

BIBLE VERSE  
"His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the granary."  
Matthew 3:12

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Council meeting turns into public discussion



By Carl Dingler

Let's all gather at the watering hole. Now, all together--let's hear one loud, resounding BOO for our City Coordinator, J. A. Sadler.

Let's boo the fact that he is worth at least 15 or 20 city employees and managers found in any other city--and yet, Merkel is getting all this service for the price of one mortal.

Yes, let's boo him for his dedication, devotion and experience and for his money saving efforts--everyone wants to pay more city taxes.

Yep, give another loud BOO for all the hours he puts in doing jobs for which he is not required to do--neglecting his family and private life in the process.

And, how about a double BOO for the expert manner in which he is attempting to get funds to make needed improvements to the city which are required to keep Merkel prosperous and healthy--funds and improvements that can be secured no other way.

And, just because he has broad shoulders let's add another boo or two to celebrate his honesty and fair play toward all individuals.

Finally, let's have one final BOO just because he is the administrative head of Merkel and the blame has to go somewhere, and he's handy.

Boo's aside, citizens of Merkel should feel honored to have a man of Sadler's character and experience working for them.

He is saving each individual many dollars each day he is at work through thrift measures and through his experience. He spends many hours helping to repair machinery that he could send off to a repairman for repairs, or helping repair water lines, etc.

He spends more time helping do some of the many city jobs for which a shortage in personnel creates. He gets no additional pay for doing this.

He is constantly looking for ways to improve the city's image and appearance.

He can't do all repair chores nor pick up garbage nor please everyone--but he certainly gives a super effort to do more than his share to accomplish this.

But, if J. A. didn't do anything but his job--sitting behind a desk and running the city's mounds of paper work as dictated by state and federal laws--he would be worth his weight in gold--to Merkel or any other city.

Meeting HUD requirements for loans and keeping up with health laws for water and sewer sanitation and constantly filling out time-consuming, often confusing reports is the full time job of lawyers and extra city personnel in other cities. Here, J. A. fits this in around his schedule. The same amount of reports are required of Merkel as of any other city.

And, above it all is the man. He is never too busy to listen to anyone at anytime. And, believe me, he has many questions asked and many demands made of him each day.

J. A. considers all of this just part of the job, however. And, how many nights is he out helping with emergencies and how many nights does his family have to be neglected while he conducts the city's business?

Yep, there's no charge for these extra services which individuals would have to ante up in another city.

True, we are not in another city and neither is J. A. Still, he is but mortal and if he does anything constructive he will make mistakes--just as we all do.

Instead of making him an easy target for complaints because he is the city representative of authority, every citizen in Merkel should step forward and lend a hand where needed--attending meetings, complaining less, complimenting more, enjoying the excellent community we have, feeling proud to be from Merkel, and just feeling happy and proud that there is such a man of staunch character running our city.

Now, let's have a real BOO for all those who don't do anything but start rumors and complain while never bothering to find out the true facts or doing anything constructive.

What started out to be a routine City Council meeting turned into a public forum Thursday morning at City Hall.

In fact, no official action was taken on any of the items on the agenda and all were postponed until the next regular meeting August 12.

After the minutes of the previous meeting were read and the discussion of the programming of water and sewer and sanitation rates were explained, the meeting turned into an open discussion, dealing with several subjects, but mainly concerned the firing of patrolman Cliff Collins.

There were five visitors present for the meeting, including Judge Walter Thames, Fred Heady of L & W Snack Bar and Mr. and Mrs. Collins.

Midway through the discussion on the proposed water and sewer changes, Judge Thames asked to be heard. He said he wanted to know why one man is running the city and stated that he had several other questions.

Mayor Lou David Allen said okay although it wasn't on the agenda. From there the discussion continued back and forth for nearly two hours before the Council adjourned.

First, Thames wanted to know what he could do about the complaints of loud music at the Dairy Bar and if the city had issued the owners a permit to play music.

Continuing his prepared list, he said he wanted to know what caused one of "four policemen's dismissal; why one man holds six or seven jobs; and I want to know if I have a lot of authority for the city."

"Also, I have been told our office wasn't welcome here. I take a lot of complaints for the city," he said.

Mayor Allen said the parties involved in the Dairy Bar dispute had been contacted in the past in an effort to reach an agreement.

However, he pointed out the city had not issued any such permit and that there is no ordinance to cover the situation. "We don't have anything in the books and I imagine the situation will have to be resolved in the courts eventually," Allen told Thames.

The issue in question happened recently when Thames reported he went to the Dairy Bar and asked if they would shut down. "They refused and said bring a complaint," he said.

However, owners Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Cunningham have a different version of what happened. They were not at Thursday's City Council meeting to reply to the charges.

Mrs. Cunningham said they had consulted a lawyer and the situation has been turned over to him.

Her version of the charges and eventual fine differs greatly from that of Thames.

Then the question of the new proposed building code ordinance was brought up by Thames.

He wanted to know who would be in charge of the enforcement and who it would affect.

City Coordinator J. A. Sadler attempted to explain that a zoning ordinance is primary for occupancy while a building ordinance specifies the method of building. He said the paper (Merkel

Mail) was mistaken in saying it was law already.

The proposal as Sadler explained it would allow the city to adopt the Southern Standard Building Code. "We have to get a copy of the volume of the building code from Alabama and at that time Mr. Harris (Robert) will be set up as a building inspector," said Sadler.

Mayor Allen explained that the ordinance was not to condemn someone's "chicken coop" it was merely to comply with HUD requirements to qualify the city for flood insurance.

And, it would allow the city to have standards for any new buildings in Merkel.

Heady then questioned the reason for more low cost housing. "We have enough bums here now," he said.

Mayor Allen replied: "We will try to get all the housing we can whether it is low cost or not. It is very beneficial to the elderly who wouldn't otherwise be able to afford adequate housing."

Moving to the next complaint, Thames wanted to know the status of Sadler as a police officer and wouldn't it prove awkward for Sadler, who is Chief Paul Crouse's boss, to be working for him as a patrolman.

Allen said Sadler had been sworn in as a peace officer but the real reason was to allow the City Coordinator to fill in when he is needed such as during the July 4 weekend when the police chief was out of town and other city firemen and policemen were not available.

Sadler said he had used the police car during the daylight hours to assist and to man the radio for possible ambulance and fire calls. However, he said he had not done any actual police work and that had the occasion come about he would have called the lone patrolman who was working nights on patrol.

As to the charge that he had in fact written a ticket, Sadler said, "There was some fence posts down on a man's property and I spent

all day attempting to find him in order to keep him from losing some of his cattle. I stopped him over on Ash Street and was talking to him about his fence and that is where the rumor started that I was handing out tickets."

Again, Mayor Allen said he is glad for the State Troopers to be in the city and said "If I can get help, whether it's from the state or from Oklahoma police, and we don't have to pay for it, I'm all for it. I wish we had five cruising through here every day."

Heady asked, "If the chief needs help, how can he work for a man he's the boss over. However, when you say this, it is explainable. But, there are a lot of people who don't understand."

Again after an exchange between Sadler and Heady over the legality of Sadler riding in a police car, Sadler said "I've been a police officer. I don't want to be a policeman. I don't want anything to do with it. It was just a situation where no one

was available."

Then, Heady said, "I wrote a letter as all of you here know. I'm a little hot. I've been threatened, I'm not going to say by who, I've been told I'm going to ruin my business. I've been told that you were going to pass an ordinance about my pool business."

The Mayor stood and said calmly, "You are accusing us. Who made such threats? Name them."

When no names were revealed but that a mention that two of the ones involved were relatives of Council members, Allen said, "I don't know anything about that. We're the only one who can hurt you. These others aren't on the City Council. Anyone else is not where they can throw their weight around."

The Mayor then said there is nothing wrong with citizens becoming involved and writing letters. "You learn quick in this business to have a thick skin. It still doesn't mean it is pleasing to hear."

"I wish you would inform us who these people are," he asked Heady. He then stated that he had heard a rumor that when he first took office there was a city hall clique. "This is not true. The law is the same for everybody."

Heady, "What we are trying to find out is what is happening. That is the reason I wrote the letter (which appeared in a recent edition of The Merkel Mail). I've heard stories, rumors and more stories."

Allen then explained there are no closed meetings and that everything is in the minutes of each Council meeting available to anyone who wants to find out what is going on.

"Closed meetings put people behind bars, I make \$50 and these guys (pointing to the councilmen) make \$10. That certainly is not enough to make us want to make clandestine plans to 'get Fred.' Everything is there in the minutes."

Action turned to the firing of Collins.

At first the Council said that if Collins and those present wanted an official reason for his firing other than the one given in the minutes they would have to consult with Chief Crouse. The Chief was not present at the meeting as he was on his way to Van Horn to pick up two suspects who had stolen a pickup from Max Murrell Chevrolet Sunday, and were arrested shortly afterwards in Van Horn.

Monday, Chief Crouse said officially he has no comment on Thursday's Council meeting.

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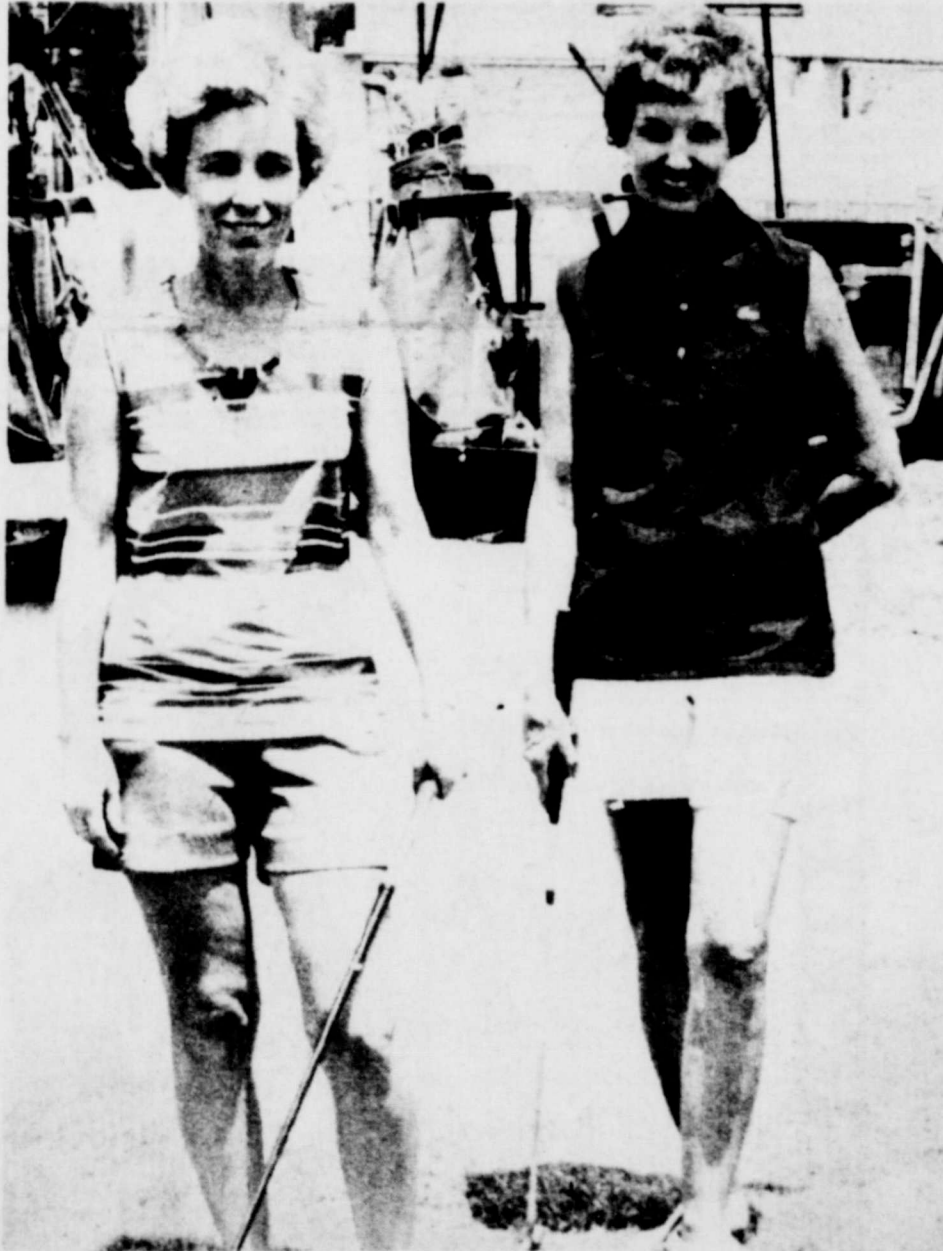
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THE WINNERS--Faye Robertson and JoAnn Smith display their winning form after capturing the Championship of the Merkel Women's golf tournament Saturday at Merkel Country Club. The two teamed for rounds of 28 and 29 for 57 to win the tournament by two strokes.

Smith, Robertson tourney champs

Faye Robertson and JoAnn Smith teamed to capture the championship of the Third Merkel Women's golf tournament held Saturday at Merkel Country Club.

The two from Merkel shot a 28-29 for 57 under the 18-hole handicap Partnership rules.

Second in the 14-team championship flight field was Sherry Aldridge of Merkel and Dixie Welch of Abilene with 28-31-59.

Syble McLean and partner Ann Cross of Abilene, last year's champions, came in with 33-32 for 65 for last place in the flight.

Edna Bailey of Ballinger and Mary Boner of Winters shot 32-32-64; Dean Durham and Lorena Mahan of Abilene shot 31-30-62; Pat Odum of Merkel and Mary Fry of Abilene shot 31-30-61; and Betty Little and Fannelle Boney of Merkel shot 31-29-60.

JoAnn Smith was first flight winner last year.

Winona McLaren and Pat Edmonds of Anson shot 29-26-55 for first place in first flight. Second were Gloria Shepler and Rae Spann of Abilene with 28-28-56; Marlene Wood and June Marks of Winters with 30-31-61; JoAnn

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Had he also stated that he did not know he was being fired until he had read it in the paper.

But, Sadler said he had told Chief Crouse of the Council meeting and told him to inform Collins of the matter being on the agenda. Neither showed up for the meeting.

After seven days of the suspension Collins was put back to work by Chief Crouse. However, the City was not aware of it until time to pay him.

At the executive session, they agreed to fire Collins and to pay him for the time he worked.

Sadler said he should not have been put back to work before his suspension was over.

He then said that supposedly there was an emergency situation which caused Collins to be returned to duty.

"You know what the emergency was," Sadler asked. "It was so the Chief could go to Buffalo Gap to eat. I don't see where that was enough emergency to lift his suspension."

Too, Allen acknowledged that Crouse had offered his resignation in writing the day after the firing but had later withdrawn the offer.

Collins asked why he was not informed his job was in jeopardy and not allowed to appear "for myself."

Sadler again said he told the Chief to show up at the Council meeting and to "have you at the meeting."

Allen then said again that he would take full responsibility for the firing and that it wasn't Sadler. He also suggested that Collins, Crouse and Sadler get together and see if it is necessary to pursue this matter further.

Early in the meeting Heady had stated that he could have 300 signatures on a petition "by noon" to get Collins reinstated.

The Mayor said near the end of the meeting that if Heady wanted to work such a petition that they would certainly review the case further.

"Let's see 300 signatures of eligible voters. That's more than voted in the last election."

Heady: "If we get it would you reinstate him?"

Allen: "No, I would review the case. I would say with 300 signatures we would consider the case."

Water, sewer rate changes proposed

Proposed paving and proposed closing of the alley running east and west and between north sixth and Interstate 20 and between Kent Street and Runnels Street issues had to be postponed by the City Council.

Due to the nature of Thursday's meeting these items on the agenda were postponed until the August 12 meeting.

The proposed changes in water classification also was touched upon but no action was taken on the matter.

City Coordinator J. A. Sadler was suggesting reducing one-family units 3 cents to \$2.95 minimum for

water and to begin charging commercial businesses for sewer use according to the gallons of water being used.

He said that some businesses use as much as 200,000 gallons a month and are charged \$2, the same as on family meters.

"I can't justify to myself families using 1,000 gallons a month for sewer paying the same as businesses using several thousand gallons," he said.

He estimated it costs 30 cents per 1,000 gallons to treat sewage, based on

200,000 gallons used daily.

Under the new proposal the rates would drop from \$2 to \$1.50 for one family unit for sewer fees.

For commercial users the rates would be determined by the amount of water used. For instance up to 5,000 gallons a minimum \$1.50 would be charged and 5-10,000 would cost \$6.00, etc.

Thus, above the minimum a charge of 30 cents per 1,000 gallons would be charged commercial users to offset cost of operation and equalize costs.

Again, using the one firm using the 200,000 gallons a

month, Sadler said "they are paying \$2 per month and it costs the City \$60 just for the cost of treatment."

The change in rates and classifications is being presented to make the rates more uniform and fair, according to Sadler. Too, it would simplify billing in order for the computer company simpler billing by codes.

However, no action was taken on the issue and before any changes take place in the present rate system an ordinance would have to be drawn and presented to the City Council and passed.



## Brnovak, Merrell exchange wedding vows

Judy Kay Brnovak of Merkel and Mark Monroe Merrell of Abilene were married Saturday at Pioneer Memorial United Methodist Church in Merkel.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brnovak of Merkel and the bridegroom is the son of the Rev. and Mrs. James Merrell of McLean.

The 7:30 p.m. wedding was officiated by the father of the groom, the Rev. Merrell. The bride was given in marriage by her father. Maid of honor was Mrs. Steve West of Abilene and bridesmaids were Mrs. Jim Sweeney of Dubuque, Iowa, Mrs. Tim Golson and Aneta Frazier of Merkel.

Organist was Mrs. Kenneth Ray and soloists were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Sharp, Mrs. Sam Kubula and Louis Dawkins.

David Ray of Merkel was ring bearer and best man was Kirk Merrell of McLean and groomsmen were Mike Forrester, Harold Sumrall, Ricky Forrester and Eddie Merrell of Abilene.

The bride is a 1973 graduate of Trent High School and is a senior at Texas Tech. The bridegroom is a 1976 graduate of Abilene High School and plans to attend Texas Tech.

The rehearsal dinner was hosted by the Rev. and Mrs. Merrell at Camp Butman.

The bride wore a gown of sheer organza styled with princess waistline with V-neckline and long full sleeves, all accented by cluny lace. The long full skirt is tiered with chiny lace and forms a chapel train accented with a bow in back.

The bride's attendants' gowns were yellow and white flocked daisy voile. High empire with V-neckline, bell sleeves and ruffled around the bottom.

Candle lighters were Nick Coats and Harold Sumrall of Abilene and reception hosts were Kathy White, Tina Hamner, Peggy Sharp, Jan Wooten, and Donna Brnovak. The reception was at Pioneer Memorial United Methodist Church.

The ceremony was performed under an archway of greenery accented by candles on each side. The unity candle was lighted at the right side by groom's mother, Mrs. Edna Merrell, and left side



Mrs. Mark Merrell

by bride's mother, Mrs. Nell Brnovak.

The bride carried a cascade of carnations, daisies and baby's breath with streamers.

The flower girl, Karen Bohac (cousin of bride), wore matching yellow attire. She carried a basket of yellow daisies.

David Ray (cousin of bride) attired in black tuxedo, yellow shirt, was ring bearer.

The groomsmen wore black tuxedos with yellow shirts and black vests.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Sharp

sang "Let it Be Me." Mrs. June Kubala (cousin of bride) sang "The Lord's Prayer" accompanied by Mrs. Dorothy Ray on the piano. Mr. Louis Dawkins (cousin of groom) sang "Wedding Song" while groom and bride were lighting unity candle.

The reception was hosted by the bride's parents using the brides colors of yellow and green in the fellowship hall at the church. Serving the bride's cake was Kathy white of Comstock, Tina Hamner of Trent and pouring punch was Peggy Sharp of San Angelo and Jan Wooten of Merkel. Others assisting in serving were: Mrs. Polly Riney, Mrs. Willie Mae Riggins, Mrs.

Wanda Ruppelt, Mrs. Lynn Barnes and Mrs. Jeanette Frazier.

Following a wedding trip, the couple will live in Lubbock.

## School Board meets Thursday

The Merkel School Board will hold a regular meeting Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at Merkel High School.

There are 11 items on the agenda, including calling the meeting to order.

Approval of minutes of the July 21, July 6 and July 12 meetings and approval of payment of bills is next.

Fourth item is resignation, employment or review of personnel of Taylor-Callahan.

Fifth item is filling the vacancy on the board to replace Jerry Gibson who resigned recently.

Then, the board will consider bids for gasoline, milk and bread and consider two regular meeting dates each month instead of one.

Eighth on the agenda will be sales and purchase of land tracts followed by resignations, employment and review of personnel.

Superintendent Travis Davis then will report to the board and the final item on the agenda is the beginning study of the 1976-77 budget.

## Quilt being sold

The Friendship Quilt made by the Comrades Sunday School class of the Methodist Church is now ready to be sold. Many citizens have their names on the quilt, and it is on display at Bragg's Department Store.

This quilt will be sold to the highest bidder. Seal bids are being taken for the quilt. Starting bid is \$100.00. Go by Bragg's and drop your name and amount of bid in the box.

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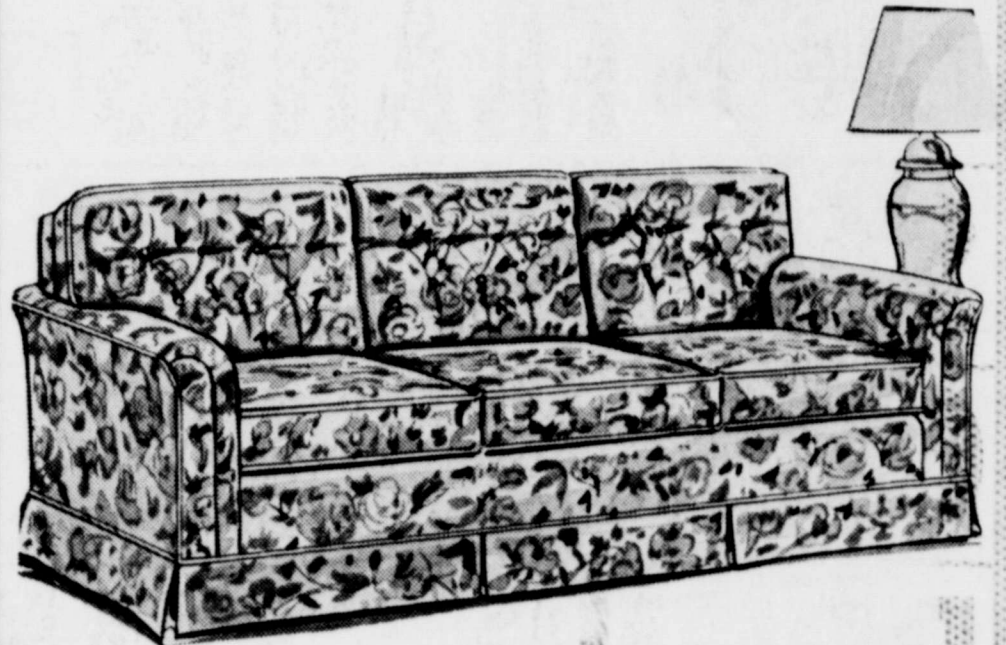
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## Bible school is set

Vacation Bible School activities are planned for the Aug. 2-6 at Merkel's First Baptist Church, pastor Kenneth F. Jones has announced.

The school will meet daily, Monday through Friday, and is open for all boys and girls, ages 4 through 13, or school grade seven, Jones said.

"We have waited until the majority of the community activities and recreation programs have been concluded," Jones said, "and now we offer our boys and girls one last week of opportunity for activity before school starts."

"We feel that parents will want their children to have

this opportunity for spiritual growth and for Bible study, for it is just as important as recreational activities," Jones concluded.

The Vacation Bible School hours will be from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., and each daily session will begin with a brief worship service after the children have assembled in the church auditorium, the pastor explained. He also announced that one of the most liked features of Bible School ... handcrafts ... will be a daily occurrence, daily refreshments will be provided for all boys and girls in the school.

## Gardner wins golf prize

The Merkel Ladies Golf Association presented a putter to Mary Connell of Abilene during its awards presentation Saturday after its tournament.

Also receiving awards for the most accurate drive was Joann Gardner of Merkel and getting the closest to the pin award was Rae Spain of Abilene.

Those firms donating door prizes include:

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in favor of The 1st State Bank of Stratford in a certain cause in said Court, No. 1592 and styled The First State Bank of Stratford vs. Joe A. Horton, placed in my hands for service, I, Jack Landrum as Sheriff of Taylor County, Texas, did, on the 9th day of May 1976, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Taylor County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: 1/10 & 1/8 Undivided interest in Tract 1 All that Lot, Tract or Parcel of land described as Abstract 522, Survey One (1) West part of Subdivision as Evens

Pasture, D. B. Corley, 21.5 acres, more or less, Merkel School District, Abstract 22, Survey One (1) East Part of Subdivision as Evens Pasture D. B. Corley, 150 acres. More or less Merkel School District Abstract 522, Survey One (1) East Part of Subdivision as Evens Pasture D. B. Corley, 200 acres more or less Merkel School District, Taylor County, Texas, Tract 2 263 acres, more or less of Lot No. 11, J. A. Evens Subdivision of the D. B. Corley Surveys Nos. 2, 3 and 4, the H. Hand Survey and the J. A. Nabers Survey No. 9, known as the Kennedy Place, Taylor, County Texas.

and levied upon as the property of Joe A. Horton and that on the first Tuesday in August 1976, the same being the 3rd day of said month at the Court House City of Taylor County, in the City of Abilene, Texas, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., by virtue of said levy and said Execution I will sell said above described Real Estate at public vendue, for each, to the highest bidder, as the property of said Joe A. Horton.

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### TAYLOR COUNTY TREASURER'S QUARTERLY REPORT

TO THE HONORABLE COMMISSIONER'S COURT OF TAYLOR COUNTY, TEXAS. THIS IS THE QUARTERLY REPORT OF MONIES RECEIVED AND DISBURSED FOR THE QUARTER ENDING JUNE 30, 1976.

FUNDS	BALANCE LAST QTR.	RECEIVED THIS QTR.	PAID OUT THIS QTR.	BALANCE THIS QTR.
Precinct 1.	\$ 125,273.58	\$ 3,769.23	\$ 23,260.43	\$ 105,782.38
Precinct 2.	125,560.74	3,183.55	22,138.93	106,605.76
Precinct 3.	107,490.12	2,533.52	21,082.46	88,941.18
Precinct 4.	139,324.76	2,927.05	24,031.54	118,220.27
General.	768,579.70	358,274.03	476,281.48	650,572.25
Lateral Road.	37,544.44	429.16	00	37,973.57
Coliseum Skg. Ser'67.	41,489.37	1,238.01	00	42,727.36
F.I.C.A. Tax.	2,140.48	35,174.47	35,175.31	2,139.64
Law Library.	1,060.65	3,275.00	3,218.49	1,117.16
Federal Revenue Sharing Plan.	12,868.62	89,703.80	63,054.10	19,518.32
State Criminal Justice Plan.	10,370.69	9,260.00	7,462.25	12,168.44
Permanent School Fund.	5,694.77	1,556.24	456.24	6,794.77
Courthouse & Jail Skg. Ser'67.	90,919.50	5,659.45	00	96,578.99
Payroll Account.	1,078.34	307,408.61	307,436.95	1,050.00
	\$ 1,469,400.73	\$ 824,392.56	\$ 1,003,596.18	\$ 1,290,195.11

Securities Owned by Taylor County Permanent School Fund	
Buffalo Gap School Bonds	\$ 3,600.00
Everman Independent School Bonds	8,000.00
State of Texas Veteran Land Bonds (face value \$2000.00)	1,636.30
	\$ 13,236.30

ISSUE	ORIGINAL ISSUE	BONDS REDEEMED	BONDS OUTSTANDING
Courthouse & Jail Skg. Ser'67.	\$ 3,000,000.00	\$ 895,000.00	\$ 2,105,000.00
Coliseum Skg. Ser'67.	\$ 1,750,000.00	00	\$ 1,750,000.00

The requirement of Art. # 401 PC. have been complied with and a statement has been filed as required.

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Mrs. Evelyn Martin of Merkel won the final Mystery Store gift, a 4-quart Mirro-Matic Pressure cooker valued at \$16.95, presented by Castille's.  
For 10 weeks each of 10 Merkel businessmen have offered top prizes in drawings as part of the Mystery Store contest.  
And, as a bonus these 10 merchants are offering an additional \$10 in merchandise gift certificates with the 10 names drawn from the many hundreds of people who have participated in the contest over the past 10 weeks.  
The 10 additional winners are:  
Mabel McCree, Rt. 1, Merkel at Castille's.  
Grace Ingram, 801 Brickhaven, Merkel at Ann's Flowers.  
Viola Ensminger, 307 Ash, Merkel at L&W SNACK BAR.  
Mrs. Earl Palmer, 912 N. 6th, Merkel at Wilson's.  
Mrs. Bill Teaff, 502 Oak,

Merkel at Bragg's.  
John Constable, 202 Lamar St., Merkel at Starbuck's.  
Odell Dickerson, Box 202, Trent at Emma's, Clothes Closet.  
Bessie Reickbach, 205 Oak St., Merkel at Circle A

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# New fast food chain planned for Merkel

Merkel is to become the home for what is hopefully a new nationwide fast food chain.

The chain will be known as Dilly Queen, Inc. and it is owned by Larry Cunningham of Abilene, who also is Democratic Chairman for Taylor County.

The initial Dilly Queen will be built on property owned by Cunningham on the Interstate 20 access road between the Pina Station and Wilkinson Manufacturing Co.

Cunningham said he has already secured rights for Texas and has applied for the entire United States.

He says he has incorporated all the good points from other fast food chains and hopes to make this franchise one of the tops in the nation.

He points out the growth potential of Merkel and the need for other franchise-type fast food chains as the decision for starting a new chain.

"It is real difficult to get a franchise from the big boys and thus creating a real need for such a chain," he said.

He pointed out that he will sell franchises and that the home office will be in Merkel.

He plans to serve breakfast and all types of fast food,

using 100 per cent beef products.

Too, he said, "I feel like that if food is kept on a high plain and prices kept down we will be a successful operation."

There will be inside seating and restrooms for travelers, he said.

"What we are trying to do is fill a need of driving pub-

lic to offer the best food and quick so they can get on with their business," he said.

Cunningham said he hopes to have the plans complete and the ground breaking for the new facility within the next 30 days.

"September 1 is the target date. We hope to be building by then," he added.

## Group forms bass club

Merkel has a bass club. The club was organized Tuesday morning at a meeting at Merkel Restaurant. Virgil Jones of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank was elected president of the group who drew up bylaws and elected to affiliate with the Bass Anglers Sportsman Society (BASS) headquartered in Montgomery, Alabama.

Jones said Ricky Elliott was elected vice-president and Fred Starbuck was named secretary-treasurer.

On the Board of Directors with these three are Don Hensley, Joe McDuff, Ted Smith and Chester Zerbel. Jones said they elected to

join this national society to gain access to publications and to compete for national advertising and to be able to compete in national tournaments.

Zerbel will represent the Merkel Bass Club at a national tournament in Arkansas, Sept. 21-23, Jones said.

Jones invited anyone wanting to join the Merkel Bass Club to contact one of the officers or Board of Directors.

The club will meet the last Tuesday of each month at 7 a.m. at Merkel Restaurant.

## Letters to the editor

Dear Sir:

"Hats Off" to the Ladies Golf Association of Merkel for their efforts in planning a really super partnership tournament, which was held on Saturday, the 24th.

It was my privilege to have played in this tournament, and it was quite evident that much time-consuming work had gone into the entire event.

Not only is credit due the ladies, but the staff of your country club, as well. The luncheon was well-prepared and served, and everyone most friendly and courteous.

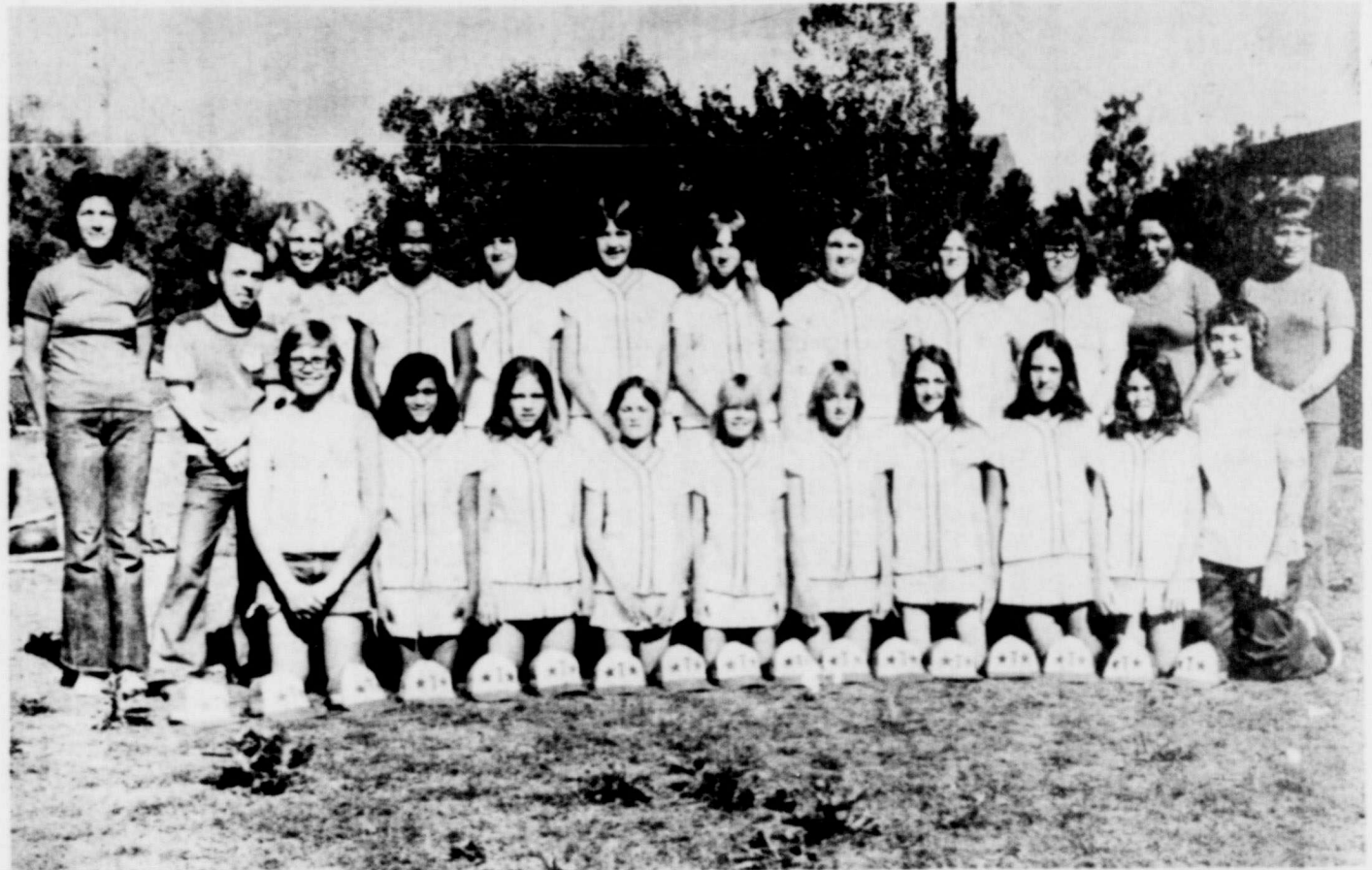
Thanks, also, to each individual and firm who contributed door prizes for this event.

Looking forward to returning to play in next year's tournament, with a much better score, I am

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Earl Connell  
(1809 Richland Drive  
Abilene, Texas)



MAJOR ALL-STARS--Members of the Tri-City Major Division All-Stars of Miss Softball America are front row, left to right: Sirintorn Prasarn, Rebecca Sipe, Cheri Patterson, Jacki Reed, Gloria Scott, Marcy Brenem, Tonya Mitchell and Norma Frazier. Standing are: Coach Tonya Greshaw, Debbie Jackson, Carmen Lerma, Kim Smith, Sue Bryan, Sherry Asencio, Coach Brenda Jackson and Carolyn Leuthauer.



ALL-STARS--Members of the Tri-City Minor Division All-Stars of Miss Softball America are front row, left to right: Jill Bristow, first alternate, Mary Rodriguez, Windi Whisenant, Sissy Atkinson, Tina Bicknell, Tonja Bicknell, Beckey Smith, Judy Brenem, Teresa Moses and scorekeeper Gayle Baker. Standing are: Manager Linda Miller, Coach John Chappell, Maria Peters, second alternate, Barbara Evans, Loyce Baker, Nancy Click, Mona Tilly, Tammy Kirk, Yvonne Swinney, Connie Murphy, Joann Whisenant, coach and Betty Tilly, chaperon.

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## Riding Club news

The Merkel Riding Club held its regular weekly play night Saturday, July 24 at 8 p.m. Results were:

WESTERN PLEASURE (12 and under) 1. Brooks Boyd, 2. DuDee Masonheimer, 3. Eddy Sparks, 4. Rodney Carroll.

(13 thru 17) 1. Jan Melton 2. Vicki Campbell, 3. Penny Hatfield, 4. Rebecca Sipe, 5. Ann Melton.

(18 and over) 1. Carol Mc Ternon, 2. Barbara Whisenant, 3. Charles Hatfield, 4. Don Dimpson, 5. LaVenna Vaughn.

BARRELS (12 and under) 1. Shannon Boyd, 2. Leslie Masonheimer, 3. Rodney Carroll, 4. Dana Pursley, 5. Eddy Sparks.

(13 thru 17) 1. Jan Melton 2. Vicki Campbell, 3. Ann Melton, 4. Suzanne Byrd, 5. Penny Hatfield.

(18 and over) 1. Barbara Whisenant, 2. LaVenna Vaughn, 3. Charles Hatfield, 4. Lynn Dokey, 5. Don Simpson.

FLAGS (12 and under) 1. Leslie Masonheimer, 2. Dee Dee Masonheimer, 3. Dana Pursley, 4. Shannon Boyd, 5. Rodney Carroll.

(13 thru 17) 1. Vicki Campbell, 2. Ann Melton, 3. Jan Melton, 4. Penny Hatfield, 5. Clyde Carroll.

(18 and over) 1. LaVenna Vaughn, 2. Patricia Boyd, 3. Cindy Sipe, 5. Don Simpson.

POLES (12 and under) 1. Leslie Masonheimer, 2. Rodney Carroll, 3. Eddy Sparks, 4. DeeDee Masonheimer, 5. Brooks Boyd.

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ROPING (Tie down) 1. Mike Callas, 2. Charles Hatfield, (Ribbon roping) 1. Mike Callas-Beth Callas.

There will be a jack-pot roping at the Merkel arena Friday night, July 30 at 8:00 p.m.

## Harrison reunion

The W.A. & Elizabeth Harrison dinner will be at 225-Merion Street in Merkel. We would like to have you come by and visit the family sometime through the day. We love to have old friends come visit with us.

## Minor All-Stars in tourney

The area Minor All-star Miss Softball of America tournament is set Friday and Saturday at Will Hair Park in Abilene.

The Tri-City (Merkel, Trent and Hawley) All-Stars will play Abilene North All-Stars at 5 p.m. Friday in the opening tourney game.

The winner will play Abilene South All Stars at 9 p.m. Friday. The loser plays at 10 a.m. Saturday.

Should Tri-City win both games it will play again at

## Feed owners in top 10

Taylor County feedlot owners placed in the top ten in the state in the number of cattle on feed, with a total of 65,000 head being fattened in their lots at the first of the year, Agriculture Commissioner John C. White has announced.

Statewide, cattle on feed numbers totaled 1,882,000 head, ensuring Texas' number one position as the leading cattle feeder in the nation.

Latest statistics released by the Texas Crop and Livestock Reporting Service show some 1,570,000 head of cattle and calves being fed in Texas as of July 1, 24 per cent above the 1,264,000 on feed a year earlier but the same as June 1.

Steers accounted for 62 per cent of the total, heifers 35 per cent, and bulls, cows, and others less than one per cent.

Feedlot operators across the state reported intentions to market 950,000 fed cattle during July through September of this year, 61 per cent of the number on feed July 1 and an increase of 29 per cent from marketings during the same period in 1975.

## Beard, Bails exchange vows

Debra Kay Beard and Robert Wayne Bails exchanged marriage vows Saturday, July 17, at 7, at the Merkel Church of Christ. Brother Larry Gill performed the double-ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James M. Beard of Merkel, and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bails of Merkel. Both bride and groom graduated from Merkel High School.

## Past Matron's Club

The Past Matron's Club met Tuesday for its regular monthly meeting. Mrs. Estelle Humphreys, vice-president, presided in the absence of Mrs. Viola Ensminger, President. Following the regular routine of business there was an initiation. Thelma Griffin was welcomed into the club with an interesting initiation program.

This was followed by the group's singing a number of songs.

Delicious refreshments of cake and punch were served by Mrs. Florence Berry and Mrs. Aileen Knight to the following: Mesdames: Mae Seago, Anna Belle Shouse, Ouida Reid, Florence Berry, Aleene Knight, Jewell Dunagin, Estelle Humphreys, Mildred Cypert, and Thelma Griffin.

## Open house

The public is invited to an open house for Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Pack, 613 Yucca, Saturday from 2 until 4 p.m. No gifts please.



Rev. Chi Duk

## Korean pastors to visit

A group of Korean Baptists will be visiting in Merkel through Sunday.

Rev. Chi Duk will speak to the men of the First Baptist Church Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at the Howard Carson's residence and he will preach both services Sunday at the First Baptist Church.

Last year Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Driggers of Trent, Mr. and Mrs. John Roberts and Howard Carson of Merkel went with the World Evangelistic Foundation on a crusade to Korea.

## Cougar reunion

The Cougar family reunion was held at Abilene State Park Sunday, July 25, with about 30 present.

Mrs. R.E. Britt and Mrs. J.H. Andrews from Lamesa visited in the home of Mrs. Matt Ely, preceding the reunion. Mr. & Mrs. Clay Couger of Sweetwater were also present.

They worked in the church pastored by Rev. Chi Duk in Tague, Korea.

Rev. Chi Duk is president of the Korean Baptist Convention, president of the Seoul Theological Baptist Seminary and pastors a church in Seoul.

Coming with him is another pastor from Seoul, Rev. In Do Chung.

Interpreting for the group will be Mrs. Sook Jo Knight of Dallas. Mrs. Knight is the niece of Mrs. Ben Hicks and will be visiting in the Hicks home.



### King, Barry engagement announced

The engagement of Pamela Jan King and Ricky Eugene Barry is being announced by their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dean King and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Barry, all of Sundown.

The bride-elect is a 1976 graduate of Sundown High School and will enter Texas Tech University on a Valedictorian Scholarship in August, where she will major in Commercial Art. The future bridegroom graduated from Sundown High School in 1973 and from South Plains College with an Associate of Science Degree in 1975. He is a Senior Electronics Engineering Technology major at Texas Tech University.

A December wedding is planned at the First Baptist Church in Sundown.



Ricky Barry, Pamela King

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### Tri-City group plans project

There will be a meeting Thursday night of the Tri-City Baseball Project. Meetings had been suspended during baseball season and will resume now so that further plans can be made.

This project is concerned with the purchasing of land and construction of baseball diamonds for the boys ages 13 and above and for girls softball teams.

There are many things yet to be done and plans for completing the entire baseball project will be formulated at this meeting.

Any person interested in the girls softball or older boys leagues should be at this meeting. Work done now will insure a more convenient and successful baseball season next year for the Tri-City youth.

The meeting will be at 7:30 at the Big Country Inn.

### Party set for Mrs. Price

The Senior Citizens will hold a birthday party Sunday from 2 until 5 p.m. for Mrs. Jessie Price.

Mrs. Price is from Sweetwater and formerly lived in Merkel. She will celebrate her 75th birthday.

Mrs. John Herron, Mrs. Anita Watson, C. A. Price, Eldon Price, Mrs. Daisy Barron and Mrs. Cora Isenburg are her children giving the party at the Senior Citizens building in Merkel. All her friends are invited, they said.

### Doan reunion

The Doan reunion has been scheduled for Sunday, August 1.

It will be at Lytle Shores Auditorium in Abilene. All friends and relatives are invited to the reunion.

### Services held for Henry Tittle

Funeral services were held Saturday for Henry Tittle, 67, of Trent who died Friday in Abilene's Hendrick Memorial Hospital after a short illness.

Services were at First Baptist Church in Trent with the Rev. Riley Fugitt, pastor of First Baptist Church of Clyde, officiating, assisted by Rev. Howard Ingram, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church in Abilene.

Burial was in Trent Cemetery.

Born Oct. 25, 1908, in Taylor County, he married Frances Jones Sept. 14, 1935, in Sweetwater. He was a retired school maintenance man.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Brenda Lawlis O'Wylie; two sisters, Mrs. Jaci Tinkle of Delano, Calif., and Mrs. D. H. Jones of Trent and two grandchildren.

### Band drills scheduled

Band Director Daryl Kaire reports basic training for the High School band will be held August 16-20 at the Merkel High Band Hall.

August 16 the band will meet at 9:30 a.m. to meet new principal Lee Presswood. They will practice until noon. Rest of the week the sessions are scheduled for 10 a.m. until noon.

Kaire says the Merkel High band will march in the West Texas Fair parade at Merkel Homecoming and at all football games this year.

Also, plans are for the band to go to the State Fair in Dallas, and compete in the UIL marching contest in Abilene.

Kaire also reports the majorettes have new uniforms this year.

### Final rites held for Vancil

Funeral services were held Monday for H. C. Vancil 61, of Hawley who died Saturday after an apparent heart attack.

The Rev. Keith Justice, minister of Hawley Church of Christ officiated. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Born Nov. 16, 1914, in Gonzales, he moved to the Noodle area with his parents in 1919. He married Opal Lee Hooper Oct. 29, 1936, in Roby. The couple moved to the Hawley area in 1960 and were members of Hawley Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Kenneth of Garland; Hester of Garland and Mrs.

T.L. Norwood of Manford, Okla., three brothers, Issac and Boyce, both of Merkel, and Alvis of Abilene; three sisters, Mrs. Davis Williams of Mesa, Ariz., and Mrs. Ross Solomon and Mrs. Melvin Parker, both of Odessa, and seven grandchildren.

### Polley dies

Delbert Ray Polley, 69, of Dallas and former Merkel resident, died July 13 and was buried in Mesquite July 15.

Polley graduated from Merkel High School.

His brother is W.W. Polley of Coleman.

### A NOTE TO PARENTS

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## Stonewall-Kent LL winner

Was Fincher had things his way Friday night in pitching as Stonewall-Kent teammates to the tournament championship of District 5 Little League action in Merkel.

He struck out nine, walked three and allowed two hits in helping defeat Hamlin, 7-1.

Of course, a big assist was offered by Mike Tagle who hit a first inning grand slam home run, accounting for four runs and then adding a solo homer over the left center-field fence the fourth inning.

Stonewall-Kent scored its other two runs the second inning. Hamlin's lone run came the top of the fifth.

Stonewall-Kent defeated Rotan, 3-0 to reach the finals while Hamlin blasted Merkel All-Stars, 10-1. Planned consolation contest Thursday night was rained out.

Hamlin started Fred Laxey, a sidearm pitcher who got into trouble from the start against the smooth-swinging opponents. He was pulled in the second inning with one out and the bases loaded after walking home two runs.

Omar Nannon came on to finish the game for Hamlin, striking out three Stonewall-Kent batters.

Stonewall-Kent advanced to the semifinals of District 5 playoffs against Colorado City. The two teams met Tuesday at Colorado City. The winner goes against the Abilene champion Thursday.



**COMING HOME**--Mike Tagle of Stonewall-Kent heads for home after hitting a grand slam home run in first inning of Little League finals in Merkel Friday night. The homer gave his team a 4-0 lead over Hamlin. Stonewall-Kent went on to win, 7-1. Tagle added another homer the fourth inning.

Taylor County Commissioners Tuesday fielded their first session of detailed questions and complaints from farmers and ranchers about the market values placed on their land.

The newly formed committee of the Concerned Taxpayers of Taylor County met with the commissioners prior to an as-yet-unscheduled board of equalization hearing.

Presenting a prepared list of eight questions to the commissioners was Dr. John Townsend, an Abilene High School teacher who also operates a farm with his wife southwest of Merkel.

Several more questions, mixed with a few barbed comments, were added from the floor.

The taxpayers were asking:

- Why was the rural property being reappraised?
- How did the appraiser--Comprehensive Planners Inc.--arrive at its values?
- How does the farm and ranch ad valorem tax situation compare to that of city dwellers in Abilene?
- Can a person do anything about an unreasonably high property appraisal, and if so, how?
- Contained in the major questions are related questions that kept the crowd and commissioners busy for more than 1 1/2 hours in

# Tax group presents issue to commissioners

## Tax issue postponed

The Taylor County commissioners met Thursday as a board of equalization and voted to adopt a motion by Precinct 4 Commissioner J. T. McMillon which would postpone for at least one year putting new tax evaluation appraisal values on Taylor County property.

In effect, the decision was approved as a matter of procedure in a regular meeting of the Taylor County Commissioners Court Tuesday. The equalization board decision has assured Taylor County property owners of no higher tax appraisals of their property--at least until next year.

Richard Petree, the Democratic nominee for county tax assessor-collector, who faces no Republican opposition in November, explained it means old land and property evaluations will remain in force for tax statements this year. However, the 35 per cent tax rate will be retained on whatever the tax value of the property.

Petree said the action was needed "to get tax rolls done." Petree said the payrolls had to be mailed by October.

The man who won the Democratic nomination by a landslide in May explained that the Comprehensive Planners Inc., a group from Mississippi hired by the commissioners the past summer to come up with new appraisals of Taylor County property, still had 25 per cent of its work remaining to be done in appraising land for taxation.

"You simply can't put part of their (property owners) new evaluations on a tax statement without all of the land having been re-appraised," Petree said.

A point brought up by the group was that only the taxable value has been put in letters to property owners in Taylor County. The letter does not show the actual fair market value the planners had actually placed on the entire property, farmers said.

One farmer said he knew property owners who would be "raising the roof off this courthouse" if they actually understood the taxable value didn't represent the total market value of their land.

Frank Antille, an Abilene farmer, said that he owned one piece of land "for 32 years and it never has been plowed, and I know it wasn't for at least eight years before I owned it."

Antille said that meant the land had been pasture and/or at least 40 years, and yet the land was appraised at \$295 per acre by the planners.

Under the present system in Taylor County, land is appraised in two categories--cropland (cultivation) or pastureland (non-cultivation). Pastureland would generally be appraised at a cheaper market value and is often found in large tracts.

Answering Antille's statement Smith said, "No sir, we never appraised any uncultivated land like that."

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equalization, will make the final decision, he said.

One recurring fear mentioned by several that many people still think that the value mentioned in the reappraisal notices sent to rural property owners by the county tax office is the 100 per cent market value decided by Comprehensive Planners.

The figure, as Townsend and others pointed out, is actually only 35 per cent of the appraised market value, since Taylor County's percentage of evaluation for tax purposes is 35 per cent of market value.

A related concern is that people who are unable--because of age, illness, or absence a residence--to formally protest their property appraisals will be stuck with unfair tax burdens.

Townsend wanted to know, since the county's budget is up little from the current spending, why rural taxes are destined to go up so much.

Skaggs said the rural reappraisal was not being done to raise money, but to equalize the tax burden countywide, so that the same value of property means the same tax due. Comprehensive Planners received a lot of criticism, not only for the values they have placed on given properties, but also for their methods of appraisal.

Farmers and ranchers complained of a lack of on-site inspection.

"There is no way of covering every acre of land in Taylor County," said Smith, project director for Comprehensive Planners. The job would take years that way, he said.

Aerial maps prepared by the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service were used extensively by the appraiser.

Smith also told the audience that the current meetings Comprehensive Planners is holding may result in the change of classification of land, but the schedule of values placed on the land has not been changed--yet.

But, Smith said, none of the values the appraiser has arrived at are final. And Skaggs kept stressing that commissioners, as the board of equalization, will have the final say.

It was suggested that the reappraised rural tax values be left until next year, with rural properties to be taxed one more year on the old appraised values.

Another suggestion was that a couple more categories of land be included in the current rating schedule used by Comprehensive Planners.

(The schedule ranges from number 1 tillable, the best, to land damaged by oil and other elements "fit only to hold the earth together.")

And the possibility of taking the values arrived at by Comprehensive Planners and cutting them by a fixed percentage across the board also was mentioned.

To these suggestions, commissioners were noncommittal but somewhat encouraging.

For farmers and ranchers who qualify, taxation on productive value (rather than market value) is a possible means of escaping much of the increase.

King said the productive value for the next tax year will be the old market value, plus improvements, times 35 per cent.

Bill Smith, a member of the team of Comprehensive Planners, met briefly with the group to answer questions but did not stay the entire session.

Dr. Townsend asked Smith how they arrived at the market values the group had placed on Taylor County property.

"We haven't decided these are final values...a sales

study was done...values are never final until completion of the job," Smith said.

Smith then explained that a sales study involves the use of "market analysis."

"My question is what was your source," Townsend asked. "We know a study was made."

Smith said Alan Kell, who Smith said lives in Jones County, was the appraiser.

However, an Anson man spoke up and said he knew of no Alan Kell in Anson or Jones County and that there was no such man listed in the telephone book.

The result was nobody found out where the Kell individual actually resides today. Some speculated, including Judge Skaggs, that he was perhaps a former Jones County resident.

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"I've got the proof right here."

Smith then added, "Well, it must have been a clerical error..."

Antille said he had been told that he should see the Comprehensive Planners with individual problems but when he tried they said "they didn't have time to go over each card, but instead, I would have to take it up with the board of equalization or the Taylor County Commissioners Court."

Smith denied that Antille had been told that by a member of Comprehensive Planners and said, "You just misunderstood them."

After making the comment Smith left the meeting.

Skaggs, cooling down the crowd, admitted that the Texas legislature "should take the burden off of farmland" and then added "but until it does, we have no choice but to administer the program."

An elderly farmer stood and suggested more time was needed. "We ought to have one or two years to study this," Skaggs said there had been no reevaluation of farmland in Taylor County since 1957.

Dr. Townsend said there was a 50 per cent across the board raise in August, 1970.

Several farmers, including Billy Bob Toombs, president of the taxpayers' group from Merkel, said that perhaps a system of about five classifications of land would work much better than two and would be the best place to start in making the system more accurate.

Joe McDuff, commissioner from Precinct 2, had mentioned the idea a week earlier when he spoke at the taxpayers' organizational meeting in Merkel.

The taxpayers' organization stressed that all property owners should be aware that their only outlet to contest classifications such as land mistakenly appraised as cropland when it is in pasture is to contact the Comprehensive Planners in person. The planners, Skaggs, and the commissioners also emphasized this.

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## Doctor Rongers' Column

By EDWARD W. RONGERS  
CHIROPRACTOR



### HIATAL HERNIA

Have you ever known of people who belch and burp, live on Tums, Roloids, Gelusil and Maalox because they say it relieves their indigestion and "heartburn?" Chances are they're living with a hiatal hernia, sometimes called a hiatus or diaphragmatic hernia.

All of us have a muscular type membrane which separates our chest cavity from the abdominal cavity. This structure is called a diaphragm. There is an opening in the diaphragm, called a hiatus, through which our esophagus or food tube passes. As soon as the esophagus passes through this opening in the diaphragm, it joins the stomach, thus allowing the food we eat to pass down from the chest cavity into the abdominal cavity.

In some of us, this opening in the diaphragm, the hiatus, becomes larger than normal. When the hiatus enlarges, it allows a portion of the upper stomach to pass up through the opening into the chest cavity. Anytime there is a protrusion of an organ through an abnormal opening, the condition is called a hernia. In this case, we have a protrusion of the upper portion of the stomach through the abnormally enlarged opening, the hiatus, therefore we name this condition a hiatal hernia.

It is difficult to determine why this happens in some people and not others. It is believed that the most common cause is a congenital or hereditary weakness in the muscle of the diaphragm at the opening or point where the esophagus passes through it. Another cause is that some people are born with a short esophagus, one that doesn't necessarily reach as far as

the opening in the diaphragm. In this case, the upper portion of the stomach extends up through the opening to join with the shortened esophagus. Finally, the esophagus could be shortened as a result of surgery.

Once a portion of the stomach passes up through the hiatus, this opening can no longer close normally. This results in the acid digestive secretions of the stomach to leak backward into the lower esophagus causing you indigestion and "heartburn." Over a long period of time, this constant irritation of the lower esophagus by the acid digestive juices can result in scarring and contraction of the lower esophagus. This condition can cause bleeding and makes the passing of food into the stomach difficult and often painful.

A hiatal hernia should be dealt with in two ways: neutralize the acid in the stomach and stop the acid from leaking backwards into the esophagus. I have listed a few suggestions that can help you manage and live with a hiatal hernia if you now have one:

- (1). Eat small meals, perhaps six a day.
- (2). Do not eat late and avoid spicy foods, alcohol, coffee, tea and caffeine-containing cola.
- (3). Do not lie down until at least two hours after eating.
- (4). Elevate the head of the bed or use extra pillows, but do not lie flat.
- (5). Avoid tight fitting belts, girdles or corsets.
- (6). Avoid all activity that involves bending over.
- (7). Do not get overweight.
- (8). Take antacids when symptoms such as indigestion and heartburn occur.

Your hiatal hernia can usually be treated without prescription drugs of surgery. Periodic check-ups with your doctor is most important also. Perhaps fifty per cent of the people over forty have hiatal hernias to some degree and most of them aren't aware of it. Your particular lifestyle will determine how well or how bad you get along with your hiatal hernia.

### Turner Reunion

The descendants of the late Mr. & Mrs. F.Z. Turner, pioneer Settlers of Mulberry Canyon, will have their reunion Aug. 8th at the Lions Club. Visitors and friends are welcome. A basket lunch will be served at noon.





SENIOR ALL-STARS--Members of the Tri-City Senior Division of Miss Softball America All-Star team are front row, left to right: Nancy Fudge, Judy Diltz, Melody Doherty, Gina Farmer, Kim Kannel, Christie Fudge, Kandi Ascencio,

Debbie Turnage, Elaine Bennett and Jean Teaff, manager. Standing are Coach Eunice Smith, Chaperon Betty Freeman, Robbie Freeman, Gayle Teaff, Netta Stephan, Debbie Smith, Gay Vinson, Vickie Peters, Brenda Applegate and Susan Peters.

## Physicals set for athletes

Coach Jerry McLeod is at coaching school in Houston this week.

As is the case with most coaches, the inspiration gained from associating and talking football for a week with 7,000 other member coaches usually starts football fever in Texas.

McLeod and Merkel will be no exception.

Merkel High players are to pick up physical forms at the field house Thursday or Friday between 6 and 9 p.m. Then, Aug. 2 at 1:30 p.m. physicals for 11th and 12th grade football athletes will be at Dr. Warren Clinic. The 9th and 10th grade hopefuls have their physicals scheduled for 1:30 p.m. Aug. 3 at Dr. Warren Clinic.

McLeod said shoes will be issued to the high school football players Aug. 4 at 5 p.m. at the field house. Workouts are to start Aug.

9 at 6:45 a.m. and the Badgers will have two weeks of two-a-day workouts with the first workout early in the morning and the second workout in late afternoon—usually around 5:30 p.m.

McLeod said the first four days will be spent in shorts and T-shirts and will involve a great deal of learning and about the same amount of conditioning.

The first workout in pads will be Aug. 13.

He said he is expecting 65 to 70 out for football this season.

### Tax exempt items

As of July 20, Texas farmers and ranchers will no longer have to pay sales taxes on certain purchases to be used in the production of food and fiber. The Texas sales tax law has been changed to exempt agricultural producers from sales taxes on such items as baling wire, fencing supplies, and machinery and equipment, points out an area economist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. To qualify, a producer must file an exemption certificate with each firm or business with which he deals. These certificates are available from the Comptroller of Public Accounts in Austin or from local branch offices of the Comptroller.

## Cemetery donations

The following have made donations to the Merkel Cemetery Association.

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Mr. and Mrs. John D. Jones in memory of Harry and Fannie Riney

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Lona B. Ferrier

## Farmers Union holds women's meet

Texas Farmers Union is sponsoring its first annual "Texas Women's Conference" August 9-11 in Amarillo at the Hilton Inn. The conference will focus on the leadership role of women in the Farmers Union as well as their role in politics, government activities and communications.

According to Texas Farmers Union President Jay Naman of Waco, "Women have always played an important role in rural America, sharing the work, the responsibilities and the rewards. This has been particularly true in the Farmers Union, and today women are exercising leadership roles in many other areas of our lives. We want to expose to the women in our organization the various ways in which they can be influential in the Farmers Union, civic and political action groups. This is the purpose and will be the focal point of the conference."

Participating in the two-day conference will be Ruth

Kobell, Legislative Assistant, National Farmers Union, Washington, D.C.; Victor Ray, Director of the Department of Planning and Development and Assistant to the President, National Farmers Union, Washington, D.C.; Victor Ray, Director of the Department of Planning and Development and Assistant to the President, National Farmers Union, Denver, Colorado; and Texas Farmers Union President Jay Naman of Waco.

### Mrs. Reid visits

Mrs. H. C. Reid has returned from Amarillo where she visited her sister, Miss Mary Kate Campbell. She also visited with many friends in the Amarillo and Canyon area, and attended the program "Texas" in the Palo Duro Canyon.

### Senior Citizens

Thursday is the date for Senior Citizens to have an old time ice cream supper. Those who have freezers bring them full of ice cream and others bring cake. Time is 7:30 p.m.

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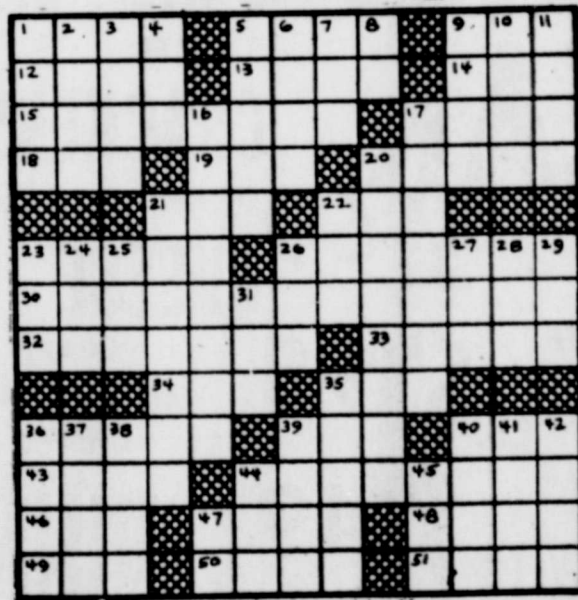
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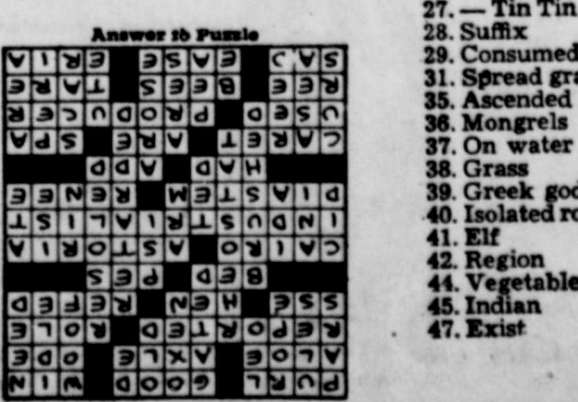
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  - Renourished
  - Furniture
  - Foot-like part
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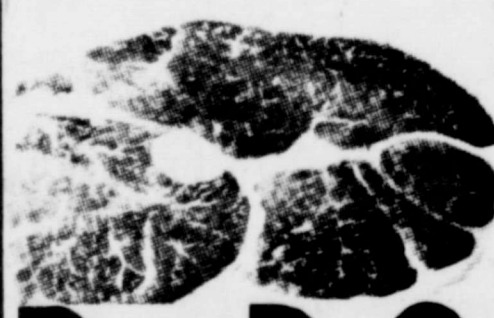
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