

BIBLE VERSE  
Take up God's armour;  
then you will be able to  
stand your ground when  
things are at their worst, to  
complete every task and  
still to stand.  
Ephesians 6:13



Mary Collins retiring

## Mary Collins retires from F & M Bank

A Community Reception will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Don W. Hensley, President Farmers and Merchants National Bank, Merkel, Sunday afternoon January 23, 1977 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., honoring Mary Collins, Vice President, who will be retiring January 31, 1977.

Mary began her employment with the bank in the fall of 1933 as a bookkeeper and has now completed 43 years of faithful, loyal service to the bank and community. Mary has worked in all departments of the bank and is retiring as Vice-President and Executive Secretary.

In an interview with Don Hensley, President and Chief Executive Officer Mr. Hensley stated the

bank deeply regretted not having the continued service of this valuable officer and employee. Mr. Hensley also stated that it has been his privilege of working closely with Mary for the past three years and his only regret is that he could not have enjoyed this association for a longer period of time.

Mary will be residing at her home, 411 Ash Street, Merkel and plans to do some visiting with her relatives and friends not only here in Texas, but in Arizona and Colorado. Mary also will be assisting at the bank on part time basis from time to time. She enjoys bridge and has plans of dusting off her golf clubs and using our local golf facilities during the summer months. Mary has been

active in First Methodist Church in Merkel for many years and has served on numerous occasions as Secretary of Administrative Board, also on Finance or Budget Committee, which committee she is currently serving on.

Mary relates that she will surely miss being in the close daily contact with her many friends and bank customers throughout the community and will be forever grateful for the lasting friendships she has cemented throughout the years in association with the other Officers, Directors and Employees. All of Mary's friends throughout the community are cordially invited to the informal reception in her honor.



Billie Evans

## Billie Evans named outstanding teacher

The Board of Advisors for the Outstanding Leaders in elementary and secondary Education Awards Program has announced that Billie Evans, teacher at Tye Elementary School, has been selected for inclusion in the 1976 edition of Outstanding Leaders in Elementary and Secondary Education.

Each of these educators has been nominated by school principals and also superintendents who know the exceptional contributions each one has made toward the advancement of education. As teachers, they take pride in their profession and strive to make learning a richly rewarding experience for thousands of students. Having distin-

guished themselves on both personal and professional levels, these men and women are outstanding and deserve to be recognized for their achievements.

Billie Evans, along with approximately 6,000 fellow Outstanding Leaders in Education from across the United States, will be presented in the prestigious annual awards volume. In addition, they are now being considered for one of the ten \$500 unrestricted grants to be awarded in September to the five elementary and five secondary teachers chosen as the most outstanding in their divisions.

Mr. Cecil W. Todd, Principal at Tye Elementary School said, "Mrs. Evans is a 1st grade

teacher in our Elementary School and an exceptional teacher."

Billie Evans resides at 3962 Concord in Abilene.

## Sun Water System to hold meeting

The Board of Directors of SUN Water Supply Corporation announces its annual meeting on Tuesday, January 25th, 2 p.m. at the Lions Club Building in Merkel. All members are urged to be present for this meeting. Refreshments will be served by Taylor electric Cooperative.

Please make your plans now to attend.

## City Council to study Fire Dept. Notification System

Robert Harris presented the Merkel City Council members with a proposal for a Fire Department Notification System Friday morning. This system would consist of either pagers, new sirens or a radio system to better alert firemen and the community in case of fire, tornadoes, ect.

Studies will be made by the council to see what will be the most effective and beneficial method to be adopted. The results of these studies will be pre-

sented at a later date.

Lone Star Gas representatives presented a gas rate increase to the Council. Representatives present were: Mrs. Martha Harmon, Hugh Basquette, Dicky Summers and Bill Harris. Martha Harmon is the district manager out of Abilene. The rate schedule presented was a 7.08 percent increase effective January 26th. The new rate proposal was approved with a motion by Kent Satterwhite and a second by Jimmy Atkinson. Billy Jacob, representing

Yeatts and Decker Engineering of Abilene, presented a contract to the Council for engineering services on a water improvement system in the amount of \$6,500.00. The project includes 11,000 feet of 6 inch water mains within the city. Total cost will be \$81,300.00. This engineering project is funded by a grant from HUD.

Acceptance of the contract was approved with a motion by Derrell Farmer and a second from Jimmy Atkinson.

## Merkelites to attend Farmers Convention

Approximately twenty people from Merkel and Taylor County will be attending the State Farm-

ers Union Convention in Amarillo January 21st and 22nd. Billy Bob Toombs reported that the purpose



Farmers Union members talking over resolutions are: from left to right, Finley Barnett, Mark L. Malone, Billy Bob Toombs, Ford Smith, Jr., and Leon Toombs.

## New Homemakers Club to be organized

A new Extension Homemakers Club will be organized Tuesday, January 25 at View for all women in that area. The meeting will be held at the Harold Hohertz home 4 1/2 miles north of View. All interested homemakers in

the area are invited to attend. The club is educational and programs include cooking, sewing, nutrition, home repairs, interior decoration, and interpersonal relations. For additional information, call Roberta

Watters, 677-1711 Ext. 321. Educational programs conducted by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service serve people of all ages regardless of socio-economic levels, race, color, sex, religion or national origin.

## Mauldin

## Speaks at Lion's Club

Merkel High Basketball Coach Tony Mauldin was guest speaker at the regular Merkel Lion's Club luncheon Tuesday.

Coach Mauldin was enthusiastic over the athletic program and his basketball team this, his first year at Merkel High School. He praised all the coaches in the system and outlined their efforts to establish an overall athletic program in the Merkel school system.

He pointed out his varsity boys team has started off slow and that they have been erratic. However, he

## News and Thoughts



By Martha Sue Justice

For those of you that are concerned as I am about the drop gates at the Oak street and Cherry Street crossings—J. A. Sadler is doing everything possible at this time to have drop gates installed at these two points. J. A. is the man to pat on the back for his persistence in getting the drop gates at the Ash Street crossing!

Remember "Nig" from the Asteroid Restaurant? She is now at the Country Club of Merkel as a waitress and also still making those delicious home made pies and cakes.

Fred Heady of L & W Snack Bar passed on this fish story to us:—Two men were sitting around talking about how their day of fishing had been going in the coastal waters and one of them said, "Joe, you'll never believe what happened today. I was out there fishing and was just about to give up when something got on my line that felt like a whale. After fighting for an hour or so and getting the fish up to the boat—it was so heavy and long I just didn't think it would even fit in the boat. I do believe it was at least 8 feet long." The other fellow stared at him for a while and finally said, "Well, George, I just about had the same thing happen to me today except what I ended up bringing in was a beautiful old Spanish lantern and would you believe the light was still on?" George said, "I tell ya what I'll do Joe.—If you'll put out the light on that lantern—I'll take 3 feet off my fish!

If anyone out there is upset and would like to complain about the gas rates going up or even their present gas rates—please do not call your local gas man or city hall. They cannot answer your questions. Call or write Martha Harmon with Lone Star Gas in Abilene.

Marie Cunningham called and asked that we pass on word that due to medical tests that must be made—she will close The Dairy Bar Thursday of this week and Monday of next week.

David King accidentally got stuck in the mud one morning this past week and said that it wouldn't have happened if wife, Pam hadn't hollered at him and caused the car to bog down. David, you should be ashamed of yourself for blaming your wife when you know it was your fault all along!

I heard that Don King had a birthday this week but somehow never did find out how old. Someone mentioned that they thought he was 63.—Just kidding Don!

Heard through the grapevine that Andy Anderson, chef at The Country Club of Merkel, is now a married man. Congratulations Andy!

## Trent Board to have vacancies

Three vacancies will occur on the Trent ISD Board of Education this year. Completing three year terms on the board are Rosemary Bland and Weldon Beasley. Borden Perkins is completing the 3 year term vacated by Robert Scott who resigned in May, 1976. An election has been called by the board for Saturday, April 2, 1977.

Candidates may file in the school tax office between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on weekdays through March 2.

Absentee balloting is scheduled from March 14 thru March 29 during regular office hours at the Trent City Hall.

Mrs. Hub Keagans is the absentee clerk and Zula Darby is deputy absentee clerk. Lonnie Halbrook has been elected election judge and the election will be conducted from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. April 2 in the Trent City Hall. The election judge will select the clerks.

The Badgers were to play in Winters Tuesday night, ending first half action. He said, should Merkel beat Winters and Ballinger upset leading Colorado City then Merkel would end first half play tied for the lead.

Second half of the season starts Friday with Colorado City at Merkel. Coach Mauldin praised the entire team and said the future for athletics look good for Merkel.

## Visits and Visitors

### Bill Merritt attends reunion

Mr. Bill Merritt attended a family reunion at Snyder over the weekend. There were five brothers and sisters present. One sister was unable to attend.

### Fariello's in San Antonio

Sgt. and Mrs. William Fariello took their daughter, Joanie to San Antonio where she underwent surgery. Reports are that she is doing fine at this time. William is stationed at Dyess Air Force Base and Bonnie is an aide at the Starr Nursing Home.

### Rev. Lester Garrett visits

Rev. Lester Garrett of Anson visited Rev. Bob Bochman last week. He is living at Lockney, Texas at the present time where he is self employed as a building contractor.



Doyle Jones appointed

Doyle L. Jones, a native of Merkel, has been appointed manager of the purchasing division of Marathon Oil Company, Findlay, Ohio. He previously was manager of Marathon's corporate risk division.

Jones, a 1952 graduate of Merkel High School, earned his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Houston in 1957. That same year he joined Marathon in Baytown, Texas. He subsequently served in a series of engineering and supervisory positions in Marathon's Houston, Los Angeles and Anchorage divisions until 1975 when he was appointed senior production advisor in the U. S. and Canada production operations organization in Findlay. Jones was named manager of the corporate risk division in March 1976.

## Cemetery donations

The following have made donations to the Merkel Cemetery Association.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Parsons  
Mrs. Vivian Palmer Cullen in memory of "Mother," Jeffie Hamblett Palmer  
Jessie S. Howerton  
Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Landreth  
Mr. and Mrs. E. Landreth  
Ray B. Spurgin  
John F. Starbuck  
Mrs. John I. Williams  
Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Wilborn  
Mr. and Mrs. Weldon McAninch in memory of Horace Boney  
Mr. and Mrs. Curtis McAninch in memory of Horace Boney  
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Patterson in memory of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Whiteley and Homer Patterson  
Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Reynolds in memory of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Reynolds  
Mrs. T. G. Hamilton in memory of Horace Boney  
Mr. and Mrs. Don Edd Hamilton and Dale in memory of Horace Boney  
Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hamilton and Kim in memory of Horace Boney  
John Bennett, John and Joe in memory of Horace Boney  
Mr. and Mrs. r. R. Buford  
J. Pierce Horton  
Ruby Moore Lawrence  
Mr. and Mrs. Daris Hutcheson  
Joe and Ruth Lassiter, Rosemary and Hub Roberts in memory of Horace Boney  
J. W. Tiner Estate  
Mrs. Carl Carey  
Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Robertson in memory of Horace Boney  
Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Russell in memory of Horace Boney  
Eula Faye Brown in memory of Bill Brown  
Holland Teaff in memory of Nim Teaff  
Mr. and Mrs. Griff Barnett in memory of Horace Boney  
Mrs. Odis Griffin in memory of Horace Boney  
Mr. and Mrs. Ted Pargament and Minnie Coats in memory of the Coats and Stanley Families  
Don R. and Meddie Rollins  
J. B. Browning  
Faye Thomas in memory of Sarah and J. C. Noel  
Nora M. Hendrix  
David Wozencraft  
Sallie Gant in memory of Mrs. C. Childress  
Mr. and Mrs. Melton D. Cross in memory of Mr. and Mrs. V. P. Byrom, Ira Cross and Myrtle Duncan  
Mr. and Mrs. Earl Baze in memory of Jerry Cox  
Mr. and Mrs. Billy Bob Toombs in memory of Cecil Stevens  
Col. and Mrs. Doyle Seifred in memory of Horace Boney  
Mr. and Mrs. Herbert L. Thaxton in memory of Horace Boney

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Bob Toombs in memory of Jerry Cox  
Mrs. Nim Teaff and family in memory of Nim J. Teaff  
Mrs. Nim Teaff in memory of Horace Boney  
Essie L. Phillips  
Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Elliott in memory of Mrs. Martha Bird Pittenger  
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hartley in memory of Horace Boney  
Ruby Jinks in memory of Horace O. Boney  
Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Comegys  
Thelma Comegys and Mrs. W. G. Leach

## Commission names administrator

The Texas Employment Commission has named Ernie W. Tullis its new administrator to succeed Henry Rothell, who retires January 31.

Tullis, an attorney in the agency's legal department, joined the agency in 1952 as a temporary clerk while attending the University of Texas. Admitted to the bar in 1962, Tullis worked as an appeals referee with the Commission before joining the

legal department in 1967. "My job will be to carry out the policies and directives of the three commissioners," said Tullis. I want to operate the agency as a professional organization to serve the public and to be responsive to the needs of all segments of our population." Tullis, his wife Carol and a son and daughter reside at 837 East 38th Street in Austin.

## Basketball

### High School Basketball

## Merkel Wins over Wylie and Coahoma

Merkel won their second district game against Wylie. Their two losses have been to Colorado City and Stamford. Merkel's other win was over Ballinger January 4. Merkel is 2-2 and Coahoma leads the first round 4-0. Merkel plays Coahoma Friday night.

Brad Pursley led scoring for both teams with 26 points, he also had 5 rebounds and 5 steals. David Pfister had 11 points and 11 rebounds. Keith Wolf had 11 points and 8 rebounds. Donny Riggan had 8 points, 3 assists and 3 rebounds. Mike Sims had 4 points and 4 steals. Craig Hutchings had 2 points.

For the game the Badgers shot 51 percent from the field and 69 percent from the foul line. Merkel is 11-9 for the year.

1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Merkel	14	18	11
Wylie	10	18	12

### Girls Basketball

January 11-Wylie 64 Merkel 34  
Gayle Teaff 20, Kandi Ascencio 6, Cindy Boone 4, and Gay Pfister 4.  
Wylie won first half district 6-0. Merkel 3-3  
1st 2nd 3rd 4th  
Merkel 8 5 8 13-34  
Wylie 16 14 20 14-64  
Teaff 20, Ascencio 6, Pfister 4, and Boone 4.

January 14-Coahoma 43 Merkel 35  
Gayle Teaff 16, Kandi Ascencio 1, Cindy Boone 4, Gay Pfister 5, and Anemarie Rankin 7.  
Second round Merkel 0-1, Coahoma 1-0.  
Merkel 7 11 10 7-35  
Coahoma 10 10 10 13-43

8th GRADE BOYS  
January 13th Merkel 20 Wylie 26  
Bart Pursley was high point scorer with 12 points.

BALLINGER TOURNAMENT  
8th Grade Boys play Brady at 5:00 Thursday.  
9th Grade Boys play Ballinger at 7:30 Thursday.

7th GRADE BOYS  
January 10th Merkel 16 Jim Ned 10  
David Delacruz was high point scorer with 8 points.  
January 13 Merkel 16 Wylie 6  
Danny Riggan was high point scorer with 10 points.

Merkel defeated Coahoma to give them their first district loss. Coahoma still leads the district with a 4-1 record and Merkel is tied for second with a 3-2 record.

Keith Wolf led scoring for Merkel with 22 points and had 7 rebounds. Brad Pursley had 21 points and had 6 rebounds and 6 steals. Donny Riggan had 17 points and 2 steals. Mike Sims had 5 points and steals. David Pfister had 2 points and 5 rebounds and 2 steals. Craig Hutchings and Ricky Howes had 2 points each, and Grant Murrell had 3 rebounds.

Badgers shot 54 percent from the field for the game and 68 percent from the foul line.

Merkel needs a win against Winters Tuesday to have a chance at a first half tie. That would mean that Ballinger would have to defeat Coahoma. Merkel is now 12-9 for the year.

1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Merkel	28	12	19
Coahoma	18	23	19

### Girls Junior Varsity

January 11-Wylie 49 Merkel 34  
Gwen Tarpley 15, Cindy Smith 17, and Shannon Bagby 2.  
January 17-Merkel 26 Anson 16  
Cindy Smith 4, Gwen Tarpley 14, Sammie Shaw 6, and Sheila Sloan 2.

### Junior Varsity

JUNIOR VARSITY BOYS  
January 11th Merkel 41 Wylie 42  
Kelly Wolf was high point scorer with 12 points, Boyd and Cox both scored 8, Criner, Harris, and Davis scored 4 each, and Brady scored 1 point.  
January 14th Merkel 52 Coahoma 44  
Shields was high point scorer with 20 points, Harris scored 8 points, Boyd scored 6, Davis scored 5, and Brady and Wells each scored 4.

STAMFORD JUNIOR VARSITY TOURNAMENT  
Merkel 55 Hamlin 41  
Wolf was high point scorer with 14 points.  
Merkel 47 Stamford Blue 36  
Howes was high point scorer with 15 points.  
Merkel 53 Stamford Grey 75

Hutchins was high point scorer with 16 points.

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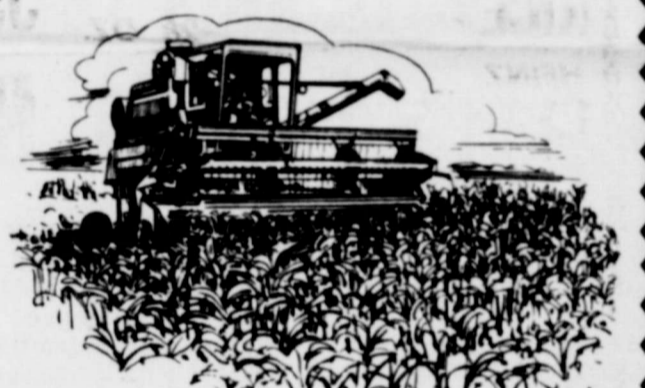
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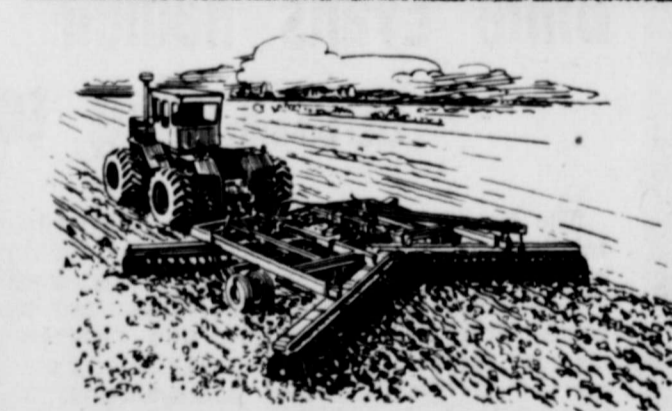
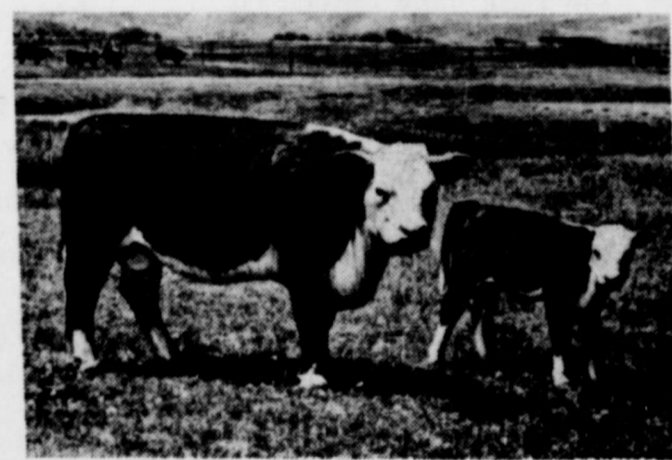
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City of Merkel, Texas effective January 26, 1977.

The rate schedule is expected to furnish a 7.08 percent increase in the Company's gross revenues in the City of Merkel.

A Statement of Intent has been filed with the City of Merkel and is available for inspection at the Company's business office located at 1289 N. 2nd, Abilene or Merkel City Hall.

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# Williams and Hamner take Taylor Show Awards

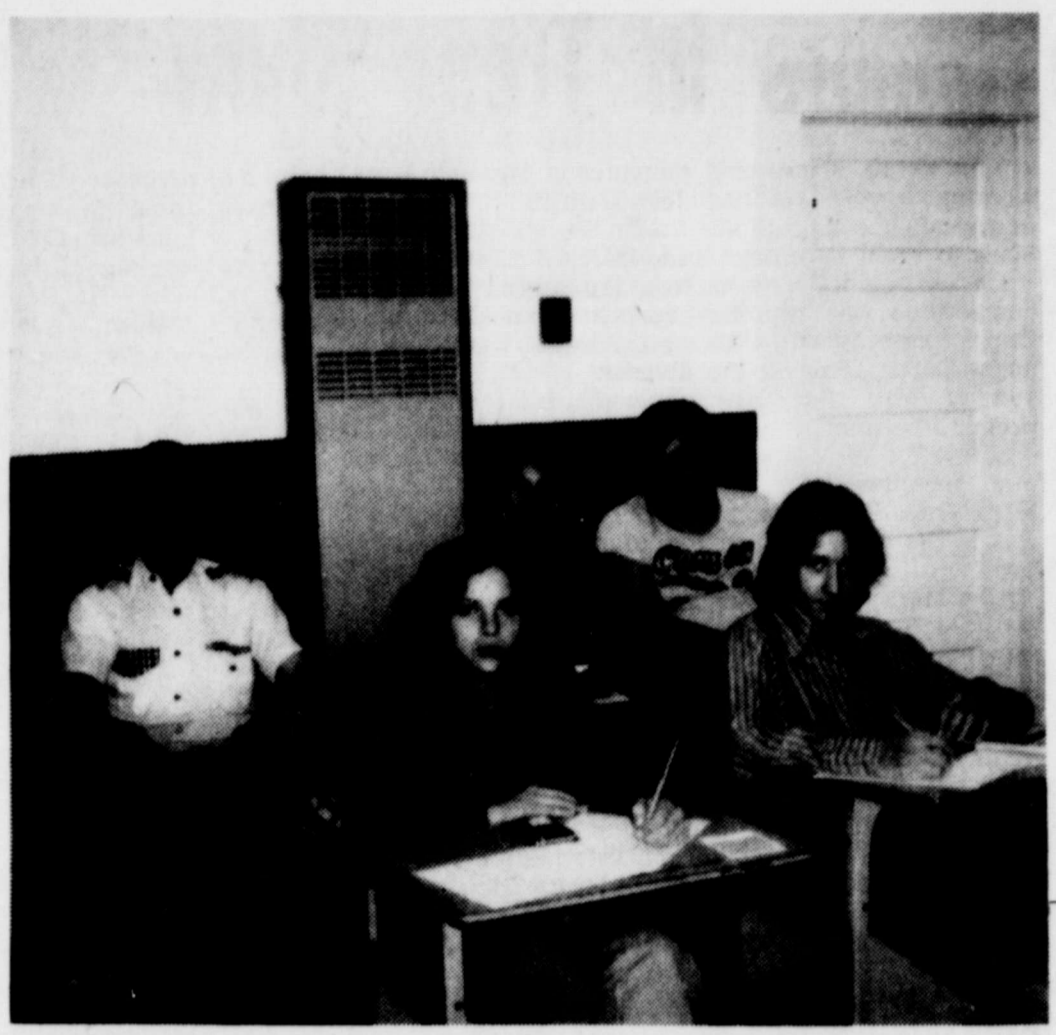
Trent FFA youths made another fine showing in the Taylor county Livestock Show Monday.

Champion lambs from Trent were shown by Lloyd Williams Jr., 13,

Trent FFA, top finewood cross; and Terri Hamner, 17, Trent FFA senior, with a champion intermediate mutton breed lamb. Williams also showed the champion mutton breed.

- Lamb Division**  
**Finewools**  
Lightweight-1. Rocky Bryan, Trent FFA; 2. Derek Vaughn, Wylie FFA; 3. Terry Ake, Wylie FFA.  
Heavyweight-1. Derek Vaughn, Wylie FFA; 2. J. D. Richards, View, Taylor County 4-H; 3. Terry Ake, Wylie FFA.  
Champion Lamb-Derek Vaughn, Wylie FFA.  
**Finewood Crossbreds**  
Lightweight-1. Derek Vaughn, Wylie FFA; 2. Terry Vaughn, Wylie; 3. Billy Williams, Trent FFA.  
Heavyweight-1. Lloyd Williams Jr., Trent FFA; 2. J. D. Richards, View, Taylor County 4-H; 3. J. D. Richards, View, Taylor County 4-H.  
Champion Lamb-Lloyd Williams Jr., Trent FFA.  
**Mediumwool and Mutton Breeds and their Crosses**  
Lightweight-1. Kay Richards, View, Taylor County 4-H; 2. Derek Vaughn, Wylie FFA; 3. Marshall Eaton, Ovalo, Jim Ned FFA.  
Heavyweight-1. Terri Hamner, Trent FFA; 2. Dwayne Grun, Jim Ned FFA; 3. John Stevens, Trent FFA.

- Champion Intermediate Mutton Breed Lamb-Terri Hamner, Trent FFA, Hampshire.  
Mutton Breed Lambs (All weights)-1. Lloyd Williams Jr., Trent FFA; 2. Dwayne Grun, Jim Ned FFA; 3. Debra Williams, Trent FFA.  
Champion Lamb-Lloyd Williams Jr., Trent FFA.  
Group of 15 lambs (4-H club or FFA chapter)-1. Wylie 4-H and 2. Trent FFA.  
**Poultry**  
Capon, lightweight-1. Dee Whitehead, Jim Ned FFA, Lawn; 2. Jeff Keith, Taylor County 4-H, Abilene; 3. Randy Harris, Merkel FFA, Merkel.  
Capon heavyweight-1. and 2. David Keith, Cooper FFA, Abilene; 3. Jeff Keith.  
Broiler-1. David Hamilton, Taylor County 4-H, Abilene; 2. Douglas Hicks, Taylor County 4-H, Abilene; 3. Dawin Hicks, Taylor County 4-H, Abilene.  
**Grand and reserve champion capons - David Keith.**



RESOURCE CLASS TRYING OUT THEIR NEW CALCULATORS-Seated from back to front, left to right: J. D. Lindsey, Sammy Vasquez, Robert Slough, Suzanne Hernandez and Jeff Kingsbury.

Progressive Merkel High School Principal (right) presents thirteen Resource Students (left) with calculators.



Lee Presswood

## Cotton Council to hold meeting

Program details for the National Cotton Council's 39th annual meeting in Lake Buena Vista, Florida January 31-February 1 were announced recently by President W. D. Lawson, III, Gastonia, North Carolina, merchant.

Cotton's economic outlook for 1977 will be presented by Dr. Arlie Bowling, Gaylon Booker, and Dr. Don DeBord, Council economists, at 8:30 a.m., Monday in the Ballroom of the Americas at the Contemporary Resort Hotel.

A color guard from the Naval Training Center in Orlando will present the flag and J. D. Hays, president of the Alabama Farm Bureau, will give the invocation. G. R. Jeffcoat, general arrangements chairman, Opp, Alabama, will welcome delegates and guests to Florida.

Council President Lawson will give the keynote address, "Cotton, World Fiber: A Perspective," and Council Representative Macon Edwards will report on Washington activities. Agriculture Secretary-Designate Bob Bergland will speak at 11 o'clock followed by reports from Council Treasurer Jack G. Stone, Stratford, California, and Finance Chairman E. Hervey Evans, Jr., Laurinburg, North Carolina.

The afternoon session opens with presentation of 1977 Maid of Cotton Ellen Clark of Memphis, and an address by A. Byron Reed, president of Musingwear, Inc.

Highlights of Council programs on flammability, cotton dust, boll weevil eradication, and the producer referendum will be given by Staff Members William M. Segall, Washington; Dr. Phillip Wakeley, J. Ritchie Smith, Carlton H. Power, and Emmett Robinson, all of Memphis. Foreign market

development will be discussed by A. Starke Taylor, Jr., Cotton Council International president, Dallas; and Staff Director David Hull, Washington. Ray Shockley, executive vice president of the American Textile Manufacturers Institute, will report on textile imports and trade agreements.

Concluding the first day's session will be announcement of new officers.

Tuesday's meeting begins at 9 o'clock with a progress report on research and promotion by J. Dukes Wooters, Jr., Cotton Incorporated president, New York. Guest speaker for the day will be Rep. David R. Bowen (D-Miss.), chairman of the House Cotton Subcommittee, whose address is slated at 9:30.

Recommendations for delegate action in the areas of public relations, foreign operations, technical services, and industry practices and poli-

cies will be presented by Chairmen Charles R. Bell, Phoenix; A. Starke Taylor, Jr., Dallas; John S. Barr, III, Oak Ridge, Louisiana; and Hugh M. Arant, Ruleville, Mississippi.

More than 1,500 industry leaders from across the Cotton Belt are expected for the two-day convention, which will be preceded by Council committee meetings beginning January 28. A special two-hour seminar on current regulatory issues is slated the afternoon of January 30 with speakers to include Dr. Ed Hobson, Shell Chemical Company, and Maynard Dollitt, Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

## Aliens must report in January

Joe F. Staley of the San Antonio Immigration and Naturalization Service has again reminded all aliens to report their addresses during January.

Cards with which to make the reports are available at Post Offices and offices of the Immigration and Naturalization Service throughout the country. The reports must have a 13 cent stamp affixed to the card.

Parents or guardians are required to submit reports for alien children under 14 years of age.

Mr. Joe F. Staley urges all aliens to report before the end of January, as willful failure to do so may lead to serious penalties.

## Chef's Special

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**New Orleans Hot Rice Cakes**  
This is one of the oldest known recipes in New Orleans. It is said to have been a favorite of President Zachary Taylor. It's a good way to use leftover rice.

- School menu**  
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Hot Rolls  
Peaches with whip topping  
TUESDAY  
Beef and cheese pizza  
Buttered English Peas  
Lettuce wedges with choice of dressing  
Purple plum cobbler  
WEDNESDAY  
Tin can casserole  
Combination salad with choice of dressing  
Batter bread  
Lime jello with applesauce  
THURSDAY  
Braised beef tips in brown gravy  
Buttered rice  
Seasoned green beans  
Hot rolls  
Chocolate cake with white mountain icing  
FRIDAY  
Hot dogs with chili  
Sliced onion  
Pickle relish  
French fries with catsup  
Coney buns  
Peanut butter no bake cookies  
Orange juice

- 2 Cups flour  
2 Teaspoons baking powder  
4 Tablespoons sugar  
1/4 Teaspoon nutmeg  
3/4 Teaspoon salt  
1 Cup boiled rice  
2 Egg yolks, well beaten  
2 Egg whites, beaten stiff  
1. Mix all the dry ingredients Mix the rice with the beaten egg yolks. Stir the two mixtures until thoroughly blended. Fold in beaten egg whites.  
2. Heat deep fat or 1 1/2 inches of salad oil or vegetable shortening in a skillet to 365 degrees F.  
3. Drop tablespoons of the mixture into the hot fat, not frying more than 4 or 5 cakes at a time.  
4. Fry until golden brown, turning them once. Drain on paper toweling.  
5. Keep hot and just before serving sprinkle with powdered sugar or serve with syrup.

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# Rocky Bryan takes two top honors in Trent Show



ROCKY BRYAN-Champion Lamb and Overall Showmanship Winner

Both youth and adults working together resulted in a very successful Stock Show in Trent Saturday.

The top hog in the swine competition was won by Danny Freeman with a 205 pound Duroc. Danny is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Freeman.

Alan Morse took the top two places in the steer show. Morse showed the champion steer with a Charolais-Angus cross-bred. Morse made a clean sweep with reserve steer honors for his Hereford.

Saundra Griffith dominated the rabbit judging by taking both the champion doe and champion buck in the division; Lloyd Williams,

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Griffith.

John Stevens, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Stevens took the award for best capon in the poultry division. Also in the poultry division, Kerry Patterson showed the champion broilers. Kerry is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Frank Patterson.

Rocky Bryan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Bryan, won with the grand champion market lamb and the coveted 1977 Overall Showmanship trophy.

Rocky King, agricultural teacher, supervised the show, with Floyd Collins, VA teacher from Snyder, handling the judging.

Clovis McElmurry was superintendent of the show; Ricky McElmurry doe and champion buck in the division; Lloyd Williams,

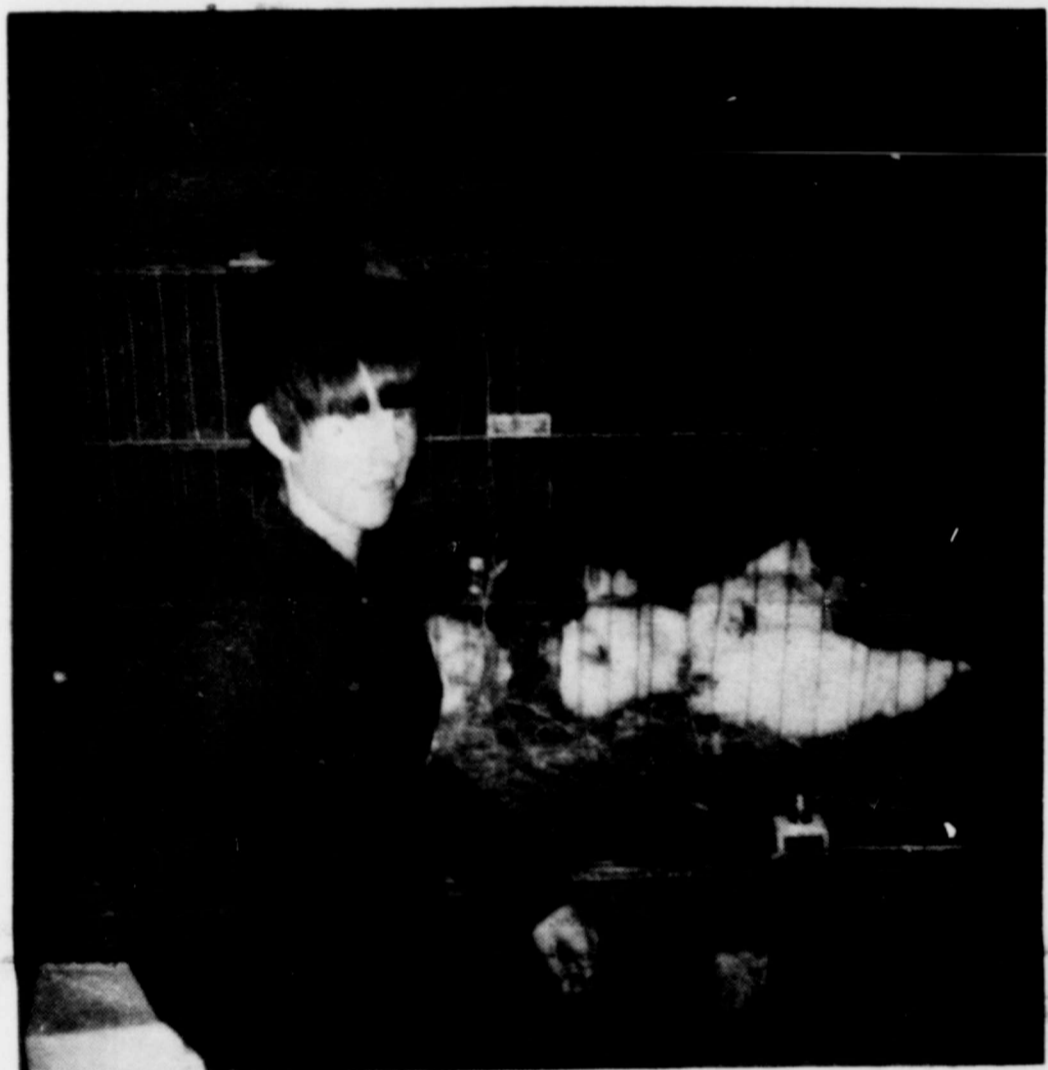
lamb division; Ted Simpson, poultry and rabbit division; Mr. Cross of Sylvester, steer division; Charlie Hatfield horse division; and Brenda Jackson, secretary.

Juniors in charge of divisions were: Penny Nance and Bobby Brazelton, poultry and rabbits; Timmy Moses, horses; Rocky Bryan, cattle; Rocky Bryan and Alan Morse, swine; Penny Nance, lambs.

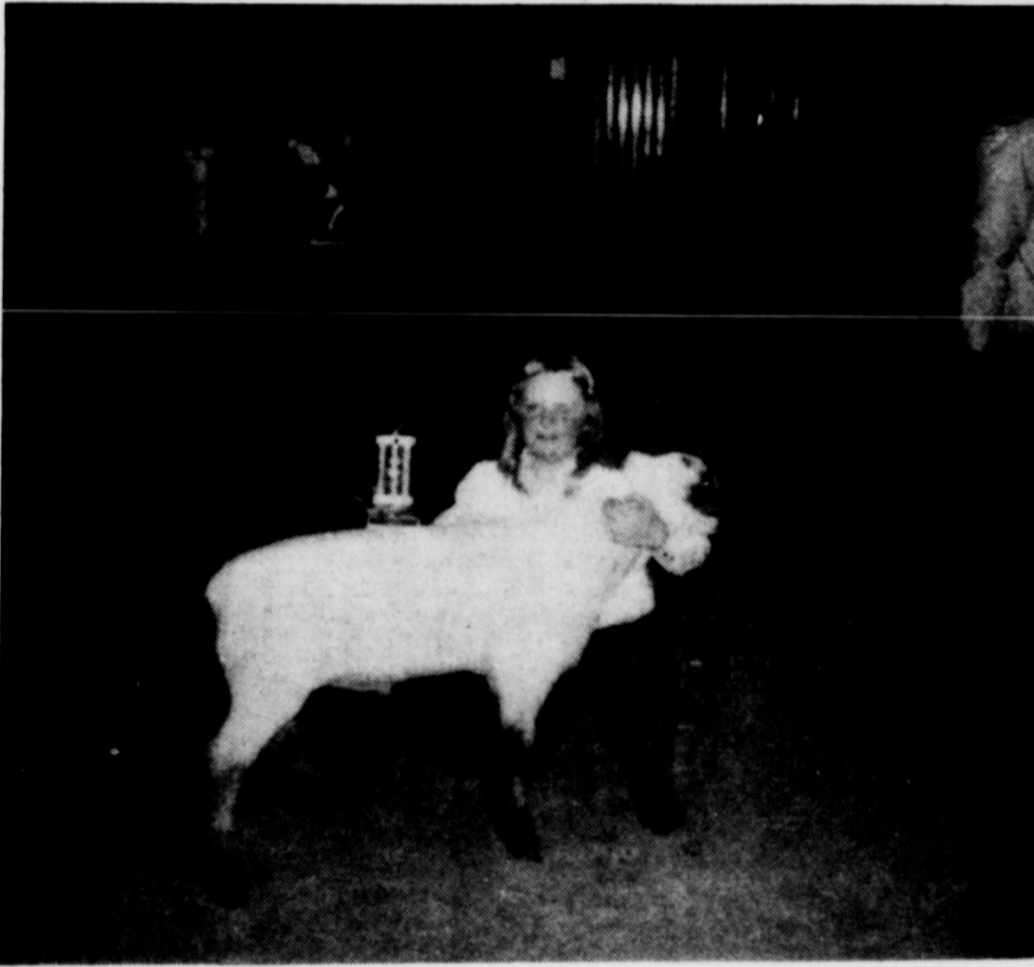
Finance Chairman, Spud McLeod and other committee members are to be commended for a job well done. Other committee members were: Mr. and Mrs. Booth West, Clovis McElmurry Ronnie Freeman, Brenda Jackson, and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Williams.



SAUNdra GRIFFITH wins with Champion Doe and Buck Rabbit



KERRY PATTERSON with Champion Broilers



DEBRA WILLIAMS with Reserve Champion Lamb



JOHN STEVENS with Champion Capon



DANNY FREEMAN with Grand Champion Duroc Swine



SHOWMANSHIP AWARD WINNERS Pictured front to back, left to right: Missy Simpson, rabbit division; Penny Hatfield, beef cattle division; Leslie Masonheimer, horse division; James Mays, swine division; Doyle Brenam, poultry division; and Lloyd Williams, lamb division.

**HORSE DIVISION**  
1. Leslie Masonheimer, 2. Tammie Hicks, 3. Penny Hatfield, and 4. Dee Dee Masonheimer.

**CATTLE DIVISION**  
1. Alan Morse, 2. Alan Morse, 3. Penny Hatfield, and 4. Penny Hatfield.

**SWINE**  
Duroc-1. Danny Freeman, 2. Leanna West, 3. Lester Moser, 4. John McLeod, 5. Riley West, 6. John McLeod, and 7. Lester Moser.

Hampshire-1. James Mays, 2. Riley West, 3. Danny Freeman, 4. Leanna West, 5. Jeffery King, and 6. Jimmy Tackett.

Spotted Poland China-1. Danny Freeman, 2. Bobby Brazelton, 3. John McLeod, 4. John McLeod, 5. Robbie Freeman, 6. Roger Brenem, 7. John McLeod, and 8. John McLeod.

Chester Whites-1. Leanna West and 2. Riley West. Southdown-1. Lloyd Williams, 2. Billy William, 3. Rebecca Sipe, 4. Debbie Jackson, 5. Rebecca Sipe, 6. Debbie Jackson, 7. Debra Williams, 8. John Stevens, 9. Billy Williams, and 10. Debbie Jackson.

Cross Bred-1. Gilbert Beaver, 2. Herbert Beaver, 3. Brent King, 4. Leanna West, 5. Robbie Freeman, 6. Riley West, 7. Bobby Brazelton, 8. Riley West, 9. Leanna West, 10. Lester Moses, 11. Karl Rascoe, and 12. Kenny Nance.

**MARKET LAMBS**  
Fine Wool-1. Rocky Bryan, 2. Eddie Adams, 3. Neil Kirk, 4. Sue Bryan, 5. Velma Perkins, and 6. Velma Perkins.

Fine Wool Cross-1. Debbie Jackson, 2. Lloyd Williams, 3. Debra Williams, 4. Rocky Bryan, 5. Velma Perkins, 6. Billy

**RABBIT DIVISION**  
Does-1. Saundra Griffith, 2. Alan Morse, 3. Chris Simpson, 4. Alan Morse, 5. Alan Morse, 6. Missy Simpson, and 7. Alan Morse.

Bucks-1. Saundra Griffith, 2. Missy Simpson, 3. Alan Morse, and 4. Chris Simpson.

**POULTRY DIVISION**  
Broilers-1. Kerry Patterson, 2. Greg Beasley, 3. Kerry Patterson, 4. Shirley Brenem, 5. Shirley Brenem, 6. John Stevens, 7. Greg Beasley, 8. Greg Beasley, 9. Greg Beasley, 10. Doyle Brenem, 11. Joey Brenem, 12. John Stevens, 13. Joey Brenem, 14. Judy Brenem, and 15. Judy Brenem.

Capon-1. John Stevens, 2. Teresa Brazelton, 3. Kerry Patterson, 4. Kerry Patterson, 5. Kerry Patterson, 6. Greg Beasley, 7. Greg Beasley, 8. John Stevens, and 9. Becky King.

Overall Showman-ship-Rocky Bryan  
Rabbit Showmanship-Missy Simpson  
Poultry Showmanship-Doyle Brenem  
Horse Showmanship-Leslie Masonheimer  
Beef Cattle Showmanship-Penny Hatfield  
Swine Showmanship-James Mays  
Sheep Showmanship-Lloyd Williams

## State revenues continue to flow in

Comptroller Bob Bullock said Wednesday that state revenues are continuing to flow into the treasury at flood-tide levels, totaling \$1.6 billion during the first

three months of fiscal 1977. Bullock said that September, October and November revenues were 11 percent more than during the same period in fiscal

1976, which itself was an all-time record year.

In his January financial statement, the Comptroller reported that fiscal 1977 sales tax collections are 15 percent ahead of 1976 levels, and that the natural gas production tax is reaping 36 percent more revenue.

"Meanwhile," said Bullock, "state expenditures during the first three months of fiscal 1977 totaled \$1.7 billion, only \$4.5 million more than was spent during the first three months of fiscal 1976. Partly as a result, the state closed out its books at the end of November with a cash balance of \$1.4 billion."

The Comptroller's January financial statement also reports on a Brookings Institution study that ranked Texas 43rd among the states in expenditures on state and local governmental services, and a Tax Foundation study showing Texas ranks 31st in per capita state and local property tax burden.

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## Last Rites Held for Jerry Cox

Jerry Lee Cox, a 20-year-old Merkel man died Tuesday afternoon of injuries received in a car-train accident in Merkel December 31.



Jerry Lee Cox had been in the intensive care unit at Hendrick Memorial Hospital since the accident with head, spine, and hip injuries. He died at 5 p.m. at Hendrick hospital.

The accident occurred at the Oak Street crossing in Merkel. Cox was the only occupant in the car and no other injuries were reported.

Services for Mr. Cox were at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the Starbuck Funeral Home Chapel.

The Rev. Ronnie Newton, pastor of the First Evangelical Methodist Church in Abilene, officiated. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Born October 17, 1956, in Taylor County, he had lived in this area all his life. He was a 1975 graduate of Merkel High School and had been

active in athletics, band and all school activities. He was named to the All-District Football team while at Merkel High School.

Survivors include his mother and stepfather, Jackie Carmack and Dewey Carmack and a twin brother, Larry Lee Cox of Merkel; two sisters, Christine Wiley and Cynthia Wiley, both of Abilene; and a nephew, Jerry's late father was Harold G. Cox.

### Quinonez and Roberts attending Medication course

Frances Quinonez and Brenda Roberts are attending Cisco Junior College where they are taking a certified Medication Aide Course. Frances is an aide at the Starr Nursing Home and this course will enable her to give medication under the supervision of an LVN.

Brenda, who is administrator, is taking the course to be more familiar with the medications given at the home. Cora Shugart is the certified medication aide at Starr Nursing Home. Mrs. Outlaw said, "She is a good employee and we are very proud of her."

## Starr Nursing Home News

We welcome warmer weather after such a cold spell although the home was good and warm. No worries about the heating system.

Mr. Eddie Whisenhunt seems to be improving which we are very proud.

Bill Holly who has been a resident in the home for over ten years celebrated his 51st birthday January 1. He had a white birthday cake with red roses on it. Cake and punch were served at the party. He received several gifts from the staff.

Members and their families of Lambda Beta visited January 8th to put up decorations of snowmen on all the mirrors or doors. Cake and punch were left to be served when we have the birthday of the month. We appreciated their thoughtfulness for the residents. I think the children had as much fun at the party as the residents.

Talking about computers, guess they are nice and quick, but this last payroll the computer made mistakes that they had to run three times before they were correct. Talk about computers, I think people are still smarter than man-made machines. Guess I'm just modern.

Mr. Clarence Melton and Mrs. Pearl Morris of Tye visited Mrs. Pete Morris Monday of this week.

Our bosses Paul Ashton and Clarence Stroeli of Salem, Oregon were here this past week to check on the remodeling, they were satisfied with the improvements. They intend to do more.

We thank the relatives of Mrs. Childress, who sent the pretty mums, they sent the home. Everyone knew her as Frank. Our sympathy goes to the family.

Mrs. Maurine Henderson, Demmit, and daughter Mrs. Lorraine Oetkin of Burlington, Iowa visited.

Mrs. R. G. Monroe of Sweetwater, niece of Eddie Whisenhunt, has been very nice to visit him.

Church services were held Sunday but at this writing I do not know who came.

## Lambda Beta participates in benefit tea

Lambda Beta Chapter of eta Sigma Phi participated with the Beta Sigma Phi City Council, which includes representatives from 17 chapters in the Abilene area, in a benefit tasting tea, Saturday, January 15, for the family of Donea Click. Proceeds from the tea were presented to Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Click of Abilene to help with the expenses incurred during their daughter's illness. Donea died May 18, 1976, of tuberculous meningitis. A cookbook was also sold in honor of Donea Click.

Donea Click was born, July 5, 1974. On August 7, 1974, she was released to her adoptive family. She was treated at Hendrick

Memorial Hospital, Children's Medical Center in Dallas, and received therapy and care at West Texas Rehabilitation Center. But in spite of all efforts, the baby died at 22 months of age, after being in a coma for 12 weeks.

The tasting tea was very successful and Lambda Beta members would like to thank all who went to the tasting tea and bought cookbooks. Mrs. Click is a member of Zeta Alpha Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi in Abilene.

On January 8th, members of Lambda Beta visited the Starr Nursing Home and served refreshments. Door decorations were put up for the month of January.

## Goodman H-D News

Do you know the name of the President of the United States the year that you were born? Oh it hasn't been that long, or has it? That was the questions the members of the Goodman Home Demonstration Club was met with when they answered roll call at their monthly meeting January 14 in the home of Mrs. Dennis Butler. Trent.

Besides that question, themembers were busy starting out the new year with selecting new committees. Discussing the programs for the coming year and filling out the new year books.

The committee members selected were: Yearbook and Reporter-Mrs. David Carter; Finance-Mrs. Frank Carter; Education, Expansion and

Exhibit-Mrs. Garland Price; Recreation-Mrs. W. L. Massey; Goodwill-Mrs. H. H. Windham.

The program, "Evaluation of the Presidents Campaign Policies" was brought by Mrs. Frank Carter.

Members present were mesdames: Jennings Winter, Frank Carter, Carl Carey, Dan Butler, Dennis Butler, Garland Price, David Carter and three children.

All members were also reminded to have their recipes for the new cookbook turned in by next meeting time to the president Mrs. Butler.

All meetings are open to people of all ages regardless of socio-economic levels, race, color, sex, religion or national origin.

## Girl Scout Council to hold meeting

The West Texas Girl Scout Council Annual Meeting will be held at Abilene Christian University on Monday, January 24, 1977 at 7 p.m. in the Main Dining Room of the Campus Center.

Mrs. J. B. Cooper, Jr., Roscoe, council President, will preside at the business meeting and the program will be presented by Girl Scouts who have participated in Wider Opportunities the past two summers. There will be a slide show presentation of the events and a display of scrapbooks, pictures and mementos. Mrs. Morgan Knapp, Abilene, Program Services Chairman, will introduce each girl by the special opportunity attended: Becky Thatcher Beckons, Hannibal, Missouri; Dig Mankind, Tensleep, Wyoming; Earth'n Us, II, Bryn Mawr College, Pennsylvania; Our

Cabana, Cuernavaca, Mexico; West Texas Rockwood Bicentennial Tour, Washington, D. C.; and Climb and Canoe a Mile high, Denver, Colorado, Rocky Mountain National Park.

A slate of nominees for the board of directors and nominating committee will be presented by Mrs. Jimmy Smith, Roscoe.

Special decorations will feature troop flags designed by over 200 of the council troops. Winning designs for the camp Boothe Oaks 1977 Silver Anniversary patch and a new Camp Boothe Oaks patch for 1978 will be awarded full camperships to summer camp, 1977.

Special guests will be husbands, wives, friends and Senior Girl Scouts from all over the 16 counties of the West Texas Council.

Reservations (\$4.00 per person) are due at the West Texas Girl Scout Council, P. O. Box 5586, Abilene, Texas 79605 on January 17, 1977.

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# \*\*\*\*\*Merkel Business Women In The News\*\*\*\*\*

Loretta Young is a hard working head accountant at Max Murrell Chevrolet. She will have held that position ten years in April of this year. Loretta was previously at Carsons Super Market for three years.

If you haven't met Loretta, you have missed an enlightening experience. Even though she takes her job very seriously, she somehow always has time for friends and relatives. She also spends a great deal of her time helping husband, John farm and ranch their 720 acres northwest of Merkel.

Loretta has lived in Merkel 23 years. She was born in Lovington, New Mexico and graduated from high school there.

Her daughter Becky Bryan lives in Merkel and son, Ray, is employed with Goodyear in Sweetwater.

Loretta said, "I really enjoy crocheting, gardening, and canning, but my favorite past times are house remodeling and all types of ranch work."



**Loretta Young**

Elizabeth Parrish, Accountant-business Manager for Palmer Motor Company, is famous for her fun loving personality and infectious smile. Elizabeth lives in Abilene and has two sons, Ray, a sophomore at Abilene Christian High school and a married son, Charlie. Elizabeth said, "Charlie has a daughter that is now two and she is my pride and joy."

Elizabeth went to work in an auto dealership when she finished college in El Paso. She said, "I have been in the auto industry for about fifteen years. I was in the oil industry for about ten years, but prefer a dealership. I have more contact with people, and I like people."

"My work as an accountant is very satisfactory. I get a feeling of accomplishing something - especially when I run my trial balance and pray before I push the total button that I am in balance. Sometimes it is not so, and this is where the challenge come in with the help of my assistant Phyllis King."



**Elizabeth Raye Parrish**

Elizabeth said it didn't take her long to realize that she was going to enjoy working in Merkel. After she had been here a week she felt at home because the customers, merchants, and her co-workers made her feel welcome to their community. Elizabeth's hobbies are reading, fishing and skiing. On summer weekends you will almost always find her and the family on the lake enjoying themselves.

## Fortnightly Study Club news

The Fortnightly Study Club met January 11 at the Big Country Inn, with hostesses Mrs. Mack Fisher and Mrs. Johnny Cox. The program theme was "Service to God and Country - Building for a Better Future." Mrs. Don Hart introduced the speaker, Mr. Carrol Lanier, Superintendent of the Whiteface, Texas, Girlstown U. S. A. Mr. Lanier gave a most interesting account of the history, purposes and everyday operation of this home for girls, showing slides of the campus and the people who live and work there. He also told of several of the Girlstown graduates who have gone on to lead highly successful and useful lives.

were Mrs. Johnny Cox, Mrs. S.C. Dixon, Mrs. Charles Eager, Mrs. Mack Fisher, Miss Mildred Hamm, Mrs. Don Har, Mrs. Comer Haynes, Mrs. Carl Huges, Mrs. C.B. Knight, Mrs. Andy Shouse, Mrs. Ray Wilson, and Mrs. S.D. Gamble. Next meeting will be January 25.

### Sherry Bratcher on Honor Roll

Jan. 14--Sherry Luella Bratcher of Merkel, a student at Angelo State University in San Angelo, is listed on the Dean's Honor Roll for the fall semester.

Ms. Bratcher, a psychology major at ASU, is listed on the 3.50 to 4.00 honor roll.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Mr. Carl Dingler, This is in regard to one of your write ups about six weeks ago.

You said us peons here in Merkel should trade with the local merchants.

You should advise the Carsons and Wilsons to get rid of those give away stamps, which is worthless and give the people a better price. You spoke of these merchants like they are something on a stick. I have a son and a couple of

relatives out rough-necking. If these cats can't make it as a merchant, let them go out in the oil patch. They are no better than any one else.

In this day of high prices, Mr. Dingler if a fellow doesn't shop around when he's buying, he is losing money.

Like the most of your write ups.

Sincerely yours,

J. S. Owens

## Cecil Stevens Dies

Cecil Stevens, 84, of Merkel died at 1 p.m. Tuesday at his home of an apparent heart attack. Services were at 2 p.m. Thursday at the First Baptist Church.

The Rev. Kenneth Jones, pastor, officiated. Burial was in Elmwood Memorial Park in Abilene, directed by Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born February 4, 1892, in Lee County, he married Ruth Hughes in 1922 in

Post. She died in 1971. He later married Clara Driver in 1973. She died in 1975. Mr. Stevens was a veteran of World War I and a retired stockfarmer.

Survivors include a son, Calvin C. of Lubbock; two daughters, Ruth Tipton of Merkel and Ruby Toombs of Abilene; two sisters, Mrs. J. C. Jeffery of Clyde and Mrs. Bill Kennedy of Abilene; seven grandchildren; and four great grandchildren.

**WARNING**  
This is to advise and **WARN** the persons stealing papers from the Abilene Reporter News paper boxes in the Merkel and Trent area. You have been observed and I have your license numbers. There will be no other warning. You will be filed on if seen again.  
**Peggy Rascoe**  
Trent, Texas

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Lone Star Gas Company, in accordance with Section 43(a) of Article 1446c V.A.T.C.S., hereby gives notice of the Company's intent to implement a new schedule of rates for natural gas service to be charged to the residential and commercial consumers in the City of Trent effective Feb. 15, 1977. The rate schedule is expected to furnish a 6.77 percent increase in the Company's gross revenues in the City of Trent. A Statement of Intent has been filed with the City of Trent and is available for inspection at the Company's business office located at 155 Hickory St.- Abilene and Trent City Hall.  
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### Curb Funeral Held

Mrs. W. T. (Norma) Curb, 103, of 925 Leggett died at 1:15 a.m. Wednesday at Hendrick Memorial Hospital. Services were at 2 p.m. Thursday at North Memorial Chapel, 242 Orange.

The Rev. Roger Sidener, pastor of First Central Presbyterian Church, officiated. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery in Merkel.

Born May 2, 1873, in

Whitfield County in Georgia, she attended Shumack Seminary in Georgia where she received her teaching certificate. She moved to Merkel in 1902 and taught school at Rock Crossing, south of Merkel. She married W. T. Curb in 1905, at Merkel. They farmed south of Merkel until his death in 1952. Mrs. Curb moved to Abilene shortly afterward. She was a member of Merkel Pres-

byterian Church. Survivors include a son, Byron of 2410 Ivanhoe; a daughter Mrs. Clyde Beasley of 925 Leggett; two sisters, Harriett Stegall of 1858 South 7th and Mrs. W. C. Coleman of San Angelo; and several nieces and nephews. Pallbearers were Ward Berryman, Claude Berryman, Frank De Vasto, Ford Smith Jr., Laverne Moore and Joe C. Higgins.

**LOOK WHO'S HERE!**

Mr. and Mrs. David Seymore are proud to announce the birth of a daughter Alison Cne'. She weighed 6 pounds 12 1/2 ounces. She was born January 16 at Hendrick Memorial Hospital. The Seymores also have two sons, Philip and Richard. Maternal grandmother is Mrs. Peggy White. Paternal grandparents are

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Seymore. Maternal great grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Roy Green. Paternal great grandmother is Mrs. J. L. White.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles David Carter are proud to announce the birth of a son, Charles David Allen Carter. He was born December 26 at Hendrick Memorial Hospital and weighed 8 pounds. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Charles "Tip" Carter of Noodle. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Cook of Route 1 Merkel.



### Speaks completes training

January 17 - Navy Fireman Apprentice David M. Speaks, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry E. Speaks of 301 Lamar, Merkel, Texas, has completed recruit training at the Naval Training Center, Orlando, FL. During the eight-week training cycle, trainees studied general military

subjects designed to prepare them for further academic and on-the-job training in one of the Navy's 85 basic occupational fields. Included in their studies were seamanship, close order drill, Naval history and first aid. A 1976 graduate of Merkel High School, he joined the Navy in August 1976.

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