





**GIANT ONION** - Shelle Doan, 4-year-old granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Oliver of Merkel is shown holding a huge white onion which measures 9 inches in diameter and weighed 1 pound 12 ounces. The onion was raised by M. O. Bryan of Midland. (Staff Photo by Troy Barnes)

**POLICE REPORT**

On July 5th, the Police Department was notified that there was a disturbance at one of the local place of business. This disturbance resulted in one subject being fined on for Assault. On July 15th, one subject pleaded guilty to the charge of assault before the Merkel City Judge and was fined \$50.00.

On July 18th, a subject was stopped to be informed that one of the head lights on the vehicle he was driving was out. After stopping subject, it was learned that he did not have a drivers license in his possession. He stated that he had lost his drivers license at a drilling rig site the previous day while the officer was checking with local authorities on the status of subjects drivers license, the subject fled from the officer. The check made with Abilene revealed that this subject had his drivers license suspended for driving while intoxicated. The suspension was on February 24, 1974. Charges of Driving While License Suspended and Evading Arrest was filed on the subject. He was arrested on July 20th and placed in the Taylor County Jail on the above charges. Subject posted a total of \$1500.00 in Bonds and was released from jail.

On July 30th, the Police Department received notification that there had been a burglary committed at a local residence. Investigation revealed that the burglary was committed by a Juvenile. The case was turned over to the County Juvenile Officer for disposition.

On August 3rd, The Merkel Police Department received information that two boys were creating a disturbance and drinking beer at a place of business outside of Merkel. A description of the boys, the type of vehicle and the license number of the vehicle they were in was obtained and the subjects were arrested when they returned to Merkel approximately 10 minutes after the Police received the disturbance call. Investigation revealed that both subjects were Juveniles. Eighteen cans of beer was confiscated from them and a

report is being submitted to the County Juvenile Officer for future reference.

On August 10th, a subject was found to be very intoxicated near a local business place. He was arrested and brought to Abilene and placed in the Taylor County Jail. On August 12, this subject pleaded guilty before the Merkel City Judge and was fined \$40.00. Subject was returned to the Taylor County jail in lieu of the fine imposed by the City Judge.

On August 11th, the Police was notified that there was a disturbance at one of the local place of business. Investigation revealed that an argument over profane language being used around ladies resulted in one subject being hit and receiving four stitches in the back of his head. Charges of Assault was filed on one subject. Subject pleaded guilty to that charge before the Merkel City Judge on August 13th, and paid a \$30.00 fine imposed by the Judge.

The Merkel Police Department is receiving numerous complaints on dogs running at large within the City of Merkel. The City Ordinance on Control of Dogs will be enforced, however, the ordinance requires the complaining party to sign an official complaint with the Police. Up to now our citizens have been reluctant to sign a complaint against anyone for failing to control their dogs. The dog problem has become so great that citizens are now signing complaints on dogs running at large. We hope that everyone will cooperate, but when a complaint is signed by one of our citizens, action will be taken.

On August 15th, school will again be opened. We solicit everyone's cooperation in driving safely around the school area. The past school period we had a number of persons HOT-RODDING around the school area. Should this practice continue this school season, the Police Department will have no alternative but to file Wreckless Driving Cases with the County Court-at-Law in Abilene. The Police Department does not wish to use such a serious method of enforcement, however, we will do whatever is necessary to prevent any of our children from being hurt or killed due to the wrecklessness of a few.

**H-SU To Offer Saturday Course**

An opportunity to chalk up three hours of college credit before noon on Saturdays is going to be provided this fall by Hardin-Simmons University.

In an effort to reach people in the Abilene and surrounding areas who cannot attend regularly scheduled classes due to jobs, families or other obligations the H-SU English Department has scheduled a Saturday morning class.

To be offered is a special studies course titled Literary allusions 503. The class will meet 9-11:45 a.m. every Saturday, and cover a week's material in one period.

"This is a study of fifteen to twenty areas which have close literary associations, such as hawking, heraldry, Greek and Roman mythology, armor, and nautical terminology," said Dr. Lloyd Huff, professor in English, who will teach the course.

Huff developed this course several years ago to help people "be able to read literature and get the full meaning out of the lines."

The class will be open to all, but "we're especially wanting those who can come on Saturday," he said.

Interested persons should contact Huff in the English Department at H-6U.

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**Starbuck Attends Seminar**

George Starbuck has recently attended a family financial programming seminar conducted by the Abilene district office of one of America's top rated insurance companies. The purpose of the training was to enable the insurance agent to accurately identify a person's true insurance needs taking into consideration his social security benefits, other existing insurance plans, existing debts, college expenses, any company pension plans and possible widow's income in the event of the husband's death.

"This type of programming can be useful to all types of people," said Starbuck "but it is particularly suitable to the average man with a wife and children who is on salary and who can determine to some extent what his company pension plan will be at retirement. This concept is not new. It has been available in leading consumer magazines and publications for several years, but apparently few people (insurance agents included) make use of it. It is not unusual for people to be unaware of many of their social security benefits, but you would be surprised how many people are not even aware of how much life insurance they really have."

Since the first of this year George Starbuck has been associated with a prominent leading life insurance company.

**Letters To The Editor**

**Plea Made For Baseball Support**

Concern for the youth of our area has prompted a few people to organize a project which will raise funds to construct two baseball parks and form leagues for teenage boys and girls from ages 7-18. This group has only been meeting for about six weeks and during that time many plans have been made, one money raising project completed, two underway and a fund established. At present there is almost \$600 on de-

posit at the Farmers and Merchants National Bank for the "Merkel Youth Ball Parks Project". This is great considering the short time and especially considering the few people who have been working. Many people have expressed concern for our boys and girls and a desire to help, but only a handful of people seem to find time or inclination to come out to the meetings. Monday night there were only three people present. A large number of boys have expressed their desire to play Babe Ruth Ball so where are their parents? Sure we are all busy but we must decide what is most important. Combining all the meetings there have probably been a total of 15 families represented. Most of us have a direct concern because of sons and daughters who will be playing baseball. However, the one who is spearheading the campaign has only the interest of youth at heart, J.C. Carson has spent endless hours getting this project started. We owe him a big "Thanks". But where are all the other "interested" people?

There are problems with our youth here in Merkel, most of us realize this, but are we willing to do something to help them? We feel we must. Baseball is not a "cure all" and certainly we are not pretending that it is. It does offer, however, a wholesome activity for boys and girls. When they are interested and involved in something worth while, they are less likely to be involved in activities which can be harmful to them and the community. We can not put a price tag on our youth, so if only a few or even one is saved from hurtful activities,

then it must be worth it. At the present what do we offer our boys and girls outside of school activities? We have T-shirt and Little League which involves most of the boys of Merkel and Trent from ages 7-12. Why should we say to a 13 year old that we can't offer baseball to him any longer. That is when the boys are beginning to develop their athletic skills. Also when they need to be kept involved most. This is the age where we must give them worthwhile opportunities. It is a terrible let down for the boys to leave Little League with nothing to look forward to in baseball. The teen years must be filled with wholesome interests. As for the girls, all they have at the present is the desire to play, a lot of determination, a few willing adults spending a great deal of time with them and a vacant lot with rocks for the bases. Is this all Merkel has to offer our girls?

The Merkel City Council is behind the project and assisting us in obtaining land for the two parks. We are grateful for their help. It is the intent of the group to have two new parks constructed, and leagues operating by the 1975 Baseball season. Maybe it seems impossible to some, but we are working toward this goal. So can you if you feel our youth's lives are worth it. When these parks are completed and leagues operating, we can offer both boys and girls from age 7-18 a good place to play and compete.

Monday night, Aug. 19, at the Asteroid Restaurant there will be another meeting. We will be there, want you come too? Time is 8:00.  
John & Lucille Brady

**Riding Club Event**

Merkel Riding Club awarded trophies, Thursday Aug. 8, for the month of July at their monthly business meeting. Those receiving trophies -

**Boat Race**

- 5 and Under - 1. Mike Dokey, 2. Kyle Coker, 3. Tiffany Allday, 4. Lucie Masonheimer, 5. Gary Sutterfield.
- 6-8 - 1. Kevin Coker, 2. Brooks Boyd, 3. Ken Hogan, 4. James Allday, 5. Robbie Williams.
- 12 and Under (all over High Point) - 1. Leslie Masonheimer, 2. Tamarah Golden, 3. Jeff Toombs, 4. Lisa Dukey, 5. Norma Frazier.
- 13-16 - 1. Cindy Boone, 2. Jan Beck, 3. Patricia Boyd, 4. Susie Toombs, 5. Charles Hatfield.
- 17 and Over - 1. Kathryn Wisenhunt, 2. Barbara Wisenhunt, 3. Jarrett Pinckley, 4. Mary B. Phillips, 5. Obie Coker.

**Calf Roping**

- 1. Elby Frazier, 2. Kenny Hogan, 3. Randy Bond, 4. Derris Hutchens, 5. Don Dudley.

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**Harold Hohertz Home Burglarized Sunday**

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hohertz of Rt. 4, was burglarized Sunday morning between 10 and 12 a.m. The Hohertz family was at church when the burglary occurred.

Approximately \$2,000 worth of house hold goods were taken in the break-in. Taken was a console stereo tape deck, a grandfather clock, portable TV set, electric adding machine, vacuum cleaner, a clock radio, all of Mrs. Hohertz's jewelry, a polaroid Color Pack Camera, a set of field glasses, and numerous kitchen items. Also taken was 15-20 tapes and the money in the Hohertz children's piggy bank.

The thieves broke down the back door to gain en-

trance. The thieves left the house in quite a mess according to Hohertz. The Taylor County Sheriff's Department is investigating.

**SENIOR CITIZENS SCHEDULE EVENTS**

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**MISS ANITA I. RAYMER** is a graduate of Coleman High School. She holds a B.S. degree in Biology from Tarleton State University in Stephenville, Tex., where she was a member of Beta Beta Beta Biological Society, Gamma Sigma Sigma Service Sorority and the Wesley Foundation. Miss Raymer has 4 years of teaching experience, having taught one year at Coahoma and 3 years at Blooming Grove. Miss Raymer will be teaching 7th and 8th grade science. She resides at 411 1/2 Ash, Merkel.



**MR. ROBERT CRAWFORD**—A native of Merkel, 1967 graduate of Merkel High, and holds BS degree from Tarleton State University. Mr. Crawford will be the seventh grade coach and Texas history teacher. He and his wife, Judy, come to Merkel from Rockdale, where he was employed as manager of McHaffey's Department Store. Judy was the speech and junior English teacher at Rockdale High School, and also was One-Act Play director. Mr. Crawford's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Onis Crawford.



**MISS ROBBIE GAY HICKS**—Graduate of Lueders-Avoca High School, where she was voted Best All Around, Most Athletic, FFA Sweetheart, FHA President, and was also co-editor of the yearbook. Miss Hicks holds a BS degree from McMurry College in Abilene. Miss Hicks was president, reporter and assistant pledge mistress of Delta Beta Epsilon womens social club.



**MRS. SARAH PEEL**—Graduate of Tarleton State University where she received a Bachelor of Science degree with major in Elementary Education, Kindergarten Endorsement, and minor in English. Mrs. Peel comes to Merkel from Alvin, Texas, where she was employed by the Manvel Independent School District.



**MISS DEBORAH CAFFEY**—Holds BS degree from Lamar University. Miss Caffey will be the remedial reading teacher in both Primary and Jr. High buildings. She has two years experience in teaching and comes here from Orange, Texas.



**MRS. ANITA CAIN**—Will be an Aide with the Merkel Public School working in the Kindergarten program with Mrs. Sharon Alves. Mrs. Cain is a graduate of Draughons Business College and has worked in the secretarial and bookkeeping fields, most recently working at Hendrick Hospital, where she was employed for 11 years.

## Gayle Marie Reed Receives JVC Cap

Miss Gayle Reed, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Reed, 711 Locust, received her cap, as a Junior Volunteer Candystriper Monday night at Hendrick Hospital Chapel and also one red stripe for working 135 hours.

There were also 26 other Candystripers who received various other awards, depending on how many hours each girl worked during the summer.

Beautiful organ music was played during the ceremonies.

The reception was in the private dining room of the Hendrick Memorial Hospital. The hostesses for the evening was the Hospital Auxiliary. As a treat, the Candystripers will be entertained at Zoo World Friday evening, August 16th.

Candystripers are girls 15 and over in high school who volunteer to work anywhere from one to five mornings, afternoons or all week. They



**MISS REED**  
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are trained to their particular jobs and always work under the supervision of hospital personnel or adult volunteer. A Candystriper cannot smoke, drink or use bad language. They cannot chew gum or eat while on duty. They must have two character references from nonrelatives. They work in the dietary department, lab, physical therapy, gift shop, pediatrics, central supply, taking patients their mail, filling empty water pitchers with ice water and many other jobs. It makes the patients day a little less lonely, to see a bright young face and happy smile. Some of the Candystripers plan to become Nurses or Doctors.

"Mrs. Barbara Walker, director of Volunteers for Hendricks, would like to see more girls and volunteers from all areas around Abilene. The Candystripers are energy savers for the Nurses on the different floors, running errands and etc.

## Miss Hogan Candidate For BS

Sandy June Hogan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Hogan, Jr. of 212 Oak, Merkel, is a candidate for a BS degree from McMurry College in Abilene, Texas.

Commencement exercises will be held Friday, August

16, at 8:00 p.m. in Radford Auditorium. Dr. F. Thomas Trotter, General Secretary of the Board of Higher Education and Ministry of the United Methodist Church, will address the 44 candidates for degrees.

Sandy is a 1971 graduate of Merkel High School. She will receive her degree in business education.

### Personals

Mrs. Alvin Byrd had four of her children and a host of grandchildren visiting in her home over this past Sunday. Lunch was served buffet style. Those present were: Clyde and Jean Irvin, Truman and Myrtle Holloway and Cathy, Jerry and Pat, Cindy and Suzanne and Audie Byrd all of Merkel. Teddy and Glenda, Ted, Meli Dee and Robin from Ganada, Texas, Lonnie, Judy and Scotty Thompson, Jerry and Marsha Reed, all of Abilene. Buster and Lee Ann Tarpley from Lubbock, and Rusty and Sharla Holloway from Tye. Friends present were Mrs. Charlie Huff and Charlene Riggins and daughter from Sweetwater and Ricky Conley, Paul and Mike Tucker of Merkel.

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Monday, Aug. 12th, Mr. Magee gave the girls a swim party at the county club, which the girls enjoyed very much. Our thanks to Mr. Magee.

Plans for building a softball park are coming along pretty well and we are all hoping to have this part built in time to use next summer. We hope everyone will continue to support this project.

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Rural electric officials reminded themselves of their cooperatives tradition of turning adversities into opportunities as they concentrated on problems confronting them today, during the 34th annual meeting of the association of Texas Electric Cooperatives August 7-9 in Dallas. And in deliberating today's problems, they recalled, too, that the tradition has been maintained through cooperation—from others as well as among

themselves. And they found in Dallas that they are not alone today as they tackle shortages of generating fuels and construction materials, spiraling costs, and adequate financing at affordable interest rates to construct new facilities and "heavy-up" existing systems to meet the ever-growing electrical demands of rural Texans.

Meeting with the leaders in Dallas were Governor Briscoe's director of planning, General James M. Rose of Austin, and Mack Wallace of Athens, member of the Texas Railroad Commission. Wallace pointed to practical and balanced development of natural resources as a way to meet energy demands. "We have more shale oil in the midwestern United States than we've used altogether in all our history," he said. "Northeastern states have oil resources offshore they re-

use to develop. And they have built no refineries." Wallace drew loud applause from the rural electric crowd when he concluded: "We don't want to further deplete Texas resources to benefit other states that refuse to develop theirs."

The commissioner also urged a realistic balancing of the nation's needs against environmentalists demands in order to develop additional energy sources, including nuclear.

Financing for rural electric expansion appeared doomed the first of last year when Rural Electrification Administration loan funds were frozen. But Texas' and the nation's rural electric leaders—through the cooperation and leadership of such congressional friends as

W. R. Bob Poage of Waoc—worked successfully to secure another REA loan program that netted more capital for rural electric expansion last year and this year than ever before.

Deputy REA Administrator David H. Askegaard of Washington, DC, said that a guaranteed-loan provision of the new REA program gives electric cooperatives a stronger position in initiating and participating in large-scale power development. And he pointed to the rural electric-owned Cooperative Finance Corporation as a financing source for fuel supply development.

CFC Governor J. K. Smith reported that the new Federal Financing Bank offers promise as an additional rural electric loan source.

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**Merkel Country Club**  
RT. 1 MERKEL 928-5514

**Merkel Drug**  
121 Edwards 928-5012

**Merkel Locker Plant**  
1602 N. 1st 928-5322

**Merkel Mail**  
917 N 2nd 928-5712

**Merkel Restaurant & Motel**  
MERKEL, TEXAS 928-4923

**Merkel VFW**  
MERKEL, TEXAS 928-6776

**Palmer Pontiac**  
1208 N 1st 928-5113

**Quikstop and Boot Shop**  
1207 S 9th 928-5331

**Sandusky Feed & Seed Co.**  
Edwards 928-5019

**Starbuck Co.**  
201 EDWARDS 928-4711

**Taylor Electric Co-op**  
1610 N. 1st

**Wilson's Food Store**  
1033 N. 2nd 928-5713

**Wylie Truck Terminal**  
1-20 East 928-5584

**SAVE More Dollars**

**FINE FOODS for SCHOLARS**

**5 BIG DOLLAR DAYS**  
THURSDAY THRU TUESDAY  
AUG. 15-16-17-19-20th  
FOR BACK TO SCHOOL

**SWIFTS**  
**SHORTENING**  
42 oz. CAN **98¢**  
WITH \$7.50 IN TRADE OR MORE EXCLUSIVE OF CIGARETTES

**Frozen Foods**

WHOLE SUN 12 oz. CAN  
**ORANGE JUICE** 39¢

Birdseye  
**COOL WHIP** 4oz. PKG. 39¢

JOHNSTON DUTCH  
**APPLE PIE** JUMBO SIZE 99¢

**FRYERS**  
FOR THRIFTY BUYERS



GARRETT'S MEDIUM  
**EGGS**  
DOZ. 49¢

I.G. FROZEN  
**MELLORINE** 1/2 GAL Crtn. **49¢**

I.G. DAIRY FRESH  
**Homo MILK** GAL Jug **\$1.39**

I.G. DAIRY FRESH  
**Homo 2MILK** GAL JUG **\$1.29**

I.G. DAIRY FRESH  
**Butter MILK** 1/2 GAL JUG **63¢**

KRAFTS  
**BAR B.Q. SAUCE** 18 oz. JAR **43¢**

DEL MONTE  
**Grapefruit Juice** 46 oz. **49¢**

DEL MONTE 303 C.S.  
**Golden CORN** 2 FOR **49¢**

TIRAPP JALA 300  
**PINTO BEANS** 2 FOR **59¢**

GRIFFIN GREENS 303  
**TURNIP OR MUSTARD** 2 FOR **39¢**

KEEBLERS  
**CRACKERS** LB. **49¢**

TOWIE  
**OLIVES** 7 oz. **49¢**

DECKERS ASSORTMENT-6  
**LUNCHON MEAT** 3 FOR **\$1.00**

GRADE 'A' CUT-UP LB. 49 WHOLE ONLY  
**39¢** Pound

**COCA COLA**

12 OZ. CAN  
**98¢**

HORMEL  
**VIENNA SAUSAGE** 5 oz. CAN **33¢**

**BACON** DECKER POUND

**98¢**

**FLOUR**

GLADIOLA 5 LB. BAG

**79¢**

**FRANKS** DECKER 12 oz. PKG.

**57¢**

**TUNA**

Del-Monte FLAT CAN

**53¢**

LIBBYS  
**FRUIT FLOAT** CAN **39¢**

**HAM** BONELESS COOKED 3 LB. CAN

**\$3.79**

**PARKAY**

SOFT OLEO

**63¢**

**STEAKS** GOOCH BEEF LB. PKG.

**95¢**

SHEER-TEX PANTY  
**HOSE** 3 FOR **\$1.00**

INSTANT TEA  
**LIPTON** 3 OZ. **\$1.19**

PETER PAN  
**PEANUT Butter** 12 oz. Jar **59¢**

**BEEF** FRESH GROUND POUND

**65¢**

**LIVER** FRESH BEEF POUND

**89¢**

SAVE 20¢ WHEN YOU BUY A 1 LB. CAN of FOLGER'S COFFEE



SPECIAL PRICE WITH THIS COUPON **99¢**  
WITHOUT COUPON \$1.19

DUNCAN HINES  
**CAKE MIX** BOX

**59¢ PICKLES** 22 OZ.

**49¢**

GRIFFIN 18 oz.  
**PLUM PRESERVES OR JAM**

**59¢** GILLETTE 11 OZ. FOAMY

AMERICAN BEAUTY  
**POTATOES** INSTANT 8 oz. PKG

**39¢ SHAVE** \$1.09 SCHILLINGS 4 OZ. GROUND

**CORN** Sweet EARS FOR 2 **23¢**  
and OTHER PRODUCE SPECIALS

CARNATION INSTANT  
**Breakfast** Box

**69¢ Cinnamon** \$1.49

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

300 COUNT  
**L.L. PAPER** (2 LIMIT) PKG **69¢**

**DYNAMO** LIQUID GT. SIZE **83¢**

CALIFORNIA  
**PEACHES** LB. **39¢**

**COMPOSITION** 5 SUBJECT DIVIDERS EA. **79¢**

**PALMOLIVE** LIQUID KING SIZE **79¢**

FRESH  
**LETTUCE** LB. **19¢**

**BINDER** CLOTH BOUND EA. **69¢**

**COMET** CLEANSER

THOMPSON SEEDLESS  
**White GRAPE** LB. **49¢**

**CRAYOLA** 24 CT. BOX EA. **35¢**

**2 GT. SIZE** **53¢**

FRESH  
**CABBAGE** LB. **9¢**

**DRAWING TABLET** LG. SIZE **39¢**

**59¢** 2 BAR DEAL

RUSSET NO. 1  
**SPUDS** 8 LB BAG **89¢**

**ELMER GLUE** REG OR SCHOOL 1/4 oz. **19¢**

Authorized STORE FOR FOOD STAMPS CARSONS

**CARSON'S SUPER MARKET**  
MERKEL, TEXAS  
FREE DELIVERY MON. WED. FRI.  
BEST MEATS IN TOWN

COMPLETE LINE OF SUPPLIES

WE GIVE GIFT BOND STAMPS  
Double on Wednesday with \$5.00 or more