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'Round
the
corner

Johnnie Gresham

Ah - the world of newspaper! There is a new problem every week - nothing dull and humdrum about it. Almost every day since last Wednesday, part of the

Merkel Mail staff has been taking pictures for this week's paper. Several events were taking place, what with graduation, end of school activities, our subscription contest, and the list goes on and on

Well, we covered every event we were invited to cover and took two rolls of film and should have had several nice pictures to show for it.

Unfortunately, we have absolutely nothing to show for all our hard work! That's right, we didn't get one picture off of two rolls of film.

Our photo developer says the film was blank, and as of press time, we have no explanation as to why.

See what we mean when we say that there is a new problem every week in the newspaper business?

Our apologies to all of you that were looking forward to the picture we took for the paper. We hope that by next week we will have figured out the problem and have it corrected.

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There's nothing like a budget to remind you how much you spend for what little you get.

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Pam Massey, nine year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Massey, 707 Second Street, sold enough subscriptions to receive her bicycle this week. She will be in the fourth grade next fall. She and her mother would like to thank everyone who helped her get the bike.

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Twenty years ago a lot of people dreamed of earning the salary they can't get along on today.

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A father took his four-year old son to enroll him in kindergarten when pre-registration was held here Tuesday.

The teacher brought out a long, detailed enrollment form and started asking questions.

"Does the boy have any older brothers?"

"No."

"Does he have any older sisters?"

"No."

"Younger brothers or sisters?"

"No."

Looking more and more unhappy with each negative answer, the little boy suddenly blurted out:

"But I've got lots of friends!"

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Tonya Moore and Cathy Holway, both of Merkel, will be competing in the State 4-H Roundup at A&M on June 4-5-6 there they will be giving a demonstration in Vegetable Preparation. The girls have already won in Abilene at the County competition and in San Angelo at District competition. So, congratulations girls on your past wins, and good luck at A&M.

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Daffynitions:

Conscience: that part of one which hurts when everything else feels so good.

Secret: something you tell one person at a time.

Fad: that which goes in one era and out the other.

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Miss Effie Jones, Home Economics teacher at Merkel High School, presented a certificate of appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. Jim Torrence of Stuckey's this week. They received the certificate for their work and cooperation in employing students in the Home Economics Cooperative Education program.

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When we hired our new ad make-up girl, one of the other office girls was overheard telling her:

"You can always tell who the boss is. She's the one who watches the clock during the coffee break."

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This Saturday is Trade's Day in Merkel, but it is special Trade's Day. The various merchants around town are offering some real nice merchandise in the lucky ticket drawing to be held, and if you haven't gotten your tickets, remember to pick them up, and check your numbers in the stores Saturday.

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The reason so many congressmen are anxious to be re-elected is they'd hate to try and make a living under the laws they passed.

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See 'ya next week - round the corner.

-J.G.

SATURDAY JUNE 1 IS TRADES DAY

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Eight Grade Graduation Held Monday Night, May 27

Merkel eighth grade graduation was held Monday night, May 27th at 8 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

Invocation was given by Randy Cox. Linda Williams presented the class gift, and Mack Fisher, Superintendent of Merkel Schools presented Honor Awards.

Diplomas were presented by John Cain, Sr., Principal of Merkel Junior High School, to the following: Glen Arnold, Kandi Ascencio, Hector Ascencio, Ferrel Lane Bagby, Joseph Bailey II, Jerry Balls, David Baruch, Rudy Biera, Connie Lea Brazell, Calvin Lee Carter, Jr., Randy Carter Cox, Freda Vonell Crenshaw, Terry Criner, Alice Marie Cunningham, Mike Davis, Becky Deason,

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Also Carrie Law, Patsy Ann Martin, Tammylyn Martin, Chester Massengill, Harry E. McDaniel, Sharon McVey, Tonya Moore, Pam Morgan, Grant Murrell, David

O'Con, Jolanda O'Con, Becky Jeanette Page, Dorothea M. Pannell, Eula Elizabeth Phipps, Brad Pursley, Vickie Lynn Reddin, Gayle Marie Reed, Connie Rigan, Suzy Jeanette Rister, Vera Jeanette Robison, Mary Priscella Roeder, Tammy Sanders, Kim Satterwhite, Brad Shugart, Jesse Sparks, Larry Gaylon Stewart, Terry Stewart, Lesa Dawn Swinney, Richard L. Teague, Gregory Dean Treadwell, Ronny Trull, Jerold W. D. Walters, Timothy Watson, Becky Lynn Watts, Sherry Denise West, Ronnie Whisenhunt, Marlon White, Kyle Wilkerson, Linda Sue Williams, Paula G. Williams, Janie Veracruz, Dale Alcorn, Juan O'Con and David Roberts.

Rites Held Sunday For Pearl McDonald

Mrs. E.M. McDonald, longtime Merkel resident, died at her home 410 Oak Street at 5:30 Friday morning, May 24, at age 97.

Funeral services were held at 3 p.m. Sunday at the First Baptist Church, with the Rev. Kenneth Jones, pastor officiating, assisted by N. S. Daniel, associated pastor of First United Methodist Church in Merkel. Starbuck Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Palbearers were Buster Horton, Joe Cybert, Booth Warren, Byers Petty, Fred Guitar, Bill Brown, Wallace Bragg, J.C. Petty, Wayne Haynes, W. R. Cybert, Sam Swann, and the deacons of the First Baptist Church.

Mrs. McDonald was born Dec. 13, 1876 in Minden, La. At an early age she moved with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Barnes, to Merkel where her father was an early lumberman. She became a member of the First Baptist Church when a young girl.

She married R. E. Tracy, who had established the Tracy Ranch 18 miles west and south of Merkel.

Mr. Tracy died in 1910. She later married E.M. McDonald, a Merkel grocer, who died in 1954.

Pearl McDonald was a familiar figure in her neighborhood as she went about her work in her backyard and in her kitchen. No compliment pleased her more



MRS. McDONALD

than to be called by her family and her close friends "the best cook in town." She was preceded in death by two little girls, Ruby and Bessie; a niece, Vinne Halzer Tatum who lived in the McDonald home 25 years; a much-loved sister, Bessie Bragg of Merkel; and seven other sisters and brothers.

She is survived by two daughters and a son-in-law, Neil Teaff and Lucy and Comer Haynes, all of 410 Oak; two grandsons, Bill C. Haynes and Dr. Jack Haynes, both of Abilene; seven great-grandchildren; a sister, Mrs. Walter Tatum of Mart, Texas; and several nieces and nephews.

Watson, Slaughter Trent Honor Students

Honor students from Trent High School were tapped today for membership into the nation's leading high school honor society, The Society of Outstanding American High School Students, announced Sam Frasier, principal of Trent High School, today.

The following students have been awarded the honor: Peggy Lynn Watson and John Ray Slaughter.

These students are now participating in The Society of Outstanding American High School Student's Annual Awards Program which offers over \$800,000 in renewable college scholarships. The scholarships consist of unrestricted cash awards to colleges of the student's choice and renewable annual scholarships to leading colleges and universities across the nation. The Society of Outstanding American High School Students Awards Program is one of the largest of its kind in the country.

The Awards Program is one means The Society uses to promote academic achievement and civic responsibility on the part of American youth. These students are also recognized nationally in an annually published volume, The Society of Outstanding American High School Students, which is distributed to colleges, universities and libraries across the nation.

Principals and counselors of high schools submit to The Society each year a limited

number of their top students. The Society then selects only the young men and women who have distinguished themselves as the highest of achievers for membership. According to the principal, "This is a high honor, indeed, and one of which these students may be proud throughout their lives."

Westenhover Services Held

Clifford E. Westenhover, 82, former Merkel resident, was dead on arrival at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Weatherford Hospital. Services were held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Merkel Church of Christ.

Larry Gill of Merkel officiated, assisted by Don Tarbet. Burial was in Merkel's Rosehill Cemetery.

Born Jan. 29, 1892, in Mansfield, he moved to Merkel at an early age. He was a painter and paperhanger until his retirement in 1969, when he moved to Weatherford. He married the former Flora Hendrix Reese in 1927, in Merkel.

Survivors include his wife, two sons, Glenn Weatherford and Foy of Arkansas; one step-son, Harold Reese of San Antonio; 13 grandchildren.

Senior Citizens To Serve Lunch

The Senior Citizens will have a salad lunch Saturday, June 1 in the Senior Citizens building in conjunction with Trade's Day activities.

The lunch will include pie and a drink. Prices are \$1.50 for adults and \$1.00 for children.

They will begin serving at 11:45.

NEWS NOTES

The Brown family of Merkel will hold their reunion Sunday, June 2 in the State Park in Abilene.

All friends and members of the family are invited to attend.

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F & M Bank To Help In Return Of The Penny

"I'm calling on every American to get the penny back in circulation and keep it there," Mrs. Mary Brooks, Director of the Mint, said recently. "I'm calling on the banking industry to welcome the return of pennies during the month of June. I'm urging schools, churches and charities to examine ways and means to involve their members in collecting pennies for deposit."

"The price of copper has retreated, closing at \$1.15 per pound on May 20. There will be no aluminum penny. The 62 billion pennies produced during the past 15 years have no numismatic value and because of the huge mintage they will never attain great value."

"Nevertheless, speculators and hoarders of pennies have caused what seems to be a shortage of pennies in certain areas of the country."

"But there is no shortage of a supply of pennies."

"Creating a shortage where it does not exist can adversely affect every public spirited citizen, taxpayer and conservator of the earth's resources. It is inflationary should merchants start to round off sales to the next nickel due to lack of pennies to make change."

"Again, I'd like to emphasize. There are plenty of pennies. But they are in the wrong places."

"It is estimated that over 30 billion pennies are in circulation - doing the job for which they were intended. Somewhere in this vast country of ours, however, in excess of 30 billion pennies are in hiding. These are the pennies I'm looking for. They are in dresser drawers, shoe boxes, pickle jars; most anywhere you can think of that will get them out of pocket and out of sight. They are unwanted, unused and unappreciated."

"For the Mint to be forced to continue increasing its penny production to meet the current extraordinary demand is wasteful. Wasteful of a natural resource - copper - that cannot be replenished by man. And wasteful of the taxpayers' hard earned money. One billion pennies returned to circulation will save the taxpayers \$10,000,000."

"The current price and supply of copper allows us to continue production and distribution of the copper bearing cent. During the past 15 years, the Mint has pumped out over 62 billion pennies using some 202,000 tons of copper in their manufacture."



LIVESTOCK INDUSTRY FACING UNCERTAINTY-Rising feed costs, financial losses or slaughter steers and a six percent decrease in consumer consumption have combined to make this an uncertain time for cattlemen. Probably the main factor affecting the industry has been the rising cost of feed, said Agriculture Commissioner John C. White. But, he added, the housewife's cutback on beef and the supermarket's contentment at selling less beef at higher prices are contributing to the industry's problems.

All-Awards Assembly Held Wednesday

Awards were presented to twenty-six students of Merkel at the All-Awards Assembly held Wednesday morning, May 22 at 8:30 in the High School gym.

Entertainment for the assembly was presented by "The Storm," a group composed of youth from Trent, Tye and Merkel. The group members are Steve Gentry, Larry Toliver, Mack Sipe, Steve Bain and Ken Law. Awards presentations were made on the basis of (1) Grades of 90 or above; (2) Leadership and (3) Citizenship.

Those receiving awards at the Assembly were:

Kathy Cybert and Tonja McAninch, English, presented by Mrs. Dudley.

Mike McGee and Rhonda White, Math, presented by Mr. Tate and Mr. Aldridge.

Kristie Neese and Kathy Hendricks, Science, presented by Mrs. Williams.

Jerri Kay Smith, and Scott Tarpley, Social Studies, presented by Mrs. McReynolds.

Kathy Cybert and Donna White, Business, presented by Mrs. Baker.

Kathy Fariello and Netta Stephen, Speech, Drama and Art presented by Mrs. Babington.

Larry Toliver and Jan Wootan received the award in Music (Chorus and Band) presented by Mr. Reed.

Retha Mattingly, Home Economics, presented by Mrs. Beasley.

Becky Acuna, Physic Education, presented by M. Willis.

Jeff Cox and Cindy Whisenhunt, Athletics, presented by Mr. Woodfin.

Lou Ann Willson, Foreign Language, presented by M. Holloway.

Terry Reed, Student Council award, presented by M. Jones.

Kathy Cybert, Annual Sta award, presented by Mr. Baker.

Tonja McAninch and Jeff Cox received the Citizens Awards, which was presented by Mr. Davis, principal of Merkel High. The faculty elected Tonja and Jeff for this honor.

Also at the Assembly, Jan Clark, scrapbook to the Student Body with Mr. Dav

accepted. In addition to the above awards, there were forty-three merit awards presented at the Assembly Wednesday morning, which included 1 bronze, 14 silver and 13 gold awards.

The merit awards were given on points accumulated over the school years for various activities student participated in.

Those receiving the merit awards are: (Seniors) Bronze: Marsha Thompson

Galen Boone, Agriculture presented by Mr. Colungworth.

Ricky Conley and Ronn Sanford, Shop, presented by Mr. Walla.

Susan Donaldson and Sheri Bratcher, Silver: Lou Ann Willson, Rickey Conle Kathy Thomas, Anna Hughes and Ronnie Sanford. Gold: Tonja McAninch, Cynthia Steck, Cindy Whisenhunt, Kathy Cybert, Larry Toliver, Rose Ann Noster, Terry Reed and Jeff Cox (most point in M.H.S.).

(Underclassmen) Bronze: Cindy Byrd, Rhonda Howe, Teresa Griffith, Kris Nease, Jerri Stephan, Gail Toliver, Phyllis Shanks; Keith Wolf, Suzanne Warner, Kathryn Murrell, Jerre Ka Smith, Kathy Hendricks, Kathleen Davis, Christy Boone, Jackie Harris and Debbi Beard. Silver: David Cope land, Donna White, Mary J. Barnes, Netta Stephan, Lis Gregory, Tonya Crenshaw, Robert Morgan, Rhonda Whit and Janie Clark. Gold: Jill Wharton, Becky Rister, Nancy Fudge, Beverly Gilmor and Andy Hart.

Also, students who had not missed a day of school this school year were announced at the Assembly. They are (12th grade) Ted Boder, Kathy Cybert, Ronald Hogue, Anna Hughes, Rose Ann Noster, Terry Reed, Kathy Thomas, Larry Toliver, Shell Wade, Lou Ann Willson and Patsy Vinson.

(11th grade) Galen Boone, Lisa Gregory, Debbie Hobbs, Becky Kimbrell, Alan Tucke and Earnie Walters.

(10th grade) Karolyn Davis, Jackie Harris, Rhonda Whit and Becky Young.

(9th grade) John Biers, Clesta Cochran, Kris Nease, Annette Farnely, Becky Rister, Patsy Shortwell and Gayle Teaff.

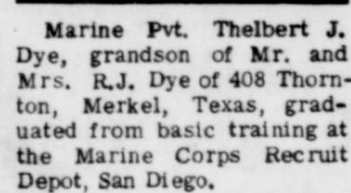
BE SURE TO VOTE

the Treasury and the Mint are prepared to issue a Treasury Department certificate to the individual or group responsible.

"Obviously, this campaign to get the penny back in circulation will require the cooperation of the banks in forwarding the names to be cited for an award to Mary Brooks, Director of the Mint, 55 Mint St., San Francisco, Calif., 94175.

Don Hensley, president of Farmers and Merchants National Bank, Merkel, said that the bank was participating in this program and anyone cashing in \$25 worth of pennies at F & M would receive an award from the Department of the Treasury.

"Truly is a challenging project for anyone who participates. It will give every American family a chance to help control inflation, protect the environment and cut government expenses," Mrs. Brooks concluded.



Marine Pvt. Thelbert J. Dye, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. R.J. Dye of 408 Thornton, Merkel, Texas, graduated from basic training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

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Feedgrain Supply Up, Sorghum Prices Down

COLLEGE STATION—Sorghum producers in the United States can expect feedgrain supplies to increase during the next few months, thus bringing prices down. Of course, much of the outcome depends on the world feedgrain situation and the weather, says a grain marketing specialist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

"We are now moving into the transition period between grain crops, so the market will tend to overreact to any news—good or bad," points out Roland Smith, "Producers will want to keep abreast of the situation, since the way they market their

1974 crop will have a sizeable impact on their income. Current indications are that a sorghum price of around \$3.50 per hundredweight can be expected during the coming season."

According to Smith, the prospect for increased supplies and lower prices is brought on by a record feedgrain crop in the making and uncertain demand factors. He expects both domestic and export buyers to stay out of the market for a while to see where the price will stabilize. This will result in sluggish forward contracting for the new sorghum crop through early summer.

"Although sorghum production will be down slightly this year with about a one per cent decrease in planted acres, corn acreage is expected to increase a whopping

10 per cent. This will set the stage for the feedgrain market," contends the Texas A&M University System specialist.

Any change in fuel and fertilizer supplies could also have a measured effect on the feedgrain market, adds Smith.

On the export side, an excellent feedgrain crop appears to be in the making in the Southern Hemisphere South Africa and Argentina are recovering from severe droughts of a year ago and their feedgrain crops will be moving into the world markets soon. A bumper crop in these countries could mean some stiff competition for the United States in the export market.

"Some slowdown in the livestock feeding industry could decrease the domestic demand for sorghum and other feedgrains will be in a state of fluctuation during the next few months. Sorghum should be favorably priced with corn this fall as more corn moves to market. Until then, producers will have to keep a close eye on market developments.

Meat bones indicate preferred cooking method. A T-bone, rib bone, pin bone, flat bone or wedge bone indicates relatively tender beef—good for broiling or roasting, note.

Sally Springer, foods and nutrition specialist, Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

PUBLIC NOTICE

LEGAL 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

**Covered Dish
Lunch Honors
Joe Arneys**

Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church held a covered dish luncheon Sunday, May 25th honoring the Joe Arneys.

They have been transferred to Bertrum Air Force Base in Austin. Their daughter, Vivian, will attend the State School for the blind.

The Arneys have served as members of the Parish Council since it was created.

NOTICE PUBLIC

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.

Said Terry Max Kachel was born the 13th day of February 1963, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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 termination of the parent-child relationship and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the child's adoption.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Mary J. Beleele, Respondent, Greeting:
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable 42nd Judicial District 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 Floyd Henry Kachel, Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 21st day of May, 1974, against Mary J. Beleele, Respondent (s), and said suit being numbered 34,481-A on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In the interest of Terry Max Kachel, a child," the nature of which suit is a request to terminate parent-child relationship.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Abilene, Texas, this the 21st day of May, 1974.
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TRUSTING FAITH

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The Bible further teaches, however, that there must be a response as a result of that faith. If the response is lacking, then salvation is also lacking. That response is baptism for the remission of sins. Romans 6:3-5 tells us that we must be baptized to participate in the death of Christ. Jesus died, was buried, and rose on the third day. We in a like manner, die to sin, are buried in baptism, and rise to walk in a newness of life.

If you are not certain that you will go to heaven when you die, then you need help. 1 Jno. 5:13 says, "I write this to those of you who believe in the name of the son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life." I want to help you have this assurance. Please call on me if I can help you or study with you.

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Teachers Honored, Anniversary Celebrated

By MRS. BRYAN DUNAGAN

The home of Mrs. Bryan Dunagin was the scene for a party May 22 having a two-fold purpose - to honor the retiring primary teachers Lydia Norcross, Jo Barnett, and Annabelle Shouse and to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Merkel Primary School.

A pleasant time was spent reminiscing. Some of the faculty of 1949 remembered that school opened on September 4 in an unfinished building. We had walls, windows, and floors, but not an inside or outside door. In the afternoon, we all walked out because we did not have doors to lock. Amid the bang of hammers, and buzz of saws

Farm Price Decline Causes Strong Concern

WACO - Texas Farm Bureau President J. T. (Red) Woodson has expressed strong concern over rapidly declining farm prices.

"Together with increasing production costs, the disastrous drop in farm prices since mid-winter has caught farmers and ranchers in a deadly cost-price squeeze," the farm leader said.

The Farm Bureau president said a number of factors were responsible for the decrease in farm prices, including government intervention, food boycotts, truckers' strike, increased crop yields around the world, and increased plantings in the U.S.

Woodson said farm prices for eight major commodities are down an average of 27 per cent from 1974 highs. He pointed out that production costs are up 16 per cent in the past year.

"It's about time that prices came down more in retail markets," Woodson said.

Erath County To Hold 12th Rodeo

The Erath County Trailblazers of Stephenville, will hold their 12th Annual Trailblazer Round-Up Rodeo, June 14th and 15th, in the Erath County Livestock Assn. Arena, Stephenville. Rodeo time will be at 8:00 p.m. each night. The Texas Rodeo Company will be the stock producer.

The rodeo is for school age youngsters between the ages of 6 and 19 years of age. No college students will be allowed and identification must be presented upon request.

Some events will be jack-potted with Silver Trophy buckles being presented in first place - these events are: Bareback, Sr. Bulls, The Down Roping, Sr. Girls Barrel Racing and Chute Dogging. Events that will award Silver Trophy Buckles to first place, ribbons through fourth are: Jr. Bull Riding, Jr. Barrel Racing, Rescue Race (Boy & Girl Team), Ribbon Roping (Boy & Girl Team), Goat Tying (Girls), Poles QH Break-Away-Roping and Goat Sacking (Girls Team). All Team events will be awarded belt buckle to both members of team, along with points.

A Gold and Silver, Ruby studded NELSON TROPHY BELT BUCKLE will be awarded to All Around Cowboy and All Around Cowgirl. Contestants must enter at least three events to be eligible for All Around.

Trent Honor Roll For Year Released

The following annual Honor Roll has been released for the Trent Schools. Students whose names appear here have made the Honor Roll every six weeks during the 1973-74 school year.

1st Grade - "B": Isabell

Area Students On Youth Tour

Connie Lentz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Atkins, a student in Blackwell High school, and Greg Pope, a student in Eula High School and son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Pope, will represent Taylor Electric Cooperative on the youth tour to Washington, D.C.

The students will join other youth from across the state at Waxahachie on the evening of June 7th, for a get-acquainted party, and board a special bus early Saturday morning June 8th.

They will arrive in our nation's capital on June 11th, and spend four fun filled, educational days of receptions and sightseeing.

The tour will stop at many places of interest enroute, and the youth will be back in their homes on June 18th with their families and memories.

Turner, Roger Brenem, Rita Brockman, Jon Michael Henderson and Franklin Evans. 2nd Grade - "B": Ida Griffith and Billy Williams.

4th Grade - "B": Norma Frazier, Leslie Masonheimer, Latricia Powell, Rebecca Sipe.

6th Grade - "A": Vondi King.

"B": Tammie Hicks Sue Reed, Cheri Patterson, Debbie Jackson.

7th Grade - "A": Velma Perkins, Jacki Reed.

"B": Sue Bryan, Sherry Frazier, Leanna West.

8th Grade - "B": Pam Evans, Penny Hatfield, Rob-

bie Freeman.

Freshmen - "A": Teresa James, Brenda Griffith.

"B" - Rocky Bryan, Teri Hamner, Debbie Mitchell.

Sophomores - "A": Pam King.

"B": Bob Reed, Patricia Boyd.

Juniors - "A": Becky White, Cindy Beasley, Jeffrey Wells, John Slaughter.


"B": Lonnie Mitchell, Steve Bland, Jan Beck, Rebecca Freeman, Charles Hatfield.

Seniors - "A": Tina Hamner, Gayla Heatly, Peggy Watson.

"B": Ty Martin.

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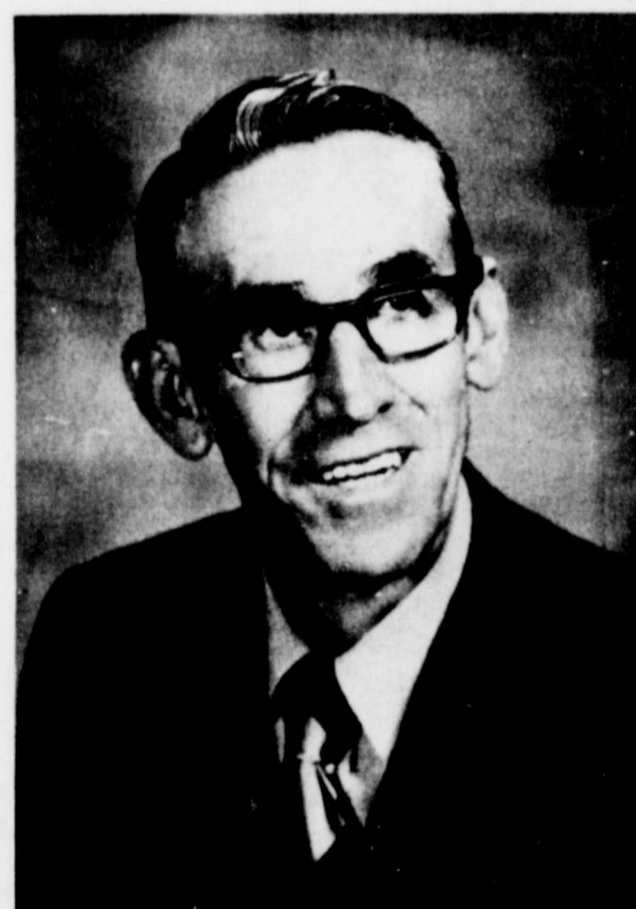
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A PERSONAL WORD FROM STATE REP. ELMER MARTIN

I regret that my responsibilities as your delegate to the Texas Constitutional Convention has prevented me from returning to District 61 and campaigning among you personally. However, I sincerely believe it is my duty to you to remain on the job in Austin, no matter how my absence handicaps my campaign for re-election. My hope is that you understand the reason for my absence and that you will be sure to vote Saturday. --- ELMER MARTIN.



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**88 Per Cent Of His Home County
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That is right. Elmer Martin received an unprecedented endorsement from his home county of Mitchell in the May 4, Democratic Primary. 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 to State Representative, District 61. This is extraordinary testimony from those who know him best that Elmer Martin measures up to the high mark for honesty, integrity and effective service.

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Last Meeting of Xi Nu Chi Chapter

Xi Nu Chi Chapter of Beta Sigma held its last meeting of the year with a buffet dinner May 20, at the Asteroid Restaurant.

Slough Reunion Held May 25, 26

Descendants of the late Betty and John Slough met at Christian Youth Retreat Camp at Lake Brownwood Saturday and Sunday, May 25-26.

Relatives were represented from El Paso, Temple, Tulsa, Okla., Brady, Fort Worth, Grandbury, Abilene, Merkel, Clyde, Azle, Eola, San Angelo, Houston, Rosenberg and Brownwood.

Nathan Slough of Eola and Barney of Houston and Mrs. Claude Warren of Merkel were the brothers and sister in attendance. Two other sisters, not able to attend

Mrs. Glenn Teaff, president led the members in the opening ritual. The 1974-75 standing committee chairmen are: Mrs. John Brady, Program; Mrs. Bob DuBose, Social; Mrs. Weldon McAninch, Service; Mrs. Mamie Steck, Ways and Means; Mrs. Charles Eager, Membership; Mrs. Glenn Robertson, Telephone; Mrs. Ed Tipton, Publicity and Historian.

Recognized for their perfect attendance were Mrs. Brady and Mrs. Tipton.

Gifts were exchanged revealing the name of secret pal.

Members attending the dinner were Mmes. Jack Boone, Carroll Benson, Darla Mawson, Bob Garner, Don Watts, Almeda Bullock, Val Patterson, Brady, DuBose, McAninch, Steck, Eager, Robertson, Teaff and Tipton.

due to illness, are Mrs. Sam Hill of Merkel and Mrs. Mamie Hines, Albuquerque, N.M.

This was the 46th annual reunion, missing only two during W.W. II.



MRS. GARY DON HICKS
... nee Robbie Gay Swenson

Miss Swenson, Mr. Hicks Exchange Vows Saturday

Robbie Gay Swenson became the bride of Gary Don Hicks in a wedding ceremony at the Bethel Lutheran Church in Avoca Saturday night with Rev. Stanley Leaf, pastor, officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Swenson, of Avoca and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben R. Hicks of Merkel.

Organist for the ceremony was Mrs. Leland Nauert of Stamford and soloist was Mrs. Ray Reeves of Lueders, Texas.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a long white gown of bridal satin. The Empire waist was of re-embroidered Alencon lace and English net. Tiny seed pearls outlined the scallops at the waistline and on the bishop sleeves. The a-line skirt had an overlay of lace

with pearls and a detachable chapel length train accented with lace appliques and pearls. Her lace tiara held her shoulder-length veil of imported English illusion.

She carried an old fashioned cascade of white miniature carnations and baby's breath.

Gail Prewit of Stamford served as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Becky Avants, Becky Hansen and Christie Lundgren, all of Avoca. They wore identical gowns of pink knit featuring Empire waists and short puffed sleeves. Each wore pink hats accented with a white satin bow.

Jennifer Oman, of Odessa, served as flower girl and ring bearer was Eric Taylor of Fort Worth. Candelighters were Karen Elliot of Abilene and Mary Hawkins of Aspermont.

Best man was Tommy Carson of Merkel and groomsmen were Dennis Orsborn, Roger Beard, and Phil Swenson, brother of the bride.

Ushers were John Dixon of Merkel and Dwan Peevey of Abilene.

A reception in the fellowship hall of the church, followed the ceremony, hosted by the bride's parents.

After a wedding trip to Dallas and Acapulco, the couple will make their home at 208 Rose in Merkel.

The bride is a graduate of Avoca High School and is a senior at McMurry College. She served as president of Delta Beta Epsilon Social Club, 1973-74; is a former member of Wah Wahaysee, and a member of McMurry's Women Interclub council. She will be teaching in the Merkel Schools next fall.

The groom is a graduate of Merkel High School and McMurry College, where he received his B.B.A. in management. He was a member of Kiva Social Club and former Vice President of Alpha Phi Omega National Service Fraternity.

He is employed at Hicks Auto Supply in Merkel.

The rehearsal dinner was held at the Cliff House Restaurant in Stamford, hosted by the groom's parents.

LADIES GOLF NEWS

Last week the ladies played for points. The ladies with the lowest score had the most points. There were two winners, Sherry Aldridge and Jo Ann Smith.

The Ladies Golf Association is planning a one day golf tournament. The date and other details will be announced at a later day.

Ladies don't forget June 11 is our monthly supper and the day we ask the men to play. We will be playing blind partners. You play a round of golf then draw for your partner.

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Preparing a cut of meat for cooking may require some trimming. From such trimmings, save lean tidbits for stews or ground meat - and bones for soups, suggests Mrs. Gwendolyn Clyatt, consumer marketing information specialist, Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

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 13 through 16 - 1. Charles Hatfield, 2. Patricia Boyd, 3. Terry Gramberger, 4. Walter Henslee, 5. Mary Beth Phillips.

Poles

Shetland Pony - 1. Eddy Sparks, 2. Buddy Stout, 3. Mike Dokey.

Barrels

Shetland Pony - 1. Eddy Sparks, 2. Jay Gibson, 3. Buddy Stout, 4. Donny Malard, 5. Mike Dokey.
 12 and Under - 1. Lisa McKee, 2. Lisa Dokey, 3. Tammer Dolson, 4. Sherri Williams, 5. Vickie Campbell.
 13 through 16 - 1. Patricia Boyd, 2. Terry Gramberger, 3. Charles Hatfield.
 17 and Over - 1. Jarrett Pinckley, 2. Obie Coker, 3. Jim Allsday, 4. Walter Henslee, 5. Barbara Whisenhunt.

Boat Race

5 and Under - 1. Mike Dokey, 2. Kyle Coker, 3. Bridgett Vaughn, 4. Justin Foster, 5. Lucy Masonheimer.

Flags

Shetland Pony - 1. Mike Dokey, 2. Buddy Stout, 3. Eddy Sparks, 4. James Allday.
 12 and Under - 1. Brooks Boyd, 2. Vickie Campbell.

POLICE REPORT

At 8:45 A.M., May 25, the Police Department received a call from DuBose Texaco Service Station that there had been a break in at the Office Building behind the station sometime during the night. Investigation revealed that the entire office had been ransacked. There was approximately \$170.00 in cash taken and approximately \$18.00 worth of stamps. The Police Department was able to secure some finger prints at the scene and they will be used as a process of elimination as some of the prints taken may be from some authorized personnel working in the office. The Police Department does have a lead and hopefully the case will be closed shortly.

At 9:35 A.M., May 26, the Police Department received notification that there had been a break in at the Adcocks Laundry and Cleaners. Investigation revealed that some items including money had been taken from Mrs. Adcock's purse. It was also later determined that the Adcock Clothing store had also been entered and a various amount of clothing, gloves, etc., was taken. The exact amount of clothing taken is still being determined by Mr. Adcock. Mr. Adcock also is offering a \$100.00 reward to anyone having information that lead to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons that robbed his store. Anyone who may have such information and do not desire to contact the Police, you may contact Mr. Adcock. Either way, all names will be kept secret by the Police Department.

At 8:55 P.M., May 26, the Police Department received a call that there had been an accident on South 2nd St. in Merkel. It was determined that a vehicle had been driven into a high-powered line and there were hot wires that came together and caused a fire. The fire was extinguished by the Merkel Fire Department and the driver of the vehicle was taken to the

Hospital. It was learned later that the driver received minor injuries. A short time later the fire started up again and the fire department was recalled to the scene. Upon arrival at the scene the fire truck was blocked from reaching the fire by a vehicle that was cross ways in the road in an attempt to remove the wrecked vehicle. Subject refused to move the vehicle in order to allow the Fire Truck to drive through and the fire truck had to be routed around the vehicle which was blocking the road. One subject at the scene was filed on for Disorderly Conduct and Threatening a Police Officer. The subject pleaded guilty to both charges to Judge Hill on May 27, and was fined \$133.00. In the future, anyone that willfully refuses to move his vehicle out of the path of a fire truck going to the scene of a fire will have their vehicle hauled off and impounded and will be filed on accordingly.

Jim Broussard

Law Affects Farm Wages

COLLEGE STATION - Recently-enacted federal legislation raised the minimum wage for farm workers who are covered from the present \$1.30 to \$1.60 an hour, effective May 1.

The minimum will increase to \$1.80 on January 1, 1975; to \$2 on January 1, 1976; to \$2.20 on January 1, 1977; and to \$2.70 on January 1, 1978.

"The differential in minimum wage for agriculture and non-agriculture is wiped out by 1978," points out Kenneth Wolf, economist in agriculture for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

"The newly-enacted amendments to the Fair Labor Standards Act do not change the exemption of agriculture from overtime requirements or the '500 man-day' test for coverage of agricultural employers."

Wolf advises each farmer to examine his records to determine whether he hired as much as 500 man-days of agricultural labor in any quarter of 1973. If so, the farmer is obligated to pay at least the minimum wage to all labor in 1974.

"Covered farm employers need to keep the new minimum wage requirements in mind in recruiting workers for this summer," adds the Texas A&M University System economist.

Also effective May 1, certain domestic service workers were covered by the minimum wage law for the first time, notes Wolf.

MERKEL WINDMILL LITTLE LEAGUE SCHEDULE FOR 1974 LITTLE LEAGUE SEASON

	6:00	8:00
May 30	Braves vs. Kilowatts	Bankers vs. Vets
May 31	Supers vs. Willies	Vets vs. Braves
June 4	Kilowatts vs. Vets	Bankers vs. Braves
June 6	Supers vs. Banker	Vets vs. Supers
June 7	Willies vs. Braves	Braves vs. Kilowatts
June 11	Supers vs. Bankers	Braves vs. Supers
June 13	Vets vs. Willies	OPEN
June 14	Kilowatts vs. Bankers	Vets vs. Supers
June 18	Willies vs. Braves	Supers vs. Willies
June 20	Kilowatts vs. Bankers	Bankers vs. Vets
June 25	Braves vs. Kilowatts	Willies vs. Kilowatts

First team listed for each game is the HOME TEAM and will occupy the WEST DUGOUT.

1st Game starts at 6:00 No inning will start after 7:30.

2nd Game starts at 8:00 - No inning will start after 9:30.

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Trent 4-H Elects Officers

The Trent Boys and Girls 4-H Club met and elected new officers for the coming year.

They are: President, Cindy Beasley; Vice President, Robbie Freeman; Secretary, Treasurer, John Stevens; Reporter, Danny Freeman; Council Delegate, Rebecca Freeman; Publicity Chairman, Laticia Powell.

Organizational Leaders are Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Freeman.

The Refreshment Committee is made up of Sue Bryan, Velma Perkins and Rebecca Sipe.

The next meeting will be a picnic and program on Water Safety at the Sweetwater Lake in June. The date will be announced later.

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Miss Teenage Abilene Competition Announced

Plans for the 1975 Miss Teenage Abilene competition, sponsored by the Dr Pepper Bottling Co. of Abilene, were announced today by Cleber Massey, President of Dr Pepper in Abilene, and Kay Denkhoff, Pageant Coordinator.

Entry forms for 1975 Miss Teenage Abilene will be available in the near future through all locations where Dr Pepper is sold and the Dr Pepper offices in Abilene. Entry deadline for this year's competition will be July 31st. Preliminary written testing will begin in July with preliminary poise, personality and talent evaluations scheduled in August. The local Miss Teenage Abilene Pageant will be held Saturday, September 21, in the Abilene Civic Center.

Miss Teenage Abilene '75 will go directly to the national Miss Teenage America finals in Little Rock, Arkansas in November.

Included in the prizes for Miss Teenage Abilene will be a partial scholarship to the college of her choice, an all-expense paid trip to Little Rock and the national competition wardrobe.

Paula Diane Harper of Abilene is the current Miss Teenage Abilene.

Camp Tonkawa Gets Pre-Opening Inspection

To assure the health and safety of Scouts who attend Camp Tonkawa, the summer long-term camp of the Chisholm Trail Council, Boy Scouts of America, a pre-opening inspection was conducted last week by council officials.

Camp Tonkawa will open June 9, 1974 for 4 weeks with an expected attendance of 500 Scouts and leaders from 32 troops in the Big Country Area.

The inspection covered food service, dishwashing, refrigeration, food storage, sleeping quarters, first aid equipment, latrines, water supply aquatic facilities and

equipment and storage, and buildings.

Conducting the inspection were Dr. Joe Alexander, Maurice Hufstetler and Lynn Yantis.

Another inspection on June 18 will be held by representatives of the South Central Region covering camp staff qualifications and training program, troop sites, and national health and safety standards, Dr. Joe Alexander said.

NEWS NOTES

The Ladies Auxiliary to the Merkel Fire Department will meet Monday, June 3 at 7:30 p.m. at the fire station. Election of officers will be held Thursday of all volunteer firemen are cordially invited to attend.

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