



Water project in progress at the intersection of West and Haynes Streets.

H.U.D. Grant to Solve Many Problems

The first phase of a 4-phase water project has begun in Merkel. When the project is complete, there will be 15,400 added feet of 6" water mains, 12 additional fire hydrants, 2 additional highway 80 crossings, 2 additional railroad crossings, and 1 additional Interstate 20 crossings added to the existing water system.

Mr. J. A. Sadler, City Coordinator said the rea-

sons for this project were many. The project will increase fire protection and assure good quality drinking water by eliminating dead end water mains. It will also assure the availability of water by increasing the number of water mains to the different sections.

Also, Mr. Sadler reports the City of Merkel would have had to make these

improvements within the next two years in order to comply with a federal law, the Safe Drinking Water Act, passed in 1976. The water rates would have had to be increased in order to pay for the improvements; however, because the project is being done now, the total cost of the project is being paid for by a federal grant from Housing and Urban Development in the amount of \$111,700.

Trent To Hold Election

The City of Trent will hold an election on April 2nd for the purpose of electing 2 City Councilmen whose terms expire. They are Booth West and Odell Dickerson. They are 3 year terms. Anyone wishing to file for these two spots may contact Betty Freeman, City secretary and he must file 30 days before election. L.P. Halbrooks will be Election Judge, Mrs. H.J. Kegans will serve as Absentee

clerk, and Mrs. Zula Darby as Deputy Clerk.

The election will be held at the Trent City Hall, between the hours of 7am and 7pm.

Absentee voting will be held at the Trent City Hall beginning March 21st and closing March 30th, and absentee voting is not held on a Saturday, a Sunday, or an official State Holiday. Hours are eight hours a day from 8a.m. to 5p.m.

Jaycees Set Banquet Date

The Merkel Jaycees will be holding their first annual installment banquet Friday night, February 18, at the Merkel Country Club. Visiting members from Abilene, Sweetwater, Roscoe, Snyder, Stamford, Anson, and other neighboring cities are expected to attend. The program will include a guest speaker and a ceremony to install the Merkel chapter's officers. Also planned is a surprise for anyone wearing a tie as the dress at the banquet is to be casual.

The Jaycees have extended an invitation to their families and friends to attend the banquet. The cost will be \$3.50 per person and will include a meal prepared by the Country Club chef, Andy Anderson.

The Merkel Jaycee chapter is a new organization. They are a group of young men between the ages of 18 and 35. The purpose of the organiza-

tion is to develop leadership qualities in its members through development, management, and community action programming. Anyone interested in becoming a member should contact Tommy Carson, Bob Hammond or any other Jaycee member.

Honor Student

Academic officials of Texas Tech University have released the names of students who were listed on the deans' honor rolls for the Fall semester.

They included, from Merkel: Judy K. Merrell of Route 3, Box 131.

Texas Tech University has an enrollment of more than 22,000 students in six colleges and two schools. They are the colleges of Agricultural Sciences, Arts and Sciences, Business Administration, Education, Engineering, and Home Economics and the School of Law and the Graduate School.

Chamber plans banquet

The Merkel Chamber of Commerce met Monday afternoon to discuss plans for the upcoming Chamber Banquet.

The Chamber plans to invite Dr. W. C. Newberry as guest speaker for the banquet. The occasion is set for Thursday, March 17th, 7:30 p.m. at the High School Cafeteria. Pug's and Leo's will be the caterers with tickets selling for \$5.00.

The Chamber also discussed the votes coming in on new directors, but are unable at this time to reveal the outcome until all the votes have come in.

Sue Pinkley Honor Student

Dr. Miles Anderson, vice president for academic affairs, at North Texas State University, has named 1,418 students to the fall semester honor roll.

Some 324 students earned all "A's" to make the 4.0 honor list, and 1,094 achieved the 3.5 listing, listing, which includes those students whose grade average is midway between an "A" and a "B."

Named to the 4.0 honor roll at NTSU was Sue Pinkley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jarrett S. Pinkley, Route 1, Merkel.

Merkel Wins 6-AA Title

The Merkel Badgers really gave Winters a hard time Friday night. The Badgers stayed in the lead from the beginning until the end.

The first points in the game were scored by

Merkel's Keith Wolfe. Donny Riggan was the high point scorer of the first quarter with the score Merkel 27-Winters 13.

Merkel kept up their excellent playing with the

score at half time, Merkel 55-Winters 28.

During the fourth quarter two technicals were called on Winters with the Badgers scoring two points on these technicals. Keith Wolfe, who played

a fine game fouled out in the fourth quarter with a standing ovation from the enthused Merkel supporters. Ricky Howes also fouled out resulting in a standing ovation. The Badgers put in their

second string in the fourth quarter and still came out winning with Merkel 89-Winters 66.

Riggan was high pointer in the fourth quarter while Grant Murrell scored the two final points.

City Council authorizes application for traffic signs

The applications for a \$130,500 street improvement project and for a grant to provide traffic control signs were initiated at last Friday's Merkel City Council meeting.

The street improvement project includes proposed

paving and curbs and gutters for an area bounded by Ash Street, West Street, and First and Third Streets. A pre-application will be submitted immediately to the Department of Housing and Urban Development on the proposed project. "If ap-

proval is given on the pre-application by HUD, we can file a formal application for the funds for the project," J. A. Sadler, City Administrator, said. Formal application for the project, if approved, would result in funding sometime in the Fall,

according to Sadler.

A study is now under way to determine the city's needs for traffic control signs, and an application will be made to the state to provide stop, yield, bicycle crossing, or pedestrian crossing signs at all street intersections in the city. The state provides the signs under a 100 percent grant, and the city will provide installation.

In other action, Betty Cypert was appointed

Election Judge for the upcoming city elections, and Ruth Cox and Grace Thomas will serve as clerks. City councilmen Darrell Farmer and Kent Satterwhite and Mayor Lou David Allen's terms of office will expire on election day, April 2. Tentative approval was also granted for a proposed water system for a mobile home development west of Tye, subject to approval of the Public Utility Commission.

Wilkerson Plant Closed by SBA

The Wilkerson Manufacturing Company of Merkel and Anson was ordered closed Monday evening, February 7, by the Small Business Administration. With its approximately 80 employees, it was one of Merkel's larger employers. The firm was engaged in the manufacturing of women's clothing.

Don Thompson, the SBA Representative from Lubbock, said that the firm's

owner, Wyman Wilkerson turned the keys over to us Monday. Thompson said the firm was closed "because it had not made scheduled payments."

In a joint statement by Don Hensley, president of the Merkel Industrial Foundation, and Benny Melton, manager of the Merkel Chamber of Commerce, both regretted the closing of the firm and the loss of employment in Merkel. "Negotiations

have begun with two manufacturing companies, both of which have had representatives in Merkel to view the Wilkerson facility and also the Gilene plant. When a decision has been reached, former employees of the Wilkerson Company will be notified," their joint statement said.

The Gleene facility, also a clothing manufacturing firm, was closed by the SBA.



News and Thoughts

By Martha Sue Justice

The Merkel Boy Scouts will be participating in a Garage Sale to be held February 24th, 25th, and 26th. The sale will be held at the old Leonards Building on Mockingbird in Abilene.

The proceeds from this sale will be used to help pay expenses for Summer Camp.

Anyone having any items for this sale should call either Darrell Shipman, Marvin Myers, Audra Horton, Melba Glasscock, Darlene Williams, or Billie Walters.

These scouts need and deserve your help. Dig in your closets and storerooms and see what you can find that will benefit this garage sale!

A big welcome home to John B. Hughes, who has recently been hospitalized. John is feeling good and able to have company—in fact his daughter, Liza said that he was almost feeling too frisky!

This poem comes from the W. G. Richardsons of Merkel.

DON'T FIND FAULT—Pray don't find fault with the man who limps—or stumbles along the road;—Unless you have worn the shoes he wears,—or struggles beneath his load.

There may be tacks in his shoes that hurt,—The hidden way from view—or the burdens he bears placed on your back,—Might cause you to stumble too.

Don't sneer at the man who is down today,—Unless you have felt the blow—That caused his fall or felt the shame that only the fallen know.

You may be strong, but still the blows,—That were his,—if dealt to you,—In the self-same way at the self-same-time,—Might cause you to stagger too.

Marie Cunningham has now returned to work and seems to be recovering fine after her recent surgery.

45 YEARS AGO

Legionnaires Feted by Four Merkel Hunters
Ex-service men enjoyed a turkey dinner at Mack's Cafe on Wednesday night of last week, attended by some twenty-five or more, as guests of Perry Dickinson, Homer Patterson, J. T. King and J. L. Speck, Merkel hunters who returned recently from a trip to southwest Texas with a big bag of wild turkeys.

Dent Gibson was toastmaster and music was furnished by a stringed orchestra, composed of Dr. W. M. Gambill, Ocie Burns, Clarence Perry and Mack Fowler, assisted by John Leonard, with his banjo.

Including three guests from Abilene, J. L. Warren, commander of Parramore post, Jimmie Bateman and L. D. Franklin, the following were present: L. J. Renfro, William Earl Baze, J. C. Foster, Dent Gibson, Ocie R. Burns, Dr. W. M. Gambill, Arch Rose, F. A. London, Lee Harrell, George L. White, Joe Owen, Stanley B. King, J. L. Banner, W. R. Sumpter, John Leonard and the hosts. Five transient Legionnaires, who were in the city, were also invited guests.



After attending the Farmers Union State Convention in Amarillo, these members and others have made plans to attend the National Farmers Union Convention in San Antonio March 5th-9th. Pictured starting with the back row (left to right) Joe Montgomery, Connie Mack Seymore, Ford Smith Jr., Billy Bob Toombs, Charles Jacobs, J. D. Sandusky and Eddie Glenn Sandusky. Middle row (left to right) Jack Hogan, Mrs. Joe Montgomery, Mrs. Ford Smith Jr., Mrs. Billy Bob Toombs, Mrs. Charles Jacobs and Freddy Toombs. Front row (left to right) Cramer Reynolds, Mrs. Jack Hogan, Steven Jacobs and Brandon Toombs.

School Board Election

Merkel Independent School District will hold the annual school Board Election on Saturday, April 2, 1977.

Three vacancies exist: Two for 3-year terms and 1 for a 2-year term.

The last day to file is March 2, 1977.

Any person interested may gain further information at the Superintendent's Office located in the Merkel High School building.

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Those whose terms are expiring are Leroy Teaff, Jacky Reynolds, and Dink Whisenhunt. At press time neither of the 3 had revealed their plans concerning the school board.



Joey Rushford

Joey Rushford-Advanced from Webelos to Boy Scouts.



Johnny Starbuck

Johnny Starbuck-Advanced from Bear to Webelos.



Jerry Miller

Jerry Miller-Advanced from Webelos to Boy Scouts.

Blue & Gold Banquet

Celebrating Boy Scout month were the Cub Scouts and their families of Pack 220.

Darrell Shipman, new Cubmaster was the master of ceremonies. Ted Krieger of the Abilene office of Scouting was guest speaker.

Jerry Miller and Joey Rushford crossed the bridge from Webelos to Boy Scouts, accompanied by their parents. Calvin Wolf, Scoutmaster, welcomed them into Scouting.

cock and Charsie Myers for help in decorating and preparing the Lions Club building for the banquet. We also thank the Co-op for use of tables and chairs.

The leaders for the rest of the year are: Darrell Shipman, Cubmaster; Marvin Myers, Assistant Cubmaster and Assistant Webelos Leader; Audra Horton, Den Leader; Melba Glasscock, Den Leader; Darlene Williams, Den Leader; and Billie Walters, Webelos Leader.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

By now everyone, or most everyone, has read or heard about the Secret Committee of 80 and the goals for which they are reaching. (Big new school)

First, let me say that they, or possible just her or she or whoever, have an airtight case. No one I know of disagrees. How can you argue against motherhood, the flag, patriotism, apple pie, John Wayne, and education for our children? I wouldn't touch any of

those with a ten foot pole and I feel most Merkel area residents feel the same. But... there are a couple of points I would like to dwell on for just a minute or two.

First... who's gonna pay for all this? I came right out and asked one board member if there had been any rough estimates on what a new school building would cost. He said that to the best of his knowledge we are talking about 3 million dollars! Well, the flyer being passed out called on us all (especially

the school board) to be people of "vision." Well, I had a vision or two after I heard the \$3,000,000 dollar price tag. One vision was walking up to some farmer who has just finished buying a \$10.00 piece of cast iron for \$186.50 to go on a \$1,800.00 plow which he had to give \$3,895.00 for to be pulled by an \$8,000.00 tractor that he had to give \$20,000.00 for over a piece of ground that hasn't seen any rain in 6 months and that he had to buy for 3 times its potential and tell him his taxes were going to double! Not me friend... no way.

Being a person of vision, I also visualized myself strolling up to one of our local merchants who just received a notice that not only would there be an increase in his utilities, state and federal taxes, shipping rates, workmans compensation, unemployment insurance, group hospitalization, gasoline, building rent and blood pressure, his taxes are going to increase because he is part of a city with a far reaching vision. Well, that's simple enough he

tells himself... all he has to do is lay off a couple of his long time faithful friends and employees and presto! problem solved. Right? Wrong! because that leaves us with the third corner of the triangle and that's the average citizen who puts in his 8 hour day by way of the old time clock. On payday he looks at his pay check and the top half (Uncle Sam's) looks like a Christmas shopping list, so much for this, so much for that, which all adds up to too much... that leaves the bottom half... the part he's supposed to live on... and where does that leave us? I'm not about to walk up to some roughneck, farmer, lineman, store clerk, rancher, service station attendant, teacher, or anyone else who has busted his rear just to get a decent roof over his family's head, keep food, clothing, and decent health care for his brood and tell him I'm going to tighten the screws just a little tighter with more taxes.

The "Committee of 80" intimated that the present

school board or anyone else opposed to a new school is against our kids and good education. That's a cheap shot. First of all, those "good ole' boys," ultra conservative or not, are doing what the people of this school district mandated them to do... and that's hold the line and give us a workable school program within our financial limits and I'm sure I speak for most of the parents of school age children or any age for that matter... We care and care a lot but there is only so much we can do as individuals and as a community. About all I have left to say to the committee of the Secret Eighty or whatever it is, I feel

strongly enough about my position to sign my name...

Dale Hammond
P. S. There may be a way out for both sides--if the Secret 80 will put up the first million and a half, I'll go along with the taxes for the second million and a half.

Masonics to meet
Merkel Masonic Lodge Number 710 Amaid FM will meet at the Masonic Hall February 19th at 6 p.m. for a chili supper honoring all Masons and their families.

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Merkel to Play Tahoka

The Merkel High School Badgers will play Tahoka in the Bi-District Basketball Playoff, Tuesday, February 22nd. The playing site will be in Snyder at the Snyder Coliseum at 8 p.m.

Advance student tickets will be \$1.00. All gate tickets, including adults and students will be \$2.00.

Busses will be taken on this trip and adults are welcome to ride. There will be a limit of 36 to each bus with a \$2.00 charge to

ride. The Badgers will play a warm up game February 18th, at 8 p.m. against the Breckenridge 9AA winners.

Warm up game will be held at McMurry's Hunt Gym at 8 p.m.

Merkel enters the Bi-District playoffs with a record of 18 wins and 10 losses. Tahoka has won 22 and lost 7. The winner will advance to regional playoffs in Lubbock.

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Fortnightly Study Club news

The Fortnightly Study Club met February 8 at the Big Country Inn with Mrs. S. C. Dixon as hostess.
Energy - Possible Sources of Power" was the subject of the program presented by a panel of members discussing sun, wind, nuclear reactor, and coal as possible sources of power for the future. Mrs. Ray Wilson acted as a moderator.
Club members present were Mrs. Johnny Cox, Mrs. L. A. Dudley, Mrs. Charles Eager, Mrs. S. D. Gamble, Miss Mildred Hamm, Mrs. J. W. Hammond, Mrs. Comer Haynes, Mrs. Carl Hughes, Mrs. C. B. Knight, Mrs. Ed Sandusky, Mrs. Andy Shouse, Mrs. Aaron Sudderth, Mrs. Ray Wilson, and Mrs. S. C. Dixon.

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Barbara Fowler is the first person to file for the Merkel School Board Election, which is scheduled for Saturday, April 2nd.

CAP to Help Winterize

Mrs. Leon Harris, local Community Action Program representative, has announced that CAP is putting into action a program that will help local families that fit within the poverty guidelines. Families that are within these guidelines will be allowed to get help in winterizing if they own their home.

Mrs. Harris also said that poverty guideline families should contact her if the need help in starting a garden this year. Seeds in particular will be available.

Anyone that needs help and can qualify should contact Mrs. Harris at 928-5204 or 928-5859.

Moses Promoted

Alvin L. Moses, son of Mr. and Mrs. E.R. Moses of Rt. 2, Trent, has been promoted to senior airman in the U.S. Air Force. Airman Moses, an aircraft environmental systems specialist, is assigned at Moody AFB, GA., with a unit of the Tactical Air Command. The airman is a 1972 graduate of Trent High School.

Mexician Dinner Saturday

Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church is planning their annual Mexican Dinner for March 13th. This is an annual event and much work goes into this event.

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High School Days

The Student Foundation of Hardin-Simmons University will host the school's annual High School Days on Friday and Saturday, February 18-19. The two-day event allows interested high school students to see the H-SU campus, meet some of the administrative personnel and talk to representatives of the school's various departments.

There is no cost for the event except for those students who wish to attend the Fred Waring concert Friday night. Tickets for the concert will be \$3.50 for the students, and reservations may be made with Dr. William O. Beazley, executive vice president of Hardin-Simmons.

Registration will begin at 7 p.m. Friday, but Ed Jackson, director of admissions and recruitment, said students who are unable to come Friday may still attend the Saturday sessions.

Friday will be devoted to registration and entertainment. On Saturday the students will attend various informational sessions, take part in campus tours and talk to representatives of the school's academic departments.

Students will also be able to attend the basketball game between Hardin-Simmons and the University of South Alabama Saturday night.

Persons in Abilene may obtain further information or make reservations by calling 677-7281, ext. 212 or 213. Others in Texas may call toll-free 800-592-4754, or write to Student Foundation, Box 999 H-SU Station, Abilene 79601. Reservations should be made by February 15.

Compere Home Demonstration Club meets

Compere Home Demonstration Club met February 10 in the home of Mrs. Hugh Taylor. Mrs. Taylor called the meeting to order and presided for the business session. Mrs. Mimms led in prayer and Mrs. Ramsey led several quiz games. Mrs. Adair read the minutes of the last meeting. Roll call was answered with "the time I save, where does it go?" Club books were filled out and Mrs. Adair gave a good program on the use of slow cookers. She gave information on the different kinds of slow cookers and ways to save time and fuel by using them. Refreshments were served to mesdames: Clyde Mims, Dewey Ramsey, Ernest Spurgin, Don Adair, Ab Hunter, Clyde Chancy, Clarence Allen and Hugh Taylor.

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Cisco names two Merkel students

One Cisco Junior College student from Merkel is on the recently released Dean's List for the fall semester of 1976, and one Merkel student made the prestigious President's List at the Cisco College.

Eugene Plunkett, a graduate of East Crisp High School in Cordele, Georgia, is listed on the

Dean's List. To qualify for the Dean's List a student must maintain a 2.5 or better grade point average on a 3.0 system.

The President's List includes Nancy R. Plunkett of Merkel. A student earns a place on the President's List by maintaining a straight "A" record, or a 3.0 average.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

WEDNESDAY 16th
Beef tacos
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Lettuce and cheese
Tomatoes
Pinto beans
Fruit salad
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THURSDAY 17th
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FRIDAY 18th
Hot dogs with chili
Pickle relish
Sliced onion
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Buns
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Orange juice

MONDAY 21st
Barbeque turkey
Green lima beans
Potato salad
Hot rolls
Cranapple sauce

TUESDAY 22nd
Chicken fried steak
Cream gravy
Buttered English peas
Snowflake potatoes
Hot rolls
Orange jello with pears

WEDNESDAY 23rd
Beef stew with vegetables
Green salad with choice of dressing
Crackers
Fruit cobbler

THURSDAY 24th
Frito chili pie
Pinto beans
spanish rice
Carrot curls
Corn meal twist
Banana pudding

Chef's Special

By Andy Anderson
Merkel Country Club



Fillet of Sole Maravary
Today's recipe while having an impressive name and several steps is really a succulent meal and a delight to the fish lover. I have broken it down to eight easy steps, which when followed make this an easy meal to prepare.

6 fillets of sole, 2 1/2 pounds

1 teaspoon of salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper
2 tablespoons butter or margarine

1/4 cup dry white wine
1 small onion, sliced
1 bay leaf
1 pint oysters in liquid

12 cooked shrimp (optional)
mushroom sauce
3 tablespoons butter or margarine

1/2 cup mushrooms (fresh), washed and sliced

3 tablespoons flour
dash cayenne
1 1/4 cup fish stock
1/4 cup light cream

1. rinse fillets under cold water; drain, pat dry with paper towels. Fold cross ways.

2. Arrange fillets in buttered 13 x 9 x 2 inch baking pan. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Dot with two tablespoons of butter. Pour wine and 1/2 cup of water over all. Top with onion and bay leaf.

Attention Riding Club

The Merkel Riding Club will have their annual pot luck supper February 17th, at 6 p.m. at the Taylor Electric building.

During the business session the election of officers will be held for the coming year.

All members and anyone interested in joining the Merkel Riding Club are urged to attend the pot luck supper and meeting.

National Honor Society Induction

The Merkel High National Honor Society held and induction service at the high school auditorium thursday morning, February 10th. Ten students were sworn in as new members of the National Honor Society during the thirty-minute program.

Mike Henry, assisted by Suzanne Warner and Gayle Teaff, presented the program as the 1977 Baby Contest, to find the prettiest baby in the high school student body. By the use of baby pictures, each candidate was identified and called to the

stage, where he received a toy to play with. Mike Henry declared all ten persons as winners, since all had won membership in the National Honor Society.

As candidates were robed, Henry explained that a student becomes eligible for the organization by maintaining a 90 scholastic average in all subjects for all his years in high school. Each student must also exhibit good character, leadership, and service in school and community.

After being pinned with blue and yellow ribbons

and repeating the pledge, the following students were declared members of the National Honor Society: Kandi Ascencio, John Biera, David Booth, Randy Cox, Terry Criner, Freda Crenshaw, Becky Rister, Suzy Rister, Marlon White, and Linda Williams.

A reception honoring these new members was held Thursday night at the Joe Henry home, hosted by the four current members: Mike Henry, Suzanne Warner, Gayle Teaff, and Retha Parker. About forty friends, parents, and teachers attended the reception.

Badger Tracks

As we all know, the big news in the school this week is the mighty Badgers varsity basketball team. The Badgers stomped the Winters Blazers last Friday night to cinch the district championship. The final score was Merkel 89, Winters 66. The Badgers go into bi-district play next week at Snyder. They will go against Tahoka at 8 p.m. Tuesday night, the spirit at the last few

games has been great. Let's keep it this way by traveling to Snyder Tuesday and giving our team all of the spirit they can handle! We are very proud of our team and we all know they're the best!

The National Honor Society has inducted ten new honorees into their ranks at an assembly held last Thursday. They are Kandi Ascencio, David Booth, John Biera, Randy Cox, Terry Criner, Freda Crenshaw, Marlon White,

Becky Rister, Linda Williams, and Suzy Rister. A reception was held for the honorees last Thursday night at the Joe Henry's house. We held our first meeting this week and elected officers. They are president-John Biera, vice-president-Mike Henry, secretary, treasurer-Gayle Teaff, Reporter-Randy Cox. We also discussed projects to work on for the rest of the year.

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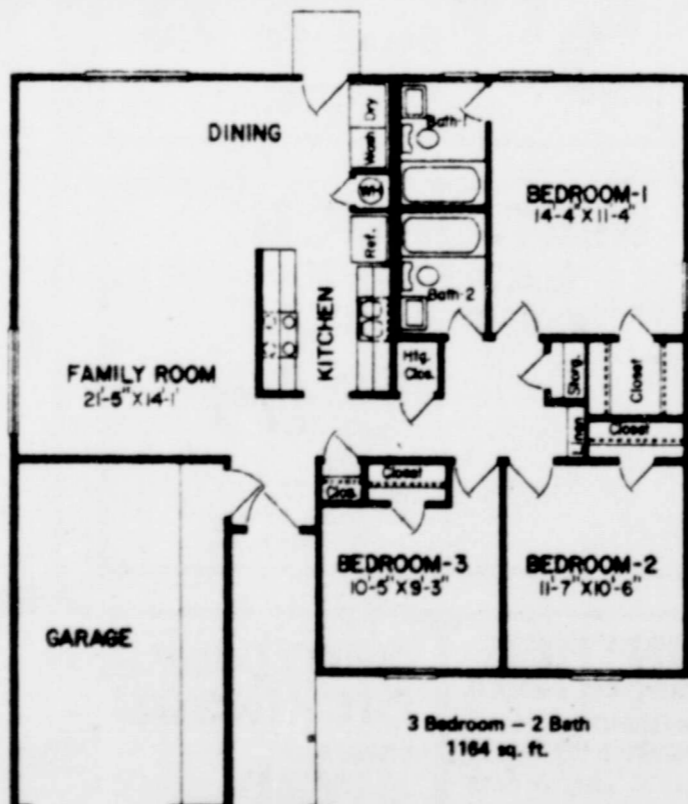
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A Typist starts at \$7,408 (GS-3) per year. Applicants for the Typist position must pass a five minute typing test at the rate of 40 words per minute and a twenty word spelling test.

As openings occur, applicants for the Clerk and Typist positions who are interested are considered for the Fingerprint Clerk position which starts at \$7,408 (GS-3) per year. Successful candidates are considered for promotion to \$8,316 (GS-4) per year after six months; to \$9,303 (GS-5) per year after one year; and to \$10,370 (GS-6) per year after two years experience in fingerprint work.

A Stenographer starts at \$8,316 (GS-4) per year. To qualify for the Stenographer position applicants must pass a three minute dictation test at the rate of eighty words per minute; pass a five minute typing test at the rate of forty words per minute; pass a twenty word spelling test; and a twenty word vocabulary test.

The FBI is only interested in above average young men and women. Many FBI clerical employees continue their college education on a part-time basis in the Washington, D. C., area while working at these full time clerical jobs. Young men and women who possess a four year college degree from an accredited college and who have been employed in a clerical capacity with the FBI for three years and meet all other requirements may then be considered for the Special Agent position at a starting salary of \$15,524 (GS-10) plus overtime of \$3,881 per year.

The FBI provides counseling services to its new employees to assist them with housing, transportation, and other needs. If close friends or young married couples apply at the same time and are found acceptable, every effort is made to afford them appointments on the same date. The FBI does not come under Civil Service in that the FBI has its own application form, tests, investigates and hires its own employees rather than draw them from a Civil Service list or register.

An application and detailed information may be obtained by calling or writing the Special Agent in Charge, FBI, 200 Mercantile Continental Building, Dallas, Texas, 75201, telephone Area Code 214-741-1851, or by contacting the nearest FBI Office whose telephone number will be listed in the front of your telephone directory.

Completed applications should be sent to the above address as processing of such applications can be instituted as much as six months prior to an individual's availability. Upon receipt of a completed application, the interested applicant will be contacted and arrangements made for personal interview and appropriate tests at a time and place convenient to the applicant.

Vacancies for the positions of Clerk, Typist and Stenographer frequently exist in the Dallas Office for which interested and qualified applicants may also be considered.

The many benefits of working for the FBI such as annual leave, sick leave, health and life insurance, and retirement benefits should be thoroughly considered when choosing a career.

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Freeman becomes member of TX-SES

Ronnie Freeman, a member of the faculty of the Rolling Plains Campus of Texas State Technical Institute, has accepted an invitation to become a member of the education committee of the Texas Solar Energy Society (TX-SES).

Freeman, of Trent, is

chairman of the air conditioning and refrigeration mechanics department on the Rolling Plains Campus.

Chairman of the education committee of TX-SES is Raymond D. Reed, dean of the College of Architecture and Environmental Design, Texas A and M University.



A nationwide emergency telephone number--the 911 system--is in the planning stage, and some area of Texas already have it.

Dave Porterfield, field supervisor with the Emergency Medical Services division, says 13 cities in Texas have the 911 emergency number now and other cities and counties are moving toward the system.

The 911 telephone system is a three-digit telephone number which has been designated as the "Universal Emergency Number" for use by the public throughout the United States, said Porterfield.

It is intended as a nationwide telephone number giving the public direct access to a Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) from which appropriate action can be taken.

The concept dates back more than 30 years to a 999 number in Great Britain. Other countries in Europe and around the world have since provided their citizens with similar uniform emergency telephone numbers.

Impetus in such a number in the United States, said Porterfield, stemmed from a 1967 recommendation of the President's Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Justice. In 1968, American Telephone and Telegraph Company announced that it would make the digits 911 available for national use.

In 1973, provision was made for the establishment of a Federal Information Center to assist units of government in planning and implementation.

"You can see the beauty of such a system," said Porterfield. Now, in an emergency situation, more than one num-

ber may have to be called to reach the proper emergency agency, but with the 911 system, a simple, easy-to-remember telephone number could be in reach of any citizen at any time. Just one call would make available such agencies as the police, fire department or an ambulance service."

Porterfield also noted that calls from pay telephones could be made without the necessity of using a coin to make the emergency call.

The 911 numbers in Texas are in service in Alice, Commerce, College Station, Dallas-Fort Worth Airport, Galveston, Hearne, Huntsville, Irving, Lamesa, Odessa, Quanah, Sherman and Victoria.

The Alamo Area Council of Government is attempting to get the number set up in and around the San Antonio area, said Porterfield.

Porterfield said there is a problem of implementation in Texas because of the large number of telephone companies in the state. And, he said, some of the telephone company boundaries don't correspond with the political and governmental jurisdictions.

"The ultimate goal," he said, "is to cut down the total response time to emergency situations." Lessening the time between the detection of an accident and notification of the proper emergency service figures into this response time, he said.

Through its work with local areas Council of Governments and Public Health Regions the EMS division is seeking to upgrade EMS systems throughout the state, and the implementation of the 911 system is one facet of this upgrading process.

We are currently working with COGs on grant applications to obtain funds made available under the 1973 EMSS Act. These applications are required to address a central communications center which includes the 911 System, said Porterfield.

Several states have passed legislation requiring the 911 system. These include California, Florida, Louisiana and Illinois. Other states introduced legislation during the past legislative years and will do it again this year, said Porterfield.

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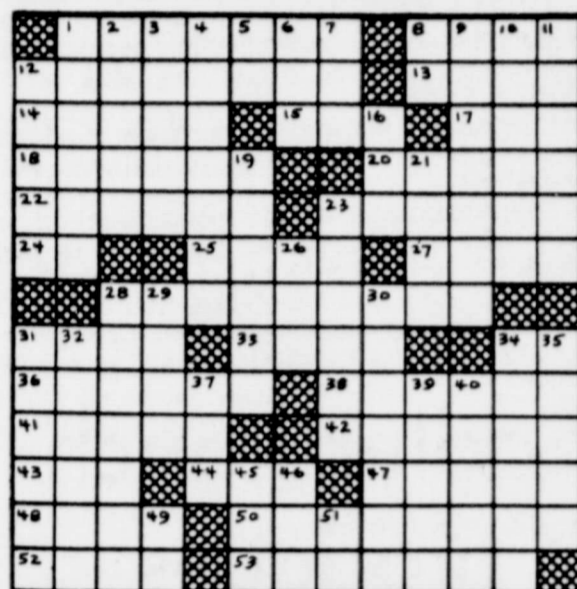
Academic officials of Texas Tech University have released the names of students who were listed on the deans' honor rolls for the Fall semester. They included, from Trent: Cindy L. Beasley of Route 2, Box 63, Texas Tech University

has an enrollment of more than 22,000 students in six colleges and two schools. They are the colleges of Agricultural Sciences, Arts and Sciences, Business Administration, Education, Engineering, and Home Economics and the School of Law and the Graduate School.



John Paul was named after Police Chief Paul Crouse because of the assistance Crouse gave during delivery of the baby on January 25th.

Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- 1. Deer's horns
 - 8. Charts
 - 12. Musical instrument
 - 13. Piece of news
 - 14. Verses
 - 15. Stain
 - 17. — Baba
 - 18. Russian city
 - 20. Monastery
 - 22. Human
 - 23. Garland
 - 24. Steamship: abbr.
 - 25. Aper
 - 27. Exclamation
 - 28. Quivering
 - 31. Pintail duck
- DOWN**
- 1. Descendants of All
 - 2. Nominator
 - 3. Lock of hair
 - 4. Agile
 - 5. Printer's measure
 - 6. Color
 - 7. Pen
 - 8. Musical note
 - 9. Moorish drums
 - 10. Basque ball game
 - 11. Metal workers
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 - 16. Auricle
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 - 26. Wet earth
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 - 29. Grass
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Doyle Russell

Doyle Russell is a senior in Merkel High School. He is a very active 18 year old who is now president of the local chapter of VICA and a member of the local track team.

Doyle is employed at Western Pipe Company. He started working for owners, Bill Black and Sammy Ross about two weeks before school start-

ed this past year. Doyle works a split shift, which includes hours in the morning and afternoon with occasional work on Saturdays.

Threading and measuring pipe as it comes in and leaves out keeps Doyle jumping.

Doyle is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Russell of Route 2, Merkel.



Patti Shotwell

Patti Shotwell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Shotwell, is 18 years of age and a senior in Merkel High School.

Patti is a member of the Merkel VICA club and employed by Stuckey's Pecan Shoppe. She works

under managers, Jim and Burma Torrence.

Patti is a part time worker in the snack bar and works Monday through Friday. She has been employed at Stuckey's since August 1976.

School Board rejects personnel policy

The Merkel-Tye School Board met Thursday, February 10th, in the Teacher's Work Room at Merkel High School. Charles Jacobs presided over the meeting.

The Board first recognized the guests who were present. Dale Hammond, president of the Merkel PTO, extended an invitation to the board members to the PTO meeting the following Tuesday. The minutes of the preceding meeting were then approved.

The next item on the agenda dealt with insurance. The Board voted to increase coverage on the newer busses and also approved payment of the bus liability insurance and the bus property damage insurance.

The Board then approved the purchase of a sink for the science lab. The sink will be equipped with an eye wash and a shower to handle chemical accidents which might occur. The cost for the sink will be approximately \$450.00.

Next the Board approved the purchase of additional computer print-out statements to be sent out on delinquent taxes.

The Board then discussed the upcoming school board elections. The Board approved places, times, judges and dates for the election to be held. The election will be Saturday, April 2, at the Merkel High School Gym and at the Tye Elementary School Cafeteria. Bill Button of Merkel and Floyd Kimmy of Tye will be the

election judges. Absentee voting will take place at the Merkel city Hall, March 11 through March 29. Blanche Hewitt will be the absentee election judge.

The Board then decided to turn in bids on gym and field equipment which will be sold soon in Abilene. They hope to obtain additional bleachers for the gym and possibly other equipment.

Next on the agenda was the adoption or rejection of policies concerning personnel. The Board rejected the policy of mandatory complete physicals for all school personnel, excepting cafeteria personnel who must meet all regulations of the Health Department. A policy of 2 year contracts for administrators was adopted. A policy of allowing 10 days sick leave (1 day per month), accumulative to only 20 days in 2 years for teachers was adopted. This will be in addition to the minimum state requirement of 5 days sick leave per year.

Last on the agenda was the Superintendent's report to the Board. Mr. Davis, Superintendent of Merkel Schools, reported that new window shades and a new desk had been installed in the cafeteria. Also, work on the Merkel Elementary had begun and work on a room in Merkel Middle School was in progress, including lowering the ceiling, installing a tile floor and installing lighting. It was also reported that applications were being accepted for a new vocational agriculture teacher.

Valentine Party honors Judy Elliott

Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi honored Judy Elliott, Valentine Sweetheart, in a get-together, Saturday, February 5th in the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Leddy.

Games were played and refreshments were served. Members and husbands present were as follows:

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Allday, Mr. and Mrs. Obie Coker, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. John Henslee, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hohertz, Mr. and Mrs. David Leddy, Mrs. and Mrs. Billy Lucas, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Teaff, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Welch and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Moore.

M. E. Clemmar Named Distinguished Student

Markus Edward Clemmer from Merkel has earned "Distinguished Student" ranking at Texas A & M University, announced Registrar Robert A. Lacey.

grade point ratio (out of a possible 4.0) during the most recent grading period.

"Distinguished Student" ranking is limited to 10 per cent of Texas A & M's undergraduate enrollment.

The undergraduate honor is awarded students who have excelled academically. Recipients must earn at least a 3.25

Clemmer majors in animal science and is the son of R. E. Clemmer, Jr. of Route 3, Merkel.

Sadler Ranch produces "Excellent Cow"

During the month of January, a Simmental cow bred by the Sadler Ranch of Merkel earned American Simmental Association's "Excellent Cow" award.

Her performance is then compared to that of her herdmates in order to project the cow's probable future productivity.

To qualify for the "Excellent" award, a cow must produce two calves before her fourth birthday, and MPPA score must be 105 or greater.

Because of their genetic superiority, cows listed in the Summary are in demand as seed stock. The Simmental organization was the first American beef breed association to recognize performance of genetically outstanding females with national cow productivity awards.

ASA periodically publishes a National Cow Summary, recognizing cows on the basis of data gathered through its performance-testing programs. The award is based on a cow's lifetime Most Probable Producing Ability (MPPA), a complex formula which evaluates the animal's performance as reflected by the weaning weights of her calves.

McMurry names Dayna Henderson

Dayna Joyce Henderson has been named to the Dean's List at McMurry for the fall semester of 1976.

Dayna had an average of 3.75 out of a possible 4.00 for the semester, according to Dr. Tyrone Black, McMurry vice president and academic dean.

Faculty hold Valentine luncheon

Mrs. Mary Grimes and Mrs. Candy Martin hosted a luncheon Valentines Day for the faculty of the Merkel High School.

Sandwiches, dips and chips were served to faculty members. Everyone enjoyed the party and the good food.

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Dayna is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ted McAninch.



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National Honor Society

Tuesday morning, February 15, at Merkel High School the National Honor Society met for the purposes of electing officers and planning projects for the current year.

Elected as officers were president John Biera, vice president Mike Henry,

reporter Randy Cox, secretary-treasurer Gayle Teaff.

Possible projects for the last quarter of the school year include: letter signs on school buildings, outstanding student of the month award, school newspaper and literary magazine.

Veterans Meet

The Veterans of World War I of Barracks 2248, and the Ladies Auxiliary meet Saturday, February 19th at the R. E. A. building for their regular meeting.

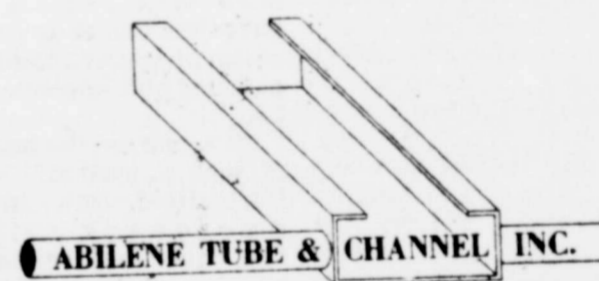
Our business will be planning the District Meeting, hosted by the Merkel-Trent Barracks

2248, March 19th. There will be more details later.

Do you know anyone eligible to belong to our organization? Invite them to come meet our Buddies and Sisters and enjoy our fellowship, and good pot luck lunch at noon.

If you are a member make a special effort to come to this meeting.

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Tammy Hudman Engagement Announced

Mr. and Mrs. William Paul Hudman announce the engagement of their daughter, Tammy, to Michael Dean Sloan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Dean Sloan. The bride elect is a graduate of Merkel High School and attends Abilene Christian University, where she is a sophomore.

The prospective groom is also a Merkel High School graduate and is a junior at A.C.U. The couple plans a May 20th wedding date, and will be residing in Abilene.



Crouse - Garrett Engagement Announced

Mr. and Mrs. Paul L. Crouse announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Cathy, to Ikey Garrett, son of Mr. and Mrs. I. V. Garrett of Abilene. The couple is planning a June wedding.

Who's Who in Music Names 2 Trent Students

The 1977 edition of Who's Who in Music will carry the names of 2 students from Trent High School who have been selected as being among the country's most outstanding high school music students.

The annual directory have included the names of these students based on their music ability, academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and future potential. Students named this year from Trent High School are: Terisa Sue Hamner and Glynn Dunn both of Trent.



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Thames Speaks to Lions

Merkel's image may be on the upswing.

According to Justice of the Peace Walter Thames of Precinct 2 State Department of Public Safety Troopers are under new assignments.

And, the new assignments take them off Inter-



LOOK WHO'S HERE!

Mr. and Mrs. George Slaughter are proud to announce the birth of a son, Christfer Francis. He was born at 11:15 p.m. Saturday, February 12th and weighed 6 pounds 6 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Flodine Williams of Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. Otis Williams of Hamby. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Francis Slaughter of Tacoma, Washington.

Maternal great grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Leo Woolf of Merkel and paternal great grandmother is Mrs. Yasuke Abe of Sapporo, Japan.

state 20 and into the county more.

In fact, Thames told the Merkel Lions Club Tuesday that only one patrol is now assigned to Interstate 20 and that goes from Trent to Baird. A rover patrol has been assigned under the new plan which will spend more time patrolling county roads and other areas in the county. The head of the patrol area changed hands January 1, Thames said, and the new changes put into effect.

He says the load has been lighter on his Merkel office and that the load has been shifted to other precincts in the county.

"I feel this new system will take some of the pressure off Merkel and help Merkel's image a little bit," he said.

In explaining his duties, hours (on call 24 hours) and other activities he is involved with as JP, Thames touched on a pressing problem facing many residents of Merkel—small claims.

He said the closing of

businesses in Merkel has caused some concern over non-payment of checks due the workers. However, he pointed out he had talked to the District Attorney (in Abilene) and that the DA told him the cases had been filed with the Labor Relations Board. But, Thames said the DA wouldn't or couldn't give him any procedure on the matter.

"The DA don't want to talk too much about the matter," Thames said. He told the Lions (who meet each first and third Tuesdays at noon) there ought to be a way the people can collect and they should have a judgment in case of a bankruptcy proceeding.

In closing, Thames pointed out that a person has to love to work with people and the public and to really love his job to be a JP. He said you find out about everything that is going on in town. "And, if any hanky-panky is going on, you'll find out about that too."

T.E.L. Class has social

The T. E. L. Class of First Baptist Church had their social in Mrs. Jewel Criswell's home. Ruth Baze was co-hostess.

Bessie Perry, president had charge of the meeting. Bessie led opening prayer.

Fred Waring

at HSU

Fred Waring and His Young Pennsylvanians will appear in concert at Hardin-Simmons University Friday, February 18, at 8:15 p.m. in Behrens Chapel-Auditorium.

Waring has made several appearances at H-SU in recent years, his first being in the 1950s.

Reservations for the concert may be made by calling 677-7281, ext. 311. Ticket prices are \$3, \$4, and \$5.

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Starr Nursing Home News

Everyone is feeling fair at this writing. Mrs. Elizabeth Harrison who has had pneumonia is improving. She is able to take her dessert (her snuff) again. We are very appreciative to her children for their concern and love of their mother. We hope she will soon be able to be up again in her wheel chair.

Mrs. Emery Wilburn's sister, Mrs. Nora Lanor and daughter, Mrs. Doris Woods from Dallas visited her during the weekend.

The children from the Church of Christ of Merkel and a group of the adults brought Valentine Baskets and Valentine candy to all the residents and nurses on duty. Everyone enjoyed them and I adored the little boy who came by the nurses station and gave me one. We appreciated them.

We welcome Mrs. Agnes Rutledge into our home. We hope she will soon improve and be able to go home.

Valentines Day was ob-

served at the nursing home and there was a note on a Queen and King. Mrs. Ruth Smith was selected Queen and Mrs. Ruby Sanders was runner up. Mr. E. A. Rutledge was selected King and Mr. John Reese was runner up. Refreshments of Valentine cake and red punch were served to all attending. Everyone enjoyed the party.

Mrs. Smith's name will be submitted to the Texas Nursing Home Association of Texas on February 15th at Abilene to enter the Miss Nursing Home Pageant of Texas. One lady will be named as Miss Nursing Home Pageant and will get a trip to Austin. We are real proud of Mrs. Smith and with her lots of luck.

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