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Good deeds are conspicuous;
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they cannot remain hidden.
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THE MAIL

School budget workshop scheduled



By Carl Dingler

The Tri-City Baseball Association in Merkel has one of the most aggressive, modern plans going. It is one every citizen in Merkel should get behind and support.

The group who formed the association two years ago has already made great strides toward providing a park and a baseball program which also will compliment the girls and Little League summer programs.

However, they don't plan to rest on their accomplishments.

The group already is considering playing fields for the girls teams who had to play in Tye this year because of a lack of playing facilities.

Future plans for the land they have purchased is to include one of the most modern parks to be found in any city.

There is in the works, plans for at least three or four other baseball diamonds with room for future growth. There also are plans for a tennis court and picnic area and it might even include a swimming pool.

Of course, this is all going to take time and money. Facilities will include lighted diamonds not only for the Tri-City boys and girls but should the Merkel Little League outgrow its park, then they could have a place to play at the proposed park which is located at the end of South Second.

The Association has made the plans and purchased the land and is paying its own way to provide a park the citizens and youngsters in Merkel can take pride in and one which will grow as Merkel grows.

This group of interested citizens have gone about their task in a determined manner and with zeal. They are certainly to be commended for the action and for not giving in to pressures of expenses and headaches which are involved with any such project.

Finally got a telephone call last week from a disgruntled reader. However, since the woman wouldn't give her name, her problem was not discussed.

Will talk to anyone as long as they wish--on the telephone or in person--but, until we know who is doing the talking at the other end, we feel it is not valid to discuss an issue or complaint.

An un-named caller is similar to a person who writes a letter and then won't sign it. They may have a very good reason and are justified in complaining, but until they care enough to stand behind their beliefs, feel it is not justified to run a letter or listen to such complaints.

Emma Lois Shugart of Emma's Clothes Closet has found her particular sport a bit much. While playing volleyball on a recent Sunday she broke a foot.

She reports it hasn't hampered her work too much but it sure has interrupted her favorite sport.

Alma Martin brought some copies of the Floyd County Times of Prestonsburg, Kentucky by the office last week for us to look over.

Ran across this item from the local columnist which fits in just about anywhere.

Members of Northend Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Portland, Oregon, have received in the mail a list of the many things that will be done for them at church on no-excuse-for-staying-home Sunday.

Cots will be placed in the narthex for those who say Sunday is their only day to sleep in, according to pastor Olin Nordsett.

Merrine will be supplied for those with tired eyes from watching late Saturday night TV shows.

Steel helmets for those who say the roof would cave in if they ever went to church. . . blankets for those who think the church is too cold. . . fans for those who say it is too hot. . . score cards for those wishing to list hypocrites present. . . TV dinners for those who can't go to church and cook dinner also. . . and finally Christmas poinsettias and Easter lilies for those who have never seen the church without them.

And, here's another: "It says here that somebody has figured out what a worker would receive by the year 2076 if he were employed now at \$5 an hour and received a 7 per cent raise every year. By the time the Tricentennial rolls around 100 years hence, this trafficker in figures says the rate would be \$4,339 an hour and his annual pay \$9,049,418. . . I figured on this up to 10 years, then decided I would take the guy's word for it."

And, if you are the type who cringes every time a Friday the 13th comes around well think about the problem facing Willie Townsend.

Willie will be 13 years old Friday the 13th. Happy Birthday Willie.

Maybe you wouldn't believe it, but some of the most entertaining talk and comment on the corner concerns television commercials. They really get ripped apart.

The other morning one of the fellows wondered how we made out when we didn't have deodorants and according to the TV commercials we need so many nowadays.

One observer had the answer. He said back yonder we all smelled alike and there was no problem.

Finally, have you heard the one about old quarterbacks who never die--they just fade back and pass away.

EDITORIAL

Counterattack

When they finally arrived, they stacked in all their splendor. Yep, talking about those pesky mosquito hoards which are attempting to control Merkel since the unusual heavy July rains.

They appear larger and more pesky than ever.

Thus far the city has not been able to do anything about them. You see, someone dastardly individual stole the fogging machine leaving us citizens at the mercy of those fat, fast boogers.

Hopefully, at Thursday's City Council meeting, the City Council will approve the hiring of Abilene's fogging equipment to roar to the rescue--if there

is any part of us remaining by then. City Coordinator J. A. Sadler said the cost for Abilene to come to Merkel and do the honors will cost \$44 per hour and the City Council's approval is necessary.

Either Abilene must save us from our fate or the city must buy a new fogging machine.

Sadler points out the \$44 per hour sounds high until you consider the costs involved. "They are doing it just for the cost," he said.

He said it costs \$13.95 per gallon for the mixture with 2.8 gallons per hour being used. He said it will take from an hour and a half to two hours

to complete the job. Thus, it would take five gallons or more (\$69.75) to bring hopeful relief. Add to this two men and a truck and Sadler's argument of the cost is justified.

It would still cost Merkel for the chemicals if it had its own machine. After the most recent scratching session, cost, somehow appears a minor issue. Charge! Counter attack! Bring on the fogger, cut those weeds, empty all those water breeding places in your neighborhood. Stick your tongue out, yell, scream, slap and scream. Don't just stand there--as if anyone of us could.

A workshop on the Merkel School budget is planned for August 23 prior to the regular August 24 meeting of the School Board.

Both meetings are set for Merkel High School with possibly the August 24 meeting being set as a public hearing on the budget.

However, the date for the public hearing has not been made official by the School Board.

The budget has to be approved by September 1, start of the new school year.

School Superintendent Travis Davis had a copy of the budget at Monday's regular meeting which was broken down further than the proposed budget he presented at the previous Board meeting.

However, he said the report was not for publication. "It is just my worksheet and is not for publication yet," he said.

Davis had presented the Board with a proposed budget showing an increase of \$87,517.73 for the next school year at the last meeting.

During Monday's meeting, Davis said that \$12,000 had been cut from the budget with the elimination of the funds for a principal for the Merkel Elementary School and for two consultants.

This leaves a proposed budget increase of \$75,517.73.

During the discussion on the budget Monday night, Davis and Board Vice-President Don Hart pointed out that there is about \$30,000 of mandatory

costs.

Davis requested the Board to let him know if they thought the budget was too high or what their wishes were in order to have plans prepared for the workshop. He received no definite answer.

The question of the maintenance figures was discussed. Board Secretary Jacky Reynolds said \$58,000 was spent last year and \$45,000 is budgeted this year. "What was done and what are the plans for this year," he asked.

Davis said \$18,000 was spent on replacing windows last year and that basic maintenance and remodeling is put in the budget this year to go along with the planned program.

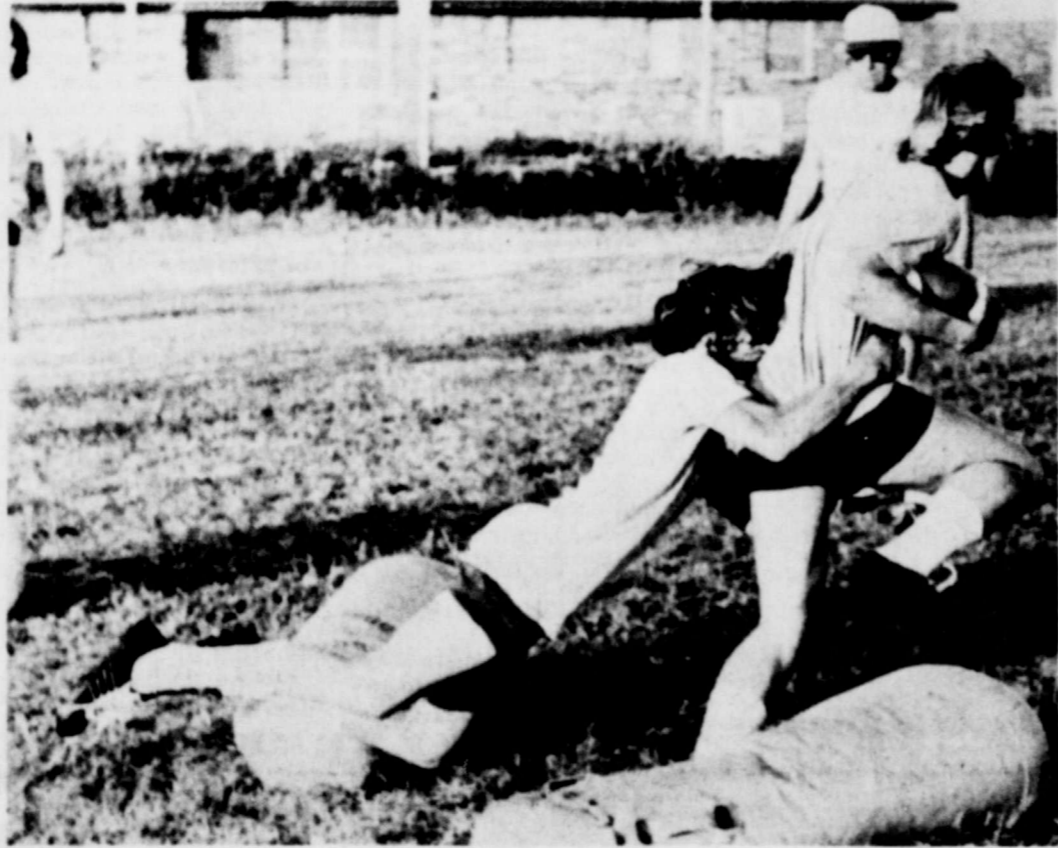
He also said it would be easier to tell where the funds would be spent at the workshop when individual break-

downs on the budget would be presented.

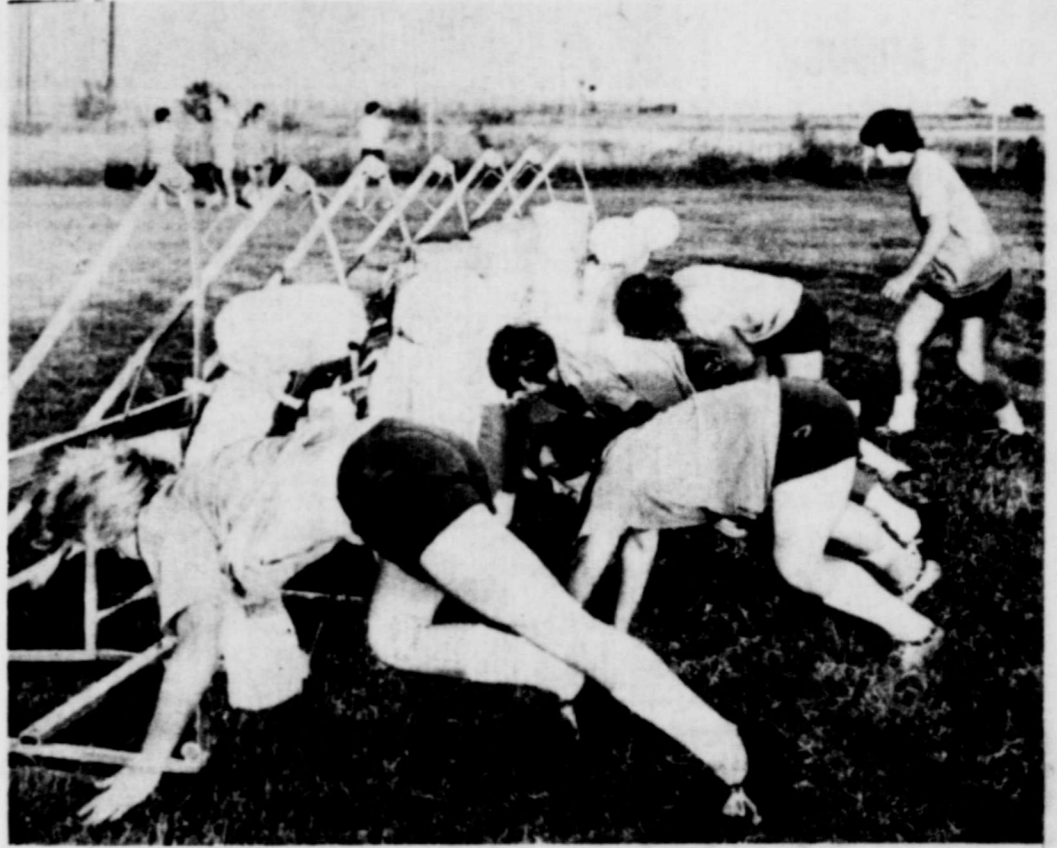
Also, it was noted that "about \$3,500" for workbooks, which the schools now have to provide instead of the students, is included under classroom books. Too, driver education and band rentals are required school costs which had been previously paid by students.

Both Hart and President Charles Jacobs said that providing the best possible education for the students of the district is the major concern of the Board and they didn't favor cutting anything that would hurt this goal.

Too, it was noted that should the maintenance funds be cut the Board would just be postponing facing the issue of providing adequate facilities.



FOOTBALL SEASON ARRIVES--Merkel High School officially opened the football season Monday morning with two-a-day workouts. The more than 2 hours of workouts got the Badgers



off to a fast start and although the weather was cool, it was rather warm for many of the athletes. They quickly fell into familiar workout routines such as sled blocking drills,

defensive tactics and general information sessions by Merkel High coaches. The team will put on full gear Friday morning.

Coaches, athletes 'meet' Composite schedule

Merkel High School's football team and the new coaching staff have been busy getting to know each other a lot better this week.

The team and coaches have been going through two-a-day drills in shorts, fighting heat and mesquite together.

The coaching staff has been stressing conditioning and fundamentals during the first days of the fall workouts.

There were 48 reporting Monday morning for the opening drill, with several prospective athletes missing from the workouts. Several others missed their physicals and others are missing due

to health reasons or not convinced they want to play football this year.

Tuesday morning the 48 had shrunk to 42 spirited, somewhat sore athletes. Coach Jerry McLeod had anticipated 65 to 70 to report.

The team continues the work in shorts until Friday morning when they will put on full gear and start really knocking heads.

Twice daily drills will continue until school starts August 23. Two scrimmages are still scheduled, with the Badgers going to Cross Plains August 20 and to Hamlin August 27.

SEPTEMBER 3
Baird at Merkel
Slaton at Colorado City
Clyde at Winters
Wylie at Jim Ned
Stamford at Hamlin
Ballinger at Brady
Coahoma at Wall

SEPTEMBER 10
Sweetwater at Colorado City
Winters at Junction
Wylie at Hamlin
Anson at Stamford
Sonora at Ballinger
Post at Coahoma

SEPTEMBER 11
Jim Ned at Merkel (Homecoming)

SEPTEMBER 17
Roscoe at Merkel
Colorado City at Cisco
Coleman at Winters
Bangs at Wylie
Stamford at Sweetwater
Comanche at Ballinger
Coahoma, open

SEPTEMBER 24
Merkel at Eastland
Colorado City at Post
Winters at Eldorado
Albany at Wylie
Haskell at Stamford
Ballinger at Coleman
Takoka at Coahoma

OCTOBER 1
(District 6-AA Opens)
Colorado City at Merkel
Coahoma at Wylie
Ballinger at Stamford
Winters, open

OCTOBER 8
Merkel at Ballinger
Wylie at Colorado City
Stamford at Winters
Coahoma at Crane

OCTOBER 15
Winters at Merkel
Colorado City at Coahoma
Ballinger at Wylie
Stamford, open

OCTOBER 22
Merkel at Stamford
Wylie at Winters
Ballinger at Coahoma
Colorado City, open

OCTOBER 29
Ballinger at Colorado City
Winters at Coahoma
Stamford at Wylie
Merkel, open

NOVEMBER 5
Wylie at Merkel
Colorado City at Winters
Coahoma at Stamford
Ballinger, open

NOVEMBER 12
Merkel at Coahoma
Stamford at Colorado City
Winters at Ballinger
Wylie, open

Trent accepts construction bid

Trent Schools accepted a bid for construction of a new gym and remodeling at its monthly School Board meeting Monday night.

Total cost of the construction is to be \$285,000 with work to start within 10 days and be completed within 180 days, according to Superintendent Roy Neff.

The contract calls for building a new gym, remodeling the old high school building and converting the old gym into an elementary building.

He said the construction is completed all the facilities will be air conditioned.

Hampton and Welch of Sweetwater are architects for the project.

Haney Construction Company of Abilene will be general contractor. Bayter Associates of Abilene will do the heating, plumbing and air conditioning; Sternes and Lindsey of Abilene will do the electrical work and Pitman of Sweetwater will do the carpenter work.

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Tye church has revival

The Tye United Methodist Church is holding a revival Wednesday through Sunday, according to pastor Gary Turner.

Evangelist is the Rev. Frank Turner Jr., pastor of the First United Methodist Church at McGregor.

Singing will be led by Rev. Chris McCormick, pastor of Hawley United Methodist Church.

Morning services are 7 a.m. Thursday and Friday and 11 a.m. Sunday. Sunday night services are 6 p.m. and Wednesday through Saturday night services start at 7:30.

Benefit to aid Pep Squad

The Younger Generation will hold a benefit to help the Merkel High Pep Squad.

The fast-rising gospel singing group will perform at 7:30 p.m. Monday at Merkel High School auditorium.

Proceeds will go toward helping to finance Pep Squad projects for this year.

Admission is \$1 for adults and 50 cents for children. The group also will introduce its band at this performance. The band recently was formed to help the Younger Generation cut a new album.

Tickets will be on sale at the door Monday or from Pep Squad members who will be calling on citizens Thursday.

The Younger Generation consists of Tenor Ricky Bailey, lead Kelly Willis, Baritone Fred DeHerrera, Bass Ricky Josselet and on piano is John Ayers.

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- BEN FRANKLIN
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Stephens to graduate

Patricia Stephens of Abilene is scheduled to receive a Bachelor of Science degree Friday at Hardin-Simmons University.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne Watson of Trent. Mrs. Stephens graduated from Trent High School.

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RODEO DUE--Bart Whisenhunt will be one of the contestants in the Merkel Junior Rodeo sponsored by the Merkel Riding Club August 19-21 at the Merkel arena. Whisenhunt has been riding since he was 8 and is a senior at Merkel High this fall. The rodeo starts at 8 p.m. each night and will include three age groups--16-19, 13-15 and 12-under--with four

events in each age group. Entry fee is \$10 and the winner in each event plus two all-around athletes will receive buckles. Jackie Cox of Roby and Benny Cox of Sweetwater are judges. Johnny Thompson, former Merkel resident, is the clown and Charlie Hunter is stock contractor. Admission is \$1 and \$1.50. Entry deadline is Monday. To enter the rodeo contact Eulan Hatfield, Felix Boyd or Barbara Whisenhunt.

Riding Club news

The Merkel Riding Club will have its monthly meeting Thursday night August 12 at 7:30 p.m. at the R. E. A. building. All members are urged to attend for a pot luck supper.

Results of August 7 play night are:

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

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

(18 and Over)-1. Barbara Whisenhunt, 2. Elby Frazier, 3. Carol McLernon and 4. Charles Hatfield.

Barrels (12 and Under)-1. Rodney Carrol, 2. Dee Dee Masonheimer, 3. Eddy Sparks, 4. Lisa Dokey and 5. Candice Henslee.

(13-17)-1. Sherri Frazier, 2. Norma Frazier, 3. Ann Melton and Kay Butman (tie), 4. Shelli Stout and 5. Penny Hatfield.

(18 and Over)-1. Barbara Whisenhunt, 2. Charles Hatfield, 3. Lonnie Miller, 4. Carol McLernon and 5. Don Simpson.

Flags (12 and Under)-1. Rodney Carrol, 2. Lisa Dokey, 3. Eddy Sparks, 4. Candice Henslee and 5. Beth Callas.

(13-17)-1. Suzanne Byrd, 2. Sherri Frazier, 3. Ann Melton, 4. Jan Melton and 5. Clyde Carrol.

(18 and Over)-1. Elby Frazier, 2. Don Simpson, 3. Mike Callas, 4. Charles Hatfield and 5. Lynn Dokey.

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

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

(18 and Over)-1. Barbara Whisenhunt, 2. Charles Hatfield, 3. Lynn Dokey, 4. Walter Whisenhunt and 5. Don Simpson.

Boot Race (5 and Under)-1. Tiffany Allday, 2. Laura Callas, 3. Traci Boyd, 4. Dawn Henslee and 5. Amy Callas.

(6-8)-1. Mike Boyd and 2. Candice Henslee.

Tie Down Roping-1. Elby Frazier and 2. Don Simpson. Ribbon Roping-1. Walter Henslee-Candice Henslee and

2. Elby Frazier-Beth Callas, Steer Roping-1. Elby Frazier-Mike Callas.

There will be a jackpot roping Friday night August 13 at the arena, starting at 8 p.m.

Results of the July 31 play night are:

Western Pleasure (12 and Under)-1. Brooks Boyd, 2. Sherri Williams, 3. Dee Dee Masonheimer, 4. Eddy Sparks and 5. Rodney Carrol.

(13-17)-1. Ann Melton, 2. Vicki Campbell, 3. Penny Hatfield and 4. Jan Melton.

(18 and Over)-1. Lavenna Vaughn, 2. Barbara Whisenhunt, 3. L. J. Gray, 4. Charles Hatfield and 5. Patricia Boyd.

Barrels (12 and Under)-1. Leslie Masonheimer, 2. Shannon Boyd, 3. Eddy Sparks, 4. Dee Dee Masonheimer and 5. Sherri Williams.

(13-17)-1. Ann Melton, 2. Jan Melton, 3. Jessie Sparks, 4. Vicki Campbell and 5. Penny Hatfield.

(18 and Over)-1. Jan Beck, 2. Barbara Whisenhunt, 3. Charles Hatfield, 4. L. J. Gray and 5. Don Simpson.

Flags (12 and Under)-1. Leslie Masonheimer, 2. Shannon Boyd, 3. Eddy Sparks, 4. Rodney Carrol and 5. Dee Dee Masonheimer.

(13-17)-1. Ann Melton, 2. Vicki Campbell, 3. Jan Melton, 4. Penny Hatfield and 5. Jessie Sparks.

(18 and Over)-1. Don Simpson, 2. Felix Boyd, 3. Lavenna Vaughn and 4. Patricia Boyd.

Poles (12 and Under)-1. Leslie Masonheimer, 2.

Cemetery day

Saturday will be a work day at White Church Cemetery. Workers usually bring their lunches and work until the cemetery is cleaned. Officials request more workers to help do the chores faster.

SENIOR CITIZENS SCHEDULE EVENTS

1st Monday

of Month Singing

2nd Tuesday Noon

Covered Dish

Game Nights

Every Thursday

& 4th Monday

4th Thur. Game

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Final rites held for Finch

Funeral services were held Tuesday for Homer B. Finch, 80, of Merkel who died Sunday at Hendrick Memorial Hospital of an apparent heart attack.

Services were at First Baptist Church with burial in Rose Hill cemetery.

Born November 7, 1895, at Benjamin, he married Edna V. O'Neal February 15, 1920,

at Roby. He served in the Army in France during World War II and was a retired farmer. He was a member of the First Baptist Church at Merkel.

Survivors include his wife; four daughters, Mrs. D. C. (Myrtle) Van Matre of Abilene, Mrs. C. C. (Lois) Malone of Seagoville, Mrs. W. E. (Evelyn) Thames of Merkel and Mrs. E. H. (Billie) Bradley of Hurst; 11 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Homemakers to meet

Taylor County Young Homemakers will meet Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Homemaking Department of the Merkel High School.

Installation of officers and recognition of the Little Sisters for the past year will be the program.

All members are urged to attend and visitors are welcome.

Bland in national finals

Steve Bland of Trent, the 1974-75 president of the American Junior Rodeo Association, will be among the cowboys seeking the All-Around Cowboy title at the AJRA national finals rodeo in the Scurry County Coliseum this week.

A 1975 graduate of Trent High School, Bland attended Southeastern Oklahoma State University last year and was a member of the college's rodeo team which won the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association World's Championship this summer.

In the national finals rodeo this year, Bland will be among the top contestants in bare back riding, tiedown calf roping, optional roping and steer wrestling.

The rodeo runs through Saturday.

Aiken named

Ed Aiken, Jr., president of Sweetwater Savings Association, has been appointed to serve on the Savings and Loan Commission for Change according to Arthur Tonsmeire, Jr., president of the National Savings and Loan League.

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the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Matter of The Marriage of Debbie Jo Pickett and Henry Pickett," the nature of which suit is petitioner, Debbie Jo Pickett, prays for divorce from respondent, Henry Pickett, as further shown in petition filed in above styled case.

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree dissolving the marriage and providing for the division of property which will be binding on you.

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Thank you, Wilson's Grocery Store and Ben Franklin's Store for saving me boxes to move with. Wish I could say the same for Mrs. Howard Carson, God Bless all of you! There are so many I haven't mentioned! Peggy Vanderwerker

Turner reunion

The descendants of the late Mr. and Mrs. F. Z. Turner pioneer settlers of Mulberry Canyon, was at the Lions Club building Sunday August 8.

Attending were Mr. and Mrs. Rex Martin of Merkel, Willard Brown of Merkel, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Castel and son of Big Spring, Annie Fitzworth of Abilene, Meda Owens and Gertrude Hamlin of Big Spring, Dewitt Campbell of Merkel, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Castle of Big Spring, Mrs. Virde Patterson of Merkel, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Martin and children of Cleburn, Mrs. Nellie Wall of Clovis, New Mexico; Mr. and Mrs. John Wall of Texico, New Mexico;

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GLEN BRAUNE
...Sr., tackle

Purchase of policy manuals okay'd by School Board

The Merkel School Board approved the spending of \$755 for a policy manual and six copies but tabled a motion to provide office space for the cafeteria supervisor at its regular meeting Monday night at Merkel High School.

In other action the Board voted to take bids on selling a school bus, approved installation of a guard light in the auditorium area and swore in newly appointed board

member Leroy Teaff. Teaff replaces Jerry Gibson who resigned recently.

It appeared Teaff would not be sworn in Monday night when there were but three Board members present at the 7:30 scheduled start--not enough to open the meeting.

Calls to absent Board members revealed James Boyd down with back trouble and no answer at Jacky Reynolds home. Bobby Toliver was finally contacted and arrived at 8:10 so the Board could convene.

Joe Lassiter then read the oath to Teaff.

Approval of the July 29 meeting minutes were approved as mailed to each Board member.

Attention then turned to the purchase of a Texas Association School Board manual. The policy manual contains all legal rulings for the state and reportedly is indexed and cross-indexed to make locating relevant cases easy.

The cost is \$575 for the first book and starting with the second year an annual fee of \$250 is charged to offset updating material. Each additional book costs \$30.

Board President Charles Jacobs told the group that several of the members had gone to Abilene recently for the presentation and that he "would like to recommend the publication." He added, "it is a thing we will need and will need and use from now on."

Vice-President Don Hart supported the purchase of the manual.

Superintendent Travis Davis recommended the purchase of six additional manuals in order to help meet requirements for Merkel's policy manual which will be required within the next year or two.

It was pointed out at the last Board meeting that should Merkel have to come up with its own policy manual that it would cost the school at least \$2,000.

Jacobs contended the manuals would help the Board to save expenses on legal matters that they have been forced to pay the school attorney to help with policy making decisions.

Hart said, "I'm sold on it. I make the motion to purchase the service of this booklet and include the six additional books."

The motion passed. However, there was a slight delay as the Board took a slight break for homemade ice cream and peach pie provided by homemaking teacher Mrs. Candy Martin.

Attention then turned to the bus. After discussion as to what to do with the retired bus, Dink Whisenhant made a motion to sell it and to take bids on it. It passed.

There was talk of letting the Vocational-Ag department have the bus. However, it was felt the bus was not up to standards and that since the Vo-Ag teacher is furnished a pickup by Palmer

Motor Company that it would be better to sell the bus. The other retired bus had already been turned over to the shop class to convert into a truck for hauling purposes on short trips.

Davis told the Board that there is a very dark spot in the area where elementary school is loading and unloading. He pointed out the city has a light across the street but there is no light between the gym and auditorium and that the students should not be in the dark. He said the guard light would cost \$4.50 a month which includes installation and upkeep.

The proposal was approved.

Next item on the agenda was resignations, employment and/or review of personnel.

The Board, at Davis' recommendation, called for an executive session. It started at 9:05. Reynolds showed at 9:40, reportedly thinking the Board meeting was not scheduled until Tuesday night.

The executive session ended at 10:10--an hour and five minutes. The Board reported no action of the executive meeting and continued with the agenda.

However, in later discussion the budget Davis mentioned that \$11,000 to \$12,000 had been cut from the budget "tonight." It was then explained that this cut was to eliminate the proposal in the budget for two consultants and an elementary principal for Merkel Elementary School.

After the executive session Davis presented a proposal to provide office space for Cafeteria supervisor Mrs. Elizabeth Wilson.

He said her present office is in the storage room and there is no room for a file cabinet nor adequate space for her to "be a supervisor."

He recommended that a 6 by 8 foot area be built next to the south door on the east end with glass windows to allow her to observe the cafeteria and the kitchen. Cost would be \$419.32.

At the same time, he recommended that a 6 by 21 foot area to the north of her proposed office on the east side of the cafeteria be made into storage area.

Cost for this would be \$163. Work on both projects would be done by school personnel.

Then, Davis proposed that the present 8 by 21 by 7.6 storage area be converted into a freezer at a cost of \$7,000.

This would provide an area for the storage of frozen foods which the school presently has to store at the Merkel Locker Plant.

Cost for the "four corners" at the locker plant

is \$60 a month and it takes a school employee an hour and a half daily to go get meat to serve the more than 400 students.

Too, Davis pointed out that having such a freezer in the cafeteria would allow the schools to purchase more meat and thus get a better price.

There were some questions from the Board as to how much actual space they had at the locker plant and how much space was actually needed for such storage.

Too, it was suggested that two chest-type freezers be provided at much lower cost than the proposed \$7,000. However, there was some question as to whether two chests would be adequate.

Reynolds requested the idea of the freezer be tabled until more information can be obtained.

Since the matter of the office for Mrs. Wilson was not mentioned, Reynolds then added this to the motion.

A brief discussion on the budget and the setting of a workshop for August 23 was followed by a brief Superintendent's report. The meeting adjourned at 11:47 p.m.

Davis said the teachers will meet August 16 in the auditorium, go to Tye the 19th and work in their classrooms the 20th. School opens August 23.

Next regular meeting of the School Board is August 24.



BRAD PURSLEY
...Jr., end, cornerback



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...Jr., tackle

Fair sweetheart deadline near

Aug. 13 is the last day entries will be accepted for the 1976 Miss West Texas

Fair Sweetheart competition, Dorothy Tedford, fair secretary, said.

Lambda Beta

The Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi was surprised Friday night, by the Social Committee for a "Come as You Are Party." The members were aroused from sleeping and relaxing on a late Friday night for all of the excitement. The members were served refreshments in the home of Sarah Lucas. Members who were caught at home were as follows: Betty Allday, Betty Coker, Chera Hohertz, Bobby Elliott, Sarah Lucas, Glenda Teaff, Ann Booth, Minyon Seymore, Pat Castille, Annette Clark, and Milly Bright.

The Fair Sweetheart will serve as the official hostess of this year's Fair. In the past, Sweethearts were chosen the year before their official reign.

Contestants must be 15 years of age and older, never married and the Sweetheart of a West Texas 4-H Club or Future Farmers of America chapter.

The winner will receive a \$300 scholarship to the Abilene college of her choice. Selection of the Sweetheart is based on scholastic rating, personality, achievements, beauty and citizenship.

Competition will begin at an Aug. 28 luncheon at the Petroleum Club for all the contestants, their mothers and the judges. The girls will ride in the Fair parade which officially opens this year's fair on Sept. 11.

On Sept. 13 the contestants will appear in a fashion show and judging at the Fair. The winner will be announced and crowned Sept. 15.

Co-chairmen for this year's Sweetheart contest are Mrs. Mack Dumis and Mrs. Bill Boyd. For more information and applications, contact the West Texas Fair office, 677-3538.

Deavers praises work of B&PW

Avis Deavers of Merkel, new president of Abilene Business and Professional Women's Club, is always ready to talk about B&PW and its accomplishments since its organization in 1919 in St. Louis, Missouri.

She knows B&PW history and she can be specific about dates and accomplishments. She knows, too, that growth of organization has been phenomenal, but she tends to be vague when it comes to numbers.

"I don't look at membership," she said, "but at what has been done, the many, many people who have been reached--and not just in management, but working people."

"B&PW is women working together--everybody working together--for changes that have benefited men as well as women."

Emphasis for the past few years has been on equal legal rights.

"And it has nothing to do with liberation," Miss Deavers said, "It has meant becoming more conscious of the abilities of all people. B&PW had a great part in bringing this about. We all have capabilities and talents that we need to develop, not only as individuals, but as groups, as citizens. This is what B&PW is about. It is a strong organization."

A member of B&PW first in Brownwood, Miss Deavers transferred to the Abilene club in 1953. She was elected to the presidency in April, installed in May and took over her official duties July 1.

She returned a few days ago from Brownsville and the state convention of the Texas Federation, B&PW, where Kathryn Peden, national representative and a past national president, emphasized to Texas members the need of their concern in the field of government.

"We are at a crossroads," Ms. Peden said, "at a time of fast-changing attitudes. We need to direct our efforts as women, as citizens, to this area."

Avis Deavers was born in Ellis County and as a small child moved with her parents to Merkel.

"I've lived there so long I feel like a native," she said.

She has BS and MA degrees in business and education from Hardin-Simmons University with emphasis in accounting for her master's. But even before receiving her first degree, she began teaching at Eskota in Fisher County, a school no longer in existence, and later taught at Bradshaw, then at Eldorado in Schleicher County.

She taught in Brownwood before moving in 1953 to Abilene where she has taught business at Abilene High School

since. She is chairman of the business department at AHS and teaches accounting and machines and procedures. She has taught summer sessions at Howard Payne University and H-SU, and conducted workshops in business education at North Texas State University and Texas Woman's University.

A year or two after her father died, she moved to Merkel to be with her mother. She has stayed on since at the family home in Bettis Heights.

"I'm used to the drive from Merkel now," she said, "and it's kind of nice."

Her interests are many. She is president of West Texas Genealogical Society and District XVI, Texas Association of Educational Technologists; a member of Texas State Teachers Association, National Education Association and Texas Classroom Teachers Association with which she has just finished a term as membership chairman. She belongs to Abilene Classroom Teachers Association and Taylor County TSTA, is a past president of Texas Business Education Association.

She has been on the board of directors of Abilene Boys Ranch "since about 1957 or 1958...I don't have time to keep up with dates."

Miss Deavers enjoys sewing and makes most of her own clothes, grows flowers, does handwork, ceramics and china painting and "dabbles" in oils.

"This is recreation," she said. She has served the state B&PW organization as committee chairman for career advancement, as a director of a 17-county district and as state secretary.

There was a time, Miss Deavers said, when local clubs concentrated their efforts in their own communities.

"Now we have set up programs that extend far beyond our locality."

National B&PW Foundation housed in Washington awards grants and scholarships, often to mature women in need of training. Research study funds are also provided, and a library on women is maintained.

"It is a recognized source of information on the status of women and job opportunities," Miss Deavers said, "It has serviced more than 3,000 calls on women through the United Nations."

The foundation also conducts seminars on management training each year at locations throughout the country.

"We hope to have one in our own area sometime," the B&PW president said. "The 5-day national convention begins July 25 in Denver, and plans for this year will be made then."

County 4-H results

Thirty-eight record books were entered in the Taylor County 4-H Record Book Judging held Tuesday, July 27 at the Extension Kitchen of the Old County Courthouse.

Results of the judging: Senior Achievement--Cindy Walker, blue; Cathy Holloway, red; Tonya Moore, white; Lessa Swinney, white; Breads--Fraci Merkel blue; foods and Nutrition--Lenez Graham, blue; Trina Merkel, red; Dairy Foods--Elizabeth Asbury, blue; Santa Fe--Tommy Graham, blue; Gardening--Lisa Hughes, blue; Home Improvement, Craig Hutchings, blue.

Junior: Clothing--Kristie Conder, blue; Foods and Nutrition--Michelle Willis, blue; Cindy Hutchings--red; Dairy Foods--Sherrie Dunn, blue; Bicycle--Karen McCarty, blue; Home Environment--Danette Walker, blue; Stefanie Wicker, red; Dog Care--Kim McCarty, blue; Lean Hollingshead, red. Gold Star Boy--Terry Ake; Gold Star Girl--Cindy Walker. Senior: Horse Project--Terry Criner, blue; Chuck DuBose, red; Agricultural--Terry Ake, blue; Tracy Dean, red; Sheep--David Hobbs, blue; Tommy Swinney, red; Petroleum Power--Mark Willis, blue;

Beef--Matt Tarpley; Swine--Cindy Boone, blue; National 4-H Conference--Randy Ford, blue; Rabbit--Maury Moore. Junior: Horse--Sheri Williams, blue; Leslie Mashonheimer, red; DeDe Mashonheimer, white; Shannon Boyd, white; Swine--Miles Willis, blue; Rebecca Merchant, red; Petroleum Power--John Townsend, blue; Gordon Asbury, red; Sheep--Greg Hollingshead, blue; Scott Ake, red; Sheila Swinney, white; Commodity Marketing--Willy Townsend, blue; Horticulture--Kelly McCarty, blue; Beef--Ricky Cowley, blue; Agricultural--Kevin Dean, blue.

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BLOOD TYPES

Do you know what your blood type is? Are you a universal donor or a universal recipient? The bloods of all races of the world fall into four groups: A, B, AB and O. Forty-two per cent of the population is type A, nine per cent is type B, three per cent is type AB and forty-six per cent is type O.

The term blood type refers to the type antigens that are on the red blood cell. Antigens A, B, and Rh are the most important antigens as far as blood transfusions and newborn survival are concerned.

Type A blood contains antigen A on the red blood cell, type B blood contains antigen B, type AB blood contains both antigens A and B, and type O blood contains neither A nor B on its red blood cells. The term Rh-positive blood means that Rh antigen is present on the red blood cell. Rh-negative blood is blood whose red cells have no Rh antigen present on them.

The red blood cells are carried in the blood plasma. The plasma also carries antibodies and it is these antibodies that are of concern in blood transfusions. If the antigen-antibody reaction in the blood is not compatible, then the red cells clump together, a condition called agglutination. This clumping of the red blood cells can be lethal as they may block an artery leading to the heart, brain or lungs which can be fatal.

The danger in giving blood transfusions is that antibodies present in the plasma of the recipient's blood may clump or agglutinate the red blood cells of the donor's blood. Therefore, the matching of blood samples from both the recipient and the donor prior to transfusing is most essential to determine the compatibility of the two samples.

People with type O blood are referred to as universal donors since their blood can be safely transfused to type A, B, AB and O individuals with no clumping of the red blood cells. People with type AB blood are referred to as universal recipients since they can be transfused with type A, B, AB and O with no clumping of the red cells.

plasma. One way people get anti-Rh antibodies is to have Rh-negative blood and be transfused with Rh-positive blood.

There is another way for a Rh-negative woman to get anti-Rh antibodies in her blood plasma and that is to become pregnant by her mate who is Rh-positive and have the fetus to be Rh-positive also. Some of the red blood cells of the fetus may be transmitted to the mother by way of the placenta, thus stimulating the mother's body to form anti-Rh antibodies.

If another pregnancy should occur later, the anti-Rh antibodies now present in the mother may pass through the placenta and destroy the red blood cells of the fetus, a usually fatal condition called erythroblastosis fetalis. Modern medicine has now developed a serum which stops any anti-Rh antibodies from being built up in the mother's blood, thus reducing the danger in future pregnancies.

Can you imagine what it was like to be in need of a blood transfusion prior to the turn of the twentieth century when blood types were unknown. Blood transfusions were a hit-or-miss procedure, sometimes successful, but often times disastrous.

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Mrs. Ruby Holt
Mrs. F. B. Gravelle in memory of Mrs. Beulah Callihan
Mr. and Mrs. Burton L. Jones
John D. Callie
Mrs. W. R. Dunning

Click visits

Mrs. Mary Click has returned from a visit at the home of her daughter Winn McCartney in San Antonio. Mrs. McCartney, a teacher, has been selected by the San Antonio School District to write the instructional objectives for kindergarten in the mathematics curriculum guide. In addition to her teaching duties Mrs. McCartney is working on her master's degree at the University of Texas at San Antonio.

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Church reunion

The descendants of the late Mr. and Mrs. M. C. (Marv) Church and their children: Mattie Church Davis, Colonel Church, Clark Church and Ettye Church, all deceased; met July 24th and 25th for a family gathering.

For many years the Church family lived in Merkel and the Merkel area. The family met at the M. C. Church home, 45 Lawrence Circle, Abilene.

Those attending were: Mr. and Mrs. Norman Earl, Ft. Worth; Mrs. Edmond (Kay Wallace) Tiemann, Kathy and Robert Tiemann, Austin, Tex. Mr. Charlie Church, Blair, Scott, and Corey Church, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Bonny Church, Lona Church Cromer, Peana; Mrs. Mattie Helen Willingham, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Balgonz, Rebecca Lynn, Martha Jo, and Debarah Ann Balfonz, Woodward, Oklahoma.; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Church, Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Church, Crystal Cage Church, Woodson, Tex.; Mr. and Mrs. Tom Harkey, Garry Don and Joyce Lynn Harkey, Rotan, Tex.; Mrs. Clara Diviggins, Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Shaver, Jr., Rochester, Tex.; Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Shaver, III, Richard, Jennifer, and Raes Shaver, Rochester, Tex.; Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Church, Abilene; Dr. Charles Church, Snyder; Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Pond, Lubbock; Rev. and Mrs. H. Noll Bryant, Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. Gerald McDonald, Odessa; Gerlyn McDonald, Ft. Worth; Mr. and Mrs. James H. Dunnahan, Dawn Dunnahan, Austin; Mr. and Mrs. Billy Ettye Church, Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cabeltz, Amarillo.

Fall fashions

Feminine fashions for fall '76 will feature a "field and stream" approach to separates, including lumberjackets, drawstring blouson jackets layered over trousers, knickers, or bootlegged pants, and jumpsuits in traditional red, black and blue hunting and fishing plaids, Beverly Rhoades, clothing specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

City Council to meet

The Merkel City Council will hold its regular meeting Thursday at 7 a.m. at City Hall.

On the agenda is continuation of the July meeting agenda. Programming of water, sewer and sanitation rates will be discussed along with paving proposals and proposed closing of the alley running east and west and between North 6th and Interstate 20 and between Kent Street and Runnels Street.

Also on the agenda is the payment of July accounts.

Saving time getting SSI

People who plan to apply for supplemental security income payments cansave time by first getting together some information about themselves, according to Glyn Hammons, social security district manager in Abilene. The supplemental security income program makes monthly payments to people with little or no income and limited resources who are 65 or over or blind or disabled. People can get information about applying for the payments by calling or writing any social security office.

"When applying," Hammons said, "it's a good idea to have with you as many of the following as possible: a checkbook, if you have one, to show how much you have in the bank, any savings ac-

count books, stocks and bonds, life insurance policies, automobile registration cards, latest real estate tax statements if you own a home or any land, last year's income tax return, W-2 forms, and evidence of all other income." It may save time, too, according to Hammons, if people applying for supplemental security income payments know how much cash they have on hand and know the value of their car, if they own one.

"You should also have your social security card," he said. "Disabled or blind students 18 to 22 should have a school identification card, tuition receipts, or similar evidence of school attendance."

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Riggan reunion

Members of the Riggan family held their annual reunion at Abilene State Park at Buffalo Gap with 5 of the Riggan children attending.

Attending the reunion were Mr. and Mrs. Gold Riggan, Lamesa; Mr. Nathan Riggan, Stanton; Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Harris, Houston; Mrs. Jessie Conley, Houston; Mrs. Leona Conley, Merkel; Mrs. Grace Riggan, Merkel; Mrs. Lena V. Riggan, Tempe, Arizona; Mr. and Mrs. Pete Swinney, Merkel; Paula Beveley, Sweetwater; Mr. and Mrs. Denzil Riggan, Angela and Chrye, Sweetwater; Mr. and Mrs. Kent Satterwhite, Merkel; Randy Homes, Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Riggan, Merkel; Derrell, Donny and Danny Riggan, Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Riggan, Midland; Mrs. Carey Warren and son Phillip, Midland; Linda Riggan, Midland; Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Riggan, Lamesa; Mr. and Mrs. Fineless Bartlett, Merkel; Jerry and Nat Riggan, Lamesa; Clovis Riggan, Gateville; Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Harris, Houston; Gary Don, Donnie and Randy Harris, Houston; Aland Betty Sue Leveritt and Marie Sue, Houston; Mark Thompson, Houston; Mike and

Houston; Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Conley and Laura, Houston; Mr. and Mrs. Deverie Conley, Beckville; Mrs. Gloria Stone, Carl J. Stone, Dally Christeen Stone, Spring; Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Conley, Curtis, Heath, Chad, Kandy, Margie Dee and Melissa, Spring; Roger and Mary Harris and Tommy, Houston; Mrs. and Mrs. E. A. Conley and Ricky, Merkel; and L. D. Riggan, Phoenix, Arizona.

Friends attending were Len Kelly, Abilene; Jan Dunn, Abilene; Joe Dale Harris, California; Mrs. W. C. Kelley, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Prantis Cochran, Apple Spring; Patty McCloud, Merkel; Audie Byrd, Merkel; Jim Montgomery, Odessa; J. H. Harris, Panama Canal; Clovis and Virgie Harrison, Sweetwater; Dlyn Williams, Fort Stockton; Mark Harris, Panama Canal; Joe Dale Harris, Houston; Glen Shirley, Sweetwater; Shelby Culver, Houston; and Calvin and Flora King, Abilene.



BUSY SUPPORT--The Merkel High Cheerleaders have been busy this summer preparing support for the Merkel Badgers this fall. They are front row, left to right, Kathryn Irvin, Cindy Boone and back row, Becky Watts and Gay Pfister.



STUDENT COUNCIL--Ready to greet the start of a new school year is the Merkel High school Student Council. School officially opens in Merkel August 23 with the first day of classes. Heading the Student Council this year from left to right are Suzie Rister, Mike Henry, Tommy Jones, Deborah White and Marlon White.

Sheep raisers to meet

The Taylor County Sheep and Goat Raisers Association will meet Friday, at 10 a.m. at the Old Settlers Grounds in Buffalo Gap.

Mr. T. J. Neill, president of the group, states that all sheep or goat producers within the county are urged to

CAP gets grant

Congressman Omar Burleson announces the approval of a \$10,000 Community Services Administration grant to the Community Action Program, Inc., with headquarters at Abilene, serving Taylor, Jones, Haskell, Stonewall, Shackelford, Kent, Knox and Throckmorton Counties.

The grant will run for a three-month period, beginning August 1, 1976, to provide a weatherization program to repair homes of the elderly, the poor and near poor of the eight-county area served.

Tejanitos 13-1 for year

The Merkel Tejanitos closed out their season on a winning note by beating the Mineral Wells Falcons, 9-4. The Tejanitos were lifted by a hitting attack led by Jimmy Moreno, Don Moreno, B. Moreno, Marso Moreno, Frank Rodriguez and Richard Hernandez.

The winning pitcher was Richard Hernandez who went the distance. The Tejanitos ended the

season with a 13-1 record. The only loss came at the hands of the Aquilas from San Isidro, Chih. Mexico. The Tejanitos would like to express their appreciation to all the people who patronized them at the games at home and away from home. Also, a special belated thanks to all the merchants who helped in buying the new uniforms for the team.

attend. Mr. Robert Kenning, extension economist, will present a program on the outlook of the industry including numbers of animals in the U. S. and consumption of mutton.

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A free barbecue will be served to the producers following the program.

Calf scramble entries sought

August 16 is the deadline for entries in this year's Calf Scramble at the West Texas Fair and Rodeo. Dorothy Tedford, fair secretary announced today.

Contestants must be between 12 years old and not

Wiley to get degree

Christine Wiley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Carmack of Merkel, is scheduled to receive a Bachelor of Science degree Friday, at Hardin-Simmons University.

Seventy-six students will receive degrees in the summer commencement, which begins at 8 p.m. in Behrens Chapel Auditorium. Delivering the commencement address to the August graduates will be Dr. John P. Newport, professor of religion at Rice University.

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4-H Clubs reorganizing

The Taylor County 4-H Clubs are reorganizing for the coming year. Anyone interested in joining any of the clubs should contact the County Extension Office at 677-1711, ext. 321.

4-H Clubs are active in all parts of Taylor County, so no matter what part of the county a boy or girl lives, a club is available to join.

Education grant approved

Congressman Omar Burleson announces the approval of a \$651,117.18 Office of Education grant to Taylor County. The allotment of these funds for fiscal year 1977 is under the provisions of Part A of Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, P. L. 89-10, as amended. These funds will provide services for children residing in low-income areas and State-operated or supported institutions for neglected and delinquent children, who have need for special educational assistance in order that their level of educational attainment may be raised to that appropriate for children of their age.

The State Department of Education will distribute the county amounts to the school districts in accordance with Federal Regulations. Each school district is guaranteed no less than 55 percent of its fiscal year 1976 allocation.

Former Merkel man honored

Guy M. Pannell, former Merkel resident and owner of Guy M. Pannell Insurance Agency for Republic National Life in Abilene has done it again.

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There are numerous projects available in the urban areas from Dog, to Rabbits, to Photography or Auto Mechanics. If you have any questions concerning 4-H clubs or projects, contact one of the following people: Frank Claborn, Roxie Ann Rodgers, or San Field.

Members attending were Mmes: Mamie Steck, Val Patterson, Louise DuBoise, Charlotte Starbuck, Jocille Brady, Opal Garner and Ann Reeder.

Mamie Steck was honored with a going away dinner party at Old Abilene Town by members of Xi Nu Chi, Mamie has been a member of Beta Sigma Phi for fifteen years and has held every office in the chapter. Among one of her many accomplishments was "Woman of the Year." She is also eligible for the Order of the Horse. Mamie will be moving to Big Springs shortly and will be greatly missed by all.

Xi Nu Chi

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Letters to the editor

More 'Bums' write

Mr. Editor,

This letter is from some of the citizens of Merkel, so called, "bums," who help support Fred Heady's business! I don't know if Mr. Heady spouted off his mouth before he had time to sort the facts or if he's just plain ignorant. If he wants the City Council to run things why is he "poking his nose in it?" Everything was fine till he stirred up "a stink!" Well like Mr. Sadler and what he stands for and what he's done for a lot of people in Merkel. How much has Mr. Heady contributed to the bettering of Merkel? You say you have no beef to pick over Hud houses in particular, then why have you made such a "stew" over it?

Mr. Heady contradicts himself in too many ways. We would like to go back and quote him on a few things. Mr. Heady said: "What we need in this town is more people to come in this town and put in businesses."

What does he mean? The more "outsiders" who come into Merkel and become citizens the more business there is for him and other fellow businessmen. Just how was he able to expand in his business except through the business he gets from some of his customers he's calling "bums." And we'd like to say something else, he's losing a lot of those bums for customers by his language and bitter attitude during business hours.

Heady also said: "If we need low cost housing then make it for the people in the city of Merkel who really need it. Don't make it for outsiders."

Outsiders? Are we a separate country that other people other than Merkelites are outsiders? The biggest part of the people who live

in these Hud Homes are from Merkel, some have lived here all their lives, others moved back to find work and settle down here.

Heady said: "I'm not calling people who live in low cost housing in Merkel bums. I'm calling people who will come here if we get a lot of low cost housing bums because most of them won't even be working."

Evidently Mr. Heady hasn't tried buying a house recently or he'd know you don't just order a house and move in, you've got to have money to pay for it. When we decided to get a Hud home there was a period of approval, checking salary, credit rating, etc. to make sure we weren't bums looking for a free months rent. After this approval, we had to pay for equity, closing cost, insurance, etc.

In his statement to the paper Mr. Heady says he's tired of helping to pay the cost thru higher and higher taxes. He presented an example of his opinion: "Say you have Hud go in and get low housing, you get a bunch of families and they all have children. The children go to school. Who is supporting the schools? They are living in low cost homes, and pay little or no school taxes whatsoever. But every businessman, farmer and property owner is paying for it. We are not only paying for their education but for their homes."

We'd like to say to Mr. Heady that a lot of us who

live in Hud homes have no children or children who aren't in school yet. And some have children in school, but we all pay taxes. That money goes for your children's education as well as everyone else's children.

Mr. Heady we don't know where you get your information but it is all incorrect. When we are approved for a loan on a Hud home, we have to sign an agreement to pay all our taxes and pay for our own insurance. These taxes aren't cheap like you think. We pay almost three hundred dollars for school, personal property and city tax a year. That may be a little or nothing to you but that "Ain't Hay" to us.

Mr. Heady we believe you have stepped on some toes and we think an apology is in order.

You also said "If I go out here and buy a \$30,000 home, who is paying for it? I do, \$70,000 or more when it is paid for. Now these people are living in \$25,000 homes. What's it costing them?"

Would you like to know? For one thing these houses are not \$25,000 homes. Most of them cost anywhere from \$17,000 to \$19,000 when it's paid for \$65,000 and for your information we're paying for our own houses. We don't know of anyone you've made a house payment for or paid their house off either.

Now, granted, we need some homes for the elderly, lame and sick, but we believe you'd find reason to gripe about that also. We don't think you should try to hinder other young couples from getting a home of their own.

What you need to realize is that you haven't any right to call anyone a bum anymore than they'd have calling you a bum. People are people, it takes all kinds to make this town. We don't know many people who don't have to live from pay day to pay day. Merkel is growing and it couldn't have on its own, it's the people who come to live here and make the businesses grow. Two or three years ago we didn't have Wilkersons, Gilenes didn't have as many employees, Ben Franklins wasn't as nice, Western Auto wasn't here, the furniture store, Emma's Clothes Closet, Bob's Garage wasn't here. Merkel's growing steadily! So stop trying to close the door for some one else's chance to move here.

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Big cotton crop

The 1976 Texas cotton crop may pass the billion dollar mark if market conditions continue strong and good harvest weather prevails. This would make the crop second only to that produced in 1973 which tipped the scales at \$1.2 billion, notes an economist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Cotton acreage on June 30 totaled 4.9 million which is up from the 4.3 million acres planted last year. Cotton farmers are expected to reap good profits due to strong domestic and foreign markets.

Cattle slaughter

In 1975 Texas became the top state in the number of cattle slaughtered, according to a livestock marketing specialist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. The information is based on cattle slaughter at the 82 federally inspected slaughtering plants in the state. Twenty-eight of these plants slaughtered more than 50,000 head each and accounted for 11 per cent of the total federally inspected cattle slaughter. Following Texas in the number of cattle slaughtered in federally inspected plants are Nebraska and Iowa.

Fire ants spread

Imported fire ants are now common in virtually all of the eastern half of Texas and are continuing their trek westward, says an entomologist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Infestations have been confirmed from Cooke County in North Texas to Kleberg County in South Texas and as far west as Kerr and Bandera counties. Seventy-four counties are under partial or complete federal quarantine or are labeled suppression areas. Mirex, a chemical used to control the pests, is now being produced by the state of Mississippi and is available through the Texas Department of Agriculture. Farmers and ranchers can obtain the chemical free of charge from their local County Commissioners Court as long as supplies last.

Plant pumpkins

If you want to have pumpkins ready to harvest at Halloween, it's time to plant seed, points out a horticulturist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Pumpkins require 90 to 110 days to grow depending on the variety, temperature and rainfall. Vining types require a lot of space so the small gardener may prefer to plant the semi-bush type such as Cinderella and Funny-Face. Space the bush types about three feet apart, with four to six seed per hill. Thin the seedlings to two plants per hill when they are four to six inches tall. Insect and disease control is critical once the seedlings begin to grow.

Certification

Planting seeds in Texas for the 1977 season will be certified for genetic identity only, so farmers must take a close look at the labels accompanying the seed. The new certification label assures that the seed is the variety stated on the label. The big change is the fact that it does not relate to any seed quality factors such as purity, inert matter, other crop seed, weed seed, noxious weed seed and germination. The Texas seed law, however, still requires that this information be truthfully stated on the analysis label accompanying the seed, points out a cotton specialist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Dairy outlook good

It looks like a good year for Texas dairy farmers as milk production per cow is up and prices are generally good. Milk production per cow is 70 pounds more per month so far this year than in 1975 due mainly to heavy culling of poor producers and heavier feeding of concentrates, says an economist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station. Prices for blend milk continue to look favorable, with dairymen receiving an average price of \$10.50 per hundredweight in June. The milk-feed price ratio has also improved due to higher milk prices and lower feed prices.

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Education grant approved

Congressman Omar Burleson announces the approval of a \$651,117.18 Office of Education grant to Taylor County. The allotment of these funds for fiscal year 1977 is under the provisions of Part A of Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, P. L. 89-10, as amended. These funds will provide services for children residing in low-income areas and State-operated or supported institutions for neglected and delinquent children, who have need for special educational assistance in order that their level of educational attainment may be raised to that appropriate for children of their age.

The State Department of Education will distribute the county amounts to the school districts in accordance with Federal Regulations. Each school district is guaranteed no less than 55 percent of its fiscal year 1976 allocation.

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Revival-renewal services set at Trent

The United Methodist Church at Trent announces plans for Revival-Renewal Services, August 25-26, starting at 8 p.m. each evening. Rev. Calvin Easterling will be the evangelist for August 25 and 26. Rev. Easterling was reared at Rising Star. He is a graduate of McMurry College, a member of the Central Texas Conference, minister of the Lorena United Methodist Church and is

presently enrolled at Perkins School of Theology at SMU. The Trent church choir, Joy Dean McMurray and the Revival Lighthouse Trio, will sing as part of the special music of the renewal services. Vera Sharp will be the pianist and Lettie Hamner will be the organist. Prior to the services each evening four groups will meet at 7:30 p.m.: choir, children, women and men. The children will be under

the direction of Betty Robertson who will teach choruses and Scripture lessons, Cheri Patterson, Tammy Hicks and Debbie Jackson will assist. Odessa Butler and Beulah Swinney will conduct the women's prayer group and John Hamner will be the men's prayer group leader. Bob Whitlock, minister of the local congregation invites your attendance at the services.

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Trent lunch program outlined

Trent schools start the fall semester Monday at 8:15 a.m. Superintendent Roy Neff reports all buses will run Monday and that lunches will be served.

Neff reports Trent School will serve nutritious meals every school day. Students in grades K-5 may buy lunch for 50 cents and students in grades 6-12 may buy lunch for 60 cents.

Children from families whose income is at or below those shown on the scale are eligible for free meals, or reduced-priced meals. If your income is greater than those shown but you have unusually high medical bills, shelter costs in excess of 30 percent of your income, special education expenses due to the mental or physical condition of a child, or disaster or casualty losses, your children may still be eligible.

To apply for free or reduced price meals for your children, at anytime during the year, secure an application from the Trent school. The school will let you know whether or not your children are eligible within 10 days of receiving your application. If you do not agree with the school's decision, you have a right to a fair hearing. This can be done by calling or writing: Roy Neff, Box 105, Trent, Texas; Phone Number - 862-2411.

In certain cases, foster children are also eligible for these benefits. If you have such children living with you and wish to apply for such meals for them, please notify us or indicate it on the application. All children are treated the same regardless of ability to pay. In the operation of child feeding programs, no child will be discriminated against because of his race, sex, color, or national origin.

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5	0 - 8,190	8,190 - 12,770
6	0 - 9,240	9,240 - 14,410
7	0 - 10,200	10,200 - 15,910
8	0 - 11,150	11,150 - 17,390
9	0 - 12,010	12,010 - 18,740
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11	0 - 13,730	13,730 - 21,430
12	0 - 14,590	14,590 - 22,770

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Cub Scouts to re-organize

Cub Scouts will hold a Pack Meeting August 26 to re-organize. We will need several Den Mothers and a Webelos leader. All interested people are urged to attend this meeting or contact Fred Nalley,

Cubmaster or Billie Walters, Den Leaders Coach, phone 928-5702 or 928-5156. All boys that are 8 years old and their parents are invited to attend and join in the Pack Meeting August 26. All the Pack 220 wish to thank Terrie Nalley, Audra Horton and Charlotte Starbuck for helping make summer camp more fun for them.

Trent club plans roping

The Cal-Tex Roping Club of Trent will have roping Sunday along with barrel racing competition 1.5 miles north off Interstate Highway 20 on the Noodle Dome Road. The three go rounds of calf roping will be \$45 and will begin at 3 p.m. There will be one go of barrel racing to follow at \$15. Steer roping will be at 7 p.m. with two go and an entry of \$15 per team.

Senior Stars win sports trophy

Tri-City Senior All Stars traveled to Midland this past weekend for the State All Star tournament. They met the Big Spring Seniors for their first game Thursday. They took their first win 10-6 but had to forfeit because of a technicality, throwing them into the loser bracket. They then went against Denison who had lost to Midland the 1975 All State Team. Tri-City lead through most of game but was defeated after a few bad errors for their second loss in the double elimination tournament.

Although losing out early in the tournament they did not come home without a trophy. The Tri-City All Stars which includes, Brenda Applegate, Kandi Ascencio, Elaine Bennett, Judy Diltz, Melody Dorty, Gina Farmer, Robbie Freeman, Jan Bush, Kim Kannel, Susan Fetters, Vickie Peters, Debbie Smith, Netta Stephan, Gayle Teaff, and Debra Turnage are from Hawley, Trent, and Merkel, and these girls brought back the Sportsmanship Trophy for the second year in a row. Two of the girls, Kandi Ascencio, and Netta Stephan were chosen for the State All Star Team.

This finishes out the season for the Tri-City league as far as games, but there is still work to be done. Fields need to be finished, money raised to finish paying for tournament play. Then in October a new Board of Director will be selected, if you are willing or know of anyone who is willing to help out on the Board please contact Dorothy Torrence or Mrs. Hugh Baker before September 15. Everyone asks how can we help, well here is your chance. You have to have a Board before you can have a league. Work on the field is getting underway so it can be in shape by next season, but we need the help of you fathers on this, watch the paper for the date of the next meeting for the Ball Park. Thank you is not enough to the many people who helped this year in the League, and to the Merchants who supported, sponsored, and stood behind us all the way, but there are no words that can express what is felt according to president of the Tri-City League. Special thanks to those who sponsored teams this year. Sr. Team-First Baptist Rookies-First Baptist Church Majors-Dynamites-F & M National Bank.

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Jarvis reunion

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Comperre group to meet

The Comperre Cemetery Association will meet at the cemetery on Saturday the 21st to work the cemetery. There will also be an important business session immediately following the lunch which will be at noon on the same day. All interested parties are urged to be present. Visitors will be welcome. The work will begin at 9 a.m.

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