# Merkel Station KBGG to be first Reverand Russell McAnally FM country station in this area

to renew our commitment

in Merkel will officially format will be country control room for the stabecome KBGG. Gaylon music with some emphasis tion. Further additions Christie, President of Big placed on traditional will be made during the Country Broadcasting country oldies and the summer. Company announced Mon-day (May 30) that "with has filed for and FM our name change we plan license with the FCC and when granted the Merkel to the citizens of Merkel station will be the only FM cludes: Alan W. Reynolds- er and bookkeeper. The United Methodist Church,

with the best in radio en-tertainment and public Stereo country station in program director, Bill owners are Ted C. Connell children, youth and adults the area. Construction has Barnett-announcer and and Gaylon Christie.

Chester is not only leav-

that have a deep respect

and love for him. He has

given many years to the students of Merkel High

many pleasant

Mike Steck, student

body president for Tarle-

ton State University, and

an ex student of Chester

said, "I would like to ex-

press my feeling about the

retiring of Chester Col-

linsworth from the Merkel

The present staff in- Calhoon-office manag-week members of the

Chester H. Collinsworth, Mr. Collinsworth is an

is retiring this year after asset to any educational

teaching vocational agri- facility and I feel he is

ing students with were interviewed had knowledge, but students nothing but praise for

School and will leave with most enjoyable class, and

Rev. Russell McAnally, On June 1st, 1977, KWFA service." The music already begun on a new sales representative, Scott Merkel First United Hensley-announcer, Ray Methodist Church (Rip) Willis-music di-minister was honored rector, Brad Pursley-part Wednesday, May 25, 1977 time announcer, Bob at 7:30 p.m. in the Fellow-Jones-part time an ship Hall at the United nouncer, Bill Miller-Chief Methodist Church. engineer and Dorothy At the beginning of the

started writing letters of thanks, appreciation and praises to Rev. McAnally and Mrs. McAnally. Each letter thanked or praised him for the many, many different ways that he had helped them in their lives. These letters were like a ball of fire, they just kept culture at the Merkel High someone that will always kel wanted to express be remembered by his their appreciation to the McAnallys. Also, members of the Lions Club, Senior Citizens, Youth Organization, Chamber of Commerce and Special

Outreach Program wanted Patterson also presented a to an end.

work and service while in Merkel. important part in honoring years of Rev. McAnally's

Rev. and Mrs. Russell ministry work with the McAnally. The program First United Methodist was built around them and Church were June Hogan, some of them were read Laverne Moore, Connie by representatives from Mack Seymore, Kenneth of the following: Rev. to work with such an

Lynward Harrison led the inspirational man. Words prayer. Glenn Bright was were related such as "not narrator and Ken Hogan only a minister, but a was the representative for doer--a friend, a good the children. A duet was neighbor, a leader, conpresented by Walter sernment for all people. Barnett and Cyrus Pee. Several other voiced their Janice South and Lori thanks.

to thank Rev. McAnally. solo. Duets and soloists These letters were deep were accompanied by feelings of appreciation to Mrs. Connie Mack Seya good man for his great more at the piano.

The chairmen who

headed for Albany

served on the Administra-These letters proved an tive Board during the six Hogan and Glenn Bright. The program consisted Each one felt it a privilege

DuBose represented the This could have gone on youth. Milly Bright pre- all night. The Fellowship sented a solo. Kenneth Hall was overflowing with Hogan was speaker and a huge crowd. However, adult representative. Val all good things must come

Mrs. John Shannon gave

the benediction. The McAnally's were presented a Money Tree. This was a love offering. Many people other than Methodist members pinned their love oriering on the tree for the McAnally's.

Ice cream and cake

were served to all. Rev. Russell McAnally was pastor at the First United Methodist Church in Merkel for six years. This is longer than any other pastor has served at the Methodist Church in Merkel.

We appreciated being able to have the McAnallys for six years. They will be missed very much in our church and also in Merkel

Thanks Rev. Russell and Elsie from all.

Rev. McAnally worked on a Special Social Security Supplement to help those in need. Healso was instrumental in getting the Senior Citizens Club started, and he served on the Board of Directors. Rev. McAnally was also on the Board of Directors of the Lions Club and served as president. He helped start programs. that have greatly benefitted the club. Rev. McAnally helped start the Merkel Youth Program.

Rev. McAnally made the following comments: "Six years ago we came to Merkel to serve not only the Methodist Church, but in the community where there was need. Some of it was hard work, but all of it very rewarding. We wanted to become a part of the Merkel community, and in return the Merkel community became a part of us. We liked the people and community enough to establish our home here and will return to live here after we retire. At least that is our plan.

'We would like to thank the whole community for every kindness and the

spirit of cooperation. 'We would also thank the people who promoted and attended the surprise going away party given for us at the Methodist Church last Wednesday evening. The good messages from the children, youth and adults will be read and re-read many times in the years to

# **Chester Collinsworth Retires**



Chester Collinsworth Marijuana on display at City Hall ture program which is unsurpassed. He was always

Police Chief, Paul Crouse, is still under investigation. it was learned that 1107 South 1st in Merkel was merous growing mari- locked safely away in the culture teacher myself. and we wish him well." juana plants. Charges are vault at night.

In a statement issued by still pending since the case

The marijuana plants the scene last Thursday that were confiscated are night of a raid by City and now on display at City Hall County officers. The of- during regular office ficers confiscated nu- hours. The plants are

Independent School District. I have known Mr. Collinsworth for 12 years and feel that he is a person of high morals, dedication and integrity. I believe that Chester has given un-

selfishly of his time and energies in building and carrying out an agriculture program which is unworked along side of the students and was always concerned with the students problems and de-

Chester said that he is certainly not going to settle for a rocking chair. He said he wasn't going to make any particular plans----"I'll decide what I'm going to do when I get up each morning.'

All of the students that

Chester .-- as a teacher and

a man. One student said

that vocational agriculture

has been his favorite and

that Chester would cer-

tainly be missed.

Travis Davis, Superintendent of Merkel Schools, said, "Mr. Chester Collinsworth, "Big C," will be cashing in things of life, June 30, 1977. Those finer things include life one day at a time, fishing, watching a a very fair man and few old cows graze or just sleeping as late as he pleases each day. Mr. Collinsworth has touched many lives in the Big sires. It was because of his Country these past years. inspiration that I went on He will certainly be to college, received a missed by the Merkel degree in agriculture and Schools, -- however, his rebecame a vocational agri-tirement is well deserved



Rev. Russell and Mrs. McAnally standing in front of their money tree, which was presented to them at a surprise party in their honor.

### his time clock for the finer Merkel Eastern Star to have open installation June 4th

have an open installation Mary Mount-Campbell, are cordially invited to Reed, Past Matron Merkel

Seago, Past Matron Mer- Merkel Chapter number kel Chapter number 212; 212.

By Martha Sue

Merkel Chapter number Oaks Chapter number Thelma Griffin, Worthy 212 of the Eastern Star will 1013; Installing Chaplain- Patron-Ted Pargament, of officers on June 4 at 8 Past Matron River Oaks p.m. This will be in the Chapter number 1013; In-Masonic Lodge Hall. All stalling Secretary-Ouida Chapter number 212; and Installing officers are to Installing Organist-Estelle be: Installing Officer-Mae Humphreys, Past Matron

Installing Marshall-Ethel Officers to be installed Pratt, Past Matron River are: Worthy Matron

Cypert, Associate Patron-W. R. Cypert, Conductress-Wanda Clyburn, Associate Conductress-Anna Belle Shouse, Secretary-Fern Windham, Treasurer-florence Berry, Chaplain-Louise Parham, Organist - Aileen Knight, Marshall-Jewel Dunagin, Adah-Peggy Rasco, Ruth-Hazel Pargament, Esther-Ruby Shipman, Martha-Mary Sue Doan, Electa-Martah Allison, Warder-Roy Mashburn, SentinelA.

B. Parham.

Associate Matron-Mildred

# **Big Spring Squeezes** by Merkel Teijanitos

The Merkel Tejanitos Spring only had five hits. played in Big Spring Sunday in 103 degree weather and lost to the Big Spring Cardinals, members of the West Texas-New Mexico League, by the score of 6-5. With Merkel leading 5-3 in the bottom of the ninth, the Cardinals scored three runs by taking advantage of two fielding errors, two bases on balls and one double. Costly fielding and mental errors allowed Big Spring to score five unearned runs during the game. Merkel collected thirteen hits while Big

Tony Biera pitched 6 innings allowing four hits, one earned run and two unearned runs and striking out 10 batters. Richard Hernandez relieved him in the seventh and was tagged with three unearned runs while allowing only one hit and striking out four. Leading hitters for Merkel were Jimmy Moreno and B. Moreno each going three for four Daniel Moreno went two for four.

The Merkel Tejanitos will play Eastland at home Sunday, June 5.

News and

**Thoughts** 

The Merkel 8th Grade Graduation will be June 2nd at 7:30 p.m. in the High School Auditorium. Seventy-six students will be graduating this year.

This CHUCKLE comes from Mrs. Leon Harris. Someone once said that in order to live off a garden,---you practically have to live in it.

The Monthly singing will be at the Senior Citizen building Monday night, June 6th. Everyone is invited.

Lillian Pack, the new advertising manager for The Merkel Mail went fishing a couple of weeks back. Did she have any luck?---Well,--not exactly as far as catching fish is concerned-however, she did catch a skate-baord----and would you believe--it is almost like new!

The Newman Cemetery Working and Decoration day will be June 4th. A picnic lunch will be served.

George English-is that lady's leg really broken? I hear you've been running all over Abilene trying to

locate the woman that is in a certain jewelers store advertisement which has been on TV lately. Be sure and let us know what you find out!

Flags have been placed on all the soldiers graves in the Trent Cemetery. If there should be one lost or not marked--Please contact Kyle Crocker, phone 862-3201 or anyone at Home State Bank in Trent.

Through the grapevine I have heard that there is a possibility that flea collars used for dogs and cats can have damaging effects on your pets. A veterinarian who has a practice somewhere around Sweetwater has advised that a flea collar should not remain on an animal for more than ONE month at a time-(replace on the animal after two or three weeks). The reason for this is----After doing autopsies on several animals that had continuously worn flea collars, he noted that all had liver damage. If I can find out any more information on this subject-I will print it immediately. Meanwhile,---if you happen to take a pet to a veterinarian for any particular reason---please ask if this is a known fact and let me know. I will also endeavor to locate this particular doctor to see if he will give us a statement.

Are you or have you ever had any t ouble with your garden having beautiful plants but very little fruit? The problem is that your soil is in great shape as far as nitrogen is concerned-but short on Phosphorous. It doesn't hurt a thing to add a little Bone Meal to the soil around your plants. Bone Meal is available here in Merkel in small quantities and will provide the phosphorous your garden is craving. If you have any trouble locating it-give me a call and I will point you in the right direction.

Justice

Brother Russell McAnally said he would like to make one more statement before he left Merkel, which reads as follows: "I read the story of the catfish rolling up the windows of the car to keep from being caught by the fishermen. (I really don't think the fish was in much danger.) Martha Sue comes up with some good Storeis! As they say-'Where there is smoke-there must be some fire.'-I am worried that Martha Sue will die one of these days because of smoke inhalation!" As you have probably already guessed Bro. Mac and I have been friends for several years. I will certainly miss working and joking with him and look forward to his return.



Mrs. Newton, who resides at 906 Yucca, proudly shows just one small branch on her plum tree which is

#### Last rites held for Gray Wooten Sr.

Sr., 87, of Abilene, died First Christian Church of Saturday morning after a Abilene, the order of the lengthy illness. Graveside Abilene Lodge number services were at 2 p.m. Monday, May 30th in the Cedar Hills Cemery under tional Education Associathe direction of Elliott- tion, the American As-Hamil Funeral Home in sociation of Retired Per-Abilene

pastor of the First Christian Church, officiated, assisted by the

Rev. Phil Miller. Born February 26, 1890, in Abilene, he was the son P. II of Camp Butman, a senior in Merkel High of J. P. and Loretta Gray Merkel, and Gray Wooten School. Steve is employed in MOC. He has been Wooten. He attended Jr. of Abilene; three public schools in Abilene grandchildren; and sev- DuBose Texaco. His job years and golf for 3 years. before serving two years eral nieces and nephews. in Army Air Corps as a mechanic. Returning from the service he was in business with his father in Wilson July 22, 1922 in Munday. The business was sold to Archenhold Company in 1928 and he Klemmer, Jack Fulwiler, remained with the commanager until his health and James F. Dominy forced his retirement in

Pharier Gray Wooten 1958. He was a member of 559, Cora Posey cahpter of the Eastern Star, the Nasons and he was a charter Dr. Chris D. Diebel, member of the Abilene Country Club.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Mrs. A. D. (Carolyn) Camp of Odessa; two sons, James

A sister, Lora W. Bailey, preceded him June 19

The family requests J. P. Wooten Automobile memorials be made in the Parts. He married Carrie form of contributions to the First christian Church or to a favorite charity

Pallbearers were Carl B. pany as a buyer and credit Pechacek, David Hiner,



# Steve Tarpley

Steve Tarpley, age 18, is around the station. includes all types of car

This is Steve's first year by Bobby DuBose at involved in football for 6

Steve plans to attend service work and odd jobs college in San Angelo next



Fores P. Kendall, Gilbert The word hour is derived from a Greek word meaning

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Garland was previously employed at Hick's Auto

Garland is enrolled at Supply as parts salesman. Garland is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Childers.

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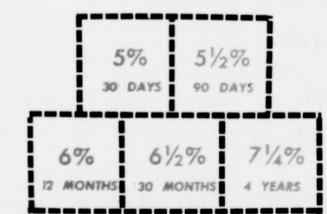
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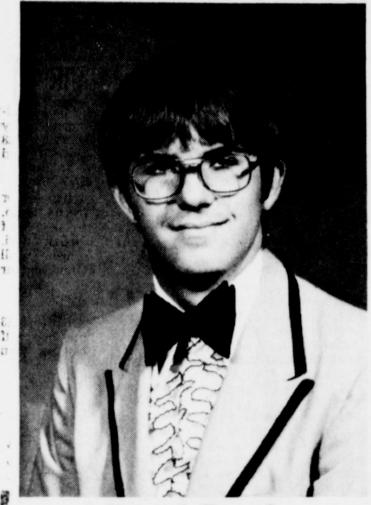
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David Booth Valedictorian

ceived awards in the fol-David Booth, Valelowing: physics, history dictorian, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Booth. David was a member of the Chess Club and Library Club. He has re-

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and English. In UIL contest David participated in number sense, slide rule, science and journalism. He placed 3rd in District sliderule, 1st in District science, and 4th in Regional science. He is also a member of the National Honor Society. David plans to attend the University of Texas at

Austin and major in Physics.

David was awarded a Physics at the University of Texas at Austin.



Suzanne Warner Salutatorian

Warner, Sr.

She was a member of the in shorthand, and to Reand spelling. In the Middle years. Clear Fork Soil and Water test she was Sweepstakes major in business. winner her freshman year,

Suzanne Warner, Salu- 1st place winner her sophtatorian, is the daughter of omore and junior years, Mr. and Mrs. D. N. and she placed 2nd her senior year. Suzanne has She was a member of received 2 bronze and 1 the band 4 years, receiv- gold merit awards, and ing the John Philip Sousa also a shorthand merit Award her senior year. award. She was a member of VICA and made the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. National Honor Society 2 District Band her senior James R. Howes. years and the Annual Staff year. She won a I rating on her senior year. In UIL flute quartets her fresh- schools for 6 years. contest she went to State man and senior years and a II rating on flute solos her freshman year. gional in ready writing her junior and senior

\$500 scholarship in Conservation Essay Con- McMurry College and Class Secretary, office



CRYSTIE GARDNER

CAROLYN ROSS PATTI SHOTWELL Patti Shotwell is the Carolyn Ross is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. daughter of Mr. and Mrs.

Fred Shotwell of Route 1, Bill Lambert. She has attended Merkel She participated in band schools 12 years and has 3 years, choir 1 year and lived in Merkel all her life. MOC 1 year. She attended She has been in HECE Merkel schools 12 years.

for two years. Patti plans to attend Carolyn plans to work in years. Stenograph Institute of the Police Department after graduation

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Harris. She ran track one year.

HECE and was in the senior years. Student Council one year. She also attended band 3 a job at Walls Industry.

SAADIA HARRIS

Saadia plans to attend TSTI in Sweetwater.

Saadia Harris is the Crystie Ann Gardner is the daughter of Jo Ann and Terry Gardner.

She participated in She was treasurer of HECE her junior and

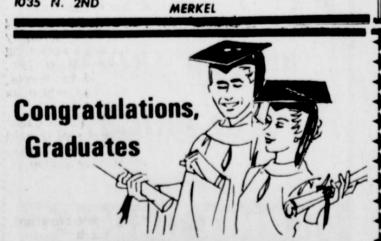
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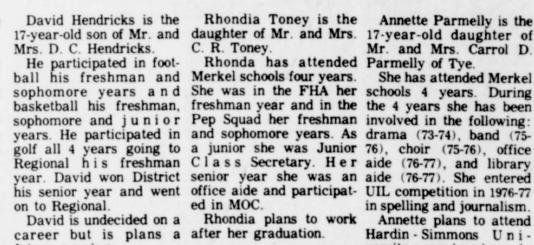
RHONDA HOWES DAVID HENDRICKS

Rhonda Howes is the She has attended Merkel

She participated in track

She was cheerleader her freshman and sophomore Suzanne plans to attend years. She was Sophomore aide for the business office her junior and senior years and participated in

MOC her senior year. She plans to work following graduation.



career but is plans a after her graduation. future marriage.



RHONDIA TONEY

C. R. Toney.

ball his freshman and Merkel schools four years. She has attended Merkel basketball his freshman, freshman year and in the the 4 years she has been golf all 4 years going to a junior she was Junior 76), choir (75-76), office his senior year and went office aide and participat- UIL competition in 1976-77 ed in MOC.



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ANNETTE PARMELLY

Rhondia Toney is the Annette Parmelly is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. 17-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carrol D. Rhonda has attended Parmelly of Tye.

in spelling and journalism. Annette plans to attend

Hardin - Simmons University, majoring in church music.



**DANA JAMES** 

Dana James is the son of Cindy Byrd is the Doug Roysden is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mr. and Mrs. Albert James of Merkel.

Dana participated in one in Merkel all her life. year of football and one

years playing the cornet senior year she made first Doug also enjoys playing student aide and she also and baritone. He has team All District. She has the guitar. participated in HECE two also participated in tennis, years and has been em- track and golf. ployed at Carson's Super He has been attending was a freshman cheer-Cisco Junior College since leader. As a member of September.

Dana plans to work full played drums and flute. time this summer. He also Cindy plans to go to song writer. plans to go to college part work following graduatime this fall.



CINDY BYRD

the band for 7 years Cindy

DOUG ROYSDEN

Jerry Byrd. She has lived Roysden.

He participated in the She played basketball as band as Drum Major and Roscoe her freshman and year of track. He also a guard for 4 years. She while ine HECE he worked played tennis two years. was on the varsity team at Stuckeys. He was her senior year at Merkel He was in the band 2 for two years and her elected Band Favorite. she was an office aide,

Bandsman Award from Tomorrow Award. the U. S. Marine Corps Cindy was on the Market in the program. Student Council 1 year and and he was elected to the summer wedding and Who's Who in American working. High Schools in music.

Doug plans to become a professional guitarist and

MARSHA VERNON



CATHYRN CROUSE

Cathy Crouse is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul L. Crouse.

Cathy attended school in sophomore years. During received the Betty He won the Outstanding Crocker Family Leader of

Cathy is planning a



Marsha Jean Clyburn Vernon is the daughter of Mrs. Curtis Clyburn.

She participated in track her freshman and sophomore years, in basketball her freshman year and was in the band 4 years. She served as band reporter her senior year.

Her activities include cheerleader, Football Sweetheart, Student Council member, choir, and Annual Staff member. She entered the UIL in prose and poetry and also in ready writing. She was Regional Winner 1 year in prose and poetry.

Marsha is married and lives in San Antonio. She plans to work after graduation.



KRISTI NEASE

Kristi Nease is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Nease



class Honor Roll.

She plans to go to Stenograph Institute of Texas in Abilene to study court reporting.



ROGER DOAN

Doan.

Roger D. Doan is the son

Roger was a member of

back. He played three

was a two year letterman.

Mr. MHS his junior year. 76-77

He attended VICA Club

in golf one year.

one year

years of basketball and ball, 74-75

in tennis and participated 75-77. Keith was 1st team

He was nominated for basketball co-captain,

KEITH WOLF

Keith plans on attending

Wolf of Merkel.

Teresa Cherie Aiken is Jerry Butman is the son Keith Wolf is the son of the daughter of Mr. and of Mr. and Mrs. Mack of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Mr. and Mrs. Calvin G. Mrs. Herman Aiken.

Keith participated in She was Junior Class Jerry was a member of the football team four junior varsity basketball, years and lettered three 73-75; varsity, 75-77; nominee her junior year, as sargeant of arms in years. He was also 2nd track, 73-74; junior var- band officer her senior MOC. He was a member of team All District as full- sity, varsity, 74-75; and year. She was a member MOC one year. junior varsity foot- of the band 4 years and Jerry has no definite was library aide her junior plans for the future. He received the Bronze and senior years. She was He participated in track Merit Award, 73-74; per- also Band Favorite. Her four years and was a three fect attendance, 74-75. He senior year she was a year letterman. He was was library aide in 75-77. member and officer of the also a two year letterman He entered UIL sliderule, HERO Club, member of

CHERIE AIKEN

All-district, 76-77 and was Senior Class Favorite. She plans to take a medical secretarial course at the Stenograph Institute of Texas beginning in

the Student Council and



JERRY BUTMAN

STEVEN TARPLEY

Steve Tarpley is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Tarpley

He participated 4 years He was sentinel in VA,

was in Va 4 years and in MOC 1 year.

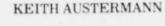
Steve plans to attend college in San Angelo.

Sherry Collins is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford T. Collins.

SHERRY COLLINS

She participated in the Favorite, Miss MHS FFA four years. He served in football and 2 years in HECE work program and years in football, three years, 2 of which were on was sergeant at arms.

working at the Wylie Shamrock through the two years in MOC and also Glen was Honorable Mensummer. She is also two years in VA. planning to go back to New Jersey.



GLEN BRAUNE

Keith Austermann is the son of Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Austermann.

years in track and two varsity. He was named Sherry plans to continue years in basketball. His activities included offense two years in a row.

forestry Keith was selected Council.

E. Braune. Keith participated four He played football 4

2nd team All District

Glen E. Braune is the

tion defense one year. Keith plans to work this He was a member of year and then to attend FFA 4 years and an officer college and major in for 3 years. He was also a

member of the Student

as Junior Class Favorite Glen plans to attend and 2nd team All District Tarleton State University offense his junior year. in the fall semester.

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BECKY RISTER

member of the National

Honor Society her senior

year and HERO class

Becky plans to attend

Tipperts Court Reporting

College in Plainview. She also hope to take some

Bible courses from Wayland Bible College next

chairman.

Curtis C. Rister.

JUDY DILTZ

Tommy Diltz. She played basketball She played basketball her freshman year and her freshman and sopho- ball 4 years and track 2 was manager her sopho- more years and was years. more and junior years. basketball manager her

Becky Rister is the Judy Diltz is the daugh-

She was class vice pres- senior year. ident her freshman year. She was Twirler her class president her sophofreshman year and was a Tarleton College next fall. more year, and class sec- band member her freshretary her junior and man and sophomore years. Judy entered UIL senior years. She was freshman cheerleader and Typing her junior year. her sophomore and junior Her senior year she was years she was varsity Senior Class Vicecheerleader. She was a President, Vice-President member of the Student of HERO and Homecom-Council 4 years. Becky ing Queen.

was Homecoming Judy plans to work at Dutchess her freshman Taylor Telephone Coyear. She was also a operative, Inc.

> DONALD LANG (Picture not available)

Donald Ray Lang is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack

year he participated in shop activites and was a member of VICA. His junior year he worked for o D. A. Bishop Plumbing and his senior year he has been working at Cal-Tex Feed Lot.

He plans to continue to work for Cal-Tex Feed

Fire Department.



DAVID PFIESTER

David Pfiester is the son daughter of Mr. and Mrs. ter of Mr. and Mrs. of Mrs. Norma Pfiester, David participated in

football 2 years, He was in MOC 2 years

and VA 1 year. David plans to attend next fall and study ele- welding.

Annemarie participated in varsity basketball and years varsity volleyball. She was volleyball.

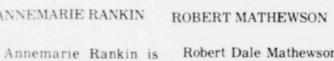
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ANNEMARIE RANKIN

the daughter of Mr. and

Mrs. Robert Rankin.

mentary education.



is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mathewson.

He played football 2

This was his first year in 1st team All-District in VICA Club. He said he had the privilege of working She moved to Merkel at under the supervision of and B Honor Roll her the begiining of her senior Bill Black and the rest of junior and senior years. year. She has been Shop his employers at Western She participated in HECE

kel. She was also Out- include leaving for the Attendance Award her standing Volleyball Navy in July and to junior year. become a utilities man Annemarie plans to at- which is a combination of job at Wall's and a future tend Angelo University pipe fitting, plumbing and marriage.



Robert Dale Mathewson Suzette Santee is the 17year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Daniell Santee of Merkel.

Her freshman year she participated in B team basketball.

She has been on the A and HERo her senior year Christmas and Miss Mer- Plans for the future and she received a Perfect

Suzette's plans include a

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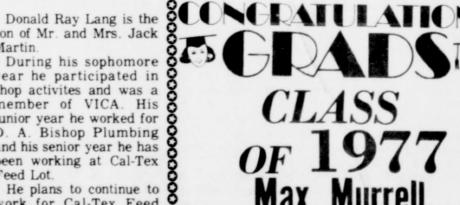
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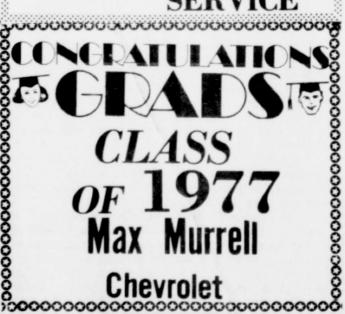
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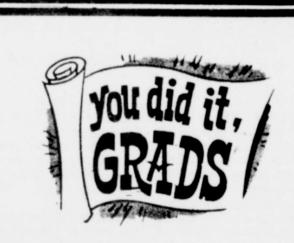
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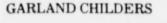
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TERESA GRIFFITH Teresa Griffith is the

the son of Mr. and Mrs. daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bud Griffith. He played football on the She played basketball 3 junior varsity team for years. She also ran track

two years and ran track and played volleyball. for three years on the She was in FHA one year and in Student His activities include Council 1 year. She also VA 1 his freshman year was a member of the and MOC his senior year. HECE Club.

Garland plans to find a Teresa plans to go to good job in building, and Braniff Airline School in



DEBORAH WHITE

Deborah Jo White is the daughter of Mrs. Peggy Mr. and Mrs. Juan C.

She participated in basketball her freshman and sophomore years and in track her freshman, sophomore and senior

She was Junior Class Secretary and Secretary of the Student Council her senior year. She was an office aide her junior and He was also named "Mr. senior years, twirler her MHS" and "Best All junior year, HECE and Around Boy" for the '76'77 HERO member her senior school year. year, member of the Student Council her sophomore, junior and senior the FFA programs for years, FHA member her four years where he held freshman year. She was a member of the band her junior years. Deborah was year he was appointed Homecoming Queen nominee her senior year. medal in poetry in the of the Junior Class and National Honor Society's this year he is president of literay magazine her the Senior Class. He is also sophomore year. She also a member of the National won the Bronze Merit Honor Society and was Award her sophomore and elected as president of this

Deborah plans to work John plans to all summer and attend matriculate at the Univer-West Texas State Univer- sity of Texas at El Paso sity in Canyon this fall, this coming fall. He plans majoring in business and to major in Physical Eduminoring in accounting cation, and he hopes to and bookkeeping.

junior years.



RETHA PARKER

JOHN BIERA

John played football at

Merkel High for the last

three years. He lettered on

the varsity team his last

two years. This year John

was named to the first

He was named as the

"M o s t Conscientous"

player for the '76-'77 year.

the positions of sentinal

and president and this

secretary.

become a coach.

a defensive back.

John Biera is the son of Retha Mattingley Parker is the daughter of Mrs. Jean Mattingly.

editor of the Annual Staff. She was in the band 2 hero, All District offense years and also in the and defense and All Area National Honor Society. team All-District squad as Retha received medals in speech, math and home economics. She competed also qualified for in Uil events. She was also Regional. a member of the VICA Club. She received a silver merit award her sophomore year and a gold merit award her junior (building trades). He was

> Retha plans to begin work full time at Taylor Electric Cooperative as an graduation.

LARRY SMITH

Larry Smith is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Smith.

Larry is a 3 year letterman on the football team She served as assistant and was alsothe captain of the team. He was football offense. He was also a member of the golf team that won District. Larry

> He served as president of Vocational Agriculture Agriculture for 4 years.

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and president of Shop a member of Vocational

Larry plans to attend



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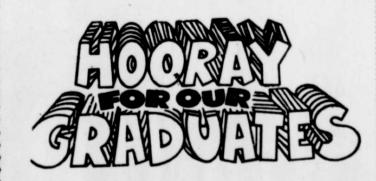
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DOUG GOODE



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GAYLE TEAFF



DOYLE RUSSELL

Doyle W. Russell is the son

of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry W.

He ran track four years

He was selected as the

MOC President this year

and participated in band

Doyle plans to attend

sity this fall and major in

and lettered his senior

Russell

three years.

History



BEN CASTILLE

Ben participated in

Council one year and is the

parliamentarian of the

(MOC) Multiple Occupa-

tional Cooperative class.

He also took two years of

Ben plans to live and

work in Abilene.

He served on the Student

basketball

Ben Castille is the son of



KATHY DEASON

Kathy Deason is the Mr. and Mrs. Rosey daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Deason.

She participated four years in Home Economics and HECE and 1 year in athletics.

Kathy plans to attend Cisco Junior College and Abilene Christian University and major in Home Economics.

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Doug Goode is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne H. Mr. and Mrs. John Cain of year-old daughter of Mr.

varsity golf at LaPorte four years and has en- varsity basketball, 2nd High School his sophomore joyed every minute of it. year. He participated in junior varsity track at LaPorte High School his junior year.

During his junior year at LaPorte High he was a member of Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA). He worked at the Bayshore National Bank for 3 1/2 months before moving to Abilene.

Doug is married and has 1 son. He has been around the world twice but has delete

1 son. He has been around was treasurer of the VICA the world twice but en. Club his senior year. John joyed living in the Houston was also a member of the area best. Doug said he is Shop Club one year and glad to finally be out of MOC his junior year.

Doug plans to enter Civil Service in accounting and Christmas and then attend finance. He plans to buy a college and major in Busihouse the middle of June. ness or Communications

John Cain is the son of 814 Avondale. John says and Mrs. Johnny Teaff. Doug participated in he has lived in Merkel for

> John played football his freshman and sophomore delete above

> John played football his freshman, sophomore years; played basketball his freshman, sophomore and junior years; and played tennis his freshman, sophomore and his freshman year.

He was a member of the Student Council one year, Doug is married and has Drama Club two years and

John plans to work until

Gayle Teaff is the 18-

She played 2 years team All-district and All Tournament at the Merkel Tournament. She participated 2 years in junior varsity basketball, 3 years years, played basketball in tennis and 2 years in track.

> The Senior Class Reporter has been Annual Queen and Miss M. H. S. She participated in band 4 years, twirler and was Band Vice-President.

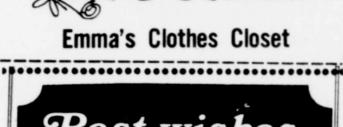
She has received the Gene Stuckey Award, Outjunior years. He ran track standing Girls Basketball Player of 1977, National Honor Society Secretary, Student Council, Annual Staff and was on the Honor Roll 4 years.

Gayle plans to attend McMurry this fall.



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TOMMY SLOAN

Tommy Sloan is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold

He participated in basketball.

He was a member of three years. He is also a years. member of VICA and is Harold Sloan. He was also a member of the Student Council. Tommy was Senior Class Favorite and senior nominee for Mr.

Tommy plans to move and work in Abilene. He plans to seek further education later



**BOBBY SALADANA** 

Bobby Saldana is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Saldana.

He participated in golf and football.

Bobby was an officer in FFA for four years and VICA his junior year and following: b a s k e theld office of treasurer for he has been in MOC 2 ball, freshman year; foot-

club treasurer. He works college, but he is unde- letter man; golf, 4 on a farm for his father, cided where he will attend. years-4 year letterman.

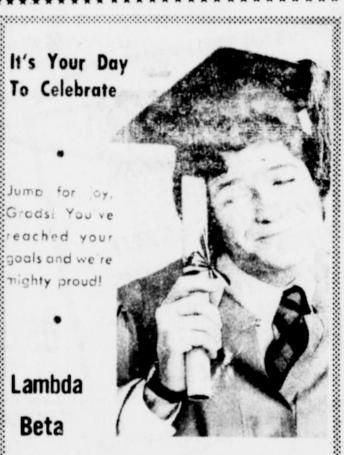


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MIKE HENRY

Guy Michael Henry is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Henry.

He participated in the ball, freshman, sophomore Bobby plans to go to and junior years-1 year He played on the District Champion teams his freshman and senior years, and he was the Number 1 Golfer his junior and senior years.

> Staff for 3 years. As a Team and went to State member of the Student with his horse. He was Council he served as pres- vice-president in Shop two was a member of FFA for member of the Merkel of HECE work program. years and has attended six As a member of the Fireman Schools and two National Honor Society his junior and senior years, he served as vice-president his senior year. He was also business manager of rodeoing and farming. his freshman class. He Bart said he would like to received the Gold Merit become a fireman some Award his freshman and day. junior years. He received the Perfect Attendance Award his sophomore year. He is presently employed at Carson's Supermarket. He is a member of the Merkel First Baptist Church.

As a graduating senior he plans to attend college at either Texas Tech or Hardin Simmons.



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#### DOYLE RUSSELL

Bart Whisenhunt is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Whisenhunt. Russell.

He participated in football.

BART WHISENHUNT

Bart has been a member of the AJRA (American Junior Rodeo Association) since he was 8-years-old. He participates mostly in bull riding and some bronco riding. Bart was in 4-H eight years where he held the offices of president, vice-president and reporter. He was also on He served on the Annual the 4-H Horse Judging ident his senior year. He years. Bart has been a 1 year and was president Fire Department two

Bart plans to continue

Conventions.



Doyle Russell is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry W.

Doyle ran track for four years and lettered this

three years. He was a grades member of MOC Class and was elected president this

West Texas State Univer- graduation. sity this fall and become a history major.

PHILLIP HERNANDEZ

Phillip Hernandez is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hernandez.

Phillip played football in He was in the band for the tenth and eleventh

He plans to work for Doyle plans to attend E.L. Tarplye and Son after

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Terisa Sue Hamner is 3 and 4. She also received Brenda Fay Griffith is the 17-year-old daughter of the Superintendent's A- the 17-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Billy W.

She participated in basketball, 1-4 and was captain, 3 and 4; received Honorable Mention All District, 2 and 3; All District 2nd team, 4; track, 1-4; and tennis, 1-4. She was also a cheerleader, 1-4 and head cheerleader, 4; band, 1-4 and president, 3 and 4; Sweetheart, 3; FHA, 1-4 and president, 3; FFA, 1-4 and officer, 2 and 3. She was also Class Vice President, 2-4; Harvest Festival Queen, 2; Most Popular Girl, 2; Most School Spirited, 2 and 3. She was a member of the National Honor Society, 2-4; Who's Who, 3 and 4; Society of Distinguished Ameri can High School Students,



**GLYNN DUNN** 

Glynn Dunn is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John G.

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Brenda Griffith Salutatorian

ward, 3 and 4; English Mr. and Mrs. John ward, 4; Home Eco- Griffith.

nomics Award, 3; Betty Her activities include Crocker General Mills basketball, 1-4; captain, Award, 4; Band Award, 3 3-4; 2nd team All District, and the John Philip Sousa 3; 1st team All District, 4; Award, 4. She was a track, 1-4; Track, 1-4; member of the Annual Regional qualified triple Staff, 3 and 4 serving as jump, 3-4; Regional qualified mile relay, 3-4; Re-She plans to attend Abi- gional qualified hurdles, 1 lene Christian University and 4. She is also a and study Business member of the National Honor Society, 2-4, Who's Who, 3-4. Most Athletic, 3; Fighting Gorilla Award, 3; and Commerce Award, 3 Brenda participated in

FFA, 3-4 and FHA, 1-4. She was a member of the Annual Staff 3-4 and editor 4. She was Football Sweetheart, 3. She was a member of the band 1-4 and twirler, 2-4.

Brenda plans to attend Angelo State University and study accounting.



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work for Big State Roustabout Service, Inc. in



SHIRLEY BRENEM

Shirley Brenem is the 17-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis

Brenem. Shirley was class officer 1-4 and Class Favorite 2-4. She was Harvest Queen, 1 and 4 and Football Sweetheart nominee, 1. She was also a member of the member of the All Star Student Council, 1-4; of-Cast, 4. Kenny was in ficer 3 and 4; 4-H, 1-3; officer, 3; FFA, 1-4; officer, 4; FHA, 1-4 and officer, 3 and 4. She was also a member of the Pep Club, 1: basketball team, 1-4 and captain, 3 and 4; track, 1-4; volleyball, 1; tennis, 2-4; and cheerleader, 3 Kenny plans to go to and 4. Shirley was Best All Around, 3; band, 1-4; Band Sweetheart, 4 and officer,



JIMMY ADAMS

Jimmy Adams is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E.



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kindergarten this year and

did a good job for us. We

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Texas, and graduated from Angelo State Univer-

sity with an Elementary-

Kindergarten certifi-

cation. During her last

year, she joined Kappa

Terry's husband, Den-

Terry was born and

the Merkel Schools.





during awards assembly awards assembly for Typing, Biology, English II, and Algebra II.

#### Erma Whitehead returns home

in Merkel. She visited in and family in Dallas.

CESSPOOLS

Mrs. Erma Whitehead the home of her sister, has returned to her home Mrs. A. C. Windham and n Albuquerque, New Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Mexico after a 2 week visit McDaniel and also a with friends and relatives daughter, Glenda Brown

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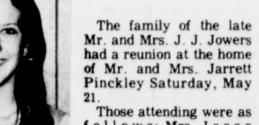
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The family of the late Mexico, Mr. and Mrs. Tasha of Merkel, Mrs. Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Jowers Curtis Smith and family of Sandy Lurrecchie of Albuhad a reunion at the home Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. querque, Mrs. Debbie of Mr. and Mrs. Jarrett Gary Lollar of Tye, Mr. Pinckley Saturday, May and Mrs. Benny Hobbs of Sweetwater.

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Merkel High School Twirlers for 1977-78 School Year. Pictured from left to right back row: Lisa Hart, Shannon Bagby, and Patti McLeod. Front row: Cindy Smith, Mary Roeder and Lisa Owen.

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he had been division man-

ager for Gulf in Midland.

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ton was on the board of

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lege at Arkadeiphia, Ark.

wife, Jean of Houston, a

brother, Jim of Midland.

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## Merkel Middle School Cheerleaders chosen

currently doing various appreciated. projects to help raise Also officers in the Pep money for Cheerleading Squad were elected. They Camp at Tarleton, June are as follows: president-12-17. On Saturday, June 4, Connie Page, vice-

Cheerleaders were planned at DuBose secretary-Tonja Bicknell, chosen for the Merkel Texaco. On Saturday, treasurer-Janice Jacobs, Middle School recently. June 11, they will have a and historians-Christine They are Sheryll Luckey, bake sale and sidewalk Franklin and Kim Michelle Brown, Shelia sale in front of West Texas McCasland. Swinney, Rosie Biera, and Utilities. Your support of Jackie Owen. They are these girls will really be

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Ferrier

Annie Lou Ferrier, 88, formerly of Merkel, passed away at 12:30 p.m. Friday in Harris Hospital in Fort Worth. Services were at 2 p.m. Monday, May 30th at the United Methodist Church in Mer-

Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery in Merkel under son, Warren of Odessa; his the direction of Starbuck mother, Isla McDonald Funeral Home.

She had been a longtime resident of Merkel and married Ross Ferrier, May 14, 1914, in Merkel. He died in 1967. She moved to Fort Worth about 1973.

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#### Dayna **Harold Leeton** Henderson Harold B. Leeton, 62, receives grandson of pioneer Merkel residents, die d

Sunday in London, degree England after suffering a heart attack. The body wil arrive in Houston Dayna McAninch Henderson of Merkel re-Friday. Services in be at ceived a bachelor of 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Settegast-Koph Funeral Burial wil be in Pine s p r i n g c o m and Mrs. Billy Lucas, Mr. mencement ceremonies on

Mr. Leeton had been in May 1 McMurry is a four-year liberal arts college jointly owned by the Northwest Texas and New Mexico Conferences of the United \*

Methodist Church. Addressing the 111 \* graduating seniors at McMurry commencement was Dr. Maurice Cecil Mackey, Jr., president of Texas Tech University.

The Reverend Claus H. Rohlfs received an honorary doctor of divinity \* degree. Rohlfs is a United Leeton of Odessa; and a Methodist minister and a He was the grandson of member of the faculty at Southern Methodist University's Perkins School of Theology in Dallas.

Mrs. Henderson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ted McAninch of Route 3, Merkel.

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an extended deployment in Sea of Japan, and the the Western Pacific. Philippine and East China He is serving as a crewme m ber aboard the
guided missile cruiser USS
Halsey, homeported in San
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ship operated as a crewship participated in joint
training operations with
the Republic of Korea and
the Japanese Maritime

### Lambda Beta Supper

Members and their and Mrs. Mike Welch, Mr. husbands of Lambda Beta and Mrs. David Leddy, Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi Mr. and Mrs. George met at the Quality Inn Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Lee formerly the Thunderbird Yaddow, Mr. and Mrs. Lodge in Abilene for a Phil Seymore, Mr. and supper. They were treated Mrs. Richard Hill, Mr. and to steak and all the trim-mings. Mrs. Rosey Castille, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Booth and

Those attending were: Mr. and Mrs. Jim Allday, Mr. and Mrs. Obie Coker, Mr. and Mrs. Junior Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Elliott, Mr. and science degree from Mrs. John Henslee, Mr. McMurry College in and Mrs. Larry Teaff, Mr.

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18 oz. Shurfine Hamburger Sliced Dills	69c or 12/\$8.28
32 oz. Shurfine Catsup	79c or 12/\$9.48
32 oz. Shurfine Salad Mustard	2/69c or 12/\$4.14
16 oz. Shurfresh Saltine Crackers	2/\$1.00
16 oz. Shurfresh Vanilla Wafers	2/69c or 12/\$4.14
10 oz. Shurfine Book Matches	2/39c or 50/\$9.75
50 ct. Shurfine Fruit Cocktail	2/89c or 24/\$10.68
16 cz. Shurfine White or Golden Hominy	4/\$1.00
16 cz. Shurfine Pure Black Pepper	59c or 24/\$14.16
4 oz. Hi Dri Paper Towels	2/75c or 30/\$10.99
8 roll PKG Color Tex Bathroom Tissue-White, Pink, or Yellow	\$1.19 or 12/\$13.99
Husky Dog Food	10/\$1.00 or 48/\$7.79
14 ¼ oz. Hunt Whole Tomato	3/\$1.00 or 24/\$7.79
6 1/4 oz. Shurfine Chuck Tuna	65c or 48/\$30.99
15 oz. Austex Beef Stew	2/89c or 12/\$5.19
18 oz. Kraft BBQ Sauce	49c or 12/\$5.79
Sunshine Krispy Cracker	2/89c
20 oz. Choc Sandwich Cookies	59c or 12/\$6.49
20 oz. Van Sandwich Cookies	59c or 12/\$6.59
6 oz. Shurfine Frozen Orange Juice	4/\$1.00
20 Shurfresh Bacon 1 ob. VP	\$1.19
Shurfresh Bologna 12 oz.	69c

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8 oz.	Surefresh Buttermilk or Sweetmilk Biscuits	9/•1.00 or 24/•2.64	38 OZ Crisco Oil	\$1.39 or 12/16.59
64 OZ	Shurfine Bleach	39° or 8/°3.12	19 OZ Gebhardt Plain Chili	79c or 12/\$8.99
5 LB	Shurfine Granulated Sugar	89° or 12/°10.68	300 Gebhardt Tamales	3/99c or 24/\$7.79
5 LB	Shurfine Flour - Paper Bag	49° or 10/°4.90	Spam 12 OZ Can	99c or 24/\$22.99
16 OZ	Shurfine Cut Green Beans	5/°1.00 or 24/°4.79	5 OZ Ellis Vienna Sausage	4/\$1.00 or 48/\$12.89
16 oz.	Shurfine Regular VP OR Drip VP Coffee	\$2.99 or 24/\$71.76	8 OZ Morton Beef or Chicken Pot PIES	4/\$1.00
17 oz.	Shurfine CS OR WK Golden Corn	4/\$1.00 or 24/\$6.00	11 OZ Morton Fried Chicken Dinnere	39e
	64 OZ Orchard Breakfast Orange Drink	.59 or 6/\$3.29	124 OZ Patio Mexican Dinners	49c
	Giant Size Tide	\$1.19 or 10/\$10.89	Jeno'S Pepperoni or Sausage Pizza	69c

Shurfresh 3 lb. Canned Hams

Armour Star 12 oz. hot Dogs

75c or 12/\$9.00