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Up The Canyon

By
TOM
RUSSOM

Well, history of 52 years ago returned to Mulberry Canyon this week when Lee White of Pearsall, Tex., paid the Tom Russoms a short visit. Lee, who left the Canyon 52 years ago, said he wanted to check up on the old friends he knew when he left here.

But it was a little far back for us having lived here after he left.

Lee's sisters were Lillie Laney, Lon and Lulu White and his brothers were Willie, Jourdan and Curtis. They lived on the Costephens' place and the house still stands about a mile north of Pioneer Church, now owned by Ernest Meeks.

When Mrs. Russom asked Lee if any of his family had any old pictures at that time, Lee answered yes "I have a picture of the White, Costephens' and Snow String Band practicing their music down on Mulberry Creek fifty years ago." The story was told to us that the band was the most outstanding one in Mulberry Canyon and a big white two-seated surry or hack, drawn by two big white horses, took the band to its appointments.

Really enjoyed the stories told by Mr. White. He is Road Commissioner of Pearsall and has been for 24 years.

Well, as far as our up the Canyon news, two of A. D. Scott's brothers and their families visited in the Scott home Sunday. They are William of Slaton and Boyd of Abilene.

A group of members of Pioneer Church went to the Merkel Rest Home Sunday afternoon with a program. The Rev. Charles Williams, pastor, brought the message. It was a very enjoyable time, visiting with the ones in the home.

Our hello this week goes down to Tyler or Chandler, Tex., to a former resident, Mrs. Jack Beall. She is the former Ruth Martin, a daughter of Dr. Martin, a doctor in Mulberry Canyon 50 years ago.

Mrs. Harry Riney has returned home from Hendrick Memorial Hospital where she spent several days. It was first thought she had a light heart attack, but it wasn't, and we are glad she is at home and doing well.

CAMPAIGN WORKERS AFTER \$600 PRIZE

Vote tabulations of Monday indicate that only a few votes separate candidates in the Merkel Mail Good Will Subscription Campaign which is underway.

Since the first period of the campaign is not closed, it is impossible to tell what changes will take place in the positions of the candidates when the final returns of the first period are known.

Votes to Be Lowered
With the close of the first period, on Sept. 25, will come a drop in the vote schedule. It can be easily seen why the candidates are working so hard to get as many subscriptions as possible before that date.

At the beginning of the campaign it was desired that the Merkel Mail should saturate the entire Merkel trade area, and the way the new subscriptions have been pouring in it looks as if this

desire will be satisfied.

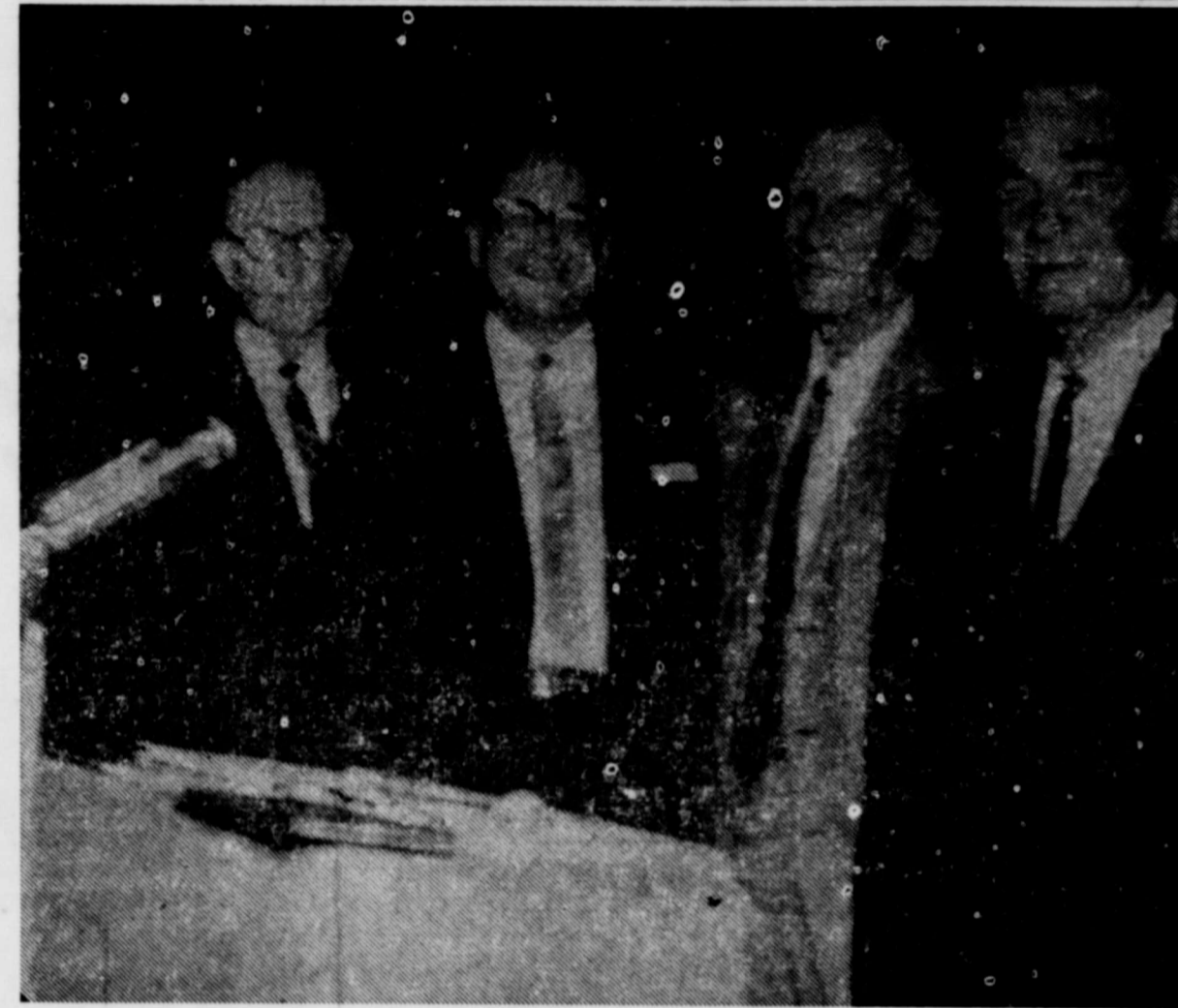
Subscribers Can Help
Already scores of new subscribers have been added to the rapidly growing list, and by the time the current drive is completed, the circulation of the Mail will be something to boast about.

Most subscribers of the Mail are responding splendidly to the efforts of the workers. Readers can make the going much easier for their favorite candidate however, by subscribing or extending their subscription the first time a candidate calls on them.

The first period closes on September 25, up to and including September 25, 500,000 votes will be given for each \$30.00 in subscription.

Candidates will strive harder than ever to hold or better their position during this first phase of the campaign.

Merkel Officials Discuss Park and Recreation Center



Representative Explains Method

A group of interested citizens met Thursday, Sept. 14 at the chamber of commerce and discussed at length a park and also recreational facilities for the city.

Meeting with the group were Wendell Bedichek, executive director of West Central Council of Governments; Bill Kopp, representative of the Parks Division of the Parks and Wildlife Department of Texas and John Wolfe of the Federal Housing Administration.

Merkel civic leaders attending included Robert Higgins, president of the Merkel Country Club; Mack Fisher, superintendent of Merkel Schools; Clyde Wurst, City Council representative; Johnny Cox, Merkel Chamber of Commerce manager, and Norman Winter, Howard Carson, Joe Alves, Bob Hook and A. H. McMurray.

In speaking to the group Wolfe explained procedures by which a non-profit club could go through the FHA to obtain a loan to provide a park and other recreational facilities.

"It is evident that the people of Merkel are interested in recreational facilities," said Wolfe, "and we would like to help you if we can."

When asked by Winter concerning the availability of funds, Wolfe replied, "all indications are that funds would be available."

In explaining the procedures in securing help through the Parks and Wildlife Department, Kopp said recreational facilities would "definitely have to be on a participating basis, open to all, regardless of race or creed."

"Our funds are limited," said Kopp, "and I believe your best way would be through the FHA."

Those representing Merkel's various business and civic organizations expressed a desire to have some kind of recreational facilities for Merkel.

"We're think of a meeting place, a swimming pool, golf course, and perhaps a little league ball field," said Winter.

"You would need to be ready to show a non-profit club members a plan," said Wolfe. "Then it will be easier to get members, for a loan will lean heavily on membership."

Those present decided to study various locations in Merkel that would be favorable for a recreational center, and to "come up with some clear-cut plans in the near future."

A meeting has been scheduled at the chamber of commerce, for Tuesday, Oct. 10, whereby leaders of the various civic organizations and also of the women's clubs in Merkel will further discuss the recreational center subject, and also possible locations for a library.

Homecoming Plans Underway

Merkel's Homecoming has been set for Saturday, Oct. 21, according to Homecoming president, Lon McDonald.

Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. and will be held at the West Texas Utilities building.

A downtown parade is in the planning stage, along with a free barbecue in the late afternoon, just prior to the football game with Jim Ned at Badger Stadium.

The Honor Class will be the Class of 1917 and will be honored at the Downtown Parade, and also during halftime ceremonies at the ball game.

SAYS MAYOR

CITY TRAFFIC LAWS TO BE TIGHTENED

At a recent meeting of the Merkel City Council, members discussed the "rash" of traffic accidents occurring within the city.

"Driving at excessive speeds, and failure to observe stop signs are two of the major factors for

these accidents," said Merkel's Mayor, Johnny Cox. "Also many other safety rules are being ignored."

Cox pointed out that children playing in the streets or coming and going to school seldom look for approaching cars until they hear the car coming. "A car driving in excess of 30 miles per hour cannot possibly stop in a few feet," he said.

Members agreed that "good fortune had been with us in that no fatal accidents have occurred recently." However, almost every day two or more cars collide, "causing many people to be injured, some hospitalized and tremendous losses in damage to cars."

"Our police cannot be everywhere, in our town," said Cox, "and for the safety of all our citizens, including those who violate traffic laws your City Council must take action. Both day and night policemen have been instructed to become more diligent in apprehending violators of traffic and other laws."

"We regret that this action is necessary, but for the safety of all this violation of laws must stop."

Council members asked the cooperation of all citizens.

Mrs. Breaux Resigns F&M Post

After fifteen years' service in the Bookkeeping Department at Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Merkel, Mrs. Gladys Breaux has resigned.

"I will be able to devote more time to my family and to my grandchildren," said Mrs. Breaux of her resignation.

In discussing her resignation, Booth Marren, bank president, said, "Gladys has been a wonderful employee, always cooperative, efficient, dependable and loyal to the bank."

Mrs. Wanda McAninch will take over Mrs. Breaux's position as bookkeeper.

"While we regret to lose Mrs. Breaux," said Warren, "we feel that we have been most fortunate in obtaining the services of Mrs. McAninch. We think that Mrs. McAninch has unlimited capabilities and will be a definite asset to the bank."

TELEPHONE BUSINESS—Following Taylor Telephone's annual meeting Tuesday, these Cooperative executives met for a brief session. They are, from left, John Hardesty, Taylor Telephone Cooperative manager; Brad Smith, executive secretary of Texas Telephone Association; Clark Perkins, Board of Directors' vice president, and Charlie Myatt, Directors' president. (Staff Photo)

TAYLOR TELEPHONE CO-OP MEMBERS HEAR ANNUAL REPORT

John Hardesty, Taylor Telephone Cooperative manager, welcomed members to the 12th Annual Meeting Tuesday, Sept. 9 at the Merkel High School auditorium.

"We are pleased that so many of you are willing to meet today to transact the business of the organization," said Hardesty. "Without the fine support of the membership it would be impossible for us to operate so successfully."

In presenting the annual report Hardesty told members that "payments to the REA during 1966, both principal and interest, totaled \$84,291.95."

"You will perhaps be interested in knowing that since the Cooper-

ative was first formed, payments to REA total \$882,487.68," he said. "Cash on hand totals \$71,740.43 and also \$75,000.00 in REA 2 per cent Treasury Bonds."

Members were informed there had been a net increase of approximately 40 members since the annual meeting in September of 1966. "This time last year, we had 2,172 members; we now have 2,210."

"It is indicated that this growth will continue," said Hardesty, "particularly in those areas surrounding Abilene since so many people are interested in securing small tracts of land within a radius of 15 or 20 miles from that metropolitan area."

Attending the meeting was Brad

Smith, executive secretary of Texas Telephone Association who spoke to the group concerning the development of Texas in the rural areas.

"The potentials of the Telephone Industry and its expansion are very good," Smith told the members. "The future looks good."

Raleigh Brown, an Abilene attorney, was master of ceremonies. Directors elected are Charlie Myatt, president; Clark Perkins, vice president, and Frank Antille, secretary, and Troy Sloan, L. O. Huddleston, L. A. Lister, Jack Farmer, C. A. Fomby.

Approximately 200 members attended the meeting.

MERKEL BADGERS TRAVEL TO KNOX CITY THIS FRIDAY

The Merkel Badgers, playing like a slick AAAA team, opened up against the Baird Bears in a 41 to six victory for the second home game.

Coach Bob Byerly and company are expecting no trouble when they face the Knox City Grey Hounds at Knox City this Friday night.

While the Badgers were romping over the Bears, Knox City was receiving its lumps from the Aspermont eleven to the tune of 54-0.

Football buffs will be comparing how Merkel and Aspermont compare in the game against Knox City as a gauge to see just how tough the Badgers are.

Of the upcoming game Byerly says:

"We hope we win and we believe we will. Of course something could happen, but our boys are in top shape and we're going up there to win."

The Badgers ripped off four against the Bears. Ray Davis kept the scoreboard rolling by touchdowns in the first quarter passing to Felix Castillo who ran like he was walking on water for 48 yards and across the double stripe. A deep breath later and Davis did the minuet for 19 yards.

The Badgers gave the fans a peek of things to come when halfback Jimmy Williams carried for 18 yards to cap a 61 yard tussle. Halfback Johnny Thompson rang up another tally by snagging a Baird pass and zipping for 35 yards.

In the third quarter Davis snagged a Baird punt on his own 19 yard line and turned on the steam for 81 yards for the hallowed ground.

Danny Wade kicked five times for extra points. Baird made its lone touchdown in the fourth quarter on a pass from the one-yard line.

P-TA to Present Special Program Tonight at 7:30

"Curtain time" for honoring Merkel's public school teachers will be 7:30 this evening, and the place is the high school auditorium.

The special program is being presented by the Parent-Teachers Association.

Mrs. J. Lynn Knight, program chairman, invites all parents to attend this "parent-planned activity."

Bake Sale Set This Saturday

Beta Sigma Phi will have a Bake Sale Saturday, Sept. 23, beginning at 9 a.m.

The sale will be held in front of West Texas Utilities and will include homemade pies and cakes.

Proceeds from the sale will be used by the chapter to sponsor Merkel's annual Halloween Carnival.



BADGER TEAM BACKERS—Leading cheers for the Merkel Badger football team when it meets the Knox City Greyhounds this Friday will be, from left, first row, Dayna McAninch and Kathy Whisenhunt; back row, from left, Kathy Windham, Ann Walker and Debi Black. (Photo courtesy Jim Baber)

LEGAL NOTICE

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To any Sheriff or any Constable within the State of Texas —
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You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for four consecutive weeks, the first publication to be at least twenty-eight days before the return day thereof, in a newspaper printed in Taylor County, Texas, the accompanying citation, of which the herein below following is a true copy.

THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Howard Edward Lynch, Defendant, Greeting:
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable Domestic Relations Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 30th day of October A.D. 1967, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court on the 12th day of September A.D. 1967, in this cause, numbered 3629 on the docket of said court and styled Harriet Lynch, Plaintiff vs. Howard Edward Lynch, Defendant.

of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and defendant were legally married on November 3, 1953 and became permanently separated October 11, 1965.
Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of harsh and cruel treatment as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.
If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.
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.
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Cover Girl Is Winner on Campus Scene

Susan Thomas, 17-year-old from New Orleans, is one of the fall Freshmen who starts college on a winning note—\$1000 note toward her education, to be exact, plus a new wardrobe, and a year's supply of Cover Girl Make-up, which she won as High School Cover Girl of 1967. The contest, sponsored annually by Cover Girl Make-up and Co-Ed Magazine, selects the high school girl who best typifies the wholesome good looks of the ideal American teenager. Lucky Susan also received a New York all-expenses-paid trip, and will have her picture on Co-Ed's cover.
Those fun, hectic days in New York, when she kept her "cool," whether rushing from photographer to press interview, sightseeing or meeting celebrities. Tony Perkins and Paul Anka, should prove great experience for the fast pace of college life.
One of the most important ways that helps Susan look lovely at all times, is her careful beauty routine. "Thorough cleansing and properly applied make-up give an all-day security," declares Susan. She washes her face twice daily with water and Noxzema Skin Cream, which both moisturizes and medicates her skin to help prevent blemishes. She then applies Cover Girl medicated Liquid Make-up, very carefully, to give her delicate Irish coloring a flawless finish and to help protect her skin. Healthy blishes are added with Cover Girl Glow Lightly, while eye make-up is kept "au naturel" with grey shadow and brown liner and mascara. Her favorite lipstick, Cover Girl Natural Frost, gives a marvelous shimmery sheen. As the day progresses, Susan need only touch-up with Cover Girl Pressed Powder. Susan's poise, good posture, and stamina were noticeable during her New York visit. Having danced since she was two, she firmly states, "Daily exercises keep my figure trim and my complexion clear." Her favorite limber-up is to stand straight, arms above head, then sway sideways, down and up in a circular movement.
Not every girl can win the High School Cover Girl contest, but, if you take a tip from Susan's beauty and daily exercise routines, you, too, can have the complexion and figure that make winning cover girls.



Susan adds a pretty blush to her very fair complexion.

Merkel Weman's Father Dies

Charles V. Mann, 64, a former resident of Abilene and Clyde, died Sept. 3 in the Morence, Arizona hospital.
Mr. Mann was the father of Mrs. O. C. (Billie Fae) Suber of Merkel.
Funeral services were held in the Duncan Church of Christ with burial in Duncan Cemetery.
He was born Oct. 31, 1903 in Arkansas and moved to Texas as a young man. He had lived in Arizona since 1941, where he was employed by Phelps-Dodge Mining Corporation. He retired in 1962 because of ill health.
Survivors besides Mrs. Suber are his wife; one son, Charles W. Mann of Detroit, Mich.; another daughter, Mrs. Mary Maddera, also of Detroit; three step-children, Mrs. Bob Zumwalt of Duncan, Ariz., John Segreaves of Tucson, Ariz., and Jim Segreaves of Indiana; nine step-grandchildren and three sisters.

YOUNG HOMEMAKERS ELECT MHS SENIOR

Mary Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Johnson of Merkel, was chosen Taylor County Young Homemakers' "Little Sister" at their September 14 meeting.
Mary, a senior at Merkel High School will compete with other chapter "Little Sisters" at the Young Homemakers' Area IV convention Saturday, Sept. 23 at the Starlie Inn in Abilene.
Officers elected at the Young Homemakers' Thursday meeting were Mrs. Ronnie Toombs, president; Mrs. Dickie Dannheim, vice president; Mrs. Billy Lucas, secretary - treasurer and Mrs. Dink Whisenhunt, reporter.
Advisors for the Homemakers are Mrs. Maude Hooten of Abilene

Wursts Attend Homecoming

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Wurst recently attended homecoming at Russell Springs, Kan. Clyde, a 1925 graduate of Russell Springs High School, was among the 500 students attending.
The Wursts also attended the Old Settlers Picnic while at Russell Springs.

The U.S. Marine Band and two battalions of Marines took part in the dedication ceremonies of Grant's Tomb, Riverside Drive, New York City, on April 27, 1967.



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There's a whole new idea in ventilation, called Astro Ventilation, for Camaro, Corvette and the elegant Caprice Coupe. It's also available on many other models. By opening two new vent-ports on the instrument panel, you bring in outside air that can be directed where you want it. This way, you can leave your windows rolled up and add still more to your peace and quiet.

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MUCH MORE THAT'S NEW
There are new roof lines, some formal and graceful, others sporty and quick. There are new instrument panels, richly designed and all controls within easy reach. There are new interiors, new vinyls, new fabrics, new colors. There are models with Hide-A-Way windshield wipers and headlights that disappear behind grilles. There are new side marker lamps, new recessed taillights. There's even a new ignition alarm buzzer that reminds you not to walk away and leave your keys in the car.

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BADGER TALES

By DEBI CORDER



School. I am hesitant to admit, is becoming routine again. When one really arrives at the bare truth, the lessons aren't really so bad, it's just the routine of it all. If we could sit in a different desk every day, or have color portable TVs in the classrooms then perhaps routine wouldn't matter.

Wasn't the pep rally last Friday just the greatest yet? You know, it must have been due to that cute senior skit performed by all those sweet girls. (Were were the boys?) If only it hadn't been for Mary Johnson who "flubbed the dub" when she held up the letter S and said "R is for Spirit."

The pep rally was further proved a success with the help of the football boys later, according to

the score of the game that night. The total was 41 to 6 — our favor. The Baird Bears got slashed like we hoped they would and like all the other teams we have to face in the future WILL also. This Friday night our famous Badger Team will journey to Knox City to destroy the team there.

By the way, Ann, let's watch where we throw our pom-poms, okay?

Since the band did such a fantastic job last week at halftime, we decided this week we would just sit this one out.

Bridal Shower Fetes Miss Scott

A bridal gift party honored Miss Aleta Scott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Scott, Saturday, Sept. 9 in the Fellowship Hall of Pioneer Methodist Church.

Miss Scott and J. D. Alexander, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Alexander, of Ringgold, Tex., will be married Saturday, Sept. 23 in the Pioneer Memorial Church.

Party decorations were in the bride-elect's chosen colors of old rose and ivory.

Mrs. Barry Scott and Mrs. David Scott registered guests. Attending the serving table were Mrs. David Michael and Pat Tate.

Piano music was by Mrs. Mack Seymore. Mary Johnson and Mildred Toombs read. Mrs. Irvin Davis led the games and Mrs. Buddy Morton presented gifts.

Hostesses were Meses. Buddy Morton, Dewell McLean, L. S. Tipton, Leroy Riney, Elmer Patterson, T. J. Neill, Houston Martin and Arthur Moore.

Also Meses. Tom Russom, Irvin Davis, Euell Ray, Kenneth Ray, Maurice Johnson, Charles Williams, Mack Seymore, A. L. Farmer and Joe Seymore.

Also Meses. Ray Orsborn, Tommie Patterson, Muri Riggan, Joe Swinney and Mrs. Mildred Toombs, Alice King and Goldie Malone.

Services Held For Alton Hill

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Sept. 12 for Alton Hill, 15, at the First Methodist Church in Sylvester, with the Rev. R. H. Meixner, pastor, and the Rev. E. L. Yates, a retired minister of the Methodist Church, officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery in Merkel.

Alton was fatally injured Sept. 10 in an automobile accident.

A graduate of Roby High School, he would have been a sophomore at Texas Tech this fall.

Survivors are his father, A. J. Hill; his stepmother, Mrs. A. J. Hill; one brother, Charles of the home and one sister, Mrs. Burle Pettit of Lubbock.

Merkel 4-H Club Winners Named

Members of the Merkel 4-H Club participated in the West Texas Fair "with good results."

Robert Boyd with the most winnings of the boys, won 2nd in maize, 2nd in corn, and 4th in peas, cotton and high gear.

Woozer Boyd won third places in maize, corn and high gear.

Randy Bond won 9th on his heifer, and Finley Barnett 8th on his boar.

Kathryn Criswell, top winner of the Merkel 4-H girls in barrels, first in poles and third in halter. She was first in public speaking.

Other winners were Davna McAninch, first in barrels; Gail Boone, 6th in barrels and 4th in halter; Debbie Fincher, 6th in barrels and Tonia McAninch and Debbie Fincher won 2nd on their Civil Defense team demonstration. Karlan Gamble won 6th in poles.

Randy Bond participated in the Jones County Fair held recently and won third on his heifer and 4th on his steer.

Caps Reunion Set This Sunday

The Caps Reunion will meet Sunday, Sept. 24 at "The Little Auditorium" in Fair Park on South Seventh Street in Abilene, according to Ima Cotton Jennings, president of the Caps Reunion Association.

Mrs. Jennings explained that all people who have lived at Caps or Borders Chapel are welcome to attend.

The meeting is scheduled to begin at 11 a.m., with old-time singing, led by Burl King. At 11:30 a.m. the Rev. W. H. Hughes of Levelland, will speak, followed by a noon meal.

Reservations may be made by either writing or calling Mrs. Jennings, 2825 South 11th Street, Abilene, ORchard 4-4697.

Mrs. Nola Pursley recently returned from a four-day trip to Corpus Christi. The trip was expense-paid which she won with her work with Stanley Company. She was one of 6 people in the Abilene branch winning the trip.



JO ANN LASSITER



PAM WALLA

... co-editors

YEARBOOK EDITORS ANNOUNCED TODAY

Jo Ann Lassiter, and Pam Walla are the 1967-68 co-editors of the Merkel High School yearbook, The Badger.

Jo Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Earl Lassiter, and Pam, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alf Walla, are both seniors at Merkel High and have served on the yearbook staff for the past three years.

Assisting with the yearbook editing are Robert Wilson, sports editor, and Tim Beasley, business manager.

Other members are Tex Barnhart, Debra Black, Alan Reed, Ann Walker, Katherine Patterson and Gail Gentry.

Also JaNell Lassiter, Randy Doan, Donna Diltz, Terry Derington, Dayna McAninch and Paul Thames.

'HAPPINESS' THEME FOR GARDEN CLUB

Trent Garden Club members met Monday, Sept. 18 in the Trent School Cafeteria and heard a program on the theme of "There is Time for Happiness."

Incoming president, Mrs. W. L. Brown, presided and gave the president's message. She mentioned West Texas Fair's blue ribbon winners in flower arranging. They were Mrs. Othel Barnhill and Mrs. Brown.

The study for the year, "Seven Keys to Distinctive Flower Arranging," was presented to Mrs. Rachel Butler for the first program.

Mrs. Erma Black, yearbook chairman, presented the club's yearbook which was dedicated to Mrs. Lesley Beasley, "in appreciation of her love, interest, care and diligence to the work of the club." Yearbooks were presented

to members by Mrs. Weldon Beasley, program chairman.

Hostesses for the meeting were Meses. Odell Freeman, Brown and Black, Mrs. Lesley Beasley is club reporter.

Sunday Guests

Dinner guests, Sunday, Sept. 17, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Scott and Aleta were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Scott of Slaton, and Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Scott of Abilene.

Also J. D. Alexander, Mr. and Mrs. Barry Scott and Carolyn and Mrs. Sam Butman.

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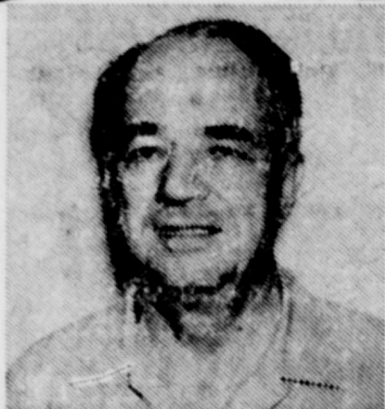
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The Merkel Garden Club began its 1967-68 year with a breakfast at the Merkel Restaurant Saturday morning, Sept. 18.

Mrs. G. R. Peachey presided for the breakfast meeting, and

Mrs. A. H. McElmurray asked the invocation.

Following the president's address, Mrs. W. L. Brown, yearbook chairman, reviewed the yearbook, which was dedicated to Miss Christine Collins in "appreciation of her many years of active service to the club."

Members present were Mmes. W. L. Brown, W. S. J. Brown, Mary Click, Johnny Cox, R. M. Ferguson, Mack Fisher, Lucy Ford, S. D. Gamble, Ora Griggs and Dee Grimes.

Also Mmes. Eunice Massery, Lotie Everett, A. H. McElmurray, Herbert Patterson, G. R. Peachey, W. T. Sadler, Charlie Sherrill, Jerrett Williams, Ollie Dye and Miss Christine Collins.

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Stith News

By MRS. FRITZ HALE

Stith community had lots of rain last week, over two inches Thursday.

Bill McDonald of San Marcos, visited his grandmother, Mrs. Nora McDonald Wednesday.

Mrs. Fletcher Jones, Mrs. Nora McDonald, Mrs. Fritz Hale, Mrs. James Williams and Mrs. Ray Perry attended the WMU program at the Hodges Baptist Church Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Orval Ely and children visited Mr. and Mrs. G. Bond at Rising Star last week. Mr. and Mrs. Don Chester and children of Commerce were visitors in the Ely home over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Byrd of Hale Center visited Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bradley Saturday. Mr. and

Mrs. Alonzo Peterson of Merkel visited the Bradleys Sunday.

Mildred and Lonnie Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Harris, Dallas, spent Friday night with Mr. and Mrs. John Browning. Mr. and Mrs. Billy Ray Browning and children and the Rev. and Mrs. Jack Bedford and children of Cottonwood joined them Saturday and spent the day.

The Rev. and Mrs. James Williams, Pam, Mike and Regie were dinner guests Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Jones.

Ethel Canida spent last week in Stephenville with Mrs. Pat Stewart.

Nancy Evans is attending ACC this term.

Mrs. Roy Mashburn and Rodney, Mrs. Sonny Hardin and James were dinner guests in the home of Mrs. John Shaw in Hawley Sunday. They also visited Mrs. Wade Shaw.

Lloyd Mashburn of Abilene was a visitor in the Roy Mashburn home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Bauchhoffer, Joan and Susie of Graham spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Ray Perry.

Mrs. Babe Tarpley visited Mrs. Clyde Maxwell at Anson Thursday. Mrs. Joe Gregory of Merkel visited Mrs. Tarpley Friday. Gaston Gregory, father of Mrs. Tarpley is seriously ill at his home in Big Spring.

Eugene Rengau of Kermit visited his aunt, Mrs. J. E. Swindell, and the Rev. and Mrs. Jesse Swindell and son Sunday. Rev. Swindell made a business trip to Wichita Falls Monday.

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EDITOR'S NOTE — Letters to the editor do not necessarily express the view of the editor nor of this paper. But The Merkel Mail will continue to run letters to the editor as long as some are not libelous, in good taste, and they must be signed.

Mr. Dave Brumbeau
Publisher, The Merkel Mail
916 North Second Street
Merkel, Texas 79536

Dear Dave:

Just a note to add my compliments to you and your newspaper for the excellent job that you did in helping pass the Merkel Hospital District bond issue. I followed your campaign in The Merkel Mail and there is no doubt in my mind that without the newspaper publicity which you gave this bond issue it never would have passed.

You have performed a very significant civic service to your community and I compliment you for this.

Best personal regards.
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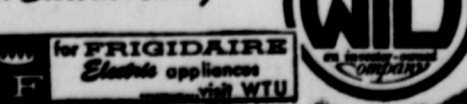
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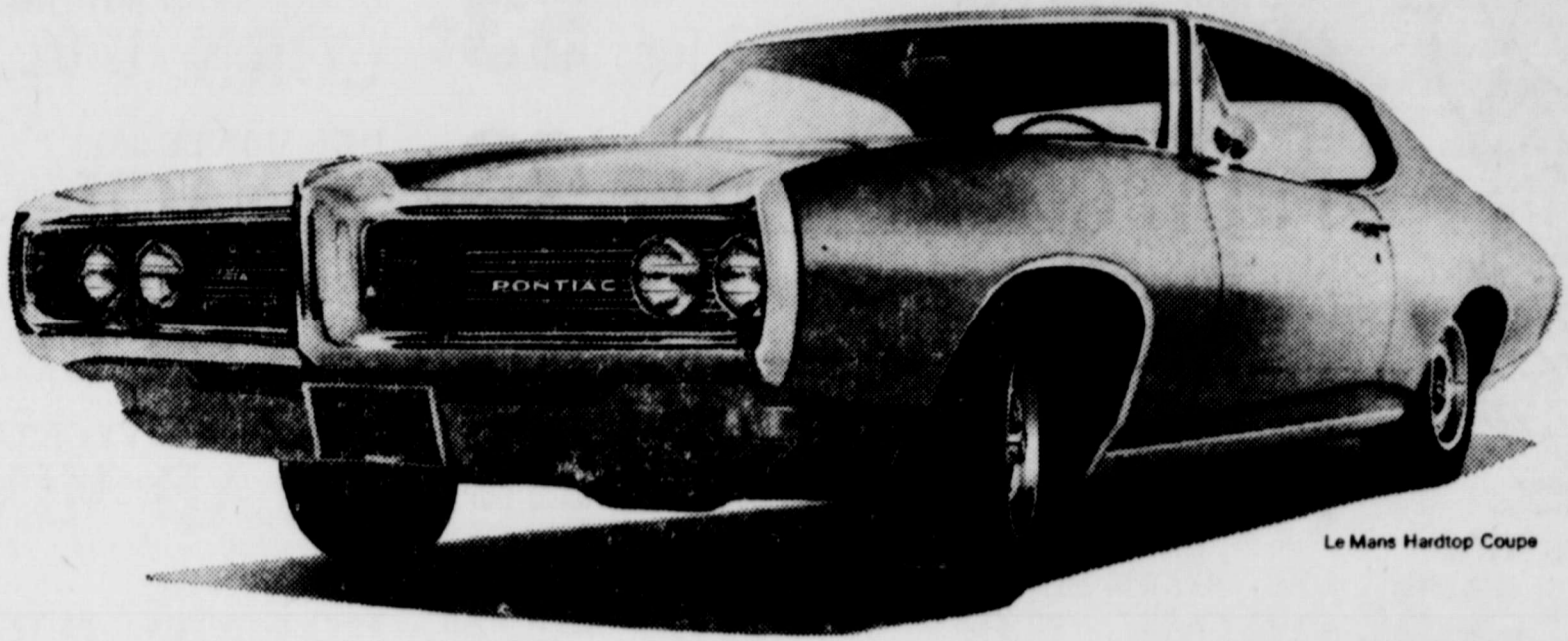
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Our sporty new Tempests and Le Mans are new from the wheels up. There's a new 175-hp Overhead Cam Six. New sports car feel. Smoother ride. Superior stability and response. Disappearing windshield wipers on all GTOs and Le Mans. Even wider Wide-Track. And you can choose from two new regular- or premium-gas 350 cu. in. V-8s!

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or corrode. And you won't believe what this bumper does until you see it with your own eyes!

Naturally, our new Bonnevilles, Grand Prixs, Catalinas, Executives and Venturas won't take a back seat to anyone! Especially with their bold new integral bumper-grilles that are nearly twice as strong as before. There's also new Wide-Track ride. Improved handling. Smoother engines. And more new features for your protection, like a buzzer that warns you when you forget your ignition key.

Isn't it about time you decided to give up plain ordinary driving? Don't fritter away another hour. See your Pontiac dealer today and start Wide-Tracking!

Merkelites' Kin Attends Crusade

Mary Patterson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Truette Patterson of Indianapolis, Ind., and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Patterson of Merkel, recently attended a Leadership Training Institute at world-famous Arrowhead Springs in San Bernardino, Calif. with 1,100 other students from around the world.

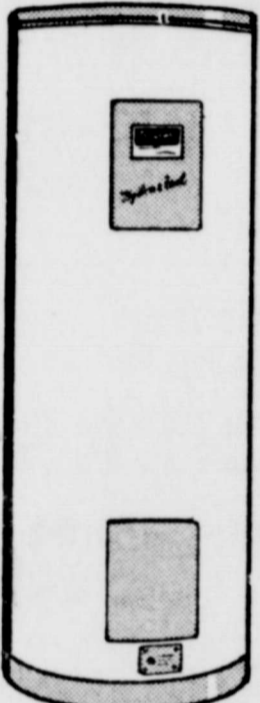
Mary, a junior at Purdue University, Lafayette, Ind. has spent many a summer with her grandparents in Merkel, since the age of two. Her father is a native of Merkel.

The purpose of the Leadership Conference in California was "to train students how they can have a part in helping to take the Christian message to the entire world in this generation."

Dr. William R. Bright, founder and president of the Campus Crusade for Christ, says the Crusade has spread to hundreds of campuses in this country and 36 foreign countries.

Emphasizing the role of the church, Campus Crusade seeks to work closely with churches of all denominations. Mary, a member of the Methodist Church, says her main hobby is music.

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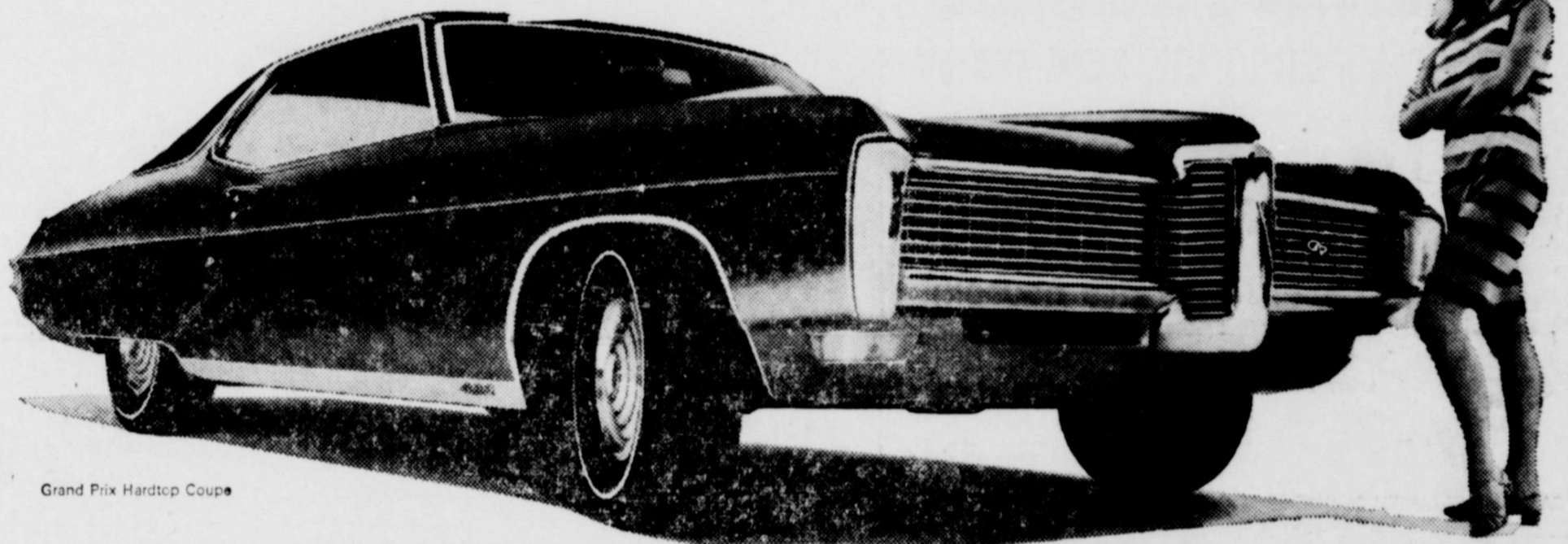
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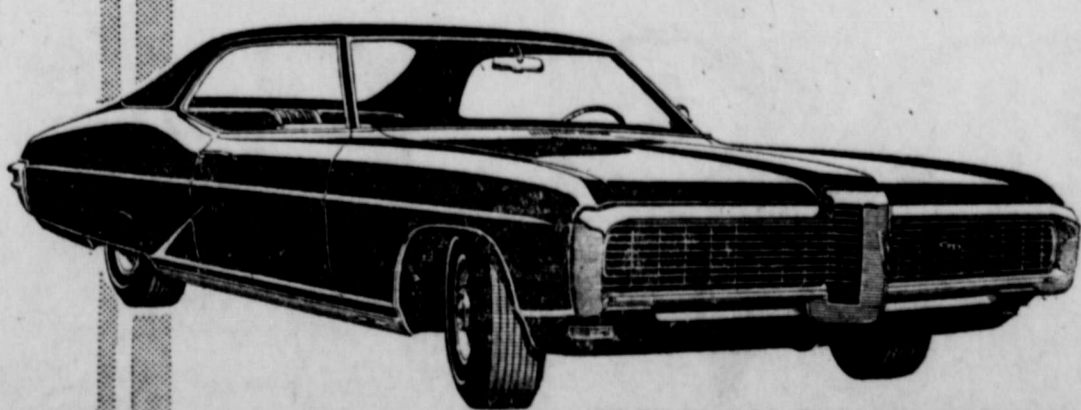
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