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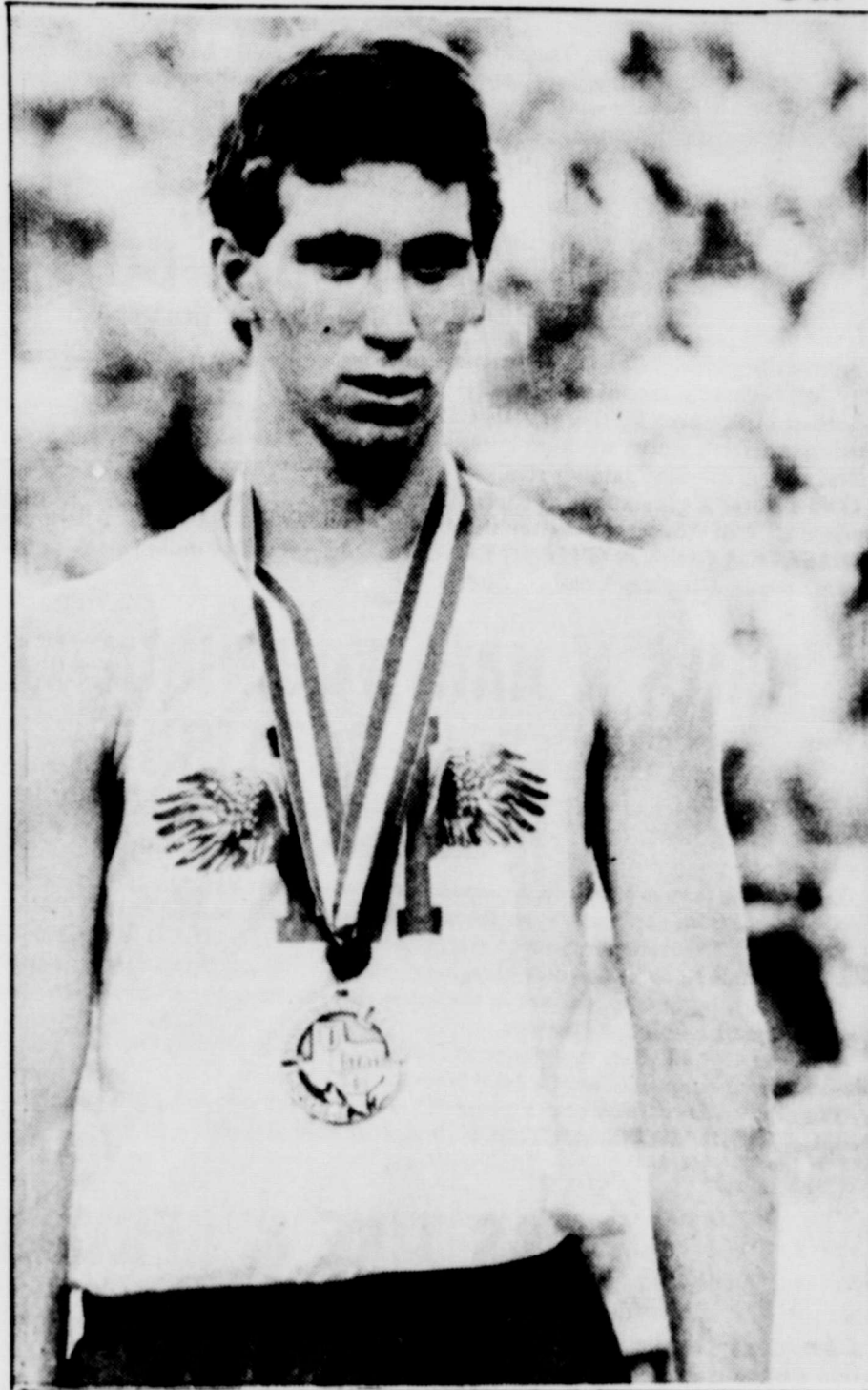
Masonheimer in State tourney

Trent's Luci Masonheimer traveled to Austin over the weekend for the UIL State Tennis Tournament and was defeated in the quarter finals by Angela Matthews of Anton 0-6, 2-6. Matthews advanced to the state final before losing to Region II champ Stacy Shanks of Baird 5-7, 2-6.

Luci's state tournament appearance finished an outstanding career at THS where she was district champ all four years and finished third, third, fourth and second in her regional appearances. Her senior year was outstanding with 1st places in Colorado City, Trent, Rotan and District 10 East tournaments and second places in the Rotan regional qualifier tournament and the regional tournament in Abilene.

Coach Robbie Shugart told *The Mail* "I wish she had more chances, but getting to state is a huge honor. She did a great job. I was so proud of her and I appreciate her four years of hard work." She continued by saying "She had a great year and finished in the top eight of the state, you can't ask for much more."

by W. E. Dulaney



Merkel's Brit Pursley on the award stand in Austin after receiving his medal for a third place finish in the 110 hurdles in the State Track meet. Brit finished his high school career with a first, second and a third in the state meet to his credit over the past two years. (Staff photo)

Dairy Queen will help raise funds for children's hospital

The Merkel Dairy Queen will be holding a car wash in the parking lot with proceeds being donated to the Children's Miracle Network Telethon which will go to the Lubbock Children's Hospital.

The car wash will be held all day Saturday and you can get your car

washed for a minimum donation of \$3. Any local businesses wishing to donate to this cause are asked to contact Sonya Barnhill at the Merkel Dairy Queen.

The donor card, which will be sent in to the hospital will read "From the Community of Merkel."

Comments, track, Carriker, bass, graduates . . .

by Cloy A. Richards

We do appreciate all of the compliments we had on last week's paper. A lot of folks really liked the idea of using the old mast head (that thing on top that says Merkel Mail) and of course, the larger type. We still haven't decided on the final type size. It was very large in last week's paper and may have to be reduced in order to accommodate more stories in the paper.

During the upcoming summer months, the record over the past 10 years indicates we have not as much in the paper, but that will change in the fall. We will have to wait and see what comes up before finally deciding on a type size.

Brit Pursley ended his Merkel high track career Friday at Memorial Stadium as he placed third in the state 110 hurdle finals. As you can imagine, Brit will be attending college on a track scholarship, but his address next fall is still up in the air. Most folks felt sure he would follow in brother Brad's footsteps and attend ACU. However, Brad has been hired as a graduate assistant at Texas Tech and Brit could end up there. It will be interesting to see but someone will end up with a fine athlete and a fine young man.

Kenneth Jowers led the 800 meter finals for a little over a lap and then fell off the pace as he finished sixth at the state meet. Kenneth has another year and should emerge as the leader of next year's track team.

They both deserve congratulations for their excellent efforts this season.

Our office will be closed until Monday as my wife and I are attending the wedding of my sister's oldest daughter.

Baccalaureate services for both Merkel and Trent High Schools will be held Sunday.

The Class of 1988 only has eight days until graduation ceremonies.

If Steve Carriker wins in November, our legislative district will be losing a fine representative.

Carriker has served this district well during his tenure in the Texas Legislature.

He has shown intense interest in agriculture and education and would be quite a guy to have in the Texas Senate. He was chosen last week by county chairmen to become the democratic candidate to replace Senator Farabee, who resigned to accept a position with the University of Texas.

Ricky Elliott of Merkel just needed six more ounces on a bass he caught this past weekend to be \$80,000 better off.

As it was, Ricky's 5.88 pound bass was good enough for second place in the annual KEAN Big Bass Classic. He earned \$15,000 for his catch.

He only had to compete against 4,200 anglers in the tournament.

This is the last chance you will have to help out with Project Graduation. A group of parents of MHS Seniors have rented the Abilene YMCA for a post graduation party for seniors, free of alcohol or drugs.

If you would like to help out, contact Sherry Ferguson or Becky Herrera.

Local sales tax rebates are ahead of '87 pace, Trent's are down 14.9%

Merkel's sales tax rebates are running almost five per cent ahead of those last year, according to a news release from the State Comptroller's Office.

Merkel's April check for \$9,113.81 pushed this year's total to \$26,598.81 compared to \$25,354.87 through the same period last year.

April's check was 19.33 percent more than last April's check.

Tye's rebates are still running 6.15 per cent ahead of those last year.

Tye recently received a check for \$5,065.04 to push their annual total to \$25,421.62 compared to last year's year-to-date total of \$23,948.83.

Trent's rebates are 14.98 per cent behind those of last year. Trent's

latest check for \$713.00 pushed their annual take to \$1,567.27 compared to \$1,786.93 through the same period last year.

Overall, rebates are up an average of 8.58 per cent in Taylor County. Tuscola led in percentage of increase with 25.93 per cent while Trent's percentage of decreased rebates was the highest in the county.

Statewide, checks totaling \$120.7 million were mailed to 1,041 cities and 81 counties that levy the local option sales tax.

May checks represent taxes collected by monthly filers in March and quarterly filers for the first quarter that were reported to the Comptroller's office by April 21.

Project Graduations asks for support

Parents of Merkel High Seniors have joined in a national effort to help make graduation night and prom night safer.

Everyone wants young people to have a great time at their prom and graduation parties.

Noone wants young people to have a tragic ending because of drug or alcohol related injuries or death.

So Merkel High Senior parents have joined in an unprecedented national effort to make these important wants a reality. With the support of 12 national organizations, the local group is proud to be offering everyone a chance to become part of Project Graduation.

From their first date until the

senior prom, our high school seniors have looked forward to graduation night. Local parents are asking that you call and help make this a happy ending.

For more information, contact Sherry Ferguson at 928-5644 or Becky Herrera at 928-3494.

The group wants the local high school students they love them and want them to have good, clean fun.

The group has rented the Abilene YMCA for a senior party following graduation. Students will not be allowed to leave and return to the party. They have received the support from many local groups and businesses and more help is needed.

MISD sets kindergarten registration

Pre-registration for children who will enter Kindergarten or four year old pre-kindergarten for the 1988-89 school year at Merkel Elementary will be Thursday, May 19 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. in the Elementary School Office.

To attend kindergarten, a child must be at least five years old on or before September 1, 1988. The enrollees

must bring a birth certificate and proof of required immunizations.

To qualify for pre-kindergarten, a child must be at least four years old on or before September 1, 1988, and qualify for free and reduced lunches or be of limited English speaking ability. This program will be housed at the Tye Elementary campus.

If there any questions, please call 928-4795.

Trent NHS

elects officers

The Trent National Honor Society met May 2nd and elected officers.

Lewis Knapp, son of Mr. & Mrs. Dale Simpson was chosen as president. Vice president is B. J. Poindexter, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Poindexter and secretary is Denise Gibson, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Don Gibson.

Members include Renee Gibson, Keith Oden, Chris Jones and Jon Evans. There are three graduating seniors from the NHS. They are Luci Masonheimer, Brian Massey and Gienna Clark.

THS band concert

The THS Spring Concert for the Gorilla Band will be held May 21 at 7:30 p.m.

The concert will feature the THS Band and the Jazz Band.

They are under the direction of J. R. Reed.

THS graduation

The Trent High School graduation will be held at the Trent Gym May 27th at 8 p.m.



Badger Kenneth Jowers leads the pack after the first lap of the 800 in the state track meet Friday in Austin. Kenneth finished sixth in that race and has a chance to better that finish next year. (Staff photo)



Voting for Silver Haired Legislature is Tuesday

Election day for the second Texas Silver Haired Legislature is Tuesday. Individuals may vote in their local Senior Citizen Center. Voting is open to all persons who are 60 years or older, a registered voter, and who reside in the district they are voting. Contact your local Senior Citizen Center for the specific times when voting will be conducted.

Delegates to the Silver Haired Legislature will be elected through the 28 Area Agencies on Aging in Texas. The West Central Texas Council of Governments Area Agency on Aging covers a 19 county region. This region will be

sending four delegates to the Silver Haired Legislature when it convenes in September. There will be one legislator at large and one elected from each of the three regions.

The Silver Haired Legislature was authorized by the 69th Texas Legislature. The Silver Haired Legislature is an elected, nonpartisan body of citizens. When they convene in September they will discuss and debate issues concerning Senior Citizens. Resolutions will be developed and prioritized with hopes that the Texas Legislature will consider them when they convene next January.

Property owners face May 31 deadline for tax

Property owners have an earlier deadline for filing a notice of protest with their local appraisal review board (ARB). Effective for this tax year, a property owner must file the protest by May 31st, or no later than 30 days after an appraisal notice is delivered, whichever is later.

The filing deadline is one month earlier than the old one of June 30th. The earlier deadline gives a local review board more time to hear and decide property owner's complaints about value.

Appraisal notices are not sent to all property owners. The chief appraiser must send a notice under three circumstances; for a new property, for a property where the owner rendered a lower value than the appraisal district's value, and for an increase in value over the prior year.

The ARB will schedule a hearing when it receives a taxpayer's protest in writing. The ARB will then mail a written notice to the property owner listing the date, time and place of the hearing. The property owner will have at least 15 days notice of the meeting.

The ARB must schedule a single hearing for property owners who own property in undivided or fractional interests, including owners of mineral interests.

Appraisal districts have official notice of protest forms for property owners to use, or they are available from the State Property Tax Board P. O. Box 15900, Austin, TX 78761. Although an official form is not mandatory, the notice must be a written

document that identifies the property owner, the property in question and indicates some dissatisfaction with the property's appraisal record.

Property owners must present evidence and information that supports a different determination than proposed by the appraisal district.

Any property owner who acquires property after January 1, but before the filing deadline, may protest an appraisal. Property is appraised as it existed on January 1st.

Property owners who intend to have an agent represent them at the protest hearing should make sure they have a completed agent authorization form on file at the appraisal district. They have those forms available to the public.

Three Trent seniors receive scholarships

Three Trent Seniors were honored Saturday by receiving \$1,000 scholarships from the Abilene Woman's Club. The scholarships are from the W. A. & Mary McKinney Nelson Scholarship Trust Fund. The students are selected from those with at least an 85 grade average during their senior year, as well as conduct and character.

Winners from Trent were Luci Masonheimer, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. James Masonheimer, Glenna Clark, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Bill Clark and Brian Massey, son of Mr. & Mrs. W. L. Massey of Merkel.

by W. E. Dulaney

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Amanda Avalos is the 7th grade student of the month and is the daughter of Joe and Lupe Avalos. Her favorite subject is PE and she likes running. She would like to work with people.

Jason Kofoed is the 7th grade student of the month and is the son of Terry and Maria Kofoed. His favorite subject is art and he likes to hunt. He wants to be a fireman.



Linda Layher is the 6th grade student of the month. She is the daughter of Dave and Peggy Layher and her favorite subject is science. She enjoys writing and wants to be a writer.

Cody Carson is the 6th grade student of the month. He is the son of Randy and Pam Carson and his favorite subject is math. He likes to fish and wants to be a skier.

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Jennifer Hobbs is the 8th grade student of the month. She is the daughter of Kenneth and Beverly Hobbs and her favorite subject is science. She enjoys sports and wants to get a good education and a good job.

Bill Page is the 8th grade student of the month. He is the son of James and Shirley Page and his favorite subject is science. He enjoys drawing and would like to be an artist.

Counselor will speak at local church

Burtis Williams, a well known marriage counselor and director of Christian Counseling of Abilene will be teaching a marriage enrichment seminar for couples, singles and families at the New Testament Church 5th & Trundy in Merkel.

He will be teaching Christian principles and guidelines for daily living.

He will speak from 5 until 7 p.m. May 20 and from 9 a.m. until Noon May 21.

The public is invited to attend and a nursery will be provided.

THS cheerleaders

The Trent Cheerleaders will be holding a car wash today (Thursday). The car wash will begin at 3:30 and will be held in front of the high school.

Each car will be cleaned inside and out and the charge is \$10.

Money made will be used by the cheerleaders fund to help support the Gorrillas.

Trent sets 8th grade graduation

The Trent 8th grade graduation will be held at the Trent Gym May 26th at 8 p.m.

Middle school awards ceremony is Friday

Merkel Middle School will be holding an awards ceremony Friday at 2:30 p.m. in the school auditorium.

All parents and friends of Merkel Middle School students are invited to attend.

Onion growers battling threat to spring crop

(AUSTIN)--Deputy State Agriculture Commissioner Mike Moeller has announced that onion producers in the Rio Grande Valley have been authorized to use the pesticide cypermethrin to control a parasite which could jeopardize Texas' multimillion-dollar onion crop.

The Texas Department of Agriculture sought, and obtained, authorization for use of the chemical in the Rio Grande Valley from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

"TDA sought the authorization after learning of an infestation of thrips in the onion fields of the Rio Grande Valley. A thrip is a parasite insect which eats the leaves of an onion plant, thereby reducing plant vitality and yields," Moeller said. "Research by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service indicates that growers can suffer serious economic damage when the infestation reaches four to five thrips per plant. Reports from onion growers and entomologists in the Valley indicated that we had reached that level."

"TDA responded to the concerns of Texas growers by asking EPA to authorize use of cypermethrin, one of the few chemicals available today which is effective in controlling thrip populations. This chemical is far more effective, both economically and environmentally, than pesticides already available to growers. Clearly, Texas onion growers were facing a serious threat to the onion crop now in the fields without this specific-use exemption," Moeller said.

Specific-use pesticide exemptions are granted by EPA under provisions of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act. EPA is authorized to make such exemptions when the requesting state has a pest condition which poses a significant economic loss to growers or risks the loss of an endangered species, a threatened species or some beneficial organism. The exemption allows Texas onion growers to make immediate use of cypermethrin on a maximum of 17,200 acres of dry bulk onions throughout Texas.

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19-2tp

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20-1tnc

Wanted: Live-in lady to help handicapped woman two or three days a week. Call 928-5268.

20-1tp

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20-2tcg

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15-tfc

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15-TFC

Alcoholics anonymous and AL-ANON meetings are Tuesday and Thursday at The New Testament Church in Merkel on S. 5th and Trundy.

TFC

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6-TFC

Overeaters Anonymous now meets on Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at the New Testament Church on S. 5th & Trundy.

TFC

Granny's Playhouse Day Care Center- open 6 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Hot lunch & snacks provided. For more information, call 928-4904 or come by 207 Orange.

TFC

Sticks N Stones Day Care Center. 201 Oak, open Monday-Friday 6:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Call 928-4381.

TFC

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TFC

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20-3tc

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19-2tp

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CARDS OF THANKS

We would like to take this means to express our sincere gratitude for the acts of kindness and concern shown us recently. All of the hospital visits, flowers, phone calls and cards were greatly appreciated. We know we have a lot of wonderful friends here. Steve & Barbara Buntin Bryce & Rhett

We wish to thank everyone for the gracious acts of sympathy given us during the loss of our loved one. Your kindness made it all easier to cope. The Family of Sara Malone

GARAGE SALES

Yard sale: Thursday, Friday & Saturday at 516 Scott Street in Tye.

20-1tc

Garage Sale: Friday 9-5 Old Sadler Clinic: Lots of new glassware, books, Ray Pack cassette tapes, quilt top materials, chest of drawers, lots of misc. New things added.

20-1cg

Garage sale: 602 Yucca all day Friday and Saturday until Noon. Clothes, antiques, lots of misc.

20-1tp

Due to flu last weekend the Garage Sale at 210 Taylor last weekend will be this weekend.

20-1tcg

Garage Sale: Tuesday, Wed., Thurs. May 17-18-19. Small kitchen appliances, girls Huffy bike, GE refrigerator, window unit, water bed sheets, clothes all sizes, toys, small stereo, 8 track tapes, lots of dishes, much much more. Mulberry Creek estates, North of Tye on FM 707. Route 3, Box MC 44-A or call 698-5045.

"Bargain Prices" 20-1tcg

PUBLIC NOTICE

The City Council of the City of Merkel, Texas will consider a request from Clarence F. Stroh, D.B.A. Starr Nursing Home to close the alley in Block A of the J. S. Stephenson Addition to the City of Merkel, at its regular meeting at 7 p.m. May 23, 1988.

Any and all interested parties are invited to attend.

Kent Satterwhite Mayor 20-1tc

PUBLIC NOTICE

The City Council of the City of Merkel, Texas, will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. May 23, 1988 in regard to the

City's 1988-89 Fiscal Budget.

Any and all interested persons are invited to attend

Kent Satterwhite Mayor 20-1tc

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: The annual sale of Buddy Poppies by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States has been officially recognized and endorsed by governmental leaders since 1922; and

WHEREAS: V F W Buddy Poppies are assembled by disabled veterans, and the proceeds of this worthy fund raising campaign are used exclusively for the benefit of disabled and needy veterans, and the widows and orphans of deceased veterans; and

WHEREAS: The basic purpose of the annual sale of Buddy Poppies by the Veterans of Foreign Wars is eloquently reflected in the desire to

"Honor the Dead by Helping the Living"; therefore, I, Kent Satterwhite, Mayor of the City of Merkel, Texas, do hereby urge the citizens of this community to recognize the merits of this cause by contributing generously to its support through the purchase of Buddy Poppies on the days set aside for the distribution of these symbols of appreciation for the sacrifices of our honored dead. The days set aside are May 16 through May 21, 1988.

I urge all patriotic citizens to wear a Buddy Poppy as mute evidence of our gratitude to the men of this country who have risked their lives in defense of the freedoms which we continue to enjoy as American citizens.

Kent Satterwhite, Mayor J. A. Sadler, City Clerk 19-2tc

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Trent NHS will provide baby sitters

The Trent National Honor Society will provide baby sitters for the junior high and high school graduation ceremonies on May 26 and 27 from 7 until 9 p.m. Fees are \$2 for the first child and \$1 for each

remaining child in the family. NHS members are asking that children range from newborn to age 12. If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Vicki Lewis at Trent High School 862-6125.



Kristi Duncan is the 6th grade student of the month and she is the daughter of Jessie and Teri Duncan. She enjoys reading and that is her favorite subject. She wants to be a doctor.

Jason Harrison is the 6th grade student of the month and is the son of Angie Lloyd. His favorite subject is art and he enjoys drawing. He wants to become a famous animator.



Merkel FFA members fared very well in the area contests held recently. Six different members placed first in nine separate events. Shown here are (from left) Cassie Townsend- diversified crop production and forage production, Kody Hogan- cereal grain production, Bennett Massey- outdoor recreation. Other winners included Troy Flowers- ag sales and service, floriculture and landscaping, Ted Seymore- Feed grain production and Lee Leverich, placement in ag production. Also honored Roy Herd Manahan who was second in the area star greenhand competition and Meilssa Harris who was selected as area vice-president. (Staff photo)



Tracy Freeman is the 7th grade student of the month and she is the daughter of Wayne and Sherri Freeman. She likes to work on computers and she wants to finish school and become an interior decorator.

Cliff Owen is the 7th grade student of the month and is the son of Bobby and Pat Owen. His favorite subject is computers and he enjoys listening to music. He wants to become famous.

Services held for "Aunt Dinn"

Mattie Lee (Aunt Dinn) Pentecost of Rt 1 Tye, died May 13 at the Coronado Nursing Center in Abilene. She was 93. Funeral services were held May 16 at the Starbuck Chapel here with the Rev. Robert Lindley officiating. Burial followed at the Stith Cemetery under the direction of the Starbuck Funeral Home. Born March 20, 1895 in

Arkansas, she was the daughter of the late LaFlou & Sally (Sanders) Cook.

She married the late Robert Newton Pentecost in 1916 in Arkansas.

She was a Methodist and homemaker. She had lived in the area for 68 years and still canned fruits and vegetables from her garden. She was active in Senior Citizen events in Tye.

She is survived by her sister, Willie Etchieson of Albany, as well as several nieces and nephews including J. C. (James) Barley of Tye and Gladys Burtleson and Hautie Burns of Abilene.

Serving as pallbearers were John B. Martin, James Barley, Bob Barley, Bill Barley, Sam Burns and Willie Price.

Compere group meets

Members of the Compere Home Demonstration Club met for a tasting bee luncheon.

Following lunch, a business meeting was held.

Members discussed activities held in Anson during National Extension Homemakers week.

Secret pal gifts were exchanged and ideas for a day out in July were discussed.

Ginger Hoog's daughter, Pamela Pinder of Manvel, lost her home to a fire April 30th. They lost everything and club members will be holding a shower for her at their next meeting.

Attending were Bertha Hunter, Ginger Hoog, Evorie Dillard, Amie Price, Ailene Terry, Maud Busby, Julia Tanner, Annie Taylor, hostess Dolores Adair and a guest, Dera Graham.

MMS cheerleaders

sell donuts Saturday

The Merkel Middle School cheerleaders will be at the Wes-T-Go station Saturday morning selling donuts.

They will be selling for 25 cents each or \$3 a dozen. If you would like to pre-order, please call Amanda Richardson at 928-4047 or Renee Holmes at 928-4404 by Friday.



David Dotson is the 8th grade student of the month and he is the son of Carl and Becky Dotson. His favorite subject is athletics and he enjoys sports. He would like to get an athletic scholarship at a school like Texas Tech.

Stephanie Jones is the 8th grade student of the month. She is the daughter of Bob and Rockette Jones and her favorite subject is math. She likes to talk on the phone and she wants to become a lawyer.

TISD lunch-breakfast menu

The following is the TISD lunch-breakfast menu:

May 19: juice, cinnamon rolls; pizza, corn, salad, apple crisp.

May 20: juice, malt-o-meal, toast; hot dogs, fries, fruit, cookies.

May 23: juice, cereal; frito pie, corn, salad, crackers, cinnamon rolls.

May 24: juice, biscuits/sausage, jelly; nachoes, pinto beans, applesauce, peanut butter cups, corn bread.

May 25: juice, cinnamon rolls; ham & cheese sandwich, vegetable soup,

pears, potato chips, cookies.

May 26: juice, biscuits, scrambled eggs, sausage, jelly; burgers, fries, trimmings, cookies.

May 27 (The last day of school) juice, donuts, no lunch served- early dismissal.

THS awards banquet

Trent schools will hold their awards banquet Friday at Allen's Family Style meals in Sweetwater.

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