



LOOKING OVER A BOOK of knowledge in MHS School Library are Susie Castille, salutatorian, with a 94.42 grade average, Principal Travis Davis, and Don Clyburn, valedictorian, whose four year average was 95.11. Susie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Castille and Don is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Clyburn.

Don Clyburn, Susie Castille Named Valedictorian, Salutatorian at MHS

Don Clyburn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Clyburn is Valedictorian of Merkel High School, with an average of 95.11; and Susie Castille, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Castille, is Salutatorian, with an average of 94.42 announced Travis Davis, principal.

Don plans to attend Hardin-

Simmons University in the fall while Susie plans to enter Draughon's Business College.

During his four years in high school, Don was a member of the Spanish Club; National Honor Society; and a member of Band and Stage Band; was in UIL, Ready Writing and Spelling. He won the Gold Merit

Award the first two years of high school. Don was Young Texan of the Month for the Optimist Club and received the Society of Outstanding American High School Student Award.

Recently at the Merkel All-Awards Banquet, he won the English and Social Studies award.

While a student at MHS, Susie was a member of the Spanish Club, Drama, UIL Spelling and also a member of the National Honor Society. At the All-Awards Banquet, she received the Girls P.E. and Foreign Language Award.

Merkel Chamber of Commerce Starts 'Trades Day' June 2

Bargains, Bargains and more Bargains. That's what Merkel and area people will enjoy the first Saturday in June as the Chamber of Commerce kicks off its "First Saturday Trades Day and Flea Market" in downtown Merkel. Each first Saturday of the following months will

see more of the same. And it won't all be bargain hunting. There is fun planned for the day. At 1 p.m. there will be exhibition square dancing in the street as the Levi and Lace Square Dance Club performs for shoppers and visitors. "First Saturday Trades Day

and Flea Market' is the project of the Retail Development and Promotions committee of the Chamber of Commerce. "Not only the merchants are taking part in this event but anyone is welcome to sell their wares, trade cattle, farm equipment or anything they so desire" said Fred Starbuck chair-

man of the committee. Clubs organizations and individuals are invited to take part in the promotion according to Starbuck. "Sidewalk space will be made available at no charge on a first come basis" he said. Persons desiring may make private arrangement for buildings if they wish it was pointed out. "There are several good buildings that may be available for rent that are suitable for displaying merchandise" Starbuck continued.

Persons wanting to sell or trade livestock or large farm equipment should plan on using the railroad right-of-way according to the committee.

All merchants are planning 'super' specials for the one day event. "We have received good cooperation from the merchants for this special promotion" Starbuck said.

In order to help attract area people to the 'Trades Day' event the Chamber's Board of Directors authorized the Committee to place advertisements in area newspapers as well as local media. "In order to attract as large a turnout as possible we have placed advertisement in Sweetwater, Roby and Anson" a spokesman for the committee said. "We feel that this type of promotion will have a wide appeal and should attract a lot of out-of-town participants as well as shoppers" he said.

Serving on the Retail Development and Promotions Committee besides Starbuck are Johnny Hammonds, David Gamble and Onis Crawford.

TEC Sponsors Youth Tour To Washington in June

Taylor Electric Cooperative is sponsoring an expense paid trip to a boy and girl to Washington, D. C. June 8-19.

Winners are Cathy Cypert, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Cypert, 807 Ash, Merkel, and Chuck Bradford of Abilene High, son of Dr. and Mrs. James C. Bradford of 1901 Lincoln Dr. in Abilene. They were selected Tuesday night at the finals at Taylor Electric Co-Op.

Alternate girl and boy chosen were Leigh Anne Grover, Abilene High, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Grover, 3112 Ivy Lane, Abilene and Robert Williams, Cooper High, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob O. Williams, 802 Buccaneer, Abilene.

The contest was started the first of April, and entitled "Operation Private Eye" and was designed to help the young person reach a fuller appreciation for civic affairs and citizenship. The basic portion of the contest was a written operation divided into:

Section A — "Investigation" with the student asked to fulfill five questions out of six possibilities.

Section B — "Briefing a Case," also with the student asked to answer five questions out of a possible six. Each ques-

tion had a full value of ten points. Students were asked to use additional paper and key the answer to correspond to the section and number of the question asked.

The papers were gathered on a school district basis and graded by a panel of qualified impartial judges.

There were 16 entries from Abilene High, Cooper High, Clyde, Merkel, Noodle and Wylie.

On May 7 judges from Roby, Stamford and Coleman narrowed the contestants down to nine entries.

An oral interview was given May 15 to the nine finalists at the Taylor Electric Co-Operative Building. Contestants made a five to eight minute statement on the state of affairs in their community, county, state or nation and their observations on how to make improvement.

Then as a group (boys in one group), (girls in one group) they faced the panel of judges and defended the answers they had presented in the written sections of their case.

Judges were Lois Dunlap, of Uncle Sam in Action Program; Jerry Shackelford, of KRBC TV News and Hal Kemp, of KTXS TV News.

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Little League Schedule

Games listed first will begin at 6:15 p.m. Second game will begin at 8 p.m.

THURSDAY MAY 17
Supers vs. Vets
Braves vs. Willies

FRIDAY MAY 18
Willies vs. Bankers
Kilowatts vs. Supers

TUESDAY MAY 22
Supers vs. Braves
Willies vs. Vets

THURSDAY MAY 24
Kilowatts vs. Willies
Bankers vs. Supers

FRIDAY MAY 25
Braves vs. Bankers
Vets vs. Kilowatts

TUESDAY MAY 29
Supers vs. Kilowatts
Bankers vs. Willies

THURSDAY MAY 31
Braves vs. Kilowatts
Bankers vs. Vets

Bake Sale This Saturday

Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi will have a bake sale Saturday May 19 in front of West Texas Utilities build-

ing. The sale will begin at 9 a.m.

Special orders may be placed by calling 928-5038, 928-4944 or 928-5623.

Ground Breaking For New Sanctuary

Ground Breaking Day has been set for Sunday, May 20, at the First Baptist Church of Merkel, pastor Kenneth F. Jones has announced. On this occasion, the members of the church will participate in the formal ceremonies beginning the construction of a new church sanctuary and educational facilities. The morning worship hour, which begins at 11:00 o'clock, will be fully devoted to the theme, "Reflecting on The Past and Looking to The Future," pastor Jones has stated.

"The beginning of construction is the realization of a dream

that has existed among our people for many years," Jones said. "We have been setting aside funds, and receiving gifts for this new sanctuary for about ten years or more. Our dreams began to materialize last October when the church adopted general plans and approved a \$50,000 Fund Raising Campaign which was most successful. Increased building costs in the past few months made a second fund raising effort necessary, but our people were not to be denied the realization of their dream," said the pastor.

The building, which will be

located adjacent to the existing structure, will cost approximately \$190,000. In addition to the new sanctuary, it will contain adult class rooms, church offices, pastor's study, choir room, nursery suite, and a Young Married People's department. The sanctuary will feature laminated arch construction with open ceiling, fully carpeted floors and contemporary styling. Plans call for a fully equipped Bride's Room in the balcony area.

"One of our great problems has been the high steps to the entrance of our present auditor-

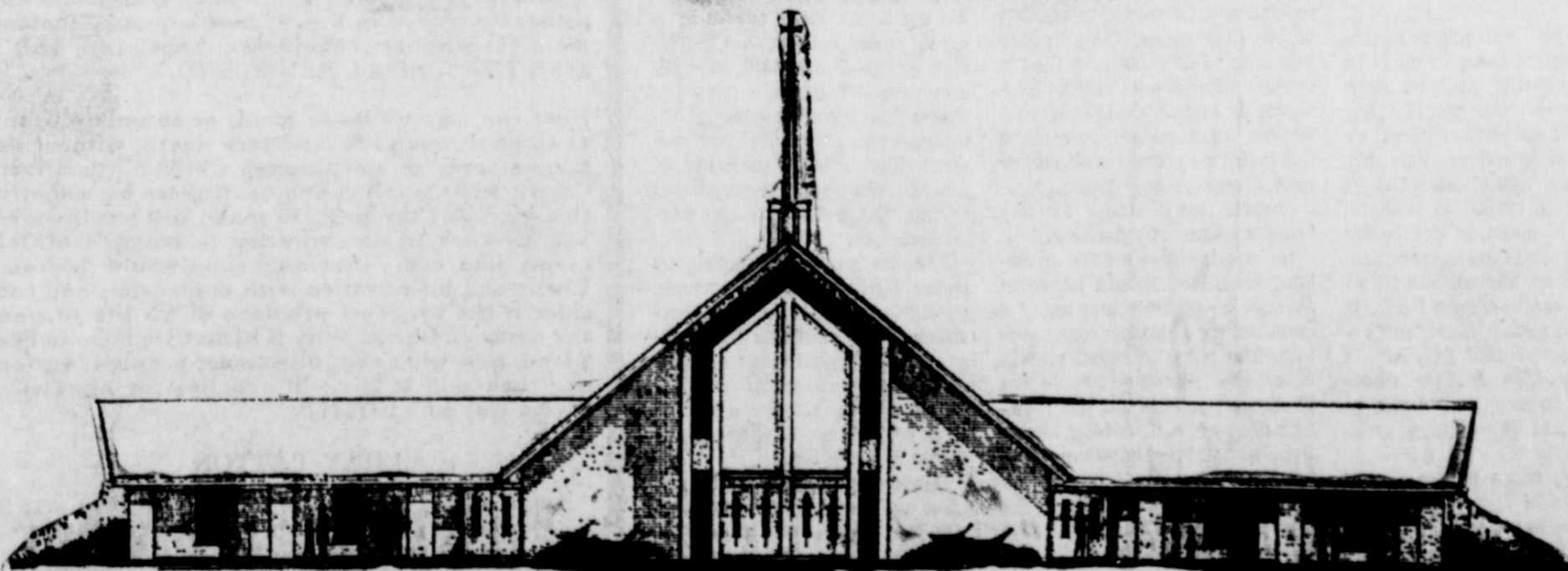
ium" the pastor stated. "Our new sanctuary will be built at ground level so that our older people will have no difficulty entering and leaving the place of worship."

The church Building Committee has announced that the construction contract has been awarded to the Rouse and Parsons Construction Company of Abilene Texas and that construction will begin within the next ten days. Building Committee members are: Joe E. McDuff, chairman; H. O. Bonney vice-chairman; Joe E. Lassiter secretary; Herman Carson

Robert Higgins Joe Henry and Booth Warren.

"Five separate committees have been instrumental in bringing the new sanctuary to this point of progress" pastor Jones said "and other committees will be brought into existence as future plans are carried out."

The pastor has announced that the services this Sunday will be followed with a Fellowship Dinner at the church. A large number of visitors guests and members are expected to be present.



Artist sketch of proposed new Sanctuary First Baptist Church, Merkel

Student And Teacher To Attend Science Symposium

Rebecca Lynn Santee Junior student at Merkel High School and Mrs. Ronnie Willis (Colleena Mae), biology and physical education teacher at MHS have been selected to attend the 13th Texas Nuclear Science Symposium at the University of Texas in Austin June 4th through 7th.

The symposium is a program of the Texas Atomic Energy Research Foundation (TAERF) sponsored by ten utility companies of Texas and the University of Texas. West Texas Utilities sponsors the Merkel student and teacher. The four-day event will be attended by some 500 selected high school science students and teachers from schools throughout the state.

Joel Wilson and Bill Tedder from the Public Service Department of WTU in Abilene will accompany the area group.

Foremost scientists in the nation will speak to the students during the 4-day symposium with emphasis on the nuclear fusion research which is aimed at converting deuterium (found in ordinary water) into atomic power as an inexpensive fuel for the production of electricity and other uses. Highlight of the event will be a trip through the recently completed Plasma Dynamic Laboratory which houses the Texas Turbulent Tokamak used in the advanced research program.

Students invited to attend are selected on the basis of scholastic standing and interest in science.

Rebecca Santee daughter of C-MSgt and Mrs. Thomas D. Santee 404 Yucca is an honor student with an intense interest in science which dates back to the 8th grade. She enjoys doing

science projects and won the science award at the All Awards Banquet held in April of this year.

Rebecca participates in basketball and was voted Cheerleader for the 73-74 season.

Her birthplace is Florida and she has lived in Oklahoma and Alaska before moving to Merkel. An extensive traveler Rebecca has a cosmopolitan outlook on life.

She thinks the symposium will be fun and the science lectures interesting and feels she is "lucky" to be selected to attend. Most students do not receive such an honor or chance as this one, she said and thinks it's wonderful that she is privileged to get to go.

Mrs. Ronnie Willis 974 N. Jefferson in Abilene received her B.S. degree from Howard Payne College and is completing her first year as a teacher of biology and PE in the Merkel High School.

Mrs. Willis also is coach for girl's track and volley ball and her teams have won honors in the 220 yard dash 880 and mile and the volley ball team was a winner to Regional meet.

Mr. Willis is with Kimbell's International Foods and the couple have a three year old son Lee.

This is the first time for Mrs. Willis to attend an atomic symposium and she is looking forward to it she says and believes it is a very good way to get the brighter students interested in physics. She said that too often the brighter students are neglected and thinks the atomic symposium is a truly needed program.

The two will leave Merkel for Austin Monday June 4th.

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**Former
Merkelite
In Top Three**

Former Merkel resident, Jim Horton, was honored recently as one of the top three outstanding field representatives for National Farm Life Insurance Company at the Company's Annual Awards Banquet in Fort Worth.

Horton, who is National Farm's General Agency Manager in far West Texas, has just completed the Life Underwriters Training Course in Estate Planning. He has just over one-half million of life insurance in force.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Buster Horton of Merkel, Horton is a graduate of Merkel High School and has a degree from Texas Tech University in Agriculture. He now resides in Fort Stockton with his wife Sherry Jo, who is an accomplished artist. Sherry Jo paints scenery of the "Old West" and makes jewelry typifying life in the early Southwest. The Hortons have one son.

Missionette News

By SUSAN WHEELER
May 4th, the Missionettes gave a party. After the party refreshments were served. Everyone enjoyed the party. All the girls got pens. Susie Davis got several things for different achievements.
May 11, twelve Missionettes cleaned up a room in back of the church.

It is warmer to wear two thin garments than one thick one because the air between them serves as insulation.

**May 13-20
TNHA Week**

The Texas Nursing Home Association will celebrate Nursing Home Week, May 13-20, 1973, in member nursing homes all over Texas in order to honor our senior citizens who reside in Long Term Care facilities.

In expanding on the purpose of Nursing Home Week, Don Brewer of Austin, President of the TNHA said, "We want to focus attention on the nursing home in order 1) to increase community awareness of the need for nursing home-community involvement for the sake of our residents, and 2) to create a better community understanding of the role of nursing homes — their achievements, goals and future roles in the total health care system."

A wide range of activities are planned for Nursing Home Week which include parties, picnics, shopping sprees, entertainment, art shows, etc.

TNHA President Brewer went on to say, "Most people in our communities are probably unfamiliar with nursing homes and what the facility of today has to offer. Nursing Home Week is an excellent opportunity to find out and to visit with a lot of wonderful people. Our patients and staff are looking forward to a visit from the general public."

In proclaiming May 13-20 as Nursing Home Week in Texas, Governor Dolph Briscoe in his proclamation, "...urged our citizens (of Texas) to visit a nursing home and acquaint themselves with the patients, staff, the facilities, the services rendered, and the progress and potential for the future."

The theme for this week of emphasis is "Nursing Homes - We Care." You can show your care by following the Governor's suggestion and visit a nursing home during May 13-20.

LIBRARY NOTES

By LORETTA MORGAN
Abilene Public Library is having a workshop Thursday May 17. Mrs. Ray Wilson and I plan to attend the workshop.
We have lots of good books, both old and new donated to the Merkel Public Library recently.

Mrs. Earl Palmer donated twenty books from her home library. She wanted to share these good books with the Merkel area people.

Mrs. Horace Boney donated books that were given in Loving Memory of her father, R. T. Gray.

Also Marijon Edwards gave books she read as a very young lady and also some paper back books.

We say "Thank You" for sharing these books with the people of the Merkel area.

If you have not been by the Library lately, please come by and browse and check out a book. We are open on Wednesday afternoon from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.



KATHRYN WALLA



KAYE LYNN CONLEY

**Three Students From Merkel
To Get Degrees at McMurry**

ABILENE—Kaye L. Conley, Stanley Leamon and Katherine H. Walla are among 21 McMurry College students receiving degrees at May 20 commencement exercises.

Dr. David Maxwell of A and M University is scheduled to speak.
Of the members of the graduating class, 186 are from Texas. The remaining are from other states.



**Stith
News**

FRITZ HALE

Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Chancy and Sandra of Richardson spent the weekend with Mrs. John Hobbs and the Benny Hobbs family.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Ray Browning, Kay and Allen of Tuscola visited Mr. and Mrs. John Browning Sunday.

Mrs. Olin Potts, Mrs. Don Wallace and Damon of Anson and Mrs. Fletcher Jones, visited in Abilene Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Berry and Mrs. E. L. Berry.

Mrs. Pete Henson and Sherry Barnhart of Sweetwater visited Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Hale Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Hodges of Big Spring spent several days with Mrs. Ira Stanley last week. Others visiting Mrs. Stanley were Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Dunagin of Merkel, Mrs. Calvin Irvin and Mary Buntin.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bradley visited Mr. and Mrs. Alanzo Peterson Sunday afternoon in Merkel.

Mrs. Mattie Shaw, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Mashburn and son and Mrs. Sonny Hardin and children spent Mothers day with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mashburn.

Mrs. Doug Stephenson and Melissa of Midland spent Mothers day weekend with Mr. and Mrs. F. J. McDonald and George.

The Vietnam veteran is ahead of both the World War II and Korean Conflict veteran in school and college and participation. Nearly 40 per cent of eligible Vietnam Era veterans have enrolled.

School Menu

MONDAY
Italian Spaghetti with Cheese, Whole Kernel Corn, English Peas, Vegetable Salad, Sliced Bread, Milk and Fruit Salad with Fresh Oranges.

TUESDAY
Oven Fried Chicken with Gravy, Pinto Beans, Rice Salad, Hot Rolls, Butter, Milk, Fruit Jello with White Syrup.

WEDNESDAY
Chili Beans, Oven Baked Potatoes, Buttered Carrots, Curls Green Onions, Hot Rolls, Butter, Milk, Orange Juice, Graham Crackers and Peanut Butter.

THURSDAY
Baked Turkey with Giblet Gravy, Cornbread Dressing, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Butter, Milk, Pumpkin Pie.

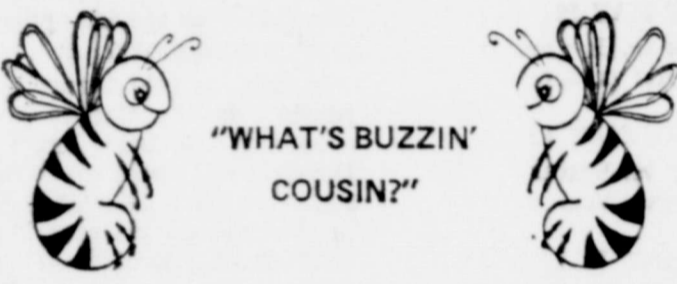
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Accent On Health

"Caution" is the word to remember when you or a member of your family encounter a poisonous snake. A person's fear of snakes could well be his worst enemy in an actual encounter with any one of the four poisonous snakes found in Texas, which include the rattlesnake, copperhead, cottonmouth, and coral snakes. The most prevalent in Texas is the rattlesnake.

Should you encounter a rattler, the safest thing to do is to remain perfectly still or edge slowly away. The worst thing you could do is run, or shout, or make a quick motion. You only excite the snake, making it more apt to strike in self defense. The snake is not really the vicious and cunning creature with a deep seated hatred of man that many people think. It is really a rather timid and retiring creature that only wants to be left alone. But the snake will react to man as it would to any big and threatening creature.

Actually, more people die of insect bites in Texas than snake bites. Bees and wasps are most often the causes of insect bite deaths, although some deaths can be attributed to hornets, black widow spiders and even such harmless looking creatures

as caterpillars and moths. Some 49 persons died of insect bites over the past ten years, compared to only 28 deaths from snake bites. But snake bite deaths are most frequent among the young and old.

The wise outdoorsman will avoid places where a snake may make a home. Walking in weedy areas with brush piles or thick undergrowth is asking a snake to lash out. Boots help; caution helps even more. Look before you step. Don't assume that a snake will shake its rattles as a signal of attack, or that it only strikes when coiled. A rattling tail indicates nervousness rather than a sign of aggression. And, a rattler may strike in any direction from any position.

In applying first aid for snake bite, make the victim lie down as soon as possible and apply a constricting bandage above the bite. The pulse in blood vessels below the bandage should not disappear, nor should the bandage produce a throbbing sensation. Loosen the bandage for a few seconds every 15 minutes. If possible, apply ice packs to the bite and get the victim to a physician or hospital.

If there is going to be a lengthy interval until antivenin can be given, make cuts cautiously through the skin into and

just above the presumed venom deposit site, avoiding tendons, and apply suction.

Antivenin for the potent poison of the North American Eastern Coral snake is available from the Texas State Department of Health. The State Health Department laboratory in Austin, departments at Dallas, Houston, Corpus Christi, and San Antonio, serve as distribution centers for the antivenin. When a bite by a coral snake occurs, the physician or hospital should immediately request antivenin from the nearest distribution center. Administration of antivenin is recommended within two hours of the bite. Other poison antivenins are available through commercial sources.

The treatment of poisonous snake bite can now be made available on short notice anywhere in the state in emergency situations. State Health authorities hope local physicians and poison control centers will take note of the availability of the anti-snake bite venom.

But most important — though snakes present a possible danger, the Texas State Health Department reminds all citizens that this danger can be avoided through the use of the proper caution on spring and summer outings.

SOME PEOPLE WILL STARVE TO DEATH BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT SURE THERE IS ANY RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN EATING AND LIVING... no not physically, because most of us eat more than we should — at least at times, but I'm speaking of spiritual matters.

God Himself became a Man, in the person of Jesus the Christ, to give us all a concrete, definite, tangible idea of what to think of when we think of God. God is like Jesus. Jesus was like God. Jesus was God incarnate in human form. His appearance on the earth is the central event of all history. The Old Testament sets the stage for it, and the New Testament describes it.

As a Man, Jesus lived the most uncommonly beautiful life ever known. He was the kindest, tenderest, gentlest, most patient, most sympathetic man that ever lived, while at the same time revealed God's displeasure and wrath toward sin. He loved people, he hated to see them in trouble. He loved to forgive, as well as help. Multitudes of weary, pain-ridden and heart-sick people came to him and found healing relief. It is rightfully said of him and of none else, that if all the deeds that He did were written, the world couldn't contain the books.

Then: He died, on the cross, to provide salvation from sin for all, to become the Redeemer and Saviour of the world. Then: He arose from the dead, and now is alive making intercession at the right-hand of God. And now its all recorded in God's final divine revelation, the Bible, that man might Believe, and Understand, and Know, and Love, and Follow that Christ.

Christ is the center and heart of the Bible, the center and heart of history, and should be the center and heart of our lives. Our acceptance, or rejection, of His will determine for each of us, ETERNAL GLORY, or ETERNAL RUIN; HEAVEN, or HELL; one, or the other.

The MOST important decision anyone is ever called upon to make is to settle, in his own heart, once and for all, the matter of "what will I do with Jesus." ON THIS DEPENDS EVERYTHING.

It is a glorious thing to be a Christian, the most exalted privilege of mankind. To believe and follow Christ as the Lord and master of your life, and to strive sincerely and devotedly in the way of life which he taught, and is the most reasonable and satisfactory way to live. It means peace, contentment, forgiveness, happiness, hope, life, and a LIFE THAT SHALL NEVER END.

How can anyone be so blind, or so unintelligent, as to go through life, and face death, without the hope offered in and through Christ? Apart from Christ, what is there, what can there be, either in this world or the next, to make life worthwhile? We all have to die, why try to laugh it off? It seems like every human being would welcome Christ and his salvation with open arms, and consider it the proudest privilege of his life to wear the name of Christ. Why is it that we have to beg, plead, and what ever else to get people to surrender their will to his will and live for him in his divine way of TRUTH?

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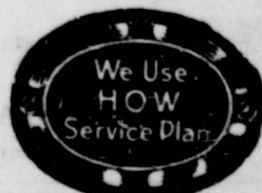
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Mrs. Wallis Services Held

Mrs. Lola Dudley Wallis, 71, of Nolan died at 9:55 p.m. Saturday in Hendrick Memorial Hospital in Abilene after a long illness. Funeral was held at 4 p.m. Monday in the Nolan Baptist Church.

The Rev. Melvin Byrd, pastor, officiated. The Rev. Ronnie Newton, Methodist minister of Abilene, assisted. Burial was in the Slaters Chapel Cemetery near Nolan under direction of Cate-Spencer Funeral Home of Sweetwater.

Mrs. Wallis was born April 2, 1902, in Glen Rose. She moved to Taylor County with her parents at the age of 4.

She married John Dudley in 1920. They moved to the Nolan area in 1926. Mr. Dudley died in 1941.

She married O. E. Wallis Aug. 12, 1945. He died in 1970.

She was active in club work in the community. She was an active member of Nolan Baptist Church.

Survivors are two sons, Quannah Dudley of Merkel and John Dudley of Nolan; one daughter, Mrs. Charles Newsman of Wichita Falls; seven grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; one brother, Cramer Reynolds of Merkel; four sisters, Mrs. Cora Pruitt, Mrs. Effie Pruitt and Mrs. Willie Perry, all of Abilene, and Mrs. Vance Cotton of Albany.

One brother, E. F. Reynolds of Odessa, died in 1971.

CARD OF THANKS

MAY WE TAKE THIS METHOD of thanking our neighbors and friends for their kind expressions of sympathy in our bereavement. These expressions have been deeply appreciated.

We would also like to thank everyone for the cards, flowers, food and many prayers that were offered.

Especially we would like to thank Dr. Sadler, Vivian and Dr. Pruitt.

The Family of Fletcher Jones

CARD OF THANKS

THE FAMILY OF MR. CARROLL FISHER deeply appreciate your kind expressions of sympathy, for the prayers, food, and flowers. May God bless each one of you.

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STATE Capital NEWS

By BILL BOYKIN

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By **BILL BOYKIN**
Texas Press Association

AUSTIN text. — Daring more federal court challenges, the House Reapportionment Committee has advanced a "redistricting" bill that makes virtually no changes in present representative districts.

The Committee bill, approved 12-8, would retain multi-member House districts in all but the three metropolitan counties of Bexar, Dallas and Harris.

Rep. Joe Wyatt of Bloomington, the sponsor, said he would accept an amendment on the House floor to give Tarrant County single-member districts like those in the three larger counties.

Chairman Rep. Fred Head of Troup favored dividing all urban counties, which now have two or more representatives, into single-member districts. Committee action, in effect, took control of the bill from Head on the floor.

A three-judge federal court in January, 1972, ordered single-member House districts for Bexar and Dallas counties and gave the legislature until July 1 to rewrite a 1971 reapportionment scheme.

Representatives were warned before the vote that if the U.S. Supreme Court upholds the 1972 ruling, it is likely to order single member, individual House districts in all urban counties.

The bill as advanced further did not meet federal court disapproval of a 99 per cent population spread between smallest and most-populous Texas House districts.

However, Wyatt contended the Supreme Court in a Virginia case later upheld a 16.4 per cent deviation.

UNNECESSARY "ENERGY" ADS — The House Natural Resources Committee held a hearing on HSR 131 last week — a measure that requests advertisers to "not use advertisements to urge the public to use more power or energy than is reasonably necessary."

House authors are Representatives Ben Grant, Marshall, and Woody Denson, Houston.

Grant testified before the Committee that his bill was not intended to regulate advertising of energy companies in Texas — but to urge advertisers to "teach or persuade the public to conserve or decrease the use of energy and to avoid all wasteful uses of power."

He cited some of the copy used by Conn Edison — a majority utility in the East. A spokesman for the Southwest Electric Power Company told the Committee that his company was against the bill because they did not feel the state should "get into the business of curtailing advertising."

"We have a surplus of power," he said. "Conn Edison has a shortage. We need to urge our consumers to use more electricity in the winter for heating purposes. We have the power available, and we need to sell it in order to pay for our bonds."

"Our consumers use our power supply in the summer when air conditioning is needed," he continued. "But we need to 'sell' them on winter-time power consumption through our advertising programs. We don't think the state legislature should get into advertising controls in Texas."

Grant said he was merely trying to encourage advertisers to avoid waste of energy, and that he would oppose "mandatory" regulations also.

The bill was sent to the Oil and Gas subcommittee of the Natural Resources Committee.

VENDING MACHINE FIRMS EYED — The attorney general's office and 14 other government agencies are investigating operations of 11 vending machine corporations in five cities.

Visitorial letters were served on the firms requesting that books and records be made available for inspection.

The Department of Public Safety, State Comptroller, State Securities Board, Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission and law enforcement agencies in the cities are cooperating in the probe, coordinated by the Attorney General's Organized Crime Strike Force.

Firms are located in Dallas, Houston, Fort Worth, Grand Prairie and San Antonio. Details of the investigation

were not disclosed. Refusal of a Grand Prairie concern to allow inspection of records results in filing a misdemeanor complaint in Dallas County Criminal Court No. 2.

DISASTER AID AVAILABLE, LIMITED — The federal Small Business Administration will make disaster loans in Hale, Navarro and Frio Counties as a result of April 15 tornadoes.

Sen. John Tower announced the aid, but Governor Briscoe said the Office of Emergency Preparedness rejected his request to declare Hale and Navarro Counties major disaster areas.

Tower said 15 other counties have been declared eligible for emergency loans from Farmers Home Administration due to weather damage including excessive rainfall. The counties are Concho, Crosby, El Paso, Franklin Garza Hale Hockley Hudspeth, Montgomery, Lamb, Lynn, Lubbock, Reeves, Wharton and Wood.

RECORD WHEAT HARVEST REPORTED — Agriculture Commissioner John C. White reported the first wheat harvest of 1973 in Frio County averaged 26 bushels an acre, a record high.

The Texas wheat harvest is expected to reach 83,200,000 bushels this year, double the 1972 yield, from 3,200,000 acres, White estimated. Major harvest in North Texas won't start until late May, and won't reach a peak until June.

COURTS SPEAK — Texas Supreme Court held a new Austin high school can be constructed on land near a city lake without a referendum.

On the other hand, the High Court said Austin school district's plans to place an athletic field and sports center in a residential area would violate municipal zoning ordinances.

In other cases, the Court concluded:
—An insurance company is responsible to its policyholders even when they misrepresent use of autos covered by policies.

—It will hear June 13 a Nacogdoches school district tax suit involving a contractor's heavy high-building equipment.

—A San Antonio night watchman is entitled to \$177,000 damages due to a fall from a ladder at a construction site.

The Court of Criminal Appeals held a defendant in misdemeanor cases is entitled to bail pending hearing on revocation of probated sentence.

A district court in Scurry County ordered American Magnesium Company to cease operations of its Snyder plant until it receives a Texas Air Control Board construction permit and is in compliance with the Clean Air Act.

AG OPINIONS — A \$3,000 homestead exemption applies to property subject to ad valorem taxes for county farm-to-market road and flood control purposes, but a second resident exemption on the same property can't be claimed, Atty. Gen. John Hill held.

In other recent opinions, Hill concluded:
—A bill allowing the State Board of Control to serve as purchasing agent for college districts is constitutional.

—Cooperative purchasing agreements by local governments with the Board of Control or among themselves would also be constitutional.
—A Commission on Revenue Earmarking would be constitutional.

—Metropolitan county supplementation of Court of Criminal Appeals pay would be unconstitutional.

APPOINTMENTS — Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby was designated by Briscoe as chairman of a new

state energy advisory council charged with recommending a coordinated state policy on energy.

Briscoe's executive assistant, Charles Purnell of Dallas, was named vice-chairman. Heads of 11 state agencies and representatives of 13 industries, sciences and professions will be permanent council members.

Briscoe reappointed the Rev. J. Carroll Chadwick of Center and George L. Allen of Dallas members of the Texas Southern University board of regents.

CONVENTION DISCORD RAISED — Senate planners for the 1974 constitutional convention were angered by House efforts to dominate the arrangements committee.

The House adopted a resolution calling for 16 members of the convention planning committee and only five senators. Senate spokesmen said the proposal will never be accepted.

Meanwhile, House Speaker Price Daniel Jr. said he does not condone circulation of a petition endorsing him as convention chairman. Both Lt. Gov. Hobby and Daniel have acknowledged they are interested in the chairmanship, although they say they are not campaigning. Several House members have endorsed Daniel.

SHORT SNORTS
A proposed constitutional amendment providing for annual legislative session and a \$15000 salary for lawmakers has been cleared for a November 6 statewide election.

Both houses of the Legislature also have agreed to a bill overhauling workmen's compensation laws and raising maximum benefits to \$63 a week starting September 1.

The House passed bills to restore the death penalty for certain crimes, to lower the first offense penalty for possessing up to an ounce of marijuana to a misdemeanor (punishable by up to six months in jail and \$1,000 fine), and to allow competitive auto insurance rates.

Legislation fixing 18-20-year full majority rights was amended in the House to restrict drinking and abortions until age 21.

Bail bond reform has been approved by the Senate.

NOTICE TO GARDENERS

"The Use of Weathered Wood and Dried Materials" will be presented by Mrs. A. D. Caughfield, a member of Abilene Garden Club. Turn your television dial to Channel 12, Monday, May 21st, at 11:30 a.m. This will be on Henry's Den.

In June, Mr. and Mrs. John Mayfield will present a program on "Bonsai." Mrs. Mayfield is a member of the National Bonsai Society and also a member of Abilene Garden Club.

Abilene Garden Club will welcome your suggestions for future topics.

Trent Jr. High Graduation

On Thursday, May 17, at 7:30 p.m. Trent Junior High will hold its graduation exercises in the gymnasium.

Awards will be presented by Principal Sam Frasier. Valedictorian for the 8th grade class with an average of 91.10 is Teresa James, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth James. Brenda Griffith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Griffith, is Salutatorian with an average of 86.20.

Trent Seniors will graduate May 18 at 7:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend both exercises.

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TRENTS 1ST YEAR NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY members are from left to right, on top row, Tina Hamner, Anetia Frazier, Jo Reed, Peggy Watson, and Judy Brnovak. Front row, Cindy Beasley, Tom McLeod, Bayla Heatly, and John Slaughter. (Staff photo by Connie Harris)

Trent High Elects New Student Council Members

In a recent election, the Trent High School student body elected four new members for the 1973-74 school year to replace outgoing Senior members: Bill Hamner, Tom McLeod, and Roy Sharp. The new members are Shirley Brenem, Don Heatly, Jim Hellums, and Steve Bland.

The Student Council was newly organized this year, and has been quite an active organization in Trent Schools. Serving as President for its first year was Tom McLeod. Representation for the coming year on the Student Council is as follows: Shirley Brenem & Don Heatly-Freshmen; Pamela King-Sophomore; Cindy Beasley, Mac Sie and Steve Bland-Juniors; and Peggy Watson, Gayla Heatly and Jim Hellums-Seniors.

After the election, the members enjoyed a dinner at the

Jamaica Inn in Abilene in honor of the new members, along with guests, Mrs. Jon Henderson, Mr. and Mrs. Dean King and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Frasier.

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There was a buffet supper afterwards in which about fifty people attended, including teachers, sponsors and parents.

Cathy Cypert and Chuck Bradford will meet at Brookside Inn in Waxahachie June 8 to join other youth from across the State of Texas for a joyful ten days enroute and return by Greyhound Bus and an exciting V I P stay in our Nations Capital with youth from other states. They will return to Waxahachie June 19.

Summer Fun Galore for Berlin Kids



The annual school vacation period of "no more teachers, no more books" is awaited by pupils in West Berlin no less eagerly than anywhere else; and the City Fathers are ready with a varied program of summertime relaxation, recreation and entertainment for all young Berliners who are in town in summer.

Especially for the younger boys and girls, there are many woodland playgrounds where sandlots surround mini castles to clamber over, and poles to scale, or bridges to cross, that are made of real logs which match the beautiful natural environment.

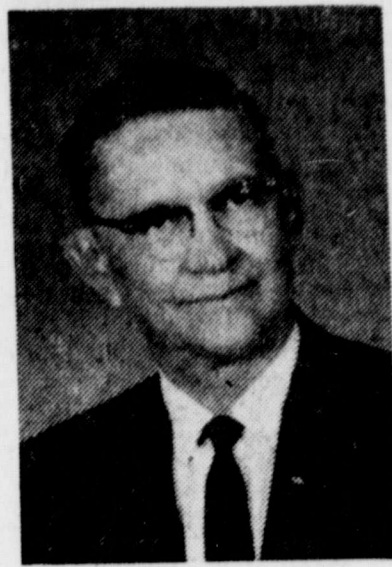
Other free treats include daily bus trips to nearby beaches for some 400 children who spend the whole day in healthful sun and water; 325 swimming classes for 4,500 kids, at open air pools in nine of Berlin's twelve boros; and for those who prefer to keep their feet dry, a wide variety of other fun and games at 21 recreation centers.

There are also 22 day camps where some 7,000 three-to-ten-year-olds can enjoy themselves assisted by trained personnel, with free bus transportation thrown in.

And for good measure, daily from July to mid-August, there are all-day children's parties at the 14,000-seat *Deutschlandhalle*, a covered sports palace, where the modest admission fee of about 70¢ includes a good lunch.

All in all, it's a safe guess that Berlin's pre-teens are envied by quite a few of their parents who themselves "just can't lose them summertime blues."

Chairmen Named For Red Cross Drive



FRED STARBUCK ... Merkel chairman

Chairmen for the non-metropolitan area of Taylor County for the Red Cross membership drive were announced Wednesday morning by Joe Antille, county chairman.

"We don't expect to have very much to count the first report meeting scheduled Thursday," said Antille. "However, the report may show a good return

on Abilene membership."

Mrs. Earl Rose, overall membership chairman, called the first report date Thursday. Jimmy Collins is campaign treasurer, who will be in charge of the report.

Chairmen in the non-metropolitan area announced by Antille included:

Trent, J. G. Wilks, Mrs. Lesley Beasley and Mrs. H. H. McLeod.

Tuscola, Lawn and Ovalo, C. A. Fomby and H. A. Riddle.

Bradshaw, Wayne Hunt; Buffalo Gap, Mrs. Mildred Payne, and Potosi, Mrs. Edgar Holly.

Hamby, Caps, Elmdale and View, B. J. Gist.

Merkel, Fred Starbuck, Shep, Frank Antille.

The kickoff for the campaign, the first Taylor County Red Cross membership drive since World War II, was organized May 7. Staff workers and volunteer have been sending Red Cross material to potential members in Abilene for the past week, Mrs. Rose reported. Work on literature for the non-metropolitan area will continue until May 24 when another report meeting is set, she said.

ROUND-UP

By KAYE LANHAM

Not many little Leaguers have as many relatives come see them play baseball as Tommy Hays did Saturday night.

He is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hays.

Tommy played catcher for the Yankees. Even though it was only their third game they are making lots of improvement.

Relatives watching Tommy play were: Great-Grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Douglas; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Paxton Hays and Mr. and Mrs. Deverell Teaff; uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. John Price of Arlington, Tex.; great aunt and uncle Jay Robbins of Sonora; great aunt, Mrs. J. C. Clarkson of Batesville, Miss., and cousins Jackie and Lee Price of Arlington.

The Robbins and Mrs. Clarkson attended the graduation exercises of their daughter, Mrs. Pat (Margaret Ann) Maddox, at Lubbock Christian College Saturday May 12.

They also visited with Margaret Ann, Pat and boys over the weekend.

BADGER TRACKS

By STEVE WALKER

Attention all seniors: only 5 days of school left! Seniors will be allowed to leave school three days prior to the regular school ending. Seniors may possibly be exempt from final exams, provided they direct themselves properly.

Plan I—each class; Grade Average—90 or above; Absent—not more than 2; Tardies—not more than 2.

Plan II—each class; Grade Average—85 or above; Absent—1 only; Tardies—1 only.

Plan III—each class; Grade Average—75 or above; Absent—none; Tardies—none.

Note: Good citizenship will be a main factor for seniors exemption from school. A few areas that will be watched closely are:

1. conduct in hallway
2. boy-girl relationship at school
3. driving car at noon
4. conduct during assemblies or other school activities
5. attitude in classroom
6. grooming and dress code (it's your responsibility, don't let anyone have to remind you)
7. You are young men and women, so conduct yourselves

Rev., Mrs. Ralph Bullock To Receive Degrees at McM

Ralph R. Bullock and his wife Joyce Arlene of Tye are among 211 McMurry College students receiving degrees at May 20 Commencement exercises.

Dr. David Maxwell of A and M University is scheduled to speak.

Of the members of the graduating class 196 are from Texas. The remaining are from other states.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Chancey attended the graduation exercises of their daughter, Mrs. Pat (Margaret Ann) Maddox, at Lubbock Christian College Saturday May 12.

They also visited with Margaret Ann, Pat and boys over the weekend.

Steak cost 16 cents. And a 10-item basket of food, including flour, meat, milk, butter, potatoes, sugar, and eggs, took \$2.10 out of the shopper's purse in 1909.

But in 1909, according to an official of the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, a factory worker had to put in a little more than 1 1/2 hours to earn the \$2.10.

These were the good old days?

This past weekend the editor and her family spent Mother's Day with her mother and husband, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Butler of De Soto, Texas. We enjoyed the trip. Everything was pretty and green along the roadside after all the rains we've received recently in Texas.

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thusly at all times

Final exams will be held on May 24, 25, and 28. All students should pay special attention to schedule for each class exam.

May 24th — 2:00-3:30, 5th period; May 25th—8:10 - 9:40, 1st period; 10:00 - 11:30, 6th period; 12:30-2:00, 7th period.

May 28th — 8:10-9:40, 3rd period; 10:00-11:30, 2nd period; 12:30-2:00, 4th period.

With school being out on the 28th, there isn't much time for students to catch-up on any subject he or she may be lacking in.

The Spring Band Concert was exceptional. MHS is proud of their band this year and how it has backed our football team and represented our school in band events throughout the year. Mr. Reed is a fine director.

The annual Spring Production this year will be held May 21. High Schools drama department will be presenting 3 one-act plays this year. There is some exceptional acting being performed by the students. One play being performed will be "Androcles and the Lion," this years UIL play. Look for more information later.

See ya next week!



RECEIVES PLAQUE—Patsy Button is shown presenting the first place plaque in Concert, to Principle Travis Davis. The Merkel High School Band won the plaque at the UIL contest held in Abilene. (Staff Photo)

Auxiliary Of WWI To Place Flags

The Ladies Auxiliary of The WWI Veterans organization, will place American flags on the graves of all W.W.I. veterans on Memorial Day.

Call Maggie Renfro, Auxiliary President for any information. All interested people that have loved ones buried in the Merkel Cemetery please help us find the unmarked graves. Be at the Cemetery at 10 a.m.

"We urge you that have loved ones graves, help us to memorialize our W.W.I. veterans who fought gallantly to keep our country free," said Lucye Bonneaux.

Carroll Fisher Rites Held

Funeral services were held Monday May 14 at 10 a.m. in Beeville, Tex. for Mr. Carroll Fisher, 44, of Beeville. Mr. Fisher died after a sudden illness Sunday May 13 in Beeville.

Graveside rites were held Tuesday May 15 at 10 a.m. in Buffalo Gap Cemetery, Buffalo, Gap, Texas with Rev. P. T. Stewart, Calvary Baptist Church of Merkel, officiating.

Survivors are one brother, G. A. Fisher, Merkel, two sisters, Mrs. Leola Wilson of George West, Tex. and Mrs. Madelyn Martin of Beeville, Tex.; and several nieces and nephews.

FARMCAST

By JOHN C. WHITE
Commissioner Texas Department of Agriculture

What goes up must come down; at least that is true for farm prices. The all-farm products index of prices received by Texas farmers as of April 15 is down 10 points from the previous month. The livestock and livestock price index was down five per cent from a month ago.

Hog prices averaged \$34.50 per hundred pounds, down almost \$7 from a month ago. Beef cattle at \$43.60 per hundred pounds are down \$2.50 from a month ago. Calves at \$56.80 per hundred pounds are \$6.60 under a month ago.

Sheep at \$16.90 per hundred pounds are \$2.10 under last month. Lambs at \$36.10 per hundred pounds are \$4.50 below a month ago.

Turkeys and eggs showed price increases during the recent month. Turkey prices averaged 33 cents per pound compared to 28 cents a pound a month ago. Egg prices reached an average of 58 cents per dozen compared to 53 cents a month earlier.

Wool and Mohair prices remained unchanged from a month ago.

In crops wheat was up four cents at \$2.20 per bushel. Grain sorghum was down a penny at \$2.76. Corn at \$1.73 per bushel was down two cents per bushel.

Despite price increases during 1972, livestock producers did not achieve full parity. No category of livestock achieved full parity throughout the year.

The average price of cattle, calves, hogs, sheep and lambs in Texas during 1972 was \$35.85 per hundred pounds.

The average parity price for those categories of livestock during 1972 was \$42.06 per hundred pounds, thus the average price the farmer received was more than \$6 under the average parity price during 1972.

RED MEAT production in Texas during March showed a nine per cent increase above a month earlier.

Cattle slaughtered during March in Texas totaled 300,000, which is up 31,000 over the month ago. During the first three months of 1973, a total of 865,000 head of cattle were slaughtered in Texas.

Average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 934 pounds compared with 928 a month ago. Hogs slaughter in Texas during March was down 6,000 compared to a month ago.

TWENTY-FOUR state finalists will compete in Austin May 19 in the annual grain-fed beef cook-off, coordinated by the Texas Department of Agriculture.

The contestants will be competing for the grand prize and category prizes of \$200 each. The three categories of the contest are: tender cuts such as

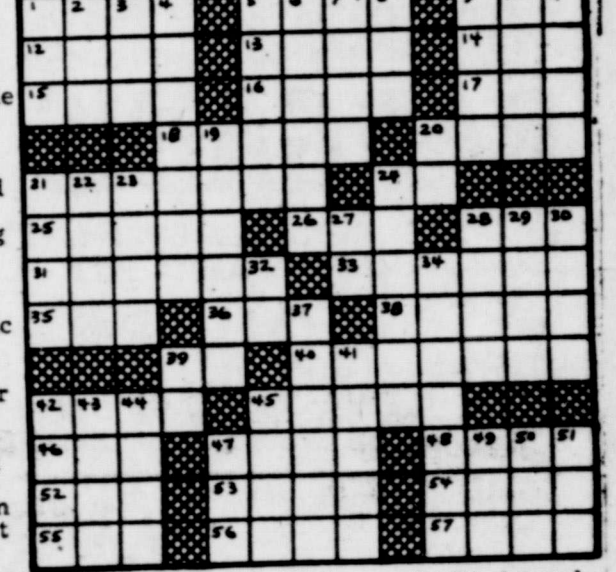
Senior League Selling Candy

The Merkel Senior Little League will have a candy sale this Saturday, May 19. Proceeds will be used to buy uniforms and equipment.

Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1. Doorway side
5. Those people
9. As well as
12. Winklike
13. Italian city
14. Extinct bird
15. Used to be
16. Single thing
17. Axe
18. Useful quality
20. You: archaic
21. Woven vessels
24. Italian river
25. Gray
26. Also
28. Fruit drink
31. Games
33. Bridge term
35. Suffix: most
36. Thing: law
38. Spools
39. Always: poetic
40. Foot lever
42. Mexican slave



DOWN

1. Mouth part
2. Beverage
3. Spoil
4. Wave
5. Confidence
6. Trustworthy
7. Send forth
8. Still
9. Indian nurse
10. Knob
11. Stupefy
19. Sentinel
20. Toward
21. Foundation
22. Snakes
52. Palestine coin
53. Slipper
54. Bait
55. Some
56. Nuisance
57. Time period
23. Discharged a gun
24. Rained heavily
27. Particle
28. In bed
29. Vale
30. Gaelic
32. Compass point
34. Bestial
37. Removes secretly
39. One
41. Set again
42. Cougar
43. Ireland
44. Sole
45. Air duct unit: abbr.
49. Regret
50. Boy's name
51. Through

TOPMOST PHARMACY MONTHLY SALE

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- REG. \$1.75 Maalox Liquid..... 1.29
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- REG. \$1.37 Listerine 14 Oz..... 1.09
- REG. \$8.95 COOL-RAY Sun Glasses 5.49
- REG. 89¢ GILLETTE Super Stainless 5s... 72¢
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WELL DONE CLASS OF '73

Seniors from Merkel, Trent and Noodle have made their selections at

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Firemen Attend Fire Training

Several members of the Merkel Volunteer Fire Department attended the fire training school held in San Angelo on Tuesday and Wednesday nights, May 1st and 2nd. The firemen were instructed in extinguishing different types of fires. Demonstrations were given for a

house fire, pit truck fire, butane tank fire, and a butane Christmas tree fire. There was a demonstration in the use of a dry powder and CO2 fire extinguishers.

Attending the school on Tuesday night were: Robert Harris, Roy Schultz, Dean Goodman, Pat Pallarez, Raynonnd Monero and Jerry Horton. Attending on Wednesday night were Billy Lucas, Ray Kimbrell, Billy Fisher, and David Seymore.

Trent FHA-FFA Banquet Held

Trent High School held its annual Mother-Daughter, Father-Son Banquet recently in the school cafeteria. The Banquet is held by the FHA - FFA Chapters. Attending were FHA-FFA members, their parents, and the honorary members of both Chapters.

The new FFA honorary members for this year are Billy W. Hamner, Robert Scott, Ronnie Freeman, and Ed Maddox. The new honorary FHA member is Mrs. Wanda Brazelton.

Future Homemakers of America awards were presented by Miss Barbara Franklin. They were Crisco Outstanding Home Economic Student - Judy Brnovak; and Anita Jo Reed was awarded the Betty Crocker 1973 Search for American Homemakers of Tomorrow. Judy Brnovak was named the most outstanding FHA member.

New FHA officers for 1973-74

were named: Peggy Watson - president; Becky White - vice president; Gayla Heatly - Secretary; Pam King - historian; Patricia Boyd - parliamentarian; and Cindy Beasley - songleader.

Monty Heatly, senior, was chosen as the FHA Hero for the year. Mr. Jon Henderson, FFA Sponsor and Master of Ceremonies, presented the following awards to FFA members:

Outstanding Senior - Bill Hamner; Star Chapter Farmer - Ty Martin; Star Greenhand - Rocky McKinney; Leadership - Jay Slaughter; Scholarship - John Slaughter; Livestock - Randy Scott; Dairy Production - Bill Hamner; Ag. Mechanic - Russell Allen, Steve Bland; Crop Production - Mac Sipe; Poultry Production - Rocky Brenem; Soil and Water - Jeffrey Wells; and Home Improvement - Ken Gregory.

FFA Officers for 1973-74 are: Ty Martin - president; John Slaughter - vice president; Randy Scott - reporter; Mac Sipe - historian; Jim Hellums - sentinel; treasurer - Steve Bland; and Tina Hamner - secretary.

Tina Hamner was also named FFA Sweetheart.

T-Shirt Schedule

Games listed first will begin at 6:15 p.m. Second game will begin at 8 p.m.

MONDAY MAY 21

Yankees vs. Braves
Mustangs vs. Eagles

SATURDAY MAY 26

Braves vs. Mustangs
Eagles vs. Yankees

MONDAY MAY 28

Eagles vs. Braves
Mustangs vs. Yankees

'Know Your Fire Department'

(Fifth in a series of articles by Audra Horton)

This week we are going to tell you about the other grass and pasture fire truck. This truck is a 1952 Dodge, 1/2 ton, 4-wheel drive. It has a self-contained 150 gallon-per-minute pump and carries 260 gallons of water in the tank with a wetting agent making the penetration power of the water equal to 1,040 gallons. This wetting agent lets the firemen use less water to extinguish more fire thus alleviating the necessity to return to town for additional water so often. This truck carries 150 ft. of 1 1/2 inch hose, two 50 ft. 3/4 inch hoses and nozzles that may be operated from inside the cab. There are also necessary tools.

Fire Chief Waymon Adcock has been with the department since April, 1939. He was elected fire chief in 1954. He owns and operates Adcock Cleaners and Circle A Western House. He has served as Assistant Chief from 1950 until elected chief in 1954; he is a past president of the Midwest Texas Fireman's and Fire Marshall's Association of which the Merkel Fire Dept. is a member. He was elected Fireman of the Year by the Ladies Auxiliary in 1973. He was seriously injured in the dynamite explosion near Merkel in May, 1967. He and his wife, Johnnie have three children, Wayne, a lineman for Taylor Electric Co. Op. Mrs. Andria Gardner, of Wilson, and Gary, a mortician of Dallas. They have one grandson, Preston Gardner of Wilson. Waymon says "In all the years I have been with the department we have the best, most dedicated bunch of guys this department has ever had. It is a pleasure to serve the people when you have plenty of good help."

Roy Buchanan, Justice of the Peace, has been with the department for 20 years. He has served as hose police, door police, and sergeant-at-arms during that time. He has been the local Justice of the Peace for the past 14 years and is a member of the Merkel Chamber of Commerce and the Justice of the Peace and Constable Association of Texas.

Dean Goodman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Deaver, is another new member of the department. He joined the department in February. He is em-

ployed by the City of Merkel.

George English, a utility clerk with Lone Star Gas Co., has been a volunteer fireman for one year. The son of Mrs. L. B. English, he is a graduate of Merkel High School. He and his wife, the former Bonnie Pack have two children, Dwain, a 7th grader and Taresia, a 5th grader. He was a manager of a little league team for 15 years and is active in the Mulberry Canyon 4-H Club. Of the Fire Department, George says, "To be a member of an organization whose sole purpose is to help other people in need is the best thing I have ever done. That's your Merkel Fire Department. Having served this organization has been and still is my pleasure."

Jimmy Atkinson, with West Texas Telephone Co., has been a fireman since January, 1971. The son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Atkinson, he is married to the former Gwen Owens. They have

three children, James, a 3rd grader, Dilana Ruth, a 2nd grader, and Monica LaNell, 5 years. He has attended first aid school and is a member of the Lion's Club and the V.F.W.

Raymond Monero, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Monero, has been with the fire department for one year. He is employed by the City of Merkel.

Trent Board Signs Pact

The Trent School Board met May 14 and signed a contract with McCreary & Huey, Attorneys at Law, of Austin. All delinquent taxes will be forwarded to them.

Board members present were President Weldon Beasley, Vice-President Billy Wayne Hamner, Secretary Rosemary Bland, and other members Frank Brnovak, Lloyd Williams, Ronnie Freeman, and Robert Scott, Jr.

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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: Darla Gene Gorsline Zaviska and Leo Zaviska, 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 11th day of June A.D.

1973, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 26th day of April A.D. 1973, in this cause, numbered 8061 on the docket of said court and styled In Re: Adoption of Minor A-146.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: 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 26th day of April A.D. 1973.

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

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Eugene Daniel Bailey, Defendant, Greetings:

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 18th day of June A.D. 1973, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 19th day of April A.D. 1973, in this cause,

numbered 8037 on the docket of said court and styled Betty Jo Bailey, Plaintiff, vs. Eugene Daniel Bailey, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows: to-wit: Divorce: Married on or about August 8, 1958, separated on or about Aug. 18, 1972. One child, Danny Wade Bailey about 14 years old. No community property, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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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 3rd day of May A.D. 1973.

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

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Arthur Earl Zeeb and Marlene E. Zebb, Defendants, 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 4th day of June A.D. 1973, to Plaintiff's Petition

filed in said court, on the 19th day of April A.D. 1973, in this cause, numbered 8041 on the docket of said court and styled In Re: Minor A-148.

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

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Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 19th day of April A.D. 1973.

(SEAL)
Attest: IRENE CRAWFORD
Clerk, Domestic Relation Court, Taylor County, Texas
By Marie Gill, Deputy

9-4c

MERKEL "FIRST SATURDAY" TRADES DAY & FLEA MARKET

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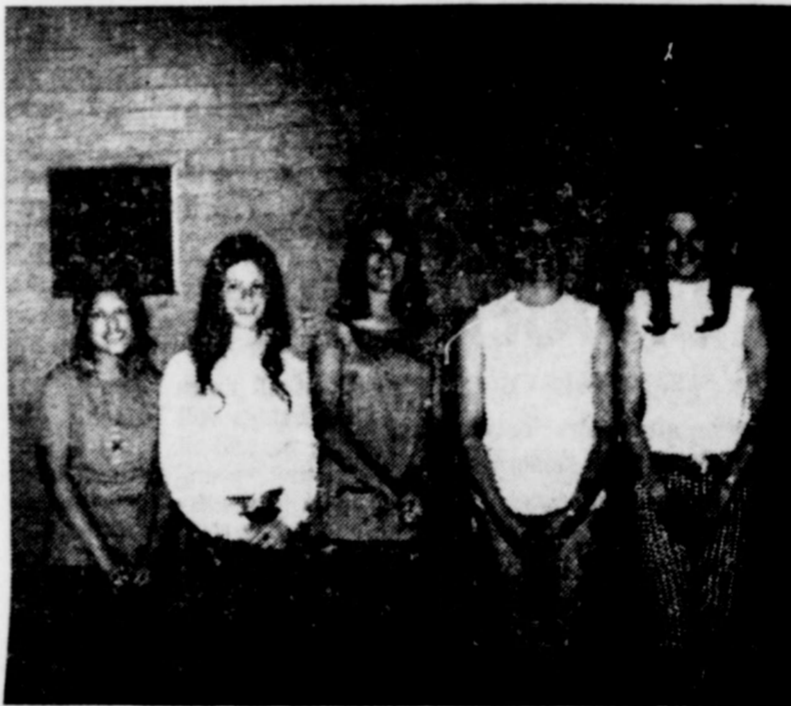
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TO LEAD BADGERS - The student body at Merkel High School recently elected cheerleaders for the 1973-'74 school year. They are, left to right, Becky Acuna, Becky Santee, Gayla Toliver, head cheerleader, Jodie Barnes, and Cindy Whisenhunt. (Staff Photo)



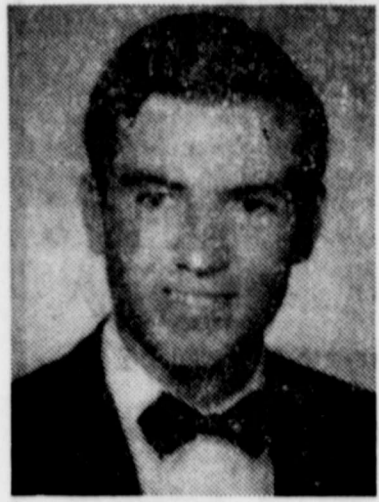
MERKEL HIGH SCHOOL'S NEWLY elected student council officers are from left to right, Terry Reed, president, Jeff Cox, vice president, Cynthia Steck, secretary, Tonya Crenshaw, business manager and Janie Clark, reporter. (staff photo)



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ROBERT BOYD
... Tarleton graduate

Robert Boyd Graduates

STEPHENVILLE — A total of 236 seniors were graduated from Tarleton State College, Sunday, May 13, during Commencement Exercises held in the Wisdom Gymnasium.

Receiving the Bachelor of Science Degree in Agri-Business was Robert Boyd of Trent.

Robert is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Boyd of Route 2, Trent.

Fortnightly Holds Its Final Meeting

Final meeting of the year for members of the Merkel Fortnightly Study Club was held Saturday in the home of Mrs. David Gamble.

A luncheon was enjoyed prior to the installation of officers for the ensuing year.

Mrs. S. C. Dixon, outgoing president, installed officers with an impressive ceremony.

New officers are Mrs. Don Dudley president; Mrs. S. C. Dixon, vice-president; Mrs. Ray Wilson, treasurer, Mrs. Andy Shouse, recording secretary and Mrs. William Cypert, corresponding secretary.

Club year will resume activities in September.

Those present were Mmes. Carl Hughes, Ray Wilson, Andy Shouse, Comer Haynes, David Gamble, Mack Fisher, Charles Eager, Bryan Dunagin, Lem Dudley, S. C. Dixon, N. S. Daniel, W. R. Cypert, Johnny Cox and Miss Christine Collins.



MISS ANGELINA LERMA
... engagement announced

Lerma-Harrison Set June 30th Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Jose P. Lerma are announcing the engagement of their daughter, Angelina, to Gary W. Harrison. Harrison is the son of Robert L. Harrison of Norway and Donna K. Harrison of Upper Sunset, Monticello.

Miss Lerma attended Merkel High School and is now a senior

at Twin Lakes High School in Monticello, Ind. Her fiancé graduated from Twin Lakes High School in 1968. He was in the U.S. Marine Corps Band. He is presently employed at Indiana Hicksgas, Inc., Monticello.

The couple is planning a June 30th wedding.



MRS. TOMMY EDWARD BIBB
... formerly Vickie Robertson

Couple Exchanged Vows Sunday May 13th at Tye

Vickie Diane Robertson and Tommy Edward Bibb exchanged marriage vows Sunday at the Tye Baptist Church with the Rev. Jackie Reynolds of Lawn officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Robertson. Parents of the bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Bibb of Rising Star.

Organist was Mignon Crawford and soloists were Mr. and Mrs. Dave Moore.

Matron of honor was Mrs. Buster Tarpley of Stephenville. Bridesmaids were Becky Eastham of Abilene and Marilyn Bibb, sister of the bridegroom. Junior bridesmaid was Kim Hicks of Azle.

Candlelighters were Tera Colium of Abilene and Todd Robertson, brother of the bride.

Flower girl was Jill Hays of Lewisville and ring bearer was Tommy Hays of Merkel.

Best man was Gaylon Merritt of Rising Star. Groomsmen were Steve Bibb, brother of the groom, and Dennis Sigler of Kansas City, Kansas.

Ushers were Mike Trigg of Austin, David Robertson, brother of the bride, Lee Askins of Fort Worth, and Mark Dillman of Fort Worth.

Given in unarrriage by her father, the bride wore a gown of delustered satin with pearly alencon lace circling high neckline, front of gown and long sleeves. Chapel train. Camelot hat of lace pearls held Chapel veil with lace edge.

Her attendants wore gowns of rainbow ribbon and lace over iridescent satin with puff sleeves and long ruffled skirts.

The bride is a graduate of Merkel High School and graduated from Hendrick Memorial School for Medical Record Technicians. She is employed by Dr. W. R. Sibley, Jr.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Rising Star High School and is a sophomore at Abilene Christian College. He is employed by Abilene Sash and Door Co.

After a trip to Arkansas the

couple will make their home in Abilene.

Fryer Prices To Go Down

COLLEGE STATION — Fryer prices may slim down in the next few weeks.

According to Mrs. Gwendolyn Clyatt, consumer marketing specialist, Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University, supplies of fryer chickens on the rise will allow more stores to offer them as specials.

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Merkel Ladies Auxiliary To VFW Holds Installation

The Merkel Ladies Auxiliary to VFW Post 5683 met at the Post Home Thursday May 10th for their regular meeting and installation of officers for the ensuing year. Betty Mashburn, past president, was the installing officer.

Elected at the April 13th meeting were: Wanda Tittle, president; Viola Ensminger, senior vice president; Betty Mashburn, junior vice president; Tommie Niell, treasurer; Frank Anderson, chaplain; Foye Strauss, conductress; Gwen Atkinson, guard; Wilma Schrimsher, 3 yr. trustee; Mary Moreno, 2 yr. trustee; and Kathrine Byrd, 1 yr. trustee.

Appointive Officers: Tommie Niell, secretary; Pat Owens, No. 1 color bearer; Betty Doan, No. 2 color bearer; Nettie Harris, No. 3 color bearer; Doris Womack, No. 4 color bearer; Blanche Black, flag bearer; Gwen Atkinson, banner bearer; Viola Ensminger, historian; Gwen Latimer, patriotic instructor; and Frank Anderson, musician.

Stith HD Club Met May 16th

Stith Home Demonstration Club met Wednesday the 16th. Mrs. Lela Mitchell was hostess for the meeting.

Mrs. Buntin opened the meeting with prayer. Roll call was answered with "What My Husband Likes." The bylaws of the Home Demonstration Club was read, and accepted as read. It was voted to meet with Mrs. Ab Hunter of the Copere Club May 24 for an all day meeting, with our agent giving the demonstration.

The program of Good Grooming was given by members.

The hostess gift went to Mrs. O. W. Dickerson.

Refreshments was served to seven members. Club membership is open to all homemakers, regardless of race, color, national origin or economic circumstances.

Holler-Gaston Wedding Planned June 2nd

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Holler have announced the engagement of their daughter, Kay, to David Gaston. The bridegroom is the

son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Gaston.

Miss Holler is a senior at Sterling City High School.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Sterling City High School and is employed with the Texas High way Dept.

The couple will be married June 2 in the home of the bride-elects parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Holler and Kay are formerly of Merkel. Kay is the sister of Mrs. Pat Williams of Merkel.

Vet Questions

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TOMATOES 2 for 39¢

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HAM ARMOUR STAR BONELESS COOKED 3 LB. CAN **3.89**

FRANKS ARMOUR STAR 12 OZ. PKG. **63¢**

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

CHOICE BEEF SHORT RIBS lb. **65¢**

I.G. FRESH POTATO CHIPS
 REG. 59¢ ONLY **43¢**

I.G. FRESH BUTTER MILK
 2 1/2 GAL. CTNS. **89¢**

LIQUID TREND 22 Oz. Bot **39¢**

Mr CLEAN
 GT. SIZE **53¢**

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