

BIBLE VERSE
Every good gift and every
perfect gift is from above,
and cometh down from the
Father.
James 1:17



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By Carl Dingler

It's not every year you have a Bicentennial and it's not every day you can connect your ancestors with the American Revolution.

However, this being the 200th year of our nation, it is especially appropriate that anyone connected with that era be recognized.

A Merkel area resident has traced his family to this era.

Atwell Henderson of Route 1, Noodle reports that his great-great grandfather fought in the American Revolution.

Jeremiah Hamilton was the great, great, great, great-grandfather of Books Eoff and Casey Ann Eoff, children of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Eoff of Route 1, Hamlin.

Now, Jeremiah enlisted in the Revolutionary War on May 31, 1776 and served in Brandon's Regiment in Virginia.

Records in the Archives point out that Jeremiah served in the Army until May 15, 1786. It also indicates he was paid as a Wagon Master in 1782 and that he was reimbursed for two horses he had lost in 1779-1781. He was paid in pound sterling and it is not known by what measurement of payment this would equal at today's rate of currency.

Henderson, who has two sisters in Merkel, Inez Smith and Ana Henderson, points out that Jeremiah was born December 19, 1756 and died February 6, 1814.

He was a landowner of two surveys and worked slaves in South Carolina, according to a copy of the will he left, dated October 19, 1810.

He married Ann Hampton, October 8, 1778 and they had eight children.

Of the eight, John Hamilton was born November 13, 1779, the seventh born.

John in turn married Sarah Lucas, July 5, 1819 and had 13 children. The last two born were twins, Sarah Elizabeth and George Hamilton, born April 30, 1834.

Records also show that Ann Hamilton died August 6, 1843 at age 83. She was buried in Paris, Texas. It is not known what happened to the land holdings in South Carolina.

Sarah married A. D. Wilson in Greenville, Texas and her daughter Ann married Tom Henderson in Lindale, Smith County.

Tom Henderson had six children, bringing the family tree from the Revolutionary War to the present.

On the Henderson side of the family, Atwell Henderson reports his grandfather, H. L. Henderson fought in the Civil War from 1861-1865 and was in a prison camp for a period before his discharge.

Atwell Henderson was born in Wood County, February 14, 1909 and moved to the Merkel area February 16, 1919 and has lived here 57 years. His sister is Mrs. Hoff.

So, there you have 200 years of America, a story being repeated over and over with pride as the July 4, 1976 Bicentennial approaches.

There's one great thing about the five graduating at Trent High this year, they all can claim they are among the top five in their class.

The new concrete slabs have been poured at the city park and work is progressing in getting the tables and barbecue grills ready.

The new railroad crossing arms are in operation to furnish further safety for the fast trains moving through Merkel. Now, if the other crossings would come up with similar arms.

The job was done at no cost to the city and a large round of thanks should go to City Coordinator J. A. Sadler and the City Council.

Congratulations to all the seniors who have finally completed 12 years of hard work and here's wishing them much success as they go out to compete for their fame and fortune.

Thus this quote to help get you on your way:
Can you take on a job—even a small one—and carry it out under your own steam? If so, it is a pretty safe bet that you are going to amount to something some day.

Sir Winston Churchill once declared that the price of greatness is responsibility. If so, there is an element of greatness in every person who accepts a responsibility and discharges it well. The newsboy who brings your morning paper, regularly and on time, is great in his small way. The student who struggles with a tough assignment and completes it satisfactorily can claim his private brand of greatness. The mother who raises a family and does a job she can be proud of—she, too, is great in her fashion. And each is entitled to our respect and admiration.

Greatness, like skill, is a matter of degree. All men and women who carry out their responsibilities will have in them seeds of greatness—a bit of the stuff of the people on pedestals.

The coaches and officials of the T-Shirt League are to be complimented for the time they take to show the youngsters fundamentals and for displaying patience in working with them.

If you haven't watched one of these games (they play on Monday and Saturday) then you have missed a real treat.

These "big leaguers" really put all they have into the sport and are truly disappointed if things don't go just right.

Glad to see the Tri-City League get off and started after two years of hard work by interested citizens. This could be one of the most important projects in Merkel, Trent and Tye as it deals with youngsters at the in-between age—too old for little league and that sort of recreation and too young to be running around with the older students.

These are the youngsters who really need guidance and help in making the adjustment from teen-ager to adult.

Am sure, that all those people who have spent so many frustrating days attempting to get things started will feel it is all worth while.

Of course, the league still has a long way to go and still needs a lot of help to get equipment, to provide people to run the games every night and to bring the league up to standards of other area teen-age leagues.

So, if you have time or funds, don't hesitate to get involved—it will pay big dividends to you individually.



Mike Magee, Netta Stephan look over book received as Outstanding Students Award of Senior Class.

46 receive diplomas

Guest speaker for the Merkel High School Commencement Friday is Lynn Anderson, minister of the Highland Church of Christ in Abilene.

Commencement is 8 p.m. in the High School Auditorium. There will be 46 receiving degrees, 39 seniors and 7 others who have already graduated but haven't received a diploma.

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

He has been at Highland Church of Christ since 1971. He also is a part time faculty member at Abilene Christian University.

The seniors will have a practice session at 1:30 p.m. Friday before the actual commencement program.

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 Salutatory Address 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."

Revenue Sharing budget approved

The Merkel City Council opened its meeting to the public Monday afternoon but received no comment from the seven visitors present.

A public hearing was scheduled on the Revenue Sharing budget. Three of the visitors were Boy Scouts attending a public meeting as part of their requirement for Eagle Scout.

Mayor Lou David Allen heard a letter of recommendation by City Coordinator J. A. Sadler and then the Council passed the recommendations setting up a percentile budget recommendations rather than requesting specific funds for specific items.

At no time was the public asked to comment on the proposal. After the meeting Sadler said the meeting was open and that the visitors could have spoken up at any time.

He said "the Mayor declared the meeting a public one when he opened.

"These people here (motioning to the visitors as they were leaving) usually speak up if they have anything to say," Sadler said.

However, Mrs. John Brady, who was present to give her views on funds for the Tri-City baseball league park, said after the meeting that she felt she was never asked to comment.

"I felt like it was all cut and dried," she said.

When asked if she knew it was an open meeting and that she could have volunteered comment, she replied that she did not realize that she could have interrupted the proceedings to comment.

But, she pointed out that the Tri-City park will probably receive funds under the proposal as approved.

"With 20 per cent going to parks and recreation that means about \$3,000 and we should get part of that," she said.

"I was ready to talk and came prepared with my papers," she added.

After the opening of the meeting and the reading of the minutes and the recognition of visitors, the Council, with member Kent Satterwhite absent, turned to the Revenue Sharing Budget.

Sadler read his proposal: "The following is offered for your use and study in setting the budget for expenditures from the General Revenue Sharing funds for Fiscal year 1976-77.

"Balance as of May 1, 1976 is \$9,260. Anticipated revenue July 10 is \$7,603 and the same amounts are anticipated on October 10, January 10, 1977 and April 10, 1977 for a total of \$39,673." (He pointed out that these

are anticipated funds and it is not certain the city will receive these amounts, if any.)

Permitted uses and percentages allotted were for Public Safety (police and fire department), 10 per cent; Environmental protection (landfill and improvement of water holding facilities), 25 per cent; Public Transportation (streets), 10 per cent; Recreation (the city park and Tri-City Park), 20 per cent; the Library, 5 per cent; and Multipurpose of General Government (billing machine), 30 per cent.

Other permitted uses receiving no recommendations and no percentage of the funds are for health, social services for aged people, financial administration, education, social development, housing and community development, economic development and other, which must be specified.

Sadler then listed the needs:

"1. The city should within this next year, look to building a system of holding ponds at the sewer plant and contract for the use of all discharge water for irrigation. This will allow the city to apply for a "no discharge permit" from the EPA and TWQB. Without this system it will become necessary in the near future to build a secondary treatment plant which will be costly not only in its construction but in its operation as well.

"2. Purchase of the additional land for the landfill operation.

"3. A new billing machine for the water department is badly needed and something will have to be done this coming year.

"4. The city has taken over the operation of the Merkel Library and this operation should be included in this budget.

"5. The city is in the process of developing a city park and we are also obligated to assist in the de-

velopment of the Tri-City park and this should be included.

"6. The program of street improvement should be continued and this item included.

"7. The fire and police departments will need new and additional equipment and this should be included also.

"The above are set out only to inform the Council and are not meant to mean that other items should not be considered," Sadler concluded.

Sadler pointed out during the reading of the recommendations that the city is already committed on the purchase of land for the landfill project and the city should hear from the attorney within the next 30 to 60 days on securing the land.

The library has been guaranteed funds.

The billing machine issue just came up last week when the present one began giving trouble.

He said it will cost \$2,000

to \$3,000 to have it repaired. It was bought used, he said.

A new one will cost \$12-15,000 and for a reconditioned machine the cost will be \$6,500 plus \$500 for programming it.

He was later instructed by the Council to look into the lease-purchase of a reconditioned machine and to check several companies and report his findings at the next meeting, June 14.

Mayor Allen then said there are two things to note, "We think we are going to get this money. It is budgeted on anticipated revenue.

"Sadler and I talked about this and we felt that we should take these categories and put a percentile instead of specifying specific items.

"We are not asking the Council to approve on each item. We are trying to put certain percentage on each category rather than on individual items.

"This doesn't mean this is where the money will go should something else happen," Mayor Allen said.

He then requested and received a motion to go by the proposed budget as read by Sadler. It was seconded and passed.

Change in the percentages from the previous meeting (May 10) as discussed by the Council was 20 per cent for public safety (10 per cent reduction); 25 per cent for environmental protection (remained the same); 15 per cent for public transportation (reduced 5 per cent); 10 per cent for health (eliminated); 25 per cent for recreation (reduced to 20 per cent); 5 per cent for Libraries (remained the same); and nothing for multipurpose and general government (increased to 30 per cent).

Sadler then explained that the city has enough land (17 acres) to build the necessary holding tanks and if the city is to meet environmental standards within the next 3 to 5 years the city needs to start now.

The Council then moved to

other items on the agenda.

A request for closing of a street was considered and it was approved to advertise the closing according to legal requirements.

Mrs. Amerine had requested the item be put on the agenda but was not present to plead her case.

However, Sadler said she wanted to have the extension of Cherry Street by the County Barn, south to 11th street closed. The street would be closed and the property returned to the owner.

The Council approved the request to advertise the closing.

Next a request for closing of an alley was handled in a similar manner.

The alley closing was requested to allow the developing of a Dairy Queen Drive Inn west of Bobby DuBose's station on the Interstate 20 access road.

The alley is not open at the present and Sadler said part of the alley will be maintained. Smith of the Dairy Queen in Abilene is building the new fast food restaurant in Merkel.

The motion passed to advertise the closing of the alley.

Moving to the park improvements, Sadler said he was supposed to have received a bid for a 20 x 40 foot structure from Billy Lucas to present to the Council, but he did not get it Monday.

The proposed building would be for family reunions at the City Park.

He pointed out he has bids on tables for the picnic areas and slabs have been poured.

Sadler said "we need to look at one shelter to use for family reunions. I already have a barbecue pit donated if we do get the building."

The building would be 800 square feet and Sadler estimated it will cost the city \$1,500 to complete.

The Oak Street improvements project was then discussed with Mayor Allen saying the paving of the first leave-out as a test case "looks real good."

The question was asked "What about when putting it down? Is it going to stay?"

Approval of payment of \$225 to the Brownwood firm for the test paving was granted.

After the meeting close Mayor Allen told the other Council members to get together and discuss a possible better time to meet.

Some of the members have been requesting a later starting time than the present 5:30 p.m. the second and fourth Monday of each month.

Yearbook dedicated to Fisher

The 1976 Badger yearbooks were presented to the student body and faculty members last Friday in a special assembly.

The dedication reads as follows:

"Sometimes the most honorable among us, are the least honored. Their special deeds that make all of our loads a little lighter, are often dismissed without a second thought.

The person we are honoring is one of those very special people. His love of children, and thoughtfulness for all, will be long remembered. We congratulate and thank Mr. Mack Fisher for his years of devotion to the Merkel Public Schools."

Miss Rita Watts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Watts and Danny DuBose, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby DuBose, were selected Mr. and Miss Merkel High School. Their selection was made on the basis of their accomplishments and attractiveness after being reviewed by the Hobbs High School Annual Staff in Hobbs, New Mexico. Other nominees for Mr. and Miss M. H. S. were Misses Becky Ruster, Gayla Toliver, and Cherie Aiken and Larry Smith, Roger Doan, and Paul Tucker.

The Best-All-Around Boy and Girl selected from the senior class by the faculty were Netta Stephan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stephan, and Paul Tucker, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Tucker.

A special page in the yearbook was given in memory of the late Gene Stuckey, Tye Elementary School Principal.

Annual staff members for the 1975-76 school year were: Rhonda White, editor; Retha Mattingley, assistant editor; Marsha Clyburn; Netta Stephan; Ray King; Sherrite West; Marlon White; Linda Williams; Mike Henry; Freda Crenshaw; and Mrs. Gayle Baker, sponsor.

Special guests attending the presentation were: Mrs. Mack Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby DuBose, Mrs. E. L. Tucker, Mrs. Robert Stephan, Mrs. Gene Stuckey, Mrs. Harold Watts, and Mrs. Badie Hallmark.

IN APPRECIATION

To All Patrons of the Merkel Independent School District, Faculties, Retired Teachers, Young Homemakers, Students of Merkel and Tye Schools, Employees, the Representatives of the Lions Club, the Chamber of Commerce, Past and Present School Board Members, Mayor and City Council, Friends, Editor of The Merkel Mail, Cafeteria Ladies, and all Others Who Participated in My Retirement Day Program: The undreamed of honors given Mrs. Fisher and me on May 14 will always be remembered and appreciated. In my wildest dreams I couldn't have imagined what was going to take place on that day of all days. The TV set, silver tray, my desk and chair including my new 1949 Model Remington typewriter, the book of dedication--Our Country's Presidents, flower arrangements and antique

vase, letters, cards, picture Fisher's Special, plaques, scrolls and the citations and proclamations, the Bicentennial activities, flag drills, the honors bestowed by the students, faculties, employees of Merkel and Tye schools, expressions made by present and past board members, the statements made by representatives of the Lions Club, the Chamber of Commerce, the Mayor and City Council, Editor of The Merkel Mail, the retired and active teachers, and many more wonderful things all contributed to make a day that I shall always remember with pride.

Again, a million thanks for everything.
Sincerely,
Mack Fisher

Tri-City League under way

The Ambassadors, led by David Wharton's two home-runs, got the Tri-City Boys baseball League season under way in Merkel Monday night with a 5-3 victory over the Wizards.

The game climaxed a 2-year effort to get the league organized and into combat. However, it almost had to be delayed once more as it began to sprinkle at game time and Mayor Lou David Allen had to stand in the rain

to toss out the first baseball officially opening the season and marking the occasion as a memorable one for all those who have been connected with getting the program organized.

Monday's game was called after five innings because of darkness.

Coach Rodney Cosper of the Wizards said his team made a lot of mistakes but was proud of them because they were staging a comeback when the game ended.

Play was to continue Tuesday, and Saturday this week with the regular schedule of Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday nights scheduled next week. There will be no games Thursday and Friday because of graduation at Merkel Junior High and Merkel High School.

Game time each night is 7 p.m.

Too, the Senior division A's will play each Friday night at 7 p.m.

The league is made up of the Ambassadors coached by Finley Barnett and Bill Whis-

enhunt; Rebels coached by Gary Hicks; Wizards, coached by Rodney Cosper; Tye Tigers coached by Ken Arnold and Richard Tolar and Trent Lions coached by Allen Moore and Rocky Breham.

To help with the cost, the league has a candy sale under way and is planning other fund raising projects. Sponsors are J. H. Strain and Son for Tye, DuBose Texaco for Trent, Merkel Catholic Church for the Ambassadors, Hicks Auto for the Rebels, Western Auto for the Wizards and Wikerson Manufacturing for the Senior A's.

Wharton hit his homers in the first and third innings and finished with a perfect night, 3 for 3, at the plate. Mike Sims hit a double in the first and batted two for 3, scoring once. J. Boyd scored once and Santos Pena hit a homer in the fifth.

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Doctor Rongers' Column

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Arthritis and Rheumatism Part 3

Persons with arthritis and rheumatism often have a background of acute or chronic stress or strain. This may be of either a physical or mental nature or both and may be an important indication which will permit early recognition of the symptoms of arthritic or rheumatic diseases. Sometimes the first symptom is not directly related to the joints, but is more in the form of fatigue or exhaustion or generalized aching and stiffness. There may be loss of weight, appetite, and strength. The sensation of swelling of the joints or muscles may be recognized by the person affected even though it may not be detected by careful examination of the affected areas. These symptoms of a more or less general nature are not always indicative of arthritis or rheumatism.

The main symptoms of arthritis and rheumatism are pain, stiffness, limitation of motion, and swelling of affected areas. The pain varies from dull to sharp in severity, or may be described as "like a toothache" or "knifelike." In some types of rheumatism burning sensations and feelings of "pins and needles" and numbness may occur in affected areas. The pain may be fleeting or constant and may vary from one location to another or may occur only in an isolated area. The affected area may be warm or hot to touch, and there may or may not be some degree of redness or discoloration of the overlying skin. Pain of arthritis and rheumatism is often characterized by its "ups and downs," but may disappear without returning or may progress either slowly or fairly rapidly.

Patients with arthritis and rheumatism often complain of "stiffness." When rheumatic stiffness is aggravated by rest, it is often relieved by mild exercise and easy movements of the affected areas. When the stiffness is more directly related to fatigue, it may be relieved by rest and inactivity.

Limitation of motion of an affected area may result from pain on motion or may be related to muscular weakness or imbalance in muscular function. Limited motion could be attributed to fatigue or to the roughening of the smooth, shiny, cartilaginous surfaces of the joint. Creaking noises or crepitation on motion may also result from such changes in the joint surfaces, but the creaking sounds may be produced just as readily by friction in tissues outside the joint. Therefore such sounds do not necessarily indicate that a joint is damaged or even diseased.

Swelling may occur either outside the joint or inside the joint. Swelling outside the joint can be caused by fatigue or to disturbances in the balance of function in small blood vessels which become "sluggish" in their capacity to remove or circulate the body fluids. Swelling of this type may produce the sensation of rings becoming tight on the fingers or shoes tight on the feet.

Swelling that occurs inside the joint results from the

collection of fluid in the joint in an amount in excess of that normally produced by the inside lining, which is called the synovial membrane, for lubrication of the joint. This may occur in certain types of inflammation, infection, injury, or other disorders.

Part 4 of Arthritis and Rheumatism will continue next week.

Fortnightly Study Club

The Fortnightly Study Club observed its final meeting of the club year Saturday with a luncheon, held in Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church, with Mrs. Buster Horton and Mrs. Carl Hughes, of the Social Committee, as hostesses.

Multi-colored spring flowers centered the tables and furnished the setting for "Piano Music of the 90's," played by Mrs. Andy Shouse.

Attending were Mmes. Johnny Cox, Cypert, S. C. Dixon, Don Dudley, Charles Eager, David Gamble, J. W. Hammond, Comer Haynes, Horton, Hughes, C. B. Knight, Shouse, Wilson, and Miss Aaron Horton of Ft. Stockton.

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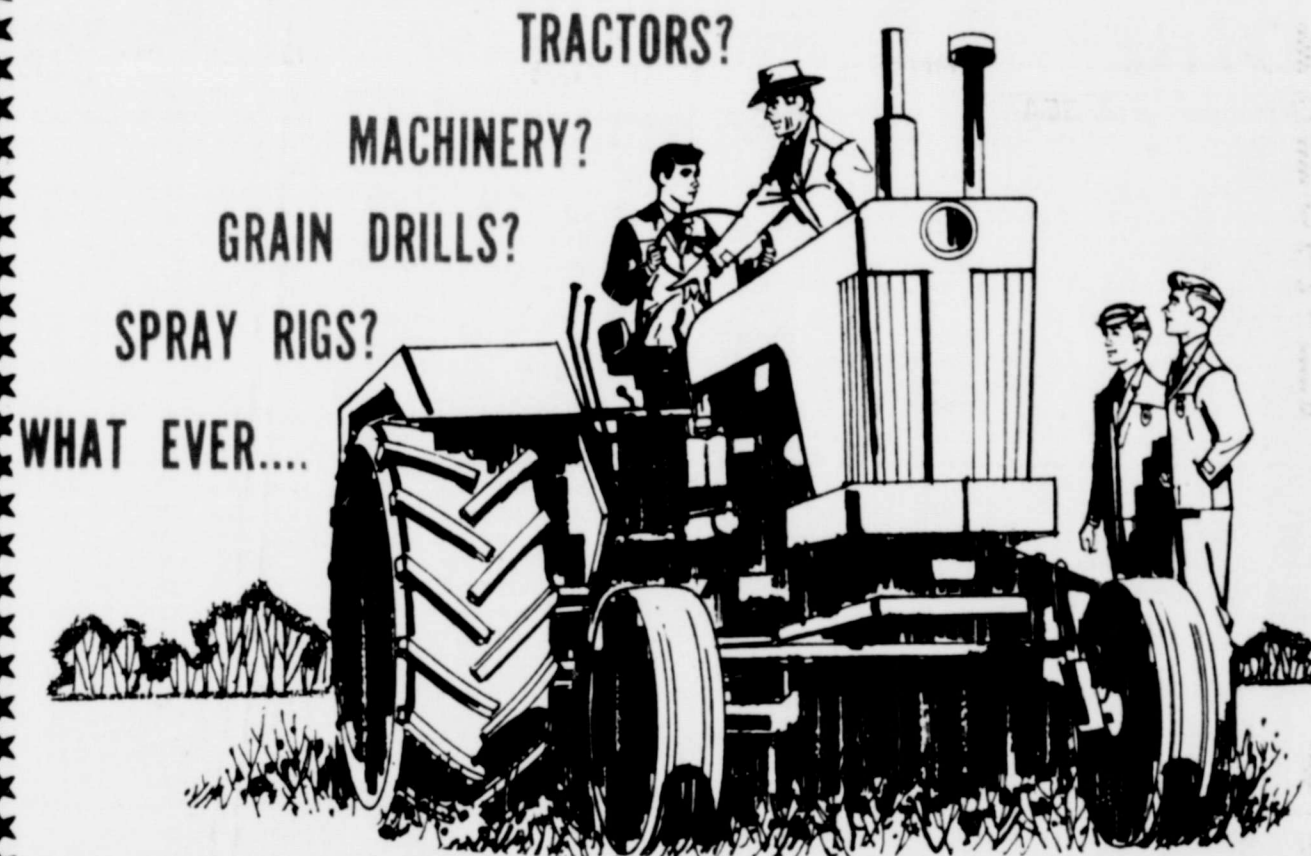
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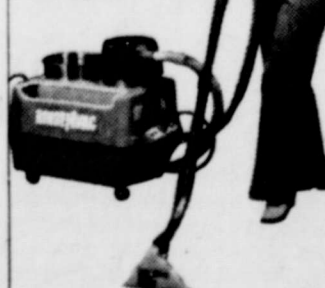
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Stephan, Webb named top citizens

Netta Stephan and Wayne Webb were presented the Citizenship award and Miss Ste-



Mrs. Don Dudley, Mrs. Hugh Baker

phan and Mike Magee received the outstanding student award of the Senior Class during the Awards Assembly at Merkel High School Friday. Top scholars and individuals were recognized and honored with certificates and medals during the ceremonies, conducted by Principal Travis Davis. Also, the students picked the winners of the beard growing contest for the men and the best Bicentennial dress among the women. Gayle Reed won the best dress for the students and Mrs. Pat Dudley won for the teachers. Ronnie Cox was judged as having the best beard among the students and J. V. Hester won first among the teachers. Linda Williams received another honor as outstanding student in Social Studies and Steve Peachy accepted a plaque presented to the team who shared first place in the contest at Snyder. Susan Warner received a special certificate from the UIL for her competition at the state level in shorthand. This was a special recognition as very few students in the state manage to be good enough to gain the state-level competition. Jerre K. Smith Law was named the outstanding student in typing and Rhonda White was recognized as editor of the yearbook. Miss Stephan and Magee received an award and a book as outstanding students in the senior class.

White was judged outstanding in math and Bart Whisenunt was named the tops in shop. Dale Alcorn received the Language Department award, Jay Boyd the Social Studies and Danny DuBose as president of the Student Council. From the Agriculture Department, Randy Harris was presented an award for his poultry project and Dee Dee Metz was honored for her freshman lamb production project which was judged champion of the county. Glen Brownie was named the her Chapter Award and will represent Merkel at the FFA convention in Fort Worth this summer. Grant Sandusay received an FFA award for his beef production. Miss Williams had a 97 average in biology and received an award for this accomplishment. Debra Beard was named the John Phillip Souza Award for the top band honor. Members of the All-District Band were also recognized. Outstanding PE student for the year is James Dawser and Netta Stephan was the outstanding girl athlete. David Booth was honored as having the highest average in physics and four students were honored for geometry class performances. Miss Stephan and Webb were recognized as the top citizens for their daily classroom and general everyday life performances.

Girls open Tri-City

The girls Tri-City baseball league gets under way Tuesday with a full slate of games in four divisions. Merkel and Hawley meet at 6 p.m. at Tye to open the Mini-Minor while in the Minor Division Merkel and Hawley girls play at Tye at 7:15 p.m. Trent has a bye in both divisions. The Major Division has Trent and Hawley playing at Trent at 6:30 p.m. with Mer-

Trent group rummage sale

The Trent Recreational Improvement Project (TRIP) is sponsoring a rummage sale Friday and Saturday at the Yates Sipe home. Everyone is urged to donate items to this sale. There will be coffee and bargains galore, according to Brenda Jackson and Betty Truman. TRIP is a new organization in Trent attempting to improve recreational facilities. They are seeking to provide adequate facilities for everyone's enjoyment— young and old. First project is to construct a baseball park in an area northwest of the Trent School. President of TRIP is Brenda Jackson. Bob Campbell is vice-president; Brenda Kraatz is secretary; Betty Freeman is treasurer; Campbell and Ken Kraatz are project co-chairmen, and on the financial committee head-

Riding Club play results

Weekly play night was held Saturday, May 22 at 8 p.m. Results: Western Pleasure (12 and under)—1. Sherri Williams, 2. James Allday, 3. Brooks Boyd, 4. Carrie Kennedy and 5. Rodney Canoll. (13-17)—1. Ann Melton, 2. Shelli Stout, 3. Mark Copeland, 4. Jan Melton and 5. Sherri Frazier. (18 and over)—1. Barbara Whisenunt, 2. Oscar Vaughn, 3. Benny Melton, 4. Jarrett Pinkley and 5. Walter Whisenunt.

Trent 'Five' graduate

Trent High School held Baccalaureate and Commencement for its five graduating seniors Tuesday night at the Trent High School Auditorium. The five receiving degrees are David Hackney, Paula Forehand, Debra Wells, Rocky McKinnon, and Robert Reed. Mrs. Marvin Sharp opened the ceremony with the professional. Wayne Oglesby gave the invocation followed by Debra Wells with the Salutatory address and Robert Reed with the Valedictory address. Bruce Thomas, principal of Trent High presented awards. George Butterfield, pastor of Trent Church of Christ then gave the address and Bruce Thomas presented the class. Weldon Beasley, president of the School Board and Roy Neff, superintendent presented diplomas. David Hackney conducted the turning of tassels and John Hamner gave the benediction. Hamner is a layman at the Trent United Methodist Church. Honor guards are Gary Gregory, Terri Hamner, Jimmy Adams, and Shirley Brenem. Bland qualifies Steve Bland, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Bland of Trent qualified for the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Finals to be held in Bozeman, Montana June 14-19. He attends college at Southeastern Oklahoma State University in Durant, Oklahoma and is a member of the rodeo team that won the Central Plains regional championship. His team members include James Ward of Odessa, Billy Teague of Crane, Roy Cooper of Monument, New Mexico, Jerry Beagley from Medicine Lodge, Kansas, and Buster Record from Dumas. Phil Loupacre of Guyman, Oklahoma, and George Enloe of Gruver, Texas.

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Billy Black of Route 1, Merkel won the drawing for the Wizard portable mixer at Western Auto Monday. Black is the first winner of the 10-week Mystery Store contest offered by Merkel businesses. The businessmen are offering top discounts and prizes during the contest to benefit the many customers who shop in Merkel and thereby help the city to continue its rapid growth. This week's mystery store is Circle A Western Wear who is giving a \$25 gift certificate to the person whose name is drawn Monday. The word this week is "Levi" which has been hidden throughout The Merkel Mail at least 10 times. To enter find the word "Levi" and circle at least

ed by Betty Freeman are Brenda Jackson, Campbell, Ken Kraatz, Yates Sipe, Harvey Bryant, Don Orr, Rocky King, Johnny Brenem and Eldon Payne. Friends and loved ones for every expression of love, prayers, sympathy, food, flowers, Brother Ted Bigham, Brother Ausie Watson in the loss of our mother and grandmother. May our heavenly Father bless you. The Families of Ruby Henson Fay Perry Ray Perry Ray Perry Fred Perry 14-1tp WE WANT TO TAKE THIS Opportunity to thank our kind friends and relations for the many beautiful flowers, cards and letters we have received. And oh! Yes, the delicious foods, named lastly but not least. Lamoyan and Earl Hughes Sr. 14-1tp THANK YOU FOR FOOD and all the memorial, church and cemetery offerings for Ike Turner. May God bless you. Mrs. Turner Gregory 14-1tc WE WISH TO THANK OUR friends for the cards, visits and prayers I received while in the hospital recently. Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Harwell 14-1tc

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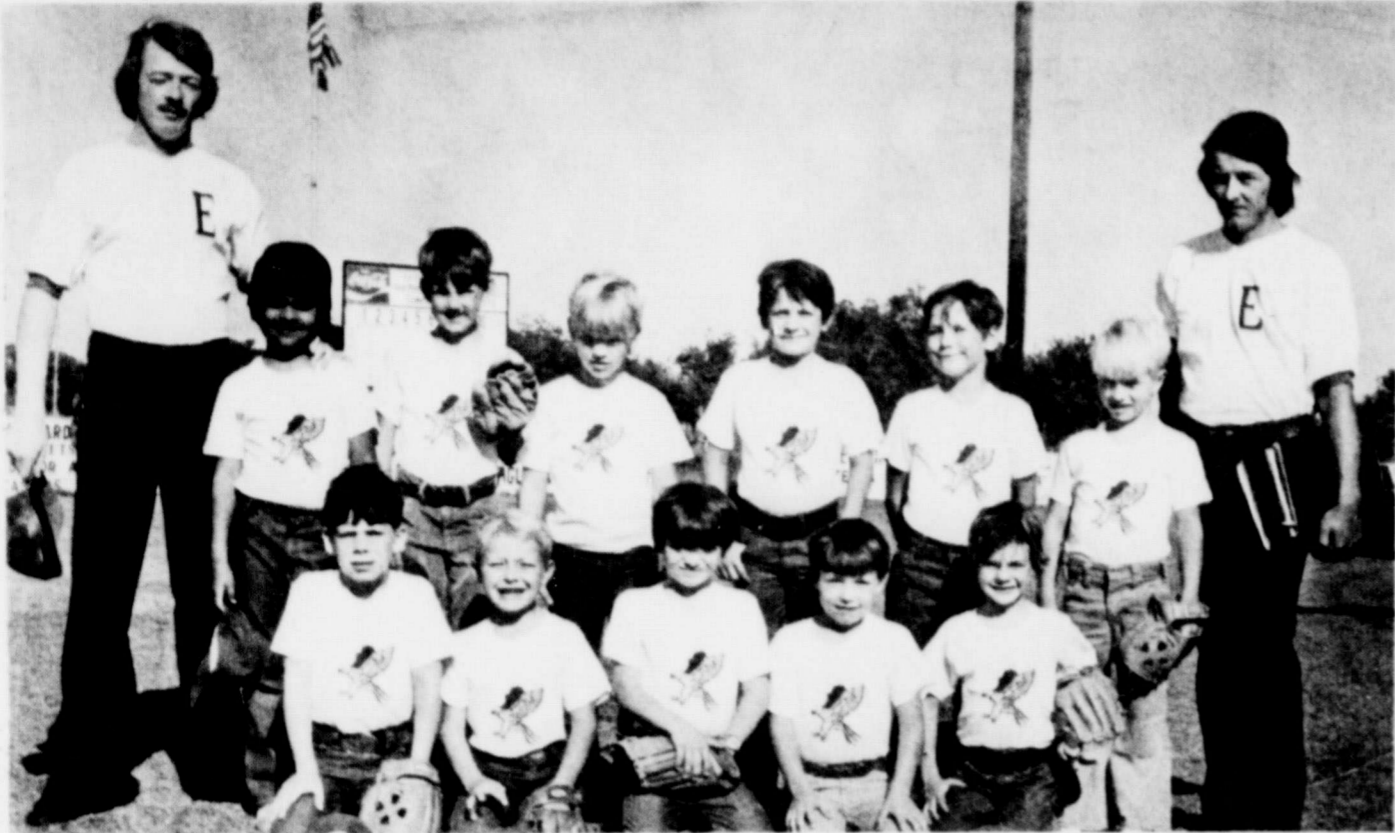
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EAGLES--Members of the Eagles T-Shirt League baseball team are front row, left to right: Danny Santee, Russell Morgan, Keith Watson, Shawn Beene and Michael Yates.



SUPERS--Members of the Supers Little League baseball team this year are front row, left to right, Stephen Edwards, Ronnie Williams, Farron Hamric, Lyle Baker, Cody Johnson, David Vinson and Casey Johnson. Standing, Ray Johnson, Guy McGee, William Fenter, Billy Williams, Freddy Paterson, Randy Fenter and Tommy Hays, Ted Halford is coach, Jason Castille is the other member of the team and Teddy Halford is the manager. Castille and Teddy Halford are not pictured.

Aldridge moves to Dawson

Ronnie Aldridge, head football coach at Merkel since 1974, is taking the head football coaching job at Dawson

Prints available

Team pictures of the Little League and T-Shirt League are available at the Merkel Mail.

To offset printing costs The Merkel Mail offers 5 x 7 prints for \$3 each and 8 x 10 prints for \$4.95 each.

Anyone wanting individual pictures are invited to come by The Merkel Mail and place his order.

High School August 1. The school, located at Welch near Lamesa, competes in Class B. He will replace Sam Adams who has resigned.

Aldridge came to Merkel as assistant football coach and head basketball coach in 1968. His basketball coaching career began in 1965 at Three Way and, through his Merkel tenure, he had a record of 197 wins and 69 losses. His football teams at Merkel won 10 and lost 10.

Aldridge was named Abilene area Class A basketball coach of the year in 1971 and again in 1974.

Mustangs increase edge

The Mustangs managed to increase their lead in the T-Shirt baseball league this week, beating the Braves, 18-1.

It turned out to be the lone game played in the T-Shirt league because of rain showers Saturday and Monday night.

Saturday in the second game the Yankees were leading the Eagles, 6-0, in the top of the first inning when the game was called because of rain.

And, Saturday in the first game the Mustangs were leading the Eagles 7-1 in the top of the second when the rains came, ending action. The Braves and Yankees never got onto the field.

The Mustangs took advantage of some good hitting and the breaks to defeat the Braves, 18-1 in four innings to increase its record to 3-0.

Darren Pack scored three runs, hitting two singles and a homerun for a perfect night at the plate. Benjie Beavers scored three times, hitting a double and single in three at bats; Chris Simpson scored twice and hit two for three; Eddie Biera scored once and batted two for three; Willie Brazleton, Franklin Evans, Jerry Vinson and Doyle Brenem scored once; Brent King scored three runs; and

Billie Brazleton scored twice. The rained out games will be made up at the end of the season if it is necessary to determine a league champion, according to T-Shirt officials.

T-SHIRT STANDINGS		
Team	W	L
Mustangs	3	0
Yankees	1	1
Eagles	1	1
Braves	0	3

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS
Mustangs 18, Braves 1
Braves vs. Yankees, rained out
Mustangs vs. Eagles, rained out
Yankees vs. Eagles, rained out

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE
SATURDAY--Braves vs. Eagles, 6 p.m.; Mustangs vs. Yankees, 8 p.m.
MONDAY--Braves vs. Mustangs, 6 p.m.; Yankees vs. Eagles, 8 p.m.

Trash pick up

Because of the holiday Monday, trash pickup in North Merkel will be moved up to Friday.

Normal trash pickup will continue on schedule Tuesday.

Bankers knock off Braves

The Bankers knocked off the Braves, 14-4, and the Kilowatts strengthened its hold on the Little League baseball league with a 13-4 victory over the Supers and a 9-5 victory over the Vets.

In other games last week, the Braves beat the Willies, 4-2, the Willies scored the Vets, 9-3 and the Bankers beat the Supers, 7-2.

Ricky Biera pitched a one-hitter and scored once to lead the Bankers past the Braves. The lone hit he allowed was a home run by O. C. McKeenan. Greg Dickerson, Freddy Fortune and Tim Jacobs scored also for the Braves.

For the Bankers, Randy Davis hit 3 for 4, had a double and scored two runs; Mike Pate scored twice, hit a triple and double; Steve Davis scored once and hit a triple; Manuel Biera scored three runs; Mike Fisher and Royce Fowler scored twice; and David Wilkerson scored once.

The Bankers made it two straight for the week beating the Supers with Mike Pate scoring twice and hitting a single and triple in three times at bat, David Wilkerson, Manuel Biera, Steve Davis

Lozano birthday

John (Big John) Lozano will be celebrating his birthday Sunday.

The Merkel resident is recovering from an operation at West Texas Medical Center in Abilene.

vis, David Teaff and Randy Davis scored the other runs in the 9-hit Bankers attack.

Randy Fenter hit a double and scored once on a single by Guy McGee and Billy Williams scored once for the Supers who had six hits.

The Braves, meanwhile came from behind with four runs the bottom of the third to stop the Willies and remain in contention.

The Willies scored one the first and one the second on one hit before failing to stop the Braves who had four hits.

O. C. McKeenan hit a double and pitched a one-hitter, striking out 16 Willies. Greg Dickerson scored once and hit a triple, Freddy Fortune scored once and hit a double and Bubba Atkinson and Steve Scott each scored once.

For the Willies, Todd Wetsel and Randy Leverich scored and Richard Beaver hit a double scoring Leverich in the second inning.

The Kilowatts got 12 runs the fourth inning to come from behind and beat the Supers. Greg Beasley scored three times; Mark Waldon, Eugene Ford twice with Ford hitting a double; and Russell Lucas, David Shultz, Brooks Boyd, Willie Townsend, Steve Walden and Eddie Harris scored once.

For the Supers, Casey Johnson, David Vinson, Billy Williams and William Fenter scored once.

Eugene Ford pitched five innings and allowed but two hits in helping the Kilowatts past the Vets.

Ford scored twice as did

Greg Beasley; and David Schultz, Steve Walden, Eddy Harris, Jay Gibson and Willie Townsend each scored once and Townsend had a triple.

For the Vets, Larry Land had a single and double in three trips to the plate; Chris Mashburn scored twice; and Michael Tutt, Donald Tutt and Ken Hogan each scored once. Sammy Tomblinson hit a double to aid the cause.

The Willies scored three times the third and five times the fourth to run past the Vets.

For the Vets, Michael Tutt, Jerry Miller and Bucky Crouse each scored once.

Danny Rigan pitched three innings for the Willies, allowing one hit and one run. Todd Wetsel started the fourth.

Mike Hager scored twice and hit two big triples; James Freeman scored twice, Harold Schrieber once, Richard Beaver hit a single

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THURSDAY--Bankers vs. Kilowatts, 6 p.m.; Braves vs. Supers, 8 p.m.
FRIDAY--Kilowatts vs. Willies, 6 p.m.; Bankers vs. Vets, 8 p.m.
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Fincher, Williams exchange vows

Following a wedding trip to Corpus Christi, Mr. and Mrs. Bengie Williams will live in Tahoka where he is engaged in farming. They were married Saturday in the Merkel Methodist Church with Billy Patton of the Odessa Church of Christ officiating.

The bride is the former Debbie Fincher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayman Hicks and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Fincher of Abilene. Parents of the bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. James M. Williams of Tahoka.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, Bob Fincher.

Jeanie West, sister of the bride, was matron of honor and Belinda Williams of Tahoka, sister of the bridegroom, was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Sheila Smith of Abilene, Tencha Castillo of San Angelo, Becky Holloway of Houston and Becky Franklin of Lubbock.

Daniel West was ring bearer and Roddy Williams of Tahoka, brother of the bridegroom, lighted candles.

Best man was Jack Williams of Tahoka, brother of the bridegroom. Groomsman were Eugene Brown, David Brookshire, Steve Miller, Johnny Brandon, and Terry McCord, all of Tahoka.

Mr. and Mrs. Hicks were hosts for the reception in the Fellowship Hall. The bridegroom's parents hosted the rehearsal dinner at Wyatt's.

The bride is a graduate of Merkel High School and a senior at Texas Tech University. The bridegroom attended Angelo State University. He is a graduate of Tahoka High School.



MRS. BENGIE WILLIAMS

The bride chose an old fashioned gown in candlelight for her wedding day. The fitted bodice featured a high neckline banded in Venice lace, a sheer yoke featured appliques of the same lace and was softened with a small ruffle of Nottingham lace. Long, full bishop sleeves received some of the Venice lace motif and fell into a ruffled cuff.

Falling from a dropped waistline, the full skirt fell gracefully to court length in the front and swept to a long chapel-length train in the back. To complete the image of the old fashioned bride, she chose a wide brimmed picture hat, fashioned of matching lace. Streamers of bridal illusion softened the effect.

FHA visits Six Flags

On May 15, the Future Homemakers of America went on their long awaited trip to "Six Flags Over Texas." Students that went on this trip were Jackie Harris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Harris, Lebra Beard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Beard, Suzanne Hernandez, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hernandez, Yolanda and Maydean Bailey, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bailey, Cindy Hagar, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Newsom, Becky Watts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Watts, Freda and Pam Crenshaw, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Crenshaw, Betty Lindsey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. V. H. Lindsey, Theresa Cox, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Cox, and Sharon Dossier, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Chroge.

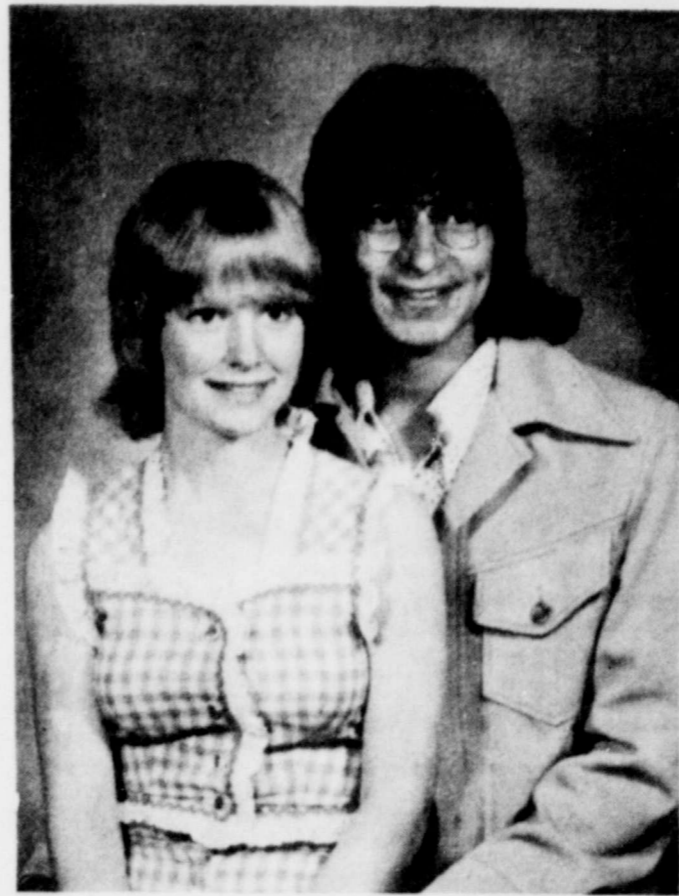
On May 17, the Future Homemakers of America sponsored a covered dish supper in the school cafeteria.

Honored guests were the mothers of all Future Homemakers of America members, senior members of F. H. A., the F. H. A. teacher beau, Mr. Richard Hill, and the student F. H. A. beau, Shawn Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Moore. The highlight of the evening was the installation of officers for 1976-1977 school year.

The new officers are: President, Becky Watts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Watts; Vice-President, Sherrine West, daughter of Mr. Bobbie West; Secretary, Cindy Hagar, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Newsom; Treasurer, Kim Kannel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Vanderwerker; Reporter, Kim Satterwhite, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kent Satterwhite; Historian, Tammy Martin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Bob Neff; Parliamentarian, Tonya Moore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Moore; Song Leader, Becky Page, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Page; and Advisor is Mrs. Candy Martin.

Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor,
The parents of more than three million Little Leaguers combined with their youngsters, league officials, umpires, managers, coaches, auxiliary members and countless volunteer agencies including sponsors, represent an imposing cross section of this nation. Parents should accept the fact that they must shoulder responsibility and take initiative to make the local program successful. Little League is not a club in which membership implies babysitting benefits and entertainment privileges. Practically speaking, Little League is an adult, volunteer work project constructed, supervised and assisted by parents who desire to make its benefits extend to their children. Each parent should join in the total effort. There is a place and a job to do for all. The burden of making this league should not fall on a few. The parent who shirks this responsibility cannot, in turn, expect others to assume the burden.
George English



CARLA FARIELLO, RUDY COSTILLO

Fariello, Castillo plan wedding

A June 19th wedding is planned at the First Baptist Church in Merkel by Carla Fariello and Rudy Costillo. Carla is the daughter of M. Sgt. and Mrs. William Fariello. She is a 1976 graduate of Merkel High and is employed at Stuckey's Pecan Shoppe. Mr. Costillo is the son of Mr. Antonio Costillo. He is a 1974 graduate of Merkel High and is employed at Max Murrel Chevrolet.

Gift tea honors Rita Watts

Miss Rita Watts, bride-elect of Shawn Moore was honored with a gift tea Thursday evening, May 20 in the home of Mrs. Wyman Wilkerson. Receiving guests were Mrs. Wilkerson, Miss Watts, Mrs. Harold Watts, the bride-elect's mother and Mrs. Jack Moore, the prospective bridegroom's mother. Miss Dion Wilkerson registered guests. The serving table was covered with a floor length cloth of white tulle and net with a wedding bell serving as the centerpiece and encircled with ivy and daisies in the bride-elect's chosen colors of mint green, apricot and gold. There were also small

Hughes visits

Richard Hughes of Huntsville, Texas returned to Huntsville May 17, after spending a few days with his parents in Abilene, his grandparents Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Gilbert, and Mrs. Earl Hughes Sr. and other relatives in Merkel.

Hallford, Cotton

are married

Mr. and Mrs. Mark David Cotton are on a wedding trip to San Antonio following their marriage Saturday in Johnson Street Church of Christ in San Angelo. The Rev. Gene Patterson officiated.

The bride, the former Brenda Dell Hallford, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Hallford of Trent. Parents of the bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. Earl Cotton.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, Mrs. Larry Johnson of Merkel was her sister's matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Mrs. Edward Hallford of Snyder and Tom Cotton, the bridegroom's sister.

Bill Weldon of Earth was the best man. Groomsman were the bride's brothers, Teddy Hallford of Merkel and Edward Hallford of Snyder. Larry Johnson of Merkel and Elwood Harris of Morton seated guests.

The bride's parents hosted the reception in the Fellowship Hall of the church.

When they return from their wedding trip the couple will live at 3902 Sherwood Way in San Angelo.

The bride and bridegroom are both graduates of Jim Ned High School and are juniors at Angelo State University. She is employed by the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and he is employed by D & H Sports.

The rehearsal dinner, given at La Quinta Restaurant, was hosted by the bridegroom's parents.

Singing Sunday

Taylor and Jones County fifth Sunday singing convention will meet with the Victory Gospel Singers Sunday at 1:30 p.m. at 307 El Paso Street in Merkel.

The Rip Williams Younger Generation Gospel Singers will be the special guests. All good singers are invited to attend.

Dennis Butler is president.

Brnovak, Merrell announce engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brnovak of Merkel announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter,

Judy Kay to Mark Merrell of Abilene. The wedding ceremony will take place in the Pioneer

Methodist Church at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 24.

All friends and relatives are invited. Miss Brnovak is a graduate of Trent High School and is a senior at Texas Tech University.

Her fiance, son of the Rev. and Mrs. James Merrell of Abilene, is a graduate of Abilene High School and is employed at Hemphill-Wells in Lubbock.

Start Nursing Home news

Mrs. Mae Bush celebrated her 84th birthday by going to Abilene and eating hamburgers with her son. We also had a birthday party for her this month which was well attended.

Thanks to the Senior Class of Merkel High School for the beautiful white cake trimmed in pink. It was very nice to remember the residents.

The First Baptist Ladies of Trent made a bunch of hats for the residents of which were needed and appreciated.

We welcome Mr. Charlie Seago in to our home. He has improved. We were sorry to lose Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Massey from our community. They will be missed by the residents, for W. L. visited all the patients each week. They moved to Arkansas.

Junior High graduation

Merkel Junior High School's graduation has been set for Thursday 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, scholastically, will be honored at the program.

Principal John Cain said 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.

Booth on honor roll

Tammy Anne Booth of Merkel is one of 225 students named to the fall semester honor roll of the College of Education of The University of Texas.

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FRESH TOMATOES VALENIA 4 LB BAG **55¢**

SAUSAGE GOOCH BR GERMAN STYLE PKG **98¢**

FRESH TOMATOES GOLDEN LB **25¢**

YAMS LB **25¢**

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