

## Cisco Junior College May Offer Extension Courses in Merkel

Members of the Merkel Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors were told at their Tuesday night meeting that officials of Cisco Junior College would meet with the Board and other interested parties Thursday to discuss the possibility of establishing an extension facility in Merkel.

Bill Button, chairman of the Industrial Committee said that he had contacted officials at the college and they were definitely interested in offering extension courses in Merkel. The Chamber Board was unanimous in their backing of the idea. The Board and other interested citizens will meet with the college officials at a noon luncheon to be held at Merkel Restaurant.

Facilities for the college to use were discussed. It was pointed out that Merkel school buildings might be available. Button told the members that the college had rented a business building in downtown Clyde where the college presently is offering extension courses.

Board member Travis Davis said that seniors that are taking only a few hours this year could enroll in the extension courses for a certain number of semester hours while still attending Merkel High School. He pointed out that Merkel teachers could take some courses under certain conditions.

In other action, the Board heard reports from the various committees of the Chamber. Benny Melton told the board that 10 more Christmas decorations had been purchased in Abilene. Lighting for the Christmas season was discussed.

Retail Promotions Committee Chairman George Starbuck said that the committee had nothing special for this Trades Day, but that several ideas were under discussion.

Benny Melton gave a report on the summer recreation program. He pointed out that CAP had paid for children of several families that were not able to afford the fees.

Membership Committee Chairman Bobby Dubose discussed plans for recruiting new members for the Chamber. He pointed out that the Chamber now has 97 members.

Education Committee Chairman Travis Davis reported on the get acquainted tea held for new members of the Merkel School faculty. He said that the tea was well received by the new members and that he felt it should become an annual affair. The tea was held Aug. 13th.

The city park was discussed. Benny Melton said that grass seed had been purchased. He pointed out that it had not been planted during the summer due to the dry weather. He said that Beta Sigma Phi was ready to build Bar-B-Q pits as soon as they got the go ahead.

## Motorists Urged To Drive With Care

All vehicle operators are reminded to drive with care around the school area. For those who may not be aware, the law also requires each vehicle operator to stop when over taking or meeting a stopped school bus taking on or unloading passengers. This includes when the school bus is stopped in front of the school.

Most of the vehicle operators are cooperating with the Police in the way they drive around the school area. To the few that are determined to drive recklessly the police department asks your cooperation.

## Merkelites Son's Services Held

Funeral for Donald Rex Armstrong, 40, of Rt. 1, Hawley, killed in a one-vehicle accident in Abilene Saturday night was held Tuesday, August 27, at the Hawley Church of Christ.

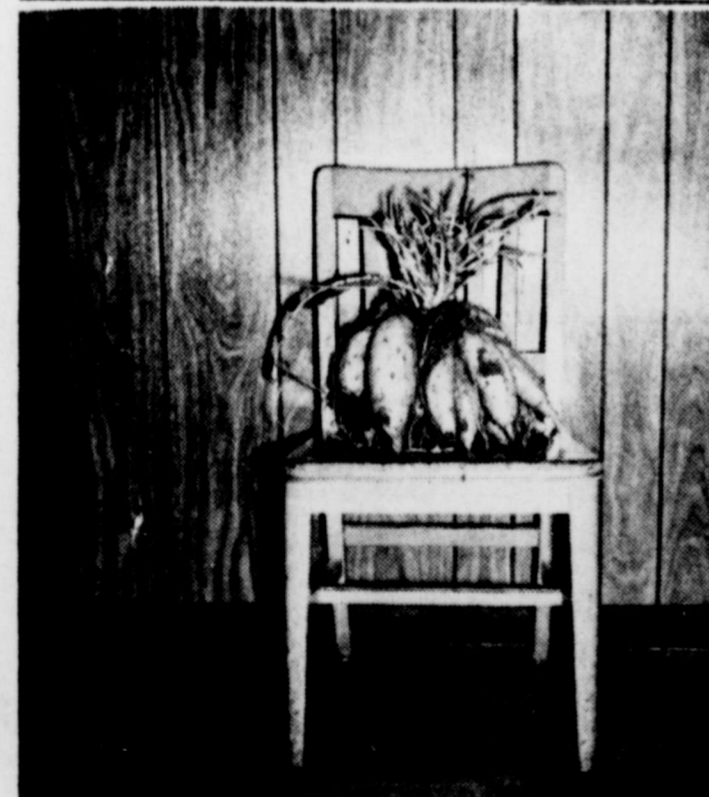
Keith Justice, minister, officiated. Burial was in the Hawley Cemetery under direction of Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home.

Armstrong was killed when the pickup he was driving struck a concrete abutment at the end of a guard rail at the intersection of South 1st and Winters Freeway.

Born Dec. 1, 1933, in Detroit, he married Nita Ed-

wards in Terra Bella, Calif., July 31, 1952. They came to Abilene in 1962. He retired from the Air Force in July after 20 years. He was a member of the Hawley Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife, three sons, Bart of Silverthorne, Colo., Wade of Abilene and Danny of the home; his mother, Mrs. Ed Blevens of Anson, his father, Troy Armstrong of Merkel; a brother, Herbert of San Jose, Calif.; two sisters, Mrs. Lorene Nix and Mrs. Neva Lee O'Sullivan, both of Porterville, Calif. and a step-sister, Billie Mae Blevens of Anson.



CLUSTER OF SWEET POTATOES - Mrs. Pauline Bryson of 412 Runnels St. raised this vine of Sweet Potatoes at her home. There are 18 to 20 good sized potatoes on one vine. She had a well which she used to water them. (Photo by Kaye Lanham)



JR. VARSITY - Team members are seated, L to R, Greg Land, John Biera, Mike Henry, Terry Criner, Randy Cox and Brad Pursley. Kneeling, L to R, Rudy Biera, Hector Ascencio, Dwain English, Jesse Sparks, Stanley West, and Grant Murrell. Standing, L to R, Mark Shaw, Clifford Dye, Glen Braune, Steve Feachy, Jerry Walters and Bart Whisenhunt. (Staff Photo by Kaye Lanham)

## Toombs Announces District Farmers Union Meeting

Texas Farmers Union District III Director Billy Bob Toombs, of Merkel, has announced that a district meeting will be held in Haskell at Haskell Steak House on Tuesday, September 10 at 8:00 p.m. A dutch treat dinner will precede the meeting.

The district farm organization leader said that the district meeting is being held

to set the stage for the pre-state convention activities. According to Toombs, county organizations will soon be adopting resolutions and electing delegates to attend the state convention in Houston during December.

In view of the current farm situation and Farmers Union's efforts to secure a more stable economic situation for

producers, I believe this district meeting will provide a rallying point to plan our fall program to benefit family farmers and ranchers in this region," stated Toombs. Toombs went on to say, "It is very important that all farmers, Farmer Union members, and others come to our district meeting to see what Farmers Union is doing and to learn how a farm organization can make it possible for a farmer or rancher to represent himself better."

A team of Texas Farmers Union leaders and staff will attend the Haskell meeting. Included in this group are Texas Farmers Union President Jay Naman of Waco, Texas Farmers Union Vice-President Joe Rankin of Falls, Director of Organization Chester Jones of Waco and Staff Assistant Bob Mullins.

Others that will participate in the meeting in addition to District Director Billy Bob Toombs will be District Vice-Director Willard Mullins of Haskell and District Secretary Charles Jacobs of Merkel.

The state farm organization president has joined the District III director on calling on all farmers, regardless of farm organization membership to attend the Farmers Union District Meeting. Naman states that he has invited the leadership of Texas states that he has invited the leadership of Texas Farm Bureau to attend these meetings for purpose of a "free-wheeling" discussion of the views of the two organizations.

## Several Events Set For Trades Day

Saturday is Trades Day in Merkel and there is several events going on for the day. In addition, Merkel merchants are offering shoppers specials. Most merchants are participating in the monthly event. Interested persons are invited to set up shop on the sidewalks of the downtown area.

The Baseball Project Committee is holding a bake sale during the day.

The Senior Citizens are offering interested persons to set up shop in their building for a fee.

The Cheerleaders are holding a car wash at the Texaco Service Station from 1-5.

The Merkel Junior High Pep Squad is holding a bake sale downtown.

## Noodle Homecoming Meeting Planned

A second planning meeting for the Noodle Homecoming will be held at the Noodle Community Center, Sunday night September 8 at 8 P.M. following church services. During the first planning session, the group voted to have the homecoming on Sunday, December 1 at the Noodle

Community Center. Plans were made to have a basket lunch. This will be the first homecoming since the closing of the school in the Spring of '73; therefore, plans were altered, hoping to meet the new situation.

A. D. Hill is president of the 1974 Homecoming Association. Committees are: program, Mr. Hill, Kent Satterwhite and Mrs. Bobby Barbee; food, Mrs. Henry Ueckert and Mrs. Troy Sloan; registration, Mrs. Vernon Stanley and Mrs. Emmet Womack; Mr. Ex and Homecoming Queen, Mrs. Eulan Hatfield, Mrs. J. E. Touchstone and Mrs. Harold Ballis; nominating, W. R. Cyperl, Henry Ueckert and Mrs. Clayton Dillard and door prizes, Eulan Hatfield.

These committee members and all other interested persons are asked to meet at the community center at Noodle September 8 at 8 P.M.

### NOTICE

Orders for the bake sale may be turned into either 928-4883 or 928-5705. Orders should be turned in by Friday noon.

We need parental help on the project and this is one way to do it. Turn in any kind of baked item.

The Langford workers and ex-workers plan a covered dish luncheon Saturday, September 14. The get together will begin at 9 a.m. at the Noodle Community Center. For information contact Mrs. Clayton Dillard 736-6541.

## Merkel Badgers Open '74 Season At Robert Lee

There are some new faces but the competition is from way back. The name of the game is FOOTBALL and the Badgers are out to gain victory.

The Badgers, with a new coach and new enthusiasm, open their 1974 season at Robert Lee Friday at 8:00 p.m. Coach Ronny Aldridge has regrouped the Badger's troops and is planning some big surprises for the 8-A District teams this season. Aldridge has been with Merkel High for seven years as basketball coach.

The Badgers will be out for revenge of Robert Lee Steers 21-14 victory last season, with the Badgers leading 6-7 at halftime.

The Badgers probable line up for Friday will have Jackie Sims, calling the signals at quarterback. Billy Watts, Steve West and Doug Hutchings will round out the backfield.

David Copeland, will get the call at left end, while David King will be at right end.

Randall Haves or Chuck Knight will go center. Tight guard will be Scott Tarpley and Galen Boone at left guard. Left and right tackle will be Jim Wharton and Mendes Moreno.

Danny Dubose and Donald Dye will see action in defense secondary. The Badgers have 24 players on their roster. The Badgers will have their hands full with two returning Robert Lee veterans in half-back Lynn Sockwell and Manual Abalos, who accounted for 14 of the 21 points for the Steers, last season win.

The following is a quick round-up of last years season.

The Badgers opened their season at Winter with the hope of stopping a long losing streak, that extended over the past two years. Things look good for the Badgers to end the long dry no win seasons. With the Badgers jumping to a quick lead in the first quarter to lead 12-6 at halftime, only to see the Hizzards make a come back in the second half with 7 points to take the game.

The second game of the season found the Badgers playing host to the ever powerful Knox City Greyhounds, who add one more disappointment to the growing string of defeats 18-6.

In their third game of the season and their second home game the Badgers dropped a hard fought game to the Steers of Robert Lee 21-14



NEW STAFF - Pictured above, third from left, is Ronny Aldridge, new head football coach of the Merkel Badgers. From left to right are his assistants, Gaylon Doan, Jr. Varsity, Monte Land, Varsity, and David Sumner, Jr. Varsity. (Photo by Kaye Lanham)

after leading at halftime 8-7. In a heartbreaking down to the last second of play the Badgers were down by the Baird Bears 14-13. Quarterback Jeff Cox scored six points to bring the Badgers within one point of the Bears.

With only nine seconds remaining the Badgers selected to go for two and the win. The run was stopped at the goal line.

In the next game the Jim Ned Indians over powered the Badgers 28-0.

Next the Badgers traveled to Aspermont and the Hornets dropped the Badgers 41-20. Next the Rotan Yellowhammers handed the Merkel boys their seventh loss of these seasons.

The Merkel Badgers long losing streak is over at 22.

Badgers downed the Albany Lions 19-18.

In their next outing the Badgers won their second game in a row, defeating the Wylie Bulldogs in the action packed thriller 9-0.

Badgers lost their first game of the season to the Roscoe Rowboys 28-14. The Badgers ended their season with a 2-8 record.

The following is a complete 1974 Merkel Badger Football Schedule, J. V. Schedule and the Jr. High Schedule.

Sept.  
6 Robert Lee There 8:00  
13 Winters Here 8:00  
18 Roscoe There 7:30  
27 Wylie Here 7:30

Oct.  
4 Albany There 7:30  
11 Jim Ned Here 7:30  
18 Roscoe There 7:30  
24 Wylie There 7:30  
31 Rotan Here 7:30

Nov.  
7 Baird T 7:30  
14 Open

J.V. Schedule  
Sept.  
5 Colorado City T 7:30  
12 Anson H 7:30  
19 Jim Ned H 7:00  
26 Stamford T 7:30

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Mr. Gibson passed away Thursday night in a local hospital.

He was originally from Merkel and lived in Fairmont Park Addition since his retirement in 1964, as a Major of the United States Air Force.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Wanda Gibson, one daughter, Mrs. Deborah McGlothlin, and one grandson, Michael Gibson, all of Pasadena. Survivors also include two sons, David L. Gibson, Pasadena and Kenneth S. Gibson, LaPorte, his mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Dent Gibson, Merkel; two brothers, L. B. Gibson and family, Albany, and Jerry Gibson and family, Merkel, one sister, Mrs. Clyde Lendsey, Shidler, Okla.

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**TRENT HIGH CHEERLEADERS** - Leading the yells this year for the Gorillas are front row, L to R, Robbie Freeman, Lisa Brazelton, mascot; Luci Masonheimer, mascot; and Pam Hammer. Top Row, L to R, Rebecca Freeman, head cheerleader and Patricia Boyd. (Photo by Troy Barnes)



**NEW COACHES** - The new staff of coaches this year at Trent High School is L to R, Roy Neff, Bob Campbell, head coach, and Bruce Thomas. Their first game will be September 6 at Hermitage at 8 p.m. (Photo by Troy Barnes)



**TRENT HIGH MAJORETTES** - This year's majorettes are, Left to Right, in semi-circle, Pam King, Brenda Griffith, Cindy Beasley, and Penny Hatfield. (Photo by Troy Barnes)



**TRENT DRUM MAJOR** - Leading Trent High School Gorilla Marching Band this year will be Becky White, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe White. (Photo by Troy Barnes)



**TRENT JR. HIGH CHEERLEADERS** - Backing the Trent Jr. High football team for 1974 is L to R, Leanna West, head cheerleader, Sue Bryan, Rebecca Sipe and Vondi King. (Photo by Troy Barnes)



**TRENT HIGH GORILLAS** - Playing for the Gorillas are L to R, front row, Timmy Moses, Alan Morse, Dexter Hulse, Bobby Brazelton and Danny Freeman, manager. Second row, L to R, Charles Hatfield, Bob Reed, Randy Scott and Ethel Gage. Top Row, L to R, Rocky Bryan, Jimmy Adams, Mac Sipe, and Tommy Stevens. (Photo by Troy Barnes)



**TRENT JR. HIGH** - The 1974 Trent Jr. High Gorillas are front row, L to R, Jimmy Tackett, Mgr., Gilbert Beaver, Kerry Patterson, Eddie Adams, Danny Freeman, Lester Moses, and Johnny Stevens, Mgr. Second Row, L to R, Clay Mitchell, James Bristo, Lloyd Williams, Billy Durham, and Riley West, Back Row, L to R, Herbert Beaver, Ronnie Hulse, Robert Freeman, Karl Roscoe, and David Oden. (Photo by Troy Barnes)

**Adult Education Meet Set At Trent**

Tuesday evening, September 10, at 7:00 will be the organizational meeting and registration for the Trent Adult Education Program. Anyone interested in any phase of Continuing Education should attend this meeting. This year, for the first time ever, we can accept people who have their High School diplomas, G. E. D. certificates, and/or college credits for refresher courses in all academic areas. The reason the qualifications for

joining an adult education class have been broadened is that recent surveys of entering college freshmen have shown that 40% needed refresher courses in English, math, and history. Another factor that was considered was that parents of school age children often need to "brush up" For those who do not have a high school diploma, what does continuing education mean to you? The goal of most people who did not com-

plete high school is to pass the G. E. D. (Graduate Equivalency Diploma) examination. For many who take the test, it means: job advancement and/or college entrance requirements met. The G. E. D. is accepted by every University and College in Texas, except Texas Tech and Rice. Further information can be obtained by calling Dean King at Trent Schools, at 862-2411 or Cheryl Kincaid at 928-5323, in Merkel.

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**CARE FOR LIGHTING EQUIPMENT**

Dust and dirt alone cause substantial losses in the amount of light produced. Systematic cleaning is important. Clean lamp bulbs (when they are cool) with a damp cloth.

Check frequently for defective cords or plugs. Replace or repair them immediately if they are faulty.



**LESS IS MORE**

Generally, you'll get more light for your money if you use the least amount of bulbs that give the light you need. For instance, one 100-watt bulb gives more light than three 40-watt bulbs—and costs about one-third less to buy and replace.



**READ THE LABEL**

Speaking of "lumens," you'll find that all light bulbs have three ratings on their packaging. Lumens tell you what the light output or performance of the bulb is. "Watts" tell you how much electricity is needed to produce that light, and "bulb life" is the estimated length of time it will take the filament inside the bulb to burn out. When brightness is more important than bulb life—for reading, studying or working—choose the "standard" life bulb that gives you the most lumens for its wattage.



Remember, Reddy supplies the energy, but only you can use it wisely!

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**Trent 4-H News**

By DANNY FREEMAN  
The Trent 4-H met August 26 for a Ice Cream Party in the back yard of Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Freeman.  
Twelve adults and thirty-eight students attended.  
The program was given on gun safety by Ronnie Freeman.  
The 4-H Club will meet next Monday, September 16. The program will be given by Melody Allen on horses.  
New officers elected to be installed September 16th are: Cindy Beasley, President; Rebecca Freeman, vice-president; John Stevens, secretary-treasurer and Danny Freeman, reporter.

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At Close of Business-August 30, 1974**

**RESOURCES**

	Dec. 31, 1973	Aug. 30, 1974
Loans	\$1,538,283.65	\$2,907,045.11
Federal Funds Sold	1,000,000.00	650,000.00
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	9,000.00	9,000.00
Banking House	50,000.00	50,000.00
Furniture & Fixtures	10,000.00	10,000.00
U. S. Government Bonds	1,787,325.00	1,193,615.52
Municipal Bonds & Warrants	1,200,855.77	1,716,690.36
Obligations of Other U. S. Gov't Agencies	174,861.52	137,233.02
Cash & Due from Banks	1,316,660.53	2,551,293.26
	<b>\$7,086,986.47</b>	<b>\$9,224,877.27</b>

**LIABILITIES**

Capital Stock	150,000.00	150,000.00
Surplus	150,000.00	150,000.00
Undivided Profits & Reserves	508,294.66	605,445.45
Dividends Payable	22,500.00	-
DEPOSITS	6,256,191.81	8,319,431.82
	<b>\$7,086,986.47</b>	<b>\$ 9,224,877.27</b>



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President & Chief Executive Officer
- MARY COLLINS  
Vice-President
- BETTY JANE TITTLE  
Vice-President & Cashier
- TED L. SMITH  
Vice-President & Loan Officer
- SYLVIA BEASLEY  
Assistant Cashier
- MILDRED HAMM  
Assistant Cashier
- MATTIE LOU WOZENCRAFT  
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- AILEEN KNIGHT  
Bookkeeper
- SANDRA WOODWARD  
Bookkeeper
- DEBBIE DOAN  
Bookkeeper
- JUAN YBARRA  
Custodian

**DIRECTORS**

- C.F. BACON  
Chairman of Board-Investments and Ranching
- R.L. BLAND  
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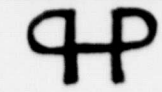
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**OUR HEART FELT THANKS** to all who extended comforting sympathy and help in our recent sorrow. For the beautiful service, floral offerings, and other kindnesses, we are deeply grateful.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
NOTICE OF INCORPORATION WITHOUT CHANGE OF NAME  
West Texas Fair Association of Abilene, Texas, an unincorporated Association, has incorporated without change of the firm name. The date of the incorporation, was August 14th, 1974. 28-4tc

**New Arrivals**  
Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Wilkens of Lorraine, Kansas are the proud parents of a baby boy, Born August 29th at Ellsworth Hospital and weighing in at 7 lbs. 9 oz. was Joshua Joel.  
Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Stallo and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Wilkens all of Lorraine, Kansas. Great grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Stallo, Merkel, and Mrs. Roy H. Mathews, Abilene.  
Great-great grandmother is Mrs. R. H. Mathews, Merkel.

## Nursing Home News

By MARY OUTLAW

It has been some time since I've written any news but there was no time except for the interest of the patients. They come first and I have been working a double shift for so many weeks due to sickness on the staff and vacations.

We wish to thank the many friends of Mrs. Nannie Love of Trent for their visits. If you haven't heard, she had another stroke. Come by and see her. She had a birthday this past Tuesday. She was 79 years young. On Sunday her daughters came in and had a nice birthday cake. I'm sure she enjoyed it. She is a very dear patient and a lovely person. We all love her for not only what she is now, but the nice person she was in the past. Remember we had Mr. Love for several years and we know what care she gave him, her patience and her love.

The First Baptist Church of Merkel filled their appointment Sunday, Aug. 18. Rev. Jones brought the message. His song leader and wife played

the piano and led the singing. Thank you for coming.  
We miss Isabel Dela Cruz from our staff. She had surgery recently but should be back around October 1. We hope so.

Mrs. Ada McDonald moved to Dallas to be near her daughter. We will miss her. Congratulations to our Director of Nurses, Loessa Allison recently married Jim Smith. Much happiness is wished by all the staff.

We have some new patients since our last news. Welcome Robert James and Mr. Story. Mr. Story is Mrs. Robert James granddad. Also Mrs. Cleo Warren and Ennis Reidenbach. Welcome to our home.

We welcome David Gamble as our consultant pharmacist and Norma Green as our consultant R.N.

We were sorry that Cleo Douglas fell and broke her shoulder. She only stayed in the hospital a few days and is now back at the home and doing well.

Sorry Bena White lost her son by death. She has had so many deaths in her family of late.

We have had so many nice things given to our home. Sorry we don't have the space to thank everyone individually. We do appreciate the nice rocker given by the Satterwhite family and for the nice pajamas and clothing that the Jake Massey family gave the home. Also for the fruit jars and the nice fresh vegetables the farmers have brought us. We do appreciate everything but time does not permit me to write the news

sometimes. Several of our patients, in fact a station wagon and a car load, went to Abilene Park on South 7th for a picnic. Everyone was tired, but all were very happy to go. Thank you Mary Vaughn, our new activity worker, and Brenda Hair and Miss Louella Hughes for going with them and helping to make the picnic a success. Mrs. Ferrier and Mrs. Sanders came by and offered money to pay the gas bill.

I am real proud of my daughter, Joyce Minnich, who graduated at TSTI August 13 at Sweetwater Nursing School. She made presidents honor roll every quarter except the first one and that is a good record for a grandmother. Ted, her husband, will retire from the Air Force August 31 after 20 years service. Congratulations Ted.

We had Mr. Larry Carrol, State Department of Public Health official, for three days inspection. We enjoyed his visit very much and there wasn't too many things that he wanted us to correct. We have them corrected. He complimented us on the food and the care of our patients.

Brenda Hair, my granddaughter, is going to Cisco Jr. College, taking a course in dietary service. She will be in charge of the supervision of the kitchen. Pat Wilson of Abilene is our dietitian.

The Tye Methodist Church brought a good service Sunday. The singing was good and Jerry Kimbel, minister, brought a short message which was enjoyed by all.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
dissolution of PARTNERSHIP

The partnership of R. G. Lee, Sr., and Robert G. Lee Jr., doing business as Wholesale Floral located at 917 North 8th Street, Abilene, Texas and 608 Burnett Street, Wichita Falls, Texas, has been dissolved because of retirement of R. G. Lee, Sr., this dissolution is effective as of August 23rd, 1974. The business will continue to be operated by Robert G. Lee Jr.

R. G. Lee, Sr.  
Robert G. Lee Jr.  
28-1tc

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO INCORPORATE  
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## Alpha Nu Nu Holds Rituals and Installation

Formal Pledge Rituals and Installation of officers were held Tuesday, August 27, in the home of Darla Mawson. Taking pledge rituals were Mmes. Ray Vnaderwerker, D. A. Bishop, Dick Leach, Jerry Magee, George Starbuck and Marie Shanks. Reading the Rituals was Mrs. Mawson and candleholders were Mrs. Glenn Teaff, president of Xi Nu Chi and Mrs. Rosie Castille, president of

Lambda Beta. ... Installing new officers, Mrs. Mawson congratulated the new group for wanting to form another chapter of Beta Sigma Phi. Installed were Mmes. Larry Justice, President; Eldon Hicks, Vice President; George Starbuck, Recording Secretary; Juan Ybarra, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer and Louise Sudderth, Director. Serving in the reception were Mrs. Robert Leo Harris and Mrs. Juan Ybarra. Guest attending from Xi Nu were Mmes. Mamie Steck, Almeda Bullock, Opal Garner, John Brady, Teaff and Mawson. Attending from Lambda were Mmes. Billy Lucas, Junior Clark, Lee Yaddow, Billy Bob Neff and Castille.

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## Lambda Beta Tea Held

Lambda Beta held their beginning day tea at the home of Mrs. Harold Hohertz Sunday the 25th. Refreshments were served, a theme cake "Stairway to Happiness", 1974 was provided by Joe Moore. A short business meeting was held. New Year books and badges were presented to all members. Present: Mmes. Billy Bob Neff, James Allday, Rosey Castille, J. H., Jr. Clark, Obie Coker, Paula Douglass, Harold Hohertz, Craig Jones, Paul Moore, Phil Seymore, Larry Teaff, Mike Welch, Larry White, and Lee Yaddow.

## Alpha Nu Nu Holds Social

Alpha Nu Nu members held their first social of the year in the back yard of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Leo Harris, Friday, August 23rd. Those attending enjoyed sandwiches, chips and dips. Members and husbands attending were: Messrs. and Mmes. Larry Justice, George Starbuck, Juan Ybarra, Ray Vanderwerker, D. A. Bishop, Dick Leach and also Marie Shanks and Louise Sudderth. Special guest were Mr. and Mrs. John Brady, exemplar coordinator.

### New Arrivals

Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Lee of Fort Worth announce the arrival of a boy, Robert Derek, 6 lbs. 8 oz. born August 20, 1974. Maternal grandparent is Mrs. Mamie Steck of Merkel and Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. William A. Lee of Fort Worth.

## Booster Club Reviews Film

The Merkel Badger Booster Club held its regular weekly meeting Tuesday night. Coach Ronnie Aldridge gave the club a report on the scrimmage between Cross Plains and the Badgers. The club also reviewed the film of the game. The club was told that the JV team will play Colorado City Thursday night while the varsity team meets Robert Lee Friday night. It was pointed out that a contest was going on between Don King and Vincent Barnett to see who could sign up the most members.

## Xi Nu Chi Holds Brunch

Xi Nu Chi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi members attended a brunch August 24 at Mrs. Darla Mawson. Mrs. Glenn Teaff presided at the Beginning Day program. Theme for the new year is "Stairway to Happiness." Mrs. John Brady, program chairman, presented members with yearbooks. Hostess for the brunch were Mrs. Bob DuBose, Mrs. Mamie Steck, Mrs. Brady and Mrs. Mawson. Other members attending were Mmes. Don Watts, Bob Garner, Jimmy Leverich, Weldon McAninch, Ed Tipton, Mawson, Teaff, DuBose, Steck and Brady.

## Young Homemakers Install Officers

The Taylor County Young Homemakers of Texas met on Thursday, August 22, in the homemaking department at Merkel High School. The Little Sisters of the past year were recognized and presented gifts of appreciation. Lisa Gregory was selected to represent the club at the area convention to be held in Stephenville in September.

## Coaches Give Lion Program

The Lions Club held their regular luncheon Tuesday. Boss Lion Fred Starbuck was sick today so Travis Davis acted as Boss Lion and introduced the program. The program was presented by the Coaching staff at Merkel High. Attending was Head Coach Ronny Aldridge, Gaylon Doan, JV Line coach, David Sumner, coaches JV backs, and Monte Land, varsity line coach. They told of what they expected to do this year. Coach Aldridge said he didn't know what kind of season they were going to have right now, but they were really showing a lot of effort. The first varsity game will be against Robert Lee Sept. 6, at 8 p.m. Coach Aldridge said it should be good. Guest at the Lions Club luncheon was Ricky Elliott of the Merkel Fire Station.

## Personals

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Browning of Suth had their daughter, Mildred and her husband, Joe Holmes, visiting this week from Dallas and their son Billy Ray Browning of Tuscola. Victory Baptist There will be a singing at the Victory Baptist Church, Monday, Sept. 9, at 7:30 p.m. A great singing is expected. The public is invited.

## 2 From Trent In Calf Scramble

Trent will have two calf scramble contestants in the West Texas Fair this year for the first time. The contestants will be Bobby Brazelton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Brazelton, and Jimmy Adams, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Adams. Also representing the Trent FFA in the West Texas Fair Sweetheart contest will be Rebecca Freeman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Freeman.

## Boy Scouts News

Boy Scout Troop 18 went on an overnight camp out August 31. The Scout enjoyed fishing, compass course, flag display, swimming, races on air mattresses and campfire at night. They even had a couple of coyotes howling at them. Scouts attending were Kelley Wolf, Brad Wade, William Martin, Larry Davis, John Townsend, Willie Townsend, Randy Martin, Terry Owens, and Scoutmaster Calvin Wolf. Mr. and Mrs. Brandon Wade visited the camp site for a couple hours Saturday afternoon. Mr. Wade had some very interesting points about Diamondback Rattlesnakes for the Scouts. Troop 18 is very happy to welcome three new members, Willie Townsend, Randy Martin and Terry Owens. Any boy between ages 11 and 18 interested in joining Boy Scouts may do so by contacting Scoutmaster Calvin Wolf, 928-4882.

## Gleaners Met August 14th

The Gleaners Sunday School Class of the First United Methodist Church met Aug. 14 in the Fellowship Hall. The group sang "Sweet Hour of Prayer". Mrs. Newt Daniels gave the prayer. Mrs. Dewel McLean gave the devotional "The Miracle of Love" by Charles Allen. Mrs. Harold Odum, who will be leaving Merkel in the near future, was honor guest. The class presented her with a love gift. Refreshments of Frosted Punch, Sandwiches and cookies were served by the Hostesses Mrs. W. W. Toombs, O. R. Douglas and Mrs. Denzel Cox.

## Golf News

Tuesday, September 10, is another Ladies Day at the Merkel Country Club - Play Supper and Business. The husbands are included and the game will be Scotch Four-some. A Reminder - It is time to renew our annual membership to the Ladies Golf Assn. Be sure and get your \$3.00 to Sherry Aldridge. Mark your calendar for the Ladies One Day Invitational Tournament - September 28. It is hoped that all the ladies will make their plans to participate - remember you beginners - with the handicaps you can play Par Golf, too. For those who just can not play, for whatever reason, come on out and enjoy the Hostess Duties to the out of town participants. It will be fun for all.

## Fair Rodeo To Have Team Roping Event

Two cowboys will work together in Team Roping, a new event in the West Texas Fair Rodeo, Sept. 12-14. Four Rodeo performances will be at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 12 and 13 and at 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sept. 14, with the new event included in all performances. The first cowboy spectators will see is called the "header". He ropes the head or horns of a fast-running steer. Then he "dallies" or wraps his end of the rope around the horn on the saddle, turning the steer to help his partner. The "heeler" or second cowboy in the event casts a loop around the steer's heels. The two riders then turn their horses to face each other with the steer in between to stop the clock. World champion Leo Camarillo of Donald, Ore., and his cousin Reg Camarillo of Mesa, Ariz., have won this event with a time of 6.1 seconds. Tickets will cost \$3, \$4 and \$5 for adults, but Fair ticket will not be included. Students 18 years old and under will pay half price at the Saturday matinee if they present a school identification.

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9-12-1. Tamarah Golsen, 2. Shannon Boyd, 3. Leslie Masonheimer, 4. Patricia Powell, 5. Sherri Williams.

13-16 - 1. Sherri Frazier, 2. Cindy Boone, 3. Sherri Stout, 3. Melody Allen, 5. Jesse Sparks.

17 and Over - 1. Allen Frazier, 2. Barbara Whisenhunt, 3. Johnny Gray, 4. Becky Golsen, 5. Jesse Sparks.

Barrels

8 and Under - 1. Brooks Boyd, 2. Jay Gibson, 3. Mike Dokey.

9-12 - 1. Tamarah Golsen, 2. Shannon Boyd, 3. Norma

Frazier, 4. Eddy Sparks, 5. Leslie Masonheimer.

13-16 - 1. Melody Allen, 2. Terry Gamberger, 3. Jesse Sparks, 4. Cindy Boone, 5. Charles Hatfield.

17 and Over - 1. Kathryn Whisenhunt, Allen Frazier (tie), 2. Anetia Frazier, 3. Jarrett Pinckley, 4. Levena Vaughn, 5. James Dean.

Flags

8 and Under - 1. Jay Gibson, 2. Brooks Boyd, 3. Mike Dokey.

9-12 - 1. Lisa Dokey, 2. Eddy Sparks, Dee Dee Masonheimer (tie), 4. Norma Frazier, 4. Sherri Williams, 5. Vickie Campbell.

13-16 - 1. Melody Allen, Cindy Boone (tie), 2. Charles Hatfield, 3. Creg Hutchings, 4. Sherri Frazier, 5. Penny Hatfield.

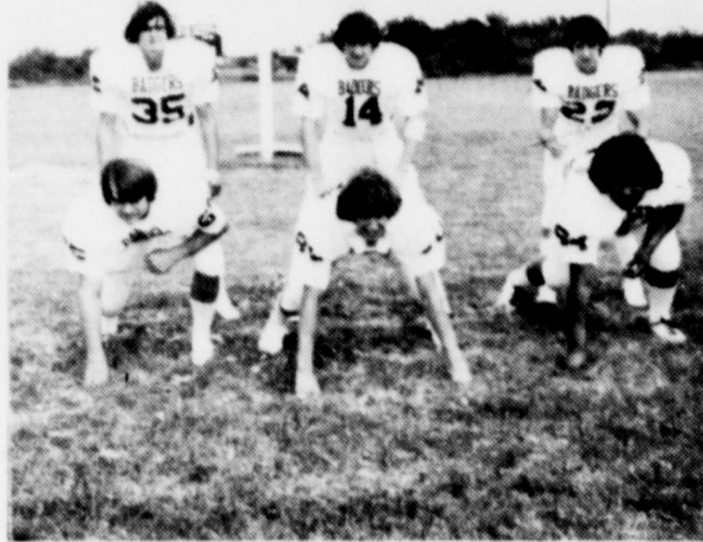
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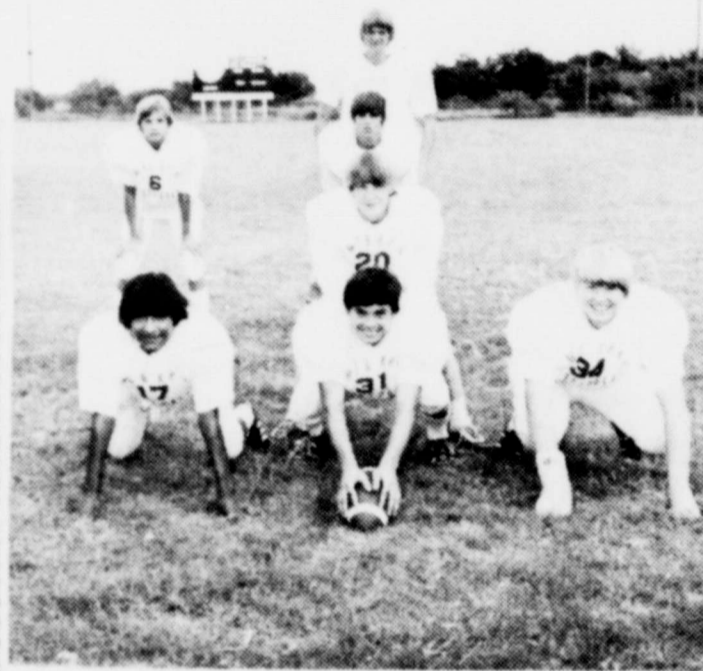
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THESE SIX SENIORS will probably see action in the first game of the season at Robert Lee September 6 at 8 p.m. They are Front Row, L to R, Jim Wharton (65), David Copeland (80) and Mendes Moreno (64). Back Row, L to R, Bert McElmurray (35), Jackie Sims (14) and Donald Dye (22). Merkel is picked to win 3rd in District 8-A. (Staff Photo by Kaye Lanham)



GETTING READY - Merkel's Jr. Varsity shown working out in preparation for their first game which will be against Colorado City Sept. 5. The game will be played at Colorado City. Pictured is Front Row, John Biera, Bart Whisenhunt, and Glen Braune. Back left, Mike Henry. Center Row, Stanley West, Mark Shaw, and Steve Peachy. (Staff Photo by Kaye Lanham)

## BADGER TRACKS

By DAREL BUNCH

Now that Labor Day is over M.H.S. should get into full swing, as if they weren't already swinging.

Congratulations to David Pfister who has great potential with his upper cut. He might even replace Mohammed Ali.

The big Merkel football team is traveling to Robert Lee this Friday to battle. The team is in great spirits and are ready to "get a steer."

Lots of news at M.H.S. but very little is printable. Students are fully co-operating with police on the speed zones - either gladly or "finely."

More to follow, Darel Bunch.

## Shrine Circus Tickets Available

Free children's tickets to the Sweetwater Area Shrine Circus are now available at several Merkel businesses.

Shriner Horace Boney said, "All you have to do is pick them up at any of these Businesses." Fisher Fine, Palmer Motor Co., Taylor Telephone, Ben Franklin, Farmers and Merchants Bank, Starbuck Co., Carsons Grocery, Boney Insurance and Lemans Butane.

## Senior Citizens

The singing held Monday night at the Senior Citizens Building was one of the best. New members and visitors were present.

Saturday, September 7, is Trades Day in Merkel. There will be a garage sale in the club building. Many families have planned to have items for sale.

Anyone can put items on display. Ten per cent of the sales is charged. The money will be used to repair and paint the front of the building.

There will also be a bake sale on Trades Day. Any food is accepted such as cakes, pies, fresh vegetables or canned goods.

For any information or transportation, call Irl Walker.

## Scout News

Brownie meetings will be on Tuesday at 2:45 to 4:00. Their leaders are Mrs. Judy Elliott and Mrs. Branton. Girls may still join any Tuesday at the scout building. Junior girls will start meeting Monday, September 16 at 3:30 to 5:00. Girls in the 4th, 5th and 6th grades may join.

## 'Gorilla Graffiti'

Hello, from that Gorilla Bunch over at Trent... We have some more class officers to bring you this week. The Freshman Class elected Penny Hatfield President's (she's from over Noodleway); Dexter Hulse, Vice-President; (new boy in town!) and Robbie Freeman, Secretary-Treasurer (she's a Trent native).

The photographer will be in Trent Schools on Monday, September 9, to take school pictures for the annual. He will begin at 8:00 a.m., so all of you students and faculty "pretty-up" and be sparkle-eyed, bright and early Monday morning.

Monday, September 9, is also Trent's day at the West Texas Fair. School will dismiss at 2:00, so that those who care to can go to Abilene. Buses will run their regular routes at 2:00 p.m.

Shirley Brenem is President of the Sophomore Class this year. Other officers are Teri Hamner, Vice-President; Jimmy Adams, Secretary; Rocky Bryan, Treasurer; and Brenda Griffith, Reporter.

The Student Council is already making itself heard this year by proclaiming this Friday as "Backwards & Wrong side-out Day". According to Robbie Freeman, Freshman representative, everyone has to wear their clothes this way or there will be a penalty to be paid at the Pep Rally at 3:15, Friday afternoon, in the Trent High gymnasium. Robbie writes, "We will be playing the Hermleigh Cardinals on Friday at 8:00 p.m., at Hermleigh. Let's have some of that good ole Trent psirt, (No Monkey Business, now). Come on fans, let's hear some of those Gorilla Growls Friday! See ya' there!"

Other members of the Trent Student Council are President, Rebecca Freeman; Vice-President, Jeffrey Wells; Secretary-Treasurer, Teri Hamner; Mac Sipe, Jimmy Adams, Patricia Boyd, and Shirley Brenem.

Mr. Rocky King, Vocational Ag teacher, has released the following FFA Officers: President, Steve Bland; Vice-President, Steve Shugart; Treasurer, Rocky

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becca Freeman; Reporter, Randy Scott; Sentinel, Mac Sipe; Historian, Patricia Boyd; and Chaplain, Teri Hamner.

The FFA Officers, as reported by Mrs. Bruce Thomas, are: President, Rebecca Freeman; Vice-President, Becky White; Secretary, Brenda Griffith; Treasurer, Teri Hamner; Parliamentarian, Patricia Boyd; Song Leader, Pam King; Historian, Cindy Beasley.

ELEMENTARY OFFICERS

5th Grade: President, Lori Durham; Vice-President, Greg Beasley; Secretary, Eddie Patterson; and Treasurer, Richard Beaver.

4th Grade: President, James Freeman; Vice-President, Debra Williams; Secretary, Jeffrey King; and Treasurer, Tamarah Golsen.

3rd Grade: President, Billy Williams; Vice-President, Vicki Fenter; Secretary, Ida Griffith; and Treasurer, Daniel Bristo.

Of interest to Trent residents is the fact that Vertis Ross has opened up a restaurant at the site of the old Truck-O-Tel... and it is very nice. It is clean and pretty and has a "bubble" window facing the south. The kitchen is open from early morning until 4:00 at the present time; but coffee, tea, and soft drinks are available at anytime.

Visiting in Trent over the Labor Day weekend were Tina Hamner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Wayne Hamner, and Freshman student at Lubbock Christian College in Lubbock; and Korbi Kidd, niece of Mr. and Mrs. Dean King, and Freshman at Hardin-Simmons University. From Baylor were Peggy Watson, freshman and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne Watson and Tom McLeod, Sophomore, and son of Mr. and Mrs. Spud McLeod.

The Trent Gorillas had a night workout on Monday, in preparation for their first game in Hermleigh Friday night. The fellas are eager, the fans are ready, and we're all looking forward to the big game! Hope everyone from Trent turns out to boost our team this year!

Don't forget! The Trent High School Marching Band, led by Drum Major Becky White, will participate in the West Texas Fair parade in Abilene, which kicks off at 10:00 Saturday morning. Our band students need your support. The band has added some different things - and you will be happy with the new look.

"It's history is made, that's GORILLA GRAFFITI".

## Band Booster Meet Sept. 10

The first Band Booster meeting of the year will be held Tuesday night, Sept. 10, at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in the band hall. Officers will be elected and plans made for the coming year.

All band parents and persons interested in the bands of Merkel are ask to attend this meeting.

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## THE MERKEL BADGERS

### AT ROBERT LEE

FRIDAY SEPT. 6, 8 P.M.

#### 1974 Merkel Badger Football Schedule

Sept. 6	Robert Lee	There	8:00	
13	Winters	Here	8:00	
20	Ranger	There	8:00	
27	Roby	Here	8:00	
Oct. 4	Albany	There	7:30	
11	Jim Ned	Here	7:30	
18	Roscoe	There	7:30	
25	Wylie	Here	7:30	Homecoming
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