

## Merkel Police Solve Six Burglaries

Sunday morning around 2:30, April 17th, Police Chief Austerman received a call from his dispatcher. It was reported that the Fina Service Station and Pug & Leo's Restaurant had been broken into.

Patrolman, Martin Guenther was at Pug & Leo's when Austerman arrived. After talking with Guenther, Austerman then checked the Fina Station next door and found that the entry had been made

by breaking out a small hole in a window. The candy machine had been pried partly open - however, the money box was still intact. Blood was discovered on and around the window which had

been broken. The manager of the Fina Station stated that he could not find anything missing from the station.

A similar situation was found at Pug & Leo's. A window on the east side of the restaurant had also been broken with blood being found on the ground

outside. Another window in the back of the restaurant had been broken out with a brick where entry had been made with blood being found on the floor in the dining room by the cash register. Missing was an amount of money and keys.

At approximately 6 a.m. Chief Austerman discovered that DuBose Texaco had also been broken in. Cash and change were taken after tearing open the cash register.

Monday morning, Austerman notified Sheriff Department Unit 16, Captain Smith in Abilene.

Austerman informed Smith of what had happened and stated that he knew who had broken into these businesses. At this time Austerman asked for the Abilene Sheriff's Department's assistance.

The officers went to the Merkel Country Club and advised the manager they would be taking Gary Vinson (who was working there at the time), to Merkel City Hall for questioning. Upon arriving at City Hall, Gary Vinson

was advised of his rights by Captain Smith. During questioning Vinson openly admitted to six break-ins in Merkel.

Gary Vinson was then transported to the Abilene jail and placed under a \$5,000 bond.

The Merkel Police Department has filed charges against Vinson on six counts of burglary. The money taken from the Texaco Station and Pug & Leo's Restaurant was recovered.

## Montgomery, Hogan and Toombs Receive Honors

Taylor County Farmers Union Annual Banquet held special meaning for Joe and Gean Montgomery of Hamby, Jack and Ruth Hogan, and Billy Bob Toombs of Merkel.

The Annual Barbeque Banquet was held Friday, April 14 in the Merkel School cafeteria, and was attended by 200 members and guests.

### Trent Awards Banquet

Trent High School is having an awards banquet Friday night, April 21 at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$3.50 and can be purchased from any cheerleader, or call the school at 862-2411.

### Booster Club To Sponsor Athletic Banquet

The Booster Club will sponsor the annual Badger Athletic Banquet, Saturday, April 22, at 7:30 in the school cafeteria. Speaker for this event will be Dewitt Jones, football coach at ACU. His team won the NAIA national championship for 1977. Also, the two newest members of the Merkel Badger Hall of Fame will be inducted. The Booster Club will recognize the Outstanding Athletes of the Year for Merkel High. Tickets in advance are \$5.00 and \$6.00 at the door.

The Montgomerys' and Hogans' were surprised when M.C. Finley Barnett presented them with the Family Service Award.

Billy Bob Toombs, Farmers Union District 3 director for the past three years and a "young" lifetime farmers union member, was honored by the farmers union members dedicating the 1976-77 Taylor County Farmers Union Activity Book for his outstanding continuing service to the organization.

Guest speaker, Ron But-

ler of Waco, encouraged and urged members to join hands and keep working for equal prices of their commodities, comparative to that of others and what they, as consumers, have to buy in order that they may be able to stay in business.

President Freddie Toombs takes this opportunity to thank Connie MacSeymore for his game program and the door prizes. Also, all members who helped to make the Banquet a successful night.

## Merkel P. T.O. To Sponsor Junior Olympics & "May Day Madness Games"

The Merkel P. T.O. has agreed to sponsor the Grade School Junior Races, to be held at the football field, starting May 19th at 7:30. Children in grades 4, 5, and 6 will participate.

Also there will be fun and games for the "Older Kids," ages 15 through 65, with a challenge "Tug O' War" between teams representing the high school. Wheelbarrow relays, sack races and other contests are scheduled. These will

be capped off by the crowning of the "Undisputed Buffalo Chip Chunking Champion."

Gate admission will be charged and concession stands will be open. All proceeds will be reinvested in the schools immediately.

Coach Jerry McLeod and Staff will coordinate the Junior Races while the P. T. O. will handle the "Madness."

Any person, club, or group wishing to assist or enter in these events should contact Dale Hammond, Benny Melton, The Merkel Mail, Jerry McLeod or other members of the Merkel P. T. O.

Little League President Jimmy Earl Leverich has graciously agreed to reschedule games that night in order for his young chargers may participate.

## Merkel Little League To Sponsor Softball Game

The Merkel Little League is sponsoring another softball game for men and

women, Friday night. It cost \$1.00 to play. The women will play at 7:00

and the men will play immediately after the women's game.



These girls in Brownie Troop 109 have purchased with the due money they have been saving all year long, 2 fruitless mulberry trees and planted them at the Merkel Elementary School. Pictured on the bottom row from left to right are Ellen Rutledge, Camilla Bright, Richa Hill, Pam Neff, Lorena Pack, Christi Appleton, Glyn Ann Rutledge, Michelle Barnett. Top row left to right are Darla Swinney, Jill Pack, Judy Williams, Teresa Lucas, Bena White, Ella Eleby, Melinda Baker, Michelle Williams. The leaders for the group are Sarah Lucas, Beverley Wade, Judy Rutledge, LeVena Vaughn and Becki Pack.

No one under fourteen will be admitted on the field.

Everyone come out and have a good time while we help the Merkel Little League.

Saturday morning there will be a work day at the Little League field starting at 9 a.m. All interested parents, coaches, and citizens are invited to come out and help. Be sure to wear old clothes and bring your paint brushes.

### Tri City Baseball To Sponsor Volleyball Game

The Tri City Baseball League is sponsoring another volleyball tournament.

The Women's division will be May 2 and 3 starting at 7:00 p.m.

The Men's division will be May 4 and 5 starting at 7:00 p.m.

Proceeds will go to the investment of a chain link fence.

For more information, call Gary Hicks at 928-5166.

## Merkel Merchants Organize New Group

Tuesday, April 11, a group of Merkel merchants met at the Big Country Inn for a social gathering to become better acquainted. Following, was a discussion on how to better improve the business community. It was decided to form a group to work with the Chamber of Commerce to further promote business activity. As a first project the group is developing a list of businesses, clubs, churches, etc. available in Merkel to mail out to new citizens of Merkel and this area. The group has de-



## News and Thoughts

By Martha Sue Justice

Monday morning, I had the pleasure of talking with our new Merkel School Superintendent, Dr. Raymond Etheridge. Dr. Etheridge surprised me with his knowledge of fishing, guitar playing, singing, and just a general excellent sense of humor. In a very serious note, I will have to say, -- Merkel is very fortunate to have such an intelligent and highly educated man in our school system with an extra bonus--a man that can and will communicate with the people of Merkel and surrounding territory. Dr. Etheridge is convinced that the citizens in this area will be always informed as to school activities and is looking forward to a working, communicative relationship between the two. Congratulations to Dr. Etheridge for choosing Merkel - and congratulations to the Merkel Independent School District for choosing Dr. Etheridge.

Let us be content to solve our problems one by one, - asking nothing of tomorrow except "Thy Will Be Done."

KILLING A TOWN - From The Merkel Mail, Friday, April 29, 1921--A town that never has anything to do in a public way is on the way to the cemetery. Any citizen who will do nothing for the town is helping to dig the grave. A man who "cusses" the town furnishes the coffin. The man who is so selfish as to have no time from his business to give a share of his attention, to move men for town improvements is making the shroud. The man who will not advertise is driving the hearse. The man who is always pulling back from any public enterprise throws bouquets on the grave. The man who is so stingy as to be howling about hard times preaches the funeral and sings the doxology. And thus the town lies buried from all sorrow and care. -Downs (Kansas) News-

THE BROKEN SEE-SAW - People used to think that unemployment and inflation were a seesaw; when one went up, the other would have to come down. But the see-saw got broken in the early 1970's, along with a lot of other intellectual furniture. The past five years have demonstrated with brutal clarity that rapid inflation dampens business activity and actually creates unemployment. -Washington Post editorial

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY - God is your only judge and jury. Keep this in mind and it will always free you from man's falseness and fury. Let your thoughts rise above man's shallow judgments that are so empty of God's Goodness and Greatness.

PRAYER: God, give us wisdom to speak and wisdom not to speak. Help us always to be guided by You, so that our words can be spoken in love and acted in love. Let the peace of God rule in our hearts and rule our tongues. AMEN

The wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gently, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, without uncertainty or insincerity. And the harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace. - James 3:17-18

JUST KEEP ON SMILIN!



Dr. Raymond Etheridge

Dr. Raymond Etheridge proudly displays a beautiful stringer of fish he caught this past week. The large catfish on the left weighed 9 pounds. (Editor's Note: I just wonder if Dr. Etheridge used Frank Breaux's technique!)

## Merkel Volunteer Fire Dept. Elects Officers

Officers for the Merkel Volunteer Fire Department were elected at the monthly business meeting. The regular business was carried out and completed, and then officers were elected for 1978. They are as follows:

President - Mr. Jerry Horton, Vice President - Mr. Jackie Cannon, Secretary and Treasurer - Mr. Henry Brady, assistant Secretary and Treasurer - Mr. Donald Denman, Chief - Mr. Waymon Adcock, first assistant chief - Mr. Billy Lucas, second assistant chief - Mr. Robert Harris, Sargeant at Arms - Mr. Joe Swinney and Mr. Bart Whisenhant, Door Police - Mr. Roy Buchanan, Mr. Rex Martin, and

Mr. Ben Cox, truck no. 1, hose captain no. 1 - Mr. Donnie Cloyd, assistant no. 2 - Mr. Pat Pallarez, truck no. 1, hose captain no. 2 - Mr. Ray DeLaCruz, assistant no. 2 - Mr. Bart Whisenhant, truck no. 2, hose captain no. 1 - Mr. Jackie Cannon, assistant no. 2 - Mr. Donald Denman, truck no. 2, hose captain no. 2 - Mr. Donald Martin, assistant no. 2 - Mr. Mitch Atkinson, chaplain - Mr. Rex Martin, assistant chaplain - Mr. Henry Brady.

This completes the election of officers for your Merkel Volunteer Fire Department.

Secretary and Treasurer, Henry Brady

## Deadline For Scout Camp Signup

All Boy Scouts in the Chisholm Trail Council who have a \$5.00 deposit toward their summer camp fee paid by April 28 will receive a free Camp Tonkawa T-shirt.

Scout Executive Don Knecht said the fee must be in the Council Office by then in order to qualify. Scouts are urged to take this deposit to their next Troop meeting and at the same time to turn in their shirt size.

A Scoutmaster who has over 50 per cent of his registered membership to pay a deposit, also receives a T-shirt.

A Scout who is in a troop that is not attending Sum-

mer Camp may send his deposit and shirt size direct to the Council Service Center if he desires to go to camp with a PROVISIONAL TROOP, where the adult leadership will be provided by the Council.

**DEADLINE FOR TRANSFERING STUDENTS INTO THE MERKEL I.S.D. WILL BE MAY 1, 1978, FOR THE 1978-79 SCHOOL YEAR.**

**Troy Walters Promoted**

"Wherever there is a human being there is a chance for kindness."  
Seneca

The U.S. Air Force has promoted Troy D. Walters, whose parents are Mr. and Mrs. E.V. Walters of Rt. 2, Merkel, Tex., to the rank of staff sergeant. Sergeant Walters is serving at Cannon AFB, N.M., as an integrated avionics systems specialist. He is a graduate of Merkel High School. His wife, Wanda, is the daughter of W.E. Blair of 104 Manchester, Merkel.



A fish called the oarfish looks like a horse and has a streaming red mane.

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Charter number **7481** National Bank Region Number **11**

		Thousands of dollars
Statement of Resources and Liabilities		
ASSETS		
Cash and due from banks		4,385
U.S. Treasury securities		100
Obligations of other U.S. Gov't. agencies and corps		48
Obligations of States and political subdivisions		1,351
Other bonds, notes, and debentures		none
Federal Reserve stock and corporate stock		11
Trading account securities		none
Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell		100
Loans, Total (excluding unearned income)	8,753	
Less: Reserve for possible loan losses	49	
Loans, Net		8,704
Direct lease financing		none
Bank premises, furniture and fixtures, and other assets representing bank premises		95
Real estate owned other than bank premises		none
Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries and associated companies		none
Customers' liability to this bank on acceptances outstanding		none
Other assets		211
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>15,008</b>
LIABILITIES		
Demand deposits of individuals, prtshps., and corps		6,208
Time and savings deposits of individuals, prtshps., and corps		6,504
Deposits of United States Government		23
Deposits of States and political subdivisions		1,090
Deposits of foreign govts. and official institutions		none
Deposits of commercial banks		68
Certified and officers' checks		13,893
<b>TOTAL DOMESTIC DEPOSITS</b>		<b>13,893</b>
Total demand deposits	6,549	
Total time and savings deposits	7,244	
Total deposits in foreign offices		none
<b>TOTAL DEPOSITS IN DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN OFFICES</b>		<b>13,893</b>
Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase		none
Liabilities for borrowed money		none
Mortgage indebtedness and liability for capitalized leases		none
Acceptances executed by or for account of this bank and outstanding		none
Other liabilities		156
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES (excluding subordinated notes and debentures)</b>		<b>14,049</b>
Subordinated notes and debentures		none
Preferred stock No. shares outstanding	-0-	(par value)
Common stock a. No. shares authorized	66,000	
b. No. shares outstanding	66,000	(par value)
Surplus		165
Undivided profits		200
Reserve for contingencies and other capital reserves		394
<b>TOTAL EQUITY CAPITAL</b>		<b>200</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY CAPITAL</b>		<b>15,008</b>
MEMORANDA		
Average for 30 calendar days ending with report date:		
Cash and due from banks		2,366
Fed. funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell		1,835
Total loans		8,829
Time deposits of \$100,000 or more in domestic offices		820
Total deposits		13,707
Fed. funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase		none
Liabilities for borrowed money		none
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>14,793</b>
Standby letters of credit (outstanding as of report date)		none
Time certificates of deposit in denominations of \$100,000 or more (outstanding as of report date)		677
Other time deposits in amounts of \$100,000 or more (outstanding as of report date)		143

I, Betty Jane Tittle  
Name  
Vice-President-Cashier  
Title

of the above-named bank do hereby declare that this Report of Condition is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Betty Jane Tittle  
Signature  
April 11, 1978  
Date

We, the undersigned directors attest the correctness of this statement of resources and liabilities. We declare that it has been examined by us, and to the best of our knowledge and belief is true and correct.

Don W. Hensley  
Bob...  
...  
Directors

COFFEE 30¢  
1 REFILL

THEY WARNED ME THAT BEIN' A FARMER IF I VOTED FOR FORD I'D BE CUTTING MY OWN THROAT AN SURE ENOUGH, I WENT AHEAD AND VOTED FOR HIM AN I'VE BEEN GETTIN' MY THROAT CUT EVER SINCE!

DALE HAMMOND '78

**Mrs. Bessie Strey**

**Deaths and Funerals**

Mrs. Bessie Runkle Strey, 76, of Albany died at 9:30 p.m. Saturday at her home in Albany of an apparent heart attack. Services were held at 4:30 p.m. Monday in First Baptist Church in Albany. The Rev. Dewey Lamb, pastor, officiated. Burial was in Albany Cemetery, directed by Godfrey Funeral Home.

Born Bessie Reece July 26, 1901 in Gustine, she had lived in Albany for 55 years. She married Fred Runkle May 14, 1922 in Gustine. He died in 1962. She married Alvin Strey in 1970. She was retired school teacher and former assistant manager of the Eastern Star Home in Arlington. She was a past worthy matron of the Order of the Eastern Star. She was member of the

Bluebonnet Study Club and the Retired Teacher's Association. She was a receptionist for Dr. L.S. Key for 10 years. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Albany. She attended CIA College in Denton (now TWU).

Survivors include her husband; two daughters, Mrs. Bob Kennedy Kelly of Hughes Springs and Kathryn Perkins of Gonzales; three brothers, Lloyd Reece and Floyd Reece, both of Dallas, and R.D. Reece of Midland; three sisters, Lorene Beard of Merkel, Cleo Reece of Midland and Monty Criswell of Petersburg; two granddaughters, Elizabeth Shankle and Kathryn Bland; and two great-grandsons, Jed Z. Shankle and Tom Shankle. Pallbearers were Paul

Jennings, Lynn Brown, Mike and Terry Criswell, Jerry Goode, Billy Goode, and Kenneth Jordan.

A teacher in Berea, Ohio, suggested that the children in her class take some TV phrases from the commercials and see if they could make them applicable to God. They may suffer a bit from the hard-sell techniques, but the sentiments are genuine as the faith of a child.

God is like - Bayer Aspirin, He works wonders.  
God is like - Ford, He's got a better idea.  
God is like - Dial Soap, He gives you 'round the clock protection.  
God is like - Pan Am, He makes the going great.  
God is like - Coke, He's the real thing.  
God is like - Scope, He makes you feel fresh.  
God is like - G.E. bulbs, He lights our path.  
God is like - Ohio Bell, There's more to Him than meets the ear.

And how's this for a climax:

God is like - Hallmark Cards, He cared enough to send the very best!

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Morning Services 11 A.M.  
Prayer Meeting 6:15  
Evening Services 7:00

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**Basketball Camp June 5-9**

SNYDER-The fourth annual girls' basketball camp will be held at Western Texas College from June 5-9. Dr. Sid Simpson, WTC Athletic Director and women's coach, has announced. Simpson will serve as director of the camp, with Gay Benson, women's basketball coach at Texas Tech University, as associate director. Assistants will include Marilyn Payton and Karen Arp, former WTC Duster squad members now at Tech, and Karen Williams and Cindy Luttrull from the current Duster squad. Miss Luttrull was named to the National Junior College Athletic Association All-America basketball team this year, and set new records in seven categories.

ries for WTC during her two-year career. The camp is designed for elementary and junior high students. Instruction emphasizes such fundamentals as rebounding, passing, shooting, dribbling and defense. Afternoon and evening hours feature intra-camp games, swimming, individual contests, basketball films and varied recreational activities. The camp will conclude with the presentation of awards for individual achievement and demonstrations of skills on Friday night (June 9). Fees for the camp are \$95 per person, which includes all instruction, lodging, meals, awards, insurance and a special camp T-shirt.

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TISSUE  
4 ROLL PKG 79c

TROPHY SLICED 10 OZ  
Strawberries 3/ \$1 00

BEEF  
SHORT RIBS LB 69c

CLEANSER  
AJAX  
REG SIZE 29c

KEITH LEMONADE 5/ \$1 00

TOP  
ROUND STEAK LB \$1 79

JOY  
LIQUID  
KING SIZE \$1 09

Cream of the Crop  
**PRODUCE**

END CUT  
ROUND STEAK LB \$1 49

GAIN  
KING SIZE \$1 98

LEMONS 3/ 25c

LIPTON INSTANT TEA 30Z \$1 79

NABISCO PREMIUM SALTINES 1 LB BOX 59c

JELLO 3 OZ PKG 2/ 35c

NABISCO VANILLA WAFERS 12 OZ 59c

STARKIST TUNA FLAT CAN 79c

BORDEN INSTANT POTATOES 16 OZ 79c

STRAWBERRY PRESERVES BAMA 18 OZ 79c

PIONEER BISCUIT MIX 2 LB 79c

GLADE SOLIDS AIR FRESHNER 6 OZ 39c

CABBAGE LB 10c

CHERRY TOMATOES PT 39c

YELLOW ONIONS LB 19c

RUSSET POTATOES 79c

CORN GREEN GIANT NIBLETS W.K. 12 OZ 29c

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KRAFT MIRACLE WHIP QT \$1 09

CARROTS DELMONTE SLICED 303 CAN 29c

WESSON OIL 48 OZ \$1 79

SPINACH DEL MONTE 303 CAN 2/ 59c

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5-TFC  
LAND FOR SALE? Call Collect-Bill Largent, Farm and Ranch Mgr. at Frances McClure Inc., Realtors 3157 South 27th, Abilene. 698-3211, Night 698-2375.

46-tfc  
HOUSE FOR SALE IN TRENT: 2200 Square Feet With Double Garage, 2 baths, 3 bedrooms, kitchen, dining, living, den with fireplace and utility. Plenty of room. Contact Ronnie Freeman, 862-2081.

9-2TP  
**GARAGE SALE**  
GARAGE SALE: One block east of Baptist Church in Trent. All day Saturday.

9-1TP  
GARAGE SALE: Saturday, April 22 from 8 til 3 and Sunday from 3-5. Hideabed, recliner, TV, and miscellaneous articles. FM 126, 1/2 mile north of Merkel. Don Hart.

9-1TC  
GARAGE SALE: 3 Family Garage Sale at 1518 Heath, Thursday and Friday, 9 til 6.

9-1TP  
**LOST & FOUND**  
LOST: One gold initial man's ring with simulated diamonds. Sentimental value. REWARD. Call 928-5871.

9-1TC

**MISCELLANEOUS**

STUD SERVICE: Young brown stud subject to register. Sire is "Toters Pistols". Dam is "Jiggs Dance". Now open \$50 stud fee. Elley Frazier, Merkel, 846-4337.

9-2TC

**HELP WANTED**

HELP WANTED: Motel Maid, Call to apply at 928-4923.

9-TFC

WANTED: Full-time custodian for the Merkel Schools \$2.85 per hour. Apply at the Superintendent's office, Merkel High School building.

1-TFC  
HELP WANTED: Relief help for laundry and housekeeper. Applications now being taken for experienced nurses aid. Apply in person at the Starr Nursing Home.

1-TFC  
HELP WANTED: Part time waitress. Call 928-4923 after 2, 928-4868 during morning.

5-TFC  
NEED a twelve year-old babysitter? If you do, call 928-5220 or come by 807 Rose Street in Merkel.

2-TFC  
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9-1TP

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9-4TP

**CARD OF THANKS**

This is to thank all Merkel people for the wonderful things they have done for me while I was in the hospital and since I came home. All the cards, letters, prayers, flowers, and food and all the favors. Merkel is made up of the best people in the world.  
Mona Faye Bartlett

9-1TP

WE WOULD like to thank everyone for the cards, flowers, and prayers during the hospitalization and death of my father, James Bowie Allison.  
The John Allison Family

9-1TP

9-1TC

It has been estimated that 103 million Americans swim.

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9-1TC  
WANTED: Wheat or Oak Straw. Call 928-4997 or 928-5712.

9-TFCNC

**LOST**

LOST: REWARD - Tiny Silver Deer on chain necklace. Lost in the auditorium the night of pageant or in that vicinity. Call 928-5571.

9-1TC

SENIOR CITIZENS SCHEDULE  
1st Monday night singing  
2nd Tuesday Luncheon  
4 Monday night games  
5th Thursday night supper  
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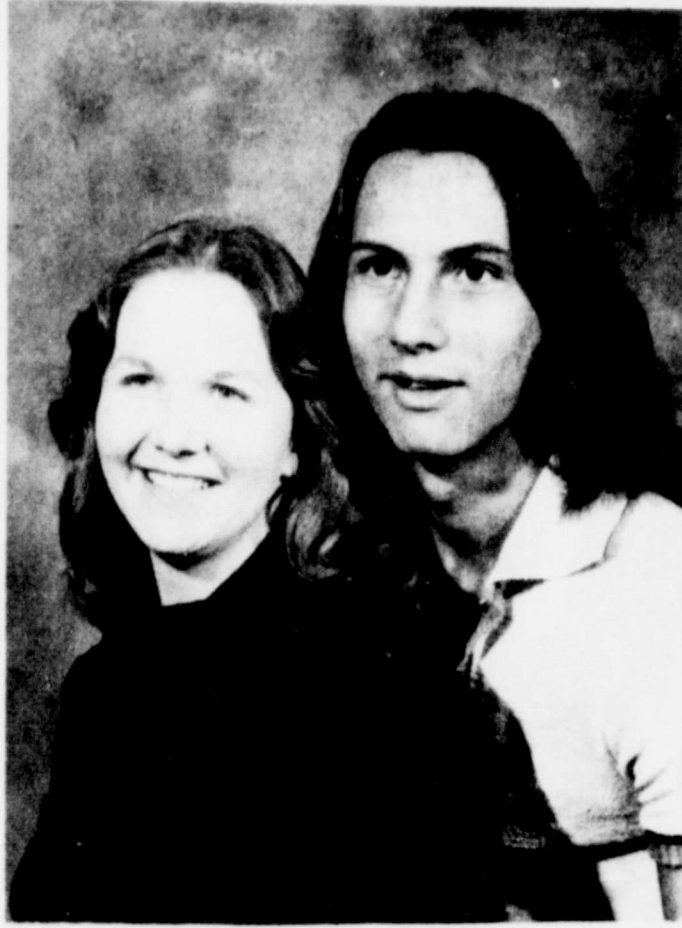
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### Girls in Action Plan Parents Day

The Girls in Action and the Acteens, sponsored by the First Baptist Church in Trent, are planning a Parents Day. It will be May 13th, at Sweetwater Lake. The activities will begin at 2:00 with swimming for the children and dominoes for the parents.

At 3:30 parent-daughter races begin. There will also be a 3-legged race (tow-sack race), piggy back race, some relays and a tug-of-war. Supper will be served followed by a watermelon eating contest, and a program presented by the G. A.'s and the Acteens. Jim Lawless, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Trent will also be speaking.

We ask that children come only "with" parents. Please do not send your children. This outing is planned especially for your family. Plan to come and join the fun!



BEAUTY PAGEANT WINNERS ARE Candice Henslee, Shelia Adair, Sharryl Luckey, Sara Jane Allsup, and Kelli Foster.

### Golf Camp June 18-25

SNYDER-Western Texas College will host its first annual boys' golf camp from June 18-25. Boys from 11-18 years of

age are eligible to attend. Bob O'Day, WTC golf coach and camp director, said. Campers will receive both individual and group instruction. Teaching will emphasize the fundamentals of the golf swing, and players will have playing lessons on the 9-hole WTC course and use of the driving range and putting green. Instructors for the camp in addition to O'Day will include Jerry Fairley of Lubbock, Jim Harlow of Abilene, Keith McCutchin of San Angelo, Bob Young of Midland, A.B. Keith of Kerville, Maxie Boles of Alexander City, Ala., and Jerry Taylor of Phoenix, Ariz. Six counselors and a recreation director will complete the staff. Campers will stay in the

air-conditioned college dormitories and have their meals in the Student Center cafeteria. Recreational facilities available on the campus include the indoor swimming pool and other features of the gym, tennis courts, the Student Center game room and the TV lounge.

A maximum enrollment of 64 boys will be accepted, O'Day said. Fees will be \$225, which includes instruction, meals, lodging, insurance, awards and a special T-shirt and cap. Application forms and other information about the camp may be obtained by writing O'Day at WTC or calling the WTC pro shop at AC 915-5739291.



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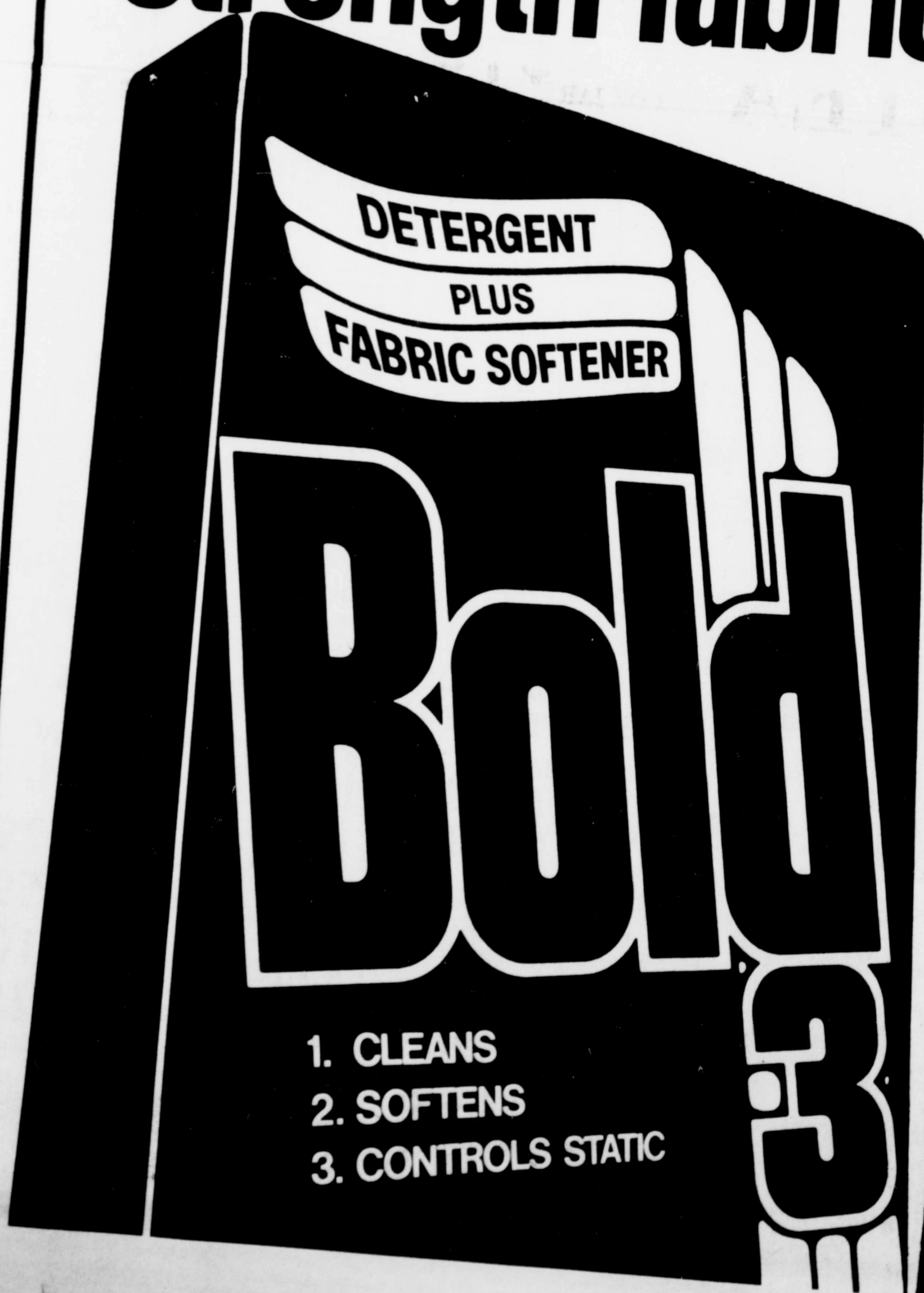
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By Dale Hammond

It didn't take the "old timers" long to point out to me an error I made in last week's article, about the old White Church settlement. I misquoted Mabel Scott and called the Reverend Norris, Reverend North. This goes to show that our good friends, neighbors, and relatives out in the Canyon have sharper memories than I do a pencil. Also Mrs. A. L. Moore let me know that I was a misguided fool to think that the great community of Blair was extinct. My apologies to one and all. Since my great granddad named Blair (so I've always been told) and my great, great, grandpaw is buried at White Church, I'd like to keep it straight.

The main thing to remember is a lot of hard work and preparation is underway for the Centennial Celebration of the White Church Community. One of the coordinators of this project is Mrs. A. D. Scott of Mulberry Canyon. She can direct you to other people involved in this project, should you want to assist.

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### Tom Luna Retires



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Kent Satterwhite presenting Tom Luna with his final paycheck from the City of Merkel as he is retiring after 9 years of service.

### Merkel School Board Meeting Held

The Merkel School Board met Monday night, April 18 in the Middle School Library. After the call to order and recognition of members and guests, the board discussed and approved the payment of bills. The disposition of Tye sixth grade was postponed to a later date.

The next item on the agenda was the discussion of insurance, architects report, and housing for the next school year. The only decision made was to not accept the insurance settlement of \$168,000 and to renegotiate with the insurance company. Also, the superintendent will review

the housing prospects for next year and report later to the board.

The next item was the disposition of Taylor-Callahan Education Co-Op. The board agreed to give permission to the superintendent to negotiate with Leon Walker and the Regional Service Center in Abilene about the prospects of moving the bookkeeping of Taylor-Callahan Education Co-Op from Merkel High School to the Service Center. A report is expected in the next school board meetings.

The school board had a short break and then called an executive ses-

sion to discuss personnel. A two year contract was then offered to Head Coach Jerry McLeod. The meeting was then adjourned.

### MIDWEST SNOW JOB

A "snow job" usually means something without much truth or substance. Such was not the case when Army Reservists did a snow job this winter in the blizzard-bound Midwest during the area's worst storm of the century.

Nearly 1,200 of these citizen-soldiers volunteered their services in a massive snow emergency effort in Ohio, Indiana and Michigan, declared disaster areas by President Carter. The Reservists manned bulldozers and other heavy equipment, provided by their engineer units, to assist in snow clearance. Other Reserve volunteers flew their helicopters to help in rescue operations in weather that would keep most normal aircraft on the ground.

Among those isolated by the storm were many elderly people who were reached with food supplies and fuel. In some areas, large scale evacuation operations took place, with Reserve personnel and equipment pitching in to lend helping hands.

It doesn't take a blizzard, however, to demonstrate the Reservists' willingness to help their neighbors in time of need. Throughout the year, community service plays an important role in the peacetime training of the more than 3,000 Army Reserve units across the country.

Less dramatic perhaps than the relief operations described here, but just as effective, are the year-round projects the units engage in to make their communities better places in which to live.

Community service may take the form of turning a litter-riddled vacant lot into a playground for underprivileged children.

## Patricia Elliott Believes District Attorney's Office Must Provide Three Qualities

In her five continuous years of service in the Criminal District Attorney's Office for Taylor and Callahan Counties, Pat Elliott saw that one of the most striking needs for the public is the speedy disposition of cases. Believing that the victims of crime are entitled to their day in court, at the earliest possible time, Pat Elliott, when elected, will make the speedy adjudication of cases a top priority.

A native Texan, Pat Elliott has lived in Abilene for 22 years. After graduating from Cooper High School, she received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Government from Southern Methodist University. After receiving her Doctor of Jurisprudence degree from the University of Texas School of Law, where she was an Associate Editor of the Texas Law Review, Pat was admitted to the practice of law before the Texas Supreme Court in 1971. In 1972, she became an Assistant Criminal District Attorney for Taylor, Callahan and Jones Counties. In 1977, Jones County was removed from this district. In 1974, then Criminal District Attorney Ed Paynter promoted her to the position of First Assistant, in which capacity she served until January, 1978, when she resigned to seek the Democratic nomination for Criminal District Attorney. During her tenure as an assistant, Pat had, at one time or another, direct responsibility for almost every aspect of the office.

Pat is married to Jim Smart, also a former assistant criminal District Attorney, now in private practice with the firm of Fergus and Smart in Abilene. Both are amateur rockhounds. Her other interests include cooking, gardening, needlework, and fishing. Pat is a member of the Texas Bar Association; the Family

Law and Criminal Law sections of the State Bar; the Abilene Bar Association; the Abilene Young Lawyers Association, of which she is a former Director; the Texas District and County Attorneys Association; and the Central Texas Gem and Mineral Society. She is also a member of the Advisory Board of the Abilene Rape Crisis Center, having served on its planning committee. As a result of her experience and responsibilities in the District Attorney's Office involving children, Pat has been a frequent panel member at seminars dealing with child abuse and has taught Juvenile Justice for the West Central Texas Council of Governments.

Pat Elliott believes that the District Attorney must provide three qualities: Leadership... Organization ... and Presence. Having spent over five years

developing a thorough knowledge of the mechanics, responsibilities, and needs of the office, she feels that she can provide these qualities and serve

as an advocate for the public and the victims of crime. Pat Elliott wants to give the people of Callahan County active, efficient, organized prosecution.

Pd. Pol. Adv., Pat Elliott Campaign Fund, Billy John Edwards, Treas., P.O. Box 208, Abilene, Texas 79604.

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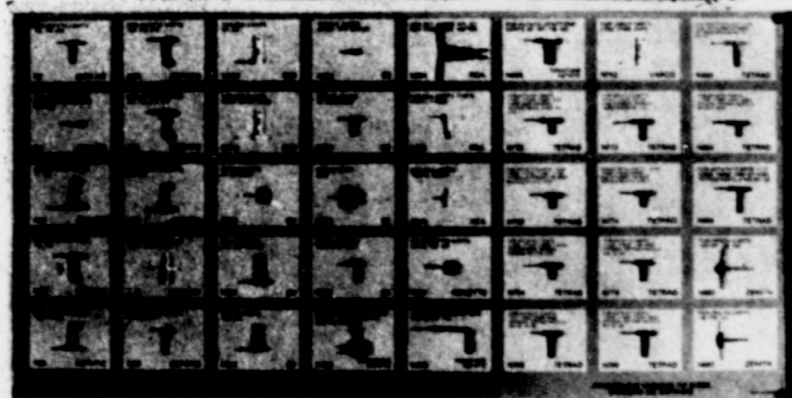
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### Roper - Harman Exchange Vows

Pamela Sue Roper of Andrew Texas, and Ensign Charles Robert Harman of Newport Rhode Island were married at 6 o'clock p.m. in a double ring ceremony April 7, 1978 in the Texas A & M University Chapel. Col. Logan Weston (TAMU chaplain) officiated. Parents of the bride are Mr. & Mrs. Afton I. Roper of Andrews, Texas and the bridegrooms parents are Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Harman of Richmond, Texas.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a traditional gown of white silkline and beaded

Chantilly lace was designed in the 19th century motif featuring highlace collar & molded body of chantilly lace. The tapered sleeves of silkline are caught at the wrist by tiny covered buttons. Inserts of the beaded Chantilly lace surmounted the deep Victorian skirt flounce that sweeps into a chapel length train. The bride wore a English campaign style hat completely covered in lace with a net veil. The net veil and brim were caught up by white silk roses and azaleas. The bridal bouquet was a cascade of yellow roses with baby's breath.

The bride and groom returned down the aisle under an arch of sabers presented by members of the Texas A&M Corps of Cadets.

Maid of Honor was Janie Roper (sister of bride) of College Station. Bridesmaids were Betsy Estes of College Station and Sylvia Gongorra of College Station. Christy Smith of Richmond, Texas was the flower girl.

Best Man was John Harman (brother of groom) of Richmond. Jeff Weston of Sulphur Springs, Texas was ring bearer.

Groomsmen were Don Roper (brother of bride) of Weslaco, Texas, Donny Lindstrom of Houston, Texas, Gereald Thompson of College Station and Elliott Noach of Richmond, Texas.

Wedding music was provided by organist, Nola Ann Boyd of Jal New Mexico and solist was Mrs. Pete Smith of Richmond, Texas.

Ushers were Ted Doerr of Houston, Jim C. Lornell of Monroe Louisiana, and Wyman Hopkins of Richmond.

The reception was held at the Texas A&M university Memorial Student with a traditional multi-tiered white cake. Tables were done in white and yellow.

The couple will reside in Norfolk, Virginia after a wedding trip to Durango, Colorado and Knoxville, Tennessee.

### SCS Will Appraise Soil, Water, and Related Resources

A new leaflet explaining the Resources Conservation Act of 1977 and the public's role in its implementation is now available at offices of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Soil Conservation Service.

Under the new law, SCS will appraise the nation's soil, water, and related resources; develop a comprehensive 5-year strategy to guide conservation efforts; and evaluate the effectiveness of ongoing conservation programs. SCS will carry out the work in cooperation with appropriate citizen groups; conservation districts; and other federal, state, and local agencies. The appraisal and program will be completed by the end of 1979 and updated every 5 years.

#### INSERTS FOR HOMEOWNERS

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Copies of the leaflet "Your Role In Conservation's Future" may be obtained by calling 6777862 or coming by the Abilene Field office.

"The Middle Clear Fork Soil and Water Conserva-

tion District and the Soil Conservation Service will co-sponsor a workshop or open meeting about this legislation in the future," Kenneth Cash, SCS district conservationist, said, "and it would be helpful to read the leaflet before the meeting."

Cash said that public participation is a built-in feature of the Resources Conservation Act, and suggestions are welcome at any time.

#### Goodman Home Demonstration Club News

Goodman Home Demonstration Club met April 14 in the home of Mrs. Dan Butler. The meeting was called to order by the vice president, Mrs. Don Butler in absence of the president. Roll call was answered by the nine members "What favorite food they like to can or freeze." Recreation was by Mrs. Vivian Winter.

Business: Plans were made to put in a quilt April 24th in the home of Mrs. Vivian Winter. Mrs. Garland Price and Mrs.

Frank Carter will attend council meeting in Anson the 19th of April. The program was "Ten Easy Lessons on Canning and Freezing." It was given by Mrs. Dennis Butler.

The next club meeting will be in the home of Mr. Frank Carter on April 28. The program will be "Be Safe at Home."

All club meetings are opened to all, irrespective of race, color, national origin, or economic circumstance.

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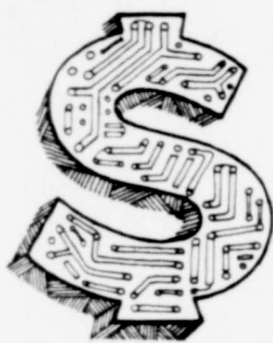
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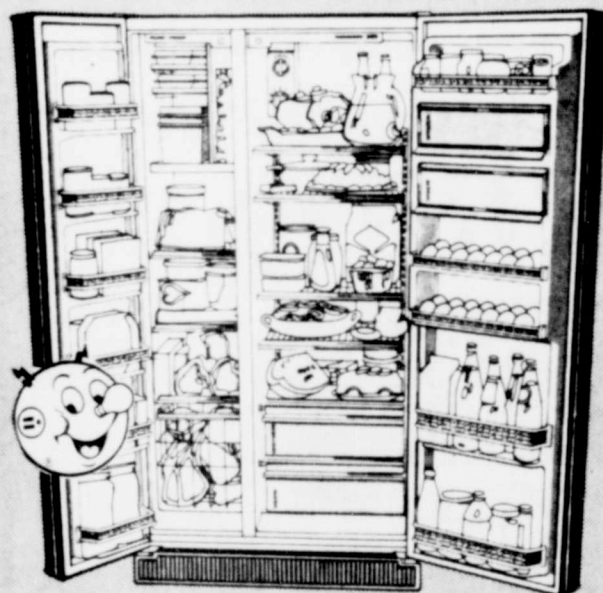
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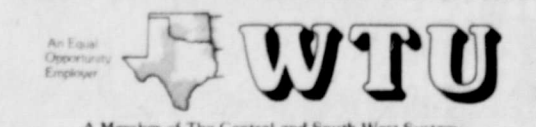
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# Merkel T Shirt League Team Roster

The Merkel T-Shirt League team rosters for 1978 are as follows:

**YANKEES** - Coach - Rodney Cosper. Jackie Swinney, John Paul Dudley, Henry Howk, Steven Ross, Shawn Ingram, Brian Cosper, Chad Way, Chad Beene, Todd Smith, David Ray, Keith Reagan, Shane Reagan.

**BRAVES** - Coach - Garland Childers, Manager - Billy Riley. Lance Autry, Marshall Gill, Jarrett Ely, Billy Ray Riley, Maury Oler, Carl Laurence, Joe Alvarez, Shane Lancaster, Chris Sanders, Stephen Paul Schultz, Davy DeLeon, John Ybarra, and Jaime Mendez.

**MUSTANGS** - Coach - Betty Coker, Manager - Kathy Leverich. Douglas Clemmer, Mike Carriker, Kyle Coker, David Conatser, Brian Massey, Lynn Hays, Lee Leverich, Ramon Moreno, Jerry Venson, Scott O'Kelly Chris Shugart, and Jimmy Langford.

**EAGLES** - Coach - Connie Mack Seymore. Brad Cochran, Kevin Roberts, Stan Creed, Ricky Hernandez, Philip Seymore, Wade Toombs, Bobby Williams, Tony Duran, Kenneth Jowers, Robert McFadden, Ted Seymore, and Kelly Russell.

The T-Shirt League schedule is as follows:

Monday, May 8, Yankees vs Braves, Mustangs vs Eagles.

Saturday, May 13, Eagles vs Braves, Yankees vs Mustangs.

Monday, May 15, Mustangs vs Braves, Eagles vs Yankees.

Friday, May 19, Eagles vs Mustangs, Braves vs Yankees.

Monday, May 22, Braves

vs Eagles, Mustangs vs Yankees.

Saturday, May 27, Braves vs Mustangs, Yankees vs Eagles.

Monday, May 29, Mustangs vs Eagles, Yankees vs Braves.

Saturday, June 3, Yankees vs Mustangs, Eagles vs Braves.

Monday, June 5, Eagles vs Yankees, Mustangs vs Braves.

Saturday, June 10, Braves vs Yankees, Eagles vs Mustangs.

## Fortnightly Study Club Meets

Fortnightly Study Club of Merkel met in regular meeting Tuesday, April 11, 1978 at the home of Mrs. Aaron Sudderth, Hostess. As per custom, delicious refreshments were served as members arrived, for a little social hour.

Mrs. Carl Hughes, President, conducted a short business meeting and reported on District Meeting of Study Clubs held at Stamford. Other members attending and reporting on benefits of this District Meeting were Mrs. Andy Shouse and Mary Collins.

The program consisted of talk concerning the subject "Bring Back the Story Hour" by Mary Collins and "Fairy Tales are More Than Fun" by Mrs. C.B. Knight. Mrs. Comer Haynes read a poem entitled "The Children's Hour" written by Henry W. Longfellow.

The following members were present: Messrs. Allen Forbis, Peck Eager, Edd Sandusky, Earl Hughes, Carl Hughes, Johnny Hammond, Johnny Cox, Andy Shouse, C.B.

First team listed for each game is Home Team and will occupy the west dugout. First game starts at 6:00. No inning will start after 7:45. Second game starts at 8:00. No inning will start after 9:45.

The game on Friday, May 19, was scheduled on that night because of the Junior Track Meet for 4th, 5th, and 6th grades on that night. A Little League game will be played Saturday night May 20th.

Knight, Aaron Sudderth, S.C. Dixon, Comer Haynes, Mack Fisher, Misses Mary Collins and Mildred Hamm.

## Sr. Citizens 6th Anniversary Celebration

More than 100 people registered at the Senior Citizens building Sunday. Out of town guests were from Abilene and Fort Worth.

Mrs. J.S. Pinkley was cited as the oldest member. Matt Shell of Georgetown and Cadmus Irl Brown of Liberty Hill were cited as the youngest guests on the register.

The following program was enjoyed by all present. Songs by Pat Cypert family, Joyce Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Butler and Martha Allison, with Mae Seago and Annette Clark as pianists. Reading was by Fae Brown. An outstanding talk was given by Rev. J.W. Lawless of Trent. Our thanks go to David Gamble, Ester Carson, and Pug and Leo's Restaurant for their help. A special thanks goes to the Rev. N.S. Daniels family for the beautiful hand-painted picture.

## World War I Vets Meet

The Merkel-Trent Barracks 2248 to the Veterans of World War I and Their auxiliary were hosts for the 17th District meeting Saturday, April 15 at the Taylor Electric Co-O p building.

After an hour of registration and fellowship, the meeting was called to order at 10 a.m. by Karl Bonneaux, Barracks Commander, and Jewell Criswell, Auxiliary president.

Invocation was given by A.L. Loday, District Chaplain of Mineral Wells. Salute to the flag was led by George Loden of Stephenville, past district commander. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Maggie Renfro, Americanism chairwoman of the Ladies Auxiliary.

Welcome address was by Dee Polaud, senior vice commander, Barracks 2248. He was also the oldest veteran present at age 90. Response was given by Tom Roberts, Commander 1667 Barracks, Abilene. Introduction of district officers and other distinguished was by Albert Haile, Abilene District Commander. Introduction of District Auxiliary officers and distinguished guests was by Billie Canter, Abilene, District president.

An address was given by Department of Texas Commander, Travis Gafford of District 3, Quitman. The main address was brought by Scott Bailey, County Judge of Eastland, Veterans Service News was brought by service officer Jack Townsley, from the Veterans Service Office in Abilene.

17th District Chaplain A.L. Lodal brought the Mens Memorial Prayer and 17th District Chaplain, Billie Hartley brought the Auxiliary Memorial Prayer.

After a delicious meal catered by Pug and Leo's, all met in separate business meetings.

The Auxiliary meeting was called to order by Billie Canter, District president. Conductress and chaplain attended at the altar. The opening prayer was given by Billie Hartley. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Anna Kay Haile of Abilene, Patriotic Instructor. After the secretary report and other business, the closing prayer was given and the

Bible closed. Sixty-three people registered from Abilene, Mineral Wells, Sweetwater, Stephenville, Ranger, Big Springs, Quitman, Eastland and Merkel. Those from Merkel were Mr. and Mrs. Dent Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. Karl Bonneaux, Mr. and Mrs. Dee Polaud, Mr. and Mrs. E.O. Harwell, Mrs. Vallie McLauren, Mrs. Jewelle Criswell, Mrs. Faye Brown, Mrs. Ruth Cox, Dewie Fleming, Maggie Renfro, Ruth Baze, Mary Mosier, Frances Carev, Billie Hartley, Miss. Mabel Reece.

## Stith H.D. Club News

The Stith Home Demonstration Club met April 12 at the Community Center.

We had an all day workshop. We worked in the morning piecing a quilt top. At noon we had a covered dish luncheon. There were 9 women and one guest, Roy Mashburn, who had lunch with us. After lunch we had our regular meeting.

Vada Hudson called the meeting to order. Daisy Mashburn brought our devotion and directed our recreation. Margaret Dickerson led our prayer. Roll call was answered with, "My favorite summer drink."

A motion was made and seconded to give \$10 to the Community Fund in memory of Mrs. Buelah Bradley, a long time club member.

Our program was on "Drying Foods" given by Mrs. Vada Hudson and Mrs. Daisy Mashburn.

After the program adjourned the members returned to piecing the quilt.

Those attending were Margaret Dickerson, Louise Hudson, Mae Jones, Rheta Fay McLean, Hazel Lay, Vada Hudson, Daisy Mashburn, Yvonne Sloan, and a visitor, Miss Maureen White.

## Visits & Visitors

Mrs. Raymond DeMere of Wichita Falls and her nephew, Howard DeMere of Saint Louis, Missouri, were recent visitors in the home of Mrs. Allen D. King and other relatives and friends in the Merkel area.

Weed-end guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brnovak were Mr. & Mrs. Joe Parnell of Tyler, Texas, Mr. & Mrs. Marron Stanberry of Tipton, Texas, Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Waley of Austin, Texas.

Frank, Joe, Marion & Dennis all served in the 602 Tank Destroyer Bn. during World War II in the European theater. They reminisced the four years they served together. Joe Parnell and wife furnished special music at Pioneer Memorial United Methodist Church Sunday Morning.

## Open House

The public is cordially invited to the open house of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin McPherson, 1504 Sunset, Sunday, April 23rd from 2 til 4 p.m. No gifts please.

## Girl's Track Team Results

This past Friday, the varsity girls track team went to Ballinger to compete in the 6AA District Meet. Amy McCoy qualified for regional in the 80 yd low hurdles with a second place win with the time of 11.9. Amy also placed 3rd in the long jump with 16'3 1/2", 5th in the triple jump with 31', and 6th in the 440 sprint relay with 55.6 seconds which included Judy Castille, Kay Amerine, and Linda Wilson. Also placing was Norma Frazier who was 4th in the shot put with a throw of 30'1". Cindy Boone placed 4th in high jump with a jump of

4'8". Pam Crenshaw placed 3rd in discus with a throw of 94'7 1/2". Kandi Ascencio placed 5th in the 880 yd dash with a time of 2:45.6. Gayle Reed placed 6th in the 220 yd dash with the time of 28.01. Lisa Shugart placed 5th in the 80 yd low hurdles with a time of 13.01. The mile relay which included Gina Farmer, Judy Castille, Kandi Ascencio, and Linda Wilson placed 4th with the time of 4:50. As a team, the girls placed 5th in the meet with 45 points. Good luck to Amy McCoy as she travels to the Regional meet in Lubbock, Friday, April 21.

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Compere H.D. Club News

Drying foods was the theme of the program given by Mrs. Ab Hunter and Mrs. Clayton Dillard at the Compere Club meeting in the home of Mrs. David Chancy on April 13. Roll call was answered with "A favorite summer drink."

The club welcomed Mrs. Wilson Williams as a new member.

Those attending the meeting were Mesdames: Don Adair, Keevey Ramsey, Hugh Taylor, Ab Hunter, Clyde Chancy, Clayton Dillard, Hazel Spurgin, Wilson Williams, Arthur Crumpler, Laura Bishop, and the hostess Mrs. David Chancy.

Compere Club meetings are open to anyone who wishes to attend.

We at First Assembly of God would like to take this opportunity to welcome to Merkel the Pentecostal Church of God. We pray God's richest blessings upon them and pray for a harvest of souls.

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Results of the different events are as follows:

### BARRELS

8 and Under  
1st - Candice Henslee; 2nd - Bridgett Vaughn.

9 thru 12  
1st - Dayna Pursley; 2nd - Mike Dokey; 3rd - Brooks Boyd.

13-16  
1st - Eddie Sparks; 2nd - Leslie Masonheimer; 3rd - Rodney Carroll; 4th - Vickie Campbell; 5th - Lisa Dokey.

18-Over  
1st - Pattie Shotwell; 2nd - Jarrett Pinckley; 3rd - Penny Hatfield; 4th - Charlie Hatfield; 5th - Shirley Morgan.

### FLAGS

8 and Under  
1st - Denice Pursley; 2nd - Candice Henslee; 3rd - Russell Morgan; 4th - Bridgett Vaughn.

9-12  
1st - Dayna Pursley; 2nd - Brooks Boyd; 3rd - Kerri Kennedy.

13-17  
1st - Leslie Masonheimer; 2nd - Rodney Carroll; 3rd - Vickie Campbell; 4th - Dayna Russell; 5th - Lisa Dokey.

18-Over  
1st - Pattie Shotwell; 2nd - Levenia Vaughn; 3rd - Shirley Morgan; 4th - Tresa Patton; 5th - Karla Mashburn.

POLES  
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18-Over  
1st - Patti Shotwell; 2nd - Barbara Whisenhunt; 3rd - Charlie Hatfield; 4th - Shirley Morgan; 5th - Penny Hatfield.

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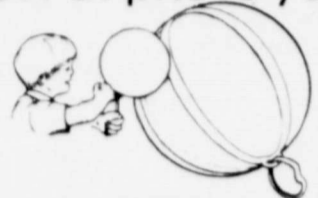
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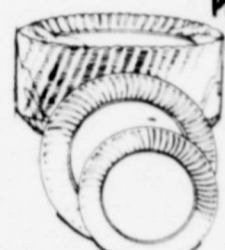
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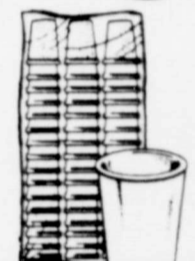
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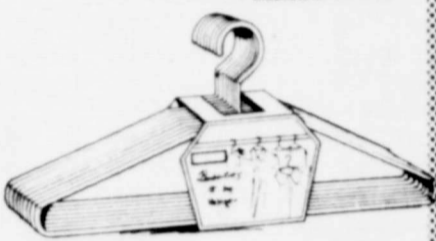
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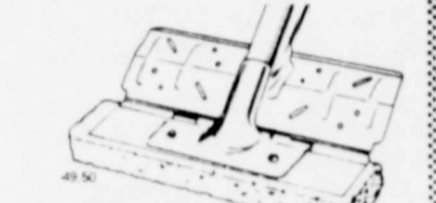
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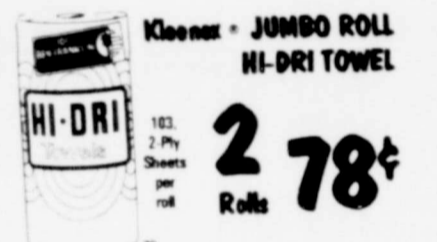
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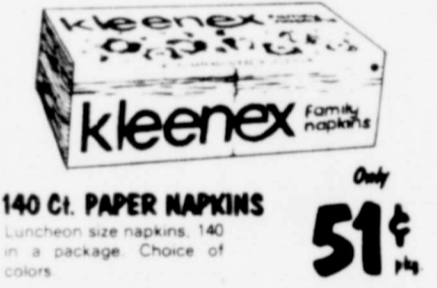
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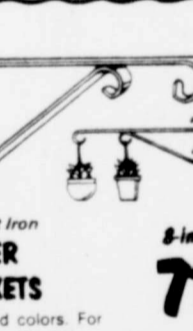


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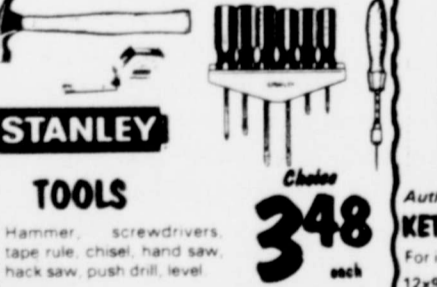
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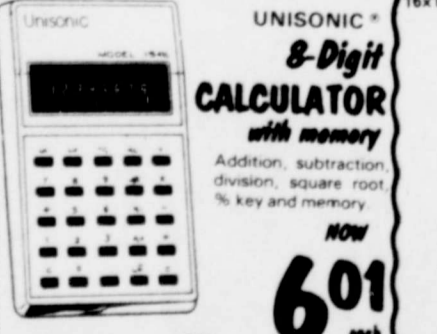
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