



**"IT'S BETTER EVERY YEAR"** — Three MHS students are "more than pleased" with this year's dress code. Shown in comfortable, school board approved attire, are, from left, Marsha Jordan, junior, wearing a coordinated pant suit, Tonja McAninch, junior wearing a hot pant suit ensemble, and Steve Walker, senior, shirt tucked in, top button open and side-burns to the bottom of the ears. The dress code was compiled by representatives of the school faculty and students. (Staff Photo)

## Students To Register Friday School Begins On Monday

The 1972 - 73 Merkel Public School year begins Friday when registration will be held for all students.

Beginning at 9 a.m., freshmen and sophomores will register and at 1:30 p.m., juniors and seniors, Kindergarten and all new students in the primary and elementary schools will register Friday morning beginning at 9 o'clock. All other primary and elementary students will begin registration at 1:30 p.m.

School superintendent, Mack Fisher, said that school buses will run for the afternoon's registration.

Prior to Friday's registration, a breakfast for the faculty and hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Fisher, will be held at the Merkel Restaurant, to be followed with a general faculty meeting at the high school. Following the general faculty meeting teachers will meet with principals in their appointed schools.

Teachers have been in workshops and in-service training the past three days, and will work in their rooms on Thursday afternoon, said Fisher.

The 1972 - 73 faculty includes: Administration: Fisher, superintendent; Travis L. Davis, high school principal; and Leon Walker, principal of Elementary, Primary and Kindergarten schools.

High School: Paul Mac Woodfin, head football coach, social studies and athletic director; Ronnie Aldridge, assistant coach and mathematics; Jerry D. Jones, assistant coach, science and physical education; Mrs. Colleen Willis, girls' coach, physical education and science; W. J. Tate, mathematics and science. Also Chester Collinsworth, vocational teacher; A. J. Walla, vocational carpentry; Mrs. Gayle Baker, commercial subjects; Mrs. Mary Caton, and Mrs. Jonnie Beasley, vocational home economics; Glenn Reed, band and driver education, and Mrs. Ruth Windsor, librarian.

Also, Mrs. Ellen McReynolds, social science; Mrs. Pat Dudley, English; Mrs. Frances O. King, English, speech and drama; and Mrs. Mary R. Easton, Spanish and English.

Elementary: Mrs. Helen Benson, Ralph E. Bratcher, Mrs. Elletta Orsborn, Mrs. Mitzzi Hart, William G. Martin, teacher and assistant coach; Robert M. Russell, teacher and assistant coach; Miss Carolyn McHugh, Miss Judy Gayle Morris, Miss Juanita Blackburn, and Mrs. Lillie Braune, remedial reading.

Primary and Kindergarten: Mrs. Naomi Holloway, Mrs. Jo Finley Barnett, Mrs. Barbara Sandusky, Mrs. Jane Wade, Mrs. Anna Belle Shouse, Mrs. Lena Dunagin, Miss Lydia Norcross, Mrs. Cathy Malone, Mrs. Darla Jo Mawson, and Mrs. Sharon K. Alves, kindergarten.

Taylor - Callahan Cooperative Special Education teachers include Mrs. Darlene Watson, Mrs. Jo Ann Reed, Mrs. Judy Snapp, Mrs. Sandra L. Rosengrants and Mrs. Rojean Hicks, Mrs. Blanche Hewitt, special aide for the EMR Program will work in the Merkel Schools.

Merkel is the fiscal agent of the Taylor - Callahan Cooperative program, Fisher explained.

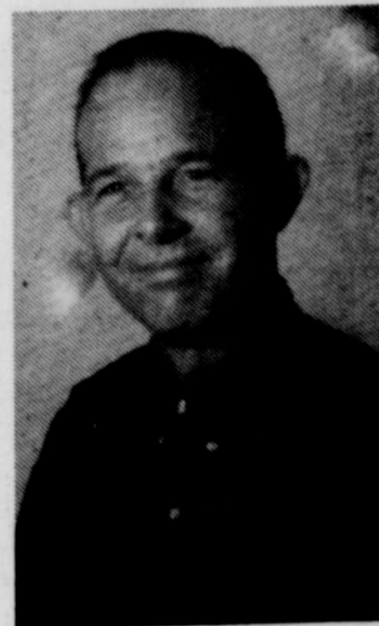
Other employees include James Dean, coordinator of Title I program; Mrs. Zell Whitaker, bookkeeper for state and federal programs; Robert J. Millikan, counselor and supervisor on a county cooperative basis; Mrs. Ida Strickland, bookkeeper and secretary; Mrs. Patsy Walker, elementary office secretary; Mrs. Clyde Bartlett, tax assessor and collector; Mrs. Minyon Seymore,



**MACK FISHER**  
... superintendent



**TRAVIS L. DAVIS**  
... high school principal



**LEON WALKER**  
... primary, elementary principal

teacher aide, Mrs. Joan Reed, library aide, and Ms. Glenda Byrd, secretary to the high school principal.

Custodians will be Pete Swinney, Oliver Rister, T. G. Hill and Worley E. Ledford.

Cafeteria workers are Mrs. Velma Rutledge, manager; Mrs. Vada Martin, Mrs. Bernice Bagby, Mrs. Billy James, Mrs. Mary Vaughn, Mrs. Leona McWilliams and Mrs. Elvira Biera.

Bus drivers include Lewis Corder, Allen D. Agnew, Price Melton, Ed Lewis, Billy Patton, Bill Tate, Waymon Adcock, Winford Reed and A. J. Walla.

Fisher said that the cafeteria will serve meals beginning Aug.

21 on the first day of school. Prices for meals will be 30 cents for grade K-4; 35 cents for grades 5-8 and 40 cents for grades 9-12.

Following the tournament a Golf Supper will be served by the social committee beginning at 8 p.m.

**August Social Set Monday**

A Hully Gully Golf Tournament will begin at the Country Club at 5:30 p.m. Monday, according to Leo Harris, chairman of the social committee for August. Entry fee is \$1.00.

Following the tournament a Golf Supper will be served by the social committee beginning at 8 p.m.

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## DRESS CODE STRESSES NEATNESS

A modified dress code for students attending the Merkel Schools' 1972 - 73 year has been released this week by the superintendent, Mack Fisher.

Following a study made by the school board, administration, faculty and students during the school year 1971 - 72, and completed on August 7, 1972, the board approved a modified dress code.

Upon completion of the studies, Fisher expressed appreciation to the dress code committee who worked on the survey.

"One goal each group had in

mind was to formulate a dress code that would be simple, easy to follow, but at the same time would emphasize the importance of developing an appreciation for a "business" - like approach to dress attire," said Fisher. "The aim in formulating the code was to come up with an attire that would meet the demands of today's society."

Dress regulations emphasized the fact that students are "encouraged to be neat, clean, and dress in good taste in school, and at all school sponsored activities." "Any type of dress or personal

grooming that is disruptive or distracting to pupils and teachers in the classroom or in the school shall not be allowed," Fisher said.

He further said that the determination of what is disruptive or distracting will be made by the building principals.

Dress Code modifications include:

### Girls

1. Girls shall wear appropriate clothing that is styled for school wear, provided such clothing conforms to the following: Tank tops, see-through blouses, extremely low cut tops, shorts and other similar attire should be worn other than in the classroom or hallways. Physical education classes may be excepted. Only blouses cut square on the bottom may be worn outside the skirt or pants.

2. Girls may wear hot pants suits, provided they have a matched skirt ensemble - coordinated with an over-blouse or jacket.

3. Girls may wear tailored or coordinated pant suits to school and school activities.

### Boys

Boys may wear their hair above the collar, above the ears, and above the eyebrows. Sideburns may be worn to the bottom of the ear.

2. Boys should be clean shaven.

3. Tank tops (or muscle shirts) and other similar attire should not be worn in the classroom or hallways. Physical education classes may be excepted. Only shirts cut square on the bottom may be worn outside the pants. Shirts should be completely buttoned with the exception of the top (collar button).

Regulations that apply to all students include wearing shoes at all times unless "exceptions are made by the principal for unusual conditions."

"The use of any noise make, such as bells or shoe taps, is considered disruptive and therefore not permitted," said Fisher.

Fisher pointed out that "since our student body helped compose the dress code, we know that all of our students will want to comply with the regulation from the very beginning." He suggested that students who were in doubt as to what to wear, to contact their principal.

"We are looking forward to a great year," said Fisher, "and will be glad to see our students on Friday, Aug. 18."

## EXTRA FUNDS NEEDED FOR LOCAL LIBRARY

The Merkel Library is now serving the public in their new quarters in the Ike Turner building on North First Street, and board members this week endorsed a Library Fund drive on a voluntary contribution basis.

A committee, composed of Mrs. Ray Wilson, board chairman, and Fred Starbuck, Mrs. Dave Brumbeau and Mrs. Larry Justice were appointed to head this fund drive for Merkel and the area.

"Since the Library is a recipient of the Community Fund we did not think it feasible to have an organized drive," said Mrs. Wilson. "However, the amount of

money received from this source is not enough to cover renovations.

Necessities discussed by the board include the paying for the new floor which was laid before the library was moved, rest room facilities, which "are a must," extra shelving for the larger area in the new location, and for books already on hand.

The new floor is referred to by board members and patrons as the "faith" floor, since it was purchased "on credit" and laid before moving time. "The floor needed covering," explained Mrs. Wilson, "and we just went ahead on 'faith' that enough contributions would come in to pay for this purchase."

Other needs for the library include minor repairs, new paint in spots, and "pretty important" — a sign on the front of the building.

"Anyone wishing to donate money may contact any of the board members or members of the fund committee or deposit to Library Fund at the Farmers and Merchants National Bank.

"Any amount you may desire to give to this much-needed project will be greatly appreciated and you may know that it will be used wisely," said Mrs. Wilson.

### Contributions

Joe Alves	\$ 5.00
John Hardesty	25.00
Brumbeau	10.00
The W. R. Cyberts	10.00
The Ray Wilsons	20.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$70.00</b>

## Annual Senior Trip Cancelled

Superintendent of Merkel Schools, Mack Fisher, announced this week that "due to increase in expenses and responsibilities, the Annual Senior Trip has been discontinued."

The annual senior trip is taken each year in the spring by graduating seniors of Merkel High School and accompanied by faculty members.

"Prior to this action, a survey was made of schools similar to Merkel and it was found that almost all senior trips had been discontinued," said Fisher.

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## Senior Citizens' Sale to Begin

A Garage Sale, sponsored by the Area Senior Citizens will be held at their location at 112 Edwards on Monday and Tuesday.

Proceeds from the sale will be used by the Club for operating expenses, and members welcome any contributions of sale items, said president, the Rev. Newt Daniel.

## Band Meet Begins At 6 p.m. Today

A "come and go" meeting of prospective beginning band students and their parents will be held this evening at the Band Hall.

Glenn Reed, director, said that students and parents "may come any time between 6 and 9 p.m. for the meeting."

## MALONE IMPLEMENT TO HOST OPEN HOUSE

Open house will be observed at Malone Implement this Saturday with refreshments being served all day, according to owner, Robert Malone.

"Although we have cancelled our Generation II showing, we will have Open House for our friends in the area," said Malone. "This will be only one way in saying thank you for your many years of patronage and friendship."

Malone announced this week that "as of Oct. 31 his business will

no longer be under contract with John Deere."

"However," he said, "we will continue to operate here probably until the first of the year. Our closing will be done at a time that will be most convenient to our customers."

Saturday's open house will feature door prizes and refreshments and reduced prices will be given on any equipment and all parts in stock on Saturday."

Malone extends an invitation to all area people to come by "anytime this Saturday."

## MERKEL DRUG STORE FILLS 400,000TH RX ON TUESDAY

After fifty - three years of continuous operation the Merkel Drug this week filled its 400,000th new prescription.

On Tuesday, Aug. 14, Mrs. Mattie Billingsley received Rx No. 400,000 free from Merkel Drug owner and pharmacist, David Gamble.

"If records had been kept on all the prescriptions refilled the total would probably be over one million," said Gamble.

The Merkel Drug Store was purchased by the late S. D. (Lige) Gamble from G. P. Holland in 1919. It was operated at that time at the present site of the West Texas Utilities until 1946 when moved to the present location.

In 1957 Lige Gamble was cited by the Texas Board of Pharmacy

for 50 years of meritorious service and contribution to the ethical and technical progress of Pharmacy. Mrs. Lige Gamble continues to make her home here at 212 Yucca.

David, present owner, expresses his appreciation for the years he and his father have been privileged to serve the people of Merkel and surrounding communities.

"Your patronage and your friendship are greatly appreciated," said Gamble, "and our pledge is to continue to give you the very best of service in the pharmacy and drug line."

He and his wife, Bessie, have two daughters, Mrs. Robert Leamon Jr., of Austin and Mrs. Rodney Mashburn of Merkel. A daughter, Lynn, died in 1958.



**PRESCRIPTION WINNER** — Mrs. Mattie Billingsley received Rx No. 400,000 free from Pharmacist David Gamble at the Merkel Drug Store on Tuesday, Aug. 14. After 53 years of continuous operation the Merkel Drug Co. filled its 400,000th new prescription on that date. (Staff Photo)

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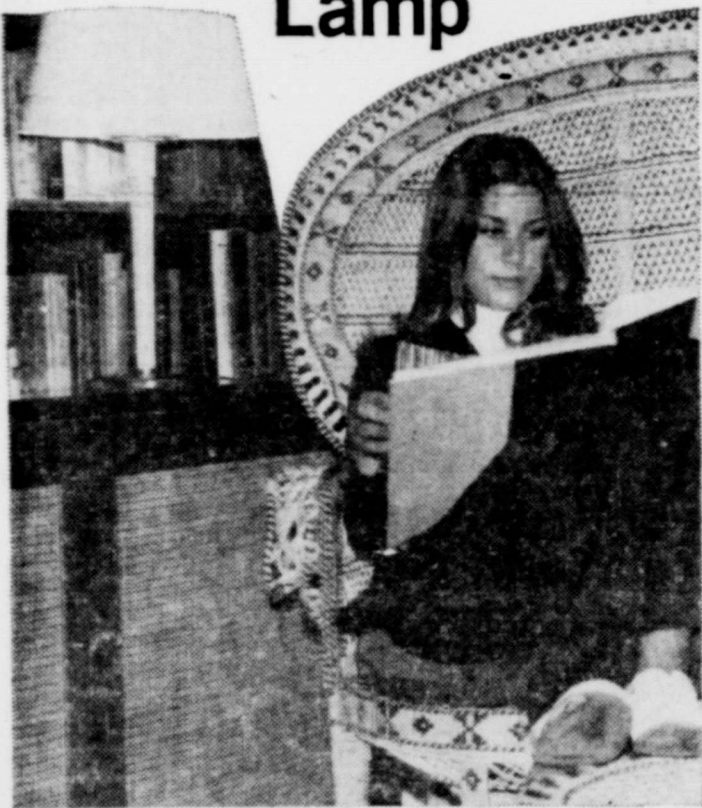
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Mr. and Mrs. Clearence Loyd Jordan of Hawley, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Charlotte, to Mr. Danny Chris Lackey, son of Mrs. Loyd Gunter of Rt. 3, Merkel, and the late Mr. Jack Douglas Lackey.

The bride-elect is a freshman student at Hawley High School. Her fiance is a graduate of Merkel High School and is employed by Springer Drilling in Abilene.

The wedding will be Thursday, Aug. 24 at 7:30 p.m. at the Hawley Church of Christ.

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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 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: Roger Lee Marsh, Defendant, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 42nd District Court of

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Mae Theresa Sherman Lucy, Defendant, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 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 expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 25th day of September A.D. 1972, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 11 day of August A.D. 1972, in this cause, numbered 7379 on the docket of said court and styled Arthur H. Lucy Jr., Plaintiff, vs. Mae Theresa Sherman Lucy, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: divorce. Married about August 26, 1946, and separated May 17, 1952. No children 18 years or under, 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 according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 11 day of August A.D. 1972.

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

25 4tc

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A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: In Re: Adoption 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 according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court at Abilene, Texas, this the 8 day of Aug. A.D. 1972.

(Seal) Attest: IRENE CRAWFORD Clerk, 104th District Court, Taylor County, Texas By Marie Gill, Deputy.

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Robert and Mable Higgins in memory of Frank G. Welch  
Mrs. Gilbert Elliott.

**Stith News**  
By MRS. FRITZ HALE

The community received lots of rain last week and some of the farmers reported six inches — others nine inches.

Mr. and Mrs. Benny Hobbs, Ronnie and Debbie have returned from a vacation trip to Arkansas and Missouri. The Hobbs visited Mr. and Mrs. Walter Vantress at Rogers, Ark. The Vantress family lived in the Stith community for several years.

Mr. and Mrs. John Browning are announcing the birth of a great-granddaughter, Windi Gale Harris, born Aug. 9 in a Dallas Hospital. She weighed 8 pounds and her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Harris of Dallas.

Gaston Hobbs, Fot Worth, and T. B. Hobbs, Grand Prairie, visited the Benny Hobbs' family Wednesday. Ronnie accompanied his uncle to the Big Bend country for a few days outing.

Visiting the Fritz Hales last week were Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hill, Las Cruces, N.M.; Mrs. Ada Newton, Anson, and Mike Hale, Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Beard and Kathy of Odessa, visited Mamie Hardin and the Jim Burns' last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bradley spent a few days last week in Bledsoe with their daughter and family, the Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Row, Katie and David, Mrs. Row and David came home with them Sunday for a visit and Rev. Row will join them Wednesday for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Jones and children of California spent Tuesday night with the Babe Tarpleys. Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Clyburn and children spent a few days last weekend vacationing in Austin and San Marcus. They visited the Capitol building, the L.B.J. Library and the Johnson home.

## Turner Reunion

In spite of heavy rains Sunday, there was still a large crowd attending the Turner Reunion held at the Community Center.

Relatives and friends attended from Big Spring, Roaring Springs, Pecos, Lamesa, Ackerly, Dublin, Stephenville and Abilene.

Also Brownwood, Merkel, Clovis, N.M., Texico, N.M., and Monument, N.M.  
Those coming the longest distance were Lt. Col. and Mrs. Eldon Turner and son from San Pedro, Calif. Visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Beyrl Brown, Merkel, Kenneth Turner, Monument, N. M. was elected president, Vada Martin, secretary - treasurer, Rex Martin, manager and Viola Ensminger, reporter.



LINDA BLACK  
... named 'Little Sister'

## Homemakers Tea Installs Officers

Annual Installation Tea for members and guests of Taylor County Homemakers was held Aug. 10 at the Taylor Electric Cooperative annex.

New officers, installed for the 1972 - 73 year were Mrs. Mack Seymore, president; Roland Pack, vice president; Spencer Taylor, secretary; Wyman Wilkerson, treasurer and Jimmy Jacobs, reporter - historian.

Highlight of the meeting was naming of the club's Little Sister of the Year.

Linda Black daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Forest Black was chosen outstanding Little Sister. This decision was made from Linda's past experience in FHA activities, overall school activities and grade point average.

During the 1971 - 72 school year, Linda served as pianist in the local FHA Chapter and received the Junior Degree of Achievement. She will serve as Sergeant - at - Arms in the Area IV, Texas Association during the 1972-73 year.

Active in the MRS Spanish and Drama Clubs, Linda served on the annual staff, and was a member of the cast for "Our Town."

Area Young Homemakers Convention will be in Abilene at the Starlite Inn on Sept. 30 and all members are urged to "begin making plans now to attend," said Mrs. Seymore.

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## Weekend Visitors

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hartley this weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Drake of Longview, Tex.; Welch of Port Arthur, Mrs. Fannie Lee Boone, Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. George Terping of Mesquite.

Also Mr. and Mrs. Dick Criswell and Mrs. Madie Lewis, Fort Worth; Mr. and Mrs. Billy SoRelle, Vickie and Tommy of Amarillo, and Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Tipton

of Merkel. They were here to attend the funeral services of Frank Welch of Snyder.

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## MHS Student Competing In Rodeo Finals

Patricia Boyd, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Boyd of Rt. 2, Trent, is competing this week in the National Finals of the American Junior Rodeo Association. The 1972 Finals Rodeo is being held at Pueblo West, Colo. Pueblo West is a new city complex developed near Pueblo, Colo. Some \$300,000.00 has been spent on what is termed "the sports site of the Southwest."

Patricia will be competing with the "cream of the crop" of rodeo contestants throughout the Southwest. With approximately \$6,000.00 added money to the entrance fees, this year's finals is termed the "richest junior rodeo in the world."

Patricia will be competing in the 13-15 age group in the girls' division. She will compete in barrel racing, pole bending, and flag racing. She has finished in the top ten in optional racing the past three years in the National standings for the A.J.R.A.

For Patricia, the finals will climax many miles traveled this summer throughout Texas and New Mexico competing in rodeos each week.

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## Restoring the Church of the New Testament (Part 1)

Did God intend for the New Testament to be considered a once-for-all revelation of his will to men? Did he intend for these scriptures to be the standard in religion for all time to come? Did he intend for the church to continue to worship in every generation as it worshipped in the earliest years of its existence? Did he intend to give us a permanent pattern for the organization of the church in the New Testament? These questions are valid to our study and must be answered before we go further. We must decide whether or not God would want us to believe and practice the same things that men believed and practiced in the first century.

There are many who believe that we should be concerned only with the SPIRIT of New Testament Christianity and not with a FIXED PATTERN of doctrine, organization and work. These individuals insist that the church must change from generation to generation in order to adapt itself to changing conditions. On the other hand there are those who feel that God gave, in the New Testament, a fixed pattern or blue print to which he expects his people to adhere to until the end of time.

Now if the church were of mere human design and origin it would be expected that it would have to be changed from generation to generation in order to adapt itself to the men of that time. Theories of mathematics and science are constantly being revised and improved as mans knowledge and skill increase. But change is not the rule in divine knowledge and workings. Performance, not change, is the distinguishing mark of the work of God as opposed to the work of men. Our God is not fickle and inconsistent. He is all-powerful and perfect; he does not need to change or be changed! "Thou, O Jehovah, abidest for ever; thy throne is from generation to generation" (Lam. 5:19). And our Savior, Jesus Christ, is represented as a changeless Christ. "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today, yea and for ever." (Heb. 13:8) Not only are these divine persons perfect in nature, but so are they in their works. Of the revelation he came to give unto mankind, Jesus said, "Heaven and earth shall pass away; but my words shall not pass away." (Luke 21:33) From this it appears that the scriptures are held to be perfect and without need of change or adaptation. That this conclusion is correct is demonstrated in the fact that the anathema of God is upon anyone who brings a different gospel than that one which was preached and written by inspired men of the first century. "If any man preacheth unto you any gospel other than that which ye received, let him be accursed." (Galatians 1:9)

BILLY PATTON

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**

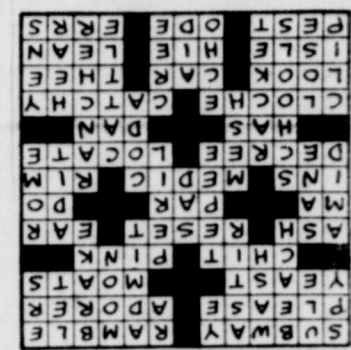
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## Crossword Puzzle

**ACROSS**

- Underground railroad
- Wander
- Satisfy
- Venerator
- Bread ingredient
- Trenches
- Pert girl
- Color
- Tree
- Fix again
- Aural organ
- Mother
- Average
- Accomplish
- Those in power
- Doctor; slang
- Margin
- Academic title
- Find the place
- Possesses
- Hebrew tribe
- Woman's hat
- Easily remembered
- Gaze
- Automobile
- Thou
- Island; poet
- Hasten
- Not fat
- Nuisance
- Poem
- Goes astray
- Bitter vetch
- Indian tent
- Danger
- Among
- Sound
- Unhappy
- Entrance
- Italian city
- Places of instruction
- Network
- End passage; music
- Cattleman
- Loud noise
- Ranch animals
- Metal clasp
- Fail to keep enter
- Reverberate
- Indian tribe
- Listen
- Desires
- Help

**Answer to Puzzle**



**DOWN**

- Enemy agent
- Rubber tree
- Sandy seashore
- Lave
- In motion
- You
- Sun god
- Allow to enter
- Satellite
- Device for stopping
- Permit
- Network
- End passage; music
- Cattleman
- Loud noise
- Ranch animals
- Metal clasp
- Fail to keep enter
- Reverberate
- Indian tribe
- Listen
- Desires
- Help

## Deaths, Funerals Frank G. Welch

Funeral services for Frank G. Welch, 71, of Snyder, and brother of two Merkelites, were held Saturday in Bell - Seale Chapel in Snyder.

Mr. Welch, retired Snyder city employe died Thursday in Hendrick Memorial Hospital in Abilene. Burial was in Snyder Cemetery.

Born Sept. 27, 1900, in Forney, he was a resident of Scurry County for 18 years. He married Polly Porter Dec. 10, 1933 in Snyder.

Survivors are his wife, Polly Snyder; one son, Frank Porter Welch of Abilene four sisters, Mrs. Jewel Drake of Longview, Mrs. Fannie Lee Boone of Abilene and Mrs. Billie Hartley and Mrs. Carrie Tipton, both of Merkel; three brothers, Troy of Port Arthur, Jack of Buda and Ross of Abilene.

## Riggan Reunion

The Riggan Reunion was held Aug. 12-13 at the Club Building in Merkel with relatives and friends attending from Midland, Houston, Lamesa, Abilene, Apple Springs, Humble, Fort Stockton and Pecos.

Also Panama Canal, Stanton, Euless, Anson, California, Sweetwater and Merkel.

Immediate families attending included Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Riggan, Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. Gold Riggan, Lamesa; Mr. Grant Riggan, Big Spring; Mr. Nathan Riggan, Stanton; and Mr. and Mrs. Elgin Riggan, Tempe, Ariz.

Also Loyd Riggan, Big Spring, and Mrs. Mary Harris, Mrs. Jessie Conley, Houston, and Mrs. Leona Conley, Merkel.

One hundred and eight registered.

## Nominee to Visit On 'Study Tour'

Elmer Martin, Democratic Party nominee for the state legislature of the 61st District said Friday that he will be visiting Jones, Taylor, Fisher and Nolan Counties in a special effort to meet with individual citizens of the District and become acquainted with their needs and wants.

"I am making this informal swing through the District to meet the people," Martin said. "It is important that I listen to the citizens whom I will represent in Austin. I plan to visit this community often before and during my term as a state representative."

"My every effort will be to truly represent our 61st District to the best interest of the citizens who work and live here; not for the special interest groups and power lobbyists."

Martin was selected as 61st District State Representative nominee recently by the Democratic Party chairmen from the District's five counties.



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## MULBERRY CANYON 4-H

The Mulberry Canyon 4-H Club met Aug. 10 for a work day. Meeting was called to order by president, Mark Clemmer; Theresa Clemmer reading the minutes

and calling the roll. Dwain English led the American Pledge; Ray King, 4-H Pledge and Dorothy Gilmore, Inspiration.

New organizational leaders are Mr. and Mrs. John B. Hughes.

Mark Clemmer gave a report on State Leadership Lab. Theresa Clemmer and Judy Brnovak reported on the District Dress Re-

vue and Johnny Gray gave a report on the 4-H State Horse Show.

Families chosen to help with the West Texas Fair Booth are the L. G. Gray family, George English family, Pursley family and the R. E. Clemmer family.

Recreation was led by Mark Clemmer. Guest was Mrs. Sally Gray.

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**FLOUR** Gladiola 5 Lb. Bag **49¢**

**BOUNTY** Towels Jumbo Ea. **29¢**

**SNOWDRIFT** (1 Limit) Can **63¢**

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**BACON** Armour Star Pound **83¢**

GERMAN STYLE **SAUSAGE** Gooch Pkg. **75¢**

WISCONSIN CHEDDAR **CHEESE** lb. **89¢**

CHOICE BEEF SHORT **RIBS** lb. **49¢**

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