

BIBLE VERSE
Don't let the world around
you squeeze you into its own
mold, but let God remold our
minds from within.
Romans 12:2

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By Carl Dingler

Have these high gasoline and automobile prices ever made you wish for the old days of the horse and wagon? If you are a member of that era and remember those long treks to Sweetwater or to Abilene, then you probably don't yearn for those old days.

However, for the younger generation who have known nothing but the automobile, this question may cross your mind now and then.

For the students at North Carolina State University, they turned the incident into a real project.

The question was posed: Which burns more energy on a 2,800 mile cross-country trip—a 62-horsepower auto or a horse?

What would you think?

Well, the students found that the car ends with a quarter of the cost, expending only a tenth as much energy, and making the trip 15 times faster.

The compact car would require \$50 worth of gasoline, but the horse would eat \$200 worth of hay and oats. The car would use 1.8 million BTUs while the horse would expend closer to 20 million BTUs of energy, and the horse would need 100 days to complete the trip.

Come to think of it, a return to those days might not be so bad, providing we could work in a 100-day vacation.

General Manager Don Hart conducted a personal tour of the Taylor Electric Cooperative facilities last week. Must say all those friendly, smiling faces made a big impression.

Everyone was especially relaxed and friendly.

Also, impressive was the computer billing and microfilm bookkeeping which has greatly simplified procedures.

From the First Baptist Church newsletter and the author was listed as unknown: "It's easy enough to be pleasant when life flows by like a song. But the man worthwhile is the man who can smile when everything goes dead wrong."

Boy, that rain has sure been a big boon to the gardens, grass and crops.

Something should be said about all those people who performed and help provide entertainment for the President Ford visit.

They helped make the event a huge success but received little or no mention.

They went to a great deal of trouble to get dressed up and ready for their TV appearance but somehow they are always cut out of the actual film.

Such was the case of my daughter, Karen, who lives in Tyler and plays in the junior high band.

She was all excited about being on television with the President when he made his talk at Tyler Junior College last week.

She just knew she would be on her way to Hollywood as a new "Bionic Girl" or some such.

But, alas, she never made the news and thus ended her short career for fame and fortune.

And, how about the service station attendant who is reportedly to get \$125 million from the Howard Hughes estate, all for a ride and a quarter donation he thought was to help a bum.

The man says he wish he hadn't gotten it after all the publicity has come his way. Thank for \$18.7 million a little inconvenience can be put up with. Said \$18.7 million because if he does get the money, estate taxes and the Internal Revenue Service will get the other \$96.25 million.

The Texas Department of Public Safety has its annual book of grim statistics out on traffic accidents for 1975. And, as usual the figures are astounding if you stop to think about them.

There were 3,046 people who died in traffic accidents in the state last year. Now, this is pretty grim but unless we are actually involved, we tend to take the matter as calmly as we would the figures for the national debt and go on about our daily routine.

Well the DPS has attempted to point out what these losses mean in material things—if a death can be figured in such things as material losses.

Anyway, the DPS estimates the loss from the 3,046 deaths and 138,962 injuries for this one year at \$1,440,000,000. Now this \$1 billion, 440 million would buy 10,000 homes of \$45,000 each and for each of the 10,000 homes a refrigerator at \$400 each; an electric range at \$350 each; a TV set at \$600 each; a dishwasher at \$350 each; an automobile at \$6,500 each; and a central air conditioning at \$1,500 each.

And, there would still be enough to furnish the head of each of the 10,000 households with a bank account of \$89,300.

It is not pointed out what guideline was used in coming up with these figures but they are impressive and points out just how costly traffic accidents are.

Little League season under way

The Merkel Little League officially opened the baseball season Tuesday night with a parade through downtown and two games at Little League Field located near the Merkel High football stadium.

Six teams were represented in the parade.

First teams to take the field for the season were the Vets and the Willies. They met at 6 p.m., followed by the Braves and Supers at 8 p.m.

Action continues each Tuesday, Thursday and Friday nights through June 24.

Schedule for the season with the first game listed

starting at 6 p.m. and the second game starting at 8 p.m., also, the first team listed will be home team and will occupy the west dugout:

Women golfers set supper

Due to the time change to Daylight Savings Time the ladies golf day will begin Tuesday play with the monthly supper set May 13 at the Merkel Country Club.

The meal will be prepared by the chef and cost is \$3.95 plus tax.

Plans for a tournament will be discussed at this meeting. Any women interested should play Tuesday afternoon and attend the supper and business meeting.

Joann Smith is president of the golf association.



ARTIST OF THE MONTH--Mrs. Elizabeth Hicks of the Merkel Art Association has been chosen as the Artist of the Month for May. Her work is presently on display in the lobby of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank in Merkel. Mrs. Hicks has been interested in painting "all my life" but has been taking lessons for two years. She is working mainly with oils now but has done different mediums. She said that she had always been interested in painting but didn't become active with it until her children were grown. She has studied under Talmage Minter and James Campbell in Abilene and is currently taking lessons from Ruth Adams of Abilene. She is reporter for the Merkel Art Association and is the wife of Ben R. Hicks of Hicks Auto Supply of Merkel. They have two children, Gary and Mrs. Gary Carver of Munday.

Tri-City League needs help

The Tri-City Boys Baseball League met Sunday May 4 and elected officers. They are President Melba Glasscock; Vice-President John Brady; and Secretary and Treasurer Joyce Knight.

There will be 5 teams of 13-15 year olds. Their managers are: Team I, Bill Barnett; Team II, Jerry Williams; Team III, Rodney Cosper; Team IV, Trent; and Team V, Tye.

We have enough boys from Trent and Tye for teams but need managers and coaches for these boys. Also we can use some more men to help coach on the Merkel teams.

We have one team of 16-18 year olds. Their manager is Walter Whisenhunt. He also needs some coaches. These boys will be playing in area towns in and around Merkel.

Practicing will begin hopefully this week. We still have lots of cleaning up and things to do at the ballpark to get things ready. Anyone who can volunteer anytime to help contact some of these people and offer help.

We are accepting donations to help buy uniforms and equipment for these boys. There will be a bank account opened up by the name Tri-City Boys Baseball. Anyone wishing to donate may do so directly to the bank or to any adult working with this project. Any kind of donation will be deeply appreciated.

Also the Tri-City Baseball fund still needs donations to help finish paying for the land, plus need to buy light

bulbs for the field, material for concession stands, bleachers, etc. All this will eventually get done as we have money to work with.

Fifth Grade, High School hold concert

The Fifth Grade Elementary Band and High School Band held their annual Spring Concert Monday night at the Merkel High School Auditorium.

The concert is sponsored by the Band Boosters under the direction of Darryl Kaire.

The Fifth Grade program consisted of The Crusaders by Frank Erickson; Join the Parade by Fred Weber; Aura Lee by Frank Erickson; Side-walks of New York and Daisy Bell by James Ployhar and Soldier Boy by Erickson.

The High School program

included Ballad for Barbara by Bill Holcombe; Morning Has Broken by Stevens-Nowak; Hosanna ("Jesus Christ Superstar" by Rice-Cacavas); Venus by Ed Marshall; Overture (from "Tommy") by The Who; Tatzen Horst; Killing Me Softly arranged by John Edmunds; You are the Sunshine of My Life by Wonder-Smith; I Can See Clearly Now by Nash-Edmunds; Love Will Keep Us Together by Sedaka-Lowden; The Morning After by Kasha-Lowden; and Smoke on the Water by Deep Purple-Edmunds.

For the Fifth Grade Diana Landeros, Kim McCasland, Lisa Potter, Tammye Cloud and Jackie Owens played flute; Lori Shaw, Stephanie Fortune, Angela Dunlap, Morlene Pack, Kim Gurganus, Sharon Austermann and Tonya Bicknell played

main concern

The 15 delegates to the precinct convention in Merkel Saturday passed two resolutions.

One called for 100 percent parity for farmers and delegated Billy Bob Toombs to present the resolution at the county convention.

The other asked that the ad valorem school taxation system be revised by the Legislature.

It also asked the Legislature to take measures to remove "the staggering tax burdens placed on local school districts by House Bill 1126."

The delegates split three ways between Jimmy Carter, Senator Lloyd Bentsen and an uncommitted status for Democratic Precinct 24. Carter led with six delegates, followed by Bentsen with five while four were uncommitted.

Carter delegates were Annie Walker, Irl Walker, Jack Hogan, Wanda McAninch, Charles Jacobs and Bernice Jacobs.

Favoring Bentsen were Joe Lassiter, Ruth Lassiter, Eddis Lee Hardesty, Robert Harris and Connie Harris.

Uncommitted were Ruth Hogan, Billy Bob Toombs, Ford Smith Jr. and Stanley Toombs.

Hogan was elected chairman and Mrs. Hardesty was named secretary.

Lions Club elects Starbuck president

The Merkel Lions Club elected new officers at its regular meeting Tuesday.

George Starbuck was elected to the president's post held by High School Principal Travis Davis.

The Lions Club also set its broom, mop and light-bulb sale for May 18 and announced that there would be a district meeting in Merkel Tuesday.

The District meeting will be in the High School cafeteria at 7:30 p.m. with a \$3.50 per person fee.

The broom, mop and light-bulb sale will start at 5:30 p.m. May 18.

New officers elected with Starbuck are Don Hensley, first vice-president; Max Murrell, second vice-president; Bob Hammond, third vice-president; Obie Coker, tall twister; Rodney Cosper, Lion tamer; and Danny Sanford, secretary-treasurer.

They will take office July 1. Directors are Starbuck, Davis, Hensley, Russell McAnnally, Bill Buton, Leon Harris, Nolan Palmer, Bobby DuBose, Don Hart, Murrell, Philip Pursley and Connie Mack Seymore.

Sgt. Harold Emerson of the Abilene Police Department presented the Tuesday program on crime prevention and the effort the police department is making in order to prevent crime in businesses and homes.

Sgt. Emerson, who has been on the Abilene police force 20 years and in the newly organized Crime Prevention

division two years, said there is no worse criminal than the con artist.

"He is one of the most cold hearted people we have," he pointed out. "They thrive on senior citizens."

He pointed out the need for protection of life and property in these times and discussed some of the Bunko situations being used to beat people out of their money.

He said the con going around now is the bank examiner routine where someone seeks your help in uncovering a theft in a bank--with the use of your savings.

Sgt. Emerson showed a film on Bunko techniques and gave examples of the bank examiner con game, the pigeon drop and pressure selling of books in homes.

Nursing Home Week

WHEREAS: The role of Nursing Homes in our city and surrounding communities grows steadily in importance, and

WHEREAS: Some 90,000 Texas citizens depend upon those facilities to provide them a home in an environment of total care; and

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

WHEREAS: Texas Nursing Home Association and its member facilities are observing Nursing Home Week beginning Sunday, May 9th with Open House and related activities continuing throughout the week following; and

WHEREAS: Honorary hostess for that occasion this year is Texas' own Heloise, the ever-popular columnist whose latest "Hint" for happiness is to "Visit a Nursing Home." THEREFORE, I, as Mayor of Merkel, Texas hereby designate the week of May 9-15, 1976, as

TEXAS NURSING HOME WEEK and urge our citizens to visit a nursing home and acquaint themselves with the residents, the staffs, the facilities, and the special care and attention being administered in modern licensed Nursing facilities. In official recognition whereof, I affix my signature this 2 day of May, 1976
Lou David Allen
Mayor of Merkel

clarinet; Greg Arwine and Mike Hagar played trombone; Tim Brady, Sal Acuna, Scott Adair, Eddie Harris, Eddie Martin, Tammie Townsend and Tina Bicknell played alto saxophone; Wendy Whisenhunt on tenor saxophone; Roy Johnson, Bucky Crouse, Randy Leverivh and Greg Dickenson on trumpet; and

Chris Mashburn, Sammy Tumbison, Jeff Scott, Kyle Wolf and Amye Amerine on drums.

For the High School, Suzanne Warner played piccolo, twirler Kelly Magee, Mary Roeder, Clara Rister, Starlene Maxwell, Gwen Taff, Gay Pfister and Janice Sout played flute; Alice Cunningham, Vickie Heywood, Doug Roysden, Jerre Kay Law, Drum Major Rhonda White, Vickie Farmer, Marsha Clyburn, Pattie Shotwell, twirler Cindy Smith, Cherie Aiken, Lebra Ybarra, Janet Wade, Danna Russell and Victoria Collier played clarinet.

On the trumpet were seniors Danny DuBose, Netta Stephan, twirlers Gayle Teaff and Lori DuBose, Roger Reed, Roger Dye, Kyle Wilkerson, Darryl Harris, Mike Brady, Tammie Martin, Cathy Holloway and Mike Crouse.

Baritone included Tommy Jones, Randy Harris, Tim Watson and Todd Cox, member of the All-District Band. Alan Mawson played the french horn.

On the tenor saxophone were Lesa Hart and Tammy Thomas and on the drums were Mike Luckner, Gina Farmer, Debbie Glasscock, Drew Mawson and senior Jackie Harris.

Kindergarten pre-registration

The Merkel Elementary School will conduct a pre-registration for kindergarten students for the 1976-77 school year on Friday, May 7, from 8:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Registration will be in the Elementary Library.

Immunization records and a birth certificate validated by the Bureau of Vital Statistics will be required for registration. No hospital birth certificates may be accepted.

A child should be at least five years of age on or before September 1, 1976, to be eligible for kindergarten during the 1976-77 school year. Please bring your child with you at time of registration.

The Tye kindergarten pupils will be pre-registering on the same day in the principal's office.

Mr. Cain and Mr. Todd urge all parents to pre-register their kindergarten children at this time in order for the school to make plans for the number of classes and teachers needed for next year.

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Vondi King Valedictorian

Vondi King, 14-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dean King, was named Valedictorian of Sundown Junior High School, with an average of 96.1. The eighth grade graduation exercises will be May 24.

While she was junior high cheerleader this year, next year will find Miss King in a different capacity.

For the first time in the history of Sundown, the Roughneck teams will have a student Mascot along the sidelines with the cheerleaders. The student body of SHS selected Vondi King as Mascot for the 1976-77 school year. Miss King will depict "Joe Roughneck," complete with hard hat, typical to the oil country around Sundown.

Vondi is a former student at Trent Junior High, where she served as cheerleader two years. Her father is former Superintendent of Trent ISD.



VONDI KING

Boosters elect officers

The Merkel Band Boosters met last Monday night at the Band Hall.

Mrs. Mack Seymore read the minutes of the last meeting and gave the treasurer's report. The Band Boosters have a bank balance of \$585.

New officers elected were President Mrs. Fay Roysden; Vice-Presidents Mr. and Mrs. Jack South; Secretary and Treasurer Mrs. Benny Melton; Reporter Mrs. Mack Seymore; Membership Chairman Mrs. Hugh Baker; Projects Chairman Mrs. Bonnie Fariello.

Mr. Kaire said the Choir Concerts would be Monday, May 10 at 7:30 p.m.

Plans were discussed for a more active Band Boosters Club next year.

Mr. Kaire was commended for the very good job he has done with the bands this year. This is his first year as a Band Director.

Stith H.D. News

Stith Home Demonstration Club met April 28 at the community center. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Mae Jones. Mrs. Dolly Reddin gave devotional. Recreation was directed by Mrs. Daisy Mashburn. Roll call was answered with a piece of furniture I would like to redo. Miss Louise Hudson read minutes of last meeting and gave the treasury report. Mrs. Reddin gave our program on remodeling used and outdated furniture. There were 6 members and 1 visitor present. Our hostess was Mrs. Dolly Reddin. Our next meeting will be May 12, our program will be on mothers.

- SENIOR CITIZENS SCHEDULE EVENTS**
- 1st Monday of Month Singing
 - 2nd Tuesday Noon Covered Dish
 - Game Nights Every Thursday & 4th Monday
 - 4th Thur. Game Night Reserved for Talented Amateurs.

funding nears goal

Merkel and Trent scout leaders have nearly reached their goal of \$1,200 during the 1-week sustaining membership enrollment effort.

The \$1,200 is Merkel and Trent's share of the \$109,000 budget for the nine-and-a-half counties in the Chisholm Trail Council with 40 troops in the southern District, 45 packs, 13-14 explorer posts and serving 3,500 scouts.

Don Hart, chairman of the drive reported \$1,094.50 collected Friday with some pledges still out.

District Executive George Krieger of Abilene is conducting the campaigns in the Council area to raise operating funds for the Chisholm Trail Council.

Watts, Moore set wedding

Rita Ann Watts, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Watts of Merkel, is engaged to be married to Shawn Joel Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Moore of Merkel.

A July 10 wedding is set at the Tye Baptist Church at 8 p.m. Leynard Payne is pastor.



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Band twirlers are named

Twirlers have been named for next year at Merkel High School and Merkel Junior High.

Cindy Smith has been named head twirler with Dory Roysden the drum major. Other twirlers for the High School Band are Lesa Hart, Lisa Owen, Mary Roeder, Shannon Bagby and Taresa English and Gail Teaff is alternate.

For the Junior High Band Stacy Seymore is the drum major with twirlers Sheila Adair, Ann Melton, Christi

Junior, Senior banquet

The Merkel High School Junior and Senior banquet is Saturday night.

The banquet will be at the Starlite Restaurant in Abilene, starting at 7:30 p.m.

City Council sets workshop

The Merkel City Council will hold a workshop on the revenue sharing budget at its regular meeting Monday, May 10 at 5:30 p.m. The City Council will meet in the City Hall at 5:30 p.m.

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CITATION

BY PUBLICATION
 THE STATE OF TEXAS
 TO: Unknown Natural Parents Respondent, (S) Greeting:
 YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable Domestic Relations Court of Taylor County, Texas at the Courthouse in said County, in Abilene, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the Monday next after the expiration of twenty days from the date of service of this citation, then and there to answer the petition of the Kennon Law and wife Violet Eleanor Law, Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 4th day of March, 1976, against the Unknown Natural Parents Respondent (s), and said suit being numbered 11,616-DR on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In the Interest of Lan Thi Tuyet Le, a Child" the nature of which suit is a request to Terminate Parent-Child Relationship and Original Petition To Adopt.

child relationship and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the child's adoption.
 Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Abilene, Texas, this the 21st day of April, 1976.

(SEAL) Attest: Irene Crawford
 District Clerk
 Domestic Relations Court in Taylor County, Texas.
 By Sandra Harris
 Deputy
 11-1tc

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF FRANK E. MELEEN, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original letters of administration on the Estate of Frank E. Meleen, deceased were issued to the undersigned on the 20th day of April, 1976, in the proceeding indicated below my signature hereto, which is still pending and that the First State Bank of Abilene now holds such letters. All persons having claims against said Estate, which is being administered in the County below named, are hereby required to present the same to the said First State Bank, Abilene, Texas, at the address below given. Suit upon same is barred by the general statute of limitations before such estate is closed, and within the time prescribed by law. The residents and post office address as to the place to file said claim is:

First State Bank
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Dated this 28th day of April, 1976.

(Mrs.) Celia Waldrop
 Assistant Cashier and
 Assistant Trust Officer
 11-1tc

Legal Notice

Notice is hereby given that Swinney Glass Company, whose principal business office is at 1166 North 2nd Street, Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, did, on or about, December 31, 1975, become incorporated without a change of firm name.
 Dated: December 31, 1975
 Joe L. Foster,
 Partner
 10-4tc

Deated: December 31, 1975
 Joe L. Foster,
 Partner
 10-2tc

Swinney Glass Company
 By Joe L. Foster,
 President
 10-2tc

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on December 31, 1975, the entire assets of Swinney Glass Company whose address is 1166 North 2nd Street, Abilene, Texas, was transferred to Swinney Glass Company, a Texas Corporation, whose principal place of business is at 1166 North 2nd Street, Abilene, Texas, and which will become bound to pay the debts of the said Swinney Glass Company, and the said corporation will be solvent upon becoming so bound.

Deated: December 31, 1975
 Joe L. Foster,
 Partner
 10-2tc

Swinney Glass Company
 By Joe L. Foster,
 President
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YOUTH TOUR WINNERS-Tommy Jones of Merkel and Annemarie Rankin of Nolan, look over the itinerary they will follow on their trip to Washington, D. C. They will leave June 10.

Jones, Rankin win trip

The Government-in-Action Youth Tour to Washington Contest, sponsored by Taylor Electric Cooperative, was held last Thursday at the Cooperative office.

Winners of the all expense paid trip were Annemarie Rankin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Rankin of Nolan, and Tommy Jones, son of Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Jones of Merkel.

Four boys and five girls competed for the trip by giving a 5-8 minute speech on the energy crisis. Schools represented were Merkel, Jim Ned, Divide, Winters, Willie and Trent.

Annemarie and Tommy will leave June 10 for Waxahachie where they will join the winners from co-ops across the state. In addition to the many historical places in

Washington, they will visit Williamsburg and Jamestown before returning home June 22.

Mrs. Hester to graduate

Mrs. Patricia McDuff Hester, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe E. McDuff of Merkel, is among Hardin-Simmons University spring graduates who will receive degrees May 9 in Commencement exercises.

Mrs. Hester will receive a B. B. A. degree. The commencement will be in Behrens Chapel-Auditorium at 3 p.m. Commencement speaker will be Dr. Keith Parks of Richmond, Virginia, director of the Missions Support Division of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

Letters to the editor

Thanks to Roy Neff

Dear Editor:

This letter, I guess, should be as a card of thanks. I wanted the people of Merkel, Trent, and surrounding area to know what a fine school superintendent the Trent School has. He, along with 11 other bus drivers, have just completed 21 hours of school bus driving training and first aid. He drove us over each night to Merkel, in one of our buses, put up with our loud mouths and teasing, and then the last night of training done-he took us out to the Big Country Inn for dinner. I think I speak these sentiments for the other eleven also. Well at least we think so. Thanks Mr. Roy Neff.

Sincerely,
Winnie and Odell
Dickerson of Trent

P. S.

Our thanks "in print" also goes to the two fine instructors, Barion Bird and Keith Long. They were really nice. There were about 32 attending the class from this area.

Thanks for help

Dear Sir:

Charles Adams, Soil Conservationist with the Soil Conservation Service, took the sixth grade classes of Merkel Junior High on a field trip to the Charles Manahan Ranch. From here, they went to Camp Butman where they picniced, had an Easter hunt, and played as guest of the Wootens.

April 21, Mr. Tommy Cutler, Power Use Advisor of Taylor Electric Cooperative, presented the sixth grade science classes with a program on "Electricity and Safety."

April 27, Mrs. Reta Brown, former beautician but now employed by Taylor-Callahan Education Cooperative, presented a "Skin Care and Care of the Hair" program to the sixth grade girl's physical education class.

All of the above activities were thoroughly enjoyed, and each enriched our program of study. They were all excellent in their presentations. We would like to thank these people publicly for the fine job they did, and for taking their time to be with us.

Sincerely,
Mitzi Hart
Sixth Grade Teacher
Merkel Junior High

Singers Due

The Victory Gospel Singers will hold their regular second Monday night sing next Monday.

The sing starts at 7 p.m. at 307 El Paso in Merkel with Garland McMinn director. Special arrangements and guests are scheduled.

Haynes inducted

Cooper graduate, Bill Haynes, senior pre-med student at the University of Texas in Austin was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa April 25.

Admission to Phi Beta Kappa is based on scholastic attainments, and no more than 1 per cent of the graduates are selected for each calendar year.

Further requirements for admission listed in the charter and promotion of the interests of the school.

An opportunity to take examinations for a Rhodes scholarship in England was refused by Haynes in order that he might be admitted to the medical branch of the University of Texas at Galveston in September.

Attending the dinner and ceremony for the initiates at the Commodore Perry Hotel were Haynes' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill C. Haynes; grandparents Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Sadler of Merkel; and Melinda Haynes and Carol Lubke.

contest

Crawford's is planning a drawing contest in honor of Father's day.

Every contestant will get a prize with one winner selected for each of the eight grade groups.

Each of the group winners will receive \$5 credit for merchandise at Crawford's. All you have to do to enter is draw a picture of your father on an 8 1/2 by 11 inch piece of white paper, using a black pencil or crayon. Bring the picture by Crawford's before the June 4 deadline.

Age groups include the Pre school and first grade; Second grade; Third grade; Fourth grade; Fifth grade; Sixth grade; Seventh grade; and Eighth grade through High School.

Junior High Choir, Band set concert

The Merkel Junior High School Choir and Band will perform Monday at 7:30 p.m. The groups will perform American and patriotic numbers.

The concert will be in the High School auditorium with \$1 admission for adults and 50 cents for students.

Starr Nursing Home news

Sunday is Mother's Day, but for some very special people in our community, it has another significance.

Mother's Day is the first day of Texas Nursing Home Week. Nursing homes in our community are holding Open House to bring people like yourselves into nursing homes to visit and talk with the residents there.

Community participation in the lives of residents is essential for successful recuperation and rehabilitation. Many of the residents have survived family and friends. They need a purpose to get well. Even though they participate in many activities, undergo therapy, and have the finest medical and nursing care possible, without the added knowledge that someone outside the nursing home cares, they still can feel quite lonely.

You can help many people along the road to recovery simply by showing you care. So, next Sunday, please take a few moments to visit with residents in the following home:

Starr Nursing Home-Mary Outlaw, Administrator.

Everyone is thankful for the nice rain. It will probably make everyone feel better and too it will furnish water for the stock and make the gardens and grain grow.

We wish to thank the W. M. U. Ladies of the First Baptist Church, Trent for making the nice lap robes for the residents. They were so pretty and colorful. I think I mentioned in my last news that the ladies of the First Baptist Church also brought real nice lap robes and everyone now I think has a nice gift that the men and women both can use. We thank you again for your thoughtfulness.

Our news will be short this week, as next week is Nursing Home Week and even if we are in the process of remodeling we will be happy to have you visit our residents and do tell someone you do love them and that you do care.

We were real glad when Mr. and Mrs. Riney came back to live with us but tragedy struck the night Mr. Riney was admitted. He passed away in his sleep. I was here at 11 p.m. and in the wee hours of morning the nurses called me and said he had expired. Our

sympathy goes to the family. Mr. Riney was one of the sweetest people I have ever known. We wish they could have kept him but God knows best.

Mrs. Bonnie Fariello, one of our 6-2 nurses, father passed away in North Dakota this past week and she had to go. Our sympathy to her and her loved ones. Bonnie is a wonderful nurse.

Muri Frazier our Director of Nurses has been absent for about 10 days because of the illness of her husband. We are glad to report that he is better and that she will be back soon.

We are indeed grateful for our staff for filling in the absence of so many of our staff who have either been ill or had deaths in their families. Janell Elmore our relief L. V. N. is in West Texas Medical Hospital at this time. We wish for her a speedy recovery.

I visited the Warren Prices of Baird two weeks ago and attended church at Baird and I wish to thank them for the frozen apricots, strawberries, yellow beans, okra, green string beans, frozen pinto beans, and dewberries. Holiday Management and myself wish to express our thanks for the nice food. They have been furnishing the nursing home things like this for the past ten years. New friends are nice but old friends are wonderful. We kept her father Mr. Smedley and he lived to be past a 101 years.

Please help us make Nursing Home Week May 9-15 a happy week. Come by and tell someone who has no one that you love them and that you do care.

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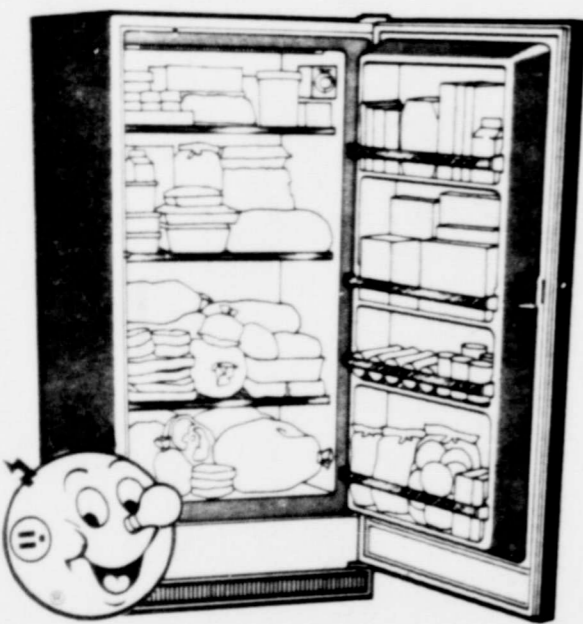
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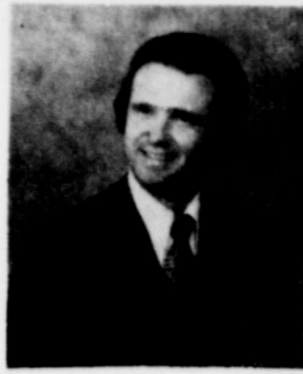
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JOINTS
A joint, also known as an articulation, is a junction between two bones. Bones are joined together in several ingenious ways which permit a great variety of movement. The articulating surfaces or the ends of the bones that come together to form a joint are covered with a thin layer of cartilage. These surfaces are reciprocally shaped to carry out most easily a particular movement. Ligaments surround the joint forming a capsule to help hold the bones in position. Inside this capsule, the joint cavity is almost completely lined with a delicate membrane called the synovial membrane. This membrane produces a lubricating fluid called synovia which enables the joints to function smoothly by preventing friction from the bones rubbing together. These synovial joints are found in the shoulder, elbow, hip, knee and ankle. Most synovial joints are found in the shoulder,

The joint surfaces of a cartilaginous joint are covered with a thin layer of cartilage but interposed between the joint is a disc of fibrocartilage that aids in holding the bones together. This type of joint is found between the bodies of the vertebrae of the spine.

In some areas of the body where pressure is naturally exerted or where a tendon rides over a bony surface, small fluid-sacs are developed and these are called bursae. A bursa sac functions to prevent friction where there are moving parts. These little sacs are found in many places in the body, but most commonly in the shoulder, elbow, knee, and back of the heel.

ankle. Most synovial joints are of the ball and socket or hinge type.

Many joints do not conform entirely to the foregoing description of the typical synovial joint, but differ in certain particulars. The flat curved bones forming the skull, for example, are joined by the locking together of saw-toothed (serrated) edges with no cartilage being interposed between them. This type of articulation is known as a suture joint.

How important joint structure and function are for the productiveness and enjoyment of life, probably most of us seldom consider. But diseases, such as arthritis, bursitis, and tendonitis, often makes this tragically clear. Joint structure in all too many cases becomes so altered that crippling immobility results.

special day

Merkel High School is celebrating the end of the school year with a Bicentennial Day. It has been set for May 21. Men teachers and students are having a beard growing contest and the women teachers and students are busy sewing dresses.

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Tucker, Roland Pack, Bob Hook, Bud Derington, Mack Bigbee, Jerry Russell, Paxton Hays, A. C. Cunn, Donnie Doan, J. D. Gentry. Back row: Jess Watson, Safety Instructor, Horace Childers, Walter Harris, Vaughn Doan, Jerry Patterson, Buster Thompson, David Scott, J. H. Clark, Jr., Ronny Doan, Lonnie Beard, Wayne Deen, Jimmy Leverich, Dale Hammond, Gary Smith, and Royce Meyers.

Little League needs umpires

The Little League Women's Auxiliary met Tuesday night at the Merkel Restaurant.

Audra Horton announced that we had three advertising signs at the Little League Park that aren't sold.

Anyone wishing to have a sign can telephone Audra Horton at 928-5016.

President Barbara Fowler appointed team mothers and informed them of their duties. She also told us the new items to be added to our menu at the concession stand.

She suggested that in the near future we need to have a bake sale or some fund raising projects and possibly try to buy a popcorn machine.

Mrs. Fowler wants the auxiliary to be thinking of nominees for officers to be elected for the next year.

Dale Hammonds, umpire for all teams informed us the league is in bad need for home plate umpires. With 8 ball games a week we need

several umpires. Anyone wishing to umpire home plate can contact Dale Hammonds.

Riggan wins Texoma

McMurry College high jumper Derrill Riggan of Merkel captured the Texoma Conference title Friday at the conference meet in Stillwater, Oklahoma.

The 18-year-old freshman leaped 6-4 for first and gave McMurry its best track finish in Texoma Conference in three years.

McMurry finished third during the wet and rain marred meet with Oklahoma Christian College first and Wayland Baptist second.

The only other McMurry first came in the pole vault with David Schkade of Albany vaulting 12-6, he was the only one to clear the opening height.

T-Shirt League adds team

The T-Shirt League has added a fourth team and has delayed the opening of the baseball season until May 15, according to officials.

The fourth new team is Emma's Clothes Closet Eagles. Other three teams are Merkel Drug Yankees; Beta Sigma Phi Braves and the Wilson Food Store Mustangs.

The League plays on Monday and Saturday nights at 6 and 8 p.m. at the Little League Field located by the Merkel High School football field.

Opening the season May 15 will be the Yankees and the Braves at 6 p.m. followed by the Mustangs and the Eagles at 8 p.m.

The season continues through June 14. The schedule with first game listed starting at 6 p.m. and first team listed is home team and will occupy the west dugout:

May 15--Yankees vs. Braves; Mustangs vs. Eagles. May 17--Eagles vs.

Braves; Yankees vs. Mustangs.

May 22--Mustangs vs. Braves; Eagles vs. Yankees.

May 24--Eagles vs. Mustangs; Braves vs. Yankees.

May 29--Braves vs. Eagles; Mustangs vs. Yankees.

May 31--Braves vs. Mustangs; Yankees vs. Eagles.

June 5--Mustangs vs. Eagles; Yankees vs. Braves.

June 7--Yankees vs. Mustangs; Eagles vs. Braves.

June 12--Eagles vs. Yankees; Mustangs vs. Braves.

June 14--Braves vs. Yankees; Eagles vs. Mustangs.

Final rites held for Riney

Funeral services were held Thursday in the United Methodist Church of Merkel for Harry Riney, 87, of Mulberry Canyon.

Mr. Riney died April 28 in the Star Nursing Home after a short illness.

The Rev. J. B. Stewart of Midland and the Rev. Lynn Harrison, retired Methodist minister of Merkel officiated and burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Born August 24, 1888, in Mulberry Canyon, Mr. Riney married Fannie Blair in 1910 in Mulberry Canyon. He had been a resident of the area all of his life and was a retired farmer.

Survivors include his wife, a son, Paul Riney of Lamesa, two daughters, Nelma Alexander of Borger and Mrs. Ray Willie Jo Orsborn of Mulberry Canyon; three brothers, J. J. Riney of Slaton, Roy of Merkel and Claude of Beeville; a sister, Mae Bush of Merkel, seven grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

Final rites held for Nancy Darby

Funeral services were held Wednesday at Starbuck Funeral Home Chapel for Nancy Cybert Darby, 92, of San Angelo who died Monday at Leisure Lodge Nursing Home in San Angelo.

The Rev. Russell McAnally, pastor of the United Methodist Church of Merkel officiated.

Born February 16, 1884, at Hico, she married Samuel L. Darby January 6, 1909 at Anson. He died in 1972. Survivors include a sister, Billie Darby of Houston and several nieces and nephews.

H.E.C.E. Visits Six Flags

The Merkel H. E. C. E. went to the Six Flags Mall and ate and then went shopping. They had sold candy and had a bake sale to raise the money to go. It was a lot of fun and good times.

The people that went were: Pam Hagar, David King, Carla Fariello, Dana James, Martha Sanchez, Rita Watts and also two members of the M. O. C. class went along. They were Shawn Moore and David Kraatz. The sponsors were Mr. and Mrs. Don Grimes.

Merkel golfers Haskell winners

Danny Doan and Allen Fudge of Merkel birdied the final three holes to win the Haskell Country Club partnership tournament Sunday.

The two had a 7-under-par 65 Sunday, carding a 6-under par 36 on the back nine.

They swept past Lewis Conn and Troy Knuckles, who parred the last two holes and wound up with a 68.

Conn and Knuckles had gone into the final 19 holes two

strokes ahead of Doan and Fudge.

Championship Flight
Danny Doan-Allen Fudge, 71-66-136; Lewis Conn-Troy Knuckles, 69-66-137; T. A. Watson-Joel Bevel, 72-67-139; Richardson-Higgins, 69-60-139.

First Flight
Dr. Jack Haynes-Bob Moyer, 79-68-147; Chuck Duckworth-Bill Steele, 77-70-147; Cowan-Hymer, 78-72-150; Owen Helmes-Grady Henderson, 79-72-151.

Second Flight
Pierson-Pierson, 80-75-155; Trussell-Trussell, 83-72-155; John Slaughter-Larry Sprayberry, 80-75-155; Neal Oliver-James Waggoner, 81-74-155; Childers-Clanton, 83-72-155.

Third Flight
Andy Anderson-Fred Boone, 86-75-161; Rudy Latham-Lucy Smith, 84-77-161; Gillespie-Mickler, 85-77-162; Colbert-Frierson, 87-77-164.

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SOCIAL SCIENCES ENTRANTS--Members of the Merkel team who tied for first in the Social Sciences contests last week at Western Texas College are front row, left to right, Kathryn Irvin, Marsha Clyburn, Linda Williams and Suzanne Warner; second row, Gayle Teaff, Mike Magee and Jay Boyd; Back row, Steve Peachey, David Booth and Richard Hill, sponsor.

Merkel ties for first at meet

Merkel High School and Stamford High School tied for first place in team honors at the Western Texas College Social Sciences contests Thursday.

Merkel and Stamford students garnered 225 team points for the first place tie. Ira and Hemeleigh high schools tied for second with 175 points.

More than 100 students from area high schools entered the contests, an annual event at WTC. Schools are divided into classes B, A and AA and AAA and AAAA for the competition.

Merkel students receiving individual honors were Jay Boyd, first place in American History; David Booth, second place in American History, and Marsha Clyburn, third place in Government. Individual winners received medals, while the winning

schools were awarded plaques. Richard Hill accompanied the students as faculty sponsor.

Other Merkel students attending were Kathryn Irvin, Linda Williams, Suzanne Warner, Gayle Teaff, Mike Magee and Steve Peachey.

U.I.C.A. Club has banquet

The V. I. C. A. Club of Merkel High School, held its annual employer-employee banquet recently at the school's cafeteria.

Opening ceremonies were performed by the club officers followed by the introduction of some 60 guests and students.

After the meal which was catered by Allen's of Sweetwater, special guest, Superintendent Mack Fisher spoke on the importance of Vocational Education which was followed by the announcement of the Outstanding Student of the Year. The award was presented to Mary Palmer a '76 senior.

The banquet was ended with the showing of two Laurel and Hardy films.



MRS. MARTIN
nee Stacy Miller

Miller, Martin are wed

Marriage vows were exchanged recently by Stacy Lynn Miller and Dale Clifford Martin II at the Tye Baptist Church with the Rev. Leonard Payne officiating.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert R. Miller are the bride's parents. The bridegroom is the son of Mrs. Nancy Snyder of Reedsville, West Virginia, and the late Mr. Dale Clifford Martin.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. Honor attendants for the couple were Brenda Brown

County 4-H team gains state berth

Merkel's Terry Criner will be among the Taylor County 4-H team competing in state competition in horse judging at Texas A&M in June.

Coleman won the horse judging and livestock judging team honors at the April 22 district meet in Abilene.

On the second place team with Criner are Valerie Thacker of Dyess, Sue Johnson and Chuck DuBose of Abilene.

Thacker also was second high individual and Johnson was third.

Top two teams from each district advance to state competition.

The junior team took first in its division but does not

advance to state competition. On the team are Lessa McKee, Jerry Brooks, Tony Owens and Tim Reeves, all of Abilene.

The horse judging teams are coached by J. B. Criner of Tye and Edwin DuBose of Abilene.

Livestock judging contest was held April 24 at San Angelo with the senior team from Taylor County placing second.

On the team are Tracy Dean of Hamby, Rode Walker of Wylie and Marshall Eaton and Randy Vinson of Tuscola.

Individually Dean was 5th; Eaton 7th, Walker 9th and Vinson 11th.

The junior team of Kevin

Dean, Todd Johnson and Scott Ake placed ninth with Dean 10th high individual.

P.T.O. to meet Tuesday

The Parent Teacher Organization will meet Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

The fourth grade will present the Tonnettes in a musical play.

The P. T. O. will also hold the election of officers.

All parents are encouraged to attend the meeting.

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11. Prizes will be awarded to each contestant

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Tye coed receives high honor

Midwestern State University junior Charlotte Ann Webb of Tye will be named Hardin Scholar, Midwestern's highest honor during Honors Day ceremonies in Hardin Auditorium Thursday.

Miss Webb is majoring in medical technology and has served as president of the med tech club this year. She is a member of Alpha Chi, an honorary college scholastic society, with an accumulative grade point average of 3.95 and has been listed on the Dean's honor roll the past three semesters. She was nominated for the outstanding sophomore in 1975.

She has received a Hardin scholarship and a Rotary Club scholarship and was named recipient of the junior level Wichita County Medical Society scholarship in Honors Day ceremonies last spring. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Walter Webb of Tye.

Hardin Scholars have been designated each year since 1961-62 by the Hardin Foundation for Wichita County. Selection is made on the basis of scholastic achievements and participation in university activities. Recipients receive a stipend of \$1,250, and their names are listed on a permanent plaque which is displayed in Hardin Administration Building.

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