



**MERKEL BADGERS** — Five lettermen who will be throwing against the opposition on defense this season, are, in front from left, Paul Thames, Buster Tarpley and Tommy Carson and in back are Terry Wade,

left, and Tommy Anderson. The Badgers' first game this year will be Friday, Sept. 12 with Baird. (Photo Courtesy Abilene Reporter-News)

## Booster Club Meets; Elects 69-70 Officers

A good sized crowd gathered at Badger Stadium Monday evening for the first Booster Club meeting of this school year.

Dan Allen, outgoing president, presided at the beginning of the meeting, welcoming members and prospective members.

During the business meeting officers were elected for the 69-70 year. They are Lawrence Hewitt, president; Vincent Barnett, vice president; and Calvin Wade, secretary - treasurer.

In taking over the duties as president for this year, Hewitt expressed optimism that "membership would grow, and a widespread interest would be shown in all fields of athletics."

A membership campaign was kicked off with Hewitt and Barnett being named as captains for the drive.

Projects for the Booster Club year were discussed by members and head football coach, Wendell Robinson, suggested several projects that could be "looked into."

"However," said Robinson, "equipment we would like to have would be a Medco - Sonolator — an ultra sound machine for treating injuries."

Following the meeting members and guests were taken on an inspection of the field house, where they got a first hand view of equipment and new football suits.

This year the Badger team will wear two different suits — white for the road and purple for home games.

And in an interview with coach Robinson Tuesday, he had an optimistic note concerning his first team.

"They look good," he remarked, "and as we continue our practice, we expect them to look even better. Few lettermen are back, but we also have some top players. Depth will probably be our most critical problem."

Bill Whisenhunt, 157, junior, will quarterback the team and fullback Tommy Anderson, 150 and halfback Mike McLean will join him in the backfield. Don Pursler, Randy Smith and Jerry Hol-

mes, all newcomers, will see backfield action.

In the line, guard Paul Thames, 171 pound junior is a returning starter both on offense and defense. He's joined by returning offensive regular Tommy Carson. Steve Doan and Terry Wade are lettermen back at the end position, and Buster Tarpley, 173 pound junior tackle, was a defensive starter last year.

Kerry Thames, 162 sophomore and John Dixon, 175 junior are

two lettermen who will see duty in the line.

Merkel's first game will be Friday, Sept. 12 with Baird at Badger Stadium. Game time is 8 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting for the Booster Club will be Tuesday, Sept. 2 at the Taylor Electric Co-operative building at 7:30 p.m. An ice cream supper is planned and will honor the Badger team, their parents, and high school cheerleaders.

## MERKEL SCHOOLS' ENROLLMENT 608

Enrollment in the Merkel Public Schools is down some from last year's enrollment, according to school officials.

Enrollment in high school to-

talled 216 with a breakdown of 59 freshmen students; 56 sophomores, fifty juniors and fifty-one senior students, according to high school principal, Edwin Read.

"There will be a few more students to register in the high school grades later this week," said Read.

Leon Walker, principal of the primary and elementary grades reported a total enrollment of 392 for grades one through eight. This total shows approximately 27 students less than last year's enrollment of 419. Walker also stated there would be some "late enrollments."

Both principals reported "school getting off to a smooth start." An innovation in the high school is the reorganization of the library.

"A planned instructional program to help students make better use of the library is now in process," said Read. "Reworking of facilities in the library is now going on."

In the primary grades, children in the first and second grades will be dismissed this year at 2:45 p.m. with students in all other grades "being dismissed at 3:30."

"Buses will run at 3:30, and students who ride buses and are dismissed at 2:45 p.m. will be supervised until bus time," said Walker.

School day begins for Merkel students this year at 8:20 a.m. instead of the former 8:30 a.m. time.

## Up The Canyon

By TOM RUSSOM



My column this week is a tribute to a man I have known almost all of my life — a man in whom I held honor and high respect. A man, I suppose, who had more friends than anyone I ever knew.

I never heard this man say a harsh word toward anyone. I visited with him on the telephone and in his home many times. You could not tell by talking to him that he was a sick man — he never complained about things. We visited him several times in the hospital. It was phone and in his home many, then I realized that he was a very sick man.

This man was Dewel McLean — his name is well known all over this area. Dewel loved his church work. He served as Bible teacher at Pioneer Memorial Church for 17 years. Ill health forced him to retire from that post one year ago. He was a Bible scholar. His favorite verse of scripture was study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. Dewel's speaking ability was cultivated when he was quite young; when he would gather his playmates around him and then he would take his place on a higher level, using a big rock or log from a fallen tree, for a speaker's stand.

I've heard him say the ride to church in the wagon on Sunday morning was a good time to study the scriptures.

A few months ago members and friends of Pioneer Church bought a nice light oak speaker's stand and dedicated it in honor of Dewel's contribution to the Bible Class. He served on every board there was to serve on in the church and community. He was a politician and delighted in "sending the Lord right along in Government, battles, crisis, famine and prosperity." He was a man that seemed to understand more than just problems.

As someone said just a few days ago, "It doesn't seem possible he is gone, and we will be missing him as months come and go." I know our entire community joins me in saying, "We have lost a great man."

## RED CROSS TOTAL RAISED TO \$7100

As of Wednesday morning total contributions from Merkel area to the Taylor County American Red Cross drive for disaster victims of Hurricane Camille totaled \$119.50.

Jack Holden, Taylor County Red Cross chairman, informed the Merkel Mail this week that goal for Taylor County had been raised to \$7,100 from the original \$2,866.

The nation's goal was raised to fifteen million dollars this week over the request of six million.

"Lots of lives and property destruction in the disaster area has made the increase needed," said Holden. "And people are digging down deep into their pockets to come up with this new total." As of Wednesday morning \$5,417.48 had been raised in Taylor County.

Johnny Cox, area representative for the American Red Cross, sent out an extra plea for people to "give until it hurts."

"Red Cross workers are right in the midst of the disaster area, working day and night," said Cox. "And thousands of people have donated money to help those who have lost all. The money is desperately needed now and we hope to send in the final check and report Tuesday, Sept. 2."

Cox asked that individuals who had not mailed in their contributions to "do so this week."

"The need is tragic and appall-

ing, they need help now," said Cox.

Donations may be mailed to Taylor County American Red Cross, in care of Johnny Cox, P. O. Box 188, Merkel, Texas 79536, or brought by his office at 114 Edwards, Merkel.

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- Anonymous 5.00
- Henry Hester 5.00
- Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Ortega 10.00
- TOTAL \$119.50**

## Physical Fitness Class to Begin

New Physical Fitness classes will begin Wednesday, Sept. 3, at 6 p.m., according to instructor, Mrs. Gerald Williamson.

Held two evening a week, Monday at 6:30 and Wednesday at 6 p.m., classes are scheduled for one hour.

"If there are women who cannot enroll in Wednesday's meeting, they may attend the next class or enroll at any time during the session," said Mrs. Williamson. Women in Merkel and area are invited to enroll.

## Fire Department Selling Cans

The Merkel Fire Department is selling 30 gallon galvanized trash cans with addresses printed on the side, according to Fire Chief Waymon Adcock.

Price of the cans are \$5.95 each.

## TAYLOR COUNTY IS ALLOTTED \$43,600

Taylor County has been approved for disaster assistance as a result of the heavy rains which occurred this past spring. The Taylor County ASCS office in the Federal Building is now receiving applications for assistance under this program. Taylor County was allotted \$43,600.00 to be used to repair damage to ponds, Divisions, waterways, and terraces which occurred as a result of these rains. Under this type

of program 70 per cent of the cost of these repairs will be provided by federal funds. Funds will be allotted on a first come first served basis. The limitation per person per county will be \$2,500.00. This is in addition to the regular ACP fund allocations.

The procedure for applying for this program will be as follows — the landowner or operator will file application with the Taylor County ASCS office. The ASCS will in turn notify the Soil Conservation Service that the application has been made. The ASCS will in turn contact the land owner and make an appointment to meet him on the land to determine the type and amount of damage which has occurred. A report of the findings will then be turned over to the Taylor County ASC County Committee for final approval. Members of this committee include Robert Riney of Merkel, Frank Boulter of Tuscola and Delmon Smith of Lawn.

Common types of damage which occurred include spillways of ponds which were damaged, siltation of ponds, gutted waterways, need for additional diversions and waterways, terrace repairs including terrace enlargement, "channeling" (terraces which have become graded toward the ends), and obvious breaks.

## C-C COMMITTEES NAMED THIS WEEK

Acting committees for the 69-70 Chamber of Commerce year were named Monday by president, Ray Wilson.

Committees and members named to each include:

Membership — Johnny Hammond, Herman Carson and Ben Robert Hicks.

New Industry — Horace Hargrove, Bill Button, Vincent Barnett and Mack Fisher.

Highway and City Beautification — Joe Cypert, Kent Satterwhite and Dave Gamble.

Welcome — Fred Starbuck Johnny Cox, and Booth Warren. Recreation — Gene Stewart,

Bob Hook and Chester Collinsworth.

Christmas Parade and Events Promotion — Nolan Palmer, Max Murrell and Benny Melton.

Publicity — Dave Brumbeau, Ted Smith and John Curtis.

In naming members for each committee, Wilson said that "much had already been done by the chamber, but there was a lot more that could be accomplished with working committees."

"We have taken in several new members this year," said Wilson, "and we are aiming for even a larger membership within the next few months."



**FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL** — Mixed emotions are displayed on the faces of these four "first timers" as they pause for a photo before entering the "halls of readin', 'riting and 'rithmetic. Taught to be safety conscious and willingly posing besides the "stop for children sign," they are, from left, Jan and Ann Melton (twins), Dwayne Sloan, and Kelly Knight. (Staff Photo)



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TO: Frank Milton Peckham,  
Defendant, Greeting:

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Courtroom thereof, in Abilene,  
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at or before 10 o'clock A.M.  
of the first Monday next after  
the expiration of forty-two days  
from the date of the issuance of  
this citation, same being the 22  
day of September A.D. 1969, to  
Plaintiff's Petition filed in said  
court, on the 7 day of April A.D.  
1969, in this cause, numbered 4690  
on the docket of said court and  
styled Karen Lorene Peckham,  
Plaintiff, vs. Frank Milton Peck-  
ham, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature  
of this suit is as follows, to-wit:  
Plaintiff and Defendant were mar-  
ried Sept. 14, 1968 and separated  
Feb. 6, 1969. Plaintiff sues for  
divorce on the grounds of harsh  
and cruel treatment. There were  
no children born and no com-  
munity property accumulated as  
is more fully shown by Plaintiff's  
Petition on file in this suit.

If this citation is not served  
within ninety days after the date  
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make due return as the law di-  
rects.

Issued and given under my hand  
and the seal of said court at Abi-  
lene, Texas, this the 6 day of  
Aug. A.D. 1969.

(Seal)  
Attest: IRENE CRAWFORD  
Clerk Domestic Relations Court  
Taylor County, Texas  
By Marie Gill, Deputy.

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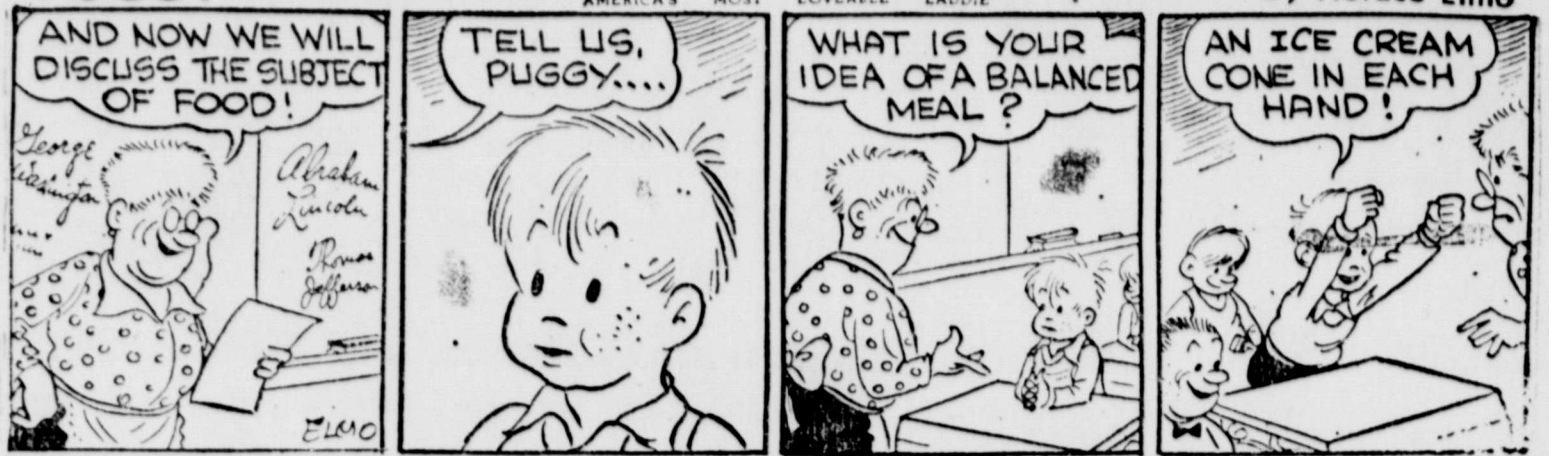
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## PUGGY



## Baptist Picnic

Members of First Baptist  
Church held their All - Church  
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### Services Held For Mr. Purser

Funeral services for Virgil Dean  
Purser, former Trent resident,  
were held Thursday, Aug. 21 at  
Starbuck Funeral Home Chapel,  
with the Rev. Kenneth Jones, pas-  
tor of First Baptist Church, offi-  
ciating.  
Mr. Purser, 42, of Fort Worth,  
was found dead early Tuesday  
morning in a South Fort Worth  
apartment from a stab wound to  
the chest. Burial was in the Gar-  
den of Memories at Trent.  
Born July 29, 1927, in Nolan  
County he lived in Trent several  
years before moving to Fort  
Worth.  
Survivors include his wife, Mrs.  
Ruby Purser of Abilene; his  
mother, Mrs. Fave Purser of  
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stationed with the United States  
Army in Germany; one daughter,  
Mrs. Linda Orr of Smithville;  
three brothers, H. A. Purser of  
Lampasas, Kenneth Purser of  
Merkel and Billy Joe Purser of  
San Angelo; and two sisters, Mrs.  
James Canady of Trent and Mrs.  
Mack Bigbee of Meikel.

### A.S.A. Mobile Service to Begin

Beginning Sept. 8th savings and  
loan services will be extended to  
Merkel by Texas' first mobile fac-  
ility provided by Abilene Sav-  
ings Association. The Abilene  
Savings mobile facility will be  
in Merkel each Friday from 9:00  
a.m. until 2:00 p.m. The Merkel  
mobile facility parking lot is  
located across the street from the  
post office.  
The announced extension of  
savings and loan service was  
made today by C. E. (Sonny)  
Bentley, president of the \$75-  
000,000 Abilene Savings Asso-  
ciation.  
"This is the first such fac-  
ility to operate in Texas," Bentley  
stated. "We are grateful for the  
opportunity to extend next door  
service to our friends and neigh-  
bors in the Merkel area. We pre-  
sently have over 1,000 savings and  
mortgage loan customers in Tay-  
lor County and we feel they will  
find it convenient to use the mo-  
bile facility for their financial  
transactions."  
Souvenir gifts and free regis-  
tration for a grand door prize will  
be featured with the grand open-  
ing of the mobile facility.

## 4-H CLUB AWARDS WINNERS NAMED

Results of the 4-H Awards Pro-  
gram judging, held in Kerrville  
Aug. 12 for area 4-Hers are as  
follows:

In the Junior Division, Mark  
Clemmer was named 2nd in ach-  
ievement; Jerrie Stephan, 2nd  
in clothing; Christy Boone, 1st  
in public speaking; Anneta Ste-  
phan, 2nd in safety, and Johnny  
Gray 1st in Swine.

Also Beverly Gilmore, 1st in  
Texas Sheep & Wool Angora Goat  
and Mohair; and Teresa Clemmer  
won a blue ribbon in the Dress  
Revue.

In the Senior Division, Mike  
Dudley, achievement, 1st; Rob-  
ert Clemmer, agricultural, 1st;  
Kathryn Sue Criswell, citizenship,  
1st; and Suzie Wilson, consumer  
education - home economics, 2nd.

Also Judy Brnovak, foods-nu-  
trition, 2nd; Betsy Johnson, horse  
3rd; Mark Dudley, public speak-  
ing, 1st, and Andy Stephan, safe-  
ty, 1st.

There were 99 senior division  
and 108 Junior Division records  
books judged by a group of coun-  
ty extension agents and 4-H dis-  
trict council representatives. Win-  
ning senior record books in each  
awards program will be entered  
for State judging at College Sta-  
tion Sept. 10, 11 and 12. State  
winners in the Senior Division will  
receive scholarships or trips to  
the National 4-H Club Congress  
held in Chicago in November.

## Johnny Hardesty To Ft. Polk, La.

Johnny Hardesty, son of Mr.  
and Mrs. John Hardesty, leaves  
Friday, Aug. 29 for Ft. Polk,  
La., for basic training in the Na-  
tional Guard. Following his eight  
weeks training, he will be sta-  
tioned at Ft. Wolters, Mineral  
Wells, or the remainder of his ac-  
tive duty.

A spring graduate of the Uni-  
versity of Texas with a major in  
government, Hardesty will enter  
Law school after completion of  
his National Guard training.



JOHNNY HARDESTY  
... UT spring graduate

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT CITY OF MERKEL, TEXAS

TAYLOR COUNTY, TEXAS  
COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - ALL FUNDS  
APRIL 30, 1969

Assets and Other Debits	Total	General Fund	Water, Sewer and Sanitation Fund	Tax Interest & Sinking Fund	General Bonded Debt	General Fixed Assets
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>						
Cash on hand	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ .00	\$ .00	\$ .00	\$ .00
Cash—Undivided fund (taxes)	3,440.47	2,098.68		1,341.79		
Cash—Construction fund	.40	.40				
Cash—Operating funds	7,323.19	3,461.59	3,461.60			
Cash—Sinking fund - F&M Bank, Merkel, Texas	18,234.44			18,234.44		
Cash—Sinking fund—Texas Bank and Trust, Dallas, Texas	6,082.74			6,082.74		
Cash—Bond reserve funds—Texas Bank and Trust, Dallas, Texas	1,659.32			1,659.32		
Accounts receivable—Services \$10,311.22 less allowance for doubtful accounts \$1,986.86	8,324.36			8,324.36		
Account receivable—Water contract	31.34			31.34		
Account receivable—Employee	42.20	42.20				
Taxes receivable	42,335.51	25,824.66		16,510.85		
Less allowance for uncollected taxes	(42,335.51)	(25,824.66)		(16,510.85)		
Investments—U.S. Bonds and notes, face value	18,000.00			18,000.00		
Prepaid interest	126.70	126.70				
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>\$ 63,315.16</b>	<b>\$ 5,979.57</b>	<b>\$ 37,759.36</b>	<b>\$ 19,576.23</b>	<b>\$ .00</b>	<b>\$ .00</b>
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>						
Fixed Assets	\$ 841,393.27	\$ .00	\$ 691,290.97	\$ .00	\$ .00	\$ 150,102.30
Less current accumulated depreciation	(14,248.56)-1		(14,248.56)			
<b>Total fixed assets</b>	<b>\$ 827,144.71</b>	<b>\$ .00</b>	<b>\$ 677,042.41</b>	<b>\$ .00</b>	<b>\$ .00</b>	<b>\$ 150,102.30</b>
<b>OTHER DEBITS</b>						
Amount to be provided for retirement of tax bonds and warrants	\$ 200,000.00	\$ .00	\$ .00	\$ .00	\$ 200,000.00	\$ .00
<b>Total Assets and Other Debits</b>	<b>\$1,090,459.87</b>	<b>\$ 5,979.57</b>	<b>\$714,801.77</b>	<b>\$ 19,576.23</b>	<b>\$200,000.00</b>	<b>\$150,102.30</b>
1-Depreciation has not been recorded for the Water, Sewer and Sanitation Fund fixed assets in prior years.						
<b>CONTINGENT LIABILITY</b>						
The City of Merkel was named defendant in a law suit filed in Jones County, Texas on March 29, 1967, Being cause number 10,752, Ernest Smith vs. City of Merkel. The plaintiff is seeking to recover from the City a total of \$27,250.00 for loss of land value, mental anguish and disfigurement and attorney fees due to operation of the City's sewer disposal plant. The City is represented in this action by Allen Glenn, Abilene, Texas.						
<b>Liabilities and Surplus</b>						
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>						
Accounts payable	\$ 5,509.96	\$ 2,442.31	\$ 3,067.65	\$ .00	\$ .00	\$ .00
Accrued interest payable	160.00	160.00				
Payroll taxes payable	509.88	509.88				
Notes payable due within twelve months, F&M National Bank, Merkel, Texas	3,322.40	3,322.40				
Patton Equipment Co., Abilene, Texas	1,750.00	1,750.00				
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 11,252.24</b>	<b>\$ 8,184.59</b>	<b>\$ 3,067.65</b>	<b>\$ .00</b>	<b>\$ .00</b>	<b>\$ .00</b>
<b>DEFERRED LIABILITIES</b>						
Consumer deposits	\$ 6,105.00	\$ .00	\$ 6,105.00	\$ .00	\$ .00	\$ .00
Water and sewer line extension contracts	7,673.78		7,673.78			
Notes payable due thirteen month more: F&M National Bank, Merkel, Texas	8,189.65	8,189.65				
<b>Total deferred liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 21,968.43</b>	<b>\$ 8,189.65</b>	<b>\$ 13,778.78</b>	<b>\$ .00</b>	<b>\$ .00</b>	<b>\$ .00</b>
<b>BONDS AND WARRANTS PAYABLE</b>						
Bonds payable, Exhibit H & J	\$ 391,000.00	\$ .00	\$ 200,000.00	\$ .00	\$ 191,000.00	\$ .00
Warrants payable, Exhibit I	9,000.00				9,000.00	
<b>Total bonds and warrants payable</b>	<b>\$ 400,000.00</b>	<b>\$ .00</b>	<b>\$ 200,000.00</b>	<b>\$ .00</b>	<b>\$ 200,000.00</b>	<b>\$ .00</b>
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 433,220.67</b>	<b>\$ 16,374.24</b>	<b>\$216,846.43</b>	<b>\$ .00</b>	<b>\$ 200,000.00</b>	<b>\$ .00</b>
<b>DEFERRED CREDIT</b>						
Lease agreement with Merkel Independent School District	\$ 965.52	\$ 965.52	\$ .00	\$ .00	\$ .00	\$ .00
<b>Total deferred credit</b>	<b>\$ 965.52</b>	<b>\$ 965.52</b>	<b>\$ .00</b>	<b>\$ .00</b>	<b>\$ .00</b>	<b>\$ .00</b>
<b>SURPLUS</b>						
Investment in fixed assets	\$ 150,102.30	\$ .00	\$ .00	\$ .00	\$ .00	\$ 150,102.30
Surplus (deficit)	506,171.38	(11,360.19)	497,955.34	19,576.23		
<b>Total surplus</b>	<b>\$ 656,273.68</b>	<b>\$ (11,360.19)</b>	<b>\$497,955.34</b>	<b>\$19,576.23</b>	<b>\$ .00</b>	<b>\$150,102.30</b>
<b>Total liabilities and surplus</b>	<b>\$1,090,459.87</b>	<b>\$ 5,979.57</b>	<b>\$714,801.77</b>	<b>\$ 19,576.23</b>	<b>\$200,000.00</b>	<b>\$150,102.30</b>

Submitted from City of Merkel, Texas  
Audit for Year Ended April 30, 1969

### Merkelites' Kin Is Honored

Sgt. Robert F. Reed, son in  
law of Mr. and Mrs. G D Mc-  
Connell of Merkel was decorated  
with the first oak leaf cluster to  
the AFCEM

Sgt. Reed "distinguished him-  
self by meritorious service as  
chief clerk, Directorate of Plans,  
14th Strategic Aerospace division,  
as Wing sergeant major, 4200 Strat-  
egic Reconnaissance Wing, and  
as administrative supervisor for  
classified documents, Wing Exec-  
utive Office, 9th Strategic Recon-  
naissance Wing, Beale AFB, Cal-  
if., from Sept. 8, 1964 to March  
6, 1969."

Presently stationed in Hof, Ger-  
many, the Reeds have three chil-  
dren, Gayle Marie, Roger and  
Paul. Paul will be staying with  
the McConnells this school year  
and will be a junior at Merkel  
High School.

### Applications Being Accepted

DALLAS, Tex. (Aug. 27) - Ap-  
plications are now being accepted  
for Guard, GS-2 and GS-3, po-  
sitions for duty at Sweetwater Air  
Station, Texas. Although applica-  
tions are also being accepted from  
non-veterans, they will only be  
considered for appointment in the  
absence of veterans.

For further information on qual-  
ifications and how to apply, call  
or visit Dyess Air Force Base or  
write the Interagency Board of  
U.S. Civil Service Examiners, 912  
Commerce Street, Dallas, Texas  
75202. Salary ranges from \$4,360  
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## BURNS-ADCOCK VOWS EXCHANGED



MRS. GARY LEE ADCOCK  
... formerly Joann Burns

Wedding vows were read for Joann Burns and Gary Lee Adcock Saturday at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Abilene. The Rev. William Eastman officiated. Mrs. Jane Jenkins was organist; Mrs. Duane Gustavus soloist.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Layne, Abilene; and the bridegroom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Waymon Adcock of Merkel.

Mrs. Janet Marshall of Dallas was her sister's matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Mrs. Larry Hargrove of Alpine and Mrs. Gary Gardner of Colorado City. Jamie Marshall was flower girl; Jim Marshall, ring bearer. The bridegroom's father was best man. Groomsmen were Don Wignall of Graham and Arthur Bagby of Dallas.

Wayne Adcock, Larry Hargrove of Alpine and Mike Doan of Dallas seated guests.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a Victorian gown of satin with bodice of chantilly lace, trimmed with seed pearls. The train was of matching lace bordered with satin. A band of flowers held her veil. An orchid centered her bouquet of roses, heather and ivy.

Her attendants wore teal blue Victorian gowns and bolero jackets trimmed with silver lace. Headdresses were flower garlands. They carried multicolored flowers.

The bride is an Abilene High School graduate, attended Cisco Junior College and is a senior at Angelo State University. She was XGI Sweetheart, Lambda Chi Alpha duchess and a finalist in the 1969 Miss San Angelo pageant.

A Merkel High School graduate, the bridegroom attended CJC and Dallas Institute of Mortuary Science. He is a member of Pi Sigma Eta, national morticians' fraternity. He is employed by Lamar Smith Funeral Home in Dallas.

After a trip to Mexico, they will live at 800 W. Jefferson, Dallas.

His parents hosted the rehearsal dinner in Merkel.

## Mrs. P. F. Harris Dies at Age 97

Funeral for Mrs. P. F. Harris, 97, was held Saturday, August 23 in the First Baptist Church. The Rev. Kenneth Jones, pastor, and the Rev. Jim Sellers, pastor of the Tent Baptist Church, officiated. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery under direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

Mrs. Harris, long time Jones and Taylor County resident, died Thursday at the Holiday Retirement Center in Sweetwater.

Survivors include six sons, Chester F. of Abilene, Miller of Big Spring, Charles S. of Irving, Frank of Merkel, Lillian of Dallas, and James of California; four daughters, Mrs. W. C. Martin of Oregon, Mrs. Ed Sandusky and Mrs. Fred Johnson, both of Merkel, and Mrs. Buddy Boyd of Trent, and several grandchildren.

## O.E.S. Secret Pals Revealed

The Past Matrons and Patrons Club of the O.E.S. held their regular meeting Aug. 19 in the Masonic Hall. President Mrs. Wade Ensminger presided. Mrs. Charlie Seago brought the devotional. Mrs. H. C. Reid and Mrs. Jewel Dunagin the program.

Secret Pals were revealed and gifts were exchanged. Names were drawn for new secret pals.

Mrs. Reid and Mrs. Dunagin served refreshments to Mrs. Ensminger, H. H. Windham, Mrs. Tom Green, Mrs. Seago, Bill Hays, Mrs. Anna Belle Shouse, Ford Butman, Pat Martin and George Denman.

## Summer Graduate

Mrs. Wilma Rojean Hicks, Trent, was among 73 seniors who graduated from McMurry College at summer commencement exercises, Aug. 21. Mrs. Hicks received a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary education.

Bishop Aisie H. Carlton, presiding bishop of the Northwest Texas-New Mexico area of the United Methodist Church, delivered the commencement address.

Stith  
News  
By MRS.

FRITZ HALE



Stith Community received one inch of rain over the weekend. We are enjoying the cooler weather.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Jones, Mrs. Jessie Dillon, Mrs. M. E. West, Mr. and Mrs. Paul, Mrs. F. J. McDonald, and Mrs. Nora McDonald, attended grave side rites in Cedar Hill Cemetery in Abilene Wednesday for Charlie A. Massey, 80, of Tulia, Texas. Mr. Massey and his family lived in the Stith Community before moving to Tulia many years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wayne Berry, Bruce, Gary and Annette of San Antonio are visiting this week with Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bradley. Mr. and Mrs. Alanzo Patterson, Merkel, visited in the Bradley home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Browning enjoyed a family get together in their home over the weekend. Their children attending were Mildred and Lonnie Harris, Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Ray Browning, Kay, Ray and Allen, Tuscola, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bedford and children, San Angelo, and Mrs. Browning's sister, Ona Spence of Abilene.

Several from Stith attended the Jones County Fair in Anson last week. Stith HD Club had an education booth on "Drugs" and won third place. Marsha Clyburn won first place on Art and Blackberry Jam. Mrs. Roy Mashburn won first place on cookies, and Mrs. Vernon Hudson, first on handwork. Mrs. Curtis Clyburn, Mrs. Hudson, Mrs. Mashburn, and Mrs. Wade Shaw worked Thursday morning in the HD club council session stand.

## Attends Market

Mrs. Dee Grimes and Mrs. Cyrus Pee of Bragg's returned Tuesday after spending the past weekend in Dallas.

They attended the Christmas market.

## ROUND-UP

By PAT BYRD

The most important happening in the Merkel area this week is bound to be the rain. If you had any small children under the age of two, the rain "had to be explained."

J. C. and Jane Carson and children visited in Dallas with Jane's brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Massey. Accompanying them was Jane's mother, Mrs. Eunice Massey. They reported a time of golfing and swimming, as well as visiting. By the way, after the return trip, J. C. spent three days last week in Hendrick Hospital. He had surgery on his foot, and Jane reported he was recovering nicely at home now. J. C., have you learned to "knit" yet?

Mrs. A. C. Bland and son, Mark, returned this week from a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Nielson of Sanger, Calif. While there, the Blands visited Pine Flat Dam, General Grant Grove Park, and took a trip to Roeding Park Zoo and Storyland. Then they traveled to Morro Bay, where they spent three days sightseeing at Capucos, Pismo Beach, Shell Beach and Avila. Mrs. Bland is manager of the Shtland - Hallmark Gift Shop in Westgate Shopping Center in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Wurst returned this week from Oroville, Calif., where they were with Clyde's mother, who is recuperating from a heart attack and is in the Oroville Hospital. Clyde's mother will be 90 years of age Nov. 15.

There is one mother, at least, who was reluctant for the "school bell" to ring — Mrs. Clyde (Layvon) Bunch. She asks, "Now, what will be my excuse for late meals, a tumbled house, flying kites and catching butterflies?"

Layvon says for the first time in nineteen years her house is silent, and she isn't sure of a graceful transition. As a member of the recently formed Abilene

Area Writer's Guild, Layvon is encouraged to spend her leisure at the desk, rather than at the peanut butter box. She says she plans to paint — not art — but the house, for when their "magic" child learned to paint his name, he put it under every window in yellow paint.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Tucker of Colorado Springs, Colo., were overnight guests of Sue and Lee Tucker and boys Wednesday night. Bill and Lee are brothers. They would have stayed longer but it was too hot — went back where it was cool.

Recently Mr. Reynolds and daughter, Mrs. Ralph Miller visited relatives in Lovington, N. M., Levelland and Seagraves, Texas.

Dropping by the Merkel Mail office Tuesday noon was William Hughes, formerly of Merkel, and now in Houston. William was on his way to visit his brothers, Earl and John B and Carl. He said that it had been three years since he had been in Merkel and many, many more years since he had been in the Merkel Mail. William wondered how many people former acquaintances are now living in Houston and invited them to drop him a card at P. O. Box 58402, Houston 77058.

## Burrus Reunion

Descendants of Miley and Mary Burrus met for their annual reunion at the Colorado City Community Center Aug. 16-17. There were approximately fifty — two people present. Two people coming the farthest distance were Mrs. Gloria Bee Helm and son, Tex., from Tripoli, Libya. Mrs. Bee is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Smith of Andrews.

Reunion officers elected were Miley Burrus, Plainview, president; Walter Irvin, Belton, vice president, and Dorothy Rinehart, Abilene, secretary.

## CEMETERY FUND

The following made recent donations to the Merkel Cemetery Association.

Mrs. Walter Frazier  
Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Riney in memory of Hollis McLean  
Mr. and Mrs. John Oliver in memory of Monroe Whisenant.  
Mr. and Mrs. John Oliver in memory of Hollis McLean  
Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Perry in memory of Dewell and Hollis McLean  
Floy Eva Smith

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sheppard in memory of Mrs. Laura Sheppard  
Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Sheppard in memory of Mrs. Laura Sheppard  
Carroll and Helen Benson in memory of Dewell and Hollis McLean

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Ferguson in memory of Mrs. R. N. Campbell

Mrs. W. L. Phillips in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Scott and Silas

Mrs. W. L. Phillips in memory of Mrs. R. N. Campbell  
Bland Partnership (Mrs. W. H. Knight, R. L. Bland Jr.)  
M B or Fredia Egger

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Bird in memory of Mrs. W. M. Carey  
John D. Jones  
Martha Jane Swafford

Mrs. Dee Grimes in memory of Mrs. Bob Campbell

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Riney in memory of Dewell McLean

## All Church Picnic

Members of the First United Methodist Church and the Tye United Methodist Church will have an All Church Picnic Sunday, Sept. 7 at Camp Butman, with swimming and games to begin at 2:30 p.m.

A picnic lunch will be served at 5:30 p.m.

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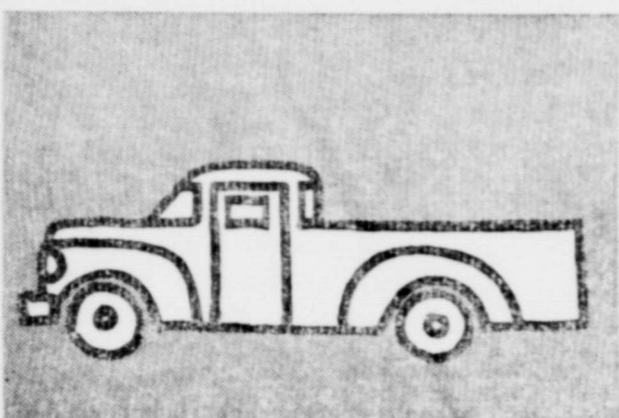
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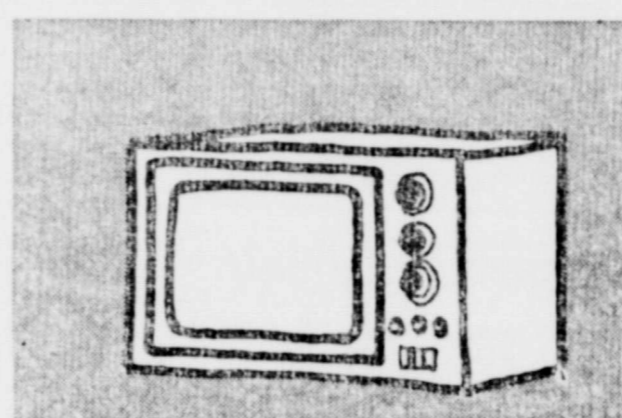
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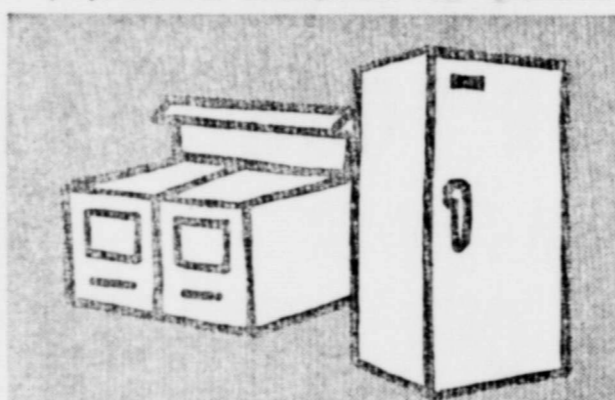
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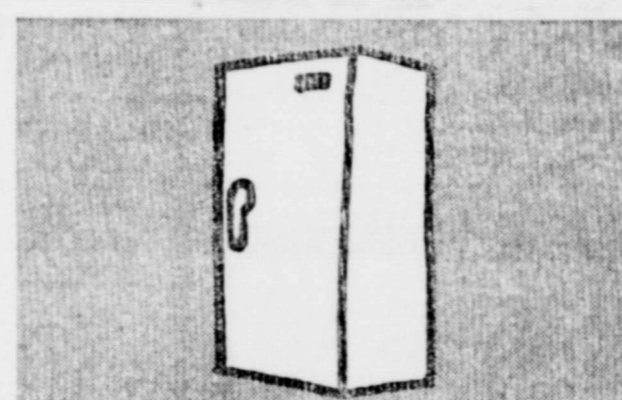
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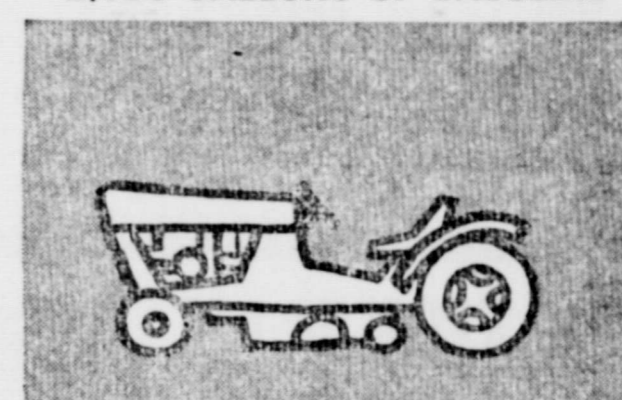
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EIGHT GRAND PRIZES TO BE GIVEN AWAY! Abilene Savings will hold the drawing for these prizes in mid-January on KRBC-TV. Exact date will be announced later. There will be one prize and one winner for your town . . . both to be selected by drawings. Be sure you register every week.

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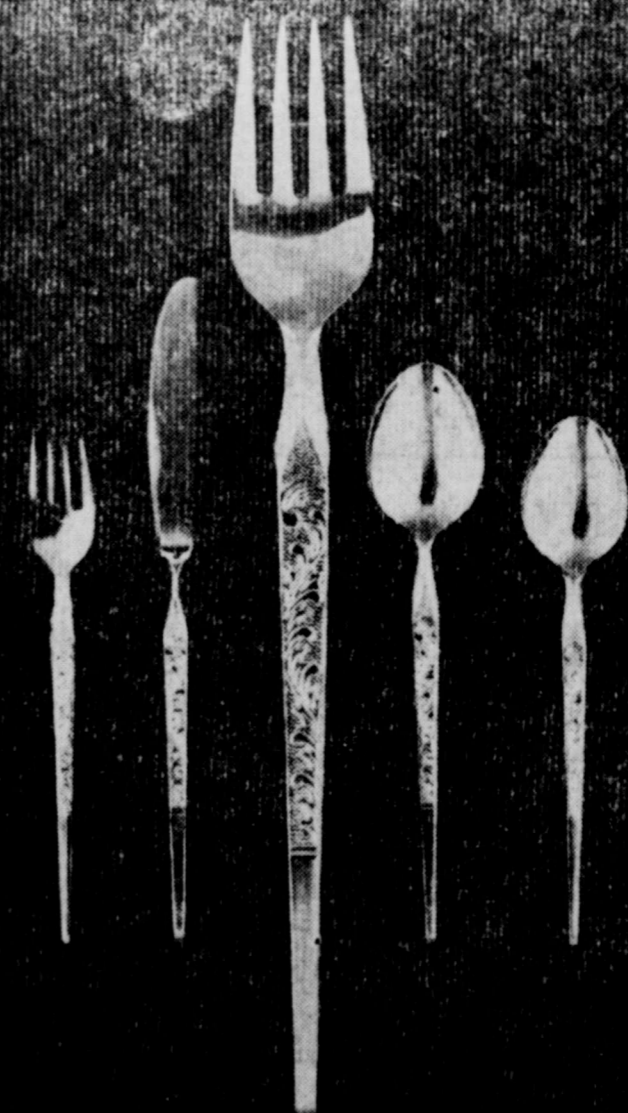
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**THREE DISPENSATIONS OF TIME**

The Bible is divided into 3 periods of history, and it is essential to know these to gain a proper understanding of God's Word. (This lesson shall be divided into 3 weeks.)

**No. 1 — The Patriarchal age. (The first)**

This period began with the creation of man . . . Genesis 1 and 2 and going through Exodus 19. During this period of time God spoke with the fathers of each household. (Heb. 1:1). We have no written record of all of God's laws. Some individual commands are given to Adam and Eve (Gen. 2:16, 17), and to Noah (Gen. 6:14f), and to Abraham (Gen. 22:2) and etc.

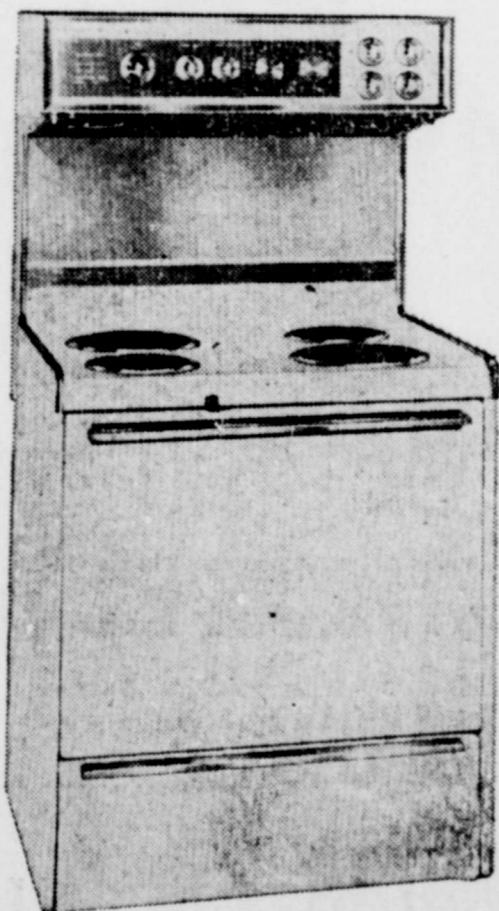
Often the question is asked concerning this period of time, "Why did God not have respect for Cain's offering?" or "Why did He accept Abels?" The answer is to be found basically in Hebrews 11:4 in 3 words, "by faith," "more excellent," and "his gifts." This verse says he offered his gifts BY FAITH, and in Romans 10:17 we read "Faith comes by hearing the word of God, therefore we conclude that Abel and Cain were commanded by the "WORD" of God what to offer and Abel obeyed. Also from Genesis 4:5-7 we see Cain's ATTITUDE WAS ALSO INVOLVED. (to be continued)

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**Crossword Puzzle**

**ACROSS**  
1. Tree fluid  
4. Saw  
9. Craft  
12. Before  
13. Male voice  
14. Old card game  
15. Stopped  
17. Japan  
19. Savor  
20. Endures  
21. Fairy  
23. Total  
24. Serene  
27. Cereal grass  
29. Fable  
33. Poem  
34. Bird  
35. Metallic rock  
36. Roman robe  
38. Meadow  
39. Destroy  
40. Abyssinian prince  
42. Her  
44. Small spray  
47. Number  
51. Dodges  
53. Transgressor  
54. Thing: law  
55. Fresher  
57. Exist  
58. Heavy stick  
59. Woody plants  
60. Trinket  
61. Three: prefix  
62. Female fowl  
63. Dry  
64. Restraint  
65. Representa-  
66. tive  
67. Inheritors  
68. Slav  
69. Entreaty  
70. Corrosion  
71. Small fly  
72. Courageous person  
73. Three: cards  
74. Indian weight  
75. Perceive  
76. Us

**Answer to Puzzle**

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33
34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44
45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55
56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66

**DOWN**  
1. Religious group  
2. Space  
3. Vegetables  
4. Metal  
5. Foot: suffix  
6. Within  
7. Epoch  
8. Boring tool  
9. Mountains  
10. Plant part  
11. Weights  
12. Flower part  
13. Tropical tree  
14. Simpletons  
15. Map book  
16. Small bed  
17. Religious group  
18. Space  
19. Vegetables  
20. Metal  
21. Foot: suffix  
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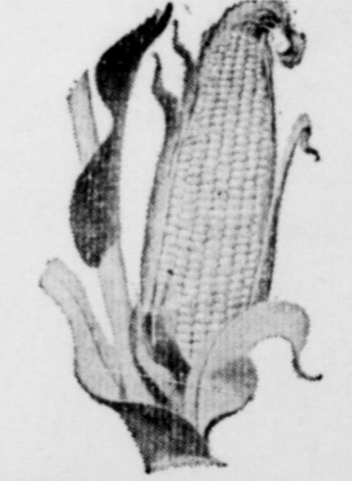
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