


FFA Representatives
Pictured from left to right: Mr. Billy Riley, vocational agriculture teacher; Jeff
Jones and Vernon Presswood.

## Merkel FFA Students Head for

 State ConventionThe 49th Annual State the Merkel Future Farmer delegate. They will elect
Convention of the Texas Chapter are Jeffery Jones, our State F.F.A. Officers As ociat ion, Future son of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. State Sweetheart, and
Sarmers of America will Jones of Tye and Vernon
conduct other items of Farmers of America will Jones of Tye, and Vernon conduct other items of
be held in the arena of the Presswood, son of Mr. and business for our State
俍 Tarrant County Conven- Mrs. Lee Presswood of F.F.A. Association. Mr
tion Center, Fort Worth, Merkel. Jeff and Vernon Billy Riley, will be attend Texas, July 13-15, 1977,
Those attending from represent our local ing the convention by being voting Jeffery and Vernon.

## LITTLE LEAGUE TO SPONSOR PARENT NIGHT

The Merkel Little p.m. with the mama's will be open serving sand
League is sponsoring a playing first. Entry fee is wiches, cold drinks, snow parent's night. Ga m e one dollar. The men's cones and candy.
night Fr . the Little League ball
field. Games start at 7 mately $8: 30 \mathrm{pm}$
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## Three Taylor County

## Students Attending Seminar

 ${ }^{\text {the }}$ Cfiterb High School Citizenship seminar to be
held July $11-15$ in Waco.
preserve it. The students from Mer- achievement, of scholastic Tri-City All Stars Tri-City, (Merkel and Trent) All Stars were MINOR ALL-STARS-Denise Pack, Mandy Guenther, Jill Douglas, Kim McCasland, Mum
Prasan, Marsha Tutt, Cindy Williams, Jamie Shaw, Prasan, Marliams, Vicki Senter, Missy Simpson, Angie Lovelady, Christy Kinnard, Kim Orr, and Taresia Moses. Marsha Green, Susie Hewitt, Becky, Watts, Gwen Tarpley, Suzanne Byrd, Saraton Tarsum Brown, Christi Brady, Norma Frazier, Debbie Jackson, Cheri Patterson, Rebecca sipe, Rhonda Whiteaker,
Judy Brenem, Barbara Evans, and Taresia Brazelton.
SENIOR Shenior All ATARS-Gayle Teaff, Kandi Ascencio, Cindy Byrd, Carman Lerma, Jackie Reed, Sharron D a w s o n, Sylvia Herrera, Janet W a d e,
and Annemarie Rankin.

## Breaux Elected

Dee Dee Breaux of and easy," said Dee Dee
Round Rock was elected Addressing the conven Round Rock was elected Addressing the conven eral party of Girls State Carol McClellan and rep held June 14-24. The con- resentatives from the at vention was held at Texas torney general's office.
Lutheran College in Miss Breaux has been a Lutheran college in
Segiun and was sponsored by the American Legion
Auxiliary Auxiliary.
During
girls were given an opportunity to study state, ments first hand. On Monday, June 20, the girls
traveled to Austin and met in the Senate and House of Representative chambers. "Learning about gov-
ernment by acting out the
roles of the elected offiroles of the elected offi-
the basis of scholastic

Merkel Learn-To-Swim Program Begins July 25th
$\stackrel{\mathrm{P}}{\mathrm{P}}$ Pictured front row-left to right, Boyd Moore, Charles Reddin, Joe Warren, and Gaylon Johnson. Middle row-Dollye Reddin, Joan Smith, Mary Boone, Wanda
Harris, and Bobby Campbell. Back row-Billy Beaird, Hugh Baker, and Billy
Harris.

## Class of $\mathbf{1 9 5 2}$ Reunion Held

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The Class of 1952 met Brownwood; Chester Col- Midiand; Lena Dunagin,
July 2nd and 3 rd for their linsworth, Merkel; Billy A n n a Belle S 5th Graduation Reunion. M. Beaird, Abilene; Mrs. Merkel; Joe and Tessie The tea was held Saturday H. C. Reid, Merkel; Norah Warren, Brady; Connie Country a t the Big Foster, Merkel; Mack and Mack Seymore, Merkel; 5 crass members and Mrs. Johnny Cox, Merkel; din, Merkel; Dollye Redeveral former teachers Hugh and Gayle Baker, and Dean Smith, Merkel attending. Everyone Merkel; Edwin and Mary Boone and Jack aemed to enjoy visiting Evelyn Read, Merkel; $\begin{array}{ll}\text { A lunch was held Sunday } & \text { Lucy Tracy Haynes, Mer- } \\ \text { keva and Don }\end{array}$ t the Merkel Cunday kel; Neva and Don Doan, Club with 25 people Orsborn, Merkel; Anna $\begin{array}{ll}\text { atending. } & 25 \text { people Orsborn, Merkel, Anna Cove; Mrhnon, Cond Mrs. Bobby } \\ \text { Lou Ferguson, Merkel; Campbell Abile. }\end{array}$ Those present were: Emma Cochran, Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. Frank

## Last Rites Held For Alice Dudley

Mrs. L. A. Dudley, 75, of Castle Peak. They moved Fuller of Abilene and
Taylor County, was dead to Merkel in 1933. From Mrs.Ralph Fuller of Taylor County, was dead to Merkel in 1933. From Mrs. Ralph Fuller of CushSaturday at Hendrick the Lincoln-Mercury Mo- grandchildren. Medical Center of an
$\qquad$ pparent heart attack.

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## Support Merkel

and your
community
Shop Locally!

The Taylor County Red can swim well but who of Commerce office in

 Monday through Saturday pool facility, each Begin- served basis and registra-
mornings. July $25-30$ and ners and Advanced Begin- tion forms must be signe mornings, July $25-30$ and ners and Advanced Begin- tion forms must be signed
August 16 . Courses ranging from to only six children. Each Beginners level classes for of the combined Interme-
non-swimmers, toAd - diates and Swimmers non-swimmers, to Ad . diates and Swimmers follows:
vanced Beginners for classes must be limited to vanced Beginers if or classes must be limited to
youngsters who can al- a total of eight students. $\begin{array}{ll}\text { youngsters who can al- a total of eight students. } & \text { Saturday, July } 30 \text { : } \\ \text { ready do the basic strokes, } \\ \text { Registration forms for } \\ 8: 30 \mathrm{a} \cdot \mathrm{m} \text {. } \text { - Beginners, two }\end{array}$ level classes for those who available in the Chamber each. Intermediates and


Class of 1952

Swimmers, one class of class of six students eight students.
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one class of eight students. one class of eight students.
Monday, August 1 through
 9:30 a.m.-Beginners, tw classes of six students each. Intermediate and
Swimmers, one class of Swimmers, one
eight students.
10:30 a. m.-Beginners each . . each. Intermediates and m. Beginners, one eight students.

## News and Thoughts

By Mary Sue Justice

This past week-we lost a beautiful loving person that we all loved very much., Alice Dudley. Alice was
one of the pillars of the Merkel Community. She one of the pillars of the Merkel Community. She
always gave every ounce of her strength and ability always gave every ounce of her strength and abinty
to her church, Grace Presbyterian and one of her pe projects, The Merkel Senior Citizens organization.
Alice Dudley was a person always full of vim and Alice Dudley was a person always full of vim and
vigor--and very definitely-plain spoken. You never vigor--and very definitely-plain spoken.
had to guess as to how you stood with Alice, because she would let you know quickly if she had something
on her mind. Alice was indeed a fun and loving on her mind. Alice was indeed a fun and loving
person to be around. She loved to joke, sing, play the person to be around. She loved to joke, ning, play or needed her help-she'd never say, "Tll be over tomor row," or "Let me finish cleaning house,"--she would
always drop whatever she was doing at the time $-\cdots$ and GO! Our present minister, Jack McClendon and ou amused by Alice. If she happened to like the sermon--they were still told about it! Alice Dudley is gone--and will be deeply missed by her family and
her many many friends,--but her memory will be

The Church of Christ Wednesday School is now accepting enrollment for the new fall session. There
are limited openings at this time, so call $929-5553$ i you are interested in enrolling your child. Wednesda
$\rightarrow$ are tic
A man once said to his wife, "Honey, why do you
keep talking about the mistake I made?" "I thought you said you had forgiven and forgotten." "I have orgiven and forgotten," she screamed. "I just don
want you to everever forget that I have forgiven and want you t."
The Stith Community will be holding a Country and Western Musical, July 16 th. The Snack Bar will open
at 7 p.m. Everyone is invited to join in the fun.
Nursing Home Administrators are continuously rustrated when so many of their patients complain
because no one ever visits them. A very logical female patient once said, "Why is it that one mothe
can take care of and raise 12 childr n--but can take care of and raise 12 childr $n-$-but 12
children can't take care of or at least come visit one children
mother?
The World War I Veterans and Ladies Auxiliary
will meet Saturday, July 16th, 12 I son at the REA will meet

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY-Let us all join in the search for those that are in need-whether it be food
or the mouth or food for the soul-GIVE!--and for the
rejoice!
(John) answered them, "He who has two coats, le him share with him who has none; and he who has
ood, let him do likewise."-Luke3:11

Briscoe Approves three criminal justice grants

Governor Dolph Briscoe enforcement communicaGovernor Doiph Brime- tions systems through
nal justice grants affect- the 21 -county region. nal justice grants affect- the 21 -county region
ing Abilene,
A rape crisis center will The local grants we be established in Abilene among 116 approved by
with a $\$ 35,641$ grant.
Governor Briscoe statewith a $\$ 35,641$ grant. $\quad$ Governor Briscoe state-
West Central Texas $\begin{aligned} & \text { wide from Law Enforce } \\ & \text { Council of Governments ment Assistance Admini- }\end{aligned}$. Council of Governments
received two grants, one for $\$ 16,559$ and one for under the
$\$ 180,410$ for upgrading law Act of 1976 .


Mrs. Riney
formerly Sherri Ann Neal
Neal - Riney
Exchange Wedding Vows


Decker-Rister
Wed In Abilene

PUBLIC NOTICE


James McAninch Dies in Big Spring
$\begin{aligned} & \text { James L. (Uncle Jim) } \\ & \text { McAninch, } 87 \text {, of Merkel, }\end{aligned}$ $\begin{aligned} & \text { Rese Has a member of the } \\ & \text { Merkel Fire Department }\end{aligned}$ McAninch, 87 , of Morday, Born September 29, 1889, from 1936 until his retireJuly 11th at the Veterans at Milam County, he came ment in 1960 .
Hospital in Big Spring to Jones-Taylor County Hospital in Big Spring to Jones-Taylor County
 Tuesday, July 12th at World War I and served in brother, Fred of Detroit,
Starbuck Funeral Home the European theater with Michigan; and several Carbuck Funeral Home the European theater with Michigan; and s e ver a
Chapel.
the 90 Army Division. nieces and nephews. The Rev. Lynward Har- the Santa Fe Railroad Dudley, Clyde Wurst, Vinrison, pastor of Pioneer from 1925 until 1930 . After cent Barnett, W a y mon on
Methodist Church, of that ime, he was self- Adcock, L. S. Tipton, and Methodist Church, of that time, he was self- Adcock, L. S. Tipton, and
ficiated. Burial was in employed as a carpenter. Fred Johnson.
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## Aubrey Terry

Back On The Road Again
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24, 1977 issue of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram by
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saying that," she said.

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