



'Round the corner

Johnnie Gresham

A farmer working his fields with mule and plow was heard shouting, "Giddap there, Johnny! Get a move on, Andy! Git goin', Blue Boy!..."

Passersby, seeing only one mule, asked the farmer where his other mules were.

"Ain't got but one," answered the farmer. "But t'would never do to let the old fellow know, or he'd lay down on the job. So I put blinkers on him and keep calling out a string of names, so's he'll think there's a whole team of mules a helping' him!"

Funny how true that is of nearly everyone, isn't it? I mean, don't you work better when you think someone else is helping you with the job?

Which brings me back to the job of Editor of the Merkel Mail... it is a fairly easy job, but with the people of Merkel pulling with me to make a better community newspaper, the job becomes easier.

After all, the newspaper is for your information and is your source of news... and if you don't let me know what YOU are doing, where you are going, or who is coming to visit you, how am I gonna know?

One more time let me urge you to report your news and help us pull the load of putting out a newspaper for YOU.

Our Bicycle Subscription Contest which we kicked off last week is going great. We are receiving lots of new subscribers, and lots of renewals. We really appreciate all of you who are helping the boys and girls in our area to win a bicycle. You will note that we have already given away two bicycles and that is before the first week of the contest is up. So, from all the children working for a bicycle and from the Merkel Mail, again we thank you.

Remember the good old days when Uncle Sam lived within his income - and without most of ours?

In talking to the merchants and citizens around town this week, we find the enthusiasm high over the Trade's Day promotion for June 1. George Starbuck, chairman of the committee for Trades Day, can answer any questions you have about the activities. Most of the merchants in town are participating and you are reminded to pick up your free tickets when you are downtown doing your shopping. Let's all work to make this a huge success.

No matter how dumb my dog may look, he's smart enough he's got me working to support him!

You will find a Graduation Tab in this week's paper. We are proud of the section and most of all we are proud of the merchants who helped us put it out by means of their ads. So, you seniors might want to say a special thank you to these merchants. Let them know you appreciate it, too.

WORDS FROM THE WISE: "He is not laughed at who laughs at himself first." * Thomas Fuller.

See 'ya next week - 'Round the Corner - JG.

101 Attend Sunday Dedication Services

Dedication services for the new sanctuary of the First Baptist Church were held on Sunday, May 19, during the morning worship service. The dedication program included special music presented by the choir and the music director, Roy Davis. Also, the program included a time of reviewing the Ground-breaking Ceremonies of a year ago by means of hearing the tape-recording of a portion of that ceremony.

Building Committee Chairman Joe McDuff read the names of deceased loved ones in whose memory gifts had been received by the church, and announced that a plaque bearing these names would be placed in the church vestibule. Irl Walker, chairman of deacons, spoke on behalf of the church in appreciation for all the gifts given toward the erection of the new building.

It is time for us to re-dedicate ourselves to the work that God has given us. We must make Jesus Christ pre-eminent in every area of our lives."

Visitors during the service totaled 101, and included Dr. Elwin Skiles, president of Hardin-Simmons University; County Judge and Mrs. Roy Skaggs; County Commissioner and Mrs. Bert Chapman; and Rev. and Mrs. C.G. Sewell. Rev. Sewell is a former pastor of the church, and was the only former pastor able to attend the special services.

Following the noon meal served at the church, open house was observed until mid-afternoon. More than 300 persons were shown through the building which includes, in addition to the sanctuary, a complete nursery facility, church offices, and Sunday School classrooms.

The evening services of the Dedication Day program were highlighted by a number of special musical presentations, and a sermon delivered by Rev. L.L. Trot, long-time friend of the Merkel church.

"All in all," said pastor Jones, "it was a great day for us, and the building of the new sanctuary has been a great experience. We are very grateful to every person who has had a part in helping to build this new house of worship.

51 To Graduate From Merkel, 11 From Trent

This is the last week of school for most area students. Wednesday (yesterday) was the last day for the Merkel seniors, and Monday will be the last day for the rest of the Merkel students. Tuesday will be a work day for the teachers and their last day of school, too.

Sunday, May 26, Baccalaureate for the Merkel Seniors will be held at the high school auditorium with the Address being given by Rev. Leonard Payne, pastor First Baptist Church of Tye. A reception for the Seniors will be held immediately after the Baccalaureate services in the school cafeteria Sunday.

Commencement exercises will be Tuesday, May 28 in the high school auditorium with Larry Gill, minister of the Merkel Church of Christ giving the invocation, The Salutatory Address will be given by Jeff Cos and the Valedictory Address by Kathy Cyfert.

Mrs. Sandy Davis, pianist, will play the Processional and Recessional for both Baccalaureate and Commencement exercises.

The Commencement Address will be given by Katharyn Duff, of the Reporter-News.

Presentation of Awards and Scholarships will be by Travis Davis, principal of Merkel

High School.

Mack Fisher, Superintendent of Merkel Schools will present the diplomas.

Mrs. Frances King will sing "The Impossible Dream," and the Senior Class, "We've Only Just Begun."

Merkel will have fifty-one seniors graduating this year. Their motto for the year: "We can lift ourselves out of ignorance, we can find ourselves as creatures of excellence and intelligence and skill. We can be free." Class flower is the orchid, and class colors, orchid and white.

Baccalaureate for the eleven Trent seniors was held Sunday, May 19th at the First Baptist Church at Trent.

The processional and recessional was played by Mrs. Sam Frasier. Invocation was given by J. G. Wilks.

The Baccalaureate Address was given by Rev. Price Mathieson, pastor, Trent First Baptist Church. Rev. Kenneth James, pastor, Trent United Methodist Church gave the benediction.

There are eleven seniors graduating from Trent this school year and will receive their diplomas at Commencement Exercises to be held Friday, May 24 at 8:00 in the Trent High School Auditorium.

Salutatory Address will be given by Tina Hamner and the

Valedictory Address by Gayla Healty.

Sam Frasier, principal of Trent High School will present the awards.

Following the Commencement Address by Bryan Bradbury, Abilene attorney, Weldon Beasley, President of School Board, and Dean King, Superintendent will present the diplomas.

Honor Guards are Rebecca Freeman, Becky White, Mike Chavez, and John Slaughter. May 27th at 8:00 the Merkel eighth grade will have its graduation exercises, in the high school auditorium.

Mildred Winter will play the processional and recessional. Invocation will be given by Randy Cox.

The eighth grade class will sing "We've Only Just Begun."

The Address will be given by Freda Gresham.

Presentation of the Class Gift will be by Linda Williams. Presentation of Honor Awards will be by Mack Fisher, Superintendent of Merkel Schools.

John Cain, Principal of Merkel Junior High will make the presentation of diplomas. Marlon White will give the benediction.

Ushers are Pam Crenshaw, Gay Pfister, Kelly Magee, Diana Roberts, Cindy Smith, Patsy Biera, Jay Boyd, and Grant Sandusky.

Summer Recreation Program In Trouble

With summer vacation just around the corner for school age children, the Merkel Chamber of Commerce is again planning the Summer Recreation Program to give these children something to do.

This has been one of the programs that the Chamber of Commerce has sponsored for many years and was an agency of the Community Fund until it was disbanded.

However, since the disbandment of the Community Fund, the Chamber of Commerce is wondering where to come up with the money to sponsor the program this year.

Besides the dues that are charged the children that par-

ticipate, the Chamber will need to come up with between \$600 and \$700 to pay the salaries of the three that oversee the program.

The dues that are charged will pay about one-half of the salaries, with the Chamber paying the rest.

At a called meeting Monday afternoon, the Chamber of Commerce directors decided on a fund raising drive to help with this project.

The drive will start Thursday afternoon, the 23rd of May. Working the business area will be Don Hart and Bill Button.

Trundy Street, west, will be Travis Davis. Trundy Street to Ash Street will be Bobby DuBose. Ash Street

to Yucca Street, George Martin. Yucca Street to Locust Street, Duane Shugart. Locust Street to Oak Street, Betty Jane Tittle. Oak Street to Rose Street, Bob Russell. Rose Street to Cherry Street, Joe Lassiter. Everything east of Cherry Street, Truett Thompson. Lamar Street, east, Benny Melton. Lamar Street to Kent Street, George Starbuck. From Kent Street, west, will be Blanche Hewitt.

The Chamber of Commerce would like to stress the fact that this Fund Raising Project is for the children of Merkel, and all of the money will stay here in Merkel. Everyone is asked to help reach the goal of \$600.00.

Pre-Registration Set For Kindergarten

Pre-registration of all children who wish to attend kindergarten at Merkel in the 1974-75 school year will be in the Primary building from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, May 28.

Children must be 5 years of

age on or before September 1, 1974 to attend.

If you are unable to come to the pre-registration, please contact John Cain, Merkel Elementary principal at 928-4954.

Post Office To Be Closed

Truett Thompson, Merkel Postmaster, announced this week that the post office will be closed Monday, May 27 in observance of Memorial Day.

There will be no rural or city delivery Monday. The mail will be put up for box holders, and there will also be special delivery service.

CLASSIFIED ADS GET RESULTS

THIS WEEK'S BICYCLE WINNERS



SHANE SMITH, six year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Smith, Route 3, was the first winner in the Bicycle Subscription Contest which is going at the Merkel Mail. Shane sold thirty-five subscriptions for his new 10-speed. The contest is continuing through July 31, and anyone is eligible to enter.



TODD SMITH, four year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Smith of Route 3, received his 20" hi-rise, bright red bicycle Monday afternoon after selling his required 25 subscriptions in the Bicycle Subscription contest. Todd and his brother, Shane, expressed their thanks to their friends and family for helping them to win their bicycles.

Sign-Up Date Set For Girls Softball

Girls age nine through twelve who are interested in playing softball should meet at the Girl Scout Hut Friday afternoon at 3:30 to sign up to play.

If you cannot attend, please contact Ben Allagier, 204 Ash, 928-6185 or E. V. Walters at 305 Taylor, 928-4883.

Practice will begin as soon as there are enough girls for two teams.

Plans are being made to play the girls in Trent and Buffalo Gap.

Any woman who is interested in helping to coach these girls are asked to please contact one of the above mentioned.

Any club or organization who would like to sponsor a

team is also asked to contact either Mr. Allagier or Mr. Walters.

The girls who plan to play will hold a bake sale June 1st, next Trades Day in front of West Texas Utilities Co. The money from the sale will go for equipment and hopefully uniforms. Anyone having any good equipment who would like to donate it to the girls is urged to do so.

NEWS NOTES

The Levi and Lace Square Dance Club will have a regular dance Saturday, May 25 at 8:00 at the Lions Club. Visitors and guests are welcome.

F&M Employees Present Plaque To Booth Warren

The employees of Farmers and Merchants National Bank honored Mr. Booth Warren this past week by presenting him with an engraved plaque.

The walnut and gold plated aluminum, 12x15 plaque read: "Presented to Booth Warren, President - Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Merkel, Texas from January 14, 1941 to May 1, 1974 by employees upon retirement as a tribute to your dedicated and faithful service to the Bank and for your fair and loyal consideration to us at all times."

"Mary Collins, Pat Warren, Aileen Knight, Betty Jane Tittle, Mildred Hamm, Sylvia Beasley, Juan Ybarra, Ted L. Smith, Mattie Lou Wozencraft and Debbie Doan."

Newman Cemetary Working Scheduled

The Annual Dedication and Cemetary Working of the Newman Community will be June 1.

The Cemetary was established in 1900. All identified graves have markers.

Dinner will be served under the only remaining tabernacle in Fisher County. Both Cemetary and tabernacle are well cared for.

Subscription Contest Continues

GIVE YOUR RENEWAL OR NEW SUBSCRIPTION TO ONE OF THE LOCAL YOUTH WHO WILL BE CALLING ON YOU.

Established Here Memorial Fund

An "Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church Memorial Fund" has been established here in Merkel. The purpose of the fund will be to supply special needs for the parish of Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church.

This is a way to remember a deceased loved one on the anniversary of their death, Mother's Day, Father's Day, a loved one's birthday, or any other special day.

The first donation to the fund was made in memory of Bernard J. Canter of Galveston, father of Mrs. Don Warren.

Contributions to the fund may be made at the F&M Bank, or to the treasurers, Mr. or Mrs. George Starbuck.

Luncheon Honors Marsha Thompson

Miss Marsha Thompson, bride of Terry Reed, was named honoree at a luncheon Saturday in the home of Mrs. Carroll Benson. Mesdames George Martin and Gary Douglas shared hostess duties.

The bride's chosen colors were carried out in a Hawaiian theme. leis marked each guest's place.

A hostess gift was presented Miss Thompson.

Guests included Mrs. Clyde Irvin, mother of the bride, Mrs. Glenn Reeds, groom's mother, and Mesdames Lonnie and Johnny Thompson. Also the Bridal Shower was

given by Mrs. Vaughn Doan on April 13. Hostesses were Mesdames Margaret Hunter, Onis Crawford, Randy Carson, Howard Carson, L. S. Tipton, Joe McDuff, Don Hart, Leon Walker, J. H. Clark, Gary Douglas, Glenn Teaff, Don King, Norma Bond, Syble Riney, Betty Vinson, Sheryl Kincaid, Betty Conley, Nim Teaff, Connie Carson, Terry Martin, Alf Walla, Alvin Wozencraft, B. L. Bond, J. H. Carson, Bill Tate, Allen Agnew, Joe Holloway, Tommy Deltz and Esther Luke.

A kitchen shower was also given in her (Marsha's) honor by Tonja McAnunch and Cindy Whisenhunt.



REBECCA DORIS BRIDGFORTH

Bridgforth-Purser To Exchange June Vows

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Bridgforth of Lovington, N.M. announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Rebecca Doris, to Don Allen Purser, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth L. Purser of Merkel.

Vows will be repeated June 15 at 7:30 in the evening at First United Methodist Church in Lovington. Rev. Kenneth Ford will read the double-ring ceremony.

The prospective bridegroom is a graduate of Merkel High School with the class of 1971, and is a junior student at Eastern New Mexico University in Portales where he is a member of the Greyhound football team.

The bride-elect is a 1972 graduate of Lovington High School, and is a freshman at Eastern New Mexico University on a twirling scholarship. The young couple plan to make their home in Portales.



DEBRA SUE DISMUKE and ROBERT A. HORTON

Dismuke-Horton To Wed

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Dismuke announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Debra Sue, to Robert A. Horton, son of Dr. and Mrs. Jack Horton of Bryan.

Miss Dismuke is the granddaughter of Mrs. Elsie McDonald and the late Bob McDonald of Merkel.

Miss Dismuke graduated from Uvalde High School in 1969, Southwest Texas Junior College in 1971, and Sam

Houston State University at Huntsville in 1973. She is presently teaching in Eisenhower Junior and Senior High School, in the Aldine Independent School District, Houston.

Her fiancé is a 1967 graduate of Texas A & M University. He is currently studying veterinary medicine at Texas A & M.

The couple will be married June 29 at 8 o'clock in the evening at South Getty Street Church of Christ.

Two Merkel Teachers Chosen 'Outstanding'

Mrs. Jane Wade, Merkel Primary and Mrs. Mitzi Hart, Merkel Elementary, have been chosen Outstanding Elementary Teachers of America for 1974. Nominated by their principals earlier this year, they were selected for this honor on the basis of their professional and civic achievements.

Outstanding Elementary Teachers of America is an annual awards program honoring distinguished men and women for their exceptional services, achievements and leadership in the field of elementary education. Each year, the biographies of those honored are featured in the awards volume, OUTSTANDING ELEMENTARY TEACHERS OF AMERICA.

These educators are now eligible to receive the Outstanding Elementary Teacher of the Year award trophy. Five \$500.00 unrestricted grants will be awarded to the schools represented by American's five Outstanding Elementary Teachers. Distinguished judges, along with the Board of Advisors, will select the five individual elementary teachers to be honored. In this way, the program thanks the teacher and the school for their contributions to the continuing excellence of American education.

In announcing the award winners to the administrators, Dr. V. Gilbert Beers,

Director of the Outstanding Elementary Teachers of America programs, stated: "The men and women chosen for this high honor have explored new paths, developed new insights and effectively communicated their knowledge to their students and colleagues. They are exceptional teachers."

Guidelines for selection include an educator's talents in the classroom, contributions to research, administrative abilities, civic service, and professional recognition.

Heading the Board of Advisors is V. Gilbert Beers, Ph.D. Serving with him are: Dr. Lewis R. Tamblin, Executive Secretary, The Rural Education Association; James W. Becker, Director, Instruction and Professional Development, National Education Association; Ronald N. Linn, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, American Association, School Personnel Administrators; John C. Pittenger, Secretary of Education, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; Irvin J. Lehmann, Executive Officer, National Council on Measurement in Education; Sister Leo Vincent Short, Executive Secretary, Elementary Department, The National Catholic Education Association, and Dr. L. Harlan Ford, Assistant Commissioner of Education, Texas Education Agency.

Shower Honors Miss McDuff Tues.

Patricia McDuff, bride-elect of Jimmy Hester, was honored with a lingerie shower May 14 in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ben R. Hicks, hosted by Beth Hicks.

Special guests were the mothers of the prospective bride and groom, Mrs. Joe McDuff and Mrs. Buster Hester.

Mrs. Hicks assisted the hostess.

The table carried out the bride's chosen colors of pale yellow and white.

Miss McDuff and Mr. Hester are to be married June 1 in the First Baptist Church of Merkel.

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Mrs. Eager Hosts Final Study Club

The Fortnightly Study Club met for the final meeting of the 73174 year in the home of Mrs. Chas. Eager, and enjoyed a covered dish luncheon.

During a short business meeting the President, Mrs. Don Dudley presided and installed the officers for the coming year. They are: President, Mrs. S.C. Dixon; Vice President, Mrs. Carl Hughes; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Stanley Toombs; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Andy Shouse; Treasurer, Mrs. Ray Wilson; Parliamentarian, Mrs. Bryan Dunigan.

The club, for its project of the year, has donated concrete tables and chairs to be installed in the high school patio area. Members of the

committee in charge of the project are Mmes. Johnny Cox, Mack Fisher, Lige Gamble, S.C. Dixon, N.S. Daniel, Johnny Hammond and Miss Christine Collins.

Those present for the meeting were Mmes. Eager, Don Dudley, David Gamble, Carl Hughes, Ray Wilson, and Andy Shouse. Guests of Mrs. David Gamble was her daughter, Mrs. Bob Leamon Jr. of Austin.

NEW ARRIVALS

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Deverl Toombs are proud to announce the arrival of a new son, Patrick David, born April 16 in Eagle Point, Oregon. He weighed 9 lbs. 10 oz.

They also have a son, Michael Drake, 7 1/2 years old.

Paternal grandmother is Mrs. Harold Walton of Merkel.

Maternal grandfather is Charles Coleman of Abilene.

Reception Honors Retiring Teachers

A reception and pot luck supper was held Tuesday night to honor the five retiring teachers from the Merkel schools.

The pot luck supper began at 6:30 and the reception at 7:30.

The total number of years of service to the teaching profession compiled by these five teachers is 166.

The theme of 166 years was carried out in the head table appointments which consisted of an arrangement of spring flowers with a streamer bearing the "166" in gold letters.

The five teachers are Lydia Norcross with 36 years of teaching, 29 in this school district; Jo Finley Barnett, 30 years with 26 of those in this school district; Ellen Mc Reynolds, 44 years and 32 of them in this school district.

Also Anna Belle Shouse, 36 years of teaching, 25 in this school district and Velma Rutledge, 20 years.

The ladies were presented orchid corsages, engraved plaques and silver trays at the evening's activities.

LADIES GOLF NEWS

Ladies day last Tuesday at the Merkel Country Club saw the men return to the course to play with lady partners. Winning the event was Brenda Jackson and Steve Shugart, placing second were Truett and Merle Thompson. Winning the closest to the pin on No. 5 was Sherry Aldridge. The long drive contest on No. 8 was won by Walter Harris and Jo Ann Smith.

There will be another tournament on June 11 for both the Ladies and Gentlemen to play in, no one will know who their partner is until after they play.

Personals

Visiting Mrs. George Starbuck for two weeks are her grandmother, Mrs. Frank DeSimone and her cousin, Karen DeSimone from Pittsburgh, Pa.

Blanche Black's sisters, Mrs. Prudith Durham of Simms, Texas and Mrs. Elizabeth Lumpkin of Dallas were visitors in her home last week. Also visiting was her nephew and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Coy Durham from Texarkana.

They also visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Womack of Blackwell and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Smith of Abilene.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Irl Walker last week was their son, Dr. Jimmy Walker and family of El Paso, Texas.

Lt. and Mrs. Douglas Barnhart and daughter Tari from Toway, California were visiting the past week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M.L. Barnhart of Merkel and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Godfrey in Anson.

Fresh Tasting Dessert Inspiration



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Fresh Strawberry Cloud Pie

1 package (3 oz.) strawberry flavor gelatin
1 1/2 cups boiling water
2 tablespoons sugar
1 container (4 1/2 oz.) frozen whipped topping, thawed

Red food coloring (optional)
1 baked 9-inch graham cracker crumb crust, cooled
1 1/2 cups fresh strawberry halves

Dissolve gelatin in boiling water; remove 1/2 cup and chill until slightly thickened. Fold the slightly thickened gelatin and sugar into the whipped topping. Add a few drops of food coloring. Chill again, if necessary, until mixture will mound. Line bottom and sides of crumb crust with the whipped topping mixture, mounding high around edge. Chill. Meanwhile, chill remaining gelatin until thickened; stir in strawberries. Spoon into the whipped topping-lined crust without covering the rim around the edge. Chill until firm - at least 3 hours.

SSI Not Same

The new supplemental security income program for people 65 or over, or blind, or disabled is run by the Social Security Administration - "but it's not the same as social security," according to Glyn Hammons, social security district manager in Abilene.

"Supplemental security income payments are based on financial need," he said. Social security benefits are based on work and earnings."

The amount of a monthly supplemental security income payment depends on whether a person has other income.

"Social security retirement, disability, and survivors benefits are paid to eligible workers and their families regardless of income other than earnings," Hammons said. "The amount of a monthly social security payment is based on the worker's average earnings over a period of years."

Social security is financed by contributions from workers, employers, and the self-employed. Supplemental security income payments are financed by general revenues - not by social security contributions.

A person 65 or over, or blind, or disabled who lives alone and has limited resources and no other income generally gets a Federal supplemental security income payment of \$140 a month, and a couple gets \$210. "People with other income may get reduced supplemental security income payments, depending on the amount of the other income."

The Abilene social security office is now located at 142 South Pioneer; the telephone number is 698-1360. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Lambda Beta Honors Grads

Lambda Beta of Beta Sigma Phi sorority held an ice cream supper on May 20th, in honor of the graduates of Merkel High School at Shepard Park.

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YOUTH & TEENS

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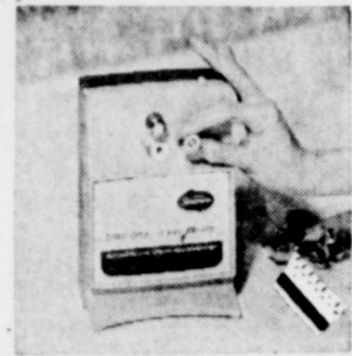
Which Could Be The 'Dirtiest' Appliance In Your Kitchen?

Most Homemakers wouldn't like to think any appliance could be so classified, but the electric can opener she uses is a good bet for the dubious honor.

Nearly all electric can openers can have two areas of food accumulation, the part that pierces and then severs the can lid and the small gear-like wheel that turns the can. The cutter may actually reach the contents of the can when severing the lid, then can drip those contents onto the wheel.

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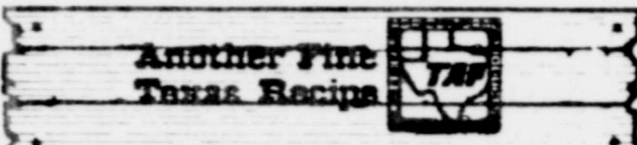
The most recent improvement is a "Total Clean" can opener which permits removal of the turning wheel. It just lifts out, without the use of tools.



Now the cutting assembly can be removed easily, without tools. The handle and cutter itself lift right off and can be washed by hand or in a dishwasher.



With the handle and cutting assembly and the turning wheel removed, the face of the can opener can easily be wiped clean of any food residue or accumulation.



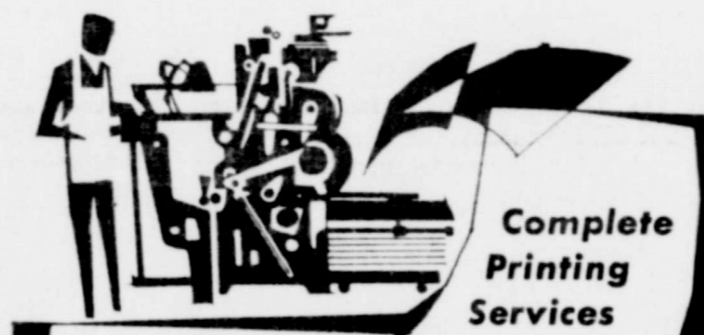
LAMB CHOPS EXOTIC

6 loin lamb chops,
1-inch thick
2 Tbsp. salad oil
1 cup sliced celery
1 package (1 1/2 oz.) gravy sauce mix

1 Tbsp. curry powder
2 vegetable bouillon cubes
2 cups boiling water
1/4 cup dry red wine

Brown chops in hot oil until well browned on both sides; drain off drippings. Add celery, gravy sauce mix and curry powder. Dissolve bouillon cubes in boiling water; stir into skillet with wine. Bring to a boil, stirring constantly. Cover and simmer 30 to 45 minutes or until lamb is tender. Serve with rice. Note: For a variation, sliced carrots and green peppers may be simmered with meat.

For additional recipes, write John C. White, Commissioner, Texas Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas 78711.



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Jesus was also a man because he left heaven for our sake. We read in Philippians 2:5-8, "Have this mind among yourselves which you have in Christ Jesus, who did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, being born in the likeness of men." Jesus became flesh so that he might take the punishment due for our sins and with his last breath he said, "It is finished", which literally means "it is paid". He paid for our debt of sin. The acrostic often used for Grace is "God's Riches At Christ's Expense."

Even though Jesus Christ has paid the price, God requires that we accept that payment. Let me illustrate: "In 1829, George Wilson was sentenced to be hanged for robbing the mail and murder. Even though President Andrew Jackson pardoned him, he refused to accept the pardon. The Supreme Court ruled that a pardon must be accepted to be valid. Since Mr. Wilson refused to accept the pardon, he was hanged!

Are we going to accept the pardon of Jesus Christ? Next week, we'll talk about the steps necessary to receive the pardon.

Larry Gill

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PUBLIC NOTICE

STATE OF TEXAS

To any Sheriff or any Constable within the State of Texas - Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published one time in a newspaper printed in Taylor County, Texas, the accompanying citation, of which the herein below following is a true copy.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: The unknown parents of Jin Ho Noh, Respondent, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable Domestic Relations Court of Taylor County, Texas at the Courthouse in said County, in Abilene, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the Monday next after the expiration of twenty days from the date of service of this citation, then and there to answer the petition of John H. Campbell, Petitioner, filed in said Court

on the 29th day of April, 1974, against unknown parents of Jin Ho Noh, Respondents, and said suit being numbered 9269 DR on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In the interest of Jin Ho Noh a child the nature of which suit is a Original Petition and Suit affecting Parent Child relationship.

Said Jin Ho Noh was born the 5th day of November, 1972, in Seoul, Korea. The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree in the child's interest which will be binding upon you, including the termination of the parent-child relationship and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the child's adoption.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Abilene, Texas, this 15th day of May, 1974. (SEAL)

Attest: Irene Crawford, Clerk, Domestic Relations Court in Taylor County, Texas. 13-1tc

PUBLIC NOTICE

NO. 11,594

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARTHA BOND HASGALL, DECEASED

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF TAYLOR COUNTY, TEXAS IN PROBATE

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST ESTATE OF MARTHA BOND HASGALL

Notice is hereby given that original letters testamentary, upon the Estate of MARTHA BOND HASGALL, Deceased, were issued to the First National Bank of Abilene, Texas, on the 13th day of May, 1974, in the proceeding indicated below my signature hereto, which is still pending, and that I, Billy C. Frost, Trust Officer for The First National Bank of

Abilene, Texas, now hold such letters. All persons having claims against said estate, which is being administered, in the county below named, are hereby required to present the same to me respectively, at the address below given, before suit upon same are barred by the general statute of limitation, before such estate is closed, and within the time prescribed by law. My business address is: Trust Department, First National Bank, 401 Cypress, Abilene, Taylor County, Texas.

Dated this 16th day of May, 1974.

BILLY C. FROST, Trust Officer for The First National Bank of Abilene, Texas, Executor of the Estate of MARTHA BOND HASGALL, Deceased, No. 11,594, in the County Court of Taylor County, Texas. 13-1tc

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THE STATE OF TEXAS TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, RESPONDENT, GREETINGS:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable Domestic Relations Court of Taylor County, Texas, at the Courthouse of said County in Abilene, Texas, at or before 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next after the expiration of twenty (20) days from the date of service of this citation, then and there to answer the petition of Lawrence P. Johnson and wife, Nancy Johnson, Petitioners, filed in said Court on the 13th day of May, 1974, said suit being number 9323 on the docket of said Court and entitled "In the interest of Baby Girl Martin, a child" the nature of such suit is a request for adoption of said child by the Petitioners. Said child was born on the 16th day of November, 1973 in San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas.

Issued and Given under my hand and seal of said Court at Abilene, Texas, this 17th day of May, 1974. (SEAL)

IRENE CRAWFORD, Clerk of the Domestic Relations Court of Taylor County, Texas; By: Sandra Van Cleave, Deputy. 13-1tc

PUBLIC NOTICE

As provided in Art. 1577 V.R.C.S., Taylor County offers for sale at public auction at 9:30 A.M., June 4, 1974, at the Southeast Entrance of the New Taylor County Courthouse, 300 Oak St., Abilene, Texas, the following described real estate:

One acre of land described as being about 1 acre out of the Northeast corner of Lot No. 18, League 120, Guadalupe County School Land, in Taylor County, Texas.

For further information contact Taylor County Commissioner BERT CHAPMAN, OVID E. BROCK 12-3tc

PUBLIC NOTICE

REPORT OF NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF MISSING DEPOSITORS, ADVERTISING THEREOF, AS REQUIRED BY ARTICLE 3273b, TITLE 53, REVISED CIVIL STATUTES OF TEXAS

TO: JESSE JAMES, State Treasurer STATE OF TEXAS, Drawer X, Capitol Station Austin 11, Texas

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Three From Merkel Graduate At McMurry

Roger Allen Beard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Beard of 1012 Oak; Randon B. Ely, son of Mr. and Mrs. Orval O. Ely of Route 3; and Gary Don Hicks, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hicks of 711 Oka all of Merkel, were graduated from McMurry College in Abilene, Texas during commencement exercises Sunday, May 19.

Ely received a B.A. degree in Religion; Beard and Ely received B.B.A. degrees, Beard's in accounting and Ely's in management.

McMurry College, affiliated with the United Methodist Church, is a liberal arts college celebrating its 50th year. McMurry ranks among the recognized colleges of the Southwest.

Thousands of alumni are serving with distinction in significant positions throughout America. In recent years, McMurry has made a particularly enviable record in the sound preparation of young men and women for careers in science, education, and the Christian ministry.

During its golden anniversary commencement exercises, McMurry awarded five honorary degrees. Two special bachelor of philosophy degrees were given to members of the 1923-24 student body that did not complete de-

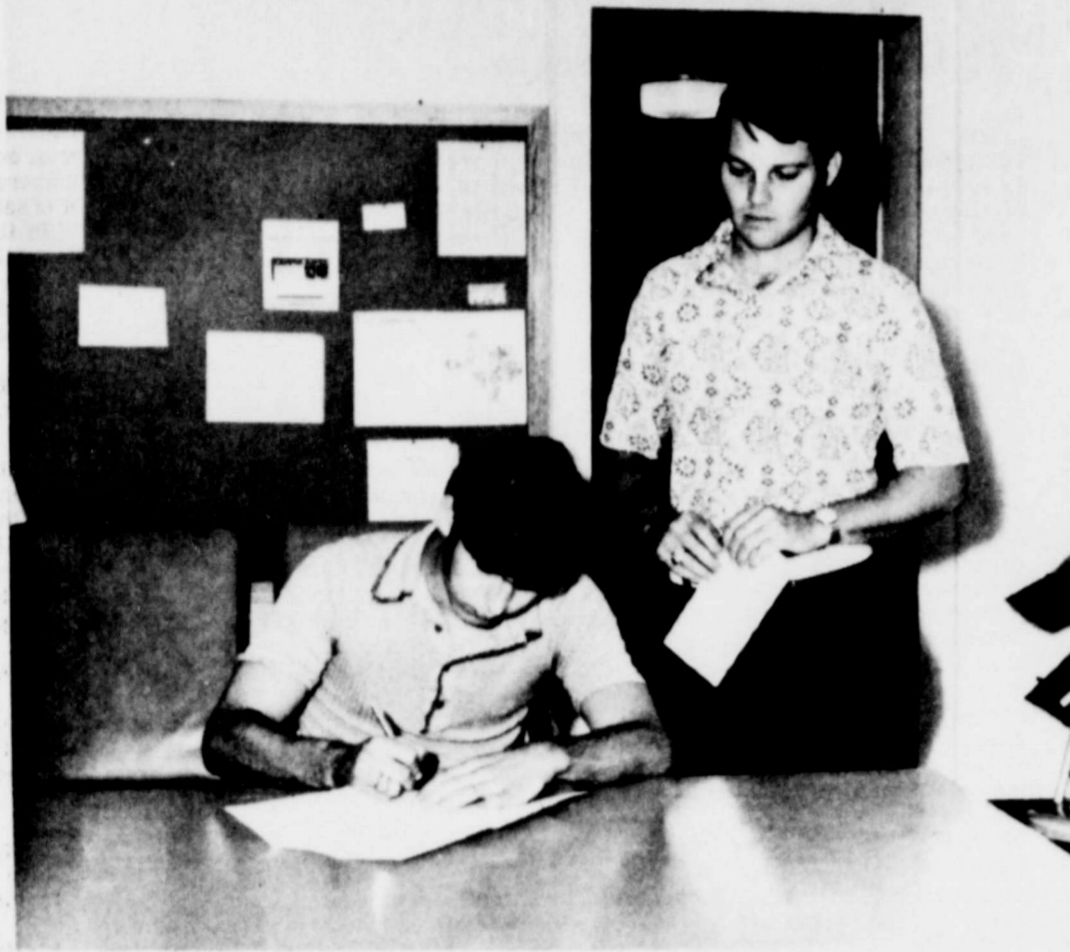
gree work at McMurry. They are Mrs. Claramaye Couch Galbraith of El Paso, Texas and Mr. Hilland C. Weaver of Plainview, Texas.

The Reverend Mr. Richard H. Whitman, Methodist minister from Albuquerque, N.M. received an honorary doctor of divinity degree. Two honorary doctor of laws degrees were awarded to the Honorable Eldon B. Mahon, United States district judge for the Northern District of Texas and Mr. Robert P. Fuller, Lubbock, Texas, philanthropist and businessman.

An internationally known Asiatic educator, Mrs. Induk Pakk, delivered the commencement address. Mrs. Pakk is the founder of Berea and the Institute of Design in Korea. She is also the author of several books, including "September Monkey" her autobiography.

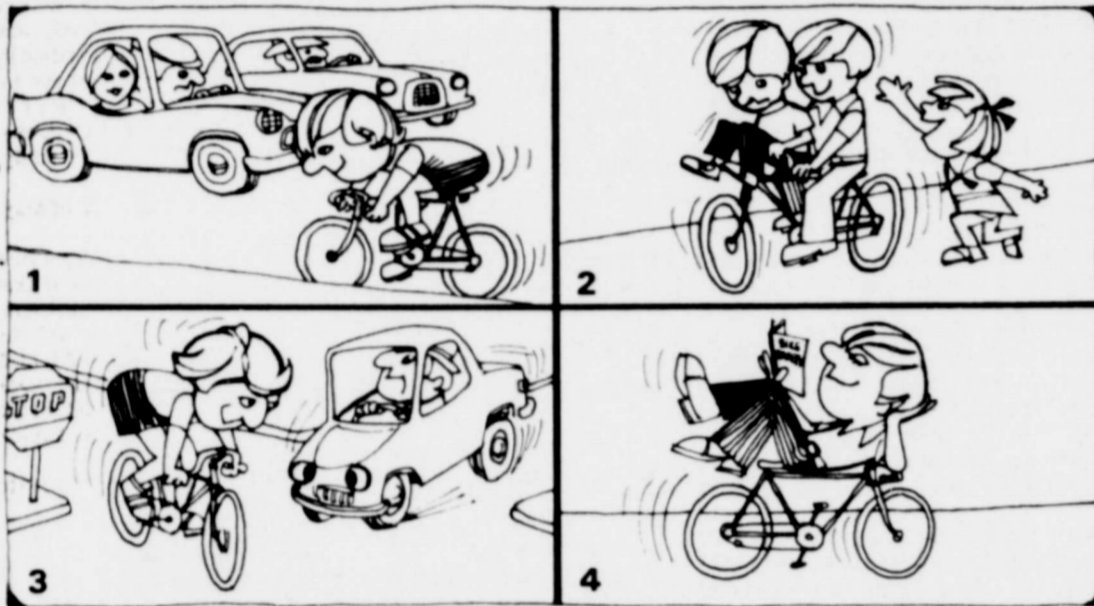
Three To Enter

E. A. (Ricky) Conley, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Conley of 1008 Locust, James L. Land, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Land of 407 Marlow and Beverly Jan Wooten, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Wooten II of Butman Methodist Camp, Merkel, have been notified of their acceptance for the 1974-75 school year at McMurry College.



Jim Land, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. (Corky) Land of Merkel, is pictured signing a letter of intent to play football at McMurry College. Coaches Don Newsom and Tommy Estes witnessed the signing of the eighteen-year-old senior at Merkel High School. Coach Newsom indicated that Jim would be playing linebacker for the Indians, Jim lettered three years at Merkel and received BA All-District honors on defense his senior year. He also received the Best Lineman Award at Merkel his junior year and the Best Back Award his senior year.

Safety, Fun Stressed in 4-H Bicycle Program



Bicycling is becoming more popular with young people and adults. Shown above are four of the most common bicycle safety hazards. Riding against the traffic (1); carrying an extra rider (2); failing to obey traffic signs and signals (3); and "stunt" riding (4). Youths enrolled in the national 4-H bicycle program, sponsored by The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company, learn the proper way to ride a bicycle. They also learn to share their bicycle safety knowledge with others in the program, supervised by the Cooperative Extension Service and arranged by the National 4-H Service Committee.

CHICAGO, IL. — Bicycling is booming with more bicycles appearing on our streets and highways everyday. And in a continuing effort to promote bicycle safety among growing numbers of young riders, The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company has announced its continued sponsorship of awards in the national 4-H bicycle program for the sixth consecutive year.

The announcement was made jointly by Charles J. Pilliod Jr., Goodyear's president and chief executive officer, and Norman C. Mindrum, director of the National 4-H Service Committee, Chicago.

The program is offered to 4-H'ers between the ages of nine and 19 in both rural and urban areas.

Last year, over 300,000 youngsters participated in the program, an increase of 15 percent over 1972. The cycling activity emphasizes rules of the road, safe bicycle handling, tire inspection, maintenance procedures, map reading and bike tour planning. It also encourages bicycle-related community service projects.

Outstanding participants are honored by Goodyear with a variety of awards including gold medals at the county level, \$50 U.S. Savings Bonds for state winners, 18 trips to the 53rd National 4-H Congress in Chicago, Dec. 1-5, for sectional winners and six \$700 scholarships for national winners. The company also provides teaching

Black Receives BBA Degree At Angelo State

May 17 — Billy Don Black was awarded a bachelor of business administration degree in general business during spring commencement exercises at Angelo State University.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Black of Route 1, Black is a 1970 graduate of Merkel High School.

Two hundred and eighty-four degrees were awarded during the ceremonies which were held in the University's physical education building. Of the 284 diplomas awarded, 13 were graduate degrees, 92 bachelor of arts degrees, 64 bachelor of business administration degrees and 115 bachelor of science degrees.

Former White House aide Bill Moyers was the commencement speaker. Moyers recently completed a three-year stint as the editor-in-chief of a weekly television news analysis program on Public Television Service.

Before joining PBS in 1971, he had been publisher of the Long Island newspaper, Newsday, one of the country's largest afternoon dailies; special assistant to the late President Lyndon Johnson; deputy director of the Peace Corps; and author of the best-selling book, "Listening to America" — a report of his observations during a 13,000 mile tour of America in 1970.

Urging the graduates to have "simple courage," Moyers told the audience, "Watergate was a lesson in cowardice. Men wouldn't say no. Men went along when they knew better. And no one wanted to take the responsibility...no one had the courage to say, 'I did it.'" He called upon the graduates to develop a healthy respect for ordinary English. "I am not surprised by all the 'expletives deleted' in the transcripts... People don't

lie, they simply hid the truth under the corpse of plain English...And this has clear ethical consequences," he cautioned.

Moyers told the audience to honor the law. "Watergate is the sin of means over the end," he said. "An attitude of expediency — or going around or over, or under the law, to get what we want, will come home to roost one day, demanding of us all a terrible price."

Moyers recalled that George Washington realized on the night that he crossed the Delaware River with his troops that, "it was not a time for immortal words, of earth-shaking exhortation or flights of rhetoric."

"It was time for men to do their duty," said Moyers. Therefore Washington didn't declare "Down with tyranny," or any such ringing statement, Moyers added.

He simply said, "Okay men, everybody get into the boats."

"One \$80-a-week night watchman simply doing his duty, calling the police because it was his duty to call the police, broke Watergate wide open," Moyers declared. "He simply got into the boat."

Gaston Walker Receives Degree

Gaston Walker, a 1973 graduate doctor's degree recipient, joined the May graduation class at N.T.S.U. of Denton Tuesday night at commencement exercises.

There were 29 doctors degree recipients and 920 May graduates.

Dr. Walker is a graduate of Merkel High School and a Veteran of War of Korea. He had served as assistant coach at Plano, Texas and was principal of Donna Park School of Hurst. Presently

he is serving as Coordinator of Tarrant County College.

Walker has one brother, Dr. Jimmy Walker of El Paso State University. Mrs. Cadmis Brown, Walker's sister, is an English teacher at Mirando City.

Walker lives in Hurst with his wife Lila and two children, Craig and Sylvia.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Irl Walker of Merkel, attended the commencement.

Ford Roberson Receives B.S.

Ford Roberson, husband of Catherine (Beard) Roberson received his Bachelor of Science Degree from Angelo State University May 10th in commencement exercises.



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His Record For Us Proves State Rep. Martin Honestly Good For 2nd. Term

FOR US

Elmer Martin was a key supporter in hammering out our State's first no-new-tax budget in 13 years. All state expenditures paid for on a pay-as-you-go basis with a budget surplus.

FOR US

Elmer Martin was one of 15 Legislators spending less than \$1,500 last fiscal year for office, travel and other expenses. The other 135 Legislators spent more of your tax dollars, ranging up to and above \$15,000 each.

Backed By 88 Per Cent At Home

Elmer Martin lacked only 162 votes in the May 4 Democratic Primary of winning over 2 Abilene opponents without a runoff. With this leading support came an unprecedented testimony from his home county of Mitchell. A total of 1,929 Mitchell County voters cast ballots. An overwhelming 88 per cent — 1,702 of those votes — were for Elmer Martin's re-election. This is extraordinary testimony from those who know him longest and best, that Elmer Martin measures up to the highest mark for honesty, integrity and effective service.

FOR US

When the Federal Energy Office in Washington unjustly cut back 20 per cent the gasoline and oil supplies for our Rural Electric Co-ops Elmer Martin alone intervened for the co-ops. Result: the Energy Office admitted error, back-tracked, restored all Texas co-ops to original supply.

FOR US

As member of Environmental Affairs Committee Elmer Martin helped block big-city legislation that would have given the public the right to cross privately-owned cropland and pasture to reach recreational, scenic and environmental sites.

Leads In Getting The Job Done

In his first term as State Representative for our 61st District, Elmer Martin proved one of Texas' most effective legislators. Elmer Martin passed more legislation than two-thirds of the entire House. Of the 77 first-term State Representatives, only 10 passed more legislation than Elmer. In all, Elmer Martin sponsored or carried 7 bills that were adopted into law. He sponsored an 8th bill adopted by the House and a 9th that was reported favorably out of committee but was caught by adjournment before vote.

FOR US

Elmer Martin was an advocate, supporter of the entire government reform that brought us Ethics & Financial Disclosure, Open Meetings, Campaign Disclosure, Access to Public Information, Laws Against Bribery, Corruption.

FOR US

Elmer Martin co-sponsored the Texas Constitutional proposal for taxing agricultural land in relation to land productive capacity. This has been approved on 2nd reading in the Convention.

State Rep. Elmer Martin Is Best For Us - BECAUSE He Is One Of Us!

No doubt about Elmer Martin. He is one of us. Elmer lives in a small town, earns his living from a nearby small farm. Small towns and rural communities like ours make up more than 75 per cent of our 5-county Legislative District 61 (Nolan, Fisher, Jones, Mitchell and mostly rural Taylor counties). The other 20-25 per cent are from inside Abilene. Martin's June 1 run-off election opponent is a metro-city lawyer from Abilene, which already has a State Senator and one State Representative, both lawyers. Our small towns and agriculture communities need more voice in Austin, not less. We need more of Elmer Martin.

Pol. Adv. Paid By Elmer Martin Campaign, Elmer Martin, Mgr.

Starr Nursing Home News

BY MARY OUTLAW

EDITORIAL Memorial Day, 1974

The history of our Nation is a history of courageous men who put personal liberty above all else - and who were willing, if need be, to lay down their lives for it. From the War For Independence to, and including the recent Vietnam War, whenever Americans have seen the dignity of the individual endangered by totalitarianism, they have not hesitated to take up arms to protect the precious freedoms on which our America was founded. This year, as we honor the memory of all Americans who, down through the years, have given their lives in the cause of human freedom, let us remind ourselves of our constant obligation to guard well the ideals and principles for which those Americans fought and died. Some Americans believe it is fashionable today to be "right on" with the left liberal movement and political militant groups in ridiculing anything connected with patriotism, law and order, the military and patriotic holidays in general. Americans who ignore or even ridicule our war dead should be reminded that they have their free speech and their good life today only because of the sacrifices of those who were willing to fight and, if necessary, to die for those precious rights.

Those who are continuously nit-picking and finding fault with our Nation today, should count their blessings and imagine what America and Europe would be like if Germany had won in World War I or II. If these dead had not given their lives in the winning of it, God knows how vile and brutalizing to mankind the past half century could have been!

One reads of battered babies and remember young Americans who were killed in war, before they could know the joys of fatherhood, and wonder if they would have fought with the same determined spirit had they known that the freedom for which they were fighting would be so cruelly abused.

It would be a sad mockery indeed if, through indifference or plain neglect, we the living ever permitted the way of life for which Americans have given their life's blood to be destroyed by the very ideologies against which those Americans battled to the death.

The sincerest tribute we can pay to America's war dead is to appreciate what our American system of individual freedom, opportunity and enterprise really means to each of us. The Americans who died for our Nation believed in a better future. It is up to you to "Be Counted Again" and work for this future!

We wish to thank the many visitors who made Nursing Home Week a success at the Starr Nursing Home. I hope that if you didn't visit our home that you did visit some Nursing home.

We would also like to thank Susan Arnwine of the sixth grade who made some cookies and shared them with the patients. Her teacher came with her to deliver the cookies. Thank you Susan for remembering that "We Still Care."

Also, thank you Mrs. Thomas Hackney of Trent for the clothes in memory of a relative, Mary Marler of Quanah, Texas.

We are still enjoying the services that the Church of Christ brings each Sunday at 9 o'clock.

The Calvary Baptist Church filled their appointment Sunday afternoon. It is a service enjoyed by all. Welcome back.

We welcome Mrs. Ross Ferrer into our home. It is very nice to have a patient as lovely and nice as she. We wish for her happiness and contentment here. She is in Room 14 if you would like to visit her.

Thank you Mrs. L.C. (Martha) Whisenant of Merkel, Mrs. Marrow Price, Baird for the tomato plants also the pepper plants Mrs. Pribble gave us.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Price Melton on their golden wedding anniversary. We have her father, Claude

Doan, at our home.

Mr. Russell Fagan of Clyde visited his dad the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Roys of Odessa visited her mother, Addie McDonald last week.

The patients are still enjoying the afternoon Abilene Reporter - News donated by David Gamble, Merkel Drug. It is certainly appreciated by all.

Joe Howser, L.V.N. who works at Hendricks Hospital and works relief in our home when he can, is away in Old Mexico, helping build a Mexican Mission for a week. We are proud to have him work here when he is free. He is also our present President of our L.V.N. Div. 15 which also includes our L.V.N.'s here in Merkel. I understand as the Abilene Reporter quotes that he was one of the 14 who not only donated his time, but paid his way there. The Mexican Mission Convention will be held there this year. It is located 200 miles south of Mexico City. We are proud of Joe for his donation!

Congratulations Joyce Minich for making Honor Roll this semester at the T.S.T.A. at Sweetwater. Joyce is making an L.V.N. Sorta proud of my daughter. This is the second time she has received this honor.

It is nice to have W. L. Massey visiting our home each week. We will never forget the nice things he has done for the Nursing Home by his visits, his prayers and

his interest in the services he helps conduct when he was at Calvary Baptist Church. The patients look forward for his visits each week.

We are certainly happy about the new addition to the First Baptist Church here in Merkel. I am sure it is beautiful but I will never forget the old building. It was where I was saved and baptized when I was 14 years old. Although I have been a member of the little Calvary Baptist church here in Merkel for the past 30 years, and I'm still proud to be a member of it for after all, aren't we all striving to go to the same good place? And I do appreciate each good church that comes into our home and strives to bring sunshine and love and the word of God in each service they bring. I do appreciate each denomination.

Wallace Named Prexy

Dr. Norman E. Wallace, Jr. of Amarillo has been selected as the new president of Cisco Junior College, according to an announcement today by Lloyd L. London, president of the CJC Board of Regents.

Wallace, who holds degrees from Sam Houston State and Texas A and M University is currently serving as Dean of the Technical-Vocational Division of Amarillo College. He is 41 years of age, married, and the father of two sons, ages 10 and 14. He is expected to move to Cisco and take over the chief administrator's duties at the college in early July.

In making the announcement of Dr. Wallace's election by the Board of Regents, London stated, "The Board is very pleased that Dr. Norman E. Wallace, Jr. will soon be assuming the presidency of Cisco Junior College. He has been recommended to us as one of the outstanding educators in the state of Texas. His qualifications will enable Cisco Junior College to proceed with its projected expansion of academic and technical-vocational programs throughout the area we serve."

Upon acceptance of the appointment, Dr. Wallace said, "My family and I are looking forward to moving to Cisco and getting to know the people of the community. The caliber of the men on the Board of Regents is quite impressive and I appreciate their eagerness to continue the expansion of Cisco Junior College. I would like to take this opportunity to invite the people of the area served by CJC to make suggestions about programs and changes that will

help the college continue to grow."

Dr. Wallace is a native of Cleveland, Texas, near Houston, and attended the public schools and graduated from high school in that city. He attended Sam Houston State University in Huntsville for both undergraduate and graduate work, and he holds Bachelor of Science and Master of Education degrees from SHSU, receiving the Masters' in 1962. During his early teaching career he took time to work on a doctorate at Texas A and M University, and in 1968 he was awarded the Doctor of Education Degree from that institution.

Wallace's educational experience is quite varied. While in college he was a lab instructor, and after graduation he taught in the high school and adult defense program at Evadale, Texas. He was a graduate teaching assistant at A & M while working on his doctorate. He also taught in the education departments of the University of Houston, 1965-67, and at Mississippi State University from 1967-70.

Dr. Wallace moved to his current place of employment, Amarillo College in Amarillo, Texas, in 1970, where he served as Associate Dean of the Division of Technical-Vocational Education and Dean of the School of Technology until 1972. In '72 he was promoted to his present administrative position of Dean of the T-V Division of the college.

He has held several state offices in technical-vocational administrative organizations and associations, and he has participated in institutional evaluation studies at



Dr. Norman E. Wallace, Jr.

numerous colleges and universities throughout the south. He has served as a consultant in curriculum development and audio-visual tutorial instruction, and has had articles published in vocational education magazines. He is a member of Iota Lambda Sigma and Phi Delta Kappa.

Dr. Wallace is married to the former Helen Deggs, who also has a degree from Sam Houston State, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Wallace, Sr. still reside in Cleveland. The Wallaces are members of the United Methodist church, and have been active in Chamber of Commerce and other civic activities in the various cities they have lived.

Wallace will replace Dr. Leland Willis as president of Cisco Junior College. Willis resigned the post in March. Carroll Scott, Dean of Faculty and Admissions, has been serving as interim president.

EDITORIAL Summer Safety

Once again children will be on Summer vacation from school. For the past nine months a great deal of safe driving control has been centered around school areas. This control will be observed throughout the City as there will be kids playing all over town during the vacation. A vast majority of our vehicle operators have been very helpful to the Police Department by observing our traffic laws and cautious driving. However, we have a few drivers that are disregarding traffic laws and safety to our citizens. To these few drivers we solicit your cooperation. Since a change in fines for various violations has been made in the Corporation Court, violations has declined approximately 75 per cent. With the trend we have going at present we are hopeful to see another 10 to 15 per cent decline in the next month or so. For the few that has been doing some racing on the highway and reckless driving, the Police Department would like to point out the penalty that (can) be assessed for these violations. The Law states that any person who drives any vehicle in willful or wanton disregard for safety of persons or property is guilty of reckless driving. Penalties (can) be on first conviction: imprisonment for a period of not less than five days nor more than 90 days, or by fine of not less than \$25.00 nor more than (\$500.00), or both such fine

and imprisonment for not less than 10 days nor more than six months, or by a fine of not less than \$50.00 nor more than (\$1,000.00) or by both such fine and imprisonment. For racing on highways, the penalty (can) be a fine of not more than (\$500.00), or by imprisonment for not more than six months, or by both such fine and imprisonment. At present we are filing all traffic cases with the Corporation Judge of Merkel and the Police Department has no desire to file reckless driving or racing cases through the District Attorneys Office unless it becomes a (MUST) to save someone's life. However, the Police Department also has no desire to work a fatality caused by someone willfully violating our safe driving laws. The Police Department is here to help you and we'd much rather issue you a citation for a violation than have to charge you with manslaughter or murder with a motor vehicle. With every-

ones cooperation we will have to do neither one.

Each member of the Police Department wish you a safe

and enjoyable vacation.

Jim Broussard, Chief
Merkel Police Dept.

West Reunion Held May 18-19

The Sixth Annual J. W. West reunion was held Saturday and Sunday, May 18 and 19 at the Merkel Community Center.

Family members attending were: Mr. and Mrs. Joe West of San Angelo, Mr. and Mrs. Ike West of San Antonio, Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn West of Lamesa, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Tucker of Rotan, Mr. and Mrs. Louis West, Crowley; Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Hamilton, Rule; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Donawho, Hurst; V. D. West, Aus-

tin; Mrs. Dora Bradley, Albany, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Hale, Hamlin; Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Tucker and family; Mr. and Mrs. Leon West and family; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Angley and girls; Mrs. Sally Mable White, all of Abilene. Mr. and Mrs. George West and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Horton and boys of Merkel.

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Clarence Kelley Dies In California

Clarence (Pete) Kelley, native of Merkel, died Saturday, May 4 at the El Sereno Manor Convalescent Hospital in Los Angeles, California, after a heart attack, following a lengthy illness.

He was born the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Daniel James Kelley of Kilgore, Mr. Johnny Kelley of Orange, California and Mr. Otis Pat Kelley of Santa Anna, California.

Mr. Kelley was preceded in death by brothers Robert, Melvin and Hobart, and by his aunts, Mrs. Mary Craddock of Merkel and Mrs. John Beard of Merkel.

Clarence (Pete) Kelley was associated with the movie in-

dustry 45 years, on the technical side, and was instrumental in the development of sound pictures and was a Superintendent of Sound for RKO and RKO-Selyrich Studios.

He is survived by his wife, Melba and three brothers.

Letters To The Editor

Friend Editor:
It has been many moons since I used to write a little article from Stith, using the name "Old Scout."

Well, a lot of things have happened since those days. Among the several happenings of great interest to Old Scout has been his getting married to the sweetest woman in Texas or any other state. Just prior to this I had gone to Oklahoma and started working in a drugstore my brother-in-law had half interest in, and I had it pretty good.

This was in 1909 as I recall, having finished the necessary apprenticeship required. I took the State board test and was licensed to practice pharmacy. But just that Uncle Sam looked my way and said, "I want you." Well, I had about three weeks of married life and a few months as a licensed pharmacist. Then on September, 1918 I was severely wounded at the St. Mahel advance and have been more or less disabled since that time. A bullet (flattened) and I know because it was tied to my dogtag by the surgeons who operated on me hit me in the ben of my thigh then was deflected through the right groin through the lower abdomen between bladder and outlet, then ripped through right groin and lodged in right thigh.

This is of little interest to the average reader, no doubt but people remembering me as a teenage youth may be interested. I am now 84 years of age.

I was born in Fanni County, Texas in 1890.
C. E. Baber
"Old Scout"

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- Mike Young Knows District 61 Problems
- Mike Young Helps Solve Problems

<p>ELMER CLAIMS 'Lowest Spender'</p> <p>"Elmer Martin was one of 15 Legislators spending less than \$1,500 last fiscal year for office, travel and other expenses."</p>	<p>★ THE FACTS ARE He Paid Joe Bell More</p> <p>The fact is that Elmer Martin did nothing to communicate with voters in District 61 until this election year. As soon as campaign time arrived, Elmer hired Joe Bell at \$800 per month as "legislative aid" at a time the legislature was not even in session. Elmer, what were your office expenses with Joe Bell on the taxpayers' payroll?</p>
<p>ELMER CLAIMS 'Pay as You Go'</p> <p>In his first term as State Representative Elmer Martin took with him to Austin his pay-as-you-go policy tested 12 years. As County Judge of Mitchell County.</p>	<p>★ THE FACTS ARE Briscoe Did It</p> <p>Come on, Elmer, it was Gov. Dolph Briscoe's pledge for no new taxes and to live within the budget. Besides, after 12 years the voters of Mitchell County voted to relieve you of office.</p>
<p>ELMER CLAIMS 'One of State's Most Effective Legislators'</p> <p>"In his first term as State Representative for your 61st district, Elmer Martin passed more legislation than two-thirds of the entire house..." Elmer Martin is a breath of fresh air for the Texas Legislature..."</p>	<p>★ THE FACTS ARE A Piece of Furniture</p> <p>Aw, come off it, Elmer. You know Texas Monthly said of you in the July, 1973, edition: "The term 'furniture' is casually used around the legislature to describe members who have no discernable ability to grasp what is going on, and who for that reason do not participate to any significant extent in the proceedings." Elmer Martin was called furniture by State House observers.</p>

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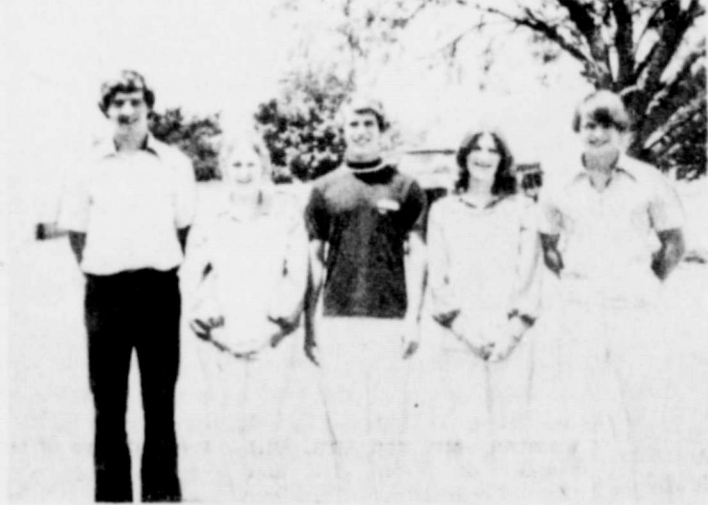
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CHEERLEADERS ELECTED - Merkel Junior High and elementary students elected their cheerleaders for the 1974-75 school year recently. Pictured are (left to right) Kim Mashburn, daughter of Mrs. Jo Ann Mashburn; Cindy Boone, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Boone; Becky Watts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. N. Watts; Jodi Jenkins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Jenkins and Lesa Shugart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Duane Shugart.



STUDENT COUNCIL MEMBERS for the 1974-75 school year were selected by the Merkel fifth, sixth and seventh grade students Tuesday morning. Pictured left to right are: Gay Pfister, President, daughter of Mrs. Norma Pfister; Lesa Hart, Treasurer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Hart; Mike Sims, Vice President, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Sims; Debra Ybarra, Reporter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Juan Ybarra and Carla Ruster, Secretary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Halbert Ruster.



"THE HUNGRY FIVE" - Merkel Lions Club members were entertained by a group of high school students who call themselves "The Hungry Five" at their noon meeting Tuesday. Members of the group, which plays a German-type of music include: (left to right) Larry Toliver, Jamie Clark, Chris Childers, Jerri Stephan and Jim Wharton.

Merkel's Father Passes Away May 14

Bernard J. Ganter, Sr., 72, of 1812 39th St., Galveston died at his home, Tuesday, May 14, 1974.

Survivors include his wife, Marie L. Ganter; sons, Paul A. Ganter, Alta Loma and the Most Reverend J. Ganter, Bishop of Tulsa, Okla.; daughters, Mrs. D. W. (Patricia) Warren, Merkel, Texas, Mrs. Ronald (Barbara) Swann, Hutchinson, Kan.; nine grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were his nephews, Tommy Bozka, Charles Ganter, Bishop of Tulsa, Okla.; daughters, Mrs. D. W. (Patricia) Warren, Merkel, Texas, Mrs. Ronald (Barbara) Swann, Hutchinson, Kan.; nine grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were his nephews, Tommy Bozka, Charles Ganter, Dorrance Ganter, Tommy Schlitzberger. Honorary pallbearers were members of the Knights of Columbus Council No. 787 of Galveston.

Mr. Ganter was a retired cotton broker, past member of Fourth Degree member of the Knights of Columbus, and Third Degree Knights of Columbus Council No. 787, and served on the Board of Directors of Saint Mary's Orphanage in Galveston. He was perfect of the Third Order of Saint Francis, Galveston.

Born in Mexico City, he lived in Central America and the Caribbean until he was 12 years old. He graduated from the Old Jesuit High School in Galveston.

Mr. Ganter was a member of Saint Patrick's Church and Men's Club.

Funeral services were held with Rosary Thursday, May 16 at 7:30 p.m. at the Mallory and Son Funeral Home, Galveston; with funeral mass at 11 a.m. Friday, May 17 at Saint Patrick's Church in Galveston. The principal celebrant of the Mass was his son the Most Reverend Bernard J. Ganter, Bishop of

Tulsa, Okla. and Principal Con-celebrants will be the Rev. Thomas A. Donovan, Pastor of Saint Patrick's Church and Bishop Ganter's classmates, the Rev. Kenneth Mikulik, the Rev. Thomas Wendeland, the Rev. Fred O'Connor, the Rev. John Distefano, the Rev. Eugene Francis.

Burial was in Galveston Memorial Park in Hitchcock, Texas.



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STATE CAPITAL Highlights AND Sidelights

by Lyndell Williams
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AUSTIN, Tex. - The end may be in sight for the historic Texas Constitutional Convention which began last January.

Delegates have been zipping along since they came back to work after the May 4 primary election, and only one major article - the catchall, controversial General Provisions - was left to complete on tentative passage at mid-week.

After that, of course, lawmakers-delegates must go back through the whole package on final consideration. And only those articles receiving a two-thirds majority vote can be submitted to voters.

Actually, the convention has until the end of July to complete the entire revision effort.

However, President Price Daniel Jr. has expressed hope for a much quicker windup. Daniel, of course, pushed unsuccessfully for agreement on a proposed revision before the primary election, then had to settle for a month's recess during April.

Convention leaders debated whether to submit a \$1 million budget - enough to last until mandatory July adjournment - or to budget piecemeal, hopeful of getting through within a few weeks.

Daniel expressed a preference for budgeting through July, then "giving a lump of it back" on earlier adjournment.

However, Administration Committee Chairman Sen. Jack Hightower of Vernon said he was concerned that appropriating through July would tempt delegates to stay that long.

Meanwhile, Louisiana Gov. Edwin Edwards gave delegates some practical advice on how to get new constitutions adopted. His own state has just approved one.

PRIMARIES CANVASSED - Executive Committees of both Democratic and Republican parties canvassed returns of the May 4 primary.

Gov. Dolph Briscoe is officially the Democratic gubernatorial nominee, having won over Frances "Sissy" Farenthold 1,024,335 to 438,564. W.H. Posey of Houston got 31,498 votes and Steve S. Alexander of Waco 26,889.

Republicans certified James H. (Jim) Granberry as their candidate for governor. Granberry defeated Odell McBrayer of Fort Worth.

Raza Unida again is running Ramsey Muniz of Corpus Christi for governor and Fred Garza for Railroad Commissioner. Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby will be opposed in the general election by GOP Gaylor Marshall of Dallas; Atty. Gen. John Hill by Tom Cole; Bob Bullock by James N. (Nick) Rowe of McAllen; Agriculture Commissioner John White by Zack Fisher of Memphis; Treasurer Jesse James by Robert G. Holt of Amarillo; Land Commissioner Bob Armstrong by Mary Lou Grier of Boerne; Railroad Commissioner Jim Langdon by Joe P. Cain of Houston and Railroad Commissioner Mack Wallace by Dale W. Steffes of Houston.

FUEL SHORTAGE CONTINUES - Once more, the statewide oil allowance (for June) has been set at a wide-open 100 per cent - for the 27th straight month - amid warnings that fuel shortages may last through summer.

Railroad Commissioner Langdon commended Texans for their conservation efforts. He noted that crude oil stocks in the state are up two million barrels over a year ago - to 93.3 million - and that U.S. supplies are up 8.1 million barrels.

Langdon credited voluntary energy-conservation efforts with the improved inventory picture, but he warned that

heavy summer vacation travel may cause more lines at the pumps.

Nominations to purchase crude oil for the next month totalled 3,879,449 barrels, an increase of 18,684 barrels over May.

COURTS SPEAK - A Dallas man won a reversal and new trial of a murder conviction because the state placed in evidence an obituary of his slain wife.

The Court of Criminal Appeals also reversed the assault to murder sentence assessed a Harris County man due to introduction by the state of a marriage annulment petition purporting to show he had a violent temper.

The Third Court of Civil Appeals upheld a state savings and loan commissioner's order backed by an Austin court allowing Equitable Savings of Fort Worth to set up a branch office in Lubbock.

The State Supreme Court set a June 12 hearing in a suit over whether Day and Zimmermann Inc., which operates Lone Star Army Ammunition plant at Texarkana, must pay \$112,668 in state sales taxes. The taxes were paid under protest on materials bought by the munitions maker. Day and Zimmermann claims the purchases were non-taxable, since they were made for the U.S. government.

AG OPINIONS - An 18-year-old public school student may legally serve on a school board of trustees if otherwise qualified, Attorney General Hill held.

In other recent opinions, Hill concluded:

* A tape recording of an open meeting of the Texas Board of Private Investigators and Private Security Agencies is public information.

* A court-appointed counsel for an indigent defendant is entitled to compensation even if he spends only a fraction of a day on the job.

* The Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System, lacks power to revoke approval for programs offered by the Texas State Technical Institute (except for teacher training programs).

* The judge of the Court of Domestic Relations of Nueces County may act as presiding judge, but he gains no authority beyond the jurisdiction given him by statutes relating to juvenile and domestic relations matters.

* Marl, gravel and shell sales by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department are subject to state and local sales taxes.

APPOINTMENTS ANNOUNCED - Henry L. Seale of Dallas and Kenneth A. Douglas of Austin were appointed by Governor Briscoe to the Advisory Council on Community Affairs. Briscoe reappointed Kenneth L. Barr of Fort Worth, Richard Brown of Austin, Edwin B. Daniel of Wichita Falls and Bernis W. Sadler of Port Arthur to the council.

Briscoe appointed Dr. Vivian A. Hicks of Fort Worth to the Advisory Council on Early Childhood Education. Sen. Ron Clower of Garland is chairman of the new Senate sub-committee on Mass Transit. Sen. Jim Wallace of Houston and Sen. D. Roy Harrington of Port Arthur are members of the panel.

Frank Hildebrand, executive director of Texas Tourist Development Agency, is national chairman of the Discover America travel organization.

SHORT SNORTS - Sen. Wallace has been selected by the Senate as its new president pro tempore.

Texas State Teachers Association voted overwhelmingly against unification with National Education

McMurry To Sponsor June Summer Music Camp

High School and junior high students from Merkel are being invited to attend the Summer Music Camp featuring band and choir training June 17-29 at McMurry in Abilene.

Dr. David Blackburn, director of the McMurry Chanters, and Roger Rush, director of McMurry Band, are in the process of assembling a faculty of distinguished musical educators both from Abilene and elsewhere.

"I hope some vocalists and instrumentalists from Merkel can take advantage of this total and exciting musical experience which we plan," said Dr. Blackburn, who is also chairman of McMurry's division of fine arts. "We

also intend to mix in some fun." The camp will not only provide musical training for junior and senior high students, but will provide advanced college credit for music teachers. Blackburn himself will be both camp and choral director. Rush will be instrumental director.

McMurry formerly conducted a widely known summer camp in instrumental music and twirling. "We plan to have camp recreating and a distinguished concert series as well," says Rush. "The emphasis will be upon creative learning in music." Classes for youth will include conducting, organ, voice, piano, theory, twirling, drum majoring, and guitar. With youth choral training will be the summer choir, ensembles, private school lessons. A lab band will give young musicians experience in jazz, rock, and other popular music forms.

Music teacher may earn up to four hours of credit. A Two-hour course in techniques of arranging, and a two-hour course in vocal and choral techniques will be taught.

Elastic garments should be washed frequently in hot or warm water to prevent yellowing from body oils, notes Mrs. Vivian Simmons, clothing specialist, Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

Wash foam rubber pillows by hand in soap or detergent and lukewarm water. Rinse thoroughly several times, then roll pillow in towels to absorb as much moisture as possible. Dry them outdoors in the shade - or indoors away from direct sunlight or heat, advises Lynn Bourland, home management specialist, Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

Central and East Texas cotton farmers must have all planting completed by midnight, May 31. Agriculture Commissioner John C. White announced. Planting dates are fixed under the bollworm control act.

Forty-five House members petitioned for an investigation of Texas Water Quality Board and Director Hugh Yantis due to granting of a permit for a toxic waste disposal site in Live Oak County. Yantis said he would cooperate with any investigation.

Texas Aeronautics Commission granted a temporary certificate to Metroflight Airlines for a Tyler, Longview and Dallas-Fort Worth route. A total of \$3.2 million in new grants has been approved for improvement of law enforcement and criminal justice.

Texas Water Rights Commission adopted a preliminary determination of claims of water rights in the Upper Rio Grande Watershed from Amistad Dam in Val Verde County to Dave Gill Dam in Hudspeeth County, with exception of Pecos and Devils Rivers.

Grand Prairie, Lancaster, Lubbock, Waco, Brenham and Olney received funds from Neighborhood Development Program for continuation of urban renewal programs through fiscal 1974.

Summer Program To Be Offered In Big Country

ABILENE - An intensive program of summer studies especially designed for elementary school teachers in the Big Country area is being

offered by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education at Hardin-Simmons University.

Dr. Jack Longbotham, chairman of the Division of Education, said that Dr. Betty Morgan of Lubbock would teach the courses as a visiting professor on the summer faculty.

The courses are Education 611, Seminar in Elementary School Language Arts; and Education 612, Methods and Materials in Elementary School. The class will be held from 8:30 a.m. and from 11:20-12:50.

Dr. Morgan holds the B.S. degree and the Master of Education degree from Texas Tech University at Carbonale.

She has had extensive teaching experience in public schools and at the college level.

Registration for the first summer term at H-SU will begin at 8:30 a.m. Monday, June 3, in Sid Richardson Science Center. Students who plan to take the courses for credit toward a graduate degree must meet the admission requirements of the university's Division of Graduate studies, Dr. Longbotham said.

Bright Blue Flame Sign Of Efficiency

AUSTIN - Liquid petroleum gas users may be able to save on both energy and money with a simple check of their gas flames, according to the Consumer Services Division of the Texas Department of Agriculture.

Users of LP gas should check all gas flames to determine if they are burning at their most efficient levels. The flame on a gas burner should be a bright blue and solid all around the burner.

If the flame is pale blue with yellow, orange or white in it, it is not set correctly and is getting too much air. Nearly 500,000 Texas mobile home owners and 134,000 farmers use liquid petroleum gas, while 74 percent of the wells and farm pick-ups in the state are run on LP gas.

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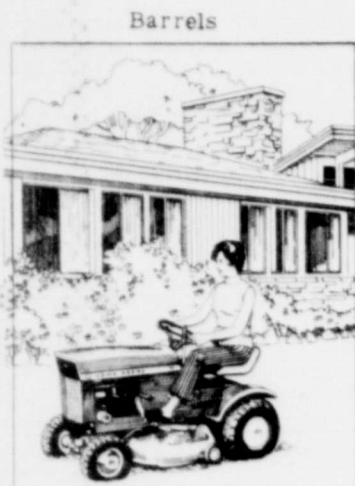
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Riding Club Event Results

Western Pleasure
 12 and Under - 1. Tammam Golsen, 2. Shannon Boyd, 3. Vickie Campbell, 4. Leslie Masenheimer; 5. Cindy Hutchings.
 13-16 - 1. Patricia Boyd, 2. Jan Beck, 3. Charles Hatfield, 4. Terry Gramberger, 5. Cindy Boone.
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 13-16 - 1. Patricia Boyd, 2. Jan Beck, 3. Cindy Boone, 4. Terry Gramberger, 5. Charles Hatfield.
 17 & Over - 1. Robert Boyd, 2. Walter Henslee, 3. Jarrett Pinckley, 4. Mary Beth Phillips, 5. Jim All-day.

Poles
 12 & Under - 1. Sheri Williams and Tammam Golsen (tie), 2. Leslie Masenheimer, 3. Vickie Campbell, 4. Jay Gibson.
 13-16 - 1. Patricia Boyd, 2. Cindy Boone, 3. Terry Gramberger, 4. Jan Beck, 5. Charles Hatfield.
 17 & Over - 1. Barbara Whisenhunt, 2. Mary Beth Phillips, 3. Jarrett Pinckley, 4. Robert Boyd, 5. Jack Hogan.

Egg Race
 8 & Under - 1. Kevin Coker, 2. Brooks Boyd, 3. Leslie Masenheimer, 4. Justin Foster, 5. Kyle Coker.
 9-12 - 1. Sheri Williams, 2. Tammam Golsen, 3. Dee Dee Masenheimer, 4. Shelia Swinney, 5. Vickie Campbell.

Novelty Installed At Merkel Elevator

Jack South, owner and operator of the Jack South Elevator, Merkel, for the past seventeen years, has added something which is a novelty in the area of buying and selling grain.

Nowhere in this part of the country can a scale be found to compare with the new Fairbank-Morris electronic scale recently installed at the elevator at a cost of \$23,000.

The new computer-type scale has a seventy-five ton capacity and can easily weigh a semi-truck of seventy feet in length. An interesting feature of the new scale is the fact that it must be balanced before it will even weigh. "That cuts out any chance of monkey-ing with the scales," South said, "which insures an accurate reading."

Mr. South said that in years past, before he bought the Oak Street Gulf when it closed last year, that he had to "borrow" the gin scales to weigh the big semi-trucks that came in. The scales at the former location were only twenty-four feet long; and with the bigger trucks being used more every year, he wasn't able to accommodate them like he can now.

Beside the fact that the scales is only a fraction of the time it used to take. As soon as the truck is pulled onto the scales, the "master" inside the office, displays the reading in computer fashion.

South said he ordered the scales on July 25, 1973, but the installation was just completed this past Thursday. He said that he got the idea for the huge scale from Cargill in Houston. They have a scale of the same type which is used to load out ships.



"WEIGH OUT" - The new computer-type electronic scales installed last week at Jack South Elevator, 101 Oak, speeds up weigh-ins at the elevator. This 55 foot truck doesn't take up all the scale, even as it easily weighs a seventy foot truck.

Only about one-third of the normal wheat crop is expected this year, according to South. He said he bought his first load of the year last Friday from R.C. Braune of View, which was brought into the elevator by Robert Stephen.

Reception To Honor Graduates, Instructors

This year, 1974, marks the twentieth anniversary of Vocational Nursing education in Sweetwater. A reception is being planned for Saturday, May 25, at Nolan County Coliseum Annex to honor past graduates and instructors of the course. The affair is to be hosted by the twelve members of the 1974 graduating class.

The first class was enrolled in September, 1953 with 20 students, seven of whom made up the first graduating class in August, 1954. Mrs. H. K. Flatman, R.N., started as instructor for the class and was succeeded by Mrs. Ethel Jo Bardwell, R.N. Other registered nurses who served as instructors have been Mrs. June Wells, Mrs. Will Faver who now serves as school nurse for the Sweetwater Independent School District, and Mrs. Luther Smith, now Nolan County Public Health Nurse.

Simmons Memorial Hospital sponsored the first class and the following class was set up as an adult education program sponsored by the Sweetwater School System under the Texas Education Agency. In June, 1971, the program became a part of the Rolling Plains Campus of Texas State Technical State Institute. The school received its accreditation from the Texas State Board of Vocational Nurse Examiners in 1954 and has remained an accredited school since that time.

Vocational Nursing has kept in step with the progress of medicine in general and the evolution of nursing care in particular. The Licensed Vocational Nurse of today is fully qualified in bedside nursing care, the administration of medications, and in the operation of much of the sophisticated equipment used in caring for the ill. The L.V.N. plays an important role in directing the care of the hospital or nursing home patient.

The changes in the curriculum are indicative of the changes in the image of vocational nursing. The first class had 200 hours of class work and 1200 hours working in the actual hospital situation. The graduates of the 1974 class will have completed at least 550 hours of study in the classroom and a minimum of 1250 hours of experience in the clinical environment. Simmons Memorial Hospital has served as the major affiliating agency in providing this clinical experience through the years.

Sweetwater's hospital is largely staffed by graduates of the local school. Fifty of the 56 L.V.N.s currently employed there are graduates of Sweetwater's twelve month program. A total of 255 nurses have completed the course here and they may be found representing the school in hospitals, nursing homes, and doctor's offices all over Texas and in many other states. Several have furthered their education by entering professional nursing schools to become registered nurses.

With today's emphasis on technical and vocational education, now is a fitting time to pay tribute to the School of Vocational Nursing which pioneered technical education in Sweetwater twenty years ago and continues to furnish well-prepared nurses to meet the ever-growing need.



JACK SOUTH, owner and operator of Jack South Elevator Co. is pictured beside his new scale read-out in his office at 101 Oak. The new scale was installed last Thursday, and is the only one of its kind in this part of the country.

Sweetwater Project Receives \$11,352 Grant

AUSTIN - Governor Dolph Briscoe approved a grant to continue a project in Sweetwater which, after one year of operation, resulted in a 47 per cent reduction of reported burglaries in that city. The governor has also approved a grant to nearby Scurry County, making the total for the region served by the West Central Texas Council of Governments \$12,822.

The money comes from the Criminal Justice Division of the Governor's Office. CJD administers the state's block grant from the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration under the Crime Control Act of 1973.

Sweetwater receives \$11,352 for its crime-prevention project, directed by Gerald Byrd, chief of police. The project employs a crime-prevention specialist who trains fellow officers in the police department, informs the public on crime-prevention techniques, implements various crime-prevention projects and provides a security-inspection service for citizens and businessmen. In addition to the burglary reduction, the project has resulted in a reduction of felony thefts of 25 per cent.

Scurry County receives \$1,470 for purchase of equipment for efficiency improvements in the office of the district attorney of the 132nd Judicial District and the office of the county attorney. Included in the purchase will be dictating and transcribing equipment.

The local grants were among 39 approved by the governor totaling \$3.2 million.

Farm-facts

A Weekly Report Of Agri-Business News

Compiled From Sources Of The Texas Department of Agriculture
John C. White, Commissioner

COTTON, STILL the Number 1 crop in Texas, brought in a total of \$1,056,000,000 in 1973 from 4,673,000 bales, compared to \$469,000,000 from 4,246,000 bales in 1972. The figures are from the Texas Crop and Livestock Reporting Service which said that total United States production in 1973 was 12,958,000 bales, compared to 13,704,100 bales in 1972. Lint cotton averaged 47.10 cents a pound in 1973, compared to 23 cents in 1972, and cottonseed brought an average of \$94 a ton, compared to \$48.60 in 1972.

TEXAS' 1973 cotton production was from 5,200,000 acres, which gives Texas a record 431 pounds of lint per acre, but below the 519 pounds national average. Arizona had the highest yield per acre with 1,063 pounds of lint, followed by California with 891 pounds, Mississippi with 645 pounds per acre. Mississippi was second to Texas in total production, with 1,800,000 bales, followed by California with 1,749,000 and Arkansas with 1,041,000 bales. Texas produced about 40 per cent of the nation's total cotton.

LIVESTOCK OWNERS are reminded to watch out for screwworms, because they are making an appearance over Texas. Samples of suspected screwworms should be mailed to the laboratory at Mission. Kits in which they may be mailed can be obtained from county agents. There were 176 identified cases of screwworms found in Texas during April, 1973. Cases were found in the following counties: Webb, Duval, Zapata, Starr, LaSalle, Dimmitt, Hidalgo, Live Oak, Kenedy, Jim Wells, Jim Hogg, Zavala, Dewitt, Kinney, San Patricio, Cameron, Goliad, Atascosa, Medina, Bee, Karnes, Victoria, Brooks, Willacy, Guadalupe, Wilson, Frio, Presidio, Real, Gillespie, Pecos, Terrell, Val Verde, Llano, Concho, Coleman, Bastrop, Fayette, Gonzales, Jackson, McMullen, Kleberg, Crockett, Kimble, Kerr, Kendall, and Comal.

PARITY RATIO is reported to have dropped seven per cent during the month ending April 15, hitting 83 per cent. Prices paid farmers went down on many commodities, including cattle, eggs, corn, wheat, hogs, soybeans, rice, rye; and prices on cotton went up three cents a pound and on potatoes 73 cents a hundred. Wheat prices dropped almost a dollar, to \$3.98 a bushel, which was 103 per cent of parity, but the price was still declining at last report. Texas' wheat crop, plagued by drought, was estimated to be 69,300,000 bushels, compared to 98,600,000 bushels from the previous crop. Recent rains came to late to save the wheat in North and West Texas.

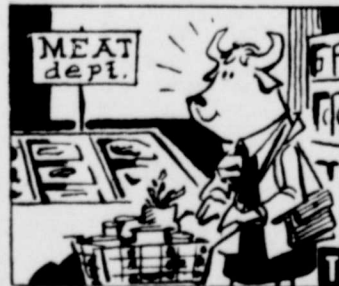
HARVEST OF peaches in South Texas and in the Hill Country is underway, with the crop expected to be about the same as last season when 312,500 bushels were picked. North and East Texas peach growers suffered the most damage from last winter's freezes, but the Hill Country reports almost no damage from cold weather, and the crop is expected to be around 75,000 bushels in that area slightly above the 1973 crop.

PLANTING OF grain sorghums was almost half complete in Texas at the end of the first week of May, according to the Texas Crop and Livestock Reporting Service. Rice seeding is almost complete, peanut planting is not quite a fourth complete, corn planting is nearing completion, and soybean planting is getting underway in some areas of the Upper Gulf Coast and in East Texas. Cotton planting, about a third complete, is running ahead of last year. The 1974 pecan crop is reported as looking "promising."

Trent Softball Team Seeking Competition

Brenda Jackson of Trent, notified the Mail Office this week that the girls softball team of Trent would like to match any girls softball team in a game.

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TRENT HONOR GRADUATES



Gayla Heathy
Valedictorian

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Wayne Hamner.

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE

- Basketball 1-4, Captain 4, Honorable Mention All District 1-2, 2nd Team All Area 3, Track 1-3, Volleyball 2-3, FHA 1-4, Sec. 2, Pres. 3, Twirler 1-3, Pep Club 1-4, Sec. 3, Pres. 4, Annual Staff 4, Sr. Play 4, Middle Clear Fork Soil Conservation Sweepstakes Winner 1, High School Harvest Queen 2, High School Harvest Queen Nominee 4, FFA Sweetheart 2, Football Sweetheart 2, Class Favorite 2, 4; Class Sec. 2, Pres. 4, Student Council 3-4, Sec. 3, Vice Pres. 4, National Honor Society 3-4, Most Popular 2-4, Most Athletic 3-4, Most Friendly 3, Funniest 3, Miss THS 4, Most Likely to Succeed Nominee 4, UIL Typing 3, Who's Who Among American High Students 3, Most Outstanding Student Nominee 4, Honorable Mention All District 4.



Tina Hamner
Salutatorian

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Heatley.

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE

- Basketball 1-4, Captain 4, Track 3, Volleyball 2-3, FHA 1-4, Hist. 2, Treas. 3, FFA 3-4, Sec. 4, Sweetheart 4, Band 1-3, Treas. 3, Cheerleader 3-4, Head 4, Pep Club 1-4, Pres. 3, Annual Staff 4, Sr. Play 4, Class Vice Pres. 1, Pres. 3, Treas. 4, Class Favorite 1, National Honor Society 3-4, Pres. 4, Miss THS Nominee 4, Most Likely to Succeed Nominee 4, Most School Spirited 3, Nominee 4, Who's Who Among American High School Students 3, Most Outstanding Student Nominee 4, Salutatorian.



MERKEL HONOR STUDENTS



Kathy Cypert
Valedictorian

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Cypert of Merkel.

Activities this year included: Band, Stage Band, FHA, Spanish Club, Drama Club, Annual Assistant Editor 1972-73; Annual Editor 1973-74; Reporter of National Honor Society.

Won three awards in Soil Conservation Essays.

One silver and three gold merit awards.

Won the REA's Youth Tour to Washington in 1973.

Kathy has been active in U. I. L. Literary events: spelling, ready writing, typing, shorthand, and journalism.

Recipient of the Outstanding High School Student Award.

Neither absent nor tardy for nine consecutive years.

1973 - 74 MERKEL SENIORS HAVE GOOD YEAR TO REMEMBER

The 1973-74 School year at Merkel High was one of various and sundry activities. The following is highlights as reported by the respective departments.

ENGLISH

Six students worked on essay writing for the U.I.L. Ready Writing Contest, three of them freshmen. Two freshmen participated in the contest.

Two students participated in four U.I.L. Journalism Contests: Newswriting, Feature Writing, Headline Writing and Editorial. Kathy Cypert won first in District in two events and participated in the regional meet.

A Merkel High freshman English student, Suzanne Warner, was winner of the Sweepstakes Award in the Middle Clear Fork Soil and Water Conservation Essay Contest for writing the best essay.

Kathy Cypert, an English IV student, was first place winner in the 12th grade for the Conservation Essay Contest.

Merkel High School hosted the District 8A U.I.L. Literary Meet this spring, with much success.

SPEECH AND DRAMA

Children's production which was open to the public.

Two one-act productions were presented by the drama classes to the school. (The Trial of Ain't and Run Robber Run).

U.I.L. Contest play was presented to the public. (The Night Thoreau Spent in Jail).

Two one-act productions were presented by the drama classes to the public. (Don't Get Sassy and The Capricious Pearls).

Jeffery is the eighteen year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen O. Cox of Tye.

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE

Class Favorite 1; Class President 3; FCA officer 3; Major Sports Letterman 3-4; Outstanding player of the Year, Track 3-4; All District Off. & Def. Football 3; 2nd Team All District Basketball 4; Captain football 4; Captain Basketball 4; Captain Track 4; Football Letterman 3-4; Basketball Letterman 3-4; Track Letterman 3-4; Regional Qualifier 3 and Regional Finalist 4 Track; Member One Act Play 4; 2nd District Poetry Interpretation 4; Vice President Student Council 4; President National Honor Society 4; Annual Class Honor Roll; Clerical Award 3; Office Aide 4; Choir 4; Society of Outstanding American High School Students; Nominee Big Country Outstanding Student, Gold Merit Award 3-4; Eagle Scout.

Jeff plans to attend Texas Tech University.

Several students attended area speech tournaments at Odessa Junior College, Lubbock Christian College, and Hardin Simmons University.

U. I. L. Literary events' winners include Cathy Fariello, 2nd informative speaking; Jeff Cox, 2nd boys poetry; Lisa Gregory, 3rd girls poetry; Don Kannell, 2nd boys prose; and Tonya Mc Aninch, 1st girls prose.

U. I. L. Contest play - The Night Thoreau Spent in Jail placed second in district. Darel Bunch named outstanding actor in the District.

HOME AND FAMILY LIVING
Field trip to Busch Jewellers, Waldrops, and the County Clerk's office.

CONSUMER EDUCATION

Field trips to various housing types.

CHEERLEADER ELECTION

Jody Barnes, Gayla Toliver, head; Patty Toney, Jerri Kay Smith and Becky Rister.

LIBRARY

The library has had its biggest year with the widest use by students and teachers and excellent help from the library aides.

In the Library Science class, eleven seniors learned a great deal about books they never new existed before.

In U.I.L. Spelling, coached by the Librarian, Beverly Gilmore won second in State and Tonya Crenshaw and Phyllis Shanks both did well in the invitational meets.

BUSINESS DEPARTMENT

First year to offer Office Practice course.

Steve Gentry, Mary Jo Barnes and Beverly Mawson enter District U. I. L. meet in typewriting. Mary Jo, Beverly and Donna White entered U. I. L. meet at McMurry in February.

Kathy Cypert entered winter U. I. L. meet at McMurry in shorthand placing 7th; also entered district U. I. L. and placed 4th.

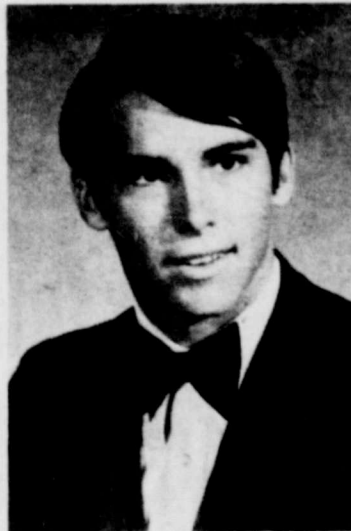
STUDENT COUNCIL

Sold balloons at football games, sold fruit cakes and candles for money making projects. Sponsored Miss Merry Christmas contest, tacky contest, Christmas door decoration contest and Homecoming Queen contest. Participated in District meeting at Hamlin in November.

Officers this year were Terry Reed, president; Jeff Cox, vice-president; Cynthia Steck, secre-



Congratulations

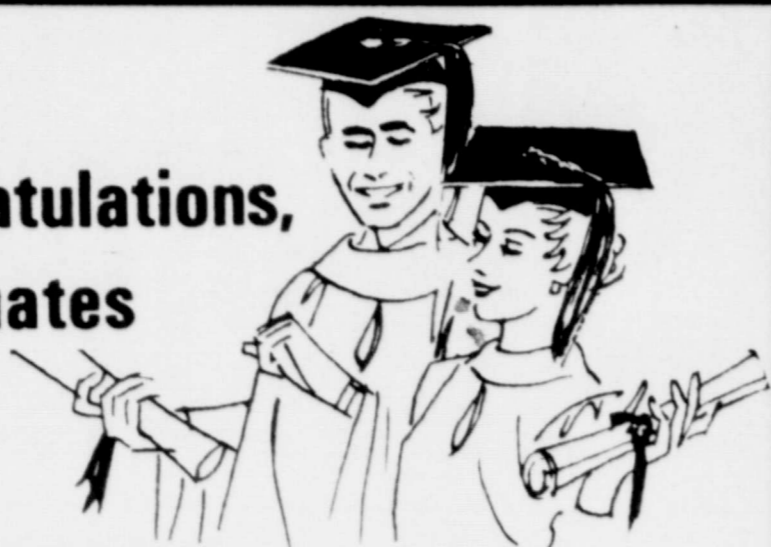


Jeff Cox
Salutatorian

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MERKEL SENIORS -- 1974

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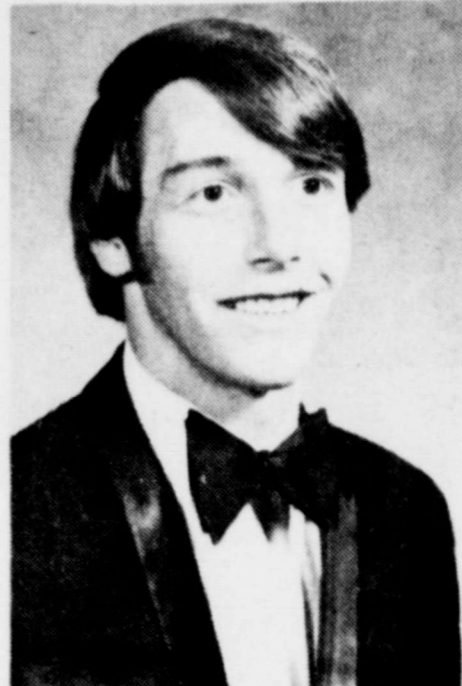


Becky Acuna

Maria is the eighteen year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Antonio Acuna of Merkel.

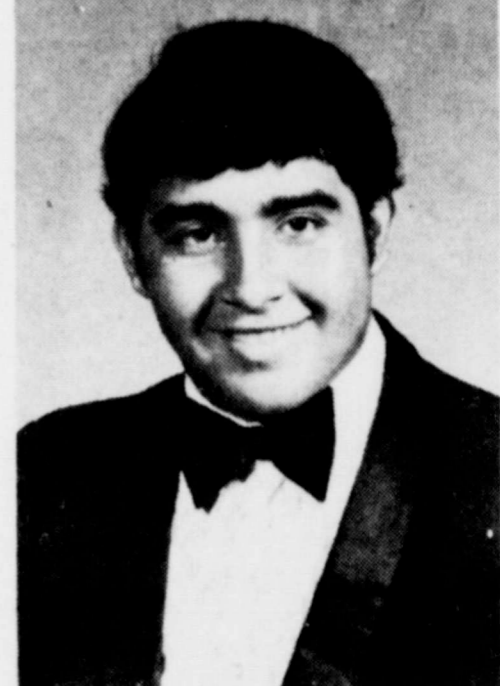
Some of her high school activities included cheerleader 2 years, secretary of Spanish club one year and active in Drama club one year.

She plans to go into the nursing field.



James Allison

No Information Available



Junior Ascencio

Junior is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Ascencio of Merkel.

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE Football 1-4; Track 1-4; FFA 1-2; All District Def. 3; All District Off. & Def. 4; Best Lineman, Booster Award 4; Tennis 4.



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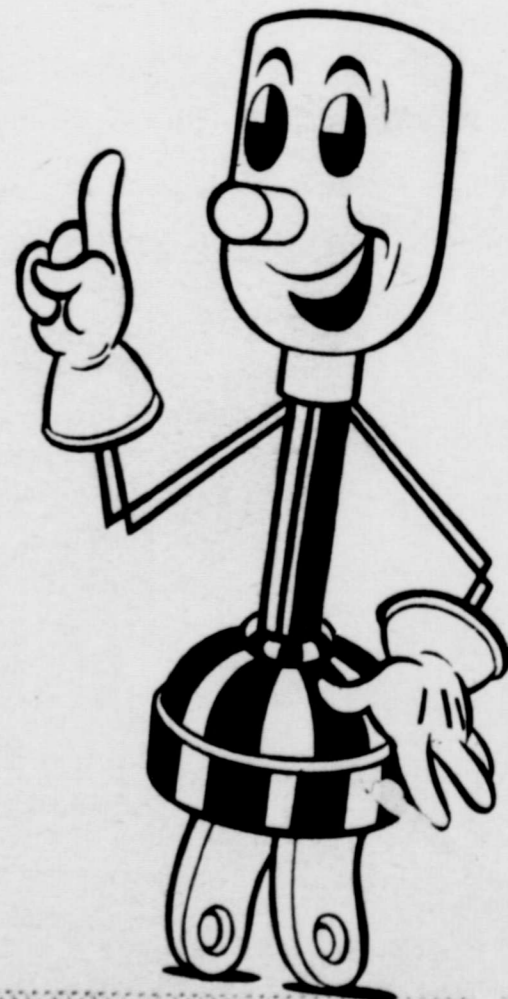


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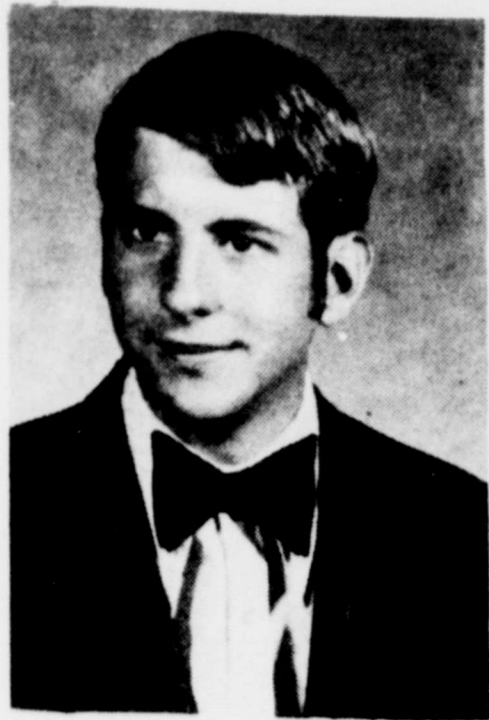
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Steve Best

Steven is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Carol Best of Route 2, Merkel.

He served as class vice president his sophomore year; was class president his junior year; and participated in basketball and volleyball his sophomore and junior years.

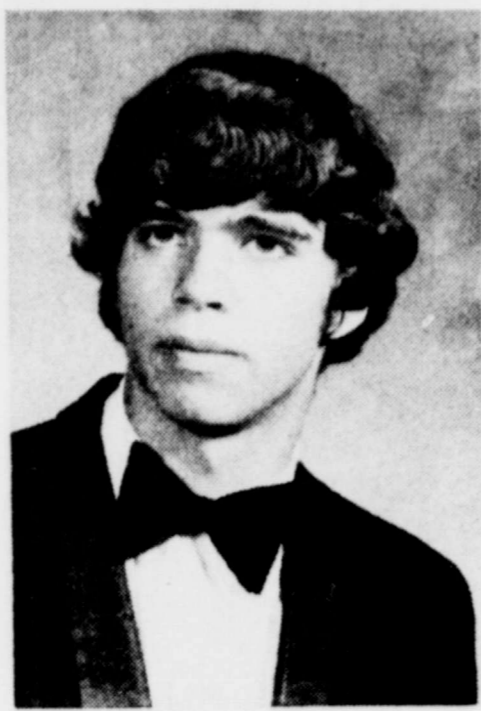


Wanda Blair

Wanda is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Blair of Merkel.

She transferred to Merkel her sophomore year from Trent.

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE
Band 1-4; Choir 4; National Honor Society 4; Drama Club 3; FHA 1.



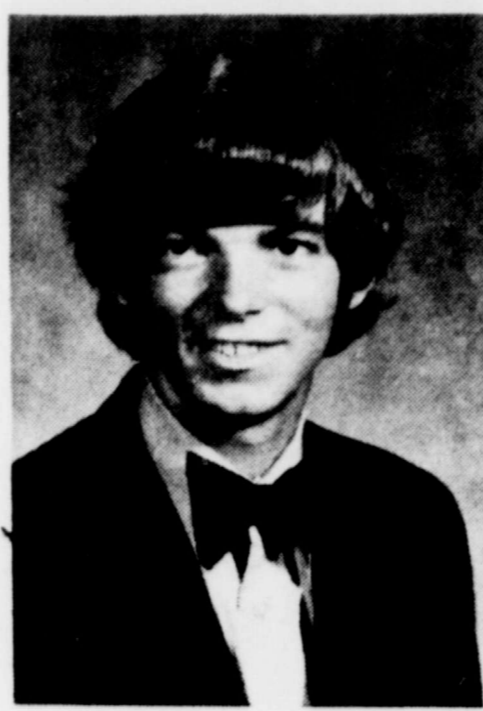
Terry Boden

Eighteen year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Len Boden, Route 3, Merkel.

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE
Football 1; Speech tournaments 4; Speech and Drama Club 4; Presently in a musical production "Real."



WANDA BLAIR



David Bowen

David is the son of Mr. Ken Bowen of Merkel.

David has attended Merkel Public Schools since 1961. Was in the Drama Club his junior year and an office worker his senior year.

After graduation, David has a full time job at the Abilene Marina.



Sherry Bratcher

Sherry is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bratcher of Route 2, Merkel.

Sherry has been in band since the 5th grade. Member FHA and treasurer this past year. Member National Honor Society.

Sherry plans to attend college in San Angelo with a major in business and a minor in English.



SHERRY BRATCHER

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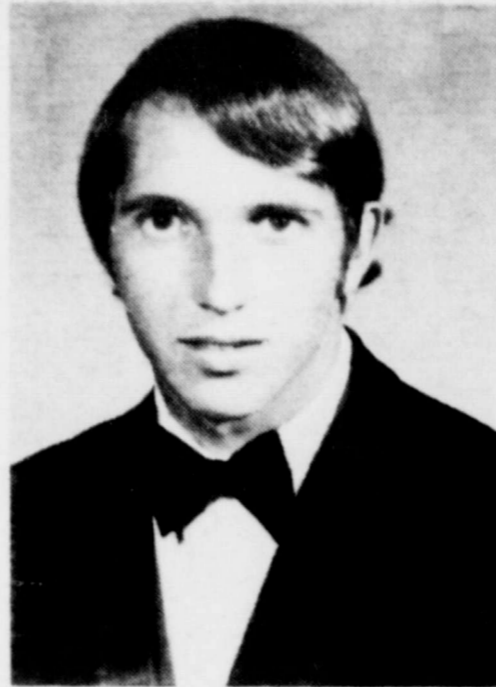
Lee Ann is the daughter of Mr. Jerrell Butman and Mrs. Mack Bigbee.

Lee Ann's high school activities included band 4 years, chorus 1 year, speech class 1 year, Drama club 3 years, Rodeo club 2 years and reporter one year; office aide 2 years.

Lee Ann has joined the Army for a three year period and will leave for basic training on June 3. She will attend school after basic in Alabama to become a Nike Test Equipment Repairman.



LEE ANN BUTMAN



Ricky Conley

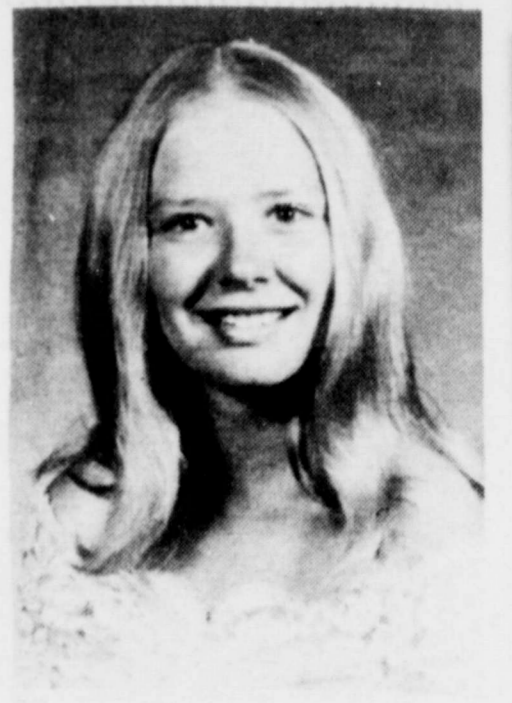
Ricky is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Conley of Merkel.

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE Band 3 years; shop 4; office aide 4.



John Davis

No Information Available



Cathy Fariello

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Fariello of Merkel. Transfer to Merkel this year. Former high schools attended were in New Mexico, Missouri and Arizona.

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE U. I. L. Literary 4; Drama 4; Choir 4.

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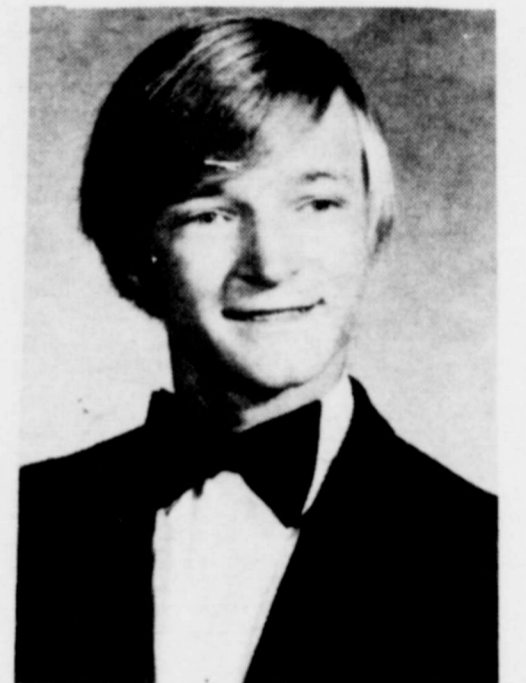
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Susan Donaldson

Seventeen year old daughter of Mrs. Margie Donaldson of Tye.

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE FHA 2; Class officer Business manager 3; National Honor Society 4; Library aide 4.




Jerald Gilmore

Jerald is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gilmore of Merkel.

He has been in Vocational Agriculture 3 years; football and track his freshman year; manager his sophomore year; Drama Club one year and Livestock judging 2 years.

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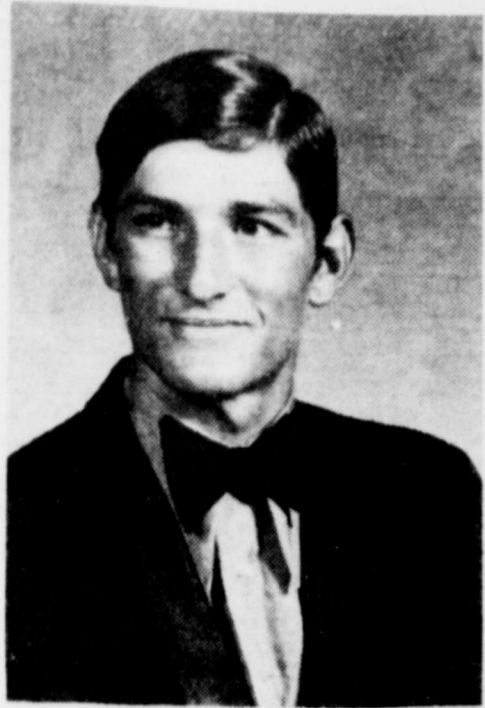
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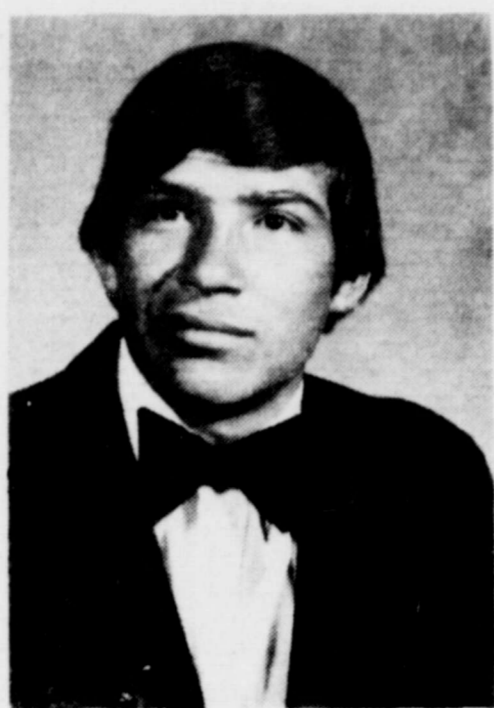
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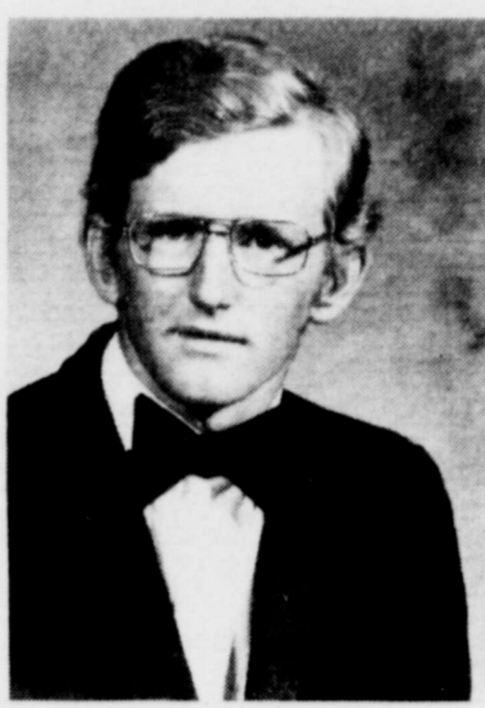
Johnny Gray

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David Hernandez

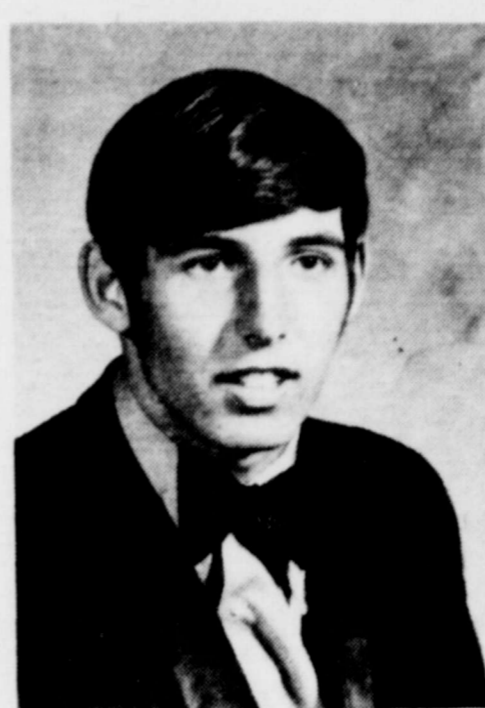
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Mike Hudman

Mike is the eighteen year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hudman.

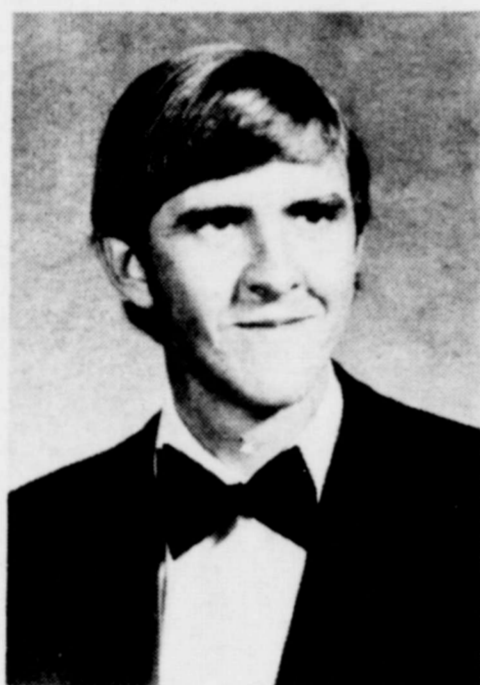
ACTIVITIES INCLUDE V.A. 1-4; Office aide 4; Tractor Driving Contest, won 2nd. Mike plans to attend Tarleton State College this fall.



Jimmy Land

Jimmy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James L. Land of Merkel.

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE Football 1-4; Best Lineman 1973; 2nd place Contest Play Drama 3-4; 2nd Team All District Fullback 4; 1st Team All District Linebacker 4; Captain of football team 4; Best Back 1974, Booster Club Award 4.



Ronald Hobbs

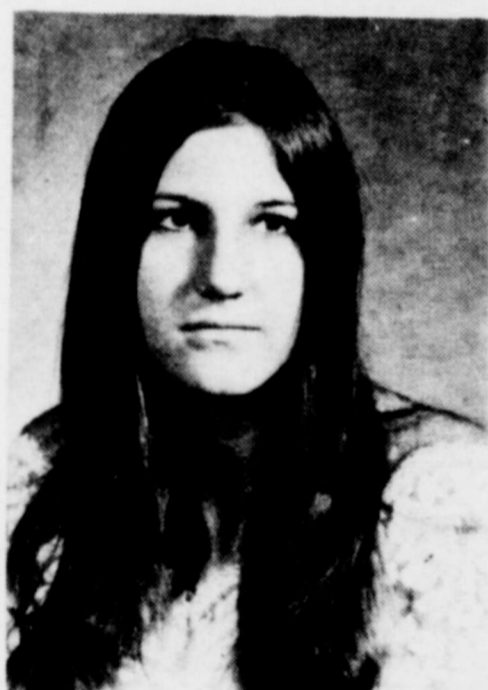
Ronald is the eighteen year old son of Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Hobbs. He has been active in FFA three years.



Anna Hughes

Anna is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hughes of Tye.

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE FHA 1; B team basketball 2; B team basketball 3; Regional volleyball 3; Contest play 3; cheerleader 3; Contest Play 4; President Choir 4; Senior Class Favorite.



Sherlyn Guenther

Sherlyn is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Guenther of Merkel.

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE FHA 1-2; Pep Club 2. She plans to work on the Base.

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Jerry Massengill



Tonya McAninch

Tonya is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ted McAninch of Route 3, Merkel.

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE
Class President 4; Vice President 2; Secretary 3; Vice President 1; Class Favorite 1; Cheerleader, 3; FHA Pres. 4; Vice Pres. FHA 2-3; Little Sister of the Year, 3; Drama Club Pres. 3; Band secretary 1-4; Betty Crocker Homemaker Award 4; Outstanding Big Country Student nominee 4; UIL Prose 1st at Dist. 3-4; 2nd at Regional 3; UIL Drama 1st Dist, 2nd Regional 2; 1972 Best Actress District and Regional; Drama 3 2nd place Dist.; All Star Cast Annual Staff 3-4; Gold Merit Award 3-4.



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Roseann Noster

Seventeen year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Manfred Noster of Merkel.

Roseann has been an FHA officer for three years and in chorus one year. She plays a clarinet in the band. Also is in the Society of Outstanding Students. Was elected as Little Sister of the month twice by the Young Homemakers. Roseann is president of the Library club and secretary-reporter in chorus.

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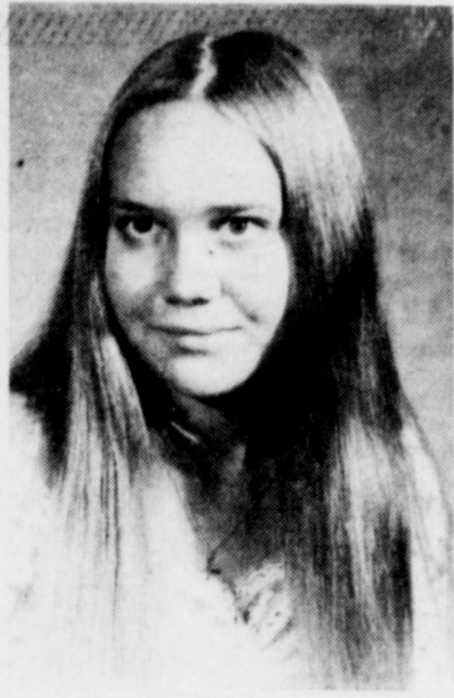


Ricky Elliott, Manager



Elizabeth Millet

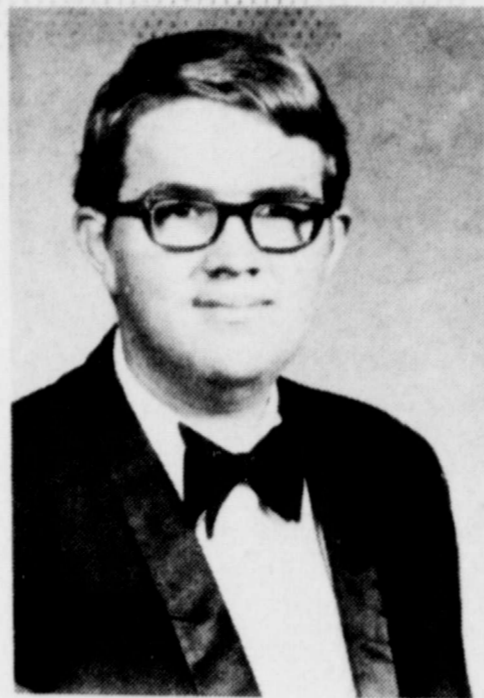
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Mary Beth Phillips

Eighteen year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Cook of Merkel.

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE Band 4; Choir 4; FHA 4; member Merkel Riding Club. Mary Beth plans to go to T.S.T.L. in Sweetwater to take nurses' training.



David Robertson

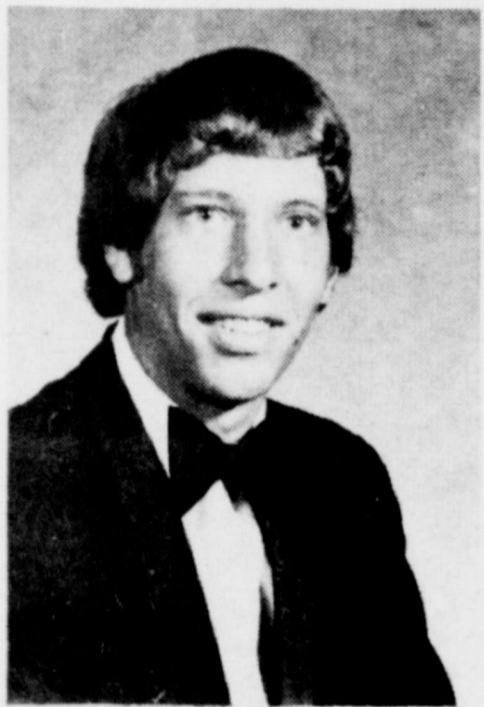
The son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn R. Robertson of Merkel.

David is going to Cisco Junior College. He has shown lambs for eight years and showing this year won a second and two thirds. David will go to college next fall to continue his education.

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Terry Reed

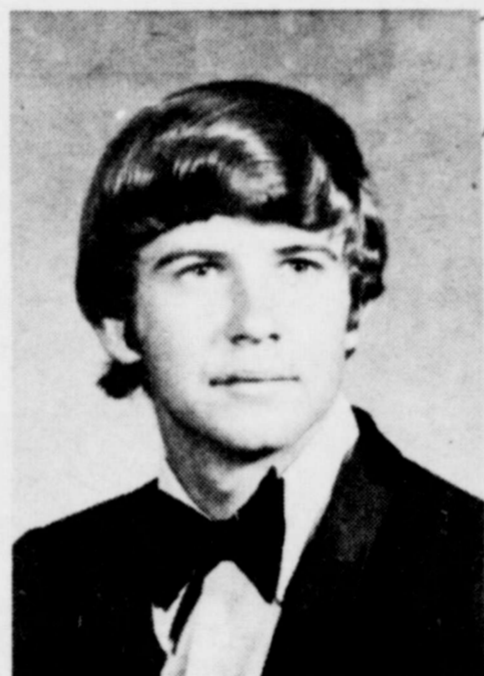
Terry is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Reed of Merkel.

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE Class president 1; Band 1-4, Vice president 4; Stage Band 1-4; Band Favorite 4; Drama Club 3 years; Office worker 2 years; Annual staff 1-4; Basketball 1-4; Captain 4; Track 2 years; Annual King 3-4; Student Council Vice President 3, President 4; Fellowship of Christian Athletes Captain 3.



Sara Rister

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Ronnie Sanford

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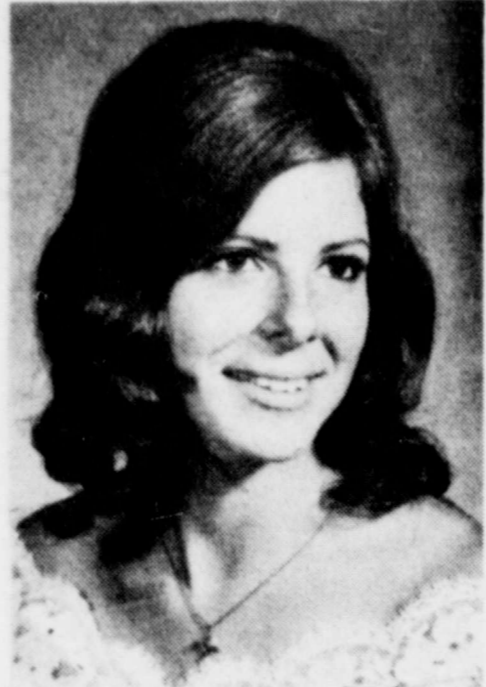


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Becky Santee

Rebecca is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Daniel of Merkel.

She attended Navaho High, Friendship, Oklahoma her freshman year and first half of her sophomore year. Moved to Merkel and has attended Merkel High since January 1972. Played basketball first 3 years of high school; was awarded an academic achievement medal her freshman year; was awarded a science medal and was class favorite her junior year. In Drama, an office worker, a varsity cheerleader and secretary of the National Honor Society this past year.

Rebecca has enrolled at Abilene Commercial College to become a legal secretary.

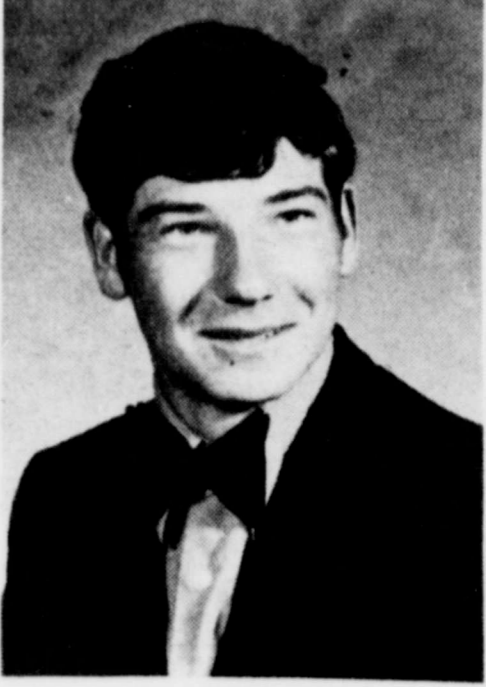


Renee Santee

Sixteen year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Daniel of Merkel.

Renee has attended Merkel High since January 1972.

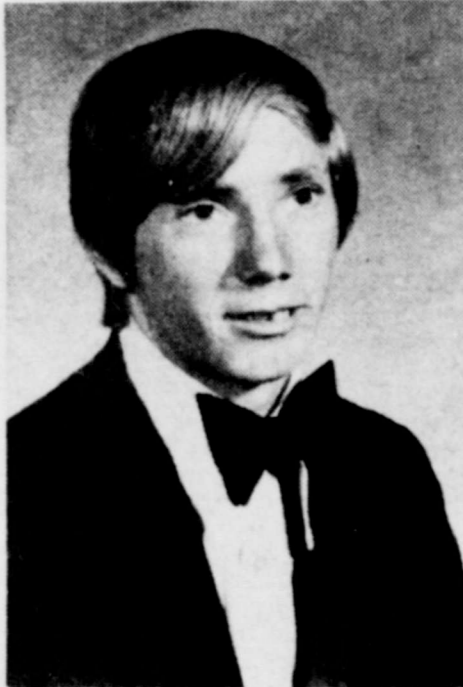
After graduation she plans on going to work at Dyess Air Force Base and begin planning a November wedding.



Mike Sloan

Michael Dean is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Sloan of Route 1, Merkel.

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE Basketball 1-3; Volleyball 1-3; Track 1-2; Class president 2; Class vice president 3; Recipient of Math & Science Award 3; Shop president 4; Business manager of class.



Gene Taff

No Information Available

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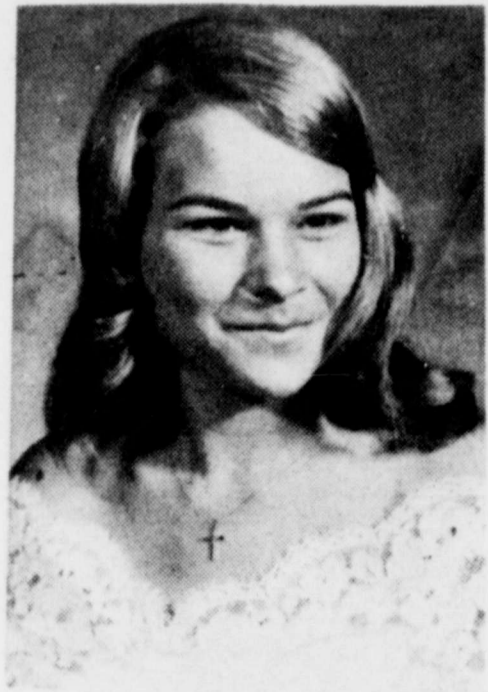
Kathy Thomas

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Thomas of Merkel.

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE FHA 1-3, Basketball 2-4 manager 4; Track 2-4, manager 4; Drama 3; Speech 3; Volleyball 4; Student Council 4; Silver Merit Award 4.

Kathy is planning to work in Abilene this summer.



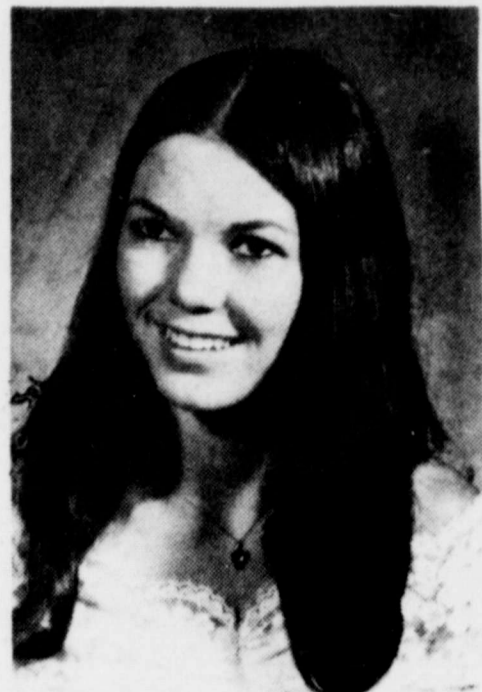


Marsha Thompson

Marsha is the eighteen year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Irvin of Merkel.

She has been a member of FHA four years, and an officer 2 years; Band, 4 years; Stage Band 2 years; Office Assistant 2 years; Sophomore Class Favorite; Annual Queen senior year; Student Council representative; Little Sister of the Month her junior year.

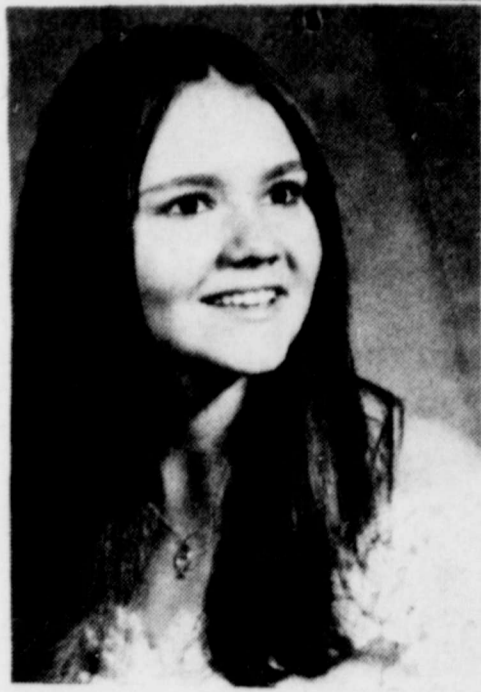
Marsha is planning a June 1 wedding.



Cindy Whisenhunt

Cindy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Whisenhunt of Merkel.

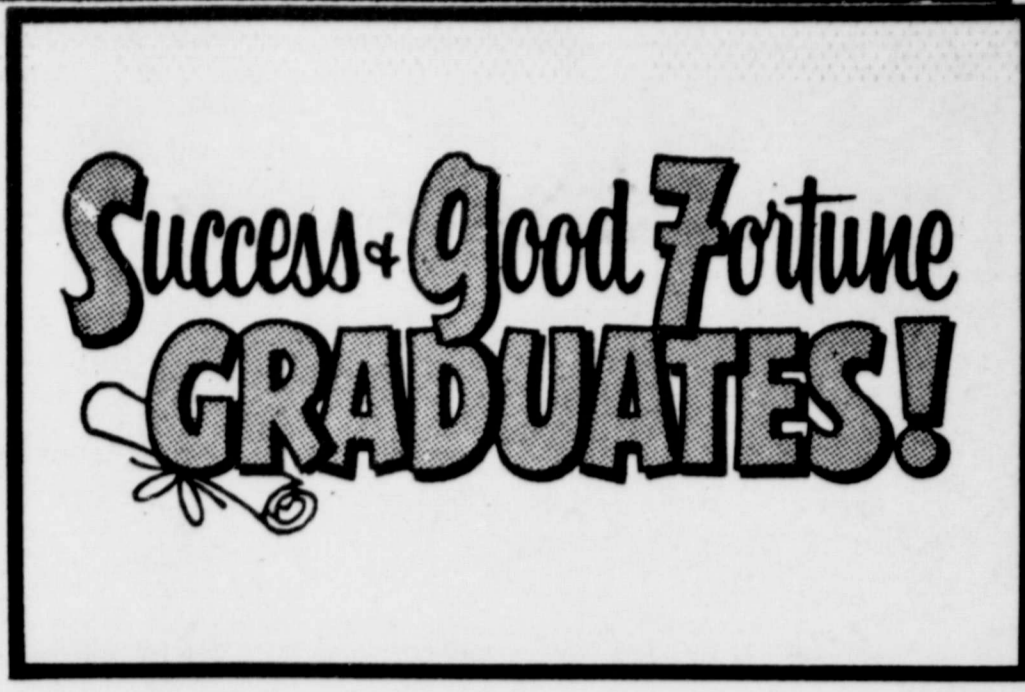
ACTIVITIES INCLUDE
FHA 1-2; Basketball 1-4, All District 4, Most Valuable player 4; Letterman 4; Track 1-4, Regional qualifier 1 mile relay 3; Volleyball 1-3, Regional qualifier; Pep Squad 1-3; Rodeo Club Sweetheart and reporter 2; Rodeo Club sweetheart 3-4, secretary 3; Office worker 3; Cheerleader 4; Miss M.H.S. 4; Class secretary 4; Student Council 4; Pres. of Speech and Drama club 4.



Lou Ann Willson

Lou Ann is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Willson of Tye.

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE
FHA 1-2; Treasurer FHA 2; U.I.L. One Act Play 4; Library Aide 4.

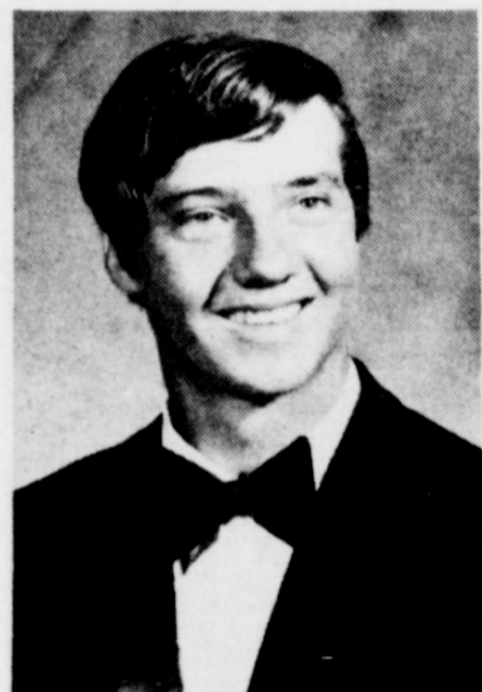


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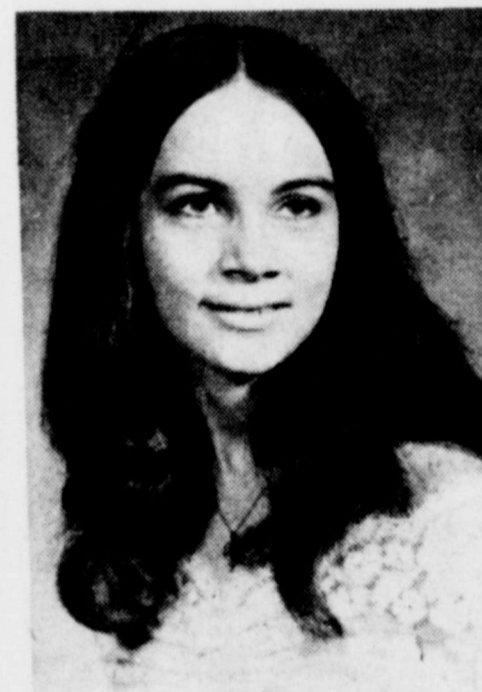


Larry Toliver

Larry is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Toliver of Route 1, Merkel.

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE
Band 1-4; Athletics 1-4; Received John Philip Sousa Award 4; Elected football hero; All District offense and defense in football; Outstanding Track member; Class Vice President 4; Band President 4; Senior Favorite and Mr. Merkel High School.

Larry is planning to attend Abilene Christian College in the fall to become a pharmacist.



SHEILA WADE



Sheila Wade

Sheila is the daughter of Mrs. Thelma Wade of Merkel.

She has been in band 8 years. Also served as basketball manager, participated in track; was in FHA two years and attended Cooper Summer School.

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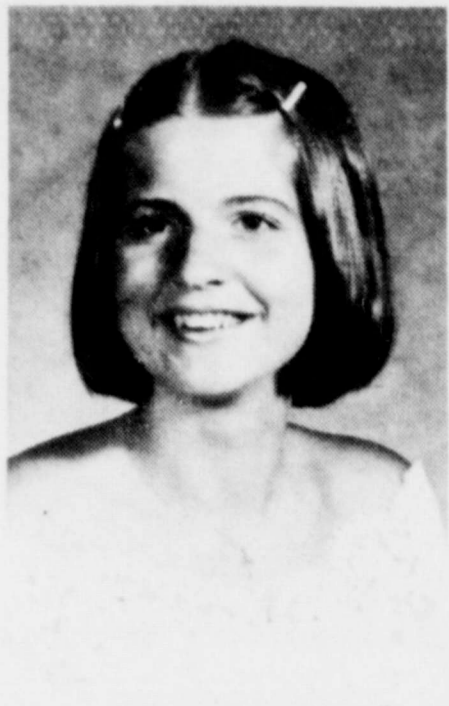
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Cynthia Steck

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Cynthia is the daughter of Mrs. Mamie Steck of Merkel.

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE
Band 1-4; Stage Band 2 years; Secretary Student Council; FHA 1-4; Varsity Basketball 2 years; Varsity tennis 1 year; Speech; Drama 1-4; Choir one year; Band Favorite.

Cynthia plans to work this summer and attend college in the fall at Tarleton University majoring in Drama.

Jan Wooten

Jan is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James P. Wooten of the Buckman Camp.

Jan moved to Merkel in the middle of her junior year from Monte Vista High School in Spring Valley, California. In her senior year at Merkel High she has been a member of the choir and a Student Council representative.

After graduation Jan plans a two week vacation in California before starting to work at Camp Butman. She will enter McMurry College in the fall.



tary; Tonya Crenshaw, business manager; and Janie Clark, reporter-historian.

FOOTBALL

The 1973-74 Merkel Badger Football team, 40 strong men may not have had an outstanding won-loss record, but as a team it matured and kept its poise enough to beat the 8A District champs, Albany 19-18 after losing 7 straight close games this season. This was the first time since 1958 Merkel has beaten Albany. This took much courage and determination on the part of the Badgers to buckle down and get with it again after suffering such losses. The Badgers played well all season, but were lacking in confidence in themselves to win the close games. They played many, many close games with fewer points than one touchdown being the deciding factor.

The Badgers had only 4 Seniors for 1973-74, but those four were outstanding in their positions. Jeff Cox, (8A Honorable Mention Offensive and Defensive All District), who has never been a quarterback before and he stepped in and filled the job in a grand way. Junior Ascencio, (8A 2nd Offense Honorable Mention Defensive All District), playing Offensive and Defensive tackle was a stalwart in the forward wall all season. Jim Land, (8A 1st Defensive and Offensive All District), after being out most of the season as a Junior with injuries, came back strong as a line-

backer and has landed a scholarship to play football for the McMurry Indians. Larry Toliver, (8A 2nd Offensive Honorable Mention Defensive All District), came through the 1973-74 season as a premier pass receiver from his tight end position.

These were only the Seniors that were outstanding for the Badgers. There were many, many more Juniors and Sophomores that played big hands in the 1973-74 seasons, and they have another to look forward to. The Seniors will be missed greatly by the Badgers, but they will miss the Badgers forever, as they dream throughout their life of their glories received on the gridiron.

HOMEMAKING III

Field trip to Phillips Carriage House in Abilene following the study of construction and styles of furniture.

HOMEMAKING I

Unit on Mother and Baby Care. Unit on Family Living. Panel discussion made up of mothers of different ages representing various stages of family living.

Mother - Daughter Banquet
FHA Come As You Are Breakfast.

BAND

West Texas Fair Parade in September.

Football games and pep rallies October and November.

Marching Contest in November.

Christmas Parade in Merkel.
Christmas Parade in Abilene.
Christmas Concert.

Benefit Concert for West family in March.

Spring concert in May.

Solo and Ensemble Contest with Jim Wharton going to State in solo on Tuba.

Six Twirlers - 1st Ensemble - Audy Byrd, Beverly Mawson, Suzanne Warner and Becky Kimbrell 1st Flute Ensemble, Janie Clark, 1st solo twirling.

Concert and Sight reading, April - 2nd Division.

Spring Band Concert.

Twirlers elected - April.

CHOIR

Sweetwater Christmas program.

Lions Club program.

Abilene Lions Club program.

Musical, "Celebrate Life."

Benefit, West Family.

Patriotic School Assembly.

VARSITY TRACK TEAM

Placed 2nd in District, 101 - 100 points.

Sent seven boys to regional track meet including Andy Hart,

Derrell Riggan, Darel Bunch,

Steve West, Doug Hutchings.

Larry Toliver ran 440 and mile relay and Jeff Cox 220 dash, 100 yard dash, and broad jump at regional.

Johnny Gray ran the mile and was 5th in the District.

Junior Ascencio threw the shot and discus.

BIOLOGY

Field trip to Abilene Water Purification Plant.

Most Outstanding Student - Kathy Hendricks.

P.E.

Athletics - Most Athletic, Cindy Whisenhunt.

All District guard, 2nd Team, Cindy Whisenhunt.

Honorable Mention - All District Forward, Netta Stephan.

Captains Basketball Team - Tonya Crenshaw and Cindy Whisenhunt.

District Track - Nancy Fudge, 3rd place hurdles.

Pam Hagar, 5th high jump.

Cindy Whisenhunt, 4th high jump.

Cindy Byrd, 6th, shot.

Jeanina Griffith, 6th shot.

440 Relay, 5th place: Gayla Toliver, Netta Stephan, Nancy Fudge and Tonya Crenshaw.

VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE

SUMMER ACTIVITIES

F.F.A. Chapter will have monthly meetings.

Delegates will attend State F.F.A. Convention in San Antonio July 9-10-11-12. Shawn Moore, chapter president; David Kraatz and Chester Collinsworth, advisors.

Visitation of F.F.A. projects.

Visitation of first year vocational agriculture students.

Annual Father & Son picnic May 17th.

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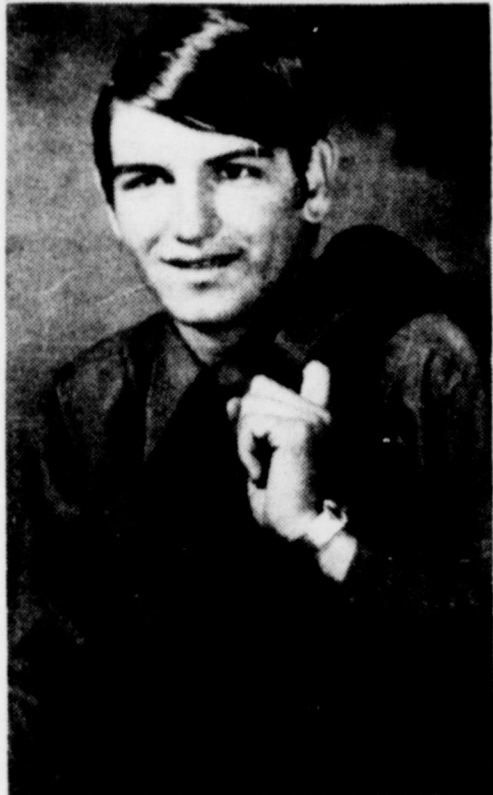
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TRENT SENIORS -- 1974



Russell Allen

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Watson.
ACTIVITIES INCLUDE
 - Transfer from Brooksmith 3, Football 3-4, Basketball 4, FFA 3-4, Chaplain 4, Sr. Play 4, Annual Staff 4, All District 4.



Rose Chronister

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Chronister.
ACTIVITIES INCLUDE
 Transfer from Plano 4, FHA 4, Sr. Play 4, Most Athletic Nominee 4.

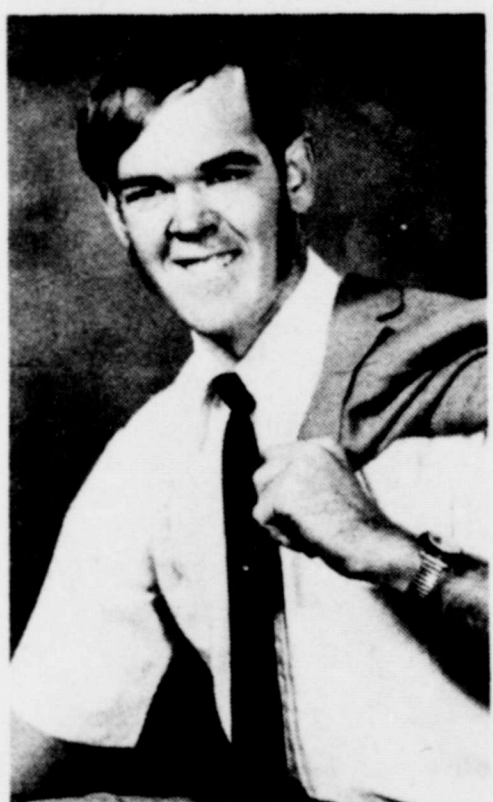


Ken Gregory

The son of Mrs. Louise Gregory.
ACTIVITIES INCLUDE
 Football 1, Basketball, Football Manager 2-4, FFA 1-4, Chapter Conducting 4, Radio Team 4, Home Improvement Award 4, Sr. Play 4, Annual Staff 4, Best All Around Nominee.



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 and safe harbors.



Rocky Brenem

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Brenem.
ACTIVITIES INCLUDE
 Track 1-3, FFA 1-4, Judging Contest 2-4, Stock Shows 1-4, Sr. Play 4, Annual Staff 4, FHA Romeo 4.



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Captain 4, Basketball 1-4, Cap-
tain 4, Track 1-4, Boxing 3,
Tennis 2-3, Golf 3-4, Volleyball
2-4, FFA 1-4, Judging Team 1-4,
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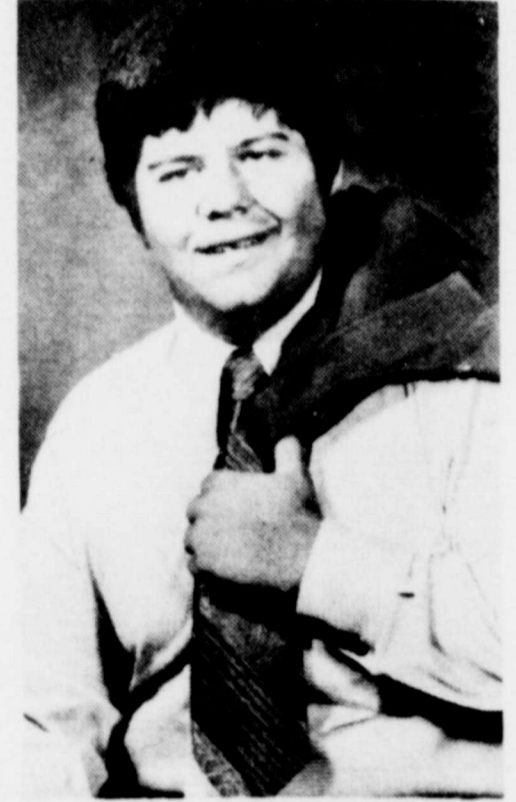


Jim Hellums

The son of Mrs. Jo Hel-
lums.

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE

Football 3-4,
Hero Nominee 3, Captain 4,
Track 1-4, Boxing 1-3, Golf
3-4, Volleyball 4, FFA 1-4, Sen-
tinal 4, Chapter Conduction
Team 1, Livestock Judging Team
2, Student Council 4, Most School
Spirited 4, Mr. THS Nominee 4,
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nee 4, Most Athletic Nominee.

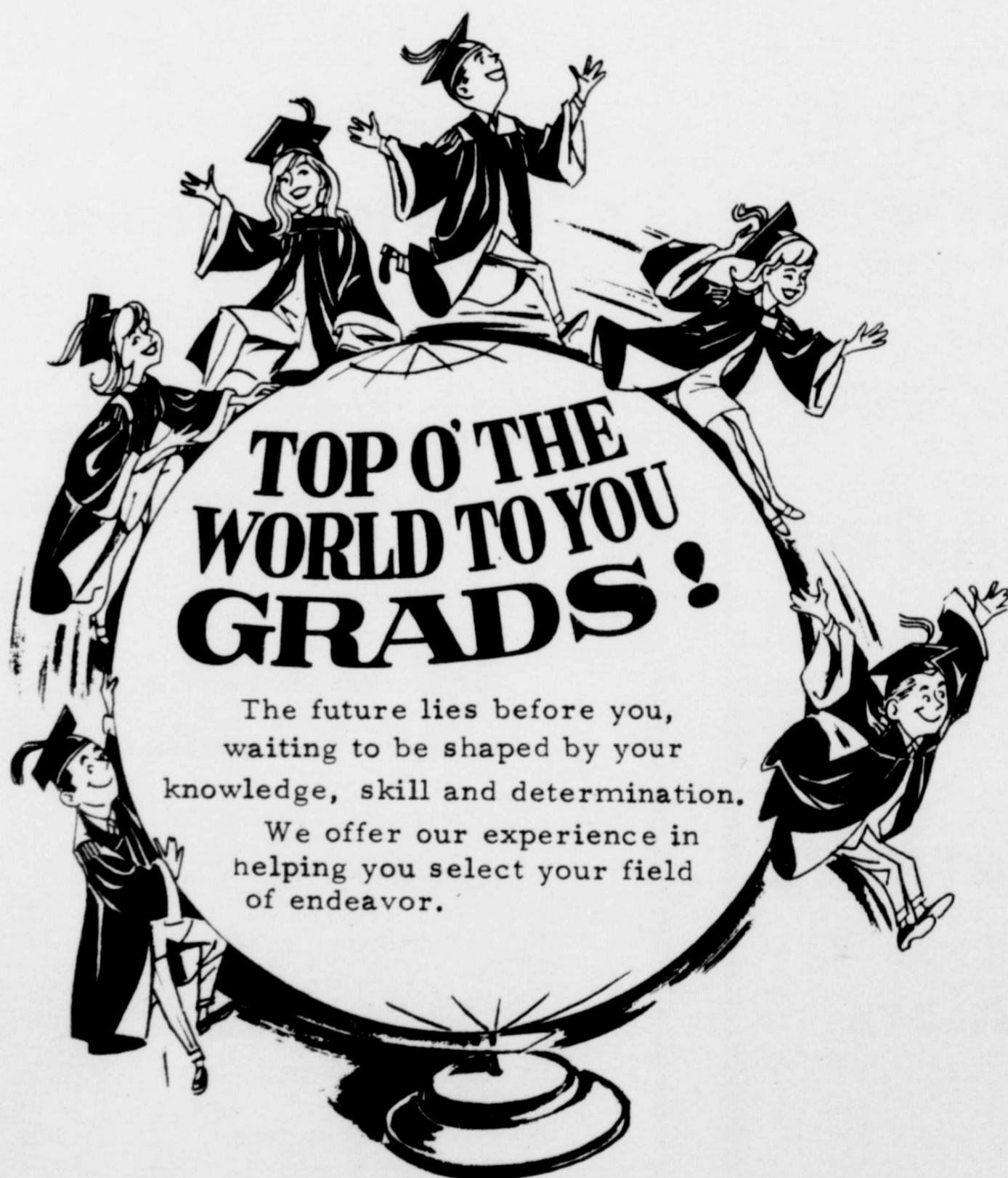


Ty Martin

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Harold Martin.

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE

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Captain 4, Track 1-3, Tennis
3-4, Golf 3-4, FFA 1-4, Pres.
4, Treas. 3, Area IV Vice Pres.
4, Judging Team 1-4, Farm
Quiz 1, Farm Skills 2, Farm
Radio 3, Class Treas. 3, Vice
Pres. 4, Class Favorite 2-3,
Sr. Play 4, Annual Staff 3-4,
FFA Romeo Nominee 2, Most
Likely to Succeed 4, Mr. THS
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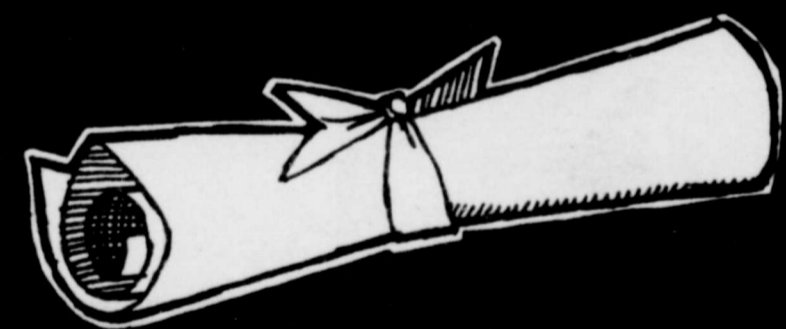
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ACTIVITIES INCLUDE Football 2-4, Captain 4, Honorable Mention Off. and Def. 4, Basketball 2-4, Honorable Mention 3, Track 2-3, Tennis 1-4, Volleyball 3, FFA 1-4, Annual Staff 4, Sr. Play 4, Farm Skills Team 2, Class Favorite 4, Class Vice Pres. 1, Football's Most Valuable Player 4, Football Hero 4, Mr. THS 4, Most Athletic 4, Most Popular Nominee 4, Most Likely To Succeed Nominee 4.



Peggy Watson

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne Watson.

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE Basketball 1-4, Captain 4, Honorable Mention All District Basketball 3, All District Basketball 4, Volleyball 2-3, Track 3, FHA 1-4, Pal 2-3, Pres. 4, Band 1-4, Sec. 3, Pres. 4, Twirler 1-4, Student Council 3-4, Rep. 3, Pres. 4, National Honor Society 3-4, Sec-Treas. 4, Annual Staff 3-4, Editor 4, Sr. Play 4, Pep Club 1-4, American Legion Award 3, UIL Typing 3, Class Pres. 2, Sec. 3-4, Class Favorite 3, Football Sweetheart 4, Most Likely to Succeed, 4, Popular Nominee 4, Best All Around Nominee 4, Who's Who Among High School Students, Outstanding Teenagers of America Uward 4, Most Outstanding Student 4, High School Harvest Queen Nominee 3.



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Salutatory Address Tina Hamner
Valedictory Address Gayla Heatly
Presentation of Awards Sam Frasier
Principal, Trent High School

Introduction of Speaker Sam Frasier
Commencement Address Bryan Bradbury
Attorney, Abilene

Presentation of Class Sam Frasier
Presentation of Diplomas .. Weldon Beasley, President of School Board
Dean King, Superintendent

Turning of Rings Class President, Gayla Heatly
School Song Audience

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