

Between you and me

By SARAH ECKOLS

It appears that somebody has a very nice lady for a grandmother. Bobbie Evans left the following poem on my desk and I thought all, especially the grandmothers who read our paper, would enjoy it.

MY GRANDMOTHER
By Bobbie Evans

My Grandmother is a sight to behold
She is one person who will never grow old;
One would never know she is eighty-three
For she gets around like a busy bee.

Her thoughts are still young and her actions are too
She is always asking "What is there for me to do?"
Long before Christmas she begins to sew
She's as jolly as Saint Nick with a ho, ho, ho.

She has many grandchildren and great-grandchildren, too
They all love her dearly whether old or new;
If I could be granted one wish today
I would wish to be like her in every way!

I've noticed lately that the power lawnmowers are coming out. I would just like to remind everyone that they can be very dangerous if not used with proper respect. Please watch for rocks, wire, sticks and debris in your yard and pick these up before starting your mower. Also, be careful of young children and others who are around when you are mowing. Over 55,000 persons are injured annually by power mowers or accidents related to them.

Along with the lawnmowers usually the grills and steaks come out too. However, this year I have yet to smell any of the aroma of steaks cooking over the coals. Perhaps it is due to the fact that the rain has scared us in. It is very frustrating to cook a beautiful meal outside, just to have to rush inside with it at the last minute because of wind or rain.

One of America's top personalities of recent years has gone into retirement and moved back to his native Lincoln National Forest near Capitan, New Mexico. Yes, Smokey the Bear has turned over his post to Smokey, Jr. Over the past 25 years Smokey has been telling us "Only you can prevent forest fires."

Smokey was rescued from a forest fire as a cub in the mountains of Northern New Mexico. His feet were badly burned, but he completely recovered except for scars. He has been living at the National Zoo in Washington, D.C. Though we don't have the worry of forest fires in the Big Country we do have grass fires and his message is pertinent to us.

Then there was this sign ordered by the City of Merkel from a sign company in Abilene. The order read:
CHIEF OF POLICE
IN CONFERENCE
REST ROOM
Of course the order was for three signs. . . wasn't it?

Since this is our graduation edition and we are honoring seniors throughout our area, I'd like to extend to each graduate a sincere wish for success in whatever future roads you walk. I hope that you will keep in touch with your friends through the Merkel Mail, and that you will let us know of your accomplishments so that we might share them with others.

The Merkel Chamber of Commerce is offering a \$100 reward for information leading to the conviction of person or persons who are spray painting buildings in town including the school buildings. This is vandalism and it detracts greatly from the appearance of our city.

Summer Program June 9- July 18

The Merkel Summer Recreation Program will open June 9 and run through July 18 according to George Martin, head of the program. The recreation program will be from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

There will be no activity on July 4.

Morning sessions will consist of checkers, chess, box hockey, shuffle board, table tennis and various other games. Physical activities will include safe-ball, baseball, basketball and football.

Afternoon sessions will be held at the Merkel Restaurant Pool. There will be swimming activities and games.

A concession stand with candy and cold drinks will be available.

Charge for the Summer Recreation Program will be 75 cents per day for one child; \$3 per week for one child; \$15 for the entire program for one child; \$25 for two children; or \$35 for three or more children in the same family.

Children from kindergarten through high school are eligible for the program. There will be full-time supervision of participants. Working in the program this year are Terri Martin, Netta Stephan and Kandi Ascencio.

Ray Pack to Share Bill

Ray Pack and his Half-breds are billed for the Johnny Rodriguez show Friday night at 8 in the Taylor County Coliseum. Along with Johnny Rodriguez and his Music City Band will also be Sherry Bailey from Abilene. Miss Bailey is a student at Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

Ray Pack who is a Merckelite has been making the big time lately and his latest single "Busted Love" can be heard frequently these days on the radio. The flip side of "Busted Love" is "This Ole Bottle" which was written by band member Duke Pack who is also Ray's brother. The Half-breds are all brothers except for the fiddler who is Jimmy Ballard.

Ray Pack and the Half-breds are going to return to Nashville June 1 for recording sessions. They will be leaving for a tour in Colorado June 8.



AWARDS PRESENTATION - Representing the VFW, L. L. Millet presents Tammy Booth, senior at MHS, with a \$100 bond as winner of the Voice of Democracy Contest sponsored by the local VFW and the Farmers and Merchants National Bank. (Staff photo by Sarah Eckols)

Merkel City Council Accepts Revenue Sharing Budget

The Merkel city council met Friday, May 16, in the conference room at City Hall. Attending the meeting were four councilmen, Kent Satterwhite, Pete Morgan, Jerry Byrd, Jim Atkinson; Mayor Allen; city coordinator, J.A.

Deck Compton, Lifetime Merkel Resident Dies

Delma A. (Deck) Compton, 73, of Merkel, retired merchant, died at 11 p.m. May 10 at his home here. Justice of the Peace Lewis Millet ruled Mr. Compton's death due to natural causes.

Services for Compton were at 3 p.m. Wednesday in Starbuck Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Jack McClelland, pastor of Grace Presbyterian Church here, officiated. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Born June 30, 1901 in Merkel, Mr. Compton married Vera Walker in 1938 in Merkel. She died in 1968.

Survivors include two sisters, Mrs. R. M. Ditz of Abilene and Mrs. P.A. Ditz of Midland; and several nieces and nephews.

Sadler, city secretary, Roy Kimbrell and Sarah Eckols of the Merkel Mail.

The council voted to change the date and time of their regular meetings to the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 5:30 p.m. This new schedule will become effective in June, beginning with the June 9th meeting. City coordinator, J.A. Sadler, presented the proposed expenditures for the city's funds provided through the revenue sharing program. The funds are broken down into capital and operation-maintenance. The planned expenditures are public safety, capital \$5,604 and operation-maintenance, \$2,000; environmental protection, capital \$6,000 and operation-maintenance, \$1,604; public transportation, capital \$3,000 and operation-maintenance \$4,604; recreation; capital \$1,000 and operation-maintenance \$520.

Pavement of several blocks of city streets was discussed. For the FHA project that has been proposed for Merkel it is a requirement to have the streets paved. Estimates for the paving have been gathered. The best estimate is \$2.67 per running foot 24 feet wide. This price and paving is available to residents of Merkel. For information contact Mr. Sadler at City Hall.

Uniforms for the city police force were discussed and some proposed styles were shown to the council for their information of prices and styles available. Further discussion and action will be at a later meeting.

The West Central Texas Council of Governments will have their semi-annual meeting May 28 in Moody Coliseum on the Hardin-Simmons University campus in Abilene. Several councilmen showed interest in attending the meeting. The topic for discussion is to be street and road improvement which is very pertinent to Merkel at this time. The meeting was adjourned with no further business at hand.

No Band Calendars

The Merkel band regrets to announce that there will be no community calendar this year due to lack of interest by the people.

Those who have already purchased a calendar are asked to contact the person from whom he purchased his calendar and all money will be refunded.

Lions to Sell Mops, Brooms

The Merkel Lion's club has announced they will hold their annual mop and broom sale May 27 and 28. There will be a house to house canvas sale in Merkel. Proceeds from the sale go toward club projects.

Awards Assembly Climaxes 74 - 75 School Year

An awards assembly was held in Merkel High School Auditorium Friday morning at 8:45. Principal Travis Davis presided over the assembly during which achievement awards were presented.

Tammy Booth, 17 year-old senior at Merkel High School is the 1975 winner of the Voice of Democracy Contest sponsored locally by the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Farmers and Merchants National Bank. L. L. Millet and Albert Gregory of the V.F.W. and Ted Smith of the F & M Bank presented Tammy with two \$100 savings bonds in an Awards Assembly Program at Merkel High School auditorium Friday, May 16.

Tammy is an outstanding student in many areas. She has been in Merkel since last September, having moved here with her parents, Lt. Col. & Mrs. William Booth, from Eielson A.F.B. in Alaska, where Tammy had attended high school for two years. Tammy was also a

winner in the Voice of Democracy Contest last year at Ben Eielson High School. While attending school there, Tammy managed the school store, and sang and played guitar in the chapel choir. She also worked as a life guard at the base swimming pool. Tammy's interests include crocheting, embroidering, sewing, and playing the guitar.

Tammy is also outstanding in scholastic achievements. She was a finalist in the National Merit Scholarship Qualification Test, as well as a two-year member of the National Honor Society. She has a straight A average for all of her high school years.

During her senior year at Merkel High Tammy has participated in choir, in several U.I.L. events, and in the National Honor Society, as well as taking several college courses while completing her high school requirements.

Tammy Booth, Tonya Crenshaw, Janie Clark, and Netta Stephan are all being

honored as Outstanding Students at Merkel High School for 1975. The National Honor Society is pleased to honor these four outstanding students for the second half of the 1974-75 school year. Having begun this as a new project during the fall of 1974, the National Honor Society has recognized eight outstanding young people for this school year.

Those previously honored during the first half of the year were Lisa Gregory, Kandi Ascencio, Jerrie Stephan, and Jim Wharton. All eight of these students will be presented with certificates for outstanding work.

Miss Crenshaw is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred L. Crenshaw. She plans to attend Western Texas College in Snyder majoring in PE and social studies. Miss Clark is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Junior Clark. She plans to attend West Texas State University in Canyon. Miss Stephan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stephan, will be a senior at Merkel High next year. Miss Booth, daughter of Col. and Mrs. William K. Booth plans to attend the University of Texas in Austin, majoring in secondary education, math and English.

Other awards given at the assembly included bronze, silver and gold merit awards, FFA awards, and attendance awards.

Receiving awards for FFA were Brad Pursley, swine production; Glen Braune, sheep production; Randy Harris, poultry production; and Jimmy Cade, mechanics and shop.

Merit awards are given on a point achievement basis. Ten points qualifies for a bronze award, 15 for a silver award and 20 for a gold award. Bronze awards went to Dana James, Mendez Moreno, Christi Niece, Melody Region, Suzanne Warner, Donna White and Linda Williams. Receiving Silver awards were Tonya Ascencio, Debbie Beard, Wanda Braune, Andy Byrd, Nancy Fudge, Andy Hart, Randall Howse, Doug Hutchings, Cary Law, Mike McGee, Retha Mathingly, Beverly Mawson, Pam Morgan, Kathryn Merril, Kim Satterwhite, Phyllis Shanks and Marlin White. The coveted gold awards went to Christi Boone, Janie Clark, David Copeland, Tonya Crenshaw, Beverly Hendricks, Lisa Gregory, Kathy Hendricks, Mike Henry, Jackie Sims, Jerrie Smith, Jerrie Stephan, Netta Stephan, Gayla Toliver, Jim Wharton, and Rhonda White.

Perfect attendance awards went to Debbie Beard, Royce Bratcher, Janie Clark, Tonya Crenshaw, Lisa Gregory, Mike Henry, Dana James, Cary Law, Pam Morgan, Christi Niece, Melody Region, Kim Satterwhite and Keith Wolf.

MSA Benefit Concert

There will be a concert to benefit Miss Softball of America at the Merkel High School auditorium Tuesday, May 27, at 10 p.m.

Ray Pack and his Half-breds have donated their time and talent to the MSA cause, and will play to please young and old alike.

Chances will be sold for cakes and there will be cakes auctioned off throughout the evening.

Tickets to the MSA benefit concert are \$2 for adults and \$1 for students.

The MSA would like to take this means to express their appreciation to the many who have taken part in the fund raising projects and those who have donated their time and money to the effort of MSA and who are making it a success. Especially, the girls thank you.

Practice is coming along well. The girls are to play their first game June 2. The time and place are to be announced later.



TRENT'S OWN CENTURION - Curtis Crocker celebrated his first 100 years May 18 in Trent. Mr. Crocker says he's the same as when he was 35.

Curtis Crocker 100 and Counting

"The family lived together and our parents were pretty tight - they kept us around home most of the time. We weren't turned loose like kids are today," said Curtis Crocker at his 100th birthday celebration Sunday, May 18 in his home at Trent.

Friends and relatives of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Crocker gathered Sunday afternoon to help Mr. Crocker with the observance of his own centennial. The members of the Church of Christ of which Mr. Crocker is a member brought cake and the Trent, Merkel and Abilene communities joined together and gave him a money tree full of dollar bills totaling \$227.

Born in Arkansas May 18, 1875, Mr. Crocker moved to Hillsboro at the age of eight. Farming in several com-

munities, the Crockers settled in Trent in 1937. He and his wife, who is about 90 farmed there until 1956.

Mr. Crocker has two children, Kyle of Trent and Mrs. Vera Koen of Jacksonville. He also has three sisters, Mrs. Ethel Hartfield of Houston, Mrs. Stella Toal of Fort Worth and Mrs. Callie Henley of El Paso - all are in their seventies and eighties. The Crocker family tree spreads down five generations with six grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Mr. Crocker says that the outdoor life and being an all-around farmer has contributed to his 100 years of life. Also he is an avid snuff dipper. "I don't feel any different than I did at 35," says Mr. Crocker.

Mr. Crocker still drives his pickup around the Trent community. He has never been in an accident.

When asked about politics, Mr. Crocker said, "Used to when a man was running for office he'd come and see people and shake hands and talk to you. Not any more. They have things in a mess now."

Mr. Crocker said he would live his hundred years differently if he had it to do over, but just because times are so different. Mr. Crocker still has faith in his fellow man. He says that most people are good and he thinks a lot of them. Apparently people think a lot of Mr. Crocker, too. His house overflowed with friends, relatives and well wishers Sunday.

Calling All Girls

Camp time is here! Don't miss out on all the fun in the great out-of-doors! Register now for Girl Scout camp at Camp Boothe Oaks, Sweetwater. The program includes hiking, cookouts, dramatics, swimming, nature study, arts and crafts, singing and archery. Sessions run June 15 to July 12. One week canoe trip also available June 15-21.

Write or call the West Texas Girl Scout Council, Box 5586, Abilene, Texas 79605, today! Build wonderful summer memories! Call 698-1738 now!

Bentley Brothers Successful In Merkel

The Bentley Brothers came to Merkel to do a job and they did it well. The promotion of the Country Club at Merkel was not just successful, it broke all records and the brothers did their share to

put Merkel on the map. The Bentleys have appeared nightly at the Embers in the Hilton Inn in Abilene. Merkel is the nightly word over there and the Bentley Brothers make sure the

audience knows they are here to help a friend promote his club in Merkel. In this reporter's opinion you have missed a real treat if you have missed the Bentley Brothers' show. They have what

it takes to capture an audience and leave them asking for more.

Phil and J. E. Bentley are young and vivacious and their enjoyment of their profession rubs off on those watching them. Both Bentleys sing baritone and Phil sings some base. Their latest album "Bentley Brothers in College" will hopefully be available soon in local record shops.

The boys who are originally from Ohio drew an overwhelming 200 people to the Country Club in Merkel Saturday for the Hilton Bentley Open golf tournament. Thirty-five golfers participated in the fun tournament.

J. B. and Phil Bentley have purchased a lot at the Country Club and plan to eventually build a home there. Bob Seamer, the club pro is making a great deal of progress in getting the course and the pro shop in top shape. John Schreck, partner of Country Club owner Virgil Robbins is responsible for putting the golf course "To Gether."

There are ten lots at the golf course of which four are already sold. The remaining six are for sale. For information contact Virgil Robbins at the Country Club. Presently membership at the Country Club in Merkel is \$17 per month, or \$204 per year. However, after June 15 there will be a \$100 initiation fee plus the monthly dues.

Mr. Robbins who brought



BENTLEY BROTHERS - Here to promote the Country Club in Merkel the Bentley Brothers perform at the Hilton Inn in Abilene. Pictured from left to right are Phil Bentley; Virgil Robbins, owner and operator of the Country Club in Merkel; J. B. Bentley; and John Schreck.

Faulkner To Speak To Merkel Seniors

Paul B. Faulkner, professor of Bible at Abilene Christian College, will be the commencement speaker at the Merkel High School graduation exercises Friday night.

Faulkner joined the faculty at ACC in 1957. He had previously been a minister in Kansas, North Carolina and Texas.

The native Texan is a graduate of ACC and also received his master's degree there. He received his MRE from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and his Ed. D from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Presently the professor is also a marriage and family counselor, director of family counseling services at the college Church of Christ, and conducts a marriage enrichment seminar.

Faulkner's wife is the former Gladys Shoemaker of Fort Worth. They have three children.



PAUL B. FAULKNER... commencement speaker

Betty Cleveland Died In Dallas Monday

Mrs. Betty Lou Cleveland, 54, died at her home in Dallas Monday night following a brief illness.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at 3 p.m. in the United Methodist Church in Merkel. Russell McAnnally, pastor and N. S. McDaniel, assistant pastor, officiated. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery in Merkel.

Mrs. Cleveland was born Betty Lou Grimes February 21, 1921, in Sapulpa, Oklahoma. She came to Merkel at an early age and has lived the past eighteen years in Dallas.

Survivors include her husband; a daughter, Cathy of the home; a son, Larry Dean of Houston; her Mother, Mrs. Dee Grimes of Merkel; a sister, Mrs. Jerry Warren of Abilene; and one grandchild.

From New York

Jimmie Brown has returned to Jackson Heights, New York, after spending 10 days in the home of his mother, Mrs. Edna Brown of Merkel.

Brown is a computer technician with Honeywell's.

This is the first reunion of the mother and son in over two years. Mr. Brown also visited with other relatives in the area.

Starr Nursing Home News

BY MARY OUTLAW

Last Sunday was Mother's Day and we had a lot of visitors for which we were very happy. A few of the mothers got to go home and it was a nice day.

The Presbyterian Church congregation came and filled their appointment May 12th. Thank you for coming. We enjoy services by local churches.

Mary Vaughn, our social

Home News

worker, has been very active in her work with the birthday parties and recreation. A lot of the stroke patients are playing ball and pitching washers and we think we have come a long way with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hill are getting along well. They are very satisfied here and if you see him pushing her up toward town, he isn't taking her home, they are going after something at the Dairy Bar.

We have started our remodeling and have corrected some of the things required by law. We are in the process of putting in heating and cooling and there are many other things we want to do to improve our facilities.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Crane and Pam and Ricky from Granbury visited Mrs. Brenda Roberts. She is their grandmother.

Nursing Home week was a success in our nursing home. We wish to thank the visitors who came and visited with us.

This past Sunday the First Baptist Church filled their appointment here. It was a nice service and enjoyed by all.

Carolyn Martin who is employed in our office and I attended the nursing home work shop on Policy Writing Techniques at Lubbock Friday and Saturday of last week.

Thank you Mrs. Jewel Meeks for the fruit jars, glasses and linens she gave us.

The Ladies of the First Baptist Church came Friday afternoon and brought cupcakes and roses for all the patients in the home. It was a very thoughtful deed for nursing home week.

Lots of nice things are being done and have been done for the home and the patients here and I'd like to express my appreciation.

Mrs. Lillie Orr was admitted to the hospital Friday evening with a heart attack, but returned Monday. Her minister Larry Gill reported to us that it was just a mild attack for which we are thankful.

Mrs. Ellise Bush was admitted to Hendrick hospital Thursday evening with a fractured wrist. We are glad to report she is better and back at our home.

Miss Fudge Named Little Sister for May

Nancy Fudge, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Carson, 900 Avondale, has been selected as the Little Sister for the month of May by the Taylor County Young Homemakers.

While attending Merkel High School, Nancy has been active in the athletic program, band and choir. During her junior year, Nancy received the Booster Club Award for the outstanding girl trackster. In 1974-75 Nancy made honorable mention in basketball and was a member of the volleyball team which won district. Nancy has served as reporter for the Senior class this year.

She was a member of the Merkel Band for 3 years and the choir for 2 years, serving as vice president her senior year.

Nancy is a member of the First Baptist Church where she is active in the youth program.

Nancy plans to attend Howard County Junior College where she has signed a letter of intent for a basketball scholarship.

Miss Fudge wants to be a teacher and a coach.

The Merkel Post Office will be closed all day Monday, May 26, in observance of Memorial Day. There will be no mail delivery at boxes, city or rural routes.



NANCY FUDGE... little sister for May

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Palmer Pontiac Celebrates 27th Anniversary in Merkel

Nolan Palmer, owner and operator of Palmer Pontiac in Merkel is celebrating his 27th anniversary as a Pontiac dealer in Merkel and in the same location.

Palmer who was born in Vanzandt County came to the Merkel area as a youngster with his parents who farmed near Merkel. He married Ann DuBose in 1936 and after two years in Abilene and San Angelo the Palmers returned to Merkel to go into the service station and tire business in 1938.

In the spring of 1948 Mr. Palmer accepted the Pontiac dealership in Merkel and built his business on North First street where it is presently located. Mr. Palmer has sold 5,748 new Pontiacs and many many used cars over the years.

Palmer Pontiac employs eleven persons, Anna Marie White and Mildred Dye in the office; Duane Shugart, sales manager and Homer Thomas, salesman; J. E. McDaniel, service manager and mechanic with mechanics

Junior Andrews and Bob Lane. Taking care of the body and paint department is Bill Koonce. Parts manager is Paul Wilkerson and Joe Alvarez and Tony Shugart are concerned with lubrication and tire service.

Pontiac presently has 45 models and body styles from which to choose. Mr. Palmer says that one of his toughest jobs is to choose models with options that will fit his customers. He also handles GMC pickups. Though affected some by the economic state of the country and the energy crisis, Mr. Palmer says that he has not felt the blow that dealers in the north and metropolitan areas have.

Nolan Palmer is a member of the Merkel Lions Club, the Merkel Chamber of Commerce, the Industrial Foundation and the First Baptist Church in Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. Palmer have two children, Pat Leveridge of Mercer Island, Washington, and Ron Palmer, operator of Holiday Motor Co. in Abilene. They also have four grandchildren.

CEMETERY DONATIONS

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Petty in memory of Mrs. Edd Blackburn

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Horton

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Seago Mrs. George T. Moore in memory of Mrs. Hattie Merritt

Mr. and Mrs. Cramer Reynolds in memory of Troy Miller and Calvin Keith

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Bankston C. E. Horton Mrs. Sallie Gant in memory of Mrs. E. M. Blackburn

Mona Faye Barlett in memory of Mrs. Edd Blackburn Robert and Mable Higgins in memory of Mrs. Edd Blackburn

Mr. and Mrs. Tom, Howard Mrs. Sallie Gant in memory of Mrs. Sallie Moore

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Howard in memory of Hattie Merritt

Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Barnett in memory of Mrs. Sallie Moore

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Barnett Mrs. John Oliver in memory of Mrs. Eva Blackburn Mrs. A. H. Hutchins

Mr. and Mrs. Tom, Howard and Herman Carson in memory of Hattie Merritt

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Butman in memory of William

Senior Citizens Schedule Events

1st Monday of Month singing

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Letter to the Editor

I am a mother of four children, three under school age. That is why I am so deeply concerned about this matter of no hospital in Merkel. In fact, on two occasions in the last 3 or 4 months I have rushed two neighbors to a clinic, here in town, with cuts that needed to be sewed up. They were told the doctor was eating lunch and still had 15 minutes and was not to be called. Does your child get hurt by appointment? Mine doesn't.

People, this is bad. Where has human feeling gone? I ask you people, is there a need for a hospital in Merkel? I definitely believe there is.

I have been told so many times to go to the emergency room at Hendricks. What are we going to do when we can't get the gas? Why couldn't we have this money flowing through a hospital in our own town. If we only had a small hospital and it staffed with a good doctor concerned with the man feelings of others,

So many doctors these days only have money on their mind and tend to forget what their oath is. Someday all this will be accounted for.

People tell me that times have changed. Well, things should never change to where we have no feelings for our neighbors no matter who we are. Wonder what our fore fathers would say if they could see the shape things are in now. A person isn't as good as his word anymore. He is as good as his pocket book.

If we are going to pay taxes for Abilene to have a new courthouse, coliseum, air port and etc. Why can't we spend a little on us. (You and Me) a decent hospital. It doesn't have to be a huge thing but a place where we could go day or night if we really needed help and be able to get it.

Think about it. We are the reason we don't know how to take care of our children.

GENERAL REVENUE SHARING PLANNED USE REPORT

General Revenue Sharing provides federal funds directly to local and state governments. This report of your government's plan is published to encourage citizen participation in determining your government's decision on how the money will be spent. Note: Any complaints of discrimination in the use of these funds may be sent to the Office of Revenue Sharing, Wash., D.C. 20226.

PLANNED EXPENDITURES		
(A) CATEGORIES	(B) CAPITAL	(C) OPERATING / MAINTENANCE
1. PUBLIC SAFETY	\$ 5604.00	\$ 2000.00
2. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	\$ 6000.00	\$ 1604.00
3. PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION	\$ 3000.00	\$ 4604.00
4. HEALTH	\$	\$
5. RECREATION	\$ 5000.00	\$ 1083.00
6. LIBRARIES	\$	\$
7. SOCIAL SERVICES FOR AGED OR POOR	\$ 1000.00	\$ 520.00
8. FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION	\$	\$
9. MULTIPURPOSE AND GENERAL GOVT.	\$	\$
10. EDUCATION	\$	\$
11. SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT	\$	\$
12. HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	\$	\$
13. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	\$	\$
14. OTHER (Specify)	\$	\$
15. TOTALS	\$	\$

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- 71 PONTIAC Catalina, 4 door sedan, air, power, white color. GOING FOR ONLY \$1395
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PAN SIZE

\$1⁰⁹

HAM

HORMEL
BONELESS

3 LB.
CAN

\$4⁹⁹

HAMBURGER

FRESH
GROUND

LB. 59¢

FRANKS

ARMOUR'S

12 OZ.
PKG.

73¢

SAUSAGE

HORMEL
LITTLE SIZZLERS

89

ROUNDSTEAK

LB.

\$1³⁹

NILLA WAFERS

12 OZ. BOX

55¢

COOKIES

CHOCOLATE CHIP or C.C. BIGGS

14 OZ. PKG.

79¢

PINE-SOL

15 OZ. BOTTLE

59¢

COLD POWER

DETERGENT

\$1⁰⁹

GIANT SIZE

LIQUID

JOY

KING SIZE

89¢

TIDE

GIANT SIZE

\$1⁰⁹

FROZEN FOODS

KEITH'S KRINKLE CUT

POTATOES 2 LB. BAG

49¢

BANQUET

POT PIES EACH

29¢

COLONIAL GERMAN CHOCOLATE

CAKE

EACH

\$1³⁹



CALIFORNIA

3 FOR \$1⁰⁰

Strawberries

CALIFORNIA EACH

Avocados

19¢

Sunkist

Lemons

EA

7¢

FLORIDA

CELERY

EA.

25¢

LETTUCE

HEAD

29¢

RUSSET

Potatoes

10 LB. BAG

69¢

INSTANT LIPTON'S

TEA

3 OZ. JAR

\$1²⁹

GRAHAM CR.

Pie Crust

PKG. 49¢

PET

SKIM MILK

TALL CAN

2 FOR 45¢

RICE COMET

14 OZ.

29¢

FRENCH'S SQUEEZE

BOTTLE

MUSTARD

8 OZ.

29¢

SKINNER'S 8 OZ.

MACARONI

2 FOR

49¢

CRISCO OIL

24 OZ. BOTTLE

89¢

GANDYS COTTAGE

Cheese

24 OZ. CRT.

79¢

MR. GOOD

PEANUT BUTTER

18 OZ.

69¢

SHORTENING

SWIFT'S JEWEL
42 OZ. CAN

\$1⁴⁹

MILK

MARIGOLD
2% HOMO
GAL.

1³³

REG. HOMO
GAL

1⁴³

PLUS DEP.

CATSUP

DEL-MONTE
14 OZ. BOTTLE

35¢

SALAD DRESSING

BEST MAID qt.

79¢

TUNA

DEL-MONTE
FLAT CAN

49¢

OLEO

KRAFT'S
PARKAY

LB.

55¢

VIENNAS

HORMEL

29¢

PAPERTOWELS

BOUNTY
BIG ROLL

49¢

KRAUT

DEL-MONTE
303 CAN

2 FOR

45¢

Pepsi Cola

or
DR. PEPPER

28oz. BOTTLE

(NO DEPOSIT)

3 FOR \$1⁰⁰

GRAPEFRUIT JUICE

TEX-SUN
46 oz. CAN

45¢

ICE CREAM

GANDY'S
HALF GAL.

99¢

APPLESAUCE

WHITE HOUSE
303 CAN

29¢

BARBQ SAUCE

HEINZ
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FLOUR

GOLD MEDAL

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GARAGE SALE - Saturday at 9:00 A.M. J. D. Gentry FM North of Merkel. Records, toys, clothes, hair dryer, 4-14 inch Ford wheels and Mustang wheel covers. 13-1tc

For Rent

FOR RENT - 4 rooms and bath, carpeted. Prefer single or couple. Phone 928-5905. 13-1tc

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF GEORGIA PEARL MILLER DECEASED
Notice is hereby given that original letters of administration for the Estate of Georgia Pearl Miller were issued on 5-16-75 in Cause No. 11,962, pending in the County Court of Taylor County, Texas, to:
Earl Douglas Miller
The residence of such administrator is Ellis County, Texas. The post office address is
c/o Glenn E. Heatherly
104 Citizens Bank Building
Abilene, Texas 79601

All persons having claims against this estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. DATED the 16th day of May, 1975.
Rhodes, Doscher, Chalk and Heatherly
104 Citizens Bank Building
Abilene, Texas 79601
By Glen E. Heatherly
Attorney for the Estate
13-tfc

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THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Poe Hiroshi Shinn, Defendant, Greeting:
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable Domestic Relations Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 26th day of June A.D. 1975, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 15th day of May A.D. 1975, in this cause, numbered 10,604-DR on the docket of said court and styled Brenda Omelia Shinn, Plaintiff, vs. Poe Hiroshi Shinn, Defendant.
A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: parties were married on or about the 6th day of July, 1972 and separated

about January of 1974; no children were born to or adopted by this marriage and none is expected; no community property has been accumulated by the parties other than personal effects; petitioner requests change of name to Brenda Omelia Smith; as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.
If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.
The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.
Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, this 15th day of May A.D. 1975.
(SEAL)
Attest: Irene Crawford Clerk, Domestic Relations Court, Taylor County, Texas, By Sandra Van Cleave, Deputy.
13-4tc

PUBLIC NOTICE
TRENT SCHOOL BOARD OF EQUALIZATION
The Tax Board of Equalization of Trent ISD will hold a public hearing beginning at 9:00 A.M. June 2, 1975, at the Trent School Tax Office.
Purpose of the hearing will be for equalization of all real and personal property owned by individuals situated in the taxing jurisdiction of the Trent ISD.
All persons owning land, buildings, or personal property within the district may appear before the Board.
Signed:
Calyton Brazelton
Tax Assessor-Collector
Sworn and signed before me this 20th day of May, 1975.
Syra Patterson
Notary Public
Taylor Co., Texas
13-1tc

PUBLIC NOTICE
TO: Charles Soto, Respondent, Greeting:
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable Domestic Relations Court of Taylor County, 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 Beula Wynne Love, Supervisor of the Taylor County Child Welfare Unit, 317 Pecan, Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 7th day of April, 1975, against Linda K. Flores and Charles Soto, Respondents, and said suit being numbered 10,456-DR on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In the interest of Carlos David Flores a child," the nature of which suit is a request to terminate parent-child relationship.
Said Carlos David Flores was born the 1st day of April 1975, 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 9th day of May, 1975.
(SEAL)
Attest: Irene Crawford Clerk, Domestic Relations Court in Taylor County, Texas; By Myrna Lawrence, Deputy.
13-1tc

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THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: James Alfred Lott, Defendant, Greeting:
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Attest: Irene Crawford Clerk, Domestic Relations Court, Taylor County, Texas; By Sandra Van Cleave, Deputy.
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TO: Jesus Pedraza Garcia, Defendant, Greeting:
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 104th Judicial District Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 30th day of June A.D. 1975, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 19th day of May A.D. 1975, in this cause, numbered 12,652-B on the docket of said court
(SEAL)
Attest: Irene Crawford Clerk 104th Judicial District Court, Taylor County, Texas; By Sandra Van Cleave, Deputy.
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Tri-City Baseball
The Tri-City Baseball Projects committee has still been unable to obtain land to build on. The money, a total of \$1,845, is in the bank and it is just a matter of land now.
The project could still use some help. They are in need of several items such as bases, light poles and lights, doors, bathroom fixtures, water heater, refrigerator, stoves, and many small items. If you are interested in donating either your time or your equipment to the baseball project, please contact Joccile Brady at 928-5705, Melba Glasscock at 928-4883, or J. C. Carson at 928-5935.
They do have storage facilities for items being donated.
A special thanks to the Bob Deans who donated furniture which sold at \$80, the largest single donation, and The W. G. Richardson who donated a 150 pound packer roller.
Mulberry 4-H NEWS
By CINDY HUTCHINGS
Adult leaders are Mr. and Mrs. James Masonhiemer. Results of the San Angelo rifle shoot were Teresa Clemmer-189, Lisa Hughes-184, Craig Hutchings-131 and Sherri Williams-100.
Our program for the evening was given by Jean and John Dunn. They showed slides of Pacific islands they had visited in 11 years of overseas travel.
Special guests were Mary Russom, Mrs. Scott from Nolan, Mrs. J. D. Sandusky, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brnovak, and Bill Brnovak.
New members are Holly Scott and Sherrie Dunne.

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A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Petitioner and Respondent were married on or about the 12th day of October, 1974 and separated on or about the 25th day of October 1974; marriage has become insupportable because of discord or conflict of personalities; petitioner believes the parties will be able to enter into an agreement respecting the property of the parties, if so the agreement will be presented for approval of this court; as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.
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TO: Harriett Irene Grohman, Defendant, Greeting:
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable Domestic Relations Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 23rd day of June A.D. 1975, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 12th day of May A.D. 1975, in this cause, numbered 10,075-DR on the docket of said court and styled John Grohman, Plaintiff, vs. Harriett Irene Grohman, Defendant.
A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Petitioner and Respondent were married on or about the 12th day of October, 1974 and separated on or about the 25th day of October 1974; marriage has become insupportable because of discord or conflict of personalities; petitioner believes the parties will be able to enter into an agreement respecting the property of the parties, if so the agreement will be presented for approval of this court; as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.
If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.
The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.
Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, this 12th day of May A.D. 1975.
(SEAL)
Attest: Irene Crawford Clerk, Domestic Relations Court, Taylor County, Texas; By Sandra Van Cleave, Deputy.
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Summer Schedule Announced For CJC Extension Program in Merkel

College classes in English, Government, History, Math, and Psychology will be available to summer school students in the general area of Merkel through the Cisco Junior College extension program there during the first summer term, CJC Dean Carroll Scott has announced. Mr. Scott said that registration for the Merkel extension classes would be held on Tuesday, June 3, with classes beginning the same evening. Registration will be conducted at the Merkel Community Center, with most classes meeting at Merkel High School. All classes will meet during evening hours, 6:45-10:15 p.m., for the convenience of people having day jobs, Dean Scott said.

Classes meeting on Monday and Wednesday, with one Friday night session will be English 123 (English Com-

1975 Yearbook Dedicated to Chester Collinsworth

The 1975 Badger yearbooks were distributed to the students and faculty of Merkel High School Monday afternoon.

Special features were the litho cover with art work by Steve Gentry; colored end sheets honoring the senior class members; Lisa Gregory and Andy Hart honored as Best All-Round students being selected by the faculty; and the dedication to Mr. Chester Collinsworth.

The dedication to Mr. Collinsworth read as follows: "It seems like we sometimes forget the people who are most important in our lives. This person to some people is just a face, but to others he is always that helping hand."

"The special someone we wish to honor is Mr. Chester Collinsworth. He has served the community for many years, and has helped many a young man with the basics of agriculture. We proudly dedicate the 1975 Badger to Mr. Collinsworth, our Voca-



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tional Agriculture teacher, to thank him for his years of hard work and loyalty to Merkel Schools."

Special guests attending the presentation were Mrs. Chester Collinsworth, Mrs. Edwin Read, Mrs. Joe Gregory and Mr. and Mrs. Don Hart.

Annual staff members working on the 1975 yearbook were: Gwynn Tipton; Jerris Stephan; Netta Stephan; Beverly Mawson; Retha Mattingley; Marsha Clyburn; Steve Gentry; Mike Henry; Donna White; Ray King; Lisa Gregory; Rhonda White and Mrs. Hugh Baker, advisor.

Horse Show Slated At Old Abilene Town

The Taylor County Sheriff's Posse is sponsoring an open horse show Saturday, May 24, at the Old Abilene Town Arena on I 20. Registration will be at 9 a.m. and the show starts at 10. Trophies will be awarded for 1st through 5th places in each class and event.

Entry will be \$3 for halter class and \$2 for performance events.

Age groups for the performance events will be 12 and under and 13 and over. There will be a highpoint trophy in each age group.

Merkel Riding Club

Merkel Riding Club events May 17.

Western Pleasure (12 and under) - 1. Ann Melton, 2. Dee Masonheimer, 3. Vicki Campbell, 4. Jan Melton, 5. Leslie Masonheimer.

Western Pleasure (12 and Western Pleasure (13-18) - 1. Jay Boyd, 2. Cindy Byrd, 3. Christy Boone, 4. Jerre Smith, 5. Cindy Boone.

Western Pleasure (19 and over) - 1. Clyde Brooks, 2. Barbara Whisenhunt, 3. Benny Melton, 4. Lavena Vaughn, 5. Karlen Mashburn.

Boot Race (5 and under) - 1. Justin Foster, 2. Dennise Pursley, 3. Leslie Masonheimer, 4. Graham Odom, 5. Kyle Coker.

Boot Race (6-18) - 1. Kevin Coker, 2. Mike Dokey

Barrels (12 and under) - 1. Leslie Masonheimer 21.4, 2. Dayna Pursley 21.5, 3. Ann Melton 21.6, 4. Lisa Dokey 21.9, 5. Vicki Campbell.

Lambda Beta News

Beta Sigma Phi City Council met in the Community room of the First National Bank in Abilene on May 14 in a regular monthly business meeting.

The ceremony to install the new City Council Officers for the year 1975-76 was conducted by outgoing president Marge Childress. Pat Neff from the Lambda Beta Chapter was installed as publicity reporter.

The purpose of a Beta Sigma Phi City Council is to promote inter-chapter harmony and to provide a way for the members of chapter to correlate their planning and activity for city-wide events.

Refreshments were provided and served by the Lambda Beta Chapter. Serving table's decorations emphasized the Beta Sigma Phi's 1975-76 theme "Let Our Heritage Ring."

In attendance from Lambda Beta were Pat Neff, Betty Allday, Ginny Yaddow, Jo Moore, Chera Hohertz and Faye Jones.

Alpha Nu Nu Installs Officers

The Alpha Nu Nu chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met May 7 in the home of Charlotte Starbuck. Installation of officers was the program.

Officers installed for the 1975-76 term are: Rojean Hicks, president; Martha Sue Justice, vice president; Marie Shanks, recording secretary; Ann Magee, treasurer; Ann Leach, corresponding secretary. Pam Bishop and Peggy Vanderwerler are the club's representatives to the Abilene city council and Louise Sudderth is the chapter director.

A dinner will be held at the home of Louise Sudderth Wednesday, May 21, at 7:30 p.m. for members and guests.

Try "carpooling" to the supermarket with a neighbor. By taking only one car, you'll save gasoline - and have more time to be with friends!

Ice Cream Supper

The Merkel Lodge 710 of the Masons will host an ice cream and cake supper tonight, May 22, at 7:30 in the lodge building.

All members who have not been contacted please come and bring a cake or pie. This ice cream supper is open to all lodge members and their families.

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Scouts Attend Chisholm Council

By CALVIN WOLF

The Boy Scouts from Troop 18 attended the Chisholm Trail Council Spring Camp-O-Ree held at the Mathews Ranch at Albany this past weekend and brought home first and third place ribbons.

Scouts that attended were Alan Mawson, Ronnie Whisenhunt, Kelley Wolf, Drew Mawson, Brad Wade, Scott Carin, John Townsend, Willie Townsend, Robert Fowler, Royce Fowler, Terry Owens, and Scoutmaster Calvin Wolf.

Ladies Teed-Off

Tuesday, May 13th. The Ladies Golf Association of the Merkel Country Club had their regular monthly play supper and business meeting. Husbands were special guests and the play was hully gully. Winners to the day were Sherry & Ronny Aldridge and Betty Jane Tittle & S.C. Dixon. Runners up were Joan and Dean Smith.

Prizes were awarded for the past ladies Tuesday play days. Sherry Aldridge won with low score and Wanda Hendricks won with High Score. The next week was for low putts and Sherry Aldridge and Murel Thompson tied with 16 putts.

The Ladies Golf Association Tournament will be held June 21st with a rain date of June 28th. Committees appointed by president Faye Robertson and announced by vice president Fanelle Boney are: golf carts, Murel Thompson and Mary Childers, prizes, Joan Smith, putter auction, Sherry Aldridge, grounds, Wanda Hendricks and Connie Harris, breakfast, Mary Boone, and pairing committee, Faye, Robertson and Fanelle Boney.

Ladies, Remember to get out to play. Post your score for the tournament. The newest player with a high handicap has as good a chance as the best player with a low handicap.

Twenty-four members and guests enjoyed the covered dish supper and welcomed two new members, Nell Smith and Leta Gurgansus.

position and Rhetoric), English 213 (Readings in English Literature), and Math 113 (College Algebra). Courses being held on Tuesday and Thursday nights with one Friday meeting are Government 213 (American National Government), History 113 (history of the U.S. to Reconstruction), Psychology 113 (General Psychology), and English 113 (English Composition and Rhetoric).

The Cisco school's low state-supported rates for tuition and fees will, as usual, be in effect for the Merkel extension classes, the dean pointed out. One three-hour course costs \$46.75 and six hours' work totals \$57.50, he concluded.

Mr. Scott said that any course offered in the CJC catalogue would be offered providing at least ten students request it, and that any class would have to have at least ten students in order to be held.

Final exams are set for July 7 and 8. More information may be obtained by contacting Dean Scott at Cisco Junior College, 817-442-2567, or by calling the Merkel Chamber of Commerce, 915-928-5722.

Auxiliary Hosts MSA Concession

The Ladies Auxiliary to the Merkel Fire Dept. held its monthly meeting Monday, May 19. The resignation of Mrs. Joe Bryan as treasurer was accepted. Mrs. David Seymore was elected to the office.

The ladies will set up the auxiliary trailer and serve refreshments for the Miss Softball of American games. They will offer hamburgers, soft drinks, french fries, snow cones and candy. Proceeds from the concession stand will go to finance auxiliary activities.

A farewell social was planned for Joe and Cindy Bryan who are moving to Tahoka. An ice cream and cookies supper for the entire family is planned.

Members present were: Mrs. George Starbuck, Dean Goodman, Roy Schultz, Jackie Cannon, Waymon Adcock, Robert Harris, David Seymore, and Jerry Horten.

Garden Club News

The Merkel Garden Club met for installation of officers for the 1975-76 year. Luncheon was hosted by Mrs. Ora C. Griggs in her home at 112 Oak.

Officers installed were Mrs. Oda Clark, president; Mrs. E. J. Patterson, first vice president; Mrs. W. L. Brown, second vice president; Mrs. Odis Griffin, third vice president; Mrs. Aaron Sudderth, fourth vice president; Mrs. Mary Russom, treasurer; Mrs. Lottie Everett, recording secretary; Mrs. Allen King, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Earl Hughes, parliamentarian; and Christine Collins, reporter.

The term of office begins in September. The club will recess for the summer.

Members present for the meeting were Mesdames Tom Allday, Oda Clark, Mary Click, Johnny Cox, Albert Criswell, Lottie Everett, R.M. Ferguson, Mack Fisher, Lucy Ford, Tom Fox, S.D. Gamble, Ora Griggs, Dee Grimes, Allen King, E. J. Patterson, Tom Russom, Herbert Patterson, W.T. Sadler, John Shannon, Charlie Sherell, Aaron Sudderth, Jerris Williams, Miss Nora Foster, Christine Collins and Bessie Reidenbach. Mrs. G. R. Peachy is a new member.

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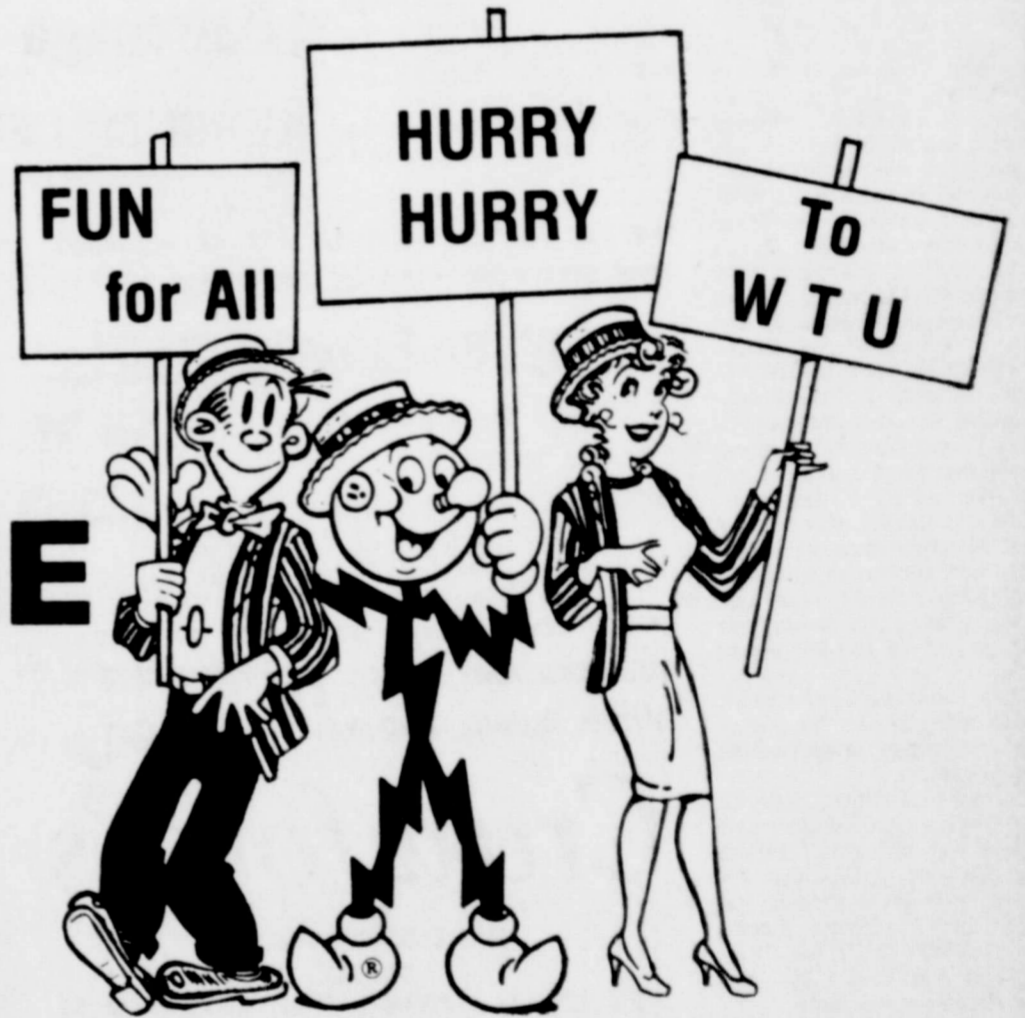
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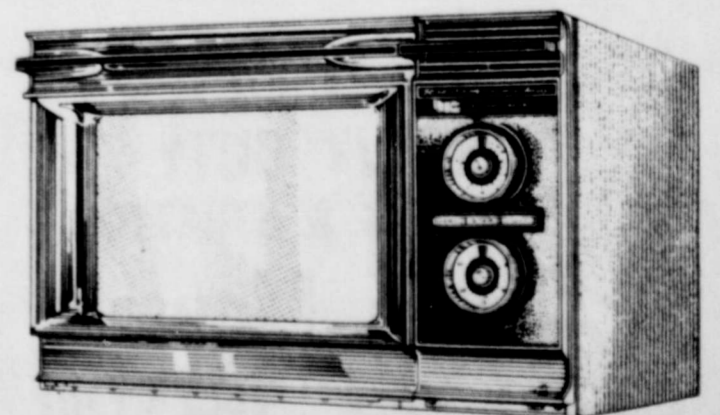
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Resolution Passed By Farmers Union

The National Executive Board of the Farmers Union has issued a statement vigorously opposing a proposal by the Army Corps of Engineers to expand its jurisdiction over U.S. waters, especially those affecting agriculture.

Jay Naman, Waco, President of Texas Farmers Union and a member of the National Farmers Union Executive Board, said that the resolution was passed at the board's recent Cincinnati, Ohio meeting.

Naman said the Corps of Engineers has made four alternative proposals, any of which would involve a substantial expansion of its jurisdiction over agriculture.

The most stringent proposal would require every farmer to get permission to plow fields adjacent to flood control levees, enlarge stock ponds or erect anti-erosion structures to protect their land, said Naman.

The least restrictive proposal would require permits in coastal areas below the mean high water mark or salt water vegetation line, which ever extends further, and along inland waters to navigable waters and their primary tributaries to their headwaters.

"Being a coastal state and having several navigable ri-

vers many farmers and ranchers all across Texas would be subject to regulation under the proposals put forth by the Corps of Engineers. Not only would this involve much bureaucratic red-tape but it would be contrary to the good conservation practices which have traditionally been carried out by farmers and ranchers as stewards of the soil," the Texas president said.

Naman said the Farmers Union objects to such a 'power-grab' over agricultural lands by the Corps of Engineers, which evidently has the support of the Environmental Protection Agency.

"It is important that farmers and other property owners voice their objection to this proposal by writing to their Congressman and to the Corps of Engineers," Naman said. The deadline for objections to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Washington, D.C. is June 6.

The Corps issued its proposals in response to a court suit which was won by the National Wildlife Federation and the National Resources Defense Council in U.S. District Court at Washington, D.C. on March 27. Judge Aubrey F. Robinson, Jr., said in that suit that the Corps' jurisdiction extended "farther inland than the mean high water mark", which has been the historic limit of its authority. He did not say in his decision, however, exactly how far inland the control should extend.

Two Merkelites Attend Class in Lubbock

Mary Outlaw, administrator and Carolyn Martin, staff member, representing Starr Nursing Home of Merkel attended a 12 hour course for nursing home administrators

held in Lubbock on Friday and Saturday, May 16-17.

The course of classroom study was sponsored by the Texas Nursing Home Association.

Classes were conducted by the Division of Extension, Industrial and Training Bureau, University of Texas at Austin under direction of Francis A. Flynn, Coordinator.

The workshop was presented as a requirement of continuing education under Texas licensure laws.

The subject of Policy Writing Techniques was instructed by Henry Adams and Charlotte Neyland, both of Fort Worth and C.W. Brewer of Lubbock.

Topics covered included Required Policies and Procedures, Format for Policies, Procedures and Job Descriptions and Technical Writing Skills.

The policy writing course supplies 12 of the 30 hours required each biennium for administrators to keep their licenses valid. This is only one of numerous courses offered during the year by the Texas Nursing Home Association.

Badger Tracks

By SUSIE TOOMBS

Hi! Well this is the last week of school believe it or not! This year has really traveled by in a hurry.

Last Friday an Awards Assembly was held. Several awards were presented. Tammy Booth won an award for 3rd place in the Voice of Democracy contest. She was presented a plaque and two \$100 bonds. The Honor Society recognized four outstanding students of Merkel High. They are Tonya Crenshaw, Janie Clark, Tammy Booth, and Netta Stephan. Altogether there are eight outstanding students being honored for 1974-75, the other four were named during the first half of the year they were: Lisa Gregory, Kandi Ascencio, Jerri Stephan, and Jim Wharton. Mr. Collinsworth presented awards to four students for their outstanding success in FFA projects. Brad Pursley was given a metal for swine production, Glen Braune for sheep production, Randy Harris for poultry production, and Jimmy Cade for achievement in agriculture mechanics and shop. Also Billy Watts was recognized as the Pep Squad Beau.

Everyone has been excited about getting the '75 year-books Monday even though they were late.

School will officially be out this Friday. Graduation will be held Friday night in Merkel High School Auditorium. I'd like to wish all of the Seniors good luck in their future plans. Well that's all. Until next year have fun and live it up this summer.

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Your local Justice of the Peace, Lewis Millett, wishes to have the people of Merkel informed as to what his duties to you are.
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- Report to Grand Jury on

Fortnightly Study Club
The last meeting of the Fortnightly Study Club for the 74-75 year was a salad luncheon at the Fellowship Hall of the First Methodist Church. Mrs. S. C. Dixon, president, was hostess.
Tables were laid with white cloths and an arrangement of roses.
Following a brief business meeting Mrs. Dixon installed the officers for the forthcoming year.
New officers are: President, Mrs. Ray Wilson; Vice President, Mrs. Comer Haynes; Treasurer, Mrs. David Gamble; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Carl Hughes; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Mack Fisher, and parliamentarian Don Hart.
Mrs. Dixon was presented a gift of appreciation from the club by Mrs. David Gamble.
Mrs. Richard Dixon, daughter-in-law of Mrs. S.C. Dixon, from Tennessee was a guest.
Those present were Meses: Charles Eager, Ray Wilson, Jo Dell Gregory, Pinky Cypert, Buster Horton, Don Dudley, Andy Shouse, David Gamble, Carl Hughes, Johnny Cox, S. C. Dixon, Comer Haynes, Charles Knight, Johnny Hammond and Miss Christine Collins.

Bentleys
Continued from page 1
The Bentley Brothers to the Big Country will be returning with them to Arizona where they will do a benefit performance and golf tournament in Scottsdale with Jerry Van Dyke, Paul Harvey, Hugh Downs and others to benefit Multiple Sclerosis.
The dynamic duo who have broken attendance records at the Hilton in Abilene plan an appearance at the El Topatillo in Guadalajara, Mexico and a European tour in the near future.
Phil and J. B. say the people of this area are beautiful and they hope to be able to return to Merkel soon.

Drawing Winners

Winners of the drawing held at Higginbotham-Bartlett Co. May 17 are Cecelia Minze, drill; Pete Burtfield, Bradley faucets; and Comer Haynes, keyless latch, it was announced by manager Pat Williams.
Treating a child as if he were a special person helps him feel good about himself, Ilene Carrington, family life education specialist



OUTSTANDING STUDENTS - Named as outstanding students at Merkel High School by the National Honor Society are (back row) Netta Stephan left, and Tammy Booth and (front row) Janie Clark left, and Tonya Crenshaw. (Staff photo by Sarah Eckols)

From the County Agent

Good quality cotton seed may be high priced but poor quality seed could be even higher. Due to last season's fall being extremely wet and cool good quality planting seed is a little short. Some seed blocks reported extremely poor germination tests.

Producers catching their own seed for planting should have germination tests run before planting. Weak germinating seed generally produce weak plants that do not grow off as fast.

Results of a planter box survey ran several years ago compared artificial seed to samples of seed collected from farmers planting their own seed caught at the gin. The certified seed was much superior in germination, vigor and purity. In many instances the gin run seed had been contaminated so much with other varieties that it was not like the original variety that the farmer had started with.

To insure good stands of healthy plants farmers should plant the highest quality seed they can obtain. Checking seed tags or having germi-

Returned from Arizona

Mrs. Sherman Lane of 1303 South 3rd in Merkel has returned from a two week visit in Green Valley, Arizona, where she visited with relatives.

Green Valley is a unique scenic retirement center surrounded by snow-capped mountains. It is located 25 miles from Tucson.

Mrs. Lane has also recently visited with relatives in Midland and Houston.

nation tests run on gin run seed is advisable.

Pecan nut casebearer spraying is fast approaching. At present the spray dates could be as near as May 20 and Late as June 1. Pecan trees are being checked and as soon as egg laying begins dates will be announced. Malathion, Buthion and Zolone would be good insecticides to use.

Also zinc sulfate mixed in the spray is recommended for pecans. Soils in this area are deficient in zinc and it is much more economical and effective to foliar feed the trees through spraying than putting it in the soil.

If pecan scab disease has been present in past years either Du-Tex, Benlate, or Cypre should be added to the spray also.

Corn leaf aphids are present in fields of small sorghum. Numbers can be fairly heavy without damage to yields. However, if greenbugs are present the numbers do not have to be as high for yields to be reduced. The two aphids are similar however, the distinguishing characteristic is the light green color of the greenbug with the darker green stripe down the center of the insect. If questions arise to identification or control producers are encouraged to contact their extension agent.

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CowBelles Host News Media

The CowBelles, a women's organization affiliated with the American Cattlemen's Association, hosted several area newsmen at a luncheon at the Ramada Inn in Abilene Tuesday, May 20.

Each CowBelle brought as her guest a member of the press. Present from the media were Harry Holt of farm and ranch news fame, Ed Wishcamper, editor of the Abilene Reporter-News, Geraldine Satterwhite of the Abilene Reporter-News, Earl Carmack from KTXS-TV station, Bob Campbell of the Abilene Reporter-News, J.T. Smith, farm and ranch editor for the Abilene Reporter-News, and Sarah Eckols, editor of the Merkel Mail.

The CowBelle objective is the promotion of Beef. They are out to educate the public concerning the uses and value of beef in our society. There are over 80 by-products from

cattle that have a variety of uses, everything from insulin to crochet needles are made from cattle byproducts. The ladies served a very interesting beef cookie at the luncheon.

On Mother's Day the CowBelles presented Mrs. Darrel Jones of Abilene with a beef

certificate as the first mother on Mother's Day. They plan to honor the first father on Father's Day in the same manner. Mr. Crocker of Trent was also given a beef

certificate for his 100th birthday. Texas is the number one beef producing state and the CowBelles are saying "Eat more beef."

Calf Roping

The Merkel riding Club will host a calf roping and barrel racing at the Merkel Riding Club Arena May 24 at 11 a.m. Entry is open to the public.

Classes for this event will be novice horse and rider, novice, open barrel race and calf roping. Entry fee will be \$7 for novice classes, \$17 for open barrel race and \$25 for calf roping.

For more information contact Fred Crenshaw, president of the Merkel Riding Club.

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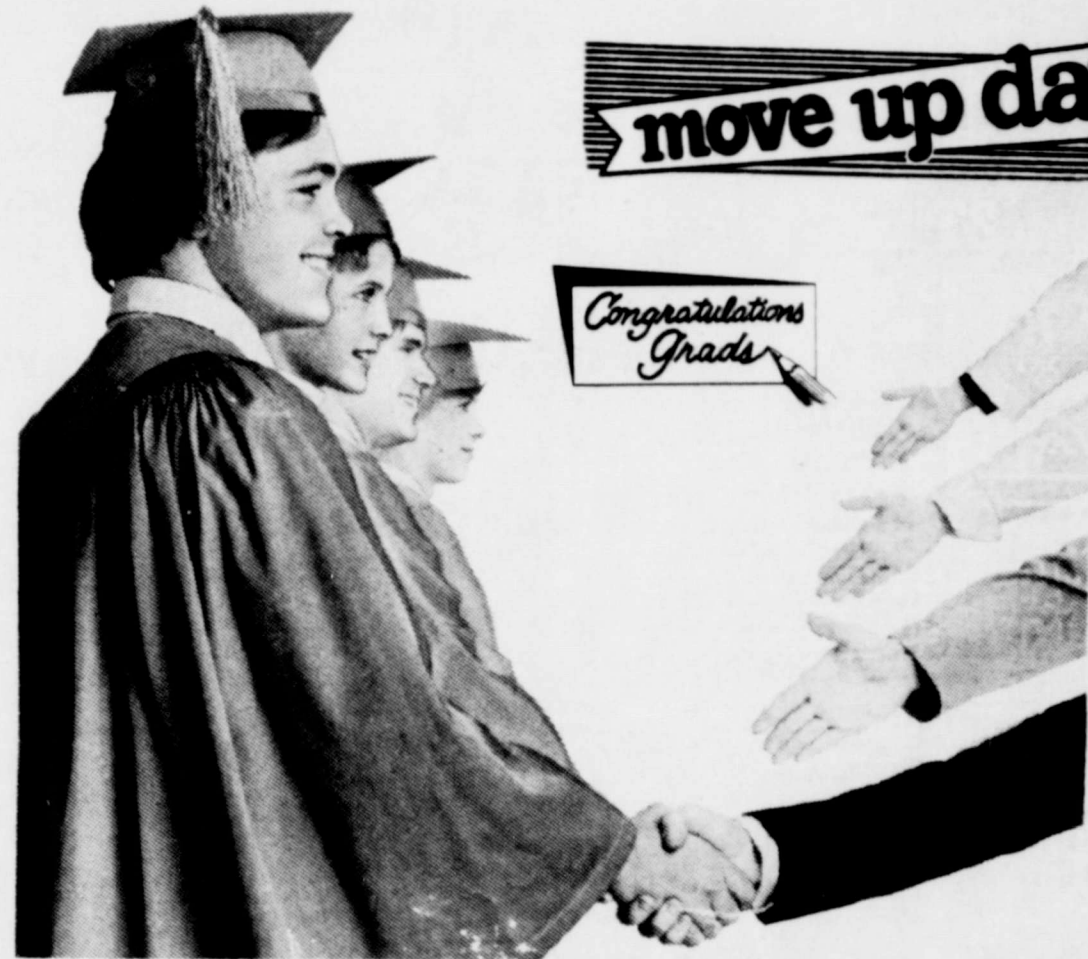
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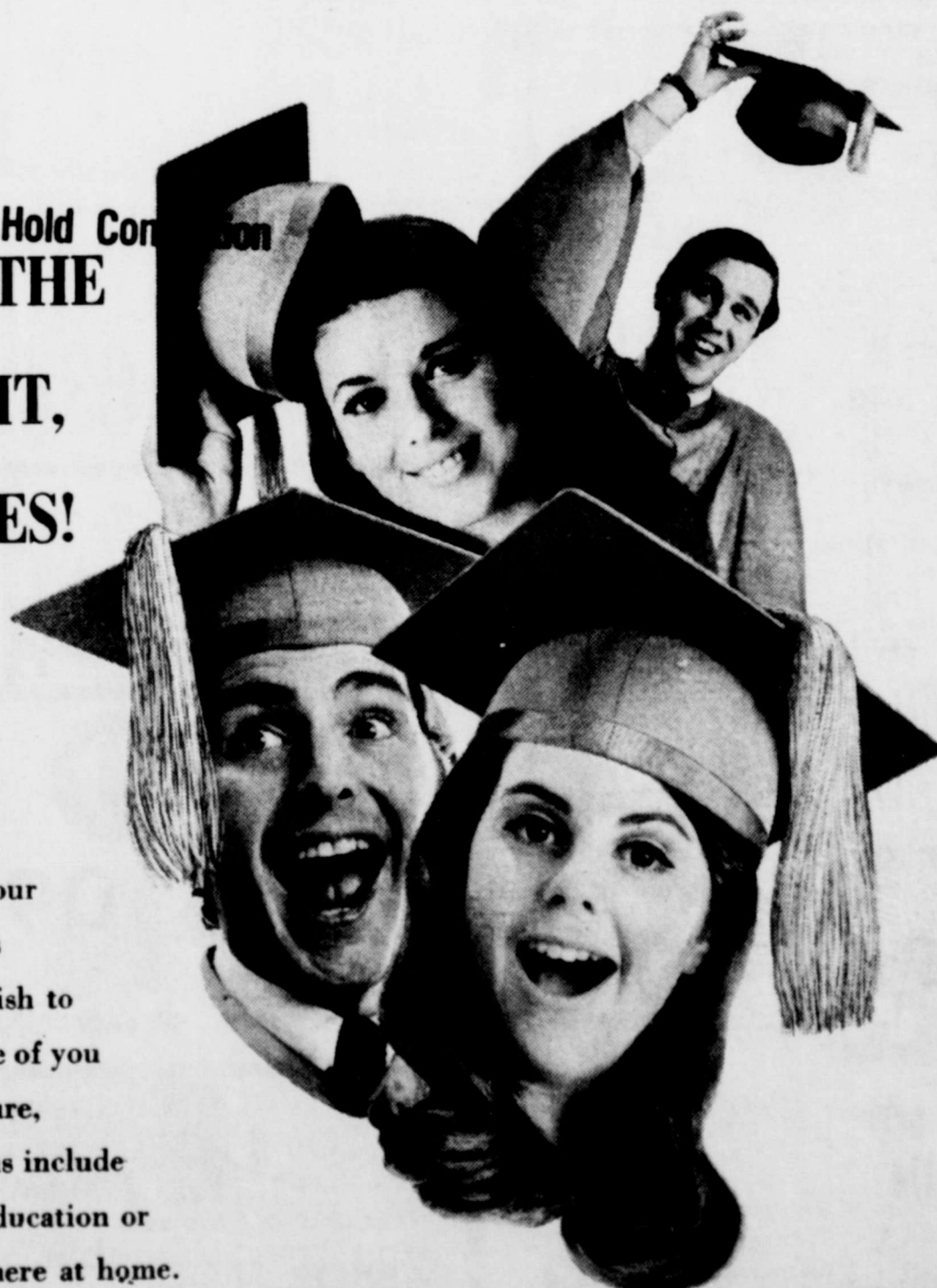
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Class of '76

"Champion the right to be yourself. Dare to be different and to set your own pattern; live your own life and follow your own star."



NETTA STEPHAN

Netta Stephan is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stephan.

She is valedictorian of her class with a 96.23 two-year scholastic average.

She has been a member of the varsity basketball and track teams four years, receiving all-district honors in basketball her sophomore, junior and senior years.

She received the Booster Club award for basketball and track her junior year and the basketball award her senior year and was the first girl recipient of the Gene Stuckey Memorial Award.

She is Senior Class President, FHA President, National Honor Society President and Vice-president of the band.

She received a Silver Merit Award her freshman and sophomore years, a Gold Merit Award her junior and senior years, drama award sophomore year and poetry and girls' athletic award her junior year.

Her junior and senior years she was selected as a National Honor Society Outstanding Student and was Homecoming Queen and Annual Queen her senior year.

She was elected to the Society of Distinguished American High School Students her junior year and Who's Who Among American High School Students both her junior and senior years.

NO PICTURE AVAILABLE

Mike Magee is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald N. Magee. He is 18.

His accomplishments while at Merkel High School include National Honor Society, Secretary of the Library Club, Society of Distinguished American Students, Who's Who in American Students Today, third in District UIL Numbers Sense, ninth in Regional UIL Numbers Sense, First Team in Snyder Social Science, math award in algebra, science award in chemistry, President of the Library Club, drama club, chess club, two merit awards and nominated for outstanding Big Country Senior Student.

For the 39 graduating seniors at Merkel High, it has been an eventful, fun-filled four years as they worked toward this one goal—a diploma.

During the four years there have been many individual and team accomplishments—and many, many sad moments.

However, it is the individual memories by each of the 39 of special moments in their lives during the four years that will continue with them the rest of their lives.

This year's class didn't capture state championships or national scholastic rankings but they did compete and were excellent representatives for Merkel High and Merkel.

They will take with them the tools necessary to compete whether it be in college, on a job or in a home.

To see just what a senior may be thinking at this time of the year, Netta Stephan, the valedictorian and an outstanding athlete and student, was asked to write her feelings on her senior year.

It can be expressed no better than by the person who has lived it and been there the past year.

Here is her story.

"As graduation approaches a senior can't help but to look back on his years in high school and remember all the things that have happened to him and his classmates, but the year that is most remembered is his last year.

"The Seniors of '76' can look back to the first of the year, or to be more specific, homecoming, and think of all the hard work put into building the "bonfires." Even when the first one was burned two days ahead of schedule another one almost as big as the first was set afire by the senior class. And how can a senior forget the last football game, when on the

field after the game, he is struggling to sing the school song through tears that don't seem to stop rolling down his cheeks.

"Of course, senior pictures had to be taken and no one thought he would have one that would be worth looking at, but surprisingly enough he did.

"When invitations, caps and gowns are ordered and finally received a senior suddenly gets the disease known as "senioritis" and realizes that it won't be long before he takes his first step out into the world. He starts mak-

ing plans for the future; if he goes, and what he hopes to do with his life.

ing plans for the future; if and where he is going to college, what he will study if he goes, and what he hopes to do with his life.

"While looking toward the future he will have the past to remember. He has had happy times and sad times but both will be cherished as he begins a new era in his life. He will have new friends and teachers, but his friends, teachers, and experiences at M. H. S. will never be forgotten."



KAROLYN DAVIS

Karolyn Davis is the 18-year-old daughter of Mrs. C. D. Davis.

Her awards include the FHA award, Bronze Merit Award and Attendance Award as a sophomore.

This year she has earned a Gold Merit Award, the Attendance Award, the VFW Award for Voice of Democracy and the Betty Crocker Family Leader of Tomorrow Award.

Her activities include FHA, HERO as a sophomore, Honor Society as a junior and senior, Chess Club, Library Club and VICA-MOC as a senior.

She participated in the UIL news writing competition and is listed in the Who's Who in American High Schools and Society of Distinguished American High School Students.

Karolyn plans to attend McMurry College to major in medical technology and biology.

At the present she works at The Merkel Mail.



GAYLA TOLIVER

Gayla Toliver is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Toliver.

The Senior Class Vice-President has been in FHA four years, been an office aide two years, been on the A and B Honor Roll all four years, played varsity basketball four years and varsity volleyball three years.

She has run varsity track two years.

She was second team All-District in basketball and was a Mr. and Miss Merkel High nominee.

She was Freshman Favorite and was secretary of the Freshman Class.

She was on the Pep Squad and head cheerleader two years. She has won cheerleading awards, qualified for the 100-yard dash to regional.

She has won Bronze and Gold merit awards, has been on the Student Council two years and was Football Sweetheart her junior year.

Gayla plans to attend Abilene Christian University and is presently employed at Grigsby's Rag Doll in Abilene.



JERRE K. LAW

Jerre K. Law is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ted L. Smith.

She is the salutatorian of the graduating class with a 96.17 two-year scholastic average.

She has participated in basketball four years, volleyball three years, track two years and is girls' ping pong champion.

She also has been a cheerleader two years and has been a member of the band four years. She won first place in clarinet quartet.

She is a member of the FHA and is a library aide. She has been on the A honor roll four years.

She is a member of the Book Markers Club, the Student Council and the Honor Society.

She has earned Silver, Bronze and Gold Merit Awards, Science Awards, History Award, has the highest grade average for three years and is listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students and the Society of Distinguished High School Students.



BOB REED

Bob Reed is Vice-president of the Senior Class and is valedictorian.

He has participated and lettered in football four years, track four years and basketball two years.

He was named Mr. Trent High School and Harvest Festival King and won the Betty Crocker Award.

Also, he has competed three years in the UIL in number sense and two years in science.

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CINDY TAHON

Cindy Tahon is the 18-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tahon.

Cindy lived in Kansas her freshman year and was on the A and B Honor Roll and was a FHA fashion show participant.

She lived in Merkel during the 10th grade and lived in Pennsylvania during the 11th and half of the 12th grade.

She has participated in the Pep Squad three years, been a member of the volleyball team one year, was on the swimming team two years in Pennsylvania, has been a member of the Biology Club, the Drama Club and the Choir.

She plans to go to a business school and become a legal secretary.

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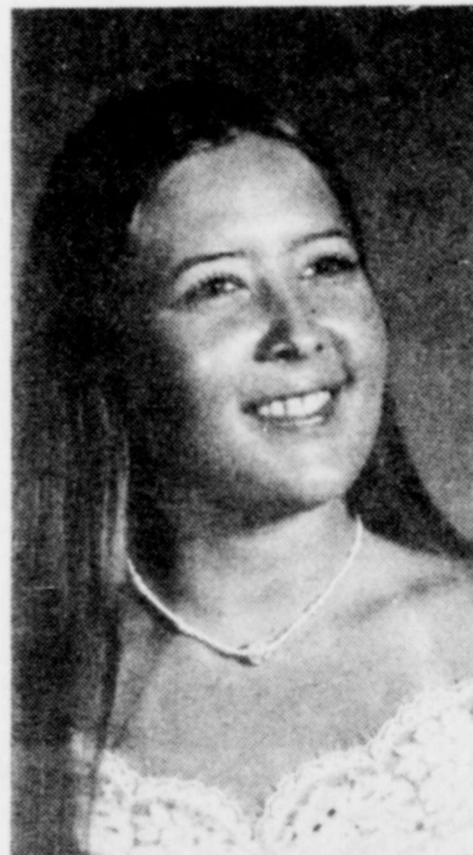
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RHONDA WHITE

Rhonda White is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry White. She is 18.

Her accomplishments in high school include the band four years, Drum Majorette two years, FHA four years and is vice-president this year.

She was the Young Homemakers Little Sister of the Year in 1975. She has been a member of the National Honor Society two years, is Senior Class Reporter, been a library aide two years, been on the Annual Staff three years--co-editor last year as a junior and is editor this year.

She won the mathematics award as a sophomore and has won merit awards three years and been on the honor roll four years.

She won second in district in feature writing and has been listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students two years.

NO PICTURE AVAILABLE

Paula Crouse is among the 39 seniors graduating at Merkel High School this year.

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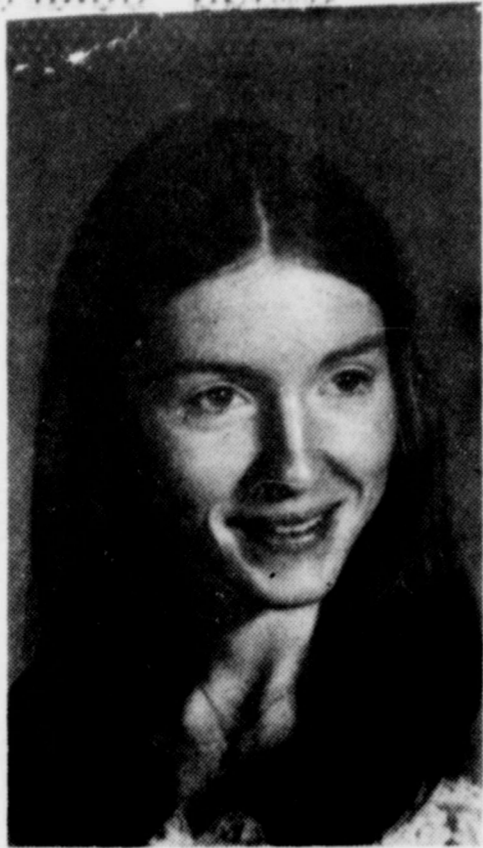
DEBBIE BEAIRD

Debbie Beaird is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James M. Beaird.

The 17-year-old senior has attended Merkel schools 12 years and has been a member of the FHA and the band four years.

She has received three first place medals for solo's. She is a member of the 1976 District band, MOC reporter, received the 1976 John Phillip Sousa Band award and was April's Little Sister of the Month.

She will be employed at C. R. Anthony's after graduation.



JACKIE HARRIS

Jackie Harris is the 18-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Harris.

She has attended Merkel schools 12 years and has been active in FHA four years.

She has served as FHA song leader one year, has been in the band four years, in the Drama Club two years and was named Little Sister of the Month for March, 1975 and for January, 1976. She also is a member of VICA Club.

She plans to get married in June and hopes to attend a business college. She is presently employed at the Justice of the Peace office.



RONNIE COX

Ronnie Cox has played football and basketball during his four years at Merkel High School.

He also has been a member of the VICA Club.

He played football his freshman and sophomore year and lettered as a sophomore. He played basketball his freshman year.

NO PICTURE AVAILABLE

David Sparks is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Sparks.

He has lettered in football two years and has been in vocational agriculture two years. He has participated in shop and the MOC program a year.

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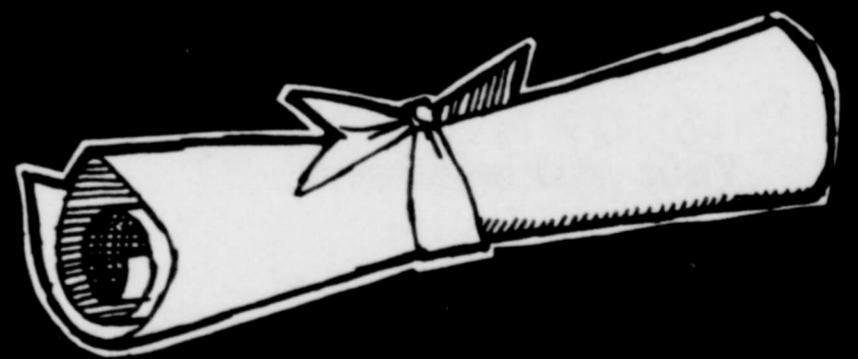
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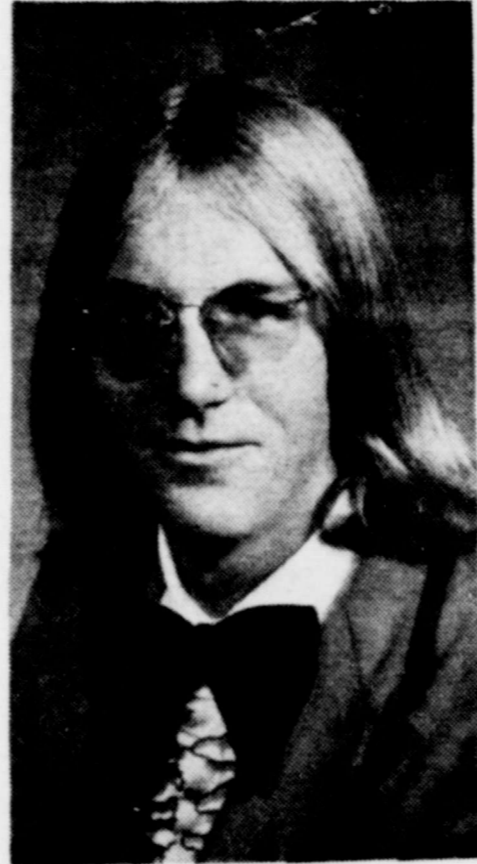
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PAM HAGAN

Pam Hagan is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Dickerson. She played basketball and ran track two years, has been in the FHA a year and the H E C E (Home Economics Consumer Education) two years. She is secretary in HECE and is Senior Favorite. She plans to work at Wilkerson's upon graduation.



STEVEN PEACHEY

Steven Peachey is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Peachey. He played football three years and basketball three years. Steven ran track as a freshman. He is VICA and Shop president and belongs to the chess club.

NO PICTURE AVAILABLE

Ray King is among the 39 seniors graduating at Merkel High School this year.

NO PICTURE AVAILABLE
Mike Speaks has been a member of the VICA Club two years. Sergeant at Arms this year. He was named Most Skillful in Shop in 1974-75 and lettered in football his junior and senior years. He has attended the Rider Truck Rental academy and been in four plays in 1973-74. He has been an A and B student the past two years.

NO PICTURE AVAILABLE
Melody Lynn Regeon, 18, has attended Merkel High four years. Her honors include perfect attendance the last two years, a bronze merit award her junior year and a silver merit award her senior year. Mr. and Mrs. Aury Roys is her guardian. She plans to attend Hardin-Simmons University and Mary Meek's School of Nursing.

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CARLA FARIELLO

Carla Fariello is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Fariello.

The 18-year-old graduate has been a member of the choir three years, the HECE a year where she has been HERO Officer. She was a member of the FFA in the ninth grade, made the B honor roll as a junior and the A honor roll as a senior.

She is employed at Stuckey's and plans to be married in June.



RITA WATTS

Rita Watts has had a busy four years at Merkel High School.

The senior was a member of the band and FHA and was an A and B student as a freshman.

As a sophomore she was a member of the band, the FHA, was Rodeo Club Sweetheart, was in the drama class, was Sophomore Class favorite and was an A and B student.

Her junior year in Leakey, Texas she was secretary of her class and FFA Sweetheart.

At Merkel High that year she was in the band and FHA and named Who's Who among American High School Students of 1975 and was on the A and B Honor Roll.

This year she is Vice-President of HERO, HECE, was in drama, was Football Sweetheart, was a member of the choir, was Miss Merkel High School nominee, was a cheerleader of the 1975-76 season, and listed among the Who's Who among American High School Students for 1976.



KATHRYN MURRELL

Kathryn Murrell is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Max Murrell.

She has been twirler her freshman, sophomore and junior years, winning first in ensemble twirling three years and first in solo twirling one year.

She also was a member of the band three years. She was Homecoming dutchess her sophomore year, was Secretary of the Junior Class and Secretary of the Student Council this year.

She has won Silver and Gold Merit Awards two years and has played varsity basketball two years.

She is a member of the National Honor Society and is a member of Who's Who Among American Students.

She ran track as a freshman and sophomore and was a member of the FHA as a sophomore.

She has been an A and B student all four years.

Kathryn plans to attend college.



CINDY ELLIOTT

Cindy Elliott is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Elliott.

The 18-year-old senior moved to Merkel from Rosebud a year-and-a-half ago.

She has been a member of the band three years, the ninth, 10th and 11th grades, and won sweepstakes awards. She was varsity cheerleader in the 10th and 11th grade, played tennis in the ninth.

She has been a member of the National Honor Society three years, was on the library staff as a ninth grader and was on the drama club in the 10th grade.

She is National Honor Society vice-president, secretary of her class, Homecoming Queen nominee and is treasurer in the VICA club this year.



SUSIE TOOMBS

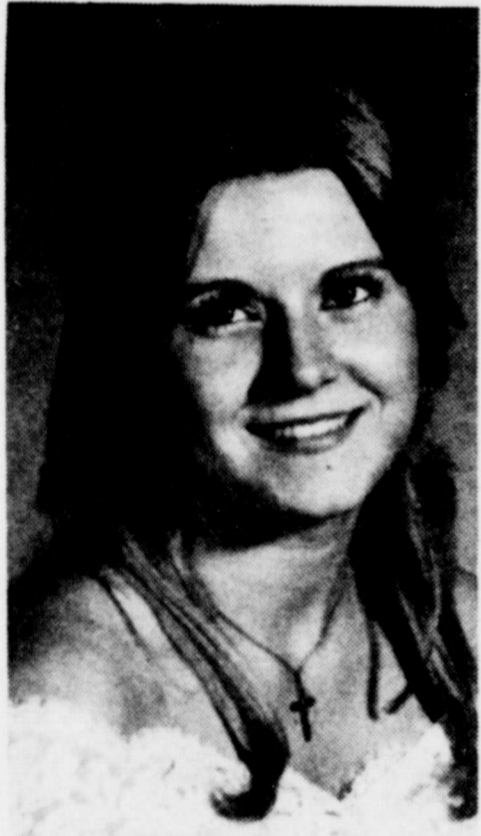
Susie Toombs is the daughter of Mrs. Joyce Toombs.

She has been in the FHA four years and an officer the past two, is President of HERO this year, is a Student Council officer, and was a Pep Squad Officer her junior year.

She has been on the A and B honor roll all four years and played basketball as a freshman and sophomore.

She was Junior Favorite and Shop Sweetheart this year, Most Friendly as a junior and is a Senior Class Officer.

She presently works at Grigsby's Rag Doll and plans to attend Abilene Christian University.



AUDY BYRD

Audy Byrd is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Teddy Byrd. She is 18.

She has attended Merkel High for three-and-a-half years and Ganado High a half year.

She was a member of the band and was a twirler her freshman, sophomore and junior years and also belonged to the FHA and was first division in the UIL twirling contest the same three years.

She was Sophomore Class secretary and was first division in UIL flute contest ensemble and FFA Sweetheart as a sophomore.

She belonged to the Rodeo Club as a freshman.

During her junior year she was Shop Sweetheart and Homecoming Queen nominee.

This year she is Vice-President of VICA.

She plans to attend commercial college.

NO PICTURE AVAILABLE

Mary Palmer has attended Merkel High for one year.

In the ninth grade she was co-editor of the Annual Staff, was a band member, was on the volleyball team and was a teacher assistant.

In the tenth grade she was in the band and was on the newspaper staff.

As a junior she was a teacher's assistant and made the honor roll.

This year she is secretary of the MOC Club, won the outstanding student award, made the honor roll, was a member of the choir and was a teacher's assistant.

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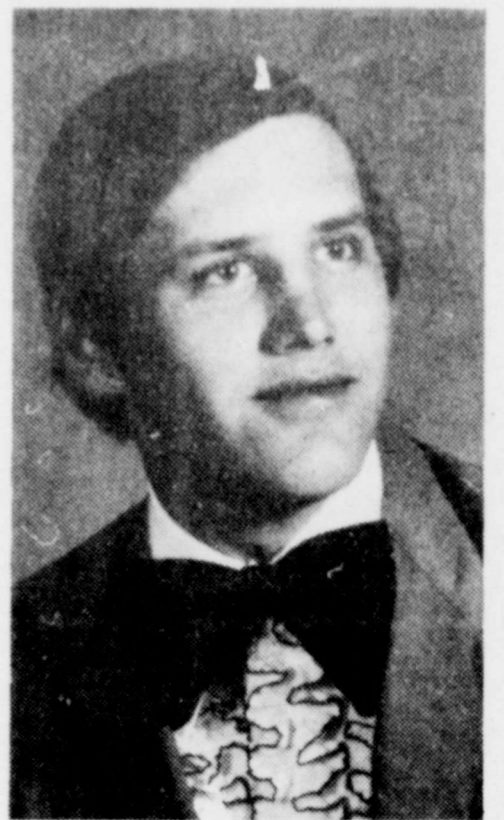
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NO PICTURE AVAILABLE
David Kraatz is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Kraatz. The 18-year-old senior played three years of football and lettered as a sophomore. He is currently in his second year of MOC and has completed two years of FFA. He is vice-president of the Merkel 4-H Club. He is presently employed at Wes-Tex Drilling in Abilene and plans to continue to work there.



WAYNE WEBB

Wayne Webb has played basketball four years and is a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He has been a nominee for Best All-Round and has been on the A and B honor roll. Also, he has been alternate homeroom representative and is active in drama. He plans to go to Cisco Junior College.



SHAWN MOORE

Shawn Moore was class favorite, was a member of the band, FFA and the football teams as a freshman. He was president of the FFA and played football his sophomore year and was a member of the MOC his junior year. This year he played football and was sergeant of arms of MOC.

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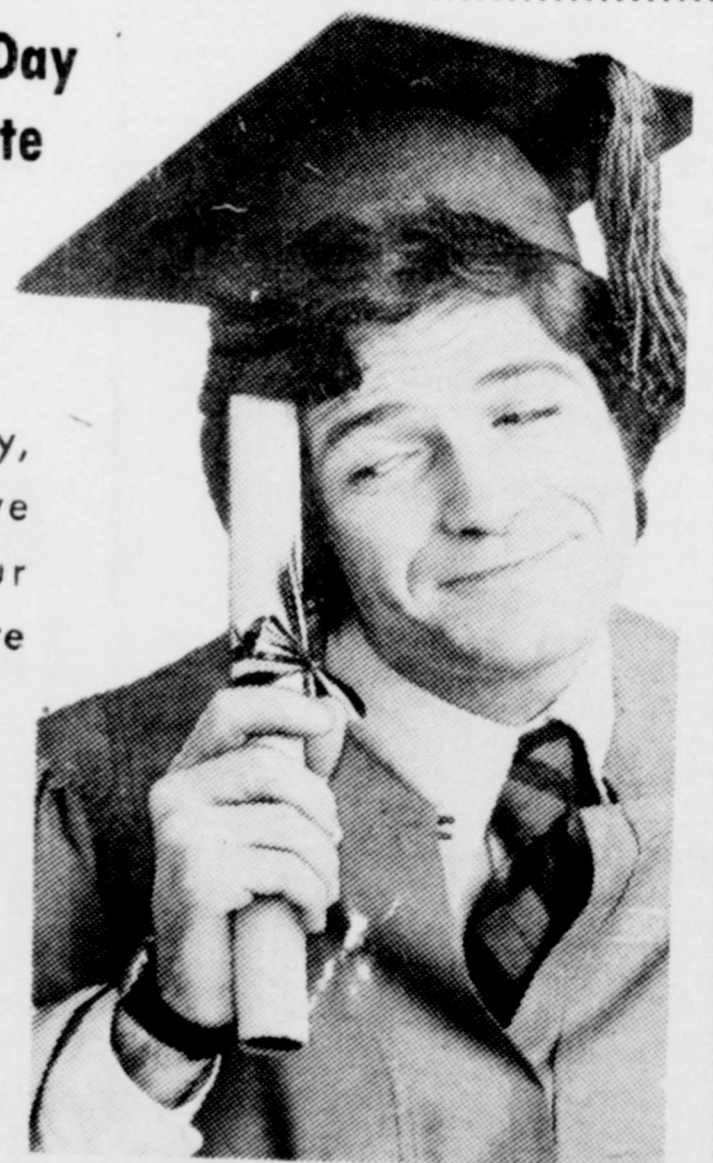
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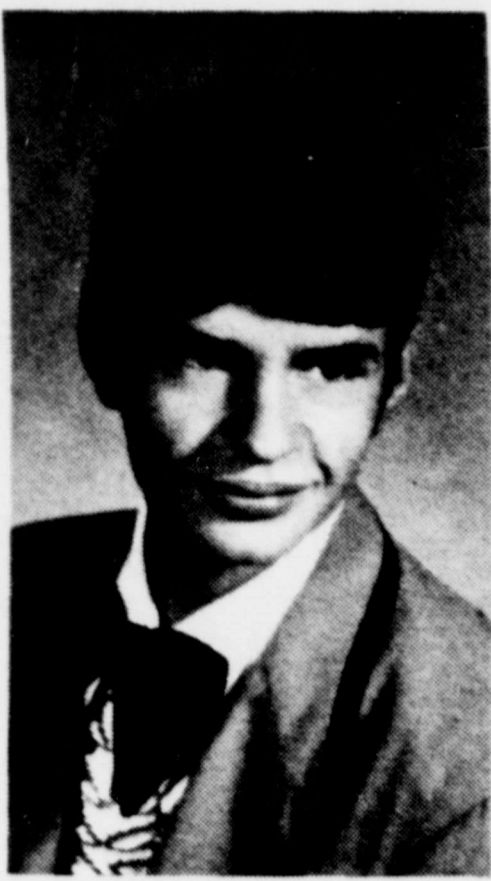


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ROYCE BRATCHER

Royce Bratcher is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Bratcher.

He was in the band as a freshman and sophomore and in the MOC his junior and senior year. He is VICA Parliamentarian. He also participated in athletics as a freshman.



CHRISTY BOONE

Christy Boone started off her high school career as a member of the FHA, the

band, was a twirler, a teachers aide and was a member of the Rodeo Club.

As a sophomore she was a member of the Stage Band and won a Bronze Merit Award, and also continued in the FHA and band.

She was secretary of the FHA her junior year and in addition to the band and being a twirler, she was a member of the National Honor Society, was the Young Homemakers Little Sister of the Month and earned a Gold Merit Award.

This year she was a secretary of the National Honor Society and won a Bronze Merit Award. Also, she was historian in the FHA and continued with the band and twirling and being a teachers aide.

She will attend Cisco Junior College and will be in the Wrangler Bells drill team.

She plans to major in home economics or business.



PAUL TUCKER

Paul Tucker is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Tucker.

It has been an active four years at Merkel High for Paul.

As a freshman in 1972-73 he was Class Vice-president and played basketball and was in band.

During the 1973-74 sophomore year he played varsity football, junior varsity basketball and was regional qualifier in golf. He also was a member of the band.

Moving to 1974-75 and his junior year he was Class Reporter, was on the varsity football team, helped his team to the regional tournament in basketball, was third in district in golf, and he ran track. He again was in the band.

This year he is the Annual King, Football Hero, varsity football captain, and varsity basketball captain.

He earned All-tournament honors in basketball tournaments at Jim Ned and Hardin-Simmons University.

He was the Groom in Home and Family MOC Wedding, first team All-District in basketball, Mr. Merkel High School nominee and was named most outstanding Basketball Player by the Booster Club.

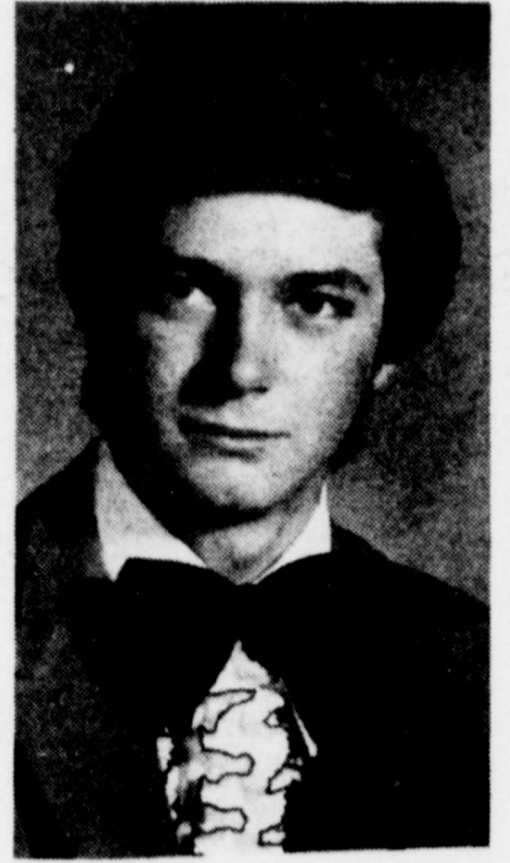


CHUCK KNIGHT

Chuck Knight is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Grady Knight. The 17-year-old graduate has attended Merkel schools all his life.

He has been in athletics six years and has been a member of the FFA three years and in the shop class one year.

This year he received an honorable mention award in football.



LONNIE CARTER

Lonnie Carter is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Carter.

His honors while in high school include the American Legion Award, student chairman of the Audio Visual Department, stage engineer in the Drama Department, Sergeant-at-arms of the VICA club, vice-president of the Student Council and president of the VICA Club.

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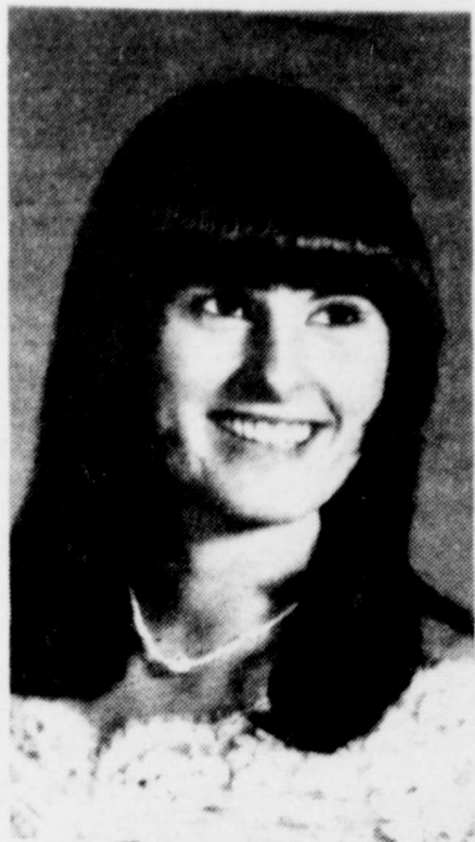


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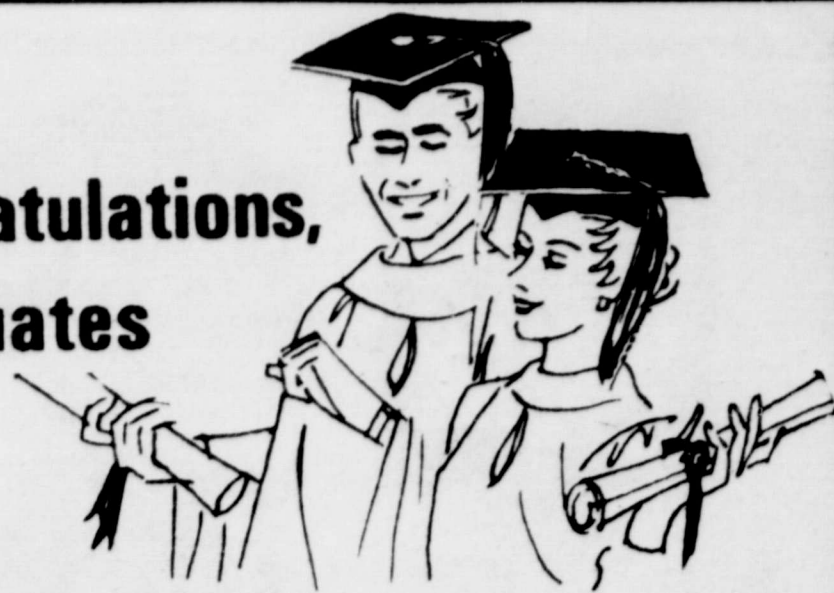
VICKIE FARMER

Vickie Farmer is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Derrell Farmer.

She was a member of the varsity basketball team her junior and senior years, was band favorite her senior year, was a member of the FHA her freshman year and played in the band all four years.

Her future plans include a marriage in June.

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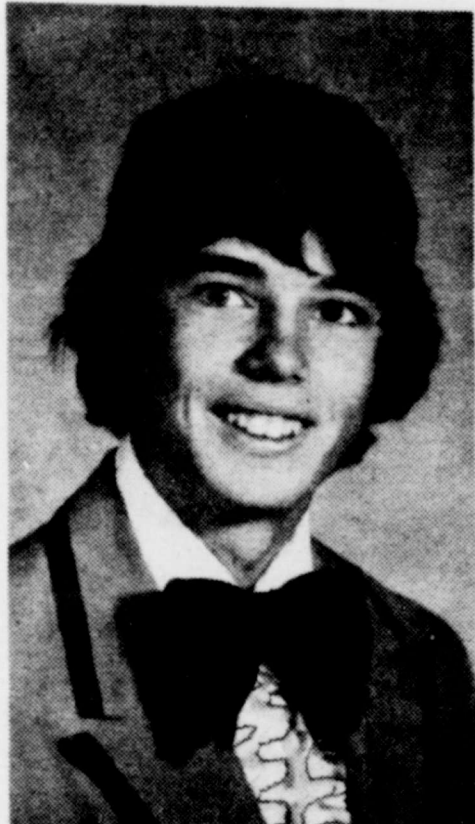
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MARK WILKERSON

Mark Wilkerson is the 17-year-old son of Wymon and Billye Wilkerson.

He has been a member of the FFA four years and won a Spanish award as a junior. He was office aide his senior year.

Mark plans to attend Abilene Christian University.

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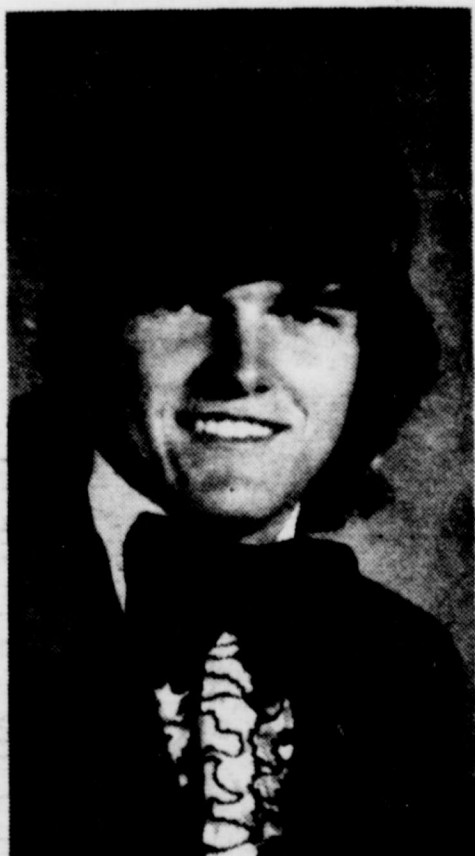
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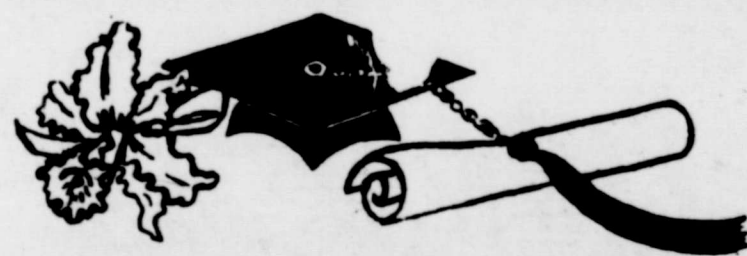
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DAVID KING

David King has played football four years at Merkel High, three years on the varsity and this year was captain of the team.

He also ran varsity track his junior year was a member of the FFA and Drama his freshman year and a member of the HECE his junior and senior years.



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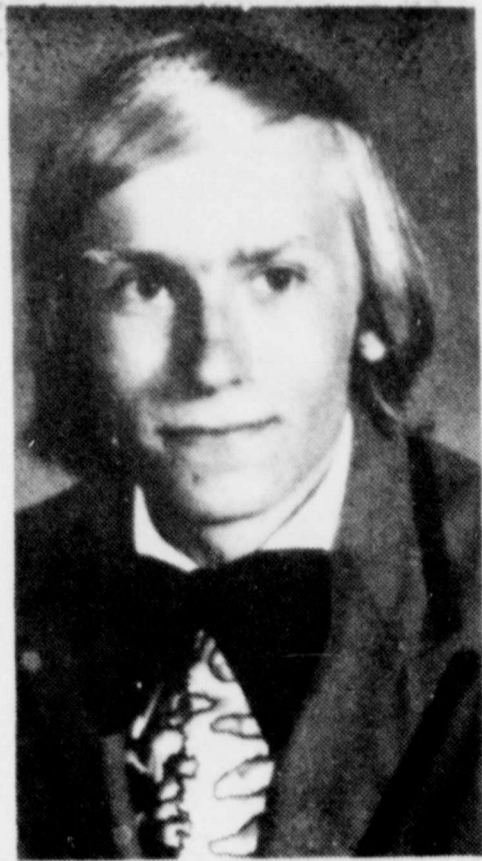


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WESLEY H. JONES

Wesley Jones is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie H. Jones.

The 17-year-old senior is known around his friends as "Arab" and has lived in El Paso, Vicenza, Italy, Fort Sill, Oklahoma, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, San Antonio, Tye and Tehran, Iraan.

He went to three different elementary schools, two different junior highs and three different high schools before coming to Merkel High.

He ran track, is an Eagle Scout, was a 1st Lt. in the JROTC his junior year and was a member of the JROTC Drill Team.

He plans to attend West Texas State University and major in geology and participate in ROTC.

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THERESA LAWRENCE

Theresa Lawrence is the daughter of Mrs. Lois V. Lawrence. She is 17.

She has been an A and B student her junior and senior years.

She plans to attend Cisco Junior College and Abilene Christian University.



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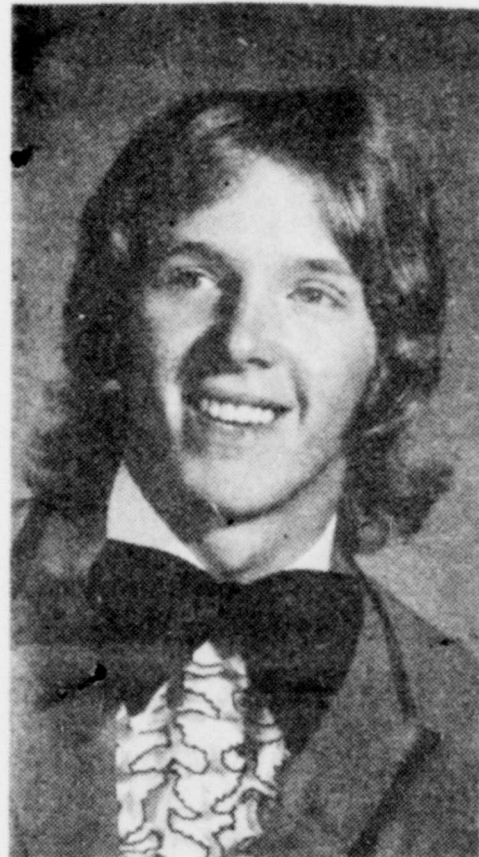
Patty Toney is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Toney. As a freshman she was named friendliest and cutest. Also she was a homecoming nominee and a class secretary.

She has been varsity cheerleader her junior and senior years, was in the band as a sophomore and was sophomore class president.

She has played basketball four years and has been a member of the Student Council as a sophomore and junior.

She has been an office aide this year and has been listed in Who's Who in American High School Students.

Her senior cheerleading camp awards include split stick, honorable mention, outstanding, excellent, excellent and superior.



DANNY DuBOSE

Danny DuBose is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby DuBose.

During the 1972-73 year he was on the football, track and basketball teams, was in the band and the Stage Band and was a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

As a sophomore, during the 1973-74 year, he was Sophomore Class Favorite, moved up to the varsity football and track teams, played basketball and was still a member of the band and Stage Band.

He became Class President his junior year in 1974-75 and was named Junior Class Favorite and continued in football, basketball, track and band.

This year he is President of the Student Council, captain of the football team, is President of the band, received the outstanding track award, was the first to receive the Gene Stuckey Award in sports and was a nominee for Mr. Merkel High School.

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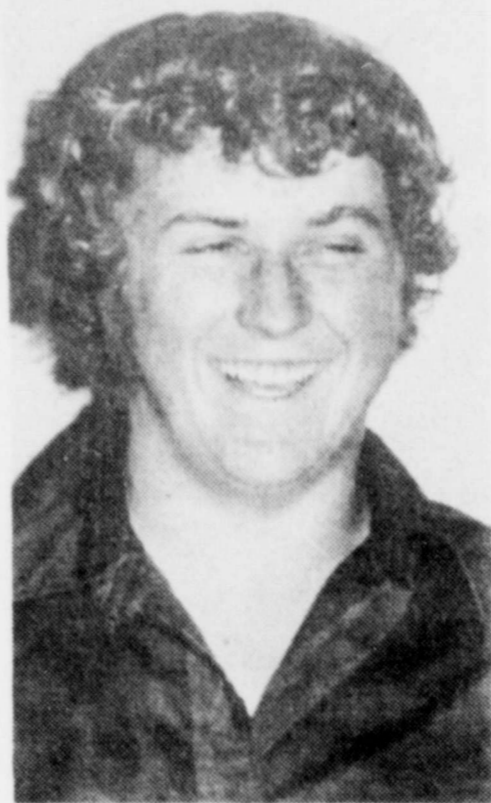
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DAVID T. HACKNEY

David Hackney is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Hackney. He is Class President and has participated in football, track and is a member of the FFA.

In UIL competition he competed in slide rule and typing. He plans to take auto mechanics at TSTI.

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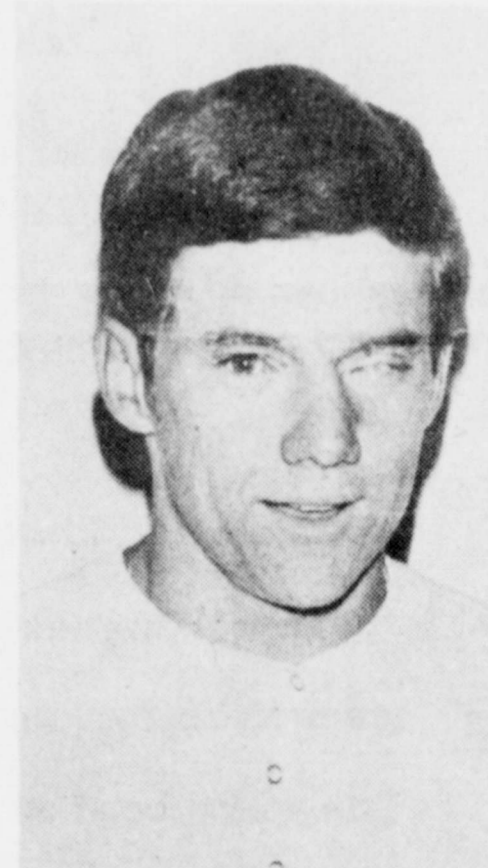


DEBRA ANN WELLS

Debra Ann (Gregory) Wells is the daughter of Mrs. Norma Faulkner and Gerald Gregory.

She is the salutatorian at Trent High School this year and has been nominated for Football Sweetheart and for Harvest Festival Queen. She has been a member of the FHA and the Pep Club.

Debra also has competed in the UIL Poetry Interpretation the past two years. She plans to find a job and then go to college.



ROCKY MCKINNEY

Rocky McKinney is the 19-year-old son of Pat and Rex Beck.

He has competed in UIL competition three years and the FFA four, holding the office of president one year.

He has competed in basketball two years and track three years and has been a class officer four years and class favorite two years.

Rocky plans to attend Western Texas College in Snyder and study diesel mechanics.



PAULA FOREHAND

Paula Forehand lives with her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Hackney.

She was voted Class Favorite and Miss Trent High School. She also has been in the FHA four years and is Secretary of the Senior Class. She also has won awards in history.

She plans to work fulltime for awhile then go to beauty school.

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Baccalaureate Services In Merkel, Trent



Baccalaureate services for Merkel High School graduating seniors was held May 18 at 8 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

The sermon was by Rev. Jack McClendon, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Merkel. The invocation was given by Rev. Kenneth F. Jones, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Merkel and the benediction by Rev. John Curtis, pastor of the Assembly of God Church of Merkel.

Father Daab, pastor of the Sacred heart Catholic Church in Merkel was speaker for the Baccalaureate services for Trent High School. He was introduced by Rev. Wayne Olgesby, pastor of Trent First Baptist Church. The invocation was by Rev. Kenneth James, pastor of Trent United Methodist Church and the benediction by Larry Bristoe, minister of the Trent Church of Christ.



CLASS OF '75 - Most of the senior class of '75 of Merkel pose for what may be their final group picture before they end their high school career at Merkel High School. The

class will graduate Friday night at 8 p.m. in the high school auditorium. (Staff photo by Sarah Eckols).

It Was A Very Good Year !

Yes, it's been a very good year, and it is almost over. To the strains of "Pomp and Circumstance" many seniors across the country will walk down the aisle to receive their diplomas and will walk back down the aisle as ex-students. Some have chosen to go on to schools of higher education; college, trade school, business school; others have decided to take the military road, some will marry and some will immediately join the working force of our country.

Fifty-six Merkel seniors and 12 from Trent will be graduating this Friday night in ceremonies at their respective high school auditoriums at 8 p.m.

This year has been filled with so many activities. School began on August 15. The fighting Badgers had a successful season in football, basketball, and an extremely successful

season on the track.

The year was historic in Merkel High as well as for the nation and the world. As seniors it will be an easy year to remember as the band uniforms were lost, Badger Stadium was dressed up with a new sign, and Merkel High had a track star at the state track meet. History was made in the nation as the country saw a president resign, recession was constantly in the news, and Watergate finally seemed to subside as the number one headline every day.

Each senior will hold in his mind the things that make special memories for him. Some will have memories of the gridiron, some the basketball court, others the plays, concerts, and assemblies. There will be memories of parties, proms, that special someone that will never be forgotten, that live-

stock show, and the climax of all these memories will be graduation night.

With a sigh of relief, some will grab the diploma and think only of the fact that it is over. There will also be those who, though glad to be finishing a phase of their lives, will be apprehensive of what the future brings. Old friends will be left behind and the familiar surroundings of Merkel High School or Trent High School will no longer be the daily environment.

For each graduate it is an accomplishment and a culmination of twelve years of study and work. The diploma you will soon hold in your hand will be what it has all been about thus far.

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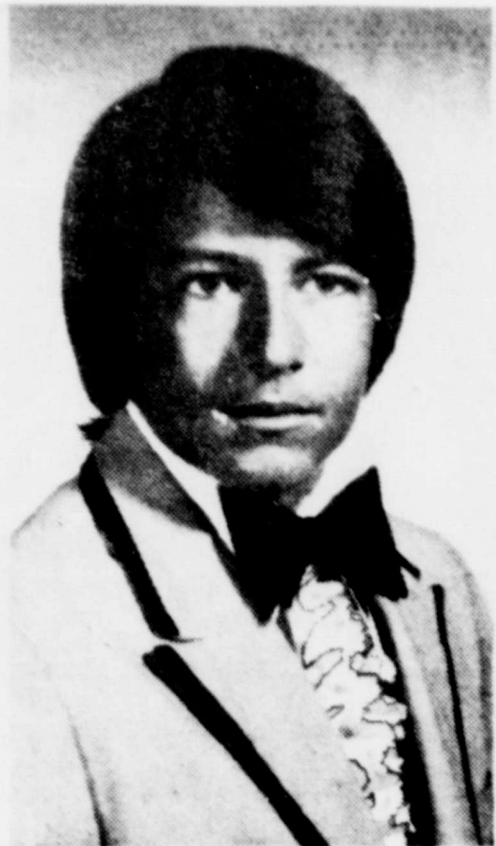


DEBBIE HOBBS

Debbie Hobbs, 18, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Hobbs.

Debbie was a member of the FHA and Pep Club while in Merkel High School.

She plans to work at Aileens in Abilene after graduation. She attended Merkel Schools 12 years.



DONALD DYE

Donald Dye, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Wayne Dye, has attended Merkel Schools 7 years.

Donald's activities include football 71-74, basketball 71-74, tennis 74, band 71-74, president 74-75/

After graduation Donald plans to attend T.S.T.I. in Sweetwater.



MIKE KING

Mike King, 18, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Don King, has attended Merkel for 12 years.

He was a member of FFA 1 yr., Football 4 yrs., MOC 1 yr., and Library Club 1 yr.

He plans to marry in June and work at Terry's Auto Supply in Abilene after graduation.

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MARK ROGERS

Mark Rogers, 19, is the son of Mr. Benny Rogers, has attended Merkel Schools for 12 years.

Mark was a member of the V.I.C.A. Club.

After graduation Mark plans to attend Abilene Christian College.



DERRELL RIGGAN

Derrell Wayne Riggan, 17, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Riggan.

Derrell's activities include Football, Basketball, Tennis and Track and Field 3 years.

He won 2nd in District, 6th in Regional 73-74 High Jump, 1st in District 1st in Regional, 2nd in State 74-75 High Jump. Also Most Valuable Track 74-75.

Derrell was a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletics 74-75 and MOC Secretary 74-75.

After graduation Derrell plans to attend McMurry College.



WANDA KAY BRAUNE

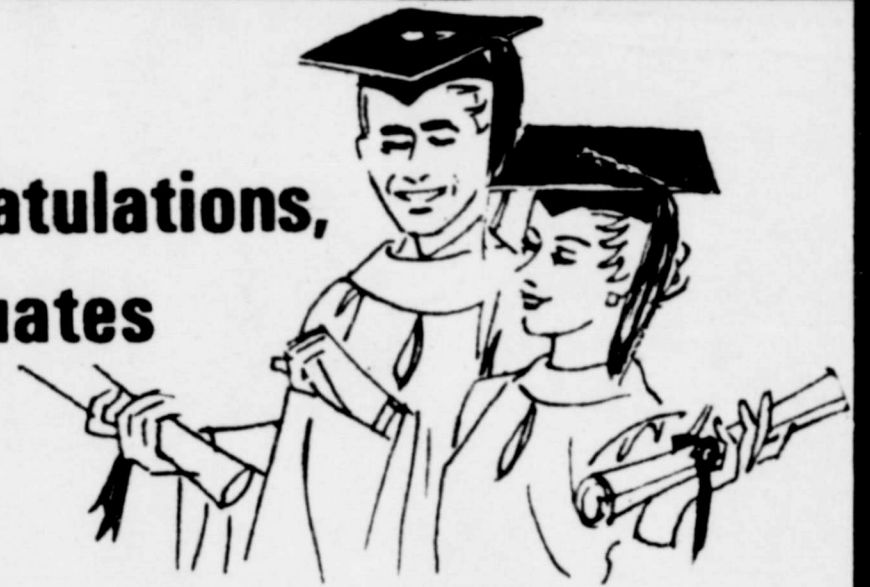
Wanda Kay Braune, 18, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Braune, has attended Merkel Schools 5 years.

Wanda's honors include Merit Award 1973-1975, Betty Crocker Homemaker of America 1975, and Showmanship Award-Merkel Stock Show 1975.

Wanda was a member of FHA 3 yrs. 1971-74, Pep Squad 1975 Sec. Treasurer, Band 2 years 1972-74, Senior Class Secretary-Treasurer, Basketball 1972-1975, and Track 1971-1974.

Wanda plans to spend the summer working at the Abilene Reporter-News and to attend the University of Texas at Arlington.

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JACKIE SIMS

Jackie Sims, 18, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Sims.

His honors while in school included All District Football and Basketball, Honorable Mention Jr. year 73-74, Most Valuable Player-Hardin Simmons Tournament, All Tournament-Jim Ned 73-74, All Tournament-Merkel 74-75, and Most Conscientious-Football (tie).

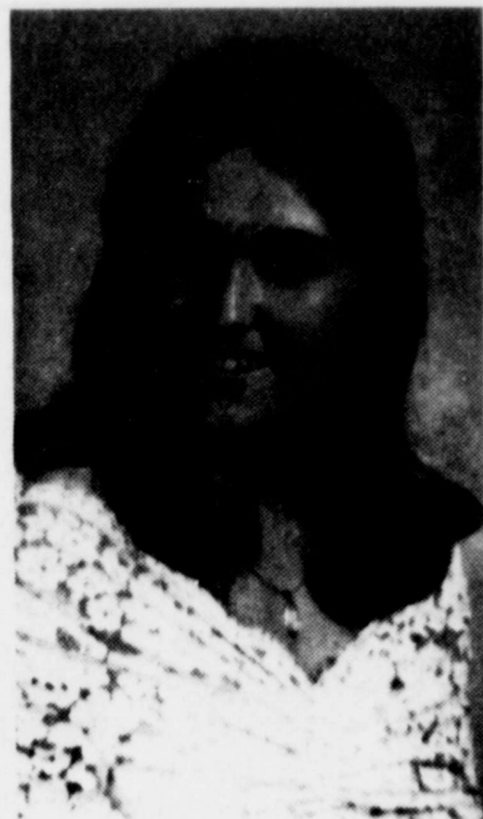
He was a member of the Drama Club and Fellowship of Christian Athletes Club.

He plans to attend McMurry College. He attended Merkel schools for 6 years.

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Larry Cox, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Carmack, has attended Merkel Schools 9 years.

Larry's activities include Football 71-73 and Student Council 73-74.



BEVERLY GILMORE

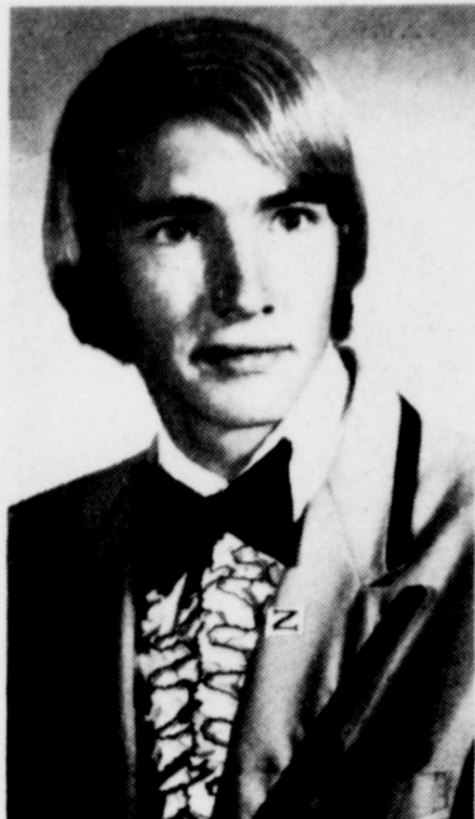
Beverly Gilmore, 18, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Gilmore, Jr.

Beverly's honors include History Award '72-'73, English Award '74-'75, Valedictorian '74-'75, High Point Individual of class from 1972-1975, 2nd Place in State Class A U.I.L., Spelling Contest 1974-75, Gold Merit Award 1974-75, Annual Class Honor Roll 1972-1975, Who's Who Among American High School Students 1975, Outstanding Teenagers of American 1975, Society of Outstanding American High School Students 1974.

Beverly was a member of F.H.A. 1972-1973, president of National Honor Society 1975, Library Club 1973-74, and 4-H Club President 1975.

After graduation Beverly plans to attend college to study in some field of animal medicine or science.

She has attended Merkel Schools 12 years.



ROBERT WAYNE BAILS

Robert Wayne Bails, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bails, has attended Merkel Schools for 1 year.

John was a member of HECE.



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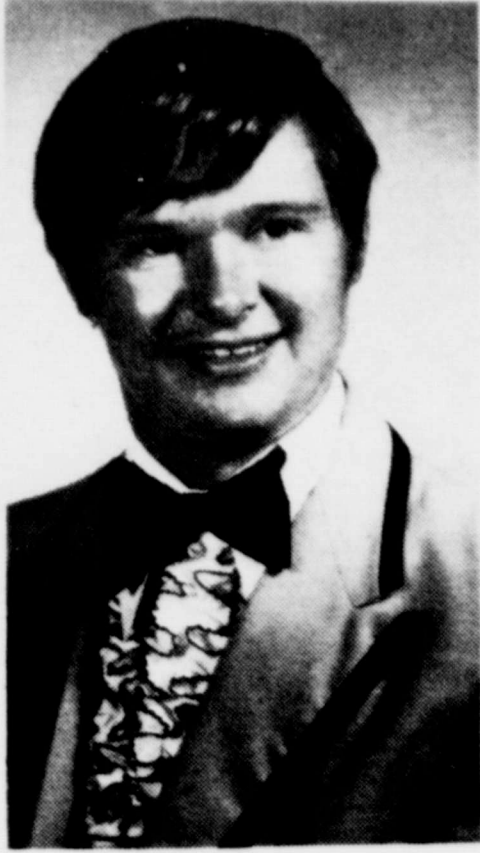
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STEVE COCHRAN

Steve Cochran, 17, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Cochran. Steve has attended the Merkel schools for 4 years.

While in Merkel High he was a member of the football and track teams 71-72. His clubs are V.T.&I, 73-74, M.O.C. 74175, and the Rodeo Club 71-74.

He plans to work for Taylor Telephone.



JEANINA GRIFFITH

Jeanina Griffith is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bud Griffith. She has attended the Merkel Schools for 5 years.

Her honors while in school were: Played basketball, volleyball, and ran track 71-74. She was also a member of the Pep Club and MOC Reporter 74-75.

After graduation, Jeanina plans to work.



LISA GREGORY

Lisa Gregory, 17, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gregory. Lisa has attended the Merkel schools for 12 years.

Her honors while in school include Annual Queen 75, Neither Absent nor tardy 71-72, Annual Class Honor Roll 71-75, Bronze Merit Award 72-73, Poetry Interpretation 3rd Place District 74, Prose Interpretation 3rd Place District 75, Prose Interpretation 2nd Place Stanford Speech Tourney 75, Silver Merit Award 75, Gold Merit Award 75, Best All Around Girl, Outstanding Citizenship 75, The Society of Outstanding American High School Students 74-75, Who's Who Among American High School Students 75, and Outstanding Teenager of America 74-75.

Her clubs were F.H.A. member 71-75 Vice-President 75, Annual Staff Member 71-75, Asst. Editor 73, Editor 75, Band Member 71-75, Asst. Drum Major 75, Choir President 75, National Honor Society Reporter 74-75, and Drama 71-74.

She plans to attend Abilene Christian College.

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JERRIE STEPHAN

Jerrie Stephan, 18, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stephan.

Jerrie's honors include Homecoming Queen, Miss Merry Christmas (High School), Senior Class President, Junior Class Business Manager, Freshman Reporter and National Honor Society 2 years.

Activities she participated in are Basketball 4 years, Track, Tennis and Volleyball.

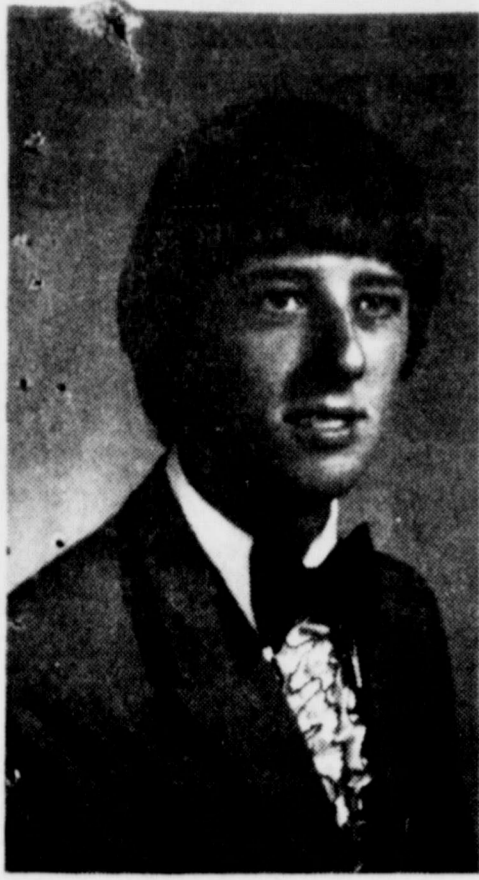
She was a member of the Band 4 years and FHA 4 years, serving as president her senior year, vice president her junior year and reporter her sophomore year.

After graduation Jerrie plans to attend West Texas State University majoring in art.

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ANDY HART

Andy Hart, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. don Hart, has attended Merkel Schools 4 years.

Andy's honors include Regional Qualifier in Golf 74, Regional Qualifier in Track 74, Regional Qualifier in Basketball 74-75, Who's Who Among High School Students, Honor Roll 71-75, Typing Award 1975, and Highest grade boy Junior year.

He participated in football 71-73; Basketball 4 years, 71-74; Track 71-74, Golf 2 yrs. 73-74; and UIL Play 2 years.

Andy is a member of the Drama Club 3 years; FFA 3 years.

After graduation Andy plans to attend Hardin-Simmons majoring in Pharmacy.



DONNA WHITE

Donna White, 18, the daughter of Mrs. Peggy White, has attended Merkel Schools for 12 years.

Her honors include Business Award Jr. yr, HFL Award Sr. yr., 2 Bronze citizenship Awards and 1 silver Citizenship Awards.

She was a typing contestant in her Junior year and a member of the HECE work-study program her senior year.

Donna plans to attend North Texas State University majoring in Education in Secondary Schools. While attending college she plans to work part-time. Upon graduating from college she will teach Biology and Art on the High School level.



ROBERT (BUDDY) MORGAN

Robert Morgan, 18, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Billy R. Morgan. He has attended the Merkel schools for 5 years. He plans to attend McMurry College in Abilene and play Basketball.

His honors include 2nd team All District Basketball 73-74, All Tournament Basketball 73-74, M.V.P. Merkel High School in Basketball 73-High School 74-75 Basketball, All Regional Team 74-75 Basketball, All Tournament Merkel 74-75 Basketball, All Tournament Wylie 74-75 Basketball, and All Tournament Hardin-Simmons 74-75 Basketball.

His clubs were Drama Club, Spanish Club, and Fellowship of Christian Athletes.



DOUG HUTCHINGS

Doug Hutchings is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hutchings.

His honors include Football 74, 73 Jr. Varsity 1 yr, All District 1st team Defense, 2nd team Offense, All area Defense, Tennis 2 yrs., Track-Regional 2 yrs., Regional Qualifier Basketball and Received Athletic of the Year Award.



DOROTHY CONSTABLE

Dorothy Constable is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Constable. The 18 year-old senior has attended Merkel schools for 12 years.

While in school, Dorothy was a member of the FHA, Pep Squad Club, and Drama I & II.

After graduation she plans to work for Skaggs-Albertsons in Abilene.



DAVID FRANKLIN COPELAND

David Franklin Copeland, 18, has attended Merkel schools for 5 years. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R.P. Copeland.

His honors included: Reserve Champion - Abilene Livestock Show 72-73, Football Hero, Honorable Mention-Basketball, Senior Class Favorite, All District Offense, All District Defense, Most Friendly, All Area Defense in Football, and All District in Basketball.

His Clubs were: President of Jr. Class 73-74 and Vice-President of Student Council 74-75.

He plans to attend TSTI at Sweetwater.

NO PICTURE AVAILABLE

Mendes Moreno has attended Merkel Schools all of his 12 years of schooling. The 18 year-old is the son of Mrs. Petra Moreno.

He plans to attend McMurry College in Abilene. His honors are football 3 years and All District 74-75 Defense. Mendes is a member of the V.T.&I. club.

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BILLY WATTS

Billy Watts, 17, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Don R. Watts.

His honors include Football 71-74, 2nd Team offense all District and Honorable Mention, Most Conscientious Junior and Senior in Football, Basketball 72-74, and Golf 73-74.

After graduation Billy plans to attend Angelo State University.



GALE WARE

Gale Ware, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Ware, has attended Merkel Schools 4 years.

Gale's honors include Most Valuable Pep Squad Member.

Her activities include Basketball 2 years, Volleyball 1 year, Track 1 year, and Choir 2 years.

After graduation she plans to attend Mary Meeks School of nursing.



JANIE CLARK

Janie Clark is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Clark Jr.

Her honors while attending Merkel Schools include Senior Favorite, Band Favorite-Sr. Year, Band 71-74, Twirler Soph, Jr. & Sr. 72-74.

She was a member of the Band 71-74, FHA 71-74, Pianist 72, Secretary 73, Vice-President 74, UIL Poetry-3rd District 72; 1st District 74; 4th Regional 74, Choir 73-74-Pianist, Student Council 2 yrs. Reporter 73, and Business Manager 74.

Janie plans to attend West Texas State University after graduation.

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ROBERT GLEN BOONE

Robert Glen Boone, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Boone has attended the Merkel school all his life.

His honors include Future Homemakers of America Beau 74-75, President of Future Farmers of America 74-75, President of Future Farmers of America, 74-75, Swine Award 73-75, Agriculture Award 73-74, First Team All District End 74-75, Outstanding lineman 74-75, and Co-Captain of Football Team, 74-75.

Galen was a member of the Drama Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletics FFA club and Football 3 yr. letterman.



PHYLLIS SHANKS

Phyllis Shanks, 18, is the daughter of Mrs. Hal Shanks. She has attended Merkel Schools for 6 years.

Her honors include Speech award 1, English award 1, Spelling award 1, Merit Award 1 & 2, Citizenship 1, and second in District UIL Poetry Interpretation 1.

She was a member of the Choir 2 years, FHA 1 year, Library Club 2 years, Speech Club 1 year, TALA vice president 1 year, TALA president 1 year, National Honor Society secretary 1 year, National Honor Society member 2 years, and pep squad 3 years.

She plans to be married in June.



JIM WHARTON

Jim Wharton, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Wharton, has attended Merkel Schools for 1 year.

Jim's honors include Best All Around Boy 1975, Honorable Mention All District Football 1975, National Honor Society 1975, Who's Who in American High Schools, Who's Who Among American Band Students, Gold Merit Award 1973-74-75, Annual Class Honor Roll 72-73-74-75, National Band Association Award 1975, National Band Association Award 1975, John Philip Sousa Award 1975, Band Favorite 1975, 1st Division Ensemble 1973, 1st Division Band Solo 72-73-74-75, All District Band 72-73-74-75, All Region Band 72-73-74-75, All Area Band 1973-75, Outstanding Bandsman Award 1973-75.

Jim was a member of the National Honor Society 1975, Future Teachers of America 1972-73, Future Farmers of America, Choir Secretary 1975, Band 4 years, Captain 1975.

NO PICTURE AVAILABLE

Jerry Lee Cox, 18, plans to start work after his graduation from Merkel High. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Carmack.

He attended schools in Merkel for 10 years.

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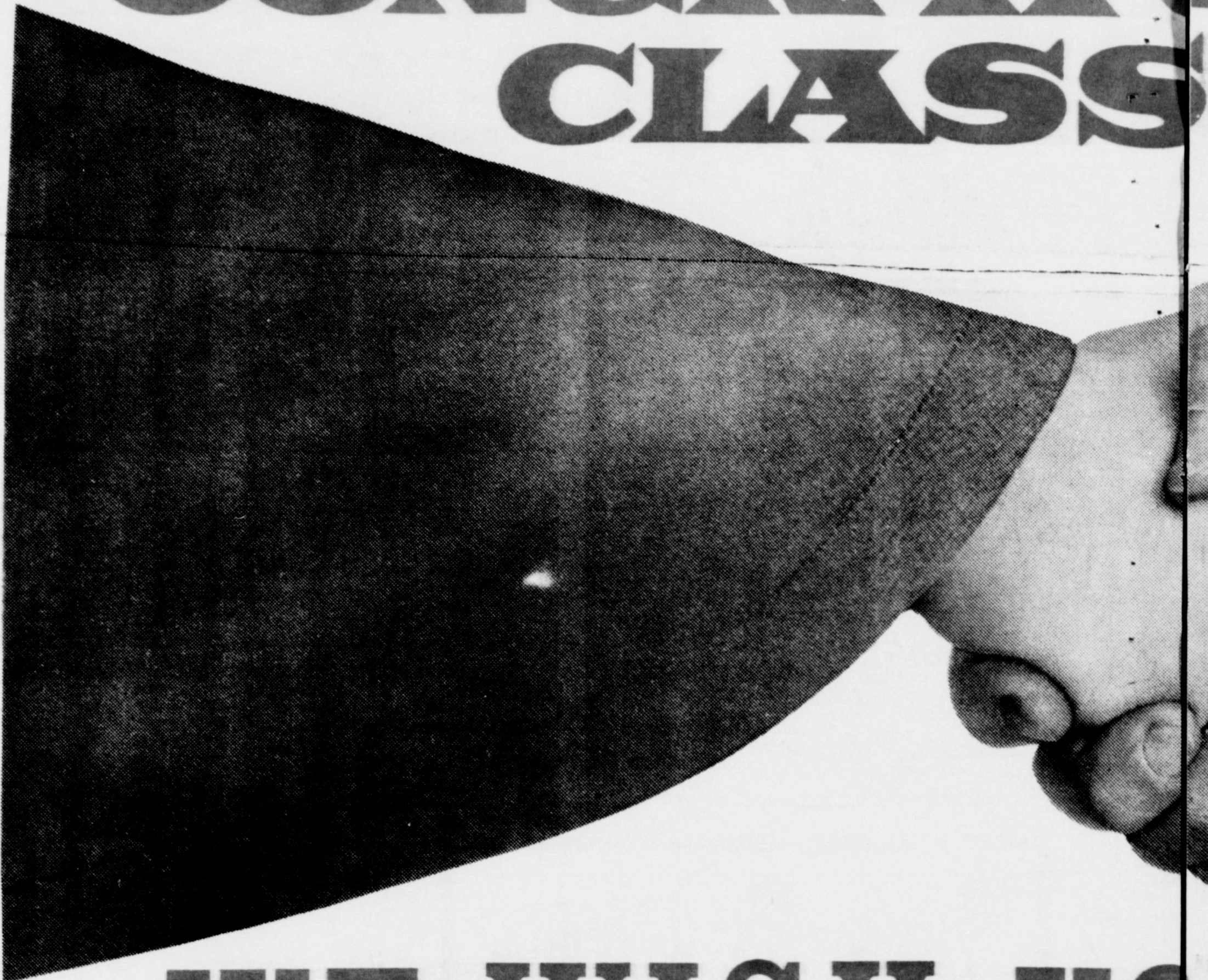


BEVERLY GILMORE

Beverly Gilmore, 18, is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd Gilmore, Jr.

Beverly's Honors and the clubs she participated in are: History Award 72-73, English Award 74-75, Valedictorian 74-75, High Point Individual of class from 1972-1975, 2nd Place in State Classes A U.I.L., Spelling Contest 1974-75, Gold Merit Award 1974-75, Annual Class Honor Roll 1972-1975, Who's Who Among American High School Students 1975, Outstanding Teenagers of America 1975, Society of Outstanding American High School Students 1974, President of National Honor Society 1975, Member of F H A 1972-73, Member Library Club 1973-1974, 4-H Club President 1975.

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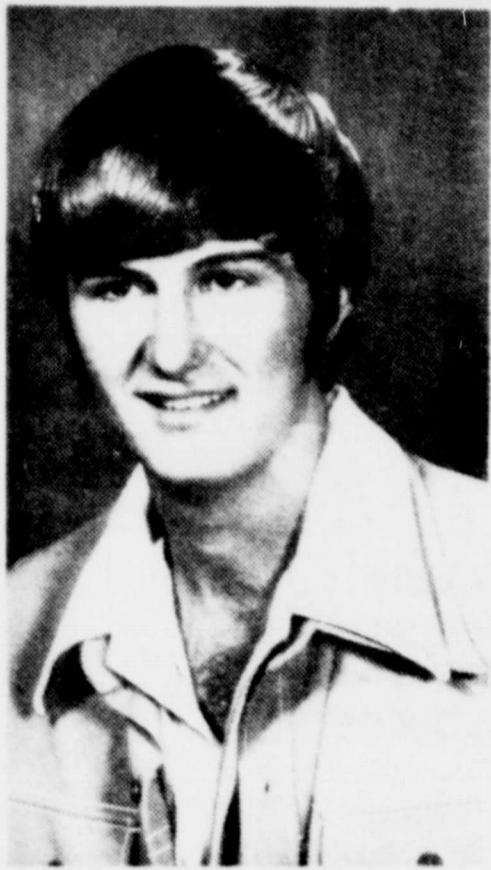


JIM WHARTON

Jim Wharton, 17, is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Marshall Wharton.

Jim's Honors and the Clubs he participated in are: Honorable Mention All District Football 1975, National Honor Society 1975, Who's Who in American High Schools Who's Who Among American Band Students, Gold Merit Award 1973-74-75, Annual Class Honor Roll 72-73-74-75, National Band Association Award 1975, John Philip Sousa Award 1975, Band Favorite 1975, 1st Division Ensemble 1973, 1st Division Band Solo 72-73-74-75, All District Band 72-73-74-75, All Region Band 72-73-74-75, All Area Band 1973-75, Outstanding Bandsman Award 1973-75, National Honor Society 1975, Future Teachers of America 1972-73, Future Farmers of America Choir Secretary 1975, Band 4 years, was Captain 1975.

TRENT SENIORS - 1975



HAROLD MAC SIPE

Mac Sipe played football, basketball, track and volleyball.

Sipe was a member of FFA and student council. He served as a class officer for two years.



JACKIE ADAMS PARKER

Jackie Parker, 18, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Adams.

Jackie played basketball and was in the pep club.



CINDY LOU BEASLEY

Cindy Beasley, 18, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Beasley.

Cindy participated in basketball, track, volleyball, and tennis.

Miss Beasley was a member of FHA, band, Student Council, the Gorilla Growl staff, National Honor Society, and the pep squad. She participated in UIL contests in reading, spelling and one-act play. She served as class officer for three years.

Cindy is valedictorian of the 1975 class of Trent High School.



STEPHEN CRAIG SHUGART

Steve Shugart, 19, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Duane Shugart.

Steve is a transfer student from Merkel. He was on the basketball team, and was a member of FFA.



TOMMY EARL STEVENS

Tom Stevens, 18, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Stevens Jr.

Tom participated in football, basketball, volleyball, golf, tennis and track.

He was a member of FFA.

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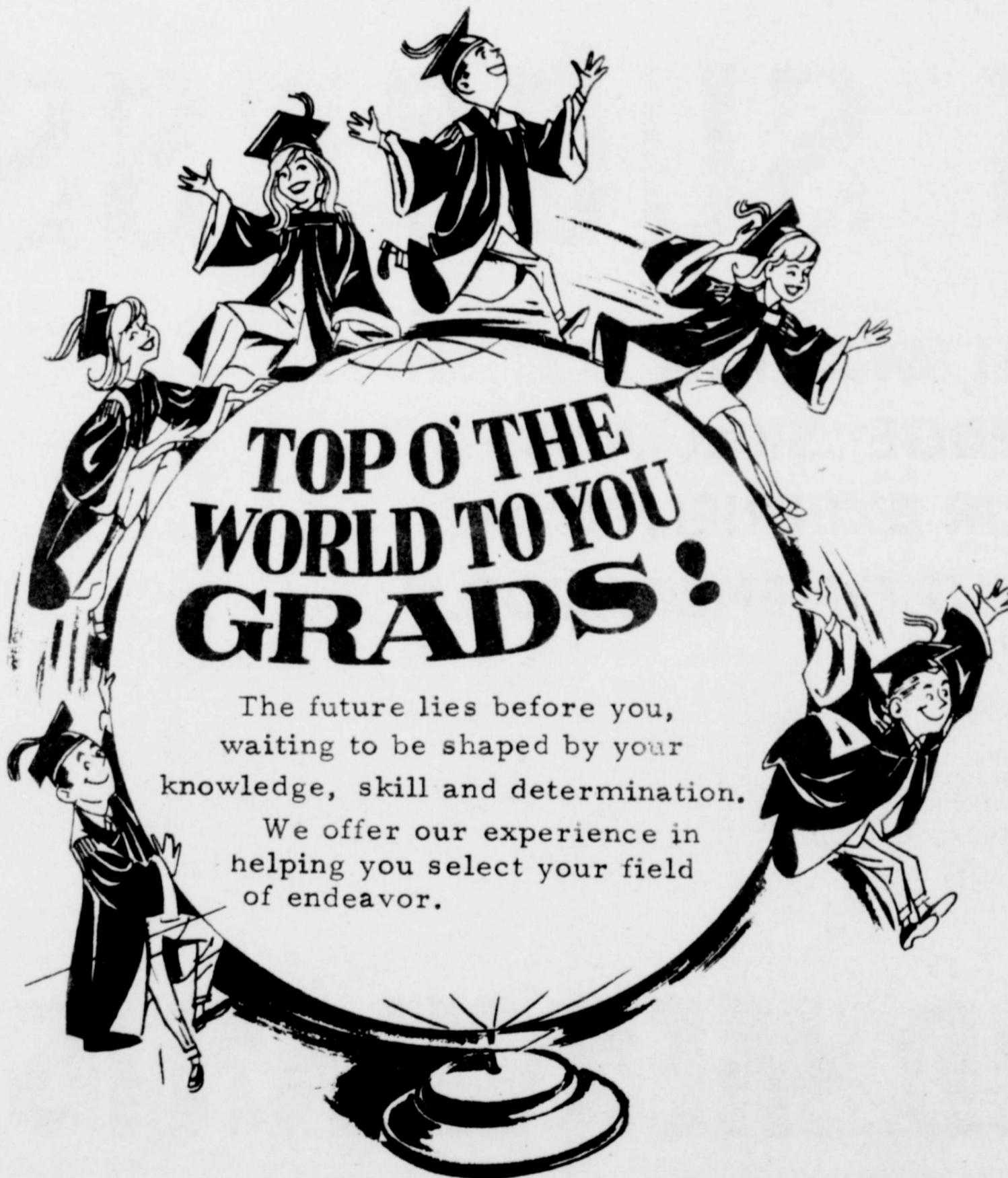
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STEVEN MONTGOMERY BLAND

Steve Bland, 18, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Bland. Steve played football, basketball, track, golf and tennis.

Bland was a member of FFA, Student Council, and the National Honor Society. He served as a class officer for three years.

Steve was high boy in his class academically.



REBECCA SUE FREEMAN

Rebecca Freeman, 18, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Freeman.

Rebecca participated in basketball, volleyball, track and tennis.

Miss Freeman was a member of FHA, FFA, Band, Student Council, National Honor Society and Annual Staff.

She was also a cheerleader.



CHARLIE GRAFTON HATFIELD

Charles Hatfield, 18, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Carson E. Hatfield.

Charles transferred from Noodle his junior year. He participated in football, basketball, volleyball, golf, tennis and track.

He was a member of FFA, and National Honor Society.



REBECCA LINDA WHITE

Rebecca White, 18, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe S. White.

Miss White is a transfer from Wilmer-Hutchings. She was a member of FHA, band, annual staff, participated in UIL contests, and served as class officer her senior year.

Miss White is salutatorian of the 1975 Trent senior class.



JAMES RANDOLPH SCOTT

Randy Scott, 18, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Scott.

Randy played football, track, tennis and was a member of the FFA.



LONNIE MITCHELL

Lonnie Mitchell, 18, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry M. Mitchell.

Lonnie played basketball and was a member of the FFA.



JEFFERY LYNN WELLS

Jeffery Wells, 18, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Layne Wells.

Jeffery was in band, FFA, UIL contest, National Honor Society, and was on the annual staff.

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DAREL CLYDE BUNCH

Darel Clyde Bunch, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Bunch, has attended Merkel Schools 12 years.

Darel's honors include Track 71-75, District Champ 880 72-74, Region Champ 880 72-74, State Champ 880 72-73, Basketball 71-74, Basketball 2nd team All District 73-74, Gold Merit Award 72-73, Best Actor 73-74, A & B Honor Roll 7-475, Who's Who in America's High School Students, and Distinguished American High School Student.

Darel was a member of Spanish Club 71-72, Drama Club 71-74, Vica Club 74-75, Choir 73-75, Fellowship of Christian Athletes 72-75, and Student Council, reporter, 74-75.

After graduation Darel plans to continuing working at K-Mart.



TONYA CRENSHAW

Tonya Crenshaw, 18, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred L. Crenshaw. She has attended Merkel schools 9 years.

Her honors include Math Award 72-73, Business Award 74-75, Merit Award 72-75, Most Valuable Player-Basketball 72-73, Honorable Mention - Basketball 72-73, 2nd Team All District-Basketball 74-75 and Most Valuable Player-Tennis 74-75.

Tonya was a member of FHA 71-72, Drama - Treasurer 73-74, Rodeo Club 72-74, National Honor Society-Treasurer 74-75, Library Club-President 74-75, High School Chamber of Commerce 74-75, and Student Council-Business Manager 73-74 - President-74-75.

After graduation she plans to attend college.



CINDY FISHER BUNCH

Cindy Fisher Bunch, 16, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Fisher has attended Merkel Schools 11 years.

Cindy's honors include A-B Honor Roll 74-75.

Cindy was a member of the Drama Club 73-74, Future Homemakers of America 72-75, and Band 72-75.

After graduation Cindy plans to attend Draughon's Business College.



VICKIE DUBOSE

Vicki DuBose, 18, plans to attend Howard College in Big Spring after her graduation from Merkel High School.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby DuBose, Vicki was neither absent nor tardy 71-75.

She was a member of the Pep Squad Club for 3 years and a FHA member for 1 year.

She attended Merkel schools for 12 years.



DALE ROGERS

Dale Rogers, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Benny Rogers, has attended Merkel Schools for 12 years.

Dale was a member of V.I.C.A. 74-75 and FFA 73-75.



KATHY HENDRICKS

Kathy Hendricks, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D.C. Hendricks, has attended Merkel Schools 12 years.

Kathy's honors include One First division twirling solo 1973, Three Second division twirling solos 74-75, Four First division twirling ensembles 73-74, Received bronze, silver, and gold Merit Award 73-75, Honor Roll 73-75, National Honor Society 75, Who's Who Among American High School Students 75.

Kathy was a member of Future Homemakers of America 3 years 73-75, FHA Reporter 74, FHA Parliamentarian 75, Band and Twirler 73-75 and Who's Who.

After graduation Kathy plans to work at the Hilton Inn and attend Commercial College in December.



BEVERLY MAWSON

Beverly Mawson, 18, daughter of Mrs. Darla Mawson, has attended Merkel Schools for 6 1/2 years.

Beverly's honors include Society of Outstanding American High School Students, 3, 4; Who's Who Among American High School Students, 4; Outstanding Teenagers of America 4; Society of Distinguished American High School Students 4; Second place District Middle Clear Fork Scil Conservation Essay 3; First Division Flute Ensemble 3; Third place District Headline Writing 4; Second place District Editorial Writing 4; Third Place Regional Editorial Writing, 4; Drama Club 2; Spanish Club 1, 2; Choir 3, Band 1-4; Annual Staff 2-4; National Honor Society 3, 4.

After graduation Beverly plans to attend the University of Texas at El Paso majoring in pre-med.

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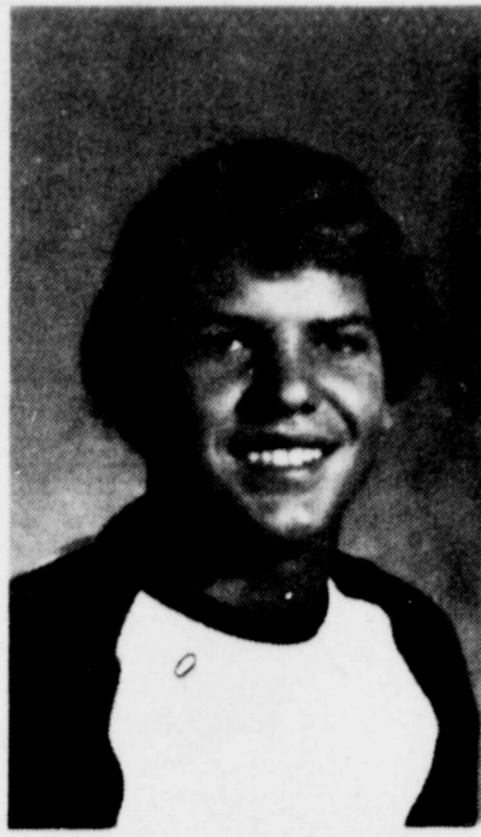
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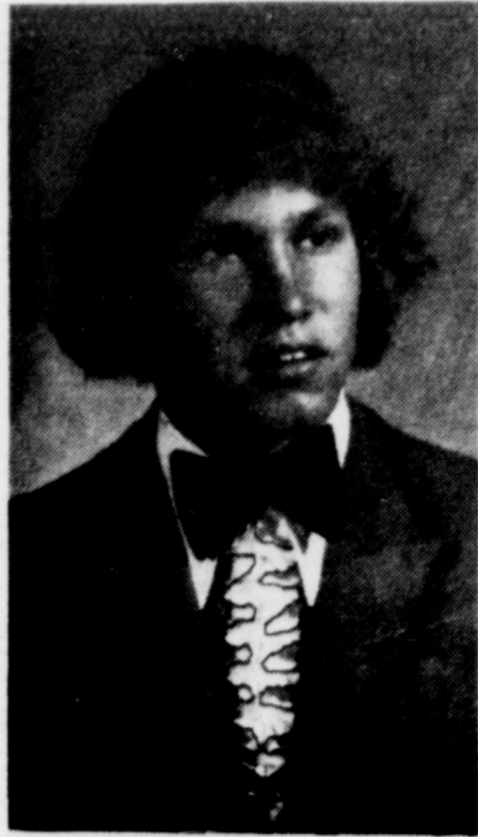
ALAN TUCKER

Alan Tucker, 19, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Tucker. Alan has attended school in Merkel for 8 years. His honors were: Played football and participated in track 71-72. His clubs were: UIL 74-75 and MOC 74-75. Upon graduation he plans to continue to work at Taylor Electric Cooperative in Merkel.



CHRIS CHILDERS

Chris Childers, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Childers. Chris was a member of the annual staff 1 and 2, Drum major 1 and 2, Band 1-3, Drama 1 and 2, Stage Band 1-3.



STEVE WEST

Steve West, 18, is the son of Bobby West and Mrs. Joyce West. His honors were: Football 4 yrs. 71-75, 2nd team all district Defense and Offense 74-75, and Track 3 years 71-73. He plans to work after graduation. He attended Merkel schools 9 years.



TIM WOZENCRAFT

Tim Wozencraft, 18, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Wozencraft. He was a member of the Football team 71-72. After graduation, Tim plans to work. He attended Merkel Schools



VICKI LOLLAR

Upon her graduation from high school, Vicki Lollar plans to enroll in Glen and Lottie's School of Beauty in Abilene. The 18-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Lollar has attended the Merkel schools for 5 years. Her honors were neither absent nor tardy 72-73, Band 4 years, choir 2 years, drama 2 years, and a member of the Rodeo Club.



BRENDA STEWART

Brenda Stewart, 17, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. P. T. Stewart, has attended Merkel Schools for 3 years. Brenda was a member of FHA 1972-75, Drama Club 1973-74, Band 1972-75, and Library Club 1974-75. After graduation Brenda plans to attend College.

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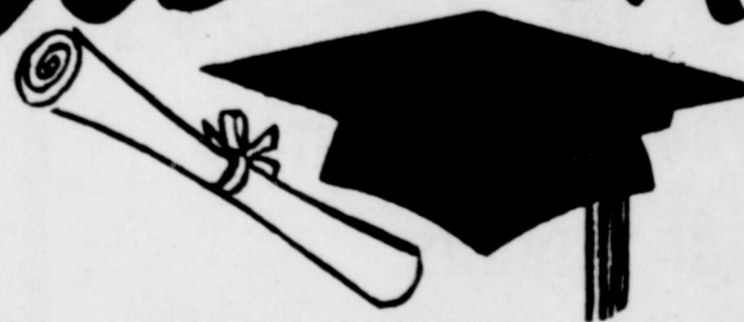
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BECKY LYNN YOUNG BRYAN

Becky Lynn Young Bryan, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John O. Young Jr. Miss Young has been a member of the MOC 74-75, Pep Club 71-72, and the FHA Club 71-72. She has attended Merkel Schools for 11 years.



GREGG DOAN

Gregg Doan, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn Doan, has attended Merkel Schools 12 years.

Gregg was a member of MOC 74-75 and Student Council 73-74.

After graduation Gregg plans to work.



PATRICIA ASCENCIO

Patricia Ascencio, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Ascencio, has attended Merkel Schools for 12 years. Patricia was a member of the Drama Club 1 year, Spanish Club 1 year, Pep Club 2 years, FHA 2 years, and HECE.

After graduation Patricia plans to go into a Nursing Career.



STEVE EDWARD GENTRY

Steve Edward Gentry, 18, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Gentry. He has attended the Merkel Schools for 11 years. His plans call for him to attend Angelo State University at San Angelo.

His honors include Senior Class Vice President, Class Favorite 71-72, and Freshman Class Vice President. Clubs that he has been a member of include Fellowship of Christian Athletic 72-73, Future Farmers of America 71-73, Football 71-73, Band 71-74, Student Council 71-73, M.O.C. 74-75, and Track 71-73.



NANCY FUDGE

Nancy Fudge, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Carson, has attended Merkel Schools 11 years.

Nancy's honors include typing award 72-73, track (most valuable) 73-74, basketball (honorable mention) 74-75, silver merit award 72-73; 74-75, gold merit award 73-74.

Nancy was a member of FHA 71-75, Drama Club 71-73, Student Council 74-75, Choir, vice-president 74-75, Senior Class Reporter 74-75.

After graduation Nancy plans to attend Howard County Junior College.



RANDALL HOWES

Randall Howes, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Howes, has attended Merkel Schools 5 years.

Randall's honors include Honor Roll 71-75, Who's Who Among American High School Students 1975, Top Grade Point Average Boy 71-73, 1st Team All-District Football 74-75, Regional Qualifier Basketball 74-75, Future Homemakers of America 74-75, Received bronze and silver merit awards.

Randall was a member of Future Farmers of America, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and Who's Who.

After graduation Randall plans to attend college and hold a summer job.



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SCOTT TARPLEY

Scott Tarpley, 18, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Tarpley.

His honors were Mr. MHS 74-75, Vice-President of M.O.C. 74-75, and received a merit award in Social Studies 73-74.

Scott's clubs included V.A. 3 years, treasurer 73-74 and Student Council 72-73.



JOHNNY FRASIER

Johnny Lee Frazier, 18, son of Mrs. Joan Hilliard, has attended Merkel Schools 12 years.

Johnny's honors include Honorable Mention Football Defense 74-75, V.T.&I. Vice-President 74-75 and U.I.C.A. President 74-75.

Johnny was a member of Fellowship of Christian Athletics 72-73, Vocational Agriculture 71-73, Band 4 years 71-74, Football 4 years 71-74, Basketball 3 yrs. 71-73, Track 3 yrs. 71-73, Golf 1 yr. 74-75, and Stage Band 71-73.

After graduation Johnny plans to attend college.



TAMMY ANNE BOOTH

Tammy Anne Booth, 17, daughter of Col. and Mrs. William Booth is planning to attend the University of Texas at Austin after graduation.

Tammy has attended the Merkel school for only her senior year, but she has many honors to her credit. These include National Merit Scholarship Finalist 1974-75, Who's Who Among American High School Students in 1947-75, English Award 74-75, Math Award 74-75, 1st in District UIL Editorial Writing, 2nd in District UIL Number Sense, Kiwanis Award, National Jr. Beta Club 1 yr., National Honor Society 2 years, FHA 1 year, and Key Club 1 year.



BERT MCELMURRAY

Bert McElmurray, 18, son of Wanda McElmurray has attended Merkel Schools 2 years.

Bert's activities include football 73-74 and golf 73-74.

After graduation Bert plans to attend Angelo State University.




STEVE CASTILLE

Steve Castille, 18, has attended Merkel Schools 4 years. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt Castille.

Steve's honors include P.E. Award (sophomore), MOC Award (senior).

He was a member of the FFA 3 years and football 1 year.



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