

Farmers & Merchants National Bank Honors Teachers With Luncheon

The Lions Club Building was the scene last Wednesday for a Welcome Teachers Luncheon. Don Hensley President of Farmers and Merchants National Bank was Master of Ceremonies.

Those present included Merkel and Tye teachers, School Board members, Superintendent, Travis Davis; High School Principal, Lee Presswood; Middle School Principal, John Cain; Primary School Principal, Charlie Helmer; Tye Elementary School Principal, Cecil Todd; Jane Murrell and Leon Walker from Taylor Callahan Educational Coop; Dr. Paul Faulkner from ACU, guest speaker; Lou David Allen City of Merkel Mayor; City Manager, J. A. Sadler; and Blanche Hewitt, Merkel Schools Tax Assessor and Collector.

Fred Heady of L&W Snack Bar graciously gave of his time and talents in preparing and serving a delicious meal. The Merkel High School cheerleaders and twirlers were on hand to help with serving. They also spent a lot of time in preparing decorations for the luncheon.

The luncheon was sponsored by The Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Merkel.

Following the luncheon, Superintendent Travis Davis welcomed all teachers.

Don Hensley introduced his wife, Charlene, and Farmers & Merchants National Bank employees, Virgil Jones and Mrs. Beasley. Hensley also introduced School Board members, Charles Jacobs President and Bobby Toliver secretary Treasurer.

Hensley commended the school board for attending to the business of the school and giving of their time and talents.

Charles Jacobs, School Board President, welcomed all teachers for the 77-78 year.

Jacobs said that Merkel is known for having a very serious disease going around. The disease is called Merkelites. Jacobs said that sooner or later anyone coming to Merkel catches it. The symptoms are: you suddenly realize that you want to be a part of Merkel, refuse to give up on the tasks you have chosen, and refuse to ever leave Merkel.

Jacobs said, "The School Board believes that we have above average teachers. The school plays

an important part in the community and therefore insists on the best educators."

"The State Legislature has let us down and will make it doubly hard for the school board. This will also make it even harder for the students and teachers."

"We will readily work on making our school facilities better. The school board members will appreciate your patience and understanding."

"Anyone having questions or anyone that would like to attend our Board meetings will certainly be welcome."

Dr. Paul Faulkner from ACU was indeed the highlight of the luncheon. Dr. Faulkner went down the line in describing many of his early day teachers, which included the good and the bad. He emphasized that he was not a model student and did not make the best of grades. Dr. Faulkner described some of his teachers as: "The lovely and the not so lovely."

Dr. Faulkner emphasized the need for seven items to be taught in our schools today. 1. Character Development with morals and value system. 2. Students need to be taught Self Discipline. 3. Students need to be asked, "Who are you and Where are you going?" 4. Motivational Skills, in other words, teach people how to teach others. 5. Communication Skills. Teach the students how to get along with others. (Diplomacy is always important.) 6. Good Self Confidence, Poise and Self Esteem. Students always work better with compliments rather than criticism. 7. Decisional Skills.

Dr. Faulkner said, "Don't give up on the bad ones! Spend some time with the shy ones."

In closing Dr. Faulkner said that he remembered hearing about a teacher that had a class room filled with some of the roughest and meanest boys around. No one expected these boys to make good grades or even pass, but they did. Dr. Faulkner said, "Someone finally asked this teacher what she had done to accomplish this. She said she really didn't know, but I'll tell you one thing, 'I Loved Those Boys!'"



Don Hensley commends school board and teachers.



Travis Davis Welcomes Teachers for 77-78 School Year...



Charles Jacobs asks for patience and understanding



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Badgers Impressive at Last "Dress Rehearsal"

by Dale Hammond

A large shirt sleeved crowd watched the Badgers roll up an impressive 257 yards on the ground and 82 yards passing against the Pied Pipers of Hamlin last Friday eve. This was the last dress rehearsal before Friday nights opener against Baird. The Badgers dominated the entire evening allowing Hamlin only 133 yards total.

Merkel's offense was led by Rick Howes who thundered across real estate grabbing off 142 yards in eleven tries. The offensive unit had the coaches and fans smiling but what I liked best was their swarming defence. Badger defenders were continuously roaming around Hamlin lines forcing fumbles, busting up plays and raising Cain in general. Dwain English, Grant Murrell, Mike Davis and Brad McCoy along with other team mates forced the Pipers to fumble the ball away four times. When Hamlin tried to put the pressure on, the defense upped the ante forcing Piper mistakes. Their lateral pursuit and penetration was robust to say the least. Defensive backs got in on the fun holding the Piper passing attack down next to nothing.

Brad McCoy is a good example of a good two way player that's a must in small AA schools for survival. He's fearless on defense and runs like a whippet on offense. He was good hands for a receiver and we're glad his mama and papa moved to Merkel. Garth Doan and Rick Howes are a couple of more good examples of two way "Horses". Mike Davis can take you either head on or run you down from sideline to sideline.

Little Mike Brady went up over the big boys and hauled in a Pursley toss for six points and kept Pursley's average at well

over the 500 per cent mark. All of this against a Hamlin Club that looked pretty good and will no doubt deal some misery in the near future.

Speaking of the future, it starts Friday night in Baird. The Bears are not likely to have forgotten Merkel in one of only two blemishes on their record last year. They will field twelve veterans, seven offense, and five on defense.

No matter who's been picked to finish first or last or who's doing the picking, right now every body is even. It's along way from pleasant summer evening scrimmages to knock down, drag out battles in mud, rain, sleet (anybody remember Cahoma?) snow and blue northers. The Badgers have the quality to stay with it and make good things happen. Speaking for the Badger Booster Club and all Badger fans we wish Coach Jerry McCleod and the coaching staff and all our players good health and good luck this 1977 season. Lets all go to Baird and watch a Badger bite a Bear.

Game statistics were as follows: First Downs Merkel 15, Hamlin 6; Penetrations Merkel 4, Hamlin 0; Yards rushing Merkel 34-252, Hamlin 133 yds.; Yards passing Merkel 82 yards, Hamlin 133 yards; Passes completed Merkel 5 out of 9; Passes intercepted by Merkel 1; Fumbles lost Merkel 0, Hamlin 4.

Individual statistics are as follows: Rushing: Howes 11-142 with one TD, Cox 4-34, Pursley 6-23, McCoy 2-18 with one TD, Doan 4-18 with one TD, Brown 3-10, Dye 4-7, Sims 2-5, Passing: Pursley 5 out of 9 82 yards with one TD, Pass receiving: McCoy 2 for 19 yards, Howes 1 for 12 yards, Doan 1 for 31 yards Brady 1 for 21 yards with 1 TD.

What Is A School?

Schools are far more than the buildings that house the various activities involved in education. Children are, of course, the primary reason for a school's existence. The administrators, too, are important in insuring an orderly routine but the quality of any school is determined primarily by the teachers. Their dedication or lack of it is the primary ingredient of a successful school program. Teachers do their very best to be effective but to do so, they need the support of the community at large and of the parents of the children they teach.

The quality of education in your schools is your responsibility too. Make a point to know your child's teacher and also become acquainted with school board members. Support your teachers and school board. After all their goals are the same as yours-to provide the best education possible for your children.

EMS To Direct Emergency Care Attendant Course in Merkel

A 40 hour course in Emergency Care Attending will begin September 6th at the Merkel City Hall. This course will be under the direction of the Emergency Medical Service. Glen Pratt from Sweetwater will be the instructor.

An organizational meeting will be held, Thursday, September 1, at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. Cost of the course will be \$30.00. Anyone interested should definitely attend this meeting.

These classes are being held for everyone. It does not matter whether you

are a business man, housewife, etc. This class will not only benefit you but others as well!

MERKEL VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS TO MAN PHONES

The Volunteer Fire Fighters of Merkel will be manning the phone center at the City Hall Sunday and Monday for the Jerry Lewis Telethon. The TELEPHONE NUMBER TO CALL IS - 928-4719.

News and Thoughts

By Martha Sue Justice



Well, here is another one of those stories where I'm not allowed to use anyone's real name, so let's just call the man Oglethorpe, and the woman Matilda. Now with the story. Earlier this week Oglethorpe and Matilda discovered that their hog, Wilbur, was feeling rather poorly. They immediately became very concerned, because Wilbur is not only a real sweet hog-but he also cost money. Well, yesterday, (Monday) the diagnosis was made of a possible kidney stone. Oglethorpe and Matilda were just beside themselves as to what to do. They finally decided to call an area doctor and had poor Wilbur examined first hand. (Oh, by the way, this doctor was not a veterinarian but an M.D.) The doctor gave Wilbur some antibiotics and they all sat back and waited. I received a call last night from Matilda. She said that Oglethorpe was so upset that he had decided to try to sit up with Wilbur all night and wanted to know if I could take over if Oglethorpe pooped out. I, of course, was just tickled to death to be of what little help that I could. It's not every day that anyone asks me to sit up with a hog. At last report, (Tuesday), Wilbur had started feeling much better and is no longer just laying around. (This is a true story)...

Loving Kindness survives death!

Teacher: Tom, if you had one dollar and your father gave you one more dollar, how many dollars

would you have? Tom: One dollar! Teacher: Tom, you just don't know your arithmetic yet do you? Tom: You just don't know my father.

The monthly singing will be September 4th at the Senior Citizen Building. Young people all ages are urged to come and help sing. Everyone is invited. If transportation is needed, call 928-5074.

If anyone out there would like to play baseball for a good cause (only \$1), or would just like to have a few laughs by watching, go out to the Little League Field Thursday night at 7:00 p.m. to watch the women play and also Saturday night at 7:30 p.m. to watch the men play. These games are for the benefit of the Merkel Little League and all help will certainly be appreciated.

If you have a heart full of love-you'll always have something to give.

The Merkel Booster Club will hold its regular meetings on Tuesday nights at the Taylor Electric Building.

Some classified ads play con games, says Claudia Kerbel, consumer information specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. The Texas A &

News and Thoughts Continued

M University System. Beware of companies that run "Help Wanted" ads, then charge for training or equipment. Besides not getting a job, you may lose money, the specialist says.

NEW TEACHER AT MERKEL HIGH SCHOOL-Gwin May will be teaching High School Resource at Merkel. She is a graduate of Hardin Simmons University in Abilene. She is married to Bob May and lives in Abilene. They have two children, Geoffrey and Kathleen. Her hobby is her plants and she also enjoys collecting unusual ones.

HOW LONG SHALL I GIVE?-"Go break to the needy sweet charity's bread; for giving is living," the angel said. "And must I be giving again and again?" My peevish and pitiless answer ran. "Oh no," said the angle, piercing me through, "Just give till the Master stops giving to you." (Taken from the Texas Legion News, September-October, 1977)

The Welcome Teachers Luncheon this past Wednesday was thoroughly enjoyable and I certainly do appreciate being invited. City Manager, J. A. Sadler, somehow or another was able to acquire his meal at least 10 minutes before any of the rest of us were able to get in line. I just happen to look over his way and caught that sheepish grin on his face. That's when I noticed that plate full of food. Blanche Hewitt, Merkel School Tax Assessor, was flat starving to death. Once we got in line, she tried to cut in front of several people. Once she had her plate and sat down, she got so excited she spilled her tea. After eating she even tried to steal my dessert. Do all of you out there know a teacher by the name of Lillie Braune? If you do,--I needn't say much more. Braune was her usual self at the luncheon. She was full of fun and laughter--and that special infectious laugh can always be pinned to Braune.

TEXAS A & M UNIVERSITY, COLLEGE STATION-Rainfall Outlook Should Improve--Texas farmers and ranchers can look forward to some improvement in the rainfall situation during the next 30 days, if the National Weather Service is right in its predictions. Most of the state should get some reprieve from the extended dry weather, says NWS officials. They are calling for above average rainfall in all regions through the middle of September. At the same time, temperatures should remain normal, which means a continuation of generally warm weather. Of course, some relief from the summer heat wave that has plagued much of the state should begin to show up by the first of September as cold fronts start winding their way down from the northern part of the nation.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY-Have I been a neighbor recently to someone in need?

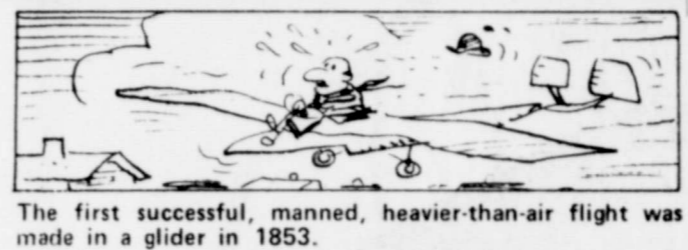
PRAYER: Our Father, we thank You for persons who take time to help those in need. Forgive us for our failure to be the neighbor someone needs, and help us to have more of the loving concern for others. Amen

"A Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion, and went to him and bound up his wounds." -Luke 10:33-34

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Bob Izzard and Jerry Lewis discuss plans for this years Labor Day Telethon. The show will be aired on KTEX-TV 12 beginning at 8:00 P.M., Sunday, September 4 continuing until 5:30 P.M. Monday, September 5. The local show will be broadcast live from Westgate Mall in Abilene.

Jerry Lewis Sets Goal for Labor Day Telethon

Jerry Lewis has set a goal for his 1977 Labor Day Telethon. He is determined to surpass the achievement of the 1976 Telethon which raised a record-breaking \$21.7 million to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA). The marathon

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spectacular, which will originate from Las Vegas, will be seen here over KTEX-TV, Channel 12, beginning 8:00 p.m., Sunday, September 4, and continuing until 5:30 p.m., Monday, September 5, LIVE from Westgate Mall.

Ed McMahon will serve as Jerry's anchorman at Del Webb's Hotel Sahara in Las Vegas.

Funds raised through the Telethon help support M D A's worldwide research programs and its network of free clinics throughout the U. S., and in Puerto Rico and Guam.

T.S.T.I. Graduates

The largest graduating class in the history of the Rolling Plains Campus of Texas State Technical Institute was certified in commencement exercises August 19.

Rep. Bill Clayton of Springlake, Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives, spoke to the 145 graduates.

Members of the graduating class included:

Building Construction Craftman; Albert L. Hill of Merkel. Dental Assistant; Rhonda Free of Trent. Radio and Television servicing; Roosevelt Castillo of Merkel. Technical Office Training; Tina Hamner of Trent.

"The most useful virtue is patience." John Dewey

Pannell is Top Agent

Guyn M. Pannell, owner of the Guyn M. Pannell Insurance Agency for Republic National Life here, has "done it again."

"It" is achieving a goal of selling more than a million dollars worth of individual life insurance in a specially designated month, which he has now done five years in a row, earning him a top spot in an advertisement in the October Fortune Magazine.

Pannell is the top agent out of several men who are shown in the color page ad since he is the only agent that has achieved this goal five consecutive years. Pannell was most recently honored at an advanced tax school he was attending in Dallas for being the only agent in the entire company who has qualified for all of the

conventions the company has had dating back to 1947, in addition, he was also recognized as the only agent of the company who has produced in Excess of one million dollars per year for the past twenty five straight years.

Guyn M. Pannell was born and raised in Merkel, Texas.



Ostrich eggs are the largest bird eggs. They may be eight inches long and weigh three pounds.

Our friend lives in a charming apartment overlooking the rent.

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WELCH DONUTS BOX 59c
TROPHY 10 OZ EA STRAWBERRIES 35c
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OSCAR MAYER BEEF OR REGULAR BOLOGNA 12 OZ 98c
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GRIFFIN 18 OZ GLASS GRAPE JELLY EA 53c
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JOHNSONS SHOUT 22 OZ CAN 89c
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27-1tc

LOST & FOUND

LOST: Brown male dachhund, 4 years old. Answers to the name of Sam. Last seen Sunday morning. Contact Bob Patty at the Middle School or Call 928-5030.

27-1tc

MISCELLANEOUS

I will not be responsible for anyone's debts except my own. Travis L. Swinney.

27-2tp

FOR SALE

FOR SALE: 277 John Deere cotton stripper. 3 bale cotton trailer. 8 disc International One Way. All in running condition. Also G. E. Vacuum Cleaner.

27-2tp

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8-tfc

FOR SALE

FOR SALE: Stereo, AM-FM - tape - turntable. Call 928-5981, \$100. 1522 Heath.

28-1tp

MISCELLANEOUS

PORCH AND YARD SALE: Womens clothes, new quilts, shoes, mens clothes, teenage clothes, new fire extinguisher, odds and ends. Friday 9:00 a.m. to Saturday 5 p.m., 105 Cherry Street.

27-1tp

MISCELLANEOUS

FINE FURNITURE FABRICS at better prices. Professional upholstery available. Randy's Fabrics, 1120 Butternut, 673-2238.

6-tfc

MISCELLANEOUS

LAND FOR SALE? Call Collect-Bill Largent, Farm and Ranch Mgr. at Frances McClure Inc., Realtors. 3157 South 27th Abilene. 698-3211, Night 698-2375.

46-tfc

FOR SALE

FOR SALE: extra clean, 2 bedroom, new carpet, utility room, patio, \$18,000 Call Senter Realtors 677-1811 or Inge 677-1811 or Linda Cravens 928-4860 or Rhoda Allen 928-5415.

27-2tc

FOR RENT

FOR RENT: two bedroom house; couple only. 928-4868.

22-tfc

FOR RENT

FOR RENT: Space for mobile home 312 Edwards, 928-5725 or 928-5034.

26-2tp

YARD SALE

YARD SALE: 404 Lois Street, odds and ends, dishes, and antique ice box and phone. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

27-1tp

Services

WOULD LIKE TO BUY good used medium sized saddle. call 928-5176.

28-1tp

LISTINGS NEEDED

in Merkel; land or homes. McAden Real Estate, 672-3804.

47-tfc

FOR SALE

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26-2tp

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27-1tc

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3-tfc

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS

HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF J. M. BOWDRY, DECEASED

GARAGE SALE

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28-1tp

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27-1tp

MISCELLANEOUS

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28-1tp

Miscellaneous

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28-1tp

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**Merrell to be Employed
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Judy Kay Merrell has been employed as the Homemaker Teacher at Peaster High School, Peaster, Texas. Judy, a 1973 graduate of Trent High School, attended Angelo State University for two years and graduated from Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brnovak of Merkel. Mark, her husband, will be enrolled at Weatherford Junior College.

**Corporal Asencio
Participates in
'Bell Nugget'**

Marine Corporal Arnulfo Asencio Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Asencio of 108 Haynes Street, Merkel, Texas, recently participated in Exercise "Bell Nugget" in Alaska.

He is serving as a member of Battalion Landing Team One Slant Seven (BLT 1-7), home based at Camp Pendleton, California.

His unit formed the ground element of a Marine Amphibious Unit for the exercise.

"Bell Nugget" was designed to develop and evaluate procedures for amphibious assaults in sub-arctic, temperate rain forest climates. He and his fellow Marines had the opportunity to visit the Alaskan cities of Anchorage, Juneau, Kodiak, and Ketchikan, in addition to Vancouver, Canada, during the month-long deployment.

A 1974 graduate of Merkel High School, he joined the Marine Corps in May 1974.

Deaths & Funerals

**Funeral Held for
Norma Bond**

Norma Bond, 60, of Merkel, died at 8:40 p.m. Saturday at Hendrick Medical Center after a lengthy illness. Services were at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the First Baptist Church in Merkel with the Rev. Kenneth Jones, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery, directed by Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born January 12, 1917, in Jones County, she had lived in the Merkel area all of her life. She married A. C. Bond, Jr. He died in 1944. Mrs. Bond operated Norma's Beauty Shop in Merkel for the past 28 years. She was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include three daughters, Darlene English and Sue Copeland, both of Abilene, and Carolyn Toliver of Hutchinson, Kansas; her mother, Emory Wilburn of Merkel; two brothers, Ralph Wilburn of Merkel and C. B. Wilburn of Abilene; three sisters, Lenora Bond and Ruth Agnew, both of Merkel, and Leda Bright of Fort Worth; eight grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

A sister, Foy Wilburn, preceded her in death. Nephews were the pallbearers.

kel; two sisters, Mrs. F. C. Sykes and Mrs. B. J. Bradley, both of Enfield, N. C.; and six grandchildren.

**Deborah Crow
Dies in
Lubbock**

Deborah Crow, wife of Bernell Crow, died Monday at her home in Lubbock. Funeral services were Wednesday, August 24, 1977.

Mrs. Crow was the sister in law of Mrs. Will Toombs and Mrs. Dee Moore.

Mr. Crow was born and raised in the Merkel area.

**Ace Walters
Dies**

Ace Y. Walters, 74, of Clyde, died at 3:20 p.m. Sunday in the West Texas Medical Center of an apparent heart attack. Services were at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Bailey Funeral Home Chapel in Clyde. Mr. Blackwell of the Worldwide Church of God officiated and burial was in Potosi Cemetery.

Born May 5, 1903, in Hamilton County, Mr. Walters was married to Inez Morris November 22, 1933, in Baird. He worked for the Missouri-Pacific Railroad for nine years and then worked at the Abilene State-School until retiring in 1976. He moved to Clyde from Trent in 1955. He was a member of the Worldwide Church of God.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Archie Odell Walters of Clyde and Freeman J. Walters of Abilene; a daughter, Lillie Dell Smith of Abilene; four brothers, S. E. Walters of Baird, Noel Walters of California, E. V. Walters of Merkel and E. C. Walters of Oklahoma; three sisters, Nina Grafton of California, Ella Morris of Trent, and Fay Burks of Archer City; and nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

**Ernest Smith Dies in
Clovis, New Mexico**

Ernest F. Smith, 65, of Merkel, died at 4 p.m. Saturday in a Clovis, New Mexico, hospital of an apparent heart attack. Services were at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the First Baptist Church in Merkel with Rev. Kenneth Jones, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery in Merkel.

Born December 3, 1911, in Fayette County, he moved to the Merkel area in 1932. He was married to Bernice Brewer September 26, 1933, in Merkel and farmed until he retired in 1970.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Gary of Mineral Wells; two daughters, Mrs. Harold (Betty) McLean and Mrs. Larrie (Patricia) Tatum, both of Abilene; nine grandchildren and a great-grandchild; a sister, Mrs. Esther Ferris of Austin; nine grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by granddaughter, Cilestia Tatum in November 1974.

Pallbearers were Joe McDuff, Alvin Wozencraft, Robert Higgins, Lloyd Robinson, Jackie Reynolds, and Ronnie Hobbs.

**Last Rites to be Held for
Willard Sledge II**

Willard Sledge II, 65, of 5441 Durango died at 1:05 p.m. Monday in West Texas Medical Center after a brief illness. Services will be at Thursday at Starbuck Funeral Home Chapel.

The Rev. Don Pattillo, pastor of Westside Baptist Church in Abilene, will officiate. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery in Merkel.

Born October 12, 1911, in Warsaw, N. C., he married Annie Lee Bradley December 22, 1935, in Weldon, N. C. They moved to Texas in 1955 and moved to the Abilene area in 1974. He was a member of the Elks Club, Lions Club and First Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Willard Sledge III of Waco; two daughters, Mrs. Pat McCoy of Durango, Colorado, and Mrs. Billv Fowler of Mer-

**Bob Long Named
General Manager for KBGG**

On August 22, Bob Long officially became General Manager of radio station KBGG. Long rounds out

the new staff of the Merkel station. He brings a vast amount of experience from the broadcasting field including a stint as newsman for the Texas State Network.

Bob Long is widely known as a competent broadcaster in the Big Country having served as General Manager for station KNIT in Abilene.

Long told reporters, "I plan to beef up the staff of KBGG and see to it that

we become an effective voice in the Big Country. Of course we need to trim a lot of fat in certain areas. We plan to become involved in all aspects of area-wide community affairs. We want to grow with Merkel."

Long pointed out that construction is near completion. "To a large extent we're just about through remodeling the station. We plan to hold open house in the near future."

**Breakfast
Required In
Texas**

The School Breakfast Program got a big boost in Texas when Governor Dolph Briscoe signed H. B. 136 on June 16.

This bill amends Chapter 21 of the Texas Education Code, and requires certain school districts to provide School Breakfasts.

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SCHOOL NEWS

By Milly Bright, Media Coordinator

School has started and everyone is anticipating a very good year. The new classrooms that have been added at Merkel Elementary and at Tye Elementary are really nice. Open House will be soon so that everyone can see them. There are several classrooms at Merkel Elementary and at Merkel Middle School that have been remodeled and really are nice.

All of the Merkel ISD faculty wish to express their appreciation to Don Hensley and the Farmers and Merchants National Bank for a very enjoyable luncheon. The guest speaker, Dr. Paul Faulkner of Abilene Christian University gave a most inspiring talk. It went right along with our theme for this year which is for each teacher to give each student their very best. The food, prepared by Fred Heady of L & W Snack Bar, was delicious. Football season will begin Thursday, September 1st with the 8th grade Merkel Badgers under the leadership of Bob Patty, new 8th grade coach, playing Baird at Badger Stadium at 6:00. The Junior Varsity, under the

leadership of Tony Mauldin, will play at 7:30 following the 8th grade game.

The Friday night game will be played at Baird at 8:00. We all look forward to a successful season.

Band Boosters are planning a garage and bake sale September 17th from 9:00-6:00. Any contributions will be welcomed. This year the Band Boosters are hoping to raise enough money to finance a

trip to the State Fair for a marching contest.

The Merkel Badger Band will perform Friday night under the leadership of Tony McGowan, at the Baird Game. They have worked up an exciting precision drill and then will feature the 77-78 twirlers: Cindy Smith, Mary Roeder, Lesa Hart, Lisa Owen, Shannon Bagby, and Patti McLeod. Kandi Ascencio is the drum major.

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The TSTI schedule is as follows: Course 101, Basic Fundamentals, September 17, 18, 24, and 25; course 201, Principles of Real Estate, October 1, 2, 8, and

9; course 301, Practice of Real Estate, October 15, 16, 22, and 23.

Tuition for each two credit hours (30 classroom hours) is \$125 if paid in full at least five days prior to the beginning of the class.

Persons wishing to register or obtain additional information may write, call or visit Continuing Education, Rolling Plains Campus, TSTI, Sweetwater 79556. The telephone is (915) 235-8441, extension 40 or 41.

The courses are offered in conjunction with the American College of Real Estate, San Antonio.

Republican Women Announce Convention Plans

Anne Bergman of Weatherford, President of the Texas Federation of Republican Women (TFRW), announced today that the group will hold its Eleventh Biennial Convention in Brownsville on November 11-12, 1977.

One of the largest political organizations in Texas, the TFRW has approximately 5,500 members organized into 132 clubs throughout the state.

Principal guests and speakers who have already been accepted for the convention are United States Senator John Tower and former Director of

Central Intelligence George Bush," Bergman stated.

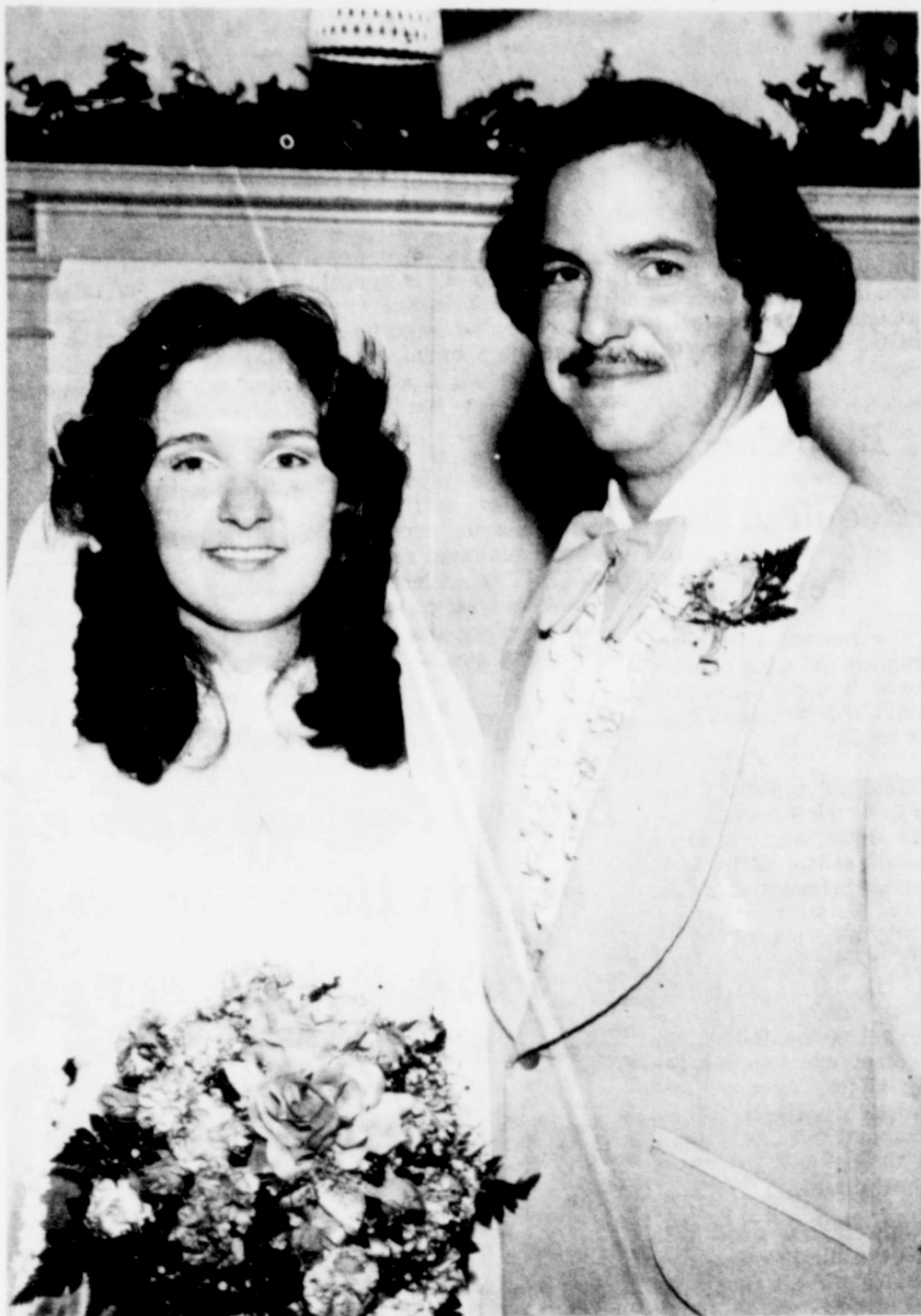
Convention activities will include the election of new officers as well as district directors for 1977-79, the honoring of the Ten Outstanding Republican Women in Texas and the designation of outstanding member clubs. Delegates will also vote on federation bylaw amendments and adopt resolutions dealing with the federation's political philosophy going into the 1978

Staff Sergeant Donald L. Price stationed at Dyess

Now serving at Dyess AFB, Texas, with a Strategic Air Command unit is Air Force Staff Sergeant Donald L. Price, son of Mr. and Mrs. Garland L. Price of Rt. 2, Trent Texas.

Sergeant Price, an electronic warfare systems specialist, was previously assigned at Bergstrom AFB, Texas.

The sergeant, a 1966 graduate of Baird High School, attended Cisco Junior College. His wife, Bonnie, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bennie T. Nettles of Putnam, Texas.



Hopper-Hamner Exchange Wedding Vows

Tina Ann Hamner of Trent became the bride of Robert Joe Hopper of Trent August 27, 1977 at 7 p.m. at Mack Eplans Bouquet room in Abilene with George Butterfield, Church of Christ in Trent, officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Billy W. Hamner of Trent. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Boyd of Slaton, Texas.

Given in marriage by her father the bride wore a Organza gown with English inset at high rise neckline edged in Venise lace. Repeat of lace of flow short sleeves and empire bodice of Peau D Ange lace, full flow shirt of sheer with a chapel train and sheer bandeau touched with venise lace held chiffon walking length veil edged in

matching lace.

The Maid of Honor was Terisa Hamner, sister of the bride. She wore gown of apricot Qiana knit touched with satin ribbon with a ripple brim hat trimmed in white lace.

The best man was Alan Tucker of Merkel.

The ushers were Ronnie Hopper, brother of the groom, from Slaton, and Jim Hellums of Merkel.

The bride is a graduate of Trent High School and Attended Lubbock Christian College for two years, graduate of Texas State Technical Institute office training, and is a member of Theta Rho at LCC (sorority).

The groom is a graduate from Slaton High School and is employed by Fabmetco in Merkel.

Rehearsal dinner was

hosted by Robert Joe Hopper at 1018 N. 3rd.

The pianist was Lettie Hamner and the soloist was Roy Sharp.

The reception was hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Billy W. Hamner.



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Dear Mimi,
My mother will not allow me to go to the right of way. She feels that all the kids smoke pot and drink there.
Will you please tell her the facts?
Sign me Stuck At Home.

Dear Stuck At Home,
A lack of adequate teenage facilities in our community, boredom, and the desire to be with other young people cause the right of way to be a popular hang out.

While smoking pot and drinking may occur there, all teenagers who go there do not go for this purpose. There are many good, moral, young people who go there for conversation, and you might be one of these. Until our town's citizens see the need to provide something for our teenagers to do, the right of way problem will continue. Maybe your mother might encourage other parents to begin some teen activities. Maybe our local Lion's Club will reconsider and allow the youth to use their building occasionally. To quote a friend of mine, "This bunch of young people are being penalized for things others have done in the past. They should have a chance to prove themselves." I agree with her. How about it Lions? How about it Merkel? Let's have a write-in and get something going!

Dear Mimi,
In recent days, I have received thank you notes from people who graduated last May. Is it proper to wait this long to say thank you? I was on time with my gift giving. Sign me Just Wondering.
Dear Just Wondering,
According to the etiquette book it is not proper. Gifts received should be promptly acknowledged. Never longer than three to four weeks after receiving, and sooner if possible.

Dear Mimi,
Do you feel a girl should chase after a boy, ask him out, telephone him, meet him downtown, and bug him in general?

I am sick of a certain girl who does these things. I don't like her fouling up my chances with another girl I am really interested in. The girl I'm interested in would never do these things, and I admire her. If I want to date a girl, or telephone her, I will do it myself. Am I the only one that feels this way? Sign me, Turned Off.
Dear Turned Off,

In my books, it is thumbs down on this type of girl behavior, and I am glad that you have expressed yourself. I'm betting there are many others who agree with you. A girl who is really with it, does let the guy do the asking. However, there are some guys who are flattered by a girl's attention, for awhile at least, then they look elsewhere. Let's hear from the fellas on this one.

Dear Mimi,
When my children were growing up, I supported them whether they were right or wrong. If they ever had trouble with a teacher, I took their side, not the teachers. If they got a traffic ticket, it was always not their fault. If it was a neighborhood squabble, my kids were always right.

When I observe my irresponsible, arrogant children as adults, I feel shame. I realize I helped them become this way.
As the school year begins, I would encourage parents not to make the mistakes I made. When your child does wrong, make him face up to it. Don't shield him. He'll be a better person for doing so. Help him to see that teachers and law officers are there to help them and are due respect. Be big enough to admit that your child can be wrong. A disciplined child is a loved child, and will grow up into a responsible adult. Maybe this will help someone else not to make the mistake I made. Sign me, Learned to Late.
Dear Learned to Late,

I hope others will need your message. It is a good one!

Those wishing to correspond with Dear Mimi should send their letters to Dear Mimi, Merkel Mail, Box 428, Merkel, Texas 79536. Names will not appear with letters and will be kept confidential.

World War I Veterans Meet

Veterans of World War I Barracks 2248 and their auxiliary met Saturday, August 20, 1977 for a delicious noon meal and regular business session.

After the meal and fellowship the auxiliary was called to order by Maggie Renfro. After roll call of officers, Mary Mosier, Chaplin, and Dewie Fleming, conductress, attended at the altar. The opening prayer was given and the pledge of allegiance was led by Maggie Renfro.

Several members were sick including Madge Crain in the rest home in Sweetwater, Agnes Rutledge, Merle Harwell, Jessie Head, and others.

Mrs. Dee Poland extended a special invitation to all World War I veterans, their wives and wi-

dows to attend the 90th birthday reception for Mr. Poland at their home September 11 from 4 till 6 p.m.

Closing prayer, with a special prayer for the sick and sorrowing, was given and the Bible closed.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Karl Bonneaux, Mr. and Mrs. Dee Poland, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Kidd, Mr. and Mrs. Dent Gibson, Lovell Rutledge, O. E. Harwell, G. N. Reynolds, Mrs. Ora Griggs, Mrs. Cora Reeves, Mrs. Frances Carey, Mrs. Vallie McLauren, Mrs. Trula Cox, Mrs. Maggie Renfro, Mrs. Mary Mosier, Mrs. Dewie Fleming, Mrs. Ruth Cox, Mrs. Billie Hartley, Miss Mabel McRee, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Haile of Abilene, and Mrs. Billie Canter of Abilene.

Local C.I.T. Manager to Attend Region Meeting

Lewis Pack, Manager of the C. I. T. Financial Services office here will attend a regional meeting of managers and supervisors in Arlington, Texas, on September 9, 10, 11. The meeting will be held at Rodeway Inn.

He will join nearly 115 company management personnel from 62 cities in New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas attending the three-day conference conducted by R. E. Dennis, Vice President and Dallas Region Manager.

The meeting will provide company management personnel with an overall look at company and general business conditions and is designed to encourage an idea exchange. It is one of 12 being held across the nation.

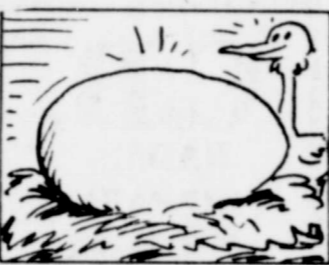
The Oda Clark's Daughter Dies

Mrs. Joe Lawhon (formerly Lula Mae Clark) died Saturday night August 27 after a long illness at the Park Place Nursing Home in Palistine Texas. Memorial services were held by the Hassel Foster Funeral Chapel in Palistine.

Born October 2, 1925 in Ennis, Texas, her family moved to Merkel in 1926. Lula Mae attended school and graduated in Merkel.

She is survived by her husband, Joe Lawhon, three daughters, Mrs. Carlos Mosley of Elkhart, Mrs. Jimmy Hosch of Palestine and Jill of the home, her father and stepmother, Mr. and Mrs. Oda Clark of Merkel, and 2 grandchildren, a brother Oda Gleen Clark, a sister, Mrs. R. B. McNeill of Abilene and Mr. and Mrs.

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Ostrich eggs are the largest bird eggs. They may be eight inches long and weigh three pounds.

McNeill and family attended the services in Palestine.

She will be cremated and ashes will be returned to Merkel for burial.

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Utley Reunion Held in Sweetwater

The descendants of the late Luther and Nanny Utley of Trent met during the weekend of August 13-14 at the Nolan County Annex for their annual reunion. The seven living children of the couple, Clayton Nichols, Jack Utley, Virgil Utley, Willie (Utley) Robinson, Bertha (Utley) Anderson, Ina (Nichols) Brazelton, and

Mattie (Utley) Blankenship, were present. The families of four deceased sons, Bernard Kiser, Chester Kiser, Albert Kiser, and Wesley Utley were also represented.

Attending the two day affair were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Utley of Gainesville, Mrs. Eddie McDonald, Tracye and Kristeye of Bridgeport, Jeff Szeiter of Boulder, Colorado, Mr. and Mrs. Louis O. Schafer of Colorado City, and Mr. and Mrs. Anson Henderson of Westbrook.

Also Mattie Blankenship, Jack L. Blankenship,

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Blankenship, Danny, Randy, Rene, and Kimberly, and Kay Jones, all of Anson; Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Utley and Wendell, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Davis, and Sheila Utley of Mineola, Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Utley of Sulphur Springs, Mrs. Chester Kiser and Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Nichols of Big Spring, and Mrs. Ross Roberts of Coahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Utley and Alan, Mrs. Lilah Arnold, and Lilah Mae, Clay, and Chuck Tucker came from Midland; Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Utley and

Anjy of Merkel, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Robinson of Hamlin, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Asbery and Robby of Grove, Oklahoma, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Bates of Andrews, and Mark Bates of Odessa, and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Hopper of Abilene attended.

From Trent, Mrs. Jeff Anderson, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Brazelton, Mr. and Mrs. Benny Utley, and Cathy, Grace Kiser, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Utley, Linda Browning, Sandra Utley and Benny, Vada and Starla Hanks, and Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Rowan.

Taylor Telephone to Receive Loan

Congressman Omar Burleson announces the approval of a \$550,000 Rural Electrification Administration loan to the Taylor Telephone Cooperative, Incorporated, with headquarters in Merkel. The Counties served are Taylor, Callahan, Coleman, Fisher, Jones, Nolan, Shackelford, Coke, and Runnels.

The purpose of the loan is to finance facilities to connect 310 additional subscribers (46 new and 264 with the acquisition of the Lueders exchange); construct 94 miles of new line; upgrade service to one-party lines in the newly-acquired Lueders exchange; and finance system improvements.

Lambda Beta Holds Tea

Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi held their Beginning Day Tea Sunday, August 28th in the home of Mary Hill. Committee reports were given and there was a short discussion on activities for the coming year. The baseball plaque which Lambda Beta received for sponsoring a team was on display.

Refreshments were served to the following members: Gloria Henslee, Judy Elliott, Glenda Teaff, Annette Clark, Barbara Welch, Bobbie Elliott, Milly Bright, Linda Leddy, Chera Hohertz, Ginny Yaddow, Sarah Lucas, Mary Hill, and Ann Doan.

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THOUGHT FOR TODAY

The man who rows the boat does not have time to rock it.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

Public School education finance in Texas is a confusing maze of formulas, allotments, equalization aid ratios, quality education demands, busing, racial balance, teacher-scholastic balance, local fund assignments and average daily attendance, commonly called A.D.A.

The A.D.A. is, however, one of the most crucial provisions of the school finance problem. Upon its base, nearly all of the aspects of public school education administration is generated.

Sec. 16.151 of the Texas Education Code is identified as "Operating Cost Allotment" and provides for the following directive: "Each school district shall be allotted \$110.00 for each student in average daily attendance (A.D.A.) during the 1977-1978 school year and \$115.00 for each student in average daily attendance each school year thereafter."

This part of the Code was made law by the First Called Session of the Sixty-Fifth Legislature which met in July of 1977. Other parts of the Texas Education Code speaks to the number of teachers allowed a school district also based ultimately on the student A.D.A.

Certainly the money a district gets from the State is based directly on A.D.A. In some recent statements made in the press by local officials of Taylor County an estimate of 1,000 boys and girls of compulsory school age were not enrolled in any public school. The \$110.00 times 1,000 potential students develops a tidy sum of \$110,000.00 per year A.D.A. money that some Taylor County School District is not getting!

Our individual and collective pocketbooks are being hit as a result in the form of school taxes to make up the \$110,000.00 per day loss.

We have also read in recent days about truancy and the need for Truant Officers or visiting teachers who would seek out the child who was not in school.

I submit that the best and most responsible and effective "Truant Officer" of any community is or should be the mother or father—the parent or the guardian. Responsible citizenship here is being focused upon and the responsibility must be shared by the school child as well as by the parent.

I am persuaded to believe, however, that many parents have not been made fully aware of the meaning or the application of A.D.A. Much is being advanced today about

equality. Now I submit, equality is at hand! The \$110.00 that my child contributes to the local school's A.D.A. is exactly equal to the \$110.00 your child contributes when they are both in daily attendance.

How else can a child, acting in concert with the family, contribute such a great gift to the equality and quality of education than through daily attendance in the school of his proper assignment!

Aside from the dire need for responsible citizenship and equality of education, the A.D.A. determines the taxes we pay to finance the School Districts' Local Fund Assignment. That is the money we tax payers must raise locally, usually from ad valorem taxation. Since each day that my or your child is out of school for any reason, that absence serves to decrease the total dollars the school district can draw from the State. Now, we all pay the ad valorem tax, either directly or indirectly, so in the final analysis, A.D.A. is of prime importance to us all.

Let us all, as residents of any given School District, become more affirmative in our attitudes toward lending a helping hand to encourage as near 100 percent daily attendance of our children in their proper school.

The end product, of course, is a better educated community—a more responsive society.

Joe E. Lassiter
Member Merkel School Board 2 terms
1211 South 3rd St.
Merkel, Texas

DEAR EDITOR,

Sometimes we drive along without thinking of anything important. At other times the mind wanders all over the place. It is easy in this way to get completely away into some other town or some other country, and even into some other time.

While driving along the other day I could not keep from thinking of the Hermleigh Her or the Hawley Him. Was there anything to those stories or were they just adding some spice to life?

Then all of a sudden I heard of another creature on the radio. One of the announcers was talking of a Big Country Woman. I guess she had been sighted because they said she was at Clyde. I started to turn around and drive over to see if I could see this Big Country Woman they were talking about. In just a few minutes they were talking about the Big Country Woman over at Trent. This was a mystery because the Big Country Woman could really get around fast.

This Big Country Woman was a little more real than the Hawley Him or the Hermleigh Her, as several people had reported seeing the Big Country Woman. She got around so fast that I started wondering if I had seen her in one place or another. And then, it came to me all of a sudden. I bet I have seen that Big Country Woman. But, no, that couldn't be her, as the editor of the Merkel Mail does not live in the country, close to it, but it is still in the city.

Since then I have heard of the Big Country Woman in several localities. Bob Izzard keeps talking of a Big Country Woman here and there in the news. I saw two big country women the other day, and I wondered if I had solved the mystery. But, there is another thing involved here, and we should not try to solve the mystery. Just think what we would miss if these mysteries were solved.

I hope no one ever finds the Hermleigh Her or the Hawley Him, and that no one ever identifies the Big Country Woman. Then we can let our imaginations run wild, and keep hoping to come across one of these creatures some day. I do wonder if the Big Country Woman is any bigger than a big city woman I know?...

Sincerely,
Albany Albino
Mack Russ

Dear Albany Albino,

You should be ashamed of yourself! At this moment I really and truly do not know who the Big Country Woman is, but hopefully she's not much bigger than I am. I have tried so hard lately to behave myself and cut down on eating and then you come along and say these terrible things. However, we have been friends for so long and had so much fun being involved in many projects in Merkel, I'm going to forgive you. If I find out who that Big Country Woman is—you'll be the first to know who it is.—I think! Sincerely and all that kind of stuff,
Martha Sue Justice.

Cemetery Association Acknowledges Assistance

Officials of the Merkel Cemetery Assoc. wish to thank the following for assistance in building a new storage room at the cemetery. These gifts represent either donated labor and/or material.
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McAninch Outstanding Young Woman

The Board of Advisors for the Outstanding Young Women of America Awards Program announced today that the women named below have been selected for inclusion in the 1977 edition of OUTSTANDING YOUNG WOMEN OF AMERICA.

The Outstanding Young Women of America Program is designed to honor and encourage exceptional young women between the ages of 21 and 36 who have distinguished themselves in their homes, in their professions and in their communities. Accomplishments such as these are the result of dedication, service and leadership-qualities which deserve to be recognized and remembered.

This is the goal of the many leading women's organizations, college alumni associates and public officials who nominate deserving young women to participate in the program. Serving as chairman of the program's Advisory Board is Mrs. Dexter Otis Arnold, honorary president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

Carolyn Sue McAninch, along with approximately 10,000 fellow Outstanding Young Women of America from across the United States, will be presented in the prestigious annual awards volume. In addition,

Miss Lisa Gregory Honored with Luncheon

Miss Lisa Gregory, bride-elect of Stacy Stanley, was honored with a buffet luncheon of salads and watermelon in the home of Mrs. E. L. Tarpley. Aunt of the bride elect. Colors of yellow and white, the bride elects choice were used. The table was decorated with white linen cloth and yellow napkins, center piece was yellow meated watermelon in a crystal bowl decked with yellow and white pansies.

Special guests were mothers of the bride elect and groom, Mrs. Joe

Gregory and Mrs. Vernon Hicks, Mrs. Danny West, Mrs. Buster Tarpley, Mrs. G. A. Gregory, Mrs. Jerry Byrd, and Daniel West, Kuptal West and Brandi Tarpley. Each guest presented the bride elect with their favorite recipe.

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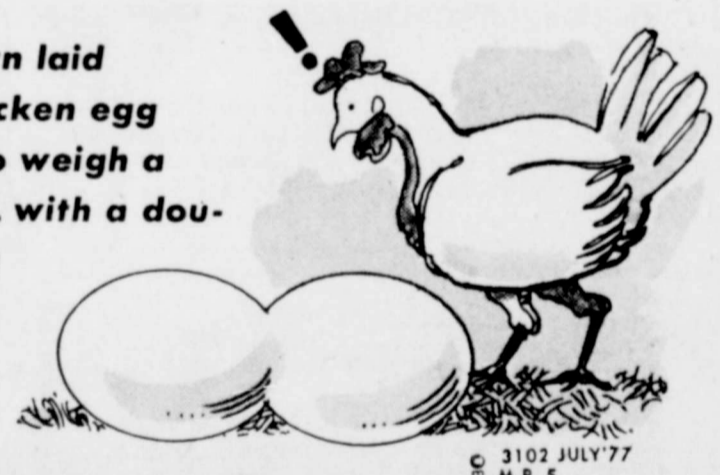
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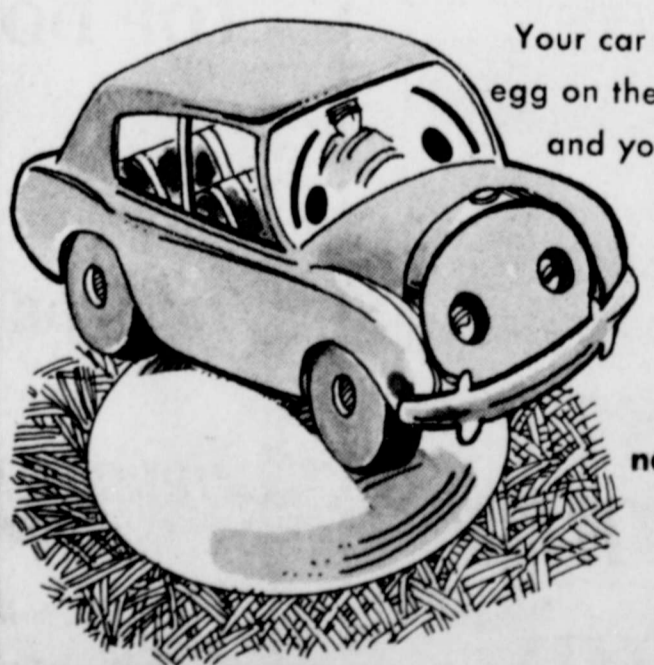
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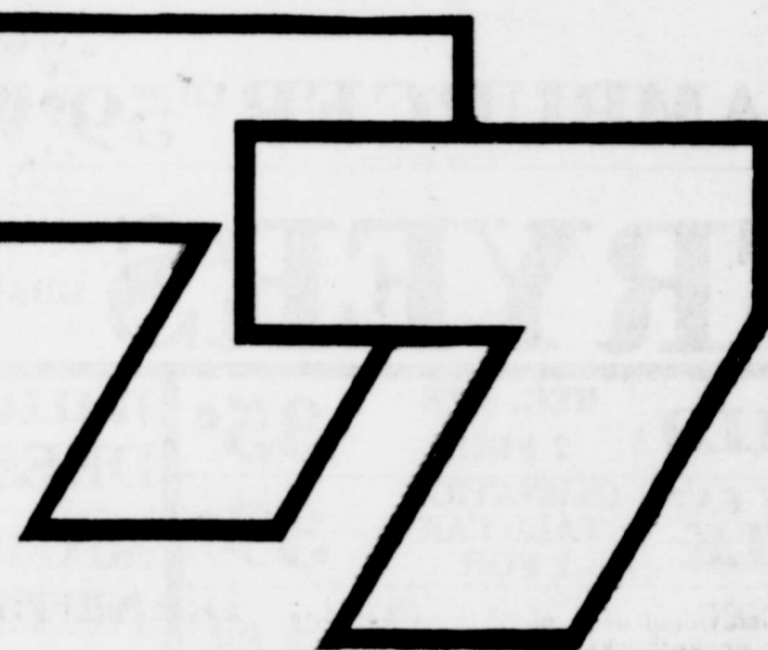


FOOTBALL



**1977 Trent High School
Football Schedule**

Date	Opponent	Place	Time
Sept. 2	Talpa	There	8:00
Sept. 9	Benjamin	There	8:00
Sept. 16	Open		
Sept. 23	Blackwell	There	8:00
Sept. 30	Divide	Here	8:00
Oct. 8	McCaulley	Here	7:30
Oct. 14	Highland	Here	7:00
Oct. 21	Ira	There	7:00
Oct. 28	Hermleigh	There	7:00
Nov. 4	Hobbs	Here	7:00
Nov. 11	Zone Play-Off Game		



Merkel

DATE	Varsity	Place	Time
2 September	Baird	There	8:00
9 September	Jim Ned	There	8:00
16 September	Roscoe	There	8:00
23 September	Eastland	Here	8:00
30 September	C. City	There	7:30
7 October	Ballinger	Here	7:30
14 October	Winters	There	7:30
October	Stamford	Here	7:30
2 October	OPEN		
4 November	Wylie	There	7:30
11 November	Coahoma	Here	7:30

Coaches-Jerry McLeod, Edgar Cowart, Tony Mauldin.
Cheerleaders-Becky Watts, Kim Mashburn, Kathryn Irvin, Lisa Shugart, Gay Pfister, Cindy Boone.
Travis Davis, Superintendent
Lee Presswood, Principal

DATE Junior Varsity & Ninth Grade

1 September	Baird	JV Here	7:30
8 September	Jim Ned	NG Here	7:30
15 September	Hawley	JV There	7:30
	Stamford	NG There	5:00
22 September	Eastland	JV There	7:30
	Hamlin	NG Here	5:30
29 September	Open		
6 October	Ballinger	JV & NG There	6:00 7:30
13 October	Winters	JV Here	7:30
	Hamlin	NG There	7:00
20 October	Stamford	JV There	7:00
	Wylie	NG There	7:30
27 October	Winters	JV There	7:30
	Rotan	NG Here	5:00
3 November	Wylie JV & NG	Here	6:00 7:30
10 November	Open		

Seventh - Eighth Grade

1 September	Baird	Here	6:00
8 September	Jim Ned	Here	5:00 6:00
15 September	Stamford	Here	5:00 6:00
22 September	Eastland	There	5:00 6:00
29 September	Open		
6 October	Ballinger	Here	6:00 7:30
13 October	Winters	Here	5:00 6:00
20 October	Stamford	There	4:30 5:30
27 October	Winters	There	5:00 6:00
3 November	Wylie	There	6:00 7:30
10 November	Open		

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Principal-John Cain



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