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they of old time have set in  
thine inheritance.  
Deuteronomy 19:14



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## Toombs heads group on ad valorem tax issue

Billy Bob Toombs was named president of the Concerned Taylor County Taxpayers in an organizational meeting July 13 at Taylor Electric Cooperative.

There was a large crowd on hand to hear discussion on the ad valorem tax issue which is generating much controversy in Taylor County.

The group chose a committee from each precinct to go to the Taylor County commissioners court as its first objective to influence it to lower the taxes.

If the court refuses to take action, a motion was made and passed to hire a lawyer to seek immediate litigation on the matter.

Members of the committee with Toombs are John Townsend, Myrl Eaton, Vernon Leugrett, Eddie Glenn Sandusky,

Jack Hancock, Lloyd Gilmore, Joe Montgomery, R. E. Clemmer, Hollis Buchanan and Bert Young.

Temper flared a little in some parts of the meeting, particularly when the name Comprehensive Planners from Mississippi came to surface. This is the group hired by the Taylor County commissioners as professional appraisers of land in Taylor County.

Bill Baker, superintendent of schools in Knox City, is regarded as an authority on the ad valorem tax issue. Baker said the passage of H. B. 1126 meant \$1.5 billion added to the foundation program. "And the news media reported it was a no new taxes session of the Texas legislature," he said.

Baker said H. B. 1126 raised property taxes more than \$400 million in Texas

and "I certainly don't see that as no new taxes."

Baker added, "I think H. B. 1126 is a disgrace to the Texas legislature."

Baker advised landowners not to blame school administrations or school boards "as it wasn't a bill, really of their choosing."

Baker said Rep. W. S. (Bill) Healy of Paducah has the only vote for his large 15-county area—"larger than some states," but still his "one vote" couldn't have all that much power for us."

Baker noted that 27 per cent of the wealth of the state is in real property; 15 per cent of the wealth from tangible property; but 53 per cent of the wealth in Texas is from intangible property, such as stocks, bonds and other revenue. Baker said it boils down to the fact

that 27 per cent of the wealth or real property is having to pay 85 per cent of the taxes.

Hence by necessity, real property ends up taxed and leaves the agricultural land and homeowners to raise the money, he said.

Baker suggested getting an effective voice in the Texas legislature. In fact, July 25 of last year, Baker formed with some colleagues Texans for Equitable Taxation—a grassroots organization which began in Munday and was later officially chartered October 22, a solely non-profit organization.

Baker called it "a state coalition of real property taxpayers."

Baker predicted more local schools may be put out of business as well

as some local landowners if the group is not successful in changing the tax distribution.

Joe Montgomery, president of the Taylor County Farmers Union, said that on his 100-acre farm at Hamby he paid \$132 in taxes in 1975 and "93 of this amount went for school taxes."

Montgomery said, "Folks such as some at Dyess AFB, for example, often wind up coming from New York, putting several kids in school at Abilene and not paying a dime and yet their kids are going to school and I'm paying the taxes for it."

"I want to pay my fair share," Montgomery, an educator himself, said, "But I want them to pay their fair share too."

**Outgoing Taylor County Tax**

Assessor-Collector Burl King took the podium and things got quiet.

"I thought I knew school taxes," King said, "I was getting along pretty well till last May and until after the last session of the Texas legislature."

King said, "Things began to pop last year and unless taxpayers start keeping a close watch on their business—you ain't seen nothing yet—nothing like school taxes you'll see in 1977-1978."

King told the group he fought hard for 20 years to keep farm and ranch lands assessed on its productive value rather than its speculative appraised market value. In an emotional appeal, King noted he was raised on the farm and plans to return to the farm for

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## THE MAIL



By Carl Dingler

Appears the rain is attempting to catch up all at one time. Merkel has now had 5.90 inches in the last 10 days or so which is more than we have had the other six months combined.

Most of the rain has been of the excellent type with its soaking qualities which should mean millions of dollars to the economy in harvests.

Speaking of harvests, Don McDonald harvested a cantaloupe that weighed more than 10 pounds.

Raymond Haddock has been named chairman of the "Kiss a Baby Campaign" in Merkel for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

Congratulations should go to the School Board for not accepting the initial proposals on needed improvements for the facilities at last week's meeting. The plans would call for \$1.6 million in bonds to update and improve the present facilities.

The plans as presented would have left the schools lacking before the first youngster entered a classroom under such a plan.

Too, there was nothing in the plans for improving the football stadium facilities nor providing space for a combined School Superintendent and tax collector office.

However, the plans did point out some of the huge problems facing the School Board and the people of Merkel, Tye and Noodle. It is a fact, more classrooms and updating of present facilities will have to be made.

It's a fact, it can't be put off much longer. And, it's a fact it will cost money—lots of it.

It will be a tough decision facing the School Board. However, a decision will have to be made. The longer such a plan is delayed the further the facilities will get behind and the more it will cost as the price of material and inflation continue to rise.

While, most of the proposals appeared sound in the \$1.6 million program, have to agree with the School Board that there were a few "frills." However, the patio or study areas were about the only real "frills."

There just weren't enough classrooms. Perhaps by the August meeting the School Board can make definite plans and can prepare for the future building needs of the district.

The youngsters of the area deserve nice facilities, something they, and the community, can take pride in and they deserve to have the best in education. After all, they don't need to start off in the world under a handicap because they were denied an equal education, due to

little or no facilities.

Yes, the School Board faces a hard decision and one that probably won't be too popular. But, it is one that has to be made.

Mary Outlaw, who was given a surprise party at Starr Nursing Home last week upon her retirement, didn't get off to that "fishing hole" as fast as she thought she might. After the party Sunday, she worked until 3:30 a.m. at the home, assisting the nurses.

She still insists she is going fishing.

From here and there: Two secretaries sat discussing their bosses during coffee break. "He's in a bad mood again," moaned one. "All I asked him was whether he wanted the carbon copies double-spaced, too."

And, another: Barber: "What kind of a haircut do you want, little boy?" Boy: "The kind like my father's with the hole in the middle."

And from Edgar Speer, chairman of the board of U. S. Steel Corporation:

"What is happening in America is something that is foreign to the American way of life: a government presuming to know what is best for its people, at the expense of the people's freedom to make their own decisions. Moreover, it is doubly wrong when appointed officials exercise life-or-death power over the sources of people's jobs and income, without being held accountable for what happens when that power is used indiscriminately or unwisely. This has always been the nub of the problem with regulatory agencies."

Watching the Democratic National Convention last week was about as exciting as watching an 8-hour movie of the outside of the Empire State Building.

In fact, at several points during the TV coverage, it was more exciting to set and watch the rain.

And, did you notice the film on Jimmy Carter Thursday night led you to believe that here was a "good ole boy" peanut farmer who just decided to run for the Presidency 19 months ago.

It didn't mention his long political career or the political machinery and financial support it took to get Carter the nomination.

And, wouldn't it be great if he could produce all the promises he issued, should he be elected in November.

Oh, well, maybe we'll get another good rain during the Republican convention next week and will have something exciting to watch during the lulls.



CHASE IS ON--Merkel catcher Greg Beasley attempts to tag Hamlin's Larry Beach in All-Star tournament action Monday night in Merkel. Beach scored as Hamlin won 10-1

to eliminate Merkel from the championship finals. Merkel pitcher O. C. McKeenan right backs Beasley on the play. Umpire Dan Horn of the Abilene Association is on top of the play.

## Merkel LL falls in tourney, 10-1

Hamlin eliminated the Merkel All-Stars from the District 5 Little League playoffs Monday night, 10-1, on the Merkel home field.

Hamlin thus advances to Friday's finals against Tuesday's winner between Rotan and Stonewall-Kent.

He also led off the fifth and scored the 10th run. Tumlison and Ed Herrera were the only two to get hits off Hamlin's Lawlis.

Score by innings:  
Merkel 000 010-1-2  
Hamlin 036 01x-10-4

## Golf tourney Saturday

Sybil McLean of Abilene will be back to defend her championship in the Third Ladies Golf Tournament at the Merkel Country Club Saturday.

Entry deadline is Thursday night with the first 32 teams entered being accepted. Entry fee is \$15 per team and carts are \$7 per team. Tee off begins at 9 a.m.

Lunch and awarding of prizes will follow the 18-hole tournament.

Jo Ann Smith, president of the Ladies Association says the tournament will be a handicap partnership.

McLean won low gross in the championship flight last year with a 79. Nadine Jones of Abilene had low net with 70. First flight gross winner was Jo Ann Smith and Faye Robertson won low net.

Second flight winners were Joanne McAdoo of Winters and Melba Seymore and third flight winners were Karen Morris of Sweetwater and Minyon Seymore.

## Gold Star nominee

The 1976 Taylor County 4-H Gold Star Girls Tour will be held Monday beginning at 9 a.m. at the County Extension Office.

The Gold Star award was initiated to provide recognition to the one outstanding boy and girl for their achievement, leadership and contributions to the 4-H program. The Gold Star award is the highest award a county can give.

Girls to be visited are: Cathy Holloway, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Holloway, 6-year member of Merkel 4-H Club.

Trina Merkel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Merkel, 6-year member of Wylie 4-H.

Michelle Willis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Willis, 5-year member of Potosi 4-H.

Cindy Walker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Walker, 8-year member of Wylie 4-H.

The winner will be selected on the basis of her contribution and work with 4-H projects and activities, personal development and service to others are the prime judging points.

Announcement of the winner will be made at the completion of the tour. The winner will be recognized at the Taylor County 4-H Awards Banquet in October, District 7 Gold Star Banquet in November in San Angelo, and at the Taylor County Home Demonstration Club Christmas Party where she will receive \$100 and a diamond dinner ring to wear for a year.



OFFICERS INSTALLED--The Merkel Lions Club installed officers Tuesday at its regular noon meeting. Left to right they are Don Hensley, first vice-president; Obie Coker, Tall Twister; Bob Hammond, third vice-president; Max Murrell, second vice-president; George Starbuck, president;

Travis Davis, director and outgoing president; Danny Sanford, secretary-treasurer; and Rodney Cosper, Lion Tamer. Others on the Board of Directors are Russell McAnally, Bill Button, Philip Pursley, Leon Harris, Nolan Palmer, Bobby DuBose and Mack Seymore.



## Raymer, Brown exchange wedding vows

Anita Irene Raymer of Coleman and Michael Joseph Brown of Abilene were married Sunday July 4, 1976. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Raymer of Coleman. Parents of the bridegroom are Mrs. Jeannette B. Brown of Brooklyn, New York and Earl J. Brown of Eldora, Iowa.

The 2 p.m. wedding took place in the Trinity United Methodist Church of Coleman with Rev. Lynn D. McAden of Pharr, uncle of the bride, officiating, assisted by Rev. Norman Bruner.

Church decorations included a large arrangement of white gladiolas and red carnations with red, white and blue satin ribbon on the communion table and centered in front were a gold cross and her memory candle with white bridal tapers on either side placed in crystal candelabras. Flanked on both sides of the communion table were white wrought iron candelabras with blue votive cups. Family pews were marked with red, white and blue satin ribbon.

Mrs. Nell Bruner, organist, played the selected wedding music including "Wedding Song," "There is Love," "You'll Never Walk Alone," "Theme from Romeo and Juliet" and "Somewhere My Love."

The bride given in marriage by her father wore a long empire gown of white bridal satin and fashioned with long full sleeves and a scoop neckline. The dress was accented with hand beaded imported lace. Her three quarter length veil of imported bridal illusion was trimmed with matching lace and attached to a handbeaded head piece. Her jewelry consisted of a gold cross necklace, a gift of her parents; an antique gold bracelet, a gift of a family friend Mrs. Wanda Stacy Bouldin; and ruby and gold earrings, a gift to the bride's mother from the bride's father on their first anniversary. The bride carried a bouquet of white miniature carnations, red roses, gypsophelia and ming fern on a white Bible a gift of the bridegroom.

Mrs. Loy Don Black of Winters was matron of honor. Bridesmaid was Mrs. Thomas King of Winters.

Their long princess style gowns were red, white and blue stars and stripes print fashioned cap sleeves and square necklines. On their heads they wore white picture hats trimmed with red and blue ribbon. The matron



MRS. MICHAEL BROWN

of honor carried a long stemmed white gladiola and a red rose tied with royal blue bows and streamers. The maid of honor carried a long

stemmed white gladiola with red bow and streamers. Jennifer Draper of Friddy was flower girl. She wore a dress of red, white and blue print like those of the honor attendants. She carried a basket of white net with lace and small red bows. In her hair she wore satin bows and

gypsophelia. Kenyon Don Black of Winters, ring bearer, carried a heart-shaped white satin pillow.

Loy Don Black of Winters was best man, Groomsman was Thomas King of Winters, Carroll Draper of Friddy, cousin of the bride, and Thomas King ushered.

After the ceremony, a reception was held in the fellowship hall of the church. The bride's table, laid in white satin, accented with red bows and blue net, was centered with white gladiolus and red carnations. Red punch was served from a crystal punch bowl. The 3-tier cake decorated with red roses and highlighted with tiny blue flowers was topped with a bride and groom standing under an arch accented with red, white and blue ribbon. Mints and nuts were served from crystal appointments.

Following a wedding trip to San Antonio and New Braunfels the couple will be residing at 1702 South 3rd Apartment 4 in Abilene. They are both employed by the Zondervan Corporation a christian publishing company.

The bride is a graduate of Coleman High School and received a BS degree in Biology from Tarleton State University. She is a former teacher at Merkel Junior High. The bride is a member of Alpha Nu Nu chapter of Beta Sigma Phi in Merkel.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Fort Hamilton High School in Brooklyn, New York and Faith For Today Bible College.

Mulberry Canyon 4-H met Monday July 12 at their club house. A pot luck supper was served.

The meeting was called to order and Cindy Hutchings led the 4-H Pledge and Prayer and Craig Hutchings led the American Pledge.

J. D. Sandusky, rifle leader, reported on rifle scores at the District meet in San Angelo. Lisa Hughes and Craig Hutchings received trophies for being on the Senior Rifle Team. Sherri Williams received a trophy for the Junior Rifle Team.

Year pins were given to the members. Each member gave a report on their activities for the past year.

We had Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brovok and Judy, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Gilmore, Mrs. Alice King, Mrs. Mary Russon, Mrs. Lottie Everett, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Sandusky and Mrs. Gilmore as our guests.

Those who received pins and gave their reports were:

Dee Dee Masonheimer, 3 year pin; Sherri Williams, 3 year pin; Leslie Masonheimer, 4 year pin; Cindy Hutchings, 4 year pin; Craig Hutchings, 5 year pin; Tommy Swinney, 6 year pin; Sheila Swinney, 3 year pin and Lisa Hughes, 7 year pin.

Special recognition was

given to Lisa Hughes, who was named to the District Senior Rifle Team.

Our club was represented at the District 4-H Horse Show in Mason by Leslie Masonheimer. She placed ninth in the grade mare class.

Our club was honored by the R. E. A. We entered the R. E. A. Beautification Project. We received a 3rd place plaque. Our leaders, Jim and Neida Masonheimer were guests at the banquet held at Old Abilene Town. They received the plaque dur-

ing ceremonies at the dinner. Mulberry Canyon was represented in the Taylor County Dress Revue in Abilene.

Shannon Boyd received a blue ribbon. Leslie Masonheimer, Dee Dee Masonheimer and Sheila Swinney received red ribbons.

Our club decorated the stage at Radford Auditorium. Lisa Hughes designed the program cover.

Mrs. Goldia Malone was the Sewing Leader.

## Mulberry Canyon 4-H news

## Murphee visitors

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Murphee had Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Cox come to visit Mr. Murphee who was sick.

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On Sunday following the reunion 18 members attended the Nugent Church of Christ. Following church services the 23 remaining family members were entertained by Ernest and Leta Dixon at their Lake Phantom residence. A buffet dinner and good time was had by all.

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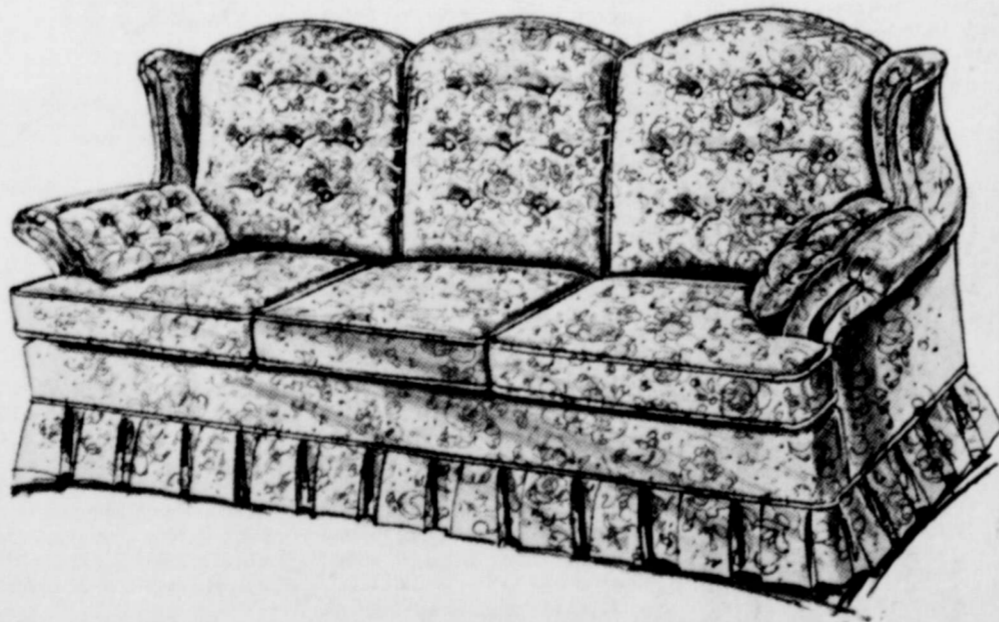
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## Collinsworth rites held

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She had been a resident of Merkel since 1936.

The Rev. Russell McAnally, pastor, and the Rev. N. S. Daniels, associate pastor officiated.

Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery, directed by Starbuck Funeral Home.

## Senior Citizens

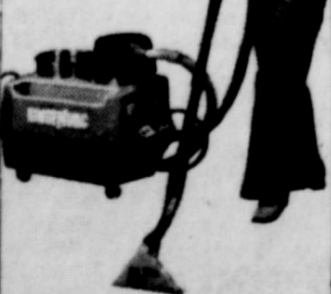
The Senior Citizens had 75 present for the monthly luncheon. All reported a good time, and enjoyed the entertainment.

Fourth Thursday night July 22, will be regular time for a program. This will be brought by Rev. Gary Turner and wife Carol from Tye Methodist Church. Also, McMurry students Eddie Wilson, Mary Glover, and Neilson Ely will have part on the program.

Everyone come. The time is 7:30 p.m.

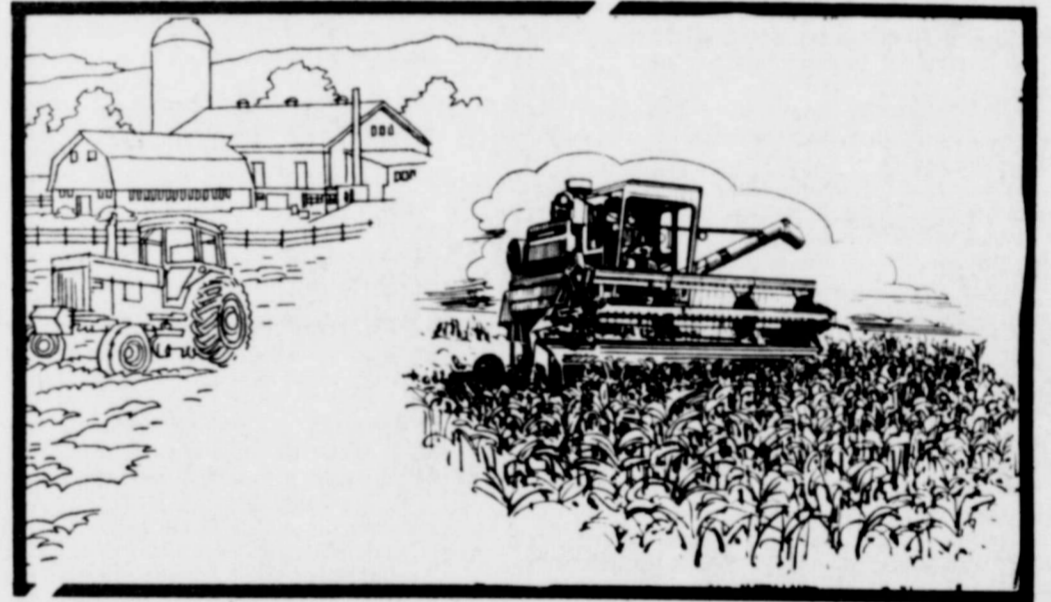
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**Card of Thanks**  
 I WISH TO THANK each and every one who came to my retirement party at the Starr Nursing Home Sunday, July 11th, for the beautiful flowers, the beautiful ring with rubies and diamond the staff gave me, the many gifts that they brought or sent, I want to say Merkel and surrounding communities have been wonderful to my residents and to me and without your help and love I could never have made it. Remember I am always at your service to do anything I can for any of you even if I have retired for a while. Remember I said for a while. Thanks again.  
 Mary Outlaw 22-1tc

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS  
 CITY OF MERKEL, COUNTY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS  
 107 LAMAR STREET  
 MERKEL, TEXAS 79536  
 TELEPHONE 915-928-4911

To all interested agencies, groups and persons

On or about July 30, 1976

## PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS County of Taylor NOTICE IS HEREBY given that by virtue of a certain EXECUTION issued out of the Honorable 69th District Court of Sherman County, of the 3rd day of January 1966, by District Clerk of said Sherman Co. for the sum of Thirty Three Thousand Six Hundred Fifteen & 70/100--Dollars and costs of suit, under a Judgement, in favor of The 1st State Bank of Stratford in a certain cause in said Court, No. 1592 and styled The First State Bank of Stratford vs. Joe A. Horton, placed in my hands for service, I, Jack Landrum as Sheriff of Taylor County, Texas, did, on the 9th day of May 1976, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Taylor County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: 1/10 & 1/8 Undivided interest in Tract 1 All that Lot, Tract or Parcel of land described as Abstract 522, Survey One (1) West Part of Subdivision as Evens Pasture, D. B. Corley, 21.5 acres, more or less, Merkel School District, Abstract 22, Survey One (1) East Part of Subdivision as Evens Pasture D. B. Corley, 150 acres, More or less Merkel School District Abstract 522, Survey One (1) East Part of Subdivision as Evens Pasture D. B. Corley, 200 acres more or less Merkel School District, Taylor County, Texas, Tract 2 265 acres, more or less of Lot No. 11, J. A. Evens Subdivision of the D. B. Corley Surveys Nos. 2, 3 and 4, the H. Hand Survey and the J. A. Nabers Survey No. 9, known as the Kennedy Place, Taylor County Texas, and levied upon as the property of Joe A. Horton and that on the first Tuesday in August 1976, the same being the 3rd day of said month at the Court House door, of Taylor County, in the City of Abilene, Texas, be-

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

tween the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., by virtue of said levy and said Execution I will sell said above described Real Estate at public venue, for each, to the highest bidder, as the property of said Joe A. Horton.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper published in Taylor County, Texas.

Witness my hand, this 2nd day of July 1976  
 Jack D. Landrum  
 Sheriff Taylor County, Texas  
 By R. P. Blackley Deputy, 21-3tc

## Notice

The City of Merkel has received notice that the Department of Housing and Urban Development has accepted for processing the Community Development Block Grant Application identified as Project B-76-DS-48-0054 for the City of Merkel, Texas.

The above noted application is for Water System Improvements and consist:

Project 1: 3200 feet of 6 inch water mains from N-2nd Street, north to I-20 along Nolan Street.

Project 2: 5600 feet of 6 inch water mains from N-1st Street, south to the City water tower and along Walnut, Orange and South 10th Streets.

Project 3: 2300 feet of 6 inch water mains from N-2nd Street, north on Martin Street and east along N-6th Street to Thornton Street.

Any and all citizens interested and affected by this project may inspect said application at the City Hall, 107 Lamar Street, Merkel, Texas, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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 Development 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 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 August 18, 1976 will be considered by HUD.

MAYOR LOU DAVID ALLEN, CITY OF MERKEL, 107 LAMAR, MERKEL, TEXAS 79536 22-1tc

## PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF CHRISTINE COLLINS, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original letters of administration on the Estate of Christine Collins, deceased, were issued to the undersigned on the 13th day of July, 1976, in the proceeding indicated below my signature hereto, which is still pending, and that Homer Easterwood now holds such letters. All persons having claims against said estate, which is being administered in the County below named, are hereby required to present the same to the same, Homer Easterwood, at the address below given. Suit upon same is barred by the general statute of limitations before such estate is closed, and within the time prescribed by law. The residence and post-office address as to the place to file said claim is:

Homer Easterwood  
 P. O. Box 206  
 Sinton, Texas 78387  
 Dated this 14th day of July, 1976.

Homer Easterwood and Joyce Adams, Independent Executors of The Estate of Christine Collins, Deceased, No. 12,540, in the Probate Court, in the County of Taylor County, Texas 22-1tc

## Letter To The Editor

**Mashburn dies**

Dear Sir:

I have looked in the Merkel Mail since the middle of June and some one must not have let you know of the passing of Terrill F. Mashburn, 1700 Wilson Road, Fort Worth, 76112. He died Sunday, June 13, 1976 of a heart attack. He was buried on Tuesday, July 15 in a Fort Worth cemetery.

He is survived by his wife Florence, one son, one daughter and 3 grandchildren.

His mother Callie Mashburn was buried in Rose Hill Cemetery Sunday, November 12, 1975. Her funeral was at the First Methodist Church in Merkel.

Terrill Mashburn was raised in Merkel, and finished high school there. His cousin, Fred A. Baker, Jr. Box 243 Slaton, Texas

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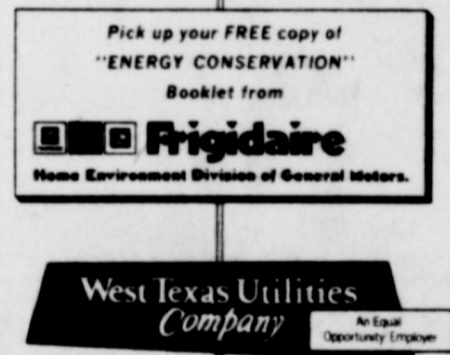
Everyone is feeling better at this writing. Mrs. Winnie Cypert and Grannny Bresending have been on the sick list but are okay now. We welcome Lorris McGraw to our staff, she works in the food department. She replaced Gloria VeraCruz who resigned. We were sorry to lose Gloria. I can truthfully say she made me a very good employee while working here. I'm not working, just house work and doing the things I want to do. I am resting some which Dr. Lockhart prescribed four years ago. I had such a wonderful party and it was a surprise even if I did get a peep at one of the persons who told me to read it to them I saw my name and surprise party on the invitation I told them it was their personal mail and handed it back to them. I wondered why Joyce, my daughter, took the Baptist paper out of my hands and I thought Larry Gill had forgotten to leave his paper. So after all I had told them no party, no gifts please when my birthday came July 4 as they always had a party for me then. I knew it was going to be but not where or when. So it was a surprise and they had Mary Vaughn to entertain me all day and wouldn't let me go near the Nursing Home. I wish to thank each and every one for the nice party and the lovely gifts. And I would like to say it was a surprise because when Carl Dingler came in to make pictures I told him that Brenda Roberts was my granddaughter and Joyce Minnich my mother so you see I was either confused or surprised or in shock but it was a beautiful thought to do this for me. Want to tell you a little incident that happened this week. I had to go take Tina, my baby dog who is 14 years old, to Dr. Allridge at Sweetwater. When driving up I started in the office heard a terrible crash and looked back behind me to see a terrible wreck. Two cars involved, a car traveling west with two colored people from Abilene and three ladies turning in to get flea powder for their cat. All were hurt real bad and Mary Vaughn and I helped with the victims until police and ambulance arrived. They had fractures. I went with the ambulance and Mary Vaughn carried one lady who had a broken arm in my car, but God was with us for had not when they hit the curb and the tire went flat

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Letters to the editor Merkel Poem

Mr. Carl Dingler, I receive your paper each week here in prison. Even if no letters come through the week, I know the paper will be here on Friday. And its like a long letter itself. That's what happened tonight, no letters this week but your paper came. After reading over it, and seeing all the old familiar names and events going on in Merkel, I had a strong desire to write and tell you how much it meant to me, especially now. I enjoyed most of all the old picture of Merkel on the front page. You see I came to Merkel in 1942 as a child of 7. And I remember some of the old buildings that are gone now. Especially the old Opera House—it was in ruin then but on Saturday evenings when we came to town from twenty miles out in the country "which at that time was quite a trip on dirt roads, and ancient cars," we kids would play there.

I have left Merkel many times over the last 37 years. On trips that have taken me but 500 miles completely around the world. But no place I have been did I feel at home until I was back at Merkel. I suppose it's only a human nature, and most of us have a place we feel that way about. Lord, knows there are many places with more glamour. But it affects me like a homing pigeon.

Mrs. Reid who wrote the article, was my science teacher in school. She is a great person and has always had a place in my heart. Also Mrs. Johnny Cox, Mrs. Vincent Barnett and others. People who were never famous, but will be remembered fondly by many they have taught through the years.

I have many good friends in Merkel and also some enemies. But it is still home and I know that it always will be. That's why I wrote this poem, it's about Merkel and the way I feel especially being here. You may print it if you think it worthy. If not, just throw it away.

I feel that I know you from reading your article each week. I will meet you when I am back in Merkel. And thank you for lending me your ear.

"Longing For Home"  
When flowers blossom in the Spring  
Its at this time my thoughts take wing  
But I must refrain from remembering  
That I am held here far from home  
Though never have I desired to roam  
Yet still the fault is all my own  
That I can't be there.

In the endless days of Summer  
The sun will shine upon the plain  
Cool breezes blow after the rain  
To recall these things of wonder  
May ease the pains, that bind me  
To the ever haunting thought  
That I can't be there.  
In Autumn's beautiful splendor  
I'll look back to happier days  
Then I will try and remember  
How the grass would sway as if to pray  
And the leaves would slowly

amber  
But it seems it be by fate  
That I can't be there.

With Winter's drab appearance  
The days grow short and shadows lengthen  
Nights become long and dreary

With longing for home, not being alone  
And the desire to feel a nearness  
I certainly care that someone is there  
I truly love in my memories.  
So long until next Friday,  
Jim Oliver

Questions

Dear Editor,  
Under the heading "Abilene firm gets water billing contract," re: Merkel Mail, July 15, there were items concerning the actions of the City Council that lead to the following questions:

1. Mr. Sadler said he took \$5 out of the city treasury and paid to have the lot cleared. Since when do the people of Merkel pay to have private property cleaned up?  
2. If this private property, commonly known or referred to as the "right-of-way," had trash and beer cans thrown on the lot, why don't the city officials make available trash cans or barrels to put debris in? Or is it easier to pay to have the job done?

3. Since there appears to be a discussion about the littering, what are some of the prominent citizens doing about the possibility that their sons or daughters may be involved?  
4. If littering charges are to be filed, who will be required to answer the charges and who won't?

I, personally do not condone littering and I feel that if an effort is made on the part of the people we can clean up the government and the city for all the people.

I would like to join Dalien Roysden in her last letter in thanking you, Mr. Dingler, for your efforts in keeping the public informed and for not evading controversial issues!

Lenore A. Viersen  
County agents meet

The annual meeting of the Texas County Agricultural Agents Association will be at the Knights' Inn in Waco August 1-3. Registration will be held the first day, with the meeting officially opening at 9:15 on August 2. Recipients of the Distinguished Service Award will be honored at a Monday luncheon.

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Consolidated Report of Condition of Home State Bank of Trent, Texas and Domestic Subsidiaries at the close of business on June 30, 1976.

BALANCE SHEET		ASSETS		Sch.	Item	Col.	Mill	Thous.
1.	Cash and due from banks	C	7				267	1
2.	U.S. Treasury securities	B	1	E			180	2
3.	Obbligations of other U.S. Government agencies and corporations	B	2	E			none	3
4.	Obbligations of States and political subdivisions	B	3	E			none	4
5.	Other bonds, notes, and debentures	B	4	E			none	5
6.	Corporate stock						none	6
7.	Trading account securities						none	7
8.	Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell	D	4				250	8
9.	Loans, Total (excluding unearned income)	A	10				358	9
	b. Less: Reserve for possible loan losses						none	10
	c. Loan net						358	11
10.	Direct lease financing						none	12
11.	Bank premises, furniture and fixtures, and other assets representing bank premises						none	13
12.	Real estate owned other than bank premises						none	14
13.	Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries and associated companies						none	15
14.	Customers' liability to this bank on acceptances outstanding						none	16
15.	Other assets	G	7				none	17
16.	TOTAL ASSETS (sum of items 1 thru 15)						1,067	18
LIABILITIES		Sch.	Item	Col.				
17.	Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	F	11	A			851	17
18.	Time and savings deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	F	12	B+C			none	18
19.	Deposits of United States Government	F	2	A+B+C			none	19
20.	Deposits of States and political subdivisions	F	3	A+B+C			36	20
21.	Deposits of foreign governments and official institutions	F	4	A+B+C			none	21
22.	Deposits of commercial banks	F	5+6	A+B+C			none	22
23.	Certificates and officers' checks	F	7	A			none	23
24.	TOTAL DEPOSITS (sum of items 17 thru 23)						887	24
	a. Total demand deposits	F	8	A			357	25
	b. Total time and savings deposits	F	8	B+C			none	26
25.	Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase	E	4				none	27
26.	Other liabilities for borrowed money						none	28
27.	Mortgage indebtedness						none	29
28.	Acceptances executed by or for account of this bank and outstanding						none	30
29.	Other liabilities	H	9				3	31
30.	TOTAL LIABILITIES (excluding subordinated notes and debentures)						890	32
31.	Subordinated notes and debentures						none	33
EQUITY CAPITAL								
32.	Preferred stock, a. No. shares outstanding						none	34
	b. Common stock, a. No. shares authorized						250	35
	b. Common stock, b. No. shares outstanding						250	36
34.	Surplus						50	37
35.	Undivided profits						52	38
36.	Reserve for contingencies and other capital reserves						50	39
37.	TOTAL EQUITY CAPITAL (sum of items 32 thru 36)						177	40
38.	TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY CAPITAL (sum of items 30, 31, and 37)						1,067	41

W. L. DILLON, President  
I, W. L. DILLON, President of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that this report of condition is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

W. L. DILLON, President  
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State of TEXAS, County of Trent, this 22nd day of July, 1976.

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### Final Rites held for Williams

Gayla Yvonne Williams of Kilgore was killed July 5 in a head-on collision of two cars near Tyler.

Miss Williams, 19, is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Williams of Merkel.

Miss Williams was killed in the head-on collision on FM 848, two miles south of SH 64. She was pronounced dead at the scene, an S-curve in the highway. Funeral services were held July 7 in Rader Funeral Home

Chapel with the Rev. John Nations, pastor of Bethel Baptist Church, officiating. Burial was in Kilgore Cemetery.

Survivors include a daughter, Linda Sue Shumaker, Kilgore; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Williams, Kilgore; three brothers, Andy Williams of Corpus Christi, John David and Jimmy Williams, both of Kilgore; two sisters, DeeAnn Williams of Kilgore and Tammie Jean Williams of Abilene; and her grandparents Mr. and Mrs. John Reagh, Kilgore and Mr. and Mrs. Williams of Merkel.

### Equalization Board meets

The Merkel School Board of Equalization will meet Thursday at Merkel High School at 9 a.m. Purpose of the meeting will be to equalize the value of any and all taxable property for 1976. Any individual wanting to appear before the Board is requested to attend this meeting.

### City Council meets Thursday

The Merkel City Council will hold its regular meeting Thursday at 7 a.m. at the City Hall. On the agenda is discussion of the program of water, sewer and sanitation rates, proposed closing of alleys and the proposed paving program. Alleys involved concern the location next to DuBose Texaco to allow the building of a Dairy Queen.

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Six students from Merkel have participated in the second Angelo State University Band Camp which attracts high school students and band directors from across Texas.

Approximately 355 persons attended this year's camp which offers clinic sessions in band, twirling, ensembles, stage band, drum majoring, private lessons and a band director's workshop.

Attending from Merkel are Shannon Bagby, Taresia English, Lessa Hart, Lisa Owen, Mary Roeder, and Cindy Smith.

GENERAL REVENUE SHARING PLANNED USE REPORT		
General Revenue Sharing provides federal funds directly to local and state governments. This report of your government's plan is published to encourage citizen participation in determining your government's decision on how the money will be spent. Note: Any complaints or discrimination in the use of these funds may be sent to the Office of Revenue Sharing, Wash., D.C. 20226.		
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(D) Submit proposals for funding consideration by: Rudy Estrada		
Supporting documents, are open for public scrutiny at: Lawn City Hall Lawn, Tx.		
(E) ASSURANCE (Refer to instruction E) I assure the Secretary of the Treasury that the non-discrimination and other statutory requirements listed in Part E of the instructions accompanying this report will be complied with by this recipient government with respect to the assistance funds reported herein.		
Signature of Chief Executive Officer: Rudy Estrada, Mayor 7-15-76		
Name & Title - Please Print Date		
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3 PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION	\$	\$
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5 RECREATION	\$	\$
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7 SOCIAL SERVICES FOR AGED OR POOR	\$	\$
8 FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION	\$	\$
9 MULTIPURPOSE AND GENERAL GOVT	\$ 668	\$
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**Tax issue**

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"as much as I can in years I have left."  
King added, "We have millionaires who don't pay any taxes and it's not the people who can't pay it, but the people who won't pay it that hurt our delinquent taxes."  
King said after 52 years on the farm and 20 years assessing land, "I pretty well have a good conception of agriculture land's productivity."  
King defended the comprehensive planners and said the reason for the commissioners court accepting the idea of local (county) professional appraisers is "that I promise you there is no other choice because the state of Texas would have come in here anyway and if they did it, it would cost more."  
However, King added, unless things change such appraisal will be done statewide "within the next couple of years."  
"It's time for you people to look after your own business—quit depend-

ing on county or state to look after your business," he said.  
King started toward his seat having made his closing remarks. But then he walked back toward the podium while Richard Montgomery was about to introduce Petree, Democratic Party nominee for County Tax Assessor-Collector. King asked for additional time as he wished to make another remark.  
King criticized Taylor Countians at that point who fitted into the group that didn't get out and vote the last election. He said more than 52,000 voters were registered in the county and only 14,000 cared to go to the polls and vote during the May elections.  
With that off his chest, King started to leave.  
However, Glenn Sandusky, 38, a Jones and Taylor County farmer who lives 17 miles north of Merkel, used King's second trip to the podium as an opportunity to call King's hand on a state-

ment he had made earlier. And he stood front and center at the podium expecting an answer.  
He questioned King's statement earlier that state law provides that when a willing buyer and a willing seller get together, the land value those two parties agree upon at the time of transfer constitutes the real land value. King had made the statement as a consolation that the farmers and ranchers, as well as homeowners, shouldn't worry about the Comprehensive Planners.  
Sandusky, however, pointed out that he bought 159 acres 2 1/2 miles west of Merkel earlier this year and it figured \$188 per acre.  
"The bunch of professional folks (Comprehensive Planners) that you (King) and commissioners hired appraised it at \$300," Sandusky said. "This means when I go to pay ad valorem taxes, I'll have to pay a certain percentage of \$300 per acre value instead of its real value of \$188 I paid for it!"

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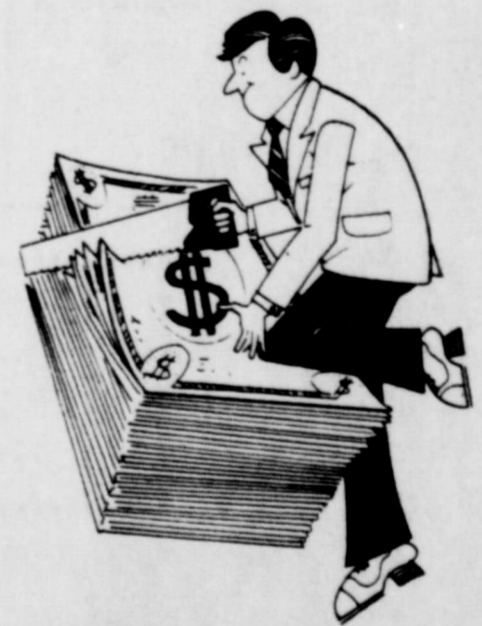
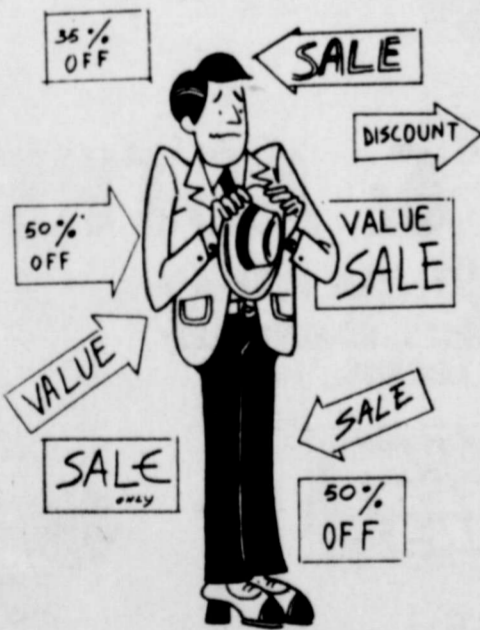
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### Merkel, Trent get no sales tax

Merkel will receive no city sales tax for June. The State Comptroller reports only \$467,16 paid into the state treasury during the month. However, with a \$9,34 service fee and \$457.82 retained in the treasury, Merkel will receive no rebate this month.

Meanwhile Comptroller Bob Bullock mailed checks totaling \$13.4 million to 535 cities as their rebate of the 1-cent city sales tax they collect.

### Riding club results

#### Alpha Nu Nu

Members of Alpha Nu Nu chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met at the home of President Peggy Vanderwerker Wednesday evening to discuss plans for a forthcoming social July 30th at 7:30 at the home of Mrs. Vanderwerker, 412 Ash, Merkel. The social is to welcome prospective Fall members of the growing new chapter. The menu will consist of fried chicken and an assortment of salads, etc. furnished by the members of Alpha Nu Nu. The attire will be casual. Guests will not be required to bring anything!

Attending the business meeting were Mes. Louise Sudderth, Larry Justice, Mike Brown, Pam Sandusky, Bob Hammond and Ray Vanderwerker. Coffee, iced tea and cookies were served.

#### Farm safety week

National Farm Safety Week which is set for July 25-31 provides an opportunity for farmers and ranchers to become more safety conscious, to learn more about accident prevention and identifying potential hazards.

The July 17 play night was cancelled due to rain. The regular monthly meeting was held at the R. E. A. building with a pot luck supper July 15. The over-all high points for the month of June was Sherri Frazier. She received a pair of boots from Fred Crenshaw of the Wylie Truck Terminal.

Others receiving trophies for the month of June were as follows:  
Roping-1. Elby Frazier, 2. Walter Henslee, 3. Felix Boyd, 4. Oscar Vaughn and 5. Don Simpson.

Boot Race (5 and under)-1. Traci Boyd, 2. Brandon Boyd, 3. Tiffany Allday and Kevin McLernon (tie) and 4. Dawn Henslee.

Boot Race (6-8)-1. Mike Boyd, 2. Robby Williams, 3. Candice Henslee and Denise Pursley (tie).

(12 and under)-1. Rodney Carroll, 2. Eddy Sparks, 3. Sherri Williams, 4. Dee Dee Masonheimer and 5. Lisa Dokey.

(13-17)-1. Sherri Frazier, 2. Ann Melton, 3. Jan Melton, 4. Norma Frazier and 5. Jesse Sparks.

(18 and over)-1. Carol McLernon, 2. Cindy Sipe, 3. Levena Vaughn, 4. Charles Hatfield and 5. Jim Allday.

### First Methodist news

Mrs. Jarrett Williams entertained the members of the Gleaners and Crusaders Sunday School Classes of the First United Methodist Church in her home Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Russell McAnally gave the program based on "God, Why Me."

Mrs. Junior Clark was at the organ for the sing-song and played a number of selections.

Mrs. Denzel Cox presented Mrs. Williams with a hand-painted scene in appreciation of the Williams and expressed everyone's sorrow that they are moving to Abilene.

A delicious tea plate was served to the following: Mrs. Dee Grimes, Mrs. A. H. McElmurry, Mrs. W. H. Bullock, Mrs. T. K. Anderson, Mrs. Georgia Zimmerman, Mrs. Johnny Cox, Mrs. Denzel Cox, Mrs. C. A. Cox, Mrs. Joe Seymore, Mrs. Kenneth Fee, Miss Mable McKeel, Mrs. Etta McWilliams, Mrs. Roy

Baccus, Mrs. Floyd Davis, Mrs. Lottie Everett, Mrs. W. A. Stockbridge, Mrs. Lottie Swiger, Mrs. J. S. Pinckley, Mrs. Junior Clark, Mrs. Hazel Lay, Mrs. Ellis Harris, Mrs. Russell McAnally and 3 visitors, Mrs. Mary Mozier, Mrs. Jess Emerit of Florida and Mrs. R. L. Gallahar of Tennessee.

#### Hereford show

The 1976 Texas Junior Polled Hereford Preview Show is August 13-14 in Coleman, and open to all Texas 4-H and FFA boys and girls. Entry cards for the show are available from: Mike Hudson, Texas Polled Hereford Association, Box 70, Rio Vista, Texas 76883.

Roger G. Blackmon, Coleman County Extension agent, said all entry cards must be completed and received on or before July 31 by the Coleman Chamber of Commerce, P. O. Box 796, Coleman, Texas 76834.



ALL-STARS--Named to the Tri-City All-Star baseball team are front row, left to right: Gilbert Beaver, Robert Fowler, Randy Holmes, Mark Pursley, Mike Brady and Victor Herrera. Standing are Louis Goodman, Hubert Beaver, Jay Boyd, Mike

Sims, Lucky Howes, Billy Mashburn and Ted Holmes. Coaches are Finley Barnett and Bill Whisenhunt. The Ambassadors captured the championship of this first season of the Tri-City league.

### Teacher to get honor

Chester Collinsworth, Vocational Agriculture Teacher at Merkel High School, will be honored by the Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association of Texas in Fort Worth, according to Guy Finstad, Vocational Agriculture Teacher at Cal Farley's Boys Ranch, and president of the organization.

Collinsworth is being recognized for his 40 years of service to the Vocational Agriculture program in Texas. After graduation from Winters High School and attending Tarleton State University and Texas A & M University, College State he received his B. S. degree in Agriculture Education.

The award will be presented during the Association Awards Program which is held during the statewide in-service education workshop for Vocational Agriculture Teachers, Leaders in

Agriculture Education from throughout the state and nation will participate in the 4-day in-service meeting. Education features of the meeting will be under the direction of Mr. J. A. Marshall, Director of Agriculture Education, Texas Education Agency, Austin.

Collinsworth led and directed the Future Farmers of America Chapter members to many honors and awards in participating in leadership contests, judging contests, livestock shows and fairs and agriculture events where they took their share of the honors and awards presented.

Approximately 1600 Vocational Agriculture Teachers are expected to attend the Fort Worth meeting.

"Health is better than wealth." English proverb

### Trent girl All-Star

Cindy Carlton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Carlton of Trent, was selected to participate in the Class AAA All-Star game held at the conclusion of the Western Texas College Basketball Camp in Snyder recently.

Cindy played as a guard for the West team which lost 37-21.

The basketball camp was directed by Dr. Sid Simpson, WTC Athletic Director and

women's coach, and attracted 73 campers from West Texas and eastern New Mexico. Simpson was assisted by Coach Sharron Neighbors of Sweetwater, Coach Sonny Barnes of Coahoma, and several members of the WTC women's basketball team.

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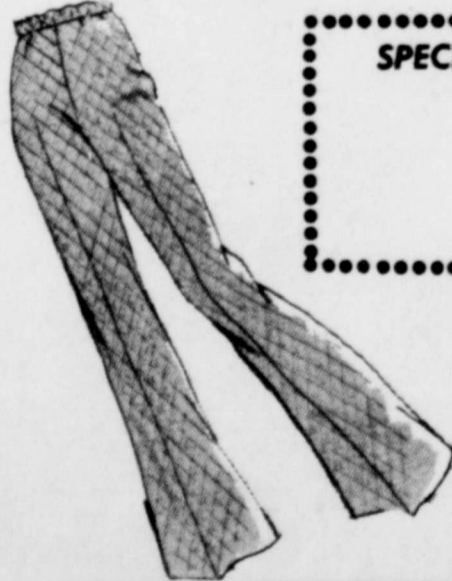


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## Wheeler Mystery Store winner

This is the final week to enter the Merkel Mystery Store contest and qualify for the \$100 gift certificates to be given away next week.

There will be 10 gift certificates presented, one for each store entered in the Mystery Store contest, of \$10 each.

Too, Castille's will offer a 4-quart Mirro-Matic pressure cooker valued at \$16.95 as the 10th and final Mystery Store in the contest.

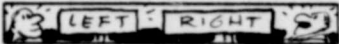
Susan Wheeler became the ninth weekly winner getting a set of sheets from Crawford's.

The word to find throughout

**Meeting postponed**

Due to Merkel Little League playing a consolation game Thursday night the planned meeting of the Tri-City Baseball Project has been postponed a week.

The group will meet July 29 at 7:30 p.m. at the Big Country Inn.



In politics, the right is the conservative side because in the British Parliament the Conservatives sit on the right-hand side of the Speaker, the Liberals, Radicals, and Labor on the left.

The Merkel Mail this week is "Castille's" and it has been inserted throughout the paper at least 10 times.

To enter the contest find the word "Castille's" and circle at least 10 of them and then turn the newspaper with your name, address and telephone number in at this week's Mystery Store, Castille's before 5 p.m. Saturday.

Or, a contestant may enter by printing your name, address and telephone number on an 8 1/2 by 11 plain piece of paper and print the name "CASTILLE'S" 10 times using all capital letters.

No purchase is necessary to enter and you do not have to be present at the drawing to win.

Everyone is eligible for the prize 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 additional prizes of \$10 gift certificates.

A contestant may enter as often as he or she wishes. Participating businesses are L & W Snack Bar, Ann's Flowers, Wilson's Grocery, Western Auto, Castille's Hardware, Bragg's Department Store, Emma's Clothes Closet, Adcock's Circle A Western Wear, Crawford's and Starbuck's Furniture Store.

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16 OZ BOX

A&W DIET OR REG  
**ROOT BEER 98¢**  
12 OZ CAN  
6 PACK

HORMEL 4 1/2 OZ  
**POTTED MEAT 53¢**  
2 FOR

CARNATION  
**COFFEEMATE 83¢**  
11 OZ JAR

ASSORTED  
**HI-C DRINK 49¢**  
46 OZ CAN

HUNTS 2 1/2 CAN  
**PEARS 53¢**  
CAN

HUNTS 300  
**New POTATOES 49¢**  
2 FOR

HUNTS 8 OZ  
**Tomato SAUCE 35¢**  
2 FOR

LIBBYS 46 OZ  
**Tomato JUICE 49¢**  
CAN

JOAN OF ARC 303 C.S.  
**White CORN 59¢**  
2 FOR

RAIDER CUT 303  
**Green BEANS 33¢**  
2 FOR

GREEN GIANT 303  
**Sweet PEAS 63¢**  
2 FOR

I.G. FROZEN  
**MELLORINE 69¢**  
1/2 GAL CRTN

**SNOWDRIFT 98¢**  
3 LB CAN (1 LIMIT)

**COFFEE \$1.63**  
MAXWELL HOUSE  
LB CAN (1 LIMIT)

**TOWELS 35¢**  
HI-DRY  
JUMBO ROLL

**HOMO 2 MILK \$1.43**  
I.G. DAIRY FRESH  
GAL JUG

**MILK \$1.53**  
I.G. DAIRY FRESH  
HOMO  
GAL JUG

**SAUSAGE 59¢**  
BRYAN 5 OZ  
VIENNA

**2 FOR 59¢**

**Frozen Foods**

WHOLE SUN  
**ORANGE JUICE 43¢**  
12 OZ CAN

AUNT JEMIMA  
**WAFFLES 55¢**  
PKG

KEITH CRINKLE CUT  
**POTATOES 39¢**  
2 LB BAG

MORTON HOUSE  
**CHILI 63¢**  
WITH BEANS  
24 OZ CAN

**CHEESE 83¢**  
KRAFT  
12 OZ SLICED

**OLEO 53¢**  
MAZOLA  
CORN OIL  
QUARTERS LB

**TACO 49¢**  
OLE EL PASO  
SHELLS  
PKG

**GRAPE 59¢**  
BAMA  
JELLY or JAM  
18 OZ JAR

**Why Our GROUND BEEF**



Makes the Juiciest,  
Tastiest Hamburgers

**LEAN POUND 59¢**

**FRYERS STEAK 49¢**  
FRESH GRADE A  
cut up whole  
LB 55¢

**ROAST SAUSAGE 79¢**  
CHOICE BEEF  
LOIN LB  
ARM-ENGLISH-RUMP  
GOOCH BR  
LINK SMOKED  
LB

**BACON 1.09**  
CHOICE BEEF  
LB

**CHEESE 1.49**  
DECKER  
POUND

**BOLOGNA 1.59**  
FRESH PIMENTO  
HORMEL  
ALL MEAT  
LB

**SALAD DRESSING 59¢**  
GRIFFIN  
QUART

FACIAL TISSUE  
**KLEENEX 49¢**  
CLEANSER  
200 CT BOX

**AJAX 19¢**  
REG CAN

**JOY DASH 93¢**  
KING SIZE

**TIDE 2.98**  
JUMBO BOX

**98¢**  
GIANT BOX



THOMPSON SEEDLESS  
**WHITE GRAPES 59¢**  
CALIFORNIA  
POUND

**BELL PEPPER 15¢**  
FRESH  
SANTA ROSA  
EA

**RED PLUMS 49¢**  
FRESH  
LB

**CARROTS 29¢**  
FRESH  
CELLO  
2 LBS

**RED ONIONS 19¢**  
WITH \$10  
IN TRADE  
OR MORE  
EXCLUSIVE  
CIGARETTES  
LONG WHITE  
SPUDS  
10 LB BAG

WE WELCOME  
FOOD  
STAMPS  
SHOP  
AND  
SAVE

WE GIVE  
GIFT BOND  
STAMPS  
Double on  
Wednesday  
with \$5.00  
or more

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MERKEL, TEXAS  
FRESH VEGETABLES  
FREE DELIVERY  
MON WED FRI  
BEST MEATS IN TOWN