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Weekly  
Newspaper**

**BIBLE VERSE**  
Every man according as he  
purposeth in his heart, so let  
him give; not grudgingly, or of  
necessity; for God loveth a  
cheerful giver.  
2 Corinthians 9:7

# The Merkel Mail

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**NEW**--Everything is coming up new at Merkel High with a new fall season starting Monday, a new principal in Lee Presswood (left), a new Superintendent in Travis Davis (right) and a new Badger, donated by Don Hensley, center, president of Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Merkel. The Badger was painted at center court on the newly finished gym floor at Merkel High.

## Merkel schools begin fall semester

School opens Monday at all Merkel Schools with students reporting in all grades, kindergarten through 12th grade. Buses will run on schedule and the cafeteria will serve lunches. First day for the students to look forward to is September 6 when Labor Day will be observed. Two days at Thanksgiving and one day for Easter will be the other holidays observed with a 10-day Christmas vacation and a 5-day spring break. Too, the students will have holidays when the teachers have professional growth days and work days, there are 10 of these.

### Kindergarten set for full year

Kindergarten students will attend school for 180 days this school year, according to Travis Davis, Superintendent of Merkel School District. Classes will be held in the elementary schools at both Tye and Merkel. At the end of the school day for kindergarten students, parents may pick up their children. Those who remain to ride a bus will have supervised activity until time for buses to run at the end of the regular school day. Parents that have not already registered their youngsters of kindergarten age are urged to do so at once so that proper arrangements for teachers and aides can be made to work with these students when they arrive Monday. For further information telephone Cecil Todd, Tye Elementary, 692-3809 or John Cain at Merkel Middle School 928-5521.



By Carl Dingler

## THE MAIL

Now hold on! Wait a minute! That wasn't Mrs. Candy Martin we saw dishing out homemade ice cream and peach pie at the Merkel School Board meeting last week.

It was the "other" homemaking teacher, Mrs. Mary Grimes. Sure hate giving credit to the wrong person as the food was great, and especially since it was council member Jacky Reynolds share we ate (he didn't come in until it was too late and you couldn't let such great food go to waste.)

But next time we meet Mrs. Grimes we'll recognize the difference--especially if she is carrying some more of her good cooking in her hand.

The Merkel Riding Club is sponsoring a junior rodeo Thursday through Saturday at 8 p.m. Everyone should turn out, if possible, to support these outstanding athletes.

Actually, Merkel is very lucky to have so many organizations headed by such capable people. Every group we have come in contact with has been very active and interested in helping the community to prosper.

This sort of thinking is catching and can't help but keep Merkel on the climb. In keeping with this thinking ran across an article which fits in nicely.

1. Think for yourself. If you weigh, examine, and sift the evidence, you will be more likely to find the truth and share it with others.

2. Think before you act. Even a moment's reflection may have far-reaching consequences for good.

3. Think objectively. Develop the facility to get beyond a narrow, selfish point of view.

4. Think ahead. Cultivate the habit of looking beyond the present.

5. Think hopefully. A hopeful person sees an opportunity in every calamity while a cynic sees a calamity in every opportunity.

6. Think things through. Much fuzzy thinking could be clarified if more persons would think things through and thus avoid making rash or erroneous judgments.

7. Think charitably. A genuine love for others and love of God is the best preparation for clear, unbiased thinking.

8. Get beyond wishful thinking. Discipline yourself to carry your good thoughts into constructive action.

It's hard to believe that football and school activities

are here already. It seems like just last week we were covering graduation and getting ready for summer vacations.

Where has all the time gone. Guess, Little Leagues, swimming, camps, rodeoing and just loafing has taken up the time.

Yes, gone are those lazy summer days when youngsters complained that there "is nothing to do."

Now, recreation programs, camps and organized sports abound and leave the youth no time to just be lazy and enjoy doing nothing.

True, a lot of youngsters worked on the farm and in summer jobs and the time between school isn't as long as it once (used to be that school let out in the middle of May and didn't start until after Labor Day), but there still is time to enjoy the time to reflect, dream and think.

There's still time for this marvelous activity, but not near as much.

And, yes, you still hear young people complain of having nothing to do. Just stop any one of them burning up 60 cent a gallon gas driving around town at night and listen.

But, try and get them to do something different other than just driving around and parking.

It may be known as "nothing to do" but somehow they always find plenty of action--good or bad.

Merkel's Badgers may be picked to finish seventh in District 6-AA circles. But, don't count on it. The Badgers are an exceptional crew and the coaching staff is doing an exceptional job.

With support by everyone in the community, starting now and continuing on through the season--win or lose--the Badgers will certainly be a team everyone can take pride in.

They may not win every game but at least they will be doing their best. You can't ask for more than that. How many of us give our best every day?

These athletes are giving their best. They may indeed be last when the final poll is taken in November.

But, they'll be first as men and as representatives of our community. Let's just hope we can measure up to that high standard.

Finally, here's one for our scholar employee Merkel High senior David Booth: Old chemists never die--they just quit reacting.

## Individualized paving program approved by City Council

Merkel City Council has paved the way for residents to get necessary paving for their streets if they wish. At Thursday's 25-minute meeting at City Hall, the City Council approved a paving proposal for the city.

Individuals may pay for having their part of the block paved. However, there will be no leaveouts as is the case on Oak Street.

Either all the residents of a block request the paving or none of it will be done, according to the City Council.

The cost? It will be \$2 per running foot to the property owner. City Coordinator J. A. Sadler estimated it would cost the average property owner about \$100 to get a strip in front of his house and 30 feet wide paved.

Cost to the city hopefully will stay within 10 per cent of the budgeted funds. The city will furnish any material.

The paving program is strictly voluntary, the Council pointed out and anyone wanting their street paved may contact officials at the City Hall.

The paving does not include gutters and curbs. This will cost the property owner \$2.50 to \$3 per foot additional. Pioneer of Abilene will do the actual paving.

Question of repaving streets already paved and in need of repairs was raised. However, it was pointed out that these streets would not take this type of proposed paving.

It was pointed out that overlay on the old streets would cost \$2 a square yard compared to the proposed \$2 per frontage foot on the unpaved areas. Thus it would cost from \$9,000 to \$12,000 per block to seal coat and replace the old streets, they said.

Mayor Lou David Allen said the proposed plan is a very reasonable way to get paving for those residents who want it.

The Council then approved the closing of the alley on the Starbuck property at El Paso and Main. A letter from West Texas Utilities informed the city that they had removed their pole from the alley and have no objection to the alley being closed.

The alley split the property owned by the Starbuck Funeral home and it was requesting the alley be closed to allow for future building of the site.

There is still an alley serving other businesses in the area.

The City Council said the proposed paving will be similar to that done in the Wilkerson Manufacturing Company area.

The City Council then approved payment of July bills before adjourning.

The city reported spending \$1,844.09 for general fund departmental expense; \$2,697.22 for other general fund accounts; \$9,294.56 for water and sewer expense; \$31.81 for ambulance expense; \$14.25 for revenue sharing expense; and \$56.50 for library expense. Total expense for July was \$13,938.43.

Largest single item on the expense account was to the City of Abilene for water. The July cost was \$5,146.26. Fina gas and oil was paid \$688.93 for gas during the month and Taylor Electric was paid \$751.01 for services.

After the meeting had been officially adjourned the subject of hiring Abilene to spray for mosquitoes in Merkel was brought up.

Sadler told the mayor he didn't believe a vote was needed but that the permission of the City Council was requested.

He explained the cost at \$44.30 per hour, breaking it down to cost of chemical (\$13.65 per gallon) and two men and equipment.

It was estimated the Abilene spraying unit could cover Merkel in an hour.

All the Council agreed swift action is needed and authorized Sadler to get the job done as quickly as possible.

They also discussed the possibility of getting a machine for future spraying.

Next regular meeting of the City Council is August 26 at 7 a.m. at the City Hall.

## Homecoming Nominees being Sought

Nominations are being accepted for Mr. X and Coming Home Queen for the Merkel High School Homecoming September 11.

All entries should be mailed to The Merkel Mail, P. O. Box 428, Merkel, Texas 79536. Entry deadline is August 30.

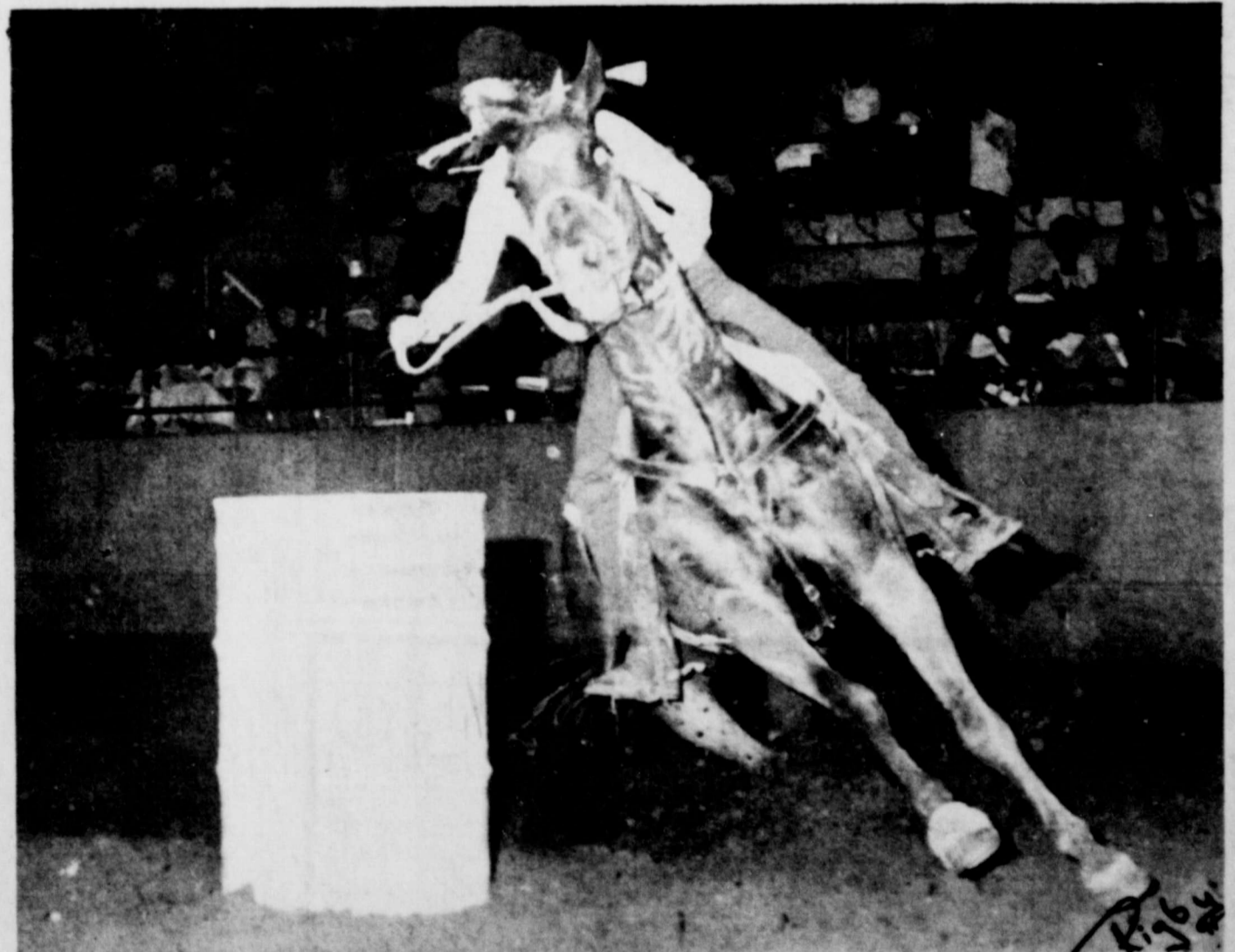
Any graduate of Merkel High School is eligible for the honor, including 1976 graduates. There is no age limit.

Nominees will be screened by the Homecoming Committee, headed by Bob Hammond and Gary Hicks and the man and woman ex-Merkel High student will be honored at halftime of the September 11 football game between Merkel and Jim Ned High School.

Each class at Merkel High will nominate candidates for Homecoming Queen with the winner being presented at halftime also.

Homecoming festivities include registration starting at 8 a.m. the Parade at 2:30 p.m., a pep rally at 3 p.m., the football game at 7:30 p.m. and a business meeting at 10 p.m. in the High School cafeteria.

Anyone desiring more information on homecoming activities may contact Hammond at 928-5858 or Hicks at 928-5803.



**PREPS FOR RODEO**--Jan Beck of Trent prepares for competition in this week's Merkel Junior Rodeo which starts Thursday and runs through Saturday at the Merkel Rodeo Club arena. Starting time is 8 p.m. The arena is located west of the Merkel High football stadium. Jan is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rex Beck and is attending Angelo State University. She is shown here competing in the AJRA finals last week in Snyder.

## Junior Rodeo opens Thursday

The Merkel Junior Rodeo which gets under way at the Merkel Riding Club arena Thursday night will offer some of the top men and women talent available. It continues Friday and Saturday.

There will be more than 150 entries preparing to compete for top prizes during three nights of action.

Entries have arrived from Eastland, Stephenville, Talpa, Coleman and Waco to enter the competition in four events in three age groups.

Entries also include three girls in bull riding. Entered in the 13-15 division are Melanie Nolen of Stephenville and Guyia Oliver of Abilene and in the 12-under is Cindy Nolen of Stephenville.

Belt buckles will be awarded winners in each event and to the all around girl and boy.

Stock contractor is Charlie Hunter. Too, pony rides will be available each night.

Age divisions are 12-under, 13-15 and 19-over and events are barrel race, pole bending, flag race and breakaway roping plus bull riding.

Action starts each night at 8 p.m. with the finals set Saturday.

Jackie Cox of Roby and Benny Cox of Sweetwater are judges and Johnny Thompson, former Merkel resident, is the clown.

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ARTIST OF THE MONTH--Frankie Smith is the Artist of the month for the Merkel Art Association. Five of her paintings are on display at the Farmers and Merchants National Bank this month. Mrs. Smith is immediate past president and charter member of the Merkel Art Association and also is a member of the Texas Fine Arts Association. She has studied under Talmage Minter, Jim Campbell of Abilene and Lois Shaw of Sweetwater. Due to a shoulder accident last August she had to discontinue studies but plans to resume studies this fall. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have six children, 14 grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

### Trent youth's death under investigation

A Department of Public Safety investigation is being conducted at Nacogdoches into the death of Andy Jackson, 16, of Trent, who died of a gunshot wound in the head after a reported robbery and chase in Cherokee County. Services for the youth were August 11 at Starbuck Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Kenneth Jones, pastor of the First Baptist Church, officiated. Burial was at Trent Cemetery.

Jackson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lindsey Jackson of Trent, died August 9 at Medical Center Hospital in Tyler, where he had been transferred from a Nacogdoches hospital.

A DPS official in Beaumont said a trooper from Nacogdoches gave chase to a pickup truck after a robbery about 5:30 p.m. August 9 at a grocery store at the intersection of Farm 1911 and U. S. 69 in Cherokee County. The pickup reportedly ran a roadblock set up by sheriff deputies 20 miles northwest the DPS spokesman said trooper James A. Moore returned gunfire from the pickup.

Jackson, identified as the driver of the pickup, was hit once in the head, and the pickup left the roadway and collided with a tree, the DPS reported.

He was taken to the Nacogdoches hospital and then transferred to Tyler.

Born January 12, 1960, in Olney, the youth moved to Trent with his parents last April.

Survivors include his parents; maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Amos Morris of Trent; paternal grandmother, Mrs. J. C. Jackson; three brothers, Lindsey of Arizona, Wendell of Albany and Michael of Trent; and a sister, Sherry of Trent.

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## Budget workshop set Monday by School Board

The Merkel School Board will meet twice next week--Monday and Tuesday--with the budget the major topic.

Monday night's meeting will deal only with the budget in a scheduled workshop.

The Board, headed by President Charles Jacobs, will go over the proposed budget item by item Monday night at the 7:30 p.m. meeting at Merkel High School.

The regular school board meeting is Tuesday night at 7:30 at the High School. The new budget is supposed to be approved by September 1.

In the budget worksheet analysis presented to the Board by Superintendent Travis Davis at the July meeting, it was proposed the budget be increased by \$87,517.73.

However, at the August 9 meeting \$12,000 was cut with the elimination of a proposed Merkel Elementary principal and two consultants.

This reduces the proposed increase to \$75,517.73. Of this it was pointed that nearly \$30,000 is mandatory.

This year's budget was \$1,046,126.77 after special education and consolidated application were taken out of it. It had been included in the budget, but these items are paid by state and federal funds. Thus, it was taken out of the

budget analysis to help give a more clear picture of the financial situation.

The proposed budget calls for \$1,121,644.50 to be spent from September 1 through August 31, 1977. Not counting the two items--special education and consolidated application--the \$75,517.73 represents a 7.2 per cent increase.

Superintendent Davis has been reporting a 6.8 per cent increase to the School Board but he has been including the special education and consolidated application in the total.

Proposed consolidated application funds total \$62,579 and special education proposal calls for \$356,326.59 for a total overall budget proposal of \$1,538,050.09.

Too, the projected reserve of \$42,939.91 remaining from this year's budget will help to offset the increase.

As to the proposed income, Davis has not submitted definite anticipated income to the School Board yet. He said at the last meeting he hoped to have the figures ready for the workshop session.

Here's how the initial budget worksheet looks:

General Operating Fund:  
Instructor payroll costs--\$51,657.29 proposed, \$29,514.29 increase.  
School administration payroll costs--\$63,637.80 proposed, \$9,473.80 increase.  
General administration payroll--\$59,169.36 proposed, \$8,369.36 increase.  
Maintenance payroll--\$48,449.66 proposed, \$5,300.66 increase.  
Other payroll costs--\$30,093.06 proposed, \$958.06 increase.  
TOTAL--\$717,821.17 proposed, \$53,616.17 increase.

Purchases and Contracted Services:  
Instructor purchase and contract--\$1,800 proposed, \$600 increase.  
School administration purchases and contract--\$7,943 proposed, \$184 increase.  
General administration purchases and contract--\$23,130 proposed, \$5,282 increase.

Maintenance purchases and contract--\$45,408 proposed, \$12,899.70 decrease.  
Others--\$650 proposed, \$200 decrease.  
TOTAL--\$78,996 proposed, \$7,033.70 decrease.

Supplies and Materials:  
Instructional--\$28,733 proposed, \$2,356.24 decrease.  
School administration--\$3,988 proposed, \$1,001 increase.  
General administration--\$1,750 proposed, no change.  
Maintenance--\$10,922 proposed, \$978 decrease.  
Other--\$2,140 proposed, \$35 decrease.  
TOTAL--\$47,533 proposed, \$2,368.24 decrease.

Other Operating Expenses:  
Instructional--\$3,300 proposed, \$1,000 decrease.  
School administration--\$4,060 proposed, \$460 increase.  
General administration--\$2,00 proposed, \$550 increase.  
Maintenance--\$15,720 proposed, \$8,000 increase.

Other--\$7,697 proposed, \$899 increase.  
TOTAL--\$32,277 proposed, \$8,909 increase.

Capital Outlay:  
Instructional--\$11,900 proposed, \$1,119 decrease.  
School administration--\$1,575 proposed, \$200 increase.  
General administration--\$1,500 proposed, \$300 increase.  
Maintenance--\$9,950 proposed, \$1,050 decrease.  
Other--\$1,921 proposed, \$616 increase.  
total--\$26,846 proposed, \$1,053 decrease.

TOTAL General Operating Fund--\$904,073.17 proposed, \$52,070.23 increase.

Transportation Fund:  
Payroll costs--\$27,134.20 proposed, \$3,770.20 increase.  
Purchases and contracts--\$1,205 proposed, no change.  
Supplies and materials--\$13,000 proposed, \$2,000 decrease.  
Other operating expenses--\$3,440 proposed, \$1,540 increase.  
Debt service--\$5,762 proposed, \$414 decrease.

Capital outlay--\$21,300 proposed, \$100 increase.  
TOTAL--\$71,841.20 proposed, \$2,996.20 increase.

Interest, Sinking Fund:  
Debt service--\$33,900 proposed, \$635 increase.

School Lunchroom Fund:  
Payroll costs--\$33,878.66 proposed, \$11,599.77 increase.  
Supplies and materials--\$42,329.27 proposed, \$2,000 increase.  
Capital Outlay--\$2,500 proposed, \$2,500 increase.  
TOTAL--\$78,708.13 proposed, \$16,099.77 increase.

Athletic Fund:  
Payroll costs--\$800 proposed, \$40 increase.  
Purchase and contracts--\$1,835 proposed, \$1,335 increase.  
Supplies and materials--\$19,854 proposed, \$1,200.47 decrease.  
Other expenses--\$10,633 proposed, \$3,542 increase.  
TOTAL--\$33,122 proposed, \$3,716.53 increase.

TOTAL BUDGET--\$1,121,644.50 proposed, \$75,517.73 increase.

Of course the School Board may have additions or may take away from these figures before they become final.

Too, a changed budget may be presented by Davis, to conform with suggested changes by the School Board, prior to the workshop Monday and the regular meeting Tuesday.

This budget proposal is the first one submitted to the Board and is the only one released for study by the School Board and school officials.

That is the purpose of the workshop Monday--to study a breakdown of where the funds are actually going for the next year. Also, it will allow the School Board to be more precise in making recommendations on just how much the budget will actually be.

Too, a public hearing has to be scheduled on the budget before the School Board can accept or reject the final proposal.

### \$1,875.23 rebated

Merkel will receive \$2,186.28 as its share of the August city sales tax rebate from the Comptroller's office in Austin.

Merkel had \$1,875.23 paid in during the period ending July 30 and had a prior balance of \$457.82.

Tye will receive \$1,299.34 and Trent reported but \$22.86 and will receive no rebate this month.

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1 PUBLIC SAFETY	\$ 1,185	\$ 1,071
2 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	\$ 3,933	\$ 2
3 PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION	\$	\$ 3,856
4 HEALTH	\$	\$
5 RECREATION	\$	\$ 177
6 LIBRARIES	\$	\$ 500
7 SOCIAL SERVICES FOR AGED OR POOR	\$	\$
8 HUMAN SERVICES	\$	\$
9 MULTIPURPOSE AND GENERAL GOV.	\$ 15,500	\$
10 EDUCATION	\$	\$
11 SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT	\$	\$
12 HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	\$	\$
13 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	\$	\$
14 OTHER (Specify)	\$	\$
15 TOTALS	\$ 20,618	\$ 5,606
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(D) TRUST FUND REPORT (refer to instruction D)		
1 Balance as of June 30, 1975	\$	4,401
2 Revenue Sharing Funds Received from July 1, 1975 thru June 30, 1976	\$	30,617
3 Interest Received or Credited (July 1, 1975 thru June 30, 1976)	\$	
4 Funds Released from Obligations (IF ANY)	\$	
5 Sum of lines 1, 2, 3, & 4	\$	35,018
6 Funds Returned to GRS (IF ANY)	\$	
7 Total Funds Available	\$	35,018
8 Total Amount Expended (Sum of line 15, column B and column C)	\$	26,224
9 Balance as of June 30, 1976	\$	7,794
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**FIRST SCRIMMAGE**--Merkel High ran through a scrimmage Saturday morning during the second day of work in full equipment for contact. There were some rusty spots evident, but overall the coaching staff praised the efforts of all those working twice daily, getting ready for the season opener September 3. Friday, the linemen were going through drills to get them used to contact and to get down their timing in getting off the line.



## Badgers prep for Friday scrimmage

"I think we'll show up for the first game or two," was the general comment from the coaching staff at Merkel High Monday morning.

The coaches had just finished a spirited workout by the Merkel High Badgers and were discussing plans for the afternoon workout.

They were referring to the Sunday news article in the Abilene paper which has Merkel last in the District 6-AA football poll.

With tongue in cheek, the coaches all agreed that "normally we would just take in the gear and end the season. But under the circumstances and with the great attitude of the team, we think we'll show up for the first game or two."

Colorado City was picked to win the district with Stamford second, Coahoma is ranked third, Ballinger fourth, Winters fifth and Wylie sixth ahead of Merkel.

The Badgers ended twice daily drills Tuesday and began getting ready for the Friday scrimmage at Cross Plains, starting around 6:30 p.m. It will be a controlled scrimmage and will allow coaches of both teams to get a good look at their athletes against strange competition.

The Badgers put on pads Friday and began getting used to hitting and what it feels like to make contact. Saturday morning they went through a spirited scrimmage. However, it proved ragged in spots due to the lack of depth.

The first unit looked good on offense and defense against the second crew. However, it was hard to get an accurate picture of the team's ability--thus the scrimmage Friday against Cross Plains and the one scheduled August 27 at Hawley.

Meanwhile, back in the dressing room the coaching staff is pointing to the young line and senior backfield to carry them through this campaign.

That and the fact that attitudes and spirit has been soaring in the Badger camp in spite of the heat and grueling two-a-day workouts.

The line is expected to average an adequate 174 pounds which is a bright spot although experience is one of the main concerns.

The defense will be somewhat bolstered with six seniors.

Coach Jerry McLeod said "we are tickled to death the way they are coming along. They have a good attitude, especially coming off a 2-8 season. Most all of them are working real hard."

He said there have been a few injuries such as muscle pulls and bruises, but that none are considered to be lasting.

Moving to individuals, the coaches praised Roger Doan and Glen Braune for their efforts on the line and Keith Austerman and Larry Smith drew praise.

Quarterback David Pfister gained special recognition and the coaches commented they would like to "have a dozen Pfisters on the line."

This is Pfister's first year to play football since his freshman year. The senior replaces Brad Pursley who quarterbacked the Badgers last year. Pursley has moved to end.

All the seniors are displaying leadership and are credited with helping keep the attitude high thus far.

In the backfield with Pfister are seniors Keith Austerman, Larry Smith and Ricky Howes.

On the first offensive line this early in the season are

Brad Pursley, Keith Shields, Roger Doan, Braune, Garth Doan, Mike Davis and Grant Murrell. Of course some of the other athletes could earn starting rolls by the first game against Baird.

Getting all sorts of praise was John Biera, senior cornerback.

"He don't know what it means to quit. He's had no bad workouts. He has never given less than 110 per cent. He'll really get after you. He has a great attitude."

The talk turned again to the attitude and spirit of the 50 signed up for the year. "They are not looking to

ending the season in November. They are counting on 15 games," the coaches agreed.

As for being picked last in the district poll, they laughed and admitted "We can't do anything but go up, now can we."

## Get to know a Badger



**JESSE SPARKS**  
.. Jr., halfback



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**STEVE TARPLEY**  
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**RICKY HOWES**  
.. Soph., wingback



**RANDY COX**  
.. Jr., halfback



**GARTH DOAN**  
.. Soph., guard

## Tri-City lists priorities

A list of six priorities was compiled at the July 29th meeting of the Tri-City Baseball Project. Each item constitutes a project necessary for completing the boys baseball field and two girls softball fields. Some projects are primarily money raising efforts while others will require volunteer labor.

It was felt that when the six projects are completed, the individual leagues will be able to assume responsibility for further improvements.

The projects in order of undertakings are:

1. Land purchase--\$1,518 is still owed on the land.
2. Fencing--approximately 3,200 feet of 6 foot chain link with 3 strand barbed wire top and 1,000 feet of 4 foot chain link.
3. Backstops--improve and finish baseball and construct 2 softballs.
4. Water wells--2 wells, pumps and irrigation equipment.
5. Sowing of grass on all fields.
6. Lighting--all fields.

Donations of labor and supplies have already been made toward some of these projects. Anyone who can help with any of these or who can make a cash donation is asked to contact J. C. Carson or

donations are accepted at the Farmers and Merchants National Bank for the Tri-City Baseball Project account.

The next meeting will be Thursday night, August 19th at 7:30 at the Big Country Restaurant. Seven persons attended the last meeting. This is an improvement in attendance but a small group for such major decisions. Your presence is needed badly.

### Stith visitors

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Browning of Stith had their daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Holmes of Dallas, visiting their last weekend.

### Herrera visitor

Mr. and Mrs. Art Herrera, of Tye are enjoying the visit of their daughter Norma Witt of Wichita, Kansas.

Miss Softball of America or not? Yes, that is the question. It has been noted about that there should be another league formed for girls softball for next year. There will be a general meeting of anyone who is interested in any type of girls softball program for next year Monday,

### Women's golf news

The Merkel Ladies Golf Association held their monthly meeting August 10 at the Merkel Country Club. Tuesday's meeting featured the husband-wife tournament. Ten couples participated in the event which was won by Faye and Loyd Robertson. Finishing in second place were JoAnn and Dean Smith.

Following the tournament, dinner was served and the monthly business meeting was held. Named as new officers for the upcoming year were: Pat Odom-President, Glenda Watts-Vice President, Ida Seymour-Secretary-Treasurer and JoAnn Gardner-Reporter.

Debbie and Archie Gibson were welcomed to the association. Plans were also discussed for the Guys and Dolls Tournament, which will be held September 5 and 6 at the Merkel Country Club. Entry fee is \$15 per team and everyone is invited to participate. For additional information call the Country Club.

## Girls Softball group to meet

at 7 p.m. at the Merkel School Cafeteria.

This meeting is for those who are for or against Miss Softball of America. A program for the girls is what we are interested in. We will see how interested parents are in their girls. Also at this meeting if it



**GETTING ACQUAINTED**--Coach Bobby Campbell (center) goes over tactics with newcomers to the Trent High School football squad, ends Cary Patterson, Soph. and Joey Brenem, Jr. as Trent puts on pads for their first hard contact workout Monday.

## Trent scrimmage Friday

Coach Bobby Campbell has 14 working on the Trent High School football team.

The athletes put on full gear for the first time Monday afternoon, the first day of fall classes, and went through a tough conditioning routine.

Coach Campbell's crew had been working twice daily in shorts, doing conditioning work.

The six-man team will get its first indication of work it will need to do with a scrimmage Friday. The team will go to Blackwell to scrimmage Paint Rock at 6:30 Friday.

Of the 14 on the team this is the first year for six with a senior, sophomore and a junior reporting for the first time and three freshmen battling for playing time.

Coach Campbell has four seniors, and four juniors and three sophomores and three freshmen out.

Robert Freeman, is the sophomore quarterback guiding the attack with right end Kenny Nance and left end Rocky Bryan and left halfback Allen Morse adding senior experience.

Center Eithel Gage and right halfback James Mayes are juniors.

Bobby Brazleton, a junior and left end Jimmy Tackett, a sophomore, are due to see plenty of action with Jerry Gregory, a senior in the middle on defense, Gilbert Beaver, a senior and freshman Herbert Beaver add speed in the backfield and Freshman Danny Freeman is scheduled for safety chores.

Ends Cary Patterson, a sophomore and Joey Brenem, a junior complete the squad. Patterson, Brenem and Gregory are out for the first time.

Coach Campbell's charges open football season September 3 with Talpa Centennial at Trent. September 10, Benjamin is at Trent and September 17 will be an open date.

Homecoming for Trent is September 25 with Blackwell the opponent, October 2 Trent travels to Divide for its final

pre-district contest.

First district opponent is McCaulley, October 9 at McCaulley. Trent goes to High-

land October 16 and returns home for an October 22 game against Ira.

October 29 Hermleigh is at

Trent and the regular season ends November 5 with Trent at Hobbs.

All games start at 7:30 p.m.



**MONEY TREE**--Mrs. Maxie McDaniel found Friday the 13th to her liking as a fictally retired from Timex in Abilene. She received this money tree, a watch and locket from her friends at the retirement party. She spent 17 years and five months at the Timex plant. She estimated there is \$80 on the tree.

## Trent revival scheduled

The United Methodist Church at Trent plans a Revival-Renewal service August 25-28, starting at 8 p.m. each day.

Calvin Esterling is evangelist for the August 25-26 services.

The Trent church choir, Joy Dear McElmurray and

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Prior to the services each day four groups will meet at 8:30 p.m.--choir, children, women and men.

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Dolores J. Edwards, residing at Route 1, Clyde, Callahan County, Texas, has withdrawn from and has ceased to be associated in the carrying on of the business.

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Dated: July 15, 1976 26-1tc

**Notice**

The Merkel Independent School District will receive sealed bids until 5 p.m. Wednesday, September 15, 1976 on Lot 12, Block 15-OT in Tye, Texas as required by the laws of the state of Texas.

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**FIRST SCRIMMAGE**--Merkel High ran through a scrimmage Saturday morning during the second day of work in full equipment for contact. There were some rusty spots evident, but overall the coaching staff praised the efforts of all those working twice daily, getting ready for the season opener September 3. Friday, the linemen were going through drills to get them used to contact and to get down their timing in getting off the line.



## Badgers prep for Friday scrimmage

"I think we'll show up for the first game or two," was the general comment from the coaching staff at Merkel High Monday morning.

The coaches had just finished a spirited workout by the Merkel High Badgers and were discussing plans for the afternoon workout.

They were referring to the Sunday news article in the Abilene paper which has Merkel last in the District 6-AA football poll.

With tongue in cheek, the coaches all agreed that "normally we would just take in the gear and end the season. But under the circumstances and with the great attitude of the team, we think we'll show up for the first game or two."

Colorado City was picked to win the district with Stamford second, Coahoma is ranked third, Ballinger fourth, Winters fifth and Wylie sixth ahead of Merkel.

The Badgers ended twice daily drills Tuesday and began getting ready for the Friday scrimmage at Cross Plains, starting around 6:30 p.m. It will be a controlled scrimmage and will allow coaches of both teams to get a good look at their athletes against strange competition.

The Badgers put on pads Friday and began getting used to hitting and what it feels like to make contact. Saturday morning they went through a spirited scrimmage. However, it proved ragged in spots due to the lack of depth.

The first unit looked good on offense and defense against the second crew. However, it was hard to get an accurate picture of the team's ability--thus the scrimmage Friday against Cross Plains and the one scheduled August 27 at Hawley.

Meanwhile, back in the dressing room the coaching staff is pointing to the young line and senior backfield to carry them through this campaign.

That and the fact that attitudes and spirit has been soaring in the Badger camp--in spite of the heat and a grueling two-a-day workouts.

The line is expected to average an adequate 174 pounds which is a bright spot although experience is one of the main concerns.

The defense will be somewhat bolstered by six seniors.

Coach Jerry McLeod said "we are tickled to death the way they are coming along. They have a good attitude, especially coming off a 2-8 season. Most all of them are working real hard."

He said there have been a few injuries such as muscle pulls and bruises, but that none are considered to be lasting.

Moving to individuals, the coaches praised Roger Doan and Glen Braune for their efforts on the line and Keith Austerman and Larry Smith drew praise.

Quarterback David Pfister gained special recognition and the coaches commented they would like to "have a dozen Pfisters on the line."

This is Pfister's first year to play football since his freshman year. The senior replaces Brad Pursley who quarterbacked the Badgers last year. Pursley has moved to end.

All the seniors are displaying leadership and are credited with helping keep the attitude high thus far.

In the backfield with Pfister are seniors Keith Austerman, Larry Smith and Ricky Howes.

On the first offensive line this early in the season are

Brad Pursley, Keith Shields, Roger Doan, Braune, Garth Doan, Mike Davis and Grant Murrell. Of course some of the other athletes could earn starting rolls by the first game against Baird.

Getting all sorts of praise was John Bista, senior cornerback.

"He don't know what it means to quit. He's had no bad workouts. He has never given less than 110 per cent. He'll really get after you. He has a great attitude."

The talk turned again to the attitude and spirit of the 50 signed up for the year. "They are not looking to

ending the season in November. They are counting on 15 games," the coaches agreed.

As for being picked last in the district poll, they laughed and admitted "We can't do anything but go up, now can we."

## Get to know a Badger



**JESSE SPARES**  
... Jr., halfback



**DWAYNE ENGLISH**  
... Jr., tackle



**STEVE TARPLEY**  
... Sr., end



**RICKY HOWES**  
... Soph., wingback



**RANDY COX**  
... Jr., halfback



**GARTH DOAN**  
... Soph., guard

## Tri-City lists priorities

A list of six priorities was compiled at the July 29th meeting of the Tri-City Baseball Project. Each item constitutes a project necessary for completing the boys baseball field and two girls softball fields. Some projects are primarily money raising efforts while others will require volunteer labor.

It was felt that when the six projects are completed, the individual leagues will be able to assume responsibility for further improvements.

The projects in order of undertakings are:

1. Land purchase--\$1,518 is still owed on the land.
2. Fencing--approximately 3,200 feet of 6 foot chain link with 3 strand barbed wire top and 1,000 feet of 4 foot chain link.
3. Backstops--improve and finish baseball and construct 2 softball.
4. Water wells--2 wells, pumps and irrigation equipment.
5. Sowing of grass on all fields.
6. Lighting--all fields.

Donations are accepted at the Farmers and Merchants National Bank for the Tri-City Baseball Project account.

The next meeting will be Thursday night, August 19th at 7:30 at the Big Country Restaurant. Seven persons in attendance but a small group for such major decisions. Your presence is needed badly.

### Smith visitors

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Browning of Smith had their daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Holmes of Dallas, visiting them last weekend.

### Herrera visitor

Mr. and Mrs. Art Herrera, of Tye are enjoying the visit of their daughter Norma Witt of Wichita, Kansas.

### Women's golf news

The Merkel Ladies Golf Association held their monthly meeting August 10 at the Merkel Country Club. Tuesday's meeting featured the husband-wife tournament. Ten couples participated in the event which was won by Faye and Loyd Robertson. Finishing in second place were JoAnn and Dean Smith.

Following the tournament, dinner was served and the monthly business meeting was held. Named as new officers for the upcoming year were: Pat Odom-President, Glenda Watts-Vice President, Ida Seymour-Secretary-Treasurer and JoAnn Gardner-Reporter.

Debbie and Archie Gibson were welcomed to the association. Plans were also discussed for the Guys and Dolls Tournament, which will be held September 5 and 6 at the Merkel Country Club. Entry fee is \$15 per team and everyone is invited to participate. For additional information call the Country Club.

## Girls Softball group to meet

at 7 p.m. at the Merkel School Cafeteria.

This meeting is for those who are for or against Miss Softball of America. A program for the girls is what we are interested in. We will see how interested parents are in their girls. Also at this meeting if it



**GETTING ACQUAINTED**--Coach Bobby Campbell (center) goes over tactics with newcomers to the Trent High School football squad, ends Cary Patterson, Soph. and Joey Brenem, Jr. as Trent puts on pads for their first hard contact workout Monday.

## Trent scrimmage Friday

Coach Bobby Campbell has 14 working on the Trent High School football team.

The athletes put on full gear for the first time Monday afternoon, the first day of fall classes, and went through a tough conditioning routine. Coach Campbell's crew had been working twice daily in shorts, doing conditioning work.

The six-man team will get its first indication of work it will need to do with a scrimmage Friday. The team will go to Blackwell to scrimmage Paint Rock at 6:30 Friday.

Of the 14 on the team this is the first year for six with a senior, sophomore and a junior reporting for the first time and three freshmen battling for playing time.

Coach Campbell has four seniors, and four juniors and three sophomores and three freshmen out.

Robert Freeman, is the sophomore quarterback guiding the attack with right end Kenny Nance and left end Rocky Bryan and left halfback Allen Morse adding senior experience.

Center Ethel Gage and right halfback James Mayes are juniors.

Bobby Brazleton, a junior and left end Jimmy Tackett, a sophomore, are due to see plenty of action with Jerry Gregory, a senior in the middle on defense. Gilbert Beaver, a senior and freshman Herbert Beaver add speed in the backfield and Freshman Danny Freeman is scheduled for safety chores.

Ends Cary Patterson, a sophomore and Joey Brenem, a junior complete the squad. Patterson, Brenem and Gregory are out for the first time.

Coach Campbell's charges open football season September 3 with Talpa-Centennial at Trent, September 10, Benjamin is at Trent and September 17 will be an open date.

Homecoming for Trent is September 25 with Blackwell the opponent, October 2 Trent travels to Divide for its final

pre-district contest. First district opponent is McCaulley, October 9 at McCaulley. Trent goes to High-

land October 16 and returns home for an October 22 game against Ira. October 29 Hermleigh is at

Trent and the regular season ends November 5 with Trent at Hobbs. All games start at 7:30 p.m.



**MONEY TREE**--Mrs. Maxie McDaniel found Friday the 13th to her liking as a ficially retired from Timex in Abilene. She received this money tree, a watch and locket from her friends at the retirement party. She spent 17 years and five months at the Timex plant. She estimated there is \$80 on the tree.

## Trent revival scheduled

October.

Parents, here is your chance to express your opinion. Tri City MSA records for the past two years will be available at that time if you have any questions now is the time to come forth.

The United Methodist Church at Trent plans a Revival-Renewal service August 25-28, starting at 8 p.m. each day.

Calvin Esterling is evangelist for the August 25-26 services.

The Trent church choir, Joy Dear McKimbouray and

the Revival Lighthouse Trio will sing and Vera Sharp will be pianist and Lettie Hamner will be organist.

Prior to the services each day four groups will meet at 6:30 p.m.--choir, children, women and men.

Bob Whitlock is minister of the Trent church.

**AGE 6 Surprise 60th wedding anniversary**

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Derington, Sr. celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with a surprise anniversary party on Sunday, August 15, in the home of

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Childers. Present at the occasion were their children and families; Manfred and Dorothy Noster, Horace and Mary Childers and Bud and Ann Derington. Also four of their six grandchildren were present for the happy occasion.

**Trent Homecoming meeting Monday**

Author Mayberry, president of the Trent Homecoming has planned a homecoming meeting Monday at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting will be in the Trent High School Library. All ex-students and interested people are urged to attend.

Trent's Homecoming is September 25.

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**Final rites held for Vaughn**

Funeral services were held Monday for Doc H. Vaughn, 80, of Abilene, formerly of Merkel at Merkel United Methodist Church. He died Saturday at Hendrick Memorial Hospital in Abilene.

The Rev. N. S. Daniel, associate pastor officiated, assisted by Dr. Gordon Bennett of Abilene. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery, directed by Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born July 3, 1896, in Harrold, Mr. Vaughn came to Merkel in 1921 and was Merkel city marshal from 1938 to 1943. He married Martha Ann Watkins in 1917 in Harrold. Mrs. Vaughn died December 11, 1967.

Mr. Vaughn was a postal employee in Merkel from 1943 until his retirement in 1966. He also was a bookkeeper at Sadler Hospital in Merkel and at Falmer Motor Company in Merkel for many years. He was a member of the Electra Masonic Lodge for 42 years.

Mr. Vaughn moved to Abilene in 1968.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Price (Gwyn) Mitchell of Abilene; a sister, Cora King of Vernon; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

A son, Holt Vaughn, died June 6, 1967.

**141 attend classes at Trent**

Trent School reports 141 enrolled for the fall classes which started Monday.

The enrollment for first through 12th grade is reported to be "holding its own" and is approximately the same as last year.

Kindergarten doesn't start until January.

THE MERKEL MAIL  
Thursday, August 19, 1976

**CJC offers courses**

Eight college courses will be available to students in the Merkel area during the fall semester through the Cisco Junior College Night Course Extension Program in Merkel, CJC Registrar Olin Odum, III has announced.

Registration for the Merkel courses will be held Tuesday, August 24, at the CJC Building in downtown Merkel from 6:30-8 p.m.

History 113 (History of the U. S. to Reconstruction) will be offered on Monday nights.

Three classes--English 213 (Readings in English Literature), Sociology, 213 (Principles of Sociology), and Math 163 (Business Math) will be held on Tuesday evenings.

Psychology 113 (General Psychology), and English 113 (English Composition and Rhetoric) will be the Wednesday night offerings.

Rounding out the schedule on Thursday evening will be Government 213 (American National Government) and Economics 213 (Principles of

Economics--Macroec-

nomics). All classes will meet from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., except Math 163, which will be held from 7:30-10:30 p.m.

The low state-supported rates for tuition and fees will apply, as usual, at the Merkel Extension program.

Additional information concerning the CJC Extension Program in Merkel may be obtained by contacting the Dean of Admissions at Cisco

Junior College, 817-442-2567, or the Merkel Chamber of Commerce.

**Veterans to meet**

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		7:30-10:30	Business Math
WEDNESDAY	Psychology 113 English 113	6:30-9:30	General Psychology
		6:30-9:30	English Composition and Rhetoric
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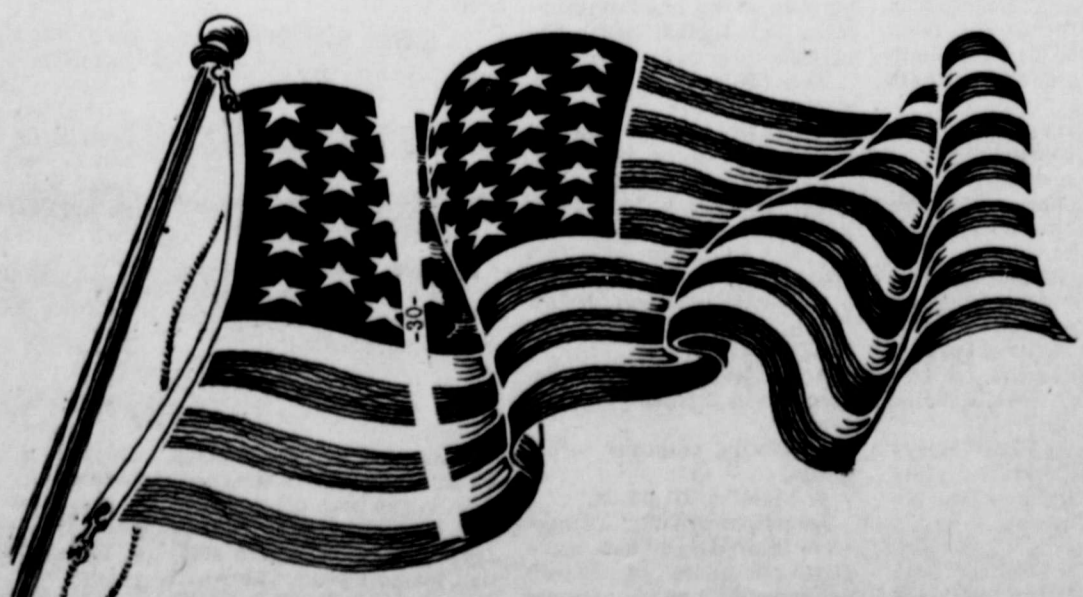
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### Fudge, Riggan vows

Marriage vows were exchanged by Christie Fudge and Lonnie Riggan August 8 at the Pioneer Methodist Church. Rev. Kenneth Jones officiated.

Parents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Carson. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Riggan. The bride was given in marriage by her father.

Nancy Fudge, sister of the bride was the maid of honor. Bridesmaid was Kim Satterwhite. Glenna Clark and Brandon Rice, niece and nephew of the bridegroom served as flower girl and ring bearer.

Tim Riggan, brother of the groom was best man. Groomsman was Mac Sipe. Danny Riggan lighted candles. Ushers were Derrell Riggan and Donny Riggan.

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

The bride is a student at Merkel High School. The bridegroom graduated from Trent High School and is employed at DuBose Texaco Station.

The rehearsal dinner was hosted by the bridegroom's parents at their home.



**JULY WINNERS**--Winners of the July trophies for weekly rodeo accomplishments of the Merkel Riding Club are left to right: Walter Henslee, first in roping; Barbara Whisenhunt, first in 18-over; Ann Melton, first in 13-17 and winner of boots donated by Fred Crenshaw for her high point accomplishments of the July rodeo. Dee Dee Masonheimer, fifth in 12-under; Mike Boyd, first in boot race, 6-8; and Tiffany Allday, first in boot race, 5-under.

### Seymore, Fisher exchange vows

Marriage vows were exchanged Thursday by Melba Rose Seymore and Gregory Earl Fisher at First United Methodist Church in Merkel. The Rev. Russell McAnally officiated.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Seymore are the bride's parents. The bridegroom is the son of Mrs. Marie Fisher of Baytown and the late V. B. Fisher.

The bride was given in marriage by her father.

Mrs. David Seymore was the matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Mrs. Lvyiene Strother of Roscoe and Stacy Seymore.

Amy Harmon of Lubbock was the flower girl.

Pat and Tim Seymore of Wichita Falls lighted candles. David Seymore was best man. Groomsman were Donald Knipe of Canyon and Minton Seymore of Wichita Falls. Grant and Tracy Knipe of Snyder seated guests.

The bride's parents hosted the reception in the Fellowship Hall of the church. Mr. and Mrs. Fisher will make their new home at 1212 S. 10th Street, Merkel.

The bride was graduated from Merkel High School and is employed by Shady Oaks Lodge Nursing Home in Abilene.

A graduate of Barbershill High School, the bridegroom attended Lee College and Sam Houston State. He is in the Air Force.

The rehearsal dinner was hosted by the bride and bridegroom at the Fellowship Hall of the church.

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Mrs. Jerrie Dunlap, Payroll-Clerk; Bookkeeper

Jim Lawless, Accountant

Mrs. Mona Bartlett, School Tax Assessor

Mrs. Blanche Hewitt, School Tax Assessor

### Youth injured

A Merkel youth was hospitalized Wednesday afternoon after a car-pedestrian accident that occurred while he and members of his family were collecting aluminum cans alongside Farm Road 2104 near the Taylor-Jones county line.

Jeffery Wise, 5, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Wise of Route 1, Merkel, was taken to Hendrick Memorial Hospital in Abilene where he was reported in satisfactory condition with an injured pelvis.

The Wise youngster had been collecting aluminum cans with his mother, four brothers and a sister.

The car involved was driven by Nancy F. Oviedo, Department Public Safety trooper Gerald Bryant said.

Ms. Oviedo's vehicle was traveling north when the accident occurred, Bryant added.

The Wise children were collecting the cans to sell to a recycling firm to raise money to buy their parents an anniversary present.

### Receives degree

Farris Neill, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Neill, received the bachelor of science in education degree in biology during summer commencement exercises at Abilene Christian University Friday.

Neill, a 1962 graduate of Merkel High School, will be one of 118 students to receive degrees from ACU this summer.

### School assignments for 1976-77

- Ken Elliott, Science
- Mrs. Jo Ann Gardner, Teacher's Aide
- Russell Gee, Social Studies; Coach
- Mrs. Mitzi Hart, Science; P. E.; Reading
- Mrs. Robbie Hicks, Math; Coach
- Greg Henderson, Social Studies; Coach
- Mrs. Beverly Johnson, Teacher's Aide
- Mrs. Marsha Kivliehen, English; Math; Reading
- Mrs. Marianne Rankin, Math; English; Science; Reading
- Mrs. Teri Nalley, Librarian's Aide
- Merkel Elementary School
- John Cain, Sr., Principal
- Mrs. Linda Alexander, Kindergarten
- Mrs. Lillie Braune, 3rd Grade
- Mrs. Pam Carson, 5th Grade
- Mrs. Betty Coker, Teacher's Aide
- Mrs. Dina Cowart, 4th Grade
- Mrs. Naomi Holloway, 1st Grade
- Mrs. Jan Naredo, Speech Therapist
- Mrs. Sara Peel, 1st Grade
- Mrs. Jeanette Pursley, 5th Grade
- Mrs. Joan Reed, Developmental Reading Aide
- Mrs. Ida Seymore, 4th Grade
- Mrs. Barbara Sandusky, 2nd Grade
- Mrs. Jane Wade, 2nd Grade
- Mrs. Darlene Watson, Plan A
- Mrs. Judy Wilson, 3rd Grade
- Mrs. Donna Dun, Developmental Reading
- Tye Elementary
- Cecil Todd, Principal
- Mrs. Kathy Leverich, Secretary
- Mrs. Sandra Coke, 2nd Grade
- Mrs. Paula Dean, 5th Grade
- Mrs. Billie Evans, 1st Grade
- Mrs. Samilue Key, 3rd Grade
- Mrs. Christi Barnett, Special Education Aide
- Mrs. Birdie Faige, Kindergarten
- Miss Beth Palmer, Developmental Reading
- Mrs. Phyllis VanWinkle, Special Education
- Mrs. Mildred Winters, 4th Grade
- Mrs. Shirley Mitchell, 1st Grade
- Mrs. Mary Grimes, Homemaking
- Miss Kathy Harkey, Speech; Drama; English
- Richard Hill, Civics; History
- Don Holloway, History
- Mr. Daryl Kaire, Band
- Mrs. Candy Martin, Homemaking
- Tony Mauldin, Biology; Coach
- Jerry McLeod, Athletic Director; Coach
- Miss Pat Penick, English; Coach
- Philip Pursley, M. O. C.
- Bill Tate, Math
- Dennis Utley, Math; Science
- A. J. Walls, Shop
- Mrs. Ruth Windsor, Librarian
- Mrs. Anne Booth, Librarian Aide
- Merkel Middle School
- John Cain, Sr., Principal
- Mrs. Terri Martin, Secretary
- Mrs. Cathy Albus, Developmental Reading
- Earl Bratcher, Social studies; Math; P. E.
- Mrs. Milly Bright, Plan A
- Mrs. Judy Butler, 7th and 8th Grade English

### Riding Club news

The Merkel Riding Club held its monthly meeting with a pot luck supper Thursday night at the R. E. A. building.

Trophies for the month of July were presented to: 12 and Under-1. Leslie Masonheimer, 2. Sherri Williams, 3. Shannon Boyd, 4. Eddy Sparks and 5. Dee Dee Masonheimer.

13-17-1. Ann Melton, 2. Vicki Campbell, 3. Jan Melton, 4. Penny Hatfield and 5. Clyde Carrol.

18 and over-1. Barbara Whisenhunt, 2. Don Simpson, 3. Charles Hatfield, 4. Patricia Boyd and 5. LaVenna Vaughn.

Boot Race-5 and under-1. Tiffany Allday, 2. Laura Callas, 3. Traci Boyd, 4. Amy Callas and 5. Jamie Masonheimer.

6-8-1. Mike Boyd, 2. Lucy Masonheimer and 3. Denese Pursley.

Roping-1. Walter Henslee, 2. Mike Callas, 3. Don Simpson, 4. Felix Boyd and 5. Charles Hatfield.

Ann Melton received a pair of boots from Fred Crenshaw (Wylie Truck Terminal) for having the most points for the month of July with 61 points. Vicki Campbell was runner up with 59 points.

The Merkel Riding Club held its weekly play night Saturday August 14 at 8 p.m. The results were:

Western Pleasure (12 and under)-1. Brooks Boyd, 2. Dee Dee Masonheimer, 3. Sherri Williams, 4. Kevin McLernon and 5. Candace Henslee.

(13-17)-1. Ann Melton, 2.

### Collins visit

Mary Collins, Vice-President Farmers and Merchants National Bank has returned from vacationing in Arizona with her brother and family Paul Collins and other relatives, nieces and their families in Flagstaff, Arizona, taking in sights at Grand Canyon and then on to Pahrump, Nevada and across to Las Vegas for a dinner and show. Mary joined her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Q. A. Collins in Lamesa for this tour and visit.

### Hours change

Dr. Edward W. Rongers has changed his office hours. He will be open Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. and on Saturday from 9 a.m. until noon.

### School calendar

MERKEL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL CALENDAR

1976-77

August 18-General Faculty Workshop

August 19-Faculty Workshop and Register New Students

August 20-Faculty Workshop and Register New Students

August 23-FIRST CLASS DAY

September 6-Labor Day

October 1-Mid-Quarter Reporting Period

October 4-Faculty Workday

October 25-ISTA Region 14 Workshop

November 18-End of First Quarter

November 19-Faculty Workday

November 22-Second Quarter Begins

November 25-26-Thanksgiving

December 20-31-Christmas Vacation

January 3-FIRST CLASS DAY 1977

January 14-Mid-Quarter Reporting Period

February 25-End of Second Quarter

February 28-Faculty Workday

March 1-Third Quarter Begins

March 21-25-Spring Break

April 8-Professional Growth Day

April 11-Easter Holiday

April 22-Mid-Quarter Reporting Period

April 23-Faculty Workday

May 29-Baccalaureate Service

June 2-End of Third Quarter

June 2-Junior High School Graduation

June 3-Faculty Workday

June 3-High School Graduation

### PUBLIC NOTICE

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: The Unknown Natural Father, Respondent; GREETINGS: YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable 42nd District Court, Taylor County, Texas, at the Courthouse of said County in Abilene, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the Monday next after the expiration of 20 days from the date of service of this citation, then and there to answer the petition of James Michael Packwood, Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 6th day of August, 1976, against the unknown natural father and to whom it may concern, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 35,193-A on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Interest of, a Child," the nature of which suit is a request to Adopt and to Terminate parent-child relationship.

or decree in the child's interest which will be binding upon you, including the termination of the parent-child relationship and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the child's adoption.

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said

### PUBLIC NOTICE

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: George Davis, III, Respondent; GREETINGS: YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable Domestic Relations Court, Taylor County, Texas, at the Courthouse of said County in Abilene, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the Monday next after the expiration of 20 days from the date of service of this citation, then and there to answer the petition of Alice Faye Epperson, Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 9th day of August, 1976, against George Davis, III, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 12, 186-DR on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Interest of Michael Davis, a Child," the nature of which suit is a request to terminate parent-child relationship.

Said child was born the 4th day of February, 1969, in Abilene, Taylor County, Texas.

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment

(Seal) Irene Crawford Clerk, 42nd District Court, Taylor County, Texas, By Sandra Harris, Deputy 26-1tc

(Seal) Irene Crawford Clerk, Domestic Relations Court, Taylor County, Texas, By Elise Mitchell, Deputy, 26-4tc

### Notice

The Merkel Independent School District will receive sealed bids until 5 p.m. Wednesday, September 15, 1976 on a 48-passenger school bus, 1965 chevrolet, License Number 119-813, in Merkel, Texas as required by the laws of the state of Texas.

The bus can be seen at the Merkel Independent School District bus transportation building.

Anyone interested in submitting a bid may contact Merkel School Superintendent Travis Davis, Merkel High School, Merkel, Texas, 79536.

The Merkel Independent School District reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

26-3tc

### Pre-Paid Funeral Plans

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### The Light Touch

By Pat Castille

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These are tough times. Potato chip companies aren't the only ones who are feeling the crunch.

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Adolescence is when boys discover girls, and girls discover they've been discovered.

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8 THRU 18

16 1/2 THRU 24 1/2

20 THRU 46

### EMMA'S CLOTHES CLOSET

9-5:30 MON THRU SAT 928-5100

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- JIF PEANUT BUTTER 18 OZ JAR 93¢
- BORDEN 20 OZ BOX INSTANT POTATOES 89¢
- TRAPPEYS 300 JALPENO PINTO BEANS 2 FOR 49¢
- DEL MONTE 303 W.K. GOLDEN CORN 2 FOR 63¢
- DEL MONTE 303 CUT Green BEANS 2 FOR 53¢
- DEL MONTE 303 Garden PEAS 2 FOR 69¢
- I.G. DAIRY FRESH Homo MILK GAL JUG \$1.53
- I.G. DAIRY FRESH Butter MILK 1/2 GAL CRTN 73¢

- GLADIOLA 5 LB BAG FLOUR 69¢
- KRAFT QT. JAR MAYONNAISE 89¢
- MARYLAND CLUB LB CAN COFFEE \$1.69
- VAL-VITA 2 1/2 CAN 89¢
- 2-FREE COKE WITH 4-Mr. PIBB 98¢ PLUS DEPOSIT
- 32 OZ BOTTLE 6 BOTTLE CRTN 98¢
- NO DEPOSIT LIBBYS VIENNA SAUSAGE 5 OZ CAN 69¢
- GLADIOLA MEAL 5 LB BAG 79¢
- FACIAL TISSUE KLEENEX 280 CT BOX 59¢
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- 2 FOR 69¢
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- 59¢



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- CASSEROLE PINTO BEANS 2 LB BAG 43¢
- MILNOT MILK TALL CAN 2 FOR 55¢ THOMPSON SEEDLESS
- CALIFORNIA POUND WHITE GRAPES 49¢

- TEXAS CUCUMBERS LB 15¢
- FRESH PEACHES LB 39¢
- SUNKIST ORANGES LARGE LB 19¢
- FRESH CABBAGE LB 10¢
- RUSSET SPUDS 10 LB BAG 79¢

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