

Gene Stuckey Accepted Into Phi Delta Kappa

Gene Stuckey, principal of Tye Elementary School and President of the Taylor County TSTA, was recently accepted into the Abilene Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa, Honor Fraternity for Professional Educators.

Stuckey was unable to attend the initiation ceremony due to a meeting of the Taylor County chapter of the Texas State Teacher Association at which he presided. Approximately 600 teachers attended the TSTA meeting.

Phi Delta Kappa, which has 99,000 members, was organized in 1906 by a group of educators to further the growth of education. The fraternity is recognized for its work in the field of education.

Membership in Phi Delta Kappa is by invitation only and pledges itself to research service, and leadership to make the world a better place for society through education.

Besides his duties as president of Taylor County



GENE STUCKEY
...in fraternity

TSTA, Stuckey is a member of the Merkel Lions Club and the Chamber of Commerce.

He and his wife, Kathryn, and their two children live on Rt. 1, Merkel. Their children are Gina, 7 and Amy 5.

Jr. Badgers Win Divide Tourney

The Merkel Jr. High Boys won the championship bracket in the 1974 Divide Tournament last weekend by downing Hawley to the score of 16-14. In the second round it was the Jr. Badgers defeating the team from Wingate 42-18. In the championship game, the Jr. Badgers won over Butterfield 35-18.

Team members of this year's basketball squad are Mike Sims, Ricky Howes, Craig Hutchings, Roger Dye, Kelley Wolf, David Wharton, Maury Moore, Mike Brady, Craig Bowen, Jay Body, Randy Holmes, Roger Reed and Dennis Lang.

The Jr. Badgers also defeated Anson last Monday night by the score of 24-22. Next game for the Jr. Badgers is Anson at Anson on Dec. 2 beginning at 5:00 with 7th grade games.

Scoring for the 8th grade Jr. Badgers in the Divide Tournament were Mike Sims with 27 pts., Ricky Howes, 22; Craig Hutchings, 16; Kelley Wolf, 6; Roger Dye, 12; Jay Boyd, 4; Craig Bowen, 2; Maury Moore, 2; and David Wharton with 2 pts.

The Jr. Badgers scored 93 pts. in the tournament while only giving up 46 pts. Scoring against Anson went with Sims hitting 4pts, Howes, 10; Hutchings, 7; Wolf, 2; and Dye, 1.

These young men are progressing and achieving every day in work outs and have the enthusiasm and hustle it takes to be a good basketball player. With the help and support of the community they will become better in the future. We would like to invite everyone to come to Anson and watch the Jr. Badgers in action Monday night.

Thanks
George Martin

Post Office Will Be Closed

The Post Office will be closed Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 28th only.

Adcock, Lucas Announce Firemans Gun Association

Fire Chief Waymon Adcock and president of the Firemen's Association, Billy Lucas, announced the formation of the Merkel Firemans Gun Association today. The association was formed to provide the firemen and the general public with recreational shooting for shot gun and rifle enthusiasts.

The association plans to open rifle and shot gun competition the first and third Sundays of each month starting in December, Chief Adcock stated.

President Billy Lucas stated that the fees for competition would be nominal and cash prizes for best shooters

in each competition and an overall best shooter award would also be given.

Chief Adcock announced that any profits from the association would be provided to the firemen's fund to provide equipment and training costs.

Billy Lucas also said that competition would not start until 1 o'clock on Sundays allowing members and others to attend the Church of their choice prior to the meets.

The first meet will be held the 1st December at Tiptons Gravel Pit north on I-20 off the Farm Rd, midway between FM 126 and FM 1235.

Independent Cattleman's Prexy Meets With Gov. Briscoe

On Wednesday, November 20, 1974, T. A. Cunningham, President of the Independent Cattleman's Association of Texas, met with Governor Dolph Briscoe to discuss the many problems facing the livestock producer and the agricultural industry at this time in Texas and throughout the United States.

Cunningham said "I was very pleased to have the opportunity to visit with Governor Briscoe and give him detailed information on the purposes of our association and to seek the Governor's assistance for the livestock producers in solving the many complex problems which we face. The Governor has a thorough understanding of these problems and expressed his desires generally to do what he could to be of assistance. The Independent Cattleman's Asso-

ciation is hopeful that Texas, through the initiative of the Governor's office, can take the lead nationally to save the livestock producer from financial disaster and in fact the entire agricultural industry which is the backbone of this country."

Cunningham said that several years ago Governor Briscoe was responsible for initiating the screwworm eradication program in Texas and the I.C.A. has used a similar method to establish its organizational. "The screwworm eradication program has, of course, been of great benefit to the farmers and ranchers of Texas and with the assistance of a man like Governor Briscoe, who understands the problems and has been effective in solving such problems in the past, we can be successful. With the Governor's support and

other Texas and national leaders, we will be able to stop the excessive importation of foreign red meats, reduce the difference between the cost per pound on the hoof and the cost over the counter still allowing reasonable profit for the livestock producer, and be able to provide a better quality of meat for the school lunch program which is so important to the children throughout the United States. These goals can be achieved which benefit the livestock producer but more importantly will benefit all consumers," he continued.

The Independent Cattleman's Association of Texas is a red meat marketing association and while it is still a young organization it already has over 100,000 members from the more than 100 counties that has been organized to date. More counties are being organized each day.

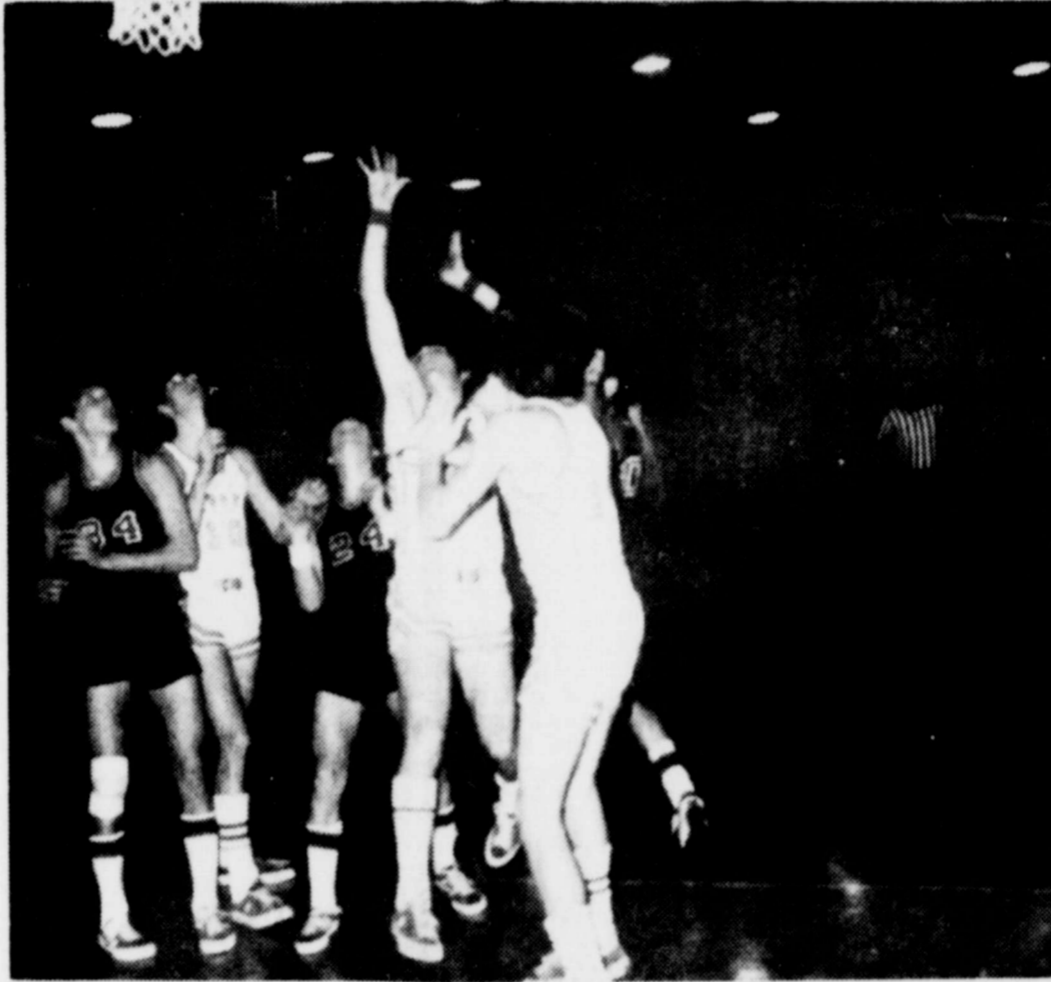
Cunningham said that the Independent Cattleman's Association is planning a meeting with the Texas Congressional delegation in Washington, D.C. on December 3.

Job Placement Service Planned

The counseling office of Merkel High School is attempting to organize a job placement service for high school students.

Persons having job opportunities for these young people which could be performed after school or on Saturdays, are asked to contact Miss Maynard, counselor, at the high school.

Odd jobs from individuals will also be acceptable, such as yard mowing, cleaning, repairing, baby sitting etc., according to Miss Maynard. "Your cooperation in this endeavor will be greatly appreciated," she said.



UNDER BASKET - Merkel Badgers Jackie Sims shoots at the basket during the Badger-Colorado City game that saw Merkel win 64-36 and capture the tournament championship Saturday. (Photo by LaVonne Bunch)

Chamber Committee Sponsoring Event

George Starbuck, Chairman of the Merkel Chamber of Commerce Retail Trade and Development Committee has announced that a group of Merkel Merchants are planning a special promotion for the first three Saturdays in December.

The promotion calls for the giving away of cash prizes on all three Saturdays beginning December 7th. Persons wishing to participate will be able to register at Merkel businesses. All registration slips will be put in a hopper with a drawing held on Saturday in downtown Merkel. Several cash prizes will be given away with the amount to be announced later.

Mrs. Putman Services Held

Mrs. G. B. Putman, 76, of Sweetwater and formerly of Merkel, died at 5 a.m. Friday in Simmons Memorial Hospital after a long illness. Services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday in Starbuck Funeral Chapel.

Jr. High Tourney Dec. 5-7

The 1974 Merkel Jr. High Basketball Tournament will be held December 5, 6 and 7. The tournament will get underway at 4 p.m. Thursday afternoon with the game between Aspermont and Wylie. At 6:00 p.m. Thursday the Merkel 8th grade team will take on the Albany team. At 8:00 Thursday to round out the first nights action will pit the Merkel 7th Grade against Lueders-Avoca.

On Friday at 4:00, the Wylie 7th Grade will play Divide. Then at 6:00 p.m. on Friday will begin the second round of play. During Saturday morning, more second round action will take place.

On Saturday beginning at 5:30 for Girls Consolation; 6:30 Boys Consolation; 7:30 Girls Championship and 8:30 p.m. Boys Championship.

Following the Boys Championship game will be the presentation of the team trophies and all tournament teams.

Here is the bracket of the 1974 Jr. High Basketball Tournament:

Stith Homecoming Sunday, Dec. 1

Annual homecoming will be held at the Stith Community Center Sunday, Dec. 1st. Memorial services will be held at the church.

Lunch will be served at the Community Center and each one is to bring a basket lunch.

Noodle Homecoming Slated December 1

The 1974 Noodle Homecoming will be held Sunday, December 1 at the Noodle Community Center. Registration will begin at 8 a.m. After the basket lunch, program is to begin at 1:30 p.m.

Nominees for the Homecoming Queen are: Mrs. Wayne Baccus, Mrs. Simmons Calloway, Mrs. Clayton Dillard, Mrs. Lucille Ely, Mrs. Geraldine Evans, Mrs. Billie Jean Goodrich, Mrs. Eiva Loyce Hatfield, Mrs. Juanita Jenkins, Mrs. Mildred Johnson, Mrs. Josephine Maxwell, Mrs. Leta Faye Touchstone, Mrs. Lois B. Womack and Mrs. Juanita Zachry.

Police Report

On November 14th, the Police received a call on a subject that had hit a lady about the head and face, forced her to dismount from her vehicle, and the subject drove off in her vehicle. Merkel Police arrested this subject approximately two blocks from the scene of the incident. Subject was placed in the Taylor County Jail after his arrest. After conferring with the District Attorney, subject was filed on for Felony Driving While Intoxicated. The incident leading to the arrest will be considered at the time of his trial. Subject remained in Taylor County Jail in Lieu of a \$25,000 bond.

On November 22, a subject from Merkel was indicted by a Grand Jury for Injury to A Child. The indictment came as a result of an investigation conducted by the Merkel Police Dept. in September of this year. The Injury was sustained by a 3 1/2 month old baby. Subject will be tried at a later date.

On November 21, the Merkel Police received information that there were some items being removed from a house in Merkel without the owners consent. After two days of investigation and surveillance, one subject was arrested and charged with burglary. Subject was placed in the Taylor County Jail in lieu of a \$1000,000 Bond. The Merkel Police arrested one subject for transporting alcoholic beverage in a dry County for the purpose of sale. The alcoholic beverage and the subject was turned over to the State Alcoholic Beverage Commission. The subject was filed on in Merkel City Court for Driving Without a Valid Drivers License.

We have had a number of accidents at unmarked intersections in Merkel in the past couple of months. One accident was very serious. The following is quoted from the Motor Vehicle Law Manual for your knowledge and guidance.

RIGHT OF WAY AT INTERSECTIONS NOT CONTROLLED BY SIGNS OR SIGNAL DEVICES
1. Drivers on a single-lane or two-lane roadways must yield the right-of-way to vehicles on divided roadways or roadways of three or more lanes.
2. Drivers on unpaved roads must yield the right-of-way to vehicles on paved roadways.
3. Drivers on roadways consisting of the same number of lanes and similar surfacing must yield the right-of-way to vehicles approaching from the right which are close enough to constitute a hazard.
4. Drivers who are required to yield the right-of-way may enter the intersection only if the movement can be made without interference or collision with traffic using the intersection.
Our biggest problem has been with number three. This is answered in number four. If you enter the intersection and collide with an oncoming vehicle, you failed to yield the right-of-way.
The Merkel Police received notification from the Sweetwater Police that they were in possession of some items believed to be taken in a Burglary which occurred in Merkel a few months ago. Jim Broussard and Capt. Otis Wiley went to Sweetwater to attempt to identify the items. Taylor County also had some Burglaries where items such as recovered by Sweetwater Police were taken. These items were found to have been taken in a Burglary South of Merkel. Taylor County Sheriff's officers took charge of the items as the Burglary was outside the City Limits of Merkel.

Merkel Boys Win Tourney Honors, Girls Take 2nd

By JIM WHARTON

This past weekend Merkel High School held their second basketball tournament in the Badger Gymnasium. Invited to the tournament were Winters, Jim Ned, Wylie, Colorado City, Rotan, Trent and Stamford.

Thursday night Merkel slaughtered Stamford with a 82-42 victory which led to the semifinals. In the semifinals, Merkel romped on Rotan, scoring 64 points to Rotan 46. In the championship game Saturday night, Merkel clobbered Colorado City 64-36 to win the tournament and the first place trophy. Second place went to Colorado City and the consolation trophy went to Trent.

Total points for the three games were as follows: Darel Bunch, 19, David Copeland, 23, Robert Morgan, 40, Jackie Sims, 35, Darrell Riggan 27, Andy Hart, 19, Billy Watts, 18, Donald Dye, 8, Doug Hutchings, 14, and Randall Howes, 7.

Robert Morgan and Jackie Sims were chosen as two of the members for the All-Tournament team.

The Merkel girls opened tournament play against Stamford on Thursday and won the game 32-29. High point girl for the game was Netta Stephan with 18 points. Merkel played Trent on Friday after Trent had beaten Rotan 45-37. The Merkel girls won the contest 47-35. In this game Melinda Bowen had 16 points and Netta Stephan made 17.

The second win gave Merkel the right to finals against Wylie who had beaten Colorado City 74-14 and Jim Ned 29-28. The Wylie girls proved too much for the Merkel girls winning 60-30 and taking the tournament championship. Netta made 18 points in this game.

Chosen to the Girls All-Tournament team were Tonya Crenshaw, Sr. guard, Mer-

kel; Cindy Freeman, Sr. guard, Wylie; Carolyn Woods, Sr. guard, Stamford; Becky Dean, Sr. forward, Winters; Minda Marshall Jr. forward, Jim Ned; and Vicki White, Soph. forward, Wylie.

7th Grade Boys Trip Anson, 22-16

By ROBERT CRAWFORD

After a rough tournament at Divide over the weekend, the 7th grade Jr. Badgers came back Monday night against the Anson 7th grade to score 22-16. "I feel like this was a very important game for these boys." "It proved to them that they could win and that was a big if before the game. We had a pretty bad two games down at Divide against eighth grade competition. The kids were kind of down and needed the victory real bad." Chris Cox led all Merkel scorers with eight points. Mark Copeland had 4 as did Scott Cain. Josh Amerline had 2 and Ken Wells had 4. Cox did just a tremendous job on defense. He grabbed 8 rebounds and held Anson's big man to 6 points in the 2, 3, and 4 quarters. I am very pleased with the progress these kids have made. We have to learn to quit making little mistakes and we have to rebound better to compete with larger people better. We are entered in our 8th grade tournament and we have to do all these things to even stay in the game." Next game action for 7th grade is Monday night, Dec. 2 in Anson at 5:00. "I would also like to thank Shannon Bagby for keeping our books. This is a real big help."

Badgers Win All Games In Basketball Openers

The Merkel Badger Cagers opened the 1974-75 Basketball season Tuesday, Nov. 21, with the boys making a clean sweep over the Aspermont Hornets. Meanwhile, the girls were at Colorado City repeating the performance.

The girls won 37-13 over C-City for the "A" team. Jerri Stephan was high pointer with 15. The B girls won their game 51-17 with Gaye Teaff winning high point honors at 20. Scoring for the "B" girls were Gayle Teaff, 20; Carrie Law, 10; Kandy Ascencio, 8; Griffin, 5; Vickie Shaw, 4; Cindy Bryd, 2; and Vickie Redding, 2.

The high point man for the "A" boys at Aspermont was Robert Morgan with 17. Others making points were Jackie Sims, 15; David Copeland, 16; Darel Bunch, 7; Donald Dye, 4; and Darrel Riggan, 2.

Score by quarters for the "A" boys is as follows: MERKEL.....16 19 14 4-53 ASPERMONT... 16 8 10-43



MERKEL SCORE - Netta Stephan (no. 41) makes another basket for Merkel during the Merkel Tournament over the past weekend. However, Wylie won the game 60-30 to capture the Tournament championship. (Photo by LaVonne Bunch)



SECOND WRECK - Pictured above is the car of Mr. Pat Pallerz which was in collision with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Henry's car at N. 2nd and El Paso. No one was injured in the collision. It was the same corner that a wreck occurred a week before that sent several Merkelites to the hospital. (Staff Photo)

Starr Nursing Home News

By MARY OUTLAW

We have been so busy and when we are, no news. Sorry, as I meet people away from here and they tell me they miss my column.

Mrs. Powell Miller of Deloras, Colo. wrote and said if it wasn't for the Nursing Home news that she wouldn't take the Merkel Mail for she had been away from Merkel so long that the Starr Nursing Home News was the only way keeping in touch with her old friends.

Our sympathy goes to Mrs.

Ennis Reidenbach and family on the loss of Mr. Reidenbach. He was such a nice man and a real good patient. We are glad that Mrs. Reidenbach is as well as he is and can stay at home.

Thank you Mrs. Booth Warren for the jars you brought the home and the linens. I believe in giving the flowers while you live and I can remember Mr. Warren when he helped me to buy the Starr Nursing at the present location. He always had the nicest things to say and gave me the encouragement to say and gave me the encouragement

to go on although it has been a long hard pull and still is but he was one of the nicest persons I have ever met and we all miss him very much.

Thank the family of Bryan Dunningan for sharing the flowers with us. Mr. Dunningan was another nice person that visited my patients until he was unable to visit. I'm sure as the Bible says, Bryan "well done a good and faithful servant." He used to visit the Nursing Home each day when he was able. Our sympathy goes to his lonely family. They were my neighbors

for several years and very nice to me when I lived on Ash St.

And lets not forget Jow Williamson. He always called me "Mrs. Mary." He was always interested in my home and in my patients. Our sympathy goes to his family. He is missed from far and near.

The Salvation Army files their appointment here on the 24th Capt. Sawyer and one of his group came over and conducted the services. The songs were beautiful and the music was real good. It was something different.

Mrs. Ollie Brookerson celebrated her 96th birthday in the chapel. A large number of relatives came and the patients were invited for cake and ice cream. Some asked if Mrs. Brookerson could still play the piano, and she really did show off that afternoon with her religious songs. I do believe she was happier than I had ever seen her. Many happy returns Mrs. Brookerson.

We also miss Mrs. Stevens, she expired in a nursing home in San Antonio where her son lives. She use to be a patient here in the home. I am sure she will be missed by her loved ones.

Mary Vaughn and I went back to old Mexico Friday for more sugar and beans and other things we needed. We hope we don't get out of sugar for we look for a long hard winter. We had a nice time and it's nice to be away for a day or so.

We had a surprise birthday lunch for Carolyn Martin, nee Cole who was born and raised here. She's my niece and I'm proud of her for my family is very few. Carolyn used to be employed here in the office.

Thank you Mrs. Reidenbach for the nice box of clothing you sent the home. It was appreciated.

We have a big candy roaster it was sent to us when Rob went to North Carolina from his parents, looks like a pumpkin. We'll see around Thanksgiving for we are going to bake it or make pies out of it. It is long but looks just like a pumpkin.

Mary Vaughn and I had a nice visit with Floyd and Helen Outlaw of Proctor Dam. Guess as I've been an Outlaw a long time it would be hard to get used to another. Although some people have been calling me and asking me about me getting married. Granny Bresendine is the one who started it. She said I married a Mr. Brown. Granny is our snuff dipper. She will holler Help! Help! and she won't want anything except a dip of snuff. They are also calling me about selling my nursing home. I might when I get to old to work.

We would like to thank the Merkel V.F.W. for all the nice food they gave us Saturday night. It took me an hour and a half to refrigerate it. We will really feast, in fact, we have already sampled it. The R.S.V.P. from Abilene came on Thursday, November 13 and brought their string band. I do wish everyone could have attended. It was something different. The old time songs were enjoyed by all. They have agreed to come back again. Their performance was just grand. Wish I had time I'd join them. You remember I'm old enough but I would be lots without the Nursing Home.

On the 20th the Singing Volunteers entertained the patients. Both programs were wonderful and we invited them back.

We welcome Mrs. Stanley King of Amarillo, Texas, formerly of Merkel. She had moved up there near her son.

Seems there has been several things given the nursing home but I can't remember the names of who brought them.

Oh yes, Mrs. Addie McDonald, a recent resident here in the home came back to us from Dallas. She has been so good. We were glad to have her back. I really believe she will be happy here for this is the 3rd time and they say 3rd time is a charm.

We are having a lot of visitors. Our welcome mat is always out.

Missionette News

The missionettes enjoyed a wafers roast at the home of Leta Walters week before last.

All enjoyed a trip to Abilene State School this Sunday night. They sang several choruses and songs for the students there.

The missionettes would like to thank Christine Rayburn and Ben Allgaier for taking cars so the girls could have transportation.

FROM all the MISSIONETTES to ALL of You, a HAPPY THANKSGIVING.



MR. & MRS. ERNEST TEAFF
...to celebrate 50th

Ernest Teaffs Celebrate 50th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Teaff will celebrate their 50th Anniversary Sunday, December 1 at the Asteroid Restaurant from 2-5 p.m.

Hosting the event will be their children, Mrs. Bobbye Mansfield of Merkel, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Teaff and Mrs. T. C. Melton of Abilene.

Mrs. Teaff was born Jan. 16, 1905 at Omaha, Texas and Mr. Teaff was born Nov. 12, 1905 in Tye.

The Teaffs were married November 30, 1924 in Abilene. They lived in Tye until 1942, when they moved to their present location on Route 1, 3 mile north and 2 miles east of Merkel.

Smith-Buntin Vows Read

Mr. and Mrs. Rochelle Smith of Gruver, Texas, proudly announces the marriage of their daughter, Barbara to Robert S. (Steve) Buntin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Beauford Buntin of Merkel. Marriage vows were exchanged in Clayton, New Mexico on Nov. 7, 1974.

After a short wedding trip to Red River, New Mexico the couple resides in Stratford, Texas.

Ashburn - Walters Engagement Told

Mr. and Mrs. Kyle Meadows of Baird wish to announce the engagement and marriage of their daughter Ashburn, to Wayne Walters, Walters is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Walters of Merkel.

The couple will be married Saturday, Nov. 30, 1974 at the Assembly of God Church of Merkel at 6 p.m. Rev. Sammy Earp of Abilene will perform the ceremony.

Reduce your driving mileage by combining shopping and 60 degrees at night. If these settings are six degrees lower than those maintained last year, you could save up to 15% in heating costs.

Walters is a 1973 graduate of Merkel High School and is employed with Abilene State School in Abilene. Miss Ashburn is presently attending Baird High School.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF CONSOLIDATED HEARING ON APPLICATIONS TO RELOCATE FIVE HOME OFFICES; MERGE SIX ASSOCIATIONS; AND CHANGE NAME.

Notice is hereby given that applications have been made by five (5) Savings and Loan Associations to relocate their respective home offices and to establish their present home offices as branches of each respective association; and a Plan has been filed for the Merger of the same five associations, with MUTUAL SAVINGS ASSOCIATION, FORT WORTH, TEXAS, being the resulting association; and an application for change of name of MUTUAL SAVINGS ASSOCIATION to UNITED TEXAS SAVINGS ASSOCIATION, all of the above having been filed with the Savings and Loan Commissioner of the State of Texas for approval.

- Brownsville, Cameron County, Texas;
- (c) Southwestern Savings Association
3300 Main Street
Houston, Harris County, Texas;
- (d) Surety Savings Assn.
6044 Gateway East
El Paso, El Paso County, Texas;
- (e) United Savings Assn.
Alameda and Doddridge
Corpus Christi, Nueces County, Texas;

Each of the above-named Associations desire to relocate their home offices from the address shown above to:

815 Throckmorton
Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas.

The above applications were filed on November 8th, 1974 and on November 12th, 1974. The branch office for each Association is to be located as follows:

- (a) Abilene Savings Assn.
402 Cedar
Abilene, Taylor County, Texas;
- (b) Brownsville Savings and Loan Association
East Levee and Seventh Street
Brownsville, Cameron County, Texas;
- (c) Southwestern Savings Association
3300 Main Street
Houston, Harris County, Texas;
- (d) Surety Savings Assn.
6044 Gateway East
El Paso, El Paso County, Texas;
- (e) United Savings Assn.
Alameda and Doddridge
Corpus Christi, Nueces County, Texas.

A consolidated hearing on these applications has been scheduled for the 16th day of December, 1974 at 9:00 a.m. at the office of the Savings and Loan Department of Texas, 1010 Lavaca Street, Austin, Texas. In the event a written protest is received, the hearing will be convened for the limited purpose of setting a future date to take testimony and receive evidence from parties of interest.

W. Sale Lewis
Commissioner 40-1tc

EDITORS NOTE: The Merkel Mail would like to share two letters received recently from two former Merkelites.

Nov. 11, 1974

Dear Merkel Mail Friends,
I am sending \$4.50 for the paper. I have been taking the paper since 1906. Haven't missed a copy. It's the most precious mail I get. Can't hardly wait for it to come. Sometimes its a day or two late and I begin to fuss because it didn't come on time.
We moved to Merkel in 1903. It's still home to me. I am here due to my health. I will be 90 years old Jan. 14, 1975. My burial ground is in Rosehill Cemetery. Put my husband away in 1921. Most of my dear friends have gone on.
I have clippings printed as long as 54 years ago. Some from then til now. I have no kin closer than my daughter that lives here. She tends to all my business. I am not able to go anywhere. Practically a shutin. You people

MERKEL-TYE School Menu

THURSDAY, NOV. 28
HOLIDAY
FRIDAY NOV 29
HOLIDAY
MONDAY, DEC. 2
Fried Fish with Tartar Sauce, Creamy Cole Slaw, Butter Corn, Batter Bread, Lemon Pudding and Milk.
TUESDAY, DEC. 3
Tamales, Pinto Beans, Spanish Rice, Cornbread, Sliced Peaches with Whipped Topping, Milk.
WEDNESDAY, DEC. 4
Fried Ham Pattie with Cream Gravy, Seasoned Spinach, Mashed Potatoes, Hot Rolls, Chocolate Cake, and Milk.

Jr. High Girls Win Consolation

By COACH ROBBIE HICKS
The "A" girls are off to a good start in basketball. They were in a tournament at Divide in which they won consolation. The first game they played was against Hawley. Hawley came out on top with a score of 25-15. The next game the "A" team had to play our own "B". The "B" gave them a rough time, but the "A" won by the score of 36-16. The final game, the A-team played was Buffalo Gap and beat them 25-10. Our girls really did a good job at the tournament and one of our forwards, Gina Farmer, made on the all-tournament team.
Monday night we had a tough game against the Anson Tigers, but we came ahead at the end of the game with the score of 26-14.
These girls have the determination to win and I think that we are going to have a fine season.
The "B" girls were also entered in the Divide Tournament. It was hard competition against the A teams, but they hustled and tried their best. The first game in the tournament was against Wingate, and Wingate won 52-4. The second game was against Merkel "A". They tried to defeat the "A" team but the "A" team came out on top. Monday night was a tough game, the girls outplayed Anson, but the girls couldn't get on top. Anson won 20-10. Next Monday night, Dec. 2, the "A" and "B" girls will meet Anson there at 5:00.

Personals

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Irl Walker last Friday and Saturday were Chuck Emmett, Ronnie Courtney, Bruce and Charles Henry, Antonio Marquay, and Lyle Walker of El Paso, Texas.
They were contestants at the A.C.C. Region Cross Country Run in Abilene. Lyle is the grandson of the Walkers.

The five (5) Associations are:
(a) Abilene Savings Assn. 402 Cedar Abilene, Taylor County, Texas;
(b) Brownsville Savings and Loan Association East Levee and Seventh Street

Mulberry Canyon 4-H News

By CINDY HUTCHINGS
Mulberry Canyon held its November meeting and hayride the 4th.
President Beverly Gilmore called the meeting to order and Vince Eller read the minutes.
Tommy Swinney lead the pledge to the flag. Sherri Williams lead the 4-H pledge and prayer. Sherri Williams gave a council delegates report. Teresa Clemmer gave a report on the final plans for the Abilene Auction.
Those attending were: Tommy and Shiela Swinney, Lesa Swinney, Vince and Kenny Eller, Teresa and Dwan English, Tamara Golson, Beverly Gilmore, Teresa Clemmer, Lisa Hughes, Doug, Craig and Cindy Hutchings, Dee Dee Masonheimer, and Patricia Boyd.

ESTATE SALE

The household and personal items of MRS RUBY REDDIN will be SOLD Tuesday & Wednesday, December 2nd & 3rd. 9:30 A.M. to 6 P.M. in ABILENE 3326 S. 4th STREET ABILENE, TEXAS

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Goodman HD News

There are four main areas of window treatments: drapes, shades, shutters and blinds. Choosing and designing the type to suit your needs was the topic of the program given by Mrs. Evelyn Wilburn, Jones County Assistant County Extension Agent on "Window Treatments" at the meeting of Goodman Home Demonstration Club. The meeting was held Friday, November 22 at the home of Mrs. Jennings Winter, Merkel.
Attending were Mmes., Carl Carter, D. R. Butler, Frank Carter, H. H. Windham, Jennings Winter, Garland Price, Evelyn Wilburn, David Carter, and Miss Shayla Kay Carter.

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OUR HEARTS ARE FILLED with gratitude for friends who did so much to bring us strength and comfort when we had to give up Bryan. Love and concern as expressed through your prayers and your gifts of flowers, food, and memorials did much to sustain us. Your words of condolence, both written and spoken will always be treasured.
Mrs. Bryan Dunagin
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Mr. & Mrs. Sherman Bradley (Beth)

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Card of Thanks

I WOULD LIKE TO thank all my friends for the cards, prayers, and food I received during my stay in Hendricks Hospital.
Mrs. M. T. Head 40-1tp

Card of Thanks

The Pioneer Methodist Church would like to thank everyone for the support and help received during the Lord's Acre Sale.
Thanks again to everyone for making the sale a success.
The Pioneer Methodist Church 40-1tc

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Pinckleys To Be Honored on Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Jarrett Pinckley will be honored on their 40th Wedding Anniversary Saturday, November 30, in their home on Rt. 1, Merkel from 3-5 p.m. Hosting the reception will be the Pinckleys daughter, Mrs. Van Gauthier of Italy, Texas and Mrs. Pinckley's sisters, Mrs. Nim Teaff of Merkel and Mrs. W. B. Lollar of Tye. A friend of the family, Mrs. Ted McAninch is also serving as hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. Pinckley were married in the First Presbyterian Church in Abilene on November 17, 1934. The couple had met at a party in Tye on New Year's Day of 1932.

Mr. Pinckley was born in Denton in 1906. His parents are Mrs. J. S. Pinckley of Merkel and the late Mr. Pinckley. Mrs. Pinckley was born in Tye, the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Jowers.

The Pinckleys have lived all of their married life in the Merkel area except for one year spent at Muleshoe. The couple farms and ranches.

Mr. Pinckley's hobby is horseback riding and he is a member of the Merkel Riding Club. Mrs. Pinckley enjoys yard work, house work and crocheting.

They are members of the First Baptist Church of Merkel.

They have one grandchild.

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Tri-City Baseball News

By MELBA GLASSCOCK
The Tri-City Baseball committee met at the Asteroid Monday night. They decided to hold no more meetings until the first of the year. With all the holidays coming up we decided this was best. Tickets are still on sale for the calf and turkeys and are going pretty well.

We had a \$20.00 donation from the Merkel Post Office employees in memory of Bryan Dunagan who was a baseball fan. Thank you to these people. This along with our can donations will boost our thermometer to \$125.00. We're gradually climbing toward our goal.

Lambda Beta

Lambda Beta met at the home of Betty Coker on November 19, 1974. Roll call was answered by "Naming your favorite love story or poem." A business meeting was held with committee reports.

The Guest Speaker for the evening program was Elaine Brumbeau from Abilene. She spoke on "Love and Marriage."

Invited guest by sorority members were: Debbie Doan, Joan Reed, Jo Ann Gardner, Elsie McAnally, Iris Amerline.

Refreshments were served.

In attendance: Mmes: Jim Alday, Rosey Castille, J.H. Jr. Clark, Obie Coker, Paula Douglass, Harold Hohbertz, Craig Jones, Billy Lucas, Paul Moore, Billy Bob Neff, Phil Seymour, Larry Teaff, Mike Welch, Larry White, Lee Yaddow, Ricky Elliott, Kathy Manfield, Glen Bright, and Billy Whisenhunt.

When a couple gets married, a girl is "set for life." The man is "hooked."

BOUNCE, BOUNCE, tweet, tweet - the sounds of basketball - and the Trent High School teams ran over the Merkel for their tournament last Thursday. The Trent Gorilla-ettes whipped Rotan team 45-36. High point forward for Trent was Rebecca Freeman. The Trent Gorilla guys lost to Rotan 36-24. Friday, the girls lost to Merkel 46-38, in a game of keep competition, after the Trent boys beat Stamford 46-44. On Saturday, our boys beat Wylie 65-51 for 3rd place Consolation. Our man, Steve Bland made the All-Tournament team (the young man scored 31 big ones against Wylie!) Coach for the Trent High School boys and girls is Roy Neff.

Coach Bruce Thomas's Jr. High boys and girls went to divide for their tournament at the same time high school was in Merkel. The girls beat Buffalo Gap in their tourney-opener 22-17. Sue Bryan was high-point, with 7 points. The boys whipped Buffalo Gap 27-12, with Hubert Beaver accounting for 14 of their points. On Friday night, the Jr. High girls lost a heartbreaker - 22-21 - to Butterfield. Vondi King was high-point with 12 points. The boys also lost to Butterfield 32-31. Lester Moses scored 10 points for high-point.

Have you noticed anything different about Rebecca Freeman this past week? Did you guessed it...yeah, that's right...she can't seem to say anything without using her hands, can she? Funny, but we never noticed her using such sweeping gestures before - especially with her LEFT hand...and good reason, too...for you see, last Saturday night Rebecca Freeman, daughter of Mr. and

Garden Club News

The Merkel Garden Club met Nov. 21, at the Asteroid Restaurant. Mrs. S. D. Gamble and Mrs. Oda Clark were hostesses.

Mrs. W. L. Brown gave a report on the Flower Show. Mrs. Mary Chick gave a talk on Winter Gardens and Mrs. W. T. Sadler's talk was on Dish Gardens and Terrariums.

Members attending were Mmes: Mary Clock, Tom Alday, Albert Criswell, W. L. Brown, Johnny Cox, R. M. Ferguson, Lottie Everett, Tom Fox, Odis Griffin, Ora Griggs, Allen King, E. J. Patterson, Herbert Patterson, W. T. Sadler, John Shannon, Charlie Sherill, Aaron Sudderth, Oda Clark, S. D. Gamble and Miss Christine Collins.

There was one new member, Mrs. G. R. Peachy and one visitor, Mrs. Madeline Richardt.

Xi Nu Chi To Hold Bazaar

Xi Nu Chi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi held their regular meeting Tuesday, October 19 at the Asteroid Restaurant.

Final plans were made for Christmas Bazaar to be held December 7 in the West Texas Utilities building. There will be baked goods, handmade items, Christmas decorations and all sorts of gift items.

Glenn Reed the guest speaker, brought the problem on "The Sense of Hearing."

Those attending were: Mems: John Brady, Bobby DuBoise, Darla Mawson, Bob Garner, Glenn Teaff, Weldon McAninch, Almeda Bullock, Edgar Tipton and Anna Bell Shouse.

The Junior Girl Scouts went as a group to Trent to sell tickets on the calf, and turkeys to be given away by the baseball association.

Girls attending were Nancy Clock, Stacy Seymour, Judy Glasscock, Loyce Baker, and Janice Jacobs.

Girl Scout News

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'GORILLA GRAFFITI'

By Mrs. Dean King

WID SAYS IT'S A MAN'S WORLD? Is it a man's world? Maybe. But compare these frequently heard descriptions of male and female.

If a woman is short, she's "petite." If a man is short, he's a "runt." Lacking bravely, a woman is "timid" - a man is a "coward." A woman who is inept at earning a living is "the domestic type." But a man who is inept at earning a living is a "ner-er-do-well." An unworlly girl is "innocent." An unworlly man "isn't dry behind the ears." The woman with a job in a masculine field, such as engineering, is a "pioneer." A male fashion designer is a "sissy."

Agirl stays single because she "prefers a career." A man stays single because he is "egotistical" and "selfish."

A woman who jilts a man is merely exercising "a feminine prerogative." But a man who jilts a woman is "cruel" and "heartless."

When a couple gets married, a girl is "set for life." The man is "hooked."

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Badger Tracks

By DAREL BUNCH

I believe in Badger power! The mighty Merkel team did a fine job this past weekend winning the Merkel Tournament. They placed 1st in the boys division and a very respectful 2nd in the girls. David Copeland showed his loyalty to his old hometown, which is Stamford, by scoring there first 2 points against Merkel. At the time the score was only 15 to 0 Merkel.

Well, again the Badger girls showed Trent girls who could play basketball better, although the Gorillas gave a good fight. The Trent boys won consolation at the tourney and Merkel is looking forward to playing them in the near future. Congratulations to Buddy Morgan, Tonya Crenshaw, and Jackie Sims for making their tourney team. Also to Steve Bland of Trent.

Among our most loyal fans are the faculty of Merkel High School. Thanks for your great support.

Sammy was out admiring Tim Wencraft's Super Bee this week, which just happens to be for sale. I wonder if Sammy took drivers ed. I'll have to ask Mr. Reed.

I've noticed some new students around campus but haven't gotten acquainted with yet. You all speak up now and don't be shy.

This week is Thanksgiving so when you set down to your turkey or whatever, don't forget to remember just how blessed you are. Remember we really do have a lot to be thankful for, no matter who we are!

Words of wisdom this week are from Psalms 117, "O praise the Lord, all ye nations: Praise him all ye people. Amen!

T. E. L. Class Met Tuesday

The T.E.L. Sunday School Class met Tuesday at the Asteroid Restaurant for breakfast. Hostesses were Bessie Clack and Vivian Winter.

Mrs. Gibson brought the Devotions on prayer and love. The Christmas party was planned for the 16th of December at the Asteroid Restaurant.

Members present were Lucy Ford, Jewell Criswell Ruth Baze, Fannie Keith, Ora Griggs, Ruby Jenkins, Mae Seago, Dewey Fleming, Minnie Carey, Gibson, Bessie Clack and one visitor, Faye Brown.

Leslie Reddin Receives Job

Approximately three months ago, Starbuck Funeral Home employed Leslie Reddin to help with the ambulance service.

Reddin, after receiving training under Starbuck Funeral Home, applied along with several others to go to work for Abilene Emergency Medical Service, the new ambulance service which will begin effective December 1. He was accepted over the other applicants and will go to work December 1.

Stacy Stanley On Staff of KACC

Stacy Stanley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Stanley, Rt. 1, is one of the 68-member staff of KACC, student radio station at Abilene Christian College. KACC is operated by the students and provides music, news, and sports for its listeners.

Stanley, a 1974 graduate of Ans on High School, is a freshman mass communications major at ACC.

Jeff Warr, assistant instructor of communications, is station manager and Dr. Lowell Perry, professor of communications, is faculty advisor.

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Martha Harmon Entertains Fortnightly Study Club

Christmas was the theme for the Fortnightly Study Club program with which Mrs. Martha Harmon delighted the members and guests. Mrs. Harmon is the Consumer Information Specialist from Lone Star Gas.

Members and guests were served pecan pie and coffee and afterward, a short business meeting was presided over by the President, Mrs. S. C. Dixon. Plans were completed for the Trades Day Luncheon, Dec. 7, which will be held at the Masonic Hall starting at 11:30 a.m.

The program was introduced by Mrs. Carl Hughes who read the piece "Thank You Lord for Everything."

The basis for Mrs. Harmon's demonstration was a pamphlet of Christmas recipes, Christmas Is---. The table was laid with a green and red calico cloth and centered with three clay pots covered with the same red fabric as the cloth. The pots were of 3 sizes and filled with five branches which were decorated with red calico bows and gold balls. All recipes were used in preparing the candies and cookies which were shown in clever containers to make attractive Christmas gifts.

Present were Miss Christine Collins and Mmes Carl Hughes, Stanley Toombs, Charles Eager, Mack Fisher, Johnny Cox, Don Dudley, W.R. Cypert, John Cain, Andy Shouse, David Gamble, S.C. Dixon, Don Hart and Comer Haynes, with guest speaker, Mrs. Harmon.

Personals

Recent visitors in the home of Mrs. Sherman Lane were her sister-in-law and husband, Mr. and Mrs. James Atkinson of Houston, Texas.

CONSERVE AND SAVE

DISH WASHER SAVER-TIPS

A dishwasher will usually hold a whole day's dishes. It takes as much hot water and energy to wash 1 dish as it does a full load. Stack your dishes out of sight in your dishwasher and wait until you have a full load to run it on.

Use only detergents manufactured specifically for dishwashers. A washing agent helps prevent water spots on glass and silverware.

Clean the filter screen often. A clogged filter can reduce the efficiency of your dishwasher.

WATER HEATER SAVER-TIPS

It's amazing how much water a leaky faucet will drip in a month's time and if the leaking faucet is a hot water faucet, it will waste both energy and water needlessly. As an example, a faucet dripping 90 drops per minute will waste 300 gallons per month.

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Thanksgiving is here again. Another year is almost gone and again I would like to express my thanks to everyone who has helped make the Nursing Home a better place for our Senior Citizens. For the Churches of Merkel and surrounding communities, for the Merkel School, the Clubs and organizations, Dr. Sadler and Dr. Warren and all the good people who have devoted their time and for the donations of food, clothing and fruit jars. We wish for everyone a nice Thanksgiving.

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