## The Merkel Mail

Thursday, May ó, 1986 ... Merkel, Texas<br>Our 98th Year

## Dudley downs Bridges,



## Keenan-Mashburn race goes

## to June 7th run-off election

A birds eye view of Merkel
taken two woeks ago.
3rd grade visits local dairy


Election, band, track ...more


Weatherman explains watches, warnings

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Average Texas farmer receiving
less than $1 \$$ return on investment

The 1985 farm bill is aimed at
getting crop acreages down across
the nation, and that approach the nation, and that approach
seems to be working in Texas. Consequently, farm income is also expected to tumble.
With Texas farmers still in the thick of the spring planting
season, overall crop acreages should be down sharply when the dust settles, says Dr. Carl Anderson, economist with the Texas Agricultural Ex M University Kystem.
Rice and soybean acreage is expected to be about one-third less than 1985 plantings, the sorghum cotton acreage should be 12 percent less, hay production should drop 9 percent, and the corn and peanut crops should be off 3 per
The deadlines in Texas plant ings should be greater than in the nation as a whole, Adder son points
out. Nationally. cotton acreage should be down 10 percent, corn 6 percent and sorghum 3 percent. "While the new farm bill provides a safety net under farm target prices as last year, the main feature of the bill is to let U.S. prices fall to market clearing levels," Anderson says. "That
should boost use of crops and discourage production somewhatespecially in foreign countries. All this should encourage U.S. exports markets.
seas and lower prices could lead to a sharp increase in exports by 1987, the economist believes a noticeable market price recover still several years away. be near the adjusted loan rates," predicts Anderson. "These include $\$ 2.40$ per bushel for wheat, $\$ 1.92$ per bushel for corn, \$3.25 per
hundredweight for sorghum, $\$ 3.60$ per hundredweight for rice and \$5 per bushel for soybeans. The adjusted loan repayment
level for cotton will be 80 percent of the base loan rate, says Alder son.
".since most market priv crops are expected to fall below crops are expected to palmation, most farmers will likely comply with the farm program for target

## regular farm loan," notes the <br> "All this means that net farm income in Texas will likely fall to 15 percent from the depressed 1015 percent from the depressed \$1.4 billion level estimated in 1985 says Anderson. That's a particu early sad situation considering Texas farmers only realized about a 1 percent return on their



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