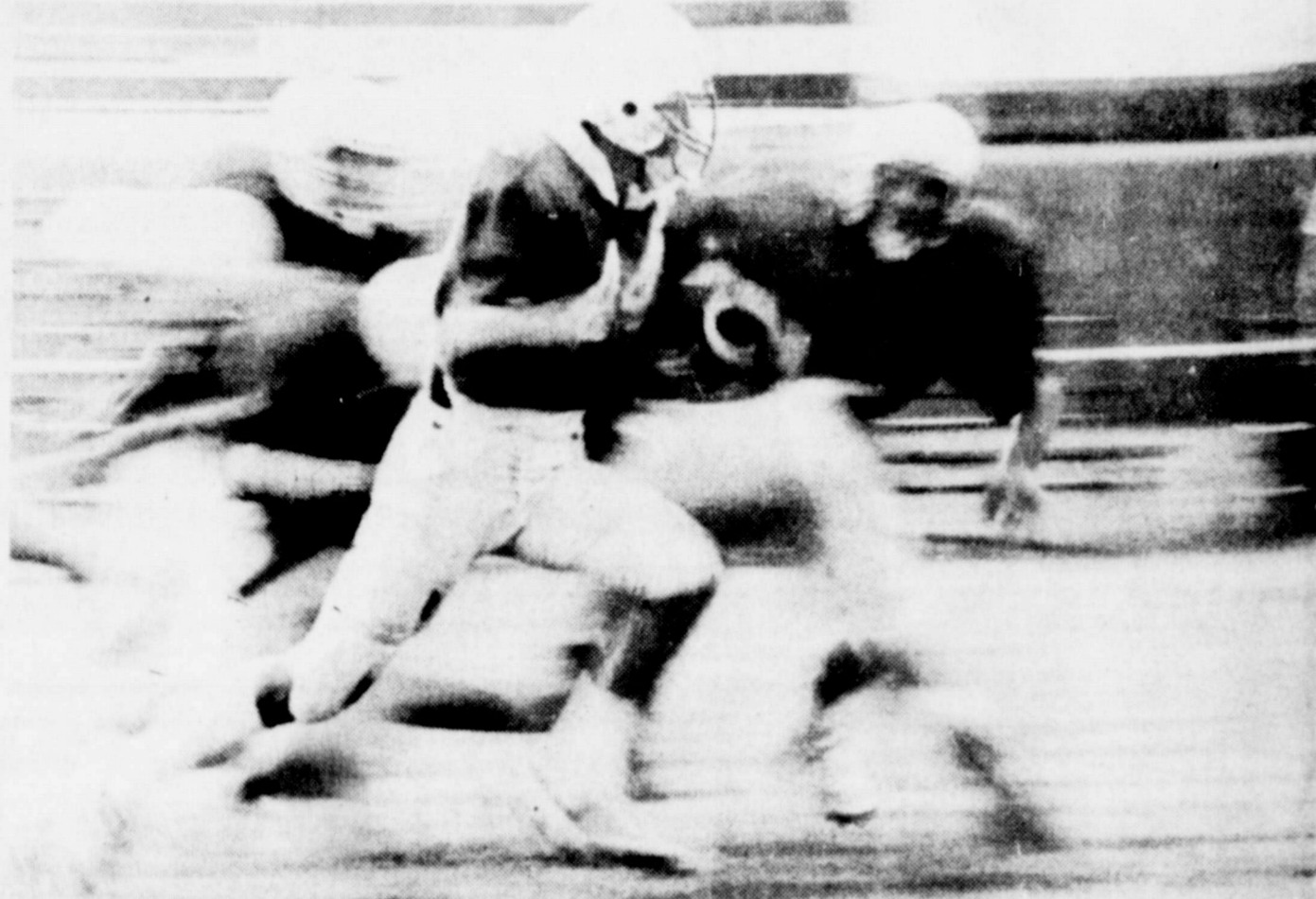


# The Merkel Mail

Thursday, August 28, 1986 . . . Merkel, Texas

Our 98th Year



Trent running back Chris Simpson hit the hole at last week's scrimmage. Trent travels to Leuders-Avaco Friday. The Merkel Badgers will host Winters Thursday at 6 p.m. Photo by Rebecca Sharp

## MISD, Trent schools hit hardest by lower taxable evaluations

Final appraisal figures were released by the Central Appraisal District last week.

MISD's 19.95 per cent decrease in taxable value, was the highest percentage loss in Taylor County.

Merkel ISD was valued at \$171,320,853 in 1985 and the final figure for 1986 is \$137,141,542.

The city of Merkel was valued at \$39,236,346 last year and the '86 figure is \$40,083,253 for an increase of 2.16 per cent.

Trent's city wide taxable value stands at 14,294,663 this year, compared to \$3,968,348 in '85. That represents an increase of 8.22 per cent.

Tye's new taxable value is \$23,444,292 compared to \$25,292,873 in 1985. That represents a 7.31 per cent decrease.

Trent ISD lost 16.73 per cent of its value from 1985. The 1985 total was \$82,881,985, compared to \$69,019,695.

The final 1986 effective tax rates were also calculated. The effective tax rate is the amount of tax it would take to generate the same amount of revenue a governing body spent last year.

(The 1985 rate is in parenthesis.) Taylor County, .2580 (.2463); City of Merkel .2883 (.2934); City of Trent .1944 (.1750); City of Tye .3362 (.3100)

For the Merkel Independent School District, the new effective tax rate is 1.3518 (1.0000) and at Trent ISD the effective rate is \$1.2959 (.7420).

The district also released delinquent rates. The appraisal district said 50 cases were being filed each week against delinquent taxes by the law firm of McCreary, Veselka, Beck & Allen.

The City of Merkel had the highest delinquent rate in the county of 20 per cent.

Other rates include City of Tye 16.46 per cent, City of Trent 13.92 per cent, Taylor County 6.47 per cent, Merkel ISD 9.42 per cent and Trent ISD 5.58 per cent.

## Council discusses new water contract

The Merkel City Council held a short regular meeting Monday night at the Merkel Emergency Medical Service Building.

Council discussed the new, proposed water contract with the City of Abilene and received their effective tax rates from the Central Appraisal District.

The new water contract being negotiated between Merkel and the City of Abilene calls for a 15 year contract and Abilene will charge the city \$1.50 per 1,000 gallons. The current rate is \$1 per 1,000 gallons. The city can use up to 230,000,000 gallons per year. The point the city would like to

negotiate with Abilene is a proposed charge of 20 cents per 1,000 gallons for water used over and under the 230,000,000 level. City officials have asked City Manager J. A. Sadler to talk with Abilene officials about the proposed "Stand-by" charge of water used under the 230 million gallon level.

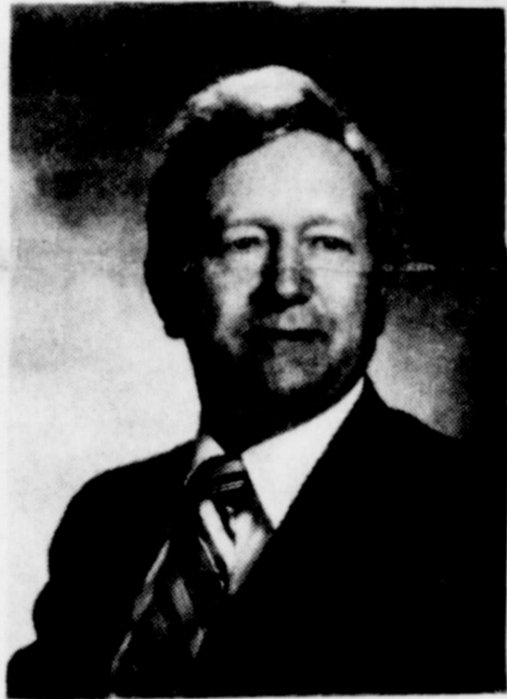
## Trent names Yarbrough new superintendent

Mr. Charles Yarbrough was hired recently as Superintendent of Schools in Trent. Mr. Yarbrough received his bachelor's degree from McMurry College in Abilene and a masters from Texas Tech University. He was previously Superintendent of schools in Mozzel, Texas, where he was employed there for 19 years as administrator. Mozzel consolidated with Talpa Centennial this year.

Charles and his wife, Tommie, have two grown children, and 3 grand children. As a hobby, they

are knowledgeable collectors of depression era glassware, and have an extensive collection of American Fostoria Crystal. They also enjoy antique furniture.

Mr. Yarbrough says there should be no drastic changes in school procedure for the coming year and estimates approximately 150 students in attendance from Kindergarten through 12th grade. Administrative offices are currently open and all classes begin September 2nd at 8:10 a.m. and will run daily til 3:35 each afternoon.



## Trent travels for Friday scrimmage

Trent scrimmages Leuders Avoca this Friday night the 29th at 6:00. The Gorillas will travel to Leuders Avoca for a fast paced 6 man football scrimmage. Head Coach John Grimland will be fielding 11 players for the season, with 6 returning lettermen.

Trent scrimmaged the May Tiger last Friday and were outscored 7 touchdowns to 2 touchdowns. Coach Grimland said he was not totally disappointed with the offense, although scoring only twice, Trent moved the ball effectively, but had a rough time with fumbles near the goal line.

Defensively he hopes to acquire the aggressive intensity needed to

live up to their name. 6 man football is currently played throughout Texas in many class A schools, with State championships. The playing field is modified to 40x60 with a 45 point lead rule. (After halftime if a team is winning by 45 or more points, the game is ended.) Offensively the team is required to move the ball 15 yards for a 1st down.

The Trent Junior High Football schedule is as follows:

September 11 Ira There at 6:00; September 18 Open; September 25 Hermleigh Here at 6:00; October 2 McCaulley There at 6:00; October 9 Blackwell Here at 6:00; October 16 Jayton, There at 6:00; October

23 Highland Here at 6:00.

The Trent High School Football Schedule is as follows:

September 5 Grady Here at 8:00; September 12 Rule Here at 7:30; September 19 Open; September 26 Ira Here at 7:30; October 3 Weibert There at 7:30; October 10 Hermleigh There at 7:30; October 17 Homecoming against McCaulley Here at 7:30; October 25 Blackwell There at 8:00; October 31 Jayton Here at 7:30; November 7 Highland There at 7:30; November 14 Zone Playoff.

Homecoming has been set for October 17. District games are September 26, October 10, October 25, October 31 and November 7.

## Classes start, birthday, new chief . . .

by Cloy A. Richards

Classes for the 1986-87 school year start Tuesday and you can bet some of the "break room" discussions here and across the state will center on what the Legislature is or is not doing during the Special Session.

School districts across the state are learning to deal with economic realities that have hit this state hard since the decline of oil prices started. MISD's taxable value fell 19 per cent this year and Trent's 16 per cent due to low oil prices.

Today is Melanie's birthday and we have a celebration planned.

She gets to work late in Abilene and I get to attend a soccer rules clinic and a football scrimmage.

We decided to try again Saturday.

New police chief Bob Jones reported to work last Friday.

though something looked different behind the chief's desk when I managed my way in for my first cupo of coffee.

Rebecca Sharp is gathering news for us in Trent and if any Mail readers in that area have something they'd like to see in the paper, give her a call. When she does something you appreciate, tell her about it. For now, thanks are all she is being paid. Another contributor here knows how that goes and Dale has managed to outdo himself once again. If you read any headlines about a crook named Foster last week, you get his message.

The rains have been nice as some folks have received 2.6 inches since Thursday. If we have a wet fair week (as legend goes) we will be in great shape in that department.

We made a lady very happy Monday. She came in searching for two obituaries. One is 1911 and one in 1914. She found what she was looking for and it cost me about 30 minutes in additional time, scanning old newspapers.

The Merkel Badgers host the Winters Blizzards here Thursday in the final tune-up before the Badgers travel to Sweetwater Sept. 5th for the season opener. The Badgers tied Coleman last week.

Those Rangers won a classic game Monday night and are starting to pick up the pace as they trailed California by two games. The Astros are still winning in the late innings as they are 7 games ahead in their division.

The 1-45 series maybe isn't all that crazy. We'll see in a month.

## Newsbriefs

### Board sets special session tonight

The MISD school board will hold a special meeting tonight (Thursday) at the board's conference room in the high school annex.

The meeting will start at 6 p.m. and board members will pay current bills, amend the current school budget and will hold an executive session concerning personnel.

The time has been set early due to a football scrimmage here that night with Winters.

### Booster Club meets

The Merkel Badger Booster Club will meet Sept. 2nd at 7:30 p.m. at the high school.

The Booster Club supports Badger sports and all are invited to attend.

Club President Terry Wade told *The Mail* Tuesday "The Booster Club backs all sports here, not just football. We'd like to invite everyone to get involved."

### Pack-Massey at Jones County Fair

Debbie Pack, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Ray Pack of Merkel, won two firsts and a second with her brahman cattle at the Jones County Fair over the weekend. She also won the Reserve grand championship.

Bennett Massey of Merkel, son of Mr. & Mrs. Bennett Massey, placed his brahman heifer 2nd.

The next area stock show will be at the West Texas Fair & Rodeo in September.

### Monday singing set here

Every 1st Monday night, singers meet at the Senior Citizens Building at 7:00. They have singers coming from all around Merkel, including Tye, Trent, Abilene, Coleman, Lawn, Tuscola,

### Board sets special

Hawley. Come join us for good gospel singing.

### Group honors

Starr Volunteers

The West Texas Council of Governments has honored the following volunteers for their gospel singing at the Starr Nursing Home here. The group sings the second Tuesday of each month.

Singers are Edwin Read, Evelyn Read, Jean Irvin, Jackie Stephens, Sybil Riney, Henry Brady, Leta Brady, E. B. McGown of Abilene and Martha Allison.

### Stenholm fete set

The first Saturday after Labor Day is a favorite day for U.S. Congressman Charles W. Stenholm of the 17th District and his family and supporters. The reason it's FUNDAY, Saturday, Sept. 6. It's a special time for Charlie, Cindy and their children, Chris, Carey and Courtney to come home. The event is also the Stenholm for Congress Committee's largest yearly fundraiser.

FUNDAY begins around 5:00 and ends at dark at the Ericksdahl Picnic Grounds just two miles from Stenholm's farm home. Volunteers from Stamford and members of the Bethel Lutheran Church spend days and weeks getting ready for Charlie's supporters and friends from 35 counties to arrive, usually some 1,500 strong.

Apart from seeing old friends, Stenholm also uses FUNDAY to "show off the District" that he's so proud to serve. This year attending the festivities will be four fellow Congressmen: Les Aspin (Democrat-Wisconsin), Chairman of the Armed Services Committee, Richard Ray (Democrat-Georgia) serving on the Armed Services and Small Business Committees, Buddy Roemer (Democrat-Louisiana) serving on Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs Committee and the Small Business Committee, and Ike

Skelton (Democrat-Missouri) serving on the Armed Services Committee, Small Business Committee, the Select Committee on Aging, and the Truman Scholarship Foundation.

Tickets to FUNDAY may be purchased for \$10.00 per person. It's a picnic with all the fixin's and field-fresh sliced watermelon too. It's live entertainment. For tickets or information, call or write: The Stenholm Committee, P.O. Box 1032, Stamford, Texas 79553 or phone (915) 773-5521. For your comfort, you may wish to bring a lawn chair and dress casually to enjoy the sights and sounds of FUNDAY.

### Workshop planned for small business

A workshop for current and Prospective Small Business owners will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11, 1986 at the West Central Texas Council of Governments office, 1025 E.N. 10th, Abilene, Tx.

The workshop is being sponsored by SCORE-ACE, Abilene office, and the U.S. Small Business Administration.

The Workshop will include helpful information for persons interested in starting a business as well as for those already operating a small business. Ample time will be provided to answer questions dealing with specific problems or topics.

Speakers will include members of SCORE-ACE as well as outstanding community authorities on small business operation including basic advertising techniques, business records, types of business organization, evaluating your market position, basic financing and insurance, and investments.

We will attempt to make special accommodations for the handicapped upon request. \$10.00 registration fee, includes all materials and refreshments. Advance registration is recommended by calling SCORE Office, Abilene at (915) 677-1857. Material and space limited to 50 attendees. First Come- First Served.



## Guidelines for reduced priced meals for MISD

The Merkel School serves nutritious meals every school day. Students may buy lunch for \$1.00 and breakfast for 40 cents.

Children from families whose income falls within the level are eligible for either free meals or reduced price meals priced at 40 cents for lunch and 30 cents for breakfast.

To apply for free or reduced price meals, please fill out an application as soon as possible sign it and return it to the school. Please answer all questions on the form. An application which does not contain the following information cannot be processed by the school: (1) the total household income must be listed by the amount received by each household member receiving income and the type of income it is (such as wages, child support, etc.) Or your food stamp case number if your household is on food stamps, (2) names of all household members, (3) social security numbers of all household members 21 years old or older or the word "none" for any household member who does not have a social security number, and (4) the signature of an adult household member.

Verification: The information on the application may be checked by the school or other officials at any time during the school year.

### Trent lunch menu

The Trent School menu is as follows:

Tuesday September 2: Breakfast: Juice, Cereal, Milk. Lunch: Chicken fried steak, creamed potatoes, green beans, jello with topping, rolls, tea-milk.

Wednesday September 3: Breakfast: Juice, biscuits with sausage, milk. Lunch: beef, beef, potato salad, sliced peaches, cornbread, tea-milk.

Thursday September 4: Breakfast: Juice, biscuits with honey, milk. Lunch: tacos, corn, applesauce, peanut butter cups, tea-milk.

Friday September 5: Breakfast: Juice, donuts, milk. Lunch: Hamburgers, french fries, mixed fruit, oatmeal cookies, tea-milk.

### Preceptor Eta Omega meets

Preceptor Eta Omega Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi held its Beginning Day Brunch, August 23 at the Kiva Inn.

Mamie Steck welcomed members with the 1986-87 international theme, "Share The Dream".

The 1986-87 chapter yearbooks were distributed by Betty Satterwhite. Members were given a brief review of a Fajita supper on July 19, a trip to old Mexico on September 20 and a Tasting Tea on September 27.

In attendance were Mrs. J.C. Carson, Mrs. T.L. Hewitt, Mamie Steck, Mrs. Kent Satterwhite, Mrs. Bob Garner, Val Patterson, Mrs. Charles Eager, Mrs. Juan Ybarra, and Mrs. C.E. Tipton.

### Bluegrass festival set

The 1986 Fall Harvest Bluegrass Festival will be held at the Old Settlers Grounds in Buffalo Gap, Texas on September 27th and 28th. The festival will feature continuous bluegrass music from 9:00 a.m. until midnight on Saturday and from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. on Sunday. A special gospel program is planned for 10:00 Sunday morning.

Admission to the festival is \$5.00 per day, \$2.50 for senior citizens. Weekend passes are \$8.00 and discount rates are available for groups of ten or more. For further information, contact Ronnie Gill, 915-5723672 (Buffalo Gap), Frank Cleveland, 915-698-9949 (Abilene) or Jeff Simmons 915-944-9318 (San Angelo).

Reporting Changes: If your child is approved for meal benefits, you must tell the school when your household income increases by more than \$50.00 per month (\$600.00 per year) or when your household size decreases.

Reapplication: you may apply for benefits at any time during the school year. If you are not eligible now but have a decrease in household income, become unemployed, or have an increase in family size, fill out an application at that time.

Foster Children: If you have foster children living with you, they may be eligible for these benefits. If you wish to apply for these benefits for them, please contact the school and they will help you complete the application.

Nondiscrimination: Children who receive free or reduced price meal benefits are treated the same as children who pay for meals. In the operation of child feeding programs, no child will be discriminated against because of

race, sex, color, national origin, age or handicap. If you believe you have been discriminated against, write immediately to the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250.

Fair Hearing: If you do not agree with the school's decision on your application or the results of verification, you may wish to discuss it with the school. You also have the right to a fair hearing. This can be done by calling or writing the campus principal where your child attends school at

Confidentiality: The information you provide will be treated confidentially and will be used only for eligibility determinations and verification of data.

Help With Application: If you have any questions or need help in filling out the application form, please contact the campus principal where your child attends school.

You will be notified when the application is approved or denied.

### Maddera services held

Clint William Maddera, 82, of Abilene died at his home Aug. 21. Graveside funeral services were held at Rose Hill Cemetery Aug. 23 with T. C. Melton officiating. Burial was conducted by the Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born March 3, 1934 in Mulberry Canyon, he was a retired gravel washer and had lived in Taylor County all his life. He had lived in Abilene since 1948 and was a Baptist.

He had married Pearlie Bryan. She died in 1977.

He is survived by a son, Buddy Maddera of Abilene; three daughters, Sue and Lucy Maddera of Abilene and Lona Dodson of Orange, a brother Kenneth Maddera of San Francisco, a sister Pauline Maddera of Abilene, five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

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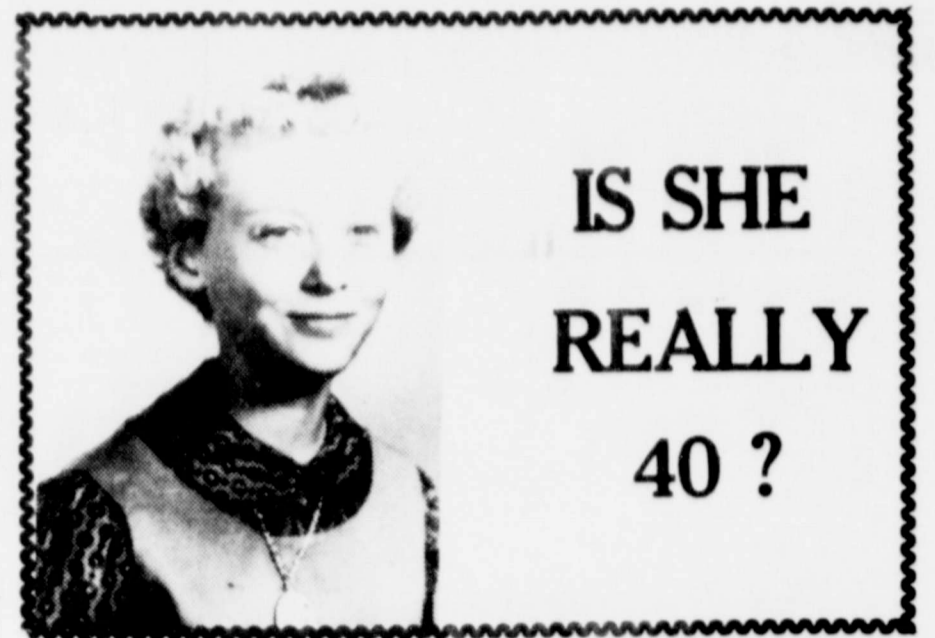
Monday, September 1: Labor Day No School.

Tuesday, September 2: Beef tacos, pinto beans, lettuce, tomatoes, cheese, peaches with topping.

Wednesday September 3: Chicken fried steak, cream gravy, french style green beans, whipped potatoes, hot rolls, jello with fruit.

Thursday September 4: Spaghetti with beef and cheese, buttered corn, lettuce wedge, garlic butter bread, apple cheese crisp.

Friday September 5: Hamburgers, lettuce, tomato, pickle, onion, french fries, fresh orange wedge.



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## Dawkins-Daws announce September wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dawkins of Seymour, Texas, are proud to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Christi Cherise, to Robert (Bob) Bedford Daws, son of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Daws of Throckmorton, Texas. Christi is a 1984 graduate of Seymour High School and attended Vernon Regional College and Midwestern State University. She is currently employed as an opticians assistant at Paradise Optical in Vernon Texas. Rob is a 1977 graduate of

Orney High School and a 1982 graduate of Oral Roberts University, where he received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Management. He is currently employed as a purchasing agent for Osbornes Distributing Company, Inc. in Vernon, Texas. The wedding date has been set for September 27, 1986 at 7:30 p.m. at the First Assembly of God Church in Seymour.

Christi is the daughter of the late Tommy Hogan and the grand daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hogan of Merkel, Texas.



Christi Dawkins & Bob Daws

## Henson family holds annual reunion

92 descendants of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Henson held their annual reunion at the Llano County Community Building and Rodeo Barn, August 8, 9, 10.

The highlight of the reunion was a Saturday auction of homemade gifts which pays for the building, bread, meat and ice for the weekend. Highlighting the auction was a Labor of Love 4 generation quilt designed by Mrs. Jack (Fern) Bland of Abilene. The quilt was purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Riley Cross of Abilene for \$425.00. Because of the Historical Value of the quilt, the William Norwood Chapter of the Daughter of the American Colonies will be credited in the "Colonial Courier", the National Magazine of the Daughters of the American Colonies for which Mrs. Jack Bland is a member. Mrs. Bland used rabbits to represent the people and put names on them and built the squares around the man's occupation. Her grandparents and both sets of great grandparents plus 12 children made 15 squares on the quilt.

Among some of those attending were: Alma Birk of Llano, Thelma Littleton of Georgetown,

Beulah Thompson of Big Spring, Jean and A.W. Sledge, Eric and Kathy Roy all of De Leon, Mozell Cross, Leon and Zenita Gardner of Sylvester, Bill and Sue Richardson of Reagan, Bruce and Dana Hunter and 3 children of Marilyn, Carl and Nita Johnson of Pecos, Arby Henson of Odessa, Oliver and Marion Henson of Springdale, Ark., Wayne and Vickie Johnson and 2 children of Arlington, Gary and Lynette Johnson and 4 children of Fort Worth, Charles Thompson of Dallas, Kami and Tami Adams of San Antonio, Kayla Cross of Garland, Irland and Juldeen McCormick, Doc and Judy Holiday and 3 children of San Angelo, Dan and Marthlyn Collins and daughters of Round Rock, Roy Birk and 2 friends from Dallas, Brandy and Kenda Birk, Roy and Betty Brannon and 3 girls from Houston, Roenna Thomas and 2 children from College Station, Ginger Porter and 3 children, Rex Bland and 2 children, Riley and Gay Cross, Terry Bland and son, Lee and Veda Thompson, and Fern Bland of Abilene, Toby and 2 children of Brennan, several cousins from Brownwood.

## Carriker wants to keep county agents

In a move to save the jobs of county extension agents, State Representative Steve Carriker (D-Roby) won approval of an amendment to the House of Representatives' budget-cutting bill that prohibits the elimination of county agents. Carriker was opposing the House Appropriations Committee recommendation to require cuts of \$3.9 million in the Extension Service budget while allowing officials at Texas A&M to decide where the cuts would be made.

"In spite of extension budget increases we have managed to secure in the past, officials in College Station have preserved jobs in the hierarchy and substituted computers for our local agents. A top-heavy extension agency cannot serve farmers as effectively as the extension personnel who live and work among us in our communities. The Congress and Legislature never intended to gut the 'extension' of services while money was centralized in an agency headquarters," Carriker said.

## Foster's service held here

Nellie Rose Foster, 77, of Merkel, died Aug. 20th at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene.

Funeral services were held Aug. 22 at the Starbuck Chapel with John Waggoner officiating. Burial followed at the Tye Cemetery under the direction of the Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born June 28, 1909 in Cross Plains, she married James Foster Sept. 19, 1933. He died January 2, 1978.

She had lived here since 1978 and was a Methodist.

She is survived by a sister, Mattie Perry of Merkel and several nieces and nephews.

## Services held here for Durham

Nelda Inez Durham of Weatherford, died Aug. 20th in Fort Worth.

Funeral services were held Aug. 23 at Merkel's First United Methodist Church with John Waggoner officiating. Burial followed at Rose Hill Cemetery here under the direction of the Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born April 5, 1915 in Brownwood, she had been a postal service employee here for 25 years. She had married Wrenn

Durham. He died Jan 28, 1979. He was a Methodist.

She is survived by two daughters, Penny Jones of Weatherford and Dana Boyd of Overlan Park, Kansas, a brother Ferris Clements of Brownwood, a sister Wanda Romis of Brownwood, four grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Alvin Wozencraft, Pat Cypert, D. C. Hendricks, Truett Thompson, Robert Malone, Jacky Reynolds and Johnny Hammond.



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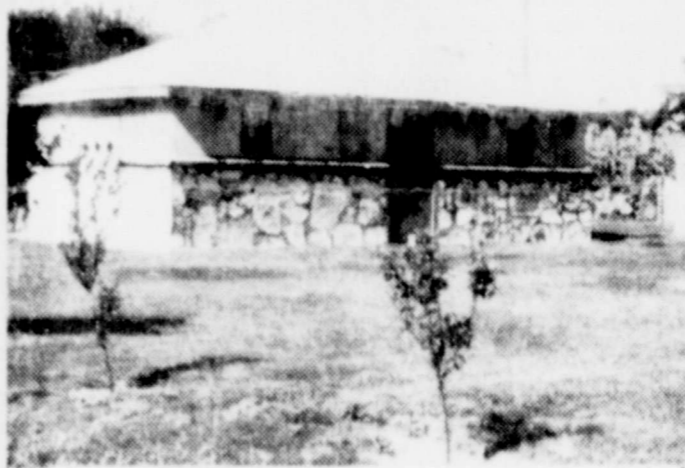
Garage Sale: 1407 Harring, August 28 and 29, Thursday and Friday, lots of adult clothes, baby and children clothes, stove, couch, books, high chair, lots of misc. 178-11c

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## QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

### Freezers

Q: How can I avoid a quality loss in frozen foods?  
A: To avoid a quality loss in frozen food products, Whirlpool home economists advise using only the highest quality foods for freezing. Add foods to be frozen in a single layer in the coldest part of the freezer to help speed the freezing process. Do not add large quantities of warm foods at one time. This will raise the temperature and partially thaw the food items already frozen. Foods also lose quality if the proper packaging methods and materials are not used. The use of moisture-proof, vapor-proof materials specifically designed for freezing is recommended.

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Rhonda Kimberley Slater and Sean Ray Woodard were married Aug. 9 at the Fort Worth Hilton Hotel.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Slater of Bedford. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Laird and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Woodard of Abilene are parents of the bridegroom.

Terrina King of Fort Worth was honor attendant. Bridesmaids were Melissa Boyett, Erica Turner, and Kori Slater, all of Fort Worth; Rhonda Clarida of Baird; and Michelle Woodard, sister of the bridegroom.

Doug Taylor of Tye was best man. Groomsmen were Steve

Farthing, John Varkala, Jerry Davis, and Mike Serenil and Michael Christenson, both of Fort Worth. David Teaff of Tye and Lyle Baker were ushers.

McKinsey Laird was flower girl. Ronnie Williams of Fort Worth First Baptist Church officiated.

The bride is a graduate of Halton High School and Ranger Junior College and is employed by President's Health Club.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Merkel High School, attended Ranger Junior College and is employed by AAA Auto Rentals of Hurst.

The couple lives at North Richland Hills.

## Rev. & Mrs. McAnally will celebrate anniversary

Rev. and Mrs. Russell M. McAnally will observe their 50th wedding anniversary at a reception Sunday, August 31, from 2 to 5 p.m. in the fellowship hall of First United Methodist Church of Lockney. Friends and relatives are invited to attend.

Russell McAnally and the former Elsie Smart were married September 3, 1936, in Plainview. A United Methodist minister for 47 years, Rev. McAnally retired in 1985 and the couple moved near Lockney. He served churches in rural Hale County, Booker, Clarendon Circuit, Briscoe, Lakeview, Kress, Anton, Crowell, Roscoe, Olton, Lockney, Friona, Plainview Trinity, Petersburg, Merkel, Al-

bany, Abilene Fair Park and Pioneer near Merkel. (To condense: served churches in the Northwest Texas Conference, mostly in the Plainview and Abilene Districts.)

Hosts for the reception will be the couple's four children: Gerald and Josie McAnally of Monahans, Devin McAnally of San Antonio, Gayle and Keith Jackson of Lockney, and Dan and Janie McAnally of Monahans. The couple have 13 grandchildren and six great grandchildren.



Mrs. Sean Woodard

Bill now leads a morning prayer service at an Episcopal Church in his community. When it's over he goes to work as a clerk at a convenience store.

He is an educated man with a B.A. in forestry from Colorado State, and a certificate from seminary at Oberlin College in Ohio. For 19 years he served as a Presbyterian minister.

But medical problems have limited his career. The bills have been high and the income has been modest. He lives in a small, but comfortable home with his wife, Sally, a nurse, and his 15-year-old daughter, Ashli.

His daughter is a polite, seemingly unspoiled teenager. When her dad had the kidney transplant she wrote a story in the school paper explaining the situation to her middle school classmates.

Her conclusion, complete with five exclamation marks, hints at a home life with meaning beyond a Ferrari in the driveway:

"I love my dad," she wrote. "He is the greatest!!!!!"

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## Art Lawler



Bill Hunt has a kidney worth living with now.

It's not standard equipment, but so far his body has rolled out the red carpet and given it a heroes' welcome.

Bill, who is 51, lost his first kidney in 1979. In recent years the other one reached the point of no repair. It meant dialysis treatments three times a week. Four hours at a time.

People on dialysis have their moments. Sometimes they thank God for preserving their lives. Sometimes they curse Him for the same thing.

Bill's darkest moments - the moments when he wondered if it made any sense - he describes as his "extreme spiritual challenge."

Bill applied for a kidney transplant after 18 months. His brother, a good match, according to physicians, was prepared to give him one of his kidneys.

Instead, they discovered a tumor in one of Richard's kidneys. He felt terrible, but Bill says they were lucky to catch his brother's tumor in time.

There was still the cadaver transplant option. The risks were higher, for sure. Some poor, unrelated soul would have to die before his kidney could be implanted into Bill's body. The chances of rejection were greatly enhanced.

Bill thought it over, then decided to withdraw his name from consideration. That was it, or so he thought.

Friends and doctors at the Dialysis Center kept encouraging him to go for the transplant option. It was an opportunity, after all, not available to some dialysis patients.

The pulling back period, he says now, relaxed his mind. "I was able to give up some of my panic," he says. "It was my time of surrender. I just decided to accept whatever happened."

Bill finally put his name back in the computer and waited. Some days he managed better than others.

Dr. James Webster is an informal physician who wears boots and jeans to work. He also has a flair for down playing the dramatic.

"What are you doing this afternoon?" he asked Bill that day.

"I'm taking some people on a (church) retreat."

"How would you like to go to Dallas this afternoon?"

"Why?"

"They've got a kidney waiting for you."

"I felt like somebody had dropped a safe on me," says Bill. "When do I have to let you know?" he asked.

"Well, I'm kinda' on long distance..."

Six hours later at Parkland Hospital, they were taking 13 tubes of blood from Bill's body. By 10 p.m. he was being wheeled into surgery. By midnight he had a new kidney - and a new life.

All of this came at the beginning of Lenten season. "I'm giving up dialysis," he told his priest, the Rev. Charles Chatham.

Bill hasn't forgotten about the Dialysis Center, though. He knows the

struggles the patients are going through. He remembers how the cards, the letters and the visits from old friends helped pull him through his operation. Now he visits the patients at the Center and tries to offer hope and understanding.

It's been six months since his operation. Not once has the body attempted to reject the kidney. They're calling it a picture-perfect transplant.

Bill's optimism has soared. He thinks he may be looking at 10 productive years.

Whenever he thinks about the man whose life was lost and whose family was kind enough to donate the kidney, he is humbled. "I feel like my life has been given back to me for no deserved reason," he says.

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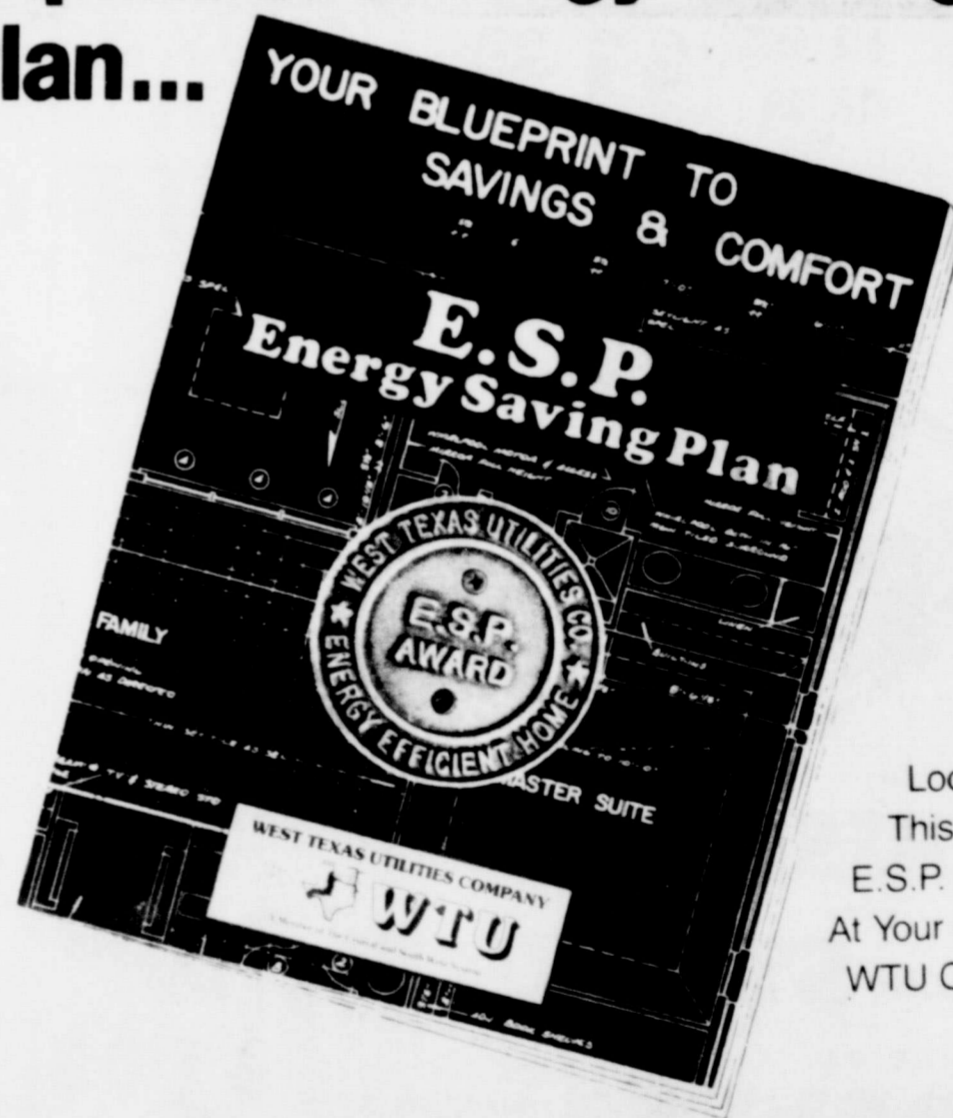
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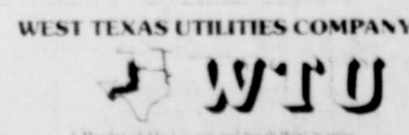
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