

Rifle Team headed for San Angelo May 7th



Taylor County 4-H Rifle Team. High Pointers in Junior and Senior Divisions will compete in San Angelo, May 7th.

The Taylor County 4-H Rifle Club met the past two Sundays, April 17 and April 24 for the county shoot-off to determine which persons will represent Taylor County at the District Meet at San Angelo on May 7th.

Several persons from the Merkel, Mulberry Canyon, and Trent 4-H Clubs were among those who will be representing Taylor County.

On the Senior team will be Lisa Hughes, who had the highest score of the senior members; Velma Perkins from Trent, and

Tommy Swinney.

The Junior team members from our area will be Willy Townsend, score 346; Sherry Williams, score 216; Donan Justice, score 202; and alternate Alan Green, score 191.

Sonny Sandusky coaches these boys and girls, and they spend all year long practicing with his professional guidance.

We send our congratulations to these persons as they represent Taylor County in the 17 county competition on the district level.

News and Thoughts

By Martha Sue Justice



The Abilene Repertory Theatre will present, *Butterflies are Free* beginning this coming Thursday and will run through Saturday. *Butterflies are Free* will also be presented May 12, 13 and 14th. This will be a Dinner Theatre at Mack Eplens Ticker Tape in downtown Abilene. Dinner will be served at 7:30 and curtain time 8:30. Reservations should be made a day before the performance. Stars in the cast are: Bob Straus, Elaine Brumbeau, Sandy Willingham, and Ralph Burkey.

For all those that are interested—Barbara McDonald is finally back in town. However I really don't expect her to stay too long. As soon as she hit town everything seemed to go wrong at the same time. Their septic tank stopped up, (the lines are worn out) and the roof starting leaking—just to name a few things! Barbara's mother, Mrs. O. L. Nichols, hasn't been a whole lot of help—because she spends at least 3 hours watching the soap operas each day. To top everything else—Barbara's sister, Jeanie, (from Fort Worth) came to visit, so in self defense—Barbara made her clean house while she tended to repairing of things around the house and keeping the TV on the right channel for her mother! (IF ANYONE SPOT'S MRS. NICHOLS HEADED TOWARD THE MERKEL LATER THIS WEEK—PLEASE WARN ME—SO I CAN LEAVE TOWN WITH BARBARA.)

This is shameful to say, but—I have been told that Annette Melton has trouble telling the difference between a tomato and a marigold plant! I would guess from this that she desperately needs help when it comes to gardening. If anyone has any information that can help her in her hobby—please feel free to call her before she grows and then eats something poisonous!

GARDEN NOTES: May 3rd and 4th are excellent days to plant root crops. Seed potatoes are still available in town if you are interested in planting them. If your garden soil is good and fertile,—try planting your tomatoes, peppers, and eggplant close together. This bunching together helps protect your plants from the harsh winds and extreme heat that sometimes wipes out a garden. Another way to guard against high winds is to border you garden with field or sweet corn.

Someone once said, "Not a leaf, a tree, a mountain, a world, or man, is just like any other leaf, tree, mountain, world, or man." This is the beauty of God's creation. No uniformity, no conforming. Uniformity is the death of the soul,—and that is why we have so many seemingly different religions in the world. In reality they are not so very different. They are only aspects, among the countless aspects, of God, whether Christian, Jewish, Mohammedan, Buddhist, or any other religion. There has never been anything else but one Shepherd.—It is up to us, spiritually, and with our eyes open, and God's help, to be one Fold!

Merkel Horse Show Results

Results of the Merkel Horse Show which was held Saturday, April 23 are as follows:

STALLIONS (4 and under)-1. Terry Criner-Sockum Andy, 2. Jerry Christmas-Brando Bill.
STALLION (5 and over)-1. Jana Beck-Happy Copper, 2. Walter Whisenhunt-Not Much Tequila.
Grand Champion Stallion-Terry Criner.
Reserve Champion Stallion-Jerry Christmas.

MARES (4 and under)-1. Lesa McKee-Jook's Wildfire, 2. Scott Ogle-Kim's Miss, 3. Mary Rowland-Pokey's Randy, 4. Randy

Bond-Pill.
MARES (5 and over)-1. Charles Skipp-Market Lady, 2. Cindy Lanier-Flying Black Chick, 3. Raylene Hall-Betty Bailey, 4. Rodney Kinsey-Dolly, 5. James Kinsey-Pokey.
Grand Champion Mare-Charles Skipp.
Reserve Champion-Cindy Lanier.

GELDINGS (4 and under)-1. Clyde Carroll-Shorty, 2. Barry Smith-Shadow, 3. Linda Hoodenpyle-Nifty Son, 4. Jill Riethmayer-Cool Tiger, 5. Teresa Ratliff-Dottie Doc, 6. Rodney



Golf Team members on their way to Regional playoff in Lubbock. Pictured from left to right: Brad Shugart, Larry Smith, David Hendricks, Billy Harris, and Mike Henry.

Merkel Golf Team Wins Title

Merkel won over Winters last Thursday at Maxwell Municipal golf course in Abilene by one stroke to win the 6-AA golf title.

The Badgers finished with a 318 team score while Winters came in at

319. Members of the Merkel Golf Team were: Mike Henry-2nd place medalist in District, Larry Smith, David Hendricks, and Billy Harris.

Team totals were: Merkel 318, Winters 319, Stam-

ford 320, Colorado City 327, Wylie 333, and Ballinger 367.

The first two teams and medalist winners will be playing in the Regional golf tournament in Lubbock this week, April 27-28.



Senior 4-H Rifle Team High Pointers, from left to right are: Velma Perkins, Lisa Hughes, and Tommy Swinney.



Junior 4-H Rifle Team High Pointers, from left to right are: Allen Green, Donan Justice, Sherry Williams, and Willie Townsend. Tim Reeves is not pictured.

Trent School First Baptist Revival District to hold public auction

The Trent Independent School District will hold a public auction on the school campus on Saturday, May 7, 1977 beginning at 1:30 p.m. Tex Herring of Lawn, Texas will be the auctioneer.

Items to be auctioned include: lumber, evaporative air conditioners, aluminum windows, 2 glass backboards, basketball scoreboard, 2 wooden backboards, 1 central heating unit, football light poles, and many other items. Everyone is invited to attend.

We at First Baptist Church in Trent invite you to come to our "Living Proof" Revival and hear your friends, your neighbors, your own loved ones stand and tell of God's great mercy in their own lives.

May 1 through 7, beginning with the evening service on May 1 with the testimonies of our community's three pastors: George Butterfield, Church of Christ; Bob Whitlock, Methodist; and Jim Lawless, Baptist. Each evening at 8:00 p.m. the services will begin. Included will be special music, special events and special fellowships. Please accept our

invitation to unite hearts in giving praise to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Remember, May 1-7, 8:00 p.m.—Come!!!

Blair Water Inc. Meeting

Blair Water Supply, Inc. will hold their next meeting May 5th at the Taylor Electric Coop Building at 7:30 p.m. This will be a meeting for the general membership. The preliminary engineering report will be presented at this time in order for the membership to make a decision on whether to obtain a loan.



DAWN HENSLEE-4th Place Winner in the Lead Line Class (6 and under).



Britt Sipe-3rd Place Winner in the Lead Line Class (6 and under).

(14 and under)-1. Barry Smith, 2. LaTeshia Kiker, 3. Linda Hoodenpyle.
WESTERN PLEASURE (15 and over)-1. Delane Crisp, 2. E. N. Jenkins, 3. Debbie Haag.
REINING (14 and under)-1. Linda Hoodenpyle, 2. Barry Smith, 3. Endgate Adkins.
REINING (15 and over)-1. Charles Skipp, 2. Eddie Boucher, 3. Dalane Crisp.
BARREL RACE (14 and under)-1. Endgate Adkins, 2. Lesa McKee, 3. LaTeshia Kiker.
BARREL RACE (15 and over)-1. Teresa Kiker, 2.

Melody Walker, 3. Jan Beck.
POLES (14 and under)-1. LaTeshia Kiker, 2. Endgate Adkins, 3. Teresa Ratliff.
POLES (15 and over)-1. Raylene Hall, 2. Eddie Boucher, 3. Cindy Lanier.
FLAG RACE (14 and under)-1. Endgate Adkins, 2. LaTeshia Kiker, 3. Rodney Carroll.
FLAG RACE (15 and over)-1. Raylene Hall, 2. Melody Walker, 3. Clyde Carroll.
High Point (14 and under)-Endgate Adkins.
High Point (15 and over)-Raylene Hall.

340 In Attendance at Merkel Badger Athletic Banquet



Pictured from left to right: Brad Pursley, Gayle Teaff, and Ricky Howes.



Pictured from left to right: Mark Shaw, Cliff Smith, Garth Doan, Brad Pursley, and John Bierra (front).



Pictured with the special cartoon drawn by Dale Hammond are from left to right: Coach Mauldin, Coach McLeod, and Coach Cowart.



Pictured at the Reception at Big Country Inn are from left to right: Chester Collinsworth, Fipley Barnett, Skip Benson, Dr. W. T. Sadler, and Philip Pursley.

Finley Barnett was Master of Ceremonies Saturday night for one of the most successful Badger Athletic Banquets in Merkel. The banquet was held in the Merkel High School Gym, with more than 340 in attendance. Janet Dean, Merkel City Judge, welcomed all the special guests attending.

George English, President of the Merkel Booster Club, introduced Dr. W. T. Sadler. (Dr. Sadler was honored with a standing ovation.) English praised

Dr. Sadler for his many years of devotion, dedication, and help in keeping the Merkel Badgers' Patched and Fixed Up."

Travis Davis, Superintendent of Merkel Independent School District and School Board members, Charles Jacobs, Bobby Toliver, Leroy Teaff, Dink Whisenhunt, James Boyd and Don Hart were thanked for the use of the school gym for the banquet.

Cheerleaders, Becky Watts, Cindy Boone, Kathryn Irvin, Gay

Pfister, were thanked for their hard work in decorating the gym and tables.

Pug's and Leo's, caterers for the banquet, were thanked for their outstanding job.

Booster Club members, Vaughn Doan, Bill Whisenhunt, Bonnie English, Janet Pursley, and Christie Barnett were thanked for their help in getting the tables and chairs set up.

Before presenting the coaches and the results for this season, Coach Jerry McLeod, High School Football Coach said, "Woman was once the rib of a man,—but is now the backbone of many a man." McLeod stated that the football team came out with a 7-3 season, coming in 3rd place in District, with 9 seniors on the varsity team.

Coach Tony Mauldin's basketball team also had a good year. Almost all of their games were close games and several were won by only 1 point. The boys did win District and will receive their basketball patches this week.

Coach Cowart, in charge of the Merkel Track Team, introduced his team. Cowart said, "Track is a hard demanding sport."

Mr. Presswood, Merkel High School Principal, was indeed proud of the Golf Team which has

already won District. They will make a trip to Lubbock this week for Regional. Presswood said, "Merkel High is fortunate to have such commended coaches, Christian leadership, morale, principals and values."

Pat Pennick, girls' athletic coach, introduced the girls involved in sports this year. Pat also introduced the cheerleaders and said that they were outstanding girls in many ways.

Coach Hill, who is in charge of Freshman Football, said that his boys had started the season with lots of spirit and had ended it the same way.

Jerry McLeod, tennis coach, said the school needs improvements in our tennis facilities. He also stated that Rick Howes, Craig Hutchison, Brad Pursley, and Keith Shields, were lettermen in 3 sports. Jay Boyd and Mike Brady had shown outstanding spirit.

Finley Barnett presented the Booster Club Awards as follows: Best Lineman of the Year—Defense, Mark Shaw and Offense, Garth Doan. Best Backs—Defense, Brad Pursley and Offense, Larry Smith. Most Conscientious of the Year—(selected by the coaches), John Bierra. Outstanding Boys Basketball players—(selected by the coaches), Bert Player and Brad

Pursley. Outstanding Girls Basketball player—Gayle Teaff. Outstanding Track—Brad Pursley, better known as "Mr. 6 Million Dollar Man." Outstanding in Girls Track—Cindy Boone. Outstanding in Girls Tennis—Candy Ascencio, Golf—Mike Henry, and Volleyball—Annemarie Rankin.

A Memorial Award in Honor of Gene Stuckey was presented to Gayle Teaff and Brad Pursley.

Something new was added this year in the form of a Coaches Award. The Coaches All Sports Award, based on attitude and determination was presented to Rick Howes.

George English presented a special award for cartoon to Dale Hammond. Dale furnished cartoons throughout football season for the Merkel Badgers.

A cartoon was presented to Jerry McLeod with the varsity boys signing the right hand side of the picture and the Hall of Fame members signing the left side.

Philip Pursley, Merkel High School teacher, created the idea for the Badger Hall of Fame. His ideas were: 1. Honor ex Badgers, 2. Help to inspire future Badgers, and 3.

Former Merkel Resident Dies in Dallas

R. C. (Bill) Sheppard, 83, former resident of Merkel, died in a Dallas hospital April 20th, of an apparent heart attack. Services were held Friday morning, April 22 at 11:00 in Wildwood Chapel at Restland, in Dallas.

Born February 5, 1894 in Merkel, he was the son of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Sheppard, now deceased, a pioneer family of Merkel.

He volunteered for service in World War I and was stationed at Camp Bowie, Fort Worth. He saw overseas service with his Company as a part of American Expeditionary Forces in France. He married Billie

Hurley of Merkel and they had lived in Dallas for many years. He was employed by Lingo Lumber Company of Dallas until his retirement.

The election committee was introduced followed by introduction of Hall of Fame members.

Honor long time coach Skip Benson.

He is survived by his wife of Dallas, one daughter, Mrs. Russell G. Baity also of Dallas; two granddaughters, one grandniece and a number of nieces and nephews.

Local relatives include Mr. and Mrs. Ted Hamm, Mildred and Bill Hamm, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Gamble, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Eager all of Merkel and Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Petty of Abilene.

A reception was held immediately following the banquet at the Big Country Inn Restaurant hosted by Skip and Helen Benson.

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It is rumored that Wanda Tittle, her son Monty, and her sister Wilma, all have a very bad case of spring fever. I understand that by the middle of next month they will no longer be "I's," but will turn into "we's." I talked to Wanda the other day and no matter what I asked her, her answer was "I do!" Of course Wilma is not much better. She kept saying "Yes! Anytime!" The last time I saw Weldon, he was on his motorcycle going Head for the hills! The marriage fever is here! Curtis Moore, who is in the Air Force, and a Load Master, is quite used to flying at high altitudes. He is running around town with his head in the clouds, wearing oxygen masks, looking a little green around the gills and mumbling, "Did I say that?"

Remember our buffet on Mother's Day, May 8th. The oldest mother present, accompanied by a child or grandchild, will receive a bouquet of flowers; and everyone will enjoy our fine food, price \$2.50 for all you can eat.

On Thursday night, April 28, we will have chicken fried steak with country gravy, baked potato, and salad for \$1.75.

On Tuesday, May 3, we will serve 1/2 fried chicken with baked potato, salad, and country gravy (for those who wish it) for \$1.65. TRY OUR HOT LUNCHES

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Fried Chicken	\$2.30
Oysters	\$2.40
Shrimp	\$2.50
Catfish	\$2.50
New York Steak	\$3.00
Steak Fingers	\$2.50
Ham Steak	\$2.60
Liver and Onions or Bacon	\$2.50
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TOMATO SAUCE CONTADINA 8 OZ. CAN 2/29¢

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26-tfc
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9-2tp
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10-3tp

MISCELLANEOUS

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Consider purchase of
equipment to acquire land.
References furnished. Call
673-1307 (Abilene) after
5:00.

10-4tp, 8tc

PUBLIC NOTICE

AN ORDINANCE
PROHIBITING PARKING
ON THE NORTH
FRONTAGE ROAD
RIGHT OF WAY OF
INTERSTATE HIGHWAY
20 BETWEEN ITS IN-
TERSECTION WITH F.M.
126 (HIGHWAY STATION
436+06) AND THE
WESTBOUND EXIT
RAMP (HIGHWAY STA-
TION 446+90); DECLAR-
ING THE VIOLATION OF
THIS ORDINANCE TO
BE A MISDEMEANOR;
PROVIDING A
PENALTY AND DE-
CLARING AN
EMERGENCY.

BE IT ORDAINED BY
the City of Merkel, Texas,
that after the effective
date of this ordinance the
parking of any motor
vehicle within the Right of
Way of the North Frontage
Road of Interstate High-
way 20 between the inter-
section of F. M. 126
(Highway Station 436+06)
and the Westbound Exit
Ramp (Highway Station
446+90) within the said
City is prohibited.

BE IT FURTHER OR-
DAINED that any viola-
tion of this ordinance shall
constitute a misdemeanor
punishable by a fine not to
exceed \$200.

This ordinance being
necessary to the im-
mediate preservation of
public property and
safety, it is declared to be
an emergency measure
and shall be effective upon
its publication as required
by law.

READ, PASSED, and
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Lou David Allen
Mayor

ATTEST:
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NOTICE

AN ORDINANCE
fixing and
establishing a budget for
the City of Merkel, Texas
for the fiscal year begin-
ning the 1st day of May,
1977, and ending the 30th
day of April, 1978. Making
tax levy for the purpose of
payment there of and
fixing the time and terms
of payment of city taxes.

Whereas: the City Sec-
retary of the City of Mer-
kel, Texas in obedience to
the laws of the state of
Texas, submitted to the
City Council of said city a
proposed budget covering
the proposed income and
expenditures of said city
for the fiscal year begin-
ning the 1st day of May,
1977 and ending the 30th
day of April, 1978.

Whereas: Notice of said
proposed budget hearings
on the 25th of February
and 25th of March, 1977
was duly posted in the City
Hall, and notice duly given
by publication on the 7th
day of April, 1977.

Now therefore be it or-
dained by the City Council
of Merkel, Texas, that the
following budget is hereby
adopted as follows to-wit:

INCOME

General Fund Income
Operating \$144,800.00
Water and Sewer In-
come Operating
\$150,500.00
Sinking Fund From In-
terest From Transfer Op-
erating \$29,500.00

EXPENDITURES

General Fund Expendi-
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\$137,657.00
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\$136,752.00
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Merkel Wins over Wylie in UIL Contest

In a dual U. I. L. contest between Merkel and Wylie junior highs held at Merkel Middle School April 23rd, the following individuals were winners as reported by Principal John Cain. Results were as follows:

5th AND 6th GRADES STORY TELLING-1. Kelly Riney (M), 2. Kerri Evans (W), 3. Sandra Taylor (M), 4. Kevin Coker (M), 5. Jeff Dumas (W), and 6. Debbi McLeod (M).

NUMBER SENSE-1. LeAnn Loveland (W).

POETRY INTERPRETATION (boys)-1. Eddie Martin (M), 2. Alan Green (M), 3. Mark Smith (W), 4. Jay Collum (W), 5. Russell Lucas (M), and 6. Billy McKeehan (M).

(girls)-1. Joan Fariello (M), 2. Teresa Mason (W), 3. Jacque Jones (W), 4. Amye Amerine (M), 5. Windi Whisenhunt (M), and 6. Jill Douglass (M).

SPELLING-1. Alan Green (M), 2. Tammye Cloyd (M), 3. LeAnn Loveland (W), 4. Kim McCasland (M), 5. Becki Sutton (M), and 6. Rosie Biera (M).

PICTURE MEMORY-1. Merkel-Team A consisting of Angie Allen, Cindy Sims, Kimberly Pack, Bonnie Anderson, and Billy McKeehan, 2. Wylie, and 3. Merkel-Team B consisting of Ken Hogan, Tim Jacobs, Traylor Gregory, Russell Lucas, and Brenda Hohertz.

7th AND 8th GRADES NUMBER SENSE-1. Kyle Longley (W), 2. Delisa Roysden (M), 3. Mark Fanning (W), 4. Debra Scarborough (W), 5. Marnue Biera (M), and 6. Marsha Green (M).

SPELLING-1. Donna McKee (W), 2. Edward Herrera (M), 3. Maria Moreno (M) and Judy Castille (M) tie, 5. David Wilkerson (M), and 6.

Dale Rankin (M).
POETRY INTERPRETATION-(boys) 1. Willy Townsend (M), 2. Ed Herrera (M), 3. Rusty Toney (M), 4. Mark Fanning (W), and 5. Kelly Knight (M).
(girls)-1. Mary Fariello (M), 2. Stacy Seymore

(M), 3. Kristie Blackburn (W), 4. Mindy Mauldin (W), 5. Sharry Luckey (M), and 6. Shannon Boyd (M).

Merkel was the overall winner of the meet with 165 points while Wylie had 90 points.

Experimental Ranch Having Field Day

Scores of Rolling Plains cowmen are expected at the April 28 field day of the Texas Experimental Ranch.

The Rolling Plains Economic Program (R-PEP) is a sponsor of the field day, and a livestock specialist will discuss seasonal trends in Rolling Plains forage and diet quality.

The field day will be in three parts: a formal program at 10 a.m., lunch at the ranch at 11:45 a.m., and bus tours of the ranch at 12:45 p.m.

Texas Agricultural Experiment Station personnel will talk in the morning session about three other topics:

-The response of livestock to grazing management at the ranch.

-The weaning weights of crossbred sires and dams compared with those of straight Hereford, and the influence of common broomweed on plant and animal production.

Speakers will be Dr. Whitney Rounds of Vernon, Texas Agricultural Extension Service livestock specialist; Dr. Larry R. Rittenhouse of Vernon, Experiment Station range animal nutritionist and director of

research projects at the ranch, and W. J. "Bill" Rawlins of Seymour, Experiment Station research associate and manager of the ranch.

Chairmen Rob Brown and John Mathews will report on activities of the Texas Experimental Ranch Committee, and John Merrill, head of Texas Christian University's Ranch Management Program, will emcee the April 28 program.

Rittenhouse said points of interest on the tour will include the effects of grazing treatments and supplements of livestock and range condition; studies of forage intake and milk production, and "mini-grazing" systems.

Rittenhouse also said several exhibits and demonstrations will help familiarize visitors with the advances in range management and range research techniques.

The Experiment Station is sponsoring the field day in cooperation with the Extension Service, R-PEP, Swenson Land and Cattle Company, Texas Experimental Ranch Committee, and the Texas Section of the Society for Range Management.

Horses are Big Business

A \$15 billion industry isn't hay, by any means. That's how much officials of the American Horse Council (AHC), Washington, D. C., say 'ole dobbin' is contributing to the nation's economy.

AHC estimates there are 8.5 million horses in the country and their owners will spend a whopping \$7 billion dollars this year for feed, equipment, tack, veterinary supplies, services and related goods on their equine friends. In addition, equine aficionados have another \$8 billion tied up in horse flesh, land and buildings devoted to their horses.

In other words, the United States is horse country, and horses are big business. Just how big a business and how many horses are kept in this country is not really known. The horse industry, through AHC, has asked the federal government for funds to conduct a horse census. One thing is certain. Not since the days

when horses pulled the plows of America's farmers has there been such interest in horses.

Few horses are pulling plows any more, so why the horse boom?

The reason is recreation. Of the 3.2 million horse owners, over 80 per cent of them list recreation and pleasure as their primary reason for horse ownership.

Further, the U. S. Extension Service, which keeps tabs on the nation's 4-H program, reports horse projects among 4-H members are more popular than beef cattle and swine combined, with 320,000 4-H members participating. This compares to only 30,000 horse projects in 1960.

The largest horse breed association, in terms of horses registered and active breeders, is the American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA), headquartered in Amarillo, Texas. Since its

formation in 1940, AQHA has registered 1.25 million Quarter Horses, nearly double the size of the next largest registry. AQHA registered 100,959 foals in 1976, an all-time high. In addition, 168,000 animals were sold to new owners, also a new record. More than 200 people are employed to handle the daily activities of AQHA.

"Horses are definitely a family recreational activity," notes Ronald Blackwell, Executive Secretary of AQHA. A recent study of AQHA's 84,000 members revealed that for each membership, two other members of the family also participated in Quarter Horse activities.

"The most popular family activity among our members is riding for pleasure, with a 69 per cent response," Blackwell said.

The horse continues to remain on the ranches of the Southwest where the cowboy depends on the horse to accomplish his daily ranch work. However, the Quarter Horse is also moving to the city, as according to AQHA's survey, 34 per cent of those owning Quarter Horses live in a city or suburban area. Many cities are planning trails and bridle paths in future parks and recreation facilities. Thus, the trend of increased suburban horse ownership is expected to continue.

American-bred horses are in much demand outside the U. S. as well. Value of exports of horses out-totaled imports for 1974 and 1975 by \$36 million. Despite the breed's name, a total of 49,999 American Quarter Horses are owned by residents of 57 foreign countries.

England, West Germany, and Italy appear to be the hotbeds of Quarter Horse activity abroad,

each having recently formed their own Quarter Horse associations. Recently, 26 Quarter Horses were flown from Houston to new owners in West Germany where they will be used for western riding.

Next to riding for pleasure, showing Quarter Horses is the most popular activity of their owners. During 1976, 1,997 Quarter Horse shows were held in the U. S. and Canada and over 601,000 entries participated. Twenty events are offered, ranging from the popular Western Pleasure, where the horse is judged on how well it gives a pleasurable ride, to the highly skilled calf roping, the still-practiced art of the ranch cowboy.

Amateur-rider events and classes for youngsters 18 and under are also held. Racing is another fast growing sport for the Quarter Horse owner. The Quarter Horse, whose name is derived from the animal's overwhelming speed up to a quarter of a mile, competes in the world's richest horse race, the \$1 million All American Futurity, held each Labor Day at Ruidoso Downs, New Mexico. The winner of the race receives \$330,000. Horse racing has been the country's number one spectator sport for 24 consecutive years, and due to pari-mutuel wagering in the 30 states where it is legalized, those states received a record \$580 million for their coffers in 1975 from horse racing.

So, the horse, once cast aside in lieu of machines and technology, has adapted to different roles in today's society. He is now a source of recreation; an escape from that technology that once replaced him. Somewhat ironic, perhaps, but its a role that's surely here to stay.

Badger Junior

Olympics

The Badger Junior Olympics, a track and field meet open to all Tye, Merkel, and Trent students grades 4th through 6th, will be held at Badger Stadium Friday, April 29. The meet will have six divisions: 4th grade boys, 4th grade girls, 5th grade boys, 5th grade girls, 6th grade boys, and 6th grade girls.

There will be six running events including 50, 100, 220, and 330 yard dashes, a 440 yard relay and an 880 yard relay. The field events include a long jump, a high jump, and a softball throw.

Each person may enter

no more than two running and two field events. Ribbons will be awarded to the first eight place winners in each event.

Entry blanks and additional information are available from the Trent, Tye, and Merkel elementary school principal's office. There will be a 25 cents entry fee per person to cover costs. Field events begin at 5:00 and running begins at 6:00. All eligible people are invited to participate and help make this an enjoyable event for everyone.



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SECOND GRADE
"A"-Dusty Moore, Angela Tyler and Kathy Corbin.
"A-B"-Joe Miles and Sandra Kotrlak.
THIRD GRADE
"A"-Mike Keith, Kevin Mitchell and Keith Watson.
"A-B"-None
FOURTH GRADE
"A"-Bill Adams.
"A-B"-Greg Spurr, Robert Brooks, Lisa Cantu, Joyce Patterson and Tammy Tyler.
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Visits & Visitors

Mr. E. R. Foster has returned from her trip to visit her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Mitchell of Alvarado, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Naile has visited in the home of Mrs. E. R. Foster.



In the 18th century, sugar was such a rare and highly prized commodity it was included in a list of jewels and precious gems presented as wedding gifts to Maria Theresa, the future Queen of Hungary and Bohemia.

Mr. and Mrs. Lown Dennis of Abilene, Texas has visited in the home of Mrs. E. R. Foster.

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Senior Team pictured from left to right: Terry Criner, Chuck DuBose, Sue Johnson, and Valerie Thacher. Sam Field is the coach for these teams and Assistant Taylor County Agent.



Junior Team pictured from left to right: Tim Reeves, Barry Smith, Sheri Williams, and Traci Morgan. Workers with these teams are: Dr. Edwin DuBose, J. V. Criner, L. J. Gray, and Cindy Kinnard.

John Mattingly Dies

John T. Mattingly, 83, of 618 E. N. 21st, a retired farmer, died at 7:30 p.m. Sunday at the Anson General Hospital after a brief illness. Services were at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Elliott-Hamil Chapel of Memories.

Burial was in Elmwood Memorial Park.

Born November 2, 1893, in Kentucky, he moved to Jones County in 1905 and settled in the Noodle Community. He married Myrtle Farris December 20, 1922, in Abilene. They moved to Abilene from

Lubbock in 1952. He was a retired farmer and a veteran of World War I. Survivors include his wife; two sisters, Mrs. Sam (Resse) Cook of Borger and Mrs. Sam (Mary) Bankston of Merkel; and several nieces and nephews, including Elmer Mattingly of Tye.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Will and Sam.

Xi Nu

Chi News

H.D. Club

Mrs. Frank Carter, making an arrangement of dried flowers as she talked, explained to the ladies of the Goodman Home Demonstration Club, that arranging flowers can be fun. She explained, April 22 in her home, that with a little know how, lots of practice, and maybe some help, anyone can make a beautiful arrangement.

Before the demonstration, the club held their regular business meeting. Plans were discussed about rally day and the fair was also mentioned. A delegate for the state meeting was elected.

A defensive driving course will be held at Noodle if there is enough people. There will be a charge of \$10.00 per person. Both men and women may take the course and it will improve the rates on most insurance policies. It will be offered one night a week for two hours each night and will continue for four weeks. Any member or non member interested may contact Mrs. Dennis Butler of Trent.

Members attending were mesdames Dennis Butler, Alan Agnew, Garland Price, Frank Carter, and David Carter.

All meetings of this club are open to all irrespective of race, color, national origin, or economic circumstances.

Xi Nu Chi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met for their regular meeting Tuesday, April 19th at the Abilene Savings Building.

The program was given before the business meeting by Sandy Beal and Wanda Thane from Theta Sigma Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi. They had a display of Amway products to sell and the proceeds were to go to Judy Templeton, a member of their chapter who has a large medical bill.

President Louise DuBose called the meeting to order and committee reports were given. Membership Chairman Connie Harris reported the Exemplar Rituals will be held Saturday, April 23rd.

Members present were: Mamie Steck, Charolette Starbuck, Jocille Brady, Elizabeth Eager, Kathy Leverich, Connie Harris and Louise DuBose.

Members of Xi Nu Chi attended the spring rituals and tea Saturday afternoon, April 23rd at Parrish Hall of the Episcopal Church of the Heavenly Rest. Receiving the Exemplar Degree were Connie Ybarra of Xi Nu Chi, Pat Castille and Betty Allday of Lambda Beta.

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Lambda Beta News

Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi held their regular meeting Tuesday, April 19th in the home of Anne Booth. The meeting was called to order by President Betty Allday.

The program, "Sociology" was presented by Minyon Seymore, captain, and Milly Bright, co-captain. Committee reports were given and new and old business was discussed. The Ritual of Jewels will

be held Wednesday, April 27th in the home of Ginny Yaddow.

Members present were as follows: Betty Allday, Anne Booth, Milly Bright, Pat Castille, Annette Clark, Betty Coker, Ann Doan, Bobby Elliott, Judy Elliott, Gloria Henslee, Robbie Hicks, Mary Hill, Sarah Lucas, Terri Martin, Minyon Seymore and Ginny Yaddow.

Riding

Tortoises of the Galapagos Islands can live to be 190 years of age.

Club News

The Merkel Riding Club held its first play day of 1977 Sunday, April 24 at the arena.

The events were run open. Results are as follows:

BARRELS-1. Vicki Campbell, 2. Jarrett Pinkley, 3. Rodney Carroll and 4. Eddie Sparks.

FLAGS-1. Vicki Campbell, 2. Jarrett Pinkley and 3. Rodney Carroll and Eddie Sparks (tie).

POLES-1. Rodney Carroll, 2. Vicki Campbell, 3. Jarrett Pinkley and 4. Eddie Sparks.

Saturday, April 30 at 6 p.m. the club will have a fish fry at the arena for all its members and those who intend to join the club. Following the fish fry will be a play night which will include barrels, flags, poles, steer roping and calf roping.

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Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

- Ball boy: Golf
- Excited
- Continent
- Lodged
- Cubic meter
- Fabrics
- Trial
- Flat-topped hills
- Bitter vetch
- Detest
- Fish
- Presses
- Ate
- Showy dress
- Eaten away
- Musical instrument
- Hum
- Girl's name
- Speech defect
- Route: abbr.
- Sheeplike
- Tiff
- Musician
- Spatter
- Fictitious
- Reliable
- Prod
- Bite

DOWN

- Social group
- Later on
- Bandages
- Mud
- Frost
- Babylonian god
- Stage
- Little bit
- Inquiry
- Employ
- Even: poetic
- Dental title
- Puts
- Numerous
- Bugle
- Beneath
- Born
- Total
- Thought out
- Fall
- Watch chain
- Anger
- Gaelic
- Force
- Cotton thread
- Try
- Kind of alcohol
- Glass vessel
- Slight
- Play on words
- Suffix: made of
- Exist
- Theater sign
- Thulium: chem.

Answer to Puzzle

ACROSS

1. BALLBOY
7. EXCITED
13. CONTINENT
14. LODGED
15. CUBIC METER
16. FABRICS
17. TRIAL
18. FLAT-TOPPED HILLS
19. BITTER VETCH
20. DETEST
21. FISH
25. PRESSES
27. ATE
28. SHOWY DRESS
30. EATEN AWAY
31. MUSICAL INSTRUMENT
32. HUM
33. GIRL'S NAME
34. SPEECH DEFECT
35. ROUTE: ABBR.
38. SHEEPLIKE
40. TIFF
41. MUSICIAN
44. SPATTER
45. FICTITIOUS
46. RELIABLE
47. PROD
48. BITE

DOWN

1. SOCIAL GROUP
2. LATER ON
3. BANDAGES
4. MUD
5. FROST
6. BABYLONIAN GOD
7. STAGE
8. LITTLE BIT
9. INQUIRY
10. EMPLOY
11. EVEN: POETIC
12. DENTAL TITLE
16. PUTS
18. NUMEROUS
20. BUGLE
22. BENEATH
23. BORN
24. TOTAL
26. THOUGHT OUT
27. FALL
28. WATCH CHAIN
29. ANGER
30. GAELIC
32. FORCE
34. COTTON THREAD
36. TRY
37. KIND OF ALCOHOL
39. GLASS VESSEL
40. SLIGHT
41. PLAY ON WORDS
42. SUFFIX: MADE OF
43. EXIST
44. THEATER SIGN
46. THULIUM: CHEM.

TAYLOR COUNTY TREASURER'S QUARTERLY REPORT

TO THE HONORABLE COMMISSIONER'S COURT OF TAYLOR COUNTY, TEXAS. THIS IS THE QUARTERLY REPORT OF MONIES RECEIVED AND DISBURSED FOR THE QUARTER ENDING MARCH 31, 1977.

FUNDS	BALANCE LAST QTR.	RECEIVED THIS QTR.	PAID OUT THIS QTR.	BALANCE THIS QTR.
Precinct 1.	\$ 113,876.77	54,025.41	26,816.13	\$ 141,066.05
Precinct 2.	106,379.46	54,553.88	21,715.90	139,217.44
Precinct 3.	92,492.74	54,254.67	22,824.82	123,917.59
Precinct 4.	104,359.14	54,159.55	27,693.98	130,824.71
General	1,000,686.67	367,619.30	586,670.30	779,635.67
Lateral Road.	35,897.22	484.54	00	36,381.76
Coliseum Skg. Ser'67.	65,568.27	10,294.68	34,462.50	41,400.45
F.L.C.A. Tax.	2,551.34	36,855.66	36,856.87	2,150.13
Law Library	1,031.38	2,910.00	3,400.58	540.80
Federal Revenue				
Sharing.	61,547.46	80,344.19	37,799.55	104,092.10
State Criminal Justice Plan.	11,040.16	7,460.00	6,994.38	11,505.78
Permanent School	6,794.77	201.83	201.83	6,794.77
Courthouse & Jail Skg. Ser'67.	250,702.41	35,490.10	215,510.85	70,681.66
Payroll Account	1,050.00	321,870.82	321,870.82	1,050.00
	\$ 1,553,577.79	1,060,524.63	1,344,823.51	\$ 1,589,278.91

Citizens National Bank	\$ 3,860.57
Farmers & Merchants National Bank, Merkel.	139,217.44
First State Bank in Tuscola	254,742.30
Abilene National Bank	400,000.00
First National Bank	445,878.29
First State Bank, Abilene	345,580.31
Bank Balance	1,589,278.91
Time Deposits	1,417,700.00
Total checking	\$ 171,578.91

Securities Owned by Taylor County Permanent School Fund

Buffalo Gap School Bonds.	\$ 3,600.00
Zverman Independent School Bonds.	6,000.00
State of Texas Veteran Land Bonds. (face value \$2000.00)	1,636.30
	\$13,236.30

ISSUE	ORIGINAL ISSUE	BONDS REDEEMED	BONDS OUTSTANDING
Courthouse & Jail Skg. Ser'67.	\$ 3,000,000.00	1,070,000.00	1,930,000.00
Coliseum Skg. Ser'67.	\$ 1,750,000.00	.00	1,750,000.00

The Requirement of Art. # 401 P.c. have been complied with and a statement has been filed as required.

absent Commissioner Precinct 1.
Joe M. Duff Commissioner Precinct 2.
John W. Miller Commissioner Precinct 3.
J. J. McMillan Commissioner Precinct 4.

John W. Miller Taylor County Judge
John W. Miller Taylor County Clerk

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White with burgundy top, white interior. 4-speed and air.

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76 IMPALA
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Gold with buckskin top and buckskin interior automatic, power and air.

76 MONTE CARLO
White with blue landau top and blue interior.

76 FORD 6 PASSENGER
Station wagon, V8, automatic, power and air, extra clean.

76 CAMARO
Gold.

76 IMPALA
Sedan-green.

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76 CHEVROLET CUSTM
V8, automatic, 40,000 miles

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1/2 ton, long wide, 350, blue with new camper top.

72 FORD CUSTOM DELUXE
Long wide V8, automatic, tyrene green

76 FORD F100 SUPERDUTY
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Trent High School Names Valedictorian & Salutatorian



**Valedictorian
Terisa Sue Hamner**

Miss Terisa Sue Hamner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Wayne Hamner of Trent, has been chosen Valedictorian of the 1977 Graduating Class. Miss Hamner has a 91.96 grade average.

Some of her accomplishments during her high school years are as follows: cheerleader 14, head 4, basketball 1-4, honorable mention all district 4, track 1-4, 100 yard dash District Champ 4, tennis 1-4, band 1-4, band president 3 and 4, band sweetheart 3, John Phillip Sousa Award 4, F. F. A.



**Salutatorian
Brenda Fay Griffith**

Miss Brenda Fay Griffith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Griffith, has been chosen Salutatorian of the 1977 Graduating Class of Trent High School. Miss Griffith has a 91.76 grade average.

Some of her accomplishments during her high school years are as follows: basketball 1-4, captain 3, 4, track 1-4, Regional Qualifier-triple

jump 3,4, tennis 1-4, band 1-4, twirler 2-4, National Honor Society 2-4, F. H. A. 1-4, officer 1-3, F. F. A. 3,4, Who's Who 3, 4, U. I. L. 1-4, U. I. L. typing 3, 4, one act play 2, 3, U. I. L. number sense 1, 3, slide rule 1, 2, football sweetheart 3, most athletic 3, Fighting Gorilla Award 3, Commerce Award 3, Annual Staff 3 and 4, editor 4.

Public Notice

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Doyle Eugene Boiles, 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 Sharon Frances Boiles, Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 8th day of April, 1977, against Doyle Eugene Boiles, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 13,065-DR on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Matter of The Marriage of Sharon Frances Boiles and Doyle Eugene Boiles," the nature of which suit is a request of Petitioner for Divorce from Respondent.

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree dissolving the marriage and

providing for the division of property which will be binding on you.

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree in the children 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 children 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 Court at Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, this 18th day of April, 1977.

(Seal) Irene Crawford Clerk, Domestic Relations Court, Taylor County, Texas.

By Sandra Harris, Deputy, 10-11c

Public Notice

City of Merkel, Texas
Office of the Mayor
PROCLAMATION

I Lou David Allen by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Merkel, Texas, do hereby Proclaim April 22 through May 15, 1977 as "OPERATION LONE STAR," in the City of Merkel, and urge each and every citizen of our city to recognize and become aware of the services provided by the National

Guard in our community, and the responsibility they have in the Nation's Defense.

In testimony whereof, witness my hand and the Seal of the City of Merkel this 22nd day of April, A. D., 1977.

Lou David Allen

Lou David Allen Mayor, City of Merkel, Texas

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Public School Finance to come before House of Representatives

The issue of public school finance is expected to come before the House Representatives early this week.

House Bill 750, which was reported out of the House Public Education Committee, represents a reversal of the trend two years ago for local school districts to pick up a greater share of the public school funding tab.

According to the projections for Merkel ISD, Merkel will spend \$745,400 for public education. Of that amount, the State will pay \$629,600, with the local school district paying \$116,700.

Merkel's local fund assignment is estimated at \$53,600 less under the proposed House Bill 750.

According to the data released for Trent ISD, its total program cost will be \$145,400, with the State

paying \$76,300. Trent's local fund assignment will be \$41,900 less than the previous amount.

The total estimated cost for Wylie ISD is \$506,400, with the local district responsible for \$59,500 and the State paying \$446,900. The local fund assignment is estimated at \$11,200 less than the present local fund assignment.

Jim Ned ISD has a projected program cost of \$473,000 with the local share set at \$129,700 and the State's share set at \$343,300. Jim Ned's local fund assignment will be \$100,100 less than the amount assigned under the present House Bill 1126.

Total program cost for Butterfield CSD is estimated at \$109,400. The State will pay \$87,000 and the local school district will be responsible for the

remaining \$22,400. Butterfield's local fund assignment \$2,900 less than the current total.

According to the projections for Buffalo Gap CSD, Buffalo Gap will spend a total of \$65,100 for public education. Of that total, the State will pay \$54,900, with the local district paying \$10,200. Buffalo Gap's local fund assignment is estimated at \$2,000 less under the proposed finance measure.

The total projected cost for Hamby CSD is \$70,100, with the local school district responsible for \$13,400 and the State responsible for the remaining \$44,900. Hamby's local fund assignment is an estimated \$2,700 more under House Bill 750.

Under the proposed

public school finance measure, the State's share of the Minimum Foundation Program is increased and property tax reductions are mandated at the local level.

Provisions for House Bill 750 will freeze local property taxes at their present level for the fiscal year 1978 and provide a \$73 million statewide reduction in property taxes for the fiscal year 1979.

It is expected that several amendments will be proposed to House Bill 750 which could alter this present proposal, once it reaches the House floor.

BUDGET APPROVED
The House Appropriations Committee Thursday approved and sent to the House floor its version of the general appropriations bill calling for expenditures of some \$15.7 billion for the fiscal years 1978-79.

This measure does not include proposals for school finance and teacher pay raises which total \$957 million for the biennium.

The most significant dollar amounts in the proposed state budget include appropriations for the state highway system, the state's health and welfare and rehabilitation agencies, and public and higher education.

This is the month that has been cited by the Governor as Senior Citizen Month.

As you drive through our town be sure and notice the beautiful yards and gardens. Many are worked

by senior citizens. We found women more than 80 years old, very busy planting their gardens, while the signs were right. Men more than 80 years old, take time for a Coke or cup of coffee but have to go back to their gardens. One man was asked what he did with all the fruits and vegetables he raised. The answer was, use all we can in the summer, store enough for winter, and give them to friends.

There will be a singing at the Senior Citizen Club Monday night. The monthly singing attendance is growing. All are invited to attend.

There will be a garage sale Saturday. Set up your table and enjoy the fellowship.

Triumphs of Science

NEWS OF SCIENCE THAT AFFECTS OUR LIVES

More Americans are discovering that garbage can be too precious to throw away. Ingenious scientists are doing something about it by finding ways to make waste productive.

A first-of-its-kind reclamation facility, being built in Southwestern Pennsylvania, will take waste such as dust and scale from specialty steel-making mills and convert them into useful metals.

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District Track Meet Results

The Merkel High School Track Team participated recently in the District Track Meet at Ballinger. The results were as follows:

LONG JUMP-First-Brad Pursley, 20' 8 1/4".

HIGH JUMP-Third-Donny Riggan, 5' 10".

POLE VAULT-Second-Brad Pursley, 12' 6".

440 RELAY-Fourth, consisting of Richard Shultz, Brad Pursley, Bob McClain, and Rick Howes, 46.7.

440 DASH-Fourth-Rick Howes, 54.4.

330 INTERMEDIATE HURDLERS-Fifth Brad Pursley, 42.2.

MILE RELAY-Sixth, consisting of Rick Howes, Brad Pursley, Richard Shultz, and Kelly Wolf, 3:43.6.

Brad Pursley will be in Lubbock Friday and Saturday for the Regional Meet. He will participate in long jump and pole vault.

The Merkel Middle School Track Team competed at the Freshman Level, 6-AA District Track Meet last Friday at Ballinger. The results are as follows:

SPRINT RELAY-Allen Albright, Bart Pursley, David Greer, and Donnie Tutt-Fourth.

100 YARD DASH-Donnie Tutt-2nd and David Greer 6th.

220 YARD DASH-Donnie Tutt placed 2nd-set a new middle school record with a time of 24.7.

1320 RELAY-Allen All-

bright, Walter Elmore, David Greer, and Bart Pursley-Fifth.

POLE VAULT-Owen Franklin-Sixth.

Bright Family Reunion

The family of the late Oliver and Mary Bright held their annual family reunion at McKinzie Park in Lubbock, April 24th. All seven children attended with their families. The descendants are Laura Kegans of Trent, Helen Lester of Amarillo, Lora Holbrooks of Loop, Henry Bright of Monahans, Beulah Carter of Amarillo, Wilson Bright of Snyder, James Bright of Seminole, and children of the late C. R. Shannon. Families came from as near as Lubbock and as far as St. Louis, Missouri to attend the reunion. There were great and great-great grandchildren in attendance. There were four generations present. There were 80 who attended the get together.

Butterfield Consolidated School District to receive check

Congressman Omar Burleson has announced the tentative entitlement of \$4,058 to the Butterfield Consolidated School District for fiscal year 1977 under public law number 874, which provides financial assistance for schools and federally affected areas.

An immediate payment of \$2,840.68 has been certified and a check should reach the school district within the next week or so.

Outpatient visits at Veterans Administration medical facilities will total 15.6 million this year.

Waymon Rutledge New Dean of Students

Of special interest to many of our readers is the appointment of Rev. W. P. (Tex) Rutledge of Salem as the new Dean of Students for Northwest College in Kirkland, Washington. The tenure of service begins August 1, 1977. Tex has pastored Reedsport, Sweet Home and Salem Calvary and for the past several years has been a consultant and

counselor for Oregon's Corrections Division. He received his B. A. from Willamette University in 1967, his M. S. from Oregon College of Education in 1970 and has had special courses toward a doctorate degree in philosophy.

Waymon P. Rutledge attended the Merkel grade schools and Merkel High School.

Funeral Held for Herbert Hohertz

Herbert Albert Hohertz, 51, of Dallas and formerly of Abilene, died Friday, April 22nd. Services were at 10 a.m. Monday, April 25th in Grace Lutheran Church in Dallas, directed by Lorland Funeral Home in Dallas.

Born February 14, 1926, in Abilene, he worked for the Abilene Reporter-News for a number of years. He moved to Dallas in 1955 and worked for the

Dallas Times Herald. Survivors include his wife, Beatrice Hohertz of Dallas, three daughters, Janet Bronstead, Debbie Baumgardner and Resa Hedge, all of Dallas; three grandchildren; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Hohertz of Route 4, Abilene; two sisters, Margaret Helbert of 1842 Edgemont, Mrs. B. Glenewinkel of Levelland; and a brother, Harold Hohertz of Route 4, Abilene.

Larry Dudley named to Outstanding Young Men of America

The Board of Advisors for the Outstanding Young Men of America Awards Program announced recently that the men named below have been selected for inclusion in the 1977 edition of *Outstanding Young Men of America*.

The Outstanding Young Men of America Program is co-sponsored by the United States Jaycees and numerous other leading men's civic and service organizations throughout the nation. Serving as chairman of its 12-man Advisory Board is Doug Blankenship, U. S. Jaycee past president.

In every community

there are young men working diligently to make their cities, as well as their country, better places in which to live. These men, having distinguished themselves in one or more fields of endeavor, are outstanding and deserve to be recognized for their achievements. The criteria for selection include a man's voluntary service to community, professional leadership, academic achievement, business advancement, cultural accomplishments and civic and political participation.

The men listed below, along with approximately 11,000 fellow Outstanding Young Men from the United States, will be featured in this prestigious annual awards publication.

Our Board of Advisors and Editors salute all chosen as Outstanding Young Men of America. We take great pride in bringing their accomplishments to the attention of the American public.

Larry Neil Dudley
2824 Buffalo Gap Road
Abilene, Texas 79605

Ladies Golf News

Everyone should be rested and ready for a busy summer of golf. The weather is getting very agreeable and it's time for all to get out.

The meeting and dinner in March was a success. Faye Robertson was voted in to be our vice-president. Glenda Watts is now the president.

There were lots of events put on the calendar for the summer.

May 3rd-Ladies Day.

Everyone should bring a new partner, someone interested in joining our association, or anyone who doesn't have a chance to play very often, or has never played. If you want to play and no one invites you, please come on out Tuesday at 5:00.

May 10-First Couples Day Play and dinner.

June 25-Ladies Partnership Tournament.

July 15-16-Guys and Dolls Tournament.

Tejanitos Win Opener

The Merkel Tejanitos baseball team won its opening game Sunday beating the Wichita Falls Aces 10-2. The Tejanitos were led by Jimmy Moreno who went three for five at the plate and three RBI's. Richard Hernandez had an outstanding performance on the mound by allowing only three hits and striking out 17 batters. Daniel Moreno had two doubles and two RBI's. The Tejanitos next game will be Sunday, May 1 at Haskell. The first home game is scheduled for May 15 against Knox City.

Merkel Art Assn. to hold business meeting

The Merkel Art Association will have their monthly meeting Monday, May 2nd, 7 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church. All members are urged to attend this meet-

ing. A special invitation is extended to the Tuesday Night Art Class to attend.

The agenda for the business session is as follows: committees will be appointed, workshop plans will be discussed, we will vote on a day to meet, and we hope to have the yearbook on display.

Please come to the meeting Monday, May 2nd, let your opinion be heard, and your vote be counted. Let's get off to a good start.

Tye to Receive Grant

Congressman Omar Burleson announces the approval of a \$15,000 EPA grant to the city of Tye. Funds will be used in step 2 of waste water treatment works construction. Step 2 deals with preparation of construction drawing and specifications for waste water collection and outfall facilities.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

FRIDAY 29th

Cheeseburgers
Pickles, tomatoes,
onion, lettuce

French fries with catsup
Bun

Brownies
Orange juice

MONDAY 2nd

Spaghetti with ground
beef and cheese

Buttered English peas
Green salad with choice
of dressing

Garlic batter bread
Peaches with whipped
topping

TUESDAY 3rd

Fried fish with tartar
sauce

Potatoes au gratin
Pickled beets

Corn meal twists
Lemon pudding

WEDNESDAY 4th

Beef tacos with taco
sauce

Lettuce and cheese
Pinto beans

Orange whip

THURSDAY 5th

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Combination salad with
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Crackers
Apricot cobbler

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- .. All art work and poetry must be original and your own
- .. All entries must be in by Friday, May 6th, 6:00 p.m.

.. All entries must be in the 1st, 2nd, 3rd or 4th grade

.. Each card must have name, address, phone number, parents or guardians name, and grade level on back.

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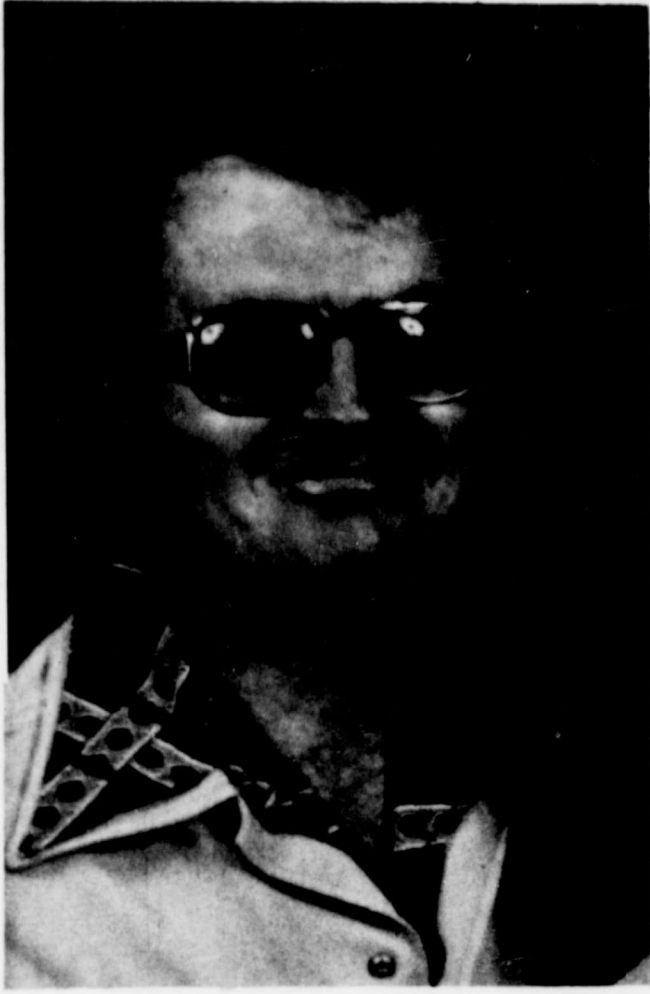
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Firemens Meet

The semi-annual Firemans and Fire Marshalls Association met April 16th at Throckmorton. Twenty-three from Merkel attended the convention and four ladies of Merkel attended the Ladies Luncheon. Jackie Cannon was elected as fourth vice president, and Billy Lucas was presented his Past President's Badge by Kenneth Wood of Snyder. Robert Harris was elected as secretary-treasurer for his third term in office. While attending the convention, the Merkel men won 2nd in the pumper race competition.



If you had to write out the weight of the sun in tons it would be 2,184,759 followed by 21 zeroes!

**Skunks are
Good and
Bad**

In rural areas where skunks find plenty of food and shelter away from man, they do little harm and in fact, are very beneficial to farmers and ranchers because of the harmful animals they consume. The diet of skunks consists of 50 per cent insects and grubs, 25 per cent mice and other small rodents, 10 per cent vegetable matter, and 15 per cent a mixture of spiders, millipedes, centipedes, reptiles, amphibians, birds and eggs.

However, when these animals den in areas close to man, their foul-smelling musk (a clear, golden yellow sulfide fluid known as n-butyl mercaptan) is a disturbing nuisance. Another problem stemming from populations of skunks is that they, along with foxes, are a major rabies reservoir and can infect domestic animals as well as people. Skunks that are out in the daytime or that are aggressive should be treated with caution for they could be rabid.

In many Texas cities and towns, skunks sometimes live under houses or outbuildings. The safest means of removing the animal is to trap it, and the common garbage can may be used as the trap. The garbage can is placed in an area frequented by the skunks. Then, the lid is removed, and bait such as pork tallow, old hamburger, or sardines is placed inside with a wide board propped on the can to form a ramp which will allow the skunk to walk up to the rim of the can. After he jumps down to eat the bait, he will not be able to get back out of the can so the lid can be replaced and the animal transported to a safe place or destroyed. Normally, skunks will not release their scent in a dark, enclosed space so there is less chance of scent contamination when the garbage can trap is used.

For further information on the habits and the control of skunks contact Urban Rodent Control Specialist, c-o County Extension Agent, Taylor County Courthouse, Abilene, Texas 79602.

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So You Think Times Are Bad Now?

There is a lot of loose talk about what a bad place America is- It could be worse-It was in the 30's-

The Depression of the 30's left a Heritage of mingled memories.

The old house with the side rooms, the barns, the sheds and the cow pens are long gone from the old home place. I found an old snuff bottle or two and some red rock from the top of the cistern about where I think our house sat. The hill over to the east was closer than I remembered. I hollered a couple of times and it echoed back just like it did when I was a country boy during the great depression of the early thirties.

They were hard years, but many of the memories are happy ones. Memories of things like snow ice-cream, the smell of show polish and lye soap on Sunday morning, town boys spending the night and sleeping on beds in the yard, smoking cedar bark, doing without nice things and not knowing the difference.

About all the real excitement we had in those days was when a cat fell in the cistern or a candle fly got in the lamp globe. We had 18 cats and Daddy milked four old half jersey cows to feed them. The hawks and skunks ate most of our chickens, and about all we lived on was okra, rotten ended water-



When he was president, Lyndon Johnson had special taps dispensing cold soft drinks installed in White House sinks.

mellons, cottontail rabbits and clabber.

Mama wore tennis shoes and underwear made out of flour sacks. Once she was crawling through a barbed wire fence and tore her panties right where it said "Light Crust Flour."

If there was any under arm deodorant on the market we didn't know about it, and we had no air conditioners. If we got galled, we would slap a hand full of starch where it would do the most good and forget it.

In 1933 we all took the itch. Every night we would apply a liberal amount of sulphur and grease to our bodies, slip on a suit of long handle underwear, and crawl in bed. Scratching kind of broke the monotony and gave us young folks something to giggle about. Daddy never did catch the itch. Mama said it was because he dipped snuff.

When we went to town we would cut off the motor and coast from the big hill to the forks of the road to save gas. Once we were in town an hour before we noticed the dead chicken on the running board of the car. We forgot to kick it off on the way.

The only way you could tell a rich man from a poor man, was that the rich man had two cars standing on blocks, instead of one.

The out door rest rooms we had were not very relaxing or comfortable, and not places for deep thinking or long range planning. Usually I was too busy trying to beat a wasp or centipede to death with a Sears, Roebuck Catalog, while fighting a cold draft or 120 degree heat.

On winter nights we

huddled around a red hot wood heater, roasting in the front and freezing in the rear. Daddy read Zane Grey books to us by a Coal Oil lamp.

I can remember like it was yesterday when Daddy was out of money for gifts on Christmas Eve. He went out in the yard, fired the shotgun, came back in the house and told us Santa Claus had committed suicide.

The chickens roosted in a circle around the top rim of our drinking water barrel and my job every night before going to bed was to go out and turn them all around to where they were facing in.

Yes I remember the

depression. I can't forget the bad things, like people not having new clothes very often, like some people not having enough food or enough medical care, or enough money to hold things together.

But, I remember good things too, like people coming over to visit on the porch at night, without wondering what they wanted. Like a stranger, stopping on the road to help you fix a flat. Like people just pulling together.

The great depression, as bad as it was, had a little good in it. I'm glad I was there then, and I'm glad I'm here now. I just hope I don't catch the itch again.

By JACK CRAFT

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**The Light Touch
By Pat Castille**

Optimism: writing "Personal" on a postcard.

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Those rainy days we save for usually come during vacations.

Home: where you can scratch any place that itches.

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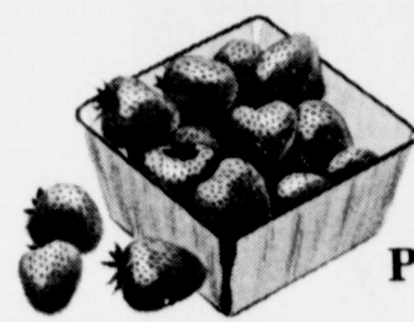
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