

## Between you and me

By SARAH ECKOLS

Who says kids these days aren't any good? The Merkel Senior Class of 1975 had to pinch pennies this year to meet their expenses of graduation, etc. When it was all said and done, the kids had a grand total of \$7 left in their treasury. They donated the money to the Rehab Center. I think the majority of today's youth is a group we can be proud of.

One of our readers has come up with a question. Seems her cat has 7 claws on its front feet and five on the rear feet. She would like to know if this is unusual. Give us a call if you can help.

What a night it was last Tuesday. I for one was beginning to think Merkel and most of Taylor County was about to be blown away. That was a really nasty looking cloud. I remember last year in August a few miles south of here they were begging for rain. In North Runnels County water became a scarce commodity. It is nice to see this year there apparently will not be the drought situation that existed last year.

Of course right now, it would be nice to have a dry spell so that area farmers could harvest the wheat that is waiting in the fields.

Perhaps it could have been called the fall and rise of a president. And, perhaps it is consolation to the rest of us to know that no matter how high the office one holds, he is not exempt when it comes to a stumble now and then. That was the way it was as President Ford stumbled into Spain the other day on his European trip.

It is super nice to see gardens springing up around the town and countryside. It won't be long until the ladies will be busy canning and freezing for the winter. I find it hard to believe that people in the larger cities can exist and live for years never experiencing the wonders of good country living like fresh vegetables straight in from the garden.

It is very frustrating to report one more time that progress in the Tri-City Baseball project is at a standstill due to lack of land and interest of local residents in donating their time and energy to the project. Desperately needed now are pipe, and welders willing to work. If you can give either your time or materials, please contact J. C. Carson at 928-5935 after 6 p.m.

## Retiring Teachers Honored By Fellow Employees

Employees of the Merkel Public School System honored the retiring teachers Tuesday, May 27, with a covered dish supper in the school cafeteria.

Following the supper, a public reception was held for the honorees present - Mrs. Paul Orsborn and Mrs. Bryan Dunagin. Mrs. Carrol Benson, also retiring, did not attend.

Mr. Mack Fisher, Superintendent of Schools, introduced Bobby DuBose, School Board President, who made a plaque presentation to Johnny Teaff, retiring school board member, for his years of service.

## West Reunion Held in Merkel

The seventh annual J. W. West reunion was held Saturday and Sunday, May 31 and June 1, in the Community Center in Merkel.

Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn West of Lamesa; Mr. and Mrs. Austin Hale of Fort Worth; Mr. and Mrs. Joe West of San Angelo; Mr. and Mrs. Ike West of San Antonio; Mr. and Mrs. George West of Merkel, all children of the late J. W. West.

Other descendants present were Mrs. Susan Baker, Michael and David; Mr. and Mrs. Louis West, Larry and Ken of Fort Worth; Mr. and Mrs. Jerry West, Curtis and Steven of Lewisville; Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hamilton of Rule; Mr. and Mrs. Leroy West and Betty; Mrs. Edith West of Benjamin; Mr. and Mrs. Wayne West of Cisco; Steven and Russell Abbott, Mr. and Mrs. Don West, Kathy, Cindy and Kevin; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Angley and family of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Travis Hale of Hamlin; Mr. and Mrs. Bobby West of Czenra; Mr. and Mrs. Lion West, Helen, Deb, Jo and Alva; Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Tucker and family, all of Rotan, and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Horton, Wayne and Chris of Merkel.

## Starbuck Resigns Civil Defense Post

Fred Starbuck, Civil Defense Director for the City of Merkel, has submitted his resignation to Mayor Lou David Allen, effective June 31, 1975. Citing health reasons, Starbuck states that "he believes it is time for a younger man to assume responsibility of the program."

Civil Defense was first established in Merkel with appointment of Fred Starbuck as director, by the late Mayor Henry C. West, in the early part of 1952. He has served continuously, with the exception of about 18 months, since his first appointment.

## Awards Assembly At Junior High

An awards assembly was held at Merkel Jr. High May 22 at 10 a.m. Mr. John Cain presided over the assembly while Mrs. Hart presented reading certificates. Mr. Bratcher presented soil conservation and fire prevention awards and Mrs. Coco presented UIL awards.

Athletic trophies were presented to Cindy Smith, Mike Sims, Katherine Irvin, Ricky Howes, Gina Farmer, Kelley Wolf, Randy Holmes and Roger Dye.

Coach Martin presented football awards and Mr. Cain presented special awards to football sweetheart, Gay Pfister; band favorites, Lorie DuBose and Mike Sims; outstanding Badgerette, Diana Bien; Miss MJHS, Katharine Irvin; Mr. MJHS, Rusty Watts; office-library worker, Kim Mashburn; Miss Merry Xmas, Becky Watts; student council, president, Gay Pfister; vice president, Mike Sims; secretary, Carla Rister; treasurer, Lesa Hart; and reporter, Debra Ybarra.

Twirlers for the 1975-76 school year were introduced. They are Taresta English, Shannon Bagby, Dion Wilkerson, Lisa Owen, Ann Melton and Rene Aiken.

The 1975-76 cheerleaders will be Becky Watts, Lesa Shugart, Gwen Tarpley, Kim Mashburn, and Jody Jinkins.

The student council officers elected for the 1975-76 term will be president, Scott Cain; vice president, Sherry Ascencio; secretary, Kim Mashburn; treasurer, Robert Fowler; and reporter, Chris Cox. The student council sponsor is George Martin.

## Christi Boone Takes First At Dress Revue

Christi Boone, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Boone of Merkel took first place in the senior division of the 4-H dress revue held Saturday afternoon in Radford Auditorium on the McMurry campus in Abilene.

The girls winning in the 1975 Taylor County Dress Revue will compete against some 40 counties in the district revue.

Running a close second behind her sister was Cindy Boone who took second place in the senior division.

A young lady from Wylie, Traci Merkel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Merkel took first place in the junior division.

Places were also given to beginners and intermediates, however, they do not qualify to compete at the district level.

Marge Ballard, Miss Teenage Abilene and a graduate of Colorado City High School was commentator for the event.

## Art Assn. Hosts Show at WTU

The Merkel Art Association will display work by its members June 6 and 7 in the West Texas Utilities building in Merkel. It was announced by the association's president, Mrs. Ford Smith, Jr.

Art will be displayed Friday afternoon and all day Saturday and the public is invited to attend this showing.

# Area Crops Harvested at Last Combines and Trucks Rolling in Merkel Fields

Taylor County is looking at a bumper wheat crop this year. There are over 80,000 acres of wheat this year in the county as compared to only 60,000 acres last year of which only 20,000 was harvested.

Harvesters from Missouri, Texas and Oklahoma are here to do the job of combining and getting the grain to the elevators. These men harvest about seven months of the year from South Texas to Canada. Things looked pretty grim late last week as the combines sat parked and unused in the rain. Dry weather is essential for the combines to get into the fields and cut the ripe wheat. According to Jack South of the South Grain Elevator in Merkel, wheat

must have a moisture content of 14 per cent or less before it is ready to cut.

Up until Friday of last week only a small amount of wheat had been cut in the area and that was in Haskell County on the F. C. Blake farm about 20 miles from Haskell. That wheat was yielding at 30 bushels and averaging more than 61 pounds per bushel with a moisture content of 14.30.

South is very encouraged about the harvest in Taylor County and particularly in the Merkel-Trent area. He estimates the crop to be over \$2 million with most of the money to stay in this area.

"A shot in the arm," is how Don Hensley, president of the Farmers and Merchants Bank in Merkel describes what the good crop will do for the economy of our town. He added that he sees the situation as "Nothing but stimulating. As a banker, I am optimistic and elated for the area farmers." He said the good condition of wheat crops should compensate to some extent for the poor cotton crops.

Hensley added that this will be an above average harvest season barring any unforeseen disaster that might destroy the crops or damage them extensively so that the yield is low.

Though economically the wheat crops are very good for our area, most of the wheat itself is shipped elsewhere, mostly overseas. Some area experts feel that the imaginary "wheat shortage" of recent years was nonexistent and that there has been a surplus of the grain all along. The "dollar-a-loaf" for bread scare was completely unfounded stated one scourge, since bread contains only about 5 cents worth of wheat per loaf.

The weather change which came over the weekend ended the fears that harvest crews would need to move on north before the area wheat could be gotten to the mills. Jim McDaniel of Missouri and his crew was hard at work Monday and he kept five combines and several trucks busy. However, a rain at this time would be damaging to the crop and would delay harvest causing losses to the farmers.

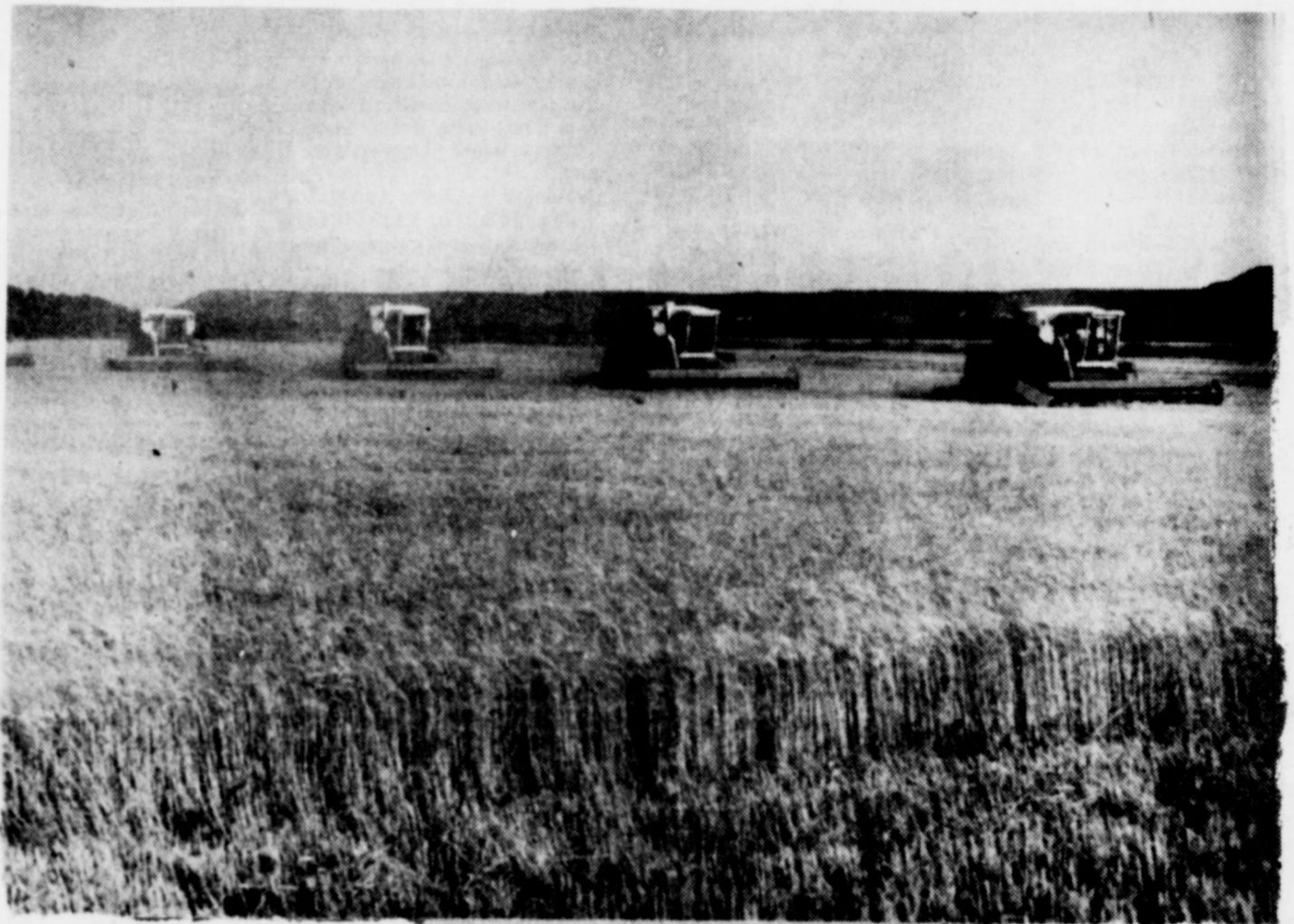
Combines are preparing to roll over the plains and western areas of Texas also as the wheat in these areas reaches maturity.

In contrast to our wet spell, the wheat and flax harvests in South Texas are producing yields that are low due to prolonged dryness in that area. However, the wheat crop looks extremely good in most other areas.

Inflation is a factor even in the harvest of farm crops. The trend toward custom combines is here. For instance labor has risen from \$1.25 an hour to the present \$3. Fuel has gone from 16 cents to 29 cents. There has also been a great increase in maintenance costs in the past few years. Combine crews are running in the \$6 per acre range this year and farmers are having to tighten up. Some are unwilling to go beyond \$5.50 per acre. The \$6 per acre is felt by the Texas farmers. But custom combiners claim they will have no trouble getting \$8 per acre in Oklahoma.

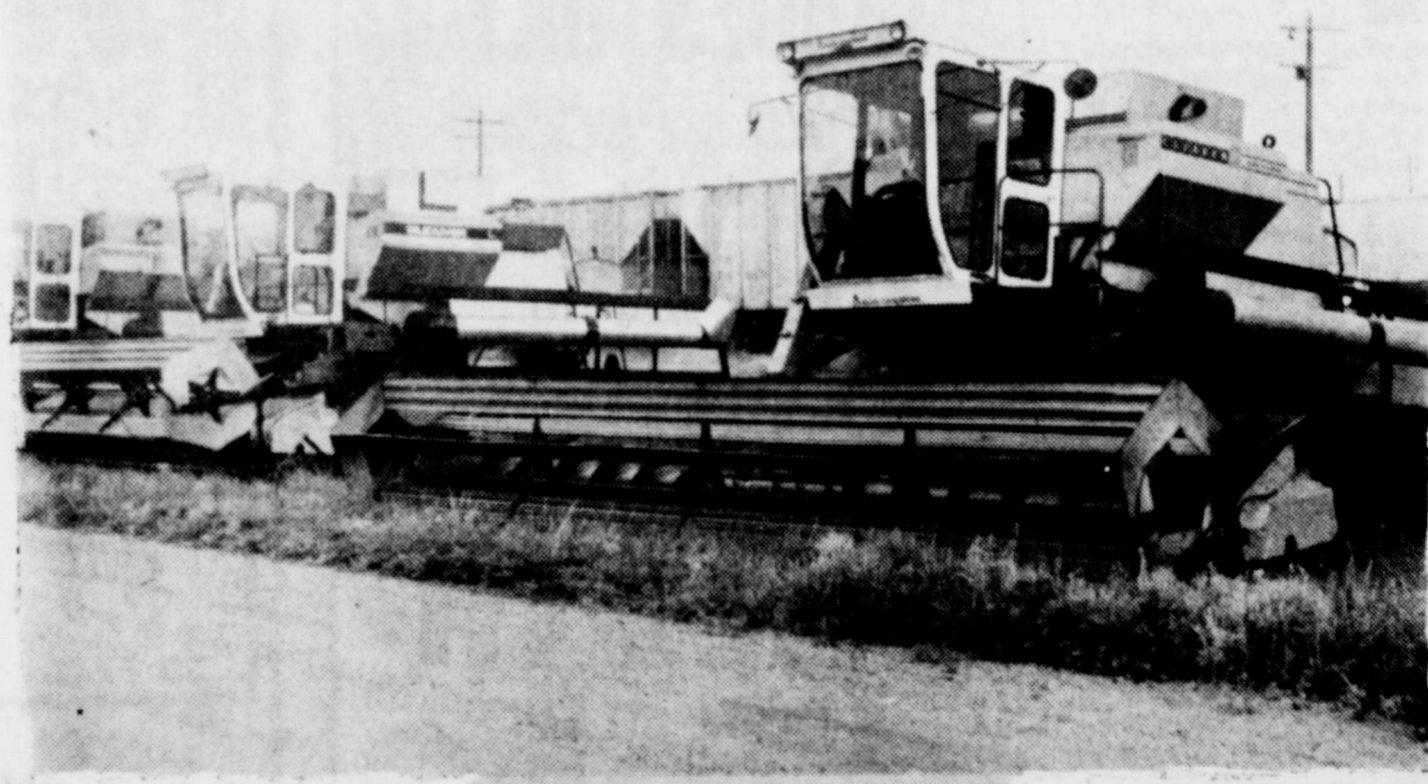
The McDaniels crew will be moving from Texas through Oklahoma and then into Missouri. From there they will follow the harvest on into Canada and in the fall will return to the south and harvest soybeans in Arkansas and Louisiana.

With no forecast of rain in the area for the next few days the outlook is good that the wheat will be gotten in and combines will not be halted due to weather conditions.



ROLLING COMBINES - Some five combines and several grain trucks were in this field southwest of Merkel earlier this week as the wheat harvest got into full swing in Taylor

County. These machines belong to Jim McDaniel of Missouri who is in the area combining grain and will be moving north with the harvest as far as Canada.



READY AND WAITING - These combines are sitting idle in the rain waiting for the ground to dry enough to harvest

the area wheat crop. At the time of this picture, rain was pouring down in Merkel, with no let up in sight.

## Senator Bentson Visits Abilene June 7 -- Coffee Scheduled

Senator and Mrs. Lloyd Bentson will be in Abilene for the Texas Lions Club Convention Saturday, June 7. There will be a coffee honoring the senator and his wife hosted by Taylor County Democrats at the Downtowner Motel from 9 to 10 a.m. Joe Lassiter of Merkel, a spokesman for the group, has urged that Merkel and Merkel area residents go by and meet the senator and his wife.

According to Lassiter, the governor signed a bill in

Austin May 20 establishing the presidential primary in Texas for 1976. The Senator is a strong contender for the Democratic Party nomination for president. He will be a candidate in the presidential preference primary. This will be a chance for the people of Merkel and the surrounding area to meet the senator first hand. It is vital since they will have the opportunity to cast their vote in the presidential preference primary, says Lassiter.

The scheduled coffee is a

come-and-go affair. "We want everyone to feel welcome to come by and meet the senator. The dress attire will be just plain work-a-day dress," he stated.

Senator Bentson is no stranger to Merkel as he visited in the city during his first campaign for the Senate. While in Merkel, he had breakfast with several of the local citizens. Since that time, Senator Bentson has mentioned several times that his Merkel visit was an enjoyable occasion.

## Smith Promoted In Germany

Jimmy L. Smith, son of James T. Smith of 1422 North 1st Street in Merkel, was promoted to Army chief warrant officer in grade W-2 recently while serving as a team chief with the 3rd Infantry Division in Wurzburg, Germany.

## Visitor

Corporal Sonny Dye is in Merkel on leave from the U.S. Marine Corps visiting in the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Dye and Arnold.

Corporal Dye is stationed Hawaii.

## Summer Jobs Needed By Area Youth

Many young people from the Merkel area have requested assistance from the office of the Justice of the Peace in obtaining summer work. Individuals or businesses interested in hiring young people of school age may contact Judge Millet for referral.

According to U.S. Department of Labor, the wage scale for young people of this type is 85% of the minimum wage of \$2 per hour or \$1.70 per hour. Certain types of jobs are excluded from this provision.

For further information and details, contact the Department of Labor in Abilene.



TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME - Of course, no ball game would be worth going to without the concession stand. In this case it is provided at the MSA games by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Merkel Fire Department.

### Tri-City Baseball

The Tri-City Baseball Association met Monday night in order to continue work toward building a baseball and softball park in Merkel. Two diamonds are in the planning, but materials and land are still lacking.

The association is asking for the aid of anyone interested to please donate time or materials in order to make these ball diamonds a reality for the kids of Merkel.

The following materials are needed: pipe, poles for lights, light fixtures, materials for a concession stand, commodes, lavatories, water pipes, bases and welders.

If you wish to contribute to the cause you may contact J. C. Carson any time after 6 p.m. at 928-5935. Regular meetings are held every Monday at 8 p.m. at the Asteroid Restaurant.

### HONOR ROLL

John Cain, principal of the Merkel Elementary School has announced the honor roll for the final period of the 1974-75 school year.

**FIRST GRADE**  
"A" - Artie Ascencio, Monica Atkinson, Cammie Bright, Sue Cunningham, Dean Franklin, Amy Irvin, Lori Kimbrell, Barbara Kinder, Kelly Roney, Regina Stuckey, Lucretia Wade.

"A-B" - Kevin Coker, Ricky Hair, Chris Horton, Darren Lancaster, Randy Pallarez, Devin Sanford.

**SECOND GRADE**  
"A" - Benny Allgaier, Cody Johnson, Corbet Putnam, Kenny Sims, Sean Woodward.

"A-B" - James Alliday, Bobby Biera, Donny Brady, Jerry Davis, Randy Davis, Tami Elliot, Brian Ford, David Glascock, Ken Hogan, Tim Jacobs, Missy Jones, Darren Pack, Melody Pape, Michael Reddin, Gayle Richie, Shane Smith, Johnny Starbuck, Cindy Toney, Crescencia Vasquez, Dona Watts, Cindy Williams.

**THIRD GRADE**  
"A" - Anglea Allen, Scott Alton, Bonnie Anderson, Joan Fariello, Jay Gibson, Tommy Hays, Brenda Hohbertz, Russell Lucas, Kimberly Paek, Cindy Sims.

"A-B" - Brooks Boyd, Steven Davis, Jill Douglass.

**FIFTH GRADE**  
"A" - Rene Aiken, Susan Allgaier, Loyce Baker, Nancy Click, Mary Fariello, Janice Jacobs, Paul Kannel, Maria Moreno, Stacy Seymore, Yvonne Swinney, David Wilkerson Deborah Williams.

"A-B" - Kristi Alves, Roberta Duran, Christine Franklin, Larry Hines, Sheryl Lucky, O. C. McKeenan, Connie Page, Willy Townsend, Ann Wooten.

Trayla Gregory, Judy Jenkins, Carlton Kincaid, Billy McKeenan, Scotty Niemann, Charlotte Toney, Pam Wheeler.

**FOURTH GRADE**  
"A" - Rosie Biera, Tim Brady, Tammye Cloyd, Calvin Cooley, Karen Jackson, Stormy Magee, Kandy Richie, Melissa Tomlinson, Windi Whisenant.

"A-B" - Lola Bailey, Tina Bicknell, Tonja Bicknell, Greg Dickinson, Stephanie Fortune, Kimberly Gurganus, Mike Hagar, Sharon Jackson, Debra Kimbrell, Dianna Landeros, Eddie Martin, Chris Mashburn, Pam Massey, Jackie Owen, Daryl Pool, Jeff Scott, Jimmie Shelton.

**SIXTH GRADE**  
"A" - Shelia Adair, Lisa Allen, Mannel Biera, Mark Bland, Judy Castille, Todd Gregory, Kelly Knight, Alane McGee.

"A-B" - Kay Amerine, Vickie Campbell, Tammy Davis, Cindy Doan, Sherry Lawrence, Randy Martin, Ann Melton, Bart Pursley, Billy Walters, Charlotte Watts.

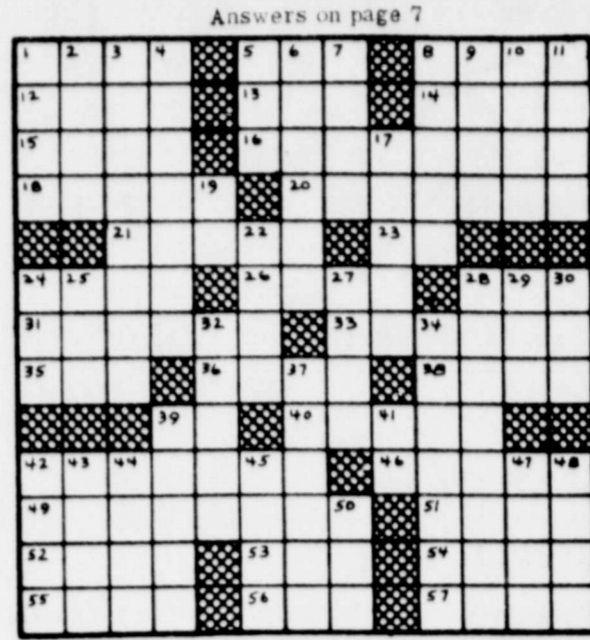
**SEVENTH GRADE**  
"A" - Shannon Bagby, Billie Blancet, Wendy Hogan, Kim Mashburn, Brade Wade, Cynthia White, Dion Wilkerson.

"A-B" - Josh Amerine, Susan Arwine, Chris Cox, Jeannessa Cypert, Jodie Jenkins, Chirre Kraatz, Karen Paek, Susan Peachy, Marissa Sandusky, Tomie Santee, John Townsend, Becly Watts.

**EIGHTH GRADE**  
"A" - Gay Pfister, Shelia Sloan, Cindy Smith.

"A-B" - Cindy Boone, Pam Crenshaw, Charleen Fariello, Carla Gardner, Lesa Hart, Kathryn Irvin, Thomas Kraatz, Kelly Magee, Dede Metts, Carla Ruster, Diana Roberts, Grant Sandusky, Janice South, Tammy Thomas, Debra Ybarra.

### Crossword Puzzle



- Answers on page 7
- ACROSS**  
1. Prohibits  
5. High: music  
8. Celt  
12. Bitter drug  
13. By what means  
14. Wings  
15. Donate  
16. Athletes  
18. Stairs  
20. Glossy paints  
21. Large cats  
23. Russian yes  
24. Oven  
26. Girl's name  
28. Vegetable  
31. Suez: music  
33. Use  
35. Affirmative  
36. Small fly  
38. Comfort  
39. The Span.  
40. Confine again  
42. Sandy  
46. Regional birds  
49. Comics  
51. Airplane  
52. Great Lake  
53. Philippine tree  
54. Metric weight  
55. Char  
56. Snake  
57. Serf
- DOWN**  
1. Pouches  
2. Perched  
3. Short stories  
4. Oozing  
5. Exclamations  
6. Bottom  
7. Double  
8. Greek letter  
9. On the sheltered side  
10. Title  
11. Fewer  
17. Mrs.  
19. Therefore  
22. Rare gas  
24. Nickname  
25. Chemical suffix  
27. Head: Fr.  
28. Arrangers  
29. Dawn goddess  
30. Yes  
32. Ice house  
34. Body of nobles  
37. Spheres of action  
39. Go in  
41. Italian river  
42. Top cards  
43. Uncommon  
44. Silkworm  
45. Pop  
47. Persia  
48. Any  
50. Drench



SHELLI STOUT  
...Sweetheart



LISA DOKEY  
...Jr. Sweetheart

### Riding Club Sweethearts To Ride In Stamford Parade

Shelli Stout, 16 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur H. Stout of Abilene was named 1975 Sweetheart of the Merkel Riding Club in April. Named Jr. Sweetheart at that time was Lisa Dokey, 11 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Dokey of Route 3, Merkel.

at 8 p.m. at the Merkel Riding Club arena.

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### Baseball Standings

As of Thursday, May 29, the Braves were in first place in the Merkel Little League. They have three wins, two losses and one tie. In second place are the Vets with three wins, three losses and one tie. Third place is held by the Bankers with two, two and one. Coming in fourth, fifth, and sixth respectively

are the Willies with two, two and two; Kilowatts with two, three and no; and the Supers with two, three and one.

The lead in the T-Shirt league is held by the Mustangs with two wins and one loss. The Braves and the Yankees both have won one and lost one.

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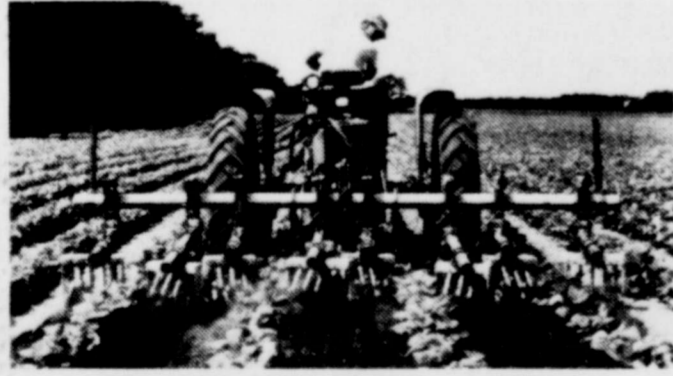
Senior Citizens' Building  
8:00 to 4:30

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**PEAS** DEL-MONTE 303 CAN 2 FOR 65¢

**BEANS** RANCH STYLE 23 oz. CAN 35¢

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### Meet June 9 Victory Singers

The Victory Gospel Singers will hold their regular 2nd Monday singing at 7 p.m. June 9 in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Richardson, 307 El Paso.

### LOOK WHO'S HERE!

Mr. and Mrs. Don Eiland of Abilene announce the birth of a son, Ryan David, born May 22 at 2:15 p.m. in Hendrick Hospital. The baby weighed 8 pounds and 4 ounces.

The baby's maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Allen Agnew of Merkel and his paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Royce Eiland of Folsom, New Mexico.

### Vacation Bible School in Noodle June 9-13

Noodle Baptist Church will hold their Vacation Bible School June 9 through June 13, for children from 3 to 15 years of age. Classes will be from 8:30 to 11 a.m. daily. In closing an assembly will be held at 8 p.m. Friday, June 13, for the children and parents. Classrooms will be open for visitation at that time. Bible lessons, singing, refreshments and fun time will be in store for all who attend. All children in the Noodle area are invited.

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

Thursday, May 29, in an evening ceremony at First United Methodist Church in Merkel with the Rev. P. T. Steward officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Hendricks and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert James, all of Merkel. Organist was Mrs. Junior Clark and soloists were Mrs. Tex Barnhart and Steve Walker.

Best man was Steve Teaff and groomsmen were Dana James, brother of the bridegroom, and Tommy Law, all of Merkel. Ushers were David Hendricks, brother of the bride, and Stanley Leamon and Andy Stephan, both of Abilene.

Matron of honor was Mrs. Thomas Neill and bridesmaids were Mrs. Gaylon Doan and Cindy Beasley, all of Merkel. Their gowns of apricot, yellow and green dotted Swiss were empire design with scoop neck lines and butterfly sleeves. Flower girl was Misty Doan of San Angelo and ring bearer was Sam Leamon of Abilene.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a gown of organza with Venise lace heavily accenting the demure scoop neckline, short sleeves, and empire bodice. The Venise lace was repeated on the semiflow skirt and chapel train. Her hat of Venise lace held an English illusion veil with matching lace border.

A reception following the

ceremony was hosted by the bride's parents in the fellowship hall of the church.

Following a wedding trip to San Angelo, the couple will live at 1941 Estes in Abilene.

The bride is a graduate of Merkel High School where she was in the band and was a twirler. She was in the National Honor Society and was named to Who's Who.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Merkel High School and is presently a sophomore at McMurry College where he is on the Dean's list. He is employed by Aileen's in Abilene.

The rehearsal dinner was hosted by the bridegroom's parents at the Big Country Inn in Merkel.

### Curtis Marks 14 Years In Merkel Church

June marks the 14th anniversary for John Curtis as pastor of the Assembly of God Church in Merkel. In celebration of this special event, Mr. and Mrs. Don Woods will be conducting services June 8 and June 15 both morning and evening. There will also be a male quartet from Abilene presenting music.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

### The Light Touch

BY PAT CASTILLE

It's better to become bent from hard work than to become crooked from avoiding it.

One great obstacle to marriage these days is the increasing difficulty of supporting the government and a wife on the same income.

Middle age is that time of life when you finally know your way around, but you don't feel like going.

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When it's time to put up tomatoes, consider turning some of the crop into Tomato Relish. The recipe here calls for light corn syrup which gives the right amount of sweetening without watering the mixture.

- #### TOMATO RELISH
- 3 pounds ripe tomatoes
  - 1 large green pepper, chopped
  - 1 cup Karo light corn syrup
  - 1 tablespoon salt
  - 2 cups cider vinegar
  - 1 tablespoon mustard seed
  - 1 1/2 teaspoons whole cloves
  - 1 1/2 teaspoons celery seed
  - 2 (3-inch) sticks cinnamon

Dip tomatoes in boiling water just until skins are softened, about 1 minute. Remove skins and stem ends; coarsely chop. Place tomatoes, onion, green pepper, corn syrup, salt and vinegar in 4-quart saucepan or kettle. Tie the mustard seed, cloves, celery seed and cinnamon in cheese cloth; add to vegetable mixture. Bring to boil over medium heat; reduce heat and boil gently, stirring occasionally, about 2 hours or until mixture thickens. Remove spice bag. Leaving 1/4-inch head space, ladle into clean hot 1/2 pint jars with 2-piece metal caps. Seal following jar manufacturer's directions. Process in boiling water bath 10 minutes. Cool on wire rack or folded cloth. Label and store in cool dry place. Makes about 5 (1/2 pint) jars.

### Cemetery Donations

- The following have made donations to the Merkel Cemetery Association:
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  - Frank and Gladys Breux in memory of Betty Grimes Cleveland
  - John and Selma Lee Warlick in memory of Aunt Vera and Uncle Delma Compton
  - Mary Anna Mayfield in memory of Betty Lou Cleveland

### Page 5 Chamber Hears Park Progress Report

The Merkel Chamber of Commerce met at 4 p.m. Monday, June 2, in the Boney Insurance Building.

Progress of the Merkel City Park was discussed. The water system is in, the shelters are up, and the ground is plowed. Seeding of the grass was begun Wednesday and the park grounds should be showing signs of green in the very near future.

The Chamber of Commerce membership drive will be underway in the next few days and members should be calling on delinquent and non-members in the city shortly.

Plans are being made for the next meeting to be a breakfast meeting. Members will be contacted as to time and place.

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A new voter registration law will require all Texas voters to re-register between November 5 and March 1, 1976.

The governor has signed into law that bill banning smoking in many public places. It takes effect in September.

Decline in advance contracting for cotton crops reflects slumping demand, Agriculture Commissioner John White warned.

Recent spring storms caused an estimated \$15 million in insured damage, according to Insurance Commissioner Joe Christie.

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Western Pleasure (13-18) - 1. Patricia Boyd, 2. Shelli Stout, 3. Christy Boone, 4. Suzane Byrd, 5. Charles Hatfield.  
Western Pleasure (19 and over) - 1. Barbara Whisenhunt, 2. Karlen Mashburn, 3. L. J. Gray, 4. Jarrett Pinckley, 5. Mike Welch (guest).

# Texas Taxes



By BOB BULLOCK, State Comptroller

Austin--When we talk about energy in Texas we are talking about oil. And when we talk about oil we are talking about big money in state taxes.

But despite oil's importance to Texas, the future and the fortunes of our oil tax revenue depends on the actions and situations at the national and international levels.

This is why President Ford's energy programs--and whatever the Congress does about them--will have a drastic effect on our state treasury.

In the first place, the President has announced that effective June 1 he was putting a \$1 a barrel import tax on all foreign oil coming into America. Congress gave him authority last year to order such import taxes up to \$3 a barrel. He levied \$1 of the \$3 in February.

The net result of raising the price of imported oil \$1 a barrel is to raise the price of oil produced in the United States also. The result of price increases is an increase in tax revenue because Texas' oil production tax is figured at 4.6 per cent of the oil's market price.

Based on price increases we saw when the first dollar's worth of import tax was put on in February, we estimate that the new increase will bring in an additional \$32.5 million in tax money--above the \$1.1 billion oil production taxes will produce in the next two years.

But there is a chance Congress will override the President's plan. Therefore, Texas can't bank on this money until Congress has its say.

The President also wants Congress to phase out price controls on what we call "old oil". This is just a name--and not a very good one--given to the amounts of oil produced by each producer in 1972. Today oil produced up to the 1972 level is under a federal price ceiling of \$5.25 a barrel. Oil produced above the 1972 level is considered "new oil" and is not under price controls. It now sells for about \$11 a barrel.

Obviously, if the \$5.25 price ceiling is removed--altogether or by phases--the price will rise and as it does the revenue from the 4.6 per cent tax will increase.

We estimate that taking off the price lid would bring about a fantastic tax revenue increase of between \$175 million and \$225 million because about 60 per cent of the oil produced in Texas is under the price control.

But again, it may be several months before Congress finally acts on this and we know where we stand.

Whatever gains we get from whatever federal action is taken comes too late for use on this year's budget. By early next year the picture will be in focus and if we had annual budget sessions of the Legislature the money could be used then.

But as it stands, whatever dollars we gain will just have to build up in the treasury as a surplus for use in the 1977 budget session--a situation very similar to the past two years when we built up a billion dollar surplus from oil prices skyrocketing during the Arab embargo.

Texas runs on oil--as far as the federal government lets it.



MRS. JOHNNY SAM JONES  
...formerly Miss Toland

## Miss Toland, Jones Married In Taft

The marriage of Miss Mary Kathryn Toland to Johnny Sam Jones was solemnized Saturday evening, May 31, at the First United Methodist Church of Taft. The Reverend William D. Gunkel officiated at the double ring ceremony.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Clinton James Toland of Taft and Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Daniel Jones of Trent.

Mrs. M. K. Brown was the organist. She accompanied Gordon Gathright of Harlingen who sang "The Wedding Song", "The Lords Prayer" and "The Wedding Prayer."

Griffin of Eldorado, nephews of the bride.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. She wore an heirloom gown of candlelight delustered satin. It was fashioned with a fitted bodice, Sabrina neckline, long pointed fitted sleeves and a chapel train. Down the front of the skirt and around the neckline was a rose design worked in tulle and accented with pearls. Her veil was a fingertip mantilla of rose point lace. She carried a cascade bouquet of white butterfly roses, gypsophelia and English ivy.

Mrs. Kenneth Rothlisberger of Taft was the Matron of Honor. The bridesmaids were Mrs. Johnny Carver, sister of the bride, of Lubbock; Mrs. Rex Bland, sister of the groom, of Taft; Mrs. Emery Birdwell of Palo Pinto; Miss Diane Floerke and Miss Brenda Ewald of Taft. The bridesmaids wore dresses of Mexican design of

tiers of heavy white cotton lace and colored embroidery. They carried white daisy and gypsophelia nosegays with long yellow streamers. Melissa Briscoe of Seminole, niece of the bride, was the flower girl. Her long dress was of white tucked cotton, colored embroidery and heavy lace. She carried a white wicker basket filled with daisies and gypsophelia.

Clinton Griffin of Eldorado, nephew of the bride, was the ring bearer. Rex Bland of Taft, brother-in-law of the groom, was the best man. Serving as groomsmen were Monty Healy of Odessa, Jeff Hecht of Aspermont, Tex Barnhart of Abilene, Jack Birdwell of Palo Pinto, Jim Bob Bailey of Ozona, Ushers were Emery Birdwell of Palo Pinto, Richard Threadgill of Taft, and David Jones of Bryan.

A reception was held at the home of the brides parents. White roses and callaliums were used throughout the house. A tiered wedding cake topped with white roses and garlanded with ivy and roses was on the bride's table in the dining room. The groom's table on the patio was centered with a hurricane chimney filled with daisies and grapes. Frosted grapes decorated the groom's cake and coffee was served from a brass samovar. Punch was served from a silver punch bowl on the patio.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Albin and Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Toland, grandparents of the bride, were in the receiving line at the reception along with the bride and groom and their parents. Mrs. R. H. Briscoe of Seminole and Mrs. J. F. Griffin of Eldorado, sisters of the bride, were at the guest register.

The bride is a graduate of Taft High School and a Senior student in Merchandising at Texas Tech University. The groom graduated from Trent High School and received his degree in Agricultural Business from Texas Tech University.

Members of the house party for the reception were Mrs. Tex Barnhart of Abilene, Mrs. Don Hodges of Smithville, Miss Sharon Jones and Mrs. J. L. Jones of Bryan, Mrs. Jack Taylor of Corpus Christi, Mrs. T. H. Wilson of Fredericksburg. From Taft were Miss Missy Hardy, Miss Sally Sanders, Miss Nan Lavender, Miss Betty Threadgill, Mrs. Lee White, Mrs. R. B. Sanders, Mrs. C. R. Marsh, Mrs. Clarence Dorman, Mrs. A. F. Teasch, Mrs. L. H. Smith, Mrs. C. H. Mayo, Mrs. T. M. Reding, Mrs. F. L. Williams, Mrs. R. C. Dillon, Mrs. J. G. Callins, Mrs. H. E. Ewald, Mrs. R. E. Ayers, Mrs. Martin Hickman and Mrs. J. B. LaGue.

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