

# The Merkel Mail

Thursday, May 16, 1985 ...Merkel, Texas

Our 97th Year



A live oak is lowered into place Wednesday at the new City Park on the Northside. Fifteen Live Oaks and 10 Red Oaks were planted. The park is being funded by a cooperative grant from the State Parks & Wildlife Department and the HUD program. Staff photo

## Trung Tran is valedictorian, Shelly Sherrill is salutatorian ceremonies are Friday

Merkel High School will be holding Commencement ceremonies for the graduating class of 1985 at Badger Stadium at 8 p.m. Friday.

The school has also announced the Valedictorian and Salutatorian of the Class of 1985.

Trung Dinh Tran, son of Dr. & Mrs. Thuy D. Tran of Merkel is the Valedictorian. Shelly Dawn Sherrill, daughter of Mrs. Dawn Shipley of Merkel, is the Salutatorian.

Trung was born in Saigon, Vietnam and his family immigrated to the United States in 1975. They moved to Merkel in October of 1978.

During his freshman year he was first chair clarinet in the band, and also participated in UIL Literary events, tennis, basketball and track.

As a sophomore, he was first chair clarinet. Bandsman of the Week and participated in the State UIL Band Marching Contest; participated in UIL Literary events, as well as tennis, basketball and track.

His junior year he was first chair clarinet, a member of the National Honor Society, participated in UIL number sense and

calculator competitions, was a member of the Merkel team in the Super Brain Bowl, was named to Who's Who Among American High School Students and played tennis.

During his senior year, Trung was first chair clarinet in the band, the President of the National Honor Society, a member of the Student Council, a Student of the Month, participated in UIL Literary and science events, was on the Academic Decathlon team, went to the regional tournament in tennis and was again named to Who's Who.

Trung plans to attend the University of Texas at Austin majoring in Premed-Biology. He then plans to attend Medical School to study Orthopedic Surgery.

Shelly Sherrill moved to Merkel in April of 1978.

In her freshman year she won the Outstanding Achievement Award in Physical Science, played basketball and was Class President.

In her sophomore year she won the Outstanding Achievement Awards in English II and German and went to the district typing contest.

As a junior, Shelly competed in the district shorthand contest, the

regional shorthand contest, was a member of the National Honor Society and was selected to Who's Who Among American High School Students.

As a senior, she was a member of the National Honor Society, again selected for Who's Who and was a Student of the Month.

She plans to study Accounting and Business Administration at McMurry College in Abilene.

During the ceremonies Friday night at Badger Stadium, Tim Jacobs will deliver the Invocation; Shelly Sherrill will deliver her Salutatory Address; Larry Curry will conduct the draping ceremony; Chuck Peterman will deliver the Class President's Address.

Also, Larry Curry will present awards and scholarships; Trung Tran will deliver his Valedictory Address, Bill Everett will present diplomas and Chris Cutler will deliver the Benediction.

Senior Class officers are: President-Churck Peterman; Vice President-Melissa Davis; Secretary-Cindy Williams Beaver and the treasurer is Kelly Stovall.

## 8th grade graduation tonight

The 8th Grade Graduation ceremonies are Thursday Night at 7:30 at the Merkel High School Auditorium.

Classmembers are: Michael J. Adkins, Shane Adkins, Irene Alvarez, Robert Ames, Janevra Renee Anthony, Stephanie Ashorn, Melinda Petrea Baker, Michelle Barnett, Billy J. Bellis, Sylvia Bermea, Walter Glinn Best, David Biera, Sandra Dawn Black, Christopher S. Boggs, Stacie Boyd, Laura Denise Burks, Doug Carter, Dewayne Clark, Doug Clemmer, Alex Ray Cobb, Jimmy Collier, Gregory Glen Coolman, Norma Sue Cuellar, Norman Davidson, Robert E. Davidson, Martha Davila, Jennifer Davis, Sandy Dela Cruz, Davy De Leon, Carmen

Dow, Ann Michele Dudley, John Paul Dudley, Jarrett Damon Ely, Rickey Flores, Jennifer Lynn Gaona, Charles Eugene Gilmore Jr., James Glaze, Travis Gober, Freddy Gonzales, Scott Graham, Robert Grewell, Monty Don Griffin, Chris Griggs, Gregory John Hale, John Hall.

Also: Kendall W. Hayley, Caren M. Hendrix, Richa Lynn Hill, Clarissa Hines, Corey Hines, Jeffrey Clifton Hobbs, William Kody Hogan, Charlie Dale Howard Jr., David Lee Johnson, Troy L. Johnson Jr., Anissa Gay Jones, Kenneth Jowers, Julie Ann Koflanovich, Mauro Martin Landeros, Maxi Donetta Lang, Kindra Law, Jon-David Layher, Steve Leverich, Teresa Elizabeth Lucas, Patricia Ann Marez, John D. McNeal,

Phoebe Mills, Melissa F. Morris, Pamela Neff, Lori A. Owen, Stephanie Owen, Lorena Kay Pack, Brenda Lee Phillips, Brian Lee Phillips, Shane Pletsch, Eddie Proctor, Carl Reynolds, Michelle Reynolds.

And: Kimberley Richards, Melissa Roys, Glyn Ann Rutledge, Tanya Renee Schmalfeldt, Chris Shugart, Chad Douglas Strange, Daria Swinney, Christopher Sean Tarpley, Donald Richard Todd, Wade Toombs, Diem Trang Dinh Tran, Robert Alan Turner, Bridgett Baughn, Christi Michelle Wade, Kevin B. Waller, Kayce Ward, Amber Renee Whisenhunt, Bena Renee White, Twyla Marie Wilburn, Michele Williams, Kateva Ann Windham, Clayton D. Woodyard, Christopher C. Wright.

## Busy week, graduations, ...

by Cloy A. Richards

It's been quite a week to say the least.

We are running the Senior pictures and an eight page tabloid put together by Tommy Cutler (with a little help from us) for Taylor Electric's 50th anniversary.

When it rains it pours. The week did teach me something about our capacity here.

With three women, that also hold down other jobs and myself, 14 pages is pushing it to the limit in one week.

If Merkel grows to the point of a 14 page per week newspaper, things will definitely have to change around here.

Merkel High is holding Commencement ceremonies Friday night at Badger Stadium at 8 p.m.

We have their photos and a list of accomplishments they turned in in this week's paper and we can't wait to publish the story of their next graduation, of which we hope there are many.

Also, Merkel 8th graders will hold their graduation ceremonies tonight (Thursday) at the Merkel School Auditorium at 7:30 p.m.

8th Grade graduation was an oddity to me when we moved here seven years ago but having one that will be in that group has taught me something this year.

They take this 8th grade graduation seriously here.

Now, a sad note.

The "powers to be" of the Merkel Golf Association have declared, for safety reasons, Closed Season on Fishing at the Merkel Golf Course.

Fishing you say.

Yes, the tanks that supply water for irrigation at the club have been a spot for catching a few small bass and feisty Bream, but lately, a couple of young fisherman have had close calls with golf balls and the gang decided to play it safe and ask that noone fish at the golf course.

Anybody have a tank Joey and I can hit to watch the sun go down and catch a few.

Playground equipment for the new Northside City Park, arrived Tuesday and the place is shaping up.

Okay, we are going to have to name these two parks so I will know what the heck to call them.

In the mean time, Fun Day is being held July 4th at the Old (Southside) City Park, which, by the way, is in very nice condition, and some reservations are starting to come in.

You can make reservations for the event by calling 928-5722, the Chamber of Commerce phone. Angela or Audrey will take your reservation.

Also, you might want to start reserving fajita's from the Chamber for Fun Day. We will once again be preparing the "Jreey Dawson" recipe, which was quite a hit last year.

We haven't really decided on the price but you can call me and make your reservation for your freezer between now and Fun Day.

Okay, school's almost out and what are we going to do all summer is the question.

If any of you know of any activities for children in the summer, drop us a line and we will pass them along.

We have info coming from the Abilene Parks apartment, other than that, we'd like to pass along tips for activities for children this summer.



Merkel FFA president Jay Williams speaks to the crowd at the annual FFA Banquet held Thursday at Heritage Hall. About 150 people attended the event. [Staff photo]

## FFA holds annual banquet

The Merkel FFA held its annual Banquet Thursday night with a large crowd present. Several awards were given out at the Banquet. The Banquet was totally conducted by the students of the FFA. In charge of the program were the officers; Jay Williams President, Chuck Peterman-Vice President, Lance Perry-1st Vice President, Shane Smith-Secretary, Ken Hogan-Treasurer, Lyle Baker-Reporter, Billy Ray Riley-Sentinel, David Ray-Sargent at Arms, Dusty Farmer-Historian, and Chris Cutler-Parliamentarian.

Awards were given out to the Leadership Teams; Greenhand Chapter Conducting-Robert McFadden, Eddie Swanson, Joe Murphy, Steve Williams, Doug Beaver, Tony Roberts, Todd Smith Justin Amerine, and C.J. White.

Senior Chapter Conducting included Kevin Mitchell, Shane Smith, Lyle Baker, Chris Cutler, Chuck Peterman and Stephanie Boyd. Senior Skills awards were given to

Kerry Miller, Clay Hammond, and Shelton, Rodney Sittler, Todd Nick McCasland. FFA Quiz Winners were Melissa Harris, Twila Townsend, L.J. White, Steve Williams, Mandy Pack and Candice Henslee. Junior Skill recipient Farmer Degrees were given to Mitzel Shelton and Lynn Hays. Radio were Billy Ray Riley, David Ray and Jay Williams. Extremouranous and Public Speaking was Dusty Farmer.

Judging Team awards were; Livestock Michael Reddin, Billy Ray Riley, Candice Henslee, and Melissa Harris; Dairy Cattle, and Randy Davis. Also the candidates for the highest honor of the FFA, the American Farmer Degree were recognized, Jay Gibson and Tommy Hays.

The Years Proficiency Award winners were also recognized, Doug Bauer, Becky Best, Mike Davis, George Gilchrist, Melissa Harris, Lynn Hays, Candice Henslee, Lee Leverich, Nick McCasland, Robert McFadden, Joe Murphy, Mandy Pack, Brian Rhodes, Tony Roberts, Robert Rushford, Ted Seymore, Mitzel

Martin Cuellar, Scott Gunter, Clay Hammond, James Lusk, Mike Myers, Lance Perry, David Ray, Billy Ray Riley, Jay Williams, Russell Morgan, and Marty Windham. Merkel Candidates for Lone Star Farmer were recognized, Dusty Farmer, Michael Reddin and Randy Davis. Also the candidates for the highest honor of the FFA, the American Farmer Degree were recognized, Jay Gibson and Tommy Hays.

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§ Students of the Month for March at Merkel Elementary were: row from left) Heather Hernandez, Santee. Not shows is Lori Pirra- zabeth Hernandez and Stephen [front row from left] Sarah Boggs, son, Corey Teichelman, Dee Dee glia. [Staff photo] Dustin Doan, Lanae Baker, Oscar Jackson, Tommy Tumlinson, Eli-

## WTU offering free energy audits during QUEST

Home energy audits described as "simple, free and easy" are being offered to customers of West Texas Utilities Company. The program is called QUEST—short for Quick Energy Savings Test—and is designed to show just how energy efficient a home really is.

"QUEST is a vehicle through which our customers can find out how they can control their energy use," said Glenn Teaff, WTU local manager. "Most people could conserve more energy in their homes if they knew what to do."

QUEST actually is a quick energy analysis of a home. All a customer has to do is to obtain a questionnaire from the local WTU office, fill in the blanks, and send it back to WTU by postage free-reply mail.

The questionnaires are received by WTU's Customer Technical Services Department in Abilene for evaluation. With the customer's prior 13-month electric billing, accurate analysis of the home energy efficiency can be made. A less accurate analysis can be done without the 13-month billing.

Nancy Johnson of Abilene, supervisor of residential audits, said a customer can expect to get results on a questionnaire back in about two or three weeks. She said customers will receive a report consisting of three parts: —Estimates of monthly utility cost comparisons for similar-sized homes, occupancy and appliances.

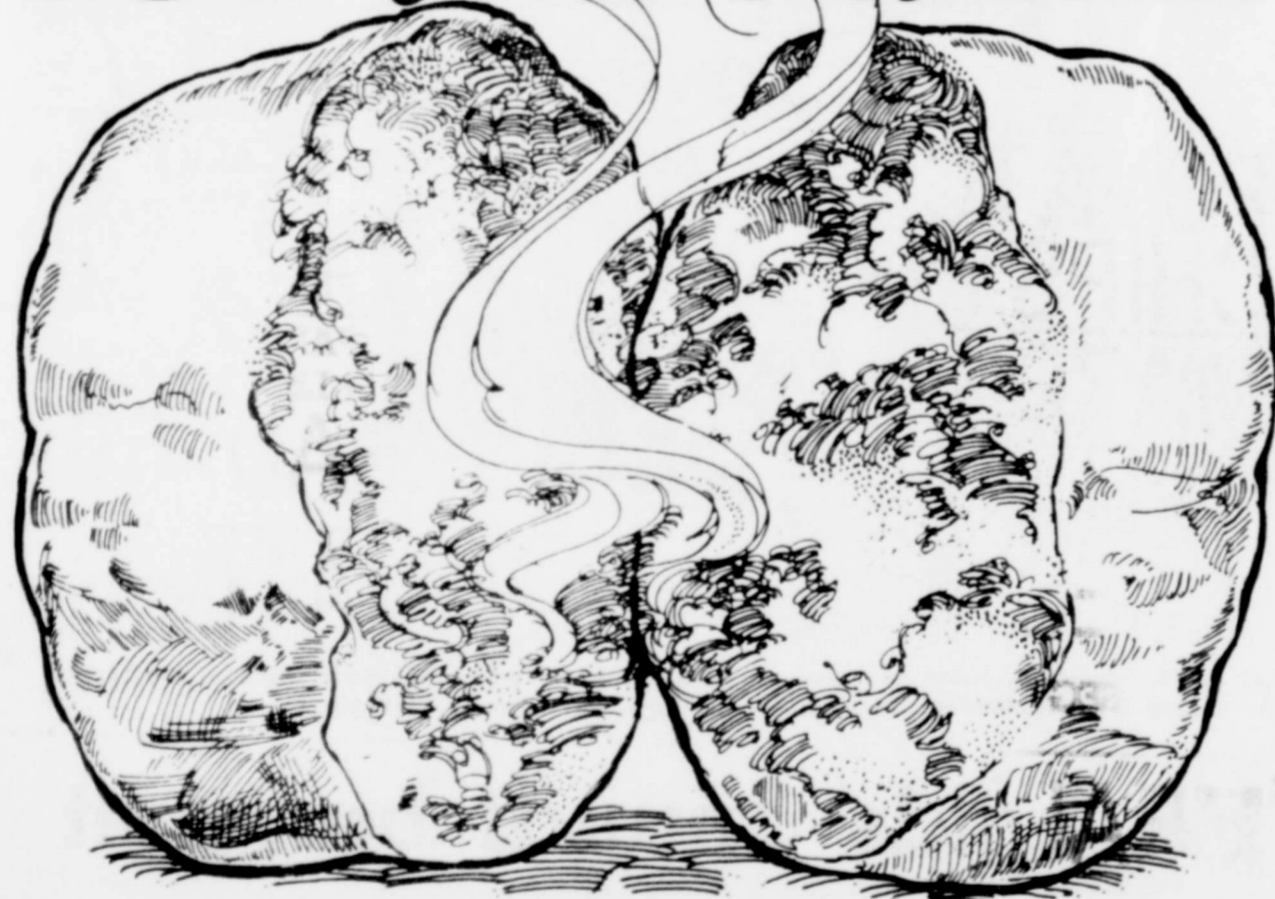
QUEST is available to all WTU customers, but it does not supplant the more detailed Residential Conservation Service (RCS) audit that has been offered by all electric utilities for the past several years. The RCS audit is still available for a \$15 charge.

—Graphs indicating annual utility costs for an energy efficient home and for an average home.

—Estimated potential dollar savings and ranges of cost for energy conservation measures which may be appropriate for the home based on information the customer supplied through the questionnaire.

It doesn't take long to fill out the questionnaire, but for proper results the customer should be as accurate as possible, Mrs. Johnson said.

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# Newsbriefs



Merkel 5th grade students celebrated their "graduation" into

Middle School by forming this M at a field trip last week. [Complimentary photo]

## STEP nabs 66 DWI's

The Selective Traffic Enforcement Program being conducted by The Texas Department of Public Safety has proved to be a success for the 5th month of the 9 month program. During the month of April, 66 persons were arrested for DWI by The Texas Highway Patrol in Taylor County. 58 of those arrests were made while the officers were working the extra duty shifts while 8 of the arrests were made during the officers regular duty shifts. April was the second highest month for DWI arrests since this program began last December. The officers made 78 arrests for DWI in March.

During the month of April, 315

S.T.E.P. enforcement hours were recorded in addition to 595 routine enforcement hours. During the S.T.E.P. enforcement hours, 106 persons were arrested for speeding and 100 arrests were made for other violations.

Since the program began last December, 91 traffic accidents have been investigated in the rural areas of Taylor County. Driving under the influence of alcohol has been listed as the contributing factor in 10 of those accidents. There has been 1 fatal traffic accident that occurred in the rural area of Taylor County in the 5 months that this special program has been in operation. Alcohol was listed as a contributing factor.

## Cotton news good and bad

There's both good and bad news regarding the 1985 cotton outlook, but the bad news outweighs the good.

First, the good news. Recent reports by the U.S. Department of Agriculture show that cotton production last year was actually about 300,000 bales less than first estimated. At the same time, a lot of cotton farmers enrolled in the acreage reduction program this spring, so production should be a million or so bales less than the 13 million or so bales less than the 13 million produced last year.

Now for the bad news. This reduction in domestic cotton supplies may have little impact on market prices. "Foreign production and the strong dollar abroad remain the culprits in our weak cotton market," points out Dr. Carl Anderson, economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

"These two things are challenging the market for U.S. cotton," Anderson says. "China and other exporting countries, Pakistan,

Australia and South America, have plenty of cotton to sell. And the strong dollar gives them a favorable price advantage."

Exporting countries can deliver cotton to foreign ports for some 10 to 12 cents a pound less than the same quality of U.S. cotton. "That's what's killing us," emphasizes Anderson. "Advanced export sales for 1985 cotton are lagging behind a year ago by more than 50 percent."

Unless American trade policies supporting cotton are strengthened, cotton exports will continue to fall, contends the economist. As a result, only a poor U.S. crop this year is likely to keep carryover supplies from growing and market prices from being much above the loan rate this fall.

Anderson encourages cotton producers to keep a sharp eye on the market situation in the coming months, to plot prices and to look for pricing opportunities during market rallies. In 1981 and 82, when cotton supplies were plentiful as they are now, December future contracts slipped sharply in August from earlier levels, he notes.

### Higgins' announce son's birth

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Higgins would like to announce the birth of Orien Allen Benjamin, born May 3, 1985. He was 7 lbs. 8 oz. and was 21 1/2 inches long.

Grandparents are Mrs. Elizabeth Higgins of Merkel and Mr. and Mrs. Melvin McMullin of Salem, Arkansas.

### Camp Butman life saving

Camp Butman has been busy lately as the following groups have met at the facility.

St. John's Lutheran Church Confirmation Class of Winters; a Fellowship Call was held for the First United Methodist Church of Midland.

Butman will be hosting an Advanced Life-Saving Class May 22-24. A nominal fee will be charged and those interested are asked to call the camp at 864-4212.

### Bugg is recent UT-Permian grad

Mrs. David Bugg, the former Diana Drew is a graduate of the University of Texas Permian Basin. She received her bachelor's degree in physical education. She is the daughter of Polly Drew of Ozona and was a graduate of Central High in San Angelo in 1967. She is also a graduate of the John Robert Powers finishing and Professional Modeling School of Ft. Worth. She plans to teach PE on the Junior High level and lives in Pecos with her husband, the Rev. David Bugg, pastor of the West Park Baptist Church and her children David Lee, Aimee, Nathan and Monica. Rev. Bugg is a former pastor of Merkel's First Baptist Church.



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### Weston's set reunion

The Weston family will have their annual reunion at Heritage Hall May 19th. A noon luncheon will be served and all friends of the family are invited.

### No fishing at golf course

The Board of Directors of the Merkel Golf Association have decided not to allow fishing on the golf course any longer.

Several "close calls" between golfers and those fishing prompted the decision.

The rule applies to members and non-members.

### Mason's set two meetings

Merkel Masonic Lodge # 710 has a couple of activities planned this week.

Saturday at 7:30 p.m. a called meeting will be held to confirm Master's Degrees.

On Monday at 7 p.m., the Masons will meet for an Ice Cream Supper and 25 year pins will be presented.

### White Church cemetery wadding set

The White Church Cemetery Association will be holding work days May 24 & 25th.

Workers are asked to bring lawnmowers.

### Poppy Sale

Poppy Sale here. will be sponsoring a Sharon Harris, the local chairman, asked that everyone remember our Veterans and buy a Buddy Poppy. The program places lighted reflectors on bicycles and a limited number of the reflectors are available.

### Lite-A-Bike set

The Merkel VFW Ladies Auxiliary have started their annual Buddy

Poppy. The Women's Auxiliary of the Merkel VFW are available.

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### Services held for

#### Lizzie Murphree

Lizzie Mae Murphree, 88, of Merkel, died at 11:30 a.m. Thursday at her home following a lengthy illness. Services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday at the First United Methodist Methodist Church here.

The Rev. John Wagner, pastor, and the Rev. Joe Davis, pastor of Calvary Baptist here, officiated. Burial followed at Rose Hill Cemetery here under the direction of the Starbuck Funeral Home.

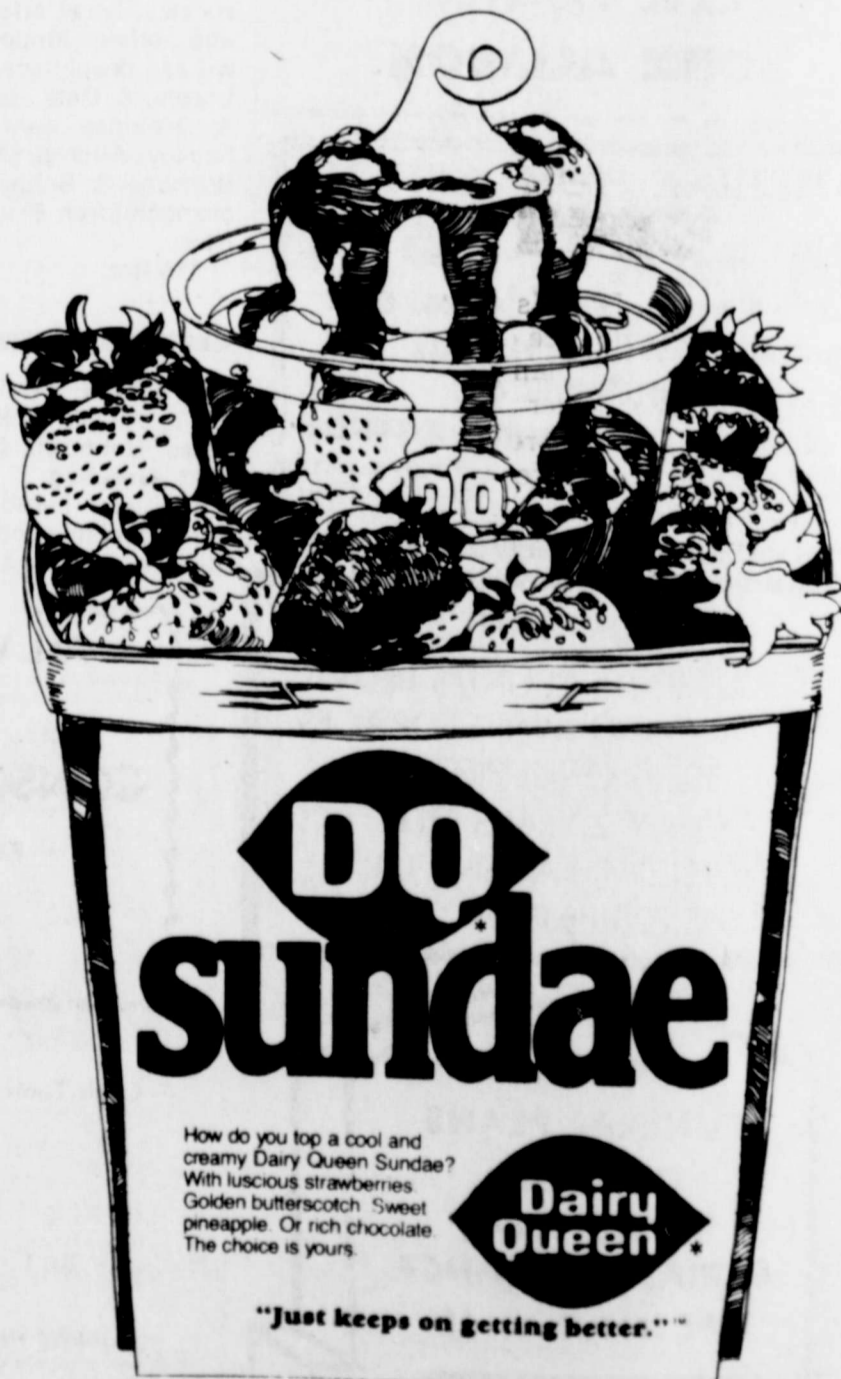
Born May 4, 1897 in Taylor County, she married Jake Cox Sept. 28, 1913. He died Dec. 12, 1928. She then married A. H. Murphree March 21, 1931 in Sweetwater.

She had lived in Taylor County all of her life. She was a Methodist.

A son, Harold Cox and a daughter, Geraldine McKee, preceded her in death.

She is survived by her husband, a son Elwood Cox of Ft. Worth, a daughter Loretta Morgan of Merkel, nine grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren.

Grandsons were pallbearers.





# 1985 MHS Seniors



**Bill Adams**  
Football 81, Track 84, Basketball 81, Speech 81-85, UIL 1 Act Play Cast 81, President of Spanish Club 84, U. S. Achievement Academy, Who's Who 83-84, 84-85, Presidential Academic Fitness Award.



**Lyle Baker**  
Football 81-85, Basketball 81-83, Track 81-83, Golf 82 & 84, Who's Who 85, FFA 81-85, FFA Reporter 83-85, FFA District Reporter 83, FFA District Vice-President 85, State and Area 4 FFA Production awards 82, District FFA crop production 85, District FFA Agricultural award sales and services 83, Vo. Ag 1 Award 81, District Star Chapter Farmer Degree 84, FFA State Lone Star Farmer Degree 85.



**Gregory Cannon**  
Ag 82-85, Greenhand Degree 82, Chapter Farmer Degree 84.



**Melissa Dannheim**  
Basketball 81-84, National Honor Society 83-84 Senior Representative 84-85, Second Vice-President of the Spanish Club 84-85, Who's Who 85.



**Tim Dillon**  
FHA HERO 84-85, Ag 82-85, Greenhand Degree 81-82, Skills Team 81-82, Swine Judging 82-83, Senior Chapter Conducting 84-85, Judging Team 84-85, Parliamentary Procedure Team 84-85.



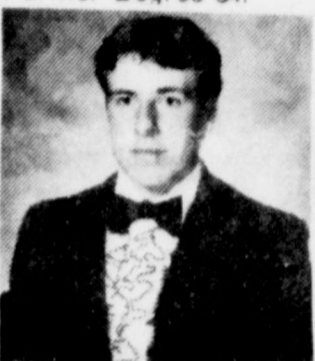
**Justin Dupont**  
Band 82-83, Who's Who 84-85, FHA HERO 84-85



**Leigh Ann Allen**  
Band 81-85, 1st Division marching UIL 81-83, 1st division sight reading UIL 81-83, 1st division concert 83, Flag Corps 82, Co-Captain Flag Corp 83, State marching contest 83, Basketball 82, FHA Secretary-treasurer 83-85, Who's Who 84.



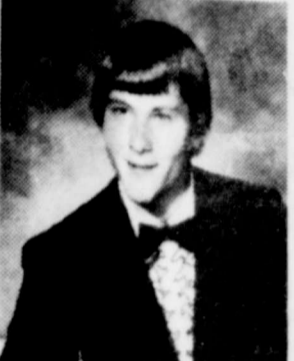
**Joe Biera**  
Basketball 82, Band 82-83, Yearbook Staff 84-85, Who's Who 85, Division 1 marching contest 81-83, State marching contest.



**Jason Castille**  
Bookmarkers' Club 82-83.



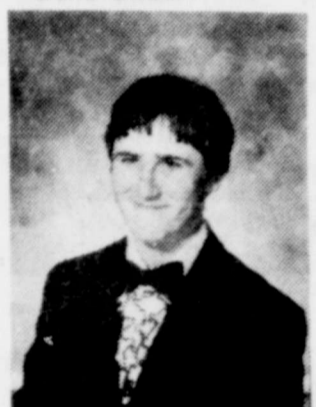
**Melissa Davis**  
Class Favorite 82, Basketball 82-83, Varsity Track 82-85, Student Council Representative 84, Student Council Business Manager 85, Miss Merkel 84, Homecoming Queen nominee 85, Who's Who 85, Class Officer 85.



**Dusty Farmer**  
Ag Officer 83-85, Football 82-85, All District Football 85, Honorable Mention Football 84, UIL Speaking 1st place 83, Regional Qualifier Speech 85, Track 82-85, Who's Who 84-85, Best Lineman 85, 1st Place Ag Extemporaneous Speaking 84-85, State Qualifier Ag Proficiency Awards 82-85.



**Gena Gilbert**



**David Glasscock**  
Football 84-85, FFA 83-84, FHA HERO 85.



**Timothy Baber**  
Band 81-84, Division 1 marching contest UIL 81-83, Division 1 concert UIL 82, Football 83-85, Track 83-85, Cross Country 84-85, Regional cross country.



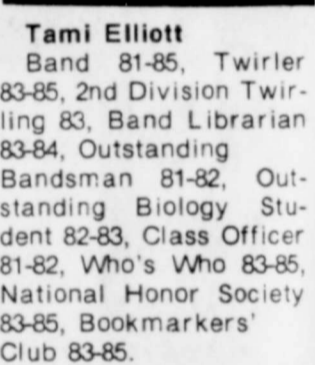
**Kelly Boswell**  
FHA Secretary 82-83, FHA 84-85.



**Martin Cuellar**  
Football 80-81, Basketball 83-84, Choir 81-82, Track 81-84, Who's Who 83-84, Bookmarkers' Club 83-85.



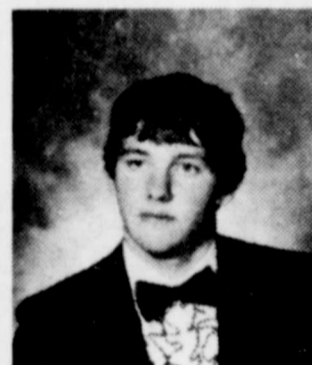
**Chris Cutler**  
Football 82 84-84, Track 82, FFA 82-82, FFA Sergeant At Arms 84, FFA Historian 85, FFA Parliamentary Procedure team 83-84, Who's Who 84, UIL Persuasive Speaking Contest 83-84, Winner of Oratorical Contest Government in Action Youth Tour Washington D. C. 84.



**Tami Elliott**  
Band 81-85, Twirler 83-85, 2nd Division Twirling 83, Band Librarian 83-84, Outstanding Bandsman 81-82, Outstanding Biology Student 82-83, Class Officer 81-82, Who's Who 83-85, National Honor Society 83-85, Bookmarkers' Club 83-85.



**Cindy Beaver**  
Class Secretary 81 & 83-85, Cheerleader 81 & 83-85, Pep Squad 81, Basketball 81-85, Volleyball 81-85, UIL Spelling 81-83, Class Favorite 83, Regional Student Council rep 83, Senior Business manager 83 and Secretary 85, Who's Who 85.



**Donny Brady**  
Football 82 84 & 85, Basketball 82, Track 82-85, Band 82-83, Cross Country 85, Regional track qualifier 84, Who's Who 83, Class Treasurer 83, National Honor Society 84-85.



**Jerry Davis**  
Football 82-85, Basketball 82-85, Track 82-85, Tennis 82-83, Band 81-84, All-District Baseball 84, UIL Typing Regional Qualifier 84, Who's Who 85, Sophomore Class Vice President 83, Cross Country 85, National Honor Society 84-85, Bookmarkers' 84.

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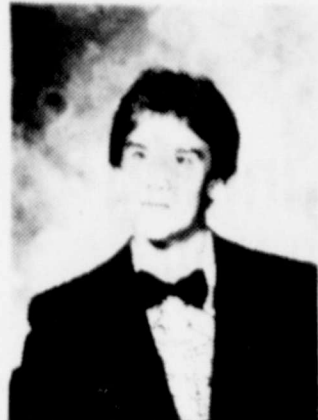
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**Melissa Hinson**

Pep Squad 82-83, FFA 82, UIL Ready Writing 82-83, UIL Feature Writing 83, FTA 83, Library Club 83, National Honor Society 82-85, Who's Who 84, Spanish Club 85, Journalism Staff 85.



**Chuck Peterman**

FFA Vice President 83, Chapter Reporter 83-84, District FFA Treasurer 83, President Senior Chapter Conducting Team 83-84, Area 4 FFA President 85, Chapter Vice-President 85, President of the Senior Class 85, Courtesy Corp State Convention 83, Courtesy Corp National Convention 85, Lone Star Farmers Degree 84, Who's Who-FFA 84, Area Convention 82-85, Chapter Farmer 82, DeKalb Award Winner 84, Chapter Lamb Proficiency 82-83, Chapter Ag Mechanics Proficiency 83, Merkel Band # 2 Rating 82, District Golf 85.



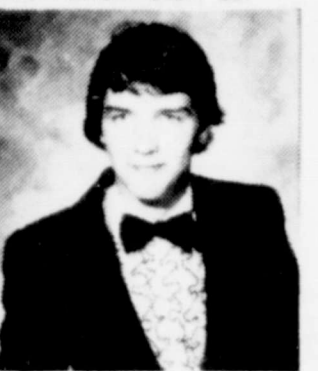
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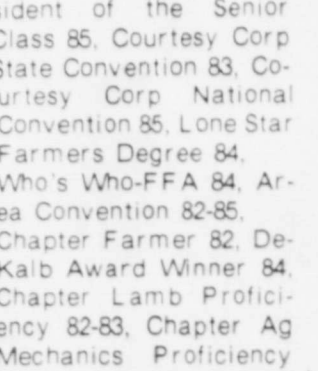
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Outstanding English Student 82, Pep Squad 82, National Honor Society 84-85, Journalism Reporter 84, Journalism Business Manager and Cartoonist 85, Who's Who 85, FFA 85, FFA State Meeting 2nd place 85, Academic All-American 85, UIL Journalism 85.



**Ken Hogan**

FFA Chapter Treasurer 83-85, Band 82-84, Judging Team 82-85, Lone Star Farmer 82-85, 1st Division UIL Marching 83, 1st Division UIL Ensemble 83, 1st Division Concert Contest 84.



**Michael Reddin**

Kris Rich  
Pep Squad 82, Cheerleader 82, Student Council Representative 82-85, Basketball 82-85, Track 82-84, Tennis 84-85, National Honor Society 84-85, Who's Who 85, Class Favorite 84, Homecoming Nominee 84, Editor of Journalism 85.



**Tammy Swinney**

Basketball 82-83, Track 82, Tennis 85.



**Gwynel Emfinger**

Office Aid 83-84, Who's Who 85, Tennis 82, FFA 83-84, HERO Officer 84, One Act Play 84-85, FFA 82.



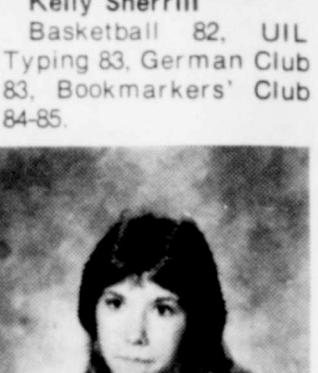
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Tin Jacobs  
Football 82-85, Basketball 82-83, Student Council Reporter 85, Student Council President 83, Golf 83, Band 82-83 & 85, Who's Who 84-85, Society of Distinguished American High School Students 84-85, FFA 84, National Honor Society 84-85, Class Favorite 84-85, Mr. MHS Nominee 85, State Marching Contest 83, 1st Division UIL Marching Contest 83, 1st Division Sightreading UIL 83, Sweepstakes UIL 85.



**Renee Stamper**

Band 82-85, 1st Division UIL Marching 82, 83, 1st Division Concert & Sightreading UIL 82-83, State Marching Contest 83, 1st Division Medal ensemble 83, Flag Corp 82-85, co-captain 82, Captain 84-85, Outstanding Homemaking Student 83, Yearbook 84-85, Editor 84, National Honor Society 84-85, Who's Who 84.



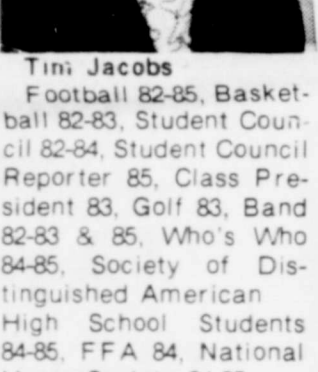
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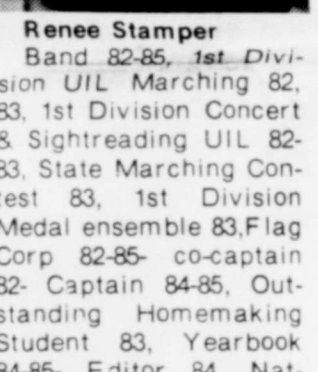
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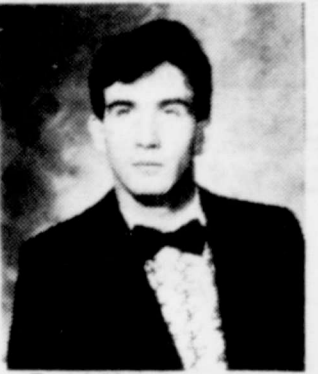
**James Richardson**

Band 82-85, 1st Division UIL Marching Contest 82 & 84, 1st Place for Parade 83, All District Band 84, 1st Division UIL Percussion Ensemble 83, 1st Division UIL 48 piece ensemble 83, 1st Division UIL Percussion solo 84, State Marching Contest 83, 1st Division UIL Concert 83, Outstanding AAA Percussion Ensemble Marching Contest 83, Golf team 83-85, Bandsman of the Year Award 83, Band Vice-President 84, 1st Division UIL Concert 84, 1st Division UIL Sightreading 84, Stage Band 84, Band President 85, Who's Who 85.



**John F. Starbuck**

Band 82-85, Marching Band 1st Division 83, State Marching Contest 83, Cieburne Marching Contest 83, Percussion 1st Division 83, UIL Special Award 85, Football manager 82-85, Basketball Manager 82-85, Track Manager 82-85, September Student of the Month 85, Division 1 Sightreading, Cisco & Sandy Lake.



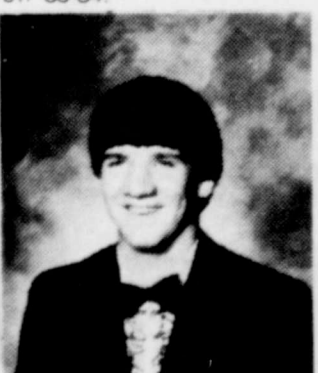
**Todd Hensley**

Regional Cross Country 84, Track 82-84, Basketball 82-84, Band 82-85, Tennis 82, UIL 1 Act Play 82 & 84, All Star Cast 1 Act Play 84, Who's Who 84, Super Brain Bowl 84, Society of Distinguished American High School Students 84, Student Council 83-84.



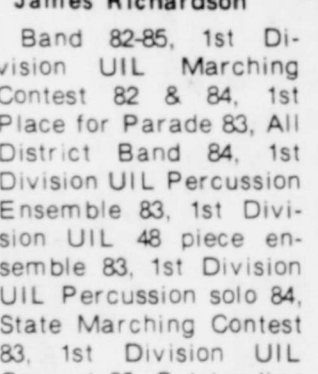
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Band 82-84, Flag Corp 82-83, Spanish 84, Journalism 84, HECE 85.



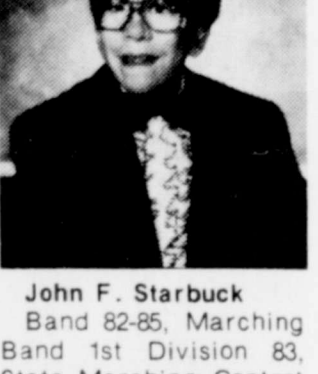
**Gary Smith**

Parliamentary Procedure 82, UIL Marching Band 82, UIL Concert Band 82, Greenhand Award, State FFA Convention 83, Area Leadership School 83, Senior Skills Team 83, Area Convention 83-84, Chapter Farmer Award 82, Lone Star Farmer Award 83, UIL Marching 83, UIL Concert 83, State Convention 84, National Honor Society 84-85, Senior Leadership Team 84, Fruit & Vegetable Proficiency Award 84, Who's Who 85, Bookmarkers' Club 83-84, President 84-85.



**Shelly Sherrill**

Physical Science Outstanding Achievement Award 82, Basketball 82, Class President 82, Outstanding Achievement Award 83, District Typing Contest 83, German 1 Outstanding Achievement Award 83, District Shorthand 84, Regional Shorthand 84, National Honor Society 84-85, August Student of the Month 85.



**David Teaff**

Band 82-85, 1st Division Marching 83-84, 1st Division Concert 84-85, Football 82-85, All District 85, Most Conscientious 85, Student Council 85, Basketball 82-85, Who's Who 84-85, Track 82 & 84, District Champs Track 84, Vice President of Junior Class 84.

### Services held for Moreno's infant son

Andrew Moreno, 4 day old son of Mr. & Mrs. Alejandro G. Moreno Jr. of Merkel, died at 11:40 p.m. Thursday at Hendrick Medical Center.

He was born May 5th, at Hendrick. He is survived by his parents: two brothers,

Alejandro G. III and Aaron Elijah, both of the home; a sister, Amanda Marie of the home; a step-sister, Martha Da-

zila of the home; paternal grandmother Petra Moreno of Merkel and maternal grandmother Petra Carbajal of Abilene.

STATE OF TEXAS - TO: KELLIE RIDGEWAY Defendant in the cause herein described. You are hereby commanded to appear and answer before the 350th Judicial District Court in the Courthouse in Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, at or before 10:00 a.m. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance hereof, being at or before 10:00 a.m. on Monday the 24th day

of June, 1985, then and there to answer the petition of WELDON O. STEEN, STEENA BETH O'KELLY WOODALL, ROBIN RIDGEWAY, RUBY HIGGINS MEDFORD McCAIN ELVA GRIFFIN, DAWSON McCAIN, and RETHA MARTIN, in Cause No. 714-D, styled WELDON O. STEEN ET AL VS. KELLIE RIDGEWAY, in which the WELDON O. STEEN ET AL are Plaintiffs

and KELLIE RIDGEWAY is Defendant. The said petition filed May 8th, 1985 discloses that the nature of the said suit is as follows: The Plaintiffs seek partition through sale of the following described tract of land: All of Lone Number ONE (1), Block "F", Replat of WESTERN HEIGHTS ADDITION to RIDGEWAY, in which the City of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas. If this citation is not served within ninety days after date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved. Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court on this the 8th day of April, 1985, at Abilene, Taylor County, Texas. Rilla Mahoney, Clerk of the 350th Judicial District Court of Taylor County, Texas By: Debbie Berg, Deputy. 113-4tc-66

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Basketball 82-83 & 85, Track 82-84, Tennis 84-85 National Honor Society 84-85, Who's Who 85, Annual Staff 83-85, UIL Number sense, math, science and calculus 82-84, Pep Squad 82, Senior Class Treasurer 85, National Science Merit Award 85.



**Marsha Tutt**



**Dusty Whisenhunt**

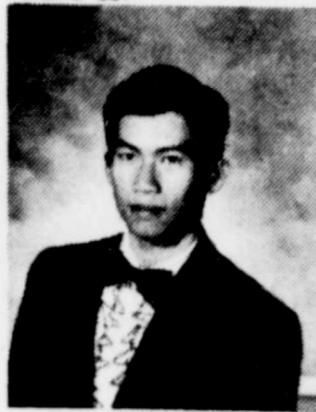


**Jenny Wilde**



Crystal West, Jason Kofod, Kriste A. Smith and Scott Cannon. [Staff photo]

Students of the Month for February at Merkel Elementary were: [front row from left] Taras Beasley, Jason Morton, Sandra Juarez, Rhett Buntin, Trisha Marsh, Eric Dye; [Back row from left] Velma DeLeon, Judd Burton.



**Trung Tran**  
UIL Number Sense (1st in District) Calculator (2nd in District) Regional Qualifier 84, Band 82-85, Band Vice-President 85, Student Council Representative 85, Class Secretary & Basketball 82-83, Tennis 82-85, Track 83.



**John Warkala**  
Football 83-85, Regional Qualifier-Powerlifting 84, Honorable Mention All-District Football 85, All-District Left-field Baseball 84, Baseball 84-85, Track 84-85, District Track Champs 84.

**We didn't have a photo of Dennis or Sean**

**Sean Woodard**  
Football 82-85, 2nd team All-District Linebacker 84, Basketball 82-85, Tennis 82-85, All-District Pitcher 85, Regional Qualifier-Baseball 84, Student Council Vice President 84 & President 85, Who's Who 85, Academic All-American 85, Honorable Mention Basketball 85, Gene Stuckey Award 85, Most Conscientious 84, America's Outstanding Names and Faces, Distinguished American High School Students.

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FHA Reporter 82-83, FHA 84-85, Who's Who.

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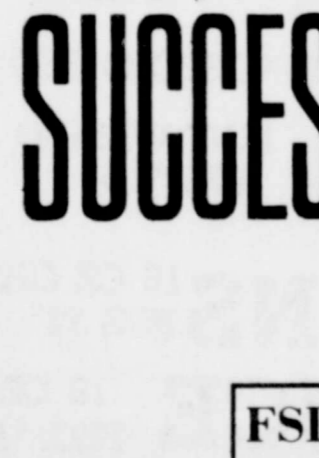
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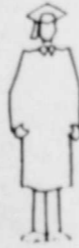
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# If lightning is close, cover Wylie's celebrating 50th

When it comes to a brilliant display of lightning in Texas skies, "better safe than sorry," is a good motto.

Deaths from lightning may be rare, but it's shortsighted for anyone to ignore the simple precautions and slight inconvenience of safety measures, says Texas A&M University Agricultural Extension Service health education specialist Dr. Mary Ann Heussner.

She says the first rule of lightning safety is to get away quickly from any open space—a field, golf course, hill-top, beach or pool. Get away before the rain starts, since lethal bolts sometimes strike during the muggy lull before a storm.

"If you're caught outside, the best kinds of shelter are buildings equipped with a lightning protection system, steel framed buildings, and cars, buses or tractors with metal tops and closed windows," advises the specialist.

"But don't trust a flimsy shelter on a golf course."

When you can't take cover, you can better your chances by taking refuge in a ravine, culvert or ditch—keeping away from pipes and staying alert for flash floods, Heussner says.

When none of this is practical, crouch as low as possible with no part of your body except knees and toes touching the ground. Also remember to avoid tall isolated objects, like a lone tree, staying twice as far away as the tree is high.

Just being indoors doesn't entirely protect you from lightning, Heussner points out.

Stay away from open doors and windows, fireplaces, radiators, stoves, metal pipes, sinks, bathtubs, shower stalls and plugged-in electrical appliances. Electricity of lethal strength can enter a home not only by a direct strike,

but also by a side flash from another object like a tree, and through pipe lines and wiring.

"Unfortunately, when someone is struck by lightning, bystanders often don't know what to do," remarks the specialist. "Others won't touch the victim for fear he is still electrically charged."

But a lightning victim can be safely touched, and often revived by mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, Heussner says.

Adults who work outdoors or enjoy outdoor sports may have a healthy respect for lightning, but children are often unaware of its danger. The specialist recommends that parents review lightning safety precautions with their youngsters along with safe bicycling and swimming rules for the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. P.C. Wylie, 2005 East Broadway, Gainesville, Tx, will be celebrating their 50th anniversary from 3 to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, June first, at the Hillcrest Church of Christ Fellowship Hall, 1712 O Neill, Gainesville Texas.

Their children, Dr. Betty Moran, Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. Julius Martin, Houston; Gary Wylie, Gainesville, will host the reception. The co-hostesses will be the grandchildren: Mr. and Mrs. John Michael Martin, Normangee, Linda K. Wylie, Waco, Susan and John Wylie, Carrollton, Jim Craig Martin, Houston, Elizabeth Ann and Mary Kay Moran, Dallas, and James Wylie, Gainesville.

The honorees were married May 29, 1935, in Ardmore, OK. Mrs.

Wylie is the former Ruth Davie, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bradley Davis, Gainesville. She taught school for thirty-eight years before retiring. Her last thirteen years were at the Cooke County College in Gainesville.

P.C. Wylie is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Felix Lee Wylie, Valley View, Texas. He worked for

the Soil Conservation Service for forty years in Nuces, Jones, Taylor, Mitchell, Clay, Grayson and Cooke Counties.

The members of the family invite friends and relatives to share in this celebration. They request no gifts please.



Mr. & Mrs. Wylie

## FFA awards annual honors

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Vegetable Production- David Ray, Agricultural Electrification- Marty Windham, Public Speaking- Dusty Farmer, Extemporaneous Speaking- Dusty Farmer, Poultry Production- Benny Roys, Diversified Livestock Production- Dusty Farmer, Cereal Grain Production- Chris Cutler, Diversified Crop Production- Dusty Farmer, Beef Production- Ted Seymore, Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Award- Lee Leverich, Sales and or Service- Lyle Baker and Horse Proficiency- Stephanie Boyd. Shop Awards went to Justin Amerine, Billy Ray Riley, Spencer Scott, Russell Morgan, and Michael

Reddin. Soil and Water Conservation winners included Robert McFadden, Billy Ray Riley, Lance Perry and Chris Cutler. The Agricultural Coop Award was won by Ken Hogan. Overall Scholastics were: Freshman was Ted Seymore, Sophomore- Billy Ray Riley Juniors- Kevin Mitchell, and Seniors Shane Smith. The Star Greenhand Award for first year students is Lynn Hays. The Star Chapter Farmer, second year students, is Billy Ray Riley. The DeKalb Award, outstand Junior or Senior, went to Lyle Baker. Jay Gibson was named as Star American Farmer.

Recognition was also given to a couple of adults in the community by bestowing on them Honorary Chapter Farmer Degrees. They were Mrs. Kathryn Whisenhant, Mr. Bill Whisenhant, Mr. Allen Morgan, Mr. Larry Curry and Dr. Bradley Banner. The Honorary Lone Star Farmer Degree is being bestowed on Mr. Bill Everrett. It was also announced at this Banquet that Merkel FFA has five students competing in seven events in State Competition in July. Good luck to these competitors at State: Lyle Baker, Mike Myers, Dusty Farmer, Chris Cutler and Ken Hogan.

## I will not drive like a farmer

by Russell McAnally

It is true, we will be moving into a farm house on a farm. I will not be farming or have any connection to the farming industry. One reason I am staying away from the farming business is that I am determined to NOT START DRIVING LIKE A FARMER. If everybody drove like a farmer it would take all the inhabitants of the cities to keep us from complete destruction.

One day I was riding with Jack Hogan on his way to the farm. You must remember the Jack makes that trip more than one time a day most everyday. We started out looking at the crops and Jack kept looking at the crops, but I started watching Jack drive. I do not know how he managed it but without looking at the road he drove exactly in the middle of the highway straddling the center stripe. I finally commented on his driving and he informed me he was entitled to one half the highway and it was his choice to take his half from the middle of the road.

I did not exactly see what happened concerning this next story but according to one source Murrel Riggan was out crop watching with his wife, Willie Mae. Murrel, like most other farmers loses all track of time and goes into another little world all his own when he drives and looks at crops. His crops are important to him. The planting and cultivating brings you close to the soil. Murrel was commenting on the crop in this field and in that one and planned what he would have to do for the weeds and to keep the sand from blowing. He looked at a field of haygrazer and told Willie Mae it was time to bale the hay and he would get to it next week. Willie Mae informed Murrel that he had missed a couple of turns three or four miles back and that the haygrazer belonged to Joe Weston on one of his farms.

Sometimes, driving and crop watching is all the satisfaction a farmer gets out of farming. Driving and crop watching is an artistic accomplishment. The main point to remember is that you either forget about your driving and watch the crops or you forget about crop watching and look to you driving. We, who are not farmers, need to remember that the Farm to Market roads belong to the farmers, and if you drive on their roads you must be ready for the unexpected. He may suddenly stop in the middle of the road to see why the cotton is not coming up on every fifth row then suddenly realizes he did not plant that fifth row. The crop watcher may suddenly throw on the brakes and make a complete turn in the road because he forgot to bring the spare part for the plow.

When you see the farmer out crop watching, honk your horn and wave to him, this will let him know

you are in the neighborhood and he will be thinking that you are complimenting him on the growing crop without weeds. It takes years of experience to become an expert crop watcher and I am sure I do not have enough years left to accomplish this. I plan to spend

## Heat stroke serious

by Dr. Kathryn Banner, D.V.M. Merkel Vet Clinic

This is the time of year to be concerned about heat stroke in pets. Although it is a real danger for dogs, cats rarely suffer from heat stroke. Cats can tolerate higher temperatures than dogs. For heat stroke to develop in a dog several conditions usually exist. A high environmental temperature (90 F and higher) and high humidity will increase the likelihood of heat stroke. A confined animal is more likely to suffer. An animal deprived of water has increased chances of developing heat stroke. Young and old animals and animals that are overweight are more likely to develop heat stroke.

A dog developing heat stroke will begin with increased panting. Panting is the way a dog cools itself. The heart rate increases

and the mucous membranes (gums) become bright red. The body temperature becomes elevated and may reach 105 F and higher. As the condition progresses, the dog becomes stuporous, collapses, slips into a coma and death will occur if the condition is not reversed.

The most important part of treatment is lowering the body temperature. This is usually done by placing the trunk and limbs in cold or iced water. Anti-shock medicine and IV fluids are often needed. Prevention is better than treatment. Be sure your dog has plenty of shade and fresh water if he stays outside and adequate ventilation and fresh water if he is kept inside. Never leave your dog in a car or let him over-exert in hot weather. Heat stroke can be avoided.

## Fortnightly group meets

The Merkel G.F.W.C. Club had a luncheon May 11 at Lucille Wilson's with Bess Dixon and Alice King as co-hostesses. Mrs. Edna Hill, president, opened the meeting by giving the high lights of the 1984-1985 club year. Club members responded to roll call by citing a memorable event of the year. Allwynne Sandusky gave the Federation Counselor's report and club members read the club collect. Anna Bell Shouse gave a tribute to Avis Deavers.

Present were Grace Lee Brown, Pam Carson, Bess Dixon, Mildred Hammy, Lucy Haynes, Edna Hill, Madelon Horton, Nina Bell Hughes, Alice King, Aileen Knight, Alwynne Sandusky, Anna Belle Shouse, Clara Walla, Maurine White, Lucille Wilson, Parilee Gibson, Joyce Jay, Evelyn Martin, Evelyn Sliger, Ruth Lassiter and visitors Louise Sudderth and Melissa Davis, who was awarded the G.F.W.C. District Scholarship.



Greg Arnwine, a Merkel High graduate is now a Texas Highway Patrolman stationed in Sweetwater. [DPS photo]

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BAR-B-Q SAUCE	18 OZ KRAFT REG	\$1.44
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§ Students of the Month for April at Merkel Elementary were (front row from left) Marisela Martinez, T. J. King, Rebecca Wanagas, Paul King, Alma Prieto, Martin Hernandez; (back row from left) Linda Layher, Nathan Stamper, Andrea Richardson, Matthew Cravens, Lori Best and James Melendez.

**Preceptor Eta Omega holds recent meetings**

Preceptor Eta Omega Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met in the home of Louise DuBose May 7th. Mamie Steek was co-hostess. The program of Physical and Social Environment was given by Louise. Jocille Brady asked Preceptor Eta Omega for a one year leave of absence. The program of the year was voted on and will be revealed at the next meeting. Twelve members attended and a visitor, Rachel Hinch.

Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi were hostess to a Mother's Day Brunch Saturday morning from 9:30 until 11 in the home of Louise DuBose. The food was enjoyed by several guests.

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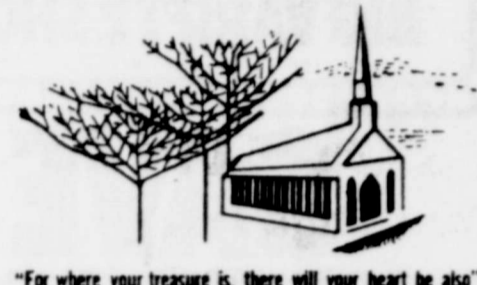
**Mayor signs proclamation honoring Taylor Electric**

PROCLAMATION BY THE MAYOR  
WHEREAS: Fifty years ago, one out of ten rural families in the United States had electric power; and  
WHEREAS: On May 11, 1935, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt signed the executive order creating the Rural Electrification Administration; and  
WHEREAS: The REA was designed to bring electric power into the countryside in order to stimulate economic growth and relieve unemployment; and  
WHEREAS: Today there are 1,000 rural electric systems nationwide; and  
WHEREAS: Taylor Electric Cooperative, Inc., first organized in 1939, serves 12,131 meters in 8 counties by providing the needed rural electric power for the benefit of its members and communities in which it serves; now  
THEREFORE: I, Kent Satterwhite, Mayor of the City of Merkel, Texas, hereby proclaim Sunday, May 19, 1985 as TAYLOR ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE APPRECIATION DAY in honor of their contributions to the communities in which they serve and also to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Rural Electrification.  
SIGNED:  
Kent Satterwhite  
Mayor Of Merkel, Texas

**Mayor proclaims May Buddy Poppy Month**

A PROCLAMATION  
-WHEREAS: The annual sale of Buddy Poppies by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States has been officially recognized and endorsed by governmental leaders since 1922; and  
WHEREAS: V F W Buddy Poppies are assembled by disabled veterans, and the proceeds of this worthy fund-raising campaign are used exclusively for the benefit of disabled and needy veterans, and the widows and orphans of deceased veterans; and  
WHEREAS: The basic purpose of the annual sale of Buddy Poppies by the Veterans of Foreign Wars is eloquently reflected in the desire to "Honor the Dead by Helping the Living"; therefore  
I, Kent Satterwhite, Mayor of the city of Merkel, Texas do hereby urge the citizens of this community to recognize the merits of this cause by contributing generously to its support through the purchase of Buddy Poppies on the day set aside for the distribution of these symbols of appreciation for the sacrifices of our honored dead.  
I urge all patriotic citizens to wear a Buddy Poppy as mute evidence of our gratitude to the men of this country who have risked their lives in defense of the freedoms which we continue to enjoy as American citizens.  
Signed Kent Satterwhite  
Mayor  
Attested J. A. Sadler  
City Clerk

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*It is no Secret...*

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However IT IS NO SECRET what God can do for you. This was never intended to be a secret, for God wants all to know the good news.

Isaiah said: "The Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings ... to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord."

Attend church regularly and hear God's word preached.

The Church is God's appointed agency in this world for spreading the knowledge of His love for man and of His demand for man to respond to that love by loving his neighbor. Without this grounding in the love of God, no government or society or way of life will long persevere and the freedoms which we hold so dear will inevitably perish. Therefore, even from a selfish point of view, one should support the Church for the sake of the welfare of himself and his family. Beyond that, however, every person should uphold and participate in the Church because it tells the truth about man's life, death and destiny; the truth which alone will set him free to live as a child of God.



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