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Merkel Youths See New Legal Age As Good, Bad

Fifty or so young people from the Merkel area are counted among the 670,000 Texans given legal control Monday Aug. 27.

Patsy Button, an eighteen year old who will be going to Angelo State College this week views the new law as a two sided coin. "It's good in some ways because many are qualified to be legally adults, but it's bad in that most young people have no idea of the legal world," she said.

"Most parents were permissive to the point of signing for a marriage before legal age if the youngsters were determined to marry. Probably loans will be stricter and the overall increase of alcohol will be noted," she added.

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H-SU Freshman Don Clyburn agrees. "Because we are out of the traffic, alcohol wise, this issue is overlooked, but the

Mrs. Wright Honored On 83rd Birthday

Mrs. A. J. Wright, Merkel resident for the past 40 years, was honored last Friday at her nome in observ 83rd birthday.

Born Aug. 24, 1890 in Lampasses, Mrs. Wright had eleven children, 10 of whom are still

Attending with their families were her chidren, Houston Wright of Anson, Cecil Wright of Fort Phantom Hill, Vernon Wright of Sweetwater, Mrs. Tina Farmer of Abilene, Mrs. Dollie Akin of Bloomington, Mrs. Retha Flores of Wichita Falls, Mrs. Claude Petty of Corpus Christi, Homer Wright of Abilene and Jim and A. J.

Wright Jr., both of Merkel. Mrs. Wright has 34 grandchildren, 37 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grand-

Her husband, the late A. J.



PATSY BUTTON . . . 'two sided coin'

hiked their insurance

rates. Property purchases bring

property liability. Not only can

the new voter sue at law, he

asset to the community, how-

may be sued."

DON CLYBURN

problem is prevalent and will ever, the factor of immaturity increase." He quotes a newsis to be considered." caster, "Other states which have legalized the eighteen year old

No longer will a parent be required to sign a legal note on loans or insurance purchases. Any eighteen year old, male or female, now can vote, marry and buy alcoholic drinks.

A young adult of 18 will re-According to a parent, who ceive no discrimination because of his age, but is he mature wishes to remain anonymous, "If the 18 year old assumes leaderenough to cope with this new ship, votes and conducts himresponsibility? self as an adult, he will be an Legal? Yes!

Wise? It remains to be seen.

Xi Nu Chi Beginning Day Breakfast Held

Sigma Phi held their Beginning Day breakfast Saturday at the Merkel Country Club.

Mrs. Edgar Tipton, president, welcomed members and explained the meaning of Beginning Day and the theme for 1973-74 which is love - Love -

Mrs. Weldon McAninch, yearbook chairman, distributed yearbooks to members and gave a resume of culture programs and an outline for the year. A special yearbook was presented to Mrs. Almeda Bullock to cated. Mrs. McAninch read the

Xi Nu Chi Chapter of Beta dedication page and said, "Mrs. Bullock is a most gracious lady who has devoted her time and effort to make Xi Nu Chi an active and wonderful chapter."

> All standing committee chairmen gave a brief report on projects and plans for the year. First regular meeting will be Tuesday, September 4.

Members attending the breakfast were Mrs. Tipton, Mrs Bullock, Mrs. McAninch, Mrs. Glenn Robertson, Mrs. Carroll Benson, Mrs. Peck Eager, Mrs. Glenn Teaff, Mrs. Jack Boone, Mrs. John Brady, Mrs. Bobby DuBose, Val Patterson and Mamie Steck.



CAN YOU TOP THIS? - Raymond Miller, 409 Orange Street, proudly displays a goard squash grown in his garden. The vegetable measures three feet two inches long and weighs over six pounds. Miller cites the squash as proof "Merkel soil will grow just about anything if properly watered."

Merkel Booster Club **Elects New Officers**

The Merkel Badger Booster Club held its first meeting of the season Monday night August 27. at Taylor Electric Cooperaive building. There were 28 members present.

In their first order of business, outgoing president Vincent Barnett, turned over the meeting to the newly elected president, Finley Barnett.

Other newly elected officers were: Vice President, Joe Dell Gregory; Secretary-Treasurer, Grady Knight, and Mrs. Jeanette Pursley, Reporter.

Projects for the year were discussed. The Booster Club will place gum machines around town, in an effort to raise money to help pay the expenses of the organization. There is four such

machines in Merkel now. The Booster Club will open the concession stand for the first time this year, Saturday Sept. 8th, when the Merkel Badgers take on Cross Plains in a 6:30 scrimmage game at Badger

The Booster Club is holding a drive for new members. If anyone is interested in becoming a member, you can contact any of the newly elected of-

er Club will be held Sept. 10 at 7:30, at which time the Booster Club will play host to The Badger Football team, with an Ice Cream Supper.

Coach Paul Woodfin was the principle speaker at the meeting. After introducing Coaches Ronnie Aldridge, Jerry Jones, George Martin, and Bob Russell, Coach Woodfin showed the film on last weeks scrimmage

game between Merkel and Wall. "This group of boys are very enthusiastic, and very eager and they like to hit," said Coach Woodfin

When asked what was the Badgers chances of being the team in our district, Coach Woodfin said, "We will be the spoiler, we will be the team to beat."

The Badgers will officially open their season on September 14 in Merkel as they play host to Winters.

Trent Exes To Meet August 30th

There will be a Trent Exes meeting Thursday Aug. 30 at 7:00 in the Trent High School

All exes are urged to attend to elect committees for the 1973 homecoming, which will be October 27th.

Youth Activity **Center Opens**

Mrs. Viola Harris announces that the Youth Activity Center on Kent Street is open after school weekdays.

Games and fun are supervised at all time. The center offers a place of recreation at no cost to young people of the commun-

Trades Day Will Feature Contest

Traders to buy and sell at Mer-

The fourth Trades Day Mar-

keting will get underway early

Jr. High **Band Elects Officers**

The Merkel Jr. High Band under the direction of Mr. Glenn Reed has organized for the 1973-74 school year.

Officers were elected and are as follows: Billy Harris, President; Dwain English, Vice President and Grant Murrell, Report-

The twirlers are Mary Roeder, Lisa Hart, Taresa English, Shannon Bagby and Cindy

The Jr. High Band now has a total of 69 members and is looking forward to a successful

Jr. High Pep Squad Bake Sale

The Jr. High Pep Squad will hold a Bake Saturday, Sept. 1 starting at 9 a.m. in front of the West Utilities Building.

The proceeds from the bake sale will go to buy football ribgifts to give the boys at home-

coming, and etc. The Jr. High pep squad, which was organized last year, has about 30 girls. Their sponsor is

Mrs. Carolyn McHugh. The uniforms of the pep squad will be purple pant suits, smock top with capped sleeves and gold blouses. The uniforms are being made now and will be finished by their first game, Tuesday,

white, President; Freda Crenshaw, Vice President; Cindy Boone, Secretary - Treasurer: Carla Gardner, Historian; and Murray, Scrapbook Committee. evaluation.

with individual booths and stalls adorning the sidewalks.

Local business people have many items to be shown at this time. School shopping is met with bargains galore.

The event is expected to attract out of town dealers of glassware and antiques.

The Jr. High School Pep Squad will have a bake sale in front of the WTU building.

The Senior Citizens will offer food items, baked and canned, for the shopper. Music

will be provided in their build-A vegetable contest is being sponsored by the Retail Development and Promotion Committee of the Merkel Chamber of Commerce. According to Fred Starbuck, "Anyone wishing to

enter may take his entry to Eds Feed and Seed Store before 2 p.m. Prizes of \$5.00 each will be given for the largest cantaloupe, watermelon, squash and cucumber." Paint, unused; a winter coat,

slightly used; a vase, thoroughly used - and many more bargains will be displayed in Merkel on Trades Day.

Trent Board Hires Aides

Trent School Board members hired Mrs. Syra Patterson and Mrs. Janie King as teacher aids when they met recently. Mr. Albons, supplies for pep rallies, ton Cogburn was appointed as Text Book Custodian.

The milk bid from Foremost of Abilene was accepted as was the amendments to the 1972-73 school year budget.

A leave of absence was granted to Mrs. Sam Frasier for the second semester of the current year and bus driver policies were adopted.

The Board set new prices for school lunches - Kindergarten-5th grades, 45 cents; 6-12, 50 Officers are Kim Satter- cents and adult meals are 60 each.

Trent Independent School District tax rate will remain at 40 per cent for assessment with a Becky Watts and Sabra total tax of \$1.42 per \$100.00



SAFETY AWARD - Frank Duran has operated a motor vehicle for Fred Starbuck without a chargeable accident for twenty-five years. A certificate of Award was recently presented to him for the meritorious record. Duran worked for A F. Sheppard's Funeral Home Service before the Starbucks purchased the business June 1, 1948. Duran is married to the former Cynthia Biera and has three children, Suzanna, Rose Mary and Roberta. They reside at 105 Haynes Street.

Wright, was a Church of Christ whom the yearbook is dediminister for 50 years.



'The Impossible Dream'

Dear Editor:

It has been years since Merkel High School has tasted the fruits of victory as the District Football champs. Some time it is known that a

person, or persons were inspired by a few of the right words. I humbly request that you

please see if you can find a spot in our beloved Merkel Mail for this article on, or before, September 12th. As I feel that it would be the unanimous request of the people, (Ex Badgers) listed in the enclosed arti-

You can easily check back in your archives for the 1944 fall football season to verify the authenticity of this open let-

Very Sincerely A Fellow Badger P. S. Our Coach in 1944 was Carrol Benson, now employed at T. E. C. at Merkel.

"THE IMPOSSIBLE DREAM" DOES HISTORY REPEAT ITSELF

While reading The Abilene Re- Keever, Hubert Peterson, James

porter News the other day, sev- Liner, Booth Russom, Melvin bany being the teams to fear.

of 1944 seems almost like the exact headlines, except a few different names. The "3 R's", Roscoe, Roby and Rotan, to put it humbly. The Merkel Badgers were lucky to be listed on the schedule.

But we Badgers had other ideas. We would not be denied. We were hungry for victory, we were dedicated to our school, our town, to ourselves as a group, and last but not least,

"we loved our coach." Some of us had our differen-

ces but when we went out on the field of battle we left our differences in the locker room. The "We," used above were a few dedicated players listed as

follows: Frankie Shultz, Jim Mc-

eral schools were given inside Denson, Dolph McConnell, Billy and outside chances to go all Wayne Frazer, Wayne Tipton, J. the way as the district winner E. Casber, Sanford Car, Melvin with Aspermont, Roscoe, and Al- Cross, E. A. Conley and others.

Well the first few games, some Well, looking back to the fall people said we were lucky, some said we were playing way above our heads, and many decided we had met our waterloo when we were soundly beaten by the Ballinger Bearcats (a non district game). It turned out to be the best thing that could have happened to us. We were shown by being "over confident." by "losing our 'cool' " that we could be beaten. By learning this lesson, we never lost another game, and found ourselves in Littlefield on a cool December afternoon playing for the Regional Championship and going on to win 19-12. (The Impossible Dream). History does repeat it-

Go Get 'em Badgers!

A Fellow Badger

SHOP IN MERKEL SATURDAY — TRADES DAY



MRS. BILL HOLLOWAY . . . formerly Deporah Thralls

Thralls-Holloway Vows Solemnized

Holloway were married Aug. 24 at the Antelope Valley Church of the Brethen, 9 miles south of Billings, Okla. Rev. John Schmidt of Billings, Okla., and Rev. Jacky Reynolds of Merkel officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rex L. Thralls of Billings, Okla. Parents of the bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. Joe W. Holloway.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a dress of silk organza sheer over satin, trimmed in venise lace with Victorian neckline. Medallions and a band of lace scallop enhanced the skirt and chapel length train. Her Juliet style headpiece was of venice lac headpiece was of venice lace and beading with elbow length illusion veil.

Maid of honor was Cheryl Bower of Tulsa, Okla. Bridesmaids were Mrs. Michael Thralls of Billings, Okla., sisterin-law of the bride, Mrs. J. Clifford Smith and Nita Cinnamon, both of Stillwater, Okla.

Attendants wore yellow peau de soie full length gowns and carried nosegays of yellow pom

Deborah Sue Thralls and Bill Flower girl was Carey Majors of Ponca city, Okla. Candlelighters were Audrey Majors of Ponca City, Okla, and June Storck of Garber, Okla.

Best man was Michael Thralls, brother of the bride. Groomsmen were Arthur Dean and Rodger Johnson, both of Stillwater, Okla. and Ryan which consists of 10 representa-Christiansen of Gypsum, Kan-

Ushers were Craig Evans of Billings, Okla., Alan Hermanski of Hunter, Okla. and Wilburn Holloway of Abilene.

Don Thralls sang and Mrs. Don Thralls played the organ.

The bride is a graduate of Billings High School and Oklahoma State University at Stillwater, Okla. She is a senior at Delta State College at Cleveland, Miss. The bridegroom is a graduate of Merkel High School, Abilene Christian College and has a MS and Ph.D from Oklahoma State University at Stillwater, Okla. He is an animal scientist at Delta Branch Missisippi Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station at Stone-

Following a wedding trip to Colorado, the couple will be at home in Leland, Miss.

High School Day Planned By ACC

Abilene Christian College will hold its fall High School Day Saturday, November 10 on the ACC campus.

We are expecting high school students from Texas and many surrounding states to be present for the full day of activities," said Sid Hicks, coordinator of the day's activities.

The day is scheduled so that the high school student can plan his college career, and become familiar with ACC faculty members and campus life.

Tentative plans Saturday morning call for the future college student to register, eneet with faculty and student hosts, attend special chapel services and meet with college counselors for a special planning ses-

Counseling, information, and advice will be offered on admission policies, housing and financial aid during the planning sesson.

Saturday afternoon actvities will include a pep rally, entertainment by campus groups, and oppourtnities to tour the ACC campus. Students are also invited to eat lunch and dinner in Carter Cafeteria in Mc-Glothlin Campus Center on the ACC Campus

Climaxing High School Day will be a Lone Star Conference football game between ACC and Sam Houston State at 7:30 p.m. in Shotwell Stadium.

Sen Jones Appointed

Lieutenant Governor Bill Hobby today announced the appointment of Senator Grant Jones of Abilene to the Texas Legislative Council.

Also named were Senators William (Bill) Patman of Ganado. Max Sherman of Amarillo, Jack Hightower of Vernon and Jim Wallace of Houston. Senators Hightower, Patman and Sherman are re-appointments to the council.

The Legislative Council conducts research and drafts bills for members of the Texas Legislature. The Lieutenant Governor is chairman of the Council. tives and a permanent staff.

quietly celebrated their 60th

Wedding Anniversary Sunday.

They were married August 27,

1913 near Merkel in the Union

Ridge Community. Because of

Mrs. Douglas' health only a fam-

ily affair was held. The couple

was presented a one layer cake

with violet roses. On it was writ-

ten "For Your 60th Wedding An-

Their four daughters here for

the week-end were Mr. and

Mrs. J. C. Clarkson (Mary Bell)

of Batesville, Mississippi, Mrs.

W.T. Henderson (Faye) of Odes-

sa, Texas, Mr. and Mrs. Deverl say hello.



. . . formerly Marylee Noster

Miss Marylee Noster, Richard Wade Wed

Wade will live in Abilene following their marriage Saturday in the Merkel Church of Christ with Billy Patton officiating.

The bride is the former Marylee Noster, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Manfred A. Noster. Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow W. Wade of Winters are parents of the

Music was by an a capella group composed of Mrs. Billy Charles Jacobs, Mrs. Lee Tuck-

and Mrs. Jay Robbins (Pat) of

Sonora, Texas. Their grand-

daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ken-

neth Hays (Vickie Teaff) and

great-grandsons, Tommy and

Lynn Hays of Merkel were also

present. Their grandson, Capt.

and Mrs. W. T. Henderson Jr.

and great-grandson, Trey, were

recent visitors before reporting

for duty with the Air Force in

Mrs. Sam Cheek of Abilene,

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Soloman of

Odessa, Mr. and Mrs. O. R.

Douglas and Miss Mable Mc-

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Have 60th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Douglas Teaff (LaVerne) of Merkel

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Daniel er and David Allen. Soloists were Ponnie Chancey and Mrs. Hugh Baker.

Maid of honor was Roseann

Noster, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Mrs. David McNary of Dallas, Gayle Dehlinger of Lubbock and Melanie Watson of Austin.

Allyson Wade of Bowie was flower girl. Tim Jacobs was ring bearer. Candlelighters were Chris Childers and Lori Gee.

Wilson Wade of Bowie, brother of the bridegroom, was best man. Groomsmen were Finley Barnett, Barry Hailey of Abilene and Tony Gee of Breck-

Ushers were Alex Moreno of Abilene and Chris Childers. The bride wore an empire gown

of bridal satin with galloon lace overlay and long lace sleeves with self-ruffle.

Her attendants wore princess gowns of apricot dotted swiss. The reception was at the Gold Room of the Merkel Restaur-

The bride is a graduate of Merkel High School and attended Lubbock Christian College where she was a member of Christliche Damen Social Club. She is employed by Timex Corp. in Abilene.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Merkel High School and Texas State Technical Institure where he was president of the student congress. He attended the University of Texas at Arlington. He is employed by Jack K. Covington of Abilene.

Astroworld Sets Fall Schedule

With the beginning of the school year Astroworld switches to its fall schedule. After August 26, the 65 acre family entertainment center will be open weekends only 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., through October 28. The park will also be open on Labor Day, September 3.

All the rides, attractions and shows will be open and are included in the one price admission charge, \$5.50 for adults and \$4.00 for children 4 thru 11.

The cooler weather makes a visit to Astroworld especially attractive this time of year. Every age is sure to find entertainment that will give them a lift from their hum drum world and put them in another world of fun and magic. It might be the Dixieland Band and the Antique Horseless Carriage Nickelodeon for Grandma - Marvel Mc-Fey and Children's World for the tots - Astroworld's rock band, the Trust, and the Dexter Frebish Electric Roller Ride for the teens - or the Crystal Palace Revue for everyone.

One twentieth of the world's population lives south of the

Visual Displays Announced At UT

AUSTIN - Visual displays, campus maps and color TV presentations that tell about The University of Texas may be seen in a new Visitor Center tors annually,

that has opened at UT Austin. Tht Visitor Center is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., seven days a week, in Richardson Hall. The locationis adjacent to the Lyndon B. Johnson Library, which attracts one million visi-



THE HISTORICAL BACKGROUND OF LABOR DAY

In 1882, Peter McGuire, co-founder of the American Federation of Labor suggested that one day a year be designated "Labor Day" and proposed the first Monday in September. Labor Day was celebrated in New York City that same year and by 1884, 24 states had adopted a similar holiday. At that time Congress passed an act making it official for all states and territories.

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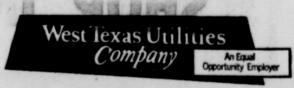
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MONUMENTS and CEMETERY CURBING M. A. (Sarg) NOSTER 1464 Herring Dr. Merkel. Texas Phone 8-5565

MASONIC MEETING Stated meeting of Merkel Lodge No. 710 on 2nd Saturday and 44h Thursday of each month # 7:30 p.m. Visitors welcome. Members urged to attend. DUNNING McCONNELL, W.M. ROY MASHBURN, Sec'y.

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CARD OF THANKS

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Church Madge Crain Joel & Hilda Crain Grandchildren and greatgrandchildren.

CARD OF THANKS

WE WISH TO EXPRESS our thanks to everyone who had a part in helping celebrate our Mothers 94th birthday.

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at this time time. The officers and their parents for this year are: President, Shawn Moore, Soph., son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Moore; Vice President, Johnny Gray, Sr., son of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Gray: Secretary, Leslie Red din, Sr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Reddin; Reporter, James Allison, Sr., son of Mr. and Mrs. John Allison; treasa very active FFA chapter. urer, Scott Tarpley, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Tarpley; and

> and Mrs. Paul Hudman. We are all looking forward to a great year in FFA this year and hope our new officers will work hard at their jobs.

Sentinal Mike Hudman; Mr.

We have 55 members in FFA

ROUNDUP

MRS. O. J. REYNOLD's teenage grandsons, Royce and Douglas Watkins, of Mesquite, Tex. visited in Merkel recently.

MR. AND MRS. DALE FARM-ER and son Randy, combined business with vacation as they visited with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Byers and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Jones and other friends and relatives in Mer-

Dale's business took him to Texas University in Austin, where he installed a computer in the Science Bldg.

The Farmers will return to Westminister, Mass. Thursday. Mr. and Mrs Lenard Casady entertained their son and family, Lynn and Mike, from Odessa, this week.

Texas Prison Rodeo At Huntsville

HUNTSVILLE - Chute-doggin' - an event where convict cowboys will be required to take a young steer, using only one hand and a rope, to a designated spot in front of the chute gate to throw and tie the head of stock - has been added to an already action-packed 42nd annual Texas Prison Rodeo scheduled for each Sunday in Octo-

"It promises to be one of our most exciting events," forecasts E. H. (Hoot) Crawford, rodeo arena director.

And for the second year, the Goree Cowgirls will perform at the annual rodeo. The Goree Cowgirls stole the hearts of rodeo fans last year in their initial prison rodeo appearance while participating in the calf tussle, pig-sacking contest, and the donkey barrel race.

The 1973 rodeo - getting underway at 2p.m. each October Sunday with the grand entry parade - will feature 40 convict cowboys contesting for the coveted all-around top hand title. Thirty-nine of these cowboys will be trying to wrestle the title away from the current champ, Harry Southerland of Fort Worth.

Southerland owns back - to back titles and will be shooting for three in a row - a feat accomplished only once before in the history of the prison rodeo.

The cowboys participate in saddle bronc riding, bull riding, bareback riding, a mad scramble (10 riders on 10 bulls coming out of the chute gates at the same time), and a wild horse race that has 10 three man teams attempting to catch, saddle, mount and ride to a designated finish line for top money.

The redshirts, a group of 40 iranates divided into two-man teams, will vie in the wild-cow milking contest event, and will partcipate individually in the Hard Money event. Hard Money involves the contestants trying to grab a Bull Durham-size sack from between a bull's horns. Hard Money is held twice each Sunday with the

sacks being worth \$50 and \$25. Country western music will add to the rodeo when inmate recording stars and bands swing out for the midway show beginning at 9 a.m., and the pre-rodeo arena show at 12:30.

Brother of Two Merkel Residents Succumbs

Funeral for Dr. Hoyt Ford, 73, been a patient since Aug. 9. of 3901 Wilshire, former chairman of the department of psychology at Hardin-Simmons University, was held at 3:30 p.m. Saturday in the First Baptist

Dr. Ford, who was also professor emeritus at H-SU, died at 11:30 a.m. Friday in the coronary care unit at Hendrick Memorial Hospital where he had

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Dr. James Flamming, pastor of the church, was assisted by Dr. Elwin Skiles, president of H-SU, in officiating the services.

Bural was in Elmwood Memoral Park under the direction of Ellictt-Hamil Funeral Home. He was a member of the Hardin-Simmons University faculty from 1923 until his retirement

in 1971. He married the former Lena Bradley, June 4, 1925, in Merkel. Dr. Ford graduated from Simmons College in 1923 and that fall joined the faculty of Simmons Academy, a high school of the college, where he

taught English. Dr. Ford was head of the department of psychology and taught under six presidents. Among his former students are Dr. Skiles and Dr. Flamming.

Survivors include his wife of the home; three half sisters, Mrs. Ed Vantrese of Abilene, Mrs. T. J. Bird and Mrs. Ray Massey, both of Merkel.

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BADGER TRACKS

By JANIE CLARK

Hi! It's unbelievable school is here and one week already gone! Many things are getting started, so we can get "ole" M.H.S. moving.

The Student Council had their first meeting Tuesday morning with one representative from each homeroom class, head cheerleader, officers, and sponsors present. They discussed the candle sale and other money making projects. They will be selling candles til about the first of September. They are animal shaped, hand painted candles, and are really cute.

The Badgers scrimmaged against Wall last Friday night and they looked great. They have a lot of enthusiasm and spirit, and with the help of the town and student body, will be ready for their first game Sept.

The Pep Squad is being organized. The cheerleaders and

New Directors Mailed In December

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be mailed in December. If anyone has any change in their present listing, please notify West Texas Telephone business office by Sept. 14, 1973, P.O. Box 1117, Baird, Texas, 79504 or phone 928-4744.

twirlers are practicing, everyone is getting ready for the 1973 football season, which is going to be a victorious one for the Badgers.

Class officers were elected last Friday. They are:

Senior Class president, Tonja McAninch; Vice President, Cindy Whisenhunt; and Business Manager, Mike Sloan.

Junior Class: President, Rudy Castillio; Vice President David Copeland; Secretary, Jody Barnes; Business Manager, Terrie Stephan; and Reporter, Billy

Sophomore Class - President, Patti Toney: Vice President, Danny DuBose; Secretary, Audy Byrd; Business Manager, Burt McElmurry.

Freshman Class - President Becky Rister; Vice President, Cliff Smith; Secretary, Melinda Bowen: and Business Manager, Mike Henry.

The Library Club had its first meeting last week with President RoseAnn Noster presiding. They discussed future meet-

ings, played games, put together puzzles, and drank cokes. Freshmen cheerleaders are going to be selected Thursday.

These girls will lead the cheers at all the B team football That's all the news at

M.H.S. this week. See you next

Shakespeare, according to estimates, never made a continuous journey as far as a round trip from Boston to New York.

TCY Homemakers Officers Installed Aug. 23 Adds Two Members

The Taylor County Young Homemakers met Thursday, August 16, in the home of Mrs. Mack Seymore. New officers installed for 1973 - 74 were: President, Mrs. Roland Pack. Vice President, Mrs. Philip Danny Sanford; Treasurer, Mrs. Bobby Toliver; Reporter-Historian, Mrs. Glen Bicknell.

The Little Sister of the Year was also chosen to be Tonja McAninch. She will represent the Merkel Chapter at the area convention of Young Homemakers held Sept. 22 in Abilene.

There were also three mem bers who drove to Baird Thursday, August 23, to help establish a chapter there.

Dee Polands Host To **WWI Vets and Auxiliary**

Barrack 2248 and Ladies Auxiliary members met Tuesday Aug. 21 in the ranch home o Mr. and Mrs. Dee Poland six miles east of Noodle for their monthly meeting.

Rev. R. B. Hall of Anson gave thanks for the occasion.

The World War I Veteran Melon and Cantaloupes were served to 43 members and guest who were then invited to tour the lovely home and yard.

All War I Veterans and widows are urged to attend the monthly meetings every 3rd Tuesday evening at the rea

By CINDY BEASLEY

Hi! I'm Cindy Beasley, and for the rest of the '73-'74 school year I'll be bringing you news from THS.

So far the first days of school have been very busy, and very hot. The students are all very proud of the work that has been done on all the school rooms. the gym, and especially the caf-

Just from watching football workouts, it is evident that this will be a winning year, again, for our team. The boys and coaches both have lots of enthusiasm and spirit. The first scrimmage was Thursday at Blackwell and luck just wasn't with the boys, they lost 4-1. This week, though, the scrimmage will be with Gustine at Trent, Friday Aug. 31, at 7:30 p.m. and we know it will be a good game. Everyone please come and support your Gorilla team.

Students are already involved in weekend activities. Saturday, Aug. 25th, Tina Hamner, Trent FFA Sweetheart, attended a brunch for contestants in the West Texas Sweetheart Contest. The twirlers had an all day rummage which was a big

The Pep Club had its first meeting Friday and organized. Officers elected were: President, Gayla Heatly; Vice President and Reporter, · Brenda Griffith, Secretary - Treasurer,

This year, the Pep Club is asking for boosters. It costs \$2.00 to be a booster and you will receive a Blue and Gold pompom to boost spirit at football games.

The Student Council also had its first meeting and elected officers. They are: President, Peggy Watson; Vic President, Gayla Heatly; Secretary - Treasurer. Pam King; Reporter, Cindy Beasley.

The Annual Staff is really getting an early start on annual ads and boosters. Anyone interested in buying an ad or being a booster, please contact any Senior.

The 1973 annuals came in last week and the dedication was presented at an assembly last Wednesday. The '73 Gorilia was dedicated to our superintendent and his wife, Mr. and Mrs Dean King. Also announced were this year's Editor, Peggy Watson and Assistant Editor, Ty Martin. Their sponsor is Mrs. Jan Cogburn. Several of last years graduates were here for the assembly and also visited in some of the afternoon classes. It sure was nice to see their familiar

See ya next week with THS

Noodle Baptist

Has Aniversary Commemoration services are

scheduled Sunday, Sept. 16 at the Noodle Baptist Church. An invitation is extended to all former pastors and members to mark the 50th anniversary of congregational meetings.

The Rev. Elton Stary is pas-

After worship services, a covered dish lunch will be served in the Noodle Community

Ladies Golf Assn.

Tuesday afternoon the Merkel Ladies Golf Association held their third afternoon of golf. Twenty-three ladies participated and two new members joined,

Terry Tate and Mary Damme. This week the ladies counted their numbers of putts. Faye Robertson captured first place with Mary Boone coming in second. Mary is one of the ladies who has just begun playing golf.hWanda Hendricks and Barbara Whisenhunt tied for having the most putts, each winner received a new golf

Trent School News

Tina Hamner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Hamner attended West Texas Fair Sweetheart Brunch, saturday Aug. 25. She is the Trent FFA Sweetheart and is representing that organization in the West Texas Fair Sweetheart Contest. The contestants will be presented on the stage at West Texas Fair grounds Sat., Sept. 8 and the winners will be presented Wed. Sept. 12.

Band Booster meeting will be held at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 4 at the Band Hall. President, Mrs. Dean King, urges everyone to attend for this organizational meeting.

MHS Band **Elects Officers**

The Merkel High School Band Band met last Wednesday. Band officers were elected. They are: Larry Toliver, Capt.; Terry Reed, 1st. Lt.; Marsha Thompson, 2nd Lt.; and David Robertson, 2nd Lt.

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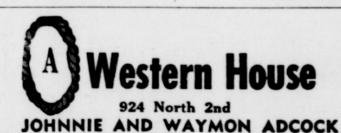
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GREETING:

ning Banach, Defendant.

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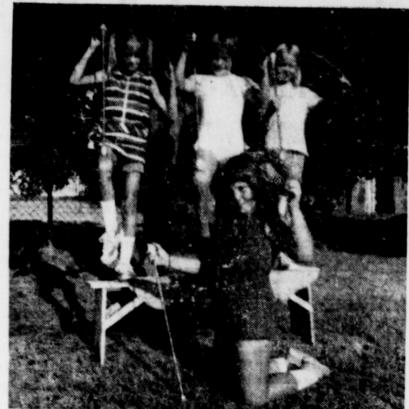
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LEARNING TO BE TWIRLERS - With not a football in sight, these girls are learning to be twirlers just for fun. Tonja and Tina Bicknell, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Bicknell are shown visiting Susie and Teddie Hines. The girls are the daughters of Mrs. Joy Waterman.

food news & cues

from the Quaker Test Kitchens

Apple Pie Is Still Tops In Appeal



There may be desserts "easier than pie," but few are as cherished. Especially that all-time favorite — apple! It's better than ever when enveloped in a crisp and flaky lattice crust enhanced by quick or old fashioned oats. An oats crust is the greatest thing to happen to apples since cinnamon. Try it and see!

LATTICE-TOPPED APPLE PIE

1/2 teaspoon salt

1/2 cup shortening, soft

1 tablespoon butter

or margarine

3/4 cup quick or old fashioned oats, uncooked

5 to 7 tablespoons cold water

Filling: 34 cup sugar

tablespoons cornstarch teaspoon cinnamon

teaspoon nutmeg Dash salt 6 cups sliced, pared

tart apples Pastry:

1-1/4 cups sifted all-purpose

Heat oven to hot (425°F.). For filling, combine sugar, comstarch, cinnamon, nutmeg and salt. Stir in apple slices until

For pastry, sift together flour and salt. Cut in shortening until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Stir in oats. Sprinkle water by tablespoonfuls over mixture, stirring lightly with a fork until dry ingredients are moistened. Form into a ball.

Divide dough in half. Roll out one half on a lightly floured board or canvas to form a 13-inch circle. Fit pastry loosely into a 9-inch pie plate. Spoon filling into pastry-lined pie plate. Dot with butter.

Roll out remaining half of dough to a 12-inch circle; cut into 1-inch strips. Place pastry strips over filling. Trim; fold edges under and flute. Bake in preheated oven (425°F.) 15 minutes. Reduce heat to moderate (375°F.). Bake an additional 30 to 35 minutes. Remove from oven and sprinkle pie lightly with sugar.

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Accent On Health

During the past year Texas has made great strides in venereal disease control by significantly decreasing the incidence of early infectious syphilis. But there is still a long way to go in the fight against both syphilis and gonorrhea.

Emphasis has been put on V. D. control, and receipt last year of some \$2 million in federal funds greated accelerated the program.

With those funds, State Health Department officials planned a five year intensive statewide campaign in an attempt to reverse the upward trend of these infections, and reduce the prevalence of infectious gonorrhea to a controllabl level.

A gonorrhea culture screening program went into effect in July 1972, the goal being to test 500,000 females for possible venereal disease. Women in particular were the target group, since in many instances, women who contract the disease do not manifest any symptoms. They become asymptomatic carriers, unknowingly spreading the disease to others.

Health Department officials estimate that in Texas, 80 per cent of the women between the ages of 15 and 40 who have gonorrhea do not know it. Officials refer to this group as "reservoirs of infection," and such reservoirs are the target of the statewide screening campaign.

The campaign has been in effect for nearly a year, and results certainly are promising.

Dr. M. S. Dickerson, chief of Communicable Disease Service Section of the State Health Department, explains that in July 1972, the statewide ratio of reported cases of gonorrhea in males to reported cases of gonorrhea in females was four to one. Because most men who have gonorrhea are painfully aware of the fact, more cases of male gonorrhea were brought to treatment and reported to health authorities. Since the screening program went into effect, the ratio of males to females dropped to two to one. Health authorities say this means more and more asymptomatic carriers, women in particular, are being identified

ing the "reservoir of infection." "What we're aiming for, says Dr. Dickerson, "is a one to one male to female ratio. When we achieve it, we can effectively control the spread of the disease." The V.D. Division of the State Health Department seems well on its way to achiev-

and treated, thereby reduc-

ing that ratio. '200,000 women have been

screened in Texas since July 1972," notes Dr. Dickerson. "Of these, 6 per cent (12,000) proved to have positive cultures. By identifying and treating these women, we remove them from the asymptomatic reservoir. Unless infected again, they will not unknowingly infect anyone

The overall effect is a reduction in the number of cases of gonorrhea. Dr. Dickerson notes that last year there were 57,000 cases of gonorrhea officially reported in Texas. At the present rate, the projected number of reported cases at the end of this year will be 52,000. "In the past, there was a 10 to 15 per cent increase of gonorrhea cases each year," says Dr. Dickerson. This year, we may have a 10, perhaps 15; per cent decrease from last year."

That projected decrease, plus the annual 10 to 15 per cent increase that was prevented, means that the VD screening program could have an overall effect of reducing the number of cases of gonorrhea in Texas 20 to 30 per cent in one year. This means some 11,400 to 17,100 cases of gonorrhea may have been prevented in Texas this past year.

The screening program has also had an effect on the incidence of syphilis in Texas. While syphilis does not have the asymptomatic characteristics of gonorrhea in women, the screening program has helped identify carriers of this infection. There were 1.800 cases of syphilis reported in Texas last year. Dr. Dickerson projects that 1,450 to 1,500 cases will be reported this year.

As a result of state and local Health Department efforts, private hospitals, family planning centers, and private physicians throughout Texas are participating in the screening program. Health Department field representatives explain the program to the private physicians, asking them to cooperate and to encourage their female patients to undergo a confidential test for gonorrhea at the same time they have a routine pelvic examination.

If, after one year of operation, the gonorrhea screening program's projected figures are any indication, that particular health service certainly seems to be having an impact.



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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 1st day of October, A.D. 1973. to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 22nd day of May A.D. 1973, in this

cause, numbered 8142, on the

LEGAL NOTICE docket of said court and styled Nola Mae McCurrin, Plaintiff, To any Sheriff or any Constable vs. Elmer Joe McCurrin, De-

within the State of Texas- fendant. A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to cause to be published once to wit: Divorce: Married Nov. 23, 1965 - seprated June 1972. weeks, the first publication to be One child - Caryn Lynn McCurat least twenty-eight days before rin born August 28, 1966. No items of community property accumulated during marriage, as County, Texas, the accompany- is more fully shown by ing citation, of which the herein Plaintiff's Petition on file in this

CITATION BY PUBLICATION If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be re-

turned unserved. The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 14th day of August A. D. 1973.

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

John C. White, Commissioner

Texas continue to climb. For example, you can add another 3,000,000 bushels or so to the 1973 Texas wheat crop; add 100,000,000 bushels more to the grain sorghum crop; the corn crop in Texas is up 54 per cent this year from a year ago.

Latest estimate now on the wheat crop in Texas is 98,600,-000 bushels. This is the second

WTC Is **Approved** For Course

Western Texas College has been approved to offer a program in Farm and Ranch Management, Gene Robertson, dean of Occupational Education and

Technology, has announced. The two - year program in Farm and Ranch Management is designed for students who are interested in farming and ranching, but who do not plan to pursue a baccalaureate degree. The curriculum emphasizes technical knowledge culture, Robertson emphasizes. Primary purpose of this program is to train students to become farm and ranch managers. Students who graduate from this program may also pursue employment in agricultural related industries. Some areas which will be covered are principles of plant growth and crop science, pest control, horse and livestock selection and management, artificial insemination and palpation, and farm and ranch records. Under the supervision of a qualified employer and instructor, the student will be employed on a full-time basis during the summer months in agriculture field operations. Upon completion of the required curriculum, the student will be awarded an Associate in Applied Science degree.

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Crop production records in highest ever. Back in 1947 -26 year ago - the Texas wheat crop totaled 116,960,000 bushels. Yield this year will be a new all-time record high of 29 bushels per acre.

Texas, the leader in the nation in grain sorghum, is outdoing itself this year in that commodity. Expected production now is forecast at 414,800,-000 bushels. This compared with 319,780,000 bushels in 1972.

This year's estimate (it could even go higher) is the largest ever. Yield this year will average 61 bushels per acre, another record high. That means an average of 3,416 pounds per acre. Several reports indicate 5,000 to 6,000 pounds grain sorghum on dryland in Texas this

ADD 54 per cent on to the 1973 corn crop compared to 1972, says the Texas Crop and Livestock Reporting Service.

Corn production in the state this year is forecast at 60,-800,000 bushels. A record per acre average of 95 bushels per acre is expected for Texas this year, the highest ever.

COTTON crop for Texas this year is expected to reach 4,-500,000 bales, which would be largest crop since 1965. Acres for harvest are estimated at 5,500,000 compared with 5,-000,000 acres in 1972. Yield is expected to average 400 pounds per acre, which is only the third time in history when Texas produced that much on a per acre

TEXAS also continues to be ahead of the rest of the nation in cattle on feed. The latest report shows that there are 2,-302,000 head of cattle and calves on feed in Texas. This is nine per cent above a year ago but one per cent below the number on feed a month ago.

Marketings of fat cattle during July totaled 389,000 head, which is five per cent above July of last year and three per cent above June, which again proves that Texas cattle producers are not holding cattle in spite of the price freeze.

Texas had almost 700,000 more cattle on feed as of August 1 than the second-ranking state, Iowa.

Nationwide, the number of cattle and calves on feed in the seven major cattle feeding states totaled 9,122,000 head. This is four per cent less than a month ago but two per cent more than a year ago at this

JULY milk production in Texas is up by only one per cent from a year ago, and is one per cent below the previous month, which continues to bear out predictions of lower milk produc-

Nationwide, milk production during July is 3.3 per cent less than a year ago. The number of milk cows is also down 2.5 per cent from a year ago.

Pasture and range conditions over most of Texas are rated good to excellent. However, a large portion of West Texas is rated as poor to fair.

NEW regulations regarding brucellosis control are now being studied throughout the state. A public hearing on them will be held in Austin September 18 by the Texas Animal Health Commission.

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Aside from its popularity with tourists, Berlin is recognized internationally as a forum for the exchange of ideas in every field of endeavor. In 1972, its convention facilities hosted 577 meetings attended by more than 200,000 delegates from all over the world. The 45,000 seats at Berlin's existing convention facilities will soon be increased by 10,000 with the completion of an ultra-modern \$93-million Congress Center of which the main auditorium alone will hold 5,000 participants.

In addition to fine hotels and guest houses, visitors have not only the under-one-roof shoppers' paradises such as the Europa Center and the Ku'damm Corner, but also those specialty boutiques that line the elegant Kurfuerstendamm boulevard, all of which combine to offer everything that the heart desires and purse can afford.

Once the day's work and sightseeing are done, Berlin also has thousands of restaurants, pubs, sidewalk cafes, and exceptional after-dark entertainment: theatres, movies, the Opera, Philharmonic Hall, nightclubs, discotheques, iazz cellars; and, of course, Berlin's famed satirical cabaets that lampoon current political events with biting wit.

Rolling Plains Tech Sets Sept. 4-5 Registration; Classes Start September 6

School officials at the Rolling Plains Campus of Texas State Technical Institute have announced that the fall quarter registration days have been set for Tuesday and Wednesday, September 4 and 5, with classes set to begin September 6.

Programs available at the Rolling Plains Campus include 12 one-year skill development programs. Continuing education programs will be made available on a night basis in several areas. The full time, one-year skill development programs are Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Mechanics, Auto Body Repairman, Automotive Mechanics, Building Construction Craftsman, Combination Welding, Dental Assistant, Drafting and Design Technology, Livestock and Ranch Operations, Meat Processing and Marketing, Radio and Television Servicing, Technical Secretary, and Vocational Nursing. Nine of these programs were offered for the 1973 school year and the new courses to be offered include Building Construction Craftsman, Livestock and Ranch Operations, and Meat Processing and Market-

Officials stated that registration for the night sections will be held Tuesday, September 11 in Building 48 at 7:30 p.m. Courses currently being most requested on a night basis include: Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Mechanics, Automotive Mechanics, Combination Welding, Radio and Television Servicing, Technical Secretary, and Auto Body Repairman. A special section in accounting will be offered if a minimum of 12 students apply for the

Officials stress that any one interested in any of the programs being offered should make an on-campus visit. The offices are open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., with



the exception of Labor Day which is a school holiday; or call the Central Office at 235-

Dormitories and food services will open on Tuesday, September 4, along with other auxiliary services.

The Fall Quarter will conclude on Wednesday, November 21. The Winter Quarter will begin registration on November 26, with classes scheduled to begin Tuesday, November 27.

It was pointed out that the quarter system has replaced the trimester system that State Tech has operated under since it opened in Sweetwater during

Those courses designed to run three quarters or nine months includes Livestock and Ranch Operations, Building Construction Craftsman, Dental Assistant, and the Clerk Typist Program in the Technical Secretary Program will be three quarters. The remaining programs are four quarter - 12 months.

Students who prove financial needs should contact Moises Perez at 235-8441 in regards to aid still available at the Rolling Plains Campus.

Sheep Field Day at SA

SAN ANGELO (Sp.) - "Certainly the price structure for wool is excellent and it should remain so for another year," said Jack Groff, "and I see no reason for any change downward as long as the foreign market remains strong. For the same reason, the price for mohair should remain high for at least another shearing season."

Area producers are being urged to hear Groff on Sept. 4. when he discusses more fully the price outlook for wool and mohair during the Sheep Field Day of the Texas A&M University Agricultural Research and Extension Center at San Angelo.

He is sheep and goat specialist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, co-sponsoring the field day with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station.

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"Thus speaketh Christ our Lord to us:

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Ye call me LIFE, and DESIRE me not;

Ye call me WISE, and FOLLOW me not; Ye call me FAIR, and LOVE me not; Ye call me RICH, and ASK me not; Ye call me ETERNAL, and SEEK me not;

Ye call me GRACIOUS, and TRUST me not: Ye call me NOBLE, and SERVE me not; Ye call me JUST, and FEAR me not;

If I CONDEMN you, BLAME me not!"

How true! There are many who would not dare call the mission of Jesus to the earth a wasted mission, nor would they dare say he did not really come, yet they will LIVE as though his mission to save their soul was a wasted effort, and LIVE as though Jesus never really came.

We say "the world is very wicked," and think of sin in terms of "the world" and isolate ourselves as though we are not part of that "world," when we too have sinned and are not living for him who died for our sin (II Cor. 5:14, 15).

What are you doing because Jesus is the master, Light, way, life, wise, fair, rich, eternal, gracious, noble, and just? Are you obeyng, seeking, walking, desiring, following, loving, asking, seeking, trustng, serving, and fearing? If not can you blame him if he condemns you?

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