

Watson-Stephens Vows Solemnized

Patricia Ann Watson became the bride of Wade Stephens Sunday at the First Baptist Church in Trent.

The parents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. W. D.

Watson of Trent. The bridegroom's parents are John W. Stephens of Andrews and Mrs. Ann Stephens of Jemez Springs, N.M.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, Tom McLeod was the organist and Roy Davis, Rebecca Freeman and Roy Sharp were soloists.

The maid of honor was Peggy Watson, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Pam Writter of Childress, Loy Kendrick of Pasadena and Gayla Heatly of Trent.

Scott Bryan of New Mexico served as best man. Groomsmen were Steve Stephens, Shane Stephens, both of New Mexico and Bob Whitus of Abilene.

Ushers were Daman Stephens of New Mexico, John McLeod and Kerry Patterson, both of Trent.

The bride's parents hosted the reception in the church after the wedding ceremony.

The bride is a graduate of Trent High School and is a junior at Hardin-Simmons University. The bridegroom is a graduate of Jemez Valley N.M. High School and is employed by Pride.

The couple will be at home at 1934 N. 2nd Street in Abilene.

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Margaret Ann Vanderpoorten, clothing specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A & M University System notes.



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MERKEL EXTENSION

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1	\$ 44.00	\$ 59.00	\$219.00
2	44.00	59.00	219.00
3	46.75	81.75	221.75
4	52.00	107.00	227.00
5	54.75	129.75	229.75
6	57.50	152.50	232.50
7	63.25	175.25	235.25
8	72.50	200.50	240.50
9	89.25	234.25	254.25
10	96.00	256.00	256.00
11	104.25	260.00	260.00
12	109.00	261.00	261.00
13	113.00	261.00	261.00
14	117.00	261.00	261.00
15	121.00	261.00	271.00
16	125.00	261.00	285.00

Lab fees are not included.

Cisco Junior College will offer any other course upon request. (Must have 10 students)

An additional lab fee of \$5.00 will be charged on Art.

Days	Courses	Time	Instructor	Room	Course Description
Monday	History 123.10	6:30-9:30	J. Muller	MHS	U.S. History from Reconstruction
	Business 214.4	6:30-9:30	K. Muller	MHS	Principles of Accounting
Tuesday	Economics 213.5	6:30-9:30	Brister	MHS	Principles of Economics
	English 112.1	6:30-9:30	Dudley	MHS	English Composition and Rhetoric
	Auto Mech. 103.1 with lab	6:30-9:30		MHS	Fundamentals of Gasoline Engines
Wednesday	Art 253.4 with lab	5:00-10:30	Campbell	MHS	Painting
	Sociology 213.1	6:30-9:30	Brazell	MHS	Principles of Sociology
Thursday	Business 153.4	6:30-9:30	Brister	MHS	Introduction to Business
	Government 223.12	6:30-9:30	Muller	MHS	State & Local Government
	Auto Mech. 103.1 lab	6:30-9:30		MHS	Fundamentals of Gasoline Engines
Saturday					

Badger Tracks

By DAREL BUNCH

Welcome back to M.H.S. I Now that the pie has been eaten, the last present opened and the tinsel has been put away, we must get down to the nitty-gritty business of class work.

Speaking of gifts, how about that victory at the H.S.U. Tournament? Coach Aldridge changed tactics in the final game against Abilene Christian High and the Golden Boys brought home the tall trophy for Merkel. Congrats to Buddy Morgan and David Copeland for making all-tourney team. Buddy has consistently popped the basket; he had 57 points in the affair which is great against such teams as Knox City and A.C.H.S. David has been a wonderful support player over the years, always there for a rebound and hustle; his honors are long overdue. Jackie Sims handled the magic circle against the toughest competition and came home with

the Most Valuable Player award. Three cheers for three mighty Badgers.

Students and faculty at M.H.S. hopped across the map over the holidays. Many went out of state to visit families, for retreats and for fun. It will be difficult to settle back down after such a wonderful Christmas season.

Sammy Badger got a calculator for Christmas. So his math should improve. He also received a motorcycle, so watch out for his driving. Sammy says, "May all your troubles last as long as your New Year Resolutions!"

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SS Benefits Require Age Proof

Have you ever asked yourself, "How do I prove when I was born?" At some time, each of us will be faced with finding the answer to this question.

Glyn Hammons, District Manager of the Abilene Social Security Office, said proof of age is required for the following types of benefits under social security: retirement benefits; wife's benefits at age 62 or older; widow's benefits at age 60 or older; or if applying as disabled widow, aged 50 or

older; child's benefits under age 18; student benefits age 18 to 22; or disabled child's benefits; and, disability benefits, if age 60 or age 55 and blind.

Hammons said the best proof of age is a birth record or hospital record made during the first five years of your life. The next best record is a church baptismal record made before you were five years old and showing your date of birth and the date recorded.

If you do not have a birth

or baptismal record, try to obtain a record established early in your life. Records that might be available are: a school record, a family Bible, an insurance policy which shows age or date of birth, a State or Federal census record, a child's birth certificate which shows your age or date of birth, a voting record, an employment record, a military record, a passport, a driver's license, or a delayed birth certificate made over five years ago.

According to Hammons, the time to start obtaining proof of your age is NOW. If you have your records available when you apply for social security benefits, your claim can be processed more quickly. If you need help in finding out what records are available in your area, contact your local social security office. The Abilene Social Security Office is located at 142 South Pioneer; the telephone number is 915-698-1360.

Fish Records

Set in 1974

AUSTIN - 1974 was a full year for Texas fishermen, especially saltwater anglers. During the year, 10 new Texas State Fish Records were set, all but two of which were established by fishermen who set their hooks in the Gulf of Mexico.

New records from the coast included those for amberjack, barracuda, bluefish, dorado, wahoo, silky shark, spadefish, and one for a bonefish, a rare visitor to Texas shores.

Freshwater records were set for redear sunfish and a freshwater drum.

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"Reflections on Christmas"
 "Oh, Christmas tree, Oh, Christmas tree---thy gay green dress delights me..." I am sitting here and looking at our Christmas tree--- bereft of gifts, ribbons, and wrappings --- but still boasting balls, tinsel, icicles, and twinkly lights. To me, it is the prettiest tree ever --- and I'm dreading its being undressed and carted out to the trash to become further adornment for the alley. For in this past half a month, this tree has become very much a part of our home --- the focal point so to speak. For many a night, the sparkly tree, which symbolized "the all" of Christmas, has cast a warmth and glow over our lives --- whether we be watching TV and seeing it from the corners of our eyes --- or sitting and visiting and glancing at it from time to time --- or just standing and admiring it. In fact, our tree has been such a joy to us this year that when it is gone the northeast corner of our dining room is going to be a lonely little nook.

It is so good that the kids do go caroling -- for that is an expression of joy at Christmas time---and carols embody the true spirit of Christmas.
 Then on Christmas Eve (I told you earlier, we strung it out) we loaded up our gifts and went to the Billy Wayne Hamner's to have our "tree" together. We also had sandwiches, hot chocolate, and a leisurely chat in front of their crackling fireplace.
 And so as Christmas '74 fade into "yet another batch of pictures," --- all these many associations will keep it alive, well into 1975 --- and to all whose lives touched ours this Christmas---we'll always remember.
 Mrs. Wanda Brazelton (wife of Business Manager, Clayton) and Mr. Sherman Driggers left the day after Christmas for Guatemala where they will take part in religious crusade. They were joined by others of the party in Lubbock and in Dallas. They will have many interesting things to tell us about South America upon their return.
 Dana Lewis was at home

at the Billy Wayne Hamners week-end before last. She had to leave Christmas eve---for her coaching duties were calling---in Abilene.
 The Yates Sipes had Presta, Eddie, and Bryan Paul and Mac and Cindy at their home for Christmas Eve.
 I apologize for not having much local news --- but with school being out, unless someone calls me with something special they want in the paper, news is hard to come by.
COMIC DICTIONARY:
 Fisherman --- a sportsman whosometimes catches a big fish by patience, sometimes by luck, but most often by the tale.
 Are you both red by triskalkaphobia? In case you didn't know, it is the fear of the Number 13, and particularly Friday the 13th.
 One of the sweetest Christmas songs that I heard this season was "The Memory of An Old Christmas Card."
 By Jim Reeves, I believe
 "What this country needs are people in Washington who know what this country needs." --- Joe Creason of the Louisville Courier-Journal.



...formerly Miss McAninch

Miss. McAninch, Mr. Fones

Exchanged Vows Dec. 30th

On Monday evening at 6:00 p.m. Barbara Anne McAninch the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cal McAninch of Trent, and William Hardin Davis Fones, Jr., the son of the honorable Judge and Mrs. William H. D. Fones, Sr., of Memphis, Tennessee, were united in marriage at Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church in Merkel.

The ceremony which the couple wrote for their wedding was performed by the Reverend Thomas Diab of the Holy Family Catholic Center in Abilene. Organ music was played by Joelle Brady of Merkel.

Bridal attendants were Linda McAninch of East Lansing, Michigan, sister of the bride; Elizabeth McAninch of San Francisco, Calif., sister of the bride; Ellen Kinbrough Fones of Memphis, Tenn., sister-in-law of the groom; and Susan Scott Kimes of Houston, Tex. They wore light green crepe dresses featuring a V-necked bodice with long full sleeves cuffed at the wrist and a full long skirt. They carried a single yellow rose.

The best man was the groom's father.
 His other attendants were Harold McCombs of Washington, D.C.; Jere Barr Fones of Memphis, Tenn., brother of the groom; and Thomas Siler of Dallas, Tex., cousin of the bride.
 The bride and groom were accompanied to the altar by their parents. The bride wore an ivory satin dress with a lace embroidered inset, and high collar trimmed with lace. The empire dress had an embroidered cummerbund, full cuffed sleeves with small pearl buttons and a full skirt. She carried a bouquet of yellow roses and white poms.
 The reception was hosted by the bride's parents at the Merkel Country Club.
 After a wedding trip to New Orleans the couple will return to Washington, D.C. where they both attend the National Law Center, the George Washington University. Ms. McAninch is a legal clerk with the Department of Justice, Antitrust Division, and Mr. Fones is a law clerk for the firm of Cordun & Jacob in Washington, D.C.
 The rehearsal dinner was hosted by Judge and Mrs. Fones at the Gold Room of the Stagecoach Inn, Old Abilene Town.

Livestock Show January 11

Maybe that's being a little there are many who almost drag the tree over a few unopened gifts in their haste to get it out --- but since Christmas is the most special time ever to me, I like to hold on to every part of it as long as I can --- and this year, we strung it out like a long row of Christmas lights.

The annual Merkel Livestock show has been set for January 11, 1975, according to Benny Melton, Merkel Chamber of Commerce manager. Melton said that the judging of the animals would start at 1 p.m.
 The show will be held at the ag barn.

Judge for the 1975 show will be Billy Riley, FFA teacher from Santa Anna. Mr. Riley has ties with Merkel as his wife is the former Karen Ray of Merkel. Serving as announcer for this years show will be L. J. Gray.

Melton said that final entry date for animals to be entered will be noon, January 8, 1975. All animals are to be in their stalls by 10:00 a.m. on the Saturday morning of the show.
 Melton said that it looks like there will be about 50 lambs and 35 hogs to be judged. He said there would be no steers this year.
 Serving as Superintendent of the lamb division will be

Lloyd Gilmore. Serving as Superintendent of the Hog division will be George English.
 Melton pointed out that prize money for the show has always been donated by Merkel merchants and that everyone has always been good to see that the young exhibitors had prizes and trophies. Serving on the Collection Committee this year are Lloyd Gilmore, Dave Gamble Arthur Browning, Leon Harris, L. J. Gray and Benny Melton.

Giving the Showmanship Trophy will be Taylor Electric Cooperative, Inc. The Merkel Chamber of Commerce, sponsors of the show, will award the champion lamb and champion hog trophy.

MARTIN

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 5. Encourage utilization of specialists in Agricultural Scientists by the State Legislature in all studies, investigation and etc.



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Roger Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Moore of R. 2, Merkel, has received the One Million Dollar Sales Award from Holt, Rinehart and Winston, Inc.

He was honored at the regional annual sales meeting of the New York-based publisher. The award represents recent cumulative sales made by Moore, who is with the Southwestern Sales Division of the company.

Moore and his family have lived in Round Rock since 1970. He is a contributing editorial cartoonist for "The Austin Citizen."

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Adcocks Cleaners & Circle A Western
924 N 2nd. 928-4821

Ann's Flower Shop
1025 N. 2nd. 928-4742

Asteroid Restaurant
I-20 928-6777

Ben Franklin Store
129 EDWARDS 928-4933

Braggs
213 EDWARDS 928-5811

Carsons Super Mkt.
221 EDWARDS 928-5321

Dishman Shell
211 KENT 928-5222

DuBose Butane and Texaco Service
N 7th & Kent 928-5822

Farmers And Merchants National Bank
111 Edwards 928-4728 928-4729

Fisher Fina Stations and Merkel Auto Parts
928-5831 928-5522

Handy Food Store
Lester Dorton Jr. Kenneth Elliott
1414 N. 1st. 928-4912

Henderson Grain Co.
N. 1st. 928-5928

Hicks Auto Supply
138 EDWARDS 928-5166

Juan's Garage
N. 1st. 928-5403

Kraatz Garage and Repair
OLD HIGHWAY 80 928-5594

H. W. Lemens Butane
N. 7th & Kent 928-5513

Max Murrell Chevrolet
I-20 928-4736

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910 N. 1st. 928-5632

Merkel Fina
EAST HIGHWAY 80 928-5341

Merkel Restaurant & Motel
Merkel, Texas 928-4923

Merkel Mail
917 N 2nd 928-5712

Merkel VFW
MERKEL, TEXAS 928-6776

Merkel Drug
121 EDWARDS 928-5012

Ninth St. Grocery
1207 S. 9th 928-5331

Seymore Insurance
102 EDWARDS 928-5379

Starr Nursing Home
MERKEL 928-4814

Date	Day	Time	Opponent	Location	Team
Jan. 2 & 4	(Thurs. & Sat)		Winters B Tournament		B Girls & B Boys
Jan. 3	(Friday)	5:00	Anson	Here	A&B Boys A Girls
Jan. 6	(Mon.)	6:00	Winters	Here	B Girls 9th Boys
*Jan. 7	(Tues)	5:00	Roscoe	Here	A&B Boys A Girls
*Jan. 9	(Thurs)	5:00	Baird	There	A&B Boys A Girls
Jan. 13	(Mon)	6:00	Winters B Team	There	B Girls & 9th Boys
*Jan. 14	(Tues)	5:00	Wyle	There	A&B Boys A Girls
Jan. 16-18	(Thurs, Fri, & Saturday)		Merkel B Tournament		B Girls B Boys
*Jan. 17	(Friday)	5:00	Albany	Here	A&B Boys A Girls
*Jan. 21	(Tues)	5:00	Jim Ned	There	A&B Boys A Girls
*Jan. 24	(Fri)	5:00	Rotan	Here	A&B Boys A Girls
Jan. 28	(Tues)	5:00	Anson	There	A&B Boys A Girls
*Jan. 31	(Friday)	5:00	Roscoe	There	A&B Boys A Girls
*Feb. 4	(Tues)	5:00	Baird	Here	A&B Boys A Girls
*Feb. 7	(Friday)	5:00	Wyle	Here	A&B Boys A Girls

**** Denotes Conference Games

COACHES — Varsity Boys — Ronny Aldridge
Varsity Girls — Pat Pennick
B Boys — David Summers

Taylor Electric Co-op
1610 N. 1st 928-4715

Taylor Telephone Cooperative
120 928-4733

Wylie Truck Terminal
I-20 East 928-5584

Wilson's Food Store
1033 N. 2nd 928-5713

Wilson's Jewelry
141 EDWARDS 928-5621

MORE LOW PRICES

**Than Items
on Your List!**



PRICES GOOD
THURSDAY
FRIDAY
SATURDAY
JANUARY
2-3-4th
BE CLOSED
JAN. 1st
NABISCO
CRACKERS
LB. BOX **55¢**

FOLGERS
7 LB CAN **79¢**
WITH \$7.50 OR MORE IN TRADE
EXCLUSIVE OF CIGARETTES

COLD TABLETS - 20 CT.
ALKA SELTZER PLUS **89¢**
SINUS TABLETS
SIN-OFF 24 CT. BOX **89¢**
SKIN BRACER
MENNENS 4 OZ. BTL. **89¢**

STYLE
HAIR
SPRAY
13 OZ. CAN **53¢**

TIDE
GIANT SIZE
99¢
(1 LIMIT)

CHEER
KING SIZE
1⁶³
(1 LIMIT)

IVORY
LIQUID
GT. SIZE **63¢**

I.G. DAIRY FRESH
Homo 2 MILK
GAL. JUG PLASTIC NO DEPT. **1³³**

FOLGERS
INSTANT COFFEE
10 OZ. JAR **1⁹⁸**

I.G. DAIRY FRESH
Homo MILK
GAL. JUG PLASTIC NO DEPT. **1⁴³**

FAMILY SIZE
TEA BAGS
LIPTONS 12 CT. BOX **55¢**

COOKING OIL
WESSON 24 OZ. BOT. **1⁰⁹**

MRS. TUCKER
FLOUR

Shortening
3 LB. CAN **1⁵⁹**
(1 LIMIT)

GLADIOLA
10 LB. BAG **1⁵⁹**

KRAFTS
Grape JELLY
2 LB. JAR **98¢**

CARNATION
COFFEE
MATE 16 OZ. JAR **98¢**

32 OZ. BOTTLE MR. PIBB OR
7UP UN COLA **69¢**

CATSUP (2 LIMIT)
BISCUITS

DEL MONTE
20 OZ. BOTTLE **39¢**

I.G. FRESH
2 FOR **23¢**

MORTON HOUSE
CHILI WITH BEANS
24 OZ. CAN **55¢**

MORTON HOUSE
SLOPPY JOE
BEEF 300 CAN **69¢**

FROZEN FOODS
WINTERGREEN
STRAWBERRIES
WHOLE POUND **79¢**

HEINZ
SWEET CUCUMBER
PICKLES
QT. JAR **59¢**

KRAFT
CORN OIL
OLEO
SOFT LB. **83¢**

DOG-GONE GOOD!

OSCAR MAYER
ALL MEAT
WIENERS
POUND PACKAGE **69¢**

BIRDSEYE
BROCCOLI 10 OZ. SPEARS **39¢**

BIRDSEYE CUT
OKRA 10 OZ. PKG. **35¢**

ASSORTED
HI-C DRINK 46 OZ. CAN **49¢**

HUNTS WHOLE 2 1/2 CAN
TOMATOES CAN **49¢**

HUNTS 300
SPINACH 2 FOR **43¢**

HUNTS 46 OZ.
TOMATO JUICE EA. **53¢**

HUNTS 300
TOMATO SAUCE 2 FOR **59¢**

RAGU 16 OZ. ASST.
SPAGHETTI Sauce JAR **53¢**

GRIFFIN 300
MEXICAN STYLE
BEANS 2 FOR **53¢**

I.G. FRESH
BUTTER
MILK
1/2 GAL. CRTN. **65¢**

HAND SOAP
COLEO
PLUS BAR **10¢**

GRAPEFRUIT
RUBY RED
JUMBO SIZE POUND **15¢**

GOOCH BR.
STEAK FINGERS
PKG. EA. **83¢**

BABY BEEF
SIRLOIN OR CLUB LB. **1⁰⁹**

STEAK ROAST
BABY BEEF ARM ENGLISH RUMP LB. **89¢**

SAUSAGE
LOCKER PLANT LB. BAG **1⁹⁸**

BACON
GOOCH POUND **1⁰⁹**

PIMINTO
CHEESE SPREAD LB. **1²⁹**

BURRITOS
CARMEN PKG. OF 4 **79¢**

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FOOD STAMPS
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WE GIVE
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Double on
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