

Sr. Citizens Chili Dinner To Highlight Trades Day

Saturday, February 2nd will be the second Trades Day of the New Year. The Senior Citizens have planned a Chili dinner for shoppers and participants in the event. The Senior Citizens will start serving the noon meal at 11 o'clock. Menu for dinner consists of chili with beans, pie and coffee. Tickets will be on sale at the door for \$1.50.

Merkel merchants are also offering shoppers specials for the Trades Day Event.

Mack Fisher Named Red Cross Director

Dr. Ray Maddox Jr., chairman of the board of directors of the Taylor County Chapter, American Red Cross, announces the appointment of Mack Fisher, superintendent of Merkel Schools to fill the unexpired term of Mrs. Dorothy Wiseman, on the board.

Fred Starbuck, also of Merkel, and a member of the board of directors, has been asked by the board to serve with Mr. Fisher as co-chairman for Merkel and adjacent area for the annual Red Cross Drive for membership and funds which will be held in March.

Mr. Starbuck, director of civil defense for Merkel, is the representative for Red Cross disaster preparedness in Merkel.



MACK FISHER
...RC director

10 Trent FFA Members To Enter Show Judging

Trent FFA members who will be entering livestock in the judging contests at the 1974 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo are Steve Bland, Allen Morse, Tina Hamner, Russell Allen, Tom Stevens, Rocky McKinney, Rand Scott, Ty Martin, Jimmy Adams and Kim Morse.

Entries in the 1974 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo are expected to exceed 19,000 in number proving it is really the largest livestock show in the world. When the '74 show opens, the Livestock Exposition Building will be bulging at the seams again with classes provided for 12 beef cattle breeds, 5 dairy cattle breeds, 5 swine breeds, 11 sheep breeds, 6 horse breeds, 5 rabbit breeds, 22 poultry breeds, and Angora goats. In addition, a record number of 19 auction sales will be held during the two weeks of the show.

The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo initiated and maintains one of the finest scholarship programs in the nation. This year, there are 102 students on scholarships in

12 Texas colleges and universities -- 65 are four-year, \$4,000 scholarships; the remainder are one-year, \$1,000 scholarships. The program also provides graduate assistantships for six students who are completing advanced degrees.

The first such organization in the country to underwrite agricultural research, the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo funds selected research programs at colleges and universities throughout the state. Some \$100,000 is set aside annually for research designed to improve agricultural practices.

The '74 show opens February 20 and runs through March 3. Nine great entertainers are scheduled to appear at the rodeo: The Jackson 5, February 22; Sonny and Cher, February 23 and 24; Johnny Rodriguez, February 25; Charlie Rich, February 26; Doc Severinsen with Today's Children, February 27; Tony Orlando and Dawn, February 28; Conway Twitty, March 1; Vikki Carr, March 2; and Elvis, March 3. There's someone for everyone!

Merkel Sweeps Albany As Boys, Girls Win

Robert Morgan led the Badgers in scoring as they beat Albany 87-53. Morgan scored 22 points. It was the largest score the Badgers have made this season. The victory over Albany gives the Badgers a 2-1 record in the second half of league play.

Merkel took the lead early in the game and maintained it all the way. At the

end of the first quarter, Merkel led the Lions by 16-8. At the end of the half the Badgers led 37 to 22. The Lions were unable to handle the Badgers in the second half. The third period saw the Merkel team score 29 points to 13 for the opposition. The fourth quarter was a little closer in the scoring with Albany hitting 18 and Merkel 21.

Other Badgers scoring were Jeff Cox, 12; Darel Bunch, 10; David Copeland, 10; Jackie Sims, 10; Derral Riggan, 10; Bill Watts, 2; Larry Tolliver, 2.

The Merkel girls also won their game. They outlasted the Albany girls 36-33. Jody Barnes was high scorer for Merkel with 12 points.

The B Boys won their game with Albany 47-35.

James Addison Services Held

James A. (Chubby) Addison, 56, of Merkel, died at 2 a.m. Friday in the VA hospital in Houston after a lengthy illness. Services were held Monday at 2 p.m. in the Starbuck Funeral Home Chapel. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery.

He was born in Taylor County in 1918 and served in the Army during World War II. He operated a grocery store in the Blair community until five years ago. Survivors include his mother, Mrs. J.E. Addison, of Merkel; three sisters, Mrs. William E. Fitzgerald of Clear Field Utah, Mrs. Robert Hinkle of Wichita Falls and Mrs. Ann Horton of Miles.

Merkelite's Kin Buried

Alvin Horton, 82, died in Mobile, Alabama after a lengthy illness. Funeral services were held Jan. 29 at 2 p.m.

Highlight of the celebration will be the unveiling of a bronze bust of the veteran congressman, to be placed on the north side of the Jones County Courthouse in Anson, and which is nearing completion by the sculptress, Juan Dell, of Lubbock. Mr. Gist commented, "The artist's excellent creative ability reflects the strength

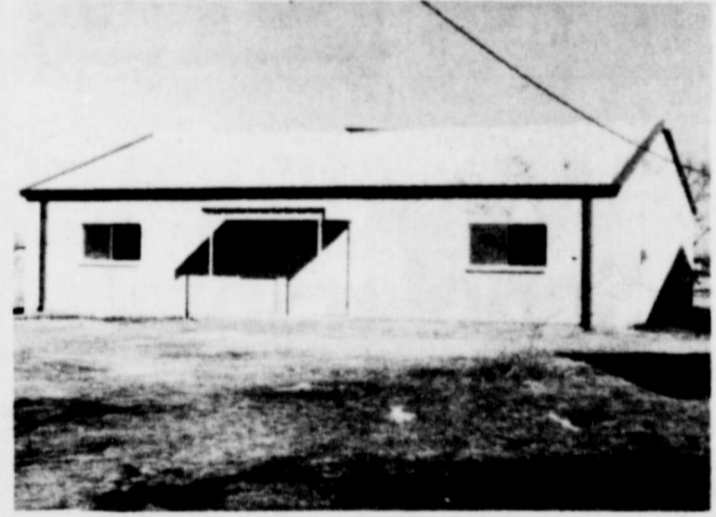
Burleson to Be Honored With Special Day

ABILENE, JAN. 29. -- It was announced Monday that a steering committee has been formed and plans are underway to honor Congressman Omar Burleson of the 17th Congressional District with a "Friend of Omar Burleson" day celebration, slated for April 19, 1974.

Site for the celebration is expected to be decided at the February 8th meeting of the steering committee. The announcement was made by B. J. Gist of Abilene, named to head the steering committee for the program.

Named to the steering committee along with Mr. Gist were Mr. E. Dale Herring of Talpa in Coleman County, Mr. Jack Cozart of Cisco in Eastland County, Mr. J.C. Moss of Anson in Jones County, and Mrs. Dolris Dean, Chamber of Commerce Manager at Anson, Texas. Directors are being named in each county by the steering committee to assist in coordinating the April celebration. The Anson Chamber of Commerce office was designated as the office through which the planning of the celebration will be coordinated. The telephone number is Area Code - 915-823-3259, and the address is P.O. Box 351, Anson, Texas, 79501.

When asked about the planning of this honor for Congressman Burleson, Mr. Gist pointed out that several farm bureau members in Eastland County had suggested such a project several months ago which prompted the planning up to this date. He further explained, "We all want to honor Congressman Burleson for his long service, dedication, and for his progressive outlook on matters of importance not only to this area of West Texas, but to the state and nation. And we are hopeful he will continue to represent the people in this West Texas area in the United States Congress."



DEDICATION SERVICES will be held Sunday at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church for their new Educational Building. (Photo by Connie Harris)

Catholic Church Education Building Dedication Sunday

Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church will have dedication services for their recently constructed new Education Building, Sunday, February 3rd.

Bishop Stephen Leven of the San Angelo Diocese will be on hand to conduct Mass and Bless the building. Merkel is a part of this diocese. The public is invited to attend open house at the new building, located behind the church, between 3 and 4 p.m. and look over the building which includes a kitchen, 6 classrooms, 2 rest rooms, and a hall.

DATEBOOK

Saturday Feb. 2

JR. HIGH MYF (United Methodist Youth) will have a bake sale in front of the WTU Building. They will also sell boxes and Bows left over from Christmas gift wrapping.

Monday Feb. 4

LADIES AUXILIARY to the Merkel Fire Department will have their regular monthly meeting at 7:30 in meeting room of station. All firemen's wives are urged to attend this meeting.

Tuesday, Feb. 5

LAMBDA BETA Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi will meet in the home of Mrs. Larry Teaf at 7:30 p.m.

Jerre Smith On Honor Roll

Jerre Kay Smith was left off the High School Semester A Honor Roll which was printed recently.

NOTICE

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If you have a question concerning your bill, please call the business office in Baird - Dial "O" and ask for Enterprise 271.

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES for the Senior Citizens are pictured here at the building. They are from left to right: Hob Robertson, Paul Douglas, Burtis Lang and Irl Walker. Not pictured are Russell McAnally and Johnny Hammond. (Photo by Connie Harris)

Senior Citizen Drive Meeting With Success

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Senior Citizens Organization Tuesday it was announced that the Building Purchase Fund Drive had met with a good reception. It was announced that over \$1,100 had been deposited to the drive at the Farmers and Merchants National Bank. The Senior Citizens are hoping to raise \$2,500 to help pay for the building. The committee expressed pleasure that the donations have been coming in good.

The owner of the building, John West, decided to sell the building which the club has been renting. Mr. West has given the Senior Citizens first chance to purchase the building.

The directors of the Senior Citizens organization voted two weeks ago to purchase the building. Those to serve as Trustees were appointed to look after the purchase of the building. Rev. Russell McAnally was asked to serve as chairman of the Board of Trustees. Other Trustees are: Johnny Hammond, Irl Walker, Hob Robertson, Burtis Lang and Paul Douglas.

It was announced that the total purchase price of the building was \$3,000. The club has enough money in its treasury to pay \$500 of the amount needed to make the purchase.

A Senior Citizens Building Fund has been established at the Farmers and Merchants National Bank. Warren, president of the bank said that any funds turned in at the bank would be accounted for in this fund. Any

of the Trustees will assist persons wishing to make a contribution to the drive. Also members of the club will assist anyone with their gift.

A spokesman for the club emphasized that there will not be any high pressure applied in the raising of these funds.

Organized two years ago, the Senior Citizens Organization has 140 registered members. The club holds singings, game nights, and is open during the day for games of dominoes. The club also holds bake sales and other fund raising events to help finance its operations. Local residents and merchants have donated furniture and carpet to furnish the building. The building has kitchen facilities.

Members of the Board of Directors for the organization are: Dent Gibson, Mrs. L. J. Renfro, Mrs. Albert Criswell, H. B. Robertson, Paul Douglas, Burtis Lang, Russell McAnally, Irl Walker, and Johnny Hammond.

Trent FFA Rabies Clinic

Dr. Bud Aldridge, veterinarian from Sweetwater, will be at the Trent Vocational Agriculture Shop at the high school on Thursday, January 31 from 2:30 til 4:30 p.m. to give rabies shots to family pets. There will be a charge of \$4.00 for the rabies shots.

The Trent FFA is sponsoring this as a public service.

Elmer Martin Announces Re-election Candidacy

State Representative, Elmer Martin today announced that he will be a candidate for return to the state representative office of the 61st District which includes part of Taylor County, Jones, Mitchell, Fisher and Nolan counties. His candidacy is subject to voting in the Democratic primary which will be held in May.

Pressed with a busy six day a week schedule as a member of the important Local Government Committee of the Texas Constitutional Convention, Rep. Martin said a formal statement on behalf of his candidacy will be issued at a later date. "The task of writing a new state constitution is a monumental assignment," Rep. Martin said, "and I am focusing my undivided attention on my responsibilities as a delegate

to this convention. Because of this priority, my candidacy to the return to the representative office will take a back seat in my work schedule for the duration of the Constitutional Convention."

"An indication of the demands of this work is evidenced in the fact that my committee on Local Government last week heard approximately 50 witnesses representing a cross section of Texas. This necessitated committee work sessions every morning and into the evening hours Monday thru Saturday," Martin said.

In the 63rd legislative session, Martin represented his 61st District as a member of the House committee for Agriculture and Livestock, Environmental Affairs and Liquor Regulations.



PRESENTING A CHECK to Travis Davis, Principal at Merkel High School, is Mrs. Ray Wilson, finance chairman of the Fortnightly Study Club. The check is for \$135.00 and will go toward building a patio at the high school. (Staff Photo by Connie Harris)



SIGNING A CHECK for \$100.00, which will go to the West Texas Rehab Center, are officers of Merkel High School's Future Homemakers of America. Officers on back row are Rosemary Duran, Roseann Noster, Kathy Hendricks, Sherry Bratcher and Marsha Thompson. Front row officers from left to right are: Mrs. Johnny Beasley, sponsor, Jerrie Stephen, Tonja McAninch and Jamie Clark. (Photo by Connie Harris)

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SAVINGS!

THU-FRI-SAT. JAN. 31 THRU. FEB. 2

PEAR HALVES	DEL-MONTE 303 CAN	2 FOR	69¢
PINEAPPLE	DEL-MONTE CRUSHED 15 oz. CAN		35¢
CORN	STOKELYS CREAM STYLE 303 CAN	2 FOR	45¢
GREEN BEANS	STOKELYS CUT 303 CAN	2 FOR	49¢
SPINACH	DEL-MONTE 303 CAN	2 FOR	49¢
YAMS	JACK-O-LANTERN NO.2½ CAN		39¢
VEG ALL	LARSONS 303 CAN	2 FOR	39¢
TUNA	DEL-MONTE		49¢
BISCUIT MIX	PIONEER 2 LB. BOX		69¢
FLOUR	GLADIOLA 5 LB. BAG		89¢

Giant Size BREEZE.....	89¢
Reynolds Aluminum FOIL 18 X 75 ft. roll	59¢
Instant Tea 3 oz. jar	1.29
Swift Jewel 42 oz. Can	89¢

MARSHMALLOWS 10 oz. PKG	19¢
EL-FOOD ORANGE DRINK HALF GAL	39¢
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GOOCH	EASY FIXINS	
	HOT BAR-B-Q - BEANS	
	CHILI - POTATO SALAD	
	PIMENTO CHEESE	
BOLOGNA	LB.	98¢
BEEF RIBS	LB.	69¢
FRYERS	WHOLE ONLY	45¢
LOIN STEAK	LB.	1.69
PORK CHOPS	CENTER CUT	1.49
BACON	ARMOURS LB.	1.09

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MIRACLE WHIP	KRAFTS SALAD DRESSING.....QT.			79¢	
BUTTERMILK			HALF GAL.	69¢	
CATSUP	DEL-MONTE 14 oz. BOTTLE			29¢	
KLEENEX	200 SIZE	2 FOR		59¢	
PORK & BEANS	VAN CAMP 300 SIZE			45¢	

SUNSHINE CRACKERS	1 lb Box	43¢
CHILI SWIFTS	24 oz.	89¢
Apricot Preserves BEST MAID	18 oz. JAR	45¢
APPLE BUTTER BEST MAID	18 oz. JAR	39¢

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POT PIES 2 FOR **49¢**

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CALIFORNIA TANGERINES	LB.	19¢
HAWAIIAN PINEAPPLES	EA.	49¢
FLORIDA CORN	2 for	29¢
TEXAS GREEN CABBAGE	LB.	8¢
WHITE ONIONS	lb.	19¢

LIQUID JOY	GIANT SIZE	49¢
JELLO	REG. SIZE	2 FOR 25¢

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LB BOX **43¢**

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MAPLE FLAVOR
24 oz. PITCHER
SYRUP 69¢

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FRENCH DRESSING
8 oz. BOTTLE **39¢**

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Coupon cash value 1/20 of 1¢

GOOD THRU FEB. 16



LIBBYS 8 oz.
FRUIT FLOATS
Assorted
CAN **39¢**

WOLF
BEEF STEW
24 oz. CAN **73¢**

PILLSBURY STRAWBERRY-CHOC.
FROSTING BOX **39¢**

I. G. DAIRY FRESH HOMO 2
MILK GAL JUG **1.39**

I. G. DAIRY FRESH HOMO
MILK GAL JUG **1.49**

I. G. DAIRY FRESH BUTTER
MILK 1/2 GAL. CRTN **69¢**

I. G. FROZEN ASSORTED FLAVORS
MELLORINE 1/2 GAL. CRTN. **43¢**

SCHILLINGS CINNAMON 4 oz. CAN 1.23
SCHILLINGS BLACKPEPPER 4 oz. CAN 59¢

Frozen Foods

MORTONS T.V. CHICKEN-TURKEY-MEAT LOAF
DINNERS EACH **49¢**

TROPHY 10oz.
STRAWBERRIES PKG. **29¢**

JOHNSTON'S **PIES** APPLE or MINCE EA. **79¢**

NESTEA 100% WITH LEMON
INSTANT TEA 4oz. JAR **89¢**

HERSHEYS INSTANT
COCOA MIX
2 LB. CAN **79¢**

TEA BAGS
LIPTONS 100 ct. BAGS **1.09**

SHORTENING SWIFT NO 3 CAN (1 Limit) **89¢**

TUNA CHILI DEL MONTE FLAT CAN (2 LIMIT) **43¢**

CHILI WOLF NO 2 CAN (2 LIMIT) **79¢**

OLEO PARKAY POUND CRTN. (2 LIMIT) **45¢**

OXYDOL KING SIZE (1 LIMIT) **1.19**

MOP & GLO CLEAN & SHINE QUART BOTTLE **1.09**

VEL MINT LIQUED KING **49¢**

VEL BEAUTY BAR BATH SIZE 2 FOR **45¢**

TIDE GIANT BOX **69¢** (1 LIMIT)

DEL-MONTE NO 2 SLICED-CRUSHED
PINEAPPLE CAN **35¢**

OCEAN SPRAY 300 SAUCE
CRANBERRY CAN **27¢**

LIBBYS 8 oz.
Tomato **SAUCE** 2 FOR **25¢**

TRELLIS Garden **PEAS** 2 FOR **39¢**

STAR 303 CUT Green **BEANS** 2 FOR **29¢**

HUNTS 300 **SPINACH** 2 FOR **39¢**

CALIF. NAVEL **ORANGES** POUND **15¢**

FRESH **LETTUCE** DOLE LB. **15¢**

BANANAS LB. **12¢**

FRESH CELLO **CARROTS** ROME BEAUTY 2 FOR **29¢**

RED APPLES FRESH LB. **19¢**

CABBAGE LB. **7¢**

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