

# The Merkel Mail

GRADUATION EDITION MERKEL, TRENT THURSDAY, MAY 20, 1976

## 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."

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.



**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.

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-



**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 Kag Doll in Abilene.

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"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."



**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 girl's 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.



**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.

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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.

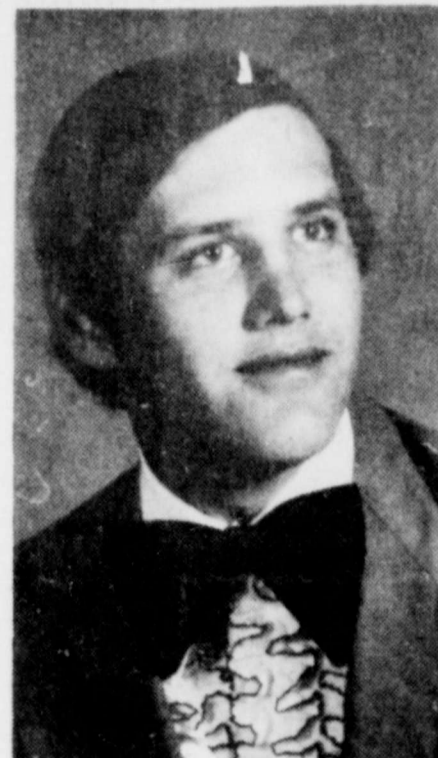
He is presently employed at Wes-Tex Drilling in Abilene and plans to continue to work there.



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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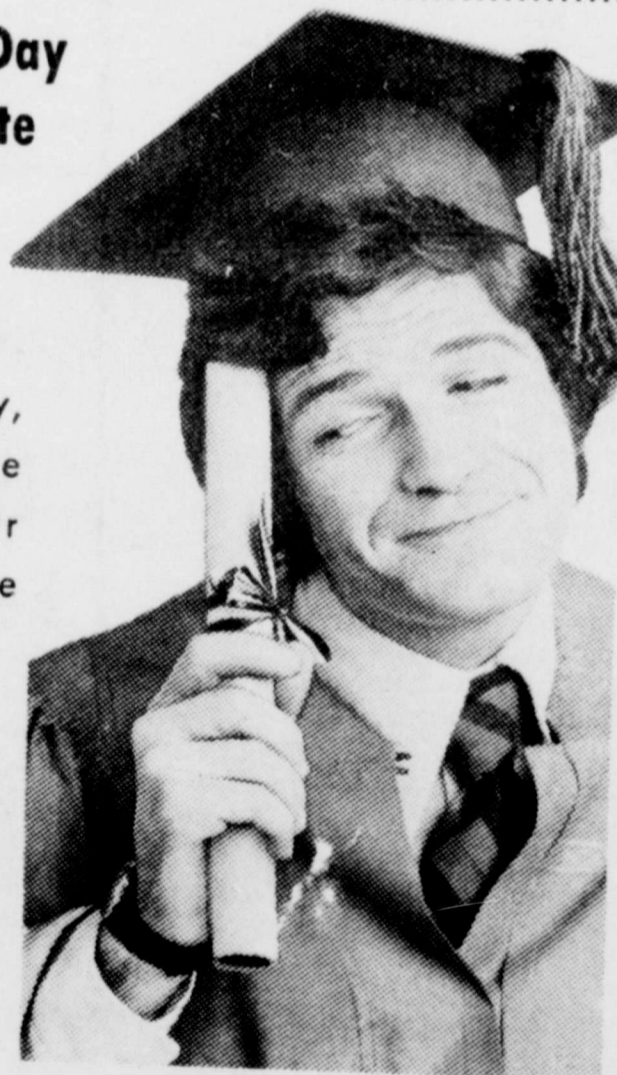


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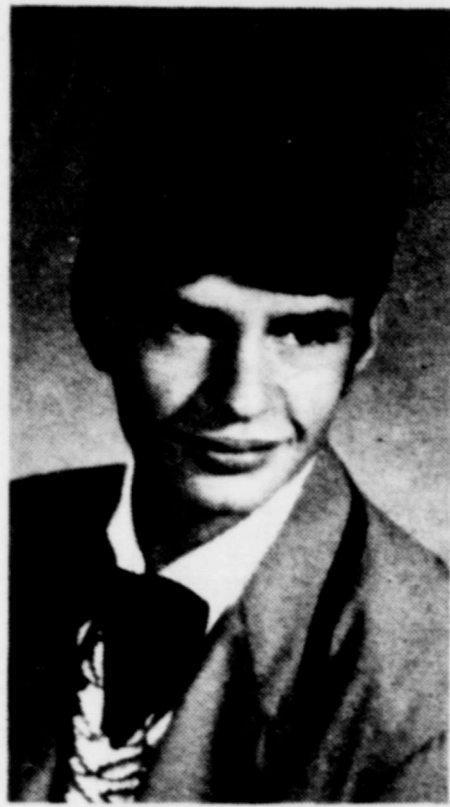


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**ROYCE BRATCHER**

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.

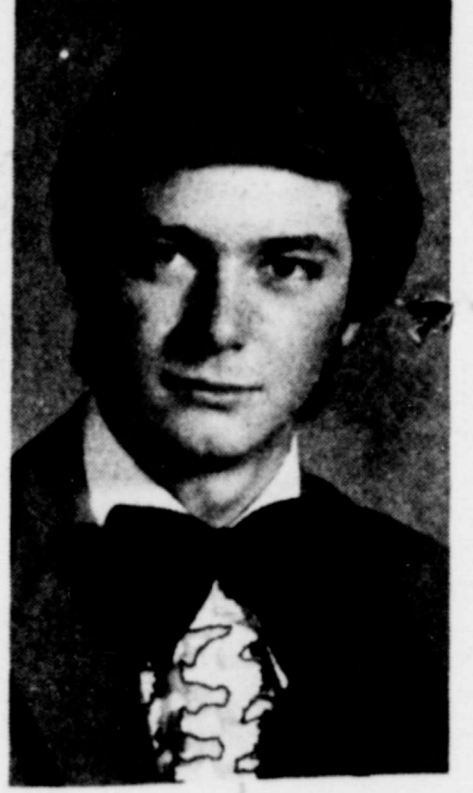


**CHUCK KNIGHT**

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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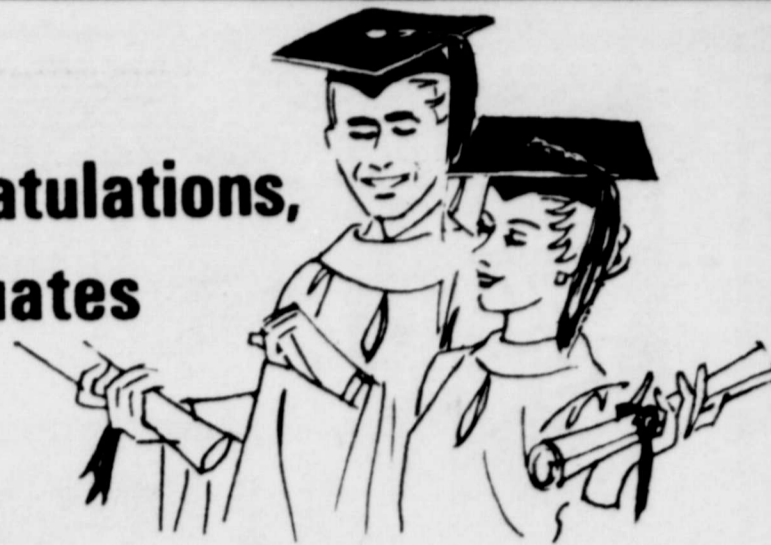
VICKIE FARMER

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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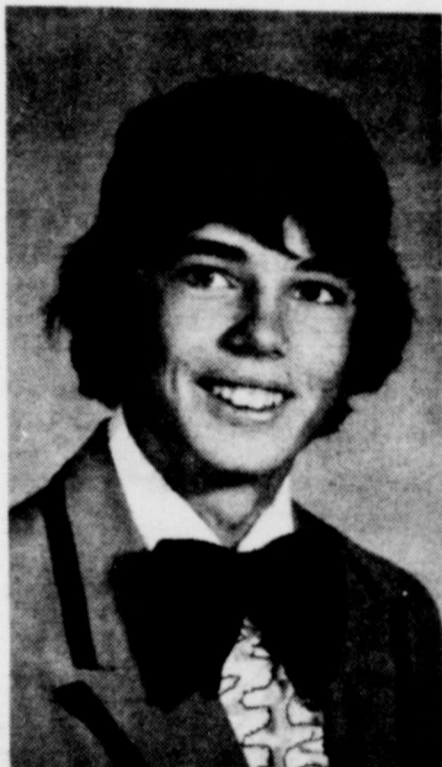
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MARK WILKERSON

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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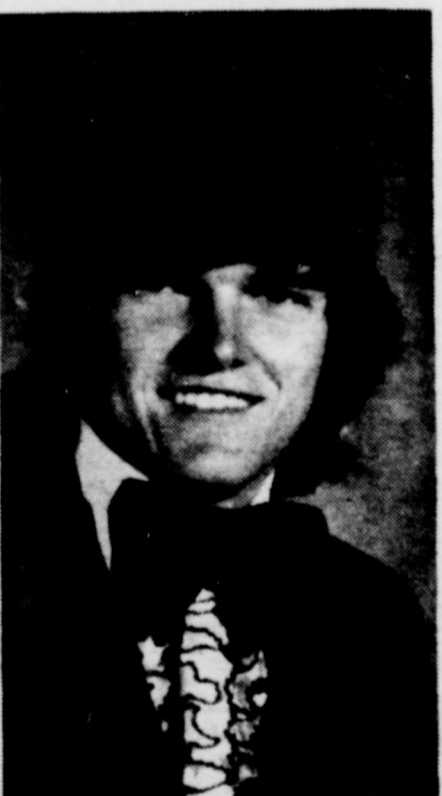
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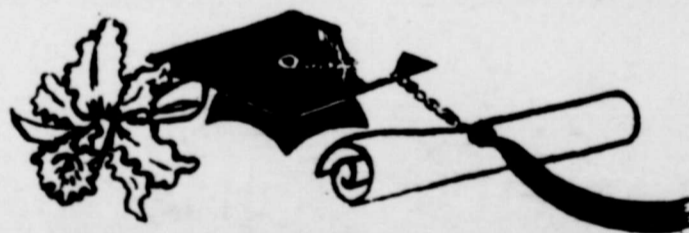
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DAVID KING

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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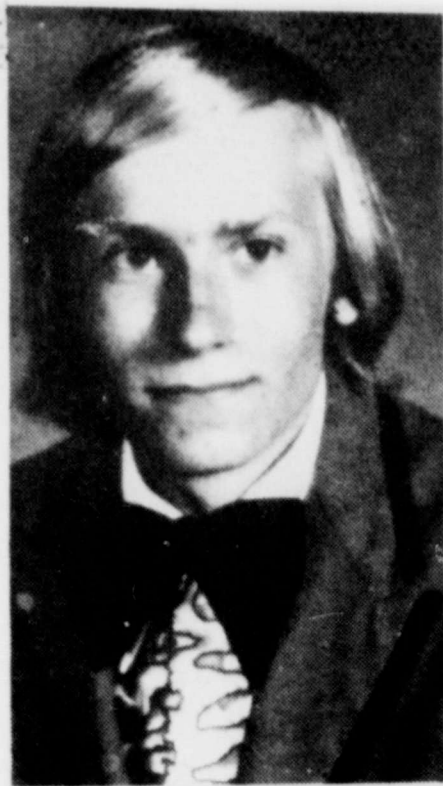


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WESLEY H. JONES

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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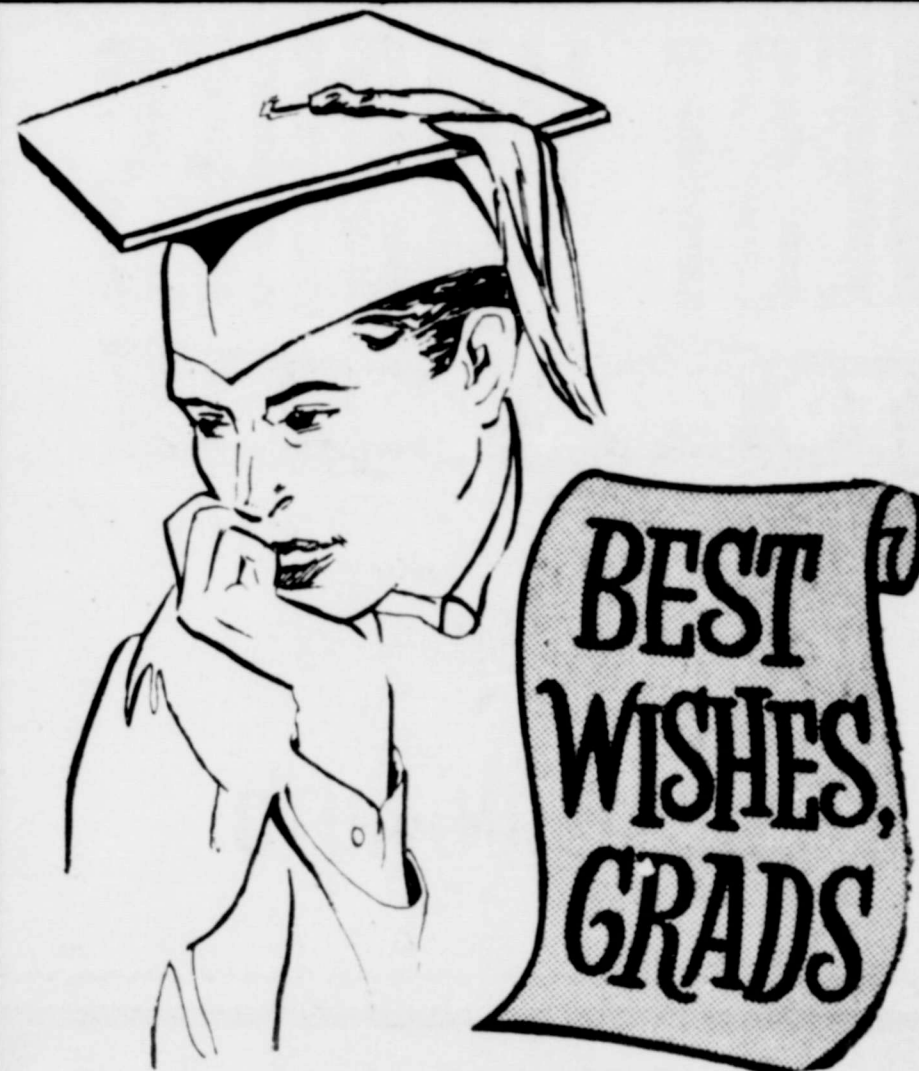


THERESA LAWRENCE

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

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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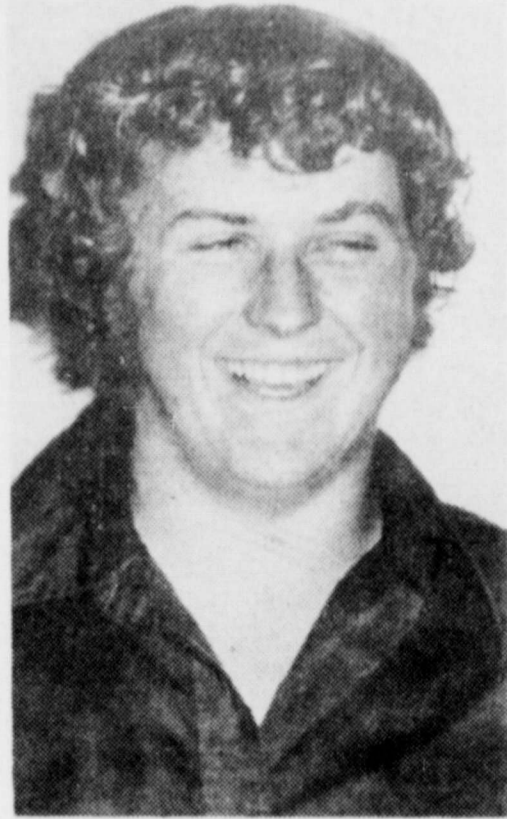
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DAVID T. HACKNEY

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.

## Trent Grads

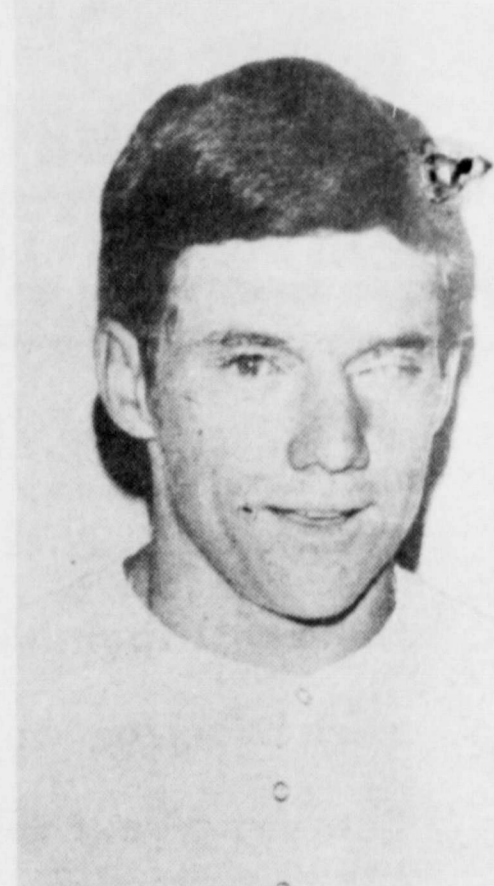


DEBRA ANN WELLS

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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## THE MAIL



By Carl Dingler

To watch Mr. and Mrs. Mack Fisher absorb all the praise heaped upon them during their special day Friday, kept wondering when the two would slip into a phone booth and come out as Mr. and Mrs. Superman. Mr. Fisher is retiring after 27 years as Merkel School Superintendent. That the two gracious people are deserving of such praise and having a special day to honor them was evident by the especially large and varied number of people singing their praises.

Too, when school-aged youngsters (from kindergarten through high school) enthusiastically endorse a person, you can be sure there is just cause for all the stupendous praise.

Still, it was nice to find out that School Superintendent Fisher is human as pointed out every now and then throughout the reception and program Friday night.

For instance, his driving habits came in for a good bit of good-natured kidding by some of those who have ridden with him on past trips. But, it was duly noted that Mr. Fisher's driving improved "somewhat" with the invention of the automatic transmission.

Too, it was hinted a time or two among the hundreds of words of praise that Mr. Fisher does have a slight temper and has been known to use it on occasion, although most admitted they had to search their memories to recall such occasions.

But, it was discovered just how "human" Mr. Fisher really was when it was revealed he couldn't win coin flipping contests for home sites for football playoffs. Chester Collinsworth was the culprit that spilled the fact that Mr. Fisher has failed in something after all when he related a story about a particular meeting of school officials to determine a playoff site.

"He had lost the flip of the coin so many times in the past, we decided to not let him flip anymore," Collinsworth laughingly recalled.

"However, before the official coin flip, Mr. Fisher flipped the coin just for practice. He lost. And, to show their good faith the other side let him flip it nine more times. He never did win."

Collinsworth added, "So, as a coin flipper he's a flop."

And, when Collinsworth presented the Fishers a television set as a gift from the Merkel Independent School district employees he commented: "Now you can watch a few football games and practice a few coin flips." But, this was all in the way to show there was a human side to a man who has presented a dedicated life to helping people—especially young people.

There were many words of praise from the very dedicated converts of "Fisherism": "to a friend," "to a great person," "to one who loved everyone," to a "man who has left us with a balanced school budget," "to 'he was a father to me.'"

There was no end to the praise heaped on this physically small, but exceptionally large individual this May 14. There was even the reference that Webster must have been talking of Mr. Fisher when he put the word "integrity" in the dictionary.

It means the state of being entire, wholeness, probity, honesty, uprightness, truthful and free from pretense.

That one word and its meaning in its various forms and acts was what had been heaped on this modest man and his charming wife all day Friday—and justly so. Perhaps, however, the most important aspect presented by his many loved friends and former teachers is what he has left behind to live on through others.

Billie Evans of Tye Elementary probably expressed it best when she told the huge turnout, "He probably shaped the lives of many thousands of children during his career and this will go on for many years through them."

It was pointed out time and again during the testimonials of how Mr. Fisher never failed to communicate and to take an active interest in the students from the first grade through high school and of how he always had time to stop and talk with them—or to listen.

"He would often get down on his knees and talk to them at eye level," was the perfect example of a man thoroughly enjoying his work with all youngsters as explained by his first grade teacher Jo Barnett. He never became too important in his job to forget the primary reason for his profession.

Yes, a part of Mack Fisher will live on through many generations because he loved his job and cared enough to take the time to get involved.

Come to think of it, Mr. and Mrs. Fisher didn't need to slip off to a phone booth to change into their superman costumes. They wear them daily.



Mr. Mrs. Mack Fisher honored on Mack Fisher Day Friday. (Story, pictures, Page 6-7)

## Whisenhunt sworn in, Cage coach hired

The Merkel School Board voted Dink Whisenhunt to fill the vacancy created by Whisenhunt and hired a new basketball coach at its four and a half hour meeting Tuesday night.

Whisenhunt was sworn into a 1-year term after Superintendent Mack Fisher read a letter from Attorney General Mark White stating that Whisenhunt would be eligible to serve if he is a legal voter.

He became a legal voter April 26. Board member Don Hart made the motion to name Whisenhunt to fill the vacancy and the motion passed.

Whisenhunt won the original place in the April 3 election but was declared ineligible to serve when it was found he had not registered to vote 30 days prior to the April 3 election—a requirement to be a legal voter.

Tony Mauldin was hired as a high school teacher and basketball coach. He comes to Merkel from Boerne.

Also hired were Ida Mae Seymour, Jean Ford and Linda Alexander for the elementary school, Mariann Raakin for math in either the junior high or high school and Greg Henderson as a junior high teacher and coach.

The Board also accepted the resignation of Hazel Goodgion of the Tye cafeteria, George Martin, junior high coach, Judy Coco, second grade teacher at Tye and Sharon Alves, kindergarten teacher at Merkel.

The School Board had 22 items on the agenda for its regular monthly meeting and has decided to have a called meeting for June 7.

With the reading of the previous month's meeting, the

## Hensley invited on AF tour

Don Hensley is one of 43 Abilene area civic leaders invited on a tour to Altus Air Force Base, Oklahoma, and Scott Air Force Base, Illinois, Monday and Tuesday.

Hensley, president of the Farmer's and Merchants Bank and the Chamber of Commerce, will be representing both groups during the meetings.

Purpose of the meeting is to allow the civic leaders to take

a look at the many varied and global missions of the Military Airlift Command. The Air Force will present the airlift role in support of national defense.

Hensley was invited on the trip by Col. Sam Barrett, commander of Dyess Air Force Base in Abilene. The group will leave Dyess at 10:30 a.m. Monday going first to Altus AFB and then on to Scott AFB which is near St. Louis.

Principal Travis Davis said the raises were due to extra assignments the two have under taken.

At this meeting the Board also voted to limit the Board

meeting to the School Board and Superintendent. However, this was clarified to mean that other school personnel were not required to attend and that the School Board meeting is open to anyone.

And, at that April meeting they voted to leave the review of the Title I and IV plans to the discretion of the Superintendent.

After Whisenhunt was sworn in the Board heard a report from Leon Harris on and approved the cooperative agreement for the Taylor-Calahan special education program. Also, the cooperative teachers were rehired.

Then, they launched into a detailed discussion on the current vouchers and financial reports.

President Charles Jacobs was seeking a detailed accounting of how much actual funds the Board will have available to do special jobs of repair and building in the near future. However, a comprehensive breakdown on the particular fund Jacobs requested was not available at Monday's meeting.

The report shows the District has \$167,346.09 on deposit in the bank and \$205,883.30 in certificates of deposit.

The bank balance includes \$146,086.53 for general operating, \$3,594.45 for transportation, \$1,691.91 for consolidated application and \$15,973.20 for interest and sinking fund.

The District spent \$101,732.20 last month. It was pointed out that most of the school's income for the current year has been received and the bank balance will decline until the new year starts in October.

Superintendent Fisher did attempt to give a picture of the financial outlook and the possible balance at the end of the year but since no per-capita figures were available on exact expenses and income, the Board is asking for more information for the next meeting.

Current bills paid for April included \$11,947.65 with the largest amounts being to Texaco; \$1,113.32 to Pender Company; and \$1,095.40 to Athletic Supply Inc.

The Board also heard the membership reports, approved lunchroom application papers to continue the commodities program, named Davis to replace Fisher as custodian of the books, tabled the issue on athletic insurance after recognizing that the school will probably have to add insurance for girls and other sports besides football; approved a bus seminar in Austin for Leon Harris; tabled any action on the bus barn yard; voted to hire three boys at minimum wage to help with the painting this summer; agreed to buy a check writer for \$375; and signed diplomas for 46 students.

Davis explained that the \$1,200 for paint as approved at the April meeting was for interior only and not for exterior and interior as he had stated.

The Board agreed to the change and it was discussed as to the additional cost for painting the exterior trim and doors.

Davis did not have the exact figures but agreed to furnish the figures at the next meeting. It was estimated that at least \$600 more would be needed for this project.

An increase in the out-of-district tuition cost was discussed but no action was taken. Presently the four students are charged \$170 which the two of the other district schools pay, Fisher said.

The issue came up when it was revealed that a Trent student is requesting to transfer to Merkel. The Board determined that there are presently enough regulations to handle the situation and left the issue of the transfer up to the Superintendent. As to an increase in the fee, the Board discussed raising the fee to \$300, but took no action.

The Board also approved keeping the tax formula for

taxing personal property on cars at 60 per cent of the Blue Book value and increasing the fee for driver training this summer to \$22.50. There will be 60 students taking the driver training course during the fourth semester this summer.

Max Murrell and Nolan Palmer have each provided a driver training automobile.

The Board also took up the matter of buildings. Davis told the Board that there is no room for a reading teacher in the primary building. He said that if the fifth grade is moved back the junior high would be in fair shape room-wise. He said more space will be needed next year in the high school when "We get this large class."

He said one class may be held on the stage and at the present time two classes are held in the cottage across the street from the high school.

"We need some room," Davis said.

He also told the Board that in two years when kindergarten becomes mandatory there will be a definite shortage of classroom in Merkel.

Tye also has growing pains. Next year there will be two first grades if enrollment holds and Davis said the bus barn would either have to be renovated into classrooms or the sixth grade moved to Merkel.

Too, he pointed out that should the kindergarten at Tye be too large then there won't be any choice but to renovate the bus barn.

The Board discussed metal buildings and costs of construction of both temporary and permanent structures.

The School Board requested Davis secure some sizes of buildings and costs. Davis also suggested getting an architect to take a look at the facilities and "tell us what the possibilities are."

## Awards Assembly Friday

Merkel High School has scheduled its Awards Assembly Friday morning at 8:40 in the High School Auditorium. Beard growing contest winners and Bicentennial dress contest winners will be named.

Also, special awards and other presentations will be made during the assembly.

## Mystery Store contest offers top prizes

Merkel merchants are embarking on an ambitious 10-week program to benefit its many loyal customers.

The merchants are holding a Mystery Store of The Week campaign with one of the 10 participating merchants offering a free merchandise prize.

The contest will be conducted through The Merkel Mail. In addition to the special prize each week, the other nine merchants will be offering top values, discounts and other prizes.

And, at the end of the 10-week contest, 10 of those entering will receive an additional \$10 gift certificate through a special drawing.

Rules of the contest are easy: Each week a Mystery Store of The Week will be named in The Merkel Mail advertisement of the participating stores and the prize will be listed. The store's name will be printed at least 10 times in different places in that issue of The Merkel Mail. To enter a contestant has to find the 10 names and circle them and turn the paper with your name, address and telephone number into the Mystery Store of The Week to register for the free gift.

Or, a contestant may enter by neatly printing your name, address and telephone number on an 8 1/2 x 11 plain piece of paper and print the name of that week's mystery store 10 times, using all capital letters. No purchase is necessary and you do not have to be present to win. Registration deadline is on or before 5 p.m. each Saturday for that week's drawing. Drawing will take place at 10 a.m. each Monday. Everyone is eligible for the drawing excluding employees of the participating stores and the staff of The Merkel Mail.

At the end of the 10 weeks, a special drawing will be held from all those who have entered and The Merkel Mail will award 10 prizes of \$10 gift certificates.

Participating merchants are Emma's Clothes Closet, L & W Snack Bar, Castille's Hardware, Western Auto, Wilson's Grocery, Bragg's Department Store, Starbuck Furniture Store, Ann's Flowers, Crawford's and Adcock's Circle A Western Wear.

First Mystery Store is Western Auto and the prize is a portable 3-speed Wizard hand mixer.

So, to win, find the word Western Auto printed at least 10 times throughout The Merkel Mail and circle each of the 10. The words may be in a news story, in the classified section, or anywhere in the paper.

Circle them or print the word Western Auto on an 8 1/2 by 11 inch piece of plain paper and turn it in at the Western Auto store before 5 p.m. Saturday to be eligible for the portable hand mixer.

And, check the mystery store advertisement for other great bargains offered each week by these progressive Merkel merchants who are continuing to offer top values to those who shop at home and help the city to continue to grow and prosper.

## Raymer, Brown announce engagement

Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Raymer of Coleman are announcing the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Anita Irene, to Michael Joseph Brown of Abilene.

The wedding ceremony will take place in the Trinity United Methodist Church in Coleman at 2 p.m. Sunday, July 4. All friends and relatives are invited to attend.

Miss Raymer, graduate of Coleman High School and Tarleton State University is 7 science teacher at Merkel Junior High. She is a member of Alpha Nu Nu Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi in Merkel. Her fiancé, son of Earl J. Brown of Eldora, Iowa and Ms. Jeannette B. Brown of Brooklyn, New York, is a graduate of Fort Hamilton



ANITA IRENE RAYMER

High School, Brooklyn, New York and Faith for Today Bible College. Now employed in Abilene, he will complete his training in the Christian Field of Correspondence.

## Shower honors Crouse

A bridal shower, in honor of Paula Crouse, was held Friday evening in the home of Mrs. Joe Swinney, 1524 Heath Street, Merkel. Hostesses were: Mrs. Kevée Ramsey and Mrs. Joe Swin-

ney. Guest were: Mrs. Leroy Austerman, Miss Dana Austerman, Mrs. Cliff Collins, Mrs. Lloyd Merritt, Mrs. Vayle Michum, Mrs. Malony, Mrs. Jim Rendro, Mrs. John Scalby and Miss Rita Watts. Special guests were: honoree's mother Mrs. Paul Crouse, honoree's sister, Miss Cathy Crouse, and Mrs. Genevieve King, mother of the prospective bridegroom.

## Stith HD news

The Stith home Demonstration Club met on May 12 at the community center. Daisy Mashburn brought our recreation. Our program was on Pioneer Mothers. After our business was discussed our new member was welcomed.

We had 4 members from Merkel 4-H Club, Taylor County District 7 come and give us a demonstration and a reading.

Cindy Boone and Tonja Moore gave a demonstration on Lets Speak Out on Food and Nutrition. Kathy Holloway gave her program on Home Environment. Johnny Townsend gave a talk on Happy Birthday, 200 Years.

There were 18 present. Six members, 1 new member and 11 visitors. Hostess was Mrs. Margaret Dickerson. Next meeting will be May 26. We invite all interested ladies to come.

## Hamlin art show

The Hamlin Art Club is sponsoring an Art Show and Sale Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m. in the Hamlin High School Cafeteria. The public is invited to attend. There will be no admission charged.

Club members include artists from Aspermont, Rottan, and other area towns. Displayed will be paintings in oils, watercolors and acrylics. A number of the paintings will be priced to sell.

An original painting will be given as a door prize at the end of the show. The winner will be notified.

Also included at the Art Show and Sale will be arts, crafts and baked goods in a sale booth. Refreshments will be served.



FLY UP-During the Fly Up ceremony Billie Walters welcomed the brownies to juniors and Melba Glasscock welcomed the juniors to cadettes. Those flying up are pictured, back row (left to right); Brownies-Marsha Tutt, Dena Watts, Mum Prasarn, Sandra McNealley, Cindy Williams, Missy Jones, Melissa Davis, Cvenecia Vasquez. Front row-Juniors-Leta Walters, Kathleen Taylor, Judy Glasscock and Sirtton Prasarn. Not pictured is Debbie Williams who also goes to Cadettes this year. All Junior troop will spend the night of May 28 at Camp Booth Oaks in Sweetwater.

## 13 named for high honor

One of the nation's foremost high school honor societies has announced its list of 1975-76 members from Merkel High School Principal Travis Davis reports. The Society of Distinguished American High School Students has tapped the following new members:

- Christy Boone
- Mike Magee
- Netta Stephan
- Kristi Nease
- Karolyn Davis
- Kathryn Murrell
- Rhonda White
- Gayle Teaff
- David Booth
- Cindy Elliott
- Jerre Kay Law
- Retha Mattingley
- Suzanne Warner

These honor students were nominated because of their excellence in academic and civic activities.

## Hughes visitors

Visiting the Earl Hughes' home recently:

Daughter, Mrs. Richard T. Spatz and son Darren, Wiloughby, Ohio; sister to Mrs. Hughes, Mrs. R. C. Lewis, her son Rush and wife Maudie of Abilene. Also visiting was a brother to Mrs. Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Baker, their son Dewayne Baker and his daughter Melana of Arlington, Texas.

Sisters to Earl Sr., Mrs. Gib Elliott (Laverne); Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Bird (Mary) of Arlington; Mrs. Milton Barrick (Comoro) and son Rex recently returned from the air force, in Spain, now in Arlington; nephew Bill Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Powell Miller (Neil), of Delores, Colorado and friends, Mr. and Mrs. Lucas Evtit, in-laws to Mrs. Gary Evtit (Virginia Hughes) Ida Lou, Texas.

## Higgins have great-grand daughter

Mr. and Mrs. Del Higgins of Abilene are the parents of a daughter, Heather Leanne, born May 8 at Hendrick's Memorial Hospital in Abilene.

Heather weighed 8 pounds, 3 ounces.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Higgins and maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Mithis of Winters.

She has three great-grandparents, Jesse E. Higgins of Merkel, Mrs. U. G. Dowdell of Metairie, Louisiana, and Mrs. R. H. Hord of Winters.

## William Butman rites held

Funeral services for William Butman were held Tuesday in First Methodist Church of Merkel.

Mr. Butman, 52, died Saturday of an apparent heart attack.

The Rev. Elra Phillips of

Hart officiated, assisted by the Rev. Lenward Harrison. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery in Merkel.

pallbearers were Bill Delaney, Ray Bannon, Eugene Pierce, N. P. Franklin, Ramon deAndra and T. H. Antilley.

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## Zenobia Spann rites held

Funeral services were held Saturday for Zenobia Lucas Spann, 67, of Albany. She died Friday in the Bluebonnet Lodge in Albany after a lengthy illness.

Services were held at Merkel Church of Christ. Dr. Rex Kyker, professor at Abilene Christian University officiated, assisted by Larry Gill, associate minister of Merkel Church of Christ.

Burial was in Comper Cemetery, directed by Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born February 22, 1909, in Comanche, she moved to Merkel at an early age. She lived in Merkel most of her life, moving to Bluebonnet Lodge in Albany in 1970. She was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include two daughters, Jeanette Pursley of Merkel and Ella Faye Warren of Richardson; a brother,

Virel Marshall of Boulder Creek, California; three sisters, Tressie Lucas of Merkel, Virgie Davis of Abilene and Violet Smith of Albany; her mother, Rilla Marshall of Merkel; six grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Fallbearers were Wayne Deen, Dave Porter, Vernon Horton, Clyde Lucas, Billy Lucas and Harold Sloan.

## Merkel gets \$1,090.52 in tax

Merkel has received \$1,090.52 as its share of the City sales and use tax for the period ending April 30.

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## Letter to the Editor

Get involved

Dear Editor, I am writing in response to Mrs. Glasscock's letter in last week's paper. She asked what we, as taxpayers, had to do to get action (rather than promises) from our city government. Her letter expresses the feelings of many people in Merkel and the problems she cites are very real.

As a candidate for City Alderman in the local election last month, I ran ads in the paper for 3 weeks urging citizens to get involved in the city government, attend council meetings and vote on election day. The results? Not one person (other than the 3 or 4 who regularly attend) came to the council meetings. Out of all the registered voters in Merkel only a little over 250 voted in the city election.

The problems and inadequacies that exist in Merkel can't be changed overnight. We can gripe and complain all we want, but nothing will change until the citizens care enough to get involved.

I don't know what it takes to make people realize that nothing happens in their city's government, that they can't do something about it. City ordinances, budgets and minutes of the council meetings are open to the public to read and study. These can

be very enlightening, as I found after several days of reading them.

Personally, I'm a little tired of people grumbling and not caring enough to even come to a council meeting to see how the city is run.

I don't know if Mrs. Glasscock voted or not. I truly hope she did because concern and involvement are what it takes. Each taxpayer is a stockholder in the city and has a say-so in what is done.

In the two elections since I've been in Merkel, there have been a handful who have actively sought for change and improvement, but 4 or 5 people can't do the job. When the people who are dissatisfied care enough to back the people who are willing to work towards change, and get concerned enough to get involved themselves, then and only then, will there be any change.

In a town this size there ought to be 25-30 people, at the least, at each council meeting. But as long as people keep saying, "I don't have the time," and keep thinking someone else will go, things will stay the same. The citizens have a right to be heard and an obligation to speak.

Attendance at city council meetings is the first step. I am anxious to see how many people show up for the meeting on May 24th to hear how the revenue sharing funds are to be spent. If 10 people turn out I'll be both surprised and elated. I do hope the ones that complain will either get involved or quit griping. If you don't care enough to do anything, you don't have any right to gripe.

There may be a lot of people mad at me after they read this. But if that's what it takes to get people active, I hope it makes them all mad. Mad enough to get involved and working for a better city and a better future.

I like living in Merkel better than any place I've been, but it's disheartening and sickening to see the people take what they do and not care enough to work for change.

Mrs. Dalien Roysden Route 3, Box 65 Merkel, Texas

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To all interested agencies, groups and persons

On or about July 1, 1976 the above-named city will request the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to release Federal Funds under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (PL93-383) for the following project:

City of Merkel Water System Improvement Project

Purpose of said project is the improvement of the water supply system for the City of Merkel, Taylor County, Texas. Estimated cost to be \$30,400.00.

An Environmental Review Record respecting the within project has been made by the above-named City which documents the environmental review of the project. This Environmental Review Record is on file at the above address and is available for public examination and copying, upon request. The City of Merkel will undertake the project described above with Block Grant Funds from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), under Title 1 of the Housing and Community De-

velopment Act of 1974. The City of Merkel is certifying to HUD that the City of Merkel and Mayor Lou David Allen, in his official capacity as Mayor, consent to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, decisionmaking, and action; that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that upon its approval, the City of Merkel may use the Block Grant Funds, and HUD will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. HUD will accept an objection to its approval of the release of funds and acceptance of the certification only if it is on one of the following bases: (A) that the certification was not in fact executed by the chief executive officer or other officer of applicant approved by HUD; or (B) that applicants environmental review record for the project indicates omission of a required decision, finding, or step applicable to the project in the environmental review process. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedure (24 CFR Part 58), and may be addressed to HUD at Department of Housing and Urban Development, 2001 Bryan Tower, 4th floor, Dallas, Texas 75201. Objections to the release of funds on bases other than those

stated above will not be considered by HUD, no objection received after June 15, 1976 will be considered by HUD.

MAYOR LOU DAVID ALLEN, CITY OF MERKEL, 107 LAMAR, MERKEL, TEXAS 79536  
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IN THE COUNTY COURT OF TAYLOR COUNTY TEXAS

ESTATE OF VELMA MARTIN, NO. 12,477 DECEASED

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF VELMA MARTIN, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the ESTATE OF VELMA MARTIN, were issued on May 13, 1976, in Cause No. 12,477, pending in the County Court of Taylor County, Texas, to:

ALBERT S. MARTIN, The residence of such Executor is Lubbock County, Texas. The post office address is:

C/O Randall C. Jackson Suite 210, Bank of Commerce Building

Abilene, Texas 79605 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 13 day of May, 1976.

ALBERT S. MARTIN, by: Randall C. Jackson, Attorney for the Estate  
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## NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE

Annual reporter of the Dodge-Jones Foundation is available at its principal office for inspection during regular business hours by any citizen who requests it within 180 days after the date of publication. The address of the foundation is First National-Ely Building, Abilene, Texas. The principal manager of the foundation is Melvin W. Holt.  
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## Goodman HD Club news

Goodman Home Demonstration Club met Friday May 14, at 3 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Karl Bonneaux. The yearbook check sheets were filled out. Choices for the next years program were chosen. Members voted to have each club give a skit at Rally Day, June 1 at Lueders. Also would like for Haskell County to join us. A quilt is to be put up at Mrs. Garland Price's next week. All day quilting on Thursday if possible. The program prepared by Mrs. David Carter on "Mother's Day" included the story of The Meanest Mother in the World and a recording of Jimmy Dean's song "I O U Mom." Next meeting will be May 28 at home of Mrs. Garland Price. The program will be Problems of Child Abuse in Texas. All homemakers regardless of race, color, national origin or economic circumstances are invited to attend. Those present were Mmes. Karl Bonneaux, Frank Carter, Dennis Butler, Dan Butler, Carl Carey, Cal McAninch, Garland Price with guest Mrs. Bewie Fleming. Goodman home Demonstration Club met April 23 at the home of Mrs. Carl

Carey, Merkel. Club voted to join Stith and Compere clubs to sponsor Special Fun night for older residents May 10 at Noodle Community Center. Program on Remodeling Used or Outdated Furniture was presented by Mrs. Garland Price. Remodel used and outdated furniture to serve as useful and attractive furnishings by selecting suitable piece of furniture-making style and construction changes. To preserve a family heirloom, save money, or mix styles- renovate, including remodeling. Amie showed samples of hardware, (available locally) different moldings and legs;

Dennis Butler, Frank Carter, Carl Carey, Jennings Winter, Allen Agnew and Garland Price. Meeting time will be 3 p. m. during summer.

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QUEEN CONTESTANTS--Competing for the Queen contest of the Merkel Riding Club Saturday were from the left Shelli Stout, Sherrie Frazier, Cindy Boone, Penny Hatfield and Vicki Campbell. Miss Frazier was named queen and Miss Stout the runnerup. Miss Hatfield was named Miss Congeniality and Miss Campbell received a trophy for her help in the horse show.

## Frazier Riding Club queen

Queen contest held Saturday at riding arena. Sherri Frazier queen, Shelli Stout runner up. Sherri Williams princess and Dee Dee Masonheimer runner up. Miss Congeniality - Senior Division - Penny Hatfield; Junior Division - Leslie Masonheimer. Vicki Campbell was presented a trophy for her help in the horse show. Play night results.

Western Pleasure (12 and under)-1. Leslie Masonheimer, 2. Sherri Williams, 3. Dee Dee Masonheimer, 4. Candice Henslee and 5. Eddy Sparks.

(13-18)-1. Sherri Frazier, 2. Norma Frazier, 3. Cindy Boone, 4. Vicki Campbell and 5. Jessie Sparks.

(18 and over)-1. Walter Whisenant, 2. Jan Beck, 3. Johnny Gray, 4. Barbara Whisenant and 5. L. J. Gray.

Barrels (12 and under)-1. Leslie Masonheimer, 2. Sherri Williams, 3. Dee Dee Masonheimer, 4. Candice Henslee and 5. Eddy Sparks.

(13-18)-1. Norma Frazier, 2. Jessie Sparks, 3. Shelli Stout, 4. Vicki Campbell and 5. Kay Butman.

(18 and over)-1. Barbara Whisenant, 2. Carol McLernon, 3. LaVenna Vaughn, 4. Jan Beck and 5. Walter Whisenant.

Flags (12 and under)-1. Dee Dee Masonheimer, 2. Rodney Carrol, 3. Sherri Williams, 4. Eddy Sparks and 5. Candice Henslee.

(13-18)-1. Norma Frazier, 2. Christy Boone, 3. Kay Butman, 4. Jessie Sparks and 5. Shelli Stout.

(18 and over)-1. Carol McLernon, 2. LaVenna Vaughn, 3. Patricia Boyd and 4. Jarrett Pinkley.

Poles (12 and under)-1. Leslie Masonheimer, 2. Rodney Carrol, 3. Sherri Williams, 4. Eddy Sparks and 5. Candice Henslee.

(13-18)-1. Christy Boone, 2. Sherri Frazier, 3. Norma Frazier, 4. Cindy Boone and 5. Jessie Sparks.

(18 and over)-1. Carol McLernon, 2. Patricia Boyd, 3. Walter Whisenant and 5. Barbara Whisenant.



PRINCESS CANDIDATES--Nominees for the princess contest of the Riding Club Saturday were Candice Henslee and Dee Dee Masonheimer standing in front and Leslie Masonheimer, Sherry Williams and Leslie Dokey. Miss Williams was named princess and Dee Dee the runnerup. Leslie was named Miss Congeniality.

Boat Race (5 and under) 1. Jennie Boyd and 2. Tracy Boyd.  
Tie Down-no catch  
Ribbon Roping-Elby Frazier and Robbie Williams.  
Steer Roping-no catch.

### VICA club trip

Members of the VICA club and MCC classes at Merkel High School will take a two-day trip to Sandy Beach at Lake Brownwood Friday and Saturday.

They will get in some skiing and fishing, according to Phillip Pursley, head of the program.

He said there will be 18 making the two-day trip.

### Class of 1926

Merkel High School graduates of the Class of 1926 are invited to attend a dutch treat luncheon at the Merkel Restaurant at noon Friday in observance of their 50th anniversary.

## Cisco JC sets classes

College classes in English, Government and History 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. Registrar Olin Odom has announced.

Odom said that registration for the Merkel extension classes would be held on Wednesday, May 26, from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. The

## Trent group plans ballpark

A meeting of the Trent Recreational Improvement Project was held last Thursday evening in the school library to discuss plans for a new ballpark to be built at the northwest end of the school grounds.

Officers were elected. They are: President Brenda Jackson, Vice-President Bob Campbell, Secretary Brenda Kraatz, Treasurer Betty Freeman and Project chairman Ken Kraatz and Bob Campbell.

A rummage sale will be held May 28 and 29 at the Yates Sipe residence with proceeds to go toward the ballpark.

Anyone wishing to make a donation to the ballpark may send them to the Home State Bank in care of Betty Freeman.

### House fire

The Merkel Volunteer Fire Department was called out for a house fire Friday at 8:20 p.m.

The fire was at the home of J. R. Mashburn where a closet was on fire. The fire was contained.

Driving tip: Never pass a car if the road surface is bumpy. It can throw your car out of control.

## Seven take fire training

Seven members of the Merkel Volunteer Fire Department took advantage of a 2-day training program at San Angelo last week.

The seven are Joe Swinney, Donny Cloyd, Donald Martin and Jack Martin who went May 18 and Kay King, Joe Benevedes, Bart Whisenant, Cloyd, Donald Martin and Jack Martin who went for the

May 19 session. The 2-day training school is conducted annually by the San Angelo Fire Department to assist smaller fire departments with fire fighting training.

The more than 200 volunteers on hand for the school were given practical experience in how to fight petroleum fires.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE  
TRENT SCHOOL-BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

The Tax Board of Equalization of Trent Independent School District will hold a public hearing beginning at 9:00 a.m. June 4, 1976, at the Trent School Tax Office. The purpose of the hearing will be for equalization of all oil, gas, utilities, and industries situated within the taxing jurisdiction of the Trent Independent School District.

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All persons owning land, buildings, or personal property within the district may appear before the Board. Signed: Don Orr Tax Assessor-Collector Sworn and signed before me this 17 day of May, 1976. Syra Patterson

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Then clap until the strength in my arms slowly fails  
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What am I? You guessed it, a Little League Mother.  
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Fisher calls the events of the day truly wonderful



Retired teacher Ellen McReynolds supports Mrs. Fisher's roll



Part of the reception line paying tribute to the Fishers

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Hundreds of students, teachers and friends turned out Friday to honor Merkel School Superintendent Mack Fisher for his 27 years of dedicated service to the school system and the community.

It was officially proclaimed Mack Fisher Day in the School System and in Merkel during morning ceremonies at the High School auditorium.

The day was filled with ceremonies at all of the individual schools in the system as tribute was paid to Mr. and Mrs. Fisher.

Fisher will retire June 30 and the Mack Fisher Day ceremonies were part of a special thank you for his 27 years of dedicated service.

The Fishers were escorted on their tour throughout the day and ended with a special reception and program at the High School Cafeteria Friday night.

During the day the students found various ways to pay tribute and show their respect and admiration and the other organizations presented the Fishers with gifts and plaques—mementos to help refresh his memories in the future and to let him know in a personal way how much they respect and admire he and Mrs. Fisher.

The initial ceremony in the High School auditorium brought together all the students in the district and presented an overflowing, impressive, enthusiastic audience.

The Fishers were ushered in to a standing ovation to their seat of honor on center stage.

Charles Jacobs, president of the School Board then read proclamation proclaiming May 14 Mack Fisher Day in the Merkel Independent School District.

He was followed by Merkel Mayor Lou David Allen who also read a proclamation recognizing Mack Fisher for his dedication to the community and proclaimed May 14 "now and forever more" as Mack Fisher Day.

Then a representative from each class, kindergarten through 12th grade paid tribute by spelling out Mack Fisher and each grad telling what each letter represented.

Students from each building also bought a plaque and designed their own original card to present to the couple and a special Mack Fisher poem was read.

Fisher then told the captive audience "This is something that doesn't happen to even one person in a lifetime. I can't say what's in my heart. I just want to say thank's a million to each of you."

Principal Travis Davis, who will become superintendent July 1, thanked all the people who had been working on the project for at least a couple of months. "A number of people put in a lot of time to make this a great day for Merkel."

He told Fisher, "Everyone considered you a leader. You have been. Everyone wants to pay tribute to you," he said.

The Fishers were then escorted to their waiting automobile, decorated and chauffeured by the students, to begin the day's special tour.

At 10:15 they were at the Junior High, at 10:35 they moved on to Merkel Elementary and at 11 a.m. the Cafeteria staff got in its tribute with his favorite meal of fried chicken and gravy.

At 12:40 he was back in the High School Auditorium and at 1:15 p.m. he was at Tye Elementary. The day's activity ended at 2:45 p.m. when he was at the High School Academic Building.

The final tribute at 7 p.m. began with a reception in the Cafeteria, decorated in Bicentennial colors by the students.

The Fishers were still greeting well wishers who came to honor them at 7:50 when they again took their official position at the special seat of honor.

People continued to arrive until the end of the regular ceremony an hour later and remained for the reception. Davis was master of ceremonies for the program.

John Cain, principal of Merkel Junior High gave the welcome and Cecil Todd, principal of Tye Elementary introduced a representative from each class since 1949 when Fisher first came to Merkel.

Then past School Board presidents presented short talks praising Fisher for his dedication and willing service to the community and school.

Don Hart, vice-president of the Merkel School Board then presented the Fishers a gift on behalf of the School Board. It was Fisher's old desk and ancient typewriter and adding machine.

Edwin Read, past principal

of Merkel High then came forward with his memories of 23 of those 27 years with Fisher. He mainly recalled, in a humorous vein, some of the trips they had taken together and the driving habits of Fisher, which brought high laughter from the large audience.

Then Leon Walker, past principle of Merkel Junior High said of Fisher, "He's a friend you can go to, share, and receive."

Don Hensley, representing the Merkel Lion's Club presented Fisher with a plaque, which is presented each year to an outstanding educator.

Then the retired teachers who have worked with him took center stage. Jo Barnett said she thinks of Fisher as "not as a boss but as a friend and advisor with whom you could be at ease."

She, as did the other teachers, told of Fisher impressing the younger students with his interest.

"Supposedly he was delivering lunch tickets each morning when he came to my classroom in the first grade," she said.

However, she pointed out that he refused to delegate this authority and took the opportunity to personally get acquainted with the boys and girls.

"He would get down on his knees and talk to them eye to eye. How important that was to them for him to take time to give to those children," she pointed out. "He gave us (the boys and girls) his time."

Ellen McReynolds praised Mrs. Fisher, saying "Behind every good man, there's a good woman somewhere."

Lucy Haynes then presented the Fishers with a silver tray pointing out that



School Board President Charles Jacobs proclaims Mack Fisher Day in Merkel Schools.



Mistress of Ceremony Mitzi Hart directs Fishers to their seat of honor

every retirement wouldn't be complete without a silver tray and besides what better gift.

"If you keep it polished you can look in the middle of the tray and it will tell the entire story of the Merkel School and give the reflection of your success story," she said.

Tye Elementary was represented by Billie Evans, Merkel Elementary by Jane Wade, Merkel Junior High by Mitzi Hart and Merkel High by Bill Tate who expounded on his virtues mixed with humorous anecdotes.

Chester Collinsworth presented the Fishers with a television set from the Merkel Independent School District.

Then it was Mack Fisher's turn. While his wife smiled and sat attentively, Mack said, "To say the least this day has been an unusual day."

"School teachers don't think only of money. Things that happened today point out what it's all about. This has

been a wonderful, wonderful day.

"I appreciate everything. Fact of the business, I like what you have been saying," he said with tongue in cheek.

"I think Merkel is just a wonderful place. I can't think of anyone I would have wanted to help me close out my career in public school work than you people here," he said. "It's been a wonderful experience and I will always remember it."

"There are some places in life when you just can't say what you feel. I feel that way now."

"I have enjoyed Merkel so much that I never wanted to leave. We thank you for your kindnesses and your thoughtfulness," the soft spoken administrator concluded.

When Superintendent Fisher retires June 30, he will end a career of more than half a century in public school education in Texas.

He began his career as a teacher in Lee County schools

where he taught in the Adina and Blue schools eight years.

From Lee County, he went to Mitchell County as superintendent of the Jatan schools.

During his administration, Jatan became the smallest affiliated 4-year high school in Texas.

In 1936, he moved to East Texas to become principal of the Judson Elementary School in Gregg County. Later he became principal of the high school and superintendent of the Judson Schools, remaining there 13 years.

While at Judson, he helped make the system a member of the Southern Association of Schools and Colleges.

In 1949, Fisher was named Superintendent of Merkel Independent School District.

Under his administration, the Merkel Schools have earned membership in the Southern Association of Schools and Colleges.

The Tye School system, along with a portion of the Noodle-Horn School system,

have also consolidated with the Merkel Independent School District. The Merkel Schools have experienced steady and substantial growth under Fisher's administration.

Fisher received his Bachelor of Science degree from Southwest Texas State Teachers College in San Marcos. He then entered the University of Texas where he earned his Master's degree in Business and Public School Administration. His thesis was used as a supplementary text in education for four years, at which time, he was asked to bring the material up-to-date, a request he declined due to the time involved--time which he felt he must devote to his teaching duties.

When he was superintendent of Blue School, one of his faculty members was Miss Linnie Opal Bell who was to become Mrs. Mack Fisher. They have been married 49 years. Mrs. Fisher has continued to teach along with her husband until she retired three or four years ago. The Fishers plan to spend their retirement actively--traveling, fishing, or just staying busy, letting time dictate what their next endeavor will be.

In Gregg County, Fisher was an active member of Gregg County Texas State Teachers Association and chairman of Gregg County University Inter-scholastic League literary activities.

Fisher has served as president of Merkel Lion's Club. Acting in this capacity he helped to bring the Little League activities to Merkel. He is a member of the Merkel Chamber of Commerce and the Merkel Independent School Board, also has served as co-chairman of the American Red Cross and chosen as Merkel's outstanding citizen in 1971.



Fishers interviewed prior to entering limousine on day of festivities



Don Hensley presents Lions Club Top Educator Award



Master of Ceremonies Travis Davis makes a point



Don Hart makes presentation on behalf of School Board



Fishers reaction on learning he will get his old desk and typewriter



Chester Collinsworth tells of Fisher's coin flipping flop



Edwin Read reveals past driving habits of Fisher

### Little League umpires needed

More umpires are needed for the Little League baseball season.

Anyone interested in umpiring or helping with the Little League is being sought.

The Little League plays three nights a week, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday nights. The T-Shirt League meets on Monday and Saturday nights.

Anyone interested may contact Bob Hammond, who is in charge of Little League umpires.

### Tri-City to open season

The Tri-City Boys baseball league gets under way Monday night.

The league will play Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday nights.

All games start at 7 p.m. Too, the Senior team will play one game a week out of town.

The League still needs two sponsors for Merkel, one for Trent and one for Tye.

### Letter To The Editor

#### Girls to play in Tye

Dear Editor:

The girls are finally going to have a field to play on, to bad it has to be in Tye. For the past three years Tri-City Baseball Project has been trying to get new fields ready to play on for the Pony League and for the Girls Softball. First they couldn't get any land, because no one was interested, like everything else parents are all for it as long as someone else does the work. The land was finally purchased, the Pony League field was put into shape, which I am glad for them, "anything for the boys," the girls can play on the school ground, after all they are only girls.

We tried to get the field burned off so we could get started on it, but it seems everything else got burned except a few lots across from the Pony League field, oh yes, one try was made after the first good rain, then it was too green. We asked if we could get someone to mow it and then run a road grader over it, this was finally done after 3 months of pleading, the only problem is it's just too late for this years season, but we girls don't mind, we enjoy driving to Tye to play ball.

You know it is a shame that parents are too busy for their kids, one of these days you can look back and say where did I go wrong, why does little Mary act like she does, she never comes to see me, well maybe she is remembering several years ago when she felt the same way, doesn't Mom and Dad love me, they never come to see me, I can only speak for those who seemed interested in their children during the season last year, maybe 2 or 3 parents came out to watch the games. I guess the rest were too busy.

Parents take time out for your children, if you don't, then who else will? Merkel is a great town, made-up of great people, but sometimes it is just a little hard to find them.

In case you haven't gotten the message yet we need help, the Tri-City Miss Softball has enjoyed working with your girls, they love everyone of them, but Moms and Dads especially Dads we need you, support your daughter, back them as much as you do your sons.

There is no way we can get the girls field ready to play on for this year's season, so we had a chance to get the Little League field at Tye, with light, a good field, bleacher, concession stand, and press box. Yes it is a little inconvenient but it is better than playing on the school grounds, which we were thankful for, never knowing when and if we could get a game over with before it got dark.

We still need umpires, scorekeepers and people to help in the concession stand, but most of all we need you parents to come out and support your girls at these games.

Dorothy Torrence

### White Church

The White Church Cemetery will have a workday June 8.

Any interested people who want to work are invited to bring their tools and lunches.



KILOWATTS--Members of the West Texas Utilities Kilowatts of the Little League are front row, left to right, Greg Beasley, Rusty Toney, Brooks Boyd, Todd Fagle, Jeffrey King, Mark Waldon, Todd Hensley. Back row are Eugene Ford, Russel Lucas, Eddy Harris, Steve Waldon, Todd Robertson, Willie Townsend, David Schultz and Jay Gibson. Managers are Finley Barnett and Billy Lucas.

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## Braves tie Kilowatts, Supers win

The Braves got back in the thick of the championship race for the Little League baseball title this week and the Supers broke into the win column.

The Braves tied the Kilowatts for first place after two weeks with an 11-4 victory while the Supers edged the Bankers, 14-13.

The scores soared during the second week of action as the Braves stumped the Vets, 17-3 and the Willies bumped the Supers, 20-7. Too the Kilowatts bounced back to beat the Willies, 9-4, and the Vets stopped the Bankers, 6-3.

The Braves put together 14 runs the second inning to defeat the Vets with six hits to the Vets' two.

Greg Dickinson scored three runs and had 3 hits for the Braves while Ed Herrera and O. McKeehan each scored three times and Bubba Atkinson and Spencer Scott scored twice. Freddy Fortune provided one run and hit a homer, Atkinson had a double, Jeff Scott, Kirk Parrelly and Hillman Johnson scored once. Herrera was the winning pitcher.

For the Vets, Michael Tutt scored once, as did Scott Adair and Ken Hogan. Sammy Tomlinson hit a double. Tutt, Tomlinson and Larry Land Handled pitching chores.

With this victory being their first since they moved on to the Kilowatts and put together a solid 11 hits to the Kilowatts' nine.

The Braves took a first inning lead with two runs and finished with six in the top of the sixth while the Kilowatts scored but once the third and three the bottom of the sixth for their first loss of the season.

For the Braves, Ed Herrera pitched five in ning and scored once. O. C. McKeehan pitched the final inning, hit a home run the sixth and batted four for four at the plate.

George Dickinson hit a triple and scored three runs while Bubba Atkinson hit a double and scored three times. Tim Jacobs, Jeff Scott and Johnson Hillman each scored once.

For the Kilowatts, David



SAFE AT THIRD--A member of the Braves slides safely into third base while the Kilowatts' third baseman attempts the putout in Friday late action of Little League baseball.

Schultz pitched one and a half innings, Eugene Ford hit a triple and scored once, W. Townsend hit a double and scored once, Eddy Harris and David Schultz each scored once.

The Kilowatts bounced back Friday to stop the Willies, 9-4 on five hits while Eugene Ford pitched a 3-hitter and struck out seven.

Greg Beasley scored twice, David Schultz three, Brooks Boyd and Willie Townsend once and Jay Gibson twice.

Richard Beaver struck for the Willies, also pitching out seven. Mike Hager hit a double and scored once, James Freeman, Danny Riggan and Randy Leverich each scored once.

The Vets put down the 2-hit pitching performance of Sammy Tomlinson. W. A. Kinder hit a double and scored once while Michael Tutt scored three times, Roger Brenan and Larry Land once.

Royce Fowler pitched four innings and Steve Davis one, allowing but five hits. Davis, Randy Davis and Royce Fowler each scored once and

Fowler had a double.

The Bankers thenouthit the Supers, 17-3, but lost the game on a strong comeback by the Supers.

The Bankers scored nine times the first inning but the Supers put together 1 run the first, 6 the second and 4 the third for an 11-9 edge. The Bankers then added another run the fourth on singles by Randy Davis and Ricky Biera.

However, the Supers came up with three runs the bottom of the fourth on walks and pulled off the first win in four attempts.

David Vinson and Billy Williams scored three times, Tommy Hays, Gary McGee, Ronnie Williams and Casey Johnson twice for the Supers and Williams hit a double.

For the Bankers, Randy Davis scored three times and had three singles; David Wilkerson hit a double, scored once and batted 2-for-3, Royce Fowler tripled and scored once; Ricky Biera scored once and hit 3 for 4, Steve Davis scored twice and hit 3 for 4, Joe Rusford scored twice; and Mike Pate, Mike Fisher and Manuel

Biera scored once, Manuel Biera scored onning, Davis and Wilkerson relieved for the 3-hitter.

The Supers lost to the Willies on a 1-hitter by Mike Hagar who also scored three times. The Willies scored 17 times the first inning and 10 times the fourth for the win, getting 14 hits.

Richard Laverich hit a home run and scored four times; Danny Juggan scored four times and hit a double; Richard Beaver hit a double and scored once; and Randy Leverich scored three times and hit a triple.

Todd Whetsel scored three runs, Jim Kinney twice, Steven Schriener twice, James Stevens four times, Harold Dye twice, and Keith watts and Kyle Wolf once.

For the Supers, Randy Fender hit a triple and scored once, Casey Johnson scored three times, Randy Williams, James Castille and Tommy Hayes once each.

#### STANDINGS

Team	W	L
Kilowatts	3	1
Braves	3	1
Willies	2	2
Vets	2	2
Bankers	1	3
Supers	1	3

### Starr Nursing Home news

This event. They were real tasty and pretty. Mary never forgets the nursing home and I know what this home means to her. I do appreciate her.

Thanks to the ladies at the R. E. A. who came and had coffee and cake with Adele Jones each day on their break.

Bessie Rutledge hasn't done very well since her leg amputation. We are sorry she has to suffer so much, but she has had so many factors but Mr. Rutledge has been so wonderful to her.

Mrs. Winnie Cyfert and Mrs. Riney are doing better at this writing. Mrs. Cyfert is even going to activity programs now.

Congratulations Brenda Roberts, my granddaughter, on her passing the state test to become a certified administrator. She will be replacing me as of July 1.

Thanks to the Pat Cyfert family for singing Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m. The Salvation Army couldn't keep their appointment.

We are sorry Muri Frazier, our Director of Nurses, husband is ill. We hope he will soon be well.

Nursing Home Week just ended has been commended as a major contribution to public enlightenment of today's long-term care being ministered by Texas nursing homes.

In a letter to Mary Outlaw Administrator of the 45

bed facility here, Douglas Pendergras of Austin, president of Texas Nursing Home Association, pronounced the Texas program for Nursing Home Week "the most productive" of any during the 25 year history of the association.

"Over 600 member homes opened their doors and urged Texans to pay a visit and learn for themselves just what nursing homes really do for their residents in terms of total care including: rehabilitation, recreation, and physical, speech and occupational therapies, as well as social and spiritual services for a fuller life. The public visited nursing homes last week in greater numbers than ever before. In so doing, they not only gained a new and better understanding of our profession, but they brightened the lives of thousands of Texans who live in nursing homes," said Pendergras. "We are grateful to Governor Briscoe and to our dynamic Hostess 'Heloise' for their leadership in our week," he said, "and the open house conducted by Starr Nursing Home was a major contribution to the success of our statewide observance."

Mary Outlaw, administrator of Starr Nursing Home reported a large number of visitors attended their open House May 9-15.

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS  
Braves 17, Vets 3  
Willies 28, Supers 7  
Braves 11, Kilowatts 4  
Vets 6, Bankers 3  
Supers 14, Bankers 13  
Kilowatts 9, Willies 4

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE  
TUESDAY--Braves vs. Willies, 6 p.m.; Kilowatts vs. Vets, 8 p.m.

THURSDAY--Supers vs. Kilowatts, 6 p.m.; Braves vs. Bankers, 8 p.m.

FRIDAY--Bankers vs. Supers, 6 p.m.; Willies vs. Vets, 8 p.m.

TUESDAY--Vets vs. Braves, 6 p.m.; Supers vs. Willies, 8 p.m.

TUESDAY  
Braves 3 (14) 00-17-6  
Vets 002 1-3-2  
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Supers 103 3-7-1  
Willies (17) 11 (10)-28-14

THURSDAY  
Braves 220 106-11-11  
Kilowatts 001 003-4-9  
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Vets 310 11-6-5  
Bankers 110 10-3-2

FRIDAY  
Bankers 903 1-13-17  
Supers 164 3-14-3  
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Willies 200 101-4-3  
Kilowatts 223 02X-9-5


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Torrence-Stuckey's Pecan Shoppe, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Crenshaw-Wylie Shamrock Restaurant; Mrs. Joyce Andrews-Grigsby's Rag Doll; Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Bicknell and Mr. and Mrs. Chester Collinsworth who employ a student in their homes. We appreciate each of you!

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Fisher, Merkel School superintendent, were also in attendance. Students participating were: Carla Fariello, Crystle Gardner, Pam Hagar, Dana James, David King, Kristi Nease, Carolyn Ross, Susie Toombs, Rita Watts, and Martha Sanchez, also Mr. and Mrs. Don Grimes (teacher coordinator for HECE program).

## Homecoming meet set

The Merkel Homecoming Association has scheduled a meeting Tuesday night.

The Association will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the Merkel Restaurant.

The group will finalize plans for homecoming activities this fall.

All those with suggestions or are interested in the homecoming activities are requested to be at this meeting.

## Compre News

Compre home Demonstration Club met in the home of Mrs. Ernest Spurgin on May 13 at 2 p.m. Mrs. Ab Hunter, club president called the meeting to order and Mrs. Spurgin led in a devotional. Roll call was answered with facts taken from the lives of frontier women. Mrs. Dewey Ramsey, club secretary read the minutes of the last meeting and gave the financial report.

Mrs. Clarence Allen led the group in a program of nostalgia, recalling many customs and events of days gone by. Poems were read and pictures were displayed revealing the great contributions mothers have made to our country down through the

centuries.

Refreshments were served to the following club members: Ames, Dewey Ramsey, Hugh Taylor, Clarence Allen, Ernest Spurgin, Clayton Dillard, Ab Hunter, Don Adair, Clyde Mimms, and visitors, Mrs. Bessie Goodwin from Pittsburgh, Kansas, and Mrs. Tommy Hunter, Brandi, Brenna, and Tate Hunter from Anson.

In keeping with the fact that the month of May is Senior Citizen's Month, Fun Night for Senior Citizens was observed on Monday night May 10 at the Noodle Community Center directed by Mrs. Kenneth Wilburn, County Agent and sponsored by the Compre and Good-man Home Demonstration Clubs.



YANKEES--Members of the Yankees of the T-Shirt baseball league are front row, left to right, Brian Lewis, Brian Ford, Sean Woodard, Chad Pack, Dean Franklin, Johnny Starbuck,

Standing, Kerry Deen, Randy Pallarez, Devin Sanford, Kevin Coker, Kerry Miller, Corey Ford, Bret Pursley. Coach is Roland Pack. Assistant Larry Pack is not in the picture.

## Mustangs leading T-Shirts

The Mustangs are the leaders in the T-shirt baseball league after the opening week of play.

The Mustangs defeated the Eagles 25-1 and the Yankees 22-3 to gain the edge. The Yankees beat the Braves 15-5 and the Eagles beat the Braves, 14-5 in other first week games.

Victor Edwards scored the lone Eagle run against the Mustangs. For the victors,

Wilson Strange, Jerry Vinson, Eddie Biera scored twice; Willie Brazilton and

Doyle Brennan once; Franklin Evans, Chris Simpson and Brent King three times; and

Benjamin Beaver and Darren Pack four runs. Pack had two singles.

For the Yankees Devin Sanford, Bryan Ford and Sean Woodard each scored once against the Mustang attack. For the Mustangs, Willie Brazilton, Lillie Brazilton, Eddie Biera, Chris Simpson and Jerry Vinson scored once; Brent King and Darren Pack twice; Doyle Bremer, Franklin Evans and Wilson Stevens three times; and Benj Beavers scored four runs and hit three singles and a double. Pack had a triple.

The Eagles were led with a home run and two runs by Keith Watson; three runs by Dennis Fortune, two runs by Danny Santee, and Michael Yates; and one-run performances from Shawn Beene, Scott McCasland, N. McCasland, Victor Edwards and Robert Rustford.

The Braves were paced by Alfred Flores with a single and home run and two runs, Todd Yaddow with a run and Wayne Johnson with two runs.

The Yankees opened the season with Brian Ford getting three singles and scoring four runs; Kevin Coker and Devin Sanford scoring three times and getting two singles; Randy Palarez scoring twice; and Chad Pack, Deen Franklin and Sean Woodard scoring once.

For the Braves, Tony Roberts, Todd Yaddow and Alfred Flores scored once and Ronald Walden scored twice.

### T-SHIRT STANDINGS

Team	W	L
Mustangs	2	0
Yankees	1	1
Eagles	1	1
Braves	0	2

### LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

Yankees 15, Braves 5  
Mustangs 25, Eagles 1

Eagles 14, Braves 5  
Mustangs 22, Yankees

### THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

SATURDAY--Mustangs vs. Braves, 6 p.m.; Eagles vs. Yankees, 8 p.m.

MONDAY--Eagles vs. Mustangs, 6 p.m.; Braves vs. Yankees, 8 p.m.

## Doctor Rongers' Column

By EDWARD  
W. RONGERS  
CHIROPRACTOR



Arthritis and rheumatism, like other diseases of the body's organs, can result from a number of causes, some known and others unknown. These causes include (1) injury, (2) heredity, (3) infections, (4) allergies, (5) tumors, (6) metabolic disorders, (7) other factors.

**INJURY**  
Injury to joints or to the soft tissue surrounding the joint may be caused by a fall, automobile accident, athletic injury, or some repeated daily injury, such as those resulting from certain occupations or from other disadvantageous use over and over again of a certain joint or related tissues.

**HEREDITY**  
Hereditary influence seems to be responsible for the occurrence of certain nodes, called "Heberden's nodes," which appear in the end joints of the fingers. The arthritis of the hemiphilic or "bleeder" seems to be influenced by hereditary factors.

**INFECTIONS**  
Arthritis and rheumatism can result from a number of different types of bacterial infections. Because of the infections which occur predominantly in children, certain types of arthritis and rheumatism occur more frequently in younger than in older persons.

**ALLERGIES**  
Reactions of hypersensitivity or allergic reactions may affect tissues involved by arthritis and rheumatism. Unusual sensitivity to drugs or substances which are "foreign" to the human body may result in arthritis or rheumatism. This type of arthritis or rheumatism can be described as an inflammation without an infection.

**TUMORS**  
Like other organs of the body, the joints may be affected by new growths or tumors, but fortunately these are rarely encountered in persons who have arthritis and rheumatic diseases.

### METABOLIC DISORDERS

Changes in metabolism or the way in which the body performs its work may affect the joints and related skeletal tissues, thus, resulting in arthritis or rheumatism. A deficiency of vitamin C, for example, may result in a disease called "scurvy" in which there may be rheumatic complications. A disorder in the body's ability to handle the urine substances in certain foods results in the condition known as gout. A disturbance of the balance between the various hormones of the body may affect the condition of joints or result in certain types of rheumatism.

**OTHER FACTORS**  
Disturbances of circulation of the nervous system seem to be factors involved in generating arthritis or rheumatism.

Lowered physical resistance, emotional upset, stress, shock, and fatigue are factors which might be of considerable importance to the development of certain types of arthritis and rheumatism.

Climate is neither a cause of nor a cure of arthritis or rheumatism. A few specific types of arthritis and rheumatism may be related to certain climates or geographical areas, but people in all parts of the world can and do have many of the common types of arthritis and rheumatism.

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# Summer program set, Fee raised

The Chamber of Commerce raised the fee for the summer program, set the dates and named a committee to conduct a feasibility study for a civic center at its regular meeting Monday afternoon. The Chamber Board of Directors elected to start the summer program June 14 and run it six weeks through July 30.

The High School gym will be open from 9 a.m. until noon and from 2 until 5 p.m. each weekday during this period. Also, there will be swimming available daily in the afternoon for those enrolled in the program.

The fee was increased from 75 cents per day to \$1.25 per day. The weekly fee would be \$4.50 instead of the \$3 of last year. For the six weeks, it would be \$20. For two children of the same family the 6-week recreational program will cost \$30 if paid in advance and for three or more children of the same family the fee will be \$35 in advance.

The increase was voted to help cover expenses of hiring personnel for the program.

Band director Daryll Kaire has asked for the job and is planning to hire two or three assistants.

The Chamber of Commerce estimated it cost \$1,140 to go through the 6-week program last year. It is estimated that an additional \$600 will be needed to get the program through the six weeks this summer. Thus, the increase in fees.

One of the members pointed out that a parents paying the \$20 in advance fee would actually be paying about 11 cents per hour to enroll their youngster in the recreational program.

The Chamber is looking into possibly getting funds from the Council of Government for the summer program but has not been able to find out whether or not any of the \$4,514 allocated to Taylor County will be available to Merkel.

City Coordinator J. A. Sadler and Chamber President Don Hensley are looking into this possibility.

In other action Hensley, Bob Hammond, George Star-

buck and Don Hart were named to a committee to investigate the possibility of getting a civic center for Merkel.

Hart read a report submitted by the Merkel Lions Club indicating that 11 of 12 organizations responding to a committee report headed by Fred Starbuck are supporting a civic center for Merkel.

The Lions Club has voted to sell its present meeting hall if such a center is built and use the new facilities.

Hart pointed out the need was evident last week when the District meeting of the Lions Club was held in Merkel High's Cafeteria where there is a lack of adequate cooling.

Pat Castille and Blanche Hewitt were named chairpersons for the Chamber of Commerce's membership drive. Possible open house ceremonies were discussed for the new Abilene Savings and R. Lee Brown's offices.

Too, Hart said Farmers and Merchants Bank, West

Texas Utilities and Lone Star Gas have donated funds to provide cement slabs for the shelters at the city park. Saddler said city employees will provide the labor for the slabs and will start pouring them in the near future.

Hart also announced that he is in charge of the Red Cross fund raising drive in June and is seeking help from the Chamber.

## Winners named

Winners of the drawing at Higginbotham-Bartlett Company Saturday are Jim Torrence, Mrs. A. L. Chancey and Fran Duran.

The drawing was open to everyone who came by the store and registered.

Torrence won the Brady Faucet, Mrs. Chancey the sprinkler and Fran Duran the skill drill.

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RECEIVE AWARDS--Grace Ingram, left, Ollie Gertrude Brookreson and Bonnie J. Fariello have been honored at the Starr Nursing Home. Grace Ingram has worked at Starr Nursing Home 8 years and has lived at Merkel since 1918. She has 8 children and has been named Nurse of the Year. Mrs. Brookreson has been named Woman of the Year at the home and is sitting on her favorite bench in front of the piano which she still plays at 97. Bonnie Fariello is the Nurse of the Month. She is married to William Fariello, a master sergeant in the Air Force at Dyess. They have seven children and she has worked at Starr Nursing Home since January 1, 1975.

## Mrs. Brookreson Woman of Year

Ollie Gertrude Brookreson is 97 years young and still going strong. Born in November, 1878 in Coryell City she still plays the piano and remembers events and places. Mrs. Brookreson has been named Woman of the Year at the Starr Nursing Home in Merkel.

Too, just like any woman, she is fussy about her appearance, demanding that she wear her shoes for her picture. When her daughter couldn't get one on, just like any impatient mother, she took it and slipped it on easily. She has one daughter and a son still living and has survived two other children

and her husband. She has 11 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and 5 great-great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Brookreson moved to the Abilene area as a young girl and settled in the Buffalo Gap area after her marriage. They farmed during this time. Her husband died in 1958 at the age of 90.

## Canoe trip for girls

For all registered Girl Scouts who have completed seventh grade (and for a few non-Scouts, if there is room available), the West Texas Girl Scout Council is offering canoe trips. Inexperienced girls will be taught canoeing at camp and will spend five days on the Brazos River.

The dates of this trip are June 27 through July 5, and the cost is \$45 for Scouts and \$50 for non-Scouts.

Experienced canoeists are invited to register for a 6-day trip down the Illinois River in beautiful north-eastern Oklahoma. This trip will be July 14-22 and the cost is \$60 for Scouts and \$65 for non-Scouts.

## Lambda Beta news

Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met at the Fellowship Hall at the First United Methodist Church, May 4. The meeting was called to order by president, Chera Hohertz. The program was presented by captain Barbara Welch and co-captain Betty Allday. The program was a summary and review of the programs given this year. The objective was to review attitudes that can be helpful to today's woman in today's world as well as summarize the year's discussions. Annette Clark, director, reviewed each of the programs given and the program of the year was voted upon.

Installation of new officers

was held. Officers for 1976-77 will be President-Betty Allday, Vice-President - Ginny Yaddow, Recording Secretary - Jo Moore, Corresponding Secretary - Milly Bright, Treasurer - Barbara Welch, City Council Representative - Ginny Yaddow, Historian - Chera Hohertz, Director - Annette Clark, and Rosebud Chairmans - Annette Clark and Pat Castille.

The following members were present: Betty Allday, Milly Bright, Anne Booth, Pat Castille, Annette Clark, Betty Coker, Jan Couch, Mary Hill, Chera Hohertz, Fay Jones, Sarah Lucas, Jo Moore, Minyon Seymour, Glenda Teaff, Barbara Welch and Ginny Yaddow.

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# Anderson guest speaker at Commencement

Guest speaker for the Merkel High School Commencement May 28 is Lynn Anderson, minister of the Highland Church of Christ in Abilene. Commencement is 8 p.m. in the High School Auditorium.



LYNN ANDERSON

Baccalaureate services for the 39 graduating seniors is Sunday, May 23 at 8 p.m. at the High School Auditorium with the Rev. Kenneth Jones of the First Baptist Church of Merkel presenting the sermon.

Lynn Anderson was born in Saskatchewan, Canada and attended Western Christian College there, Freed-Hardeman College and Harding College.

Commencement begins with Mrs. Sandy Davis, pianist, playing "Pomp and Circumstance." Larry Gill, minister of

Merkel Church of Christ will give the invocation. Jerre Kay Smith Law will give the Salutory Address

## The Graduating Seniors

- Graduating Seniors at Merkel High School: Paula Crouse, Ray King, Wesley Jones, David Sparks, Ronnie Cox, Paul Tucker, Audrey Byrd, Kathryn Murrell, Jackie Harris, Susie Toombs, Jerre Law, Netta Stephan, Carolyn Davis, Rhonda White, Danny Dubose, Patty Toney, Cindy Tahon, Christy Boone, Gayla Toliver, Rita Watts, Cindy Elliott, David King, Debbie Beard, Mark Wilkerson, Lonnie Carter, Royce Bratcher, Carina Fariello, Pam Hagan, David Kraatz, Chuck Knight

followed by Gayla Toliver with the Class Vice-President's Address. Netta Stephan will then give

the Valedictory Address and Roy Davis will lead the Senior Class in singing "Today." After Anderson's address, Principal Travis Davis will present awards and scholarships.

Superintendent Mack Fisher will then present diplomas followed by the Senior Class singing "Purple and Gold." Rev. Russell McAnally, pastor of Methodist Church of Merkel will give the benediction and the program will end with Mrs. Davis playing the recessional, "Largo."

## Baccalaureate services set Sunday

Baccalaureate services are scheduled for Merkel High graduating seniors Sunday at 8 p.m. at the Merkel High School Auditorium.

A practice session for the Baccalaureate is scheduled at 1:30 p.m. Thursday. The program begins with Pianist Mrs. Sandy Davis playing "Pomp and Circumstance."

## Trent commencement set Tuesday

Trent High School will hold its Baccalaureate and Commencement for the five graduating seniors Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at the High School Auditorium.

Both programs will be combined, according to School Superintendent Roy Neff. The five to receive diplomas are Debra Ann Wells, Paula Forehand, David Hackney, Rocky McKinney and Bob Reed. Reed is valedictorian and Miss Wells is salutatorian.

## Junior High graduates 11

Trent's Junior High eighth grade will hold graduation Monday at 7:30 p.m. at Trent school.

There will be 11 students graduating into High School. Also, the Junior High will hold its awards banquet that night with academic and athletic achievements being recognized.

Cheri Patterson is the valedictorian of the class with an 89.33 average and Tammie Hicks is salutatorian with an 85.5 scholastic average. School ends at Trent Tuesday for the students and the teachers complete the year May 28.

## Dunn, Hamner gets honor

One of the nation's foremost high school honor societies has announced its list of 1975-76 members from Trent High School announced Bruce Thomas, principal.

The Society of Distinguished American High School Students has tapped the following new members:

Junior, Glynn Dunn son of Mr. and Mrs. John G. Dunn of Trent and junior, Perisa Hamner daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Wayne Hamner of Trent. These honor students were nominated because of their excellence in academic and civic activities.

# Revenue Sharing hearing Monday

The Merkel City Council will hold a public hearing on how the Revenue Sharing funds will be spent this year at its regular meeting Monday, starting at 5:30 p.m. at the City Hall.

Anyone wanting to discuss how the funds will be spent should attend the meeting. From the public hearing, the Council will determine how the projected \$39,672 in federal money will be spent on Merkel improvements. Categories for consideration are public safety, environmental protection, public transportation, health, recreation, libraries, social services for aged and poor, financial administration, multipurpose and general government, education, social development, housing and community development, economic development and other.

However, the federal government recommends the first six items take priority over the rest of the list. The six top items are public safety, environmental protection, public transportation, health, recreation and libraries. City Coordinator J. A. Sadler has recommended and the City Council approved on a tentative basis that 20 per cent of the \$39,673 (\$7,934) be spent for public safety, 25 per cent for environmental protection, 15 per cent on public transportation, 10 per cent on health, 25 per cent on recreation and 5 per cent on libraries.

The library fund has been guaranteed funds from this year's revenue sharing

## Foster homes for elderly being sought

Foster homes are needed in Abilene and surrounding counties to provide care for aged, blind, or other disabled adults who can no longer continue living in their homes, but are not medically eligible for nursing home care, according to Stan Dieckmeier of Abilene, adult social services supervisor, Texas State Department of Public Welfare. The foster family home program is one of the adult programs provided by the department as an alternative to institutional care.

Cost of the foster care is shared by each receiver and the welfare department, who together pay a total of \$220 per person per month to the provider, according to agency regulations.

Dieckmeier asked persons interested in learning more about providing this service to contact the local adult social services worker, Taylor county residents may write James Compton, Mary Ann Sides or Linda Strother at 2545 South Danville Drive, Abilene, Texas 79605, or call one of them at (915) 698-6350.

It is recommended that \$1,983.60 be allocated for the library. It has been recommended that the 15 per cent for public transportation be spent on street improvements and the health item will be to maintain the ambulance service. A new fogging machine work on the city park and the baseball diamond have also been mentioned in previous meetings.

Funds for the environmental protection is being considered to help find possible site for a lake to help with the future water problems Merkel will face as new rate negotiations near. The city has \$9,264 left over from last year in the Revenue Sharing fund and is expected to receive \$7,600 each quarter for at least the next year to come up with the \$39,672 figure.

While the City Council feels the Revenue Sharing fund will continue this year, the future of the federal funding for cities faces an uncertain future.

Revenue Sharing fund were not included in the regular city budget which Sadler submitted and the City Council approved recently.

The public hearing is required under federal Housing and Urban Development regulations.

After Monday's public hearing the Council will meet and determine how the federal funds will be spent.

# Junior High graduates 79

Merkel Junior High School's graduation has been set for May 27 at 8 p.m. at the High School Auditorium.

There will be 79 receiving diplomas advancing them into Merkel High School. The top eight students,

## Junior High graduates

- The following are graduating eighth graders of Merkel Junior High School: Josh Amerine, Leticia Anderson, Susan Arwine, Sherry Ascencio, Dana Austermann, Shannon Bagby, Ada Brazell, David Brooks, Kaye Lynn Butman, Suzanne Byrd, Scott Cain, Becky Carter, Gayland Childers, Mark Copeland, Chris Cox, Robert Cunningham, Jeannette Cypert, Jimmy Davis and Bobby Dickinson.

- Also, Taresia English, Brian Fariello, Robert Fowler, Pat Geers, Elizabeth Griffith, Victor Herrera, Susan Hewitt, Ricky Hines, Wendy Hogan, Ted Holmes, Sharon Isom, Jodie Jinks, Micheal Jordan, Chirre Kraatz, Carmen Lerma, Dale

Josh Amerine will provide the main address, Kim Mashburn will give the invocation and

Sherry Ascencio will present the Class' gift to the school.

Superintendent Mack Fisher and Cain will present the honor awards and diplomas. Benediction is by Lisa Shugart.

Ushers for the program will be the top six seventh graders, Norma Frazier, Alane McGee, Christi Brad, Judy Castille, Mark Blandini, Todd Gregory.

## Davis receives medical award

Merkel High School senior Karolyn Davis has received another scholarship.

Miss Davis has been named one of four to receive a \$75 scholarship by the Woman's Auxiliary of Taylor-Jones County Medical Society and the Anson Jones Memorial Medical Foundation.

She recently received 25 scholarships by the VFW for representing Merkel in the Voice of America competition.

The health scholarship for study in the health care field were awarded to Miss Davi, Lillie Price of Anson, Jo Scarborough of Abilene and Kathy Garrett of Cooper.

Mrs. S. J. Barron, chairman of the scholarship committee, said this is the first time the scholarships have been offered and that it is hoped they will be awarded annually.

Miss Davis plans to attend McMurry College and see a career in medical technology and biology. She has worked as a Candy Stripper, Hendrick Memorial Hospital and is presently employed at the Merkel Mail.

## Toombs receive European trip

Patrick Toombs, son of A and Mrs. Glenn Toombs Fluvanna has been approved by the 4-H Citizen Ambassador Program.

Patrick, who has relatives living in Merkel, will be Washington in mid-June and spend 38 days visiting six countries--Belgium, France, Switzerland, Germany, Holland, England, Denmark and Russia.

The 16-year-old will visit with youth, experience living with European families and see places and things about which he has read and heard.

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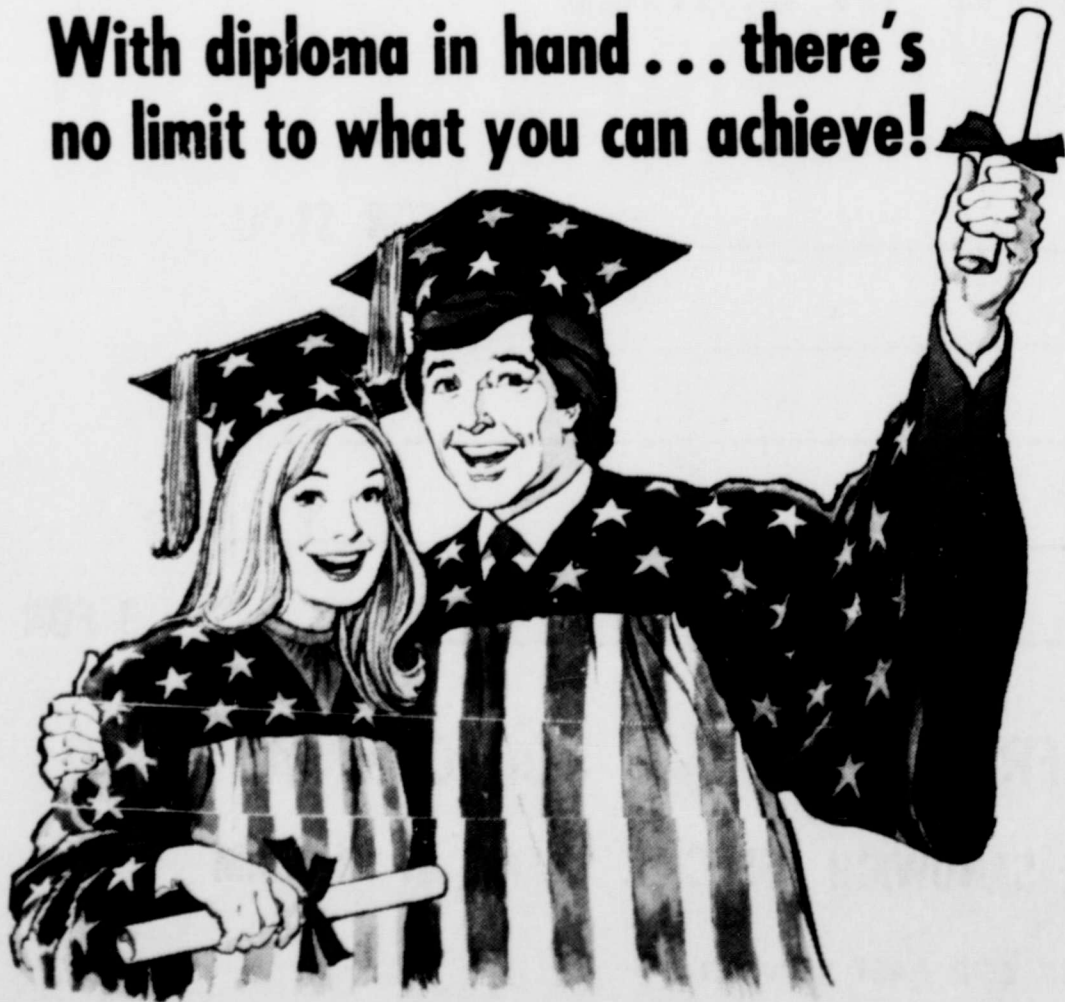


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## Calvary meeting

The ladies of Calvary Baptist Church met, May 3 at 7:30 to reorganize their Ladies Fellowship.

The meeting was opened by electing new officers. Mrs. Patsy Page was elected as president; Mrs. Lillian Pack was elected as secretary, treasurer and reporter; Mrs. Vie Perry and Mrs. Marie Fisher were elected to be in charge of the food committee; Mrs. Madie Hendricks was elected to be in charge of the card committee; and Mrs. Debbie Taylor was elected as the Bible class teacher.

The lesson for this month was on "The Christ Centered Life."

The meeting was closed in prayer by Madie Hendricks.

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