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Band Boosters Purchase Covers For Band Uniforms

form covers. These covers complete the payment. will protect the new uniforms which the school has purchased and help the band members to carry their uniforms. It was felt that the purchase of these uniform covers will prolong the life of the uniforms. This purchase will cost the Boosters almost \$600. This is a large amount but the members felt it was necessary at this time in order to protect the new

Part of the funds to pay for these covers has been raised through the past years

Herbert Patterson, Longtime Merkelite, Services Held

Herbert W. Patterson, 79, longtime Merkel resident, died at 3 p.m. Friday in Hendrick Memorial Hospital. Services were held at 4 p.m. Sunday in United Methodist Church.

The Rev. N.S. Daniel, associate pastor, officiated, assisted by the Rev. Russell McAnally, pastor, and the Rev. E.L. Yeates of Roby. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery under the direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

Mr. Patterson was born April 5, 1895, in Taylor County. He married Maggie Mae Foster Nov. 7, 1916, north of Merkel. He had farmed and was employed by the Farmers State Bank and the John Deere Co. until 1942. In 1962, he retired from the Internal Revenue Service.

Mr. Patterson was a member of the Methodist Church, where he served as Sunday School superintendent and was a longtime board member.

Survivors are his wife; a son, Truett of Indianapolis, Ind.; three grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Compere Cemetery **Working Saturday**

The Compere Cemetery Association will have their annual August working and business meeting on Saturday, August 17.

All interested parties are urged to be present. Lunch will be served at noon at the Baptist Church at Compere and business meeting will follow. Work will begin at 9:00 o'clock a.m.

Senior Citizens

The Senior Citizens met for their monthly luncheon Tuesday. A large crowd was present.

Jackie Reynolds brought an

outstanding devotional. New members enrolled and several visitors were pre-

Mrs. John Brady, presi- projects and Mrs. Brady said dent of the Merkel Band Boos- she hopes the projects which ters announced that an order are under way at the prehas been placed for 82 uni- sent time will be enough to

> The Community Birthday Calendars are one of these projects. Persons who had purchased a calendar in the Spring should pick up their calendar now at Castille Hardware according to Mrs. Brady. "We appreciate all the businesses, clubs and individuals who supported this project. The calendars run from Sept. 1974-Aug. 1975. There are some calendars still for sale and they may be purchased at Castille Hardware also," she said. The calendars have listings for most of the clubs in Merkel, some school activities and many residents birthdays. "They will be a very useful calendar to have for the coming year. We hope to have this Calendar as a yearly project and everyone who failed to get his birthday or club activity on the calendar this year will want to make an effort to do so when next

the Spring," she said. With in the next few weeks the Boosters will be selling "Badger" bumper stickers. Everyone will want a bumper sticker on his car by the first football game, Mrs. Brady said.

years calendar is compiled in

The first meeting of the year will be Sept. 10. All band parents and interested persons are asked to attend this meeting when new officers will be elected and plans for the coming year will be made, At this time the club will kick off its 1974-75 membership drive. "We hope that not only will all band parents wish to join but other persons who are interested in the welfare of the Merkel Bands," Mrs. Brady said.

Tye Baptist August 19-25th

The First Baptist Church of Tye will be holding revival services next week, August 19-25, at 7:30 each morning. Clyde Glazener, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Bedford, will be the evangelist for the week. The music will be under the direction of Harrell Greer, church music director.

The revival choir will be meeting each evening at 7:00 for rehearsal and other groups will be having prayer meetings for the services. Sunday's services will be

at regular hours. Clyde Glazener is a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth. He has been at Bedford for the past 7 1/2 years. He and his wife, Kay, have one daugh-

ter and four sons. Our church opens its doors to all who would come and hear Jesus Christ preach,

said Pastor Leonard Payne.



heimer, sold her 25th subscription just in time to beat the deadline of the Bicycle Contest sponosred by The Merkel Mail. (Photo by Troy Barnes).

Merkelites Give Views On President

By LaVONNE BUNCH

Democrat or Republican, milk drinker or abstainer, farmer or astronaut, one thought is common-our country is in the midst of tur- lish speaking tavelers. moil.

Friday, Aug. 9, saw a new dawn of hope, many feel that Gerald Ford was the only atlernative to the dark situation. "His appointment to the vice-presidency and then to the high office of presidency is almost frightening, says a citizen who wishes to remain anonymous. With Ford's selection of a new vice president, the United States of America will have her two foremost leaders in

office without election." A local church leader expresses his concept of this historic state by quoting the Psalmist, "The hearts of the kings are in the Lord's hands." He goes on to day, "No amount of conjecture will solve this problem, but prayer and rededication to God and country can resolve

the individual's position. The unrest was seen around the world concerning America's plight; never before have other nations been so disturbed by such action.

in Mexico when Richard Nixon announced his resignation. Immediately, garrisons of Mexican soldiers boarded our train to supress any uprise on celebration by the Eng-

Reviewing the resignation speech, a business woman said, "Mr. Nixon said in 5 million words 'I quit," No mention was made of the Watergate investigation, no guilt was admitted,"

Many citizens are taking a slow look toward Gerald Ford. "Can he solidify the broken ranks? Is his 'good guy' image a true picture? Will he be too conservative in his actions?" These questions and others poseserious consideration to Americans. In the midst of the awesome turmoil and overwhelming anxieties, a flicker of hope comes from a teenager, "With a President named

Booster Club Meets Monday

The Merkel Booster Club will meet Monday, August 19, at 7:30 at the Taylor Elec-

tric Co-Op Building. Officers will be elected. Everyone is welcome to at-

This writer was vacationing tend. New members are Merkel Ex-Students

Treasurer.

All Merkel ex-students are encouraged to meet at the Asteroid Restaurant on Thursday, August 15, 1974, at 7:00 p.m. to start making plans for the Homecoming which has been set for October 25th when the Merkel Badgers will meet Wylie at Badger Stadium.

To Meet Thursday Homecoming are: Bettie Cypert, President; Danny Doan, Vice President; Fonda Bicknell, Secretary, Pat Byrd,

> Members of the 1953 and 1954 graduating classes will be host this year.

Please support your Homecoming by being at the Restaurant tonight!

"Jerry" things are bound to get better." (Quotes from local citizens

by name:) Don Hensley, president of F&M Bank: 'It was a regrettable turn of events which caused Nixon to resign, I wish the new President well in his job."

Mrs. Russell McAnally; "I respect the office of the presidency and sincerely wish Ford well in it. President Nixon's last words summed up our hope, 'With God, Americans can get it all together.'

Ray Wilson: "The resignation was the only choice however difficult it must have

Secretary Loretta Morgan: "I'm happy with the new President. His honesty and integrity should help level the economy. Fred Starbuck: "I'm

pleased to think that Gerald Ford will take into consideration the opinions of the advisors and cabinet. It seems that his intention is to stabilize our economy." Mrs. Roy Hewitt: "The

truth has been so distorted, one doesn't know what to believe. I feel sorry for Nixon. He is a tragic figure however democracy is still working for the American people."

Dean King: "Nixon was the political scapegoat. Major articles of government were clouded by the Watergate issue. Perhaps President Ford can face these problems squarely by not owing allegiance to other sources.

Mike Womack: "The investigation should continue into Nixon's actions; any wrong doings should be corrected. Our governments check and balance system is such that the new president will in all probability be a good leader."

School Board Approves **Budget, Adopts Guidelines**

approved the 1974-75 school year budget Monday night at their scheduled meeting. The budget, which calls for a small surplus, was \$1,071,-822. The million plus budget is \$44,377.00 less than the estimated available funds for the coming year.

The board also discussed the Citizens Committee to be appointed to study the needs of the school district. The Board approved the guidelines it wants the committee to follow. The committee will be asked to consider the following categories: 1. Finance-Tax; 2. Curriculum; 3. Public Relations; 4. Student-Teacher Relations; 5. Traffic; and 6. Extra Curricular Activities. The Committee will study the above listed areas and report back to the board with recommendations for solutions to the problems or recommended courses of action to improve the particular area. The board is expected to appoint the Committee soon. The Citizens Committee will represent all areas of the district, according to Board

President Bobby DuBose. The board also heard a tax report. This district has collected \$265,711.91 in taxes for the current tax year. This represents 91,79%.

Also approved was the hiring of a new bus driver. The board met the prior

VISITS

Bob Bullock, Democratic nominee for State Comptroller, was in Merkel this week to say "thank you" to the voters of Taylor County who gave him a 76.0 per cent majority in the May primary.

Bullock won the Democratic nomination with the largest percentage vote of any contested statewide race. He carried all but one of Texas 254 counties. Visiting every county in

Te ... 3 during the primary, Bullock said he "prefers to talk to the people personally instead of hiding behind words and gimmicks ground out by clever public relations people."

The size of his victory shows the people supportimprovements and reforms he recommends for the Comptroller's Office, Bullock said.

Bullock, 45, gained statewide acclaim as Secretary of State. He also has served as Assistant Attorney General and a member of the House of Repersentatives. He is a veteran of the Korean Conflict and lives in Austin with his wife Amelia and son, Bobby.

During the campaign Bullock has called for an end to faulty collection methods which he says cost the state millions of dollars a year by 'fly-by-night' operators.

Bullock also has promised to cut down the amount of red tape facing businesses in handling and paying state taxes. Other reforms urged by Bullock have included quicker processing of city sales taxes by the state.

"I'm fully confident that the people are more than anxious to see that their hardearned tax dollars are carefully collected and wisely spent," Bullock said.

Season Football Tickets Go On Sale August 15

Season football tickets will go on sale August 15 for last year ticket holders. Last year ticket holders will have first chance to purchase the season tickets, which will be \$7.50 for 5 home games from August 15-29.

The general public may then purchase tickets starting August 30. The tickets can be purchased at the superintendent's office at the high

The Merkel School Board week on Tuesday night, At for use as a Home Economic that meeting the board, at the Lab for next year. It would suggestion of High School involve moving walls and add-Principal Travis Davis, ap- itional plumbing proved the amended dress code for the new school term. Lou David Allen. Mayor Al-It allows, among other things, len asked the board to help the boys to wear their hair the City Police Department

Other action taken by the bility of a closed campus. board at the August 6 meeting "This is not designed to included:

weeks edition.

bus driver. kindergarten students will at- of us," he said. The Mayor tend a full day or half a day. further informed the Board The issue will be determined that the city is interested in by the number of students participating in a re-evaluaenrolling and the guide lines tion of property that the

I Program. of the MOC class remodeling (which was approved this the house they built last year week).

- Met with Merkel Mayor over their ears and down to with the traffic problem atheir collar. The entire dress round the schools during the code was published in last lunch hour. The Mayor mentioned to the board the possi-

punish anyone, but to insure - Hiring of Ben Womack as the safety of all youngsters, which is paramount ot all -Discussed whether the which is paramount to all set by the State under Title Board might adopt.

-Studied the proposed bud--Discussed the possibility get for the coming year

Rev. Van Gauthe To Be Guest Speaker At First Bantist

A former Merkelite, Rev. Van Gauthe, will be the guest speaker at Merkel's First Baptist Church on Sunday morning, August 18, pastor Kenneth F. Jones has announced. "We were happy to learn that Van would be vacationing in our community and we have invited him to preach to our congregation in the morning services,"

Pastor Jones stated. Rev. Gauthe is currently serving as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Italy, Texas. He was a team-member

Fire Dept. To Hold Vaccination

The Merkel Volunteer Fire Department is in the process of setting up vaccinations of dogs for rabies as they have in the past.

The vaccinations will be held at the Merkel firehouse. A date will be announced

with the group from Merkel which participated in the Evangelistic Crusade in Luneberg, Germany, in the spring of 1973.

Rev. Gauthe is a graduate of Merkel High School, Hardin-Simmons University, and a former member of First Baptist Church, Merkel, His wife, Sue, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jarrett Pinckley, and they have one daughter, Jana.

"Our church has been plassed with number of young men who were called of God to become ministers. and Van is one of these, of whom we are most proud," Pa Jones stated, 'It has been our hope that we could

have these men come back to Merkel, as opportunity presents itself, and speak to our congregation in our new house of worship. We certainly are looking forward to the visit of Van and Sue Goethe, and we invite all their local friends to be present in the worship services next Sunday morning."

Glamour Bar Holds Open House in New Quarters

Kathy Gregory has purchased the Clamour Bar Beauty Shop and has opened it in new quarters. Mrs. Cregory, 23, is a graduate of Glenn and Lotties's Beauty School in Abilene. She has been a beautician for one year.

Mrs. Gregory has purchased the building formerly occupied by the Merkel Laundromat. The Laundromat has gone out of business. The building has been completely remodeled inside. The ceiling has been lowered and paneling has been put on the walls. Part of the floor is covered with carpet, with the rest being tile flooring. Mrs. Gregory is a native

of Colorado City. She lived there for about 12 years before moving to Merkel. She is married to Albert Gregory, a native Merkelite. He is in the carpenter contracting business in Merkel with Jerry Goode. The Gregorys have one son, 2-years-old. The family resides at 800 Trundy Street in Merkel.

Employed in the Glamour Bar besides Mrs. Gregory is Pat Byrd, Barbara Johnson, and Barbara Whisenhunt.

"We are very proud to become a part of the Merkel business community and would like to invite everyone to come by and seeus," Mrs. Gregory said.

Open house was held last Sunday for the firm. A large number turned out to inspect the new facility.



THE GLAMOUR BAR STAFF

Milk Producers Scandal,

Names like John Connally and Richard Nixon have been mentioned in the news lately in connection with the Milk Producers Association based in San Antonio. Large amounts of money have reportedly been given to political figures on the state and national level. Charges have been filed against Connally, former Texas Governor.

What does all this mean to the dairy farmer? In an interview with the Merkel Mail, Dairyman Harold Hohhertz of Tye discussed the effects on the men out in the field. "This has been a disaster for the men that are doing all the work. The publicity

that has been given the AMPI

has really hurt the dairy man.

We trusted the leadership of

San Antonio. We had no know-

ledge that they were doing the things they have been accused of," he said. Hohhertz went on to explain that the price of milk has been rolled back by \$1.65 in the last two months. 'We just can't stand this and still make a profit. Our feed costs can't make it with the pre-



HAROLD HOHHERTZ

... Tye Dairyman have continued to rise. Milo has gone from \$4.50 to \$6.50 The same story holds true for Cotton Seed meal. We are having to pay \$80 a ton for alphfa hay. We simply

High Feed Cost Hurting vailing conditions," Hohhertz

Officers for the 1974

said. Hohhertz said that the dairymen have written to their political leaders explaining the situation.

He went on to explain that powdered milk products were hurting the industry. "All the facts of the con-

troversy have not been told. Some of the figures quoted in the press are not factual. In the current issue of the Dairymen's Digest, some of the facts concerning what actually happened are detailed, I would like to share them with you," Hohhertz said. Following is the points re-

printed from the AMPI publication: 1) In January, 1972 the

AMPI top management team was completely changed by the Board of Directors. Almost all of the events being reported today happened prior to that time and as much as six years ago, under the old management.

2) A big part of the facts

"revealed" by the news me-

dia were first brought to

light by the AMPI Poard of

Directors through its own investigation which resulted in the "Wright Report". This was an investigation made by an independent law firm and certified public accountants hired by the Board of Directors to find out for sure what had happened within AMPI and who was responsible. To prove its openness in the matter, the report was sent to the Watergate Com-

mittee, the Justice Department and other authorities before the AMPI Board even looked at it. 3) The Committee for Thorough Agricultural Political Education (TAPE) has been thoroughly and completely audited by independent CPA's

and the U.S. General Accounting Office. 4). The controversal increase in the price support for milk announced March 25. 1971 at \$4.93 did not increase the price of milk in the market place. There is no way it could have cost consumers the high figure reported by some news accounts. Most of the expenditures were for

dairy products to fulfill gov-

ernment commitments and not price support activities. 5) On several occasions in the past an increased support price served the same function, that of preventing the milk price from falling

so low that many dairymen

would leave the business thus

creating a shortage.

6) Before the price support was raised in 1971, dairy cooperatives presented a well documented report to the Secretary of Agriculture which included 23 pages and eight exhibits advocating a support price increase. The report, prepared by eight distinguished dairy economists from midwest universities, provided evidence justifying the price increase to 90 per cent of parity, not that 85 per cent which was put into

effect. 7) "Secretary of Agriculture Hardin recommended the price support increase in 1971 but he was overruled by George Schultz, then Director of the White House Office of Management and Budget." (Bill Knox, Editor of Hoards Diaryman)

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 5 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

for future reference.

On August 10th, a subject

was found to be very intoxi-

place. He was arrested and

brought to Abilene and placed

On August 12, this subject

pleaded guilty before the

Merkel City Judge and was

fined \$40,00. Subject was re-

jail in lieu of the fine im-

was notified that there was

argument over profane lan-

guage being used around

ject being hit and receiving

everyone will cooperate, but

when a complaint is signed

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 a-

round the school area, Should this practice continue this

school season, the Police De-

partment will have no alter-

native 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, how-

ever, we will do whatever is

necessary to prevent any of

our children from being hurt

or killed due to the wreck-

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will be taken.

On August 11th, the Police

posed by the City Judge,

On July 5th, the Police report is being submitted to Department was notified that the County Juvenile Officer there was a disturbance at one of the local place of business. This disturbance resulted in one subject being cated near a local business filed on for Assault, On July 15th, one subject pleaded guilty to the charged of as- in the Taylor County Jail. sault before the Merkel City Judge and was fined \$50,00.

On July 19th, a subject was stopped to be informed that one of the head lights turned to the Taylor County 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 a disturbance at one of the stated that he had lost his local place of business, Indrivers license at a drilling vestigation revealed that an rig site the previous day, While the officer was checking with local authorities on ladies resulted in one subthe status of subjects drivers license, the subject four stitches in the back of fled from the officer. The his head, Charges of Assault check made with Abilene was filed on one subject, Subrevealed that this subject ject pleaded guilty to that had his drivers license sus- charge before the Merkel City pended for driving while in- Judge on August 13th, and toxicated. The suspension was on February 24, 1974. by the Judge. Charges of Driving While License Suspended and Evading Arrest was filed on the subject. He was arrested on at large within the City of July 20th and placed in the Merkel. The City Ordinance Taylor County Jail on the on Control of Dogs will be

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 by one of our citizens, action 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

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 Univer-

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

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 mty aldry, Greek and Roman mythology, armor, and nautical terminology," said Dr. Lloyd Huff, professor in English, who will teach the

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.

WE WELCOME Interested persons should YOUR BUSINESS contact Huff in the English Department at H-SU.

GEORGE STARBUCK

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 trophies 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, exsting 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 particulary 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 Hatfield, 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 ley, 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

Letters To The Editor sit at the Farmers and

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-

Riding Club Event

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

5 and Under - 1. Mike Dokey, 2. Kyle Coker, 3. Tiffany Allday, 4, Lucie Masonheimer, 5. Gary Sutter-6 - 8 - 1. Kevin Coker, 2.

Brooks Boyd, 3. Ken Hogan,

people?

There are problems with

our youth here in Merkel,

most of us realize this. But

are we willing to do some-

thing to help them? We feel

we must. Baseball is not

t is. It does offer, however,

and girls. When they are in-

in activities which can be

harmful to them and the com-

munity. We can not put a

price tag on our youth, so

if only a few or even one is

saved from hurtful activites,

"cure all" and certainly

4. James Allday, 5. Robbie Williams. 12 and Under (all over High Point) - 1. Leslie Masonheimer, 2. Tamarah Golson, 3. Jeff Toombs, 4. Lisa Dokey, 5. Norma Frazier. 13 - 16 - 1. Cindy Boone, 2. Jan Beck, 3, Patricia Boyd,

17 and Over - 1. Kathryn Whisenhunt, 2. Barbara Whisenhunt, 3. Jarrett Pinckley, 4. Mary B. Phillips, 5. Obie

4. Susie Toombs, 5. Charles

Calf Roping

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

Head - Heeling

1. Oscar Vaughn, 2. Don Dudley, 3. Walter Henslee, 4. Felix Boyd, 5. Benny Melton.

At the present what do we Merchants National Bnak for the "Merkel Youth Ball Parks offer our boys and girls out-Project". This is great conside of school activities? We have T-shirt and Little sidering the short time and especially considering the League which involves most few people who have been of the boys of Merkel and Trent from ages 7-12. Why working, Many people have expressed concern for our should we say to a 13 year old that we can't offer baseboys and girls and a desire to help, but only a handfull of ball to him any longer. That people seem to find time or is when the boys are beginninclination to come out to ing to develop their athletic the meetings, Monday night skills. Also when they need to be kept involved most, there were only three people present. A large number of This is the age where we must give them worthwhile oys have express their desire to play Babe Ruth Ball so where are their parents? leave Little League with no-Sure we are all busy but we thing to look forward to in must decide what is most portant. Combining all the baseball. The teen years must be filled with wholesome inneetings there have probably been a total of 15 families terests. As for the girls, all they have at the present is represented. Most of us have the desire to play, a lot of direct concern because of determination, a few willing sons and daughters who will be playing baseball. However, adults spending a great deal of time with them and a vathe one who is spearheading the campaign has only theincant lot with rocks for the terest of youth at heart, J.C. bases. Is this all Merkel has Carson has spent endless to offer our girls? The Merkel City Councilis hours getting this project

started. We owe him a big behind the project and as-Thanks". But where are sisting us in obtaining land all the other "interested" for the two parks. We are grateful for their help.

then it must be worth it.

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 we are not pretending that can you if you feel our youth's lives are worthit. When these parks are completed and a wholesome activity for boys leagues operating, we can terested and involved in offer both boys and girls from age 7-18 a good place something worth while, they are less likely to be involved

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 & Jucille Brady

Merkel Mail Page Two THURSDAY, AUGUST 15, 1974

Harold Hohhertz Home Burglarized Sunday

Harold Hohhertz of Rt. 4, was burglarized Sunday morning between 10 and 12 a.m. The Hohhertz 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 opportunities. It is a terrible tape deck, a grandfather let down for the boys to clock, portable TV set, electric adding machine, vacuum cleaner, a clock radio, all of Mrs. Hohhertz'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 Hohhertz children's piggy bank.

The thieves broke down the back door to gain enhouse in quite a mess according to Hohhertz. The Taylor County Sheriffs Department is investigating.

SENIOR CITIZENS SCHEDULE EVENTS 1st Monday Night of Month singing. 2nd Tuesday Noon Covered Dish Luncheon. Game Nights Every Thurs. & 4th Monday 4th Thurs. GAME Night Reserved

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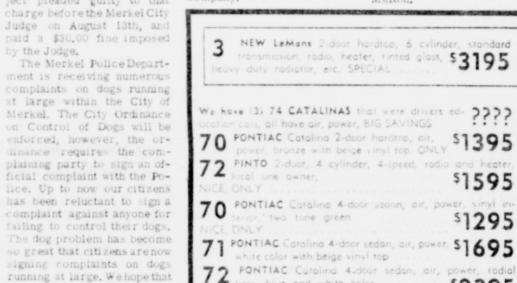
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Fertilizer Outlook Bleak For Fall Planting Season

as Agricultural producers will likely take a "wait and see" attitude as far as fall application of fertilizers for next year's crop is concerned According to Dr. Charles

Welch, soil chemist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, "The fertilizer



KATHY HATLEY ... Graduates

Kathy Hatley **Completes Nurses Training**

Mrs. Kathy Hatley, has successfully completed one year of Vocational Nurses training at the Hendrick School of Vocational Nursing, in Abilene.

Graduation exercises are scheduled for August 23, at 7:00 p.m. and are to be held at the University Baptist Church, in Abilene.

After graduation, Mrs. Hatley will be employed, full time as an LVN, by Hendrick Memorial Hospital, and will work in the intensive care unit. Mrs. Hatley plans to continue her education, and hopes to become a Registered Nurse.

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turnabout in the fertilizer cost situation and in a number of fertilizer materials." Welch points out that last year conditions were generally favorable for fall application of fertilizer. A good crop year had been completed and farmers had received high prices for their commodities. In addition

there was growing concern

that fertilizer would be

picture is considerably dif-

ferent now compared to a

year ago. Last year fertilizer

supplies were available and

prices were still down. But

there has been a complete

scarce in 1974. "This year producers are faced with a different situation. Fertilizer supplies are limited and what is available is at a high price. Special formulations of fertilizer are almost nonexistent. Producers must often buy a complete fertilizer (one with nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium) regardless of whether or not they all these nutrients.

"And the percentage of active ingredients is also being reduced in many instances so that it takes a larger volume of fertilizer to provide the necessary nutrients. This means increased transportation and handling costs."

What all this amounts to, according to Welch, is that producers will have to take a close look at their particular situations to determine their fertilizer needs and time of application. "Soil testing will be especially important in determining profitable fertilization practices for each field and each crop."

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THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: Lawrence Thomas Akard, Jr., Respondent, Greet-

ing: YOU ARE HEREBY COM-MANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable Domestic Relations Court of Taylor County, Texas at the Courthouse in said County, Hamilton, Robert J. Hamilton in Abilene, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the Monday next after the expiration of twenty days from J. J. McKeon, Henry McNutt, the date of service of this Mrs. Albert B. Martin, G.T. citation, then and there to answer the petition of Chris- mas D. Metcalf, J. P. Montian Homes of Abilene, Inc., day, C. Moore, J. A Ran-Petitioner, filed in said Court som, V. E. Pruitt, Joe Rossli, on the 5th day of Aug. 1974, Royalty Shareholders, Inc., against Sherry Ann Dhans, and Lawrence Thomas Akard, Jr., Respondents, and said suit being numbered 9647-DR iams and the unknown heirson the docket of said Court, at-law, devisees, legal reand entitled 'In the interest presentatives, successors of Baby Boy Dhans, a child," and assigns of each of said the nature of which suit is a named individual defendants request to terminate parent- who are deceased, if any are

child relationship. Said Baby Boy Dhans was born the 2nd day of Aug., 1974, in Abilene, Taylor

County, Texas. The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree in the child's interest which will be binding upon you, including the termination of the parent-child relationship and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the child's adop-

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Abilene, Texas, this the 5th day of Aug., 1974. (SEAL)

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TO: Charles Garcia, regard-

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Although U.S. fertilizer the manufacturing point. 15 to 20 per cent. This means probably shy away and wait to that inventories are now low see what the spring season

production was up 6 per cent 'Fall fertilization will be a during the year ending June difficult decision for pro-30, the amount sold was up ducers to make, so many will

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spondent, Greeting:

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at the retail level as well as at brings," points out Welch. Saundra Gail Carter and the known natural father, Terrell

H. Carter, Respondents, and

said suit being numbered

9451-DR on the docket of said

Court, and entitled "In the

interest of Lois Christene

Coe a child," the nature of

which suit is a request to

terminate parent-child rela-

tionship. Said Lois Christene Coe was born the 22nd day of November, 1971, in Abilene,

Texas. The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree in the child's interest which will be binding upon you, including the termination of the parent-child relationship and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the

child's adoption. Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Abilene, Texas, this the 9th day of August, 1974.

(SEAL) Attest: Irene Crawford, Clerk, Domestic Relations Court in Taylor County, Texas; By Sandra Van Cleave, Deputy.

to appear before the Honor-

able 42nd District Court of

Taylor County, Texas, at the

Courthouse thereof, in Abi-

lene, Texas, by filing a writ-

ten answer at or before 10:00 A.M. on the first Monday

next after the expiration of

42 days from the date of

issuance of this citation,

same being the 2nd day of

September, 1974, to Plain-

tiff's Original Petition filed

in said Court on the 16th day

of July, 1974, in this cause,

Number 34,567A on the docket

of said Court, styled BILL D.

SAXON, Plaintiff vs. A. J.

BARTRUG, et al, Defendants.

The Plaintiff in said suit is

E. B. Rood and the Defendants

are A J. Bartrug, et al.

ture of this suit is as follows,

to-wit: A suit for the appoint-

ment of a Receiver under the

provisions of Article 2320b of

the Revised Civil Statutes of

the State of Texas to execute

an oil, gas and mineral lease

on the interests of the Defen-

dants in the following de-

scribed land situated in Tay-

lor County, Texas, to-wit:

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same according to the re-

quirements of law and the

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due return as the law directs.

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lor County, Texas; By

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TO: Miguel Serrano Moreno, Defendant, Greeting: YOU ARE HEREBY COM-

THE STATE OF TEXAS

MANDED 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 23rd day of August A.D. 1974, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 11th day of July A.D. 1974, in this cause, numbered 9558-DR on

styled Barbara Herrera

Moreno, Plaintiff, vs. Miguel

Serrano Moreno, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: suit is brought by Barbara Moreno who resides at 417 Meander, Abilene, Texas; parties married on or about July 8, 1970 and were separated January 15, 1974; no children were born to or adopted by parties; certain community property has been accumulated by parties, petitioner requests court to divide in an equitable manner; as is morefully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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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. Is sued and given under my

hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, this the 12 day of July A.D. 1974. (SEAL) Attest: Irene Crawford

Clerk, Domestic Relations Court Taylor County, Texas; By Sandra Van Cleave, Deputy.

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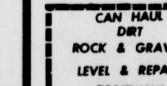
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MR. ROBERT CRAWFORD-A native of Merkel, 1967 graduate of Merkel High, and holds BS degree from Tarleton State University. Mr. Crawford will be the seventh grade coach and Texas history teacher. He and his wife, Judy, come to Merkel from Rockdale, where he was employed as manager of Mehaffey'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 Craw-



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 Pulbic 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

Beautiful organ music was played during the cere-

monies. 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

Girls Softball

The Merkel Bombers played Anson last Friday night and the younger girls lost. The older girls also lost. Their game with Trent was rained out. This was their last game of the season. Plans are under way to play Thursday, Aug. 15.

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 pro-



MISS REED ... Capped

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

come 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.

see a bright young face and

happy smile. Some of the

Candystripers plan to be-

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

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 Myrle 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 Shar-Holloway from Tye. Friends present were Mrs. Charlie Shuff and Charlene Riggans and daughter from Sweetwater and Ricky Conley, Paul and Mike Tucker

of Merkel.

Miss Hogan Candidate For BS Sandy June Hogan, daughter 16, at 8:00 p.m. in Radford Audito rium. 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

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of electric service into rural areas have been many since electric cooperatives first began operating in the 1930s, long-time leaders recall. But the obstacles have always been modified at least, they add. For today, Texas' 80 rural electric systems serve some two million rural Textems to meet the ever-growans through more than 604,000 meters connected to the systems' 193,000 miles

of electric lines. 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

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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 facilties and 'heavy-up' exisitng sys-

ing 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-

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 nu-

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

cure another REA loan program that netted more capital for rural electric expansion last year and this year than ever before.

Deptuy 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 largescale 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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Mary Kathryn Knox and Chantilly lace, three-quarter length bell sleeves and ending in an attached chapel length train. The bodice and hem August 3, 1974, Rev. John W. were heavily appliqued with Morphis officiated at the lace and accented with seed pearls. Her veil was anivory illusion mantilla, edged in lace and pearls. The bride's of Mrs. Cayton F. Knox and bouquet was a cascade of the late Mr. Knox. She is the white roses, babies' breath granddaughter of the late Mr. and English Ivy. For someand Mrs. C. K. Russell, a pio- thing old, she carried a handkerchief which was made by Raymond Ferguson of Mer- her grandmother and carried kel, her uncle, gave the bride by her mother in her wedding. in marriage. She wore a for- She wore a strand of pearls. mal gown of silk organza a gift from the groom and a

Miss Lindsey Engagement Told

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Lindsey of Shidler, Oklahoma, ansounce the engagement of their daughter Tanya Gayle to Charles Leb Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Williams, Graniola, Oklahoma, Tanya is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dent Gibson, Route 3, Merkel. An August 16 date has been set by the couple for their wedding.

The bride-to-be is a 1974 graduate of Shidler High School where she was band president: member of the pep club and annual staff, student council reporter, and member Rainbow for Girls.

The prospective bridegroom is a 1968 graduate of Sidler High School, He attended Northern Oklahoma College, Tonkawa. He is farming in Graniola.

The wedding will be in the First Baptist Church, Shid-

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TANYA LINDSEY ... August Wedding

Brooks of Columbia, Miss. announce the birth of their daughter, Lisa Renee, born Aug. 2. She weighed 8 lbs.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Royce L. Brooks of Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. Henry L. Howard of Merkel. Great grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Shott of Winters and Mrs. E. R. Clack of Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Paul Sellers are the proud parents of a baby boy, Jason Ian Gabriel, born July 30 at 11:15 a.m. at Balbos Naval Hopital in San Diego, California. He weighed 8 lbs. 2 oz.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Reddin of Merkel and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sellers of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Almer D. Barnes Jr. are proud to announce the birth of a boy, David Almer, born August 12th at 12:12 a.m. at Hendrick Memorial Hospital.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Almer D. Barnes Sr. of Rt. 2, Merkel. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Austin Schwarz, 922 S. La Salle, Abilene.

Merkel Schools To Offer Free School Lunch Program

gram. They are a member of the Pre-Federal Beef Pro-

There has been a guideline and explanation issued by the Texas Education Agency for those students who may qualify for free lunches. Here is a brief summary of Children from families penses due to the mental or

If your income is greater than those shown but you have unusually high medical bills, shelter costs in excess of 30 per cent of your income, special education ex-

Merkel Post Office Taking Sub Rural **Carrier Applications**

Postmaster E. T. Thompson announced that applications for Substitute Rural Carriers are being accepted from August 13, 1974 thru August 26, 1974. An examination will be given to es-

Personals

Last Friday a large group of friends and relatives gathered at the Bratcher home for a lawn party to honor Sherry, who will be leaving for college soon.

A good time: was enjoyed by all. Gifts were presented to the honoree.

Refreshments were served by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bratcher.

sister and wore the tradi-

Maid of honor was Lynda L.

Knox and the bridesmaids

were Janie Carter of Galves-

ton, Kim Kraettli, Houston,

Mrs. William Rackley, Lub-

bock and Mrs. Nick Sholars,

his brother. Groomsmen

were George Young, Bay City;

Harry Johnson, Houston; Wil-

liam Rackley, Lubbock; and

Tom Turbiville of Irving. Ed-

gar Moore and Kenny Tro-

Mrs. A. J. Carter, Jr. of

elors degree in Chemical En-

gineering and his Masters de-

gree in Marketing from Texas

After a wedding trip to New

Orleans, the couple will be at

home in Dallas. He is a Safety

Engineer with O.S.H.A. Dept.

the Terrell Public Schools.

the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Ferguson, Mr.

and Mrs. Vincent Barnett and

Michelle of Merkel and Mr.

and Mrs. A. J. Sparkman of

Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. James

Shelton, Shannon and Stacey

of Georgetown, aunts and un-

cles of the bride.

Birthday

Mrs. O'Rear

Party Sunday

The children of Mrs. Ro-

bert O'Rear will host a birth-

day celebration for her at

the First Baptist Church in

Trent. The party will be held

Sunday from 3 to 5 p.m. All friends of Mrs. O'Rear are

invited to attend. No gifts are expected. Mrs. O'Rear

Held in conjunction with

Mrs. O'Rear is a longtime resident of the area. Her

A Distinguished Professor

of Medicine at the University

of Oklahoma College of Medi-

cine and senior physician at

the Oklahoma City Veterans Administration Hospital, Dr. Solomon Papper, was named

recently as a VA Distin-

guished Physician.

the party will be a family

father came to this area in

will be 80 years old.

Mrs. Carter will teach in

Out of town guests attending

of Labor.

Mr. Carter, son of Mr. and

chesset were ushers.

tional blue garter.

from which future Substitute Rural Carrier of record vacancies in the Merkel Post Office will be filled.

All interested persons who meet the requirements described in the announcements posted in the Post Office Customer Lobby at Merkel and Trent are urged to apply.

All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, political affiliations, or any other non-merit factors.

Any questions in regards to the requirements should be directed to Postmaster

Baseball Project Ready To Form Leagues For '75

Work toward building the two baseball parks is continuing and at the weekly meeting Monday night, the group expressed the need to now begin formation of the leagues. The girls softball John E. Carter of Galves- league will include girls from ton served as best man for age 7-18. It is time now to secure officers and managers and coaches so that definite plans can be made and all will be taken care of before the 1975 season begins next Spring. At the

Sherry Bratcher

Sherry Luella Bratcher of Merkel was one of 476 students who recently took part in Preview ASU 1974 at Angelo State University in San Angelo.

The annual summer orientation program for new students entering Angelo State in the fall attracted new students from throughout the state. Participating students

spent one full day during the week -long program on the Angelo State campus attending informational sessions on all phases of University life. In addtion, the students met with academic advisors who assisted them with planning their fall class schedules right down to the room numpresent there is a need for managers and coaches for the softball teams. If you would like to work with these girls, please contact J. C. Carson. Also there is still a opening for one manager and two coaches for the boys Babe Ruth teams. This League will also begin to make their plans for the 1975 baseball season. Anyone interested in either of these positions should also contact Mr. Carson.

The Cookbook being compiled for sale to benefit the building of the baseball parks from the Merkel women. Although today (Thursday) is the deadline for turning in recipes. Residents are urged to get them to the Merkel Mail office no later than Friday morning. They will be picked up and taken to the Trent ladies who are working on the cookbook, Friday afternoon, "This is an important project as are all of the fund raising campaigns for the ball parks and we sincerely need the help and cooperation of all the people of Merkel and the surrounding area," Mrs. John

Brady said. The next meeting of the persons working for the Baseball Parks and Leagues will be next Monday, Aug. 19, at 8:00 at the Asteroid, Any person who can help is urged to attend.

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To apply for free meals for your children, at anytime during the year, you need to complete the required application and return it to your school Principal.

The applications will be passed out the first day of school at the Primary, Elementary and High Schools in Merkel and at the Tye Elementary. They should be turned back in immediately. The school will let you know whether or not your children are eligible within 10 days after receiving your application. If you do not agree with the school's decision you have a right to a fair hearing. This can be done by calling or writing Mack Fisher, Superintendent of the Merkel Public Schools, phone 928-

In certain cases foster children are also eligible for benefits. If you have such children living with you and wish to apply for such meals for them, please notify us or indicate it on the application.

All children are treated the same regardless of ability to pay. In the operation of child feeding programs, no child will be discriminated against because of his race, sex, color, or national origin.

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2	0-3830
3	0-4740
3 4 5	0-5640
	0-6480
6	0-7310
7	0-8060
8	0-8810
9	0-9510
10	0-10,19
11	0-10,86
12	0-11,530
Each Addi-	
tional Family	
**	200

WWI Veterans Meet August 20

The Merkel-Trent World War I Barrack 2248 and Ladies Auxiliary will have their regular meeting Tuesday, August 20 at the Tay-6:30 p.m.

Pot Luck supper will be served. All members and other Buddys and Auxiliary Ladies that should be in this organization are urged to attend. Everyone is welcome.

Commander is Carl Bon- 1 neaux and Ladies Auxiliary president is Mrs. L. J. Renfro.

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MRS. DAVID WAYNE BOWEN ... Formerly Renee Ellen Santee

Santee-Bowen Vows Exchanged

Miss Renee Ellen Santee and Mr. David Wayne Bowen exchanged wedding vows Saturday at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church, with Father James P. Bridges of the Sacred Heart in Abilene of-

Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Irl Walker attended Church Sunday at Clear Creek Baptist Church near Copperas Cove, Texas.

One hundred and two years ago, Mr. Walker's great grandparents were donors of the land that is now the church

They also visited at Liberty Hill, Texas. Lyle Walker, a grandson of the Irl Walkers and son of Dr. and Mrs. Jimmy Walker of El Paso, is visiting here.

The bride is the daughter of CMS and Mrs. Thomas D. Santee of Merkel. Parents of the bridegroom are Mrs. Tommy Scott of Fort Worth and Mr. Kenneth Bowen of Harlingen.

Organist was Mrs. John Brady. The bride was given in

marriage by her brotherin-law Jerry E. Holmes. Mrs. Jerry E. Holmes was

matron of honor. Best man was Joe Bigbee. The bride is a graduate

of Merkel High. The bridegroom graduated from Merkel Hgh and is employed by Abilene Marina.

The couple resides at 507 Trundy, Merkel. The rehearsal dinner and reception was held at the home of the bride's parents. Hostesses were Mrs. Dale Shugart, Mrs. Jerry Holmes and Miss Gala Toliver.

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