



Mike Steck, Tarleton State University student body president from Merkel, welcomes Gov. Dolph Briscoe to Stephenville after presenting Mrs. Briscoe a bouquet of roses. Gov. Briscoe was speaker for Tarleton spring commencement held May 15.

News and Thoughts

By Martha Sue Justice



The Merkel Bass Club had a tournament recently at Lake Coleman. Results are as follows: Largest Bass-Chester Zerbel, Largest String-Chester Zerbel, 2nd Largest String-Joe Alves, 3rd Largest String-Weldon Beasley. Weldon Beasley leads the quarter in the Largest String and Dr. Clyde Morgan holds the lead for the quarter for the Largest Bass, with one tournament left in the quarter. The next meeting will be June 14th and the tournament will be June 18th.

Trent Schools will be holding an Open House Thursday, at 7:30 p.m., after eight months of construction being completed. A Band Concert will precede the Open House. EVERYONE IS INVITED!

A heard by the grapevine, that Dorothy Bishop isn't feeling up to snuff these days.—Hope you feel better soon Dorothy!

While tending to some business at City Hall last week,—I noticed that Anne Booth had a hard time getting waited on. At first I thought there was a possibility of rudeness at City Hall—However, after investigating other businesses—it seems she is considered a hard customer to deal with at several locations—ESPECIALLY CASTILLE HARDWARE. (Editor's Note to Anne Booth: If I've told you once—I've told you a hundred times, Anne,—DO NOT work with that manure in your garden shortly before going out to pay a bill somewhere in town.)

This comes from Ruth Coats: "We feel so far from home and each Monday, I look forward to going to the Post Office to get The Merkel Mail and my hometown paper, the Clyd Journal. Lendon and I practically fight over them. We read each and every word,—even the grocery ads. How lucky people are there,—each grocery article in the paper is from 15 cents to 40 cents cheaper than here."

I try so hard to keep up with everything that's happening and still missed out on Brother Russell McAnally's nose job last month. I just wish I could have seen him when he still had the bandage on his nose. Mrs. Mc said that he felt like he had a grass-hopper perched on his nose.

A PTO meeting is scheduled for May 24th in the High School Auditorium at 7:30 p.m.

This comes from the Texas Medical Association Health Tips titled: Texas Wins Tornado Title-A spokesman for the U. S. Weather Service says Texas has more tornadoes than any state. Encyclopedia Britannica says Oklahoma and Kansas have more per square mile. But both sources agree that April, May and June are prime time for twisters. May seems to be the worst month of all and the hours between 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. are the most dangerous time because that is when it is easiest for thunderstorms to form and create tornadoes. North Central Texas in the area ranging roughly from Lubbock to Dallas, seems to be the heart of the Texas tornado zone, the U. S. Weather Service says. Scientists have studied tornadoes for years and the one thing they are sure of is their unpredictability. THE KILLER STORMS CAN STRIKE ANYTIME ANYWHERE. People need to be alert and prepared to deal with them at all times,—but especially during tornado season.

See Garden Notes on Page 8.

Second Lieutenant Ricky A. Menking takes part in "Solid Shield"

Tejanitos Beat Knox City

The Merkel Tejanitos playing in their first home game beat Knox City 9-5. The Tejanitos collected 14 hits during the contest. Leading the attack for Merkel were David Nino and Daniel Moreno who collected three hits each. Jimmy Moreno and B. Moreno each had two hits. Tony Biera pitched 6 innings and was credited with the win while Richard Hernandez coming on in the 7th inning got the save. The Tejanitos next game will be against Haskell Sunday May 22nd at home. Thus far the Tejanitos have 3 wins and 1 loss.

Second Lieutenant Ricky A. Menking, son of retired Air Force Technical Sergeant and Mrs. Victor A. Menking of 1972 Briarwood, Abilene, recently took part in "Solid Shield," an Atlantic Command joint-service exercise in North Carolina, Georgia and over Atlantic waters.

Lieutenant Menking is a plans officer at Shaw AFB, South Carolina, with Detachment 9 of the Tactical Communications Area which helped support the large-scale air, land and sea exercise. The operation included simulated military action between two opposing forces with Naval, air and

ground maneuvers, air control and defense exercises and an airborne evacuation.

More than 40,000 Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Reserve and National Guard personnel took part in the massive war exercise.

The lieutenant, a 1965 graduate of Merkel High School, received a B. S. degree in 1975 from the University of Missouri at Rolla, and was commissioned later that year through Officer Training School, Lackland AFB, Texas.

His wife, Linda, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred C. Windham of 1208 North Second Street, Merkel.

City Council Accepts H & S Utilities Bid

The City Council of the City of Merkel, Texas met in special called meeting at 2:00 p.m. May 11, 1977. Those present were Councilmen Pete Morgan, Kent Satterwhite, Jerry Byrd. Also present City Secretary J. A. Sadler. Visitors were: Doug Meadows, Rohan Company; Kick Boehler, Certainteed Meter; Don Kyle, Rohan Company; Ron Nendershor, H & S Utilities; Bill Lewis, Industrial International; Bud Logan, H & S Utilities; Ken Martin, Yeatts and Decker; Rick White, Cer-

tainteed Pipe; H. B. Hodgson, Nodgson Const.; Joe LeMay, Bill Bowen, Inc.; James Bowen, Bill Bowen, Inc.; D. F. Clouse, Clouse Const.; A. C. Black, East Texas Serv.; Hershel Kincaid, Trans-Tex; Ray McCulley, East Texas Serv.; Robert Harris, City of Merkel; Martha Sue Justice, The Merkel Mail; and Jim Atkinson. The purpose of this meeting was to open bids and award the contract on HUD project No. B-76-DS-48-0054.

The following bids were received:
1. Bill Bowen, Inc., \$68,000.92, \$76,376.17.
2. Hodgson Const., \$68,000.00, \$92,009.05.
3. Clouse Const., \$89,588.13, \$84,105.23.
4. H & S Utilities, \$67,042.03, \$78,097.36.

After the bids were tabulated by the City's engineer, Mr. Ken Martin, the contract was awarded to H & S Utilities for a sum of \$67,042.03, subject to contractors approval by HUD on a motion by Kent Satterwhite and second by Jim Atkinson.

Summer registration for CJC May 26th

College classes in English, Government and Business will be available to summer school students in the general area of Merkel through the Cisco Junior College extension program there during the first summer term, Registrar Olin Odom has announced.

Mr. Odom said that registration for Merkel extension classes would be held on Thursday, May 26, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. The registration as well as all class meetings will be at the CJC Classroom Building in downtown Merkel. Classes meeting on Monday and Wednesday,

will be English 113 (English Composition and Rhetoric); and Government 213 (American National Government). Courses being held on Tuesday and Thursday are Business 214 (Principles of Accounting) and English 213 (Readings in English Literature). The course held on Tuesday and Thursday is Business 214 (Principles of Accounting).

The Cisco school's low state-supported rates for tuition and fees will, as usual, be in effect for the Merkel extension classes, the registrar pointed out. One three-hour course

costs \$47.50 and six hours' work totals \$59.00, he concluded.

Mr. Odom also said that any course offered in the CJC catalogue would be offered providing at least fifteen students request it, and that any class would have to have at least fifteen students in order to be held.

Final exams are set for July 5 and 6.

More information may be obtained by contacting Mr. Odom at Cisco Junior College, 817-442-2567, or by calling the Merkel Chamber of Commerce, 915-928-5722.

Volley Ball Tournament May 20-21st

A Volley Ball Tournament is scheduled for May 20th and 21st at 7 p.m. The tournament will take place at the new High School Gym. All proceeds will go to Miss Softball America equipment and other items that are badly needed.

Anyone wishing to participate should call either Pat Byrd at 928-4816 or 928-4922, or call Gary

Hicks at 928-5166. Each team member will be charged a \$2 entry fee and admission will be Adults: 50 cents, Children: 24 cents. Team entry deadline is May 20th at noon.

There will be a 12 minute time limit and players must be registered. Only registered players can play on a team. Teams will be drawn for

playing order. The same floor rules will apply as in the previous tournament.

Everyone should plan to attend, - whether he can participate or not. Mixed teams will play in the Men's Division. The tournament will be two nights only! Winner takes all with best two out of three.

Stith Community Center Presenting Musical

There will be a Musical at the Stith Community Center Saturday, May 21, at 7:00 p.m. Admission is free.

Refreshments will be sold, and the money will be used for the repair of the Community Center.

Several musicians will be there and anyone wishing to donate their talent is

welcome. Musicians will be served refreshments free. Stith is located northeast

of Merkel on Farm Road 1235.

Everyone come out and have a Good Time.

Ladies Auxillary to give away boots

The Merkel Fire Department Ladies Auxillary is having a fund raising project. We are giving a pair of \$119.95 western boots. For a dollar donation you will become eligible to win them in a public drawing to be held June 16, 1977 at 7:30 p.m. The drawing will be held at the Ben Franklin Store, 201 Kent in conjunction with their Thursday night drawing.

The boots will be on display at Circle A Western House.



LISA DOKEY was crowned Junior Princess of the Merkel Riding Club. Lisa is 13 years old and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Dokey of Hawley Route. Lisa attends school at Madison in Abilene.

Attention: Parents of Students in Grades 7-12

In order to comply with new educational standards of accountability, Merkel Middle School and High School will be giving English Accountability Tests to all students enrolled in regular classes, in the 7th through the 12th grades. These

tests will be given during the week of May 23-27th.

These English tests will cover the basics of grammar which the students have been studying at their particular level.

The State of Texas says that parents, teachers,

and students alike are responsible for the educational growth of children. If the students are encouraged to study, and to take these tests seriously, then they will be able to give a more accurate account of their actual knowledge.

Douglas C. Cothorn named to top staff job

Douglas C. Cothorn of Merkel has been named to a top staff job in Texas A & M's 1977-78 Corps of Cadets.

The son of Harold T. Cothorn of Route 1 will serve as personnel officer on the Corps staff. Eight seniors, as cadet

commissioned officers, and seven juniors, as non-coms, make up the staff that supplies the corps commander and deputy commander with decision-making information. Cadet leaders supervise the Corps' operation, making it a unique leadership training experience.

Corps Commander Mike Gentry of Huntsville and Deputy Commander Ken Donnelly of Garland head 58 direct command positions in the Texas Aggie military organization.

Cothorn is a junior computing science major.



VICKI CAMPBELL was crowned Sweetheart of the Merkel Riding Club, Saturday night, May 14th, at the arena. Vicki is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Campbell of Merkel. Vicki is 14 years old and will be a freshman in Merkel High School next year.

MOC Students in Action



Bobby Saldana

Bobby Saldana, age 17, is a senior at Merkel High School.

Bobby is employed at Skaggs Albertson in Abilene.

He has been with this company for two years. Bobby started out as a sacker and has moved up to the position of cashier. Bobby said that he intended to attend college, but had not yet decided where he would enroll. Bobby has been in MOC for two years.



Rhonda Howes

Rhonda Howes, senior in Merkel High School, is the daughter of Jim and Bev Howes.

Rhonda recently worked

at Wilkerson's, from June 1, 1976 until February 7, 1977. Her hours were from 8 a.m. until 12 noon. This is Rhonda's first year in MOC.

Public Notice

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF DOROTHY MAE COBB, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of Dorothy Mae Cobb, Deceased, were issued to the undersigned

First National Bank of Abilene on the 12th day of April, 1977, in Cause No. 12,917, styled IN RE: ESTATE OF DOROTHY MAE COBB, DECEASED, then and now pending in the County Court of Taylor County, Texas, and that the undersigned now holds such Letters Testamentary. All persons having claims against said estate, which is being administered in the County below named, are required hereby to present the same to the undersigned respectively, at the address below given, before suit upon same is barred by the general statutes of limitation, before such estate is closed, and within the time prescribed by law. The offices of the undersigned First National Bank of Abilene are located at and its mailing address is 401 Cypress Street, Abilene, Texas, 79601, which is in the County of Taylor, State of Texas.

DATED this 10th day of May, 1977.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF ABILENE
By: Tom McMichael
Independent Executor of the Estate of Dorothy Mae Cobb, Deceased,
No. 12,917 in the County Court of Taylor County, Texas.
13-1tc

Pep Squad

elects officers

The Merkel High School Pep Squad has elected officers for the 1977-78 school year. They are as follows: President Kim Mashburn-daughter of Mrs. JoAnn Mashburn, Vice-President Jodie Jinkens-daughter of Mrs. Deanie Jinkens and Jimmy Jinkens, Secretary Becky Watts-daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ned Watts, Treasurer Suzie Hewitt-daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Hewitt and Reporter Lori DuBose-daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby DuBose.

Advisors are Miss Kathy Harkey and Mrs. Candy Martin.

Chew some dry coffee while holding your nose and you won't taste anything. But take a breath and you will. That's because what you're "tasting" is really an aroma.

Raymond Barrington Dies

Raymond Barrington, 59, of Garland, died at 7:27 a.m. Saturday in the Veterans Administration Hospital in Dallas following a short illness. Services were at 10:30 a.m. Monday, May 16th at the Starbuck Funeral Home Chapel.

The Rev. Ed Nowell, pastor of the Noodle Baptist Church, officiated. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery directed by Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born December 27, 1917 in Guion, Mr. Barrington attended school in Clyde and lived in Abilene before entering the Navy in 1939. He married Joyce Fern Baker on February 22, 1946 in Marfa. He retired from the Navy in 1959 and moved to Garland, where he was an electronics engineer.

Survivors include his wife, five sisters and a brother.

Larry Gill, minister, officiated. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery in Merkel, directed by Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born May 4, 1890, in Taylor County, she had lived in Merkel most of her life. She had married N. C. Bush September 13, 1907, in Merkel. He died in 1963. She was a member of the Church of Christ and had been in the Happy Haven Nursing Home since July.

Survivors include a son, W. Carl of Dallas; three daughters, Mrs. Loyd Perry and Eva Denton, both of Merkel and Mrs. Clifford Orr of Abilene; a brother, Claude Riney of Bentonville, Arkansas; seven grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a daughter.

Ladies Golf News

It was a little wet, but the Guys and Dolls Tournament was a success. The dinner was delicious and everyone had a great time.

Winning first place were Terry and Jo Ann Gardener. Tying for second were Faye and Loyd Robertson, and Jo Ann and Dean Smith.

Winners of the last Ladies Day were Glenda Watts and Jo Ann Smith. Everyone remember to come out every Tuesday. Tournaments are in the near future.

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Arnold, James S.	1312 S South Harrison		Amarillo, Texas
Brown, Jerry W.	1522 Heath		Merkel, Texas
Clift, W. E.	313 S.W. 13th		Andrews, Texas
Gray, Elkanah	P.O. Box 1172		Abilene, Texas
Johnson, Jonni Hill	772 Havenwood		Dallas, Texas
Scott, Roy			
Vass, Audie	2609 History St.		Abilene, Texas
Walden, Mrs. A. L.	30 Cambridge Court		Abilene, Texas

SENIOR CITIZENS EVENTS SCHEDULE
1st Monday of Month Singing
2nd Tuesday Noon Covered Dish Game Nights
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TUES & THURS	Dus. 214.1	8:30 a.m.-1:30	Allen	214 Principles of Accounting
NIGHT				
TUES & THURS	Dus. 214.2	5:30-10:30	Allen	214 Principles of Accounting
	Eng. 213.5	6:45-10:15	Palmer	213 Readings in English Literature
MON & WED	Eng. 113.5	6:45-10:15	Palmer	113 English Composition & Rhetoric
	Govt. 213.5	6:45-10:15	Gates	213 American National Government

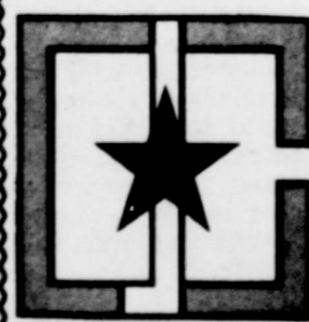
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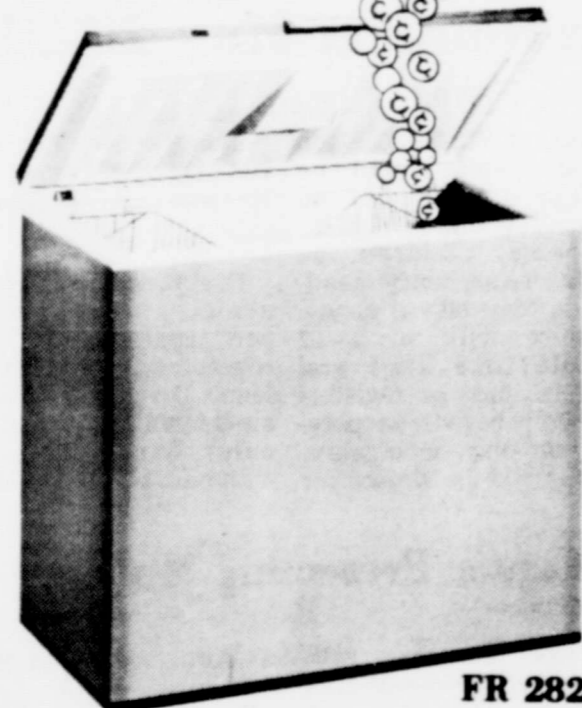


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BEEF STEW 24 OZ **89¢**

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FRENCH FRIED ONIONS 3 OZ CAN **39¢**

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SPAM 12 oz. **98¢**

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The Tax Board of
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beginning at 9:00 A.M.
May 31, 1977 at the Trent
School Tax Office.
Purpose of the hearing
will be for equalization of
all real and personal
property owned by in-
dividuals situated in the
taxing jurisdiction of the
Trent Independent School
District.
All persons owning land,
buildings, or personal
property within the
district may appear before
the Board.
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before 10 o'clock a.m. of
the Monday next after the
expiration of 20 days from
the date of service of this
citation, then and there to
answer the Amended peti-
tion of Beula Wynne Love,
Supervisor, Taylor County
Child Welfare, Petitioner,
filed in said Court on the
6th day of May, 1977,
against Gwin Neatherlin,
legal father and Tomilee
Neatherlin, legal mother,
Respondents, and said suit
being numbered 10,767-DR
on the docket of said
Court, and entitled "In
The Interest of Timothy
Neatherlin, Lia Holly
Neatherlin, Tia Gwin
Neatherlin and Todd
Neatherlin, Minors, the
nature of which suit is a
request to Terminate
Parent-Child Relationship.
Said Timothy Neatherlin
was born the 7th day of
January, 1970 in Lubbock,
Texas; Lia Holly Neather-
lin was born the 6th day of
March, 1971 in Maricopa,
Arizona; Tia Gwin Neath-
erlin was born the 4th day
of April, 1972 in Maricopa,
Arizona and Todd C.
Neatherlin was born the
23rd day of July, 1974 in
Sweetwater, Texas.
The Court has authority
in this suit to enter any
judgment or decree in the
child's interest which will
be binding upon you,
including the termination
of the parent-child rela-
tionship and the appoint-
ment of a conservator with
authority to consent to the
childrens adoption.
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The officer executing this
writ shall promptly
serve the same according
to requirements of law,
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my hand and the seal of
said Court at Abilene,
Texas, this 9th day of
May, 1977.
(Seal)
Irene Crawford, Clerk,
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By Sandra Harris, Deputy.
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Signed:
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Tax Assessor-
Collector
Sworn and signed before
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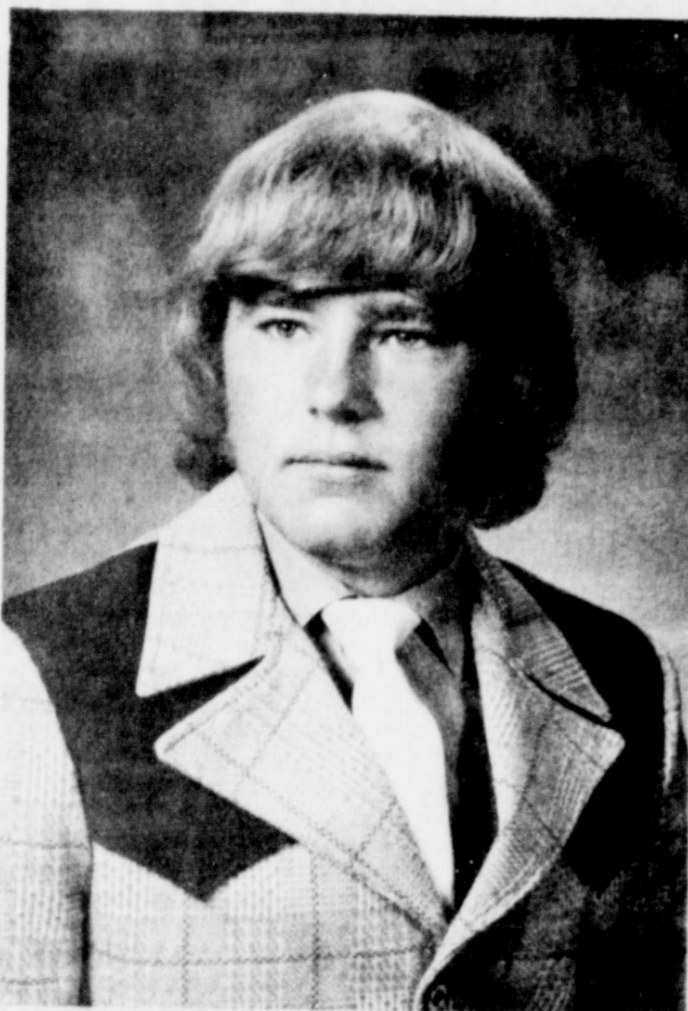
Danny Jones
receives degree

Some 250 degrees, including two honorary doctorates, were awarded Sunday May 8, at the Howard Payne University annual commencement exercises in the Brownwood Coliseum.

HPU President Dr. Roger L. Brooks conferred the degrees and Dr. Jose Rivas, minister and professor of Greek at HPU, delivered the main address.

Receiving honorary doctor of divinity degrees were D. D. Sumrall, pastor of First Baptist Church, Greenville; and Joshua Grijalva, dean of the Mexican Baptist Institute, San Antonio.

Graduate from Merkel is: Danny Fred Jones, son of Rev. and Mrs. K. F. Jones, 1500 Heath, with a BGS degree.



Bobby Booth Mayfield, Jr. Graduates

Bobby Mayfield, Jr., son of Bobby Mayfield and grandson of the late Mrs. Helen Mayfield graduated from Allison, Texas High School May 12, 1977.

Those attending from Merkel were his two great-aunts, Mrs. W. T. Sadler and Mrs. J. E. Boaz. Mrs. Sue Reynolds,

his aunt, attended from Wichita Falls.

Bobby will attend Clarendon Junior College for the first two years so he can keep his present job on the ranch. Like his father, he will major in Vocational Agriculture, and will probably attend his father's Alma Mater, Texas Tech.

The old-timers of Merkel do not know Bobby Jr., but we have fond memories of his father, the curly-headed, likable kid that not only played football, but was included in most every sport.

And of course, everyone loved Helen who was employed by Taylor Electric Coop for so many years.

Both Bob and Bob Junior will be here for our next homecoming!

Merkel 4-H participants head for State Roundup in June

The Merkel 4-H Club will send a lion's share of the Taylor County participants to the State 4-H Roundup in June. Of the 19 persons from this county who were able to advance to state competition seven of these (3 teams and 1 individual) are members of the Merkel 4-H Club. These persons were selected winners at the District 7 4-H Roundup at Angelo State University: Cooperative-Vicki and Lee Reddin, Horse-Vernon Presswood and Maury Moore, Pork-cindy Boone and Tonya Moore, and Natural Resources-John

Townsend, IV.

Junior 4-H participants advance no farther than the district competition and those Merkel 4-H Club

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Mrs. Donnie Gant and Danna of Anson, Margie Bird of Arlington, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Booe and Jayson of Seminole, Mrs. Carl Carey, Mrs. Truman Carey, Patti Bird, Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Dickerson, H. E. Dickerson, Mr. and Mrs. Troy Dickerson, Mr. and Mrs. Don Dickerson and Melissa, Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Noah all of Merkel.



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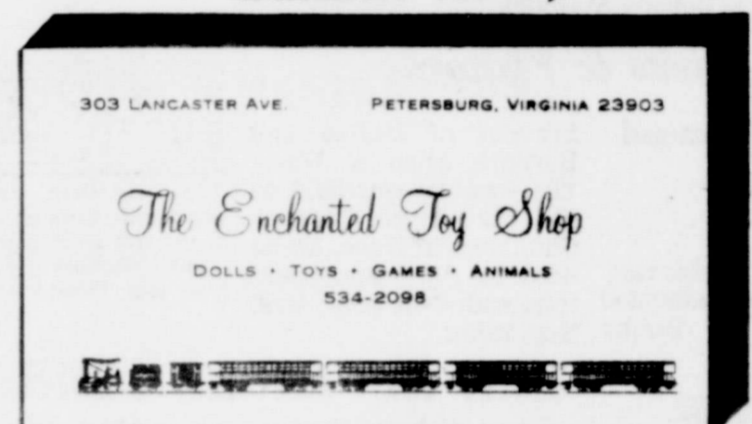
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Audra and son, Wayne Horton. Billie Walters gave Arrow of Light to boys and parents as they entered the bridge. Marvin Myers took Webelos scarf off and presented them the Scout Scarf, followed by Jimmy Leverich welcoming them into Boy Scouts.

Visits & Visitors

Robertson's attend Wedding

Mrs. Glenn Robertson, David and Todd attended the wedding of Bobby

Stevens of Dallas and Barbara Allen of Waco. The wedding was held on the Fish Pond Country Club lawn in Waco. While there the Robertsons spent time with their aunt, Mrs. Roy Miller.



The first man to identify plant cells through the microscope was an English scientist named Robert Hooke. The year was 1665.

Starr Nursing Home Party

Members and children of Lambda Beta Chapter held their monthly visit at the Starr Rest Home, Saturday, May 7th. Gifts were presented to all residents and special birthday presents were given to those having birthdays in May. Three hanging baskets were given in honor of Mother's Day.

Under the law, the Comptroller's Office remits to the counties and cities 15 percent of the total mixed drink tax collected within their boundaries and the balance goes into the state General Revenue Fund.

The tax is collected and rebated to the cities and counties quarterly, Bullock said.

He said the 190 counties

will receive a total of \$1.87 million for the January-March quarter and the 300 cities will receive \$1.75 million.

The largest check—\$487,460—goes to the City of Houston. The City of Dallas will receive \$321,547, San Antonio \$130,663 and

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GLAZED GRAPE MEAT LOAF

- 1-1/2 pounds ground beef
- 1-1/2 cups fresh bread crumbs
- 2 eggs, lightly beaten
- 1 small onion, minced
- 1-1/2 teaspoons salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1/2 cup Smucker's Grape Jam
- 1/2 cup ketchup
- 1 tablespoon prepared mustard
- 1 teaspoon prepared horseradish

In a medium bowl, combine ground beef, bread crumbs, eggs, onion, salt, and pepper; blend well. Combine jam, ketchup, mustard, and horseradish;

stir to blend. Add half the jam mixture to meat mixture; blend well. Shape meat into a loaf. Place in a shallow baking pan. Spoon remaining grape mixture over top. Bake, uncovered, in a 400°F oven 45 to 50 minutes, or until meat is done. Serves six.



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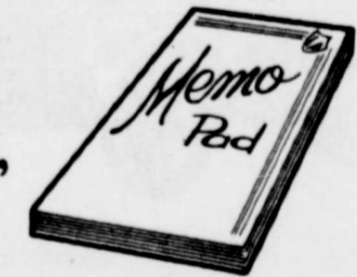
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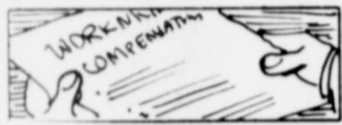
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Bids for improvement

Bids for the improvement of drainage along FM707 in Taylor County are expected to be received at the May 18-19 letting of the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation. The project is located 0.04 miles south of the Tye city limits and consists of the replacement of the present structurally unsound multiple box culvert with five 72" concrete pipes. When completed, the project will provide improved drainage beneath the highway. The project is being financed with special Bridge Replacement Funds. Charles M. Kitchell of Abilene is the department's engineer in charge of the work, while overall project supervision will be provided by Abilene District Engineer Roger G. Welsch.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Mashburn are the proud parents of a girl, Joedy Rebecca. She was born on May 5 at 5:50 p.m. and weighed 8 pounds 5 ounces. She has a brother, Jason and a sister, Jennifer and two step-sisters, Samantha and Jo Nell. The proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Diamond Anderson of Abilene, Mrs. Ruth Anderson of Archer City and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mashburn of Stith.

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Successful Garage Sales

Successful garage sales depend on organization, advises Claudia Kerbel, consumer information specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A & M University System.

She suggests the following ideas for planning and staging a "neighborhood marketplace":
-Advertise your garage sale with signs in the neighborhood (if customary), bulletin boards at community centers and grocery stores—and classified ads in the newspaper.

Most shoppers check newspaper ads Wednesday through Saturday -- advertising these days will bring your sale its widest readership.

-Draw attention in the ad to big items you want to sell--list brand name, color, size or other characteristics.

-Consider combining your sale with a neighbor or friend, or having a "block sale"--in which several people on the same block hold sales at the same time.

Holding a sale with others provides company during the lulls and help during the crowds.

-Check local ordinances for permit requirements for holding a garage sale. Many cities limit the frequency and length of a sale, as well as the number and placement of signs.

-Be ready the day before by organizing the items for sale. Price all items ahead--this will keep prices reasonable, even under crowd pressure.

-Expect someone to come the day before or several hours early just to get a headstart on the other shoppers.

Some experienced garage sellers will not sell ahead of their starting time to avoid selling something not intended for sale or selling below the price they would have set later.

-Bargaining is part of the experience, so be flexible when you price items.



The population of the United States in the year 1900 was 75,994,575!

Many sellers are willing to come down as much as 50 per cent. Ask about the custom in your area.

If you believe the price is right--don't budge on it until the last part of the sale. However, be sensitive to the shoppers' interests. Sometimes offering to lower the price \$1 or \$2 on a \$20 to \$30 item will be just enough to make the sale.

World War I Veterans and

Auxiliary to meet

The Veterans of World War I and the Ladies Auxiliary of Merkel-Trent Barracks number 2248 meet Saturday, May 21st 12 noon at the R. E. A. Building for their regular monthly meeting.

We are inviting anyone eligible to belong to meet

Hardin-Simmons University and Oklahoma Baptist University have begun preparations to co-sponsor another European study program for the summer of 1978, and for the first time H-SU faculty members will take part in

the venture.

The program will include a four and one-half week tour of Western Europe, with visits to London, Stratford-on-Avon, Canterbury and Oxford in England, as well as stops in Cologne, Heidelberg, Munich, Salzburg, Vienna, Venice, Florence, Rome and Lucerne on the Continent.

The trip will culminate in a five and one-half week stay in Paris.

Hardin-Simmons students have participated in past OBU European study programs, but this will be the first time for members of the H-SU faculty to participate.

Dr. David Funderburk, associate professor of history, and Dr. Robert

Hamner, associate professor of English, will be the two H-SU professors who will teach during the 1978 program. Dr. Funderburk will also serve as associate on-site director of the program.

Program participants may earn credit in two courses selected from the fields of history, lit-

erature, French, business, science and music. The total cost is expected to be about \$2,350.

Interested persons may obtain further information on European Study Program '78 by contacting Dr. Funderburk, Dr. Hamner or Dr. Jim E. Tanner, vice president for academic affairs at H-SU.



WILSON JEWELRY

Graduates are welcome to come and pick out their selection for graduation. We have a good selection of new watches--digital watches priced from \$10.95 to \$79.95.



Brad Shugart

Brad Shugart, age 17, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Duane Shugart.

Brad works with Joe Benzbidetz keeping his trailer park in repair. He

also does plumbing and carpentry work on the side.

This is Brad's first year in MOC.

Stith Home

Demonstration Club News

The Stith Home Demonstration roll call was answered with "Bugs that Bug Me, Most All are Pests to be Around." Vada Hudson called our meeting to order on May 11, and presided over all business.

Mary Walker was our hostess, Mae Jones gave our prayer and Daisy Mashburn brought our game. Louise Hudson gave our treasury report.

We had lots of business to discuss and attend to.

We voted Dolley Reddin to be our candidate to go to the State T. H. D. A. Convention in September.

Our program was on "Care of Outdoor Plants," including roses, brought by Vada Hudson.

Those attending were: Daisy Mashburn, Vada Hudson, Mary Walker, Lenora Wilburn, Margaret Dickerson, Hazel Lay, Mae Jones, Louise Hudson, and Dolley Reddin.

Haskell Food Fair was held May 12. Four of our ladies attended, they were: Dolley, Vada, Daisy and Margaret.

There will be an Old Time Musical at Stith Community Center, Saturday night. We invite everyone to come.

Robert

Clemmer

receives degree

Robert Smith Clemmer of Merkel received his degree at Texas A & M University's spring commencement exercises.

A total of 2,556 degrees were awarded, including 2,192 undergraduates, 266 master's and 98 doctorates.

Clemmer, son of R. E. Clemmer, Route 3, received his undergraduate degree in animal science.

GARDEN NOTES

Vegetable

Asparagus
Beans
Beets
Carrots
Cucumbers
Cabbage
Cucumber
Tomato
Potato
Most Crops

Cabbage
Cabbage
Cabbage

Carrot

Kohlrabi
Potato
Radish
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Beans
Strawberry
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Onion Family
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Garlic
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Rosemary, Wormwood, Sage
Wormwood, Mint
Horseradish
Wormwood, Mint
Mint
Santolina
Tansy
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Sage, Coriander
Marjoram, Wormwood

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Chrysanthemums
Nasturtiums
Asters
Chrysanthemum
Calendula
Geranium

Asparagus Beetle
Colorado Potato Beetle
Most Pests
Carrot Fly
Carrot Fly
White Cabbage Butterfly
Cucumber Beetle
Cabbage Maggot
Blight
Blight
Most Weeds

Cabbage Maggot
Cabbage Worm
White Cabbage Butterfly

Carrot Fly

Black Flea Beetle
Potato Bug
Black Flea Beetle
Ants, Aphids
Moths
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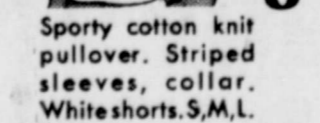
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Lambda Beta News

Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi held their regular meeting, Tuesday, May 3rd in the Methodist Fellowship Hall. The meeting was called to order by President Betty May 3rd in the Methodist Fellowship Hall. A program review

of all of the programs presented this year was by Annette Clark. The program of the year was

Public Notice

THE STATE OF TEXAS

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You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for four consecutive weeks, the first publication to be at least twenty-eight days before the return day thereof, in a newspaper printed in Taylor County, Texas, the accompanying citation, of which the herein below following is a true copy.

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YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 42nd District Court, Judge Don Lane, of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A. M. on the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 9th day of May, A. D. 1977 to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 9th day of May, A. D. 1977, in this cause, numbered 35,450-A on the docket of said court and styled:

Spur Oil, Inc. Plaintiff vs. H. L. Smith, et al, Defendants

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit:

Suit by owner of oil and gas leases covering the hereafter described property for the appointment of a Receiver to give oil and gas leases covering the mineral interest of the Defendants, whose whereabouts are unknown. The Defendants own 3.51 per cent of the minerals in and on the following described property:

Being the Northeast one-quarter of Section 228, Block 64, H & TC RR Co. survey, Taylor County, Texas, containing 160 acres of land, more or less, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

The officer executing his writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as he law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Abilene, Texas, this 9th day of May, A. D. 1977.

Seal) WITTEST: Irene Crawford, Clerk 42nd District Court Taylor County, Texas By: Faye Lyons, Deputy 13-4tc

voted upon and will be announced at the next meeting. Committee reports were given. The winning attendance team was announced by Secretary Mary Hill. The captain of the winning team is Betty Coker. The winning team will be served dinner by the losing team at the next meeting. The Affirmation Ritual was performed by Ginny Yaddow, Vice President, for Anne Booth, Bobbye Elliott, and Mary Hill. The installation of new officers for 1977-78 was also held. The officers who were installed are as follows: President-Mary Hill, Vice President-Judy Elliott, Treasurer-Gloria Henslee, Corresponding Secretary-Barbara Welch, Recording Secretary-Milly Bright, and Director-Annette Clark. Delicious refreshments were served by hostess Judy Elliott.

The following members were present: Betty All-day, Anne Booth, Milly Bright, Pat Castille, Annette Clark, Betty Coker, Bobbye Elliott, Judy Elliott, Gloria Henslee, Robbie Hicks, Mary Hill, Chera Hohertz, Faye Jones, Sarah Lucas, Terri Martin, Minyon Seymore, Glenda Teaff, Barbara Welch, and Ginny Yaddow.



In 1935, Carl Magee patented the first coin-operated parking meter.

Merkel 4-H to tour McDonalds

Members of the Merkel 4-H will go to Abilene Monday, May 23 at 1:30 to tour McDonalds Hamburger Restaurant.

Everyone going should meet in front of the old gym. You will be excused from school.

Letters TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor: I am a student in Roberts Elementary School. I am in Mrs. Mawson's language class. We are conducting a survey of different newspaper corporations throughout Texas. We are comparing the daily newspapers with the weekly newspapers in my language class. We would appreciate it if you would send us a copy of your newspaper so we could compare the differences? Sincerely Yours, Marissa Cabrales

Dear Editor: I am attempting to locate my natural parents or any blood relations. I was born June 21, 1933 in Abilene, Texas. According to the small amount of information I have, my mothers name was Lora Carter Smith and my father's name was listed as Ted Smith. Her birthplace was listed as Valley Mills, Texas. There wasn't a birthplace listed for my father. I was either born at the Salvation Army (it was then located on Victoria Street) or given to the Salvation Army shortly after birth. Dr. R. H. Tull signed my birth certificate. The Salvation Army then released me to the Reverend W. A. Nicholas, who arranged my adoption when I was four days old. If these dates and places are familiar to anyone, please write: D. Edwards, P. O. Box 3613, San Angelo, Texas 76901.

Dear Editor, My name is Lucy Oronoz. I go to Roberts Elementary School, in El Paso, Texas. I go to the fifth grade in Mrs. Mawson's class. What I want is to ask you if you can lend us 2 or 3 samples of your newspaper because we want to compare your newspaper with ours. We also want to see the things it says in your newspaper with the things it says in ours.

Any information, no matter how small will be deeply appreciated.

D. Edwards P. O. Box 3613 San Angelo, Texas 76901

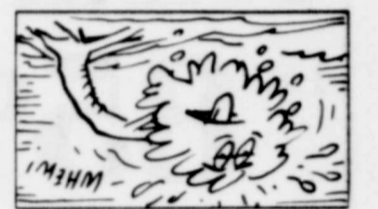
Jack Dempsey fought only 138 minutes as world champion. During that time he made \$2,137,000—or \$15,000 per minute.

MOC Students in Action



Jerry Butman

Jerry Butman, age 17, is a senior at Merkel High School. Jerry is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mack Bigbee. This is Jerry's first year in MOC and he holds the office of Sergeant of Arms. Jerry is employed by R. A. Pierce Manufacturing Company and has been working there since September of 1976.



We enjoyed a great service with missionary Paul Evans, Sunday, May 15, 1977. He not only preached a soul stirring message but shared his burden for the Honduras. He also showed some artifacts from the Honduras. He will be leaving to go to the field about the last of June.

We also had a great baptismal service thanks to the use of Cherry Heights Baptist Church in Clyde with pastor Connors.

We will be looking for you in our services at the First Assembly of God Church, north 2nd and Runnels.

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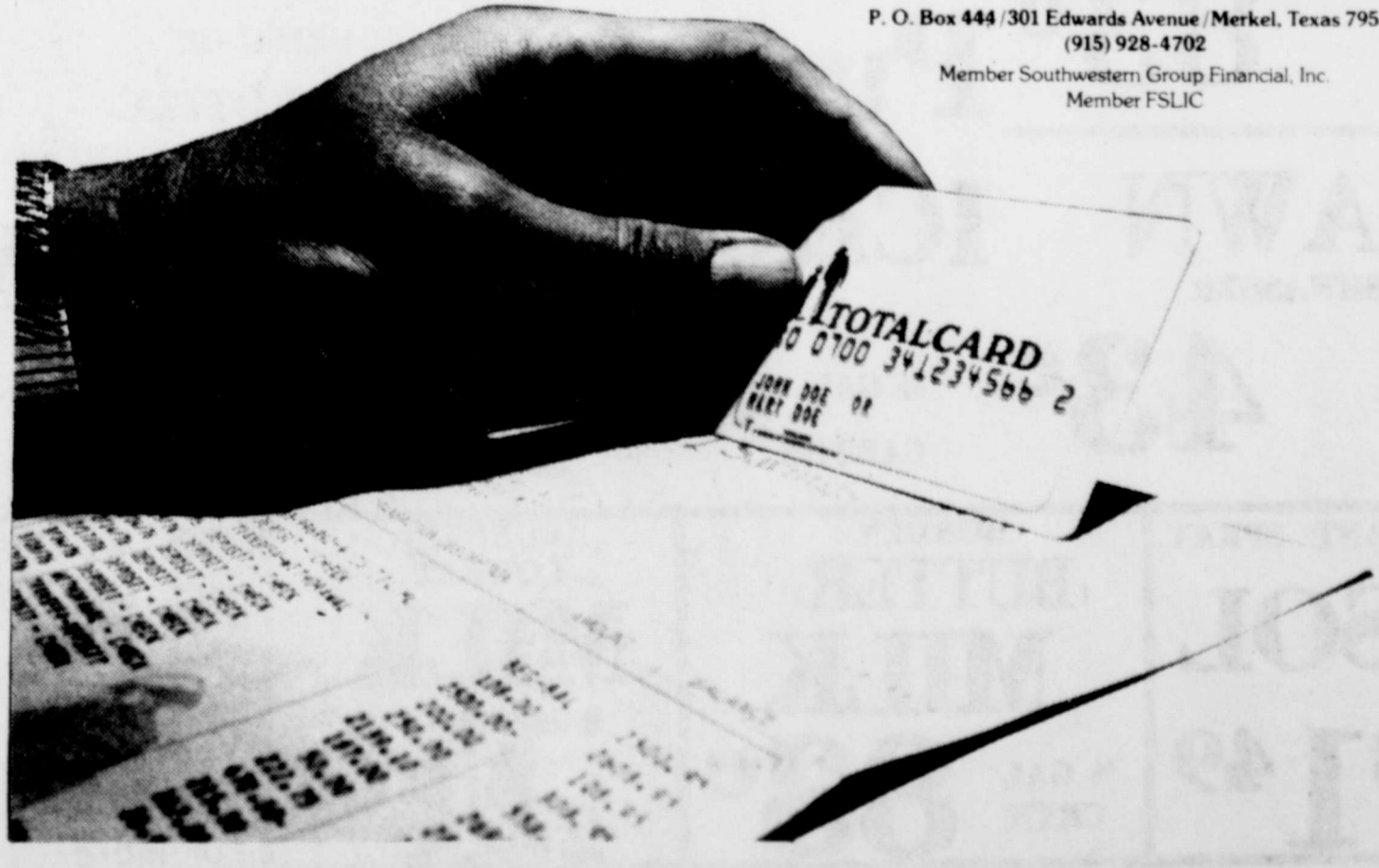
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TOMATOES LB **29¢**

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