

Longtime Merkelite Services Held

Mrs. Minnie Lou Hunter, 76, lifetime Merkel area resident, died at 8:40 p.m. Wednesday at Starr Nursing Home

Merkelites Kin Rites Held

Mrs. Bessie Elizabeth Seitz, 61, of 2561 Roundtree, in Abilene, was dead on arrival at Hendrick Memorial Hospital at 8 a.m. Saturday after suffering an apparent heart attack at her home. Services were held at 11 a.m. Monday at Elliott-Hamil Chapel of Memories, 542 Hickory.

The Rev. Ralph Odum, pastor of Fairmont United Methodist Church, officiated. Graveside rites were held at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Six Mile Cemetery in Hampfield, Ark. Born Bessie E. Breaux Dec. 17, 1913, in Anahuac, she moved to Abilene as a child and grew up in the Colony Hill Community south of Abilene. She married Marving G. Seitz May 4, 1949, in Boston.

They moved to Hampfield, Ark. in 1959. Mr. Seitz died in 1967 and Mrs. Seitz returned to Abilene two years later. She was a member of Fairmont United Methodist Church and of the United Methodist Women.

Survivors include a brother, Frank Breaux of Merkel, a sister, Mrs. Alma Gravens of 2609 Roundtree, and several nieces and nephews.

here after a short illness. Services were held at 2:30 p.m. Friday in the Merkel Church of Christ.

Larry Gill, minister, officiated, assisted by the Rev. Jack Reynolds of Merkel. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery directed by Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born Minnie Lou Campbell Dec. 20, 1898 in Merkel, she married Walter C. Hunter here Dec. 22, 1918. Mr. Hunter died March 19, 1954.

Survivors include four sons, Bobby Joe of Abilene, Buddy and Deveral, both of Merkel and Etsel of Arlington; one brother, Bob Campbell of Merkel; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Six Mile Cemetery in Hampfield, Ark. Born Bessie E. Breaux Dec. 17, 1913, in Anahuac, she moved to Abilene as a child and grew up in the Colony Hill Community south of Abilene. She married Marving G. Seitz May 4, 1949, in Boston.

Youth Center Moves To N. 1st

The Merkel Youth Center has moved. They are now on N. 1st in the Turner Building.

Parents are welcome to come browse around and see the new location of the Community Youth Center.

Mechanics Course Offered by CJC

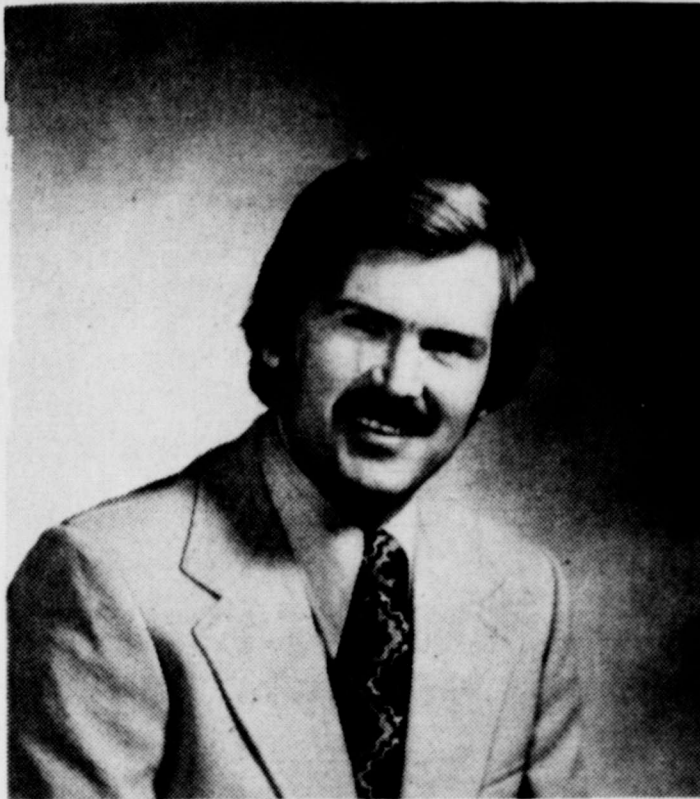
A course in AUTOMOTIVE MECHANICS will be taught in the Cisco Junior College Extension Program in Merkel beginning with the current spring semester, CJC Vocational-Technical Dean Gerald Bint has announced.

Bint said that registration for the new course at Merkel would be held on Monday evening, January 27 at 6:00 p.m. at Merkel High School, and that classes would be held at Max Murrell Chevrolet Company in Merkel beginning Tuesday evening, January 28. Classes will meet for three hours - 6:30-9:30 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

The class is open to anyone who would like to take it, Dean Bint said. High school graduation is not a requirement, and students who are still in high school may take the class if they have permission from their principal, he continued.

Cost of the course will be \$46.75 plus a \$30.00 lab fee, and there will be no textbook to purchase, Mr. Bint concluded.

The class will deal principally with the fundamentals of the gasoline engine. More information may be obtained from the Merkel Chamber of Commerce, CJC Dean Carroll Scott, or CJC Vocational Dean Gerald Bint.



MICHAEL COUCH
... new officer

Michael Couch Named Officer at F&M Bank

The Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Merkel announce a new officer at the bank. He is Michael Couch. He was named as Assistant Cashier. He will be assuming installation Loan Duties and will assist in bank operations.

Couch and his wife, Jan, are residing at 407 Edwards and are members of the Merkel Church of Christ.

Couch was born in Lubbock, Texas. He graduated from Anton High School and attended Abilene Christian College, where he received a BS degree in General Administration. Couch did his graduate work at Texas A&M at College Station.

Prior to joining Farmers and Merchants Bank, Couch was employed with ACC in their business office with primary responsibilities in accounting procedures and bank reconciliations.

Couch also was formerly associated with General Motors Acceptance Corp. out of Amarillo, Texas where he was performing wholesale audits and field collections for the General Motors dealers in that region. He was also formerly associated as a franchise division supervisor for the Burger King Corp. in Amarillo.

Couch is active in sports and enjoys paddle ball and golf. He is a football official and has been a member of the Southwest Football Officials Association since August of 1973.

He is also an antique collector and has a nice antique collection of clocks, pictures, and guns.

Don Hensley, president of F & M, stated they are very pleased to have Michael associated with the bank as an officer. I feel that he has an excellent background and education that will lend itself to the banking industry and especially with the Farmers and Merchants Bank.

Merkel has gained two new wonderful citizens in Michael and Jan Couch and we all extend our hearty welcome and good wishes to them in their future with the bank.

Former Merkelite Dies at Farewell

Howard L. Garner, 68, died Jan. 15th in Highland Hospital in Lubbock. Mr. Garner had been ill for 6 weeks.

Born in Comanche County, Mr. Garner moved to the Merkel area with his parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. V. Garner in the early 20's. Mr. Garner married Mora Thompson and they made their home in the Merkel area until 1936 when they moved to California.

At the time of his death, Mr. Garner was a retired farmer after having farmed in the plains area for many years and at Farewell, Texas, since 1954.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Jan. 18, at the First Baptist Church where he was a member. Burial was in Farewell Cemetery.

He is survived by his wife, two sons, Delbert of Aspen, Colo., and Derrill of Amarillo, three daughters, Mrs. Betty McGuire of Lubbock, Mrs. Janet Black of Lusby, Maryland, and Mrs. Barbara Gale of Grand Junction, Colo., one brother Clifford of Eucinta, Calif., his stepmother, Mrs. V. Garner of Abilene, sixteen grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Mr. Garner was the brother-in-law of Irven Thompson and the cousin of Vivian Davis and Ruth Pangle, all of Merkel.

4-H Food Show Is February 1

The 1975 Taylor County 4-H Food Show will be held Saturday, February 1, beginning at 1:00 p.m. in the Main Room of the Student Center, Abilene Christian College. "Southwest Foods" is the theme for this year. The program will begin with registration and setting up of displays from 1:00 to 1:30 p.m. and displays will be open to the public from 3:30 to 6:00 p.m.

An Awards program will begin at 6:00 p.m. when each participant will be receiving awards and medals, will be given to top placing winners who will represent Taylor County in the District 7 Food Show to be held Saturday, February 15th in Sweetwater.

Badgers Remain Undefeated With 80-51 Win Over Albany

The "Undefeated Badger boys" are still undefeated after beating the Albany Lions 80-51. Looks like their determined to keep their title all season as the "Undefeated Badgers." The Badgers were leading at the end of each quarter, scoring 23 points first quarter to Albany's 7 points. By half time the Badgers have scored 24 more points to the Lions 18 points, third quarter the Badgers scored 14 more points to the Lions 7 points. And the fourth quarter found both teams scoring 19 points, to bring the Badgers to another victory, final score, Badgers 80, Lions 51. All the Badgers participated in the defeat, with high pointer David Copeland scoring 17 points, Buddy Morgan 16, Jackie Sims, 10, Derrill Riggan 15, Andy Hart 6, Billy Watts 1, Donald Dye 2, Doug Hutchings 4, Randall Howes 5, and Paul Tucker 4. Scoring for the Lions was Middlebrooks 11, Hawkins 14, Jones 5, Hogan 3, Waller 7, Holson 2, Middlebrooks 4, and C. Hawkins 5.

Merkel defeats Albany. The Badger Varsity Girls coached by Pat Penick defeated the Albany Lions coached by Walsworth Friday, Jan. 17, 60 to 49. The Badgers scored 21 points to Albany's 7 points the first quarter and by half time, Merkel was winning 34 to Albany 20. The Badgers led the way all night and never allowed the Lions to get within 9 points to them. The final quarter and the Badgers never let down winning 60

to 49. The Badgers made 48% of their shots while Albany made 55. The Badgers made 12 free throw shots out of 25 attempts while the Lions made 17 out of 31 attempts. High pointer for the Badgers was Netta Stephan with 41 points and leading the Lions was Janet Smalley with 28 points.

Joe McDuff Elected Director of Cemetery Assn.

The Board of Directors of Merkel Cemetery Association met on Friday, Jan. 17, 1975 at 5:00 p.m. in the home of Mrs. W. S. J. Brown with Directors Joe Cypert, Mrs. W. S. J. Brown and Fred Starbuck in attendance.

It was brought to the attention of the Directors that a new Director was needed to fill a vacancy caused by the death of Booth Warren. After some discussion, Joe McDuff was elected to the board and Joe Cypert was elected President.

A financial report was reviewed and accepted to be entered into the minutes. In as much as the Board of Directors had not increased the price of the lots for several years, and after receiving a comparison of prices of lots in other areas, it was decided to increase the price of a four space lot in the new section to \$150.

Mrs. Brown advised that she would like to be replaced on the board and a date of March 15, 1975 was suggested as a replacement date.

Fred Starbuck stated that Mrs. Brown has contributed many years of tenure on this

board and her accomplishments are very much appreciated by the other Directors. The current roster on the board includes: Joe Cypert, President/Director; Mrs. W. S. J. Brown, Vice-Pres./Director; Fred Starbuck, Sec.-Treas./Director; W.D. Gamble, Director; Joe McDuff, Director.

Sesario Acuna On Honor Roll

The following student has made the Vice-President Honor Roll of Texas State Technical Institute, Rollin Plains Campus, Sweetwater, Texas: Sesario Acuna (Trent); Sesario is enrolled in the Automotive Mechanic Program.

In order for a student to make the Vice-President Honor Roll, he must maintain a 3.5 grade point average. The Vice-President of Texas State Technical Institute is Dr. Jack Tompkins with headquarters at the James Connally Campus Waco. The Manager of the Rolling Plains is Mr. D. A. Pevehouse.



SHEEP SHOW WINNERS
Left to right, Tommy Swinney, Beverly Gilmore, Kay Richards View, and Teresa Clemmer.

Mulberry Canyon 4-H Club Takes Show Honors

Merkel was well represented at the County Livestock Show in Abilene with the Mulberry Canyon 4-H Club taking nearly all the honors in the sheep show.

Tommy Swinney had the champion mutton breed lamb, Tommy, 13, who exhibited a Southdown, is a sixth grader at Merkel and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Marvin Swinney of Merkel.

Making more honors for Mulberry Canyon 4-H was Beverly Gilmore, 18, a senior at Merkel High School, who exhibited the champion intermediate mutton breed, Beverly also has shown 10 years in 4-H. Beverly, the breeder of all of her lambs, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Gilmore of Merkel.

Teresa Clemmer exhibited the champion finewool lamb, Teresa, 18, is a senior at Divide High School and is a veteran of 10 years of showing winning animals at area livestock shows. She is chairman of the Taylor County 4-H Council this year and also has served as a delegate to state and national 4-H Congress. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Clemmer.

For champion pen of 15 lambs, it was Mulberry Canyon 4-H again as the entire club took the win.

Kay Richards, a seasoned showlady at 10, kept Mulberry Canyon from sweeping the honors, however, as



AWARD WINNER - Patricia Boyd, of Trent, is pictured with the Steer Showmanship Trophy she won at the Abilene Show. The award is presented by Taylor Electric Cooperative, Inc.

she exhibited the champion finewool crossbred lamb.

A fifth-grader at Butterfield School and a Taylor County 4-H'er, she is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Richards of View. Besides her champion, Kay placed high throughout the competition with several animals.

Mr. Richards is the principal of Butterfield School.

Vince Ellard, 16, a junior at Blackwell High School and

a member of Mulberry Canyon 4-H, was the recipient of the sheep showmanship award. T. J. Neill of Merkel made the presentation on behalf of the Taylor County Sheep at Great Raisers' Assn. which provides the trophy.

Vince is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Galoway of Star Route, Nolan.

Stanley Blackwell of Winters judged the Taylor County sheep competition. Charles Hobbs of Route 5, Abilene is superintendent of the lamb show.

The regional lamb competition of the annual Abilene Livestock Show got underway Tuesday in the Taylor County Coliseum.

The Trent FFA Chapter won honors in the Steer Show with Patricia Boyd taking championship honors with her Simmental-Charolais-Heredford crossbred steer. She won the other breeds and crosses division.

The 16-year-old Patricia is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Boyd. She also won the coveted 1975 Taylor County Steer Showmanship Award presented by Taylor Electric Cooperative, Inc.

TAYLOR COUNTY SHEEP SHOW RESULTS

Lightweight finewool lambs - 1. Beverly Gilmore, Merkel; 2. Eddie Adams, Trent; 3. Vince Ellard, Nolan. Heavyweight finewool

lambs - 1. Teresa Clemmer, Merkel; 2. Gordon Crawford, Abilene; 3. Kay Richards, View.

Champion finewool lambs - Teresa Clemmer.

Lightweight finewool crossbred lambs - 1. Rocky Bryan, Trent; 2. Mike Brown, Merkel; 3. Mike Brown.

Heavyweight finewool crossbred lambs - 1. Kay Richards, View; 2. Kay Richards; 3. Beverly Gilmore, Merkel.

Champion finewool crossbred lamb - Kay Richards.

Lightweight medium wool and mutton breeds - 1. Beverly Gilmore, Merkel; 3. Teresa Clemmer, Merkel.

Heavyweight medium wool and mutton breeds - 1. Beverly Gilmore; 2. Mark Wilkerson, Merkel; 3. Kay Richards.

Champion intermediate mutton breed lamb - Beverly Gilmore.

Mutton Breed Lambs - 1. Tommy Swinney, Merkel; 2. Vince Ellard, Nolan; 3. Kenny Ellard, Nolan.

Champion mutton breed lamb - Tommy Swinney, Southdown.

Champion pen of 15 lambs - Mulberry Canyon 4-H Club. Sheep Showmanship Award - Vince Ellard.

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ory of Billy Morgan and Em-
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ory of Henrie Don Melton
Mrs. Simmons T. Calla-
way in memory of Mrs. Win-
nie King

Ada Mae Johnson in mem-
ory of Della Kuykendall
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Clarence Newton in mem-
ory of Minnie Hunter

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Boney
in memory of Mrs. Minnie
Hunter

Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Fox
in memory of Mrs. Minnie
Hunter

The Price Melton Family
in memory of Donnie Melton.

Tri-City Baseball News

By JOCILLE BRADY

At the weekly meeting of
the Tri-City Baseball Project
it was announced that the ex-
hibits planned for Feb. 1st
in Merkel have been post-
poned until possibly March
1st. The exhibit from the
Parks and Wildlife Depart-
ment could not come on Feb.
1st and a definite date has
not been set.

It was also reported that
the land for the baseball field
has not been purchased. The
first choice for location of
the fields is divided into two
pieces of property. We have
been negotiating for some
time with the owners of the
larger portion. Recently we
have been in contact with the
second owner. At present we
have not been able to come to
terms with this owner. If we
can not secure these pieces of
property soon we will be
faced to take our second
choice of locations for the
fields.

Next meeting will be Jan.
27, 8:00 at the Asteroid Rest-
aurant.

Donations of \$10.00 more
have been received through
the collection containers.
This brings the total for Ma-
jor Allen's Jog to \$207.00.

Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor:

I would like to thank the
Merkel Rescue Squad for their
action recently.

During the recent snow, the
Rescue Squad (firemen) went
to check on the Robert Wil-
liams family within an hour
and 1/2 after I notified them
that this family was snowed
in at their home in the coun-
try. The family was alright
but it's nice to know that a
town, the size of Merkel, has
someone to call in case of
need.

It was said that the fire-
men walked in the snow, after
driving as far as they could,
with walkie-talkies to check
on the family.

Thanks again.
Mrs. Goldia Malone

V.I.C.A. Club News

By JEANINA GRIFFITH
The new M.O.C. vocational
class at Merkel High School
has just organized a VICA
Club (Vocational Industrial
Club of America). Dues for
this club are \$3.40.

The club held election Wed-
nesday at a class meeting.
Officers for this club are:
President, Shawn Moore;
Vice President, Scott Tar-
pley; Secretary, Derrill Rig-
gan; Treasurer, Cathy Car-
ter; Reporter, Jeanina Griff-
ith; Sargent at Arms, Lon-
nie Carter.

This club should be very
interesting. You may enter
contests that pertain to your
job. In this class you learn
about many jobs and how to
be skilled at maybe one or
more jobs.

The sponsor of M.O.C.
class and VICA Clubs Philip
Pursley.

Save gasoline by avoiding
congested traffic whenever
possible. Avoid the rush hour
peak by starting earlier -
staying later.



MRS. RICKEY DALE MEEKS
... formerly Tonja McAninch

Miss McAninch, Mr. Meeks Exchanged Vows Jan. 18

Tonja Denise McAninch and
Rickey Dale Meeks were
married Saturday in a cere-
mony at First Baptist
Church with the Rev. J. E.
Meeks of Baptist Temple of
Big Spring officiating.

The bride is the daughter
of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Mc-
Aninch. Parents of the bride-
groom are Mr. and Mrs.
J. E. Meeks of Big Spring.

Organist was Larry Kuey.
The bride was given in mar-
riage by her father.

Matron of honor was Mrs.
Greg Henderson of Garden
City, sister of the bride.

Mulberry 4-H News

By CINDY HUTCHINGS

We held our monthly meet-
ing Jan. 13, 1975. The meet-
ing was called to order by
President Beverly Gilmore. The
minutes were read by Teresa
Clemmer. The Pledge of Al-
legiance was given by Doug
Hutchings. Lesa Swinney lead
the 4-H Pledge and Prayer.
J. B. Crierer gave a very
interesting program on pro-
jects in different areas to
include everyone.

Stock shows filled the rest
of the meeting. The winners
were: Beverly Gilmore: (3)
1st sheep.

Mike Brown: 2nd, 4th sheep
Lisa Swinney: 5th, 6th, 7th,
8th, 14th, 15th sheep.
Shiela Swinney: (2) 9th,
(2) 10th.

Bart Whisenhunt: 1st
calves

Tommy Swinney: (2) 4th,
6th, 7th, 8th sheep
Leslie Masonheimer: 2nd
Mares, 4th Geldings

Doe Dee Masonheimer: 2nd
Geldings

Patricia Boyd: 1st mares,
1st geldings, 1st horse show-
manship, Grand champion
steer, Res. Champion Steer,
1st Commercial Steer.

We had two special guests,
Chuck Knight and Robert
Boyd. Other members attend-
ing were Lisa Higness, Craig
and Cindy Hutchings.

Stith HD News

The Stith Home Demon-
stration Club met Jan. 8 at
the Community Club. There
were 7 present.

After a roll call, there was
a business meeting.

The program was Weight
Control given by the County
Agent, Mrs. Neece Wilburn.

Mrs. Buelah Bradley was
hostess. Next meeting will
be Jan. 22.

All ladies in the community
are invited to meet with the
HD Club, regardless of race,
creed or religion.

Use cold water when rins-
ing dishes and operating your
garbage disposal. Unneces-
sary use of hot water wastes
energy - and raises utility
bills needlessly!

HONOR ROLL

Travis Davis, Principal of
Merkel High School has re-
leased the following stud-
ents for the A and A&B Honor
Roll.

"A" Honor Roll

Kandi Ascencio, Tammy
Booth, Wanda Braune, Bever-
ly Gilmore, Lisa Gregory,
Mike Henry, Mike King, Re-
tha Mattingly, Beverly Maw-
son, Krisit Nease, Jerry Kay
Smith, Jerrie Stephen, Netta
Stephen, Gayle Teaff, Ronny
Truell, Susanne Warner, Rita
Watts, Jim Wharton, Donna
White, Marlon White, Stanley
West, Linda Williams.

"A" & "B" Honor Roll

Dale Alcorn, Debbie
Beard, John Biera, Christi
Boone, David Booth, Melinda
Bowen, Donna Bowman,
Royce Bratcher, Belinda
Broussard, Darrel Bunch,
Cindy Bunch, Cathy Carter,
Lonnie Carter, Steve Cas-
telle, Jane Clark, Steve
Cochran, Freda Crenshaw,
Tony Crenshaw, Terry Crie-
ner, Alice Cunningham,
Karolyn Davis, Mike Davis,
Becky Deason, Judy Diltz,
Dwayne English, Scotty El-
liott, Carla Fariello, Christi
Fudge, Nancy Fudge, Cindy
Hagar, Billy Harris, Jackie
Harris, Randy Harris, Andy
Hart, Kathy Hendricks, Cathy
Holloway, Tammy Hudman,
David King, David Kraatz,
Carrie Law, Mike Magee,
Barbara Martin, Patsy Mar-
tin Alan Mawson, Mendes
Moreno, Grant Murrell,
Kathryn Murrell, Dorothea
Pannell, Annette Parmelly,
David Pfeister, Vicki Reddin,
Melody Reagon, Suzy Rister,
Kim Satterwhite, Payllis
Shanks, Tony Shugart, Patty
Shotwell, Gayla Toliver,
Greg Treadwell, Paul Tuck-
er, Jerry Walters, Billy
Watts, Wayne Webb, Rhonda
White, Kyle Wilkerson.

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3 From Merkel Make Dean's List

Leonard Norris Boden,
Sherry Luella Bratcher and
Judy Kay Brnovak of Merkel,
students at Angelo State Uni-
versity, are listed on the
Dean's Honor Roll for the
fall semester at the Univer-
sity.

Boden, of Route 3, Merkel,
is a 1952 high school gradu-
ate. He is a senior art ma-
jor at ASU and is listed on
the 3.00 to 3.49 honor roll.

Ms. Bratcher, daughter of

Mr. Ralph E. Bratcher, of
Route 1, Merkel, is a 1974
Merkel High School graduate.

She is a freshman business
major at ASU and is listed
on the 3.00 to 3.49 honor roll.

Ms. Brnovak, daughter of
Mr. Frank Brnovak of Route
3, Merkel, is a 1973 Trent
High School graduate. She is
a sophomore home economics
major at ASU and is listed
on the 3.00 to 3.49 honor roll.

Catholic Church Mexican Dinner Tickets On Sale

Ticket sales are going well
for the Mexican Dinner being
sponsored by the "Our Mo-
ther of Mercy Catholic
Church" according to a
church spokesman. The din-
ner will be Sunday, Feb. 2,
at the Merkel School Cafete-
ria. Serving time is 11:00-
12:00.

The annual dinner is a
major fund raising project for
the church.

Advanced tickets are being
sold by church members and
they are available at Star-
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adults and \$1.25 for children
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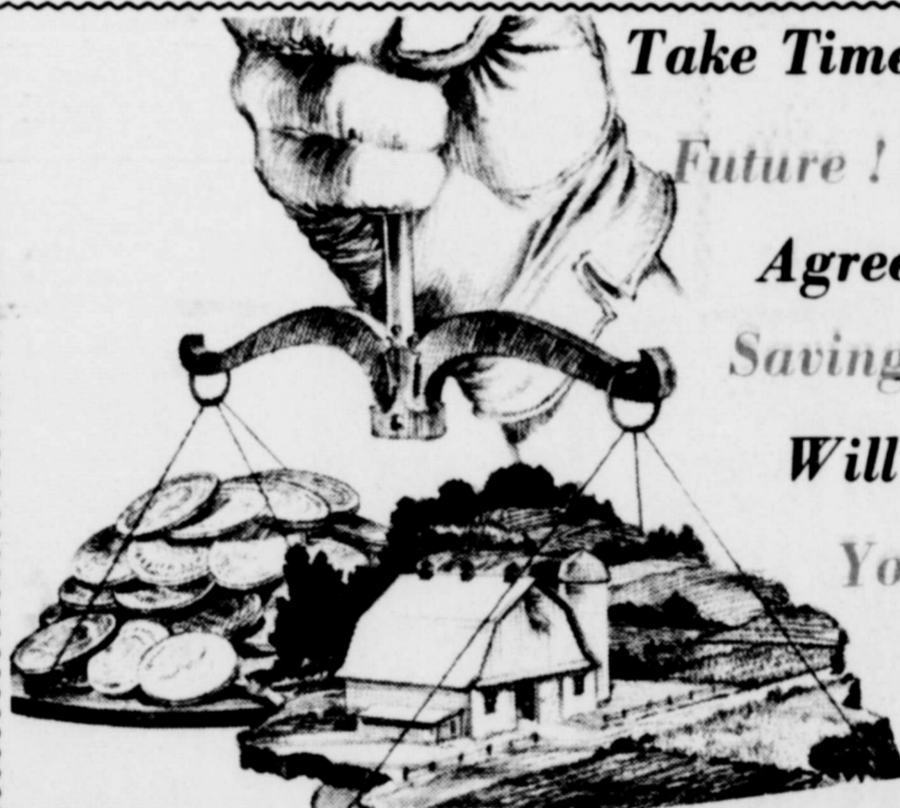
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er, white with black vinyl top. NICE \$1995

71 PONTIAC Catalina, 4 door sedan, air, pow-
er, white color with blue vinyl top \$1695

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er, white color, GOING FOR ONLY \$1395

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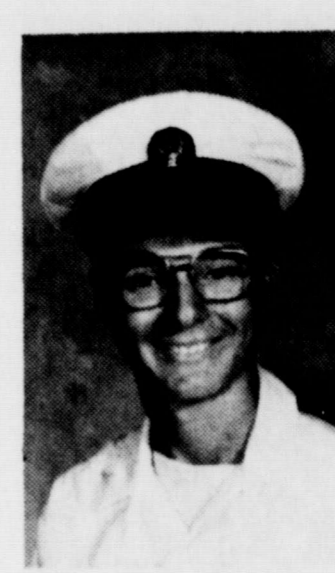
Latest word from Senior Class Sponsor, Coach Bob Campbell, is that the Trent Seniors will leave on their Senior Trip sometime on Valentine Day, Feb. 14, for Colorado Springs, Colorado. On the way up, they will spend the first night most likely in Amarillo and after seeing "Amarillo By Morning" will head the big yellow bus toward the Broad-

moor Hotel where they will headquarter for four nights. Some activities that will be afforded the group are snow skiing, ice skating, golf, tennis, and swimming... (What a combination you say? (Variety is the spice of life - but this is ridiculous?) From snow skiing to swimming... sounds funny, I know, - but

it really is so?). Tom Stevens, who represented Trent at regional last year (in tennis,) has assured me that he and Coach Campbell will "leave their mark on the Broadmoor courts" as they do a little highpowered swinging of their own... racquet wise, of course. Plans are to visit a Dinner Theater, which will be a coat-of-arms affair for the guys (no, no, no, don't believe jeans would do the trick here, kids). Coach Campbell stated that they will take the first aid kit along and "Dr." Campbell will administer aid to those (and with tongue in cheek) "who don't have to be hospitalized."

State THDA Meet To Be in Abilene

Mrs. Frank Carter, Director of District III, reported that Abilene will be the site of the State THDA Meeting during the meeting of the Jones County Home Demonstration Council, Mrs. Ab Hunter, Jr., Chairman, presided over the meeting at the Federal Housing Building in Anson, Wednesday, January 15, at 2:30 p.m.



STEPHEN GAGNE... graduates

Mrs. Carter gave the information on the State Meeting while giving highlights of the State Board meeting held December 31, 1974. The State THDA Meeting will be held at the Civic Center September 16-18. Details will be available through the County THDA chairmen in the near future.

Stephen Gagne Finishes Training

Navy Seaman Recruit Stephen E. Gagne, son of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice F. Pepin of 820 Yuca St., Merkel, graduated from recruit training at the Naval Training Center San Diego.

Scout News

By LOYCE BAKER
Troop 313 met at the Scout Hut Monday afternoon. The girls started making plans for their Valentine Banquet. The members will begin selling Girl Scout cookies this Friday. The cookies will sell for \$1.25.

Farmers Union President Raps Ford's Oil Proposal

Texas Farmers Union president Jay Naman of Waco predicted that if President Ford's energy recommendations were passed into law that they would inevitably result in higher food costs. Naman said that the tax on imported crude which would result in a 10-15 per cent increase in the price of petroleum products would add hundreds of millions of dollars to the cost of producing food and fiber, which would have to be passed on to the consumer.

"Since petroleum products comprise a major cost in the production of food and fiber both from the standpoint of energy and fertilizer, the President's recommendation to tax imported crude oil and natural gas would immediately result in a tightening of the cost-price squeeze for agriculture and eventually result in higher food costs," Naman said. Naman called for a mandatory fuel allocation program which would provide adequate fuel supplies at reasonable prices. "President Ford could conserve millions of barrels of petroleum by imposing tough allocations on petroleum used by the synthetic fiber industry. The continued unlimited production of synthetic fibers is a wasteful

use of energy. Farmers and ranchers need these markets for superior natural fiber and both those producers and consumers would be served by a reduction in synthetic manufacture," Naman said.

Turning to the President's State of the Union message, the farm organization leader said that he was disappointed that President Ford did not emphasize agriculture and the serious economic problems of farmers and ranchers. He pointed out that many of the economic problems of the nation stem from the lack of incentives to farmers and ranchers to produce for export markets.

"Our great agricultural capacity in the United States can be called upon to lessen our economic problems by improving our balance of payments. Apparently, the president is not informed that present federal farm program fails to encourage adequate production and to give farmers and ranchers the kind of assurances that are necessary for an expanding agriculture and stable markets," Naman said.

"I hope that President Ford is planning a special farm message to Congress in addition to his report on the State of the Union. His failure to do so would indicate that he is unmindful of the fact that a faltering agriculture is at the foundation of our economy, and that while farmers are going broke consumers are paying exorbitant prices for food that is feeding the inflation," the farm leader said.

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Alpha Nu Nu News

Members of Alpha Nu Nu met for their regular meeting on Dec. 17, 1974 in the home of Mamie Steck.

Martha Sue Justice presided over the business meeting. After short programs given by Connie Ybarra and Pam Bishop, members exchanged Secret Sister Christmas gifts.

Also at this meeting members of Alpha Nu Nu and Xi Nu Chi gave a surprise baby shower for Connie Harris. Attending were Mmes: Larry Justice, Juan Ybarra, Kay Vanderwerker, George Starbuck, Robert Harris, D. A. Bishop, Dick Leach, Marie Shanks, and Louise Suddorth of Alpha Nu Nu; Mamie Steck, Mrs. John Brady and Mrs. Bobby DuBose of Xi Nu Chi.

Abilene City Council hosted a Christmas Ball at the Civic Center on December 21, 1974. Band for the dance was "The Country Express" of Abilene. Attending from Alpha Nu Nu were Mmes: Ray Vanderwerker, D. A. Bishop, Larry Justice, Robert Harris, Dick Leach, Juan Ybarra, and George Starbuck.

Alpha Nu Nu held their first

meeting of 1975 on January 7 at the home of Mrs. Juan Ybarra. Hostess was Mrs. Ray Vanderwerker.

Vice-President Mrs. Robert Harris presided over the business meeting. Besides regular chapter business, members discussed plans to help with "Rehab 75" in Abilene.

The program for the meeting was given by Mrs. Jerry Magee. Subject for the program was "It's Only Mmm."

Attending the meeting were Mmes: Juan Ybarra, Kay Vanderwerker, Robert Harris, Jerry Magee, George Starbuck, Dick Leach and D. A. Bishop.

Members of Alpha Nu Nu held a Chili and Bean Supper Friday, January 17 at the Catholic Church Hall. After supper members and their husbands played White Elephant Bingo. Each couple brought two white elephants for prizes.

Attending were Mmes: Juan Ybarra, George Starbuck, Dick Leach, Ray Vanderwerker, and Robert Harris.



JOHNNY JONES AND KATHY TOLAND
... to wed May 31st

Toland-Jones Engagement Told

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton James Toland of Taft, Texas, announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary Kathryn to Johnny Sam Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Daniel Jones of Trent.

A May 31 wedding in the First United Methodist

Church of Taft is planned. Miss Toland is a graduate of Taft High School and attends Texas Tech University.

Mr. Jones is a graduate of Trent High School and will be a May graduate of Texas Tech University.

Mrs. Mansfield Host Xi Nu Chi

Xi Nu Chi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi held their regular meeting January 7, in the home of Mrs. Bobby Mansfield.

President Mrs. Glenn Teaff presided at the short business meeting. Special recognition was given to all members of the different committees.

Socials held in December were "The Progressive Dinner" held in the following homes: Mrs. Mamie Steck, Mr. and Mrs. John Brady, Mrs. Daria Mawson and Mr. and Mrs. Bobby DuBose, on December 14th. The New

Year's Party was held in the Fellowship Hall of the Catholic Church.

On Sunday, December 15th members met at the Starr Nursing Home and served cake and punch to the patients.

Jocille Brady gave the program on "Understanding Nature."

Those attending were: Mmes. Almeda Bullock, Bob Garner, Charles Eager, Bobby DuBose, Glenn Teaff, Weldon McAninch, John Brady, Bobby Mansfield and Edgar Tipton.

Study Club Officers

The Fortnightly Study Club met Tuesday, Jan. 14, 1975 in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Don Dudley.

After cake and coffee were served, Mrs. S. C. Dixon called the meeting to order and presided for a short business meeting during which the new officers for 1975-76 were elected. They are: President, Mrs. Ray Wilson; Vice President, Mrs. Comer Haynes; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Carl Hughes; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Mack Fisher; Treasurer,

Mrs. David Gamble and Parliamentarian, Mrs. Don Hart. The program chairman, Mrs. Carl Hughes, introduced the program for the day, "Budding A Belief." Mrs. Ray Wilson brought a talk on Religion of Today.

Those present were: Mmes S. C. Dixon, Don Hart, David Gamble, Bryan Dunagin, Stanley Toombs, Carl Hughes, Johnny Hammond, Don Dudley, Mack Fisher, Comer Haynes, Buster Horton, Ray Wilson, Andy Shouse, and Miss Christine Collins.

Double Mountain Area Evangelism Rally Set

"REVIVE AGAIN" is the theme of the Evangelism Conference sponsored by Southern Baptist Churches in the Double Mountain Area. The conference will be held at First Baptist Church, Stamford on Monday, January 27, 1975 with the afternoon session beginning at 2:00 p.m. and the evening at 7 o'clock.

Lewis Ellis, Pastor of First Baptist Church, Hawley and moderator of West Central Association will preside over the afternoon session. Special speakers on program include Dr. Gene Garrison, Pastor of First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma who will speak in both sessions; Paul Anderson, Pastor of First Baptist Church, Knox City and R.B. Hall, former pastor of First Baptist Church, Anson now in fulltime Evangelism.

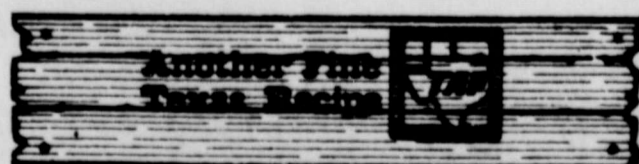
Music will be under the direction of Bob Frost, Minister of Music of First Baptist Church, Anson and Barry

Owens, Minister of Music of First Baptist Church, Stamford. Special music will be brought by Gene and Bobby Moore, Evangelist Singers from Anson and the Revelations, a men's quartet from Amarillo.

The choir for the evening session will be composed of singers from all area churches and there will be a rehearsal at 6:15. All singers are invited to take part.

Dudley Bragg, Pastor of First Baptist Church, Haskell and Evangelism Chairman for Haskell-Knox Association will preside over the evening session which begins at 7:00 p.m. with a song service followed with special music by the choir, Gene and Bobby Moore and the Revelations. Gene Garrison will bring the closing message.

The public is cordially invited to attend both services. A nursery will be provided for children ages birth thru 3 years.



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4 medium oranges
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Sour Cream Dressing

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1/2 tsp. hot sauce
1 Tbsp. lemon juice
1/2 cup mayonnaise or salad dressing
1/2 cup sour cream

Blend ingredients and serve on citrus salad. Yield: 6-8 servings.

Badger Tracks

By WANDA BRAUNE

Things have slowed down some this week.

The first half of district basketball play ended last week with the games played at Wylie. Everyone seemed to have their problems that night. The only team to win out of the four that went was the A boys, but we all agree another chance will come. The first half ended with the Merkel boys as No. 1 and the girls tied for the No. 2 spot.

Spirit rose Friday night after wins over Albany.

The Merkel B Tournament was held this last weekend. The boys team from Merkel won championship. The girls

played hard, but just couldn't get over that tough Wylie team.

I hear that Freda Crenshaw spent a little time in the hospital with her knee. Poor Galen Boone! Three excused days from school for the stock shows and he gets the mumps. I wish both of them a speedy recovery and anyone else who has let this cold weather get them down.

The stock barns are cold, but everyone seems to be doing all right. I've never seen so many lambs, pigs, and steers in one place at one time in my life. We'll all be back to school Thursday with a lot of wild tales to tell.

Till next week.....

Jr. Badgers Beat Winters

The Jr. Badgers traveled to Winters last Thursday and defeated the Jr. High team of Winters 39-23.

Scoring for the Badgers went like this Mike Sims, 11 pts., Ricky Howes 20 pts., Craig Hutchings 2 pts., Kelley Wolf 2 pts., and Roger Dye 2 pts. The Jr. badgers played exceptionally good defense against Winters and lending a helping hand here were Jay Boyd, Maury Moore, Randy Holmes, Mike Brady, Roger Reed, David Wharton and Dennis Lang.

This was the opening game of the Winters Jr. High Tournament and the Jr. Badgers had to face a undefeated team from Colorado City the second round on Friday. The Jr. Badgers came out on the short end of this one only managing 16 pts. Craig Hutchings had 5 pts., followed by Mike Sims with 4 pts., David Wharton 3 pts., and Kelley Wolf 2 pts.

Next game for the Jr. Badgers is Monday at Baird beginning with the 7th grade at 5:30 p.m. Everyone come out and see some fine basketball played.

MERKEL JR. BADGERS THUMP BAIRD CUBS

Merkel Jr. High Badgers 8th grade defeated the Baird Jr. High Cubs last Monday night to the tune of 32-24. At first it looked as if the Cubs were going to out do the Jr. Badgers, but finally the Jr. Badgers were untracked and led all the way. Scoring for the Jr. Badgers were Mike Sims 10 pts., Ricky Howes 19 pts., Craig Hutchings 6 pts., and David Wharton 6 pts. The Jr. Badgers didn't even get to shoot a free throw the entire ball game, but the scoring was enough to come out ahead at the end. Kelley Wolf, Roger Dye, Jay Boyd played excellent games on defense while not getting the chance to score. Lending their teammates some valuable rest time were Randy Holmes, Mike Brady, Roger Reed and Dennis Lang.

Next ball game for the Jr. Badgers is at Winters

Thursday night beginning at 5:00 with the 7th grade then followed by the 8th grade. All of us appreciate the support that the community has given our program throughout the year and invite you to come and see the Jr. Badgers in action at Winters Thursday night.

Sartore Named CJC Coach

Karl P. Sartore, formerly assistant football coach for Cisco College, has been named the school's head coach for football, according to an announcement by Dr. Norman E. Wallace Jr., CJC President. Wallace said that Harold "Ace" Prescott, who had been head football coach and athletic director, would now devote his full time to the duties of athletic director and instructor of Physical Education classes.

Sartore has been at Cisco College only one football season, having come to CJC from Rains High School in Emory, Texas in August of 1974. Before coaching at Rains he had been a graduate assistant coach at the University of Kansas, junior varsity coach at Washington High in Kansas City, Kansas, and line coach and head track coach at MacArthur High School in Houston.

Coach Sartore played college football in his home state of Kansas at Kansas University. There he was a member of the 1961 Bluebonnet Bowl team, team captain, and honorable mention for All-Conference in the Big Eight. Mr. Sartore is married, and he and his wife Mary Lou and six-year-old daughter Dori reside in Wrangler Dormitory's supervisor apartment on the CJC campus. Coach Sartore is in charge of that dorm in addition to his coaching duties.

Arts, Craft Show Set at S'water

SWEETWATER - Members of Beta Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi are presently making plans to sponsor a Spring Country Fair, featuring their annual arts and crafts show on Saturday, April 26, in the Nolan County Coliseum Annex.

Open to the public, the show will feature 19 categories - oils, pastels, water color, acrylics, charcoal, collage, mixed media, sculpture, decoupage, tile painting, china painting, ceramics, open crafts, embroidery, knitting, crocheting, needlepoint, quilting, and open needlework.

Professional and local judges will award prizes in each of the show's divisions. In addition to entering work

for competition, individuals, organizations, and businesses are encouraged to participate by renting booth space in the fair. Fee for space is \$5.

Complete plans for the fair will be published periodically in the Merkel Mail. For additional information concerning any phase of the fair, those interested may contact Janice Wagner (236-6028), 1313 Josephine; Dixie Beattie (236-2268), 1403 Stanley.

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Be On The Lookout... Fertilizer Concern... Sheep and Lamb Feeding Declines... Second Lowest In 20 Years.

Figures that should help you to decide what and how much to plant are to be released this week. Included will be the crop intentions planting report on a national and state level. This will involve planting projections for major crops including grain sorghum, cotton, corn and other crops. Study it closely; it should give you an insight into what farmers will be planting this year.

Also study the grain stocks in position report, which is expected to be released this week. That will show you the amount of various grains on hand.

Still another report you might want to look at closely will be the 1974 report for Texas crops. This report was recently issued and will update previous preliminary reports on Texas farm production.

These and other reports about farm production are becoming of more and more interest. Not only are producers taking a closer look at them, but agribusinessmen as well as consumers are paying attention to them since they will give an insight into production plans and thus prospective total production of various commodities during 1975.

Producers can use these reports to help them determine their own production plans for 1975. For current reports, write the Texas Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas 78711.

FERTILIZER industry spokesmen are concerned about the amount of fertilizer that will be needed to produce this year's crops.

An increase is expected for feed grains including corn and grain sorghum. Although a decrease in acres is anticipated for cotton, it is not expected to be enough to offset other increases.

The inventory of fertilizers has also been decreased compared to previous years.

Fertilizer industry spokesmen did not indicate what prices might be for 1974, but a U.S. Department of Agriculture study shows a 10 to 15 per cent increase in price is in the offing over the prices of 1974.

SHEEP and lamb feeding continues to decline. Drylot sheep feeders with a lot capacity of 2,000 head or more had only 2,000 sheep and lambs on feed for slaughter as of Jan. 15, the Texas Crop and Livestock Reporting Service notes.

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