

**BIBLE VERSE**  
A man who refuses to admit his mistakes can never be successful. But if he confesses and forsakes them, he gets another chance.  
Proverbs 28:13

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THE WINNERS--Winners of the five divisions in the Miss Merkel Beauty Pageant sponsored by Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi are left to right, Robynn Dudley, 3-Kindergarten; Shannon Bagby, 7-8 grade; Regina Stuckey, 1-4; Lori Shaw, 5-6; and Deborah White. The five were chosen from 89 entries in five divisions of the annual pageant at Merkel High School Saturday night.

## Debra White Named Miss Merkel

Deborah White was voted Miss Merkel during the Miss Merkel Beauty Pageant Saturday night at the High School auditorium.

The pageant was sponsored by Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi and had 89 entries in five grade categories.

Miss White was crowned last year's winner, Teri Hamner of Trent.

The blond Miss White is a junior at Merkel High School. She almost tripped on her exiting curtsy but kept her composure to take first among 10 entries in the 9th through 12th grade division.

She is active in track, tennis and basketball and said she hopes to spend her summer working and swimming.

Second place honors went to Nell Kirk, a sophomore at Trent and third was Cindy Elliott, a senior who hopes to become a court reporter.

While majority of the girls

overcame nervousness and were poised and dressed in Bicentennial attire for the Fantasy Land theme, it was the 3-year-old through Kindergarten who stole the hearts of the capacity turnout.

Robynn Dudley, with a shy grin but active personality, won the first place award. She tripped and fell upon leaving the stage for the audience, falling on the stairs.

However, she was all right and was present at the end, presenting her sweet smile, along with all the other winners.

Robynn also made an unusual entrance. Instead of walking down the drawbridge entranceway from the castle entrance, she just took a short cut to where co-hostess Ginny Yaddow was waiting.

Then when all the 21 entrants took the stage before departing, lining up for the

judges, Miss Dudley was busy walking around and taking it all in, in an unconcerned manner.

Then there was Misti Doan who cried all the way through her appearance, appearing to prefer being someplace else at this particular time.

Too, Kelli Lynn Foster relaxed and sat upon the kneeling Mrs. Yaddow's knee and Jill Pack held her left foot behind her while answering the interview questions, all captivating the audience of beaming parents and well wishers.

Michelle Goodgion, the last of the 21 entered in this division and who's name had to be written in on the program, placed second and Pam Neff was third.

Amber Wisehunt, the defending queen in this division presented Robynn with the first place award.

In the 1-4th grade division, Regina Stuckey was

first, Fondale Watson second and Brenda Hohbertz, daughter of co-hostess Chera Hohbertz, was third.

There were 25 entries in this division.

Fifth-Sixth grade winner was Lori Shaw, a fifth grader. Michelle Brown was second and Debbie Williams was third among the 15 entries.

The Seventh-Eighth grade division was a close contest, with four girls recalled for further interviews after the judging ended in a deadlock.

Named for return interviews among the 18 entries were Shannon Bagby, Kim Mashburn, Sammie Shaw and Lisa Shugart.

Shannon Bagby, a twirler was then picked first, Lisa Shugart, a cheerleader, was second and Sammie Shaw, a track enthusiast, was third. Ann Bird, last year's winner presented the award to Miss Bagby.

## All-Sports banquet New 'High' proposed for athletes

Coach Jerry McLeod gave a capacity audience of parents, well wishers and athletes at Merkel High something to really get "high" on at the annual Badger All-Sports banquet at the Merkel High cafeteria Monday night.

The banquet was sponsored by the Merkel Booster Club and Coach McLeod gave the address.

After an excellent meal of roast beef master of ceremonies Larry White introduced Coach McLeod, new head football coach for the Badgers.

In a firm, emotional tone, Coach McLeod told the audience "this is very emotional experience for me and I want to take a few minutes to share my ideas on all athletics."

He proceeded to talk on how much athletics and the desire to really want to excel adds to the character of individuals both on the field of competition and in later life.

"Success in any endeavor depends on the desire to succeed, not just verbal, but heartfelt and spiritual commitment to succeed. Combined with competitive spirit of I can not and will not fail and you have what I consider an athlete."

And, he pointed out that physical ability is not a big factor.

He then gave an example of desire to win and the dedication of an athlete in a 156-pound linebacker he coached at Brady when it played Llano for the district championship.

Llano had a big team and had a 250-pound fullback. Llano was at the 1-yard line with four downs to go and the score tied 25-all.

The 156-pounder not only taunted the Llano fullback to come his way he stopped him four times and drove Llano back six yards, insuring the win for Brady on penetrations.

"He had the will to win and gave the effort in everything. If you do that you will win. That youngster had a big heart, about 150 pounds worth. He would not and could not and must not fail. And, he didn't."

"This is the type of spirit we hope to instill because this is the type we need in the highly competitive world we live in."

Pointing out that every school is saying "we want to be champions next year," but that is impossible.

"Not all can be winners, only those who have that burning, heartfelt desire to be champions," he pointed out.

"We want an athletic program you can be proud of,



FIRST WINNERS--Winning the first Gene Stuckey award by the Merkel Booster Club Monday night at the Merkel High School All-Sports banquet are Danny DuBose and Netta Stephan. The award is presented for best all-around athlete who participated and brought out leadership during four years at Merkel High.

people, nature or athletics.

"Now there is a worthwhile high. Get high on that and you won't need any artificial high."

"Get involved. If you can't find anything else to do we want you in athletics. Get high on athletics."

Coach McLeod, Monte Land, Pat Penick, David Summers and Myra Bennett then introduced varsity and junior varsities for football, basketball, track, golf, tennis and volleyball. Also, the cheerleaders were recognized for their dedication.

Merkel High principal Travis Davis then presented awards.

Football honors as named by the Booster Club include Most Conscientious, David King; Best Back, Larry Smith; Best Lineman, Mark Shaw.

Paul Tucker was named Best All-Around boys basketball performer and Netta Stephan was named Best All-Around girl.

Gail Reed won the top track award for girls and Danny DuBose for boys track.

The overall tennis award went to Kandi Ascencio and the best golfer was Mike Henry.

Then, a new award was announced. It is the Gene Stuckey Award, in honor of the late Gene Stuckey. It is presented by the Booster Club. It will go each year to a girl and boy who are good athletes but not necessarily best all-around, according to Davis.

He pointed out the awards based on a student's four years in high school who displays leadership, sportsmanship and really shows the "true colors for Merkel High."

First winners are Lunny DuBose and Netta Stephan.

Finley Barnett is president of the Booster Club and Kenneth Jones, pastor of the First Baptist Church gave the invocation.

## LL opens Tuesday

The Little League auxiliary is to meet Monday at 7:30 p.m.

They will meet at the Merkel Restaurant.

All wives of managers are requested to attend.

The Little League baseball season is scheduled to begin Tuesday.

The season officially opens Tuesday at 6 p.m. with a parade through Merkel.

The league will open action at 6 p.m. Tuesday with the Vets and Willies battling. At 8 p.m. the Braves meet the

Supers.

There are six teams in the Little League with the F & M Bank Bankers managed by Juan Ybarra and Alfred Flores; the Carson Supers managed with Ted Halford, Teddy Halford Jr. and Larry Johnson; Farmers Union, Seymour Insurance Braves, managed by Felix Acuna; Taylor Electric Willies managed by Calvin Wolf and Jimmy Leverick; West Texas Utilities Killowatts managed by Finley Barnett and Billy Lucas; and the VFW Vets managed by Danny Sanford.

The T-Shirt League for 7-8-year-olds starts action May 8 at 6:30 p.m.

There are three teams in this league. Merkel Drug Yankees are managed by Roland Pack and Larry Pack; the Beta Sigma Phi Braves managed by Virgil Jones and Lee Yaddow; and the Wilson Food Mustangs managed by Eldon Freeman.

The Little League will play Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and the T-Shirt League plays Monday and Saturday.

## THE MAIL



By Carl Dingler

The young man walked into Merkel Saturday barefoot and left town riding in a car--it wasn't the car he picked out, however. Such are the stories which create legends. You know, rags to riches in a day.

However, this won't become a legend although it did create some excitement and a few laughs.

The man first appeared at Crawford's Saturday, walking in barefoot. He tried on some socks and then some boots. Found himself a nice pair, too.

But, when it came time to pay for them, he said "Charge it to the FBI." Whoa! When asked for identification or credit he merely stuck to his "guns."

"Don't have any I. D. Call the FBI, I don't know the number, everyone knows the number, they'll tell you. Or, call the White House, everyone has that number. They'll okay it."

Naturally, he didn't get the credit or the boots or the socks or a thank you.

Now, you would think that most people would have quit here. Not our determined "barefoot agent."

He found Palmer's Pontiac and a new car with the keys in it. Off he zoomed to DuBose Texaco where he filled up with gas and drove off, charging the tab to Palmer's.

By now you would figure he had hit the Interstate and was long gone. Nope, not by a long shot.

Meanwhile, the auto was reported stolen and a search was on.

Meanwhile, our "barefoot agent," still just as determined was not cruising the interstate he was back up town at Adcock's trying on some new clothes.

The auto was spotted and the arrest made. Adcock's said, "That's the first customer I've had all day and here you've arrested him."

And, quite naturally with the mention of the FBI and

the White House and the fact that the "barefoot agent" was off to meet the President at the White House brought on some strong investigations Monday in Abilene--especially since President Ford is due in the state this week.

You would think this modern-day tale of a poor boy getting to meet the President in stolen clothes and driving a new sporty stolen automobile, would have a happy ending. Or, at least gain some recognition.

Instead, all he got for his troubles was a mention: "Donald Russell Stamps, 29, of Tyler was charged with the Saturday theft of a car from Palmer Pontiac at Merkel."

Those attending the Cub Scout program on drugs Monday night got a smell of marijuana--as part of a demonstration of course. Those present said it smelled like chicken feathers burning or alfalfa hay burning.

That Merkel needs a community swimming pool is noted in an informal survey taken during the Miss Merkel Beauty Pageant Saturday night. Nine out of 10 of the beautiful contestants favored swimming as their most popular summer pastime. That should tell the city leaders something of what young people would like to have in Merkel.

Everyone connected with the Miss Merkel pageant should be bursting with pride this week for the excellent job they did in putting on the pageant.

Superintendent Mack Fisher and Mrs. Fisher were given a big round of applause Monday night at the All-Sports banquet at Merkel High School. Mr. Fisher is retiring after this year and by the loudness of the applause everyone, students included, praise the Fisher's highly.

Coach George Martin was not at the banquet and it was reported that Coach Martin's father had had a heart

attack.

The banquet was an excellent one and Coach Jerry McLeod is an excellent speaker. He had everyone hanging on every word.

He made some excellent points and it has to be rated among one of the better athletic speeches I've ever sat through--and in 20 years there have been just a few such banquets.

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A huge round of gratitude should be passed out to the City Council for the balanced budget and for not increasing taxes. They are to be commended for striving to keep Merkel growing and making necessary improvements while not putting the citizens into debt.

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And, a thought while reminding everyone to be sure and vote Saturday in the primary elections--"ruling is easy, governing difficult." The polls are open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m.

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May 1-7 is Motorcycle Safety Awareness Week as designated by the Governor's Office of Traffic Safety. Being a cycle enthusiast, can recommend that everyone should be especially watchful for motorcyclist while driving. Courtesy is the key to driving--anything, cars, pickups, bicycles, motorcycles, roller skates. . .

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Finally, this thought taken from someone much more adept at thinking up thought-provoking phrases: "One idea may be worth an entire year's work. . .in some cases, many years' work. An idea can expand your business beyond your dreams. It can enlarge your life and the lives of all members of your family."

As Emerson said, "This time, like all times, is a very good one if we but know what to do with it."

# Reed, Wells top Trent students



**FIRST WOMAN**--Brenda Griffith became the first woman to receive the Fighting Gorilla Award for athletic accomplishment at Trent High School. She and Kenny Nance were named for the honor at Thursday's awards banquet.



**SCHOLAR ATHLETES**--The top two Trent High School athletes scholastically are Kenny Nance and Teri Hamner who received the Superintendent Award this year. Miss Hamner averaged 93.3 and Nance 85.3.

Trent High School held its awards banquet Thursday night combining academic and all-sports honors.

Kenny Nance, Brenda Griffith, Teri Hamner, Bob Reed and Debi Wells took top honors.

Reed was named valedictorian and Miss Wells salutatorian in the announcement which was closely guarded until the banquet Thursday night.

Nance and Miss Hamner received the Superintendent Award for their high scholastic average while competing on the athletic teams.

Miss Hamner had a 93.3 average while Nance averaged 85.3 for four years at Trent High School.

Nance and Miss Griffith were then awarded the Fighting Gorilla award by Coach Souby Campbell and Superintendent Roy Neff.

The two were praised for their leadership, participation, attitude and willingness to get along with others.

This is the first time a girl has been named for the Fighting Gorilla Award.

Opening the awards presentation, Glynn Dunn was named for the English award. Pam Evans then received the math award; Robbie Freeman the science award; Paula Forehand, history; Brenda Griffith, business; Teri Hamner, home economics; Kenny Nance, agriculture; Teri Hamner for band; and again Miss Hamner for editor of the annual.

The junior also was honorable mention all-district in basketball and Miss Hamner teamed with Pam Evans, Brenda Griffith and Robbie Freeman to qualify the Trent mile relay team for regional.

Cheerleaders recognized were Robbie Freeman, Shirley Brenam, Pam Evans and Miss Hamner.

Twirlers praised by Coach Campbell and Mrs. Monte Land were Brenda Griffith, Jackie Reed, Neil Kirk, Penny Hatfield and alternate Teresa Brazleton. The band also took a long round of applause for their fine accomplishments.

Letter awards were then presented the athletes.

For the girls, freshmen Sue Bryan, Leanna West and Jackie Reed lettered in basketball and track and Valma Perkins was manager.

Sophomores were Nell Kirk, Penny Hatfield, Pam Evans and Robbie Freeman.



**TOP STUDENTS**--Bob Reed is the valedictorian and Debi Wells salutatorian at Trent High School this year. The two were honored during awards ceremonies at Trent High School Thursday night.

All except Miss Freeman lettered in basketball and track. Miss Freeman was first team all-district in basketball and Miss Evans was honorable mention.

Junior lettermen include Joyce Moses, Shirley Brenam, Brenda Griffith and Miss Hamner all lettering in basketball and track. Miss Griffith was second team all-district.

Turning to the boys, freshmen lettermen include Robert Freeman, Jimmy Tackett and Lester Moses in basketball and football, John McLeod in basketball and track and John Stevens in basketball.

Sophomore lettermen include James Mays, Bobby Brazleton and Ethel Gage in football, basketball and track. Mays was honorable mention all-district in football. Joey Brenam in track and Timmy Moses in track, football and basketball.

Junior lettermen include Alan Morse, Rocky Bryan and Kenny Nance in football, basketball and track with Morse named honorable mention as a defensive end in football and Bryan was all-

district in football and basketball. Nance was honorable mention in football as a center.

Gary Gregory lettered in track and holds the school record in the shot put of 37-3. Mickey Moses lettered in basketball and football and Jimmy Adams lettered in football and track and was an all-district defensive back. The two seniors are Bob Reed and David Hackney. Both lettered in football and track and Reed was named honorable mention defensive end.

After the awarding of letters Reed, Morse and Hackney presented Coach Campbell a present and Miss

## Michael Steck elected president

Michael Steck of Merkel and Juan Hernandez of Balinger have been named to the two top student posts at Tarleton State University. Steck was elected president and Hernandez vice-president, beating out David Austin of Bangs and Ritchie Carney of Garland in a runoff election.

Dean of Men Jerry Cox said elections for cheerleaders will be held May 10 and elections for student senate and class officers will be conducted by individual departments May 26 to 30.

## GRADUATION SELECTION

WILSON JEWELERS

Alan Morse is the lone regional qualifier in track and will be competing this weekend at the regional meet in Brownwood.

Girls qualifying for regional which was held last weekend include Brenda Griffith in triple jump, Robbie Freeman in long jump, Pam Evans in the 100-yard dash, Robbie Freeman in the 80-yard hurdles, the mile relay team and the 800-yard relay team of Nell Kirk, Joyce Moses, Sue Bryan and Jackie Reed.

## Judge Truman Roberts

TRUMAN ROBERTS has established an outstanding record over the past five years as judge of the state's highest court in criminal matters. Before election to the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals he served 11 years as County Attorney and District Attorney, then 10 years as Presiding Judge of the 52nd Judicial District.

Judge Roberts has been endorsed in his race (over a Dallas opponent) by 76.4 percent of more than 11,000 attorneys voting in the State Bar of Texas poll.

Vote to keep a man with this excellent experience and recognized ability. Vote in the Democratic Primary on May 1 to re-elect Judge Truman Roberts to a second term on the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals.

Texas Court of Criminal Appeals



## Merkel students attend state meet

Representatives of the "Key" Future Homemakers of America Chapter will be attending the 1976 state meeting of the Texas Association of Future Homemakers of America, along with over 6,000 members and advisors from across the state.

"Let Freedom Ring" is the theme of the 1976 meeting, which will be held in the Convention Center in Fort Worth, Thursday and Friday.

Attending from Merkel High School will be Netta Stephan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stephan, Rhonda White, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry White, Christy Boone, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Boone, and one of

the Future Homemakers of America advisors, Mrs. Candy Martin.

Keynote speakers and presentations by Future Homemakers will highlight the 2-day convention.

The Future Homemakers of America is an organization sponsored by Homemaking Education, Texas Education Agency, with Mrs. Elizabeth F. Smith, director, and Mrs. Betty Romans, state advisor.

## Trent girls fail to place

Trent High School's girl track team failed to get anyone in the state tournament during regional competition last weekend in Brownwood.

Only the first and second place finishers advance to state competition in track.

Entered in the regional were Brenda Griffith in triple jump, Robbie Freeman in long jump, Pam Evans in the 100-yard dash, Robbie Freeman in the 80-yard hurdles, the 800 relay team of Nell Kirk, Joyce Moses, Sue Bryan and Jackie Reed and the mile relay team of Pam Evans, Teri Hamner, Brenda Griffith and Robbie Freeman.

## Three from Trent at meets

Attending the 1976 State Convention of the Texas Association of Future Homemakers of America in Fort Worth Thursday and Friday from Trent are advisor Mrs. Jerry Thomas, president of the chapter, Teri Hamner and the treasurer Brenda Griffith.

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as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.  
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**Legal Notice**

notice of sale of abandoned property at public auction.  
The City of Merkel will sell at public auction Saturday May 15, 1976 at 10 a.m. the following items which may be inspected prior to the sale.  
1. 1960 Ford Van, Blue, FT 10JOK.  
2. 1953 Ford Van, Black, F10V5E33737.  
3. 1948 Ford one ton truck chassis, 98RT354864.  
Vehicles are located at the City Barn at North 1st, and Taylor Street in Merkel, Texas.

(SEAL) Attest: Irene Crawford Clerk, Domestic Relations Court Taylor County, Texas.  
By Faye Lyons, Deputy.  
10-1tc

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### Merkel man named director

Harlan R. Jones, Denton Division manager for General Telephone since April 1972, has been named director of staffing and development in the company's San Angelo General Office personnel department, according to Don Reek, vice president-personnel.

Jones assumed the new duties April 19. In his new capacity he will be responsible for the coordination of recruitment and selection of personnel, affirmative action and employee development programs.

A native of Merkel, Jones attended Ranger Junior College in Ranger and was graduated from Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene with a degree in general business. Since joining General Telephone in 1962 as a salesman in Robstown, Jones has been communications consultant, special services consultant and general tariff analyst, both of the latter jobs being in San Angelo from 1964-67.

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### ACU names alumni director

Herb Butrum, assistant in development at Abilene Christian University since 1973, has been named director of alumni field activities, according to Milton B. Fletcher, ACU vice president for public relations and development.

The appointment is effective immediately. "We are delighted that Herb has accepted this role," said Fletcher in making the announcement, "and believe him to be unusually qualified in organizational ability. His close contacts with students in recent years through his coordination of Sing Song gives him a broad base of acquaintances that can be of great value in his new role."

### Band concert is Monday

The fifth grade and Merkel High School bands will have a concert Monday at 7:30 p.m. The concert is set for the Merkel High auditorium with admission \$1 for adults and 50 cents for students. The bands will play popular music such as "Join Me Softly" and "I Can See Clearly Now."



TRIPLE AWARD--All three of the salesmen at Max Murrell Chevrolet qualified for the Chevrolet Legion of Leaders award and the Chevrolet truck sales honor club, the first time ever for all three to qualify for such an honor at the same time. They thus are considered among the elite of the more than 900 salesmen in the district. On hand to present the award is Zone Truck Sales Manager Don Jay of Dallas (third from left) and Dallas District Manager Dave Turner (left). While Max Murrell watches (second from left) salesmen Bob Norton, center, Bob Danivan (second from right) and Roy Hudson (right) accept congratulations from Jay. The three received diamond pins at ceremonies Tuesday at Runaway Bay resort near Bridgeport.

## More pork values predicted

More pork "features" will appear in Texas grocery stores--since the supply is larger with more attractive prices, Mrs. Gwendolyn Clyatt predicts.

Good values are most likely on Boston butt roasts and quarter-loins cut into chops, she added. Mrs. Clyatt is a consumer marketing information specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A & M University System.

"Beef is still a bargain. This may be a good time to put extra cuts into the freezer. For best buys watch the ads and purchase cuts when they're featured at 'special' prices," she advised.

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At vegetable counters, head and leaf lettuce show good quality and reasonable prices, as do the larger quantities of fresh asparagus, the specialist said.

"Economically priced items in most stores include cooking greens, cabbage, carrots, potatoes, turnips and dry yellow onions. Melon supplies are increasing, but prices are still relatively high."

At fruit counters, Mrs. Clyatt reported "reasonable" prices on Navel oranges. She said quality grapefruit is still available and described apples from "Controlled Atmosphere Storage" as being "good quality."

At frozen food chests, consumers may find special prices on assorted frozen dinners, orange juice, strawberries, ice cream and a

variety of vegetables. "In the grocery department, good values include raisins, peanut butter, canned tuna fish and nonfat dry milk."

Consumer Watchwords: Canned foods are economical in terms of money, time and energy--so it's wise to take advantage of special sales when they include a food item the shopper often chooses anyway.

Be sure to compare prices among brands, can sizes, styles of pack and quality grade. Base choices on use of the product in the menu.



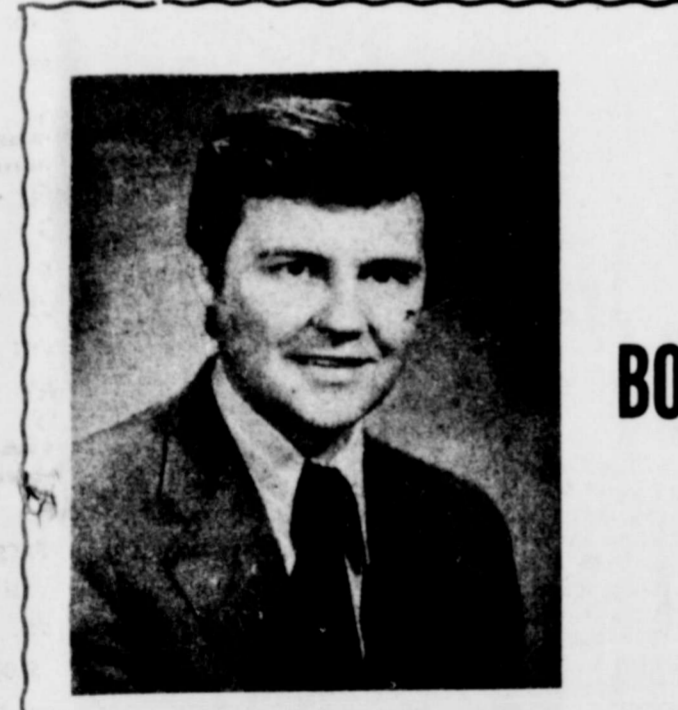
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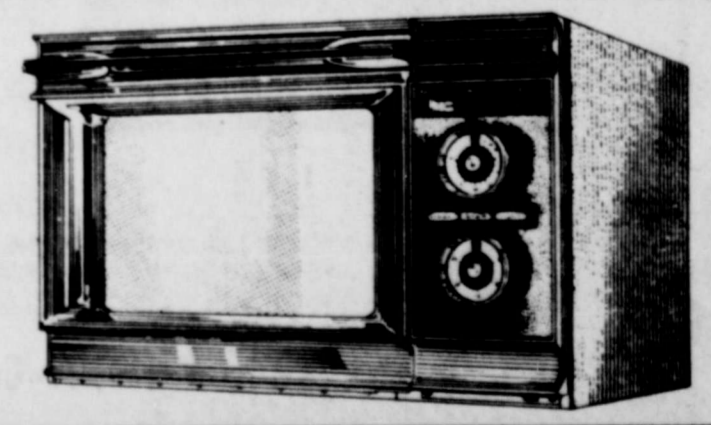
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# Warner earns State berth

Suzanne Warner, Merkel High junior, placed second in Shorthand in Region I of Conference A at Lubbock Saturday.

This accomplishment won for Suzanne a trip to the State University Interscholastic League meet at Austin May 7 and 8. Suzanne's coach is Mrs. Gayle Baker.

Suzanne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. N. Warner of Tye, is active in many affairs at Merkel High School. She is a member of the National Honor Society, the band, the library club, and, earlier this year, was named as Outstanding Student of the Month by the National Honor Society.



SUZANNE WARNER  
Going to State Meet

Besides participating in shorthand this year, Suzanne

also was a contestant in Ready Writing and Spelling, placing 3rd in the latter contest.

Suzanne is an outstanding student in the field of writing, having won first for three years in the Middle Clear Fork Soil and Water Conservation District; one of those years she was also Sweepstake Winner with her essay.

Other from Merkel High entered in regional but failing to qualify for state competition include David Booth in slide rule, Tommy Jones in prose reading and Rhonda White in journalism.

## Doctor Rongers' Column

By EDWARD W. RONGERS  
CHIROPRACTOR



### METABOLISM

The foods you eat consist of carbohydrates, proteins and fats. In order for the cells of your body to utilize these foods to keep you alive, they must be broken down or digested in the stomach and in the intestines and then absorbed by the bloodstream to be carried to all the cells of your body. Cells make up tissues, tissues make up organs, and organs make up the various systems of your body, namely, the nervous, reproductive, endocrine, skeletal, muscular, circulatory, respiratory, digestive and urinary systems.

In order for the cells to get the nutrients they need so that your body can function normally, carbohydrates must be digested and absorbed by the bloodstream as glucose, proteins must be digested and absorbed into the bloodstream as amino acids, and fats must be digested and absorbed into the bloodstream as glycerol and fatty acids.

These absorbed foods (glucose, amino acids, glycerol, fatty acids plus vitamins, minerals and water) when carried to body cells by the bloodstream, undergo chemical changes within the cells and this process of chemical change is called metabolism. When absorbed foods are metabolized in the cells, the chemical changes they undergo are called catabolism, anabolism and oxidation.

Catabolism means that the large molecules of which the absorbed foods are made are broken down into smaller molecules and atoms.

Anabolism is the process of taking these smaller molecules and atoms in the cell and recombining them in such a way so that the cell can produce or synthesize such products as hormones, enzymes, acids, bases and protoplasm. Also, such things as new tissue for growth, repair of worn-out tissue parts, formation of scar tissue and many other complex functions are made possible.

Oxidation means a combustion or burning of the absorbed foods within the cells resulting in the production of heat which is energy. The amount or quantity of heat that is produced is measured in terms of calories. Just as an engine needs gasoline to run, your body needs calories to power its intricate workings.

Certain foods have specific heat or caloric value meaning that it is capable of furnishing so much heat or energy to the body. The average man, during the course of a day, generates about 3000 calories. This quantity of heat is sufficient to raise nearly 10 gallons of water to the boiling point.

In order, then, to maintain this level of metabolism, the diet of the average healthy man should have an energy value of about 3000 calories. When your calorie intake is larger than your calorie output, these excesses are stored calories in the body result in fat which could lead to obesity.

The adult human body has about 500 trillion cells and each cell is constantly carrying on the metabolism of absorbed foods. You might consider each and every cell of the human body as a complex biochemical laboratory within itself. If the products of these cellular "laboratories" are going to be of the high quality needed to sustain a long, healthy and normal life, you had better consider if the nutrients you are putting into your body are of the quality and quantity needed to generate this vitality.

The saying, "you are what you eat," might inspire you to avoid junk food or foods that contain "empty" calories. Your body, like your car, will run good or bad, depending on what you put into it!



POSTER WINNERS--Winners of poster contests conducted by the Merkel Volunteer Fire Department are front row Christine Franklin (left) and Debra Kimbrell and standing left to right, Royce Fowler, Clifford Collins and Brooks Boyd, Robert Oden along with Collins and Boyd are Primary School winners while the other three represented Intermediate School. Taking district honors April 10 at the Baird judging are Fowler, Collins, Kimbrell, Oden and Boyd. They will represent Merkel and the district June 6-10 at the state convention. There were nine divisions and Merkel won five of them at the district meet.

# HONOR ROLL

## Tye

Principal Cecil W. Todd of Tye Elementary has announced the honor roll for this grading period.

### First Grade

"A" Kathy Corbin, Sandra Kotrlak, Tonya Mercer, Christina Patterson, Angela Tyler, Steven Keith, Dusty Moore and Shane Reagan.

"A-B" Teresa Allen, Tracy Jordan, Shawna Miltstead, Marie Terral, Sonia Wells and Mike Mauzey.

### Second Grade

"A" Manie Herrera, Mike Keith, Keith Watson and Mary Lou Barnes.

"A-B" Kathy Mercer, Benny Roys and Verna Millsap.

### Third Grade

"A" Greg Spurr.

"A-B" Lisa Adams, Joyce Patterson, Bill Cantu and Marie Modkins.

### Fourth Grade

"A" Nancy Bunting.

"A-B" Donna Miller and Charles Collier.

### Fifth Grade

"A" Brian Gary and Mark Turner.

"A-B" Karla Terral, Rod Modkins and Willie Perry.

Sixth Grade Ed Herrera, Alan Glick and Joanne Biesecker.

"A-B" Roy Lee Isom, Linda Lummus and Ruby Ferry.

## Becky Watts president

Future Homemakers of America "Key" Chapter of Merkel High School have elected officers for the 1976-1977 school year. They are: President - Becky Watts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Watts.

Vice-President - Sherrie West-daughter of Mr. Bobbie West.

Treasurer - Kim Kannel-daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Vanderwerker.

Secretary - Cindi Hagard-daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Newsom.

Reporter - Kim Satterwhite-daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kent Satterwhite.

Historian - Tammy Martin-daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Bob Neff.

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## Final Rites held for Foster Watts

Foster Archie Watts, 68, died Thursday at 2:30 p.m. at Hendrick Memorial Hospital following an extended illness.

The family moved to Merkel from the 5th Community when he was a small child. Mr. Watts later moved to Hobbs, New Mexico where he was in the grocery business. He was active in civic and church activities and was a member of the First United Methodist Church where he taught a men's Bible class.

Also, he was a member of the Lions Club and had a weekly radio program.

For the past two years he had been a resident of Central

Nursing Center in Abilene and received an award as man of the year for 1975, voted by residents of the home.

Services were held at the First United Methodist Church in Merkel with the Rev. Russell McAnally officiating and assisted by the Rev. Newt Daniel, retired Methodist minister.

Graveside services were held Saturday at Prairie View Cemetery in Hobbs.

Survivors include three sons, James C. of Odessa, Robert L. of Hobbs and John Kennedy of Hobbs; a brother Earl of Abilene; six sisters, Mrs. Sherman Lane of Abilene, Mrs. Lee Tipton, Edna Brown, Mrs. Zedie Johnson, Mrs. Calvin Irvin, all of Merkel and Mrs. C. V. Walden of Midland; and five grandchildren. One son preceded him in death.

Nephews were pallbearers.

## Services held for baby King

Madeline Rae Nell King the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby King of Anson died at 1:30 a.m. Monday in Anson General Hospital after a brief illness.

Graveside services were held at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Mount Hope Cemetery.

Tommy South minister at Anson Church of Christ officiated with burial directed by Lawrence Funeral Home. Madeline was born April 16, 1976.

Survivors include her parents, a brother Darwin of the home; her maternal grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Adcock of Anson; her paternal grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Jesse L. King of Merkel; her maternal great grandparents Mr. and Mrs. John Edwards of Anson, and her paternal great grandmother of Weatherford. She is a niece of Mr. and Mrs. Don King.

## Food technologist joins extension staff

Filling the new position of food technologist for horticultural crops with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service is Alfred B. Wagner, Jr., a native of Kerr County.

## T.E.L. Class meets

The T. E. L. Class met at the Big Country Inn for a breakfast hosted by Ina Hunter and Hattie Rogers.

Bessie Perry gave the devotional and President Sylvia Thomas was in charge of the meeting. Project for the month is to make bibbs for patients at the nursing home.

Attending were Dewey Fleming, Ruby Jinkens, Maggie Renfro, Bessie Clack, Estelle Humphrey, Bessie Perry, Lucy Ford, Jewel Dunagin, Fannie Keith, Jewell Criswell, Annie Walker, Essie Warren, Ina Hunter, Sylvia Thomas and Hattie Rogers.

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## Tye students second in district

The District 14 University League Meet was held April 9 at Butterfield. The following schools participated: Butterfield, Tye, Buffalo Gap, and Hamby. Schools winning were Buffalo Gap first place, Tye second place, Butterfield third place, and Hamby fourth place.

The following students from Tye attended the meet: first grade, Kathy Corbin, Sandra Kotrlak, Angela Tyler and Shane Reagan. Second Grade, Keith Watson, Mike Keith, Mary Lou Barnes, and Kathy Mercer. Third Grade, Charles Price, Fourth Grade, Donna Kuch and Charles Collier. Fifth Grade, Mark Turner, Eddie Sparks and Karla Terral. Sixth Grade, Ed Herrera, Jimmy Jordan, Joanne Bersecker, Jerry Don Holdman and Alan Glick.

The students who won were: Math, Kathy Corbin, second;

Sandra Kotrlak, first; Keith Watson, second; Mike Keith, fourth; and Mary Lou Barnes, fourth. In declamation, Shane Reagan, first and Kathy Mercer, second. Charles Price won fourth in Story Telling. In oral Reading Charles Collier, third and Alan Glick fourth. In Number Sense, Mark Turner, second.

In Picture Memory, Mark Turner, first; Eddie Sparks, first; and Karla Terral, first. Ed Herrera won first in Spelling and fourth in Ready Writing. Donna Kuch also won first in Picture Memory.

Tye Elementary School only liked 12 points winning first. This is a great improvement over past performances. Cecil Todd, Principal of Tye Elementary, commended the faculty and students for the fine performance shown at the meet.

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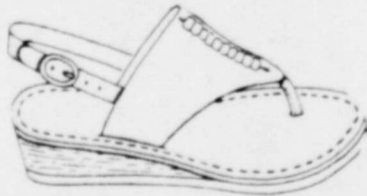
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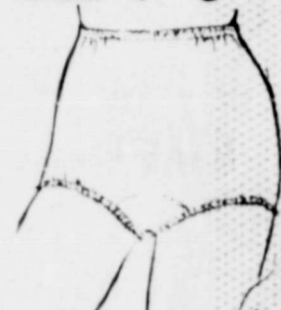
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**HIGH POINT**--Taking high point honors at the Third annual horse show in Merkel Saturday is Cindy Lanier of Sweetwater. She had 15 points to edge Randy Etheredge of Rotan, who had 13.



**GOAT TYING**--Carol Turner found goat tying a bit hectic during her first time Saturday at the horse show. The goat won this round getting loose before the required eight seconds. Miss Turner said as she mounted her horse afterwards, "That was my first time, I didn't know they cried like that."



**GRAND CHAMPION**--Dee Dee Masonheimer, 11-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Masonheimer of Trent had the grand champion gelding at the Third annual horse show Saturday.



**FIRST IN POLES**--Melody Walker is all smiles after winning the poles competition and placing third in barrels Saturday at the Third annual horse show.

## Lanier captures horse show title

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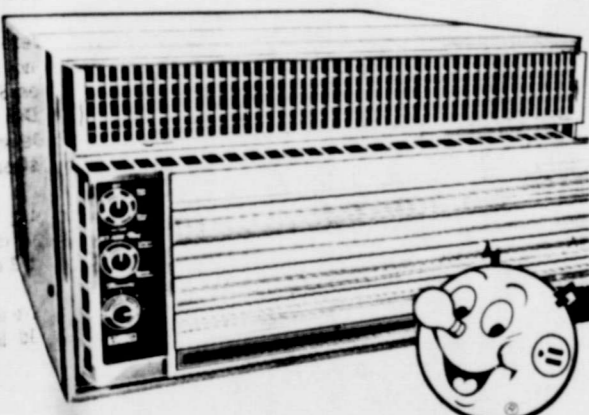
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### Queen contest set Thursday

The Merkel Riding Club will hold its delayed Queen Contest Thursday at 6 p.m. at the Merkel Riding Club arena.

The contest had been set for April 17 but rain and wet grounds forced the postponement until this Thursday.

The 12 contestants are Cindy Boone, Shannon Boyd, Vickie Campbell, Lisa Doherty, Sherry Frazier, Penny Hatfield, Dee Dee Masonheimer, Leslie Masonheimer, Ann Melton, Jan Melton, Shell Stout and Sheri Williams.

4. Sissy's Abibi, Gail Hardin, Mares 1972 or Before--1. Miss Sugar Socks, Bonnie Tredemeyer; 2. Quatre Ton Dolly, Randy Etheredge; 3. Quatros Prissy, Linda Owens; 4. Barbie, Barbara Whisenhunt; and 5. Betty Bailey, Raylene Walker, Grand Champion, Miss Sugar Sock, Bonnie Tredemeyer; and Reserve Champion, Quatro Tan Dolly, Randy Etheredge.

Gelding 1976-73--1. Little Jacket, Levena Vaughn.

Gelding 1972 or Before--1. Never Give Up, Dee Dee Masonheimer; 2. Poco Sonny Wolf, Carol McLernon; 3. Rowdy, Cindy Lanier; 4. Red Man, Todd Etheredge; and 5. Glancee, L. J. Gray, Grand Champion Gelding, Never Give Up, Dee Dee Masonheimer; and Reserve Champion Gelding, Poco Sonny Wolf, Carol McLernon.

Lead Line--1. Hobo, Bridgett Vaughn; 2. Never Give Up, Lucy Masonheimer; 3. Glancee, Cristi Criner; 4. Barbie, Traci Boyd; and 5. Ted, Michael Boyd.

Western Pleasure--1. Quatro Tan Dolly, Randy Etheredge; 2. Glancee, L. J. Gray; 3. Betty Bailey, Raylene Walker; 4. Widow Brown, Chuck DuBose; 5. Motor Sue, Penny Coker.

Reining--1. Flying Black Chick, Cindy Lanier; 2. Rowdy, Johnny Gray; 3. Poco Sonny Wolf, Carol McLernon; 4. Tiana Topsey, Lateshia Kiker; and 5. Widow Brown, Chuck DuBose.

Barrel Racing--1. Motor Sue, Penny Coker; 2. Flying Black Chick, Cindy Lanier; 3. Seco Mac Wolf, Melody



**HONORED**--Jarrett Pinkley was honored at the Third annual horse show Saturday with a belt and buckle with his name on it. Pinkley, shown here riding in a Stamford parade, helped organize the Merkel Riding Club in 1960. This year's horse show was dedicated to him.

Walker; 4. Juan Steel, Helen Mary Holmes; and 5. Tiana Topsey, Lateshia Kiker.

Poles--1. Sunset, Melody Walker; 2. Red Man, Todd Etheredge; 3. Juan Steel, Helen Mary Holmes; 4. Flying Black Chick, Cindy Lanier; and 5. Barbie, Barbara Whisenhunt.

### Barrel racing school set

Dean Madison, Dean of Students at Cisco Junior College and director of the annual barrel racing school held

during the summer, has reminded women of the Big Country area that applications are still being accepted for this year's school, which will be held on the CJC campus June 27-July 3.

Thirty girls will be accepted for the school, Madison said. Last year the college set a limit on 25, but it has been raised to 30 for the school for '76, and applications coming in after the first 30 have been reached will be placed on a waiting list, the Dean said.

Women between the ages of 12 and 23 years are eligible for the school.

Francis Hanson, Donna Saul, and Janet Hanson are the instructors. All of the teachers in the school have outstanding records as barrel racers themselves as well as being fine teachers, Dean Madison stated.

Flags--1. Red, Man, Todd Etheredge; 2. Juan Steel, Helen Mary Holmes; 3. Sunset, Melody Walker; 4. Tiana Topsey, Lateshia Kiker; and 5. Spec, Mikki Lofton.

Goat Tying--1. Hobo, Lavena Vaughn; 2. Flying Black Chick, Cindy Lanier; 3. Quatro Tan Dolly, Randy Etheredge; 4. Badger Mar, Raylene Walker; and 5. Tiana Topsey, Lateshia Kiker.

Wylie Truck Terminal donated the belt buckles to the winner and runnerup.

Others donating to the Horse Show are Star Hardware and Furniture, Carl Edwards Grocery, Carriker Grocery, Brenern Service Station of Trent, Noodle Grocery and Seed, Dunn Texaco Service Station and Home State Bank of Trent.

### Reception set

The six Taylor County Home Demonstration Clubs are celebrating their 50th year with a reception for ex-members and prospective members Thursday from 2 until 4 p.m. in the County Extension Kitchen, third floor, Old County Courthouse.

All previous agents and district agents have been invited back for the occasion.

### Pot-luck supper Thursday

Senior Citizens of this area are still very active. They look forward to every Thursday for game night. All enjoying 80-88 and domino but this Thursday night will be a pot-luck supper 7 p.m.

Come one, come all bring your covered dish and join the fun.

Our club has completed four years of activities enjoyed by a large group.

New members are being added to our roll. We urge every Senior Citizen to join our club.

Our thanks go out to all who have made it possible for us to own our well-furnished building. We have had some repair work done on the inside walls recently. Also enjoyed one of our best singings.

Our well attended luncheon was enjoyed by all present.

Each fifth Thursday night we will have an old time pot luck supper.

Four years has not slowed us down. We have many plans for the future which include helping with any plans made by other organizations of the town.

Sylvia Thomas is current president of the Senior Citizens.

### Callie bermudagrass

Callie bermudagrass has been an outstanding performer in trials in Mississippi, according to a Mississippi agricultural scientist who spoke at the recent Texas Annual Agriculture Conference at Texas A & M University. The grass was selected at Mississippi State University in 1966 and is now being planted in 35 states and territories and 11 foreign countries. It has larger stolons, wider leaves and taller growth than the famed Coastal and other bermuda varieties and hybrids commonly used for forage. Growth rates of 2.5 to 6 inches per day have been reported.



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### Water safety course

The Red Cross has scheduled a course for presently authorized Water Safety Instructors for the week of May 3.

It will be held at the Sunfish Pool, 901 North Pioneer, from 6 to 9 p.m., Monday through Friday. The Sunfish Pool, formerly known as the Seahorse, has been completely redone and is under new management.

Miss Beverly Ball, who is a Red Cross authorized Water Safety Instructor Trainer, will instruct the class.

There is no charge for the instruction but there will be a pool fee payable to Sunfish.

Participants are asked to preregister by telephoning the Red Cross Chapter House, 677-2622, and presenting their current Water Safety Instructor's certificate at the initial class.

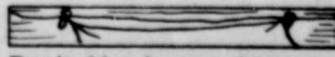
### Riding Club results

The Merkel Riding Club held its weekly play night Saturday.

The events and winners: Open Barrels--1. Eddie Sparks, 2. Johnny Davis, 3. Charles Hatfield, 4. Don Simpson, and 5. Sherri Williams.

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Poles--1. Vicki Campbell, 2. Johnny Davis, 3. Norma Frazier and Don Simpson, 4. Sherri Williams, and 5. Eddie Sparks.



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# Primary election Saturday

Merkel residents will get an opportunity to vote in Texas' first presidential primary Saturday.

Voting will be at the Senior Citizens Building on Edwards Street across from Merkel Drug and F & M Bank.

Polls will close at 7 p.m. Five presidential candidates, three Democrats and two Republicans, will have delegates candidates on ballots throughout the state.

In addition Democrats will be choosing 98 delegates to the National Democratic Convention in New York City in July. Republicans will be picking 96 delegates to their national convention August 16-19 in Kansas City.

President Gerald Ford and opponent Ronald Reagan will be on the GOP ballot.

Texas Senator Lloyd Bentsen, Alabama Governor George Wallace, Fred Harris and Jimmy Carter will be on the Democratic ballot.

Selection of at-large delegates and alternate delegates will begin Saturday, at precinct caucuses after the polls close, but will not be completed until the June state conventions of each party.

A voter must vote for each delegate candidate that he wishes to represent him at the national convention.

Besides the selection of delegate representatives voters in the Democratic primary will vote for United States Senator with Phil Gramm, Leon Dugi, Hugh Wilson and Lloyd Bentsen on the ballot. Republicans are choosing among Alan Steelman, Hugh Sweeney and Louis Leman.

Railroad Commission has eight candidates: Jerry Sadler, R. R. Williams, Robert Wood, Lane Denton, David Finney, Terence O'Rourke, Jon Newton, Walter Wendlandt is the Republican candidate.

Don Yarbrough and Charles Barrow are running for Associate Justice, Supreme Court, Place 2 and Truman Roberts and Jerome Chamberlain are vying for Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals.

Jim Vollers, W. T. Phillips and Carl Dally are running for Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals. Joe Gibson and Grant Jones are battling for State Senator, District 24.

Other races have but one candidate.

In contested Taylor County races, Henry Strauss and Bob Lindsey are seeking the Judge, Domestic Relations Court position; Jack Landrum and Bill Sorrell are battling for Sheriff; Jack Hancock, Richard Petree and Burl King are seeking the Tax Assessor-Collector post; and Joe Lassiter and Charles Scarborough are on the ballot for Taylor County Democratic Chairman.

Voters may not vote both Republican and Democratic ballots Saturday, having to declare at the time of voting. However, this doesn't mean the voter has to vote strictly Democratic or Republican at the November general election--at that election you can split your vote or vote by either party. However, for the primary you can only vote in one category--Republican or Democrat.

### Hendricks visitors

Charolette Hendricks, grand-daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Burr Hendricks, has returned to Longview after spending her spring vacation visiting relatives and friends.



**DISTRICT BOUND--**The Taylor County 4-H Rifle Team will compete in the district meet in San Angelo Saturday. First and second place winners of the senior division will advance to state competition at Texas A&M in June. The team is coached by J. D. Sandusky and Sam Reeves and includes in the prone position from left Lisa Hughes and Willy Townsend. Kneeling from left are Chad Hastings, Monte Lewis, Terry Criner, Tim Reeves and Sheri Williams. Not pictured are Mabelle Robinson, Craig Hutchens and alternate Tony Roberson. Hughes, Criner, Robinson and Hutchens make up the senior team. The trophies are donated by Ed's Feed and Seed and Seymore Insurance. Criner is the top qualifier with 202 out of 300. For the juniors Townsend hit 186 to lead qualifying for district.

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## No tax raise involved in increased budget

The Merkel City Council has approved an increased 1976-1977 budget with raises for several city employees and all without an increase in taxes or rates.

The Council officially approved the operating budget as presented to City Secretary J. A. Sadler at its regular meeting in City Hall Monday afternoon. It does not include any revenue sharing.

Also, the Council approved a tax rate resolution fixing the tax levy on real and personal property at \$1.50 per \$100 valuation, the same rate as has been in force.

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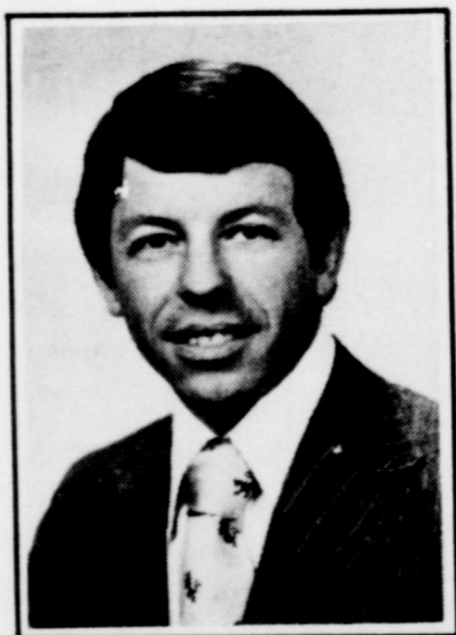
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\$1.06 will be spent on the general operating fund and 43 cents will go toward outstanding bond indebtedness.

The taxes will be due October 1, 1976 and become delinquent February 1, 1977. Real property taxes is assessed on buildings and land while personal property is assessed on fixtures and stock.

The Council also was told by Sadler that the surveyor has completed work on the proposed landfill site but that no figures have been made available to him yet.

And, in an unofficial request a stop sign was requested for south 7th and Orange Street due to a complaint of speeding drivers. No official action was taken.

The raises will amount to \$45 per month for two employees and \$20 for others, bringing the minimum salary to \$520 per month.

The proposed income for the general fund was increased from \$101,840 to \$125,300 with an anticipated increase in income from property tax, sales tax, franchise, and inspection.

The proposed budget which goes into effect May 1 also shows an increase in expenditures from \$113,928.82 to \$123,528 with increases noted in all five departments--administration and tax, street, fire department, police department and sanitation.

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The meeting was called to order by club president Mrs. Ab Hunter. Mrs. Hugh Taylor gave devotional and recreation was directed by Mrs. Clarence Allen. Roll call was answered with "a piece of furniture I would like to redo." Minute of last meeting and treasury report were given by club secretary Mrs. Dewey Ramsey.

Council delegate Mrs. Clayton Dillard read the year book check sheets on the programs for the year and club members made program selections.

Council report was given by Mrs. Ab Hunter. Plans for Fair booths should be made soon. Rally day has been set for June 1 at Lueders with a \$2.00 lunch charge for each person attending.

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Council report was given by Mrs. Ab Hunter. Plans for Fair booths should be made soon. Rally day has been set for June 1 at Lueders with a \$2.00 lunch charge for each person attending.

## Butman has polling place

Voter Precinct No. 27 has been reactivated. Thus, voters living in the precinct may vote Saturday at the Butman Pioneer Methodist Church. The poll will open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. Too, there will be a pre-meeting after the polls close, providing anyone shows indicates they want to hold such a meeting to elect delegates to the conventions.

It has been pointed out that anyone living in the precinct may vote at the Precinct No. 27 location, even though they may have another precinct number on their voter registration form.

All eligible voters in the area are urged to turn out the primary election.

## Hunter safety course

A hunter safety program is under way at the Noodle Community Center.

The safety program aimed at teaching hunters how to use rifles safely, will continue May 4, 11 and 18, according to J. D. Sandusky.

The program started Tuesday but Sandusky said there is still time for anyone interested in taking the course to come to the remaining sessions.

The fee is \$1 and six hours of classroom work is required to qualify for the tificate.

Classes are from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. each night. The class is open for one to 18 years old for any hunter planning to hunt out of state this year.

Sandusky pointed out Colorado requires such certification before issuing hunting license and Mexico will begin requiring the certification next year.

This program will allow a hunter to buy a rifle in any state, he pointed out.

Instructors for the course are Sandusky, A. B. Parson and D. A. Bishop and



**HIGH POINT**--Taking high point honors at the Third annual horse show in Merkel Saturday is Cindy Lanier of Sweetwater. She had 15 points to edge Randy Etheredge of Rotan, who had 13.



**GOAT TYING**--Carol Turner found goat tying a bit hectic during her first time Saturday at the horse show. The goat won this round getting loose before the required eight seconds. Miss Turner said as she mounted her horse afterwards, "That was my first time, I didn't know they cried like that."



**GRAND CHAMPION**--Dee Dee Masonheimer, 11-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Masonheimer of Trent had the grand champion gelding at the Third annual horse show Saturday.



**FIRST IN POLES**--Melody Walker is all smiles after winning the poles competition and placing third in barrels Saturday at the Third annual horse show.

## Lanier captures horse show title

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Cindy Lanier of Sweetwater scored 15 points to edge Randy Etheredge of Rotan for the high point championship of the Third annual Horse Show at the Merkel arena Saturday.

Etheredge had 13 points for second. Both received belt buckles as prizes.

Results of Saturday's show.

**Stallions 1976-1973**--Not Much Tequila shown by Barbara Whisenhunt.

**Stallions 1972 or Before**--1. Scout, Rev. John L. Eckols; Grand Champion, Not Much Tequila shown by Barbara Whisenhunt; and Reserve Champion, Scout, Rev. John L. Eckols.

**Mares 1976-1973**--1. Little Miss Planet, Carol McLernon; 2. Miss Sugar Pumpkin, Bonnie Tredemeyer; 3. Miss Phil, Randy Bond; 4. Sissy's Abibi, Gail Hardin. Mares 1972 or Before--1. Miss Sugar Socks, Bonnie Tredemeyer; 2. Quatre Ton Dolly, Randy Etheredge; 3. Quatros Prissy, Linda Owens; 4. Barbie, Barbara Whisenhunt; and 5. Betty Bailey, Raylene Walker.

**Grand Champion**, Miss Sugar Sock, Bonnie Tredemeyer; and Reserve Champion, Quatro Tan Dolly, Randy Etheredge.

**Gelding 1976-73**--1. Little Jacket, Levena Vaughn.

**Gelding 1972 or Before**--1. Never Give Up, Dee Dee Masonheimer; 2. Poco Sonny Wolf, Carol McLernon; 3. Rowdy, Cindy Lanier; 4. Red Man, Todd Etheredge; and 5. Glancee, L. J. Gray.

**Grand Champion Gelding**, Never Give Up, Dee Dee Masonheimer; and Reserve Champion Gelding, Poco Sonny Wolf, Carol McLernon.

**Lead Line**--1. Hobo, Bridgett Vaughn; 2. Never Give Up, Lucy Masonheimer; 3. Glancee, Cristi Criner; 4. Barbie, Traci Boyd; and 5. Ted, Michael Boyd.

**Western Pleasure**--1. Quatro Tan Dolly, Randy Etheredge; 2. Glancee, L. J. Gray; 3. Betty Bailey, Raylene Walker; 4. Widow Brown, Chuck DuBose; 5. Motor Sue, Penny Coker.

**Reining**--1. Flying Black Chick, Cindy Lanier; 2. Rowdy, Johnny Gray; 3. Poco Sonny Wolf, Carol McLernon; 4. Tiana Topsey, Lateshia Kiker; and 5. Widow Brown, Chuck DuBose.

**Barrel Racing**--1. Motor Sue, Penny Coker; 2. Flying Black Chick, Cindy Lanier; 3. Seco Mac Wolf, Melody Walker; 4. Juan Steel, Helen Mary Holmes; and 5. Tiana Topsey, Lateshia Kiker.

**Poles**--1. Sunset, Melody Walker; 2. Red Man, Todd Etheredge; 3. Juan Steel, Helen Mary Holmes; 4. Flying Black Chick, Cindy Lanier; and 5. Barbie, Barbara Whisenhunt.



**HONORED**--Jarrett Pinkley was honored at the Third annual horse show Saturday with a belt and buckle with his name on it. Pinkley, shown here riding in a Stamford parade, helped organize the Merkel Riding Club in 1960. This year's horse show was dedicated to him.

Walker; 4. Juan Steel, Helen Mary Holmes; and 5. Tiana Topsey, Lateshia Kiker.

**Poles**--1. Sunset, Melody Walker; 2. Red Man, Todd Etheredge; 3. Juan Steel, Helen Mary Holmes; 4. Flying Black Chick, Cindy Lanier; and 5. Barbie, Barbara Whisenhunt.

### Barrel racing school set

Dean Madison, Dean of Students at Cisco Junior College and director of the annual barrel racing school held during the summer, has reminded women of the Big Country area that applications are still being accepted for this year's school, which will be held on the CJC campus June 27-July 3.

Thirty girls will be accepted for the school, Madison said. Last year the college set a limit on 25, but it has been raised to 30 for the school for '76, and applications coming in after the first 30 have been reached will be placed on a waiting list, the Dean said.

Women between the ages of 12 and 23 years are eligible for the school.

Francis Hanson, Donna Saul, and Janet Hanson are the instructors. All of the teachers in the school have outstanding records as barrel racers themselves as well as being fine teachers, Dean Madison stated.

### Pot-luck supper Thursday

Senior Citizens of this area are still very active. They look forward to every Thursday for game night. All enjoying 80-88 and domino but this Thursday night will be a pot-luck supper 7 p.m.

Come one, come all bring your covered dish and join the fun.

Our club has completed four years of activities enjoyed by a large group.

New members are being added to our roll. We urge every Senior Citizen to join our club.

Our thanks go out to all who have made it possible for us to own our well-furnished building. We have had some repair work done on the inside walls recently. Also enjoyed one of our best singings.

Our well attended luncheon was enjoyed by all present.

Each fifth Thursday night we will have an old time pot luck supper.

Four years has not slowed us down. We have many plans for the future which include helping with any plans made by other organizations of the town.

Sylvia Thomas is current president of the Senior Citizens.

**Callie bermudagrass**

Callie bermudagrass has been an outstanding performer in trials in Mississippi, according to a Mississippi agricultural scientist who spoke at the recent Texas Animal Agriculture Conference at Texas A & M University. The grass was selected at Mississippi State University in 1966 and is now being planted in 35 states and territories and 11 foreign countries. It has larger stolons, wider leaves and taller growth than the famed Coastal and other bermuda varieties and hybrids commonly used for forage. Growth rates of 2.5 to 6 inches per day have been reported.

### Water safety course

The Red Cross has scheduled a course for presently authorized Water Safety instructors for the week of May 3.

It will be held at the Sunfish Pool, 901 North Pioneer, from 6 to 9 p.m., Monday through Friday. The Sunfish Pool, formerly known as the Seahorse, has been completely redone and is under new management.

Miss Beverly Ball, who is a Red Cross authorized Water Safety Instructor Trainer, will instruct the class.

There is no charge for the instruction but there will be a pool fee payable to Sunfish.

Participants are asked to preregister by telephoning the Red Cross Chapter House, 677-2622, and presenting their current Water Safety Instructor's certificate at the initial class.

**Riding Club results**

The Merkel Riding Club held its weekly play night Saturday.

The events and winners: Open Barrels--1. Eddie Sparks, 2. Johnny Davis, 3. Charles Hatfield, 4. Don Simpson, and 5. Sherri Williams.

Flags--1. Eddie Sparks, 2. Vicki Campbell, 3. Charles Hatfield, 4. Norma Frazier, and 5. Don Simpson.

Poles--1. Vicki Campbell, 2. Johnny Davis, 3. Norma Frazier and Lon Simpson, 4. Sherri Williams, and 5. Eddie Sparks.

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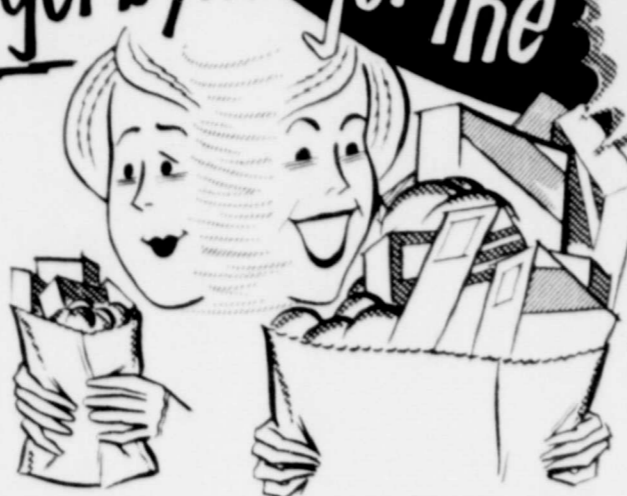
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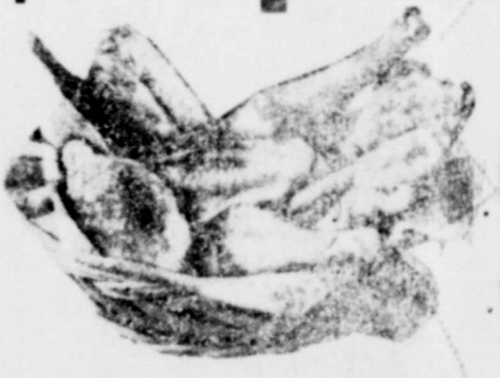
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## Albany captures district track

Albany captured the district B-A track championship Thursday at Albany.

Albany scored 116 points to edge Roscoe for the team title. Roscoe had 116 1/2 points.

Rotan was third with 107 followed by Baird with 75 1/2. Jim Ned with 46 1/2, Wylie with 27 and Merkel with 6 points.

The first two finishers in each event advance to the regional qualifiers meet in Lubbock Friday and Saturday.

Roscoe's David McDonald

was the only double winner, taking the 100-yard dash in 10.2 and the 220-yard dash in 22.9.

Albany's four wins came from Gary Middlebrook and Jim Waller in the hurdles, Charles Holson in the shot put and Steve Williamson in the long jump.

Merkel failed to qualify anyone for the regional meet.

The results:  
440 Relay-1. Rotan (Jerry Carr, James Stanberry, Kim Gray, James Goodwin), 44.5; 2. Albany, 45.6.

880-1. Kim Gray, Rotan,

2:04.7; 2. David Drake, Roscoe, 2:10.3.

120 Hurdles-1. Gary Middlebrook, Albany, 15.0; 2. Larry Cauthen, Baird, 15.2.

100-1. David McDonald, Roscoe, 10.2; 2. Jerry Carr, Rotan, 10.3.

440-1. James Goodwin, Rotan, 53.1; 2. Steve Freeman, Roscoe, 53.9.

330 Hurdles-1. Jim Waller, Albany, 40.6; 2. Mark Box, Roscoe, 41.1.

220-1. David McDonald, Roscoe, 22.9; 2. Steve Freeman, Roscoe, 23.5.

1 Mile-1. Albert Gonzales, Baird, 4:55.2; 2. Manuel Aguirre, Baird, 5:03.0.

1 Mile Relay-1. Rotan (James Goodwin, Kim Gray, Jerry Carr, Buddy Hooper), 3:36.9; 2. Albany, 3:39.2.

Pole Vault-1. Hank Horton, Jim Ned, 13-0; 2. Rusty Parsons, Albany, 12-6.

High Jump-1. Jerry Garrett, Roscoe, 5-10; 2. Larry Cauthen, Baird, 5-8.

Shot Put-1. Charles Holson, Albany, 47-9 1/2; 2. Jerry Carr, Rotan, 45-10 1/4.

Long Jump-1. Steve Williamson, Albany, 19-6 1/2; 2. James Goodwin, Rotan, 19-3.

Discus-1. Randy Fleming, Baird, 159-10; 2. Dan Burk, Rotan, 136-9.

### ACU awards

#### Honorary degrees

Ablene Christian University will award three honorary doctoral degrees Sunday, May 2 at 2:30 p.m. during its annual spring commencement exercises in Moody Coliseum on the ACU campus.

The degrees will be presented to Robert S. Bell of Dallas, executive director of Wyatt's Cafeterias, Inc.; Leroy Brownlow of Fort Worth, President of Brownlow Publishing Company, Inc.; and Dr. Bevington Reed of Austin, Retired Commissioner of higher education for the Coordinating Board of the Texas College and University System.

The degrees were recently confirmed by the ACU Board of Trustees.

#### Rice picture bleak

Rice producers in the U.S. are faced with an uncertain market due to record domestic and world rice production last year. U.S. rice stocks on August 1 could be five times the level of last summer due to a 14 percent increase in production last year.



SPORTS HONOREES--Taking individual bows for their accomplishments Monday night at the Merkel High School All-Sports banquet are from left, Gail Reed in track, Kandi

Ascencio in tennis, Paul Tucker in basketball, Mike Henry in golf, David King in football, Larry Smith in football, Mark Shaw in football, Danny DuBose in track and Netta Stephan in basketball.

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## Teen-age teams to be chosen Sunday

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Return to Tri-City Baseball Project, 900 Avondale, Merkel, 79536; or to J. C. Carson, Carson Grocery; or to Castille Hardware.

Two years of work will come to a climax Sunday at the Tri-City Baseball Park.

There will be a meeting at 2 p.m. of all officials, coaches, managers, players, and parents. At this meeting those who have registered to play baseball will be drawn for placement on teams. There will not be tryouts this year.

Also there will be an election of officers for the boys league. It is time to form the league and begin work on organization.

There is still time to register for any boy who is interested in playing baseball and is between the age of 13-18 as of August 1. The deadline is Sunday.

There is a form in this paper which should be filled out and turned in to J. C. Carson, Castille Hardware or

at the meeting, prior to the drawing.

There have been more than 30 Merkel boys registered. More boys 16-18 years old are needed if there is to be an older team.

Plans are to have four teams of the 13-15 age boys. Two teams will be from Merkel, one from Tye and one from Trent. The Tye and Trent teams will practice in their town and play the games in Merkel. It is important that those boys from Tye and Trent get their registration turned in so that it

can be determined which teams can be formed.

It is urgent that parents, managers, and coaches attend the meeting.

The future of the teen-age league depends on this meeting.

Don't let these boys who have registered down. Boys come and find out which team you will be on and bring your parents.

The meeting is 2 p.m., Sunday, May 2nd at the old "Lobo" baseball field, west end of South 2nd.

### Riggen sets McMurry record

Derrell Riggen, McMurry College freshman high jumper from Merkel, has erased the old mark by leaping 6-6 in the recent McMurry College Invitational Track and Field Meet at Indian Stadium.

The 19-year-old Riggen bettered the old mark of 6-3 1/2 by Jim Russell in 1963.

Riggen, a 3-sports star at Merkel, finished second last May in Class A competition at the state meet with a jump of 6-1, despite a rainstorm. His career best going into the McMurry meet was 6-4.

Riggen is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Riggen of 1312 North 2nd, Street.

### Belles schedule audition

The Cisco Wrangler Belles of Cisco Junior College will hold a final spring audition for new members for the coming school year on Sunday afternoon from 2 to 4:30 p.m., Director Pat Owens has announced.

The Belles are a precision dance-drill team that have become nationally known during recent years through network television appearances in Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parades in New York and the NBC-TV Stars and Stripes Special in July.

Young ladies who will graduate from high school this spring are invited to audition, Mrs. Owens said.

They will need shorts and sneakers, and previous experience as a dance or drill team member isn't at all necessary.

Girls selected for the group will receive a scholarship to Cisco Junior College, worth up to \$700 over a 2-year period, the director said.

The auditions will take place at the CJC campus gymnasium, and no advance preparation of any kind is needed.

Anyone desiring further information may contact Mrs. Owens at 442-2567 during the day or 442-2328 during evening hours, telephone are 817.

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### Women golfers play Tuesday

Due to the time change to Daylight Savings Time the ladies golf day will begin Tuesday play with the monthly supper set May 13 at the Merkel Country Club.

The meal will be prepared by the chef and cost is \$3.95 plus tax.

Plans for a tournament will be discussed at this meeting. Any women interested should play Tuesday afternoon and attend the supper and business meeting.

Joann Smith is president of the golf association.

## Colonial-style camping planned

Cadette Girl Scouts from West Texas Girl Scout Council and two neighboring councils will be "Camping Colonial-Style" in Stamford the weekend of April 30, May 1 and 2, 1976. The event is being planned and sponsored by the Cadette Steering Committee composed of two representatives from each Cadette troop in the council.

Titled by the girls "Camping Colonial Style" the theme for the weekend is one of Revolutionary period skills, crafts, and daily living activities practiced by our ancestors. Each troop will demonstrate or display at its campsite an activity of its choice such as making lye soap, scrubbing clothes on a washboard, or smoking jerky by the fire.

The troops will set up tents and make their camps livable for the weekend. They will cook all their meals using techniques and recipes of both colonial times and the present. Costumes designed by each girl will be featured Saturday morning. Attire for Saturday afternoon's competition in campcraft skills will be a more rough-and-ready blue jeans version of olden day "homespun."

Younger Scouts, the Brownies and Juniors, from the council will visit the Junior High School-aged Cadettes during their morning and afternoon activities.

Senior Scouts will take part in the campfire program Saturday night. Part of that program will include the Boy Scout Indian Dancers, a group from Abilene. Parents of the Cadettes will be guests at the campfire.

Other scheduled activities for the weekend include an old-fashioned taffy-pull, candle-dipping, and a Sunday morning Scout's Own.

The site for "Camping Colonial Style" is College Lake Park adjacent to the National Guard Armory in Stamford.

A star-shaped, red, white, and blue event patch reading "Camping Colonial Style" designed by the Steering Committee will be distributed at the event.

## Social services meeting

Social services provided by the State Department of Public Welfare will be discussed at a public meeting scheduled Thursday at Abilene, it has been announced by Regional Administrator Nathan Martin of Lubbock. The meeting will be held at YWCA, 1350 North 10th from 7 to 9:30 p.m.

The session is one of several to be scheduled throughout the administrative region, Martin said, with others to be held later at Amarillo, Wichita Falls and Lubbock.

All persons in the area who are concerned with welfare department services are invited. Special letters of invitation are being sent to county judges and commissioners, mayors representatives of service provider agencies and other social service agencies throughout the Abilene area, Martin said.

"We hope the meeting will provide the public with a better understanding of the department's service delivery system, the planning, management, and the opportunities and constraints for change," Martin said.

"We hope those concerned will bring up their ideas for improvements in the system, and that we can arrange for citizen input on an ongoing basis. We believe meetings like this will serve to make DFW more accountable to the public for the operation of its programs, and this is one of our aims," he added.

## Still time to register for softball

Girls wanting to play softball this summer have one final opportunity to register.

A few more girls are needed for the major division, 13 to 14-year-olds.

Any girl missing registration last week has until Saturday to register by contacting Mrs. Hugh Baker,

928-5888 or Dorothy Torrence, 928-5637 or pick up a registration form at Stuckey's.

According to registration there will be one team for each division--Mini-minor, 8-10; Minor, 11-12; Majors, 13-14; and Seniors, 15-18.

Practice starts Monday and the first game is scheduled May 15. The regular season ends July 15.

Tournaments include the Major area tourney July 16-18; state tourney for Minors July 23-24; Mini-minor area tourney, July 30-31; Major and Senior tourney, August 6-8; Minor state tourney, August 13-15; and the National tourney for Majors and Seniors, August 28-29.

The national tourney is for Abilene this year.

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THIRTY-YEAR AWARDS--General Manager Don Hart presents O. S. Moore of Nolan, Horace Childress and Henry Howard with 30-year pins for their tenure with Taylor Electric Cooperative. Also receiving a 30-year pin is Lonnie Beard and Hollis Mitchell of Merkel who had to work Friday and were not present for the 35th meeting of the cooperative at Taylor County Coliseum.

**State 4-H leaders organize**

The 4-H leaders of the state have organized into the Volunteer 4-H Leaders Association of Texas. The state association was formed April 9 during a state 4-H Leader Forum at the new Texas 4-H Center near Brownwood. Officers are Jack Fambro of Breckenridge, president; Mrs. Barbara Sandlin of Springtown, first vice president; Mrs. Joan Adams of Odem, second vice president; Mrs. Ruth Stanford of Woodville, secretary; and Kenneth Brose of Lockney, treasurer. Purpose of the association is to promote the development of voluntary leadership in 4-H, according to a 4-H and youth specialist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Texas boasts a total of 14,533 volunteer leaders.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

An ordinance fixing and establishing a budget for the City of Merkel, Texas for the fiscal year beginning the 1st day of May, 1976, and ending the 30th day of April, 1977, making tax levy for the purpose of payment thereof and fixing the time and terms of payment of city taxes.

Whereas; the city secretary of the City of Merkel, Texas, in obedience to the laws of the state of Texas, submitted to the City Council of said city a proposed budget covering the proposed income and expenditures of said city for the fiscal year beginning the 1st day of May, 1976 and ending the 30th day of April, 1977.

Whereas; notice of said proposed budget hearings on the 12th day of April, 1976 and the 26th day of April, 1976 was duly posted in the City Hall on the 1st day of April, 1976.

Now therefore be it ordained by the City Council of Merkel, Texas, that the following budget is hereby adopted as follows to-wit:

Income	
General Fund	121,300.00
Income Operating	4,000.00
	125,300.00
Expenditures	
General Fund	123,528.00
Expenditures To Operating	1,772.00
	125,300.00
Income	
Water and Sewer	134,800.00
Income Operating	6,500.00
	141,300.00
Expenditures	
Water and Sewer	134,912.00
Expenditures To Operating	6,388.00
	141,300.00
Sinking Fund	
From Interest	1,200.00
From Transfer Operating	19,000.00
	37,818.22
	58,018.22

Expenditures Sinking Fund 19,000.00  
Expenditures To Operating 39,018.22  
58,018.22

Be it further ordained by the City Council of Merkel, Texas, that the transfer of funds set out in the budget are in all things approved.

Be it further ordained by the City Council of Merkel, Texas, that there is hereby levied against all real and personal property situated within the corporate limits of the City of Merkel, Texas, on the 1st day of January, 1976, an ad valorem tax for the current year 1976 as follows to-wit:

1. One dollar and six cents (\$1.06) on the hundred dollar valuation is hereby set aside, levied and appropriated to pay the expense of the city known and referred to as the general fund.

2. Forty three cents (\$0.43) on the hundred dollar valuation is hereby set aside, levied and appropriated to service the outstanding general obligation bond indebtedness.

Be it further ordained by the City Council of Merkel, Texas, that said taxes hereby levied shall become due on the 1st day of October, 1976 and shall become delinquent on the 1st day of February, 1977, interest at the rate of 8% per annum shall be collected and after said date there shall be a penalty thereon, to-wit:

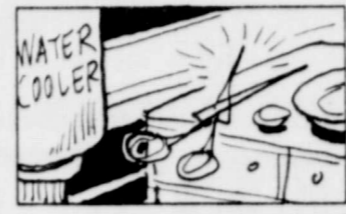
- 1. During February, 1977, 1%
- 2. During March, 1977, 2%
- 3. During April, 1977, 3%
- 4. During May, 1977, 4%
- 5. During June, 1977, 5%
- 6. During July, 1977, 8%

On said taxes and cost as provided by law in the collection of state and county taxes of the state of Texas.

It is provided that if 1/2 of the 1976 taxes be paid prior to February, 1977, then the unpaid balance of such taxes may be paid any time prior to the 1st day of July, 1977 without payment of interest, penalties and cost therein provided for.

In the event such unpaid balances of taxes for the year 1976, be not paid on or before the 30th day of June 1977, and a penalty of 8% shall bear interest from the 1st day of July 1977, and a penalty of 8% shall be added, and cost, and shall be subject to collection in the same manner for collection of state and county taxes or the state of Texas.

Passed and approved the 26th day of April, 1976.  
Lou David Allen  
Mayor  
J. A. Sadler  
City Secretary  
10-1tc



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**Registration Reopens May 1 For Land Heritage Program**

AUSTIN--Registration for the third year of the Family Land Heritage Program opens May 1. Agriculture Commissioner John C. White has announced.

The Program, sponsored by the Texas Department of Agriculture, honors families who have owned and continuously operated agricultural acreage for 100 years or more. Since the Program began, 931 farms and ranches have been honored.

Applications are available from county judge's offices, Texas Historical Commission county chairmen, or from the Texas Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas 78711.

Registration deadline is August 16. White pointed out that applicants must use the new

forms if they wish to qualify. In order to qualify, the land must have been agriculturally productive and operated by family members for 100 years or more. If all the land has ever been rented out, it will not qualify.

Persons must live on and work the land, or if they live off the historic land, they must actively manage and direct the everyday operation of the farm or ranch. Absentee ownership of land devoted to hunting and timber leases and similar operations will not qualify.

Those who qualify will be honored at ceremonies in the fall. They will receive a certificate suitable for framing and a brief history of their land will be printed in the "Family Land Heritage Registry."

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### Don Purser to graduate

Don Allen Purser of Merkel is among the 696 candidates for graduation this spring at Eastern New Mexico University.

Baccalaureate and commencement services begin at 8 p.m., Friday, in the Physical Education Complex Arena. Governor Jerry Apodaca will deliver the main commencement address on "The Challenges of 1976."

The list of candidates for graduation includes 47 associate's degrees, 467 bachelor's degrees, and 172 master's degrees. One hundred twelve students will graduate with honors.

Purser will receive a bachelor of science degree in physical education.

## Letters To The Editor

### Tye concern

Dear Editor—Why is the Tye School omitted from the Honor Roll published in your paper??

It is in the Merkel District

### Hobo America pageant set

First Baptist Church will sponsor a Mr. and Miss Hobo America Pageant Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

It will be in fellowship hall at First Baptist Church where Mr. and Miss Hobo America will be named. They will be judged on originality and grace.

and the two schools yearbook is combined, it seems that the Tye School should be included with the Merkel listing.

Mrs. Lloyd W. Glick

editor's NOTE: The Tye honor roll is included in this issue of The Merkel Mail. It was not reported to us until this week. Thank you for your interest.

Dale Turner

Dear Editor,

With the untimely death of Ike Dale Turner a short time back, I could not resist this opportunity to write this letter to the editor.

I watched the development of this young man from childhood days through high

school. He early became interested in the Boy Scout program. Through the encouragement of C. A. Farley, our very fine elementary principal, Ike went on to obtain the highest rank in the scouting program—the Eagle award. He was a fine Christian youth taking an active part in his church.

As Ike came into Merkel High School, and entered my P. E. classes, I became better acquainted with him. He wanted to come out for football as a freshman, but weighing only ninety pounds, I told him he was too small, and might get hurt. After two years in high school, and weighing one hundred and ten pounds he talked me into giving him a suit. You have often heard the expression, "Dynamite comes in small packages," and that is the way I would have to describe Ike's attitude toward the game of football. He was quick as a cat, and felt he was just as tough as any man on the

field. Due to his quickness and speed, we played him at guard for he could get out and lead our backs on the off tackle and end sweep plays.

The 1943 Badger team of which Ike was a member won the District Championship and played the Wink Wildcats. Never had or since has a Badger team faced such great odds, they had beaten our district representative the year before 75-0. Wink weighed our Badgers 35 pounds to the man. The gamblers were giving as many as 40 points on the game. As the game was played-Wink took the opening kick-off and marched down the field without losing the ball and scored taking a 6-0 lead. That lead held up through the first quarter, and with about 5 minutes to go in the second quarter Billy Wayne Frazier went wide to his right led by Ike Turner, who cut down the defensive left half that enabled Billy

Wayne to complete a 70 yard run for a touchdown. Frazier kicked the extra point, the Badgers were ahead at the half 7-6. This lead held up through the 3rd quarter but with some 4 minutes to go in the game, Wink scored their second T. D. and the game ended 12-7. The Badgers didn't lose the game, the clock just ran out on them.

Yes, Ike, you and the rest of the great Badger 43 football team left this old coach many happy memories.

In later years Ike played the game of life just like the game of football to be a winner. He was highly successful in his chosen field—engineering.

Ike was a firm believer in giving the roses to the living. Twenty years after his graduation Ike wrote me a letter (when the Merkel School Board no longer desired my services). In it he stated, "No one, but us boys that played under you will ever know how hard you

worked to bring the Badgers from a cellar team to one of the most feared teams in West Texas." He predicted once again the Badgers would return to the cellar and the opposing coaches would sigh a feeling of relief.

To his faithful wife, Charlotte, his children, and his mother he will be greatly missed, but he will also be missed by a host of friends and an old coach.

Sincerely,  
Carroll Benson

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