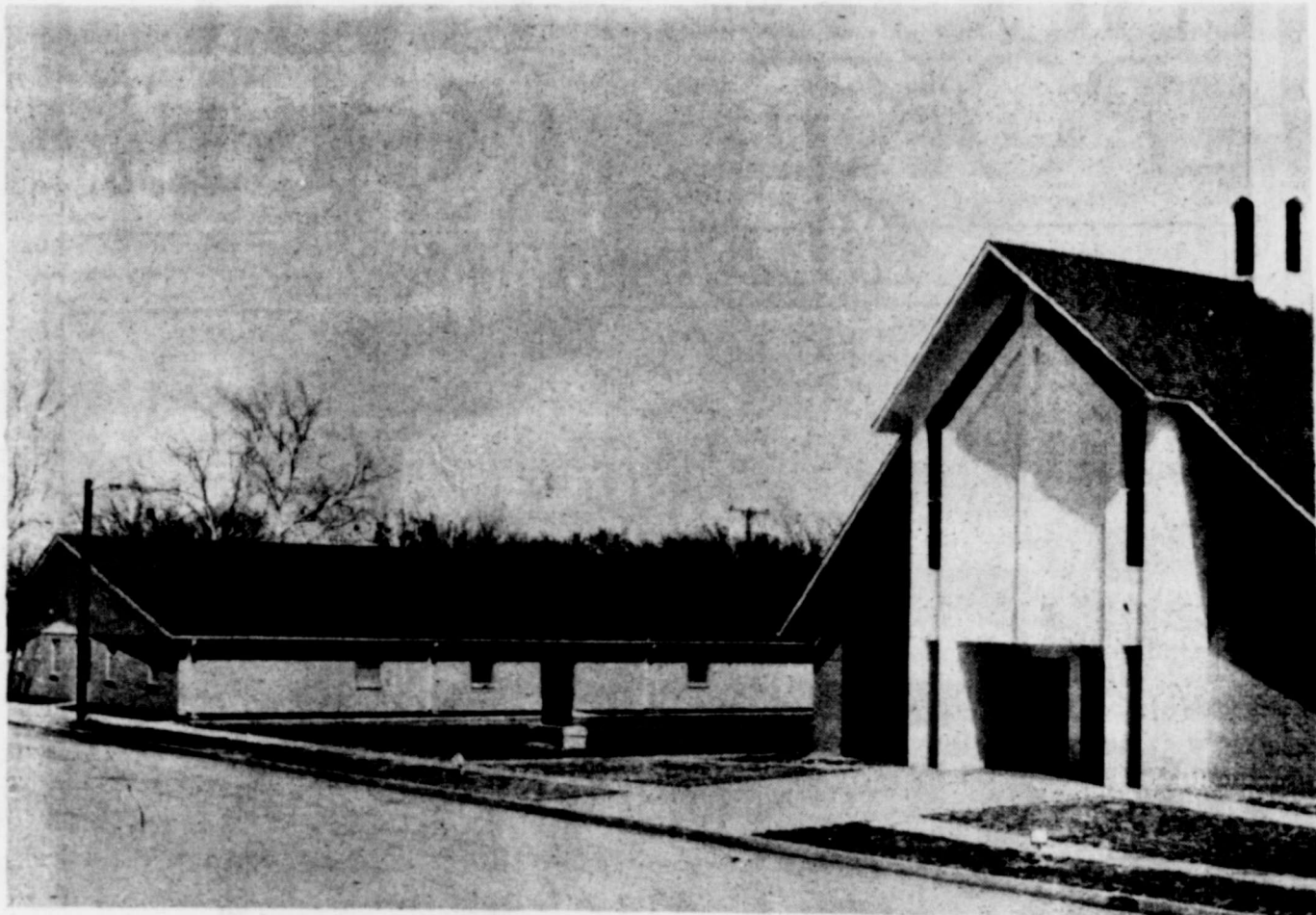


# The Merkel Mail

Thursday, March 3, 1983...Merkel, Texas

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Merkel's First Baptist Church will be holding a special celebration Sunday, March 6th as their new education building will be dedicated. The new building covers 10,000 square feet built at

an approximate cost of \$300,000.

The church has issued a public invitation to witness the event. The special dedication will be at 11 a.m. and the open house from 2-4 p.m.

## MISD only contested race so far

With the filing deadline set for close of business March 2, the Merkel school board is the only contested race as of the news deadline Tuesday.

MISD school board president Kenny Hogan had not filed for reelection Tuesday, although counterpart Leroy Teaff has filed for his seat.

Hogan's seat is being challenged for by Greg Henderson and Otto Brazell.

In the Merkel City elections, Mayor Kent Sattwerhite and council members Larry Beasley and Derrell Farmer have all filed for reelection. The elections will be held April 2.

## Cindermen compete in Stockton

The Merkel High boys track team competed with some rough company last week in the Fort Stockton Relays and scored more than three 4-A teams in the meet and more points than three 3-A teams last weekend.

Merkel ended the meet with 51 points. Scoring for Merkel were Michael Tutt, fifth in the 100 meter, Sammy Tumlinson, 3rd in the 300 meter Intermediate hurdles, Michael McCoy 3rd in the 200 meter dash. The 1,600 meter relay team of

McCoy, Jimmy Mendez, Tumlinson and Russell Lucas was sixth, Roy Johnson was sixth in the shot put, McCoy was first in the long jump, Lucas was 3rd in the high jump, Tumlinson was fourth in the pole vault, the relay team of Tutt, Tumlinson, Mended and McCoy was 3rd in the 400 meter relay and Lucas was 5th in the 800 meter run.

The Merkel boys will be in Anson this weekend for a meet there.

## Gas too high here, big dog, golf, Band, sigh, fire trucks, & more....

by Cloy A. Richards

Why in the world are gas prices here so dad gummed high.

Not only in Merkel, where they are higher than in Abilene, but Abilene's price for regular gas is put to shame compared to 89 cents a gallon I saw in Waco Sunday afternoon.

That's about 6 cents less than I have seen it anywhere.

The lowering of oil prices may hurt big banks and businesses, but to poor ol' folks like us, we can use a break on gasoline prices. I wouldn't mind at all if it drops to 75 cents a gallon for regular.

The Merkel High baseball schedule is in this week's paper and baseball fans may want to cut it out and put it in a safe place.

My brother, Glenn has a big dog.

I mean a horse named Bernie that is a Saint Bernard. I was wrestling around with Bernie Sunday and as he left to go check out a strange sound, his tail hit me in the face. That dog's tail feels like a fist. It's hilarious to see that six month old dog try to get his huge body moving in the same direction.

The Merkel Golf Association will be sponsoring a 4 person Florida scramble (draw for teams) Sunday, March 13. A \$5 entry fee will be charged and the deadline for entry is 1 p.m. Sunday.

The Merkel Golf Association will hold their monthly Pot Luck Supper at 7 p.m. March 8th at the Merkel Country Club dining room at 7 p.m.

Members of the food committee for this month are The Barnett's, The Shugart's, the Wade's, the Toomb's and the Richards.

Families attending are asked to bring two covered dishes.

Don't forget the big Merkel Band Booster talent show for Merkel and the surrounding area March 17 at the school auditorium. More information is available from Kathy Leverich at 928-4381, Starbuck's at 928-4711 or Obie Coker at 928-5494.

You could almost hear Bill Everett's sigh of relief Tuesday morning. He had just hired a principal he wanted for Merkel High and was happy about the new football coach. He was a relieved man, but his relief just now gives him time to get back to the other growing lists of projects.

Everett told me Tuesday morning that it was "interesting" to keep up with a school with growing pains. He has said many times of how he'd rather have growth problems than those of declining student population.

In a couple of weeks, the board will be holding the teacher contract discussions and after that, it's almost time to start working on the budget for the 83-84 school year.

Speaking of budgets, the Merkel City Council will start toying with ideas on their 83-84 budget, one that has a built in expense.

The city must buy a new fire truck, about \$60,000 worth to satisfy the requirements of the State's Key rate formula for homeowners fire insurance. If the city does not buy a new truck, every one in town will pay a higher rate for fire insurance.

Also, Merkel Police Chief Ray Pack has requested about \$18,000 for the new budget to hire a fourth police officer for the city.

Although there is a \$15,000 payment on a maintainer will be gone, but the fire truck will take care of that savings immediately. If the city is going to add a police officer, give much of a pay raise to employees, or buy any major equipment, look for a city tax increase. If none of those things are done, look for a tax status quo.

## City considering 4th police officer: hears paving program update

The Merkel City Council heard a request from Merkel Police Chief Ray Pack to add an additional police officer, saw the final plans for the city paving project, and set a budget workshop to discuss personnel at their regular session at City Hall Monday night.

The special workshop session will be held at 7 p.m. at City Hall Monday night. Councilmen are expected to spend most of the time in executive session discussing city personnel in preparation for budgeting the next city fiscal year.

### PAVING PROGRAM

City street consulting engineer Billy Jacobs prefaced his remarks to council on the paving program with a bit of good news. He estimated the city would be able to pay for the additional 24 blocks of paving and will advertise next week for bids in **The Merkel Mail**. Jacobs said "We are in good shape and the plans are basically complete. We will start advertising for bids next week and have a bid opening April 4th.

Jacobs went on to say his engineers had found some areas where a "Cheap man's" curb and gutter (a process of paving part of the bar ditch to allow more free flow of water) will be used on some areas and he said some of the streets would require a 4 to 5 inch base before paving could begin.

Council now plans to open the bids on April 4th at a special meeting at Heritage Hall and then award the bids at council's regular session April 11.

### POLICE REQUEST

Merkel Police Chief Ray Pack told the Merkel City Council Monday night he felt it was unfair for him to keep asking his officers to work an average of 73 hours per week and formally asked the council to hire a fourth police officer.

Pack estimated the cost to the city of around \$16,883.16 per year.

City manager J. A. Sadler said it would be

necessary to increase taxes about 20 per cent to pay for the additional officer. When a raise in water-sewer-sanitation rates was discussed, council member Derrell Farmer said "The money needs to come from somewhere else because the water bills are too high."

One problem the city must deal with in the 1983-84 budget is a new fire truck. Merkel's pumper truck is about to become too old for Merkel to maintain it's key rate for fire insurance and the city will be looking at about \$60,000 for the new truck and about \$15,000 in financing fees for the vehicle.

Mayor pro-tem Ted Smith told fellow council members "We are limited on what we can do because of the financial situation. Right now, the fire truck is the big thing."

Pack told councilmen that he didn't know how much longer he could keep putting in up to 100 hours per week or how much longer he could keep asking his officers to do the same. He said he was requesting permission from council to include the new patrolman on the budget and council agreed.

Pack also told council "I don't think that council realizes how serious the police situation is. Merkel is growing and so is our work load. The police department has been asking for another officer since I came on the force and financing has always been the reason we could not have one. If that's the case, it might be another 10 years before we hire one."

City manager J. A. Sadler told council that the city was spending about 98 per cent of it's collected tax money on the police department and that it is tough month to month to keep the city out of the red. "We look at every dollar and where it is spent because the money can get away from you in a hurry if you don't."

In other action Monday, council approved the purchase of a used car for a patrol car. The city will pay Palmer Pontiac \$4,110 for a 1980 Pontiac with a 12 month 12,000 mile warranty.

## School hires new coach, principal

The Merkel School Board filled it's two major vacancies last week as they hired Al Mitts as head football coach and Larry Curry as Merkel High Principal.

Curry will be paid \$6,500 above state scale and Mitts will be paid \$4,500 above state scale. All MISD teachers receive \$1,000 over state scale.

Mitts, 46 is the former head coach at Seymour High and has compiled a 90-73-2 lifetime record. His teams have won four district championships and finished second six times. He has coached only six losing seasons in 22 campaigns.

Mitts is married and his wife will probably be a teacher at Merkel Elementary next year. He has a son that is a student at Texas Tech. Mitts will report April 1st to direct the spring football training.

Larry Curry, 33 is the current assistant Junior

High principal at Lamessa and has been married for two months. His wife will be an elementary teacher here next year. He will report for work July 1.

Curry has almost finished the requirements for a PhD in education.

MISD superintendent Bill Everett told the Mail he was happy with both men and felt relieved to have filled both key positions.

Everett told **The Mail** "Now we can get on with the transition of being a small school into being a big school. I don't know what the people are doing that move here, but every time I drive South West of town I see a new house being built. We have poured the slabs for two new portables we will be building at the Elementary school and we have finished covered walk ways at Tye Elementary."



Larry Curry



Al Mitts

## Taylor Electric contest set Monday

The annual Youth Tour to Washington speech contest, sponsored by Taylor Electric Cooperative will be held March 7th at 7 p.m. at the Merkel office.

One boy and one girl will win the trip to Washington, an all-expense paid trip. Entries have been received from Baird, Clyde, Merkel,

Sweetwater, Wylie and Abilene.

This year's five minute speech must be on the subject of "Electric Cooperatives-Why they were started-What Role They will play in the Future."

Winners will be announced following the contest Monday night.

# Herbert Rogers

# 1983 MISD Varsity, Jr. High Track Schedule

buried here

Wednesday

Herbert Bailey Rogers, 60, of Merkel, a retired professional guitarist and teacher, died Feb. 28 at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene following a lengthy illness. Services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Starbuck Funeral Home and burial followed at Rose Hill Cemetery here with services under the direction of Larry Gill of the Merkel Church of Christ.

Born Nov. 14, 1922 in Clyde he had attended Merkel schools. He served for three years in World War II as an infantry medic and received five battlefield decorations. Mr. Rogers played as a musician in Chicago, Las Vegas and traveled the western portion of the United States for 30 years.

He retired due to illness six years ago. He had taught music, guitar and bass at the Howard Ealry Music Center in Cincinatti for 12 years.

He was also an orchestral arranger and song writer. His artistry and talents were highly respected by his professional associates as well as his students. He has been credited with furthering the careers of many musicians through his use of love, compassion, and caring approach to his teaching methods.

He had performed with Wee Bonnie Baker, of the recording "Oh Johnny" fame, Al Morgan, a Cincinatti musician of some fame who recorded "Jealous Heart". He also played with Charlie Barnett's Orchestral Group. In Chicago and Cincinatti, he wrote the music, did the arrangements and the accompaniments for his wife, Nan Pastor, whom he had married July 26, 1947 in Covington, KY.

He was a life time member of the Chicago Federation of Music and also a member of the Music Association of Cincinatti.

He had lived in Merkel the past six years.

Two sisters, Bernell and Juanez, preceded him in death.

He is survived by his wife; three brothers, A.L. of Idabell, Okla., and Woodrow and Benny, both of Merkel; and several nieces and nephews.



Herb Rogers

1983 Varsity Boys Track Schedule  
 March 5th in Anson  
 March 11-12 at West Texas Relays-Odessa  
 March 19 in Brownwood  
 March 25-26 at San Angelo Relays  
 April 2 in Hamlin  
 April 9 in Brady  
 April 18 DISTRICT MEET AT HAMLIN  
 May 5-7 Region meet in Odessa  
 May 12-14 State Meet in Austin  
**Varsity Girls Schedule**  
 March 12 in Anson

March 18 in Ranger  
 March 26 in Stamford  
 March 31 in Colorado City  
 April 2 in Hamlin  
 April 5 DISTRICT at Electra  
 April 21-23 Regional in Odessa  
 May 5-7 State Meet in Austin  
**JR. HIGH BOYS & GIRLS**  
 March 5th 7th & 8th Boys and girls in Anson

March 11 7th and 8th Boys and Girls in Ballinger  
 March 18th 7th and 8th Boys at Wall  
 March 19 7th and 8th Boys and Girls in Hamlin  
 March 26th 7th and 8th Girls in Stamford  
 March 31 7th and 8th girls in Sweetwater  
 April 5th 7th and 8th boys in Brownwood  
 April 18 7th and 8th boys in Winters  
 April 21-23 7th and 8th Boys and Girls in DISTRICT meet in Stamford

## Click playing Post for CJC

Playing at the post position this year for the Cisco Junior College Wrangler Woman's Basketball team is freshman Nancy Click. Click is the daughter of J. P. and Nell Click of Merkel and is a 1982 grand of Merkel High. Nancy is the leading rebounder at CJC. Against Cook County earlier in the year Nancy had 10 points on ten attempts

from the field and 2 of 3 free throws, grabbed ten rebounds and nabbed three steals. The CJC women are coached by Ronnie Hearne and in his first season with CJC, they are 20-7. The Wranglers have a tight hold on second place. They are hoping to get into the Regional Tournament at Howard College March 3, 4 and 5.

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## Fortnightly gathers at Haynes's

Mr. and Mrs. Comer Haynes entertained members of the Fortnightly Study Club in their home on Feb. 22. Guests were greeted at the door by Mr. Haynes and guests were given hand made corsages, made by Nell Teaff.

Following a brief business session, conducted by club president Alwyne Sandusky, Annabelle Shouse played old love songs as the guests arrived in their "Dolly Madison" costumes. This late 17th and early 18th century mood was enhanced by a display of lace tablecloths, scarves, dolls, and antiques used throughout the entertaining rooms.

Alice King, program chairman, introduced the program as Dolly Madison, the Beloved First Lady. It has been said that Dolly Madison left an imprint which no other president's wife has ever made.

Annabelle Shouse, Nina Belle Hughes, Madelon Horton and Alwyne Sandusky sang several songs of yesterday, accompanied on the piano by Lucy Haynes. Kathryn Rister also sang a solo.

The program was presented by Lucy Haynes, who gave a study on the life of Dolly Madison, wife of former President James Madison for 43 years. She is also remembered for preserving the Madison papers, the only first hand record of the constitutional convention in 1787 and she saved the portrait of President Washington when the original executive mansion was burned by British troops in 1814.

The last picture of her, after she had lived through eight decades, shows that she was reduced to a genteel poverty because of the failure of her plantation and the sale of her possessions by her son. Congress provided a \$20,000 trust fund to allow her and her niece a

comfortable living. Refreshments were served to Mrs. C. M. Brown, Miss Mary Collins, Miss Avis Deavers, Mrs. S. C. Dixon, Mrs. Mack Fisher, Miss Mildred Hamm, Mrs. J. W. Hammond, Mrs. Comer Haynes, Mrs. Buster Horton, Mrs. Carl Hughes, Mrs. Allen D. King, Mrs. C. B. Knight, Mrs. Curtis Rister, Mrs. Perry Rogers, Mrs. Ed Sandusky, Mrs. C. M. Seymore, Mrs. Andy Shouse, Mrs. Aaron Sudderth, Miss Maurine White and Mrs. Ray Wilson. Three guests also attended, Comer Haynes, Nell Teaff and Lena Dunagin.

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### Laura Bishop buried here

Laura Lee Bishop, of Pecos, a former Merkel resident, died at 11:22 p.m. last Wednesday at Medical Center Hospital in Odessa. Services were held Friday at the First Baptist Church here.

Burial was at Rose Hill Cemetery. Born July 13, 1897 in Ft. Phantom, she lived most of her life in the Merkel area. She was a member of Noodle Baptist Church. She married Grady Bishop Dec. 25, 1924 in Lueders. He died June 5, 1971.

She is survived by a son, Omer of Odessa, a daughter, Neva Doan of Pecos; two brothers Horace and Lewis Sprattlen of Abilene; a sister Irene Johnson of Fort Worth; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

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## Merkel High 1983 Baseball Schedule

- March 29 at Snyder at 4
- March 31 San Angelo JV here (DH) 3 & 5
- April 5 Abilene JV here at 4
- April 6 Big Spring here at 4
- April 8-9 Abilene JV Tournament
- April 11 Snyder JV here (DH) 4 & 7
- April 12 At Abilene JV at 4
- April 14 At San Angelo (DH) 1 & 3
- April 16 MERKEL TOURNAMENT
- April 19 Cooper JV here at 4
- April 21 Abilene JV here at 4
- April 25 At Cooper JV at 4
- April 28 at Big Spring at 4
- DISTRICT GAMES**
- May 2 Electra here (DH) at 1 & 3:30
- May 9 at Electra (DH) at 1 & 3:30
- May 20 Electra at neutral site if needed
- Coaches-Phillip Pursley & Virgil Crow

advertised something like this: "Buy one for \$10, get the second one for half price," or "normally sells for \$59.99, our sale price now \$39.99."

These are price comparison advertisements, our Consumer Protection attorneys say, and they are a widely used, effective means of promoting a product.

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Price comparisons that accurately reflect current market value help consumers by providing information useful in making decisions. But price comparisons based on inflated or arbitrary prices can be misleading, and our lawyers say, could constitute violations of the Deceptive Trade Practices-Consumer Protection Act, which prohibits "false or misleading statements of fact concerning the reasons for, existence of, or amount of price reductions."

They say that while most businessmen use price comparisons to advertise legitimate cost reductions, there are a few unscrupulous merchants who treat both consumers and their competitors unfairly by misusing price comparison advertising. For example, they may raise

the price of an attractive item, then later offer "an incredible price reduction on our most popular line of power tools." Our lawyers say it's misleading and illegal if the seller raised his price on an item a short period before a sale, since the previous price must have been in effect for a reasonable period of time, and must have been sold regularly at that price before the sale.

Consumers should also read sale literature carefully. Phrases such as "made to sell for \$29", or "compare at \$7.99" can be meaningless. They may not mean the merchandise actually sold at that price, or that the merchant even tried to sell it at that price. Yet they give the impression that the purchaser will be getting a real bargain.

Other phrases such as "reduced from manufacturer's suggested retail price" can also be misleading if a manufacturer customarily lists an unrealistically high "suggested price" so retailers can offer what seems to be a good buy.

And offering merchandise at "factory price," "dealer cost," or "wholesale" can be deceptive if the merchant's definition of "dealer cost" means what an item cost a dealer, plus his overhead, advertising costs, sales commissions, and other expenses.

If you have a consumer complaint about deceptive or misleading advertising, get in touch with our Consumer Protection Division.



### The Consumer Alert

by Jim Mattox  
 Attorney General

AUSTIN—Every day thousands of Texas consumers receive flyers and mailers proclaiming a "special sale" on one or many items. News-

papers are full of "spring specials" on everything from lawn and garden equipment to Easter dresses.

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### Merkel Riding Club sets meeting, supper

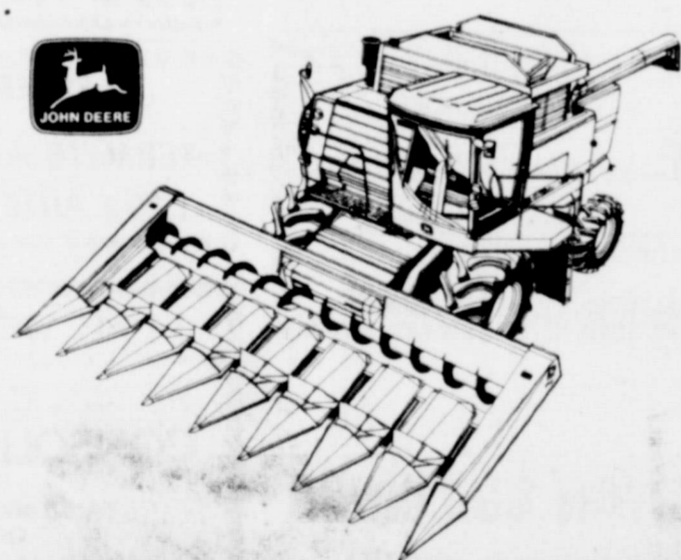
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## Xi Nu Chi meeting

The members of Xi Nu Chi met Feb. 22 at Pleasantville with Ginny Yaddow presiding.

The program, a presentation of the history of telephones and their proper usage was given by Nancy Johnson and Ginny Yaddow.

Following the meet-

ing, Peggy Valentine served refreshments to the following members: Annette Clark, Janice Smith, Minyon Seymore, Judy Elliott, Connie Harris, Blanche Hewitt, Mary Hill, Ginny Yaddow, Nancy Johnson and Vonne Dena Tumlinson.

## Carriker, Mauro

support new

## Veteran's housing bill

"I am proud to have Representative Steve Carriker join me in supporting the Veterans Housing Assistance Program which will be considered by the Texas Legislature", stated Texas Land Commissioner Gary Mauro last week. "As I said during the campaign, we do not need to do the veterans a favor-just repay one. Representative Carriker and I believe by opening this program to allow our Texas veterans to purchase homes, we will provide thousands of families who have been unable to purchase a home, the opportunity to own their own home."

The Veterans Housing Assistance Program will be modeled after the successful Veterans Land Program. Over 80,000 veterans have taken advantage of this long term, low interest loan to purchase rural land. "The Veterans Land Program is still a good program, but we need to meet the modern demands of our veterans. Under the new program, a Texas veteran can use this \$20,000 loan to go toward the purchase of a home in either a rural or urban area," Mauro said.

Under the proposal, a constitutional amendment will be submitted to the voters following its approval by the Legislature. A Texas veteran will then be able to apply for up to a \$20,000 loan from the Housing Assistance Program which can be used as a down payment and loan to apply with his other mortgage from a private lending institution.



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## Acuna-Hunt wed recently

Salvador Acuna married Shawnda Rae Hunt in a ceremony last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hunt of Stanton are the parents of the bride and the parents of the groom are Mr. and Mrs. Antonio Acuna of Merkel.

Patricia Steelman of Stillwater, OK., sister of the bride, was matron of honor. The bridesmaid was Sharon Richter, and the bridesmaids were Cynthia Dorries of Stanton and Brenda Sellers, sisters of the bride.

Tony Acuna Jr. of McLean attended as

best man. The groomsmen were Robert Aldana. Junior groomsmen were Micheal Acuna of McLean, nephew of the groom, Michael Hunt, brother of the bride, and Gilbert Hunt, uncle of the bride, were the ushers.

The flower girls were Denise Moreno of Merkel and Belinda Moreno of Merkel, nieces of the bride. Joshua Acuna of McLean, nephew of the groom was ring bearer. The junior bridesmaid was Tonya Moreno of Merkel, niece of the groom.

## MISD lunch menu

The following is the MISD lunch menu.

March 3  
Burritos, spanish rice, and tossed salad, sliced peaches.

March 4  
Sloppy joes, relish, onions, pork & beans, hot buns, oatmeal cookies.

March 6  
Frito pie, pinto beans and lettuce, corn chips and applesauce.

March 7  
Chicken fried steak, gravy, potatoes, beans and applesauce.

March 8  
Turkey pot pie, salad, biscuits, peaches, with shipped topping.

## Trent Band students earn honors

Steve Schreiner, cornet soloist for the Trent High Band, earned a Division 1 rating in Class 1 competition last Saturday at the Region 2 UIL Solo and Ensemble Contest. Steve performed the first two movements of Italian Suite by Scarlatti-Fitzgeralds. He will represent Trent High at the State Solo and Ensemble contest in May. Steve is a sophomore and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Kraatz.

Three students received Division 1 ratings in Junior High Competition. Cornet soloists Scott O'Kelly, seventh grade and James Funderburg, eighth grade, earned Division 1 ratings. Steven

Lamm, seventh grade French horn soloist earned a Division 1. Scott is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Owen O'Kelly, James is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. U. Funderburg and Steven is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Simpson.

Receiving Division 2 ratings were Kate Wood, Kathy Paden, Ted Wood, Simon DeLaCruz, Benjamin Beaver, Brian Massey, Kim Orr and Scott O'Kelly, James Funderburg, Steven Lamm and Brian Massey quartet.

Also participating were Velma Childress, Adam DeLaCruz, Chris Simpson, Roger Brenem, and the quartet of Roger Brenem, Kathy Paden, Velma Childress and Leslie McGlothlin.

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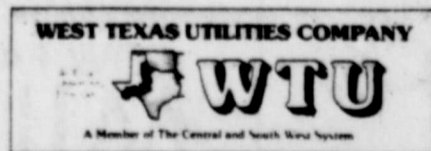
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