

The Merkel Mail

Our 99th Year

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Boys take on Ballinger Friday

The Merkel boys made it a clean sweep over Wylie this season as they nipped the Bulldogs here Friday 41-39.

The boys also blasted Sonora here last Tuesday 83-22 to set up a district ending showdown in Ballinger Friday night.

Both Ballinger and Merkel are undefeated in the second half of play and a Merkel win Friday will give the Badgers the district championship. A Merkel loss will force either a one game playoff Tuesday night in Abilene or the two teams could decide to settle the matter with a coin flip.

Regardless of Friday's outcome, the Badgers will be in the state basketball playoffs for the first time in 11 seasons with the bi-district game set for next Friday against either Decatur or Breckenridge. If the Bad-

gers and Breckenridge play, that game will be played in Abilene Feb. 25th.

In the Sonora game, the Badgers were led by Kenneth Jowers with 21 points. Monty Griffin had 18 and Ted Seymore added 15. Coach Johnny Hampton told The Mail "We changed things up a bit for that game because we had been going through some bad practice sessions and we started our best practice team. We held them to 11 points through the first three quarters. It was nice to see the guys play with a lot of intensity on defense."

In the Wylie game, Monty Griffin led with 13 while Lynn Hays added 11. The Badgers jumped out to a 29-21 lead at the half and then hung on for a two point win before a packed Badger Gym.

Hampton said "It was a real strange game. We started off well in

the first half and then we were real tentative on offense in the second half. We only had 12 points in the second half. The kids had a lot of pressure on them because they wanted to go 3-0 against Wylie this year. Brit Pursley did an excellent job on defense as he held the district's leading scorer to 5 points."

With the two wins last week, the Badgers improved their record to 23-5 on the season and 11-0 in district play.

Coach Hampton traveled to Decatur Tuesday night to watch the Decatur-Breckenridge game while Coach McClesky traveled to Colorado City to watch the C-City-Ballinger game.

The boys JV team, which beat Wylie on a last second shot by Stephen Jacobs last week, will go up against Ballinger with tip off set for 6:30 p.m. The varsity game will follow.



Merkel Badger basketball coach Johnny Hampton explains what he wants from his players in last week's win over Wylie. With a win at Ballinger Friday night, the Badgers can enter the state basketball playoffs as district champs. (Staff photo)

Trent basketball teams enter state playoffs

Both playoff bound "Rilla basketball teams were in action Friday in preparation for the state playoffs.

The boys took their 9-10 record to Jayton to play Patton Springs, the runner-up to #1 state ranked Paducah in their district, and were beaten 79-61. Trent stayed with Patton Springs for three quarters, trailing 50-44 at the end of the 3rd quarter, before Patton Springs pulled away in the final quarter to put the wraps on their 19th win against nine losses. James Lewis led Patton Springs with 29 points while for Trent, the trio of sophomores Lee Hunt, Mike Payne and Chris Jones pipped the nets for 14, 14, and 10 points.

Coach Ed Donahue told The Mail "We had three solid quarters but we had a big letdown in the 4th quarter. We didn't play good defense and our shots wouldn't fall."

The boys next action will be Friday in Highland against the District 17A co-champs Westbrook and they will go up against the District 21 champion Robert Lee Steers and their 20-5 record Feb. 23rd in bi-district.

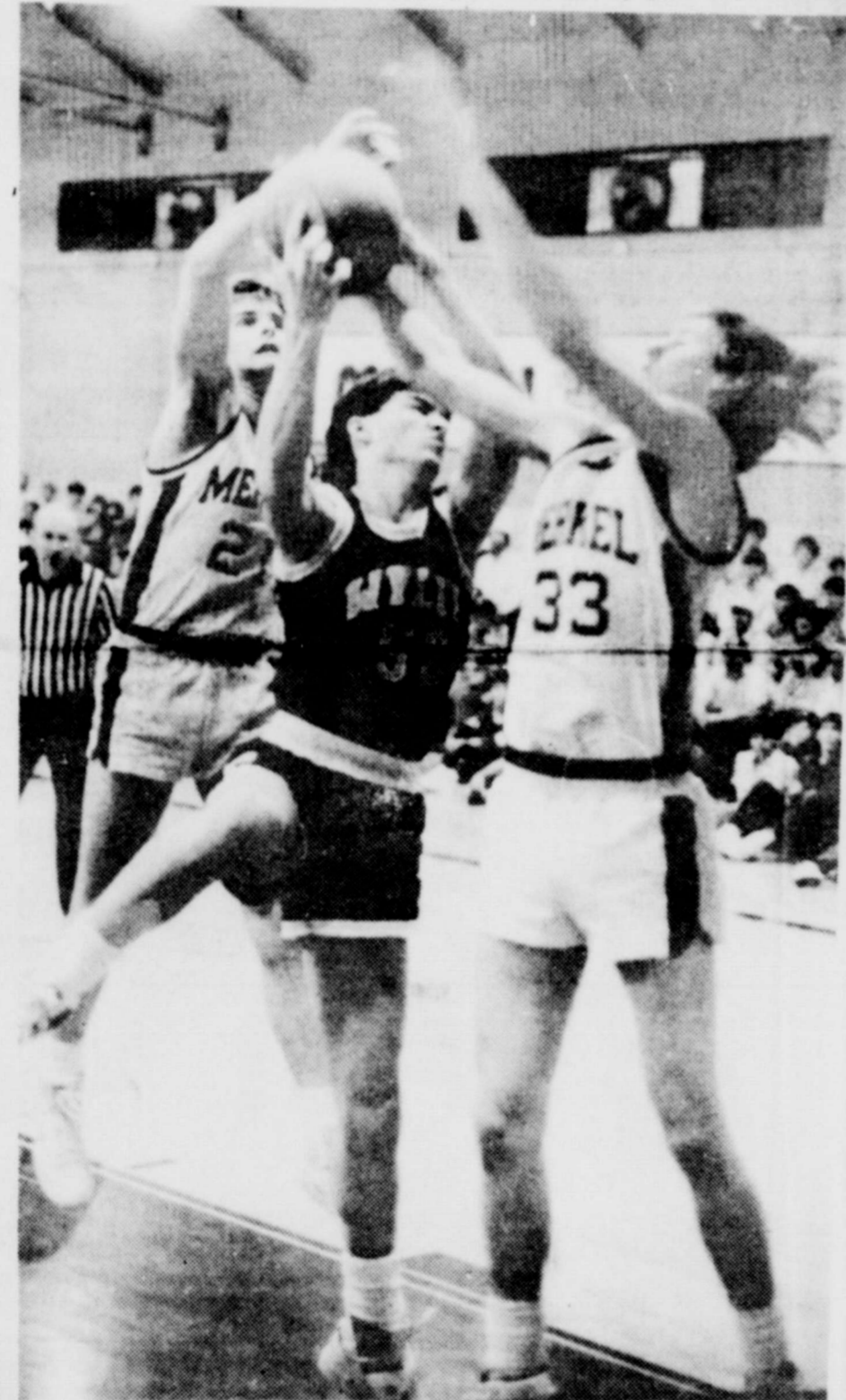
That game is tentatively scheduled for the Scurry County Coliseum at 7 p.m. in Snyder. "We'll have our hands full," said Donahue. "They are a real good team, they'll press from the start and they are very quick. They have got some good height, a couple of 6'4" or 6'5" guys that are real good leapers and get off the floor real well," continued Donahue.

The Lady "Rillas traveled to Highland Friday to take on the District 17-A champs, Ira and came out with a 53-39 victory.

Trent started slow and trailed 10-9 after one quarter but behind the solid play of Ginger Massey (who had 16) and Luci Masonheimer (who had 15) the Lady Rillas outscored Ira 37-17 in the 2nd and 3rd quarters to put the icing on the victory.

"This was definitely not one of our better games," said girls coach Robbie Shugart. "We were looking ahead to Robert Lee. There is no way that Ira should have played us that close. I wasn't pleased but I told them to forget this one and prepare for Tuesday night," added Shugart.

Tuesday night, the Trent girls will travel to Sweetwater to take on the Robert Lee Lady Steers (details unavailable). Robert Lee is the district 21 champion and carried an 18-4 record into the game. If Trent wins, they will face the winner of the Fronte-San Saba game at a time and place to be determined.



Ted Seymore (33) and Lynn Hays (21) scrap for the rebound with a Wylie player. The Badgers will be in the state basketball playoffs this season for the first time in 11 years. (Staff photo)

EMS offers local scholarships

The Merkel Emergency Medical Service will again be awarding two scholarships in memory of Donnie Cloyd.

The scholarships are \$500 each and are awarded to a Merkel High School student and a graduate of Merkel High.

Applicants apply for the scholarship by writing a request for four subjects including education-purpose, community values, need for

health care and the reasons for life.

The request can be no more than 2,000 words, may be typed or handwritten, may not identify the applicant and quotes from others must be attributed.

The written requests must be received by May 1st in the office of the MISD superintendent.

More information is available by contacting the school or the Merkel Emergency Medical Service.

Local sales tax rebates increase

Merkel and Tye enjoyed increased sales tax rebates according to a news release from the State Comptroller's Office.

Merkel's sales tax rebates were up 7.61 percent while Tye's rebates went up 12.9 percent.

Tax rebate checks represent taxes collected by monthly filers in December and reported to the Comptroller's Office in January.

Merkel's check of \$8,835.97 pushed

the yearly total to \$12,084.05, compared to \$11,229.24 through the first two months of 1987.

Tye's rebate of \$6,947.71 pushed their yearly total to \$11,824.03 compared to \$10,473.43 for the same period last year.

Trent's check of \$814.67 represents a decline of 8.18 percent from last year's pace.

State Comptroller Bob Bullock said

"The growth in December's holiday sales is yet another indication that the state's recession has finally ended. This increase in consumer spending is a statewide vote of confidence in our economy."

To widen tax base, authorized by the Texas Legislature last year, also contributed to the increase.

Texas cities collected \$129.4 million in local sales tax rebates.

Girls basketball season is over

The Merkel girls varsity basketball team finished their season here last Tuesday night with a 44-43 win over Sonora.

The girls ended district play with a 6-6 record and third in both halves of district play.

Krista Toombs led the way with 9 points as Carolyn Lally had 8, Michelle Dudley, 7 and Teresa Lucas and Amber Whisenhunt each had 6.

Next season, the girls will face two new teams in the district as Breckenridge and Comanche will come in replacing Sonora, Colorado City and Coahoma.

The girls are losing three seniors including Krista Toombs, Carolyn Lally and Clara Herrera.

Girls coach Jan Whisenhunt told The Mail Tuesday "Coach Hampton did a good job with the JV team this season. They won their last three games and they began to work as a team."

About her freshman squad, Whisenhunt said "We took Brandy Fenton and Betsy Hellums to the Varsity and the freshmen girls really responded to the change. They regrouped and new leaders emerged. They got better and better as the season went on and they really showed a lot of fight and drive on the court."

Trent NHS induction

Trent High School's annual induction ceremonies for the Trent Chapter of the National Honor Society were held Feb. 11th in the school gym.

To be eligible for membership consideration, students must be a sophomore, junior or senior and have a cumulative grade average of 85 percent.

Additionally, potential members must meet standards in leadership, service and character.

Candidates are screened by a faculty council consisting of high school teachers.

Selected this year were Lewis Knapp, Jon Evans, Denise Gibson, Renee Gibson, Chris Gibbs and Keith Oden. Officers of the National Honor Society this year are Brian Massey- president, Luci Masonheimer- vice president, Glenna Clark- secretary and Mrs. Vicki Lewis- advisor.

Volleyball tournament

The Merkel Band Boosters are sponsoring a volleyball tournament Saturday in the high school gym.

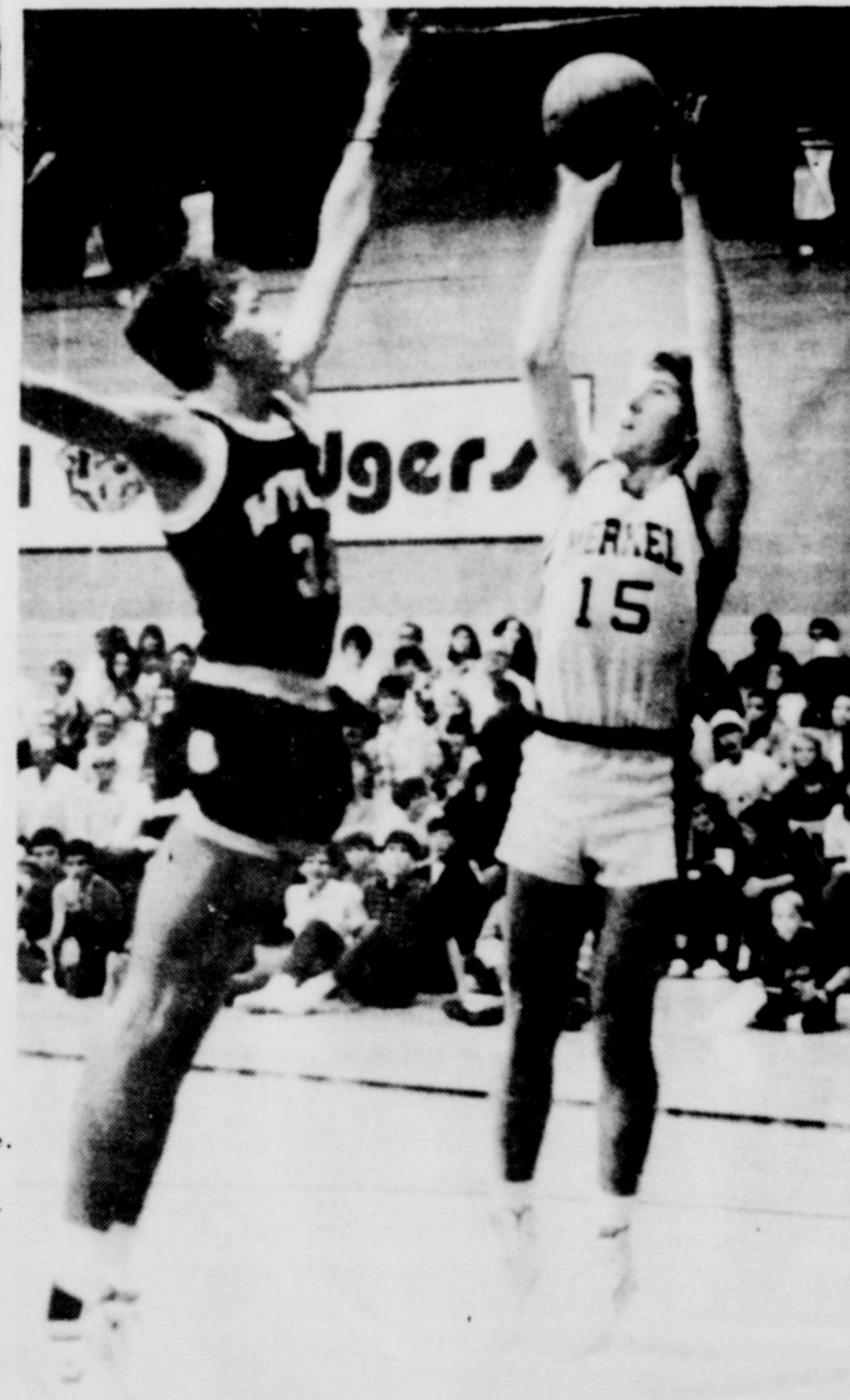
The first game will begin at 8 a.m. and the public is invited to attend.

There will be a small admission charge and a concession stand will be provided.

If you would like to play on a team or enter a team, you still have time and can call 846-4044.

Next Saturday, beginning at 1 p.m. the Boosters will sponsor a cow drop along with a short concert by the band. There are still some tickets left and they are \$1 each and you have a chance of winning \$500.

All the profit from the two events will be used to pay for two charter buses to carry the Badger Band to Nashville for a spring concert contest.



Kenneth Jowers (15) puts up a jumper in last week's win over Wylie. (Staff photo)

Type, basketball, hockey . . . more

by Cloy A. Richards

First off, you are probably wondering just what the heck is going on. For some reason, the paper looks a lot different, it's a little harder to read.

Well, we had a machine break down at the end of last week's edition and so far, the machine is not back in business again. Believe me, we will have this situation taken care of as soon as possible.

In the mean time, we will do the best we can with what we have to work with.

The Merkel Badgers boys basketball just keeps rolling along. They beat Wylie for the third time this season, much to the delight of a very large crowd at Badger Stadium. The boys have a chance to wrap up the district championship Friday

night in Ballinger.

A Merkel win will send the Badgers into the state playoffs against the number two team from the neighboring 3A district. A Badger loss will force a one game playoff, next Tuesday night, probably in Abilene to decide which team goes into the playoffs as district champs.

It has been 11 years since the Badgers have gone to the basketball playoffs and it has been five years since Wylie has been out of the playoffs.

Folks around here couldn't be happier with those two facts.

The Jones-Dickson campaign is really heating up and should get hotter as we draw near the March primary.

You should start hearing more about the presidential hopefuls as soon as the early season primary

ries are completed.

Melanie and I have been glued to the VCR watching the Winter Olympic games. We were really unhappy with the outcome of Monday's hockey match but the U. S. team still looks good.

The Merkel Band Boosters have a couple of upcoming events.

The Boosters are raising money to send the high school band to a concert contest in Nashville this spring.

A volleyball tournament is on tap Saturday at the high school gym with games starting at 8:30 a.m.

Next Saturday, a cow chip contest will be held at Badger Stadium and for a \$1 donation, someone stands a chance to win \$500 if the moods hits the cow in your lucky spot.



First place winners in the TISD Soil Conservation Essay contest were (from left) Scott O'Kelly, Lewis Knapp, Jon Evans, Travis Walker, Tammy Spraggins and Britt Sipe. TISD photo

Merkel High's honor students

The following are Merkel High's Honor students for the third six weeks of school:

All A's: Dayna Bentley, Trey Bird, Angie Boggs, Ava Bohannan, Sandra Bynum, Michelle Cerda, Donny Davis, Lisa Donaldson, Michele Dudley, April Duncan, Aubry Fiscus, Jennifer Heidelberg, Tami Isreal, Tina Johnson, Anissa Jones, Jeremy Judge, Jamie McClintock.

Also, Sheri Miles, Kenny Nault, Pam Neff, Penny Smith, Son Mi Chon, Manie Swinney, Krista Toombs, Diem Tran, Phuong Thao Tran, Kody Walker, Amy Welborn, Angie Welborn, Tommy White, Judy Williams.

A-B: Irene Alvarez, Eric Ascencio, Laura Baker, Michele Barnett, Jamie Beasley, Walter Best, Dianna Brown, Lee Cain, Angie Cannon, Kyle Coker, Amy Coleman, Jennifer Davis, Sheile Doan, Jennifer Fiscus, Ricky Flores, Marjean Flowers, Troy Flowers, Karen Folkes, Scott Graham, Betsy Hellums, Clara Herrera, Richa Hill, Jeff Hobbs.

Also, Alan Isom, Ken Jowers, Cara Kelso, Sean Leamon, Patricia Marint, Shawn Melton, David Miller, Christi Moore, Melissa Morris, Renea Paulsen, Kevin Pilgrim, Christy Reynolds, Kim Richards, Kevin Riney.

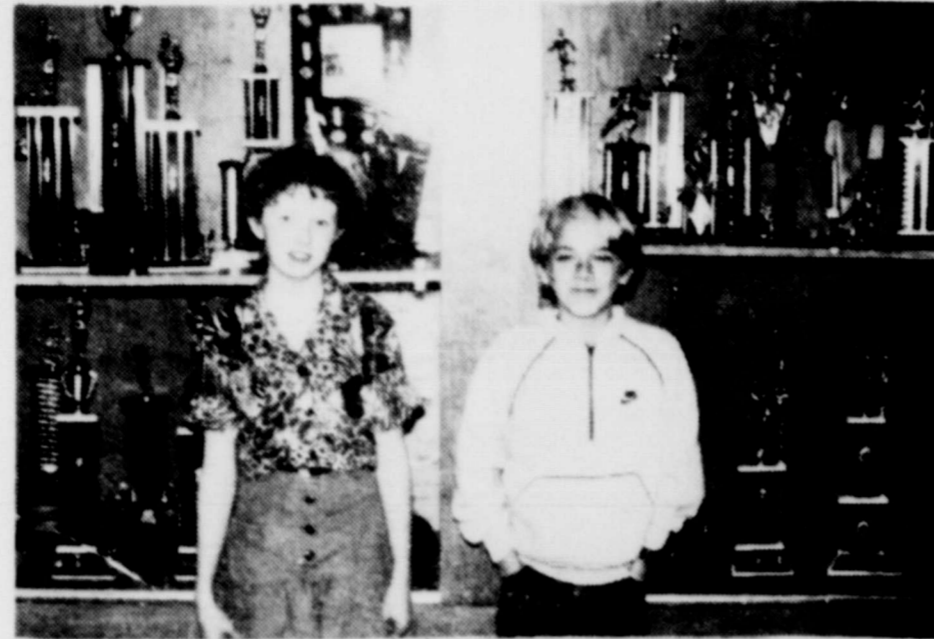
Also, Melissa Roys, Glynn Ann Rulledge, Jenny Schindler, Ted Seymore, Cole Sisco, Jeff Steadman, Tracy Stevens, Cody Sutterfield, Karyn Tilley, Brandon Toombs, Cassie Townsend, Bridgett Vaughn, Daniel West, Twyla Wilburn, Jerry Workman, Steve Wright.

First Semester All A's: Jamie Beasley, Dayna Bentley, Walter Best, Angie Boggs, Michelle Cerda, Son Mi Chon, Lisa Donaldson, Michele Dudley, April Duncan, Brandy Fenton, Troy Flowers, Jennifer Heidelberg, Gene Henderson, Jeff Hobbs, Alan Isom, Tami Isreal, Anissa Jones.

Also, Kenneth Jowers, Jamie McClintock, Sheri Miles, Christi Moore, Pam Neff, Penny Smith, Cody Sutterfield, Manie Swinney, Krista Toombs, Diem Tran, Misty Vaughn, Amy Welborn, Tommy White, Twyla Wilburn, Judy Williams, Jerry Workman.

A-B: Irene Alvarez, Laura Baker, Dustie Baldree, Michele Barnett, Dayna Bentley, Ava

Barnhart, Kyle Coker, Jennifer Galt, Ann Rulledge, Cole Sisco, Gaila Jayna Goldsmith, Betsy Holloman, Gene Henderson, Sean Lusk, Connie McMillan, Ann Moore, Graci Moore, Melissa Murray, Kenny Nault, Ginger Nault, Christy Reynolds, Kim Richards, Kevin Riney.



The 6th Grade Students of the Month for January are Troy Roberts and Elizabeth Smith. § Troy is the son of Teddy & Jane Roberts and his favorite subjects are science and band. He enjoys making model cars and airplanes and wants to become a scientist.

§ Elizabeth is the daughter of Gary & Ann Smith. Her favorite subject is band and she enjoys playing the piano. She would like to become a good piano and french horn player and she would also like to write music.



The 7th grade students of the Month at Merkel Middle School are Russ Holloway and Lori Snowden.

§ Russ is the son of Rusty & Sharla Holloway. His favorite subject is computers and he enjoys raising show calves. He wants to be a pro football player. § Lori is the daughter of Ricky & Martha Snowden. Her favorite subject is health and she enjoys playing basketball and riding horses. She would like to work in some area of agriculture.

Recent cemetery donors named

The following are recent donations to the Merkel Cemetery Association.

Billie Hartley in memory of Effie Tittle, Henry Boyett & Mrs. Ollie West; Allene Richardson, Fannelle G. Boney, Benny & Annette Melton in memory of Effie Tittle; Mrs. Paul West in memory of Effie Tittle; Mr. & Mrs. Bernell Teaff in memory of Harold & Deverl Teaff, George, Charlotte and John Starbuck, Mr. & Mrs. C. C. Benson in memory of A. M. & Mollie Wimberly.

Also, Bess Church McDonald in memory of her parents Mr. & Mrs. F. E. Church; Ethel & Wayne Mitchell in honor of Hollis Mitchell, Jimmie & Dorothy Russell in memory of Mable Dunn, Jimmie & Dorothy Russell in memory of Effie Tittle, Marjorie N. & Norman Stanley King in memory of the King family, John & Roberts Williams, J. Pierce Horton, Jr., Alvis N. Nagy, Gloria West, Laverne Teaff in memory of Harold Teaff, Mrs. John Mansfield in memory of Harold Teaff.

Also, John & Peggy Collie in

memory of Hub Goolsby, Mr. & Mrs. R. W. Sledge, Mr. & Mrs. W. H. Richards in memory of Mr. & Mrs. E. C. Richards, Famojean Bruno in memory of Jim & Fannie Williams, Betty L. Eason in memory of Lee & Martha Eason & Leroy Eason, Lois Beasley, Robert & Beverly Reed in memory of Mary J. Reed, John & Peggy Collie in memory of Margaret & Johnnie Collie, Don & Meddie Rollins in memory of Mr. & Mrs. M. E. Herron.

Mrs. George T. Moore in memory of Mrs. C. R. Tittle, Harold Teaff and Mrs. Chester Hutcheson, Mr. & Mrs. Howard Sliger in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Austin Robertson, G. W. Fay & Lou Ella Hughes in memory of Mrs. C. R. Tittle, Ernest Newsom.

Also, Vera V. & Ideen Ely, W. S. J. Brown in memory of Mrs. C. R. Tittle, Vernie Vick & Family in memory of Hughie Vick, Mr. & Mrs. H. M. Thornton in memory of the Ollie Skidmore family & the W. J. Thornton family; George Mae Stotts Estate, Troy & Jo Vassar, Gene & Jamie Cochran, M. H. & Marie Ely, Hundra Ely in

memory of R. G. Bond, Charles & Louise Beard in memory of Harold Teaff & Mrs. Nancy Teaff.

Also, Mr. & Mrs. C. E. Farmer, Mrs. Jack Chenault, Mary & J. H. Wimberly in memory of L. M. Ewing, Mr. & Mrs. Ray Orsborn in memory of Lottie Everett, Nina Orsborn in memory of Lottie Everett, Weldon & Sylvia Beasley in memory of Mrs. V. E. Eller, Dana & Harlin Thomas in memory of Mrs. V. E. Eller, Mrs. Vivian Winters, Joe & Jorene in memory of Mrs. V. E. Eller, W. S. J. Brown in memory of Lottie Everett, Mrs. Kenneth Ray in memory of Lottie Everett, Lona B. Ferrier in honor of the Ferrier & Bryan families, The First Baptist Church- Dorcas Sunday School Class.

Also, Nina Orsborn in memory of Johnnie Bell Derington, Pauline Butman in memory of Mrs. C. E. Derington, Margaret McAninch in memory of Johnnie Bell Derington, Betty Jane Tittle in memory of Lottie Butman Everett and Mrs. Howard L. Stanley in memory of Amy Wilson.

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- Mandatory sentencing for drug pushers selling to children.
- Emphasize drug and alcohol education programs in public schools.
- Beef up law enforcement and speedier trials.

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3 area students honored by ASU

Three Merkel area students attending Angelo State University in San Angelo are listed on the Dean's Honor Roll for the fall semester at the University.

Those listed on the 3.0 to 3.49 honor roll include George Powell, a health and physical education major; Beth Ferguson, a psychology major, both of Merkel and Kimberly Ann Wallis, an accounting major from Trent.

Xi Nu Chi names Duncan sweetheart

The Xi Nu Chi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met in the fellowship hall at the Methodist Church Jan. 26th.

Nancy Johnson announced the 1988 Valentine Sweetheart, Nancy Duncan. She will be honored at the February meeting.

Mary Hill read the guidelines for the club's endowment fund which is being started this year.

Our Treat The Other Chapter Party

followed the business meeting. A spuds dinner with all the trimmings and an evening of playing Crazy Bridge was enjoyed.

Guests for the party were Virginia Pirraglia, Blanche Hewitt, Opal Garner, Connie Ybarra and Manie Steck. Members attending were Mary Hill, Myron Seymore, Nancy Duncan, Anita Allen, Nancy Johnson, Sandra Wurst, Donna Bryan and Judy Elliott.

Lion pancake supper is tonight

The annual Pancake Supper sponsored by the Merkel Lions Club will be held Thursday from 5:30 until 8:30 at Heritage Hall.

The all you can eat meal's proceeds will help fund the eyeglass program for local students. So far this year, the local Lions Club has paid

for 11 sets of glasses for local school children and their eye examinations.

Tickets are available from local Lions and can also be purchased at the door. Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children under the age of 12.

Services held for Merkelite's mother

Elizabeth Myers, 80, of Abilene, died Saturday at an Abilene nursing home.

Graveside services were held Monday at 3 p.m. at the Parklawn Memorial Gardens in Plainview with the Rev. Ted Latham officiating, directed by Lenons Funeral Home of Plainview.

Born in Jackson County, Okla. she lived in Plainview and moved to Abilene in 1969. She moved to Merkel in

1978 and later returned to Abilene. She worked for the Plainview Cotton Oil Mill and was a Baptist.

She is survived by two sons, Darrell Myers of De Kalb, Ill., and Marvin Myers of Merkel; three brothers, E. O. Moore of Azle, R. H. Moore of Farmington, N. M. and Shirley Moore of Truscott; six grandchildren; and six great grandchildren.

Horton's services held here Feb. 11th

William Aubrey Horton of 107 Cherry Street in Merkel, died at the Shady Oaks Nursing Home in Abilene Feb. 9th.

Funeral services were held at the Starbuck Chapel Feb 11th with Dr. Bob Christian officiating. Burial followed at Rose Hill Cemetery here under the direction of the Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born August 18, 1907 in Fannin County, he was the son of the late J. H. and Ettie B. (Wheeler) Witcher. He was a Veteran of World War II and worked as a clerk in the Taylor County Tax Office in the 1940s and 1950s. He was a Presbyterian.

He is survived by two nephews, J. D. Witcher of Abilene and Earl Witcher of Houston.

ACU honors 4 Merkel students

Four students from the Merkel area are among 681 Abilene Christian University Students listed on the Dean's List for the 1987 fall semester.

They are Michelle Lea and Timothy Michael Brandon, daughter and son of Mr. & Mrs. Bob Brandon; John Robert Wilson, Jr., son of Mr. & Mrs. John Wilson; and Christopher James Evans, son of Mr. & Mrs. Arnold Evans.

To be listed on the honor roll, a

student must be enrolled for a grade in at least 12 semester hours and earn a 3.45 grade point average or higher

To keep the drain from clogging with hair when bathing your dog, stuff it with a nylon scouring net.

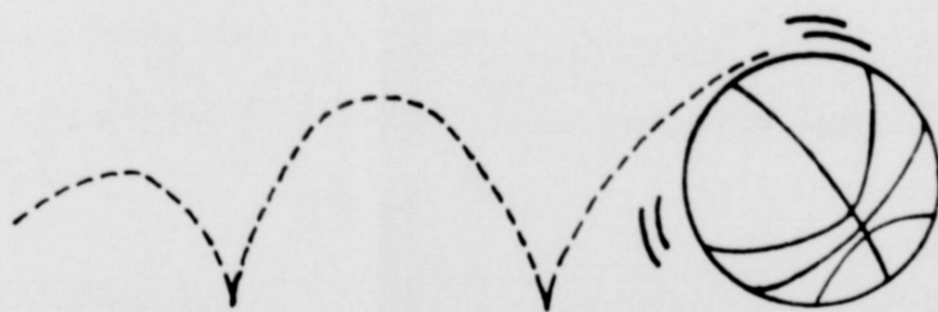


These Merkel Middle students won awards at the Big Country Writing Contests held in Abilene. They are (from left) Mary Walker- 1st place essay, Delayne Pack- 1st place essay, Susan Holden-1st place research and Mark Wright-honorable mention essay. (Staff photo)



Ashlea Sipe (left) and Mindy Ray take a break at last month's Taylor County Stock Show. (staff photo)

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Mr. Elliott's 8th grade Earth Science Classes at Merkel Middle School just completed their study of weather and climate. Each student in his 9th grade class

made some type of weather instrument as a lab project. The winners are (from left) Scott Cannon 5th, Kriste A. Smith 4th, Hope Ward 3rd, Jan Taylor 2nd and Julie Harding 1st.



Ricky Riley (left) and Neil Newman were the local winners in the Soil & Water Conservation District Essay contest. Their essays will be judged in a district competition. (Staff photo)



Susan Holden (left) and Angie Nault were the winners locally of the Soil & Water Conservation District essay contest in the 7th grade. Susan placed first and Angie was second. (Staff photo)



The 8th grade students of the month are Scott Walker and Lisa Fenton

and basketball and he wants to become a baseball player. Lisa is the daughter of David & Brenda Fenton and her favorite subject is English. She enjoys sports and she would like to become an astronaut.

Sipe wins big in barrel race

Trent resident Cindy Sipe was a big winner in the San Antonio Barrel Racing Futurity held Feb. 6th & 7th in San Antonio bringing home \$4,100 and a saddle for her first place finish.

force to be reckoned with in the barrel racing world.

MISD menu

The Futurity, which was for horses four years old that have never won money, was the first for Cindy and her horse. She and her horse, Sheila Bar-Jet bested the field of 57 contestants placing 4th in the first round, 3rd in the second and brought home the check in the short round. Cindy and her horse, who was trained by Ralph Russell of Merkel, was one of two contestants who finished in the money on all three rounds. Cindy and Sheila Bar-Jet will now get ready for the Abilene Futurity March 11, 12 & 13; Denton April 1st, Guthrie Okla. April 14-16, and Ft. Smith's \$75,000 Futurity May 26-28. With their big finish in San Antonio, the trainings, walk-to-school cook-

The following is the MISD lunch menu.
 Feb. 18: beef stew, combination salad, apricot halves.
 Feb. 19: Hamburgers with all the trimmings, tater tots, fresh orange wedges.
 Feb. 22: Salisbury steak with brown gravy, whipped potatoes, green beans, peaches and cream.
 Feb. 23: pizza, mixed vegetables, corn, chocolate pudding.
 Feb. 24: bar-b-q links, macaroni & cheese, fried okra, apple sauce cakes.
 Feb. 25: tacos with sauce, pinto beans, lettuce & cheese, pineapple chunks.
 Feb. 26: hamburgers, fries and all the trimmings, walk-to-school cook-

Church Services Schedule

"Comfort and a peaceful heart are the rewards of those who rely on His help."

- First United Methodist Church** S. 3rd and Locust
 Pastor - John Wagener 928-5333
Sunday - Early Worship 8:30 A.M.
 Church School 9:45 A.M.
 Morning Worship 10:50 A.M.
 Evening Worship 6:00 P.M.
 Very Important Kids
 1st thru 5th Grade 5:30 P.M.
 Jr. High United Meth. Youth 5:30 P.M.
 Sr. High United Meth. Youth 5:15 P.M.
Wednesday - Childrens Choir
 Pre-School thru 2nd Grade 5:30 P.M.
 Childrens Choir
 3rd thru 5th Grade 6:30 P.M.
 Saturday, February 20th, 7:00P.M. til 11:00 P.M.
 Dance for all Junior High (No Charge)
RIVALRY, Feb. 21st thru 24th, Begins at 7:00 P.M.
 Monday, 22, 23, and 24th
 Morning Devotional at 7:00 A.M.
 Womens Bible Study - 2:30 P.M.
 Evening Service - 7:00 P.M.
 Rev. Larry Howard
- Grace Presbyterian Church**
 Pastor - Robert Christian
 South 2nd and Ash
Sunday Sunday School - 10:00 A.M.
 Morning Worship - 11:00 A.M.
- Merkel Church of Christ**
 South 7th and Ash 928-5024
 Minister - Bob Brandon
Sunday - Bible Class 9:45 A.M.
 Morning Worship 10:30 A.M.
 Evening Worship 6:00 P.M.
Wednesday - Evening Bible Class 7:30 P.M.
- First Assembly of God Church 2nd and Runnels**
 Pastor - Richard Sessions 928-5154
Sunday - Early Worship 9:45 A.M.
 Morning Worship 11:00 A.M.
 Evening Worship 6:00 P.M.
Wednesday - Family Night 7:00 P.M.
- Calvary Baptist - David Strange, Pastor**
 506 Runnels 928-5120
Sunday - Sunday School - 10:00 A.M.
 Morning Worship - 11:00 A.M.
 Childrens Church 11:00 A.M.
 Childrens Choir
 Practice 5:00 P.M.
 Financial Seminar 5:00 P.M.
 Evening Services 6:00 P.M.
Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:00 P.M.
- Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church** 1300 Locust
 Father Frank Zimmermann & Father Lee Zimmermann
 928-5239
LENTEN SCHEDULE
Saturday - Mass 5:30 P.M.
Sunday - Grade School Religion Class 9:30 A.M.
 Confessions 10:15 A.M. till 10:55 A.M.
 (upon request anytime)
 Mass 11:00 A.M.
Wednesday - High School Religion Class 7:00 P.M.
 Mass (followed by Stations) 7:00 P.M.
Friday - Mass (followed by Stations) 7:00 P.M.
- Mission Conference**
 Feb. 24th thru 28th 7:00 P.M. nightly
 [Missionaries coming from Brazil and the Artic region]
International Banquet
 Saturday February 27th - 6:00 P.M.
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Fortnightly group holds meeting

The GMC Fortnightly Study Club met Feb. 9th in the home of Ruby Hammond. President Alice King presided for the business meeting and heard reports of officers and committees. Members will bring items for donation to M. D. Anderson Hospital in Houston and the West Texas Rehabilitation Center in Abilene to their next club meeting Feb. 23rd. A bake sale is being planned for April 2nd.

Federation Counselor Edna Hill reported that there are several Texas Federation of Women's Club scholarships available to be awarded, and that students from our Mesquite Dis-

trict could be eligible for some of them.

Vice-President Ruby Hammond introduced the program, "No, Not Me", tips for personal safety.

Mary Collins gave "On Your Guard" against obscene phone calls, con games and auto thefts.

Maurine White discussed ways to guard against murder, robbery, rape, and sexual abuse of children.

Aileen Knight told us that the Du Pont Company and the General Federation of Women's Clubs have responded to the problem of violent crime in

our society by creating a personal safety program and an accompanying handbook, "No, Not Me". She gave some of these safety tips and crime prevention strategies.

Members present were Pam Carson, Mary Collins, Bess Dixon, Anna Lou Ferguson, Mildred Hamm, Ruby Hammond, Lucy Haynes, Edna Hill, Madelon Horton, Alice King, Aileen Knight, Evelyn Martin, Leota Patterson, Jeanette Pursley, Becky Rogers, Ida Seymore, Anna Belle Shouse, Clara Bee Walla, Maurine White, Lucille Wilson and Becky Pyburn.

Compere group learns about stress

The members of the Compere Home Demonstration Club met Feb. 11th at 2 p.m. in the home of Bertha Hunter. Dolores Adair led a multiple choice quiz "Words From The Wild." Roll call was answered with a favorite stress reliever by 8 members and a guest. Secretary Annie Taylor read minutes of the previous meeting and gave a treasurer's report.

Dolores Adair gave the program on ways to control stress. She taught us an exercise to help control

nerves.

Members were advised to love themselves enough to give their bodies the food, exercise, care and necessary things that enable us to live a healthier, happy life.

Their next meeting will be at the home of Annie Price, Feb. 25th. The program will be on Lite Cooking and each member is being asked to bring a lite dish and the recipe.

The E. H. Council met yesterday. The hostess gift, a lovely silk

flower arrangement, was received by Ginger Hoog. Secret pal gifts were exchanged.

Refreshments were served with a Valentine theme to Dolores Adair, Ginger Hoog, Frances Carter, Annie Taylor, Annie Price and guest Connie Griffin by hostess Bertha Hunter.

The Jones County Spring Fest will be at the Women's Building in Anson Feb. 23rd. A bar-b-q supper, cake auction and entertainment will be provided. Tickets are available from extension club members.

Trent spring sports look strong

The Trent High School tennis team led by three-time regional qualifier Luci Masonheimer, has started preparations for their first matches against Abilene Christian High School March 1st.

Coach Robbie Shugart has lined up three tournaments this year starting with the Trent Invitational March 7th. Other tournaments include Rotan March 28th & 29th and Colorado City April 8th & 9th. Practice matches will be played against Rotan March 4th, ACHS March 1st & 17th, and Merkel April 5th. The district meet will be held April 11th and 12th in Sweetwater at the Sweetwater middle school courts and the regional meet will be held April 25th through 28th at McHarry College in Abilene.

Team members are as follows: girls singles Luci Masonheimer- senior-three time regional qualifier who finished third her freshman and sophomore years and 4th last year; Denise Gibson, Ginger Massey and Twila Williams.

In girls doubles, Tammy Collier and B. J. Pindexter are two-time regional qualifiers; and Rene Gibson and Julie Clay.

In boys singles, Jamie Masonheimer and Chris Jones. In boys doubles, Lee Hunt and Dock Carraker, along with Joe Tarin and Mike Payne.

Luci and Jamie should both be regional qualifiers as district changes said Coach Shugart. "Luci will probably be seeded in the top three in the region and Jamie will probab-

ly be in the top five. Tammy & B. J. will be in the top three doubles teams in our district and Chris Jones could finish in the top three in boys singles. Ginger Massey could finish behind Luci in our district if she works hard."

In golf, district medalist Mike Payne returns to chase the little ball. Payne was a regional qualifier last year and hopes to go even further this year. Other team members are Chris Jones and Lee Hunt. Tournaments are not finalized yet due to the basketball playoffs but Coach Ed Donahue is raring to go.

"We ought to do real well," said Donahue. "I am involved in the basketball playoffs so I have not really been able to get going yet but we are looking forward to it."

Trent's track and field team is facing the same problems as the golf team. Due to the basketball playoffs, most of the two track teams are still on the courts but they do have some hopes for Austin.

Lewis Kapp in the pole vault and Scott O'Kelly in the shot put and discus are the boys best hopes while Tammy Collier hopes to reach the state meet in the shot and discus for the girls team.

Trent's first meet will be March 5th in Anson but coaches are having trouble finding meets. If you know of any meets, contact either Coach Gore or Donahue at Trent High School. Coach Gore told The Mail "We don't know much about either team. Scott

has been throwing 47 feet in practice and if he can add five more feet he will go to Austin. We are going to try and put together a mile relay team but our field events are going to be our strength on both teams. Both Scott & Tammy could get to Austin if things go well."

Trent is traditionally strong in the spring sports and this year looks no different. The tennis, track and golf teams all have the potential to join the football & basketball teams in state competition.

By W. E. Dulaney

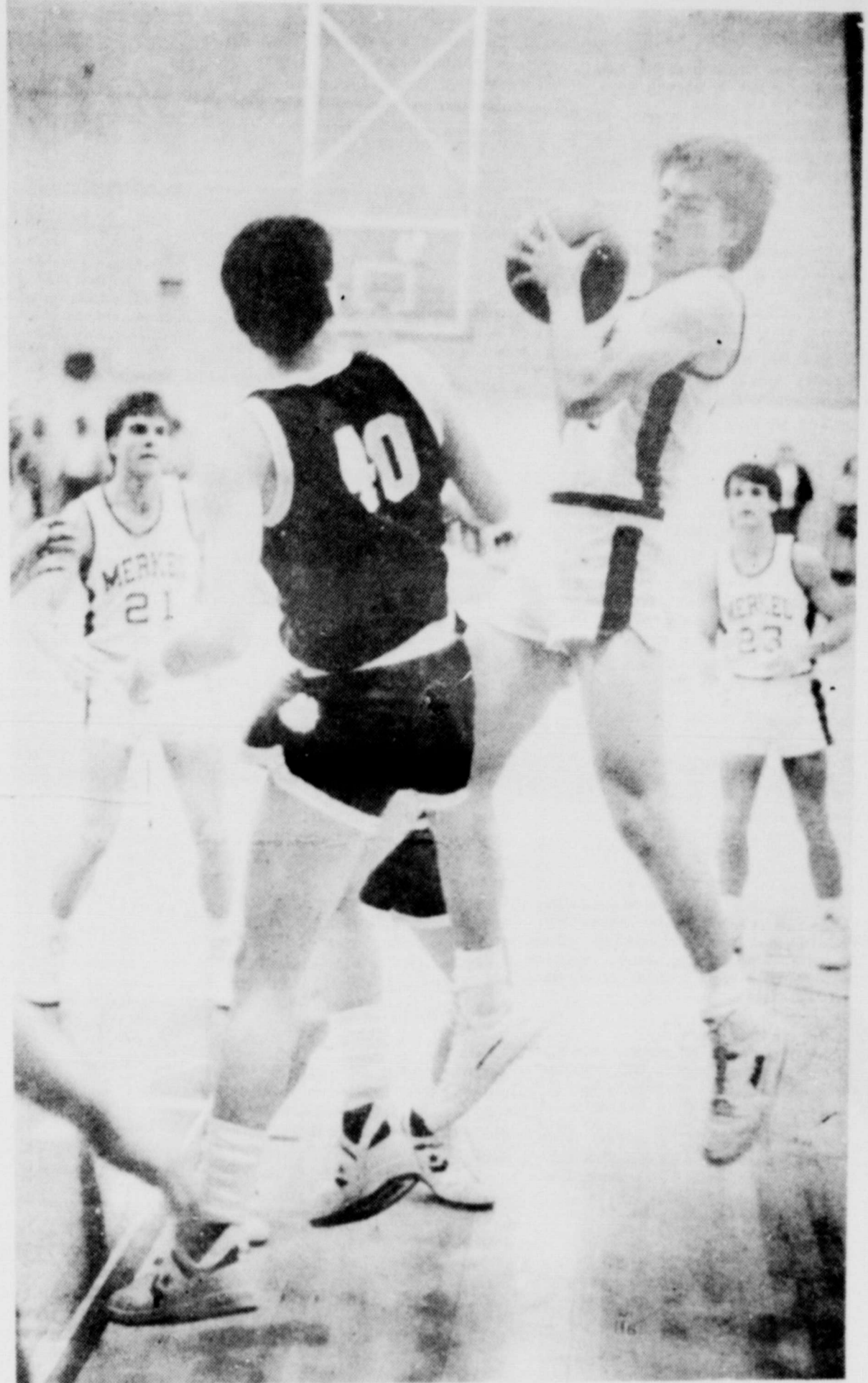
Masonheimer plays well in UTSA tournament in Abilene

Trent resident Jamie Masonheimer played in the Abilene Zone 792AT tennis tournament held at Rose Park Tennis Courts Feb. 13 & 14.

The tournament is a major event of The United States Tennis Association and over 180 entries attended to advance their state rankings.

Masonheimer advanced to the boys 16 singles consolation semi-final before losing to Jerry Hill of Stamford 4-6, 4-6.

Jamies is a Trent Freshman and is the son of Mr. & Mrs James Masonheimer of Trent.



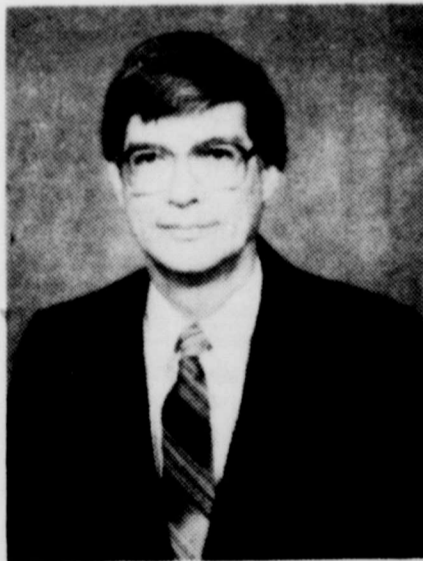
Shayne Newberry wrestles a rebound away from a Wylie Bulldog in last Friday's 41-39 win over Wylie. Looking on are Lynn Hays (21) and Wade Toombs (23). The win was the third of the season over Wylie. (Staff photo)

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Farm crisis far from over, despite claims to the contrary

Commodity	January 1981	December 1985	December 1987	1987 Cost of Production
Wheat	\$4.21 bu.	\$3.16 bu.	\$2.71 bu.	\$4.82 bu.
Corn	\$3.19 bu.	\$2.31 bu.	\$1.72 bu.	\$3.50 bu.
Rice	13.2¢ lb.	7.8¢ lb.	6.5¢ lb.	13.5¢ lb.
Cotton	77¢ lb.	54¢ lb.	64¢ lb.	91¢ lb.
Soybeans	\$7.34 bu.	\$7.82 bu.	\$5.57 bu.	\$8.54 bu.
Grain Sorghum	\$3.09 bu.	\$2.03 bu.	\$1.56 bu.	\$3.34 bu.

This additional cut will be particularly hard on winter wheat farmers who have already obtained their loans, purchased their seed and chemicals, cultivated their fields and planted their crops, expecting a Farm Bill target price of \$4.29 per bushel. Now those target prices have been cut to \$4.23 per bushel.

The 1.4 percent cut will reduce net cash income on typical Texas farms by the following amounts in 1988:

Location	Amount of Cut	Net Cash Income Reduction
Northern High Plains Wheat Grain Sorghum Farm	\$5,914	63 percent
Southern High Plains Cotton Farm	\$9,462	129 percent
Rolling Plains Grain Cotton Farm	\$7,050	37 percent
Coastal Bend Grain Cotton Farm	\$10,992	19 percent

(WICHITA, Kan.)—The good news for American farmers in 1988 is that the farm crisis has officially been declared "over" by the Reagan Administration. Texas Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower said today. "The bad news is that their good news is a lie."

Hightower, who is serving his second four-year term as the elected Texas commissioner of agriculture, made the comments in an address to the ninth annual convention of the American Agriculture Movement.

"The Administration bases its rosy assessment of agriculture's prospects on the fact that net farm income rose in 1987 for the first time in years and that the volume of our farm exports increased. That would be happy news, indeed, except that the small increase in farm income last year came out of the taxpayer's pocket rather than from a healthy increase in commodity prices, and while export volume went up, the dollar value of those exports went down. This Administration is proving again that figures don't lie, but liars do figure."

"The hard truth is that our nation's farm economy still is a wreck. Last year was not quite as bad as 1986 or 1985, but it certainly is not a year to be celebrating, and 1988 looks even worse. Farmers will know that the farm crisis is 'over' not because some Washington officials or some editorial writer proclaims it to be so, but because they will be getting a fair market price for their commodities and a warm smile from their bankers. That day will not come until we do away with the ill-conceived farm program that Washington has put us under," Hightower said.

"The 1985 Farm Bill was supposed to accomplish four goals. The Reagan Administration promised that it was going to (1) increase farm income; (2) reduce taxpayer costs; (3) increase agricultural exports; and (4) lower crop surpluses. When President Reagan signed the 1985 Farm Bill, he was quoted in the *New York Times* (12/24/85) as saying the legislation 'provides new hope for America's hardworking farmers and our rural communities.'

"Now after two years, we can see that the 1985 Farm Bill has failed miserably on each point. Just consider the following:

- **Net Farm Income** rose by an average of \$500 million between 1985 and 1987, when inflation is removed, which is an increase of less than two percent. Every penny of this very small increase was due to record high taxpayer subsidies, which, for many producers, must now account for two-thirds of their gross farm income. The prices which producers were paid for most of their crops continued to fall,

just as they have since 1981, often to only one-half of 1987's actual production expenses.

As bad as these prices were in 1987, they will get even worse in 1988. Under the Budget Reconciliation Act just signed by President Reagan, target prices this year will drop an additional 1.4 percent on top of the two percent reduction already mandated by the 1985 Farm Bill. This budget cut will cost Texas winter wheat farmers approximately \$6 million, nationwide, the cut in target prices will cost winter wheat farmers \$72 million in cash income.

- **Taxpayer Costs** continued to increase by an additional 27 percent to support these failed farm policies in 1987, when compared with 1985. The projected three-year price tag of the current farm bill is now estimated at over \$68 billion—about \$16 billion more than first estimated. Between 1981-88, this Administration will spend a whopping \$122 billion on failed farm programs, making it the third largest expenditure from the U.S. Treasury behind defense spending and Social Security. This Administration has also spent nearly \$50 billion more on its farm programs than the combined total of what was spent for U.S. agriculture in the previous 40 years.
- **U.S. Farm Exports** have declined by about one-third in the last seven years, dropping from \$44 billion in 1981 to \$31 billion in 1985 to \$28 billion last year. The decline between 1985-87 was over 10 percent. If you subtract the Export Enhancement Program, which allowed Russian livestock producers to purchase wheat at 36 cents a bushel less than the U.S. price, the decline in farm exports since 1985 was nearly 12 percent. Even forecasters at the U.S. Department of Agriculture now predict that the value of U.S. farm exports will decline by two percent in 1988.
- **Crop Surpluses** have not been reduced either, as the amount of U.S. wheat and feedgrains in storage is up by 10 percent over the past two years.

"The results are every bit as ugly as you would expect," Hightower said. "The 1985 Farm Bill is responsible for another 235,000 farmers being forced out of business, not because they were bad producers or bad managers, but because they had to fight bad farm policy. It's the same farm policy which, since 1981, has caused us to lose over 600,000 productive U.S. farmers—that is 20 percent of our farmers shut down in a stunningly brief time."

"According to the latest projections from the American Bankers Association, we're going to continue losing U.S. farmers in 1988 at the rate of 2,500 per week."

"These bad policies have also sacked U.S. farmers with debts of

nearly \$175 billion, while farmland values have dropped by another 19 percent nationwide. In some parts of the Midwest, good, rich farmland is worth less than one-third of what it was in 1981. Farm lenders now hold eight million acres in foreclosed farmland—property which they cannot sell—of which the U.S. Farmers Home Administration possesses 1.6 million acres. Sixty-seven percent of the farmland sold by FmHA was sold to speculators and agribusiness concerns which fall outside the mandate of the agency.

"Both FmHA and the Farm Credit System are eager to sell only to those who are able to provide the cash up front. No family farmer has the cash money to plunk down on farmland for a son or daughter, but an investment syndicate does. A real estate developer from Mesa, Arizona, has purchased dozens of farms in Iowa. He told the *New York Times* that he rents the farms to lowwages, sometimes to former owners, and gets up to 12 percent return on his investment in cheap, foreclosed farmland. Since 1981, the number of acres managed by farm management companies has increased by an area the size of Colorado. The 12 largest land-owning insurance companies hold three million acres of farmland worth \$2.3 billion, while commercial banks hold about 400,000 acres worth \$350 million.

"The misery is compounded when you consider that the 1985 Farm Bill has produced another 25 percent decline in tractor sales, has prompted the lay-off of another 8,800 farm implement workers, has forced another 700 farm implement dealers to close, and has caused over 100 agricultural banks to shut their doors," Hightower said.

"While we are now selling 28 percent fewer John Deere tractors than in 1981, sales of Mercedes Benzes in this country have skyrocketed by 57 percent. While farm prices were falling, food-processing profits were going through the roof, and the power of the food industry was being concentrated at a dizzying pace. Five companies now control two-thirds of this country's beef industry, and one of those companies, Cargill, also is one of five multinationals which dominate 80 percent of the world's grain trade. These are the companies that benefit from a farm policy which saw the United States, in 1986, stockpile 250 million tons of unsold grain when only 40 million tons of grain would have averted the famine taking place in Africa," Hightower said.

by Arly Hart, CPA

This week the topics discussed will be casualty losses and moving expenses. The amount that can be deducted as a nonbusiness casualty or a theft loss is limited. There are losses to property not used in a trade or business, or a transaction entered into for profit, that are caused by events such as theft, natural disasters, fires, auto accidents, or other similar events.

The amount of these losses to property that can be deducted is reduced by any insurance or other reimbursement received. Before 1987, there was no requirement that an individual had to file an insurance claim for reimbursement of a casualty or theft loss.

After 1986, no deduction is allowed for a casualty or theft loss that is covered by an insurance unless a timely insurance claim for reimbursement has been filed. Any reimbursement will reduce the amount of the loss.

As in prior years, each individual loss must be reduced by \$100. The total losses for the year are then reduced by 10% of the taxpayer's adjusted gross income.

Beginning in 1987, moving expenses are deductible only as an itemized deduction. These expenses are deductible as a separate item on Schedule A and are not subject to the new 2% of adjusted gross income limit that applies to certain miscellaneous deductions.

To be deductible, moving expenses still have to be employment related and meet the same time and distance tests as before. You may deduct most of the reasonable expenses you incur in moving your family. These include your cost to move to the new location, pre-move household expenses, expenses of temporary quarters once you arrive in the new location, and certain qualified real estate expenses.

You may not deduct expenses of a loss on the sale of your residence, mortgage penalties, or refitting draperies and carpets. You must include any reimbursement of gross income as compensation for services.

Beginning in 1987, the limit on the amount allowable as a deduction for expenses for meals, eighty percent of the amount that would otherwise be allowable, applies to meals that are deductible as non-

Rules changed for moving expenses

ing expenses.

Also, you may not take double benefits. You may not use the expenses connecting to buying or selling a residence as a moving expense and then again to lower the amount of gain on the sale of your old residence, or add to the cost of your new residence.

Good Luck!

Trent firemen elect new officers

The Trent Volunteer Fire Department met Feb. 1st to discuss and update existing by-laws and talk about getting a radio system for the fire station.

New officers were also elected. They are Chief-Odie Davis, assistant chief- Dale Rutherford, secretary-treasurer Gerald Jones and training officer-Eddie Adams.

by W. E. Dulaney

Ray, Bland named poster contest winners

Two Trent students walked away with honors in the Big Country soil conservation poster contest in Abilene.

Kaci Bland, a first grader and daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Rex Bland and 4th grader Jamie Ray, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Mike Ray, both received 2nd place in their age groups. They competed against 1st place winners from all Taylor County elementary schools.

Trent firemen fight grass fires

The Trent Volunteer Fire Department was kept busy Saturday responding to two grass fires. At 2:30 p.m. the department was called to a grass fire on cemetery road near the underground house. One truck and seven firemen responded to the call, which was controlled in under 10 minutes.

At 5:45 p.m., a pumper truck and five firemen responded to a call for assistance from the Nolan County Fire department in a range fire 5 miles North of the Nolan community in Nolan County. Trent joined seven other fire departments in controlling a fire that burned off 1,600 acres.

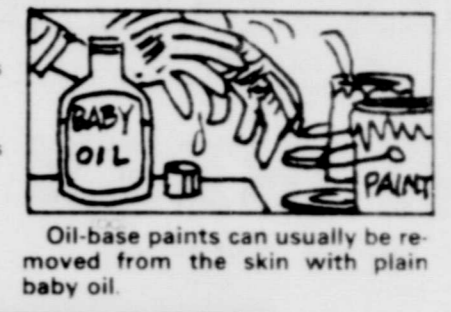
Sunday, the department continued where they left off. At 12:30 p.m., the department responded with two vehicles and 11 firemen to a grass and brush fire East of Trent. That fire was controlled in under an hour due to the prompt attention by the firemen that responded. One minor injury was reported when fireman Mike Carriker had a mesquite thorn go completely through his ear. He was not hospitalized and is resting at home.

by W. E. Dulaney

Writer asks support of local Lions

To the citizens of Merkel: On Feb. 18, the Merkel Lions Club will be having a pancake supper to raise money for eye exams and glasses for local needy students. During this school year, 11 students have been examined and fitted with glasses that would not have without the help of the Lions Club here in Merkel. It is such a good feeling when I see these students get the glasses they would not have were it not for the help provided. I never see the students later without their glasses on. Teachers tell me that their gazed and attitudes also improve.

On behalf of these students, I would like to thank the Lions and a special thanks to Dr. Ted Ellinger, the optometrist who examines them.



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5 LBS CHUCK STEAK
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