

Between you and me

By SARAH ECKOLS

I have noticed around our town that a clean-up campaign seems to be in progress. It is nice to see the paint brushes at work and junk, trash, weeds, and unsightly clutter disappearing. In order to take pride in Merkel we must take the time to keep our town in order and make it a pleasant place to live both in friendliness and eye appeal. Keep up the good work.

It was called to my attention that in the Red Cross article last week I failed to mention the amount that has been raised in Taylor County. That amount is over \$900.

Another bad note connected with the robbery of the Merkel Restaurant is that a young lady, Carla Fariello who had been selling flags for Memorial Day, had put the \$22 that she had collected from her flag sales in the safe of the Merkel Restaurant rather than take it home with her Tuesday night. Her money, of course, was taken along with the money from the restaurant. Proceeds from the flag sales will go to the West Texas Rehab Center. I understand that Carla will receive credit for the lost money in the contest the girls are having selling the flags.

Lately when one takes to the highways he can't help but notice the number of CB radio antennas that are becoming so popular. They are on new cars, old heeps, 18 wheelers, and I have even seen one or two on motorcycles. Everyone wants a CB for information on who and what's on the road ahead or to visit with his traveling neighbor. I for one at least am glad to see communication coming back into style. For a while it seemed that our worlds were revolving around the boob tube and we had lost the art of talking with other people except for the necessary conversation to carry on business or complain. I hope the CB radio and is a sign that we have missed talking to one another and will take up visiting our neighbors once again.

The Tri-City Baseball Assn. is still at a standstill because of no location for a new ball park. They have money in the bank and will get rolling as soon as the land is available. Let's give these kids something to do. There will be a meeting of the Tri-City Baseball Projects Assn. at 8 p.m. Monday, May 19, at the Asteroid.

Let me take this opportunity to say thank you to the many people who have welcomed me to Merkel. My first full week as editor of the Merkel Mail has been a pleasant experience. Some very nice people have stopped by to comment on the paper. I have met the Lions, the school board, the administration of the school and several of the downtown merchants. I have yet to meet an unpleasant person in Merkel. It makes me glad once again that I am a small town girl. Thanks!!!

Seniors Remember The Good Old Days

"Remember the Good Old Days" was the theme, and a Gay Ninety atmosphere was provided by the silent films in the background, the rinky-dink piano and strumming banjo, and the decor of the Golden Stagecoach Restaurant.

Jerrie Stephan, senior class president, responded to the welcome given by principal Travis Davis.

Dinner was served to juniors, seniors, and guests including members of the board, faculty and administration.

The class will, read by Wanda Braune and David Copeland, seniors, and the class Prophecy, read by Juniors Netta Stephan and Jerrie Smith, were received with good natured laughs, snickers and occasionally applause.

Though too young to remember the days of Spanky and Our Gang, the audience watched with seemingly great enjoyment the silent flicks shown throughout the evening. Entertainment included

oldies but goodies played on the banjo and rinky-dink type piano. The dress of today, long skirts, wide lapels and ties, not so different from the turn of the century, fit in perfectly with the mood of the evening.

The climax of the night was when Rhonda White took the stage to lead the group in the school song. No doubt it brought a few tears to the eyes of seniors and expectation of the year to come to the minds of juniors.



CLASS PROPHECY - Juniors Jerrie Smith and Netta Stephan banquet the futures of seniors ten, fifteen and twenty years from now at the Jr.-Sr. Banquet which was held May 6 at the Golden Stagecoach Restaurant in Old Abilene Town.

Riggan Second At State Meet

Working against a wet turf, high humidity and intermittent rain, Derrell Riggan, Merkel High School Senior, jumped over the high bar at 6 feet 11 inch to capture second at the State Track Meet in Austin Saturday, May 10.

The silver medal for second place at state brings his total medal count to 16 for a three-year high school career. Nine of those are gold first place medals including

Townsend Wins 4-H Contests

John Townsend IV, son of Dr. and Mrs. John Townsend III, won first place at both county and district level 4-H contests. He entered the Family Resource Management Education Activity with his demonstration of simple home repair around the farm and home. In his demonstration he took apart and reassembled a small motor.

Winning the County competition in Abilene April 12 and in the District contest May 3 in San Angelo, John received blue ribbons. Junior 4-Hers are not taken to the state level.

John is a 7th grader in Merkel Junior High School. His 4-H sponsors are Mr. and Mrs. Bobby DuBose.

Student Council Elects Officers

John W. Cain, principal of Merkel Junior High and Elementary schools has announced the results of the student council election held May 9.

Officers for the 1975-76 school year will be president, Scott Cain; vice president, Kim Ascencio; secretary, Sherry Ashburn; treasurer, Robert Fowler; reporter, Chris Cox. Sponsor of the student council is Mr. George Martin.

first at both district and regional in the high jump this year.

First place winner at the state meet was Woody Bowles of Holliday, defending state champion. His winning jump was 6 feet 2 inches.

The 180 pound 6 foot 4 Riggan has jumped 6 feet 4 inches. He has broken the Merkel High School high jump record which was previously 5 feet 11 inches. He also took third at district in the broad jump.

Attending the state track meet from Merkel were Darrell's parents, Mrs. Jimmy Riggan, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Pursley, Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Barnett, Coach and Mrs. Monte Land, and a former state competitor, Roger Toddmore.

Riggan has plans to attend McMurry College in Abilene and has been in touch with McMurry track coach, Spud Alldredge.



CINDY LOU BEASLEY
...Valedictorian



REBECCA WHITE
... Salutatorian

12 Graduate from Trent

Twelve diplomas will receive diplomas in graduation ceremonies at Trent High School Auditorium May 23 at 8 p.m.

Named Valedictorian of the 1975 Trent graduating class is Cindy Beasley, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Beasley. Miss Beasley has a four-year average of 94.42.

Reception For Retiring School Personnel

The retiring personnel of the Merkel Public Schools will be honored by a public reception on May 27 from 8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the school cafeteria.

The public is cordially invited to attend this reception. Those retiring include Mrs. Paul Orsborn, Mrs. Bryan Dunagin, and Mrs. Carrol Benson.

Graduation May 22, 8 pm

Graduation exercises for Merkel Junior High eighth graders will be May 22 at 8 p.m. in the school auditorium. A reception will follow in the school cafeteria.

Merkel Sailor On Soviet Tour Ship

At the same time Soviet destroyers pulled into Boston Sunday, May 11, two U.S. ships pulled into the Soviet port of Leningrad. Aboard one of the U.S. ships is sailor Don Whisenhunt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Whisenhunt of 1408 S. 11th in Merkel.

Whisenhunt is a 1971 graduate of Merkel High School. He has been in the Navy for three and a half years and has been assigned to a ship for three years. He is in the electronics field.

The exchange of U.S. and Soviet ships is in commemoration of the end of World War II in which the U.S. and the Soviet Union worked side by side. It is the first such

School Board Appoints Committee

The Merkel School Board has appointed a citizen's committee to study the curriculum and building situation of the Merkel schools. The committee will study the situation and make recommendations to the board. Recommendations will be for an outlook of the next ten years. The committee is strictly to study the situation and make recommendations to the board. The board will make all decisions of action to be taken.

The committee has been divided into two groups. George Starbuck is chairman for the over-all committee. On the curriculum committee are Joe Lassiter, Jerry Miller and George Starbuck. On the building committee are Bill Morgan and John Niece of Tye, Freddie Tombes, Mrs. John Brady and Mrs. Billy Bob Neff.

Miss Gilmore, Wharton Top of Class of '75

Valedictorian and salutatorian of Merkel High School class of 1975 have been announced by principal Travis Davis.



BEVERLY GILMORE
...Valedictorian



JIM WHARTON
...Salutatorian

Hilton-Bentley Open May 18 at Country Club

The Bentley Brothers, nightclub and lounge entertainers from Las Vegas will play in the Hilton-Bentley Open golf tournament on the 9 hole golf course at the Merkel Country Club Sunday, it was announced.

The Hilton-Bentley Open is a fun tournament open to the members of the Merkel Country Club and the citizens of Merkel. There is a \$10 entry fee. The public is invited to watch the action. Here at the request of Vir-

gil Robbins, Merkel Country Club's owner and the brothers' personal friend, the Bentley Brothers are playing a four night engagement at the Hilton Inn on Highway 80 in Abilene. Possible homesites at the Merkel Country Club, promotion of interest in membership at the club, and a vacation with old friends has brought the glamorous duo to our city.

Following the engagement at the Hilton, the Bentley Brothers will be staying at the Big Country Inn in Merkel. They plan to play golf, swim, and relax at the Merkel Country Club.

The Bentley Brothers are a show-music duo and have played their clubs as the Landmark and Frontier in Las Vegas and Joe Hunts and Neptune's East in Scottsdale, Ariz., their home town. They have played and recorded throughout the U.S. and have received their recordings should appear soon at the Merkel Country Club. For their engagement at the Hilton they will be backed by Top Secret of Dallas who have played to a full house nightly at the Hilton for the past few weeks.

The Bentley Brothers have been playing golf with several Merkelites and according to a spokesman, find the people here to be very friendly and hospitable.

The Bentleys are noted for their ability to draw the female audiences with their good looks, charm and stage personality.

Merkelites are invited to come out to the Hilton, the Big Country Inn, and the Merkel Country Club to meet the Bentleys.

Merkelites Attend Tax School

City and school tax assessors, school administrators, city council members, equalization board members and other interested persons in the Big Country attended a tax school recently at the Educational Center in Abilene.

Presiding over the morning session was attorney Bob Huey of Austin. He covered new taxation laws and legal aspects concerning equalization of taxes.

The afternoon sessions were conducted by F. E. Murrell of Waco who discussed the practicality or "How to do it" of taxation and equalization.

Attending the classes from Merkel were Bill Button and Tommy Cutler of the Merkel Schools Equalization Board and Mona Faye Barlett, Tax Assessor-Collector. From Trent Clayton Brazelton, Tax Assessor-Collector attended.

\$600 Taken, Waitress Injured In Robbery

Two men armed with guns took over \$600 and struck waitress, Donna Turek on the head with the butt of a gun about 4 a.m. Wednesday, May 7, at Merkel Restaurant and Motel on 120.

Mrs. Turek was released from Dyess AFB Hospital Friday afternoon. She suffered a cut and a bump in the middle of her forehead according to a spokesman at the restaurant and chief of police, Leroy Austerman who says his department is continuing its investigation of the crime. The Taylor County Sheriff's department is also helping with the investigation.

Two Negro men entered the restaurant carrying guns. The first man described as about 5 feet 6, at first asked for change from Mrs. Turek. He then pulled the stocking over his face and the other man, about 5 feet 10 entered with either a sawed-off shotgun or rifle.

The two took money from the cash register and the safe in the office of the res-

Proclamation By Mayor

WHEREAS Nursing Homes are meeting a real need and filling an increasingly important role in our society; and

WHEREAS Many Texas citizens depend upon these facilities to provide them a home in an environment of total care; and

WHEREAS The residents of Nursing Homes, while engaged in activities which provide rehabilitation, recreation, and physical, speech and occupational therapies, as well as social and spiritual services for a fuller life, are deserving of our full recognition as appreciated citizens of this community; and

WHEREAS Texas Nursing Home Association and its member facilities are observing Nursing Home Week beginning Sunday, May 11, with Open House and related activities continuing throughout the week following,

THEREFORE, I, as Mayor of Merkel hereby designate the week of May 11-17, 1975, as

Catholics Slate Benefit Dance

There will be a dance Saturday, May 17, at 8 p.m. in the VFW Hall in Merkel. Proceeds will go to the Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church of Merkel.

Music for the dance will be provided by Manuel Cordeza who will play Spanish-type rancheros and pokas. The public is invited to attend and admission is \$2 per person.

TEXAS NURSING HOME WEEK

and urge our citizens to visit a nursing home and acquaint themselves with the residents, the staffs, the facilities, the services rendered, and the progress and potential for the future.

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Mayor of Merkel



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MRS. RUBY SANDERS
... Mother of the Year

**Compere HD
Club News**

The Compere Home Demonstration Club met May 8th at the Noodle Community Center with six members present. Mrs. Clarence Allen was hostess.

Mrs. Hugh Taylor presided for the meeting and directed a balloon game and two bingo games. The club prayer was given in unison. Roll call was "My Favorite Memory of my Mother."

In the business session individual club reports were filled out.

The next meeting May 22nd will be with Mrs. Ab Hunter with a covered dish luncheon.

The hostess gift went to Mrs. Earnest Spurgin. Refreshments were served to Mrs. Hugh Taylor, Ab Hunter, Dewey Ramsey, Earnest Spurgin, Clayton Dillard and the hostess, Mrs. Clarence Allen.



KATHY BYERS
... engaged

**Miss Byers
To Wed**

Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Byers of Rt. 1, Merkel, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Kathy, to Mr. Bobby Ray Spencer.

A June 14 wedding is planned in the First United Methodist Church in Anson. The bride elect is a senior in Anson High School and plans to attend Western College in Snyder.

The prospective bridegroom, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Spencer of Anson, is a graduate of Anson High School and is employed by Riley Drilling Company.

Agriculture generates 16 percent of the total U.S. gross national product, said Agriculture Commissioner John C. White.

**MHS Senior
Honored**

Miss Lisa Gregory, Merkel High School Senior, was honored Thursday evening at the Pizza Cave in Abilene. Mrs. Carroll Benson was hostess.

Special guests were the mother and grandmother, Mrs. Joe Gregory and Mrs. Howard Laney.

Favors were gold picture frames holding pictures of the senior girls as fifth grade students of Mrs. Benson.

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MRS. ISABELL DELA CRUZ
... Nurse-of-the-Month

Two Honored At Starr Home

In conjunction with Nursing Home Month and Mother's Day, Mrs. Ruby Sanders was named Mother-of-the-Year in ceremonies at the Starr Nursing Home Monday, May 12. The 82 year old mother of four has lived in Merkel for four years. She is the mother of Mrs. Ada Swanson of Merkel.

Born in Arkansas in 1893

Mrs. Sanders has lived in Snyder and lived 52 years in Vernon. She has 8 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

Named nurse-of-the-month for May at the Starr Nursing Home is Mrs. Isabell Dela Cruz. Mother of seven, Mrs. Dela Cruz has worked at the Starr Nursing Home for eleven years.

**Tye Girls Take First, Boys
Third on Merkel Tack In**

The Tye boys and girls track team ended the season on a good note Friday, May 2, as the girls won first place and the boys won third place at the Merkel High School Track. Some of the outstanding performances for the Tye track team were Rodney Carroll winning first in the boys 50 yard Dash, Coach Gene Stuckey contributes the win for the girls team and the high placing of the boys team to having several track members take second, third, and fourth places. Those placing in the boys track and field events were:

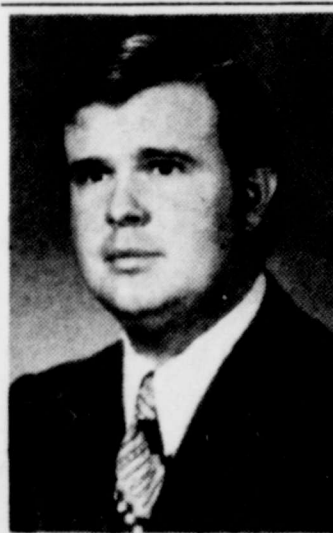
50 yd. Dash - Carroll-3rd
75 yd. Dash - Carroll-4th
440 yd. Relay - Carroll, Donald Hegwood, Billy Morgan, James Turner-3rd.
Shot Put - Turner-4th
Pull-Ups - Hegwood-4th
High Jump - Ken Reeves-3rd, Carroll-4th.
Football Shuttle - Danny Oakley, Bill Wilhelm, Ken

Reeves, Donald Seymore-3rd
Broad Jump - Carroll-1st, Hegwood-4th.

Those placing in the girls track and field events were:
50 yd. Dash - Dee Ann Smith-1st, Kim Bien-3rd
75 yd. Dash - Dee Ann Smith-2nd, Kim Bien-4th.
220 yd. Relay - Mary Ann Martin, Tracy Ball, Kim Bien, Dee Ann Smith-2nd.
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Softball Throw - Alice Berry-2nd, Kimberly Gary-3rd, Carla Corbin-4th.

Broad Jump - Dee Ann Smith-1st, Tracy Ball-2nd, Kim Bien-3rd.

Flag Shuttle - Alice Berry, Carla Corbin, Angie Wells, D'Juana Roberts-2nd.



C. TERRY KENT
... Tarleton graduate

**Kent Graduates
From Tarleton**

C. Terry Kent, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Kent of Coleman, received his Bachelor of Science degree from Tarleton State College at commencement exercises in Stephenville May 11.

Kent is married to the former Susie Wilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Wilson of Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. Terry Kent will move to Seminole where he has accepted a position as had of the agriculture department with the Seminole schools.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Wilson and Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Pee of Merkel attended the graduation ceremony.

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JUDGES ATTEND SEMINAR - Justices of the peace from across the state of Texas attended a basic 40-hour Texas Justice of the Peace Training Center seminar April 13-18 in San Antonio. The training center is based at Southwest Texas State University. Among the judges attending were Judge C. Doyle Lee of Precinct 3, Fort Worth, Tarrant County and Judge Lewis L. Millett of Precinct 3, Place 2, Merkel, Taylor County. (left to right)

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To any Sheriff or any Constable within the State of Texas: GREETING: You are hereby commanded to cause to be published one time in a newspaper printed in Taylor County, Texas, the accompanying citation, of which the herein below following is a true copy.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Dale Young, Respondent, Greeting: YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable Domestic Relations Court of Taylor County, Texas at the Courthouse in said County, in Abilene, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the Monday next after the expiration of twenty days from the date of service of this citation, then and there to answer the petition of Addie Mae Young Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 24th day of April, 1975, against Becky Ann Young and Dale Young, Respondents, and said suit being numbered 10,529-DR on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In the interest of Roger Dale Young, a child and/or children," the nature of which suit is a request to terminate Parent-Child Relationship.

Said Roger Dale Young was born the 13th day of July, 1962, in Abilene, Texas.

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree in the child's interest which will be binding upon you, including the termination of the parent-child relationship and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the child's adoption.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Abilene, Texas, this the 29th day of April, 1975. (SEAL)

Attest: Irene Crawford Clerk, Domestic Relations Court in Taylor County, Texas; By Myrna Lawrence Deputy. 12-1tc

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Merkel Riding Club

The Merkel Riding Club held its weekly play night Saturday, May 10, and the riding arena. Results were: Western Pleasure (18 and under) - 1. Suzy Toombs, 2. JerreKay Smith, 3. Christy Boone, 4. Vicki Campbell, 5. Shelli Stout.

Western Pleasure (19 and over) - 1. Karlen Mashburn, 2. Barbara Whisenhunt, 3. Ruth Hogan, 4. Bronwyn Leamon, 5. Oscar Vaughn.

Barrels (18 and under) - 1. Cindy Boone 18.7, 2. Jerre Kay Smith 20.0, 3. Suzy Toombs 20.4, 4. Jeff Toombs 20.8, 5. Christy Boone 20.9.

Barrels (19 and over) - 1. Walter Henslee 19.0, 2. Barbara Whisenhunt 19.3, 3. James Dean 19.7, 4. Walter Whisenhunt and Mary Beth Phillips (tie) 19.9, 5. Bronwyn Leamon 21.5.

Flags (18 and under) - 1. Christy Boone and Cindy Boone (tie) 10.0, 2. Vicki Campbell 10.3, 3. Terry Gramberger and Suzy Toombs (tie) 10.4, 4. Charles Hatfield 11.0, 5. Lisa Dokey 12.1.

Flags (19 and over) - 1. James Dean 9.8, 2. James Allday and Walter Henslee (tie) 9.9, 3. Bronwyn Leamon 10.5, 4. Donnie Miller and Danna McLinton (tie) 11.0, 5. Jarrett Pinckley.

Mount Change - 1. Jarrett Pinckley and Felix Boyd 12.8, 2. Barbara and Walter Whisenhunt 15.2, 3. Don Dudley and Jim Allday 16.7, 4. Don Simpson and Terry Gramberger 17.0, 5. Cindy Boone and Vicki Campbell 19.0.

Law Receives BS At H-SU

Kennon Law Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Kennon Law, Sr., of Tye received a Bachelor of Science degree during commencement exercises at Hardin-Simmons University. Commencement was held in Behrens Chapel - Auditorium on the H-SU campus at 3 p.m. May 11.

Commencement speaker was Dr. John G. Baker, president of Mid-Western University.

Voice Of Democracy Winner Named By VFW

Tammy Booth, a senior at Merkel High School was named winner of the Merkel VFW Post 5683 Voice of Democracy contest. Miss Booth will be presented with a bond from the VFW and a bond of equal value from Don Hensley, president of Farmers and Merchants National Bank in Merkel.

Only three students entered the local contest this year, Merkel's first year to participate in the national contest. However, the VFW hopes that participation will be much better next year. Juniors and seniors are eligible.

The contest is national and represents \$22,500 in scholarships. Scholarships are awarded to winners on the state and national levels. State winners also receive an expense-paid trip to Washington D.C. for the national

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WW I Vets To Meet

The World War I Veterans Auxiliary of Merkel Barracks 2246 will meet in their regular session Tuesday, May 20, at 5:30 p.m.

Installation of officers is the business of the evening with Abilene Commander Amos being the installing officer. Visitors from Abilene are to be guests. A pot luck supper will be served. All veterans and widows are urged to attend.

THE MERKEL MAIL
Thursday, May 15, 1975

'GORILLA GRAFFITI'

By MRS. DEAN KING



Graduate of H-SU

Sherolyn Ann Maynard of Merkel received her Master of Education degree at Hardin-Simmons University May 11.

Commencement was held at 3 p.m. in Behrens Chapel-Auditorium on the H-SU campus. Commencement speaker was Dr. John G. Baker, president of Mid-Western University.

For those of you who have not tuned in KWFA when Trent's own Mac Sipe is spinning the discs, you have missed a treat and a fun-time. Mac, or 'Johnny Mac' as he is billed, has a good time on the Merkel radio station and you can tell it by his ready wit and happy chatter. We think 'Johnny Mac' is an asset to the radio station; he always tries to please with favorite songs and dedications and that's what makes a station special, especially to the hometown folks. So if you 'Keep your ears on; and we'll catch you on the flip-flop; - We-Gone!!' - you'll know that there's Johnny!!

Mrs. Paul Poindexter (Deone) was given a baby shower in the home of Mrs. Yates Sipe on May 6. She received many 'pink things' for baby daughter, Crystal Ann.

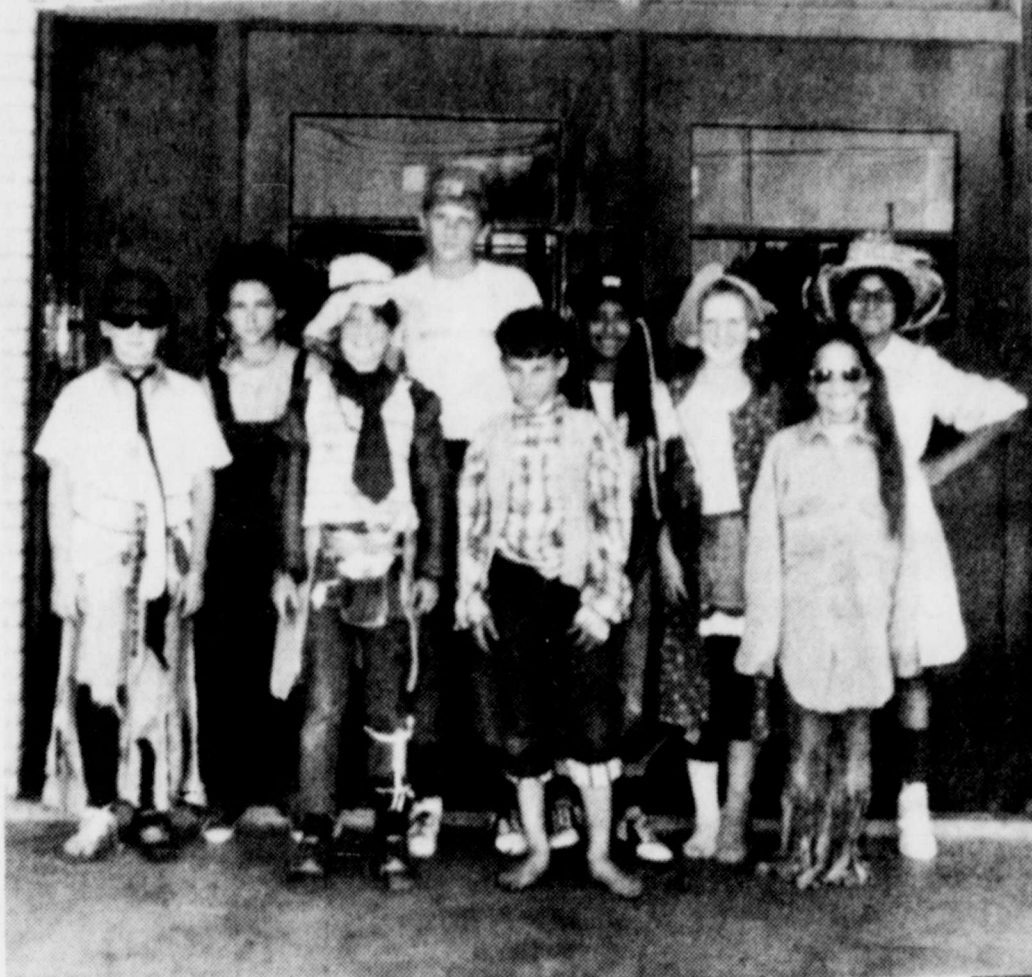
The Trent band kids had a fun time at Six Flags Over Texas Saturday, May 3. The Trent bunch invaded the park at 10 a.m. and departed for home about 7 p.m. A more tired and dirty group you might never see, but they all got their money's worth so to speak.

Vondi King, a 7th grader at Trent Jr. High, was feted with a 'Going Away' Party Wednesday afternoon after school by the 6th, 7th, and 8th graders. Miss King will be moving to Sandown soon and her Jr. High classmates took this nice way of saying goodbye with a 'Sundae Party'. The party was given by the Jr. High cheerleaders, Rebecca Sipe, Sue Bryan, and Leanna West and their sponsor, Miss Martha Bever. Vondi was a Jr. High cheerleader for the past two years.

Last Saturday, the Baptist Church sponsored a retreat to Colorado City Lake. Almost all of Trent was out Monday morning, May 5, at 4:00 a.m. to help in some way to fight the fire at Carriker's Grocery Store. Merkel Fire Department was here to help the Trent Fire Department; ladies were there to serve coffee and cookies to the tired and soaked men. In spite of all the determined efforts of so many, the Carriker Grocery Store was destroyed. And, oh, how we miss it! We sincerely hope that Doug and Margie get to rebuild. There are no better people than they anywhere! Doug was the type grocer that would stay open late for his customers' convenience. Whatever unusual thing you asked for, Doug would order it - whether he thought he'd sell many of the item, or just one. They always went out of their way for the people and we appreciate them so very much. Many of you will remember how we missed the Carrikers when they moved to Roscoe for 6 months - so let's just hope that things will work out to the good for them and that they will soon be back on the job, behind the cash register, and providing food for Trent.

Keep in mind that the Jr. High cheerleaders for next year have trash barrels for sale - and these are decorated no less. The girls have put their artistic ability to work for them and are providing you with something extra in 'alley decor' so see Dee Dee Masonheimer, Rebecca Sipe, Tammy Hicks, or Laticia Powell and put in an order.

Last Tuesday night, the Senior Class sponsors, Coach Bob Campbell and Mrs. Monte Land, gave the Seniors an appreciation dinner at Mrs. Land's home in Merkel. Tonight, Thursday, May 15, will be Community Club at Trent school cafeteria. This will be just Men's night, and hamburgers will be served, according to club president, Bruce Thomas.



TACKY DAYS ARE HERE AGAIN - Representing the "Tackiest" in Merkel Junior High School are (back row, left to right) Willy Townsend, Mark Pursley, Grand Sandusky, Debra Ybarra, Lisa Allen, Carmen Lerma; (front row, left to right) John Townsend, Tommy Swinney, and Cindy Hutchings, Tack Day at Merkel Junior High School was May 9.

Lambda Beta News

Lambda Beta, of Beta Sigma Phi met at the Big Country Inn on May 6. Barbara Welch was hostess.

Roll call was answered by "name your favorite drama." A business meeting with committee reports was conducted by President Pat Castille. A program entitled "The Printed Word and Your Life," was presented by Captain Faye Jones and Co-captain Sarah Lucas.

A second program entitled "Make an Art of Living" was presented by Captain Annette Clark.

The new Lambda Beta

chapter officers were installed in a ceremony conducted by President Pat Castille. The new officers for 1975-76 will be president, Chera Hohertz; vice president, Ginny Yaddow; recording secretary, Glenda Teaff; corresponding secretary, J. H. Jr. Clark, Orla Coker, Harold Hohertz, Craig Jones, Billy Lucas, Paul Moore, Billy Bob Neff, Phil Seymore, Larry Teaff, Mike Welch, Larry White, Lee Yaddow, Ricky Elliott, and Glen Bright.

Lambda Beta Hosts Moms

A "Happy Mother's Day" was extended to the mothers, mothers-in-law and special mothers at the Lambda Beta Mother's Day tea. The tea was held on May 10, 1975, at the home of Mrs. Billy Bob Neff. A beautifully arranged fruit platter, doughnuts, and punch was served.

The Mothers present were Allie Butman, Peg Harris, Renova Moore, Dolly Seymore, Hazel Goodson Anne Booth, Mrs. Harry Bullock, Marie Bearid, Mrs. Willie Jones, Mrs. L. G. Beebe, Mrs. Grace Bright and Mrs. T. M. Alliday.

In attendance from Lambda Beta were Pat Castille, Sarah Lucas, Pat Neff, Jo Moore, Minyon Seymore, Milly Bright, Betty Allday, Barbara Welch, Annette Clark, Faye Jones and Char Hohertz.

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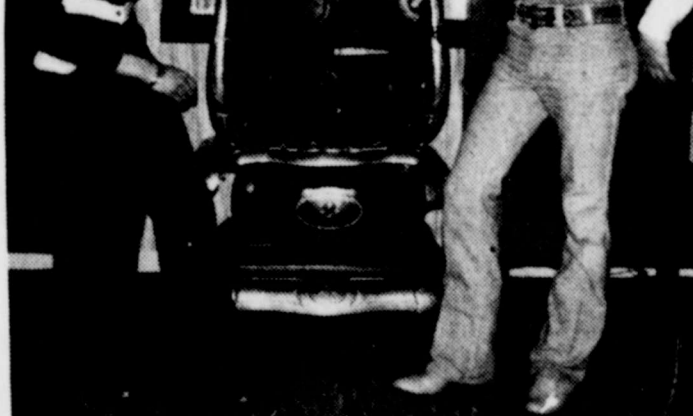
The hostess for the meeting, Mrs. Barbara Fowler and Mrs. Janet Deen served refreshments to the following members: Mrs. Gayle Baker, Mrs. Mary Caton, Mrs. Ida Seymore, Mrs. Jeanette Pursley, Mrs. Sherry Miller, Mrs. Ann Jacobs, Mrs. Patsy Ross, Mrs. Gayle Taylor, Mrs. Shirley Summers, Mrs. Anita Cain and Mrs. Terri Martin.

Young Homemakers

The Taylor County Young Homemakers met Thursday evening, May 8, in the home of Mrs. Barbara Fowler. The program was presented by Mrs. Jo McFarland. Informative suggestions and sewing tips were given on making lingerie and monogramming. Mrs. Fowler had two royal blue hand towels monogrammed during the program.

In a short business meeting following the refreshments, plans were discussed for the June meeting. The club decided to go to a dinner theater at the Zoo World. Each member will be contacted about the date and time.

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HONOR GRADS - Teresa Clemmer, valedictorian and Mike Moore, salutatorian graduate from Divide High School May 22.

Divide Commencement May 22

Graduates of Divide High School in Nolan will receive their diplomas during commencement exercises May 22 at 8 p.m.

Baccalaureate services will be at 8 p.m. May 18. Teresa Clemmer has been named the valedictorian of the 1975 graduating class. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Clemmer, Jr., of Route 3, Merkel.

Miss Clemmer was named favorite during her sophomore and junior years in high school. She was Harvest Festival Duchess for four years, best-all-around girl for two years, has been named most likely to succeed, most dependable, class secretary, FFA Sweetheart for West Texas Fair, FFA officer three years, all-district basketball three years and has been editor and business manager of the school

annual.

She has been a 4-H Gold Star girl of Taylor County state winner's in girl's achievement, was a delegate to Washington D. C. for the 4-H Citizenship Short Course and Heritage Tour in 1974. She has been a delegate to state and national 4-H Congress. She was Chairman of Taylor County 4-H Council in 1975.

Named Salutatorian for 1975 is Mike Moore. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Moore of Nolan. Moore's activities include FHA Beag, FFA president, livestock judging team for four years, all-district basketball one year, honorable mention in football one year, freshman and junior class favorite, best looking for two years, most likely to succeed, most dependable and Mr. DHS.

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Badger Tracks

Hi! Well here is all the news at Merkel High. As all of you probably know by now, Derrrell Riggan won 2nd place in the high jump event at the State Track Meet in Austin last week. Way to go "Big Rig."

Last Thursday night the FFA boys had their annual cookout. There has really been a lot of excitement around this week. The juniors received their senior rings Wednesday. Now they can officially call themselves seniors.

The seniors were issued their caps and gowns. Graduation is just around the corner, as a matter of fact, Baccalaureate will be held this Sunday night.

Of all the excitement going on, nobody is excited about studying for final exams, which will be Thursday and Friday. Seniors will get out Tuesday.

Tomorrow an awards assembly will be presented. Merits awards and various other awards will be given. Well that's all for now. One week and counting.

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Tri-City Baseball

Winners in the baseball ball point pen sale were announced this week by the Tri-City Baseball Project Assn.

First place winners were Debbie Glascock. She sold 75 pens and will receive a baseball glove, a gift certificate and an overnight bag. Winning second place was Muttys Guenther selling 70 pens. She will receive a baseball glove and a gift certificate. Third place was Theresa English who sold 25 pens and will receive a gift certificate. Fourth place went to Dina Watts who sold 20 pens and will receive a baseball bat.

Over 250 pens were sold and the association still has 200 pens to sell at half price. They will begin selling the remainder of the pens in about two weeks.

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BANQUET ASSORTED MEATS IN BAG 5 OZ. PKG. **29¢**

FACIAL TISSUE 125 ct. **KLEENEX** BOX **29¢**

ARMOUR TEXAS BRAND **CHILI** 19oz. CAN **79¢**

TEA BAGS **LIPTON** 48 ct. BOX **83¢**

Choice Beef SIRLOIN
SIZZLING STEAK BUYS
Just Meant for Charcoal Broiling

GOOCH GERMAN STYLE PKG. **93¢**

GOOCH BR. POUND **1.23**

MERKEL LOCKER 2 LB. BAG **1.98**

BONELESS COOKED HAM 3LB. CAN **4.29**

BABY BEEF SIRLOIN LB. **1.39**

FRESH GROUND BEEF LB. **53¢**

FRESH BEEF LIVER LB. **79¢**

DEL MONTE 303 FRUIT COCKTAIL 3 FOR **\$1.00**

DEL MONTE 303 CUT Green Beans 2 FOR **79¢**

DEL MONTE 303 Green Peas 3 FOR **\$1.00**

DEL MONTE 303 C.S. Golden Corn 3 FOR **\$1.00**

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DEL MONTE Sauer Kraut 4 FOR **\$1.00**

GRIFFIN 300 MEXICAN STYLE Beans 4 FOR **\$1.00**

TOMATOES VINE RIPE LB. **39¢**

GOLDEN BANANAS LB. **19¢**

ARIZONA ORANGES 4 LB. BAG **59¢**

YELLOW ONIONS LB. **15¢**

WASHINGTON DELICIOUS RED APPLES LB. **39¢**

RUSSET SPUDS 10 LB. BAG **69¢**

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