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Merkel Riding Club **Show Held Saturday**

The Merkel Riding Club held its annual Open Horse Show Saturday, April 12. Judge for the show was Donald Ritledge of Abilene.

Winners in Halter classes Class I Stallions, 1975-1972 1. Adobe Zan shown by Jan Beck, owned by C. L. Meeks.

2. Not-Much Taquila shown by Bart Whisenhunt. 3. Light Wood shown by Edd: a Boucher.

> Class II Stallions 1971 or Before

1. Poco Sunny Wolf shown by Carl McTernan 2. Sugar Jo Jo shown by Randy Bond .

Class III Grand & Reserve Stallion

Grand Stallion-Adobe Zan shown by Jan Beck. Reserve Stallion - Not-Much-Taquila, shown by Bart Whisenhunt,

Class IV Mares, 1975-1972 1. Sowega's Tanya shown by C. E. Chadwick

2. Blue Jacket shown by Verne Sutterfield Sr. Class V Mares 1971 or Before

1. Scarlet Bars shown by Eddie Boucher 2. Jeannie shown by L. J.

3. Flying Black Chick shown by Cindy Lanier 4. Patty's Glo shown by

Karlen Mashburn

Mrs. Blackburn, **Buried Tuesday**

Mrs. Eva Lena Blackburn, 85, of Merkel died at 3:45 p.m. Sunday at her home in Merkel after a long ill-. ness. Services were held at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday in First Baptist Church of Merkel.

The Rev. Kenneth Jones, pastor, and the Rev. M.E. Randolph officiated, Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery in Merkel, directed by Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born Jan. 22, 1890, in Freestone County, she came executive board met recently to the Merkel area with her parents in 1905. She married constitutional amendments Eddie M. Blackburn Jan. 9, which will be on the April 22 1910, in Blair. He died May special election ballot. The 20, 1955, Mrs. Blackburn was changes affect retired teaa member of First Baptist

Survivors include four daughiers, Mrs. Houston increased benefits which be-(Hester) Martin, Mrs. Bill Brown and Mrs. Er- already retired. (Lena) Meeks, all of Amendment 2 would in-kel, and Mrs. Pierce crease the rate of pay and by) Horton of Plainvew; allowances which members sisters, Mrs. Linnie Page of the Texas Legislature have ort Worth and Mrs. Wal- drawn since 1960. Nokes of Dallas; nine grandchildren; 21 great- dent of the Taylor County Unit grandchildren and two greatgreat-grandchildren.

Cooper High Echool senior

died at 11:50 a.m. Thursday

at Hendrick Memorial Hospi-

tal as a result of a motor-

cylce - school bus collision

about 3 1/2 hours earlier.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bland of

Abilene, had sustained head

injuries in the accident and

had been in critical condition

immediately after the colli-

Services were at 2 p.m.

Friday in the Elmcrest Bap-

tist Church. The Rev. T. C.

Melton, pastor, officiated. Burial was in Rose Hill

Cemetery in Merkel under

the direction of Elliott-Hamil

Bland was a passenger on

a motorcycle driven by Jim

Gemberling, 16-year-old son

of Mr. and Mrs. James Gem-

berling of 3141 S. 20th and

Police said the cycle was

traveling south on Amarillo

in the 3700 block when it was

in collision with a school

bus pulling out of the south

exit of a lot behind Cooper

onto Amarillo when the ac-

The bus was turning north

High, west of Amarillo.

a Cooper High junior.

Funeral Home.

Timothy Lee Bland, son of

5. Barbie shown by Bart Whisenhunt

Class VI, Grand & Reserve Mare Grand Mare-Scarlet Bars shown by Eddie Boucher Reserve Mare - Jeannie

See HORSE, Pg. 6

Decide On **Amendments**

On Tuesday, April 22 Merkel voters will go to the polls to vote on two amendments to the Texas Constitution. The proposed amendments deal with the amount the State of Texas can contribute to the retirement fund of teachers, municipal, state and county employees and state representatives salaries.

The amendment on representative salaries proposes the salary be increased from the present \$4,800 a year to \$7,200. The voters will also be asked through the amendment to raise the per deim form \$12 to \$30 a day while the legislature is in session. And included will be an increase to 16¢ per mile for travel for the representatives. State employes are presently paid this amount.

Joe Lassiter will serve as election judge, assisted by Lonnie Halbrook from Trent, The Trent and Merkel Boxes (24 & 25) will be combined for this election.

The election will be held in

The Taylor County TSTA

Amendment 1 would allow

the state to continue paying

gan February 1 for teachers

Mt. Gene Stuckey, presi-

of TSTA, said that unless

voters approve Amendment 1

said it looked as if Gember-

ling swerved the cycle to the

right when he saw the bus

pull out in an attempt to hit

the vehicle sideways instead

dented, was driven by Carl

Baldwein of 2402 Woodard,

lene, the Bland youth attended

Travis Elementary School

At CHS he was a member

of the Vocational-Industrial

Club of America (VICA), the

Ecology Club and a newly in-

stituted graphic arts class.

ents, a sister, Mrs. Jim Por-

ter of 1141 Amarillo in Abi-

lene; three borhters, Rex,

Terry and Todd, all of the

home; maternal grand-

mother, Mrs. Esther C. Lew-

is of 1301 Westmoreland in

Abilene; maternal grandpar-

ents, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Cross

of Sylvester and two nieces;

an aunt, Mrs. Ora White of

Merkel; cousins, Mrs. Al

Walla, Miss Maurine White

and Oscar Bland, all of Mer-

kel and R. L. Bland of Trent.

Survivors include his par-

and Jefferson Junior High be-

fore going to Cooper.

Born Oct. 4, 1956, in Abi-

The bus, which was only

Bus-Cycle Crash Victim

Buried in Merkel Friday

ABILENE - An 18-year-old cident occurred. Witnesses

of head-on.

and has endorsed the two

chers and legislators.

Taylor County Teachers

Back Two Amendments



SECOND RUNNER-UP - Jan Beck is pictured with her horse, Sunny, which helped her come in as runner-up for the high point horse. She is holding one of the trophies she won during the Saturday show. Eddie Boucher from Abilene had the high point horse.

Farmers Home Administration Approves Grant, Loan for S.U.N.

Vincent Barnett is president of the Corporation, Barthe Senior Citizens Building nett said that the purpose of in Merkel. The polls will be the corporation was to supply open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. water to the area north of

mediately lose the higher

benefits enacted by the Legi-

slature this year at the urg-

ing of Governor Dolph Bris-

coe and the Texas State Tea-

have given their lives to pub-

lic education at low salaries,

just cannot live on their regu-

lar benefits in today's infla-

tion," Mr. Stuckey declared.

"It would be tragic for them

to lose some benefits after

receiving them for a while."

the same boat, Mr. Stuckey

said, Their present pay and

allowances have been in ef-

relation to present condi-

Amendment 2 would raise

lawmaker's salaries from

\$4,300 to \$7,200, per diem

expenses while in session

to and from Austin from 10

to 16 cents per mile, the

amount now allowed state

tions.

employes.

Legislators are much in

chers Association.

The Farmers Home Ad- Merkel. This will include Secretary-Treasurer; Craministration has approved a Stith, Union Hill, and Noodle. mer Reynolds, A. C. Bland, Joan of \$540,000 and a grant "We have been working on the Tom Hagar; Carroll Bent; of \$380,000 to the S.U.N. project for several years Poul Hudman; Leon Kilso-Water Supply Corporation of now. We are pleased that we Merkel, It was announced re- are finally able to get started with the project," Barnett

> He said that bids for the project should be let this month.

A lot of the area north of Merkel has had serious problems with water. Some people have built reservoirs and pumped in water while others have hauled in drinking water, according to Barnett.

The water system is located in northwestern Taylor and southwestern Jones Counties and will serve some 240 home and other users in rural areas who presently rely on unsafe wells, and haul water for domestic use according to the announcement. The water for the system

will be purchase from the "Many of these people, who City of Abilene. The loan will bear 5 per cent interest for 40 years.

Members of the Board of Directors are: Joe McDuff,

Phone Rate

Increase Set

The Merkel City Council has approved a rate increase for Continental Telephone Co. of Texas. The new rates will become effective with the first billing in May

mise citting in a	day.
Class of	Monthly
Service	Rate
Busness	
One-Party	\$17.00
Business	
Two-Party	\$15.00
Business	
Extension	2.00
Residence	
One-Party	8.50
Residence	
Two-Party	7.50
Residence	
Four-Party	6.50
Residence	
Extension	1.50

Gospel Singing to Benefit Miss Softball of America

A gospel singing will be fect since 1960 and have no held in Merkel High School Aud.torium April 19th to benefit the Tri-Cities Miss Softball of America program.

The singing will be held at 7:30 p.m. and will feature from \$12 to \$30, and mileage Merkel's own Steve Walker, Roy Sharp and Pebecca Freeman of Trent as well as the Ken Mayhall Quartet from Abilene.

> Another featured group singing at the benefit will be

the Singing Payne Family. Girls interested in playing on the Miss Softball America teams being organized may also register at the singing.

Tickets will \$2.00 for adults and \$1.25 for students age 6-18. Advance tickets will be sold from 1 to 3 p.m. April 19 in downtown Merkel in front of the West Texas Utilities building. The advance tickets may be purchased for \$1.75 for adults and \$1.00 for students.

THE SINGING PAYNE FAMILY ... at Merkel benefit

Taylor Electric Annual Meet Set for Thursday

old and new business.

Present directors whose

terms expire are J. Riley

Miller, Zone I; Alton Whit-

The members of Taylor Electric Cooperative will meet at the Taylor County Coliseum on Thursday, April 17th for their annual business meeting.

In making the announcement, Manager Don Hart stated that the change in location was being made with the comfort of the members in mind and also as an economy measure.

The attendance at the Annual Meetings has outgrown the capability of the facilities at the Cooperative annex, where the meetings have been held in the past.

The meeting will begin at 9 a.m. with registration and drawing for attendance prizes.

The L. C. Agnew Western Band will entertain from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. A barbecue lunch will be catered by Mack Eplen's of Abilene at noon. Steve Walker, a Merkel na-

tive, will present a melody of song from 1-1:30 p.m. and gin promptly at 1:30.

the business session will be-On the business agenda will be reports of officers and management, report of Nomi-

JUDY PAPE

... opens new shop

Mrs. Pape Sets

A new business, the Beauty

Shack, has joined the Mer-

kel Business Scene. The new

firm is owned and operated

by Judy Pape. Located next

to her home at 705 S. 3rd.

the beauty shop will hold

open house this Sunday from

Mrs. Pape has worked for

a local beauty shop since her

Beauty School in Abilene.

While attending the beauty

school, Mrs. Pape was no-

nimated for the award of

Who's Who among vocational

students out of a class of 108

her friends and the general

open house. Persons may re-

gister for prizes to be given

away during the grand open-

ing. Prizes to be given in-

clude a permanent, hair cut.

and shampoo and set. No

purchase is necessary and

you need not be present to

Troy Miller

Services Held

in Rose Hill Cemetery.

and several nieces and ne-

his life.

Mrs. Pape has invited all

Beauty Shack

Open House

2-4 p.m.

students.

'76 for the fiscal year. nating Committee and elec-

tion of three directors, pre-

eaker, Zone II; Clovis Mcbrough, Zone III. Adjournment is expected Elmurray, Zone III. The Nominating Committee

sentation of service awards, has placed the names of the

present directors in nomi-

nation also M. J. (Marvin)

Rutland, Zone I; Ralph E. McAdams, Zone II; Foy Yar-

Davis To Head Lions Club

dent for the coming year luncheon Tuesday.

Other officers elected to Bill Button. serve are 1st vice president,

Budget Hearings Set For Next Council Meeting

The next City Council meeting will be held Friday, April 18, at the City

Hall at 5:30 p.m. There will be a hearing on the proposed budget for May 1, 1975, through April

The Merkel Lions Club George Starbuck; 2nd vice named Travis Davis presi- president Don Hensley; 3rd vice president, Max Murrell; during an election for offi- Tail Twister, Gene Stuckey, cers held during the noon Lion Tamer, Frank Breaux; and Secretary - Treasurer,

> Button was the only officer re-elected to serve another year in the same office. Don Hart is the outgoing president.

Directors elected to serve for the coming year are Travis Davis, Don Hensley, Gene Stuckey, Rev. Russell Mc-Anally, Bill Button, Frank Breaux, Don Hart, Max Murrell, George Starbuck, Bobby DuBose, Wren Durham, No-

lan Palmer, and Cyrus Pee. The officers and directors will take office at the first meeting in July.

Netta Stephan Is April **'Little Sister' of Month**

Netta Stephan, 17 year old Junior student, has been named Little Sister of the month by The Taylor County Young Homemakers, Netta is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stephan of Route 4, Abilene.

She has been a member of the FHA for three years and is presently serving as Treasurer. Netta is on the annual staff, plays cornet in the Badger Band, Vice President of the Junior Class, and was a nominee for Homecoming Queen. She is in the National Honor Society and has been named to Who's Who Among American High Schools. She participates in track, volley ball and tennis and was named All District in Basketball 1974-75.

Netta attends the Church of Zion Lutheran Churchin Abilene and in her spare time enjoys playing guitar, reading, painting, and riding cy-



NETTA STEPHAN ... Little Sister

Her plans for the future include a degree in Physical Education at a college yet undecided.

a local beauty shop since her Cunninghams Have 4th Anniversary at Dairy Bar

Four years ago this week Marie and J. E. Cunningham bought the Dairy Bar from Theo Newton, The Newtons had ran the business for sepublic to visit her during her veral years. When the Cunninghams took over, the firm sold mostly hamburgers. Now, four years later, they offer a complete line of lunches to go.

Besides hamburgers and hot dogs the Dairy Bar ofcan dinners, steak fingers,

fish basket, bar-b-que plates and deluxe chicken dinners to go. In addition, the cafe offers homemade doughnuts, Preston milk and the usual items for a drive-in. Prior to coming to Mer-

kel, J. E. was employed at Southern Clay Products in Van Horn.

The Cunninghams have four children, Alice, 14, Robert, fers chicken, shrimp, Mexi- 13, Tommie, 11, and Sue Lynn, 7.



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University judging. Winners were Blackwell High School with "Rise and Shine" and Hawley High

School with "Ralph Roister

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Doister." These two schools was Sharon Lynn, Blackwell will compete in area competisophomore. tion April 12 at McMurry Those chosen for the all-College. The alternate play star cast were Pebecca Freewas by Trent High School

man and Terry Hamner, both with a "A Canterbury Tale of Trent; Johnny Gonzales From the Wife of Bath." and Annemarie Rankin of Di-Best actor in the contest vide High School; Bryon Clifwas Bryan Andrade, Blackton and Eddie Ross of Hawwell freshman. Best actress ley High School.

Honorable mentioned were Glynn Dunn, Charles Hatfield, and Pam King, all of Trent; Reena Farley and Trendy Sharp, both of Eula High School; Dalia Chaves of Divide; Kenny Ellard and Connie Lentz of Blackwell; Debbie Turnage, Landra Worthington and Barbara Versyp, all of Hawley.

BOOTS REG. \$58.00 \$45.00

BADGER TRACKS

This is one busy week! The ones that are going to Regional at Lubbock this weekend have been practicing very hard. For the first time in many years Merkel has a good chance of advancing to

State in some events. The track teams did well at the district meet at ACC last Saturday. Two boys and six girls will be participating in Regional competition. The girls will travel to Lubbock this Thursday and return Saturday. The boy's regional track will be held next week. The literary events will be

Saturday at Lubbock also. We want to wish all these people "lots of luck," and we hope that they'll be representing Merkel in state. Goodman HD

stration Club met Friday, April 11th, at 3 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Allen Agnew. The President, Mrs. Carl Carey, presided.

Members decided to work Monday, April 14th, on the second quilt.

The program "Furniture and Wood Care" was postponed due to the illness of the leader. It will be given at the next meeting.

Mrs. H. H. Windham, program chairman, gave a program "How to Prepare the Individual Members Report". Fern urged those attending to make as accurate a report as possible, being sure to include all the work done during the past year.

Mrs. Frank Carter asked all who could to come to the District III Meeting April 17th in Wichita Falls.

Refreshments were served to eight members and three visitors. They were Mines .: Carl Carey, Dennis Butler. David Carter, Frank Carter, Jennings Winter, H. H. Windham, Garland Price, Allen Agnew, Mrs. Mabel McRee, O. R. Douglas, O. L. Ashton of Cisco, and Miss Shayla Kay

Next meeting will be April 25 at Mrs. Carl Carey's.

LADIES **GOLF NEWS**

BY ANNETTE CLARK

The Ladies Golf Assn. of the Merkel Country Club met for their regular Play, Supper and Business meeting Tuesday, April 8. The weather was just right for a good game of golf.

The game for members and husbands was Huley-Guley. First place winners were Sherry and Ronny Aldridge with second place going to Murel and Truett Thompson.

Plans are forming for a Ladies Golf Assn. Tournament on June 21st and sometime in late summer there will be a couples tourna-

The covered dish supper was enjoyed by the 25 members and husbands including two new members, Ida Mae and Minyon Seymore. The Door prizes were won by Minyon and Pail Seymore and Joan and Dean Smith.

Ladies get out to play each Tuesday and post your scoreyou might be a winner next time. It isn't always the best score-there will be prizes at times for worse score-most itts-most times in the rough and many more.

Plan now to attend the next Play, Supper and Business meeting the 2nd Tuesday in

Merkelite's Kin **Buried Sunday**

MINERAL WELLS - Hulan Pierce Adams, 67, of Big Spring, died Friday at 2:12 a.m. in Palo Pinto General Hospital in Mineral Wells, Services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday at Baum Memorial Chapel in Mineral Wells.

Ted Oliver officiated, Burial was in Woodland Park

Cemetery. Born Aug. 11, 1907, in Mitchell County, he married Gladys Pardue in 1927 in Abilene. He retired as a driver for Merchants Motor Lines after 15 years. Healso was a custom grain harvester. He had lived in Big Spring 23 years. Adams was a member of the Masonic Lodge.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Hulan P. Adams of Mineral Wells and L. D. of Eastland; a sister, Mrs. Mary Buntin of Merkel; fivegrandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Mrs. Almeda Bullock Honored by Xi Nu Chi

Mrs. Almeda Bullock, Honorary member of Xi Nu Chi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi received "The Order of The Rose" degree, presented in ceremonies Sunday, April 13, at the United Methodist Church. This is an honorary degree conferred on a member presently active in a chapter and who has fifteen or more years of active par-

ticipation in a chapter. Members participation from Xi Nu Chi were Mmes. Bob Garner, Bobby Mansfield, Bobby DuBose, Darla Mawson, John Brady, Mamie Steck, Welden McAninch, Glenn Teaff and Ed Tipton.

If your car is equipped with automatic transmission take it especially easy on the gas pedal. Ease up on the pedal at around 18-22 mph so the transmission will shift easily into higher gear - and save gasoline!

Members participating from Lambda Beta were Mmes. Junior Clark and Rosie Castille.

Mrs. George Starbuck, Mrs. Robert Harris, and Mrs. Juan Ybarra participated from Alpha Nu Nu.

Reception followed in the Fellowship Hall after the ceremonies.

SENIOR CITIZENS SCHEDULE EVENTS 1st Monday of Month singing 2nd Tuesday Noon Covered Dish Luncheon. Game Nights Every Thurs. & 4th Monday 4th Thurs. GAME Night Reserved for Talented Amateur.

THE MERKEL MAIL Thursday, April 17, 1975

Navy Boiler Technician Se-

cond Class Rodney L. Mash-

burn, son of Mr. and Mrs.

Roy Mashburn of Route 1,

Merkel, has arrived in the

Rodney Mashburn In Mediterranean

cola, which is homeported at Little Creek, Va. He will participate in op-, erational readiness training exercises as part of the U.S. Mediterranean aboard the Sixth Fleet, and visit several dock landing ship USS Pensa- Mediterranean countries.

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20-52tc

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FOR SALE - 2 bedrm. Mobile home and lot. Fenced, storage, etc. 411 El Paso,

ph. 928-5374.

FOR SALE or Trade - cash or terms, 2-bedroom, 1 bath, 2 lots in Merkel, by owner, 672-2916.

7-2t1 BEST 25 ACRES in Big Country, 10 Miles SW of Merkel in Mulberry Canyon, Large

tank, well, fenced, good pasture, 672-2916. FOR SALE - Need a good IH 14 disc oneway? We have

ably priced. Good for terraces. Phone 928-4876. 8-2tc Yes Friends, It's True-Contrary To Popular Belief, A

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Collectables. You Name It!

Take Business 80 Thru Sweetwater-Turn South at Thorntons-Go Under Underpass-1/2 Block on East Side St. 106 Musgrove St. -April 19th & 20th. 1:00 p.m. til 8 p.m. Sat. & Sun.

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Mildred Rister and

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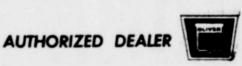


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Ghronda Tarpley Named Outstanding Student

Ghronda Tarpley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. (Babe) Tarpley, has been named Outstanding Marketing Student from North Texas State University by the American Marketing Association. Selection of the awardee of the annual presentation is made by the faculty of each school. Criteria used in selection includes grade point, extracurricular activites, leadership and the contributions

COMPERE

The Compere Home Damonstration Club met April 10th in Mrs. Hugh Taylor's home for the regular meeting with eight members, one visitor and a child present.

Mrs. Taylor presided and Mrs. Clarence Allen gave the devotional, Mrs. Taylor directed recreation with quiz

Roll call was answered with "The piece of furniture I would like to throw away"but each member only wished to refinish her piece of furni-

In the business meeting Mrs. Ab Hunter Jr. was chosen as a nominee from the club as a possible THDA chairman.

Mrs. Allen and Mrs. Dillard brought the program on "Furniture and Wood Care." They stressed the importance of knowing your woods in furniture. In refinishing furniture, dull finishes are used instead of a highly polished piece. A formula for cleaning furniture was given and was used in a demonstration in refinishing a scarred spot on a piece of maple furniture, which turned out beautifully. A dark spot was removed and refinished to blend in with the furniture. Old varnish was removed from a machine drawer to the original finish, ready to be

refinished. Refreshments were served to Mrs. Mims, a visitor from Truby, members, Mmes Ab Hunter Jr., Ernest Spurgin, Clarence Allen, Dewey Ramsey, Clayton Dillard, Clyde Chaney, Wayne Waldrum, Melinda Waldrum and Mmes. Hugh Taylor, the hostess. The hostess gift went to Mrs. Ab Hunter Jr.

to the advancement of mar-

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keting. The presentation was made at the Annual Careers Day at the Registry Hotel in Dallas. This event is held each spring for the 17 North Texas area colleges and universities. The North Texas Student Marketing Association was the host student chapter of the American Marketing Association. Miss Tarpley is President of the organization. She and Dr. Jack Starling, sponsor of the North Texas State chapter, planned

> affair. Miss Tarpley was Mistress of Ceremonies and Dr. Starling presented the awards. The program included speakers from Neiman - Marcus, Southwest Research. Department of Commerce, National Chem-Search, and Allday and Associates. A Young Business Panel composed of recent alumni of the area univer-

and coordinated the all day

sities concluded the program. Ghronda will receive her BBA in Marketing in May. She is vice-president of the Council of Business Students, a member of Thi Chi Theta, on the Dean's Executive Advisory Council, and a member of the American Marketing Association, Living in Dallas, she commutes to North Texas in Denton and is employed by ElFenix Rest-

aurants. Miss Tarpley is a 1969 graduate of Merkel High School and a 1970 graduate of Bauder Fashion Career College and Finishing College School. At Bauder, she majored in fashion merchandising and professional modeling



Mr. and Mrs. William Smith of Tokyo, Japan, announce the arrival of a baby boy, William Carl Smith, born April 5, 1975, at 4:12 p.m. He weighed 8 lbs. 11 oz.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Dan Allen of Valdosta, Ga., formerly of Merkel, and paternal grandparents are Eldon Smith of Staten Island, N.Y. and Mrs. Horton of Columbus, S.C.

The Smiths are stationed in Tokyo, Japan in the U.S. Air Force.

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Travis Davis, principal of Merkel High School has released the names of the following students for the A and A & B Honor Rolls for the first 6-weeks of the third

> Merkel High School Honor Roll

"A" Honor Roll - Kandi Ascencio, Dale Alcorn, John Biera, Christi Boone, David Booth, Wanda Braune, Becky Bryan, Tammy Booth, Tonya Crenshaw, Karolyn Davis, Beverly Gilmore, Lisa Gregory, Kathy Hendricks, Reta Mattingly, Beverly Mawson, Kristi Nease, Kathryn Murrell, Suzy Rister, Jerre Kay Smith, Netta Stephan, Gayle Teaff, Gayla Toliver, Jerry Walters, Suzanne Warner, Stanley West, Jim Wharton, Marlon White, Linda Williams and Steve Castille.

Barnett, Kenneth Beasley, Connie Brazzel, Cindy Bunch, Ben Castille, Janie Clark, Marsha Clyburn, Terry Criner, Rosette Coker, Freda Crenshaw, Mike Davis, Becky Deason, Arnold Dye, Cindy Elliott, Scotty Elliott, Garth Doan, Carola Fariella, Nancy

Fudge and Teresa Griffith. Also Cindy Hagar, Billy Harris, Randy Harris, Andy Hart, Mike Henry, Randall Howes, Rhonda Howes, Tammy Hudman, Carrie Law, Patsy Martin, Dorothea Pannell, Annette Parmelly, David Pfiester, Alan Mawson, Mike Magee, Grant Murrell, David King, Chuck Knight, Vickie Reddin, Melody Regeion, Becky Rister, Jeanette Robinson, David Roberts, Mary Roeder, Phyllis Shanks, Tommy Sloan, Jerrie Stephan, Mike Speaks, Brenda

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See Elementary Honor Roll Next Week

Taylor County Specialist

Taylor County is one of 19 area counties selected to be serviced by an area Urban Rodent Control Specialist, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Texas A&M University cooperating.

Larry J. Killgo, a native of Snyder, will be stationed in the County Extension Offive in Abilene. He is the son of C. J. Killgo of Snyder and has a B.S. degree in Wildlife Management from Texas Tech University.

As an Urban Rodent Control Specialist, Killgo will work to help persons in urban areas with rodent problems by giving educational programs to any organized group of persons. Demonstrations will also be held in infested areas.

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The Compere Cemetery Association will meet to work the cemetery at 9 o'clock, Saturday, April 19th, according to W. D. Ramsey, chair-

Lunch will be served at noon at the church, followed by a business session.

Miss Wharton Plans August 2nd Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. James M. a Blanche to Mr. Travis Elliott. The couple plan an August 2nd wedding in the First Baptist Church of Merkel.

Miss Wharton, a graduate of Winters High School, will receive her BS degree in speech pathology from Hardin-Simmons University in August of this year. She is employed at Abilene State School.

Elliott, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Elliott of Big Lake is

Merkel Schools Approved For \$16,304 Grant

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Congressman Omar Burleson announces the approval of tentative entitlement of \$15,304 to the Merkel Independent School District by the Office of Education under Public Law 874, which provides financial aissstance for schools in Federally affected

The entitlement is for fiscal year 1975. The amount \$12,228 has been certified for immediate payment and the School District should receive a check in that amount within the next week or so.

Wharton have announced the School. He is presently workengagement of their daughter, ing on his Bachelors degree in music education at Hardin-Simmons University

Abilene Garden

The Abilene Garden Club will present "A Splash of Color", its 1975 Spring Flower Show, at the garden Center Building, 300 Westwood Drive on Friday, April 25 and Saturday, April 26. On Friday the hours are from 3:15 to 5:30 p.m. On Saturday the hours are from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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Acuna Makes Honor Roll

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In order for a student to make the Vice-President's Honor Roll, he must maintain a 3.5 Grade Point Average. The Vice-President of Texas State Technical Institute is Dr. Jack Tompkins with headquarters at the James Connally Campus in Waco. The Manager of the Rolling Plains is Mr. D.A. Pevehouse.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 17th

The Annual Meeting of the Members of Taylor Electric Cooperative will be held on Thursday, April 17,1975, in the Taylor County Coliseum. Registration of members will begin at 9 a.m. The morning hours will be devoted to a program of entertainment and drawing for attendance prizes. Lunch will be served at noon. Business meeting will begin at 1:30 p.m.

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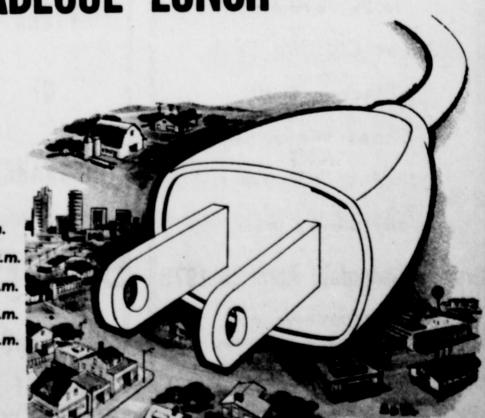


Registration And

Lunch 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m Entertainment (Steve Walker).X..... 1:00-1:30 p.m

to Follow

Directors Meeting



Mrs. Shannon Give Program For Gleaners

The Gleaners's Sunday School Class of the First Umited Methodist Church met April 9, 1975, in the Fellowship Hall with the President Mrs. Dewl McLean presiding. Mrs. John Shannon gave the

prayer, Mrs. N. S. Daniel gave the devotion: "Bear ue one another's burdens," Gal.

The hostesses: Mmes: O.R. Douglas, Chester Cox, Goer-

frosted nuts and punch to Mrs. Ruby Grimes, visitor, Mimes. Russell McNally, A.H. McElmery, Minnie Howard, Will Toombs, Mary Click, Laura Orr, Dee Moore, O.E. Harwell, Kenneth Surger, Tom Largent, Jess Howaton, Roy Baccus, Floyd Davis, Mary Grimes, Ruth Cox, Ruth Aderson, Almeda Bullock. Anna Dunn, Kenneth Poe, Viola Ensminger, John Shannon, N.S. Daniel, Etta Mcgia Zimmerman and Miss Williams, Maggie Patterson Manel McRee served cookies and Miss Bessie Reidenbach.

Roy E. Winter Sr. Buried Friday

Wednesday in Hendrick Memrial Hospital after a lengthy iMness. Services were held at 10 a.m. Friday in Elliott-Hamil Chapel of Memories, 502 Hickory.

The Rev. E. P. Dentzer, rector of the Episcopal Church of the Heavenly Rest, officiated. Burial was in the Merkel Cemetery.

Roy E. Winter Sr., 77, of Tabor Dec. 25, 1920, at Mer-Abilene, died at 2:50 p.m. kel. They moved to Abilene from the Truby Community in 1945.

McLean, Mrs. E. C. Cooper, Mrs. Selma Tyree and Mrs. Geraldine Jackson, all of Abilene; a son, Roy E. of Harlingen; three sisters, Mrs. Jim White of Ovalo, Mrs. Edward Lawlis of Sylvester and Mrs. otto Becknell of Odessa; eight grandchildren Born Feb. 3, 1898, at and three great-great-

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eron Carothers 3. Barbie ridden by Tiffany Allday 4. Tammy Joe ridden by

Jenny Boyd 5. Mizer ridden by Michael 6. Blue ridden by Robyn

Carothers 7. Diamond Caprise ridden by Kyle Coker

8. Dettie Ann ridden by Amber Whisenhunt 9. Kio-Wow ridden by Luci

Masonheimer 10. Black Baby ridden by Kevin McTernan 11. Carbon Girl ridden by

Kody Hogan Performance Classes Class XI, Western Pleasure 1. Sunny ridden by Jan Beck 2. Bell Star ridden by Jan

Me'ton 3. Scarlet Bars ridden by Eddie Boucher

4. Miker ridden by Dee Dee Masonheimer 5. Glancee ridden by L.J. Gray Jr.

Class 12, Reining 1. Poco Sonny Wolf ridden by Carol McTernan 2. Scarlet Bars ridden by

Eddie Boucher 3. Barbie ridden-by Bart Whisenhunt 4. Long Flying Chick ridden

by Cyndy Lanier Class XIII, Barrei Race 1 Sunny ridden by Jan Beck 19.59 sec.

2. Tammy Jo ridden by Patricia Boyd 19,80 sec. 3. Flying Black Chick ridden by Cindy Lanier 20.13

Go Go ridden by Lisa 5. Miss Coy ridden by Li-

tish Kicker 20.71 sec. Class XIV, Pole Bending Judy Ryan ridden by Cindy Boone 25.10 sec. 2. Miss Coy ridden by Latisha Kiker 25.11 sec.

3. Dettie Ann ridden by Jay Boyd 27.84 sec. 4. Mizer ridden by Robert Boyd 28.50 sec.

5. Scarlet Bars ridden by Eddie Boucher 31 98 sec. Class XV, Flag Race 1. Miss Coy ridden by Li-

tish Kiker 10. 31 sec. 2. Flying Black Chick ridden by Cindy Lanier 10.50

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Boosters Plan Calendars

Merkel Community Birthday Calendars were the principal topic of discussion at the Merkel Badger Band 3. Sonny ridden by Jan Boosters meeting this month. In the absence of Pat Cas-4. Dettie Ann ridden by tille, band calendar chairman, Mozelle Wharton presented information about the calendar campaign. Prices have not advanced and were Over all High Point Horse was Scarlet Bars ridden and announced to be:

\$2,50 - family plan which Runner up was Sunny ridden includes one calendar, parent's wedding anniversary, and birthday for each famthank all Merkel, Trent, Abiily member living at home; \$1.50 - 1 calendar and 1 lene, and Big Country Merbirthday; \$.50-birthday only; chants who helped to make this years show a success. \$1.00 - 1 calendar only; \$.25-

for each entry by an organization of meeting dates. It was decided that orders

will be accepted from now until May 1. Ind. viduals wishing to place orders will be asked to place them with Pat Castille at Castille's Hardware, Darla Mawson-Merkel Primary School, Joan Reed - Merkel Elementary School, Glenn Reed - Merkel High School or any member of the Merkel High School Band, Organizations will be asked to contact Pat Castille at Castille Hardware. The

ing of names and dates were

stressed. It was explained

that orders taken now will be for calendars beginning with Sept. 1975 and going through August 1976. High School twirlers will be responsible for business advertisements.

Report on the recent Junior High solo and ensemble contest was made by Mrs. John Brady, Mr. Reed announced that \$35,00 was made.

On May 5 the Badger Band will present the annual band concert, Band Pooster members will be admitted free. necessity of checking spell- Awards for the year will be made at this time. The public will be encouraged to attend.

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