for Taylor County effective Jan. 15th. The appointment was announced by County Judge Jesse Holloway and District

extension director Carolyn Gilbert.

Mrs. Gatlin is an honor graduate of Tarleton State University and has served an internship in the Eastland County Extension Office.

by Cloy A. Richards

A local eyesore will soon be gone as the city announced Monday night it had purchased the lot on the corner of Old Highway 80 and Kent Street. The lot will be the new location of City Hall, once enough funds are available for construction. The lot will be cleaned up in the near future.

The city has been setting aside money it receives from the tax on Bingo games held here. That money will be used to fund the new City Hall. City Manager J. A. Sadler wants to put up a metal building that will be partially rocked or bricked on the outside.

Buildings on the lot were destroyed by fire last year and the rubble was not removed. That corner of town will be looking a lot better pretty soon.

The Merkel Stock Show came off without a hitch and the weather wasn't even that bad. The re-furbished building.

Local residents Freddy and Bob Toombs, along with Bealrd donated pipe as the board furnished metal to the facility. FFA students welding and made things nice inside, considering it degrees or below all day

Firemen and school officials made a scare Saturday night electrical fire threat at Elementary School.

Boys open district with 2 wins

The Badger boys ran their season record to 13-5 and jumped to a 2-0 start in district play with a pair of wins last week.

Last Tuesday, the boys downed Coahoma 74-43 behind a 26 point outburst from Kenneth Jowers. Ted Seymore pumped in 18 and Shayne Newberry added 12 as the Badgers opened district play here.

Friday in Clyde, Monty Griffin led the way with 14, as Jowers scored 13 while Brit Pursley and Atkins each added 12. The Badgers downed Clyde in Clyde 78-40.

The Badgers hosted Colorado City Tuesday (details not avail-

able at press time) and will travel to Sonora Friday. The Badgers will then face Abilene Wylie at Wylie Jan. 19th.

Coach Johnny Hampton told **The Mail** "I think we need to keep improving, we need to commit fewer turnovers and become more efficient at what we do. We just try to go out and play hard and not judge who we are playing, just go out and play as well as we can."

The Badger girls are now 10-6 on the season as they lost to Coahoma last week and then downed Clyde.

Last Tuesday, the girls dropped

a 3-0 decision to Coahoma. Carolyn Lally led with 15, as Amber Whisenhunt had 9 and Teresa Lucas 8 to lead the way. Girls coach Jan Whisenhunt told **The Mail** "We lost the game in the second quarter. We also missed 10 free throws and missed a lot of layups. We had the shots, we just didn't take advantage of them."

The loss was the second in the first half of district play for the Lady Badgers.

Friday in Clyde, the girls pulled out a 58-56 win. Lally again led with 14 as Lucas and Whisenhunt

each had 12 while Michele Dudley scored 10.

Coach Whisenhunt said "we started off great and then we let up on defense. We didn't play very well after the first quarter."

This week, the girls faced Colorado City Tuesday and will travel to Sonora where they finish the first half of district play. The second half of district play starts Tuesday when the girls travel to Wylie to take on the district leading Lady Bulldogs.

Newsbriefs

Cutler honored

Chris Cutler has been named to the Dean's List for the fall semester at McMurry College. He is a junior and the son of Tommi and Ann Cutler of Merkel.

To qualify for the Dean's List, a student must carry 12 hours and score at least a 3.5 grade point average.

Chris is a 1985 graduate of Merkel High School and is working on a dual major in Computer Information Systems and business management at McMurry. He has participated in the McMurry Indian Marching and Concert Bands, intramural sports and the McMurry Business Club.

In addition, he serves as an officer in the McMurry Computer Club and Eta Epsilon Iota, a men's fraternity club.

Chris and his wife, the former Kris Rich, are also Youth Directors at the Epworth United Methodist Church in Abilene.

Group meets

The Preceptor Eta Omega Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met Jan 5th in the home of Marilyn Baker.

Reports were given by all committee chairmen. All members of the chapter answered telephones at the Rehab '88 benefit.

Connie Ybarra reported the chapter will sell tamales Jan. 15th. Marilyn Baker presented the program on dry brush ceramics.

A dinner of runya and fruit salad was served to Opal Garner,

Blanche Hewitt, Y Sadler, Pat Schuknecht, Mamie Steck, Connie Ybarra, Sharon Young, Janet McKeenan and the hostess, Marilyn Baker.

Isenbarg's son

Richard and Linda Isenbarg of Merkel are proud to announce the arrival of their son, Roger, born at home December 25th, 1987. Roger weighed 10 pounds and was 21 1/2 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are James and Dorothy Butcher of Columbus, Ohio and Paternal grandparents are Orville and Jackie Isenbarg of Delaware, Ohio.

TISD menu

The following is the TISD lunch & breakfast menu:

Jan. 18- No school
Jan. 19- juice, cereal, milk, steak fingers, creamed potatoes, gravy, english peas, applesauce, rolls, tea or milk.

Jan. 20- juice, cinnamon rolls, milk, tacos, pinto beans, corn, cinnamon rolls, tea or milk.

Jan. 21- juice, biscuits & sausage, jelly, milk, pimento cheese sandwich, vegetable soup, potato chips, cookies, tea or milk.

Jan. 22- juice, oatmeal, raisins, milk, corn dogs, french fries, pork & beans, fruit salad, tea or milk.

MISD menu

The following is the MISD lunch menu:

Jan. 14th: Turkey pot pie, mixed vegetables, lettuce wedges, whipped jello with topping.

Jan. 15th: Hamburgers, fries and all the trimmings, fresh orange wedges.

January 18- No school- Teacher's work day.

Jan. 19- Burritos, spanish rice, lettuce wedges and choice of dressing, pineapple chunks.

Jan. 20- spaghetti, buttered corn, combination salad with choice of dressing, banana pudding.

Jan. 21- fried chicken with cream gravy, whipped potatoes, french green beans, fruit jello.

Jan. 22- Hamburgers, fries and all the trimmings, orange wedges.



Monty Griffin [31] and Brit Pursley [11] put pressure on a Coahoma player here last week. The Badgers started off their district campaign with two consecutive wins. Staff photo

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THE MERKEL I.S.D. TAKES THIS MEANS OF SAYING THANKS TO THE MERKEL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR THEIR QUICK AND EFFICIENT RESPONSE TO THE FIRE LAST SATURDAY NIGHT.

ANOTHER GREAT BIG THANKS TO HYADEN REEVES, CALVIN WOLF, CURTIS MOORE, JACKIE MOORE, LORITTA TEAGUE, PAULA CUARENTA, JAN HATCHETT, ROYCE OWENS, NINA OWENS, FRANK CABRAL, MATILDE GONZALES, DORA RODRIGUEZ, AND ADELA CRUZ FOR THEIR WILLINGNESS TO GIVE UP TIME WITH THEIR FAMILIES, ON A SUNDAY, SO THAT SCHOOL COULD CONTINUE WITHOUT INTERRUPTION.

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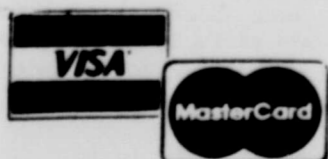
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THS girls 1st, boys 2nd in Trent basketball tournament

The Rilla cagers traveled to Rule last Tuesday to take on the Bobcats in basketball action. It was Trent's first games since the Christmas break.

The boys game saw the Rillas fall behind early when the Bobcats opened up a 13-5 lead after the first quarter enroute to a commanding 18 point lead at the half. The 3rd quarter saw Rule stretch their lead of 22 before Trent rallied to within 15 to make the final 62-47. The Rillas were led by Mike Payne with 12 and Jamie Masonheimer who had 11. With the loss, the boys fell to 4-5 on the season.

The Lady Rillas also lost to Rule 38-27. The game was tight until the final quarter when Rule outscored Trent 15-3 to come back from a 24-23 Trent lead. Despite the loss, the Lady Rillas had good efforts from Ginger Massey with 8 and Rene Gibson with 7. Girls coach Robbie Shugart told **The Mail** "You could tell we had not played in two weeks, the Christmas layoff really hurt us. Losing was a combination of bad play and poor officiating. We had three starters foul out and they didn't have any. Hopefully, we got the bad game out of our system."

Boys coach Ed Donahue replied "We hadn't practiced and you could tell it. We couldn't buy a basket in the first half and Lee Hunt had three fouls in the first quarter. We played better in the second half and actually outscored them. We didn't play great but we are getting better."

In the Trent Invitational semi-final games, some great basketball was seen by a packed gym.

In Friday's first game, the Coahoma freshmen Lady Bulldogs jumped out to an 18-6 1st quarter lead over the Hermligh Lady Cardinals enroute to a 52-32 laugher. High point for the 'Dogs were Mandi Walling & Kim Willborn with 13 each as Kim Gee added 12. Leading the 'Cards was Andrea Smith with 14.

In the other semi-final game, the Trent Lady Rillas jumped out to a 12-2 first quarter lead enroute to a 47-28 whipping of the Sweetwater Freshmen. The Rillas were led by Rene Gibson with 14 while Nikkie Heath led Sweetwater with 17.

The first boys semi-final game saw the Abilene Christian Pan-

thers destroy the Coahoma Freshmen 80-27. The Panthers have a front line of 6'8", 6'6" and 6'4". The Panthers were led by Shawn Delbert's 14 points, including two slam dunks, Al Simmons with 11 and Michael Hall who had 10.

In the second semi-final game, Trent's boys took a 62-59 win over the Sweetwater Freshmen. Trent started out ice cold with the Mustangs jumping out to a 14-3 lead before the Rillas stormed back. The win was preserved as a three point shot was missed at the buzzer. Trent was led by Lee Hunt with 14 while Chris Jones and Mike Payne added 13 and 10.

Saturday's action started with the girls third place game as Sweetwater and Hermligh squared off. Sweetwater won 56-26 as all-tournament selectee Nikkie Heath led the way with 32.

The boys 3rd place game followed as Sweetwater downed

Coahoma 83-60. All-tournament selectee Gregs Ruffin led Sweetwater with 14.

The girls championship game saw the hometown Trent Lady Rillas romp to a 52-32 win over Coahoma's freshmen. The Rillas jumped on the 'Dogs early in the 1st quarter running their fast break to perfection for a 16-7 lead. Trent led 28-13 at the half. The Rillas were led in the win by Tammy Collier and all-tournament selectee Ginger Massey, each with 12. All tournament stars Rene Gibson had 11 while all-tournament Luci Masonheimer had 10. Coahoma was led by all-tournament selectee Kim Gee with 13.

In the boys championship game, ACHS downed Trent 82-36. Trent was led by all-tournament players Joe Tarin and Mike Payne. Payne had 19 before fouling out in the 3rd quarter. ACHS was led by all-

tournament selectees Clay Holla play and it we can keep improving with 24. Shawn Delbert's 16 and we can whip Roscoe."

Coach Ed Donahue of the 2nd girls coach Robbie Shugart told "We played a team that was much better than us physically. We had a good break and our defense plenty of desire and we played o.k. was excellent. I am proud of the seniors. This is the first champ- trophy for them in high was tremendous. He's a smart school. I am ready for district ball player and he never gives up."

I am looking forward to district play, we are going to do well."

Trent's next game is Friday as Rule visits. The games start at 6:30 p.m.

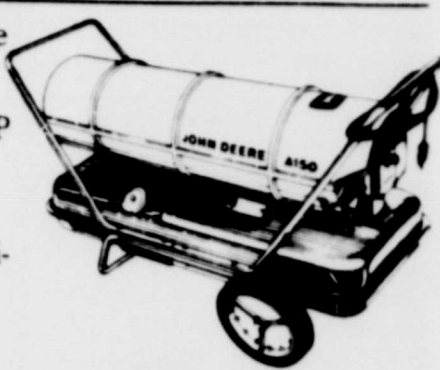
The Trent Junior High cagers will be in action over the weekend in the Junior High tournament at Blackwell starting today.

by W. E. Dulaney

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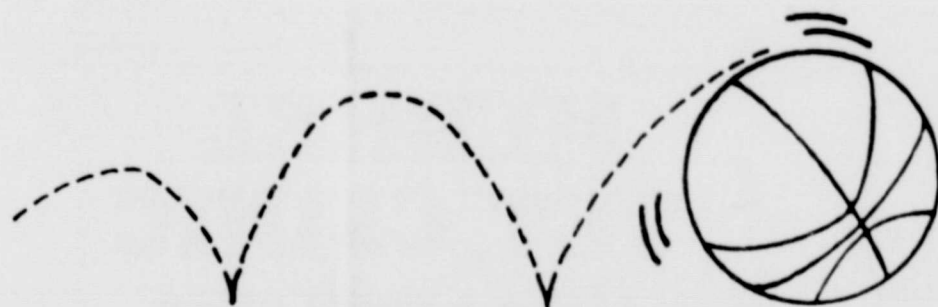
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PUBLIC NOTICES

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS -TO: KEVIN (LAST NAME UNKNOWN) ADDRESS UNKNOWN, Respondent:

GREETINGS: -YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable 326th DISTRICT Court, TAYLOR County, Texas, at the Courthouse of said County in Abilene, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the Monday next after the expiration of 20 days from the date of service of this citation, then and there to answer the petition of CHRISTIAN HOMES OF ABILENE, INC., Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 14th day of December, 1987, against KEVIN (LAST NAME UNKNOWN), Respondent, and said suit being numbered 777-CX on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Interest of AN CHILD, a Child," the

Classifieds

nature of which suit is a request to DETERMINE WHAT PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIP EXIST BETWEEN THE CHILD AND ANY OTHER PERSONS AND THAT ALL SUCH PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIPS BE TERMINATED.

Said child IS UNBORN.

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 termination of the parent-child relationship and the appointment of a conservator.

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

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

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court at ABILENE, TEXAS, this the 14th day of DECEMBER, 1987.

RILLA MAHONEY, DISTRICT CLERK 326th DISTRICT COURT TAYLOR COUNTY, TEXAS BY PATRICIA HENDERSON, DEPUTY (SEAL) 2-1tc-62

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS -TO: RANDALL LLOYD LANE, ADDRESS UNKNOWN, Respondent:

GREETINGS:

-YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable 326th DIST. Court, TAYLOR County, Texas, at the Courthouse of said County in ABILENE, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the Monday next after the expiration of 20 days from the date of service of this citation, then and there to answer the petition of LINDA CAROL LANE, Petitioner, filed in said Court in the 26th day of JANUARY, 1987, against RANDALL LLOYD LANE, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 14,314-C on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Matter of The Marriage of LINDA CAROL LANE, and RANDALL LLOYD LANE," the nature of which suit is a request to GRANT A DIVORCE AND SUCH OTHER RELIEF REQUESTED IN THE PETITION PARTIES WERE MARRIED ON OR ABOUT MARCH 1, 1985 AND CEASED TO LIVE TOGETHER AS HUSBAND AND WIFE ON OR ABOUT MAY 23, 1986.

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgement or decree dissolving the marriage and providing for the division of property which will be binding upon you.

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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 28th day of December, 1987.

RILLA MAHONEY, DISTRICT CLERK 326th DISTRICT COURT TAYLOR COUNTY, TEXAS BY Patricia Henderson, Deputy 2-1tc-70

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE THE STATE OF TEXAS County of Taylor

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That by virtue of a certain Writ of Execution issued out of the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County, of the 8th day of December, 1987, by Writ of Execution of said 42nd District Court of Taylor County Texas for the sum of Eighteen Thousand Three Hundred Four Dollars & 50/100 Dollars, and costs of suit, under a Judgement, in favor of 1ST NATIONAL BANK OF ABILENE, TEXAS in a certain cause in said Court, No. 40-513-A and styled 1ST NATIONAL BANK OF ABILENE vs. DONNA WALL FERNANDEZ, placed in my hands for service, I, John W. Middleton as Sheriff of Taylor County, Texas, did on the 11th day of January, 1988, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Taylor County, Texas, described as follows to-wit: All Undivided Interest of DONNA WALL FERNANDEZ, LOT 17, BLOCK 18 NORTHWOOD ADDITION SECTION 3, Being the address of 2498 Marsalis, and levied upon as the property of DONNA WALL FERNANDEZ, and that on the first Tuesday in March, 1988, the same being the 1st 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 vendue, for each, to the highest bidder, as the property of said DONNA WALL FERNANDEZ.

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IRS changes deductible items

by Andy Hart, CPA

This week's topic is a general overview of certain changes in the tax code. They are presented in a list format so you can scan the list when you do your return and realize you may need to do some things different this year.

Items eliminated

- Ten percent deduction for married couples when both spouses work.
- Two hundred dollar maximum exclusion for dividends.
- Partial exclusion of unemployment income.
- Sixty percent capital gain exclusion.
- Income averaging method to compute your tax liability.
- Political contributions credit.
- Exemption for over 65 and or blind.
- State and local sales tax deductions.
- Charitable donations for non-itemizers.
- Three year rule for annuities.

Items treated differently

- Mortgage interest deductible for principal and second residence only.
- Deductions for other personal interest to be phased out over five years-- 60 percent deductible in 1987.
- Moving expenses deductible only as an itemized deduction.
- Medical and dental expenses deductible to the extent they

Kraatz's new daughter

Jeremy David Kraatz of Hobbs, N.M. announces the arrival of his baby sister, Meredith Nacole Dec. 23rd, 1987 at the Lea Regional Hospital. She weighed 8 pounds and was 21 inches long. The parents are David and Patti Kraatz.

Grandparents are T. J. and Margie Bird of Merkel and David and Sue Kraatz of Tye. Great-grandparents are Mrs. Truman Carey of Abilene, Mrs. Della West of Coleman and Mrs. Minnie Kraatz of Winters.

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exceed 75 percent of adjusted gross income.

Miscellaneous itemized deductions generally deductible only if in excess of 2 percent of adjusted gross income.

Some scholarships are now taxable.

IRA's phased out for middle and high income plan participants. Some people may still be eligible.

Unreimbursed business expenses are deductible only as an itemized deduction subject to the 2 percent rule.

Only eighty percent of meals and entertainment deductible.

Passive losses deductible only against passive income.

Depreciation methods have been changed and some limits apply for vehicles.

Insured casualty losses limited if no claim was filed.

Earned income credit increased.

These are only a few of the many changes imposed upon the individual taxpayer. I have tried to pick out the ones that will affect the most people. Once again, I would like to point out that these changes have many other rules associated with them and you should read the instructions carefully this year. I will be going into more detail over the next few weeks on some of the items listed.

Good luck

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24 OZ CAN **\$1.39**

JENOS ASST PKG **99¢**
PIZZA
MRS SMITH 9 IN TWIN PACK **\$1.19**
PIE SHELLS
STILWELL VEGETABLE
SOUP MIX 16 OZ PKG **89¢**

DEL MONTE C S 303
GOLDEN CORN MIX 'EM OR MATCH 'EM

PARADE
FLOUR
5 LB BAG **59¢**

DEL MONTE 303 CUT
GREEN BEANS

DEL MONTE 303
SWEET PEAS 2/79¢

COFFEE
FOLGER
11.5 OZ FLAKE CAN **\$1.79**
LIMIT 1

CARNATION
COFFEE MATE
16 OZ JAR **\$1.79**

BORDEN
ICE CREAM
1/2 GAL CRTN **\$1.59**

DEL MONTE 303
STEWED TOMATOES EA 59¢

DEL MONTE 303
LEAF SPINACH 2/89¢

PARADE
PINTO BEANS 2/49¢

PARADE
TRASH BAG
20 CT 30 GAL
79¢



NICE & SOFT
TISSUE
4 ROLL CRTN
89¢

CREAMY
CRISCO
3 LB CAN **\$1.89** 2ND \$2.19
LIMIT 1
WITH '10 IN TRADE OR MORE
EXCLUSIVE OF CIGARETTES

KRAFTS
MIRACLE WHIP
32 OZ JAR **\$1.59**

KELLOGGS
CORN FLAKES
24 OZ BOX **\$1.79**

NABISCO
CRACKERS
1 LB BOX **89¢**

SKINNERS THIN
SPAGHETTI 24 OZ BAG **\$1.09**

DEL MONTE
YOGURT FRUIT MIX 6 OZ **\$1.63**

MORRISON 6 OZ
PAN OR BIS KITS 2/49¢

TEXAS
ORANGES
NAVEL SWEET
LB **49¢**

TENDER, TASTY, MEATY
FRYERS
FOR THRIFTY BUYERS



GOOCH BR
HOT LINKS
16 OZ PKG **\$1.63**

FRESH
GRADE A
WHOLE POUND 59¢

PETER PAN
PEANUT BUTTER
22 OZ JAR **\$1.98**

POINSETTA
HOMO MILK
GAL JUG **\$1.89**

FRESH GREEN
CABBAGE LB **19¢**

FRESH GRADE A
FRYERS CUT-UP TASTY TENDER LB **69¢**

BORDENS
LOWFAT MILK
GAL JUG **\$1.83**

BORDEN
COTTAGE CHEESE
24 OZ CRTN **\$1.79**

TEXAS
PINK GRAPEFRUIT LB **49¢**

GOOCH B R
CHUCK ROAST BONELESS LEAN LB **\$1.69**

GOOCH B R
CHUCK STEAK BONELESS LEAN LB **\$1.79**

GOOCH B R
BRISKET PACKER TRIM VAC-PACK LB **\$1.29**

PARADE
MUSTARD SQUEEZE 16OZ **59¢**

PARADE 32 OZ
H B DILL PICKLES JAR **79¢**

FAULTLESS
SPRAY STARCH 15 OZ CAN **69¢**

FRESH
BELL PEPPER **2/39¢**

WASH DELICIOUS
RED APPLES LB **39¢**

GOOCH B R
BACON SUGAR CURED LB **\$1.69**

GOOCH B R
FRANKS ALL MEAT 12 OZ PKG **99¢**

JIMMY DEAN
SAUSAGE 2 LB BAG ONE LB BAG **\$1.98**

DETERGENT
BOLD-3
42 OZ BOX **\$1.89**

LIQUID
IVORY
32 OZ BOTTLE **\$1.69**

CLEANER
TOP JOB
28 OZ BOTTLE **\$1.49**

AUTO DISHWASHER
POWDER
SUNLIGHT
50 OZ BOX **\$2.09**

Freezer Pack 1
5 LBS GROUND BEEF
5 LBS PORK CHOPS
5 LBS CHUCK ROAST
5 LBS FRYERS
TOTAL WEIGHT 20 LBS **\$30.99**

Freezer Pack 3
5 LBS GROUND BEEF
5 LBS CHUCK ROAST
5 LBS CHUCK STEAK
5 LBS FRESH FRYERS
TOTAL WEIGHT 20LBS **\$28.98**

Freezer Pack 8
5 LBS GROUND CHUCK
5 LBS CUBE STEAK
5 LBS LBS CHUCK STEAK
5 LBS SIRLOIN STEAK
TOTAL WEIGHT 20 LBS **\$42.99**

SOAP
DOVE
BATH
2/\$1.79

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