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Charlie Helmer.....New Principal

## Charlie Helmer Named New Elementary School Principal

Merkel School will be new this year in an attempt to let the citizens of Merkel know "what's going on around Merkel Schools." We hope to begin by acquainting you with some of the new personnel, and then important events that are happening in the lives of our children in Merkel.

Charlie Helmer has been approved as the new elementary principal for Merkel Elementary School, and has started to work this week in preparations for school to start August 29th. The new rooms are almost finished and preparations are underway for school to start. An open house is being planned. Mr. Helmer did his administration work at University of Texas at the Permian Basin. He re-

ceived his bachelor degree in 1965 and his Masters of Education in 1971, both from Texas Tech University. He is a graduate of Stamford High School and was on three State Champion Football Teams. He was named All State Half Back in 1959. He began his teaching career at Mann Junior High in Abilene as Choir Director. He taught one year at Colorado City High School, and has just completed his fifth year at Kermit. He spent two years in the Army and was commissioned 1st Lt. His wife, Tone, is a graduate of Cooper High School in Abilene. They have two sons, Kevin, five years old, who will be starting kindergarten soon, and Grant, who is two and one-half years old. They have bought a home on FM 126 North of Merkel.

They both worked in the Methodist Church in Kermit. Mr. Helmer was

Choir Director and Mrs. Helmer was organist. Mr. Helmer hopes to find time

after school gets underway to enjoy his hobbies, which are fishing and golfing. We welcome the Helmers to Merkel.

## Donnie Cloyd, Volunteer Fireman, attends school

Donnie Cloyd, volunteer fireman on the Merkel Volunteer Fire Department of Merkel attended the 48th Annual Texas Firemen's Training School July 25-29. The school, attended by nearly 1,650 students representing about 600 cities from more than 30 states, is being held on the Texas A and M University campus this week.

Firemen can choose their course at the school from a list including Fire Fighting, Fire Prevention, Fire Department Officer Training, Fire Department Pump Maintenance, Specialized Fire Protection, and Disaster Rescue Training.



## News and Thoughts

By Martha Sue Justice

Chris Mashburn, age 12, son of Joan Mashburn, is in John Sealy Hospital in Galveston afflicted with a rare blood disease. A fund has been established at the F. and M. Bank here in Merkel and any donations will be greatly appreciated.

What is 10,000 miles wide, ten years old, has over 80 million pairs of eyes and ears, and can make you laugh and cry? Answer: The Jerry Lewis Labor Day Telethon. Watch for it September 4-5.

D. A. and Kay Bishop went fishing in Port Lavaca last week and they had a really good time. They caught numerous types of fish including hardheads, crabs, and drums.

News Flash: Our retarded cat, Angel, actually moved from one place to another twice the other day. We knew that he was too nervous and it was time to give him a tranquilizer immediately because he usually falls down and just lies there two or three times each time he heads for the door.

This note from College Station-In the heat of the summer when most spring gardens have wilted from hot, dry weather, the thoughts of homeowners should turn to fall gardening.

"Fall vegetable gardens really produce the best tasting vegetables," contends Sam Cotner, horticulturist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. "Growing conditions are usually better in the fall when the weather begins to cool, and the quality of vegetables is better as they mature in a cooler climate than in the hot late spring and early summer. Disease and insect problems are also less in cooler weather."

All these advantages of fall gardening in no way imply that the practice is fool-proof.

"There are definite problems or hurdles, but with the right preparations, these can be overcome," says Cotner. "Usually a big problem is getting a good stand of vegetables if the seed are directly planted into the garden plot. They key is in getting the seedbed prepared properly so that the seed will germinate quickly."

Cotner recommends working the soil well and then shaping it into raised beds. Raised beds are important in providing drainage from fall rains that are often heavy. Make about a one-inch furrow in the seedbed and then water the furrow to moisten soil to a depth of two to three inches. This makes the soil ready for planting. One other step that can be a big help in improving germination is to soak the seed overnight before planting.

"After planting, cover the seed with a light layer of compost, potting soil or vermiculite," suggests the horticulturist. "Any of these materials will provide a much better environment for the seed than regular garden soil. As seedlings appear, you may want to protect them from the sun on the west side with boards, cardboard, or a draped cloth. When seedlings are one to two inches high, thin excess plants to allow those remaining to reach full production."

As far as which vegetables to plant, most vegetables generally planted in the spring also do well in the fall, notes Cotner. Then there are those that do especially well in the fall-lettuce, collard greens, Broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage, carrots, and

## CJC Now Pre-Registering Students for Fall Term

Cisco Junior College is now registering students for the up-coming fall of 1977.

CJC now has a continuous registration plan whereby students may register several weeks in advance for school terms

that are approaching. Mr. Olin O. Odom III emphasized that students who are planning to attend college at Cisco or at one of its extension locations during the fall should go ahead and pre-register. They may register at the

main campus at Cisco, at the Community College Center of Abilene, or at the Clyde Educational Center in Clyde. "Clyde and Merkel students can pre-register at our Abilene offices. We would prefer that they do so if it is convenient for them" stated Mr. Odom.

Offices at the Cisco campus and the CCCA offices at 1600 Sherman in Abilene are open from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Clyde Educational Center offices in downtown Clyde are open for pre-registra-

tion between 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon.

In addition to the continuous pre-registration, regular registration will be held at Coleman on August 25, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and regular registration will be held in Merkel on August 25, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

## Brenda Jackson Named to All State Team

Brenda Jackson of Trent, 16 year member of the Amature Softball Association (ASA), has been named as pitcher for the All State ASA Fast Pitch softball team. Her team,

the Fosters of Stephenville, earned the right to advance to the regional open tournament to be held in Fort Worth August 5 and 6, by placing second in the 16-team State Fast Pitch Softball Tournament

held in Stephenville July 23 and 24. Miss Jackson had the same honor in 1974.

Five winners of the regional advance to the National competition in Haywood, California.

## Abilene Area Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed in Abilene area to help with the Jerry Lewis Labor Day Telethon.

The call was issued today by Albert Watts, President of the Abilene Chapter of the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA). "We need men and women of all ages who can answer phones, add columns of figures, or help in many other ways during this year's marathon show," Albert Watts said. The Telethon will be broadcast in the Abilene area by KTXS TV-Channel 12.

Jerry Lewis, MDA National Chairman, will host the star-studded show which originates from Del Webb's Hotel Sahara, Las Vegas. The spectacular will be seen on a network of nearly 200 stations, including outlets in Hawaii, Alaska, Puerto Rico, and Guam.

Last year the Telethon raised over \$21.7 million for the fight against muscular dystrophy and related disorders. Jerry believes that "this year, we can muster up still more love and support for kids and adults disabled by muscular dystrophy and related disorders. That's why I stand up on the stage every year-so they'll be able to stand someday, too."

Mr. Albert Watts said that volunteers are needed to answer phones, take pledges, type, tabulate, and deliver messages and supplies. Those wishing to volunteer should call 817-923-8819.

MDA supports over 350 neuromuscular research projects throughout the U. S. and in 17 foreign countries, and has established a network of ten

major university-based research and clinical centers to accelerate its efforts to find cures or effective treatments for the many neuromuscular diseases covered by its programs. In addition, the health agency maintains a total of 173 free diagnostic and treatment clinics, located throughout the U. S., and in Puerto Rico and Guam.

### "The Potter's House" to be

presented at Calvary Baptist Church

### Energy Crisis

C. A. P. Energy Crisis has a program to provide emergency financial assistance to eligible households which can prove dire financial need, as a result of having large energy and fuel bills. Families that meet poverty guidelines or on limited, such as Welfare or SSI, Social Security.

For more information call Mrs. Leon Harris 928-5204 or 928-5859.

have gained recognition all across Texas since its beginning in Bowie, Texas. Rev. Carl Henderson of Bowie will present the program.

Rev. Joe Davis urges the public to attend this program.

### Chris Mashburn Benefit Sponsored by Little League

The Merkel Little League is sponsoring a softball game Friday, August 5. Game time for the ladies is 7:30 p.m. with the men playing afterwards, at approximately 8:30.

Proceeds from the game will go to the Chris Mashburn Fund. Entry fee is \$1; however a larger donation will be accepted.

## High School Band To Hold Practice

Mr. Tony M. McGewan, high school band director, has announced that the Badger Band will begin its pre-school rehearsals on Monday, August 15. Rehearsals will run from 8:30 to 11:30 with time for marching and playing rehearsals.

Since the marching style is being changed this year, the pre-school rehearsals will be very important for

all members of the High School Band.

On Tuesday, August 9, there will be a come and go get acquainted party for all high school band members and their parents in the band hall from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. All Badger Band members and their parents are cordially invited to attend this party and meet the band director for the coming years.

## 1977-78 SHCOOL CALENDER

The Merkel Independent School Calendar is as follows: Mon. Aug. 22-Professional Growth Day, Tues. Aug. 23 thru Thurs. Aug. 25-Faculty Workshop and Registration of New Students, Fri. Aug. 26-Professional Growth Day, Mon. Aug. 29-First Class Day (Fall 1977), Mon. Sept. 5-Labor Day, Fri. Oct. 7-Mid-quarter reporting period, Mon. Oct. 24-TSTA region 14 workshop, Fri. Nov. 18-End of first quarter (number of class days 58), Sat. Nov. 19-Professional growth day, Mon. Nov. 21-second quarter begins, Thurs. Nov. 24-Fri. Nov. 25-Thanksgiving Holidays, Mon. Dec. 19-Fri. Dec. 30-Christmas Vacation. For 1978 - Mon. Jan. 2-First class Day, Mon. Jan. 16-Mid quarter reporting period, Fri. Feb. 24-end of second quarter (number of class days 58), Mon. Feb. 27-professional growth day, Tues. Feb. 28-Third quarter begins, Mon. Mar. 27-Fri. Mar. 31-Spring break, Fri. Apr. 14-Mid quarter reporting period, Sun. May 21-Baccalaureate

service Thurs. May 25-Middle school graduation, Fri. May 26-end of third quarter (number of class days 59), Fri. May 26-High school graduation, Mon. May 29-Faculty workday, Tues. May 30-Faculty workday.

### New Students' Registration Set

Registration for new students at the High School, Middle School, Merkel Elementary and Tye Elementary will be held on August 23rd thru August 25th.

On August 29th, school buses will make the regular routes and lunch will be served in the cafeteria.

If you need additional information, please call the principal of your building or the Superintendent's office, according to Travis Davis, Superintendent of Merkel Schools.



The employees of the city's sanitation department ran into difficulties last Monday when the city garbage truck broke down, and they did not have anything to do. Our efficiency-minded city government quickly put them to work cleaning up around city hall. They did a nice job.

# Deaths and funerals

## Henry Foster Last Rites Held



HENRY FOSTER

Henry Foster, 86, of 1033 Vine, died at 8 a.m. Tuesday at Hendrick Medical Center after a lengthy illness. Services were at 3 p.m. Wednesday at Grape Street Church of Christ with E. R. Harper, W. F. Cawyer, and Henry Speck officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery directed by North's Funeral Home.

Born May 9, 1891, in Johnson County, he was a veteran of World War I, having served 18 months in France. He farmed in the Compere Community. He married Dessie Ola Lane May 20, 1922, in Compere. They moved to Tye in 1936, where he was a car mechanic, and moved to Abilene in 1947. He was a member of the Church of Christ and a member of the Veterans of World War I.

Survivors include his wife; three daughters, Mrs. L. L. (Gerneva) Dennis of Abilene, Mrs. D. J. (Fay) Phillips of Monahans, and Mrs. Coy (Mozella) Fote of Waco; a son, J. C. Foster of

Bruceville; a sister-in-law, Mrs. Earl Foster of Merkel; 11 grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Honorary pallbearers were James Gautney, Hoyt Blodgett, Jim Harper, B. G. Clinton, Presley Thornton, Eugene Edwards, and Elbert Key. Pallbearers were Mark Filipovich, Edward Alcorn, Thomas Curry, Troy Franklin, Quanah Fraser, and James Mackey.

The family requests remembrances be made to the American Cancer Society, Grape Street Church of Christ or the donor's favorite charity.

## Edna Earl McKay Dies

Edna Earl McKay, 73, of Stephenville, formerly of Abilene, died at 7:10 p.m. Friday at a Stephenville nursing home. Services were at 3 p.m. Sunday at Lacy Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. A. J. Quinn officiating. Burial was in Sap Oak Cemetery, northeast of Stephenville.

Born February 5, 1904, in Cisco, she moved to Stephenville three months ago from Abilene. She was a nurse and retired from the state school in Abilene in 1969.

Survivors include five nieces, Shirley Kirkland of Abilene, Mary Outlaw of Merkel, Mrs. Odell Campbell of Morgan Mill, Mrs. Frank R. Portor of Winston-Salem, N. C., and Mary Bailey of Llano; and three nephews, J. W. Cole and James Sparks, both of Abilene, and Charles Sparks of San Antonio.

## Funeral Held for Mrs. J. B. Browning

Mrs. J. B. Browning, 77, of Stith died at 2:08 p.m. Wednesday July 27 at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene. Services were Thursday July 28, at Starbuck Funeral Home Chapel, with the Rev. Ausie Watson officiating assisted by the Rev. James Wilson. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Born Ruby Tatum June 26, 1900, in Waco, Mrs. Browning moved with her parents to Tuscola in 1907. She moved to Merkel in 1910, where she married J. B. Browning August 22, 1917. They moved to the Stith community in 1924,

where they had lived ever since. She was a member of Stith Baptist Church for 50 years.

Survivors include her husband; a son Billy Ray of Tuscola; a daughter, Mrs. Joe (Mildred) Holmes of Dallas; a brother, the Rev. Horace O. Tatum of Massachusetts; a sister, Mrs. Ona Spence of Abilene; nine grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

A daughter, Doris Marie, and a son, Horace, preceded her in death.

Pallbearers were Frank Munday, Fred Perry, B. L. Hobbs, Ropy Mashburn, Lovell Rutledge, and Vernon Stanley.

## Jimmy Eason Dies in Big Spring

Jimmy Eason, 71, of Big Spring died Wednesday, July 27 in a local hospital after a five day illness. Services were at 10 a.m. Friday at Nalley-Pickle Rosewood Chapel with Garnie Atkinson, church

## Carl Jackson Services Held

Richard Carl Jackson, 77, of Noodle passed away in the Anson General Hospital at 5:15 p.m. on July 27 following a sudden illness.

Services were held on Friday, July 29th at 2:30 p.m. at Noodle Baptist Church. The Rev. V. D. Walters of Abilene and the Rev. W. E. Nowell pastor of Noodle Baptist Church officiated. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Born February 28, 1900 in Gorman, Texas, he married Nanilea Staton in 1923 in Cisco. He had worked for Humble Oil in Jones County until 1937 when he moved to Kansas. He returned to Jones County in 1946 and farmed until he retired in 1966. He was a member of the Shioh Baptist Church and Masonic Lodge.

Survivors include his wife, one son, Carl Jackson, Jr. of Hurst, one brother, Fred Jackson of Floydada, three sisters; Lois Spradlin of Quannah, Eunice Burnett of Eldorado, Oklahoma, and Dorothy Jackson of Midland, and three grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Henry Ueckert, James Tarall, Harold Sloan, J. E. Touchstone, Richard Cooley, and Carroll Best.

of Christ minister from O'Donnell officiating. Burial was in the O'Donnell Cemetery.

Born January 19, 1906, in Nolan County, he was owner and operator of a nursery. He retired in 1967 because of ill health. He married Lois Wimberley July 8, 1927, in Abilene. They came to Big Spring in 1930.

Mr. Eason was a member of the Church of Christ. He was a barber from 1930 to 1942 and was a veteran of World War II, serving in the Army.

Survivors include his wife; a brother, Leroy of Fort Worth; three sisters, Mrs. Joe Douglas and Mrs. D. B. Bowen, both of Merkel, and Mrs. Gipsy Cooper of Brownwood; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Myles Galloway, Tommy Hutto, Roscoe Cone, Russell Stringfellow, Denver Dunn, and Arthur Barton.

## Mrs. Allen D. King Returns

Mrs. Allen D. King recently returned from a trip to Islamabad, Pakistan where she visited her nephew, Jerry W. Holder, for two weeks. She was accompanied by her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Loren Burch of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

En route to Pakistan they enjoyed a stop over in Cairo, Egypt where they toured the city and adjoining cities, museums, pyramids, Sphinx, the huge statue of Ramses II in Memphis, and ancient capital of Egypt.

One week end Mr. Holder accompanied them to Delhi and Agra India. Agra is the city of Taj Mahal. Pre-monsoon downpours around Mt. Everest and Nepal cancelled their flights there.

En route home from Pakistan they had a stop over in Athens, Greece, including Acropolis and a cruise with disembarkation for a visit to Aphaea Temple on the Island of Heginia and for shopping at Poros and Hydra.

Due to a bus hijacking at J. F. K. airport and the British Tower slow down strike, the plane had to

land in Banger, Maine for refueling, adding some excitement to their return, a day late to Tulsa.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Seymore, Stacy and Ted met Mr. and Mrs. King at the Burch home in Tulsa, Oklahoma. After a few day's visit, they returned to Merkel together.

## Powell's Celebrate

Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Powell of Merkel helped to celebrate the 43rd anniversary of Mrs. Powell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hudson of Rising Star with a dinner at their home. They also celebrated Mrs. B. R. Powell's birthday.

Guests attending were Mrs. Frankie Patterson, Mrs. Genera Wager, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Straach, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Straach all from Dallas, Mrs. Vera Simpson of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Franke Taylor of Tye, and Mr. and Mrs. Herdenza of Merkel.

## Anson Wins over Tejanitos

The Merkel Tejanitos playing at home this past Sunday lost their game to the Anson Angeles by the score of 8-5. Merkel outhit Anson 12-9, and again errors were the worst enemy for the Tejanitos. Don Moreno, Ace Moreno, Ramon Moreno, and Robert Rodriguez each had two hits for Merkel. George Slaughter, Richard Hernandez, and Tony Biera shared mound duty for Merkel. Tentative plans are in the planning stage for the Tejanitos to play the Old-Timers this coming Sunday, August 7. The Tejanitos will play Anson here in Merkel on August 14.



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### 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 JUNE 30, 1977.

FUNDS	BALANCE LAST QTR.	RECEIVED THIS QTR.	DISBURSED THIS QTR.	BALANCE THIS QTR.
Precinct 1.	\$ 141,086.05	4,504.51	21,432.66	\$ 124,157.90
Precinct 2.	139,217.44	3,575.31	26,561.40	115,811.35
Precinct 3.	123,917.59	3,632.44	27,596.97	99,751.06
Precinct 4.	130,824.71	3,361.07	26,674.70	105,511.08
General.	779,635.67	354,317.66	579,354.90	554,586.63
Lateral Road.	36,381.76	464.54	00	36,666.30
Coliseum Skg. Ser'67.	41,400.45	2,042.94	00	43,443.35
F.I.C.A. Tax.	2,150.13	37,909.39	37,909.19	2,150.33
Law Library.	540.80	3,420.00	2,544.29	1,416.51
Federal Revenue Sharing Plan.	104,092.10	60,951.50	44,681.37	140,362.23
State Criminal Justice.	11,505.78	9,262.50	7,875.50	12,892.78
Permanent School.	6,794.77	3,713.43	513.43	9,594.77
Courthouse & Jail Skg.	70,681.66	6,871.69	00	77,553.35
Payroll Account.	1,050.00	330,859.89	330,859.89	1,050.00
	\$ 1,589,276.91	685,107.07	1,106,866.30	\$ 1,365,519.68

Citizens National Bank	\$ 3,660.57
Farmers & Merchants National Bank, Merkel.	115,811.35
First State Bank in Tuscola.	205,262.14
Abilene National Bank	300,000.00
First National Bank	372,413.33
First State Bank, Abilene	368,172.29
Total Bank Balances	1,365,519.68
Total Time Deposits	1,085,892.00
Total Checking	\$ 279,627.68

### Securities Owned by The Taylor County Permanent School Fund.

Buffalo Gap School Bonds	\$ 2,400.00		
Everman Independent School Bonds	8,000.00		
	\$ 10,400.00		
ISSUE	ORIGINAL ISSUE	BONDS REDEMED	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 FC. have been complied with and a statement has been filed as required.

*Out Chapman* Commissioner Precinct 1. *Joe M. Duff* Commissioner Precinct 2.

*Cliff Swanson* Commissioner Precinct 3. *J. I. McMillan* Commissioner Precinct 4.

*Ray Haggan* Taylor County Judge

*Mrs. Chester Hutcherson* Taylor County Clerk

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**THE MERKEL MAIL**

## Blair Reunion

The Blair Reunion which includes all who have lived in Mulberry Canyon, will meet October 8th in the R. E. A. building.

A good program has been planned.

We urge all families to help in this occasion, that are former residents.

## Boy Scouts Selling Calendars

Boy Scout Troop 218 of Merkel are selling birthday calendars to raise money for the Chris Mashburn Fund. Chris is a member of Troop 218.

The boys were selling the calendars to raise money for the troop to buy camping and other equipment and toward summer camp next year. They voted at the meeting Monday night to give 100 percent of what they raise to help Chris and his family.

The cost of the calendars are \$1.00. Each birthday or anniversary you want on the calendar is 25 cents each.

If you wish to purchase a calendar contact any boy scout or call Calvin Wolf at 928-4882, Jimmy Leverich at 928-5167, John Brady at 928-5705, or John Townsend at 928-5454.

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ANNUAL RATE	ANNUAL YIELD*	ANNUAL RATE	ANNUAL YIELD*
7.75% 6 Year Cert.—\$1,000 min.	8.06%	6.50% 1 Year Cert.—\$1,000 min.	6.72%
7.50% 4 Year Cert.—\$1,000 min.	7.79%	5.75% 90 Day Cert.—\$1,000 min.	5.92%
6.75% 30 Mo. Cert.—\$1,000 min.	6.98%	5.25% Passbook—\$5 min.	5.39%

\*Based on daily compounding of earnings for 12 months

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4 MR. PIBB  
32 OZ BOTTLES  
6 PACK **98¢**  
PLUS DEPOSIT

**COFFEE**  
MAXWELL HOUSE  
LIMIT ONE  
**\$2.49**  
**\$1.79**

**CRISCO**  
3 LB CAN  
LIMIT 1

GOOCH **BACON** COUNTRY STYLE LB **98¢**

**Steakettes** GOOCH LB **\$1.09**

**BOLOGNA** MARKET SLICED LB **98¢**

**FRANKS** HORMEL 12 OZ **83¢**

**Chuck Roast** LB **89¢**

**FRYERS** GRADE A WHOLE CUT UP 59¢ LB **49¢**

**JELLO** REG. SIZE 2/35¢

LIPTON **INSTANT TEA** 3 OZ. **\$1.59**

TEXAS MAID **MACARONI** 16 OZ. PKG. **49¢**

KRAFT **Macaroni Dinner** 7 OZ. BOX **29¢**

WELCH **Grape Jelly** 20 OZ. JAR **69¢**

PETER PAN 18 OZ. JAR **89¢**

**Peanut Butter**

KEEBLER **Vanilla Wafers** 12 OZ. BOX **49¢**

CRACKING GOOD **PIES** 9 1/4 OZ. BOX **49¢**

DEL MONTE **JUICE** 32 OZ. BOT. **59¢**

Dr Pepper  
OR  
Pepsi Cola  
12 OZ CAN 6 PACK **98¢**

**TISSUE**  
CROWN MARINA  
4 ROLL PKG **79¢**

SCOT **TOWELS**  
BIG ROLL **55¢**

**PUREX**  
HALF GAL **49¢**

**Palmolive** LIQUID  
22 OZ BOTTLE **79¢**

**TIDE**  
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KEITH 20 OZ PKG **CUT CORN**  
OR PEAS **59¢**

KEITH 6 OZ CAN **LEMONADE** **19¢**  
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**Pot Pies** EA **29¢**

**PRODUCE**  
AT 'THE CROPS-IN' PRICES

SANTA ROSA **PLUMS** LB **29¢**  
CALIFORNIA **Lettuce** EACH **29¢**  
CALIF. VINE RIPE

**Tomatoes** LB **49¢**  
**CARROTS** 1 LB BAG **19¢**

RUSSET **Potatoes** 10 LB BAG **99¢**

**Peaches** DEL MONTE NO 2 1/2 CAN **49¢**

**Pineapple** DEL MONTE CHUNKS 15 OZ CAN **45¢**

**CORN** STOKELY WHOLE KERNEL 303 CAN **29¢**

VAN CAMP **Pork & Beans** 31 OZ CAN **49¢**

DEL MONTE WHOLE 303 CAN **2/69¢**

**Green Beans**

**KRAUT** DEL MONTE 303 CAN **29¢**

**HAM** HORMEL TENDER CHUNKS 7 OZ CAN **79¢**

RANCH STYLE WITH JALAPENO **Pinto Beans** 15 OZ CAN **29¢**

**FLOUR** GOLD MEDAL 5 LB BAG **69¢**

GANDY'S PURE **Ice Cream** HALF GAL **\$1.09**

**MILK** PRESTON LOW FAT GAL **\$1.49** REG HOMO GAL **\$1.59** PLUS DEP

**BISCUITS** MEADS 2 CANS **25¢**

KRAFT SALAD DRESSING **Miracle Whip** OT **98¢**

**OLEO** BLUE BONNET LB **59¢**

PRESTON 1/2 GAL BUTTER-MILK **69¢** LOW FAT HOMO **75¢** REG HOMO **79¢**

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# Panhandle Wheat Farmers are forming a mass a mail-in protest

Panhandle wheat farmers, angered over bankrupt prices and what they term "inadequate and to-

tally ineffective" four-year farm legislation which will come out of Congress the first of Au-

gust, are forming a mass mail-in protest set for August 8. The protest group is also urging simi-

lar action statewide and nationally by all farmers of all commodities. They are being coordinated by the leadership of

the Gray-Roberts Farmers Union and will fill individual boxes with wheat, accompanied by a protest letter for mailing on the same day to President Carter, Secretary of Agriculture Bob Bergland, and key members of Congress.

"Farmers are being forced out of business by the thousands because we have produced too much, and the government told us to produce it from fence row to fence row!" commented Fred Vanderburg of Pampa, chairman of the area protest. "So we're shipping a ton of this cheap stuff to them. We're not going to grow it for nothing. We can't. We're not getting a fair price, and we want them to know when they receive all this in the mail that we are mad."

Prices for wheat have dropped to below \$2.00, less than half the price being received two years ago, due to surpluses before harvest of around a billion bushels, with predictions for the end of this market year calling for a two billion bushel carry-over. USDA estimates the cost to produce a bushel of wheat between three and four dollars a bushel.

The Panhandle farmers have been collecting their boxes of wheat in a barn near Pampa and plan to place them all in the mail on August 8, possibly driving a convoy of tractors into town for delivery to the post office.

The Pampa protesters also announced today that they are urging every farmer both statewide and nationally to join in their cause by mailing one or several boxes of the commodity that they produce to Washington on the 8th.

"If they received thousands of boxes of wheat and milo, cotton and corn, they might realize what they are doing to farmers," said Sheridan Harnly, president of Gray-Roberts Farmers Union and a farmer's wife. "There is absolutely nothing we can

do in a market influenced by a government that is trying to fight inflation at the expense of the farmer. Well, inflation is real on the farm too, and it's killing us! This effort of

protest is only a beginning. We'll take what steps are necessary to make the public aware that we cannot continue to feed people if we can't make a decent living."

Turner Reunion  
The descendants of the late Mr. and Mrs. F. Z. Turner will have their reunion Sunday August the 14th at the Lions Club building. Relatives and Friends are welcome to come. A basket lunch will be served at noon.

## Carter's Proposals to help troubled Social Security Program Dissapointing

The Carter Administration's proposals for bailing out our troubled Social Security program are

somewhat disappointing. To quote the cliché, they are a band-aid approach when what is needed is major surgery.

### Mixed Drink Sales Increase by 25 per cent

Comptroller Bob Bullock said Wednesday that mixed drink sales reported for the April-June quarter of 1977 totaled \$134 million,

nearly a 25 percent increase over the same quarter a year ago.

Bullock said he mailed checks today totaling \$3.9 million to 196 counties and 327 cities as their share of the 10 percent mixed drink tax collected during the April-June quarter.

### Clift Signs With Ranger

One AHS baseball player this past year announced signed letter-of-intents for scholarships Saturday and Monday.

Bill Clift, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Tate of 313 SW 13th, made his final decision to also sign with Ranger Junior College.

His parents said they were happy of the signing saying, "Ranger is where he's always wanted to go because of their baseball reputation and outstanding athletics."

Head Mustang coach Mike Peebles was present at the scholarship signing and assistant coach Joe Halsey was on hand for Clift's scholarship decision.

Clift had a 2-2 record in district play and pitched two crucial shutouts against Monahans to keep the Mustangs in the district race until the final week.

Clift is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Thomas and is the great-grandson of Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Keith, both of Merkel.

The remainder of the tax collected, \$9.5 million, stays in the state general revenue fund, the Comptroller said.

Bullock said the 196 counties received a total of \$2 million, while the 327 cities received a total \$1.9 million.

Harris County received the largest check, \$599,383, based on total reported mixed drink sales of \$39.9 million. Dallas County reported sales of \$24.6 million, Bexar County, \$10.3 million, and Tarrant County, \$9.9 million.

The mixed drink gross receipts tax is collected by the Alcoholic Beverage Commission.

Bullock explained that the Comptroller's Office remits to counties and cities 15 percent of the total tax collected within their boundaries on a quarterly basis. The state keeps the remainder, he said.

In Abilene the total county tax revenue was \$104,474.17. The county's 15 percent remittance was \$15,671.13.

Two of the proposals would put the burden on the business person again. One would eliminate, over a period of four years, the ceiling on wages which are taxable for Social Security purposes. (The current level is \$16,500, but if the Administration proposal goes through, the employer must pay Social Security taxes on the full amount of his employees' wages by 1981.) The Administration also proposes increasing the payroll tax rate levied on self-employed persons from 7 to 7.5 percent.

Unfortunately, the Carter plan does nothing about the long-standing inequities of the Social Security system. As it now stands, persons who contribute don't necessarily receive benefits; persons who don't contribute may receive benefits. Some are "docked" for working after retirement, while others having a greater income receive the full benefit. It simply doesn't make sense.

The idea came from the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB), an organization which represents some 515,000 small business firms across the country. NFIB Research Director William J. Dennis, Jr., described it.

The NFIB proposal would divide the current Old Age and Survivors Insurance (OASI) program into two parts. Part A would resemble the existing insurance program, but with some conceptual changes. Under Part A, each individual would receive a benefit his or her accumulated employee-employer contribution plus interest.

Since the Part A benefit may not be enough for some individuals or fam-

ilies to exist at reasonable standards, there would also be a Part B, patterned after the existing Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program. Part B beneficiaries would receive two checks—their Part A entitlement based on employment contributions, and their Part B benefit based on family need. Since Part B benefits would be social subsidies and not earned entitlements, they would be financed from the general revenues, subject to annual appropriations.

This proposal makes sense for several reasons. For one thing, it separates earned entitlements from social subsidies, which makes the system more manageable. For another, since Part B benefits would come from the general revenues, the proposal forces everyone to pay a fair share of subsidies for the low-income elderly. Under the present system approximately two million Federal government employees and three million state and local government employees pay virtually nothing toward these subsidies. The proposal would receive their employer-employee contributions, plus interest, regardless of income, sex, or work status.

The purpose of Congressional committee hearings is to give the public at large the opportunity to discuss administration proposals or to suggest an original approach which may work better. We think NFIB's proposal is this kind of original approach, and we hope Congress pays some attention to it.

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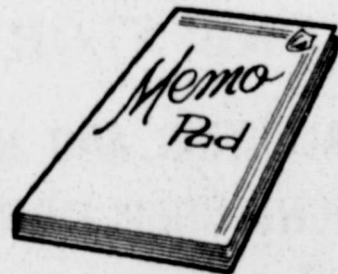
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### Tannich - Hensley Engaged

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Tannich are proud to announce the engagement and the approaching marriage of their daughter, Connie to Mike Hensley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don

Hensley. The wedding ceremony will be held at the Highland Church of Christ, October 1, 1977. Mike is employed by the Farmers and Merchants

National Bank of Merkel and is a student of Abilene Christian University. Connie is a student of and employed by Abilene Christian University.

### Noodle Baptist Church to Hold Revival Aug. 18th - 14th

Brother George Weeks, pastor of Peacock Baptist Church near Aspermont, will lead a revival at Noodle Baptist Church from August 8th to August 14th. Brother Weeks has led several very successful revivals in this area, and he has pastored in Eastland, Coleman, and Runnels counties before coming to this area. The music will be lead by Brother Jim Jones, former music director of Belmont Baptist Church in Abilene. The HSU graduate recently returned to the Noodle area. He will be accompanied by Mrs. James Nowell on the piano. Mrs. Nowell is active in the choir and other activities of the Belmont Baptist Church. Sunday services will be at 11 a.m. and at 8 p.m. Weekday services will begin at 8 p.m.

### Riding Club News

The results from the Merkel riding club are as follows:

- Boot race-tied for 1st. Cody Vaughn and Dawn Henslee, 2. Amy Sparks. Barrels (8 and under)-1. Candy Henslee, 2. Bridgett Vaughn.
- (9-12)-1. Eddie Sparks, 2. Jerry Miller.
- (13-17)-1. Rodney Cannall, 2. Buddy Suout, 3. Vicki Campbell, 4. Penny Hatfield, 5. Clyde Cannall.
- (18 and over)-1. Patti Shotwell, 2. Jannett Pincly, 3. Charles Hatfield, 4. Jan Beck, 5. Don Simpson.
- Poles (8 and under)-1. Candy Henslee.
- (9-12)-1. Eddie Sparks, 2. Jerry Miller.
- (13-17)-1. Rodney Cannall, 2. Clyde Cannall, 3. Vicki Campbell, 4. Penny Hatfield, 5. Buddy Stout.
- (18 and over)-1. Barbara Whisenhunt, 2. Jannett Pincly, 3. Don Simpson.
- Calf Roping-1. John Rodger, 2. Alvin Power, 3. Charles Hatfield.
- Ribbon Roping-1. Alvin Power and Rusty Justice.

### Harrison's Hold Reunion

The W. A. Harrison of Trent, Texas, Sunday August 7. Friends of the family are invited.

## Cemetery Donations

The following made donations to the Merkel Cemetery Association:

- Mr. and Mrs. Waymon Adcock
- Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Barnhart in memory of Mary Jo Reed
- Agnes P. King
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- Mr. and Mrs. Claude Thomas
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- Fred A. Pribble, Jr.
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- Mr. and Mrs. Waymon Adcock
- Mr. and Mrs. Lem A. Allison in memory of Jennie Mae Phillips, Earl Hughes, and Alice Dudley
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- Henry and Odell Ueckert in memory of Carl Jackson
- Mr. and Mrs. John Herron in memory of Carl Jackson
- Mr. and Mrs. Claude Warren in memory of Mrs. J. B. Browning and Mrs. Lem Dudley
- Mrs. Odell Anderson
- Mr. and Mrs. Claude Warren in memory of Mrs. J. B. Browning

### Stith Home Demonstration Club News

The Ladies Home Demonstration Club met July 27 at the Community Building with Vada Hudson presiding. Roll call was answered with an item that was metric measure on it. Louise read the minutes from the last meeting and Daisy Mashburn brought our recreation, a quiz game. Our Agent, Niece Wilburn brought our program on Metric Match Up. There were 9 present, 3 of those were visitors. Vicki Redden has been chosen as our queen for the Jones County Fair, August 11-13.

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### Learning About Snakes Can Save a Life

By Robert L. Haney  
TAES Science Writer

More than 90 percent of snakes in Texas are non-poisonous and quite useful to man, according to a noted herpetologist at Texas A&M University.

"And even the poisonous ones help keep down the population of rodents and other pests," says Dr. James R. Dixon who is engaged in research on snakes for the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station.

From years of study and research and a wealth of field experience, Dixon is able to relate dozens of useful findings. Since Texas is blessed with such an abundance of snakes, he finds that knowledge of snakes can do much to relieve anxiety and prevent indiscriminate killing of all snakes.

For example, two types of small snakes he often finds in flowerbeds around houses are quite harmless hunters of slugs and worms.

Other larger, harmless snakes may go in garages or

other out-buildings after mice or rats. And if a house has any openings a snake may come inside for the same purpose.

Since there are so many different kinds of snakes in Texas, Dixon says it's easiest to learn to recognize the poisonous ones first.

He adds that in Texas there are four kinds of poisonous snakes: rattlesnake, moccasin, copperhead and coral snake. But, there are nine forms of rattlesnake in Texas, one of moccasin or "cottonmouth", four types of copperhead, and one type of coral snake.

Trouble with the coral snake is that it can be confused with the king snake and the scarlet snake. All have bands of red, black and yellow or white.

Coral snakes though are the only ones that have yellow on each side of the red band.

A good handbook Dixon recommends is *Conant's Field Guide to Reptiles and Amphibians of North America*. It's available in inexpensive paperback and pictures

the different varieties of snakes and points out identifying characteristics.

Another good source of information is to check with your County Extension Agent for MP-1194, *Poisonous Snakes of Texas*.

There are ever so many misconceptions about snakes, Dixon says. In addition to the now well known ones about a milk snake can't milk cows, a hoop snake can't take tail in mouth and roll down hill, a "glass snake" (lizard) can't break in pieces and then reassemble, other misconceptions are:

1) A rattlesnake always rattles before it strikes. Not so, if he's asleep and you step on him or otherwise startle him, he'll strike and then rattle.

2) A poisonous snake strikes at a warm body because of a heat sensor. Actually, it's a temperature sensor and snakes use it to detect a difference in temperature. A snake may strike a cold-blooded reptile such as a frog, lizard or another snake.

3) A small poisonous

snake is not dangerous. Definitely not so! Dixon says a small rattler is poisonous at birth and only the quantity of poison increases as it gets larger.

4) A coral snake is more to be feared than other American snakes because it has a cobra-like poison that works on the nerves.

Other American snakes do have a different type poison that works on the blood but the coral snake is not as deadly because of its small size and short fangs. It almost has to chew its poison in and it has little chance of doing this with a lethal dose.

As to snakebite, Dixon mentions several precautions: One of these is his habit of carrying a stout staff when in snake country and using it to make noise in front of him to scare away snakes. He doesn't put too much reliance in boots or canvas leggings for protection.

In case of snake bite, Dixon cautions students, the snake if at all possible should be killed and brought in with the victim. Dixon offers his

services to help a doctor identify such snakes by calling 713/845-6751.

Treatment for snakebite can be both painful and dangerous and should not be administered unless the snakebite is poisonous.

Symptoms of poisonous snakebites Dixon mentions are immediate pain followed by swelling and cold sweat.

Amateur field treatment of snakebite injures many people each year according to Dixon. Chemical freeze material often damages flesh with frostbite. And amateur surgery often damages blood vessels, nerves or tendons without doing good.

The most effective field treatment Dixon has observed is to pack the bite in ice and get it to a doctor as soon as feasible. But a patient who runs only speeds spread of the poison, he cautions.

And, Dixon reiterates, the snake should be brought in with the victim if possible. Otherwise, the doctor has to try and treat a snakebite of unknown origin.

Editor's Note — Any questions regarding this column should be addressed to Science Writer, Dept. of Agricultural Communications, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas 77843.

### Senior Citizen News

The Senior Citizens of the Merkel area had their regular singing Monday night, which is on the first Monday of each month. About 50 were present. Some good singers came from Hamlin, Trent, and Roby. If you have been to our singings, come and bring a friend and enjoy it with us.

Hob Robertson is director for the month of August.

You are invited to come to our luncheon the 2nd Tuesday of each month, which will be Tuesday of next week. We hope to have a large crowd. Come and bring a friend and enjoy the food and fellowship.

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# School Board Approves Four New Teachers for '77-'78 School Year

The Merkel Independent School Board recently approved the hiring of four new teachers for the 1977-1978 school year for Merkel Independent School

District. Two teachers were hired to teach in the Middle School, one was hired to teach math and physics in the High School, and a new band director

was hired to serve all of the schools. On behalf of the citizens of Merkel, we would like to welcome them to Merkel, and in an effort to acquaint everyone with the

new teachers, below are pictures of and information about all of the new teachers.



Lou Ann McGowan, New Teacher

Lou Ann McGowan graduated from Brownfield High School and attended West Texas State University and graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree. She taught two years in Weslaco, Texas, and two years in Groom, Texas. Mrs. McGowan will be on the Middle School Faculty.



Tony McGowan, New Band Director

Mr. McGowan graduated from Borger Sr. High and attended Frank Phillips Jr. College and graduated with an Associate of Arts Degree. He also attended West Texas State University and graduated with a Bachelor of Music Education and a Masters of Art in Music Education.



Bob Patty, Middle School Coach

Mr. Patty graduated from McMurry College in 1973 and was a member of Alpha Sigma Chi social club. He taught football, basketball, track, and history at Alvin for four years. He also coached in the Summer League Babe Ruth Baseball program for three years.



John Cole, New Math and Science Teacher

John Cole will be the Physics, Trigonometry, and Geometry teacher for Merkel High School this year. Cole is a 1968 graduate of Silverton High School and a 1972 graduate of McMurry College. He has spent two years in the U. S. Army and two years with an industry in Colorado.

## TSTIFSA Given Official Standing

Action by the board of regents has given official standing to the Texas State Technical Institute Former Student Association (TSTIFSA).

As established under a new constitution and by-laws approved by the regents, the association will function on all four campuses in the TSTI system - Sweetwater, Waco, Amarillo, and Harlingen. After chapters are operating on each campus, efforts will be made to form chapters in cities and towns where interest is expressed.

President of TSTIFSA is Bob Moore of Waco, who admits that getting the organization off the

ground is going to be a difficult job.

"There is no other student organization in the U. S.," Moore said, "that has four campuses like we have and that will have chapters other than the campus chapters. Everything we do is a learning process."

A board of directors will supervise operations of the association. At present, all board members but one are from the Waco area. Later, each campus will be represented on the board.

Chapters already are functioning on two campuses.

On the James Connally Campus in Waco, an association project was the

landscaping of a new building. On-campus donations were solicited, nurseries in Waco were asked to donate plants (everyone did, Moore said), and horticulture students took on the landscaping as a class project.

TSTI graduate Freddy Fender, a member of the Harlingen chapter, will give a concert to benefit TSTIFSA. Moore stressed that these funds will be for the entire organization, not just the Harlingen chapter.

Moore visited the Rolling Plains Campus in Sweetwater last week, where, he said, a chapter has yet to be started. He said former students now working for TSTI could serve as the nucleus for the Sweetwater chapter.

Moore said a primary goal of TSTIFSA is to form the state-supported technical-vocational school into "a united front."

"I want technical-vocational education to be realized more than it is, and that's what the Former Student Association can do, not simply by money

but by word-of-mouth," Moore said.

Other goals are the establishment of a scholarship fund and assisting in the purchase of instructional equipment not available through appropriated funds.

Membership dues at present are \$3 a year; a future board may or may not decide to change that, Moore said.

But it is not in a monetary way that TSTI graduates can help the school the most, he added.

"The big thing that (the graduate) can do is the enthusiasm he or she has for the place where he or she went to learn to make a living," Moore said.

Moore completed three courses of study on the James Connally Campus and took courses in a fourth. He also holds a degree from a four-year school.

TSTI graduates in the Sweetwater area who are interested in TSTIFSA are asked to contact Moises Perez, manager of Student Services on the Rolling Plains Campus.

## Chili proclaimed official state dish

At last, clandestine chili cookers around Texas can walk proudly into the light of the day.

Chili is no longer a dish cooked by a few fire-breathing, fun-loving weirdos. It has been placed in its well-deserved place of honor by the recent State Legislature which proclaimed it the official State dish.

The first "legal" test of chili's new legitimacy will take place at the 8th Annual Republic of Texas Chilympiad September 15-18. On hand at this year's cook-off will be perennial crowd-pleasers Yellow dog and John Raven, plus a foreigner from Newport, Kentucky, named Robert J. Bischoff, and many others.

## Board of Equalization to Meet

In obedience to an order of the Board of Equalization, regularly convened and sitting, notice is hereby given that said Board of Equalization will be in session at its regular meeting place in the City Hall, 107 Lamar, Merkel, Texas, between the hours of 8 and 9 p.m. on the 8th of August, for the purpose of determining, fixing and equalizing the value of any and all taxable property situated in the City of Merkel, Texas, for taxable purposes for the year 1977, and any and all persons interested or having business with said Board are hereby notified to be present.

Also providing entertainment at this year's Chilympiad will be the Original Bob Will's Texas Playboys, Mickey Gilly, "Fiddlin'" Frenchie Burke and the Latin Breed.

## Lambda Beta

Lambda Beta members had a family hamburger supper at the David Leddy's home on Saturday, July 23rd. They visited and played 42.

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On August 13, 1977, our young people will be selling fried pies from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. We will have apple, apricot, cherry, and pineapple. Anyone who would like to order any please call 928-5761. They will sell for four for \$1.00.

We are planning a misc. sale. We will be taking orders from people who want: pies, fried pies, cakes, or donuts. Also we will be making crafts such as dresses, purses, and tables.

The C. A.'s are using their talents for God. All the money is going for Speed the Light. This organization speed's God's Great Word everywhere through young people.

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