

# The Merkel Mail

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Thursday, May 12, 1988

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The city was busy working on the site of the new City Hall this week. City employees removed an existing foundation and hauled it away. After the lot has been leveled, a new foundation will be poured. (Staff photo)

## Jowers, Pursley in state track meet

Merkel's Brit Pursley and Kenneth Jowers will be competing in the State Track Meet at Memorial Stadium in Austin Friday.

Both runners will be racing Friday evening and they will each have one shot only at earning a medal.

Jowers enters the 800 as the current district and regional champ. He is a junior and his coach, Luke Taylor, says Kenneth will have to run somewhere in the 1:56 range to win that event, but says Kenneth has a solid shot at a medal.

Pursley enters the 110 high hurdles with the state's best time, regardless of classification as he ran a 13.53 at the district meet in Sonora. Pursley

ran a 14 at a state qualifiers meet last weekend at ACU and has competed against the state's best field at the Texas Relays in April. His main competition will be a runner from Rockdale who beat Brit at the Texas Relays in a close race.

Badger track coach Luke Taylor told **The Mail** Tuesday "Both of them have a real good chance of bringing home a medal. I don't know too much about the other 800 runners in the state meet."

The 800 starts around 7 p.m. and Brit's hurdle race immediately follows. Coach Taylor said they would stay in Austin Saturday to watch the Southwest Conference track meet, also being held at Memorial Stadium.

## Out with the old, in with the old?

by Cloy A. Richards

It is out with some of the old and in with some new week around the ol' **Merkel Headache** this week.

We installed a new typesetting system (as I am sure you are aware by now) and went back to the old art at the top of page one (as I hope you are aware of by now).

The new typesetting system is computer driven and is pretty neat. I only understand about ten per cent of it at the moment. It's really a neat system. My brother, Glenn, has been in town to show us how it works. Besides having an initial problem of getting the computer and a printer to talk to each other, the conversion has gone very well.

One thing will be a little frustrating for some readers. The system has a speller and it should eliminate most of the words I spell incorrectly. I know there are a few that will greatly miss some words that I butcher while attempting to match my mind and fingers during the writing process.

We hope you like the way the paper looks. We know its a lot easier to read and it should be a better product once we learn how everything works.

We appreciate your patience over the past couple of months in living with a type that was hard to read.

Voters re-elected three incumbents in the city race and elected a new school board member in Saturday's local election.

All three councilmen were re-elected and one incumbent school board member was defeated. The turnout was pretty typical of a single issue election here, less than 50 percent of the registered voters bothered to let their opinions be known and that is rather sad.

Merkel will be represented by two athletes and Trent one in this weekend's state UIL meets in Austin.

Kenneth Jowers and Brit Pursley will be competing in the state track meet and Luci Masonheimer of Trent will be in the state tennis tournament.

Luci should know the road to Austin pretty well by now as she was there Friday in the state UIL Academic meet where she won the spelling contest. It was her third year in a row to qualify for that event. This is her first trip to the tennis tournament.

Brit's an old hand and the state track meet as this is his third year to compete. It will be the first time he doesn't have to worry about taking his pole vaulting equipment but he has a solid shot at a medal in the 110 high hurdles. It also marks the end of an era in Merkel track as he ends the reign of Pursley's in Merkel track. Brothers Brad and Bart won their share of track meets while wearing Badger uniforms.

Kenneth also has a solid chance at winning in a medal in the 800. Kenneth is one of those runners who runs better with good competition as he had his two best times of the season in the district and regional meet.

Good luck in Austin gang.

I guess you have noticed by now that the city will be constructing the new City Hall on the lot at the corner of Old Highway 80 and Kent Street here.

An idea to house the city hall in the old sanctuary building of the Merkel Church of Christ was never brought before council to be acted on.

The city was busy making preparations for a new slab early this week and work should get underway pretty soon.

It will be interesting to watch that facility being constructed.

## City talks 88-89 budget

The Merkel City Council met Monday night and canvassed election returns from Saturday's city election. Councilmen also held a public hearing on the 1988-89 city budget, which no citizens attended.

Council also discussed the upcoming budget, saying the city would have to watch its spending during the next fiscal year.

City manager J. A. Sadler swore in the three council members re-elected Saturday. Ted Smith led the way with 130 votes, James McKee gathered 118 and Phillip Doan garnered 116. Challenger Rodney McClintock had 88 votes and former MISD athletic director Dick Lepard had a write-in vote.

Merkel mayor Kent Satterwhite appointed Ted Smith to again serve as mayor pro tem.

Sadler gave a progress report on progress of the new City Hall. The city removed the existing slab on the lot at the corner of Kent and Old Highway 80 Sunday and Monday and plans to are to fill in the area before a new slab is poured.

Councilmen approved a water tap request from a woman living in the Cedar Hills addition Northeast of Merkel. The city has existing water lines in the area and the request must now be approved by the City of Abilene.

The public hearing on the budget was held during the regular meeting. Council looked at a report prepared by the city manager that compared local salaries to cities in this area with similar populations.

The survey showed Merkel to be in line with salaries paid by other cities. Those cities included Cisco, Eastland, Ballinger, Winters and Stamford.

Councilmen had asked for the survey at their last regular meeting when considering a pay raise for employees, who have not had a raise in two years. Merkel mayor Kent Satterwhite said "I don't think we have any employees who are overpaid and I would like to see us give them a raise, but we just don't have the money."

## School board canvasses election, elects officers

The Merkel School Board held a special meeting Monday night to canvass election results and elect officers.

One incumbent was defeated and one was re-elected in Saturday's election. Ronny Doan defeated incumbent Lee Yaddow 235 to 142.

Bill Sloan was re-elected as he defeated Connie Ybarra 212-161.

Officers for the board are Leroy Teaff- president, Gary Smith- vice president and Greg Henderson- secretary.

In other action Monday night, board members looked at copies of MHS student pre-registration forms and learned of a program that will be presented to 8th grade students.

The next regular session of the board will be held May 17th.

## Tye election results

Two incumbents were re-elected and one defeated in city election held in Tye Saturday.

Tye mayor Violet E. Law was re-elected with 110 votes.

Incumbent Place 2 councilman David Perry was defeated as he drew nine votes in the election. Elected was Booth Childers with 55 votes. He narrowly defeated Leota Griffin, who drew 51 votes. The other candidate in the race, Larry Storie drew 12 votes.

Place 4 incumbent James Deen ran unopposed and he drew 106 votes.

Mayor pro tem Ted Smith said "I don't see how we can increase our income so we will have to look at our expenses to hold down costs."

Sadler said the city could look at dropping its liability insurance because of recent legislation concerning tort liability. Sadler said the city is paying about \$15,000 per year for the coverage and a new state law limits liability on governmental bodies.

Council asked the city manager to look into the guidelines concerning increasing the local share of the sales tax.

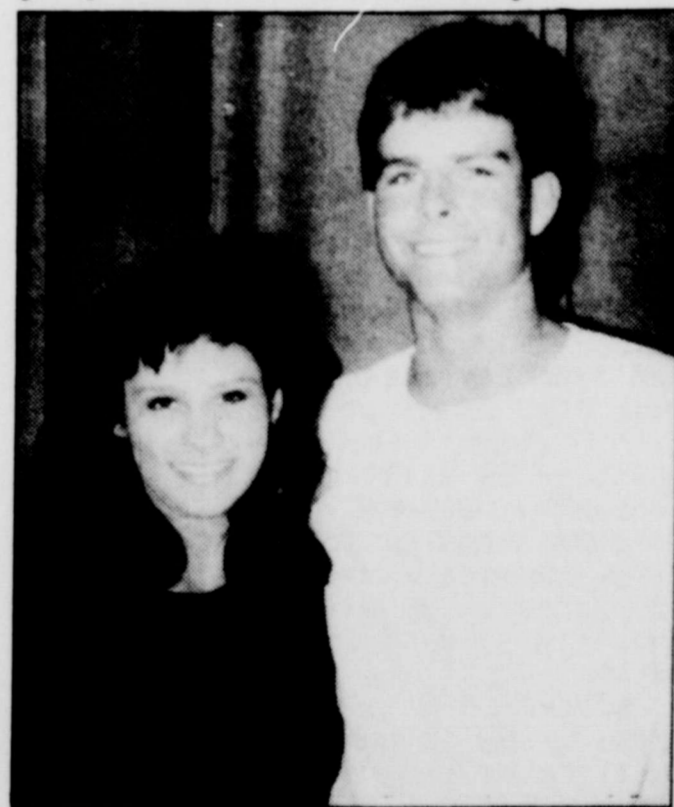
In other action, councilmen learned the city's insurance carrier has claimed no liability on water damage to a local home. A water customer had requested service to be discontinued to a local home and the service was not shut off. During the pasty winter, pipes froze and burst inside the home and the home's owner has filed a damage claim.

Council had also expressed an interest in past due water accounts. They agreed that customers over 60 days past due but shut off until the past due bills are paid. They also discussed a water account for the race track in Tye that is \$740 past due. Councilmen decided to shut the water off until the past due is paid. They also requested a list of past due customers for their next meeting.

Merkel police chief Bob Jones also presented the monthly police report. Merkel police worked a total of 49 cases in April. They included four cases of forgery, four traffic accidents, two cases of criminal mischief and a driving while intoxicated. They also investigated two thefts, and a case each of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, discharging a firearm in the city limits, injury to a child, assault, harassing phone calls and a terroristic threat.

Police also answered a dog call, made six arrests and issued 20 traffic citations.

Council's next meeting will be held May 23rd at 7 p.m. at the Merkel Emergency Medical Service Building.



Krista Toombs and Lynn Hays were named Ms. & Mr. MHS Tuesday, to complete a cycle started in second grade when they were crowned king and queen of the Halloween Carnival. (Photo by Glenn Richards)

## Early deadline Monday

The Merkel Mail will have an early deadline next week as all news and ads will be due at Noon Monday.

The paper will be printed and delivered one day early next week.

The change is being made as the publishers will be attending the wedding of their niece.

We anticipate and will appreciate your cooperation.



## County FmHA candidates needed

Taylor County farmers interested in being elected to the Farmers Home Administration county committee have until May 19 to get their nominating petitions signed and turned in to FmHA, according to county supervisor Don M. Newhouse.

One person will be elected to a three year term to the three person committee as the June 30th election. Newhouse said any one who had an interest in a farm in the county as owner, tenant or sharecropper is eligible to run. A spouse of an eligible farmer is

also eligible to run.

The petitions, which must be signed by the candidate and two eligible voters, and other information can be obtained at the FmHA county office at 2203 Federal Building in Abilene.

The FmHA county committee performs a variety of duties including making decisions on applicants' eligibility for FmHA farm loans. Two committee members are elected by county farmers and the third is appointed by the FmHA.

## Johnson-Fogle repeat wedding vows

Wayne Johnson, son of Odie and Beverly Johnson of Trent and Larry Johnson of Fort Worth and Carrie Fogle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Fogle of Sweetwater, were married April 29th at the home of the bride's parents.

Wayne is a 1985 graduate of Merkel High and attends Western Texas College in Snyder.

Carrie will graduate this month from Sweetwater High School and will attend TSTI.

### White Church

The White Church Cemetery Association will hold a business meeting and work day Saturday starting at 10 a.m.

People attending are asked to bring a lawnmower and the group will be electing new officers.

### Trent awards

Trent High school will be holding its annual awards banquet May 20th at Allen's Family Style Meals in Sweetwater.

Tickets are available at the school office and cost is \$7 each.

### Local graduate

Jamie Lee Castille of Merkel is one of 239 Wayland Baptist University Students who will participate in graduation exercises next week.

Jamie will be receiving his degree in occupational technology in ceremonies Friday.

### All-sports

The Merkel High all sports banquet will be held May 21 at 7 p.m. at the Merkel Church of Christ's Family Center.

Tickets can be purchased from Gayle Baker at the High School or from Virgil Jones at the F & M Bank or by calling Pat Brandon at 928-4092. The tickets are free to the high school athletes but a charge of \$6 will be made to parents or guests.

Reservations must be made by May 18 and there will be no tickets sold at the door.

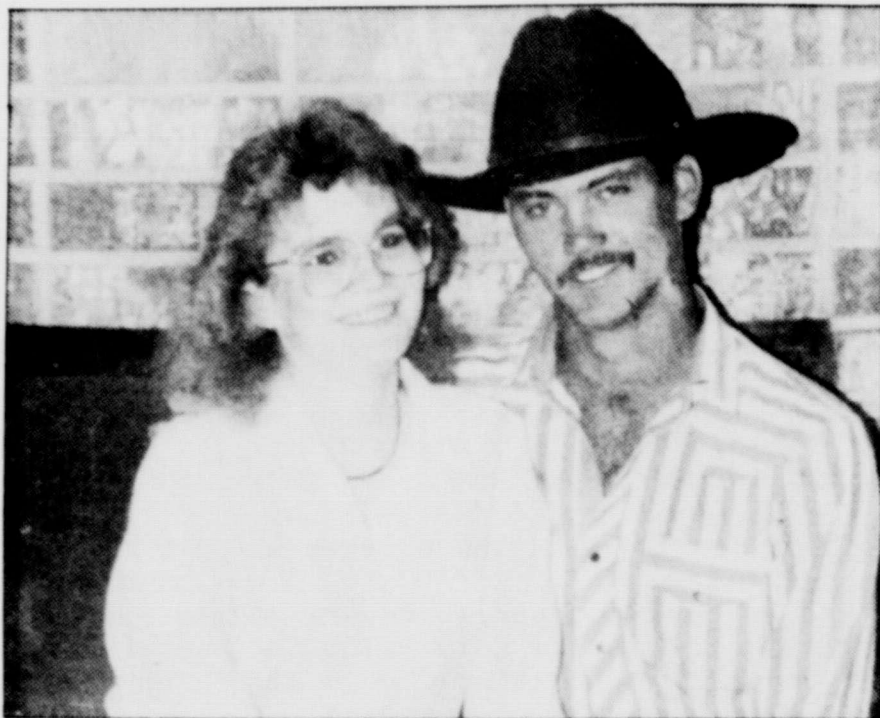
The guest speaker for the banquet will be former all-pro football player Don Maynard.

The public is invited

### Local McMurry grads named

Three Merkel students were among the 195 students who recently participated in graduation ceremonies at McMurry College in Abilene.

They are: Suzanne Lister Davis. Suzanne received her degree in elementary education; Melinda Kay Tipton Hobbs. She also received her degree in elementary education; Ronny Ray Powell. He received his degree in theatre.



## Trent election results

The community of Trent went to the polls Saturday to elect two school board members and two city council members.

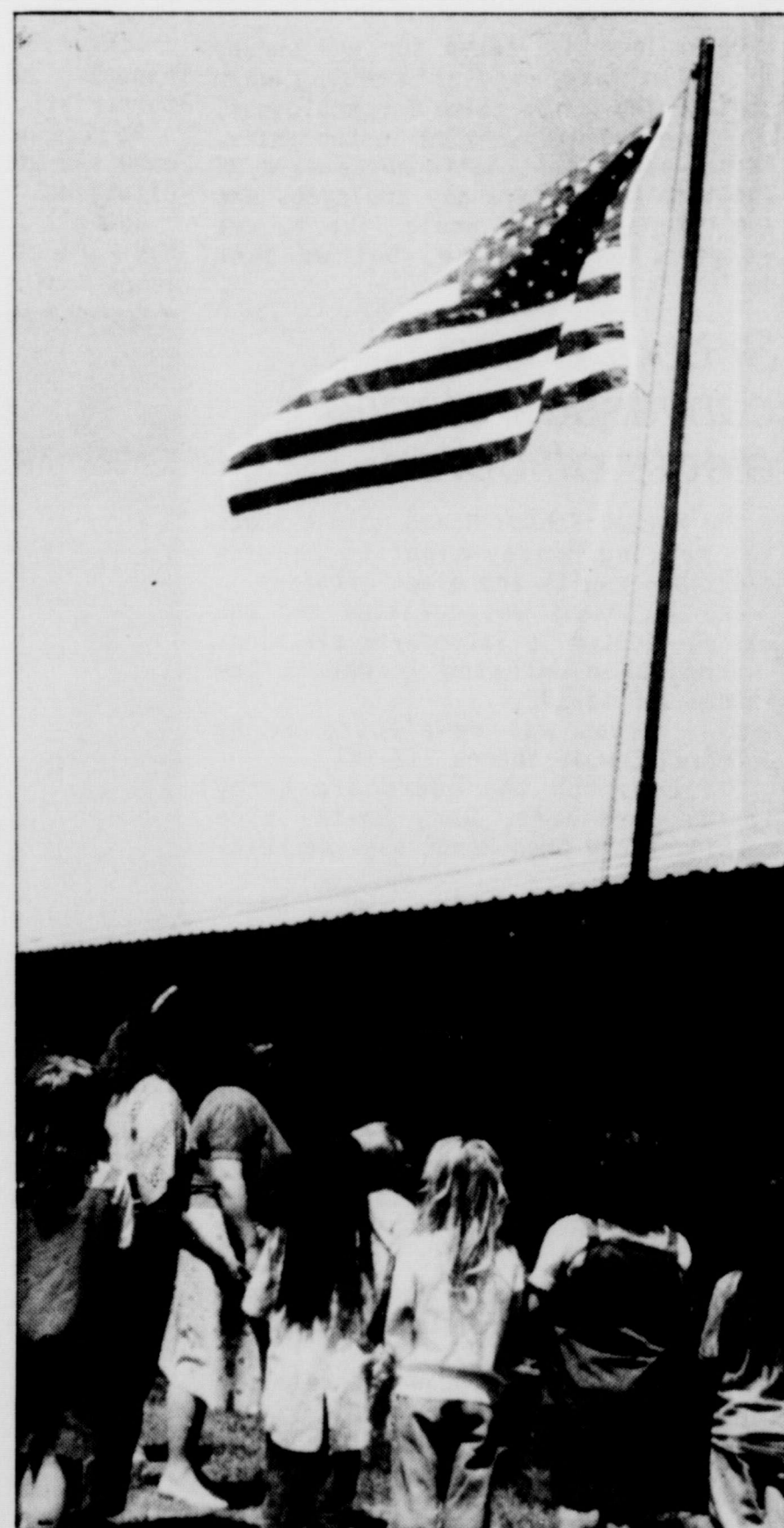
In the school board election, Mac Sipe with 88 votes and Jerry Williams with 73 votes easily outdistanced challenger Gary Beam who received 15 votes, also receiving votes were Rocky Bryan and Eddie Dulaney who each received one write

in vote.

In the City Council election, Rocky Bryan received 45 votes and Randy Hunt 33 to win seats on the city council.

The two challengers, R. T. Bishop and John Dunn received 20 and 19 votes respectively while Eddie Dulaney received a write in vote.

by W. W. Dulaney



Local Brownies and Girl Scouts held a flag ceremony at the Scout Hut Monday afternoon. The ceremony is designed to teach respect for the flag. (Staff photo)

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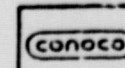
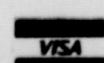
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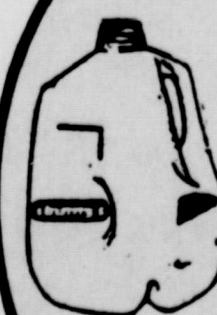
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**Massey's services held here**

Alma Massey, 83, formerly of Merkel, died May 5th at Radford Hill Convalescence Center in Abilene. Funeral services were held May 9th at Calvary Baptist Church here with the Rev's. Joe Davis and David Strange, pastor, officiating. Burial followed at Rose Hill Cemetery here under the direction of the Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born March 2, 1905 in Sherman, she was the daughter of the late John and Nora (Lindsey) Suter. She and her husband, Charlie, who died March 12th of this year, had operated a fruit stand here.

She was very active in her church and she had lived here for 60 years.

She is survived by a son, Donald Harris of Anaheim, Ca., a daughter Barbara Greenwood of La Grange; two brothers, J. L. Suter of Big Spring and Gene Suter of Durant; two sisters Mae Thaxton of Merkel and Pearl Barnett of Albuquerque, N. M., as well as four grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by a daughter, two grandchildren and two sisters.

**Softball tourney**  
The Girls Softball Association will be holding a fun tournament Friday starting at 6:30 p.m. at the softball field.

The tournament is open to anyone high school age or older. Entry fee is \$5 per person and teams will be drawn from a hat just before playing time.

The concession stand will be open and everyone is urged to come out and have a good time while supporting girls softball here.

**Miss Merkel pageant photos are here**

Photos from the Miss Merkel & Little Mr. Merkel pageant are in and can be picked up at 706 Yucca in Merkel.

The free 11 X 14's furnished to the winners need to be picked up at Snappy Photo in Abilene.

Any questions regarding photos can be directed to Virginia Pirraglia at 928-4379.



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**Services held here for Sara Malone**

Sara Laura Malone, 72, formerly of Merkel, died May 3rd at D. C. General Hospital in Washington D. C.

Funeral services were held May 6th at Merkel's First United Methodist Church with John Wagoner, pastor, officiating. Burial followed at Rose Hill Cemetery here under the direction of the Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born May 19, 1915 in Merkel, she was the daughter of Mark Lafette and Minnie Mae (Stanford) Malone.

**PTO meeting set**

The Merkel Parent-Teachers Organization will meet Monday at 3:30 p.m. in Mrs. Kelso's classroom.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss a planned change of the organizations' by-laws.

Anyone interested is invited to attend.

**Church hosts group**

The New Testament Church will host a group of young people as special guests at their Sunday 10 a.m. service.

The group, known as PAROUSIA, originated in Waxahachie and they minister in music, drama and personal testimony.

They also minister to children through object lessons and music.

The public is invited to attend and hear and see this special presentation.

She was a graduate of Yates Sipe and Royce Fowler. **Masonheimer wins state**  
Luci Masonheimer, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. James Masonheimer of Trent, placed first in the UIL State Spelling Contest Saturday in Austin.

It was the third consecutive years she had participated in the state UIL Academic meet and her first win.

Luci will be competing in the UIL State Tennis Tournament this weekend.

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## Starr Nursing Home needs vounteers

By Charlotte Humphrey and Cookie Martin

Starr Nursing Home would like to say happy birthday to our residents celebrating birthdays in the month of May: Lillian Brenem, Willie Chancey, Willie Douglas, Rosa Garcia, Georgia Riberia, and Billie Hartley. We would also like to give a big welcome to our new residents, Mrs. Billie Hartley and Rosetta Barley.

Anyone interested in participating in the Mayor encourages Buddy Poppy purchases

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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  
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volunteer program is encouraged to attend a monthly volunteer meeting May 18 at 2:30 p.m. There are elderly people who need one on one social contact that only a volunteer can provide. The topic of the meeting this month is "special friends". Give Charlotte a call if you are unable to attend the meeting but would like to give a few minutes each week to one

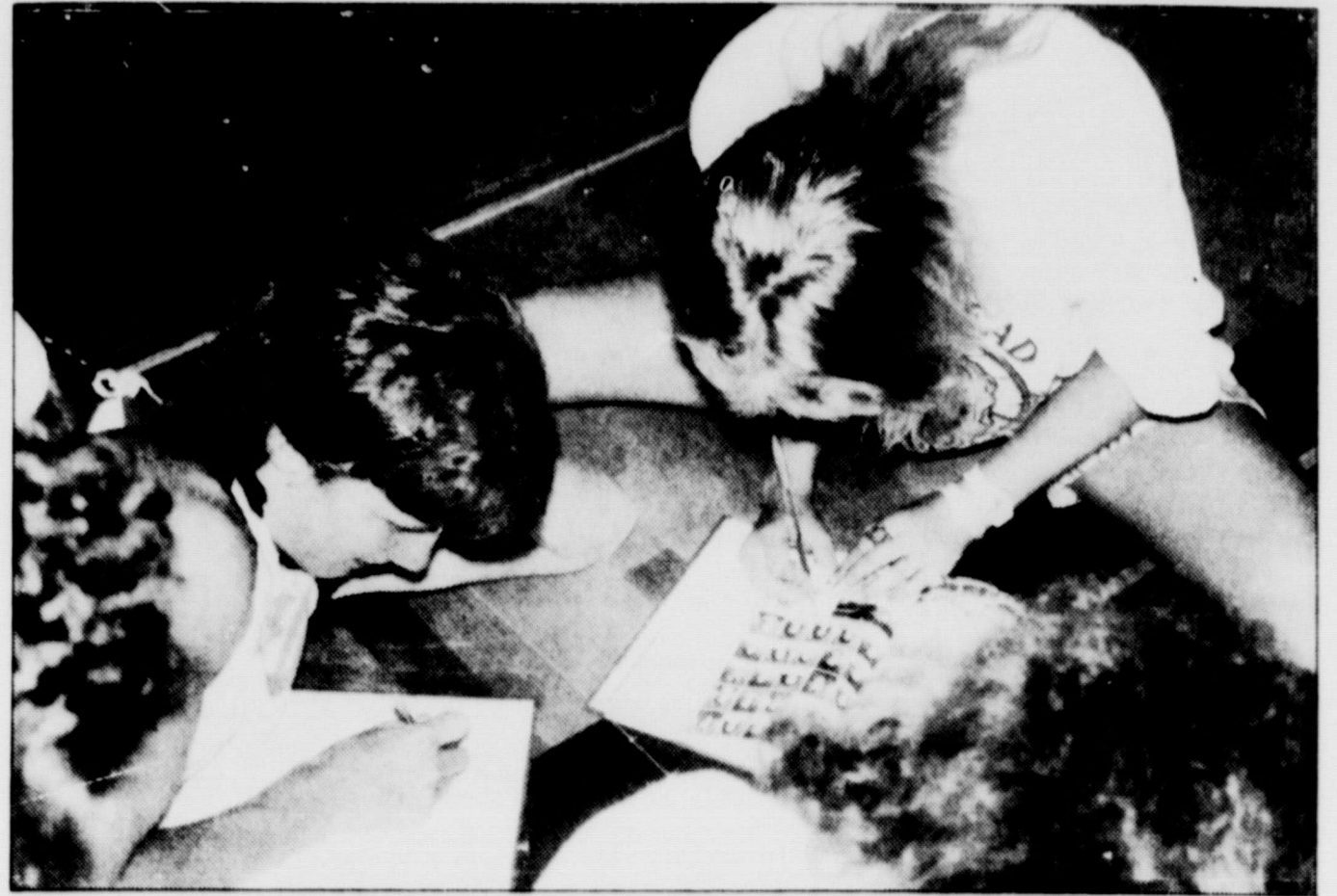
of our residents.

The public is invited to attend any of our activities next month: May 12- bingo 7 p.m., May 17- bingo sponsored by the VFW 7 p.m., May 18 birthday party 1:30 p.m., May 19- country & western band 7 p.m., June 14 gospel singing 7 p.m.

Starr Nursing Home welcomes all visitors and you are asked to sign the register on your next visit.



The Merkel Middle School cheerleaders were recently elected. They are (from left) Crystal Newberry (mascot), Andrea Richardson, Kimberly Holmes, Mandy Law, Corley Segovia, Dana Hammond and Heather Henderson. (Complimentary photo)



Michael Blue and Misti Doan sign annuals at Merkel High Gym Tuesday. Following an assembly presented by the annual staff, students were given time to sign annuals. (Photo by Glenn Richards)

## Pruett's announce engagement

Mr. & Mrs. John J. Pruet of San Antonio have announced the engagement of their daughter, Lynette to Eric Wilson, son of Danna Wilson of Merkel and John Wilson of White Settlement.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Clark High School and recently received her degree from Abilene Christian University.

The prospective bride-

groom also recently received his degree from ACU and is a graduate of Haskell High School.

A July 2 wedding is planned at the Oak Hills Church of Christ in San Antonio.

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### TISD school lunch menu

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May 12: juice, cinnamon rolls; hot turkey sandwich, creamed potatoes, english peas, applesauce.

May 13: juice, buttered toast, jelly; hamburgers, trimmings, pork & beans, fruit, cookies.

May 16: juice, cereal, milk; fish wedges, macaroni & cheese, cole slaw, chocolate pudding, rolls.

May 17: juice, donuts, milk, chicken crisps, creamed potatoes with gravy, green beans, jelly with fruit.

May 18: juice, cinnamon rolls, milk; pizza, corn, salad, Apple crisp.

May 19: juice, biscuits & sausage, jelly; brisket, pinto beans, potato salad, peaches.

May 20: juice, malto meal, toast; hot dogs, french fries, fruit, cookies.

Lessee, said Lease covering the SW 1/4 of Section 7, Block 3 S.P. RR Co. Surveys, Taylor County, Texas, and being recorded in Volume 1240, page 323, of the Deed Records of Taylor County, Texas.

2. 2.625% working interest in and to certain Oil, Gas & Mineral Leases assigned to Cottonwood Petroleum Company to Big Star Drilling on November 15, 1983, said assignment being recorded in Volume 1326, page 123, of the Deed Records of Taylor County, Texas, said lease covering 20.02 acres of Section 21, Lunatic Asylum Lands, Taylor County, Texas.

3. Being all that 6.25% working interest in and to those certain Oil, Gas & Mineral Leases assigned to Raven Royalty Corporation to Big Star Drilling, Inc. by Assignment recorded in Volume 1341, page 651, of the Deed Records of Taylor County, Texas, said leases covering 118.6 acres out of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 43, Lunatic Asylum Lands, and 227 acres out of the W.E. Vaughn Survey No. 106, all in Taylor County, Texas.

more particularly describing in said Assignment.

4. 3.125% working interest in and to that certain Oil, Gas & Mineral Lease known as the Griffith Lease, which lease covers the South 100 acres of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 42, Blind Asylum Lands, Taylor County, Texas as shown in that certain Assignment from Keith Wells to Big Star Drilling Company, recorded in Volume 1407, page 797, of the Deed Records of Taylor County, Texas, and levied upon as the property of Big Star Drilling Company and that on the first Tuesday in June, 1988, the same being the 7th 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 venue, for each, to the highest bidder as the property of said Big Star Drilling Company.

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John W. Middleton  
Sheriff, Taylor County, Texas  
by Eddie Swanson, Jr.  
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In the above numbered and entitled estate filed.

AN APPLICATION FOR DECLARATION OF

Said application will be heard and acted on by said Court at 10:00 a.m. on the first Monday next after the expiration of 10 days from the date of publication of this citation, the same being the 23rd day of May, 1988, at the County Courthouse in Abilene, Taylor County, Texas.

All persons interested in said estate are hereby cited to appear before said Honorable Court at said above mentioned time and place by filing a written answer contesting such application should they desire to do so.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

ISSUED UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF SAID COURT at office in Taylor County, Texas, this the 23rd day of May 1988.

Janice Lyons, Clerk  
Probate & County Court  
Taylor County, Texas  
by, Tana Schulle,  
Deputy  
19-1TC

**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, Texas, of the 16th day of March, 1988, by Writ of Execution of said 42nd District Court of Taylor County, Texas for the sum of Two Thousand Forty Five & 12/100 Dollars and costs of suit, under a Judgment, in favor of Brock Operating, Inc. vs. Robert Muarer, placed in my hands for service, I, John W. Middleton, as Sheriff of Taylor County, Texas, did on the 17th day of March, 1988, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Taylor County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: All Undivided Working Interest of Robert Maurer being 4.5% 158 acres out of the east side of the A. L. Vail Survey #427, Abstract 414, Taylor County, Texas, in so far as it covers the proration unit for the Jacobs 1A well, being located 330 feet from the S. Line of said A. L. Vail #427 and levied upon as the property of Robert Maurer, and that on the first Tuesday in June, 1988, the same being the 7th day of said month at the Court House door of Taylor County, in the City of Abilene, Texas, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. by virtue of said levy and said Writ of Execution, I will sell said above described Real Estate at public venue, for each, to the highest bidder, as the property of said Robert Maurer.

SALE WILL BE HELD AT 10:00 a.m.  
SALE WILL BE FOR CASH OR A CASHIER'S CHECK FROM A TAYLOR COUNTY BANK

ONLY.  
And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale in The Merkel Mail, a newspaper published in Taylor County, Texas.

Witness my hand, this the 18th day of April, 1988.

John W. Middleton  
Sheriff, Taylor County, Texas  
By Eddie W. Swanson,  
Deputy  
17-3tc

**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 28th day of March, 1988, by Writ of Execution of said 42nd District Court of Taylor County, Texas for the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Five Hundred Twenty Six \$ 31/100 Dollars and costs of suit under a Judgment in favor of Gillespie Oil Company in a certain cause in said Court No. 40,088-A and styled Gillespie Oil Company vs. Big Star Drilling, placed in my hands for service, I, John W. Middleton as Sheriff of Taylor County, Texas, did on the 20th day of April, 1988, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Taylor County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: All Undivided Working Interest of the following described property:  
1. 1/32 working interest in and to that certain Oil, Gas & Mineral Lease dated April 1, 1982 from Fred E. Allyn and wife, Mary E. Allyn, in favor of Billy Standard as

## Church Services Schedule

This Worship Schedule Sponsored by:

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**First United Methodist Church**  
S. 3rd and Locust  
Pastor - John Wagoner  
928-5333

Sunday	
Early Worship	8:30 A.M.
Church School	9:45 A.M.
Evening Worship	10:50 A.M.
Very Important Kids	
1st thru 5th Grade	5:30 P.M.
Jr. High UMY	5:30 P.M.
Sr. High UMY	6:15 P.M.

Wednesday	
Children's Choir	
Pre-School thru 2nd Grade	5:30 P.M.
3rd thru 5th Grade	6:30 P.M.

**Grace Presbyterian Church**  
South 2nd and Ash  
Pastor - Robert Christian

Sunday	
Sunday School	10:00 A.M.
Morning Worship	11:00 A.M.

**New Testament Church**  
S. 5th and Trundy  
Prayer Line 928-3394  
Pastor - Bro. Bill Dickson  
Minister of Music Bro. Joe Malcuit

Sunday	
Praise and Worship	10:00 A.M.
Preaching	11:00 A.M.
Bible Study	6:00 P.M.

Tuesday	
Women's Prayer & Bible Study	9:30 A.M.

Wednesday	
Prayer Service	7:00 P.M.

**Calvary Baptist Church**  
506 Runnels  
928-5120  
Pastor - David Strange

Sunday	
Sunday School	10:00 A.M.
Morning Worship	11:00 A.M.
Children's Church	11:00 A.M.
Children's Choir Practice	5:00 P.M.
Financial Seminar	5:00 P.M.
Evening Services	6:00 P.M.

Wednesday	
Prayer Meeting	7:00 P.M.

**St. Mark's Episcopal Church**  
3150 Vogel  
677-1471  
Pastor - Charles Chatham

Sunday	
Church School	9:00 A.M.
Service	10:30 A.M.

Wednesday	
Service	7:00 P.M.

**First Assembly of God Church**  
2nd and Runnels  
928-5154  
Pastor - Richard Sessions

Sunday	
Early Worship	9:45 A.M.
Morning Worship	11:00 A.M.
Evening Worship	6:00 P.M.

Wednesday	
Family Night	7:00 P.M.

**Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church**  
1300 Locust  
928-5239  
Father Frank Zimmermann  
Father Lee Zimmermann

Saturday	
Mass	5:30 P.M.

Sunday	
Confessions	10:15 A.M.-11:00 A.M.
Mass	11:00 A.M.
CCD Classes	9:15 A.M.

Mon-Tues-Thurs-Fri-Sat	
Mass	7:30 A.M.

Wednesday	
Mass	7:00 P.M.

**First Baptist Church**  
S. 3rd and Locust  
928-5351  
Pastor - Wayne Keller  
Education Minister - Johnny Warren  
Music Minister - Roy Davis

Sunday	
Sunday School	9:30 A.M.
Morning Worship	10:45 A.M.
Children's Choir	5:30 P.M.
Church Training	6:00 P.M.
Sanctuary Choir	6:00 P.M.
Evening Worship	7:00 P.M.

Wednesday	
Prayer Meeting	6:30 P.M.
Acteans, G.A.'s, R.A.'s, Mission Friends	6:30 P.M.

**Merkel Church of Christ**  
S. 7th and Ash  
928-5024  
Minister - Bob Brandon

Sunday	
Bible Class	9:45 A.M.
Morning Worship	10:30 A.M.
Evening Worship	6:00 P.M.

Wednesday	
Evening Bible Class	7:30 P.M.

Call 928-5712 if you would like to be a church page sponsor.

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I would like to thank all of you who took the time to vote in the election Saturday. I am especially grateful for the many people who helped me win the election. I will do my best to serve the people of this district.

RONNY DOAN

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# Classifieds

**FOR SALE**

Piano for sale, \$200. 814 Yucca 928-4303 Lela Holden.

19-1tp

Storm shelters: Pre-cast concrete. 2 models available. Tom Landers-Clyde (915) 893-5496.

14-13tp

For sale: 1984 Melody mobile home, 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Call 928-5192.

16-tfc

For Sale: registered Hereford bull Anxiety IV breeding. 8 months old. (915) 846-4871.

19-1tp

For Sale: 830 Case Tractor, 2400 Hours. 16' Grain Drill, 16' Tandem. 846-3041.

19-2tp

**MISC.**

Let me keep your children in my home. I supply breakfast, lunch, snacks and lots of attention. Family discounts. For more information call Stephanie White at 928-3353 or come by 1212 South 3rd.

19-1tc

3 kittens given free to good homes. 2 Calico and 1 black. 7 weeks old. Call 928-5613.

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17-3tp

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15-tfc

**FIREWORKS SALES**

Good earnings potential, Ages 18 & up. Good fund raiser for your group, great family project. Open June 24-July 4. Call today for more information. (817) 855-2241.

19-3tc

Horse found at Church of Christ parking lot May 4, 1988. Call and identify Merkel Vet Clinic at 928-5235.

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Found: Available for adoption if not claimed: Some animals free to good homes. Super nice cat. Well behaved terrier cross female dog. Cute border collie pups, 3 males 5 females. Shepherd cross female pup. Merkel Vet Clinic 928-5235.

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Germania Insurance Company. For your insurance needs. Locally represented by Donna Carter, please call 928-5348.

TFC

Handy man: mowing, roto-tilling, small repair jobs, clean-up, etc. For any job around the house, call 928-3373.

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

We stock Pontiacs and GMC trucks. We order Olds, Buicks, Cadillacs, etc. Palmer Pontiac and GMC. 928-5113.

6-TFC

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

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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

Will do typing in my home. I also have Watkins Products and Mary Kay Cosmetics. Call Martha Sue Justice at 928-5017.

TFC

Repair it, change it, assemble it or build it. Call Don Wilson 846-4422 or Mike Wolf 554-7845 for a free estimate.

19-2tp

Applications are being accepted for experienced grill cooks, prep cooks and waitresses. Apply in person Wylie Shamrock.

16-4TC

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16-4tc

**FOR RENT**

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TFC

1, 2 & 3 bedroom mobile homes. Rents range from \$185 to \$200. Mobile home lots for rent near school \$50 per month. West end of S 7th. Call 928-4973.

TFC

For Rent: 3 Bedroom brick house with central air and heat, fenced in back yard, \$300 per month plus \$200 deposit. 1411 N. 2nd. 928-4866.

18TFC

In Merkel, for sale or rent: 3 bedroom home with fireplace, double carport, fenced in yard. Call 846-3191.

18-2TP

House for rent: 2 bedrooms, very nice, very private, available May 1st. Call 928-5189.

18-TFNC

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**REAL ESTATE**

Just listed! 3 bedroom 1 3/4 bath, large living area. Utility room, 2 dining areas. Immaculate condition \$39,000. Herbie 1-673-6646, McClure Realtors 1-698-3211.

18-2TP

Now accepting sealed bids on 3 bedroom house located at 202 Locust to be moved from lot. Bids will be opened May 20, 1988.

We reserve the right to refuse any and all bids.

Mildred Starbuck  
Box 218  
Merkel, Tx 79536

16-4TC

For Sale: Neat 3 Bdrm., 2 Bath, Brick with central heat and air. In a desirable neighborhood and has a small storage building and pens. Situa-

ted on 2 lots. Call Ken Hogan at Century 21 Abilene Big Country 692-8311, 675-9138 or 928-4826.

14-TFC

For Sale 3 Bdrm, 1 Bath on 2 lots, well insulated, vinyl siding, 1 block from high school. Call 698-3624, (512)895-2259 or (512)895-2141.

TFC

For Sale 6 room with 3 lots. Owner will finance call 862-6354 or write Box 162, Trent, Texas 79561.

14-8TC

For Sale still available, large brick 3 Bdrm, 2 Bath with central heat and air, also includes 70 acres. Call Ken Hogan at Century 21 Abilene Big Country 6928311, 675-9138 or 928-4826.

14-TFC

For Sale 2 story, large living room, dining room, kitchen, master bedroom and bath downstairs, large upstairs, 3 Bdrm, Bath, lots of storage room on corner lot, priced to sell, Cyrus Pee Realtor 928-5613.

TFC

Reduced: make an offer, seller will pay closing cost. 3 Bdrm, 2 Baths, water well. Humphrey's Village call 928-4487.

13-TFC

For Sale: 10 acres completely fenced, city water available. Ideal for a home site or a mobile home. Call for more details Ken Hogan Century 21 Abilene Big Country 692-8311, 675-9138 or 928-4826.

14-TFC

**CARDS OF THANKS**

SPECIAL THANKS  
Special thanks to the voters in the Merkel Independent School District. I will continue to do my best to represent

you as a school board member. Again, thank you for your support.

Bill Sloan

Bill and Carolyn SoRelle would like to thank each and everyone for their kindness during the recent illness of Billie Hartley. Your cards, calls and flowers were so welcomed, we really appreciate everything.

Thank You  
Bill & Carolyn SoRelle  
Billie Hartley

Dear Friends. Our family would like to express our appreciation to everyone for the thoughtfulness, caring, kindness, and concern which was given so unselfishly following the death on May 1 of our beloved son, brother and father, Booth Laverne West. The food, the prayers, and the kind and loving words meant more to our family than you will ever know. It is with the help of such compassion and support that we are able to face the sorrow of our loss. For this reason and for your friendship over the years, you are all special to us and we love you.

May God Bless each of you.  
Sincerely, Leanna West  
Minzenmayer; Riley West;  
Flora West, Valree West  
Pruitt' Herbert Dené West  
Starkey.

**GARAGE SALES**

Garage Sale: 306 Rose, Friday and Saturday, dishes, clothing, furniture, tools, fabric, linens, utensils, other items.

19-1tp

Gigantic inside garage sale: bedspreads, dishes, desk, pickup shells, shop heater, office supplies, jewelry, some clothes, many items, no early birds. Saturday 1/2 mile East of the Wylie Truck Terminal on I-20.

Yard sale: army cot, grass trimmer, 15" tires, baby clothes, stroller, jeans, men's shirts, suits, sport coats, ladies clothes, oil lamps, misc. Thursday only 112 Ash 9-5.

19-1tp

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

19-1tp

Books, books, books, books, books, books, books, books, books 306 Rose Friday & Saturday.

19-1tc

3 Family Garage Sale, 1003 Yucca, May 12-13-14, 8:30 - 5:30. Material, furniture, dishes, throw pillows, clothes and what nots, spreads, curtains, etc.

19-1tp

Yard sale: 504 Cherry Friday & Saturday 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m.: Baby swing, car carrier seat, little girls and baby clothes. Weight set with bench and misc.

Moving sale: Saturday at 807 Oak. Furniture and misc. items.

19-1tp

Garage sale: Friday 8-5 701 S 2nd, new 3/4 mattress & foundation, cane bottom rocker, tools and much more.

19-1tp

Garage sale: #5 Pioneer Court, Friday & Saturday 9:45 until 5.

19-1tp

Gigantic garage sale and bake sale. Antique furniture, lots of electrical supplies for builders, lots of hardware, flower arrangements, all kinds of goodies. Friday and Saturday at Harvest Temple Church on I-20 in Trent. 8 a.m. - 7 p.m. on Friday and 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Saturday.

19-1tc

Garage sale: camper top, sewing machine, household items, many other items. 6 miles North on FM 1235 to Countryside Baptist Mission turn left 1 block to white & gray double-wide mobile home or call 928-4069. Saturday only 9-5.

19-1tp

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