

The Merkel Mail

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Merkel FFA does well in county show

Merkel FFA members fared well in the weekend Taylor County Livestock Show held in Abilene.

Roy Manahan took home the grand champion honors with his light weight cross in the lamb show while Melissa Harris was named the Outstanding Senior Student in the County. Roy Herd Manahan also won the showmanship award in the Lamb show.

The following are the complete results of the Merkel participants in the County Show:

Lambs- light weight fine wool. Roy Manahan 2nd, Joey Jones 3rd, Elynn Rutledge 6th; heavy weight fine wool Cole Manahan 1st and 2nd, Roy Manahan 3rd, Elynn Rutledge 11th.

Light weight cross Roy Manahan 1st, Cole Manahan 2nd, Melissa Harris 5th, Elynn Rutledge 10th, Bridgett Vaughn 14th.

Heavy weight cross Cody Vaughn 2nd and 7th, Elynn Rutledge 11th.

Southdowns Ginger Neill 8th, Melissa Harris 10th.

Roy Herd Manahan had the grand champion medium wool and cross while Cole Manahan had the reserve champion finewool. Roy also won the lamb showmanship award.

Swine- light weight durocs Richard Seymore 11th.

Medium weight durocs Kris Harris 1st, Brandon Toombs 10th.

Heavy weight Durocs Brandon Toombs 1st, Lynn Hays 3rd and 9th, Kris Harris 7th.

Brandon Toombs had the grand champion duroc while Kris Harris had the reserve champion.

Chesterwhites- light weight Zak Mashburn 2nd, Ricky Riley 4th, Beverly Williamson 7th and 8th, Owen Tevabaugh 6th.

Heavy weight chester white Destrly Pack 2nd, Mandy Pack 1st, Ricky Riley 4th and Lorena Pack 6th. Mandy Pack had the reserve champion in that class.

Light weight Hampshires Criswell Whisenhunt 1st, Jimmy Collier 9th. Heavy weight hampshires Amber Whisenhunt 3rd, Criswell Whisenhunt 6th and Amy Sparks 7th.

Light weight cross Trey Bird 9th, Robin Dudley 12th.

Medium weight cross Amber Whisenhunt 4th, Criswell Whisenhunt 7th, Jeremy Wood 9th.

Light weight OPB Neil Newman 3rd, Brandon Boyd 6th, John Paul Dudley 7th, Doug Collier 9th.

Heavy weight OPB Lynn Gregory 6th, Cne Seymore 9th.

Rabbits- Steven Ross 3rd, Rodney Russell 15th.

In the Fort Worth cattle show, Amy Welborn was 2nd and 7th in the beef master heifer show while Angie Welborn was 3rd.

Trent FFA students earn county honors

Mike Wallis and Jamie Ray were big winners for the Trent FFA last weekend at the Taylor County Stock Show. Wallis received \$200 for his grand champion Fryer Rabbits while Ray pocketed \$150 for her reserve champion broiler chickens. Other top three finishers for Trent are as follows:

Swine- medium weight duroc Jamie Ray, light weight chesterwhite Dee Bland.

Cattle- Light weight marker steer 1st, Scott O'Kelly, 2nd Scott O'Kelly.

Rabbits- fryer rabbits: 1st Mike Wallis 3rd Teri Bazelon. Grand champion rabbits Mike Wallis.

Poultry- Broiler chickens 2nd Jamie Ray, 3rd Jamie Ray reserve champion poultry, Jamie Ray.

by W. E. Dulaney

Sr. Citizens covered dish meal is tonight

The Merkel Senior Citizens will meet tonight (Thursday) at 122 Edwards Street here for a covered dish supper.

The supper will last from 4 until 6 p.m.



§ Roy Herd Manahan took Taylor County Stock Show. Manahan is a Freshman FFA student. grand champions and the showmanship buckle in last week's Staff photo

Board extends Logan's contract, may sell land

MISD trustees extended the superintendent's contract and decided to advertise for sale three lots owned by the district at their regular meeting held Thursday night in the High School Conference Room.

Board member also heard reports from campus principals as well as from maintenance.

After paying bills of \$130,576.34, the board voted to allow the Merkel Pee Wee Basketball League to use both the high school and middle school gyms.

Board members also gave representatives from the Texas Association of School Boards to talk to MISD teachers about an income reduction plans known as the "Cafeteria Plan". That plan is designed to reduce taxable income by deducting medical related expenses from taxable income.

MISD superintendent James Logan also said he wanted the district to be active in observance of Texas Public School Week. The week is March 7-11 and Logan said "We are proud of what we have here and we want to get the people of our school district involved."

Board members also discussed a gifted and talented program for grades 1-7 that must be in place by the next school year according to state law. Board members opted for a plan that will allow the students to stay in regular classrooms.

Board members also decided to put the district's accounting business up for bid. Local CPA Andy Don Hart had approached the district expressing an interest in performing the school's accounting. The board will advertise for bids later in the year. Currently, Condley & Company of Abilene is performing the accounting duties.

The board also heard from MISD maintenance director Hayden Reeves. He told board members new rules and regulations concerning asbestos removal and said it would cost between \$10,000 and \$23,000. Reeves also told board members about repairs to the Merkel Elementary School building following a fire there earlier this month. Reeves said "usually there's not a whole lot of good that comes from a fire but we replaced and remodeled in areas of the building that needed the work." He praised the quick response of the Merkel Volunteer Fire Department in controlling the fire and estimated repair costs at about \$14,000.

Merkel High principal Robert Damron told board members 77 percent of all high school students passed all their classes during the 3rd six week grading period and that 15 percent of the students had failed one or more of their classes for the first semester. He also reported increased vandalism at the school and an incident where a gun was fired at a Clyde ISD bus parked in front of the gym. No one was in the bus at the time of the shooting and Merkel Police have caught the person responsible for the shooting incident. He also told board members the Merkel High Art Department would have some of their work on display in the meeting room of the State School Board.

Merkel Elementary principal David Casey told board members a new computer lab was in place at Merkel Elementary and the students had 13 computers to use.

Tye Elementary principal Harry Taylor reported on a sexual abuse prevention program and a lit-a-bike campaign sponsored by the Tye VFW on his campus.

Middle school principal Gaylon Brnovak provided figures on his students academic performance through the first semester of school.

Board members adopted the 1988-89 school calendar and, following an executive session, extended the superintendent's contract through the 1989-90 school year.

Board members also approved a new list of additional substitute teachers including Todd Johnson, MaRanda Rayner, Jan McCoy,

Beth Hamaty, Paula Cabral and Robert Harmon.

The next scheduled meeting of the board will be Feb. 16th.

Council approves CTA resolution, permit request

The Merkel City Council met Monday night and approved a special use permit for a mobile home and also approved a resolution presented by the Taylor County Central Tax Authority.

Those actions were taken at the regular meeting held at the Merkel Emergency Medical Service Building.

Council approved a request for a special use permit for a mobile home to be moved in at the corner of S. 1st and Locust. Unless a mobile home is being set up in a previously designated mobile home park, it is illegal to set one up without obtaining a special use permit, under the auspices of the city zoning ordinance.

In other action, councilmember approved a resolution, required by Texas law, to allow the Central Tax Authority of Taylor County to purchase their office building located at 340 Hickory Street in

Abilene. City manager J. A. Sadler presented a report showing a substantial savings on the city long distance bill since switching from AT&T to Action Communications. The city reported a savings of \$145 in December.

Council also heard an electrical line that had been destroyed during the Christmas ice storm had been replaced. The line was installed by workers from the Missouri Pacific Railroad Company and by a local contractor. Cost to the city was \$120 for about 2,000 feet of line. The line is used to activate pumps where the city receives water from Abilene in Tye. City employees had been making daily trips to the pump station to activate the pumps manually.

Council's next session will be held Feb. 8th at 7 p.m. at the Merkel Emergency Medical Service Building.

Youth basketball registration set

The Merkel Pee Wee Basketball League will be sending out registration forms this week at school.

All children from the third through the 6th grade are eligible to play and will receive a form. There will be a late sign-up Saturday, Feb. 6th at the WTU

building from 9 a.m. until Noon. A registration fee of \$6 per child will cover costs of the t-shirts and the games will start around Feb. 20th.

Anyone interested in helping or coaching should contact Jackie Reynolds at 926-5930.

The league says they need your help and support.

Boys beat Wylie

The Merkel Badger boys took a big win over Wylie last week to set up a showdown with state ranked Ballinger for the first half district crown last week.

Behind 24 points from Lynn Hays and 13 from Monty Griffin, the boys downed Wylie at Wylie 56-52. The win raised the Badger's district record to 5-0 as the boys hosted Ballinger here Tuesday night (details unavailable at press time) for the first half district crown.

Boys coach Johnny Hampton told *The Mail* "It was a back and forth game and was a very well played game." Lynn Hays led the way with 24 while Monty Griffin added 13. Hampton added "We kind of had a let down when Jay Jones got hurt but we talked about that during a timeout."

The boys then had no trouble with Jayton here Friday taking a 70-26 win. Kenneth Jowers led with 20 while Monty Griffin had 12, Hays 10 and Shayne Newberry and Wade Toombs each scored 8.

Hampton said "We played real well defensively and we tried to put pressure on them all over the court."

As if things didn't go bad enough for the Lady Badgers last week, this week started with many of the girls out of school with the flu.

The Lady Badgers lost to Wylie 52-39 and then dropped a 48-41 decision to Jayton.

In the Wylie game, Teresa Lucas led the way with 15. Girls coach Jan Whisenhunt told *The Mail* "We played well the first and last quarters but not good in the middle quarters. No one wanted to take charge. Wylie played us better this time around and we just didn't play very well."

That loss put the girls at 0-1 as they entered the second half of district play.

The Badgers then dropped a 48-41 decision to Jayton, who are now 23-2 on the year. The girls got to within one point in the final quarter but mistakes cost them the contest.

22 in all-district band

Twenty-two band students from Merkel were selected for All-District at try-outs Saturday. The competitive tryouts were held at Hardin-Simmons University and 11 students from the Merkel Middle School and 10 from Merkel High School received the honors.

Those chosen will meet on Feb. 6th at Abilene Christian University to rehearse and perform as a unit. The bands will be under the direction of Abilene Cooper band directors Jack Nall and Joe Grzybowski.

Middle school students who won were: Melissa Miller, Lisa Fenton, Donna Denman, Michelle Ingram, Taylor Scott, James Melende, Stephen Santee, Mindy Brnovak, Cheryl Wood, Tammy

Graham and Caleb Kelso. Wood, Graham and Kelso were named first chair in their sections.

High school students winning chairs were Jennifer Gaona, Susie Brandon, Lee Kotrolik, Kyle Coker, Twyla Wilborn and Lisa Donaldson. Dieem Tran, Phoung Thao Tran, Pam Neff, Stacy Norton and Steve Williams were selected as first chair in their sections. By receiving five first chairs Merkel High School set a new school record.

The concert for the All-District bands will be held in the Cullen Auditorium on the ACU campus at 7 p.m. Feb. 6th. There is no admission charge and everyone is invited to attend.

Xi Nu Eta plans Valentine ball

The Xi Nu Eta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi, has announced the date for their Valentine Ball. It will be held Feb. 5th at the Methodist Church Gym from 8 p.m. until midnight.

The ball will be semi-formal and is for Merkel Middle and High School students. Price is \$3 each or \$5 per couple. A photographer

will be on hand offering photo packages and a disc jockey will play music.

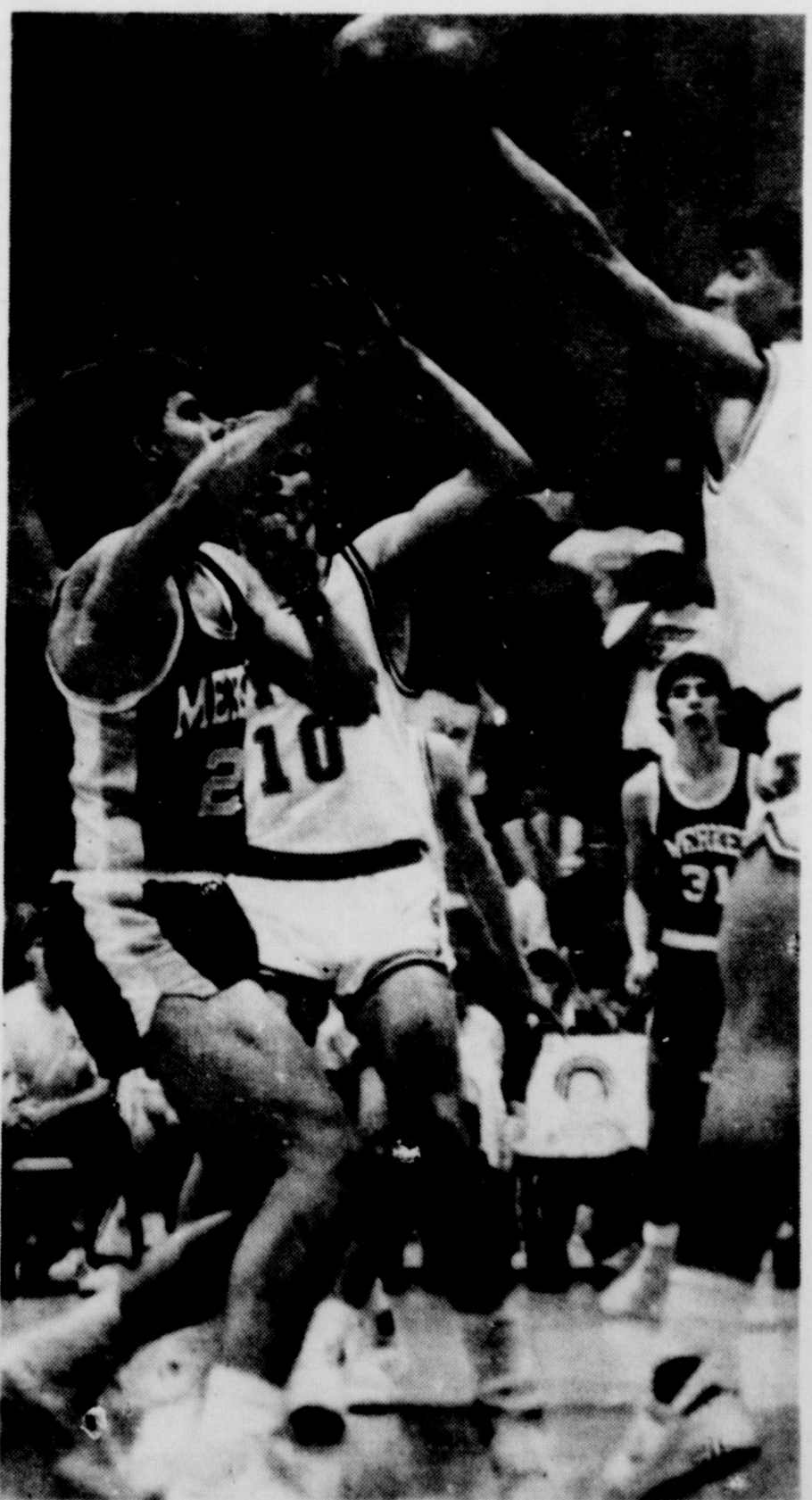
Cokes and popcorn will be sold for 50 cents each and a king and queen contest will be sponsored with votes being 25 cents each.

Watch *The Merkel Mail* for more details on the Valentine's Ball.

Gorilla Booster jackets still available

Two Gorilla Booster jackets, one size 15-20 are still available. The jackets are \$40 and are available by contact-

ing Jamie Massey at 846-4533. Proceeds will go toward the Senior Class fund by W. E. Dulaney



Lynn Hays passes the ball off in last week's win over Wylie. Hays

scored 24 to lead the Badgers to a 56-52 win to go 5-0 in district play. Staff photo

Newsbriefs

Lambda Beta meets

Lambda Beta held their meeting in the home of Sharon Young. Janet Rogers was named the club's Valentine Sweetheart. Business discussed included paying the Scout Hut's utilities and the Founders Day Banquet. A baby shower followed for Janet Rogers and her new baby Leslie Michelle. Members attending were Cindy Beaver, Jerry Carey, Robin Hicks, Janet McKeenan, Kim Robertson, Janet Rogers and Sharon Young.

Trent A-Team

The following Trent school students made all A's for the first semester and will receive A Team shirts for their efforts: Brooke Bigbee, Michael Bishop, Amanda Callas, Erin Sitter, Kaci Bland, Aaron Dulaney, John Eaves, Ashlea Parker, Mindy Ray, Kevin Sanford, Cody Smith. Also, Chris Wofford, Melesa Alexander, Matt Davis, Amanda Keith, Ryan Bigbee, Scott Dulaney, Derek Galvin, J. P. Marburger, Rebecca Evans, Allison Davis, Jaime Ray, Crystal Christensen, Krista Pruett, Jason Jontara, Denise Gibson, Renee Gibson, B. J. Poindexter, Tammy Collier, Glenna Clark, Tari Masonheimer, Brian Massey.

Garden club group meets

The Merkel Garden Club met Jan. 21 for their monthly meeting in the home of Becky Rogers, co-hostesses were Inez Detrick and Mary Click.

Roll call was answered by naming a tree. Members attending were Georgia Allday, Wynette Barkley, Peggy Black, Dot Coker, Jewel Criswell, Inez Detrick, Joyce Ferguson, Billie Hartley, Estelle Humphrey, Alice King, Shirley McBride, Olga Peachey, Bessie Perry, Dorothy Ray, Becky Rogers, Leota Sherrell and Muri Thompson. The club voted to replace a fruitless mulberry tree at Heritage Hall in observance of Arbor Day. Dot Coker brought a very interesting program on organic gardening and the use of herb gardening. She also told of her rose garden and the many varieties she raises. Billie Hartley closed the meeting with several timely tips: order your seed catalogs early; how to make and care for a cold frame; spade, border and fertilize flower beds and its time to prune your grapes and spray fruit trees. She also reminded everyone it was time to clean your tools and lawn mowers in preparation for spring. She also said it was time to dust your carried over bulbs with sulphur.

Sharp earns masters

Roy L. Sharp, formerly of Trent, received a Masters Degree of Education in Physical Education from Sul Ross State University in Alpine. Roy also holds a bachelor's in

First Monday singing

The first Monday night singing will be held at the Assembly of B. J. Poindexter, Tammy Collier, God Church Feb. 1st starting at 7 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

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Kellor is Baylor grad

David Wayne Kellor of Merkel is a recent graduate of Baylor University. David received his Bachelor Of Arts degree in ceremonies held recently in Waco.

TISD menu

The following is the TISD breakfast and lunch menu: Jan. 28: juice, biscuits & sausage, jelly; barbecued chicken, sliced potatoes with sauce, english peas, cake, rolls. Jan. 29: juice, pancakes, milk; hamburgers, fries, mixed fruit, cookies. Feb. 1: juice, cereal, milk; chicken fried steak, creamed potatoes with gravy, green beans, jello with topping. Feb. 2: juice, biscuits & sausage, jelly; spaghetti with meat sauce, english peas, salad, peanut butter cups. Feb. 3: juice, donuts; chicken enchiladas, baked potatoes, applesauce, cookies, crackers. Feb. 4: juice, cinnamon rolls; pizza, corn, salad, chocolate pudding. Feb. 5: juice, oatmeal; chili dogs, pinto beans, peaches, cookies.

Xi Nu Eta meets

The Xi Nu Eta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi held its monthly meeting in the home of Cathy Pack. Plans were made to answer

phones at the Rehab Telethon and plans were also being made for the annual Valentine's Ball planned Feb. 5th. The group is also selling chances on a Valentine Package.

The package includes a night's stay at the Embassy Suites, complete with breakfast and complimentary champagne. The program was on the proper way to mail packages and

the difference in classes of mail, and was presented by Cathy Pack. Refreshments were served to Sondra Smith, Jan Fulton, Danna Dunagin, Marilyn Tittle and Cathy Pack.




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A mammogram can detect a cancer this small, even before it can be felt. Appointments may be made by calling 928-5318.

The Mobile Breast Cancer Detection Unit will be in Merkel on Wednesday, February 3.

The American Cancer Society has established guidelines for mammography in asymptomatic women. (Women who have no symptoms of disease). Those guidelines have been adopted by the American Academy of Family Physicians, American College of Obstetrics and Gynecologists, and The American College of Radiology. Those guidelines are:

- 35-40 years of age - One baseline mammogram.
- 40-50 years of age - A mammogram every 1-2 years depending on breast type and risk factor.
- 50 years of age and over - An annual physical examination and annual mammogram.
- Asymptomatic women under 50 years of age with significant high risk factors should be examined at appropriate intervals. These risk factors include previous breast cancer and family history of cancer.

V. A symptomatic woman should have a mammogram at any age when she experiences a mass, nipple discharge, skin changes or unexplained breast pain.

A screening mammogram is an x-ray of the breast using extremely low dosages of radiation (usually comparable to dental x-rays) and is designed to find very early cancers.

A female technologist who is highly trained in mammography will perform the examination.

The charge for the screening mammogram is \$50.00. The Unit accepts cash, check, Visa, Mastercard and American Express.

For more information or to make an appointment call 928-5318.

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TRENT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL - ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 1987

	General Fund			Special Revenue Fund			Debt Service Fund		
	18 Budget	10 Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	28 Budget	20/30/40 Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	58 Budget	50 Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenues:									
Local, Intermediate, Out-of-State	\$660,453	\$679,080	\$18,627	-	-	-	\$44,540	\$50,661	\$6,121
State Program Revenues	140,756	241,910	101,154	-	-	-	-	46	46
Federal Program Revenues (Ncte E)	18,000	31,728	13,728	5,100	6,026	926	-	-	-
Total Revenues	\$819,209	\$952,718	\$133,509	\$5,100	\$6,026	\$926	\$44,540	\$50,707	\$6,167
Expenditures:									
Instruction	\$406,947	\$403,680	\$3,267	\$4,300	\$5,380	(\$1,080)	-	-	-
Instructional Computing	13,500	11,865	1,635	-	-	-	-	-	-
Instructional Resources and Media Services	7,200	6,399	801	-	-	-	-	-	-
School Administration	31,560	33,324	(1,764)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Guidance and Counseling Services	1,200	967	233	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pupil Transportation - Regula.	20,800	21,835	(1,035)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Co-curricular Activities	37,000	34,658	2,342	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food Services	49,600	47,290	2,310	-	-	-	-	-	-
General Administration	142,550	132,877	9,673	800	646	154	-	-	-
Debt Services	-	-	-	-	-	-	44,565	44,565	-
Plant Maintenance and Operations	100,500	71,777	29,123	-	-	-	-	-	-
Facilities Acquisition and Construction	-	9,415	(9,415)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	\$810,857	\$773,707	\$37,150	\$5,100	\$6,026	(\$926)	\$44,565	\$44,565	-
Other Resources and (Uses):									
Other Resources	-	\$20,184	\$20,184	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Uses	(16,496)	(20,184)	(3,688)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Other Resources and (Uses)	(\$16,496)	-	\$16,496	-	-	-	-	-	-
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Resources Over Expenditures and Other Uses	(98,144)	\$179,011	\$187,155	-	-	-	(\$25)	\$6,142	\$6,167
Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	457,005	457,005	-	-	-	-	10,568	10,568	-
Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$448,861	\$636,016	\$187,155	-	-	-	\$10,543	\$16,710	\$6,167

Local CPA says IRS has changed rules in reporting and deducting interest

by Andy Hart, CPA

This week's topic is interest expense. The IRS has broken interest into several categories including personal, mortgage, business and investment, each having its own set of rules.

Personal interest includes interest paid on car loans, credit cards, IRS student loans and other personal loans. This interest is deducted as an itemized deduction and limited to 65 percent in 1987.

Mortgage interest is one hundred percent deductible on your

Voter forms available

Voters registration forms are available at County Precinct Town Justice of the Peace's office.

Forms need to be filled out by Feb. 3rd to vote in the March primary.

principal residence and one qualified second residence. So if you own three residences you must choose which two you want to use for your mortgage interest deduction.

Your principal residence is your main residence. This can include a house, cooperative apartment, condominium, house trailer, or house boat. Your qualified second residence can include an unused second residence, a residence that is used part of the year, or a residence that is rented out, such as a vacation home. If the residence is rented out, it is subject to the use requirements relating to vacation homes.

Your mortgage interest deduction may also be limited in certain cases if you have re-financed your home after August 16, 1986. Points to obtain a home mortgage are

not deductible but points to refinance are not in most cases.

Business interest is generally one hundred per cent deductible. A loan for a business vehicle may be limited due to the allocation between personal and business use of the vehicle.

Investment interest would be on money borrowed for investment purposes such as stocks or bonds. The amount of investment interest is generally limited to the amount of investment income. The limit is not fully effective until 1991. There is also a \$10,000 ceiling in this area and any disallowed interest may be carried over to future years.

As you can see, it is very important to keep your interest expense properly segregated because of the various limitations. The IRS has provided techniques for their agents to trace loan proceeds to their point of use. For example, if you borrow \$10,000 to buy some stock and deposit it into your checking account. Let's say you wait two weeks to buy the stock and during this time you buy a home entertainment system, you probably have converted your investment interest into personal interest in the eyes of the IRS. If you borrow a lot of money for different uses it might be helpful

to set up separate accounts for these proceeds.

The IRS has devised new forms for each of these areas. Mortgage interest used to be one line on your return; now it is a two page form

with four pages of instructions and it has been estimated to take one and a half hours to fill out. This is an example of our so-called "Tax Simplification Act." Good luck!

The board of Trustees of the Merkel Independent School District is accepting sealed bids on school owned land.

The land is lots 4, 5 & 6 of Block G, West Addition, City of Merkel, Texas.

The sealed bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, February 16, 1988 at the High School Conference Room.

Persons interested in receiving more information may do so by contacting the Superintendent's Office located at 3rd & Ash Streets, Merkel, Texas, or by writing P. O. Box 430, Merkel, Texas 79636.

MISD reserves the right to reject any or all bids.
Leroy Teaff
Board President
4-11c-23

CAUSE NO 16,661
THE STATE OF TEXAS
CITATION BY PUBLICATION
CIVIL

TO: ELLIE FLORES, FORMERLY KNOWN AS ELLIE GARZA 4425 FLEETWOOD LANE APT. # 7, CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS Defendant. Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before ten o'clock A.M. of the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being Monday the 22nd day of FEBRUARY 1988, at or before ten o'clock A.M. before the Honorable County Court at Law of Taylor County, Texas, at the Court House of said County, in Abilene, Texas.

Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said Court, on the 22nd day of OCTOBER, A. D. 1987, in this cause, numbered 16,661 on the docket of said Court, and styled THE FIRST STATE BANK, ABILENE, TEXAS Plaintiff vs. ELLIE FLORES, FORMERLY KNOWN AS ELLIE GARZA Defendant.

The names of the parties to the cause are as follows:
THE FIRST STATE BANK,

ABILENE, TEXAS are Plaintiff's and ELLIE FLORES, FORMERLY KNOWN AS ELLIE GARZA are Defendants.

YOU HAVE BEEN SUED. YOU MAY EMPLOY AN ATTORNEY. IF YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY DO NOT FILE A WRITTEN ANSWER WITH THE CLERK WHO ISSUED THIS CITATION BY 10:00 A.M. ON THE MONDAY NEXT FOLLOWING THE EXPIRATION OF FORTY-TWO DAYS AFTER YOU WERE SERVED THIS CITATION AND PETITION, A DEFAULT JUDGEMENT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU. A COPY OF THE PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL PETITION ACCOMPANIES THIS CITATION.

Attorney for Plaintiff is JOE E. COPE.


A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit:

An installment note and security agreement in the original principal sum of \$6,563.44 payable to the First State Bank, Abilene, Texas on or about April 3, 1985 (note executed). Upon default of defendant in making installment payments are required by the note, First State accelerated the note pursuant to the terms. The principal remaining due and owing on the note was \$2,212.85 as of June 1st, 1987. In addition to the interest accrued due through June 1st, 1987 \$333.93 which is continuing to accrue at the rate of \$1.09 per diem until the date of Judgement.

as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

The officer executing this process shall promptly execute the same according to law, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 7TH day of JANUARY A.D. 1988.
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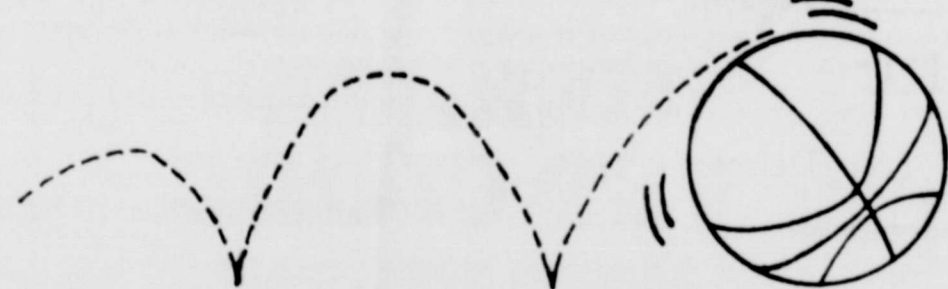
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We will always be grateful. The Family of Mrs. Ann Fitzgerald.

The family of Lottie Butman Everett would like to thank every one for the food, flowers, kindness and prayers in our time of sorrow. Your thought and gestures will always be remembered in our hearts. Thank you all again Lottie's Family

PUBLIC NOTICES

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That by virtue of a certain Writ of Execution issued out of the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County, of the 8th day of December, 1987, by Writ of Execution of said 42nd District Court of Taylor County Texas for the sum of Eighteen Thousand Three Hundred Four Dollars & 50/100 Dollars, and costs of suit, under a Judgement, in favor of 1ST NATIONAL BANK OF ABILENE, TEXAS in a certain cause in said Court, No. 40-513-A and

styled 1ST NATIONAL BANK OF ABILENE vs. DONNA WALL FERNANDEZ, placed in my hands for service, I, John W. Middleton as Sheriff of Taylor County, Texas, did on the 11th day of January, 1988, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Taylor County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: All Undivided Interest of DONNA WALL FERNANDEZ, LOT 17, BLOCK 18 NORTHWOOD ADDITION SECTION 3, Being the address of 2498 Marsalis, and levied upon as the property of DONNA WALL FERNANDEZ, and that on the first Tuesday in March, 1988, the same being the 1st day of said month at the Court House Door, of Taylor County in the City of Abilene, Texas, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., by virtue of said levy and said Writ of Execution, I will sell said above described Real Estate at public vendue, for each, to the highest bidder, as the property of said DONNA WALL FERNANDEZ.

THIS SALE WILL BE HELD AT 10:00 A.M.

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Witness my hand, this the 11th day of January, 1988.

John W. Middleton, Sheriff Taylor County, Texas by Eddie Swanson, Deputy 2-3tc-64

CAUSE NO 17-870 NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF CARRIE SHANTEAU

Notice is hereby given that Original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Carrie Shanteau were issued on January 11, 1988, in cause No. 17-870, pending in the County Court of Callahan County, Texas, in Wilda Mae Herod Rt. 1, Box 396 Clyde, Texas, 79610.

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DATED: January 20, 1988

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED, BRAD HARRIS P. O. Box 1177 Baird, Texas 79504 State Bar No. 09061800 (915) 854-1002 Attorney for the Estate of Carrie Shanteau Deceased 4-1tc-31

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GREETINGS

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

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Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court at ABILENE, Texas, this the 18th day of JANUARY, 1988.

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Trent basketball results

Both Trent basketball teams opened up district 22A action last week hosting the Blackwell Hornets.

In the girls game, Trent raced to a 22-2 1st quarter lead behind the full court press. Blackwell was unable to get the ball across the half court stripe until the 6:07 mark of the first quarter and by then the Lady Rillas were up 12-0. The 2nd quarter saw the Hornets try to come back, outscoring Trent 17-12 to go in to the locker room down 34-19. The second half saw the Lady Rillas continue to pull away, outscoring Blackwell 23-14 to put the finish on a 57-33 extermination of the Lady Hornets. Luci Masonheimer led the Lady Rillas hitting 10 of 16 from

MISD menu

The following is the MISD lunch menu:

Jan 28: fish nuggets with tartar sauce, broccoli, buttered corn, pineapple chunks.

Jan 29: corn dogs, baked beans, french fries, peanut butter cookies.

Feb 1: bar b q links, potato salad, fried okra, pear halves.

Feb 2: lasagna, whole kernal corn, lettuce & tomato salad, fresh apples.

Feb 3: toasted cheese sandwiches, vegetable soup with beef, peach macaroon.

Feb 4: chicken fried steak with creamed gravy, whipped potatoes, green beans, pink applesauce.

Feb 5th: hamburgers, fries with all the trimmings, peanut butter cookies.

Xi Nu Chi meets

The Xi Nu Chi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met in the home of Nancy Johnson Jan. 12th.

Plans were made for a Treat The Other Chapters dinner and game night held Jan. 26th.

Votes were taken for the 1988 Valentine Sweetheart. The winner will be announced at the next meeting.

A committee was appointed to make plans for the Founders Day Banquet in April along with the other three chapters of Beta Sigma Phi here.

Nancy Johnson and Nancy Duncan presented the program on making a pie crust.

Members enjoying the delicious meal were Minyon Seymore, Nancy Duncan, Sandra Wurst, Anita Allen, Connie Harris, Judy Elliott, Mary Hill, Donna Bryan and Nancy Johnson.

the field to go along with a free throw by 21 points while freshman Ginger Massey pumped in 14 points to help the Trent squad push their record to 12-5 on the season and 1-0 in district play. Heather Bacum led Blackwell with 8.

"I was real pleased with our press," said Coach Robbie Shugart. "We played good defense and Luci played exceptional."

In the boys game, Trent fell behind early before finally tying the game at 51 with 1:09 left in the game enroute to a 58-54 overtime taming of Blackwell.

The first and second quarters were pretty even with both teams' running games going full force with Blackwell going into the locker room up by 6 at the half.

In the 3rd quarter, Trent closed within three points twice only to see Blackwell pull back and up their lead to 8 at the end of the 3rd quarter.

In the final quarter, Trent outscored Blackwell 19-11 to send the game into overtime, led by Mike Payne, Lee Hunt and Joe Tarin. The Rillas started to take advantage of the Hornets mistakes and clearly had the momentum heading into the overtime period. In the overtime period, the Rillas outscored Blackwell 7-3 with 4 players scoring for Trent to put the icing on a 58-54 victory.

Leading scorers for the Rillas were Mike Payne with 19, Lee Hunt with 15 and Joe Tarin with 10 while Brian Jones led Blackwell with 20 and Andy Lee contributed 18. With the win, the Rillas upped their record to 7-7 and 1-0 in district play.

An exhausted coach Ed Donahue told The Mail "We had a slow start... as usual. They beat us earlier in the season and we had a lot of nervousness, so it took us a while to get going. We didn't show any will to win until the 4th quarter and then we started doing a much better job on both ends of the court. When we tied it up at the 1:09 mark I knew we were going to win. You could just see it in their eyes."

In Friday's cage action, Trent traveled to arch-rival Highland to take on the Hornets in district 22A action.

In a very physical game, the Lady Rillas rebounded from a 6-2

deficit to put a 35-21 whipping on the Hornets, despite a loss of three starters to foul trouble. Both teams spent more time on the free throw line than running their offense because the referees could not make up their minds what kind of game they wanted to call. As is often seen when you play at the Highland gym, "home cooking" was very evident with the Hornets losing no starters to foul trouble. Rene Gibson led the way with 11 despite being "man-handled" underneath the basket while Jennifer Miller led Highland with 9. With the win, Trent raises their record to 13-5 on the season and 2-0 in district.

Coach Robbie Shugart told The Mail "That was a hard-fought battle and I'm glad we don't play over there again until next year. Poor officiating and poor play almost cost us in the first half but it will be a different story in Trent."

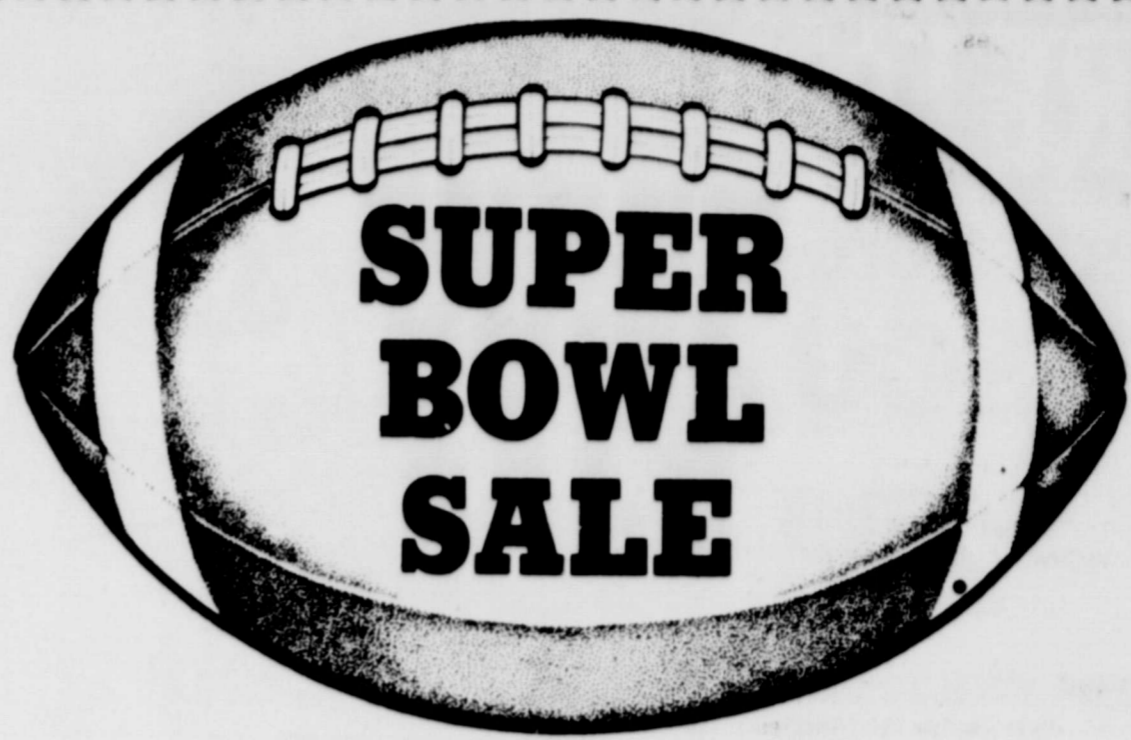
In the boys game, Trent saw their district record drop to 1-1 with a 57-52 loss to the Hornets.

The game started out like a Rilla rout with Trent opening up a 30-12 lead before Highland rebounded, scoring the last eight points of the half to go into halftime down 30-20. In the first half, center Lee Hunt played an inspired game, blocking six shots and leading the Rilla fast break to perfection. In the second half, Trent's shots quit falling while Highland scored 37 to put the icing on a Hornet win. Leading scorers for Trent were Hunt with 17 and Chris Jones had 11. Leading Highland was James Hester with 26.

A disgusted Coach Ed Donahue replied "We lost a game we should have won! We should have won hands down but a combination of poor coaching and playing saw us manage to give them the game. It was a total team loss."

The Rilla cagers will return to the court Tuesday against Roscoe (details unavailable) before returning to Trent Gym for a rematch with Highland Friday.

On a related note, the Trent Junior High girls team led by Janet Marshall and Janet Gibson and the boys, led by Pete Chavez will be playing in the Roscoe Tournament Thursday through Saturday in Roscoe.



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FRESH
BEEF LIVER SLICED POUND **69¢**

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

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

BETTER VALUE
100 CT BOX

TEA BAGS 69¢

PARADE
SWEET RAISINS 15 OZ BOX **89¢**

PARADE
CAKE MIXES 18 OZ BOX **59¢**

PARADE
COFFEE CREAMER 16 OZ JAR **79¢**

AMERICAN BEAUTY
RONI-MAC 10 OZ BAG **2/83¢**

PARADE PURE 12 OZ
SEMISWEET CHOCOLATE CHIPS \$1.19

MT DEW OR
PEPSI 12 OZ CAN
6/\$1.19

KRAFT SHELL OR CHEESE
VEL VEETA DINNER 24 OZ **\$1.19**

BETTY CROCKER
HAMBURGER HELPERS ASST BOX **\$1.29**

NORTHERN
TISSUE 4 ROLL CRTN **89¢**

PARADE
TALL KITCHEN BAGS 17 CT **89¢**

BORDEN 1/2 GAL CRTN
BUTTER MILK **99¢**

BORDEN
LOW FAT MILK
GAL **\$1.83**
JUG

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

FACIAL TISSUE

KLEENEX 250 CT BOX **\$1.09**

DETERGENT

TIDE UNSCENTED 42 OZ BOX **\$1.89**

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

FROZEN FOODS

PARADE
WHIP TOPPING

8 OZ TUB **69¢**

JENOS ASST 6 OZ

PIZZA ROLL \$1.09

STILWELL 24 OZ BAG

BREADED OKRA \$1.39

BANQUET 20 OZ ASST

FRUIT PIES EA 98¢

GLADIOLA

FLOUR

5 LB BAG **79¢**

D'ANJOU PEARS

SWEET JUICY

59¢ POUND

FRESH CELLO

CAULIFLOWER LB 69¢

WASH EX FCY DELICIOUS

RED APPLES LB 39¢

FRESH GREEN

CABBAGE LB 19¢

SUNKIST

LEMONS 3/39¢

HASS LARGE

AVOCADOS EA 49¢

DOLE

BANANAS LB 39¢

RUSSET

SPUDS 10 LB BAG 99¢

MARYLAND CLUB
COFFEE
1 LB **\$1.49** 2ND \$2.19
CAN
WITH '15 IN TRADE OR MORE
EXCLUSIVE OF CIGARETTES



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TRIPPLE
DOWNY PINESOL
21 OZ SIZE **\$1.89**
40 OZ JUG **\$2.59**

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CARSON'S
SUPER MARKET
Fresh Vegetables
Best Meats in Town
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