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81ST YEAR

Merkel C-C Endorses

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FHA Officers

er; Mathy Carson, historian; Mary Beth Boyd, (Staff Photo)

Installation services for the Merkel Chapter of reporter; Patricia McDuff, treasurer; Judy Hester, sec-Future Homemakers of America were held at retary; Vickie Robertson, president; Gail Gentry, vice an assembly program last week. Officers in- president; Yvonne Allison, degree chairman; Becky stalled were, from left, Jan Beasley, song lead- Eastham, pianist, and Carol Yates, parliamentarian.

Closed Saturday

Wrenn Durham, Merkel postmaster, announces that the Post Office will be closed Saturday, May 30, for Memorial Day ob- Pageant this year, with date set servance.

"There will be no delivery of Lucas and Mrs. Jimmy Leverich. mail by city or rural carriers." port for duty.

No window service will be provided said Durham. However, the usual lockbox service will be provided, as will special delivery service. Holiday schedules for receipt and dispatch of mail shall be observed, said Durham,

Holidays Set By Merkel C-C

Five official holidays for 1970 will be observed in Merkel, according to a resolution made by directors of the Merkel Chamber of Commerce.

These are days business houses will be closed.

Holidays include July 4, Thanksgiving, Labor Day, New Years and Christmas.

Memorial Day, May 30, will see business as usual according schools. to his resolution.

Post Office to Be BEAUTY PAGEANT **SET FOR JUNE 20**

Mrs. Lucas.

Pageant will be held at 8 p.m.

at the high school auditorium.

include Little League and Com-

Horton Receives

Jerry D. Horton, Merkel City

employe, recently received his

Grade C water and sewage works

In a recent letter from the Tex-

as State Department of Health.

Austin, to Robert L. Harris, city

water superintendent, Harris was

nctified that the "laws of this

State require water sold to the

public to be produced and dis-

tributed under the supervision of

a competent waterworks opera-

Harris said that laws were pass-

ed in public interest to "assure

safe water for human consumption

and to assure that wastewater is

treated adequately or is reclaim-

Horton's certificates were issued

at the second annual Central West

Texas Regional Water Utilities

Short School, held in Abilene May

ed for further use."

operators' certificates.

Lambda Chapter of Beta Sigma begin contacting merchants in the Phi will sponsor Merkel's Beauty area to sponsor contestants, said for June 11. Co - chairman for the Pageant will be Mrs. Billy

Four divisions (age groups) will said Durham, "and these employ- be featured, according to Mrs. ees will not be scheduled to re- Lucas. Divisions will be preschool, primary, junior high and high school.

Dress for the Pageant will be different this year," in that instead of wearing bathing suits, participants will wear party or 'Sunday' dresses.

"High school entrants will wear formals, junior high, primary and pre - schoolers, party dresses," said Mrs. Lucas.

Beta Sigma Phi members are presently taking applications from girls who are entering the pag-

eant, said Mrs Leverich. . Girls in the above named divisions who would like to enter the pageant are asked to contact either Mrs. Lucas or Mrs. Leverich, or any member of the club,

Mrs. Leverich explained that the pageant is not limited to "just the Merkel girls.'

"We invite girls from the Trent and Noodle area to enter the pageant, also" said Mrs. Leverich. "The pageant will also include the 1970 senior girls in all three

Beta Sigma Phi members will

New Books Given Merkel Library

Merkel Public Library is a "Little richer' in books this week due to some "very fine ones" contriblibrarian. Mrs G. D. McConnell.

New books are: "Ruffles and Flourishes." by Liz Carpenter and

dling their yearly projects, which honor of Mrs. Jarrett Williams," make money available, then a "Abilere On Catclaw," by Katharva Duff, donated by J. E Hester, "because he enjoys the library."

"My Brother Lynd," by Sam Houston. Water Certificate

"Trese are all reserved books" said Mrs. McConnell, "and your name will be put on the reserve

'Action Meeting" In Abilene Today

Members of the Chamber of Commerce and other Merkelites interested in the development of Merkel were urged to attend an "Action Meeting" for cities under 12,000 population to be held in Abilene Thursday morning

Chamber of Commerce president Johnny Hammond said he planned to attend and urged other C-C directors to go.

Governor Preston Smith was to be principal speaker at the meeting to be held at the Exhibits Building at the Taylor County Exposition Center (West Texas Fair Grounds).

The West Central Texas Council of Governments was to host the meeting

sponsor the Merkel Summer Youth Program under direction of Bill Tate. However, they deferred a request from Tate for increases in salary for adult supervisors of the program and set new rates for the progam starting at a base uted by Merkelites, according to of \$10 for one child for the eight week program. Last years' basic rate was \$8 for one child for eight Proceeds from the annual event given to the library by Taylor with money from Merkel's Comwill be used by the club in han- County Young Homemakers "in munity Fund, the budget would

> Rates will be \$10,00 for the 8 weeks for one child: \$17.50 for two children: \$25 for three and

\$30 for four or more. for one child.

Forms and information concern-

Also on the Community Fund, Fred Starbuck made the motion that the Community Fund records

Recreation Program Programs for youth and senior munity Fund be reorganized, could be financed by individual citizens, as well as many areas Gambell seconded this motion and memberships in the Chamber of

between youth and old age, were directors voted for it unanimously. discussed by members of the Merkel Chamber of Commerce board of directors at the first work - organizational meeting

Johnny Hammond, CC president, named the following directors to head committees at the meeting he called Monday night

Truett Thompson, membership; Ted Smith, highway and beautification: Vernon Mansfield, agriculture: Dave Brumbeau, publicity and greeting.

Also Kent Satterwhite, retired program: Mack Fisher, banquet; Summer Recreation and Community Fund: Dave Gamble, Christmas Parade and Retail Development; Fred Starbuck, industry.

Mansfield, Satterwhite and Smith were absent from the meeting.

Directors voted to continue to bonus would be in line for Summer Recreation workers

Summer Recreation is scheduled to begin June 8 and hours will be from 9 a,m. to 12 and from 2 until 5 p.m. Activities will continue for eight weeks, through July

Per week charge will be \$1.25

ing registration may be obtained from Bill Tate or Mrs. Ida Mae Graham at the school office.

be brought in and that the Com-

Hammond discussed seme of his views on the program for the

retired which would be under the direction of Satterwhite. He said it was not his aim for the program to cost the retired anything. but that he though such a program

Commerce by interested persons. Directors decided further study on this program is necessary to see what type activity the retired community desires

Regular meetings for the directors was set for the second Tuesday of each month.









Receives Gold Merit Awards

Four Merkel seniors were recipients of the gold merit award at the 1970 commencement exercises last Thursday. They are, top, Cathy Beaird, left, also salutatorian, and Carolyn Gilmore, and bottom left, JaNell Lassiter and Donna Diltz. The gold merit award is top recognition given students for outstanding contributions to their school.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the sacrifices of those who have lost their lives, their health, or their livelihood as a result of their military service are rightly the concern of all citizens; and

WHEREAS, the annual Buddy Poppies by the Veterans of Foreign Wars offers an opportunity for the people of this community to express their solicitude for those unfortunate persons who have paid more than their share of the cost of freedom; and

WHEREAS, V.F.W. Buddy Poppies are assembled by disabled veterans, and the proceeds of this worthy fund - raising campaign are used exclsively for the benefit of disabled and needy veterans, and the widows and orphans of deceased veterans, in the desire to "Honor the Dead by Helping the Living", THEREFORE

I, Horace Hargrove, 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

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 or lost their lives in fulfilling their obligations as American citizens.

> Signed HORACE HARGROVE Mayor

BASEBALL

By LAVON BUNCH

Baseball, T-Shirt style genuine American Opera!

Car horn shrieks from excited fans provide the background mu-

The Prima Dona is the pitcher, hero if his team wins, snook if they lose. A burden of drama overwhelms as he walks eight straight

The catcher adds comedy-tragedy as he overthrows pitchers' box, and first, second and third basemen have a fistcuff over the precious little object. .

At last - a batter is able to bit the ball into center field. (The fielder is absent because chicken pox has struck him out.)

The runner misses first base,

knocks down the second baseman and rounds third. A-ha! He's coming in for a "homer!" Safety helmet, shoes and dust are soon settled and we are able to see his exasperated manager covering his eyes with one hand and his mouth with his other!

Managers are special people. Patient Tyrants to be sure. A heart of gold, nerves of steel and a hard head the necessary combination to direct a T-Shirt team.

The game is finally won By whom? It doesn't really matter.

The Curtain comes down on the little fellows, snow cones in hand (and down shirt fronts).

The American Diamond Opera is over for tonight

CONCERN. SERVICE HIGHLIGHT MERKEL GRADUATION PROGRAM

Concern for today and service making our education possible." today and tomorrow was the implied and expressed philosophy of the speakers at the commencement exercise for the 1970 class

of Merkel High School Cathy Fern Beaird gave the salutatory address, Terry Wade presented the class president's address, and Patricia Dee Moore,

spoke as valedictorian. Mr. Olaf South, superintendent of the Sweetwater schools, was the main speaker.

Top students with grade point averages were also recognized. They were Patricia Moore, 95.70; Cathy Beaird, 94.22, and Terry Derington, 93.92.

Junior students were Paul

Thames with an average of 95,60 and Judy Hester with 94,25. Sophomores, Kerry Thames,

96.50 and Patricia McDuff, 96.20. Freshmen, Curtis Don Clyburn, 95.40 and Patsy Button, 94.2. Miss Beaird said it was neces-

sary today to look within ourselves to see our capabilities and talents and to decide where we are going. She pointed out that while we may find moments of discouragement we must continue to try very hard. She cited Jules Verne who sold his manuscript "Trip to the Moon" after being rejected by 15 publishers. Miss Beaird said that speaking for the class she wanted to "Thank you for

Mr. Wade said graduates must not expect everyone to live for you. He said "we've made a mess of this world" and the reason he gave was that every man lives for himself and the Negro and the Hunky Mouth "You ain't my brother." and the East and the West shout that the other can't be trusted. He said youth is not going to stop trying to make the

world better Miss Moore urged her listeners to form the habit of giving the world a "gift of yourself" and most people will express a better feeing of love for those around them. She said this gift or yourself should be considered as a

lifetime human relation project. Mr. South drew a parallel between people who are thermometers and those who are thermostats. The thermometers, he said, were those who registered the scene around them who reflected their environment. But thermostats, he said, were people who motivated others and were people capable of changing the con-

ditions around them. Mr. South urged the graduates and the audience to do more than just register the world around them. He said today that thermostats are needed who are capable of making changes for the

Following the commencement speakers, merit awards were presented to students, excelling in some phase of their school life.

Seniors receiving gold merit awards were Cathy Beaird, Carolyn Gilmore JaNell Lassiter and Donna Diltz; silver merit awards Donna Phillips, Scottie Higgins, Glenna Doan, Mignon Crawford, Dayna McAninch, Kathryn Criswell, Terry Wade, Kay Tipton and Patricia Moore: and bronze awards Melba Seymore, Barbara Higgins and Terry Sue Doan.

Other students receiving awards were Suzy Wilson, Paul Thames, Judy Hester and Kerry Thames, gold; Bill Whisenhunt, silver, and Tommy Anderson, Mike Steck and Stephanie Walker, bronze.

Miss Lassiter received a gold medal award for serving as editor of the vearbook, and Terry Derington and Donna Diltz each received gold merit awards for faculty selections as best all

around boy and girl. Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Scallo and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Seymore were recognized during the ceremonies as the two families who had sent the largest number of children through the school system The : tallos had eight to graduate from the system over a period of 34 years and the Seymores also eight, over a period of 36 years.



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LEGAL NOTICE

THE STATE OF TEXAS To any Sheriff or any Constable within the State of Texas - rects. GREETING:

You are hereby commanded to week for four consecutive weeks, May A.D. 1970. the first publication to be at least twenty - eight days before the return day thereof, in a newspaper printed in Taylor County, Texas, the accompanying citation, of which the herein below following is a true copy.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: ZERAL RAY BARBER, Defendant, Greeting

YOU ARE HERERY COM-MANDED to appear before the Henorable Domestic Relations Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene. Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 22nd day of June A.D. 1970, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 7th day of May A.D. 1979, in this cause, numbered 32,702-A on the docket of said court and styled In the Matter of the Marriage of Alice June Barber and Zera Ray Barber,

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Divorce as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in

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

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law.

Receives Award

Linda McAninch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cal McAninch, and valedictorian of the Trent High School graduating class has been given the Annual Award of the Reader's Digest Association for students who by their successful school work, give promise of attaining leadership in the commun-

and the mandates herest, and make due return as the law di-

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Ahi cause to be published once each lene. Texas, this the 7th day of

> Attest: IRENE CRAWFORD Clerk, Domestic Relations Court, Taylor County, Texas. By Rilla Mahoney Deputy.

Gleaners SS Class Hears Merrell

Gleaners Sunday School Class of the First United Methodist Church met May 13 in Fellowship Hall for their regular meeting. Hostesses were Mmes. Roy Baccus. W. W. Toombs, O. E. Harwell and O. R. Douglas,

Opening prayer was given by Mrs. James Merrell and pastor, Rev. Merrell, president a program on Reconciliation. Devotional was given by Mrs. N. S. Daniel, Special 11 4te music was by Mrs. T. K. Ander-

son and Mrs. Denzil Cox.

Refreshments were served to Rev. Merrell, Mrs., Forest Gaither of Wimberely and to members Mmes. Merrell, Daniel, Anderson, Mary Click and Cox.

Also Mmes. Dee Moore, Leon, Toombs. Herbert Patterson, Albert Criswell and H. N. Odum,

Mmes, John Shannon, Sallie Moore, Winnie Cypert, Minnie Howard and Douglas, Also Mmes. O. E. Harwell,

Toombs, Baccus and Miss Mabel

Fred Dunagin was taken to Hendrick Memorial Hospital last week. He is doing better at this

School Librarians Visit San Angelo

Merkel High School librarians toured the San Angelo libraries recently with their spensor, Mrs. Prentiss Windsor and student teacher, Mrs. Jeanette Tidwell.

Libraries visited included the San Angelo State University, and also classroom libraries. Students also visited Lake Nasworthy and the Sunken Garden Park. They were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. Windsor.

Librarians taking the tour were

Pauline Allison, Vicki Biera, Bill Black, Annette Campbell, William Choate, Donna Dickerson, Gail Gentry, Pat Moore, Donna Nagel and Debra Hale.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Clyburn and children attended the wedding of Rosalind Golden and Truett Wayne Thompson at the home of the bride's aunt, Mrs. Ray Brubaker in Abilene Saturday night.

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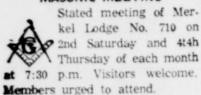
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MASONIC MEETING



WILEY NOAH W.M. ROY MASHBURN, Sec'y.

GARAGE SALE - Wednesday 27th to Wednesday 3rd, Floor tile, baby stroller, ice box, bcttles and lots of odds and ends. Lee Patton and Billie Suber. 912 No. 6th.

WANTED - Cooks, waitresses, and dishwashers. Merkel Restaurant, 928-4923.

SEE what Beauty by Mary Kay can do for you. Call Emma Shugart after 5 p.m. and on Saturday, 928-5027.

THE PROVEN carpet cleaner Blue Lustre is easy on the budget. Restore forgotten colors. Rent electric shampooer 31 at Bullock Hardware & Gifts, 928-5310. 30 ltp

WEDDING INVITATIONS. IN-FORMALS, ANNIVERSARY IN-VITATIONS - All may be seen at the Merkel Mail and Printing. 928-5712.

WANTED - High school boy to work after school and three afternoons during summer to do backshop work at Merkel Mail CHISELING, sub . soiling, onewaying (with offset plow), Jerry Miler, 928-4968 or Abilene 672-7466, collect. 8 4tc

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WANT TO BUY - Old trunks, churns, crocks and wash stands, Mrs. Robert Higgins, call 928--12 2tc

LOST - Aluminum extension ladder from back of pickup on FM 126. Would the person who picked up ladder please call 928-4736 or return ladder to Max Murrell Chevrolet, Merkel, Tex. 12 2tc

WE NEED ODD JOBS - Please help us make money for cheerleaders' school. Call 846-4155 or 8 tfc

SOMEONE to stay in home and care for elderly lady. Call 846-12 tfc

NEED BEAUTICIAN at Edna's Beauty Shop. Good business and pice working conditions. Contact Mrs. Bobby Toliver, 928-5913 or after 6 p.m. 928-5566.

WOULD LIKE TO SELL 6 choice lots at Rose Hill Cemetery, all curbed. Contact I. A. Roach, 1101 Peach. Abilene, 672-1825.

and to run press. Must be 16 NOW OPEN - Merkel Swap and Great savings found here, 13 1tp

STRAYED from Daniel Ranch, FOR SALE - New portable elecsouth of Trent, 10 steer calves, mixed breeds, branded with circle on left hip. Call Abilene, 673-3591, collect, or contact Merkel

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WANTED - Lawns to mow on Saturday. Call after 4:30 p.m.

MOVING OUT GARAGE SALE -Thursday only, appliances, bathroom accessories, TV, \$10,00, few tools, dishes and clothing. 13 ltc 1511 Heath.

GARAGE SALE - Friday and Saturday, 1411 Heath, bathing suits, maternity outfits, formals, toys, items to antique. 13 1tc

WANTED - To mow lawns. Contact Mark and Kirk Merrell. 13 1tc

- For Rent -

FOR RENT - 2 nice clean furnished 2 bedroom apartments. Also 1 unfurnished bedroom house on paved street. Phone 11 4tc

FOR RENT - Modern 2 bedroom house at 705 Ash, call 923-1103,

- For Sale -

FOR SALE - Living room couch beige and brown tones, good condition, reasonable priced, 612 miles South of Merkel on FM 1235, Mrs. Jack Hogan . 13 tfc

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kel Auto Parts, 921 No. 2nd St.

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Ex-Merkelites' Son Tops His Class

Medford (Ted) McCoy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Medford A McCoy. of Lafayete, La., and former Merke'tes, has graduated from Lafayette High School with a 4.0 average for all four years.

Ted plans to attend the Universi'vy of Texas where he will study medicine. His father is division manager for Continental Oil Co. in Lafayette.

CARD OF THANKS

WE WISH TO express our deepest appreciation for all the kindnesses extended us during our food, especially the prayers, we want to say thank you, May God bless each of you.

Mrs. Larrie Tatum and children Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Smith Mr. and Mrs. Harold McLean and childen

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Smith and

CARD OF THANKS

WE ARE SINCERELY GRATE. FUL to friends and neighbors for all their many kindnesses, for all the beautiful flowers, pray, 's, visits and a special thanks to those who donated food while Mrs. Ward was in Hendrick Hospital. Our appreciation cannot be adequately expressed.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Ward

Stith News By MRS. FRITZ HALE



Farniers are really busy this

week, planting cotton. Mrs Frank Cogein of McKinnley, was a visitor recently in the home of her brother and family, M. and Mrs. Ira Stanlev. Mrs. Hyrna Brittain of Abilene was also a visitor in her grandparents' home.

Several from the Stith Community attended Commencement Exercises Thursday at the Metkel High School Auditorium. Congratulations to i'on Clyburn on being the nighest ranking student of the tresmaan class at MHS. He was presented the gold merit award.

Fred Dunagin is home, after spending .evera' days in Hen drick Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. John Hobbs is some beter this week Visiting her over the weekend wer a son and wife, Mr. and Mrs Jasper Mebbs of Grand Prairi. They also visited Mrs. Offie Fowler and the Benny Hobbs

Mrs. Bob Malone, Monica and Haley of Taylor visited several days last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fitz Hale, They recent sorrow. For the flowers, also visited Mr. and Mrs. Robert Malone and Mr. and Mrs. Dink Whisenhunt, Windi and Dusti, Mrs. Robert Malone returned home with them Sunday for a week's visit.

Samatha and Jo Nell Mashburn of Carlsbad, N.M., have returned home after a three week visit with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mashburn,

Mr. and Mrs. Truett Jones, Gatesville, spent the weekend with Truett's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Jones Mr. and Mrs. Skiles Watson of Freeport spent Wednesday in the Jones' home.

The Rev. James Wiliams was absent from the Stith Baptist Church Sunday due to a serious illness of his daughter in law, Mrs. Don Williams of Anson,

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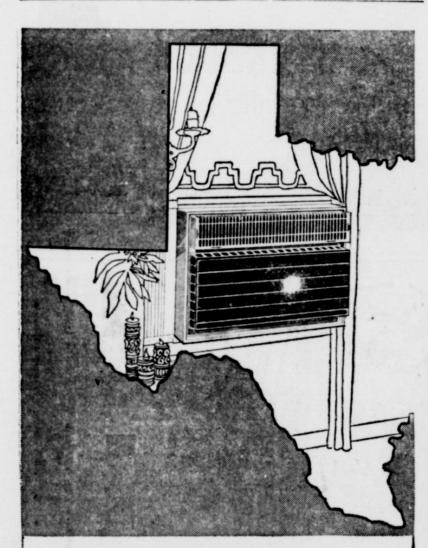
John Perry, right, and former Merkelite, Billy Ray Perry, brought home the proof this past week. Proof that they "really did catch a big 'un."

know the John Perry's hideout, The above picture was too good for John to keep to himself.. The 21 pound ye'low catfish was caught at Lake Brownwood last Tuesday on a trotline. They have found fisherman's paradise at Louis' Boat Docks, where their Charlie Massey recently were Mr. son Bily Ray and wife, Billy are and Mrs. Eugene Suter of Dur-

Visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Halbert Rister was their daughter, Mrs. Leroy and boys of Mesquite.

Well, well, well - we finally The Risters are proud parents of tiwn boys, Gerry and Terry, ony five weeks old, 21/2 year old Charles kept his grandfather well en-

> Visiting with Mr. and Mrs. an, Okla, and Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Suter of Big Spring. Johnny and Eugene are Mrs. Massey's brothers Also visiting with the Masseys were Mr. and Mrs. Less



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Thaxton of Merkel,

We received a note from Madeline Massey saying that she and her former "Sis" Gamble, Mrs. Doyle Seifried share a Merkel Mail and how much they enjoyed it. We sure like to hear from our out of town subscribers.. THANKS!

Mr. and Mrs Lee Burgner of Fort Worth visited Mrs. Burgner's sister, Mrs. Howard Beaid.

Visiting Howad and Homer Beaird in the Big Spring VA Hospital recently were Mrs. Howard Beaird and sons, Billy and Charles of Abilene, Miss Ivanell Bockman, Mrs. Eunice Isenburg and son Sherman and Junior of Abi-

Mrs D. W. Ashby of Balch Springs, Texas, is presently in a Dallas hospital undergoing eye surgery. Her home address is 11216 Limestone in case any of her former Merkel friends would would like to drop her a card. Incidentally, Mrs. Ashby has been a subscriber of the Merkel Mail





After Graduation

Steve Butman received congratulations on his graduation from Sam Houston State University from his cousin, Sue Abbey, left, and his sister, Beverly. (Photo courtesy Mrs. Louis Butman)

Merkel Graduates Receive Degrees

Two Merkel High School Gradnates receved degrees from Hardin - Simmons University at their May 18 Commencement, and one MHS grad wil receive a degree at the University of Texas May

Mrs. Judy Ruth Agnew Eiland, daughter of the Allen Agnews. and Mrs. Patricia Ann Tate Mc-Beth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Tate both received BS degrees from HSU at their recent commencement exercises. Mrs. Eiland is listed in Who's Who in American Universities and College and was class favorite her junior

Tommy Joe Higgins ,son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Higgins will be among the 250 University of Texass students receiving a degree from the College of Engineering at their May 30 Commencement. He will receive his bachelor of science degree in civil engineer-

Special Program

Beginning Monday, June 1, Jimmy Swaggart, a camp meeting and convention speaker will be broadcast over KWFA from 3:15 to 3:30 p.m. each day.

Swaggart also holds a pastorate at an Assembly of God Church n Baton Rouge, La.



DONNA JEAN PHILLIPS . . to be married June 20

Vows Scheduled By Miss Phillips

Mr. and Mrs Louis Cook, Rt., 2, Merkel, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Donna Jean Phillips to Mr. Donald Ray Russom, son of Mrs. Tom Russom and the late

The bride - elect is a 1970 graduate of Merkel High School,

A 1968 Merkel High School graduate. Russom is presently engaged in stock farming in Mulberry

Wedding date is set for June 20 at the Noan Methodist Church.

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Carpenters are tearing out the fixtures! Hurry! Final days are here! We must sell out and get out! Remember it is cheaper to sell at any price than to pack and move! Y'all come and get it! Package deals made on quantities. Buy like dealers at prices cheaper than auction sales!

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• Were from \$1.98 to \$3.98

MERKEL'S FOR OVER 50 YEARS

JOSEPH I. NALLEY DIES AT AGE 78

Joseph Ira Nalley, 78, died Fri- urday in the Church of Christ day, May 23 in Hendrick Memo- with Billy Patton, minister, and rial Hospital after a long illness, E. R. Harper, minister of High-Funera services were held Sat- land Church of Christ in Abilene

Evolution and the Bible

The Bible account of Creation and Evolution (the THEORY that all living forms, including man, slowly came into being over millions of years of natural selection) cannot be harmonized!!!

Some people offer these theories to harmonize the Bible and evolution:

1 "Day - age" theory.

It says the "days" of Genesis Chapter 1 are the ages of Geology, saying there is some kind of agreement between the creation record in Genesis and evolution. But this does not work - IT IS NOT RIGHT!!! It is not right for these rea-

A It DOES NOT harmonize with the theory of

B When the word "day" is limited by an adjetive or numeral as it is in Genesis ("the first day, evening and morning"), ALWAYS without exception it means a SOLAR day!

C The word "day" is defined in Genesis the first time it is used — Gen. 1:5 "evening and morning were the first day." So that "day" is plainly defined as the period of time in which in succession "light follows darkness."

D If "day" meant geological ages (million years) then the Jews had to keep the sabbath for a million years (Gen. 2:1-3: Exodus 20:11) because it is the same identical word "day." Can you see them not working for a million years, not even picking up a stick?

2 "Gap" theory.

The THEORY says the geological ages took place between Genesis 1:1 and 1:2. There is absolutely NO evidence. Not even the Geologist or evolutionist, neither the Biblical requirements will accept it. Exodus 20:11 says He created "all" things in SIX days.

You cannot harmonize Evolution and the Bible. All that the geological ages are, is man's efforts to find a way to explain away the Bible account of Creation. To find a way to understand and explain where all things came from apart from the Bible.

BILLY PATTON, Minister

CHRIST

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officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery under direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born May 7, 1892, in Trinity County, Mr. Nalley moved to Trent with his family as a small boy. He married Winnie May Ru- of San Antonio announce the entherford of Putnam July 4, 1922 ale Sie Peters, to Mr. Fred Arch in Sweetwater. They lived in Trent until 1940, then moved to Merkel. He served 41 years as a rural mail carrier in Abilene, Trent and Merkel. He retired May

Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Mrs. Herbert Reese of Austin and Mrs. Etsel Hunter of Arlington; one grandson, Wayne Hunter of Arlington; three sisters. Mrs. Garnet Bryan of Trent, Mrs. Everett Clement and Mrs. Frank Bradley both of Abilene: one brother, Roy Nalley of Leakey; several nieces and neph-

Pallbearers were Frank Bradley, Benny Rogers, Charles Jacoos, Joe Cypert, L. S. Kingsberry and Buford Allen. Honorary pallbearers were rural mail carriers of the area.

J. R. Mashburn, Samatha and Jo Nell are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mashburn and Rodney this week.





1065 SOUTH 3rd ABILENE, TEXAS 79605 PHONE 677-5914

Pamela Peters Engagement Told

Mr. and Mrs. Morris R. Roberts gagement of their daughter, Pam-Underwood, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Q. Underwood of Lubbock,. The bride - elect, daughter of

LEGAL NOTICE

THE STATE OF TEXAS To any Sheriff or any Constable within the State of Texas -GREETING:

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

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Ofelia Bencemo Mitchell, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COM-MANDED to appear before the Honorable Court of Domestic Relations of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene. Texas, by filing a written answer 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 6th day of July A.D. 1970, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 20 day of March A.D. 1970, in this cause, numbered 5398 on the docket of said court and styled IN THE MATTER OF THE MAR-RIAGE OF DAVID MITCHELL AND OFELIA BENCOMO MIT-CHELL.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: An action for divorce, no property involved as is more fully shown by plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same

Issued and given under my hand lene, Taylor County, Texas, this the 21 day of May A.D. 1970.

Attest: IRENE CRAWFORD District Clerk, Domestic Relations Court of Taylor County,

By Faye Terry Deputy.

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the late Howard W. Peters, is a Receives Degree graduate of Alamo Heights High School, San Antonio, and is presently a junior student at Texas

and Mrs. Joe Lassiter.

date for August 15.

Jo Ann Reed of Merkel was Tech Lubbock. She is the grand- one of 176 McMurry College sendaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. iors to receive a degree in Com-Earl Lassiter and niece of Mr. mencement exercises last week.

Underwood attended Trinity graduate are Mr. and Mrs. John University in San Artorio and Rankin of Sinton. Mrs. Reed regraduated from Texas Tech this ceived the B.S. o gree in Elementary Education. Presenting Miss Peters has set her wedding diplomas to the graduates was and children of Merkel visited the Dr. Gordon R. Bennett, who is Clyburn family Sunday,

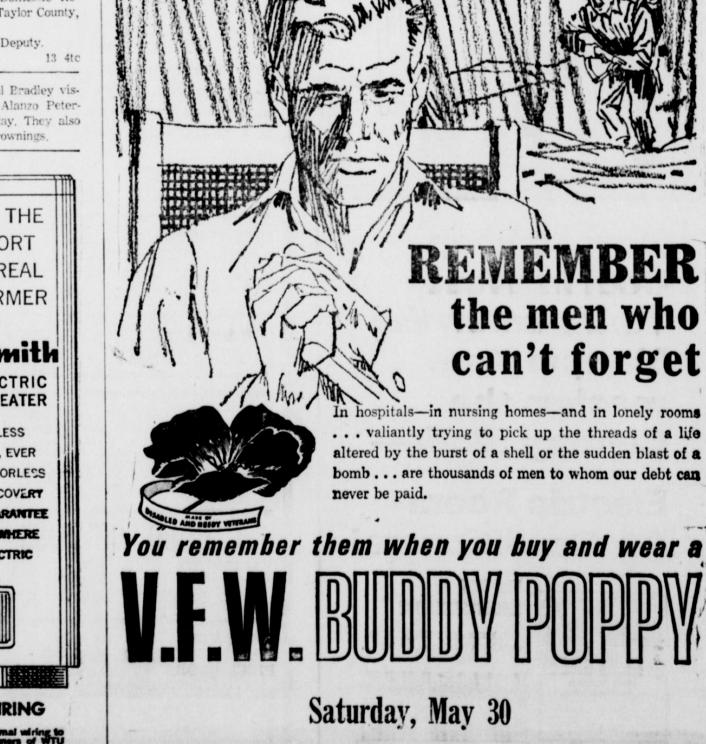
Parents of the McMurry College

retiring from the presidency of McMurry on June 1. Commencement speaker was Dr. Marshall Steel, president emeritus of Hendrix College in Conway, Arkansas,

Mrs. Cleo Liles of St. Louis spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Stanley.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Aiken





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THAT TOMORROW'S YOUTH



We mus. do more than lay Memorial Day wreaths on the graves of our warrior dead; we must lay solid plans for a peace that shall endure.

Instead of the meeting of young bodies in senseless conflict, let us pray for the calm meeting of minds in a forum of nations where Reason, not Force, shall prevail . . . for the benefit of all mankind.

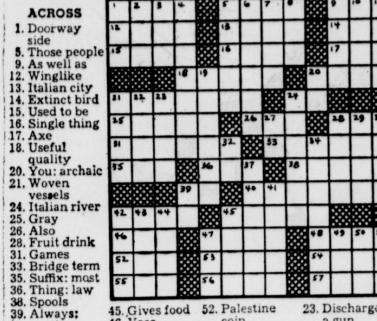
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54. Bait 55. Some 56. Nuisance 57. Time period

DOWN 5. Confidence 7. Send forth 9. Indian nurse 44. 19. Sentinel 20. Toward 21. Foundation

unit: abbr. 49. Regret

WANT ADS **GET RESULTS!**

Answer to Puzzle

Onis Crawfords **Fete MHS Seniors**

annual party for Merkel seniors recently with approximately sixty

director, spoke on "What Will You Do With Your Degree.."

Other guests included the the Rev. Kenneth Jones, pastor, of the First Baptist Church.

Seniors sponsors attending were Mr. and Mrs. Alf Walla and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Tate.

MHS Cheerleaders Set Car Wash

Merkel High School Cheerleaders will have a Car Wash Saturday. May 30 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the DuBose Texaco Service.

Tharge will be \$2,00 and free pickup and delivery will be made. Proceeds will be used for expenses to Cheerleaders' School. .

LITTLE LEAGUE **SCHEDULE**

THURSDAY, MEIT 28 Kilowatts vs. Willies Bankers vs. Supers FRIDAY, May 29 Braves vs. Bankers Vets vs., Kilowatts TUESDAY, June 2 Supers vs. Kilowatts Bankers vs. Willies THURSDAY, June 4 Braves vs. Kilowatts Bankers vs. Vets



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WSCS Installs New Officers

An installation program highighted the May 12 meeting of Women's Society of Christian Service at the First United Methodist Church.

Officers installed were Mmes. Lavern Moore, president; James Merrell, vice president; N. S. Daniel, secretary, and Vernon Hudson,

Mmes. Lottie Everett, Christian Social Relations; Denzil Cox, Missionary Education, and T. K. Anderson, Spiritual Growth.

Mrs. Mashburn **Hosts Stith Club**

Mrs. Roy Mashburn hosted the Stith Home Demonstration Club at their May 13 meeting. Devo-

tional, prayer and recreation were led by Mrs. Mahburn and Mrs.

Roll call was answered with "When have I changed my hair style?" Mrs. Sylvia Watson of Abilene gave a demonstration on makeup, and Mrs. Francis Hudman on hair styling.

Fourteen members, one visitor and five children attended. Hostess gift was presented to Mrs. . Wade



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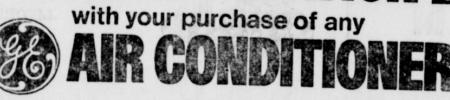
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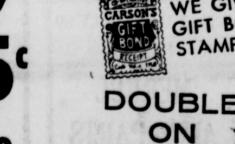
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