

Continental Advisory Board Meets

An organizational meeting of the West Texas Telephone Community Advisory Board met at the Area Headquarters in Andrews, Texas on Thursday, May 17, 1973. Members attending were Ray Falk, Clyde; J. W. Lovelady, Van Horn; D. J. "Jack" McCarty, Glen Rose; James Thomas, Dumas; Harvey Milner, Tullia; J. T. Moore, Jr., Pecos; and J. C. Keen, Chairman, Andrews. Ancil T. LaFevers, Assistant Vice President of Continental Telephone Service Corporation, represented the Southwest Division Office in Dallas.

"The Advisory Board was formed to create better understanding between the company and its customers. The members of the Advisory Board are all outstanding businessmen in their respective communities, and we need their advice and counsel in meeting our objectives for good service and continued growth," stated Keen, who is President of West Texas Telephone Company. Board meetings will be held quarterly on a rotating basis, and members will serve a two year term. The West Texas Area of Continental Telephone serves approximately 45,000 customers in 52 exchanges.

James Sloan Rites Held Wednesday

James Norman Sloan, 62, a farmer in the Stith community, died at 11 a.m. Tuesday of an apparent heart attack at his residence. Funeral was held at 4 p.m. Wednesday at the Merkel Church of Christ.

Officiating will be James Fulbright of Abilene. Burial was in Stith Cemetery under direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born Oct. 5, 1910, in the Merkel area, he had lived there all his life. He married Geneva Eleanor Miller Dec. 24, 1933, in Merkel. One of Mr. Sloan's sisters, Geraldine Satterwhite, is Reporter-News assistant women's news editor.

Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Larry L. of San Angelo and Derrell of Abilene; a brother, Troy of Noodle; two sisters, Mrs. Maurice Cox of Hodges and Mrs. Satterwhite of Abilene; five grandchildren.

DATEBOOK

FRIDAY, MAY 25

MISSIONETTES will meet at the Assembly of God Church on N. 2nd at 3:30 p.m.

MONDAY, MAY 28

SENIOR CITIZENS will have game night at the Senior Citizens Building at 7 p.m.

First Saturday Trades Day And Flea Market

Downtown Saturday, June 2, will be the scene for the "First Saturday Trades Day and Flea Market."

At 1 p.m. the Levis and Lace Square Dance Club will give an exhibition of square dancing for shoppers and visitors.

Clubs, organizations and individuals are invited to take part in the promotion.

All merchants are planning 'super' specials for the day-long event. Fred Starbuck, chairman of the Retail Development and Promotions Committee said, "Merchants have given good cooperation for this special promotion."

In next week's Merkel Mail we will give clubs and organizations who plan to have various activities.



GROUND BREAKING — The Rev. Kenneth Jones, pastor of Merkel First Baptist Church, breaks ground for the church's new \$190,000 sanctuary. Looking on are members of the building committee, from left to right, Booth Warren, Horace Boney and Joe Lassiter. Either the father or grandfather of each of these present building committee members was on the 1920 building committee.

Groundbreaking Held Sunday, Construction to Begin Soon

Groundbreaking ceremonies were held at the First Baptist Church on Sunday, May 20, beginning the construction of a new sanctuary and educational facilities. One of the highlights of the ceremony was the turning of the earth by three members of the Building Committee, who are descendants of men who served on the Building Committee in 1920 when the existing

church structure was erected. These included Booth Warren, son of J. T. Warren; Horace O. Boney, son of W. O. Boney; and Joe Earl Lassiter, grandson of J. N. Teaff.

Others on the 1920 committee included Walter Jackson, Grady Collins, J. W. Wheeler, and J. W. Teaff. Rev. Ira L. Parrack was pastor at that time.

Others serving on the current

Building Committee are Joe McDuff, Joe Henry, Herman Carson, and Robert Higgins.

Participating in the ceremonies were Mrs. R. H. Matthews, the eldest member; Sherry Williams, the youngest member; Mr. and Mrs. George Martin and Scottie; also Mr. and Mrs. Dale Hammond, Clay and Susan, as the two newest families; pastor Kenneth F. Jones and Committee Chairman McDuff.

Following the ceremony at the building site, the large crowd enjoyed lunch together in the Fellowship Hall of the Church. Special guests of the church included Mr. Bill Parsons and Mr. Reuben Rouse of the Rouse and Parsons Construction Company; the firm which will erect the structure.

8th Grade Exercise Tuesday

Merkel Eighth Grade Graduation Exercises will be Tuesday, May 29 at the high school auditorium, with Jim Bullock, son of Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Bullock of Tye, delivering the class address.

The program includes invocation by Mike Henry; presentation of Class gift, Melinda Bowen, and presentation of honor awards, Mack Fisher, superintendent of schools.

Songs, "He" and "The Way to Find Happiness," will be sung by members of the eighth grade class. Mrs. Mildred Winter will be pianist.

Ushers include Sherry West, Carrie Law, Tommy Jones, Kandi Ascencio, Linda Williams, Sabra Murray, Suzy Rister and Steven Kohout.

Sixty-nine eighth grade students will receive diplomas, to be presented by principal, Leon Walker.

Class sponsors are George Martin, Mrs. Mildred Winter and Miss Judy Morris.

Seniors To Receive Diplomas Wednesday

Thirty-four members of the Merkel High School graduating class of 1973 will receive diplomas in commencement exercises Wednesday, May 30 at 8 p.m. in the High School Auditorium.

Guest speaker at the commencement will be Robert Lynn Anderson Minister of the Highland Church of Christ in Abilene.

He was born in Saskatchewan, Canada. After graduating from high school, he entered Hardin College where he earned his B. A. and M. A. degrees. Soon after graduation he entered the missionary field in British Columbia. His educational experiences include working with young people in high school and college. He was selected as the outstanding student in his graduating class of 1965.

He came to Abilene in 1971 and has been Minister of the Highland Church of Christ since that time. He and his wife, Carolyn Sue, and four children are rapidly becoming West Texans.

Mack Fisher, superintendent of schools will present diplomas to the graduating class and Travis Davis, principal, awards and scholarships.

Don Clyburn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Clyburn, will deliver



ROBERT L. ANDERSON
... guest speaker

the Valedictory Address, and Susie Castille, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Castille, the Salutatory Address. Invocation will be by Billy

Patton, Minister of the Merkel Church of Christ, and benediction by Ben Hicks, president of the Merkel School Board.

Mrs. Norman Winter, will be pianist for both Processional and Recessional.

Special music will be sung by members of the senior class.

Class President's Address will be given by Dennis James, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert James. Baccalaureate services will be at 8 p.m. Sunday at the high school auditorium.

Invocation will be given by Rev. Russell McAnnally, pastor of the First United Methodist Church of Merkel.

Sermon will be given by the Rev. Kenneth F. Jones, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Merkel with the benediction given by Rev. Leonard Payne, pastor of Tye Baptist Church.

Enclosed in this issue of The Merkel Mail is a special Graduation Edition.

Signs Up At Merkel Little League Playing Field

The fence around the outfield of the Little League Park is almost filled with signs advertising area merchants. Little League and Auxiliary members are proud of the attractive sign which represent the support of those merchants. "We have been extremely fortunate to have such good support from both the merchants and area

people or our projects to support the Little League," said Benny Melton, Little League President.

New uniforms have been purchased for all six Little League teams. This was an expensive endeavor. Sponsors for each team pays a fee which goes for equipment but it is not enough for major purchases such as new uniforms. Some sponsors have generously paid for all or part of their team uniforms. The remaining cost of the uniforms has now been paid with the money raised from the Auxiliary projects and donations. Several merchants and individuals have made donations toward the uniforms.

The Little League and T-Shirt teams are now selling popcorn. "We appreciate your supporting this project as it is the only one in which the boys participate," said Mr. Melton.

"We invite everyone to come to our games and urge you to patronize the merchants who are supporting us.

These merchants have purchased signs:

Merkel Locker Plant, E. A. Conley Barber Shop, Mortons Foods, F & M National Bank, Ed's Feed & Seed, DuBose Texaco, Starbuck's, Murrell Chevrolet, Palmer Motor Company, Dairy Bar & Preston Milk, Home State Bank, Ann's Flowers, Fisher Fina & Merkel Auto Parts, Krratz Repair Shop, Seat Cover Center, Hicks Auto Supply, Crawford's, Merkel Mail, Asteroid Restaurant, Abilene Savings, Abilene Auction, Cal-Tex Feed Yards and Ben Franklin Store.

There are still a few places on the fence for signs. If any merchant was not contacted and would like to purchase a sign, they may do so by contacting one," said Benny Melton.

GRADUATION EDITION

Anyone wishing to purchase extra Graduation Editions may do so at the Merkel Mail office.

ROUNDUP

MRS. ADELL HUMPHREY of Albuquerque, New Mexico is spending the week with her two sisters, Miss Iva Nelle Bockman and Mrs. Estelle Beaird.

MRS. DALE FARMER and baby, Randy, of Leominster, Mass. spent the past week visiting Mr. and Mrs. Sam Jones and Jana, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Byers and Cathy along with other relatives. It was a big wonderful "Mothers Day," as it was the first time for all, even "Grandmothers," to see Randy.

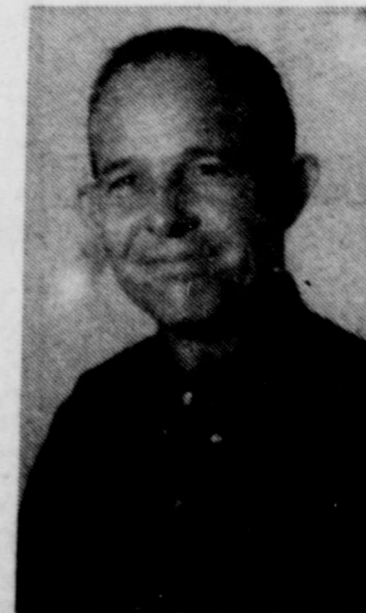
VISITING recently in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Leo Harris and Melissa were Mrs. Harris' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe McCarthy and brothers, Mark and John of Pasadena. Also visiting was Ronnie Milam of Pasadena.

MR. AND MRS. JOHN D. Humphrey and Marcia, and Mrs. L. M. Humphrey of Albuquerque, N.M., and Mrs. Lee Burgner of Ft. Worth visited Mrs. Estelle Beaird and Miss Iva Nelle Bockman, Sunday.

Leon Walker Resigns As Elementary School Head

At the May 7 meeting of the Merkel School Board, Leon Walker, principal of the Merkel Elementary School, submitted his resignation which was accepted with regret. Mr. Walker resigned to accept the position as Special Education Director of Taylor Callahan Cooperative. Prior to his resignation which is to become effective at the close of the 1972-73 school year, he has served as elementary school principal 13 years. Before his tenure as principal, he was coach of the Merkel Junior High School for 7 years.

Applications for principalship of the Merkel Elementary Schools are now being accepted by Mack Fisher, Superintendent Merkel Schools.



LEON WALKER
... resigns post

Garden Club Helps Plan Convention

Garden Club members who drove to Hamlin Saturday to help plan the fall convention were Mmes. W. T. Sadler, R. M. Ferguson, Johnny Cox, Odis Griffin, Allen King, Faye Brown, Lucy Ford, Lottie Everett, Mary Click and Christine Collins Collins.



GAIL BOONE
... engagement told

Miss Boone Sets June 29th Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Boone have announced the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Jacquelyn Gail to James Reagan Shackelford, of Putnam.

A 1972 graduate of Merkel High School, the bride-elect attended Cisco Junior College and was a member of the Wrangler Bells drill team. She is employed by Wheeler, De-

gan and Proctor Insurance of Abilene.

Shackelford is the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Shackelford of Putnam. He graduated from Putnam High School and attended Cisco Junior College. He is employed by West Texas Utilities in Abilene.

A June 29 wedding is planned, in the home of the grandparents of the bride-elect, Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Criswell of Merkel.

Lions Clubs Achieve One Million Members



OAK BROOK, ILLINOIS — Bernard A. "Barney" Gill (left), of Virginia Beach, Va., has been recognized as the one millionth member of the International Association of Lions Clubs, according to Lions President George Friedrichs, Anney, France. Lions International is the world's largest service organization with more than 26,000 clubs in 148 countries and geographical territories around the world. It is the first service association to reach one million members. In special ceremonies conducted at the Association's Oak Brook, Ill., headquarters, Gill received a special plaque

from Phil W. Sterker, of Basalt, Colo., Chairman of the Membership Club Service Committee of the International Board of Directors.

Gill, 45, a retired Army Lieutenant Colonel and Viet Nam veteran, is Executive Director of the United Drug Abuse Council, Inc., a planning and coordinating agency for all drug related problems in the Tidewater region of Virginia. He resides in Virginia Beach with his wife, Nancy, and their five children, and is a member of the Virginia Beach Oceanfront Lions Club.

Garden Club Has Year's Final Meeting

The Merkel Garden Club met Saturday at the Asteroid Restaurant for the final meeting of the year.

Mrs. Clyde Bariett presented the program which included an installation of officers. She stressed each individuals "Cup of Tea" and miniature cups of flowers were favors for the new officers. Mrs. Johnny Cox, incoming president, reminded members of the twenty six years of Federated activities, a rich heritage, and pledged help again this year when the Merkel Club will be co-hosts to the fall district meeting to be held in Hamlin October 23rd.

Other officers are Mrs. Dee Grimes, 1st Vice-President; Mrs. Oda Clark, 2nd Vice-President; Mrs. Odis Griffin, 3rd vice President; Christine Collins, 4th Vice President; Mrs. Lottie Everett, recording secretary; Mrs. Allen King, Corresponding secretary; Mrs. R. M. Ferguson, Treasurer; Mrs. Earl Hughes, Parliamentarian; Mrs. Albert Criswell, Reporter.

Mrs. Odis Griffin, outgoing President, was presented a gift of appreciation from the club.

Those present were Mmes. W. L. Brown, Mack Fisher, Ora Griggs, Jarrett Williams, Tom Allday, Dee Grimes, Johnny Cox, Allen King, W. S. J. Brown, Lucy Ford, Clyde Bariett, W. T. Sadler, R. M. Ferguson, Lottie Everett, John Shannon, Herbert Patterson, Mary Click, Albert Criswell, Charlie Sherril, Aaron Sudderth, Mary Rusom, Odis Griffin, Mrs. Dent Gibson, a new member and Christine Collins.



MRS. BILLY DON BLACK
... formerly Debra Gayle King

Debra King, Billy Black Exchanged Vows Sat.

The First Presbyterian Church in Slaton was the setting Saturday afternoon for the marriage of Miss Debra Gayle King to Billy Don Black of Merkel. Officiating for the double ring ceremony was the Rev. Don Coleman of Lubbock.

Parents of the couple are Mrs. Merle M. King of Slaton and John Hugh King, II, of Houston and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Black of Merkel.

Larry Riney of Merkel provided traditional wedding music.

They were hosts for the rehearsal dinner at Furr's Cafeteria in Lubbock.

Among out of town guests for the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Hooper and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Hooper and Brad, Jill and Amy of San Angelo; Mr. and Mrs. Sammy Ross of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Bud Scott of Hawley and Mr. and Mrs. Rex Martin and Mrs. Nora Black of Merkel.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a formal gown of silk organza over sateen designed with Victorian influence. The fitted bodice was topped with lace yolk which extended over the shoulders and featured a stand-up lace collar. Daisey appliques accented the ruffle which outlined the yolk and also marked the natural waistline. The full gathered skirt drifted into a deep flounce which was outlined with a wide band of lace and daisey appliques. Her wide-brim picture hat of Italian straw was enhanced with pale yellow streamers. She carried a basket cascade of white daisies, baby's breath and English ivy.

Mrs. Charles Bogel of San Angelo was matron of honor. Her formal gown of pale yellow chiffon over taffeta faille, was designed with long, sheer sleeves and a sheer yolk which was accented with daisey appliques. She wore a picture hat of yellow straw with white streamers and carried a basket of yellow daisies, baby's breath and English ivy.

Mr. Black served his son as best man.

A reception followed in the home of Mrs. Jo Delaney. Miss Debra Jane Greenfield served the wedding cake and Mrs. Sammy Ross of Abilene, sister of the bridegroom, served the punch. Guests were registered by Miss Sherry Edwards and rice bags were distributed by Jill and Amy Hooper of San Angelo, cousins of the bride.

Mrs. Black is a '71 graduate of Slaton High School and is a junior psychology - elementary education major at Angelo State University. She is employed by the Mental Health Association.

Her husband is a '70 graduate of Merkel High School and is a senior business major at A.S.U. He is employed in the University library.

Following a wedding trip to Ruidoso, New Mexico, the couple will be at home at 1506 Willow in San Angelo.

The bridegroom's parents

Girl Scout News

The Junior Scouts met at the Scout Hut to check rolls and collect dues. Afterwards they went to Fair Park in Abilene and then went to play Putt-Putt Golf. They enjoyed playing.



ELIZABETH ASCENCIO
... engagement announced

Miss Ascencio Plans July 14th Wedding

The engagement and forthcoming marriage of Elizabeth Ascencio and George Buitron of Laredo has been announced by the bride-elects parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arunlo Ascencio.

Buitron is the son of Mrs. Guadalupe Buitron of Laredo and the late George Buitron.

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

Vocational Nursing. She is employed by Hendrick Memorial Hospital in Abilene.

Buitron graduated from J. W. Nixon High School in Laredo. He is employed at Laredo Air Force Base as a clerk in Administration.

The couple plans a July 14th wedding at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Abilene.

Crossword Puzzle

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51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60

ACROSS

- Velocity
- Exploded
- English city
- Rebellion
- Accuse
- Ale vinegar
- Doctor: abbr.
- Quivers
- Italian river
- Ever: poetic
- English letter
- and downs
- Cosmetic
- Rocky
- Prefix: before
- Cottage
- Begin again
- Songlike
- Moines
- Flightless bird
- Cut off
- Exists
- Hawaiian
- Greek letter
- Classified
- Dealer in foods
- Glass bottles
- Greet
- Checks
- Birds
- Lassos
- Onward to
- Vase
- Turn right
- Your: archaic
- Belonging to us
- Spa
- Fuses
- Body parts
- Celestial bodies
- Round flat plates
- College degree
- Sieved peas
- Piece of news
- Hardens
- Draw
- Only
- Regret
- Hint

DOWN

- Mud
- Cogitate
- Finish
- Prepare for publication
- Does: poetic
- Male bovine
- Indians
- Odd dress: slang
- Lively: slang
- Beginners
- Courage
- Men
- That is: abbr.

Answers to Puzzle

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SOME PEOPLE WILL STARVE TO DEATH BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT SURE THAT THERE IS ANY RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN EATING AND LIVING . . . No. 2

A popular bumper sticker of the day says simply: "JESUS IS LORD". But do we really grasp and understand the relationship of the Lordship of Jesus to our lives? Jesus cannot be our Saviour unless he is truly our Lord!

The Greek word "kurios", which is translated as "Lord" in the New Testament, literally means "master" or "owner". It refers to "one having power or authority".

The apostle Peter climaxed the first gospel sermon, recorded in Acts 2, with the words, "Let all the house of Israel therefore know assuredly, that God hath made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom ye crucified" (Acts 2:36). Those present being motivated by this reality cried out "What shall we do?" (2:37) Peter responded, being led by the Holy Spirit, by telling them to repent and be baptized (2:38) for the remission of sins. Three thousand on that day obeyed and were added to the church by the Lord without delay or having been investigated (2:41,47). The question is: "Have you responded to the Lordship of Jesus in this fashion?" If you have not then one cannot rightfully claim he is your "Lord" and "master".

Just a bumper sticker won't do, we must also show our submission by our actions. There is a definite relationship between the two. Matthew 7:21-23 "No every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity."

Notice that Jesus said tha many CALL HIM, "Lord, Lord" in the judgment day, but just because they recognized he was "Lord" did not mean they would be saved eternally. Just because they believed he was "Lord" did not give them entrance into that eternal home. Jesus pointed out very clearly that doing the will of God, the Father, would be the basis of salvation. The Lordship of Jesus demands that we submit to his will in all things. In Romans 6:16 we are told we are servants of whom we obey.

Do you see the relationship between the Lordship of Jesus and your life? Are you obeying his will? He can't be our saviour without being your Lord.

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Employer, Employee Fete Held

The first annual Employer-Employee Banquet was held Thursday evening, May 10. This banquet was presented by the Home Economics Cooperative Education class at Merkel High School. The purpose was to honor the employers in Merkel who had participated in the program throughout the year.

Certificates of appreciation were presented to the Jim Torrences, managers of Stuckey's Pecan Shoppe, Don W. Warren, M.D., Mrs. Allie May Tuckey, and Mrs. Brenda Oakley.

An outstanding student in the HECE program was selected by Mrs. Mary Caton, teacher-coordinator. The outstanding student this year is Mary Beth Boyd, Housekeeping Management Assistant for Dr. Warren.

Texas Lakes Get New Pike

AUSTIN — Texas' plans to rear its own northern pike got some help from Nebraska and the federal government in the latter part of March when 500,000 five-day-old pike arrived at two Parks and Wildlife Department fish hatcheries.

Eggs produced by the Nebraska fish hatchery system were shipped to Kansas where they were hatched at the Cedar Bluff Federal Hatchery.

From there they went to the Cedar Bluff Federal Hatchery. From there they went to the Jasper Fish Hatchery in East Texas East and San Angelo Number Two Hatchery in West Texas.

San Angelo received 300,000 pike and Jasper obtained 200,000 of the young fish.

It's News To Me

BMA/6 Reflectors
STARTING on July 1 this year, Americans who ride their bicycles at dawn or dusk or even in the night-time, will be given greater protection if the bikes they buy bear a BMA/6 Seal of Certification under the saddle. This protection comes in the form of a 10-reflector system meeting the toughest State regulations now on the books across the country.

Italian Cash Backs
Nevada Company Claim
AN Italian finance group headed by Count Giacomo Lovatelli of Rome, Italy has invested heavily in Sierra Empire Mines, Ltd., a participant in history's biggest mining "claim jumping" lawsuit. The defendant: Kenneco Explorations, Kennecott Copper Co. subsidiary; the plaintiff: Sierra Empire Mines, subsidiary of Sierra Silver Mining Company, Las Vegas, Nevada. Contested is the \$1.5 billion Berg Ore Body in Vancouver, B. C.

Insulated Ware Suited To Today's Living

SAY goodbye to tepid cold drinks and cooled down cups of coffee. Investigate DineX insulated tableware from Thermos, the company that probably knows more about keeping foods and beverages hot or cold than anyone. Cold drinks will use less ice, won't drip and there'll be no unsightly rings on the furniture. Dishwasher-safe, resistant to scratches and stains, and sleekly styled in contemporary colors, the products are dandy for casual dining, picnicking, boating and camping.

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WE WISH TO THANK all our friends in our time of sorrow in the loss of our loved one, Jasper P. Howard. The beautiful flowers, cards, visits and food brought to my home and at the church, and most of all your prayers will always be remembered.

May Gods blessings be with all of you.
The Jasper P. Howard Family

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Shirtdresses In Fashion

COLLEGE STATION — Shirtdresses push their way ahead this spring, according to one authority.

"Watch for them in a wide variety of exciting prints and fabrics — ranging from cotton-polyester blends and triacetate-jersey to pure silk," Marilyn Brown, consumer marketing-clothing specialist, Texas A&M University, said.

"Some shirtdresses offer waistline interest via wide belts, set-in midriffs or drawstring waists. Others in easy chemise cuts sport thin belts.

"Still another possibility is one exactly like a shirt — with sides slit and no belt at all."

Miss Brown emphasized that shirtdresses aren't limited to simply elongated shirts. Some flaunt pleated skirts — particularly knife pleats all around or side panel pleats.

"Classic feelings emerge from shirtdresses highlighted with neat tucks, stitching details, and buttoned or zipped front closures.

"For a different spring ensemble, combine shirtdress with a cardigan sweater," the specialist suggested.

"As for shirt necklines, they're generally notched, with collars, or bow-tied for softness."

The specialist also indicated a progression from the shirtdress to an appearance of shirt and skirt separates. "Here, shirts are designed with mantled collar, long or short sleeves, and worn either tucked in or belted outside.

Use hot water wisely — it takes a lot of fuel to heat water, notes Lynn Bourland, home management specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University.

Vet Questions & Answers

EDITOR'S NOTE: Veterans and their families are asking thousands of questions concerning the benefits their Government provides for them through the Veterans Administration. Below are some representative queries. Additional information may be obtained at any VA office.

Q—I keep reading and hearing that World War II veterans received full tuition and \$75 a month. This true?

A—World War II veterans received up to \$500 for tuition, books and supplies for a full school year. All above that they had to pay themselves. The single full time veteran student did receive \$75 per month, but he was restricted to a maximum wage earnings of \$210 a month, including the \$75 G.I. Bill entitlement.

Q—My brother got addicted to heroin but came out of the service with a good discharge. His private clinic just went out of business because the methadone was slipping. Would VA put him back on methadone or let him go drug-free?

A—If he appears able to make it in a drug-free program, VA would let him try that. If he failed to remain drug free, he could receive methadone at a VA clinic.

Q—My husband has not changed the beneficiary on his

Use bold - patterned caretaking to make a large room look smaller and cozier — warm colors tend to make it more inviting, says Patricia A. Bradshaw, housing and home furnishings specialist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University.

National Service Life Insurance policy since our marriage. He says it is not necessary as the insurance is automatically paid to the wife. Is this so?

A—This is not true. Insurance proceeds are paid to the beneficiary last designated in writing by the insured. If none is designated, or no designated beneficiary survives the insured, proceeds will be paid to the estate.



HOME HINTS
BY BARBARA GALE
Home Decorating Consultant to The Queen and Her Household

NEW YORK (ED)—Redecorating a youngster's room can be "child's play." It's fun to use your creative know-how and enthusiasm to help your child create a private world.

Young people like rooms that are meant for them. The first rule is not to go overboard in trying to match a child's room too closely to his age. Children grow up fast and if you use care in the basic colors, furniture and design treatments for their rooms, you'll avoid a year-by-year redecoration problem.

Simplicity, boldness and plenty of space are keynotes for children's rooms. And don't save the color—children love it and it doesn't show the dirt.

For space considerations, matching or modular units are practical and usually fit around the wall, leaving plenty of floor space for playing. Mix and match units are versatile and usually less expensive. Buying a unit at a time allows the room to grow with the child. Coordinated units for children's rooms are offered in the "Heirloom Oak" and "Lemon Tree" collections of Lea Industries, a Sperry and Hutchinson interior furnishings company.

Lea's "Lemon Tree" collection, in cream white with lemon and lime trim, offers simple and durable pieces that have a special appeal for big and little girls alike. You can begin with a simple four-drawer dresser and work up to a complete bedroom suite. One of its special charms is a full length, movable dressing mirror that will set any little lady dreaming about "Alice through the Looking Glass."

Linens, window treatments and bed covers should be chosen for their staying power as well as their appeal. Today's new linen designs offer a wide range of child-pleasing patterns—from exotic jungle adventures to stars and stripes forever. Buy some extra sheets and stitch matching curtains and pillow covers to unify the look.

A child's room is an escape. It should be a place in which to lie, work, play and grow. And dream, too.



OUTDOOR TOPICS
BY BOB BREWSTER
MERCURY OUTDOOR CONSULTANT

Weather Unpredictable?
Weather forecasting is difficult at best, impossible at times, for knowing what the weather will be is important to outdoor enthusiasts.

There are two methods for learning what weather changes can be expected. One is to study what is happening with scientific instruments; the other is to interpret nature's weather predictors.

The latter method is easy to learn and is recommended by the outdoor recreation department at Mercury outdoors as a way to gain respect and understanding for the outdoor environment. It involves learning about such things as wind, trees, clouds and rainbows.

Wind, for instance, is one of the most reliable weather signs. Winds from the south and southeast almost always announce rain, as do winds from the northeast. However, winds from the north and west generally bring cool, dry air with little chance for moisture.

Clouds come in many different shapes, each indicative of weather that is coming. Cumulus clouds forecast both good and bad weather. Evenly spaced cumulus, appearing like balls of cotton, indicate fair weather in the offing. However, when they begin to drift together and travel in long, ragged groups with high towers above, they are signaling rain in the near future.

The sun is a good indicator of weather-to-come. A bright red sunset means a clear day to follow, whereas a bright red sunrise promises storms before the day is out. A halo around the sun predicts storms as does a halo around the moon.

Dr. Claude M. Eberhart On Blood Donation

Associate Medical Director, Metropolitan Life

Q. How much blood is required to treat the sick and injured in this country?
A. It is estimated that the potential requirement for blood is over 6 million units a year—over 10 units a minute. Hundreds of thousands of patients each year need blood or one of its components to replace that lost in surgery or childbirth or to treat illnesses caused by the lack of some elements found only in human blood. Since blood is perishable, this means a continuing supply of donors are required to keep the nation's blood banks fully stocked to meet all needs at all times.

Q. How is blood used to aid accident or injury victims?
A. The blood is used to replace that lost by hemorrhage. In those cases that have traumatic shock without hemorrhage, salt solutions, albumin, and plasma expanders add the necessary fluid to the circulatory volume and thus raise blood pressure. The usefulness of blood in accident or injury is greatly enhanced by having it immediately available. Thus, in communities that have a blood program, blood is on hand in the hospital refrigerator, and much time and many lives can be saved by providing transfusions immediately.

Q. How does one become a blood donor?
A. A person in good health between the ages of 18 and 66 should contact his Red Cross chapter or local hospital. There, the prospective donor will be advised where and when the next blood drawing will be in his community.

Q. How long does it take to give blood?
A. The actual donation takes approximately 7 minutes. The entire process involving interview, tests, and refreshments usually requires about 45 minutes. Donors are accepted only if they pass a brief but pertinent personal medical history examination prior to the donation. Part of the time following the donation is spent in the donor lounge, where light refreshments are served.

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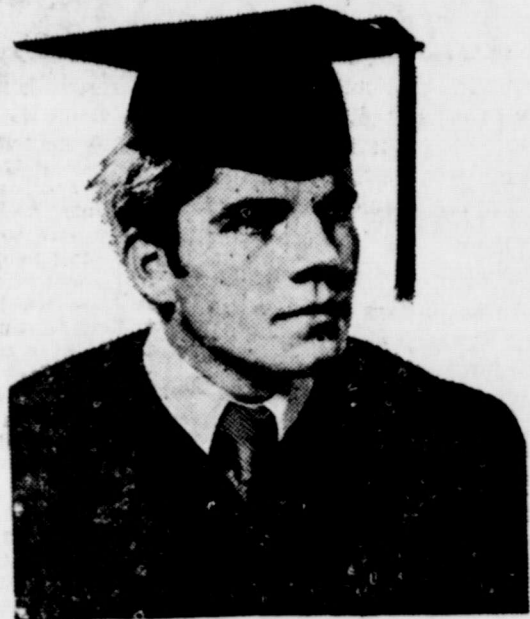
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Fire Auxiliary To Serve Spaghetti

The Ladies Auxiliary to the Merkel Fire Department will serve a spaghetti dinner Saturday, June 2 from 1 a.m. until 2 p.m. It will be held on the corner of North 2nd and Edwards Street. Prices will be \$1.50 per plate for adults and \$1.00 for children. There will also be a table of desserts that will be sold whole or singly. Menu will be spaghetti with meat sauce, salad, garlic bread and tea or coffee.

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Trent Awards Program Honors Top THS Students

On Wednesday, May 16, at 3:00 p.m. an Awards Program was held at Trent High gymnasium to honor outstanding students for the year. Mrs. Al Cogburn, sponsor of the National Honor Society, recognized the following charter members: Seniors - Anetia Frazier, Judy Brnovak, Jo Reed, and Tom McLeod; Juniors - Tina Hamner, Peggy Watson, and Cindy Heatly; and Sophomores - Gayla Beasley and John Slaughter.

Bandmaster, Garry Wofford, then presented "Outstanding student" awards in each section, as follows: Percussion-Mac Sipe, Sophomore; Woodwind-Pam King, Freshman; Brass-Jeffrey Wells, Sophomore and Outstanding Bandsman-Tom McLeod, Senior.

Then Principal Sam Frasier was in charge of the remainder of the program, which included awards for perfect attendance; A and B Honor Roll; and Outstanding student awards in the various subjects.

Having perfect attendance records were: Jeffrey King - 2nd grade; Rebecca Sipe - 4th grade; Jimmy Tackett, 5th grade; and Cheri Patterson, 5th grade; Pam Evans and Robbie

Miss Daniel Gets Honor

Thel Daniel, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Wesley Daniel of Spearman, was named winner of the Ginny Carlson Memorial Award during McMurry College's commencement exercises in Abilene Sunday.

The award is given to the outstanding senior woman on the basis of academic record, outstanding senior woman on the basis of academic record, outstanding activity, leadership, service, and religious, moral and ethical character.

Miss Daniel was president of the senior class, president of Theta Chi Lambda social club, member of Alpha Chi honor society and a member of Sigma Tau Delta English honor society.

She graduated magna cum laude. She was voted the "Most Valuable Member" of her social club and was a member of Student Association Government.

She was secretary of Wah Wahtaysee Service Club and a member of the McM choir.

Miss Daniel graduated from Spearman High School in 1969. She majored in business education and minored in English at McMurry.

She is the granddaughter of Rev. and Mrs. Newt Daniel of Merkel and was youth director for the Sr. U.M.Y.F.

BADGER TRACKS

By STEVE WALKER
This is the last Badger Tracks of the year. As school begins again on August 20, MHS will support one more editor for the Badger Track, Janie Clark. Janie is a Sophomore.

Freeman - 7th grade; and Rocky McKinney - Freshman.

Outstanding Students in individualized subjects were: English - Diana Bishop; Science - James Holt; Social Studies - Allen Gregory; Commerce - Jo Reed; American Legion - John Slaughter; and Peggy Watson - Editor of Yearbook - Anetia Frazier; Salutatorian - Tom McLeod; Valedictorian - Judy Brnovak. In Jr. High: Science - Teresa James; Language - Teri Hamner; Social Studies - Teresa James; Salutatorian - Brenda Griffith; Valedictorian - Teresa James.

Achieving the A Honor Roll for the year were Pam Evans - 7th grade; Pam King - Freshman; and Judy Brnovak - Senior. Receiving B Honor Roll Award were Ida Griffith, Carlton Kincaid, Margaret Wilde, Lisa Wilcox, James Freeman, Tamarah Golson, Jeffrey King, Debra Williams, Greg Beasley, John Perkins, Darla Ross, Leslie Masonheimer, Barbara Evans, Tammie Hicks, Vondi King, Cheri Patterson, Velma Perkins, Jacki Reed, Brenda Griffith, Teri Hamner, Tera James, Cindy Carter, John Slaughter, Cathy Beasley, Becky Frechner, Becky White, Bonnie Mitchell, Tina Hamner, Gayla Heatly, Peggy Watson, Susan Carter, Anetia Frazier, and Diana Bishop.

At the ending of the Program, Mr. Frasier presented each senior with a composite of the class pictures, like the larger one which had been hung in the halls of Trent High School.

Two Area Servicemen Complete Basic Training

CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. —Marine Pfc. Roger D. Hooper, of Route 1, Trent, Tex., has completed basic personnel administration training at the Marine Corps Base here.

A 1968 graduate of South Garland High School, Garland, Tex., he attended El Centro Junior College in Dallas and joined the Marine Corps in November 1972.

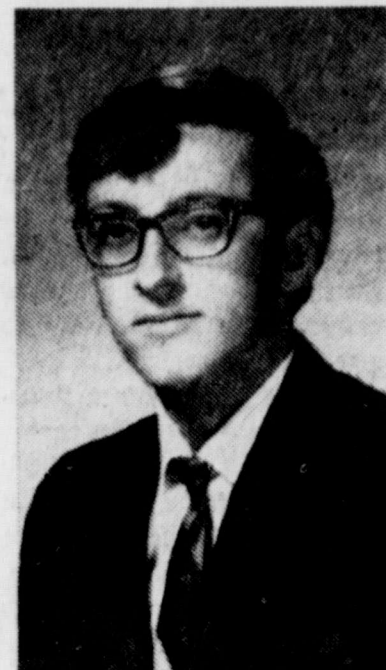
GREAT LAKES, Ill. — Navy Fireman Apprentice Paul L.

TRENT 4-H NEWS

By JOHN STEVENS

The Trent Boys and Girls 4-H Community Club met Monday, May 21 at 8 p.m. in the Trent School Library.

Election of officers were held as follows: President, Cindy Beasley; Vice-president, Becky Freeman; Secretary - Treasurer, Robbie Freeman; Reporter, John Stevens; Council Del-



ROBERT WILSON
... science

Robert Wilson Grad at SMU

DALLAS, Texas — Robert Wayne Wilson, of Merkel, was among those receiving degrees at the 58th commencement of Southern Methodist University Sunday afternoon, May 20.

Some 2,500 degrees, including more than 1,000 advanced degrees, was conferred during the 2 p.m. ceremony in Moody Coliseum. That total, the largest in the University's history, includes the August and December graduates as well as those who completed their work earlier this month.

Robert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, who lives at 320 Rose Street, received the bachelor of science in electrical engineering.

Johnny Gray Wins High Point Honor

Johnny Gray repeated last year's performance by taking high point honors in the Taylor County 4-H Horse Show Saturday at the Taylor County Riding Club Arena.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Gray, he out pointed all other male contestants in the show to take his title. He also scored a first place in reining and second in Western pleasure and showmanship.

Mary Beth Boyd, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Boyd of Trent, showed the grand

champion gelding and also won 3rd in grade mares, 1st in registered gelding and 1st in showmanship.

Cindy Whisenhunt showed 3rd place in registered mares and 2nd in reining. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Whisenhunt.

Bart Whisenhunt showed the 1st place grade mare and also won 3rd in showmanship and 3rd in reining.

Patricia Boyd placed 3rd in grade mares and 2nd in Barrel racing.

L. J. Gray was announcer for the event.

Little League Schedule

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

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

T-Shirt Schedule

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

SATURDAY MAY 26
Braves vs. Mustangs
Eagles vs. Yankees

MONDAY MAY 28
Eagles vs. Braves
Mustangs vs. Yankees

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Steak Is 'Rare' Commodity Regardless of How Its Cooked

COLLEGE STATION — That next steak you eat may be "rarer" than you think.

"Regardless of the way you like your steak cooked, you're getting a 'rare' commodity," emphasizes Dr. Ed Uvacek, livestock marketing specialist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Why is steak, or all beef for that matter, so rare?

"It's a simple matter of time," points out the Texas A&M University specialist. "It takes about two-and-a-half years to produce a steak."

Uvacek explains it this way. A cow produces only one calf in 12 months. The calf is weaned at six months of age and turned to pasture for another four to

six months. Then it goes to a feedlot for six months to be fattened on a high grain ration. Finally, at about 1,000 pounds of weight, the animal is sold to a packer for slaughter.

Well, at least that's a thousand pounds of beef, you say?

"Not by a long shot," Uvacek hastens to point out. "A lot of weight from the animal is lost in slaughtering and processing. A 1,000-pound animal produces only about 48 pounds of sirloin steaks."

A 1,000-pound steer that grades "choice" will produce about 600 pounds of carcass. Take away the fat, bone and waste and only about 444 pounds of edible beef remains.

The specialist is concerned that consumers today are not aware of the time and costs involved in beef production. "In-

creased production has made beef available to more consumers now than ever before. Back when only the wealthy could afford expensive cuts of beef, there was little concern over prices."

J. W. West Reunion Held

The fifth annual J. W. West reunion was held May 19 and at the Merkel Community Center. There were 33 relatives present for the Saturday gathering. For Sunday dinner there were 58 present.

Attending were: Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn West, Lamesa; Mr. and Mrs. Ike West, San Antonio; Mr. and Mrs. Joe West, Wink; Mrs. Joe Donowho, Hurst; Mr. and Mrs. Wayne West and family, Levelland; Mrs. Edith West, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy West and Betty, Benjamin; Mr. and Mrs. Austin Hale, Mrs. Susan Baker and sons, Mr. and Mrs. John Hale, David Hale, Mr. and Mrs. Terry Gibbons and family, Fort Worth; Mr. and Mrs. Louise West and family, Crowley; Dostia Budley, Mrs. Betty Jones and family, Albany; Ellen Ash, Throckmorton;

Also Mr. and Mrs. Wayne West, Steve Abbott, Hamlin, Mr. and Mrs. Travis Hale, McCaulley; Mr. and Mrs. Leon West and family, Rotan; Mr. and Mrs. Don West and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy West and Patricia, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hamilton, Rule; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. West and family, Killean; Mr. and Mrs. George West, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Horton and boys, Merkel.

Harvard University, founded in 1636, is the oldest college in the United States.

MULBERRY CANYON 4-H

By TAREZIA ENGLISH

The May meeting of the Mulberry Canyon 4-H Club was a trial ride and picnic supper. The group rode from Blair to the club house, a distance of approximately 10 miles.

The meeting was called to order by President, Johnny Gray. Leslie Maisenheimer led the 4-H motto and prayer and Lloyd Williams, Jr. led the American Pledge. Inspiration was given by Vince Ellard. Patricia Boyd told the group about the plans for 4-H Fund Raising Horse show June 16 in Abilene. This project is to raise money to help build the state 4-H Center in Brownwood.

Other members present were Mark Clemmer, Teresa Clemmer, Judy Brnovak, Taresia English, Dwain English, Beverly Gilmore, Lisa Hughes, Kenny Ellard and several visitors. June meeting will be our club tour.

'Know Your Fire Department'

(Sixth in a series of articles by Audra Horton)

The newest truck added to the department is a 1973 GMC Fire and Rescue truck. Purchased with volunteer funds through the Civil Defense program, it is to be used to aid in the rescue of injured persons in wrecks, fires, or other emergencies. It is to be equipped to Red Cross First Aid stands carrying a stretcher, oxygen, and necessary tools for prying and opening damaged vehicles and burning homes. This unit has a two-way radio, siren and warning lights. This unit is Fire gine Red in color and has signs reading MERKEL FIRE AND RESCUE.

Kent Satterwhite, President of the fire department, joined in 1956. The son of Mrs. T. C. Satterwhite, he and his wife Betty Lu have one daughter, Kim. The Member Service Advisor for Taylor Electric Co-Op he is a member of the Chamber of Commerce.

Fireman Bill Button is a graduate of Abilene High School and is manager of West Texas Utilities Co. He and his wife, Oma have two daughters, Joyce Newberry and Patsy Button. He is a member of the Merkel Lions Club, Optimist Club, Chamber of Commerce and the Masonic Lodge.

Danny West is another of the newer members of the department, joining in February. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Bobbie West, he is married to the former Jeanie Hicks and has one son, Daniel, age 6 months. A graduate of Merkel High School, he is employed by C. E. Supply. He is a member of the Friendly Mixers Square Dance Club of Abilene.

Jerry Horton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Horton, joined the fire department in July of 1966. He and his wife Audra have two sons, Wayne, a first grader and Chris, 5 years. An employee of the City of Merkel, he is a 1960 graduate of Merkel High School. He has attended the Fireman's Training School at A&M University for the last four years completing Fire Fighting I, II, and III and Pump Operations. He has attended two short schools held at the Merkel Fire Station and holds a standard and advanced first aid license. He presently serves as hose captain.

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Ace Lancaster, Defendant, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 42nd District 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 2

day of July A.D. 1973, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 14 day of May A.D. 1973, in this cause, numbered 8118 on the docket of said court and styled Frances Lancaster, Plaintiff, vs. Ace Lancaster, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: A suit for divorce.

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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 16 day of May A.D. 1973.

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

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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.

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Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 26th day of April A.D. 1973.

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Attest: IRENE CRAWFORD
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Court, Taylor County, Texas
By Marie Adkins, Deputy.

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TO: Eugene Daniel Bailey, 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 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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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)
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TO: Sperland F. Stone, 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 2nd day of July A.D. 1973, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 7th day of May A.D. 1973, in this cause, numbered 8102 on the docket of said court and styled Janey Twila Stone, Plaintiff, vs.

Sperland F. Stone, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Divorce: Married on July 16, 1967 and separated about April 30, 1973. Two children were born of this marriage: Matthew Stone, a male 4 years of age, and Jackie Paul Stone, a male 3 years of age. Accumulated various items of property, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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Graze Coastal Bermuda For Best Performance

COLLEGE STATION — There's this thing about Coastal bermudagrass — the more it's grazed, the better it performs. Yet many producers fail to utilize the grass properly and become disappointed in its performance, points out Dr. Neal Pratt, agronomist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

"Coastal bermuda thrives on heavy grazing, providing that it has been fertilized adequately," emphasis Pratt. "It has a high yield potential, but this potential often is not realized because producers fail to fertilize and use the grass properly."

Adequate fertilization and close grazing will allow the grass to produce leafy, high-quality regrowth. Coastal can provide enough forage to support two to three cows per acre during certain seasons, contends the Texas A&M University specialist.

"During periods of peak production, use cross fencing to allow cattle rotation," suggests

the agronomist. "This will provide for more efficient utilization of the high quality forage. Harvest the excess forage for hay to conserve quality and production."

Pratt recommends close grazing of Coastal because the quality of the grass begins to decline after it reaches a height of about six inches. Close grazing does not harm the plant if the grass has received adequate fertilizer.

Close grazing also reduces the stubble or decayed leaves on the lower part of the plant. On some pastures that have not been grazed closely, later grazing of such stubble has caused disorders in some cattle.

"Keep in mind the keys to high-quality forage production from Coastal bermudagrass — high fertilization and heavy grazing. Use a soil test to guide your fertilization practices, and take advantage of the good soil moisture situation to produce high-quality forage," advises Pratt.

Mrs. Lela Ray Services Held

Funeral for Mrs. Lela S. Ray, 63, of Mulberry Canyon, who died Saturday in a one-vehicle accident near Lawn, was held at 10 a.m. Tuesday in the Starbuck Funeral Chapel.

Officiating will be the Rev. Harley Holloway of Abilene and the Rev. Lucian Rudd Jr. of Odessa. Graveside services were held at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Holdenville, Okla.

According to investigating highway patrolmen, Mrs. Ray was traveling north along U.S. 84 when she apparently lost control of her vehicle and ran off the road about 12:25 p.m. She was thrown from the car, and later pronounced dead at the scene.

Born Sept. 5, 1909, in Yellville, Ark., she married Audell Morphis there March 31, 1926. They moved in 1929 to Holdenville, Okla., where her husband died Oct. 4, 1959.

She then moved to Odessa, where she was employed as a licensed vocational nurse at the Medical Center Hospital. She married E. C. Ray in Odessa May 28, 1971.

Survivors are her husband, of Merkel; a son, L. D. Morphis of Page, Ariz.; a brother, Floyd Stephens of Harrison, Ark.; a sister, Mrs. Flo Kendrick of Missouri; two stepsons, Kenneth Ray of Merkel and Vernon Ray of Fort Worth; three stepdaughters, Mrs. Lois Steel of Houston and Mrs. Peggy Rudd and Mrs. Becky Pyburn, both of Odessa; two grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; and two step-great-grandchildren.

Missionette News

There were 15 attending at Missionettes last Friday. The Missionettes played 2 games of baseball and also finished cleaning out the back rooms at the church.

Attending were Mrs. Teaff, Mrs. Wheeler, Billy Walters, Susie Davis, Janet Wade, Gwen Teaff, Susie, Bennie, Michael, Mrs. Allgier, Oletta and Ray Walters, Debbie Glasscock, Jeannessa Cypert and William Martin.

Going Back To Work?



This secretary has a right to smile. Her typewriter corrects itself. No magic! The lift-off tape does the trick.

NEW YORK (ED) — With the children grown up, many mothers are going back to work. Due to the rising cost of living, they feel an additional income, whether from a part or full time job, can help pay for the necessities and even some of the luxuries they've always wanted.

Today there are many opportunities with companies located in rural and suburban areas. But if you prefer working in the city, expanded transportation schedules often make working there just as accessible. Plus, for the younger mother, there are day care centers that can watch her children during business hours.

Even the secretary's job has been made easier by the advent of modern office machines. Today most offices have their own copying machines that make copies in a matter of seconds in rural and suburban areas. But if you prefer working in the city, expanded transportation schedules often make working there just as accessible. Plus, for the younger mother, there are day care centers that can watch her children during business hours.

Color coordinated decor can make you feel the office is like a second home. And the emphasis on friendly surroundings have never been stronger. With all these great changes, going back to work may be much easier than you think!

Sr. Citizens Food Guide

COLLEGE STATION — As a person grows older, his nutritional needs change, one authority pointed out.

"The senior citizen requires nutrients and food energy just like a younger person — but in different amounts," Karen Kreipke, foods and nutrition specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University, explained.

"When selecting foods during May — Senior Citizens Month — and throughout the year, the Daily Food Guide is beneficial. Choose foods from each of its four basic food groups — milk, fruits, and vegetables, meat, and bread-cereal — for a balanced diet."

Senior citizens need two or more cups of milk daily — either as fluid milk or a combination of milk group foods — all kinds of milk, cheese and ice cream.

"An older person needs fewer calories in his diet. Knowing this, many could utilize skim, lowfat and buttermilk — which provide calcium to keep bones strong, yet are low in calories. "Other calorie-wise choices include cottage cheese — lower

in calories than either cheddar or cream cheeses — and ice milk, which has fewer calories but more calcium than ice cream.

"The fruit and vegetable group offers considerable variety for diets. Of four servings daily, utilize one which provides vitamin C and another which supplies vitamin A. The recommended serving is 1/2 cup or a usual portion.

Greens, potatoes, cantaloupe, grapefruit, oranges, strawberries, watermelon, asparagus tips, broccoli, cooked in their jackets and tomatoes are good sources of vitamin C.

"Vitamin A-rich foods include dark green or deep yellow fruits and vegetables—apricots, broccoli, cantaloupe, carrots, pumpkin, greens and sweet potatoes."

Persons having difficulty chewing should cook, chop or mash foods that cause problems, Miss Kreipke suggested.

"As for meat group foods, senior citizens need two or more servings each day to provide protein for body repair. Meat, poultry, fish, eggs, dry peas or beans, nuts and peanut butter fill this requirement.

"One serving consists of two or three ounces of lean cooked meat, fish or poultry. Or, two eggs, one cup cooked dry beans or four tablespoons peanut butter.

"Less expensive meat cuts are just as nutritious as expensive ones," the specialist emphasized. "Either have such meats ground or cook in Liquid to make them tender."

The final group consists of bread and cereals.

"Bread-cereal foods include all whole grain, enriched or restored breads, cooked and ready-to-eat cereal, cornmeal grits, macaronies, noodles and rice.

"Count one slice of bread, one ounce ready-to-eat cereal, or one-half to three-fourths cup other cereal as one serving.

"For a low cost, nutritious, one-dish meal, combine a small amount of meat with cereal or pasta, plus vegetables.

"Overall, food adds to the joy of living, while working to promote good health and normal weight. A feeling of well-being helps a person meet each day rested, alert and ready for its challenges," the specialist concluded.

Mrs. Patterson Host Xi Nu Chi

Xi Nu Chi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi held its last meeting of the year in the Abilene home of Mrs. Val Patterson.

New officers were installed by Mrs. Mamie Steck. New officers are: Mrs. Edgar Tipton, President; Mrs. Glen Teaff, Vice President; Mrs. Glen Robertson, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Mamie Steck, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Jack Boone, Treasurer, Mrs. Bobby DuBose, Extension Officer and Mrs. Almada Bullock, Honorary Member.

Awards for the Program of the Year were presented to Mrs. Weldon McAninch, Mrs. Robertson and Mrs. Bullock. Recognized for their perfect attendance were Mrs. John Brady, Mrs. Tipton and Mrs. Steck.

Mrs. Steck was given a charm for her selections as Girl of the Year and she was presented the Presidents Guard for her work as the chapter president.



Stith News
By MRS. FRITZ HALE

Rev. Watson Preaches

The Rev. Ausia Watson preached Sunday for the Stith Baptist Church. His wife and son, Larry of Abilene attended the services.

Mrs. Robert Wayne Berry of Schertz, Texas is visiting this week with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bradley.

Mrs. Paul Hudman suffered a heart attack Saturday and is in intensive care at Hendrick Memorial hospital in Abilene. Congratulations to Don Clyburn son of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Clyburn. He is Valedictorian of Merkel High and also to Neilon Ely, son of Mr. and Mrs. Orval Ely. He is graduating also this year.

John David and Ronald Lynn Reddin of Abilene spent the weekend with their grandmother, Mrs. Ruby Reddin.

Other visitors in the Reddin home were Mrs. Paul Burns and Mrs. Glora Dugan, of Clyde, Willie Mae Winters and Oleta James of Tye.

Mamie Hardin, Mrs. F. J.

McDonald and Mrs. Jim Burns visited Mrs. J. T. Burns in Abilene Saturday.

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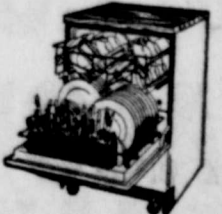
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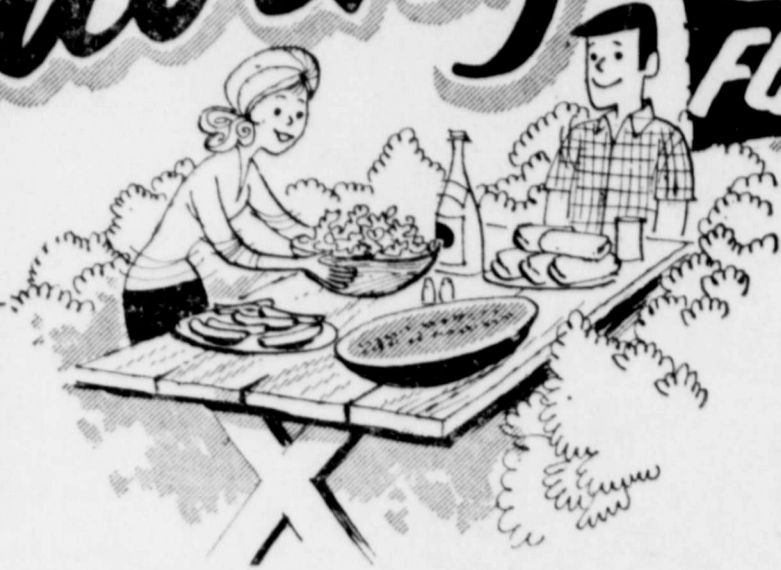
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THURSDAY MAY 24, 1973

Trent High School Senior Farewell Address

By Allen Gregory

We the 1973 graduating class of Trent High School are saying good-bye to one of our most cherished places. For some, happiness is overwhelming, for others, sadness shows all across their faces. We've had many great years together at this school and thousands of memories to reminisce in years to come. We are making a drastic change in our lives and we have so many things to do and say. It's really going to be different. It's highly unlikely that our whole class will be together at one time again and so we've cherished these last few days of school. Once we graduate we will be leading

a more serious life. Decisions will be difficult in most cases, but there will be some easy ones. Life can be hard, if we make it that way, but I think "All" the students of the 1973 graduating class have good heads on their shoulders.

There are 17 of us and we all feel we know each other like brothers and sisters. Most of us started to school at THS in the first grade but some didn't. Even the ones who came later were accepted to our happy family.

There is one song that fits our class to a T and that is one sung by Karen & Richard Carpenter, "We've only just begun to live"..

Trent Honor Graduates



JUDY KAY BRNOVAK-Judy is the 18-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brnovak of Rt. 2 Merkel. She goes to Trent High School; has been in Pep Club 4 yrs.; Basketball, 4 yrs.; Volleyball, soph-sr. yr.; Track, freshman and sr. yr.; FHA, 4 yrs. being president soph. thru sr. yr.; FFA, 1-4; Class Officer 1-4; Most Outstanding Student, jr. and sr. yr.; Senior Play, sr. year; Who's Who Among American High School, sr. yr.; Outstanding Teenager of America Award, sr. yr.; Most Likely to Succeed, sr. yr.; Best All Around Girl, jr. yr.; Football Sweetheart, sr. yr. Head Cheerleader, jr. and sr. yr.; yearbook, sr. year; National Honor Society, sr. yr.; secretary, sr.; Pep Club Officer sr. yr.; Basketball, Honorable Mention Guard, jr. and sr. yr.; Team Captain, soph. and sr. year and was Valedictorian of her class with a 95.16 average. Judy plans to attend Angelo State University in the fall. She is valedictorian this year.



TOM McLEOD-Tom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. McLeod of Trent. He is salutatorian of his class; Class Officer 4 years--2 of those years being Class President; Band member 4 years, serving as Drum Major and President; FFA member 4 years and Reporter; he participated in basketball, track, Dairy Judging Team, and Leadership Contest. He was Greenhand, Abilene District 1 year; in Who's Who Among American High Schools; qualified for State UIL piano solo contest; was in Foreign Study League; and voted Most Likely to Succeed by his classmates this year. He participated in the Senior Play; and was elected to the National Honor Society; and served as President of the Student Council. He also received the Outstanding Teenagers of America Award during his Senior yr. Tom plans to attend Baylor University at Waco.

Merkel Honor Graduates



DON CLYBURN-Don is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Clyburn. He is the Valedictorian of Merkel High School with a 95.11 grade average. Don plans to attend Hardin-Simmons University in the fall. During his four years in high school, Don was a member of Band and Stage; a member of the Spanish Club; in National Honor Society; was in UIL, Ready Writing. 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.



SUSIE CASTILLE-Susie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Castille. 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, Susie received the Girls P. E. and Foreign Language Award. She is Salutatorian of MHS with a grade average of 94.42.

Looking Back

Merkel Senior Class Has Many Things To Remember

By Steve Walker

Looking back over the school days, the Sr. class has a lot to remember. Each member of the 1973 class has an outstanding thought that runs through his mind. I'm sure that there are a few things about Dennis James or Steve Teaff and Andy Stephen that just can't be put into words. Here are a few of the more unusual events of this class..

Linda Black spoke right up when she heard the question. "I'll never forget the first day of school in the first grade when Dana Dayton vomited on my desk. Another thing I remember was that there wasn't a day that went by that I didn't have to put my nose in the ring. I guess that accounts for the reason it is so crooked."

Debbie Fincher was another member of the class with an unusual tale. "I remember sliding down the slide one day in the first grade. When I reached the bottom, Rubin Hernandez waited there to kiss me. He got a whipping for it."

Don Clyburn remembered "the time all of the boys in the class were in study hall in the 8th grade. Mrs. Wilson was filling in for Mrs. Dixon that day. We got so noisy that she got one of the window shades and cramed it into the trash can. After that, she ran to the office."

Even though these are only a few of the events of this class, I can assure you there are more. Just ask a Sr. to tell you. Think back. Don't you remember your first trip to the principals office to get in trouble for some misdeed?

Farewell To School Days

Noodle-Horn Has Busy Last School Year

Noodle-Horn School opened its doors for this year August 21, 1972.

Fall activities included the annual visit to the West Texas Fair in September by all grades and the Noodle-Horn Patron's Club Halloween Carnival in October.

November brought many exes back to the school for the semi-annual Homecoming festivities.

The Noodle Patron's Club, under the leadership of Mrs. James Israel, has been active raising money this year. The first four grades presented "Farmer Jones" and "Hooray for Thanksgiving" for the November meeting. Grades 5 and 6 presented "One Ring Circus" for the April meeting.

Veteran's Day and Christmas programs were presented by the school. These included speeches, plays, readings, songs, and piano selections.

January brought cold and ice and a very unusual week's holiday.

The February Jones County Teachers meeting was held at Noodle-Horn. The Senior class served for it.

The parents and community were invited to attend Open House in March. Displays were featured in all of the classrooms.

District University Intersch-

olastic League events were held in March. The high school presented the play "Afterwards" in UIL competition. Ernest Tate and Patty Toney were featured with a supporting cast of Stacy Stanley, Lucas Ramos, Charles Hatfield and Lillie Price. Mrs. Linda Steffens was the director.

Stacy Stanley won the first place in district UIL typewriting competition, second in regional, and fourth in state. Mrs. Charles Loveland is the business teacher. Stacy, also, won first place in UIL district spelling competition.

The annual spring history trip took grades 7 through 12 to LBJ Land. The itinerary included: the Admiral Nimitz Museum, the Vereins Kirche, the Sunday houses in Fredericksburg, and the park, birthplace, and the cemetery at the LBJ Ranch.

Eighth grade graduation is May 18 in the Noodle-Horn Auditorium at 8 p.m. Graduates will be: Debbie Ballard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Touchon; Delbert Dodds, son of Mr. and Mrs. Winifred Dodds; Linda Rodriguez, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jesus Rodriguez; Tommy Sloan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Sloan; Rhondia Toney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Toney.

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'72-'73 School Year

Merkel High School Has Busy Year; Involvement Up

Merkel High School had a very busy and interesting year. It was a year that saw state winners at the UIL contests, a student council organized, a large crowd at the All-sports Banquet, strong parent participation and many other memorable events.

Another important happening was the consolidation of the Tye and Merkel Independent School Districts. This event will strengthen the two schools and ensure a quality education for the students.

Following is a recap of school activities during the 1972-'73 school year.

Merkel High students were honored at an Awards Banquet held in Abilene. The students were recognized for progress in academic subjects.

The curriculum saw several additions this year, including speech and library Science courses being offered.

Attendance has averaged 94% this year. The year saw a steady growth of students becoming involved in school activities.

The girls took district and by-district in volleyball. The bon fire was the largest in years and had a large turnout.

Merkel was chosen to participate in summer science workshop by West Texas Utilities. Mrs. Willis and Becky Santee will attend in June.

The Junior-Senior Banquet was well attended. The Vocational Trade and Industrial Class constructed a home and other building during the year in Merkel.

Merkel was host for the Girls District Track Meet. Mary Beth Boyd was named 'Miss Merry Christmas'. The Talent Show was enjoyed by a full house. The Speech and Drama department gave excellent presentations.

Another significant experience was the REA contest called "Operation Private Eye," which a MHS student won.

Highlight of the Track season was being represented at regional Meet in Lubbock by 5 boys. Darel Bunch qualified to go to the State Meet in Austin where he placed 6th in the 880.

Several students won awards in Science this year.

Ruth Ann Welch and Andy Stephen were named band favorites at homecoming game. The High School twirlers won first division ratings on their

twirling ensemble at the UIL Contest. The Band gave a Christmas Concert for the student body. Patsy Button and Steve Walker were named outstanding Band Members at Awards Banquet.

Tonya Crenshaw and Ronnie Sanford were chosen outstanding student in the field of Mathematics. Students won 2nd and 3rd place at the district UIL contest in spelling.

The Library Club Seniors took a trip to Austin and San Antonio during the Christmas holidays.

A total of 63 boys enrolled in Vocational Ag during the school year. About 40 boys attended the State Fair. A large number of boys showed animals in livestock shows.

The Annual was dedicated to Coach Woodfin. The Merkel High Basketball team finished the year with a 16-9 record, coming in second in the district race. They lost out in district play by one point. Steve Teaff of the Badgers, was unanimous choice for All-District and 2nd team all area.

Next year Merkel High will receive 69 8th graders that will be graduating this year.

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MARY BETH BOYD-Planning to attend Tarleton State College, Mary Beth is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Boyd. She was a FHA member, National Honor Society member, on the Pep Squad, Member of the Annual Staff, and a class officer.



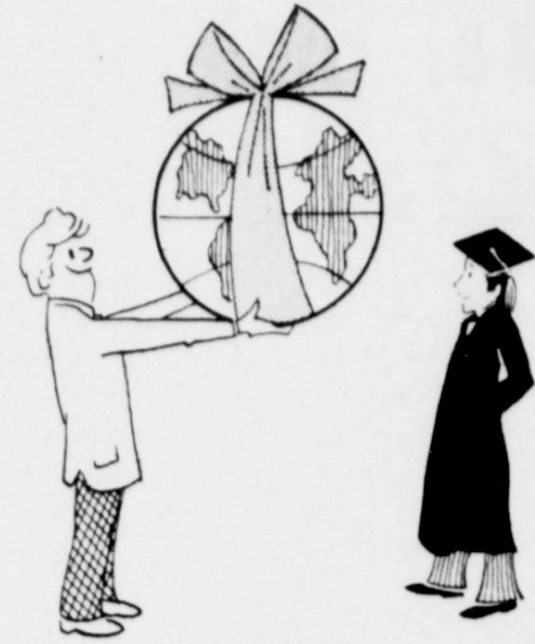
SHARLA DEAN-Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Dean, Sharla was a member of the basketball team, Pep Squad, Band, FHA, and was voted most Friendly Girl. Her summer plans are to get married and work.



GLENDA TUCKEY-Daughter of Mrs. Allie May Tuckey, Glenda was a member of the FHA, National Honor Society, Pep Squad member, Annual Staff, and Parliamentarian for the Senior Class. She plans to enroll in Commerical College in Abilene this summer. She plans to become an Administrative Secretary.



RUTH ANN WELCH-Member of the band, FHA, regional qualifier in track, member of basketball team, Student Council Secretary, Rodeo Club secretary, Future Teachers of America reporter, treasurer of Junior class in 1972, Junior Class Favorite, Homecoming queen, Band favorite, ShopSweetheart, Miss MHS, and a member of Beta Club, Ruth Ann plans to attend Western Texas College. Her major will be physical education. She is the daughter of Buster Welch of Merkel and Mrs. Virginia Welch of Roscoe. She plans to travel to the west coast during the summer.



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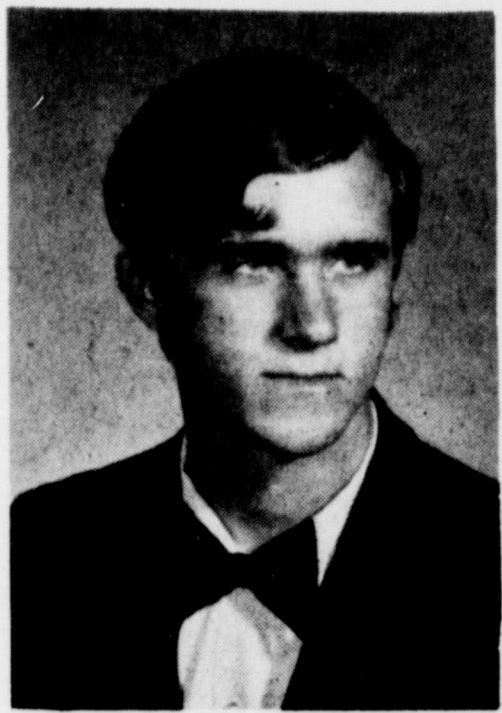
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WAYNE WALTERS-Son of Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Walters, Wayne was a member of the FFA for 4 years, Vocational Shop for 2 years, in the Spanish Club for 1 year. His summer plans call for working at Abilene State School and later joining the Air Force.

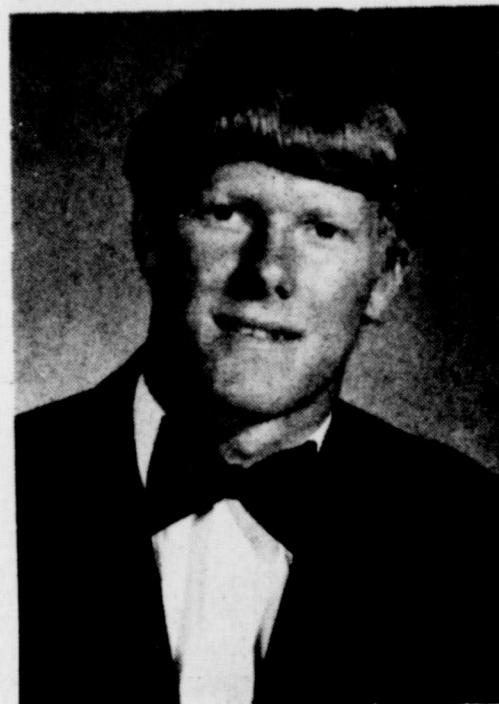


MARVEL WILLIAMS - A member of the freshman and sophomore and basketball teams and a member of the FHA, Marvel plans to attend Draughons Business College at a later date. She plans to become a secretary or work as a cashier. Her grandparents are

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Williams. She plans to work this summer.



KATHY COX-A member of the pep squad, Drama Club, Future Homemakers, and Librarian, Kathy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dale W. Cox. Her summer plans include visiting relatives that live a long way off that she doesn't get to see often. She doesn't get for her father some doing odd jobs.



STEVE TEAFF-Son of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Teaff, Steve was a member of the varsity football, basketball and track teams, a 1st lieutenant in the Band, president of the Student Council, president of his Junior Class, member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Chosen Mr. Merkel High School, Senior Class favorite, received honors from Booster Club in football and basketball, and was co-captain of the football team. He plans to attend college this fall, but hasn't decided which one. His summer plans include working and deciding on a college major.

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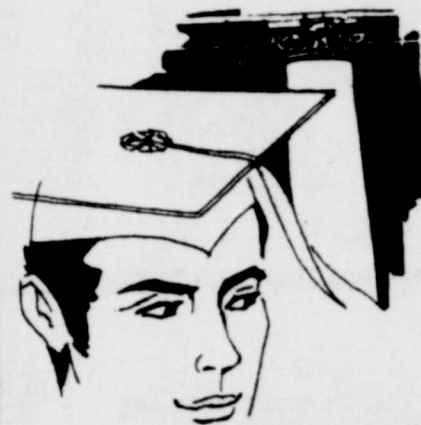
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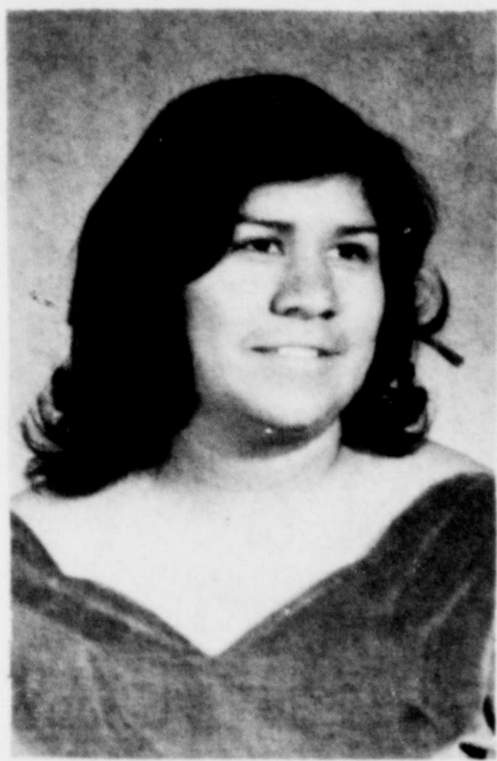


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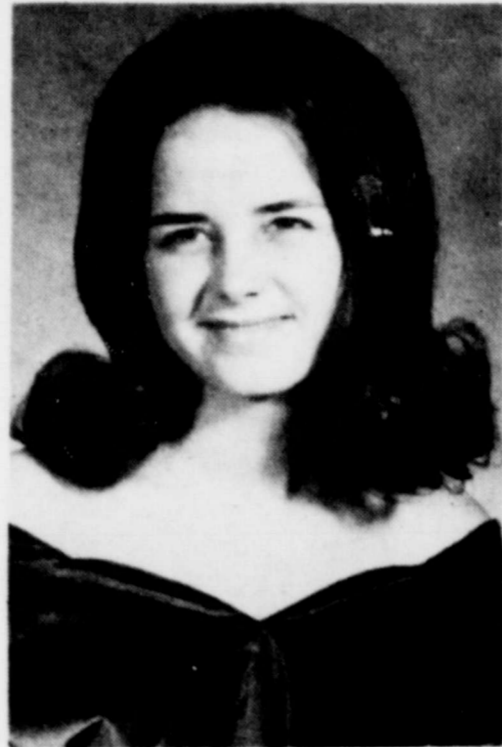
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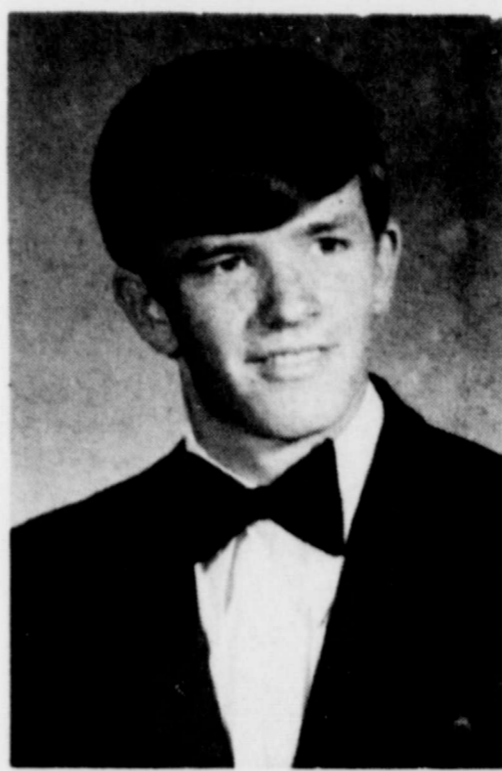


DORA ASECIO-A member of the Future Homemakers, the Spanish Club, and a 2nd year representative in the Spanish Club, Dora is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Asencio. She plans to enroll in Commercial College and working part-time.

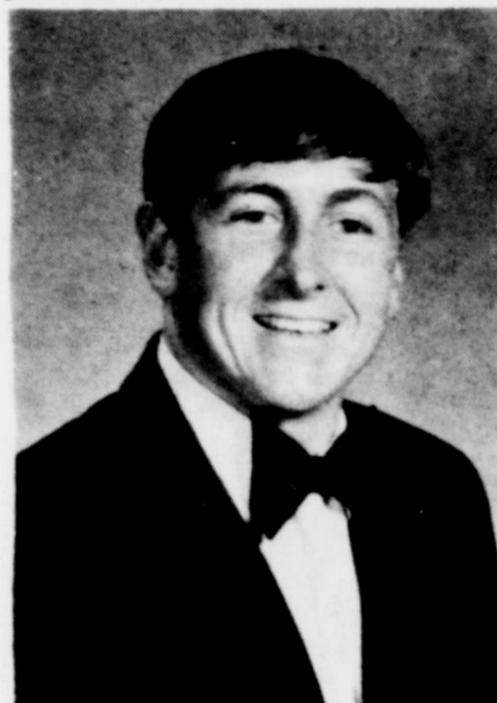
Club, Speech Club and an office aid, Russell is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Redus. He plans to enter Draughons Business College, majoring in Data Processing. His summer plans call for working as a bricklayer.



DEBBIE FINCHER-Debbie was in the band for 2 years, was a twirler for 2 years, stage band 1 year, a member of FHA for 3 years, in the Drama Club 1 year, served 2 years as a class officer, pep squad 1 year, a member of the student council and a member of the National Honor Society. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayman Hicks, she plans to attend Angelo State University at San Angelo. She plans to work this summer.



THOMAS LAW-A member of the Drama Club and the Basketball team, Thomas plans to attend Draughons Business College. He will study Business Administration. His summer will be taken up by working at a mobile home park. He plans to make enough money to get thru college. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kennon Law.



RUSSELL WARREN-A member of the track team, Drama



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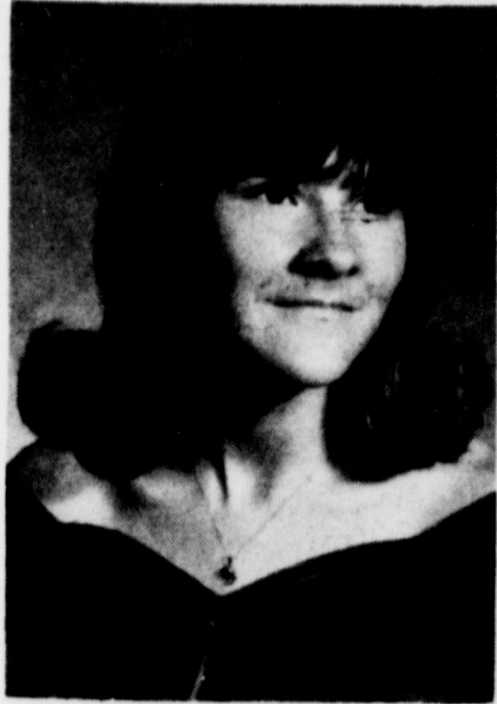
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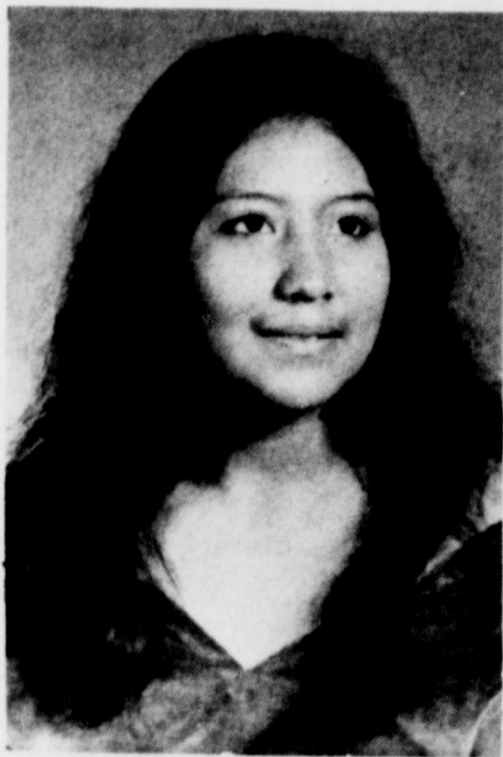
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LIZ CORLEY-Business Manager of the Senior Class, FHA Secretary, Pep Squad treasurer, and reporter for the Drama Club, Liz plans to enroll in Commercial College this summer. She plans to become an Administrative Secretary. School will occupy most of her time during the summer.



RHONDA HARRISON-Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Truman Harrison, Rhonda was a library aid for 2 years and won 1st place in District UIL contest in speaking. She plans to work as a nurses aid for 1 year and then enroll in ACC in Abilene. Her major will be Special Education.



CHRISTINA BIERA-Christina was a member of the Future Homemakers of America, and the Spanish Club. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Juan Biera. She will enroll in Glenn and Lottie's School of Beauty to study Cosmetology. Her summer plans call for trips to California and Mexico.

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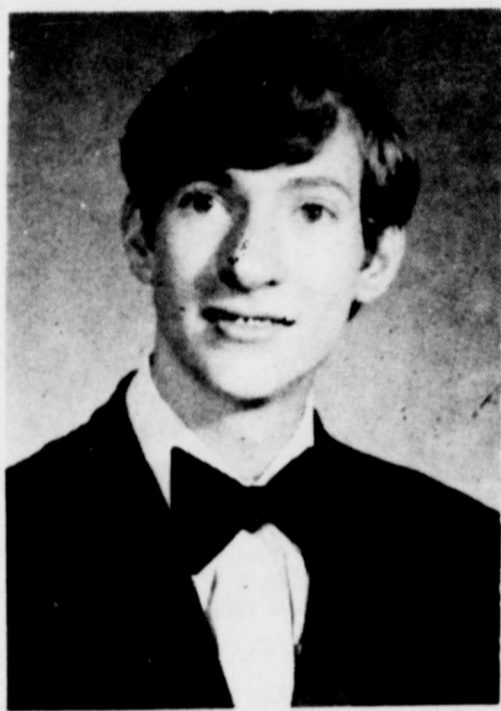
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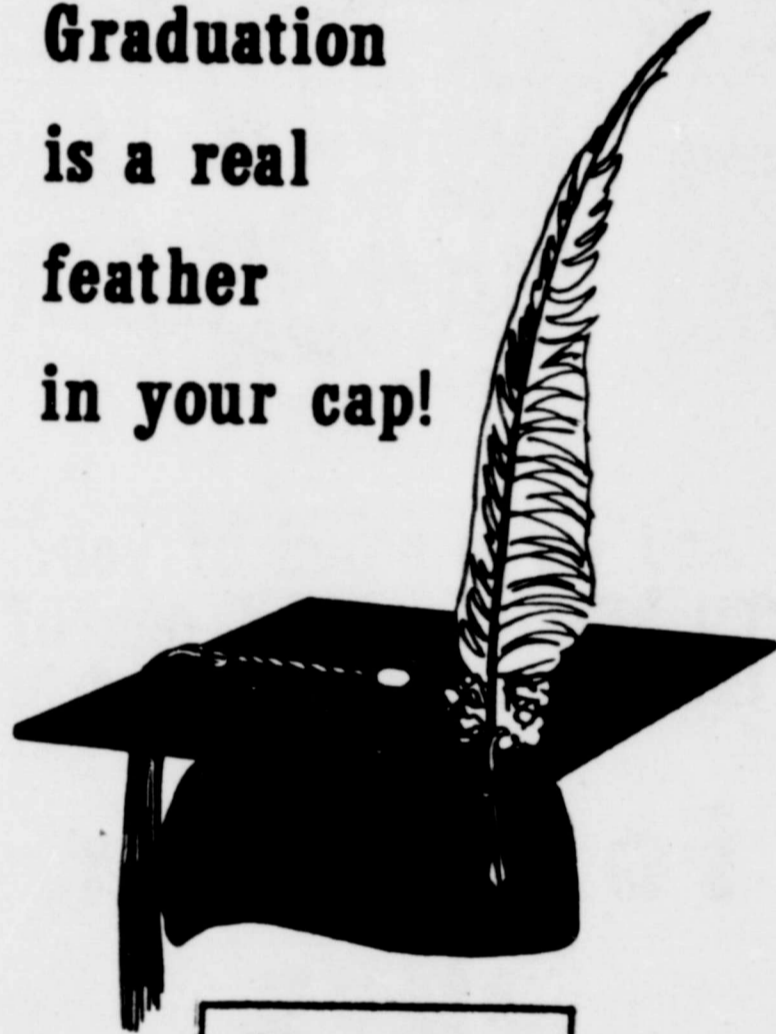
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NEILON ELY-Son of Mr. and Mrs. Orval Ely, Neilon brought honor to himself and Merkel High School his senior year by winning first place at the State UIL contests in Austin. Neilon won first place in poetry reading. He plans to attend either Southwestern University or McMurry College majoring in Drama. He was a member of the Drama Club while attending MHS. He also won first place in the District and Regional meet this year.

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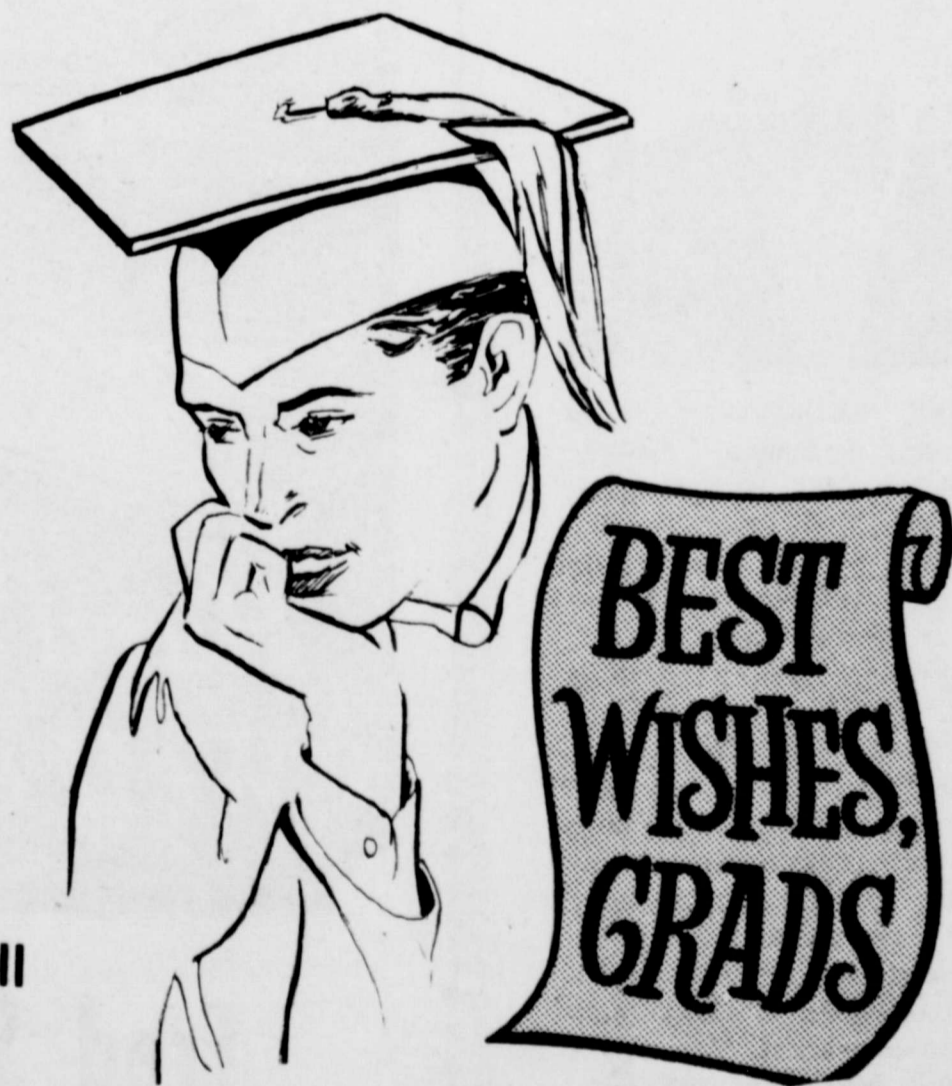


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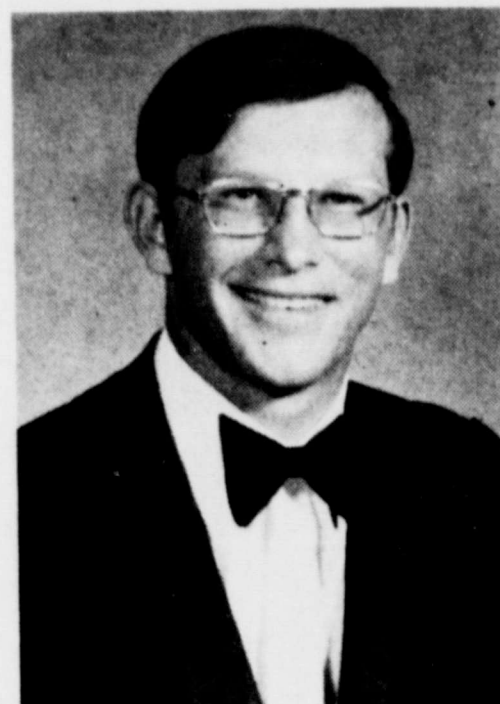
LINDA BLACK-Planning to attend Commercial College to become an Administrative Secretary. Linda was a member of the basketball, track and volleyball teams, FHA member, in the Drama Club, Spanish Club, National Honor Society, a cheerleader, on the Annual Staff and a librarian. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Forest Black. Going to college will occupy most of her time this summer.



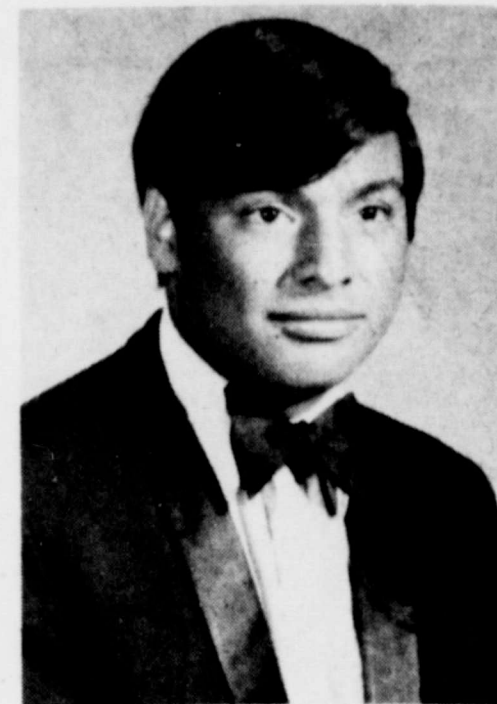
CATHY CARSON-Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Carson was a member of the Band, Drama Club and the Rodeo Club. She plans to enroll at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene this fall. Besides working, her summer plans include attending a barrel racing school for two weeks and to go with the Noodle seniors on their senior trip to Galveston and Houston. Cathy plans to major in Home Economics in college.




CINDY SAVAGE-Cindy plans to attend Draughons Business College in Abilene learning to be an executive secretary. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Savage, the 18 year old senior was a member of the Library Club, and the Drama Club. She plans to work this summer.



DANNY HIGGINS-Son of Mr. and Mrs. Orien Higgins, Danny was a member of the football team 3 years, the basketball team for 2 years, track team 2 years, member of fellowship of Christian Athletes and Captain of football team. He plans to attend Angelo State University this fall. His major is undecided now. He will work with his father on the farm during the summer.



PAUL DURAN-A member of the football, basketball and track teams, Foreign Award winner, member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes Club, Captain in football and Basketball, Paul is the son of Mrs. Cecilia Duran. He plans to attend Draughons Business College majoring in Data Processing. He plans to work this summer and take a trip to California.



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CECELIA MINZE-Daughter of Mrs. Thelma Wade, Cecelia plans to work as a secretary or go into the nursing field. While attending Merkel High School, Cecelia was a member of the band and the Future Homemakers of America. Her summer plans call for working part time and being a housewife.

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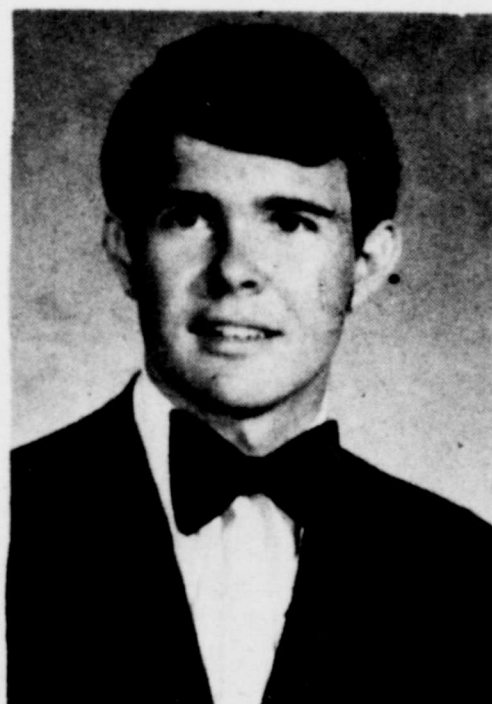
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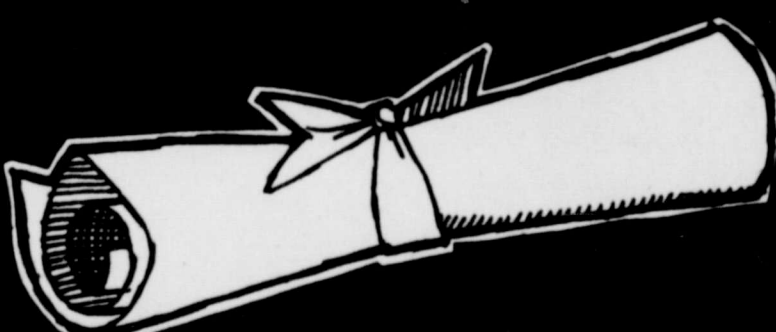
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STEVE WALKER-Writer of the weekly column, "Badger Tracks" for the Merkel Mail, Steve won 1st place in the state UIL contests in Austin this year. He also placed first in District and Regional UIL contests. His honors came in Prose Reading. He was a member of the Drama Club, Band, Student Council Reporter and Class reporter. Steve plans to enroll in Hardin-Simmons University, majoring in Voice (music). He plans to become a music and youth director for a church or work in some ministry co-operation. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Walker, his summer plans are undecided.



Best wishes, Seniors!

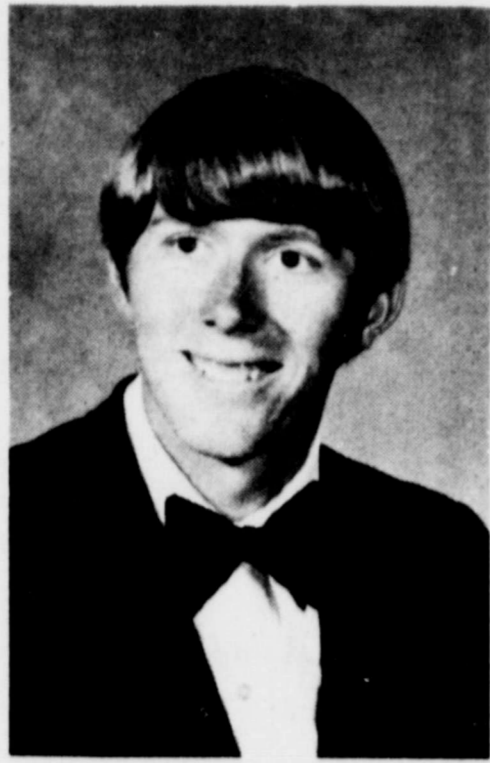
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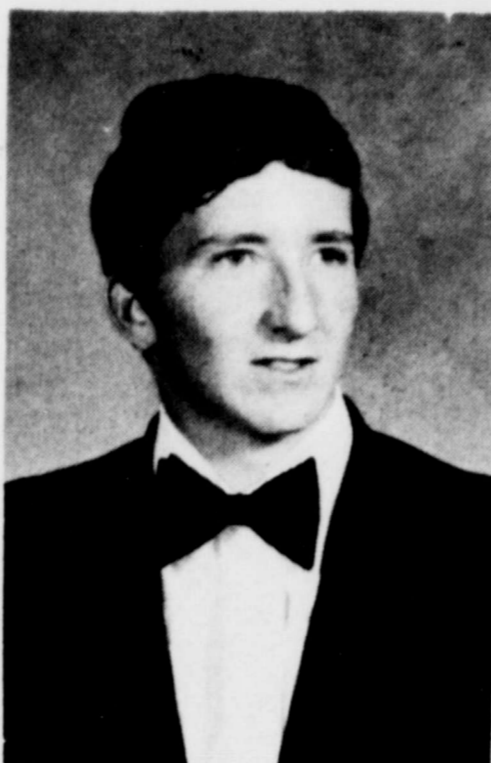




MARY COCHRAN - Mary is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Cochran. At Merkel High, she ran track; played basketball and volleyball; and was in FHA and Pep Club.



ANDY STEPHAN - Andy, FFA President, Band lieutenant, Band favorite, and member of the Student Council, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stephan. He plans to attend Texas State Technical Institute. His summer plans include working full time on his fathers farm and deciding what his college major will be.



JERRY BEARD - Son of Mr. and Mrs. James Beard, Jerry was a member of the football team, Basketball team and the track team. He plans to go to Angelo State University this fall majoring in animal science. His summer plans call for getting married and working in Hobbs, New Mexico in the oil field.

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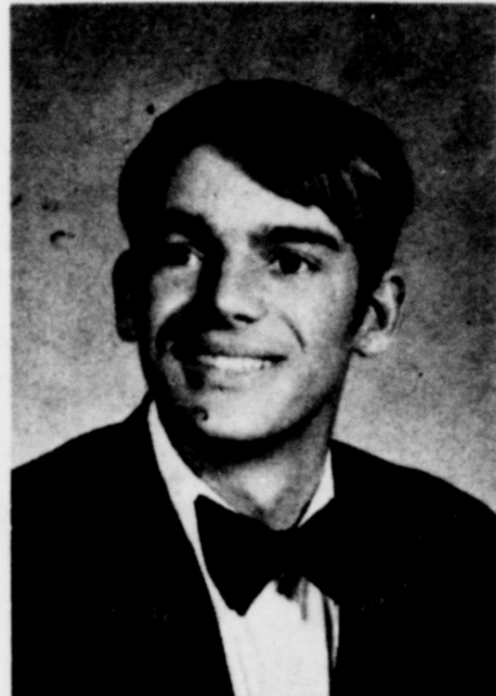
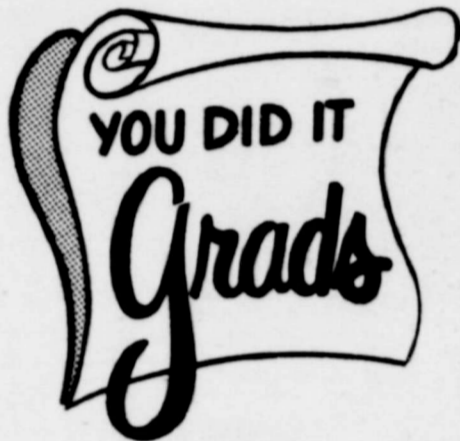
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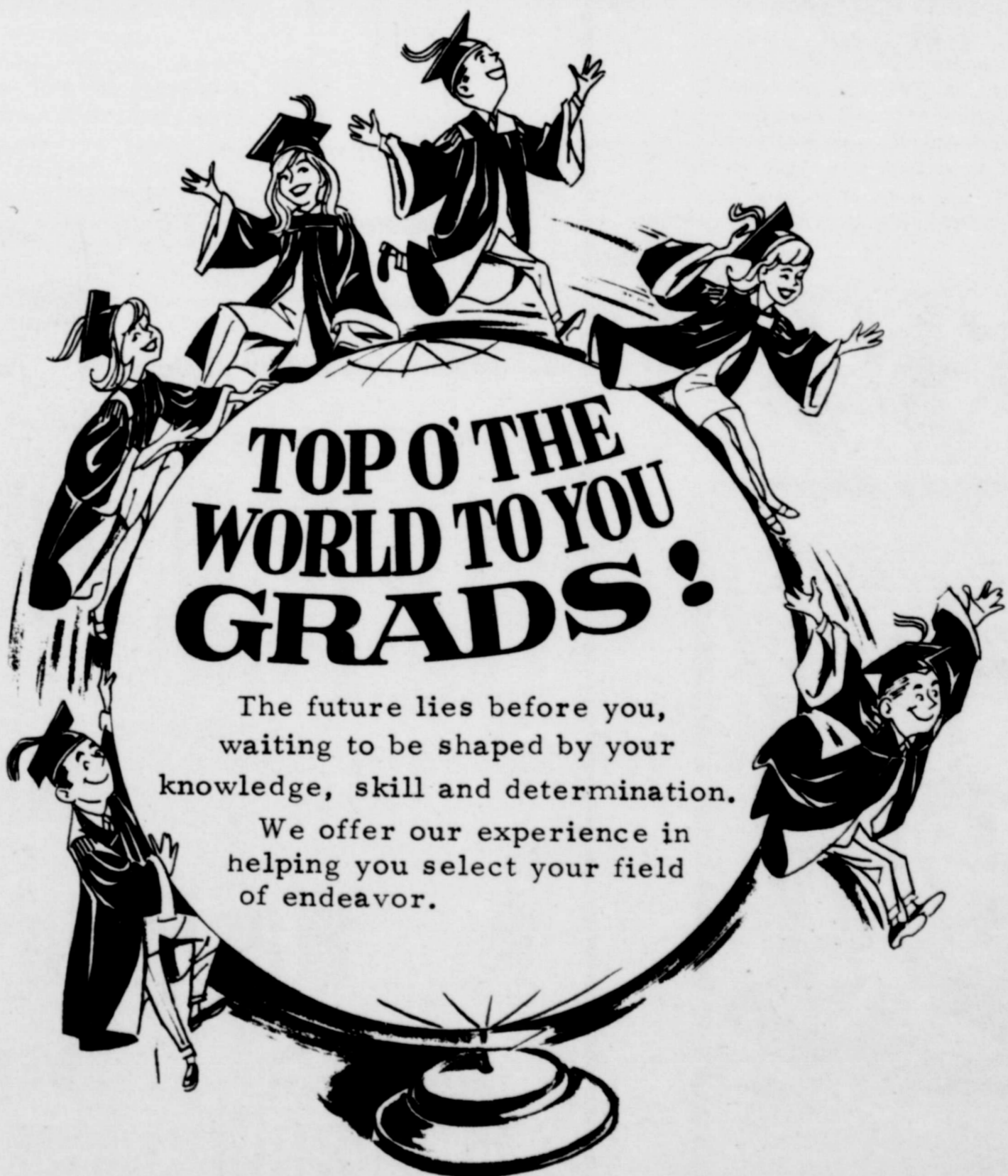
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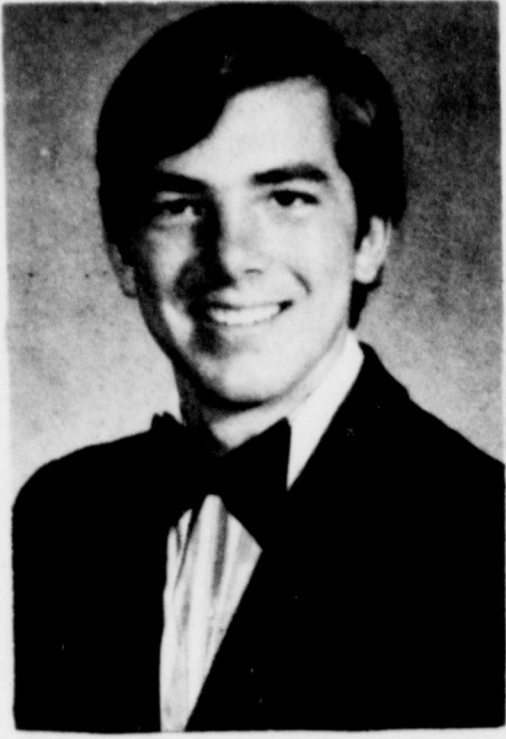
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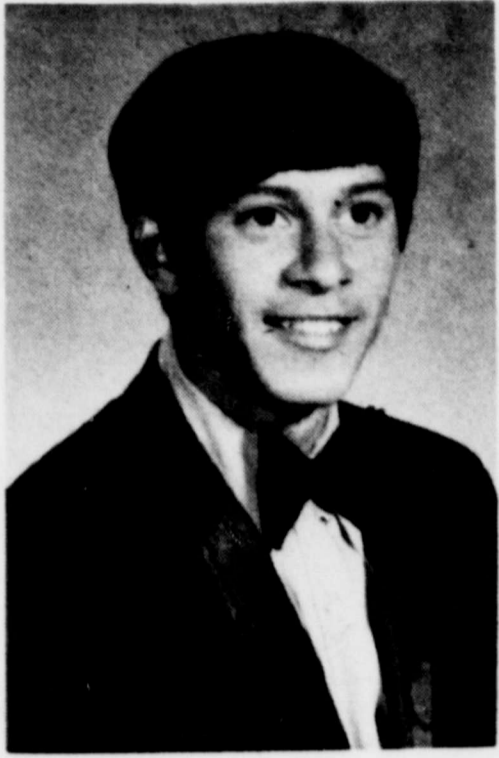
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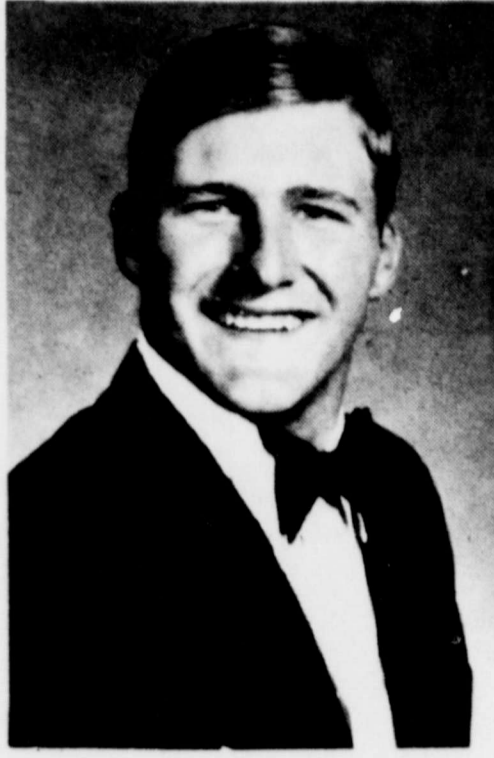
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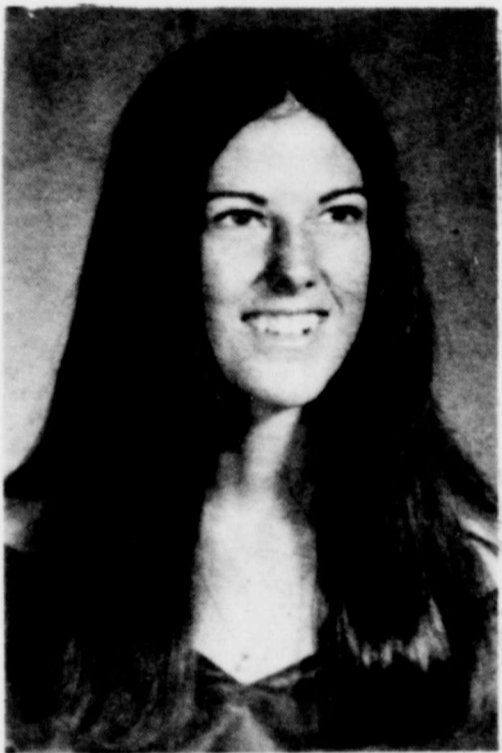
DENNIS JAMES-Band President his senior year, a member of the Annual Staff and a member of the Student Council, Dennis is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert R. James. He plans to attend Angelo State University. His major will be Industrial Science. His summer plans call for working.



ALBERTO COSTILLO-Son of Mr. Antonio S. Costillo, Alberto was chosen Best-All-Around Student, was a member of the football and track team, member of Drama Club, Vice President of class and an office worker. He plans to attend Draughtons Business College studying Data Processing. His summer plans call working and possibly a trip to Arkansas.



MARK CLEMMER-1971-72 president of the FFA Chapter, member of the MHS Rodeo Club, and member of the FFA Judging Team, Mark is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Clemmer Jr. He plans to attend Texas A&M University. He will work the first part of the summer on his father's farm, then enroll for the second summer semester at A&M. He will major in agriculture.



PATSY BUTTON-Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Button, Patsy was a member of the basketball, volleyball, and track teams, a member of Future Homemakers of America, Band member, a Twirler, and Student Council member. She plans to attend Angelo State University this fall majoring in science. Her summer plans call for a camping trip to Missouri.



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The 1972-73 school year brought almost a complete new faculty to Trent Schools, including administrators, Dean King, Superintendent, and Sam Frasier, Principal. The school term began August 18 with registration; and classes started August 21. All of the extra-curricular activities came into full swing, with the football workouts after school and band practice at night.

The third week of school saw things humming with class officer elections, school pictures being taken on Sept. 5, and the first football game at Hermleigh. The Gorilla team started the season off right by winning 45-26. The Gorillas had two new coaches this season: Coach Sam Frasier and Coach Al Cogburn, and they did a fine job. The

Trent Gorillas came out second in District 3-B, behind the O'Brien Bulldogs.

New Bandmaster, Garry Wolford, took his charges to Abilene on Sept. 9, where the TFS band marched in the West Texas Fair parade, led by majorettes Peggy Watson, Gayla Heatly, Cindy Beasley and Pamela King. On September 25, the FHA girls held a walk-a-thon to Merkel and back, raising money for the cancer drive. Poopie Sipe, who is almost a legend in her own time in the Trent area, was an adult participant in this--donating her time, and raising a considerable amount of money for the cause.

On October 23, a Veteran's Day Program, led by Judy Brnovak and Bill Hamner, gave to a better insight into the

meaning and importance of Veteran's Day. On Oct. 31, prior to the Halloween Carnival, the Harvest Festival Queen was crowned. She was Pamela Jan King, Freshman class representative. The Carnival provided an entertaining evening for everyone.

On Nov. 10, students of the elementary school were treated to a visit to TeePee Village at McMurry. On Nov. 11, Trent Homecoming was staged. A parade kicked off the festivities at 10:00 a.m. followed by a dinner at the school cafeteria, and a program in the gym, and a football game that night with Highland. Trent was the victor 34-0. During half-time performance, Judy Brnovak was crowned Football Sweetheart; and Gayla Heatly was named band Sweetheart.

Pee-Wee Basketball was organized in mid-November, under the guidance of Coach Al Cogburn. This gave the 4th, 5th, & 6th grade students a chance to familiarize themselves with the rules of the game and to actually participate in team competition.

Everybody was just about ready for a break, when the Thanksgiving holidays came along on Nov. 22-25, and saved the day. On Nov. 29, Trent had its first snow of the year; it was to be the first of MANY snows of a long, hard winter.

December was full of so many activities that the Christmas holidays were welcome, after the Trent Basketball Tournament Dec. 14-16; the Christmas band concert, Dec. 17; and the Faculty-School Board were full of the Christmas spirit at their Christmas party on Dec. 18. The All-School Party on Dec. 21 signaled the beginning of the holidays.

1973 had barely gotten underway, when with the shock of a sonic boom, a snowstorm dumped its treachery on Trent, paralyzing all types of traffic except slow-moving pickups pulling some snow-skiing boys, using pieces of linoleum for skis -- or their shoes, or their backsides. During the course of the ice storm, 4 days of school were missed, three of which were made up on Saturdays.

January was a busy month for Vocational Ag. teacher, Jon Henderson, and his proteges for the Trent FFA Stock Show was held on Jan. 13, with the County Stock Show in Abilene the following week. Many teachers had been working with their students diligently, in preparation for the U.I.L. events at Hardin-Simmons University on February 10.



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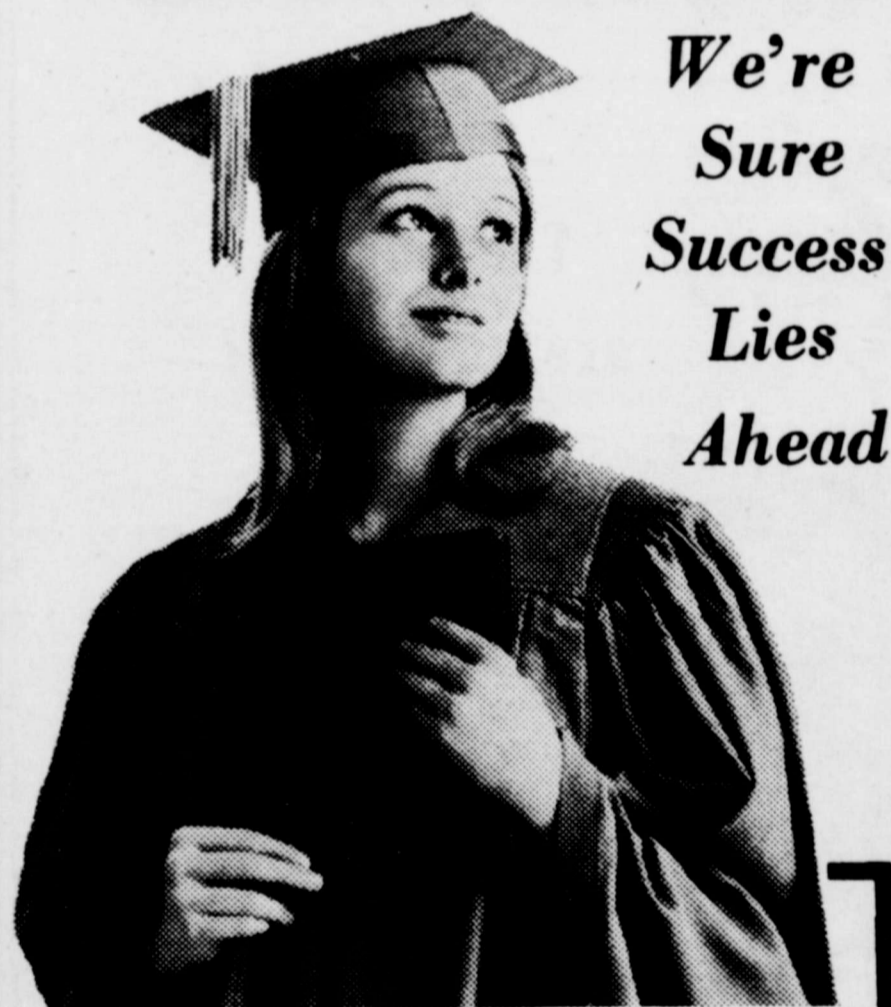
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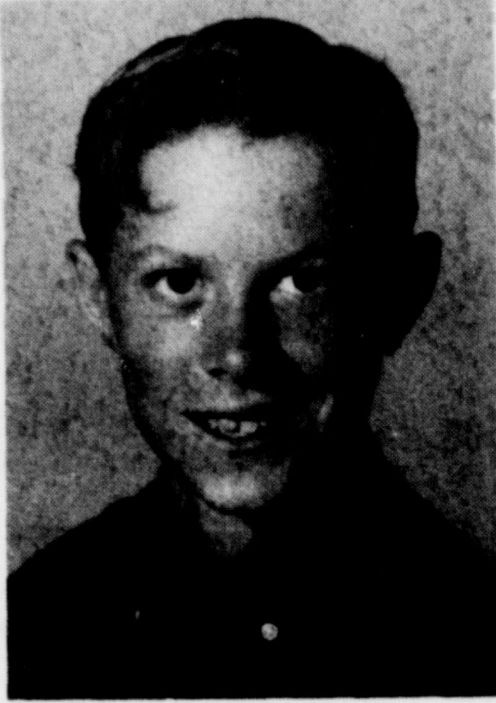
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DIANA BISHOP-Diana is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Bishop of Trent. She has been in the Pep Club her Soph. and Sr. year; FHA for 4 years; FHA Historian, Sr. yr.; was in Senior Play, Yearbook, Sr. yr.; Yearbook Business Manager, Sr. year; Basketball, Freshman yr.; and basketball manager her senior year. Diana has signed up with the United States Navy.

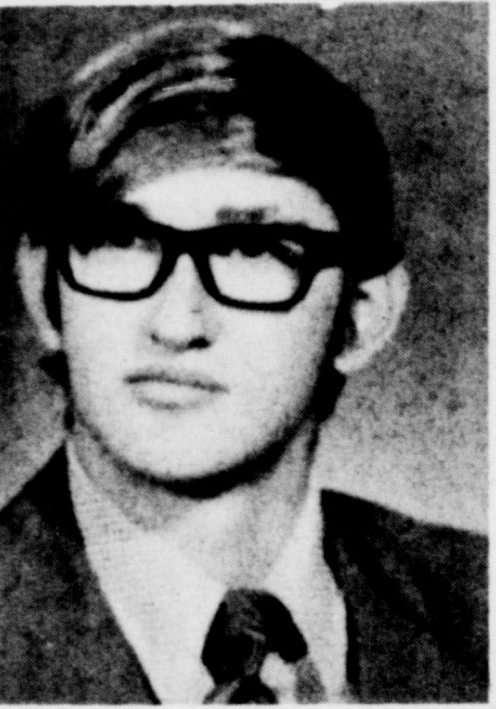
leyball, Jr. and Sr. yr.; Track, Sr. yr.; Junior Class Favorite; Annual Staff, Jr. and Sr. yr.; Editor for Annual Staff, Sr. yr.; Best All-Around Senior; Miss THS, Sr. yr.; National Honor Society, Sr. yr.; Vice-President for National Honor Society; and Senior Class President. Anetia plans on getting a job, instead of going to college.



ROGER CARTER-Roger is the 18-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Carter of Rt. 1 Merkel. Roger has been in FFA 4 years at THS.



ANETIA FRAZIER-Anetia is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elby Frazier of Rt. 2 Merkel. She played Basketball at Trent High for four years; 2nd Team All District in Basketball, Soph. and Sr. yr.; Honorable Mention in Basketball her Jr. year; was in Pep Club for four years; FHA her Freshman, Junior and Senior year; FFA Sweetheart nominee, Freshman and Jr. yr.; FFA Sweetheart, Sr. yr.; Vol-



JAMES HOLT-James is the 18-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Holt. He has been in band 4 years and was Technical Director of Sr. Play. He plans to attend Angelo State University.

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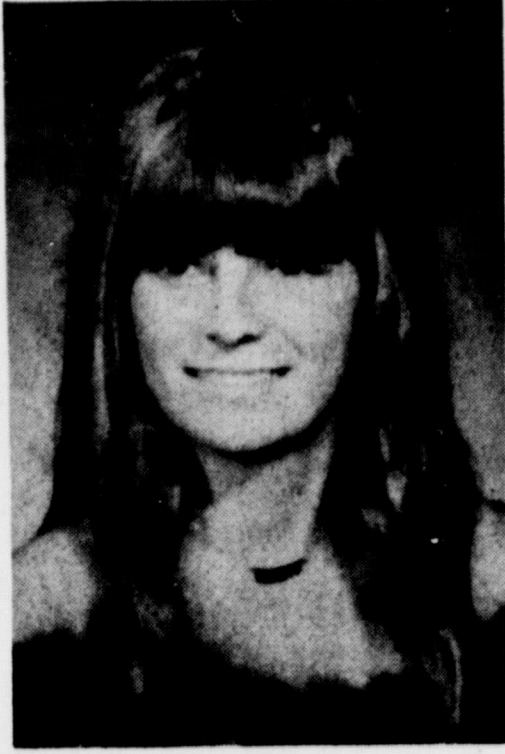
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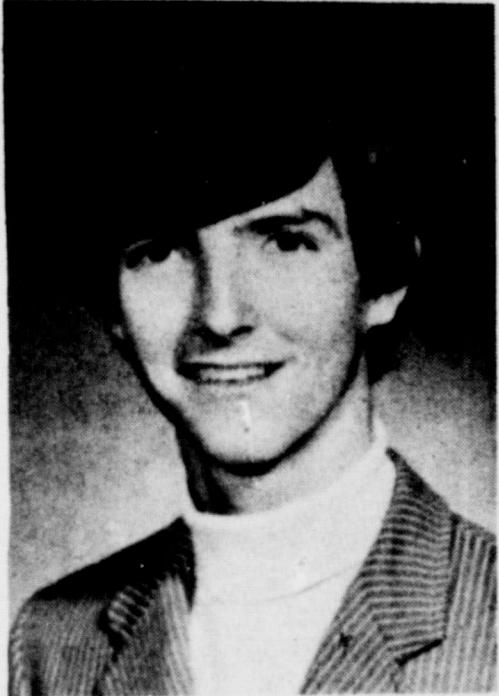
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ROSA GARZA-Rosa is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eristio Garza of Trent. She has been in FHA for four years; Advertising Sr. Play, Sr. yr.; Basketball Manager her Sophomore and Senior year; FHA Song Leader her Senior yr.; Yearbook Assistant Business Manager, Sr. yr.; Pep Club, Soph.; Jr. and Sr. year; and played Volleyball for four years. Rosa plans to go either with the Peace Corp or the Vista Program.



BECKY BRYAN-Becky is the 18-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey J. Bryan of Rt. 2, Merkel. She has been in FHA four years at Trent High; Pep Club, 4 years; Basketball and Volleyball, 4 years; Vice President of the Senior Class; FFA freshman through junior year; Senior yr., Honorable Mention Guard; Soph. Class Favorite; Senior Halloween Class Queen; Track, 4 years; UIL Poem Reading, soph. yr.; 4-H four years; Soph. and Jr. President; Freshman secretary and Sr. Class Play. Becky plans to attend Garlands Beauty College.



ALLEN GREGORY-Allen is the 18-year-old son of Mrs. Louise Gregory of Trent. He was in the Band for 4 years; Basketball, 2 years; Home Improvement Award (FFA); Second place Soil Conservation Essay Winner at District; UIL Literary contestant for four years; and was Gorilla Growl reporter for the Merkel Mail. He plans to attend San Angelo State University.



BILL HAMNER-Bill is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Hamner of Trent. He was class officer, sophomore and junior yr.; class favorite, freshman and sophomore yr.; FFA Chapter president, junior and senior yr.; Abilene District FFA

President, junior yr.; Area IV FFA President, senior yr.; Sante Fe Award, senior yr.; FFA, 4 years; Football, senior yr.; All District Honorable Mention Football, freshman yr.; All District Football, junior yr.;

Track, 4 years; 2nd District Shot Put, senior yr.; Volleyball, junior and senior yr.; Tennis, 4 yrs.; FFA Judging team, 4 yr.; Golf, Senior Play, Assistant Annual Editor and Mr. THS, senior yr.; Annual Staff,

junior yr.; Most Popular, freshman yr.; Friendliest, and Lone Star Farmer Award, senior yr. He plans to attend Texas A&M.

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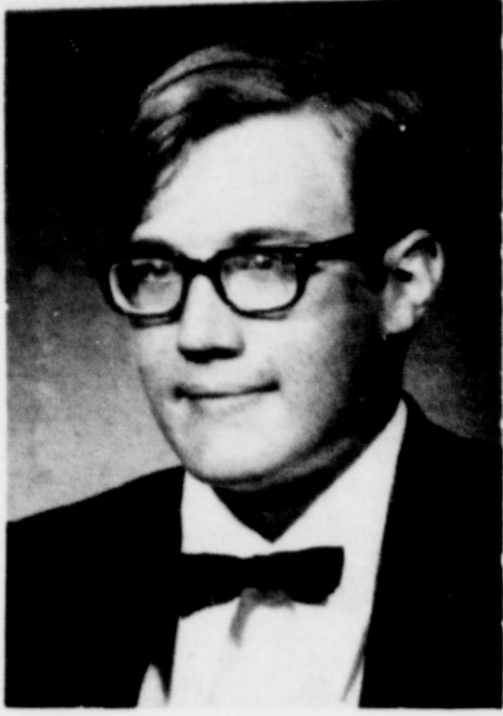
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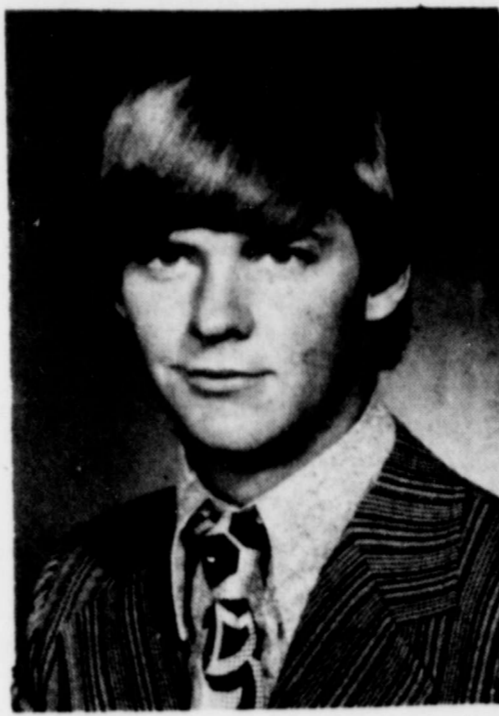
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JAY SLAUGHTER-Jay is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Slaughter of Trent. He was FFA chapter secretary his Jr. and Sr. year; FFA Land Judging Team, Freshman, Jr. and Sr. yr.; Football freshman yr.; Track, sr. year; Volleyball, Jr. and Sr. year; and was Director of the Senior Play. Jay plans to attend Angelo State University.



ANITA JO REED-Jo is the 18-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mr. J. C. Reed, Rt. 2 Merkel. She was in FHA four years at THS; Basketball, soph and sr. yr.; Annual Staff, sr. yr.; in Sr. Play; Pep Club, sr. yr.; Homemaker of Tomorrow Award, sr. yr.; Senior Honorable Mention National Merit Scholar; Honor Society, sr. yr.; Secretary of Sr. Class; President of Honor Society Sr. Yr.; Volleyball, jr. and sr. yr.; Track, 4 years. She plans to attend the University of Texas.



TIM GOLSON-Tim is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Golson of Trent. He played 4 years of track, basketball and football; was honorable mention in football his senior year; 2nd team all district in football, senior year; football captain and hero, senior year; won Fightin Gorilla Award, senior yr.; played volleyball; golf and was in UIL his senior year; was Yucca Escort, junior year; Senior play stage director and Halloween escort, senior year; VA I, II, III; and on Annual Staff senior year.

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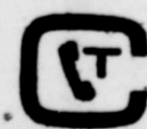
KRIS JAMES-Kris is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth James of Trent. He was in FFA Soph. and Sr. yr.; Chapter Reporter for FFA, Jr. yr.; Sr. FFA Chapter Chaplin; Sr. Annual Staff; Football Jr. and Sr. yr.; was football captain Jr. yr.; was voted Most School Spirited Sr. yr.; Basketball, Soph. thru Sr. yr.; Track, Soph., Jr. and Sr.; Volleyball, Jr. and Sr. yr.; in Senior Play; played tennis Sr. yr.; was in Leadership Contest FFA, Sr. yr.; and was newspaper carrier, Soph. through Sr. years. He plans to attend McMurry College in Abilene.



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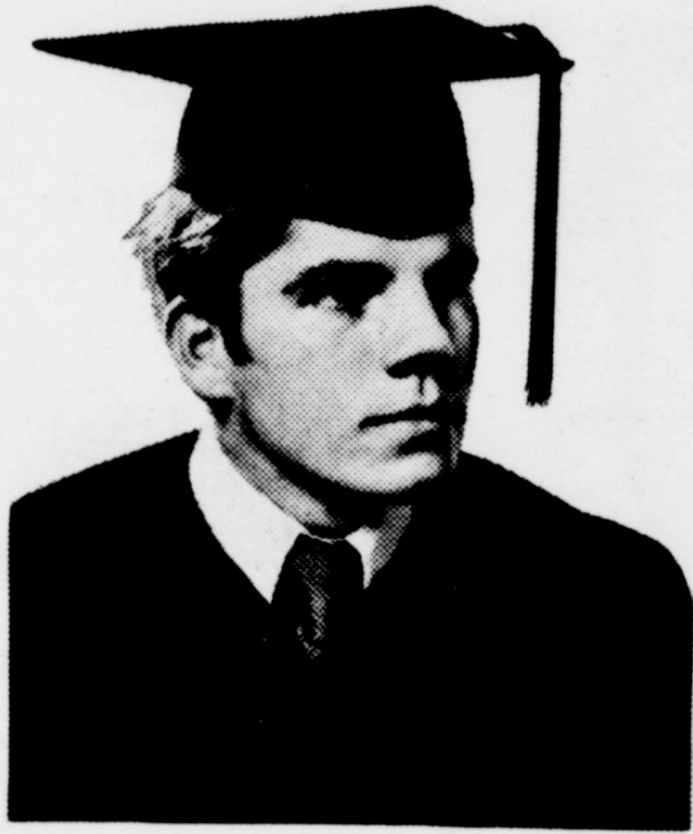
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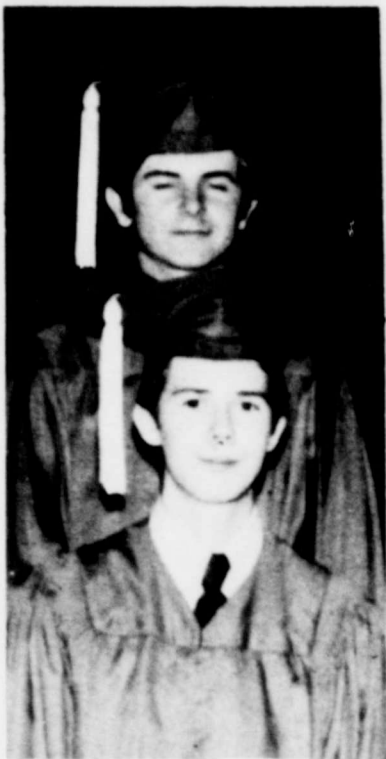
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LUCAS RAMOS-Lucas is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Valente Ramos. He played football his freshman yr.; ran track 4 years; basketball, 4 years; volleyball, sr. and jr. yr.; was in one-act play senior year; UIL, jr. yr.; Captain, freshman, jr. and sr. yr.; Second Team All District, jr. yr.; Honorable Mention in Area, jr. yr.; Honorable Mention, sr. yr.; Class Treasurer, freshman and soph. yr.; Jr. and Sr. vice president and Annual Staff Jr. and Sr. year. Lucas plans to find a job and go to work.



DICK GRIFFITH-Dick is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Griffith. He played basketball 4 years; Senior year made All District and 2nd Team in Area in basketball; Volleyball, 4 years; Track, freshman, jr. and sr. yr.; Freshman Favorite; Cutest Boy, Jr. and Sr. yr.; Mr. NHS, sr. yr.; Friendliest and Most Athletic, sr. yr.; and was on the Annual Staff his junior and senior year. Dick plans to attend Western Texas at Snyder and major in Agriculture. He plans to help his father farm this summer.

JOYCE HOGAN-Joyce is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hogan. She played Basketball 4 years; Volleyball, freshman and junior year; Class Vice President, freshman and sophomore yr.; class treasurer, jr. and sr. yr.; One-Act Play sophomore year; Sophomore Class Favorite; Cutest, jr. yr.; Most Popular, sr. yr.; Homecoming Queen, sr. yr.; Basketball Sweetheart, sr. yr.; Most Likely to Succeed, sr. yr.; and on the Annual Staff junior and senior year. She plans to enter McMurry in the fall and plans to major in Elementary Education. She plans to work this summer. Joyce is Salutatorian of her class.

ERNEST WAYNE TATE-Ernest Wayne is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Tate. He has played basketball four years and was captain his junior and senior year; Volleyball, 4 years; track, freshman, jr. and sr. year; in UIL for 4 years; Class President for 4 years; Annual Staff junior and senior year; and voted Most Likely to Succeed his senior year. He plans to attend Hardin-Simmons and major in Business Administration. Wayne plans to work this summer. He was Valedictorian of his class.

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EDWIN MOSES-Moses is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Moses of Trent. He was in Va 4 years; Football, freshman yr.; Basketball, freshman; sophomore and junior year; Track, freshman, sophomore and jr. year.



ROY SHARP-Roy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Sharp of Trent. He played football his Freshman, Jr. and Sr. yr. and was All District Honorable

Mention on Defense his Sophomore yr.; All District, Offense and Defense, Sr. yr.; All State First Team Offense, Sr. yr.; Most Valuable Player, Sr. yr.; Basketball four years, All District, Soph., Jr. and Sr. yrs.; All Tournament, Jr. and Sr.; All Area Honorable Mention, Sr. yr.; Track, Freshman, Soph. and Jr. yrs.; District Polevault Champ, Jr. and Sr. yrs.; Volleyball, Jr. and Sr.; Tennis, Sr. yr.; Annual Staff, Sr. yr.; Best All Around Junior and Senior; Most Athletic, Freshman and Sr. year; Most Popular, Sr. year; and was in the Senior Play. He plans to go to Angelo State University.



MONTY HEATLY-Monty is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Heatly. He was class officer, Soph. Sr. yr.; in FFA, for four years; Sentinel, Soph.-Sr. jr.; Annual Staff, Sr. yr.; Football,

Freshman, Jr. and Sr. yr.; All District, Jr. yr.; Most Valuable Player, Sr. yr.; All District, Sr. yr.; Honorable mention All State Football, Sr. yr.; Who's Who, Sr. yr.; Outstanding Teenager, Sr. yr.; Basketball, four years; All Tourney at Jim Ned, Sr. yr.; Honorable mention All District, Soph. yr.; Honorable Mention All Area, Soph. yr.; 2nd team All Area, Jr. yr.; 1st team All District, Jr. yr.; 1st Team All District, Sr. yr.; and Most Valuable Player in Basketball, Jr. yr.; FHA Hero, Sr. yr. Monty plans to attend McMurry College in Abilene.

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