

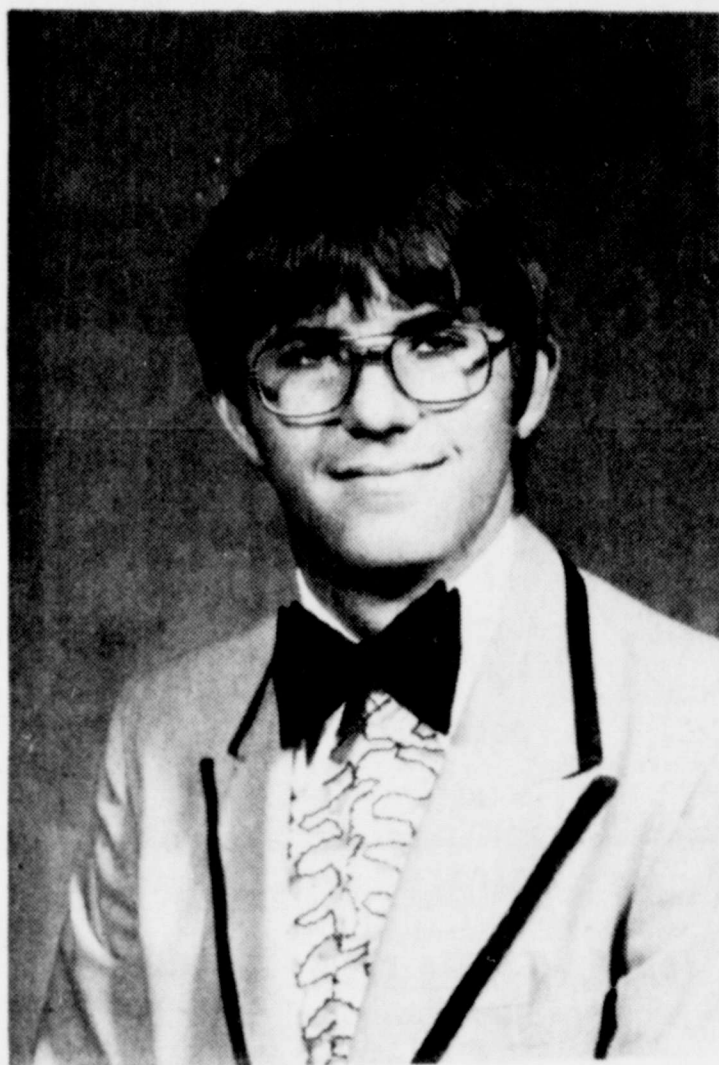
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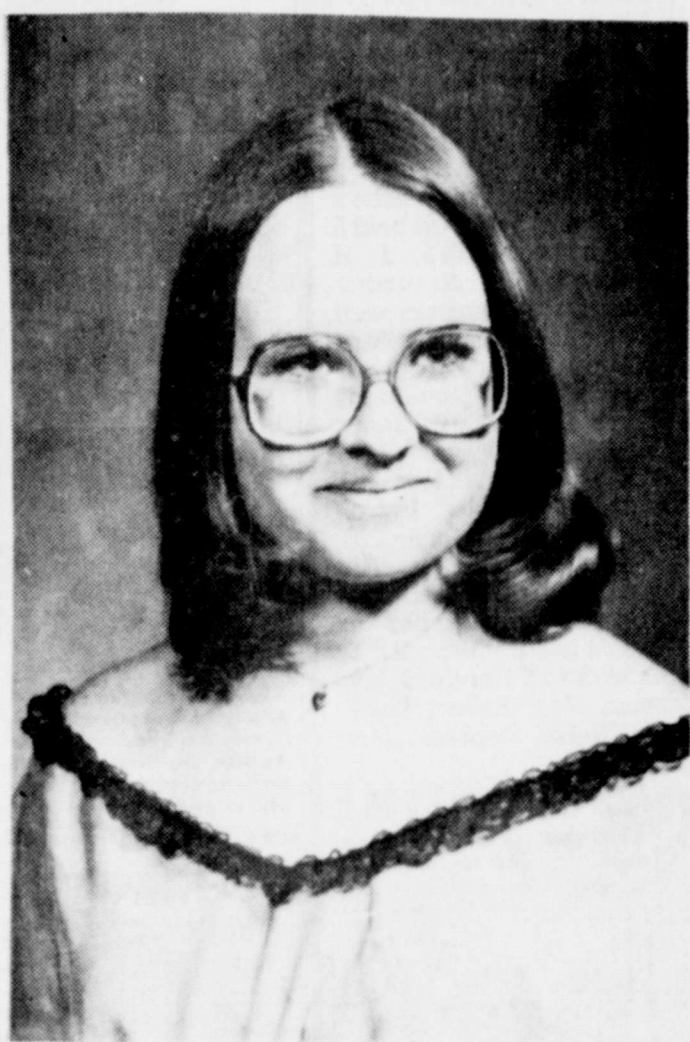
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David Booth
Valedictorian

The 1976-77 Valedictorian of Merkel High School is David Booth, son of Lt. Col. and Mrs. William K. Booth of Merkel. David has a grade average of 97.63 for his Junior and Senior years' school work. He has participated in science, math

and slide rule in UIL contests, is a member of the National Honor Society and was a Commended Student in the National Merit Scholarship Program. David plans to attend the University of Texas and major in Physics.



Suzanne Warner
Salutatorian

Suzanne Warner, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. N. Warner of Tye, is the 1976-77 Salutatorian of Merkel High School. Suzanne has a grade average of 96.90 for her Junior and Senior years'

school work. She has been active in Band, UIL competition, National Honor Society, V. I. C. A. Club and is planning to attend McMurry College on a Band Scholarship.



News and Thoughts
By Martha Sue Justice

The Merkel Library Fund is growing, but still in need. Those making donations recently are: Mrs. C. R. Tittle, Fred and Naomi Starbuck, Starbuck Company, Mr. and Mrs. John West, and James and Audie Wooten. In appreciation of the Merkel Volunteer Fire Department, the Wooten's presented their check to the fund. Mr. and Mrs. Wooten said that because of the Fire Department's help on March 15th they escaped serious damage to the grounds at Camp Butman from a brush fire.

There will be a work day at Dudley Cemetery Saturday, May 28th. Go to the top of Mountain Pass, turn east into Davis Ranch and turn right after crossing the creek. Dinner will be served at noon.

This TRUE (so they said), fishing story comes from F. S. (You will have to figure out the names because for some reason or another they didn't want their names printed.) Sometime recently F. S. and B. H. were fishing down on Falcon Lake. They decided to go across the lake to see if they could locate some crappie. When arriving on the other side they noticed a car that was almost completely under water, with only the top showing. The windows were all down and after checking to make sure the car hadn't recently gone into the water and no one was in the car, they noticed a big catfish inside. Well, F. S. and B. H. were so excited that they almost forgot they didn't have any catfish bait with them. They immediately crossed back to the other side of the lake, picked up several types of bait and then headed back toward the car. When they reached the car both F. S. and B. H. were astounded! Do you know what had happened while they were gone?—That big catfish had rolled up the windows on the car!

The Volley Ball Tournament held last week was a success even though we had a real ugly cloud come in from the northwest resulting in rain and small hail. Most of the women left to check on their children, but the men's teams played to the very end. The winning mens team consisted of: Danny Doan, Donny Doan, Gary Doan, Steve Shugart, Bill Whisenhunt, and Gaylon Doan. The tournament raised \$120.60 for Miss Softball America. The promoters for this tournament would like to thank the school for the use of the gym and to all the participants and spectators for making this a worthwhile event.

Conley's Barber Shop will be closed Tuesday, May 31st through Friday, June 3rd. Ronny will be barbering Saturday, June 4th.

Exercise Class has been organized for three days a week. They will be Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday, from 5 p.m. until 6 p.m. at the old Merkel gym. Anyone is welcome!

Miss Softball America would like to thank the following sponsors: First United Methodist Church of Merkel, Ray Pack, VFW Post 5683 and Ladies Auxiliary, Home State Bank in Trent, Trent Merchants, and Fred Crenshaw.

Mrs. Newton at 906 Yucca has a plum tree to be proud of. The plums on her tree are clustered on several limbs like grapes. On one small limb alone, I counted 30 plums.

Larry Smith signs with ACU

Two football players from the Abilene area, Larry Smith of Merkel and Mike Urbanczyk of Munday, have signed Lone Star Conference pre-enrollment applications with Abilene Christian University.

They are the 14th and 15th new high school players to sign with ACU football coach Dewitt Jones for the 1977 season.

Smith, 6-1, 193 pounds, was a three-year letterman for coach Jerry McLeod at Merkel. He was unanimous all-district at both offensive and defensive halfback and all-area on offense. He was the second leading scorer in the Abilene area last fall.

He was also a member of Merkel's district champion golf team.

Urbanczyk, 6-3, 190-pound wide receiver and defensive back, also lettered three years and earned second team Class A all-state honors at end from the Texas Sports Writers Association last fall. He was a three-time all-district selection and also all-area.

Urbanczyk also lettered in basketball and track, earned all-district in basketball, and finished first in district and fourth in regional in the 330yard intermediate hurdles. His top track marks were 40.0 and 15.0 in the hurdles and 20-1 in the long jump.

Tejanitos Whip Haskell

The Merkel Tejanitos, playing at home, Sunday, May 22nd, beat Haskell 22-2. The Tejanitos started the attack in the bottom of the first inning by scoring 8 runs with Jimmy Moreno hitting a lead off homer over right center field. The Tejanitos overall collected 20 hits off of the Haskell pitchers. Leading hitters for Merkel were "rookie" Ace Moreno, who collected five hits on 6 trips to the bat; followed

by Jimmy Moreno, who went four for 6; and Frank Rodriguez and Daniel Moreno who went three for six. One of Daniel Moreno's hits was a home run over center field. Winning pitcher for Merkel was Richard Hernandez who was relieved by Tony Biera in the seventh inning, who was credited with a save. The Tejanitos will travel to Big Spring Sunday, May 29.

CJC Summer Classes Begin May 31st

Summer classes will begin at Cisco Junior College and all of its Big Country extension centers on Tuesday, May 31, Registrar Olin O. Odom, III has reminded area students.

Monday, May 30 will be observed as Memorial Day, and no registration will be held on that date, Odom said.

Continuous registration is now in progress on the main campus at Cisco as well as the Clyde Educational Center and Community College Center of Abilene, and will continue through May 31. The first day of summer classes will also be on that date.

Odom urged all students who can possibly do so to pre-register ahead of time in those three locations.

Those who do not pre-register may enroll beginning at 9:00 a.m. on May 31 for day classes and from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. for evening classes.

Registrations at the Merkel and Coleman extensions will be held on Thursday, May 26. Students may sign up for day classes at Merkel from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and for evening classes at both Merkel and Coleman from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

The college's low state-supported rates for tuition and fees will of course be in effect in all locations, Odom said. More information may be obtained by contacting the Dean of Admissions; Cisco Junior College; Cisco, Texas 76437.

Tye Elementary presenting History Program May 31st

The Tye Elementary School will present a program on Tuesday, May 31, 1977, at 7:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. This program will be a portrayal of the history of Taylor

County and Tye School from 1885 up to the present time. The public is invited. We urge all senior citizens of Tye to attend this program, as it will be of special interest to you.

Putt-Putt Golf Tournament June 6 & 7th

On June 6 and 7 the Taylor unit of the American Cancer Society will sponsor a Putt-Putt Golf Tournament at the Putt-Putt Golf Course next to

Montgomery Wards in the Westgate Mall. Trophies and prizes will be awarded. Register now at the Putt-Putt Golf Course or call 962-7596 after 4:30.

Buddy Poppy Day

WHEREAS: The sale of BUDDY POPPIES by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States is Authorized by an act of Congress, and endorsed by the President; and

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I, Lou David Allen, Mayor of the City of Merkel, do hereby authorize and recognize this noble cause as one most worthy of the support of all our citizens, and do here and now proclaim May 29th as BUDDY POPPY DAY in this city and I call upon all to wear a BUDDY POPPY as evidence of our gratitude to the men of this nation who helped America when her need was greatest.

Done at the City Hall of Merkel this 23rd day of May A. D. 1977.

Attest: J. A. Sadler
City Clerk,
Signed

Lou David Allen

NOTICE
The POPPIES will be sold under the direction of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars.



"MAINSONG" presenting concert
May 29th

"Mainsong," a choir composed of single young adults from the South Main Street Baptist Church, Houston, Texas, will present a concert of sacred music at First Baptist Church, Merkel, on Sunday evening, May 29, at 6:30 o'clock, pastor Kenneth F. Jones has announced.

The choir is directed by Johnny Hardesty, a Merkel native, and son of Mrs. John P. Hardesty, 806 Trundy.

Pastor Jones said, "We have scheduled this concert of sacred song early in the evening in order that all our people can also attend the Baccalaureate Services at the local high school after the worship hour is concluded, and we hope that many of our people will avail themselves of the opportunity to hear "Mainsong." The program will be concluded by about 7:20 p.m.

"One of the unique

things about this singing group is that it is composed of single young adults as compared to Youth Choirs, which are usually comprised of high school students. Maturity of voice, coupled with spiritual commitment has been combined to bring forth a beautiful harmony in witness to the Saviour," Jones stated.

Members of the choir will be guests in the homes of members of First

Baptist Church on Sunday evening, then will be returning to Houston on Monday morning. They will have filled a concert date at Hyde Park Baptist Church, Austin, on Sunday morning before arriving in Merkel for the Sunday evening concert.

We both invite and urge everyone in our area to come and hear "Mainsong" this coming Sunday evening at 6:30," pastor Jones concluded.

Clark- Barber United in Marriage



Mrs. Barber
formerly Miss Clark

Janie Lynn Clark and Jerry DeWayne Barber were married Saturday, May 21st at the First United Methodist Church in Merkel with the Rev. Kenneth Jones, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Merkel, officiating.

Maid of honor was Jerrie Stephan of Abilene. Bridesmaids were Netta Stephan of Abilene and Dianne McCloy of Morse. Becky Barber of Phillips served as flower girl.

Best man was Monte Hunter of Lubbock and groomsmen were Bill Propp of Canyon and Rick Park of Stinnett. Ushers were Jim Johnson of Abilene and Billy Barber of Phillips, brother of the bridegroom.

Organist was Mrs. Ronny Doan of Merkel, pianist was Brenda Moss of Stinnett and soloist was Mike Holster.

The bride was given in marriage by her father.

The bride's parents were hosts for the reception held in the Fellowship Hall. Serving were Mrs. Tommy Law of Tye, Annilyn Pritchard of Paint Creek-Haskell and Carla Combs of Abilene.

The bridegroom's parents hosted the rehearsal dinner at the Merkel Country Club.

The couple will live at 1302 3rd Avenue, Canyon, when they return from their wedding trip to Six Flags Over Texas.

The bride, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Clark Jr., is a graduate of Merkel High School and attends West Texas State University.

A graduate of Phillips High School, the bridegroom son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Barber of Phillips, also attends WTSU. He is employed by Phillips Petroleum Company, in Amarillo.

A gift Tea was given in the home of Mrs. F. T.

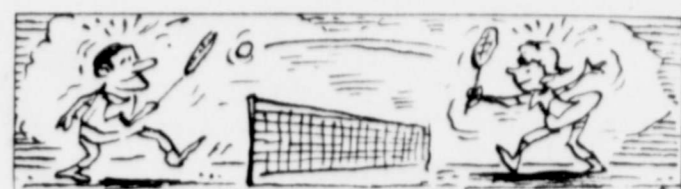
Hogan Jr. honoring Janie Clark, bride-elect of Jerry Barber on Saturday, April 30th. Assisting Mrs. Hogan were 30 hostesses. Special guests were Mrs. Roy Barber of Phillips, Mrs. Lee Harry of Amarillo, Mrs. J. H. Clark Jr., and Mrs. J. H. Clark Sr.

Janie Clark was guest of honor in the home of Mrs. E. A. Conley on Saturday, June 14 for a Rice Bag Party and Surprise Lingerie Shower. Others assisting Mrs. Conley were Betty Jane Tittle, Mrs. Ken Hogan and Lesa Gregory.

A bridesmaid Luncheon for Janie Clark was held in the home of Mrs. J. H. Clark Sr., Saturday, May 21st. Hostesses were Mrs. Joe McDuff, Mrs. Jimmy Hester, Mrs. Bernard Clark and Mrs. Clark, Mrs. M. B. Jones, Mrs. Woodrow Clark, Mrs. Bobby Clark, Mrs. Bill Latta, Mrs. Oleg Petroff and Mrs. Fred Jones.

Guests were Mrs. Roy Barber, Mrs. Billy Barber and Becky Barber of Phillips, Mrs. B. R. Crockett of Hereford, Arizona, Mrs. Robert Stephen, Netta Stephen, Jerri

Stephen of Abilene, Brenda Moss of Stinnett and Dianne McCloy of Morse, Mrs. J. H. Clark, Jr. and Janie Clark.



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Lane, of Taylor County at
the Courthouse thereof, in
Abilene, Texas, by filing a
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fore 10 o'clock A.M. on the
first Monday next after
the expiration of forty-two
days from the date of the
issuance of this citation,
same being the 9th day of
May, A. D. 1977, to
Plaintiff's Petition filed in
said court, on the 9th day
of May, A. D. 1977, in this
cause, numbered 35,450-1
on the docket of said cour-
and styled:
Spur Oil, Inc, Plaintiff vs.
H. L. Smith, et al,
Defendants
A brief statement of the
nature of this suit is as
follows, to wit:
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hereafter described prop-
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of a Receiver to give oil
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ATTEST: Irene Crawford,
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13-4tc

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John Barnes, 87, a retired blacksmith died at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Holiday Retirement Center in Sweetwater after a lengthy illness. Services were at 3 p.m. Monday, May 23rd at the Trent Church of Christ.

George Butterfield, minister, officiated and Garnett Wilks assisted. Burial was in the Trent Cemetery directed by Starbuck Funeral Home. Born May 29, 1889, in Silverpoint, Tennessee, he married Lula Mae Geer July 29, 1914 in Weatherford and moved to Trent in 1920. Later he moved to Oklahoma but returned to Trent in 1936.

He retired at 79. His wife died April 13, 1969.

Survivors include a son, John Jr. of Corpus Christi; six daughters, Mrs. B. C. Payne of Abilene, Mrs. Edna Bergstrom of Chicago, Illinois, Mrs. R. T. Bishop of Carlsbad, Mrs. Calvin Keith of Odessa, Mrs. B. W. Hamner of Trent and Mrs. Charles Bagley of Odessa; 16 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; a sister, Mrs. Ella Sosebee of Fort Worth; and a half brother, Alfred Barnes of Weatherford.

**Alma Christabell
McMurray Dies**

Mrs. J. O. (Alma Christabell) McMurray, 78, of 1733 Sanson, Abilene died at 10:40 a.m. Monday at Hendrick Medical Center following a brief illness. Services were at 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 25th at the South Side Baptist Church.

Dr. W. W. Wynne, pastor, officiated. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery in Merkel, directed by Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home. Born October 3, 1898, in Merkel, she married Jacob Oscar McMurray December 25, 1917, in Merkel. They moved to Abilene from Washington

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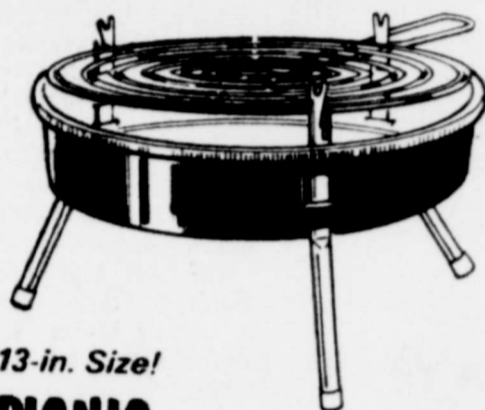
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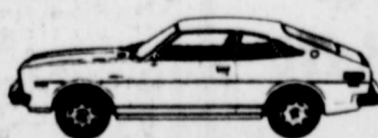
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The bride was given in marriage by her father.

Janet Helpert of Rosebud was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Rita Moore and Carrie Law of Tye. Shea Dorton of Rosebud was flower girl and Ricky Doan was ring

bearer. Brad Elliott, brother of the bride, and Charlotte Watts, sister of the bride groom were candle-lighters.

Groomsmen were Steve Teaff and David Copeland, both of Tye, and Michael Brooks of Colorado City. Scotty Elliott, brother of the bride, and Jay Feaster, cousin of the groom, seated guests.

The reception was hosted by Cindy Talon, Debbie Phillips and Pam King. Becky Watts, sister of the groom, registered guests.

The couple will reside at 4600 Coachlight in Abilene.

Play Day results

The Merkel Riding Club held a Play Day Saturday, May 14th. The results were as follows:

Barrels (12 and under) 1. Lisa Dokey, 2. Dayne Pursley, 3. Mike Dokey, 4. Karri Kenney, and 5. Candice Henslee.

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said Court at Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, this the 8th day of April, 1977. (Seal) Irene Crawford Clerk Domestic Relations Court, Taylor County, Texas. By Sandra Harris, Deputy. 14-1tc

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Angelo C. Moaremov, 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 Barbara Sue Buckingham Moaremov, Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 8th day of April, 1977, against Angelo C. Moaremov, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 13,064-DR on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Matter of The Marriage of Barbara Sue Buckingham Moaremov and Angelo C. Moaremov," 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.

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Hudman-Sloan United in Marriage

Tamela Nanette Hudman and Michael Dean Sloan were united in holy matrimony May 20th, 1977, at Merkel Church of Christ at 7:30 p.m. The reception was held in the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Paul Hudman.

Matron of honor was Mrs. Steven Best. Bridesmaids were Sheila Sloan (sister of the groom) and Mrs. Mike Hudman (sister-in-law to the bride). Best man was Steven Best and groomsmen were Tommy Sloan (brother of

the groom) and Mike Hudman (brother of the bride).

Candles were lighted by Tommy and Sheila Sloan. Mike and Tammy were united in marriage by the Rev. Robert Taylor. The rehearsal dinner was hosted by the groom's

parents Mr. and Mrs. Harold Dean Sloan at the Big Country Inn Restaurant.

The couple will return home after May 27th from a trip to New Mexico.

Fortnightly Study Club

The Fortnightly Study Club met May 10 for a covered dish dinner at Fellowship Hall of First United Methodist Church with the social committee, Mrs. W. R. Cypert, Mrs. Charles Eager, and Mrs. C. B. Knight, serving as hostesses. Tables were beautifully decorated with African violets grown by Mrs. Cypert.

Mrs. Andy Shouse presented piano selections, and following dinner she, Mrs. W. R. Cypert, and Mrs. Buster Horton sang several songs from the past, each associated with an era when the United States was at war. Mrs. Ray Wilson installed officers for the 1977-78 club year in a lovely candle-lighting ceremony. Those installed were: President, Mrs. Carl Hughes; Vice-President, Mrs. Andy Shouse; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Aaron Sudderth; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Johnny Cox; Treasurer, Miss Mildred Hamm; and Parliamentarian, Mrs. Comer Haynes.

Club members present in addition to those already named were Mrs. Don Dudley, Mrs. Ed Sandusky, Mrs. John Hardesty, Miss Mary Collins, Mrs. David Gamble, and Mrs. S. C. Dixon.

Xi Nu Chi Party Held

Xi Nu Chi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi held a potluck supper Wednesday, May 18 at the home of Kathy Leverich.

After a delicious supper, a short business meeting was called to order by Jocille Brady, president for the oncoming year.

Awards were presented to members for perfect attendance and program of the year.

Members were appointed to various committees with chairmans and co-chairmans for the following year.

Secret sisters were revealed and each member exchanged gifts. Also, secret sisters' names were drawn for next year.

The following members were present: Jocille Brady, Louise DuBose, Kathy Leverich, Connie Harris, Charlotte Starbuck, Elizabeth Eager, Opal Garner, Bobbye Mansfield, Val Patterson, Connie Ybarra, Betty All-day, Pat Castille, and Pat Neff.

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