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First State Bank Officer Explains Trusts to Lions

Jim Westbrook, Vice President and Trust Officer of the First State Bank in Abilene, told Merkel Lions Club members and their guests that the only way a person can be sure his property will go to the persons he wishes is through a will.

Westbrook, a native of Oklahoma, told the club that there is four ways a person's property can be passed on after his death. First he said was by contract, "A good example of this is life insurance. A person's life insurance goes to the beneficiary named on the policy regardless of what the person's will says," he said. Second, was by Joint Account with right of Survivorship. "This is not a very good way to handle your estate. While the bank might release the funds in the account, the law says that this does not constitute ownership and the assets are still a part of the person's estate," Westbrook said.

Third alternate listed by the graduate of the University of Texas law school was by leaving no will and letting the state decide how your property is to be divided. This method is often cumbersome and expensive, especially when minor children are involved he pointed out. Also the person has no assurance

the property will go as he wishes. Fourth way is by having a will that specifies the way you wish your estate to be disposed of. Westbrook said that the surest way for the will to be drawn properly is with the aid of your attorney.

Westbrook went on to explain that a person can save money, and lots of worry in some cases, if the estate has been turned over to the trust department of a bank. "There is no way to evade taxes. This is illegal. But a trust department of a bank can help you avoid paying unnecessary taxes," he said. He cited an example of a husband and wife that wished to leave their estate to their children. A trust fund can be set up for the surviving member of the marriage. It will be a trust for the children, but will benefit the surviving spouse as long as he or she lives. Upon the survivors death the property will pass to the children, but will be taxed only once.

Westbrook explained that the trust department will manage the estate if the person making the trust feels his beneficiaries are not capable of doing so. He also pointed out that the person making the trust can name a family member or other person as co-trustee of the trust with the bank if he desires.

Westbrook also explained the law concerning gifts. He explained that a person may give to anyone he wishes \$3,000 annually tax free or one \$30,000 tax free gift in a lifetime. This, he explained, offers advantages under some circumstances.

Don Hensley, President of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank, introduced Westbrook. George Starbuck was program chairman.

Burleson Receives Award

WASHINGTON, D.C. — H. Vernon Scott, President, National Associated Businessmen Inc., presented Representative Omar Burleson with the organization's "Watchdog of the treasury" Award in honor of the Congressman's economy voting record for the Ninety-Third Congress, 1973-74. This was the third economy award Congressman Burleson has received from the National Associated Businessmen.

In congratulating Representative Burleson, Mr. Scott said, "Your outstanding economy voting record indicates to your constituents and to our membership that you have a keen awareness of the need for fiscal responsibility. I know it takes much courage to resist the pressures for unnecessary Federal spending."

"As you know so well, unnecessary Federal spending contributes to a higher cost of living which touches all of us," he continued. "Your votes for economy in government merit the appreciation of each of your constituents."

Made up primarily of small business firms, the NAB is a nonpartisan organization with its headquarters in Washington. Its goals include fiscal responsibility in government and the elimination of the Federal Government from competition with private business.

Trent Gorillas Stop Paint Creek

PAINT CREEK — The Trent Gorillas, sparked by Steve Bland, defeated the Paint Creek Pirates here Friday night 50-25 in a District 3-B 6-man football tilt.

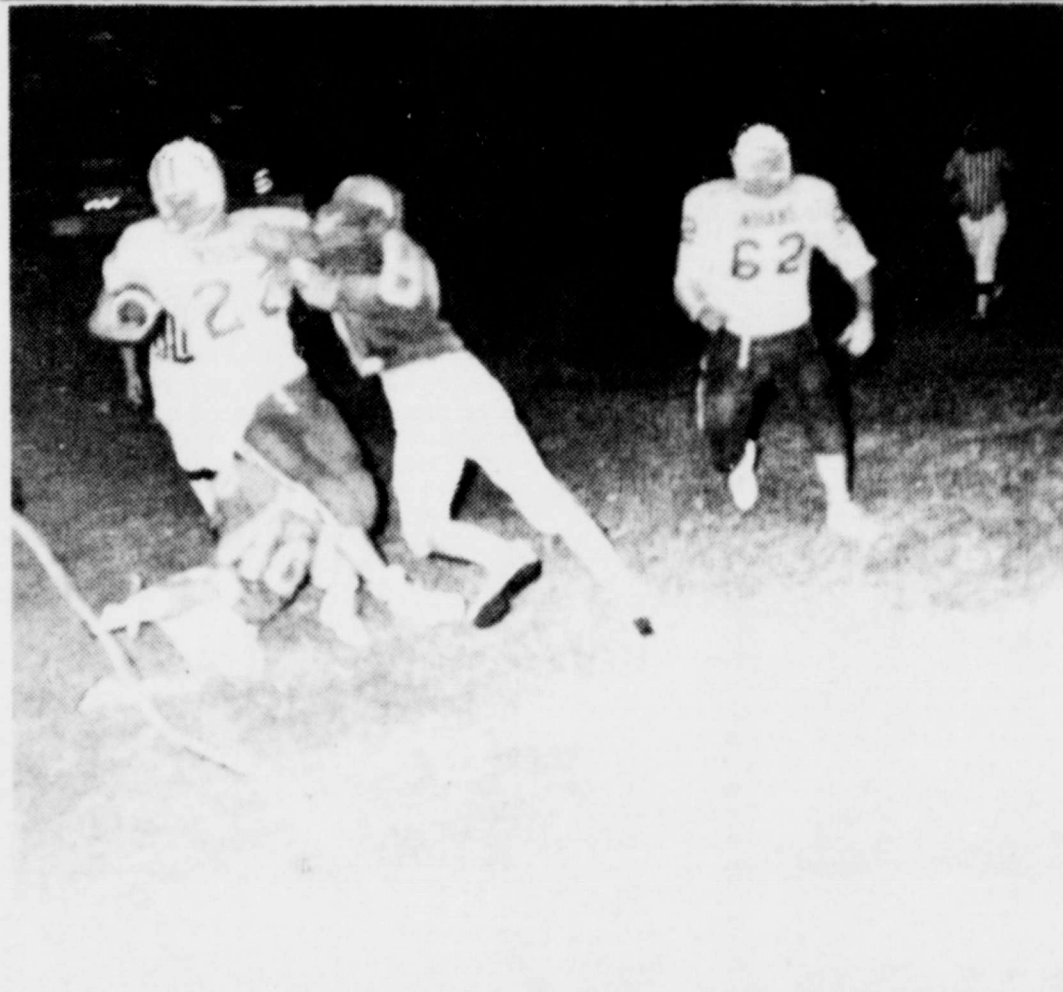
Bland scored 30 points for Trent, while Delbert Dobbs scored 13 and Danny Bruegeman scored 12 points for the Pirates.

Paint Creek	12	0	13	0-25
Trent	14	16	14	6-50

Effort To Combat Inflation Welcome Says FB Leader

WACO — Agriculture welcomes the national effort to combat inflation, but cannot shoulder the burden alone, the president of the Texas Farm Bureau said in commenting on President Ford's anti-inflation program.

J. T. (Red) Woodson said he was surprised that agriculture was singled out for all-out production. He said farmers and ranchers have already done more than their



STOPPING AN INDIAN--Doug Hutchings, No. 84, and Danny DuBose, No. 40, (on ground) tackle Jim Ned Halfback Johnny Quinney. The Jim Ned team proved to be too much for the Badgers as they won 26-13. (staff photo)

Merkel Clipped By Jim Ned, Play Roscoe Friday There

After dropping a heart breaking 26 - 13 defeat at the hand of the Jim Ned Indians of Tuscola, one of the best High School Class Football teams anywhere, will try to get back in the winning column this week as they travel to Roscoe to play the Bulldogs.

The Badgers just couldn't stop the powerful running of Jim Ned's Backs as halfback Johnny Quinney picked up 94 yards rushing, not including a 36 yard touchdown that was called back. Full Back Brian Aycock was the big gun in the Indians runningbizarreas he made runs of 33, 11, 11, 16, 15, 35 and ended up with a grand total of 135 yards of real estate.

Jim Ned took an early lead as they returned the opening kickoff back 85 yards, with Fullback Johnny Quinney going in from the six for the touchdown. Quinney added the extra point.

After Jim Ned's kickoff the Badgers ran only three plays as Billy Watts fumbled and Jim Ned recovered the ball at the 30 of the Badgers. It took Jim Ned only six plays to add six more to the score with Back Tony Elkins going in from the three. Jim Neds try for two was unsuccessful.

At the start of the 2nd quarter David Copeland made an outstanding play on a bad snap from center on a 4th down, going back to his 20 and picking up the ball and eluding several Indians, ran the ball back to the forty and getting off a fine punt. After runs of 12, 9, 11, by the Indians, Back Brian Aycock broke loose for a 36 yard scramble for a touchdown that was called back. Eleven plays later the Indians were knocking at the Badgers door on the one. The Badgers defense stiffened their necks and held the Indians on four tries and took possession at the one.

After picking up only six yards the Badgers had to turn the ball over to the

dians on a punt, which went out of bounds at the Badgers 41. The next play saw Quarterback Hank Horton hit end Jeff McClure for a 41 yard touchdown. The Indians try for two was no good. As Jim Ned extended their lead to 19-0.

The Badgers got on the scoreboard with only thirty seconds left in the first half as Quarterback Jackie Sims hit David Copeland in the end zone from the ten for the touchdown. Johnny Frazier added the extra point.

At the end of the first half the Indians took a comfortable 19-7 lead to the dressing room.

Merkel closed the gap to 19-13 late in the third quarter after Jim Ned's bad punt snapped, that was recovered by Doug Hutchings at the 35. The drive covered 35 yards,

on six plays with Steve West going in from the one. The extra point attempt failed.

The Indians finished the scoring for the night on the first play of the 4th quarter Johnny Quinney drove in from the six, and added the extra point.

The Indians remains undefeated after their second District 8-A match at 6-0 for the season. Merkel now has a 4-2 record, and 1-1 in District play.

Billy Watts carried 14 for 51 yards, with Steve West carrying 15 times for 46 yards.

Jim Ned had 23 first downs to Merkel's 13. Merkel had 99 yards rushing while the Indians had a big 332. The Badgers picked up 73 yards passing with Jim Ned getting 70. The Badgers hit 5 of 13 passes, as Jim Ned hit 3 of 4.

Committee Seeking 1st Graduating Class Stories

By BETTIE CYPERT

The first graduating class from Merkel High School was 1899. What stories they could tell us if they came to home-

coming this year!

I am sure you, too, have some good stories you could share with us. What good experience happened while you were in school?

We do not want the name of the person involved, nor the year (we do not want to embarrass anyone) just the story. Some of these stories will be referred to intermittently during the scheduled activities.

Contact Mrs. Pat Cypert, 928-5792, if you will share your memories with us. All information kept secret.

Everyone is invited to the Merkel Homecoming on Oct. 25-26, 1974.

Officers this year are: Bettie Cypert, President; Danny Doan, Vice President; Fonda Bicknell, Secretary; and Pat Byrd, Treasurer.

\$15 Showing On Baseball Project Thermometer

Money was collected last Friday from the canisters which had been placed in local businesses by the Baseball Project Committee. The total donations from these canisters was \$4.94. All the canisters had not been placed last week but they will be this week. The project also had a \$10.00 donation from Shelle Doan and her niece and nephews. The total of these donations were put on the project's thermometer which shows \$15.00 now on the way to the goal of \$500.00. We also have a \$5.00 donation from Mr. and Mrs. Orin Higgins which will be recorded with this weeks collection.

At the project's meeting Saturday afternoon, a new project was announced. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cox have donated a call for the project to use for money raising purposes.

FLOWER SHOW

OCT. 19 & 20

The Merkel Garden Club will have their annual Flower Show at the Senior Citizens Building Oct. 19 and 20.

The theme will be "Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow."

The flower show schedule will be October 19, 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. and October 20, 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. President is Mrs. Oda Clark.

Flower Show Chairman this year is Mrs. W. L. Brown.

Trent Juniors To Be D.J.'s Oct. 19

"Turn Your Radio On" and listen to who's on the air on Saturday, Oct. 19. Keep this date in mind for that is when the Trent Junior Class members will be D.J.'s for a day on KWFA in Merkel.

Jr. Varsity Plays Thursday

The Jr. Varsity High School Football team will play Roscoe here at Merkel Thursday at 7:30 p.m. The 8th grade will play with Roscoe at 6:00 p.m.

Everyone is urged to turn out and support the Merkel football boys.



4-H OFFICERS — Officers this year are left to right, Christy Boone, secretary-treasurer; Cathy Holloway, council delegate; and Tonya Moore, Reporter. On back row is Glen Braune, vice president and Shawn Moore, president. (Photo by Kaye Lanham)

Jr. Class To Have Car Wash

The Merkel High School Jr. Class will sponsor a car wash at the DuBose Texaco Station, Saturday, Oct. 19 from 9 a.m. til 3 p.m.

Cost will be \$3.50 per car. Call the station for pick-up and delivery.

Carolyn Nichols In Who's Who

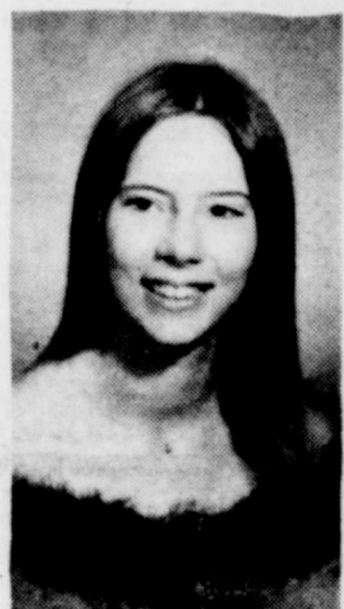
Carolyn Brady Nichols, a 1974 graduate of Roby High School was recently notified that she is to be featured in the Eighth Annual Edition of Who's Who Among American High School Students, 1973-74, the largest award publication in the nation.

Students from over 20,000 public, private and parochial high schools throughout the country are recognized for their leadership in academics, athletics, activities, or community service in the books. Less than 3% of the junior and senior class students nationwide are awarded this recognition.

Carolyn, Mrs. Dewey Lon Nichols, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brady of Merkel, Texas.

She was active in Athletics, F.H.A., Candy Stripper, Hendrick Memorial Hospital in 1970-71, Honor Student throughout Senior year and has also received an award in office practice upon graduation.

In addition to having her biography published in the book, Carolyn will also compete for one of ten scholarships awards of \$500 to \$1,000 funded by the publishers and will be invited to participate in the firm's annual "Survivorship" contest.



CAROLYN NICHOLS ...honored

vey of High Achievers." Carolyn attended Draughon's Business College upon graduation in June. She presently resides at Rt. 2, Roby, Texas.

Merkel To Have Five Delegates Attend Convention

Gene Stuckey, Tye Elementary Principal and President of the Taylor County Texas State Teachers Association (TSTA) will head a delegation of Taylor County Teachers to the Annual District 14 TSTA Convention next Monday, October 21, 1974, to be held in the Sweetwater Coliseum.

Of the 50 delegates going from Taylor County, Merkel Public Schools will be represented with five delegates. The five delegates include Gene Stuckey, Mack Fisher, Travis Davis, Earl Bratcher, and Paula Dean. These delegates will meet in special session on Sunday night, October 20, with the General Session for all teachers to be held Monday at 10:00 a.m. in the Coliseum.

Booster-Coaches Game Reset For Saturday

The Merkel Booster Club-Coaches touch football game which was cancelled last Monday night will be this Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at the Badger football stadium.

The Booster Club needs to win this game real bad because they have never won before. The Coaches have won every game.

Proceeds from the game will go to the Booster Club to be used to finance club projects during the year.

The next Booster Club meeting will be Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at the football fieldhouse.



MRS. GUY McCARTY, left thanks 4-H members Terry Ake of Wylie, Cathy Holloway of Merkel, and Tracy Dean of Hamby, not shown, for her 4-H Thank-U-Gram. Mrs. Guy McCarty, a strong supporter of 4-H, has given \$100 to the county's Gold Star Girl each year, plus a diamond ring to be passed on; provided gifts for 4-H participants in county eliminations and winners of the food show; has helped build the County Extension Kitchen.



KILLS SNAKE — Mario and Raymond Moreno killed this 3' 5 1/2" rattlesnake next door to his mothers house at 100 Lots St. Tuesday afternoon. The snake had 3 rattlers.

Riding Club News

Trophies awarded Saturday night for the month of August. Those receiving trophies are as follows:

Calf Roping
1. Elby Franzer, 2. Walter Henslee, 3. Randy Bond, 4. Allen Franzer, 5. Don Dudley.

Head & Heeling

1. Oscar Vaughn, 2. Don Odom, 3. Randy Bond, 4. James Boyd, 5. Felix Boyd.

5 and Under - 1. Lucy Masonheimer, 2. Graham Odom, 3. Denise Parsley, 4. Kyle Coker, 5. Garry Sutherland.

6-8 - 1. Brooks Boyd, 2. Jay Gibson, 3. Mike Doney, 4. Kevin Coker, 5. James Allday.

9-12 - 1. Tamara Gouson, 2. Norma Franzer, 3. Leslie Masonheimer, 4. Eddy Sparks, 5. Dee Dee Masonheimer.

13-16 - 1. Cindy Boone, 2. Sherrie Franzer, 3. Susie Toombs, 4. Patricia Boyd, 5. Charley Hatfield.

17 and Over - 1. Kathryn Whisenunt, 2. Aneta Franzer, 3. Robert Boyd, 4. Mary B. Phillips, 5. Jim Allday.

SENIOR CITIZENS SCHEDULE EVENTS
1st Monday of Month singing
2nd Tuesday Noon Covered Dish Luncheon
Game Nights Every Thurs. & 4th Monday
4th Thurs. GAME Night Reserved for Talented Amateur.

'GORILLA GRAFFITI'

By Mrs. Dean King



Trent Jr. High Monkeys outscored the Hobbs Panthers 37-12 Tuesday week at Trent Stadium, much to the glee of the spectators and to the pride of their coach, Bruce Thomas. Robert Freeman, the Beaver Brothers, and Danny Freeman, just to name a few, were in on some really exciting plays. These fellas now have a 2-1 record. If you haven't gotten to see one of their games, keep the following dates in mind, for they only have 3 more games left: Oct. 15 - at Highland; Oct. 22 - McCauley at Trent; and Oct. 29 - at Hobbs. There is always a concession stand at the Jr. High games, manned by members of the 8th grade - and game time is always 7:00. Many from Trent, Merkel, and Sweetwater were spotted at the ELVIS show in the Taylor County Coliseum last week. And what a show it was! "The King" captivated, thrilled, and entertained everyone from teenie-boppers and younger to the middle-aged - and older! He hit the stage immediately after the intermission and began a saga of songs that spanned the 20 years that he has been "The King" - starting with "C.C. Rider" - building up to "Blue Suede Shoes."

"Hound Dog", "Heartbreak Hotel", "Love Me Tender," - and really rocking the rafters with "This Time You Gave A Mountain" and "Why Me, Lord?" - and then the big finish with "I Can't Help Falling in Love with You." He also did a super job on a couple of Olivia Newton-John songs. His ensemble was blue and white - and so the order of the notorious scarves that he gave away were first a blue one, then a white, and so on. He truly is "Enter-tainer Deluxe" as he sang solid for over an hour - rolling sometimes from one song right into another - and directing his band himself during certain parts of the songs. The audience was both chaotic and respectful - screaming recognition of each new song - and then miraculously quieting down so as not to miss a note. Bet you one thing - anyone selling binoculars that night could have made mint!

Wow! The Gorillas went to Paint Creek last Friday, after being picked to lose 54-6, and preceded to paint the Pirates blue-and-gold to the tune of 50-25... Everyone did his part and more - and the Gorillas got it all together for a big finish Steve

Bland, our big bruising half-back, handled our side of the scoreboard pretty good by lighting it up with 30 of our points. Alan Morse, Sophomore halfback, displayed some fine running and yard gainage, as well as tucking a couple of TD's under his belt. All of the guys put it the supreme effort - and it really showed.

Be sure to tune in the Trent Juniors this Saturday, on KWFA Merkel radio. They will be d.j.'s for a day - and will appreciate your calling in dedications and letting them know you're listening. Junior Class members are David Hackney, Bob Reed, Pam King, Rocky McKinney, Patricia Boyd, and Alan Oden.

The Trent Halloween Carnival will be held on Thursday, October 31. The Queen's contest will begin at 7:30 p.m. Booths will open after the contest has concluded - around 8:00 p.m. All booths will close at 9:30 p.m. Booths will be set up in the classrooms. Each class will be responsible for cleaning up after the carnival.

Last Friday, the Student Council Sponsored a "50's Day" and back came the ponytails, rolled-up jeans, bobby socks, saddle oxfords, duck-tails, dark glasses and dark lipstick. And the event of the day was the Teacher-Pep rally... seven of our teachers with ponytails, either real or pinned precariously on the back of their heads, and jeans, bobby socks, and white shirts, and lo-oo-ots of spirit led us back through the years to some yells of the 50's (remember Alabama Shake It; or Hit 'Em on the Bottom??). They were hilarious, as they blew bubble gum, squealed at the end of each yell, and cajoled the audience and members of the Gorilla team to "stand up and cheer." The cheerleader lovelies were Jumpin' Jeanie (Reynolds), Marvellous Martha (Bever), Cu-u-te Kay (Cathy), Jivin' Jere Thomas (Iand), Roaring Rhoda (Allen), with their Head Cheerleader being Sugar Cheryl (Kincaid). During the pep rally, Sugar presented a gift to "our sponsor, Mr. Odell McCoy, for without his help, we would not be what we are..." Later, Mr. McCoy was sporting a big green and white bow-tie from his talented and exuberant charges. Groans of pure agony from these elder cheerleaders attest to the fact that they'd practiced for this debut - and were quite the sore-type as a result.

Nominees for Harvest Festival Queen (Halloween) and their escorts from T.H.S., are Seniors Cindy Beasley-Steve Shugart; Juniors Pam King-Rocky McKinney; Sophomores Teri Hamner - Jimmy Adams; and Freshmen Nell Kirk - Dexter Hulse.

From Jr. High are 8th Graders Velma Perkins - Kerry Patterson; 7th Graders Cheri Patterson - Danny Freeman; and 6th Graders Leslie Masonheimer - Riley West.

From elementary, 5th graders Barbara Evans - Richard Beaver; 4th graders Debra Williams - James Freeman; 2nd graders Sherry Gill-Roger Brenem; 1st graders Sandra Evans - Benjamin Beaver. As of this moment, we have not received word on the 3rd grade.

HEY MOMS - keep the date of Oct. 23 in mind. That is another day scheduled to have annual pictures taken, so remind the chiluns to comb their hair, etc.

Our fondest regards go to Lloyd Mitchell, who underwent surgery in Sweetwater Monday morning. We hope all will be well and that he is on the road to recuperation by the time this is printed.

May we right now put in a vote of extreme appreciation to Kaye and Steve Latham and the whole Merkel Mail staff, which includes Jan Beck (one of our own) for they all have been just swell to the Trent Community. We are grateful to them for taking their time to cover events that are important to us, for all the pictures and articles, and the kindnesses and consideration show to our school and students and community.

Coach Neff's high school girls basketball team will have scrimmage on Thursday, Oct. 17, at 5:00 at Trent gym. Anyone who wants a "preview of things to come" is welcome. They scrimmage Hobbs.

And on Friday, Trent plays host to the Lueders-Avoca Raiders and - get this - new game time is 7:30 p.m. (not 8:00 anymore!)

Next Tuesday, Oct. 22, the Trent Jr. High team hosts McCauley at 7:00. The concession stand will be open. Don't Forget - October 19, JUNIOR DAY ON KWFA RADIO, III!



WINNER - Alan Glascock is shown holding two guns he won in the F.F.A. magazine subscription contest. Alan's name was drawn out of a pot of boy's names who had sold 10 subscriptions and he won a 22 automatic rifle and scope. Then he had enough points earned to receive the other 22 single shot rifle. Also shown are two knives he won for turning in most dollar wise two different days. Alan is a very happy boy. This was his first selling experience. Alan says he's had lots of chances to sell the items won but plans to keep them. He got the guns Saturday on a trip with the V.A. boys to the state fair. Sunday afternoon he got to go try them out. Alan plans to join the Junior Rifles Association.

Badger Tracks

DAREL BUNCH

We honestly love you, Badger fans! A great crowd of you showed up for the Jim Ned - Merkel game to back your team. Even though we lost the game 26 to 13, the Badgers gave a good hard fought battle against one of the best teams district 8-A has ever had. You all keep on supporting and encouraging our team through the rest of the season. Our Badgers sure are not down after the loss Friday. They're going to keep on rolling.

Speaking of rolling; along with the rest of the fine athletes on the team we have a human steam roller named

Mendez Moreno. I bet he really gives quarterbacks a scare when he comes rolling in.

Is there anything that Professor Womack doesn't know! Sammy came over in the middle of the rain Monday night and was grumbling about some Plowboy that had burrowed him out of his den and he was going to get even this Friday.

A group of Merkel students attended a speech workshop in Odessa this past Saturday. Mrs. Dudley and Miss Harkey were group sponsors. Everyone had a real nice time. Help the needy; Seniors need firewood for the Homecoming bonfire. If you have any outhouses or other useable junk call 928-5046.

This weeks Quotable Quote is from Ralph Waldo Emerson, "That which we call sin in others is experiment for us."

Roof's leaking, we'll talk later, honestly.

HONOR ROLL

PRIMARY

"A" HONOR ROLL

1st Grade - Monica Atkinson, Cammie Bright, Dean Franklin, Ricky Hair, Amy Irvin, Lorie Kimbrell, Artie Richardson, Kelly Riney and Lucretia Wade.
2nd Grade - 1. Benny Allgaier, Connie Branton, Jerry Davis, Tami Elliott, David Glascock, Cody Johnson, Michael Reddin, Shane Smith, and Tamara Watson.
3rd Grade - Lori Aldridge, Scott Alves, Bonnie Ander-

son, Tommy Hays, Brenda Hobbertz, Carlton Kincaid, Russell Lucas and Cindy Sims.

4th Grade - Rosie Biera, Tim Brady, Kandy Richie, Melissa Tomlinson and Wind Whisenunt.

"A-B" HONOR ROLL

1st Grade - Kevin Coker, Sue Cunningham, Michael Gregory, Chris Horton, Luan Johnson, Randy Pallares, Hue Pannell, Regina Stuckey, and Todd Yaddow.
2nd Grade - James Allday, Lyle Baker, Donny Brady, Jason Castille, Melissa Davis, Randy Davis, Terry Fleming, Brian Ford, Carrie Hayhurst, Ken Hogan, Tim Jacobs, Darren Pack, Corbet Putman, Gayle Richie, Spencer Scott, Kenny Sims, Johnny Starbuck, Cindy Toney, Marsha Tutt, Jimmy Wilde, Cindy Williams, and Sean Woodard.
3rd Grade - Angela Allen, Brooks Boyd, Steve Davis, Jill Douglass, Joan Fariello, Jay Gibson, Judy Jinkens, Casey Johnson, Scott Neumann, Denise Pack, Kimberly Pack and Pam Wheeler.
4th Grade - Tina Bicknell, Tammye Cloyd, Calvin Cooley, Melinda Holmes, Stormy Magee, Eddie Martin, Chris Mashburn and Jimmie Shelton.

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Goodman HD News

"Car Talk For Women" was the program presented by Mrs. H. H. Windham to the Goodman Home Demonstration Club members. Mrs. Windham gave tips on maintaining car performance, how to communicate with a mechanic, and tire care. The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. D. L. Butler Thursday, October 10.

During the general business session the club member discussed a meeting planned with Stith and Compere Home Demonstration Clubs to hear the reports of the delegates to the State THDA Meeting. Final plans for this meeting will be completed soon.

Members attending the meeting were: Meses, Karl Bonneau, D.H. Butler, D.L. Butler, Frank Carter, Garland Price, H. H. Windham and Jennings Winter. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Garland Price, October 25. The program "Out of the Movies" will be presented by Mrs. Evelyn Wilburn, Assistant County Extension Agent for Jones County. All members are urged to attend, and interested visitors, regardless of race, color, national origin or economic circumstances, are invited.

(2) New 74 Grand Prix, 1 Ventura 4 Door Sedan

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- 71 CHEVROLET Chevelle 4 door hardtop, power, air, white, NICE \$1995
- 69 PONTIAC Catalina 4 door, sedan, air, power, green and white color, NICE, ONLY \$1095
- 70 PONTIAC Catalina 2 door hardtop, air, power, radial tires, bronze with beige vinyl top \$1295
- 68 OLDSMOBILE Cutlass 2 door hardtop, air, power, needs a little body work, ONLY \$495
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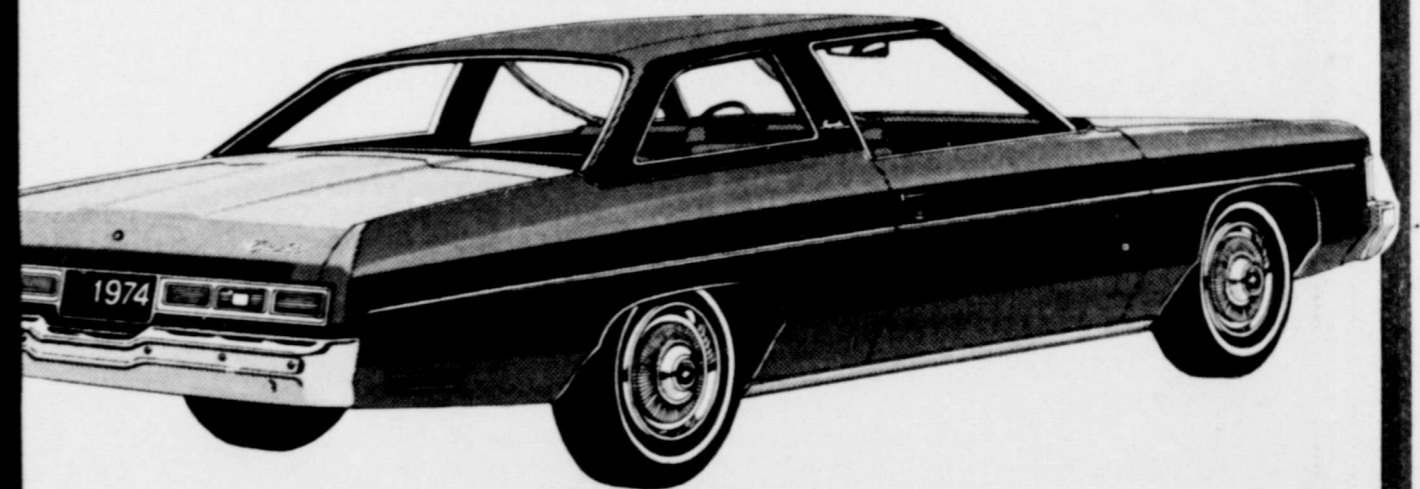
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Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Mark L. Malone of Merkel.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Duncan of Trent.

Maternal great-grandparents are Mark Malone of Merkel and Mr. and Mrs. A. A. McGeehee of Abilene.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS

To: Douglas Rosenthal, Defendant, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable Domestic Relations Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 25th day of November A.D. 1974, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 18 day of June A.D. 1974, in this cause, numbered 9285-DR on the docket of said court and styled Jackie Louise Anton Rosenthal, Plaintiff, Douglas Rosenthal, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: (force); Parties married on or about September 7, 1970; Separated shortly prior to the filing of this petition, Plaintiff requests to be named managing conservator of 2 minor children; Plaintiff requests the Court to divide the community property in an equitable manner as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 8 day of October A.D. 1974.

(SEAL)

Attest: Irene Crawford, District Clerk, Domestic Relations Court, Taylor County, Texas; By Judy Kiser, Deputy 34-4tc

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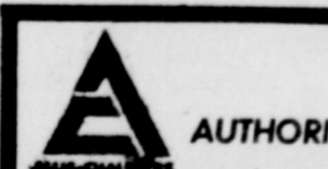
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4-H City-wide Organizational Meet Oct. 29

A city wide organizational meeting for new 4-H clubs will be held in the Extension Kitchen (located on the 3rd floor of the Old County Courthouse) October 29th at 7:30 p.m. Some Taylor County 4-H'ers will be on hand to show project work and awards won in various areas of 4-H. A discussion of the variety of activities and subject matter available through 4-H will be lead by Kay Manning and J. B. Criner County Extension Agents. Anyone of age who is interested in joining a new 4-H Club is invited to attend. Parents are also encouraged to attend. Educational program conducted by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service serve all people regardless of socio-economic levels, race, color, sex, religion or national origin.

AUSTIN—The high cost of campaigning for statewide office in the State of Texas continues to be evident. Incumbent Gov. Dolph Briscoe reports expenditures from March through September 26 at approximately \$800,000. Republican gubernatorial hopeful Jim Granberry reported expenses of \$412,880 in his effort to unseat Briscoe and become the state's first Republican governor since Reconstruction. Sam McDonnell, the American Party candidate for governor, reported contributions of \$20,842 and expenses of \$20,836. Granberry's expenses exceeded his contributions by \$5,417. Briscoe's contributions totalled approximately \$17,000 more than his expenses.

Excluded from Briscoe's contributions is about \$407,000 raised at an October 1973 dinner, where Briscoe announced his intention to run for a four-year term. The money remains in escrow, pending final determination of a lawsuit filed by Briscoe's Democratic Primary challenger Frances Farenthold.

WATER BOARD DIRECTOR CRITICIZED The Texas Attorney General's office has asked a subcommittee of the House Environmental Committee for authority to enforce anti-pollution laws without waiting for action of the Texas Water Quality Board.

Rod E. Gorman, an assistant attorney general, told the subcommittee that TWQB Executive Director Hugh Yantis is blocking enforcement of anti-pollution laws.

Gorman claimed very few major polluters are referred by the TWQB to the attorney general's office.

Phil Maxwell, director of the AG's environmental protection division, urged emergency legislation to strengthen the Attorney General's role in enforcing pollution laws.

The proposed bill would allow the attorney general to "enforce on his own initiative" such laws as the Texas Clean Air Act and the Texas Water Quality Act and any other laws or regulations "affecting the quality of the environment or the use of natural resources."

CAR DEALERS OFFER CUSTOMER AID - Texas Automobile Dealers Association has formed an in-house panel to attempt to satisfy customer gripes against 1,500 Texas new car dealers.

The seven-member Automotive Consumer Action Panel (AutoCAP) can levy up to \$1,000 in fines against an erring dealer and require his expulsion from TADA. Executive Director for TADA Gene Fendren says about 90 per cent of consumer complaints can be resolved, however, by adequate communication between consumer and car dealer.

SCHOOL FINANCE - The Governor's Office of Education plans to recommend to the Legislature a system of financing Texas public schools that "focuses on the student and his needs" says Dr. Richard Hooker, chief of the office. Hooker told an educational study panel that school

funding in Texas is now calculated on a classroom-teacher unit, based on average daily attendance in public schools. The result, he said, is probably the most complicated formula in the United States for measuring school needs.

Hooker said his office plans to propose a calculation based on a "full-time pupil equivalent."

TEXAS GETS FEDERAL DOLLARS—Texas will get \$73 million from the U.S. Treasury in revenue-sharing funds for the quarter of fiscal 1975. Governor Briscoe said the state will receive about \$24.5 million of the total and the rest will be channeled to city and county governments for their use on local projects.

COURT'S SPEAK—The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals set a November 17 hearing in a case challenging constitutionality of the new state death penalty law.

Attorneys for former House Speaker Gus Mutscher and two aides are asking the Criminal Appeals court to take another look at its opinion approving their conviction for conspiracy to accept a bribe.

Former gubernatorial candidate Frances Farenthold's attorneys are seeking Governor Briscoe's income tax returns in connection with her suit alleging the Governor received illegal campaign contributions.

AG OPINIONS—A county, under proper circumstances, can contribute to construction of a swimming pool by an independent school district on school-owned land in the county, Atty Gen. John Hill held.

In other recent opinions, Hill concluded: Texas Aeronautics Commission is not prohibited from assisting financially in development of a municipal airport on land leased for at least 20 years.

A single corporation may own and operate two separate cemeteries if all requirements are met. Bonds issued by Guadalupe Leased Housing Corporation do not qualify to secure the deposit of state funds.

PAY WAITING—About 60,000 former Army Reservists and National Guardsmen have \$1.1 million coming to them if they will come forward. The money was earned in drills and training during October 1-December 31, 1972. Army officials would like to mail the money before Christmas, but only a few more than 1,000 have made the required application. Amount due ranges from \$16 to \$240.

Army reservists who trained during the period and think they may have money due should write their old unit or Commander, U.S. Army Reserve Component Personnel and Administration Center, St. Louis, Mo. TAX PANEL APPOINTED—House Speaker Price Daniel Jr. has authorized a House subcommittee to study and make recommendations for alternative tax reduction plans, in light of an anticipated surplus of more

than \$1.5 billion in the State Treasury next biennium.

Daniel directed the subcommittee on exemptions of the House Committee on Revenue and Taxation to consider effect and equity of all reasonable tax reduction alternatives and report to the 64th Legislature prior to its January, 1975, session.

SHORT SPORTS Governor Briscoe says he doubts that many people will agree with every item in President Ford's economic program, "but I do think that on the whole, the president's recommendations have a great deal of merit."

Former members of the Constitutional Revision Commission say a citizen's convention should take over the work of trying to write a new Texas Constitution. Meeting unofficially, former CRC members voted 2-1 to call on the legislature to create a new constitutional convention composed of delegates elected specifically to revise the state's constitution.

Southern Union Gas Co. has asked Texas Railroad Commission to allow it to charge the City of Austin higher rates for natural gas. The gas company wants a 13.73 per cent increase. Austin city councilmen hired a consultant who recommended granting only a three per cent price hike. RR Commission hearings on the matter probably can't begin before November, a commission examiner says.

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A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Parties married on or about September 7, 1970; Separated shortly prior to the filing of this petition, Plaintiff requests to be named managing conservator of 2 minor children; Plaintiff requests the Court to divide the community property in an equitable manner as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 8 day of October A.D. 1974.

(SEAL)

Attest: Irene Crawford, District Clerk, Domestic Relations Court, Taylor County, Texas; By Judy Kiser, Deputy 34-4tc

Barn Dance October 19

There will be an old fashioned Barn Dance in Merkel Saturday, October 19, at 8:00 p.m. in Merkel Lions Club building. Admission is \$1.00 for children 10 to 16 years, \$1.50 for 16 and over. Children under 10 are admitted free.

Everyone come and have a good time. Proceeds go to the Merkel Riding Club, Jimmy and the Rounders of Abilene will furnish the music.

Everyone is invited.

Valuing a child's individuality and letting him have the freedom to see the world in his own way promotes creativity, Ilene Carrington, family life education specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

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To: Charles Melvin Richey, Defendant, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable Domestic Relations Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 14 day of October A.D. 1974, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 30 day of August A.D. 1974, in this cause, numbered 9744-DR on the docket of said court and styled Mary

vs. Charles Melvin Richey, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Parties were married on or about February 17, 1967 and separated on or about July 22, 1967; one child under the age of eighteen years of age being Nancy Ann Richey, 5-20-67; now residing with maternal grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. Howard Pinkston, Andrews, Texas; no community property was accumulated during this marriage other than personal effects; as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, this the 3rd day of September A.D. 1974.

(SEAL)

Attest: Irene Crawford, Clerk, Domestic Relations Court Taylor County, Texas; By Sandra Van Cleave, Deputy. 32-4tc

AUCTION SATURDAY OCTOBER 19, 1974 10:30 A.M.

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A&M Economist Review 1974 Texas Cotton Crop

COLLEGE STATION—Many of the speculations about the 1974 Texas cotton crop are beginning to take shape. According to an agricultural economist at Texas A&M University, the gross value of this year's crop should be around \$933 million, down considerably from the \$1.23 billion crop last year.

"An even more striking

COTTON NEEDS CALCIUM

COLLEGE STATION—Research by the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station shows that calcium is essential for developing strong, well-fruited cotton plants.

Calcium is necessary for carbohydrate movement from the leaves, where the carbohydrates are formed during the day, to other plant parts where they are used for growth and fruit development.

Radioactive carbon tests have demonstrated that when calcium is deficient, carbohydrates form but accumulate and remain in the leaves. Under such conditions, squares and young bolls are shed and growth stops, points out Dr. Howard E. Joham, plant physiologist for the Experiment Station.

Addition of low levels of sodium to a calcium-deficient medium tended to increase carbohydrate movement out of the leaves, but there was only partial substitution of the sodium for calcium in translocation, or carbohydrate movement.

Calcium's role in translocation seems to be associated with maintenance of normal membrane structure, notes Joham.

He says that current evidence indicates cotton plants need a daily calcium supply for continued growth and fruiting. In contrast are potassium and nitrogen, which may be continually re-used during a plant's growth cycle.

figure is that net income from the crop will total only about \$280 million. That's \$350 million less than in 1973," points out Charles Baker with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Total production should be just over three million bales compared to 4.7 million last year.

"Although this year's crop is disappointing from a statewide standpoint, there are a few bright areas," notes Baker. "An excellent crop was produced in the Rio Grande Valley and along the Coastal Bend, where harvest operations are almost complete. Production is expected to be up 47 per cent over last year."

On the other hand, production in the Plains will be down 44 per cent while the Blacklands of Central Texas are expected to show a drop of 24 per cent.

"With a shorter crop not only in Texas but across the nation, prices should perk up in the coming months," believes Baker. "Furthermore, mills are exhausting. World demand for cotton during the market year which began August 1 should exceed production by 1.5 million bales, notes the economist. U.S. exports should reach 5.5 million bales while domestic consumption is expected to drop 200,000 bales to the 7.3-million-bale level due to a weak textile market. Nevertheless, U. S. carry-over stocks by August 1, 1975 will be at a 23-year low of 3.3 million bales.

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Why would anyone pay for something they are already getting practically free? Many Americans do just that when they buy bottled water instead of using the kitchen tap. They think they are buying water purer than the public supply, but this may not always be the case.

If you buy bottled water you may be interested in a Government fact sheet called "What About Bottled Water?" Single copies of this 2-page reprint are available free from Consumer Information, Pueblo, Colorado 81009.

Bottled water is not cheap. In Washington, D.C. for example, it ranges from 59 to 75 cents per gallon. By contrast, tap water which most of us think of a "free" costs about one cent for 50 gallons.

The Food and Drug Administration has established standards to protect consumers who buy bottled water believing it to be at least equal in quality to public drinking water. The fact sheet lists the standards for bottled water, which include such requirements as:

* Bottled water must meet certain bacteriological, chemical, physical and radioactive standards.

* It must be bottled under strict good manufacturing regulations, that include cleanliness of processing, containers, closures, shipment, and storage.

* Bottled water not meeting FDA standards can be sold if it does not constitute a hazard to health and if the label indicates the specific shortcomings such as "excessively turbid" or "contains excessive chemical substances".

* Medicinal or health benefits must not be claimed. The reprint stresses that you should buy water bottled under Federal regulations and preferably water whose label indicates its source. Bottlers are not required to state the source of the water. However, if a term such as "well water" or "spring water" is used, the bottler must be able to substantiate the label claim.

Many bottlers avoid indicating the source of their water, and a survey by the Environmental Protection Agency hints at the reason. Of 50 bottlers surveyed, 21 gave their source as "public supply" which is the tap found in almost every home.

Most of the major and interstate dealers come under Federal jurisdiction. Control of the small and intrastate operators varies with the requirements set down by local jurisdictions. These local standards vary from far below those regulations public drinking water to some more stringent than Federal standards.

What About Bottled Water? (Free) is among the more than 250 publications listed in the current issue of the Consumer Information Index. Published quarterly by the Consumer Information Center of the General Services Administration, the Index is available from Consumer Information, Pueblo, Colorado 81009.

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By Robert L. Haney, Science Writer
 The Texas Agricultural Experiment Station

Beef buyers should get more for their money if the recently proposed revisions in beef grading standards are adopted. That's the considered opinion of Meat Scientist Zerle L. Carpenter with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station.

"Leaner, lower fat, high quality beef priced more in line with its food value should result," Carpenter says. "We strongly believe that grade changes should be made only on the basis of sound research evidence. These current changes are well documented by Experiment Station researchers."

"In fact, our research shows that these changes, while helpful, don't go far enough, and I expect to have more to say on this later."

Carpenter is a nationally recognized authority in this field and has for the past two years served as an industry advisor in planning modernization of the grading standards. During this period, he has also served as technical advisor to the grading committee of the American National Cattleman's Association.

He testified recently before the Congressional Committee considering grade changes and met with Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Richard L. Feltner concerning the need for grade changes.

Grades are used as the basis not only for trading and pricing slaughter cattle and carcasses but also in market news reporting. The grades are intended to provide a common language of quality and a means of reflecting consumer preferences. Consumer preference studies and experiments using trained taste panels show that the proposed changes will more closely parallel consumer preferences.

The current proposal will make it possible for slightly leaner beef to qualify for the top grades; make the "eating quality" of beef within each grade more nearly uniform; establish a more restrictive "good" grade; and require that all beef graded for quality also be graded for "yield" (percentage of trimmed retail cuts).

The proposal is aimed at reducing the amount of increasingly expensive feed grain needed to finish cattle for the market. U. S. consumers prefer fed beef - beef which is flavorful, juicy and tender - the kind of beef which results from some grain feeding of cattle before slaughter. The proposed grading standards will help the cattle industry to more efficiently produce this kind of beef.

Consumers as well as efficient producers will benefit. For one thing, there will be less excess trimmable fat - and an increase in the proportion of edible or salable meat in beef carcasses. Secondly, beef in each of the grades - Prime, Choice, and Good - will be more uniform in intramuscular fatness. The "new" proposed good grade should be more satisfactory to the consumer and should be in greater demand - as it will likely be higher in eating satisfaction.

Thirdly, it will be possible to produce fed beef more economically by using slightly less feed grain which results in less "wastey" cattle. Contrary to some concerns, nongrain fed animals will not likely meet the requirements for the choice grade under the proposed changes, according to Carpenter.

This important concern about excess fat is emphasized by the fact that in 1973, about 2.5 billion pounds of excess fat was trimmed from beef by the retailer. This represents a cost of \$1.6 billion. Since salvage value of trimmed fat was only \$450 million, this results in a \$1.15 billion loss which is passed on to or absorbed by producers, processors, and consumers. Carpenter says this is an inexcusable waste of our feed grains.

Consumers Will Benefit If Beef Grades Changed

A nationally recognized livestock authority, Dr. L. Agricultural Communication, S. Pope, Associate Dean, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas 77843.

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The USDA has invited comments on the proposal anytime before Dec. 10. They are to be submitted in duplicate to the Office of the Hearing Clerk, Room 112, Administration Building, USDA, Washington, D. C. 20250.

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Grass-Fed Beef Fad Will Pass

COLLEGE STATION—Although grass-fed beef supplies are up and continuing to increase, the long-range picture still points to the return of grain-fed beef, contends a livestock marketing specialist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

"More grass-fed beef and veal is available today because of large numbers of feeder animals and calves and a slack in demand from feedlots," points out Dr. Ed Uvacek.

Yet, this will only be a temporary condition that should change by the end of next year. From there on, cattle feeding and fed beef production should once again move upward."

Why the contention that cattle feeding will again come into prominence?

"The American public will still continue to demand high quality beef," points out the Texas A&M University System specialist. "The cattle feeding industry is based on the production of high quality beef and not simply to use up excess supplies of grain."

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Band News

By MRS. WHARTON
This week for the first time Merkel High School band appeared in full uniform. The overlays arrived by air at 5:30 p.m. prior to the Merkel-Jim Ned game. The band looked very snappy in the beautiful new uniforms purchased by the Merkel School Board. Their performance on field represented the Band

News admirably. The Junior High Band will be led this year by a drum major, Mr. Reed announced that Janice South, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack South, will be the Junior High Drum Major for 1974-75. The Beginner band is working on a program to be presented on Nov. 12 to the Band Booster Club.

Band Booster News

By MRS. WHARTON
Band Boosters met in the band hall Oct. 8. Darla Mawson presided. Band uniform bags had arrived and were displayed. Remaining band calendars were to be distributed for sale. It was decided that the band will again sponsor "the marriage" booth at the Methodist church halloween carnival.

Plans were made to sponsor a chili supper Nov. 8 before the Merkel-Baird game. They will be \$1.25 for adults, 75¢ for pre-school children and includes all one can eat. Mr. Reed announced that the Beginner Band will furnish the program for next month's meeting. The Band Booster membership drive was started with family memberships selling for \$5.00, two booster pins included and entrance to all band concerts as a family or \$3.00 for a single membership, one booster pin and entrance to all band concerts.

Miss McAninch Engagement Told

Mr. and Mrs. Ted McAninch have announced the engagement of their daughter, Tonja, to Ricky Meeks. A January wedding has been planned by the couple. Tonja is a graduate of Merkel High School. She is employed by Gilene's Manufacturing of Merkel. Meeks, son of Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Meeks of Big

Spring, is a graduate of Cleburne High School. He attended Tarleton State University, and is now engaged in farming around the Merkel area.

The Stith HD News

The Stith HD Club met on October. There were 6 members present. Roll call was answered with "My Worst Driving Habit." After business meeting our program was on "Car Talk for Women." The program included things such as hard starting, poor gas mileage, knocks, shakes on the road and running hot. We all decided the most dangerous thing in a car is a nut that's behind the wheel. Hostesses were Beulah Bradley and Mary Buntin. The next meeting will be October 23 when the program will be "Out to the Movies" given by the HD agent.

Mrs. Newberry Visits Compere HD Club

The Compere Home Demonstration Club met October 10 in the home of Mrs. Clyde Chaney for their regular meeting. Eight members, two visitors and six children were present. The president, Mrs. Kevve Ramsey, presided and recreation was directed by Mrs. Hugh Taylor. A game of Stocking on and off contest, and a Bible Quiz were enjoyed. The program on "First Aid" was given by Mrs. Bob Compton. She stressed what to do when a child is choking and also what to do when an adult patient chokes on food. Mrs. Mary Newberry, former home demonstration agent, was a visitor. She brought a special cake recipe for members, and also some hand made articles for members to see. Mrs. Newberry received the hostess gift. Refreshments were served to Mrs. Mary Newberry,

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Price Differences . . . Demand for Bees Up . . . More Red Meat . . . Rains Slow Harvest

COMPARATIVELY, prices farmers receive for their products now are much better than they were seven years ago. The difference in the farm picture is that the prices the farmer pays for production inputs are so much higher. They give every indication that they are going higher while the prices he receives are going down. In 1967, a farmer received \$1.51 a bushel for wheat, \$1.42 a bushel for corn, \$5.03 per hundred for rice and 18.5 cents a pound for cotton. Prices on those products September 15, 1974 were: \$4.18 for wheat, \$3.31 for corn, \$10.60 for rice, and 42.5 cents for cotton. Last year, the banner year for prices to farmers, wheat was \$4.47 a bushel on September 15, corn \$2.41, rice \$13.70 a hundred, and cotton 44.2 cents a pound. On the other hand, everything the farmer consumes is up and continues to go up. As one dairyman said at the recent Stephenville meeting, tractors went up \$3,800 a year and baling wire that used to cost \$10 a roll now costs \$65 and is hard to find. Additionally, mixed dairy feed on September 15, 1973 was \$127 per ton and was \$155 a ton on September 15 this year. Laying feed is the same as it was last year, \$160 a ton.

A WEEK OR SO ago, some TV newsmen reported that the demand for honey bees is up and that the cost of a queen bee has gone up from about \$1.50 to \$5 or \$6. Texas has approximately 15 queen bee breeders who ship queens, mostly by mail, all over the world. It is estimated that there are 100,000 bee hives in commercial apiaries this year in Texas, and the yield of honey is expected to be 65 pounds per colony, or about 6,500,000 pounds, compared to 5,673,000 pounds last year and 7,776,000 pounds in 1972. Bad weather reduces honey making, as it did this year.

TEXAS CROP and Livestock Reporting Services reports that Texas produced 1,545,000,000 pounds of red meat (in its commercial slaughter plants) which was six per cent more than for the same eight months of 1973. That included 2,472,000 head of cattle (up six percent from the same period in 1973), 139,000 hogs (down 12 per cent), 985,500 sheep and lambs (2,000 head more than for the same period in 1973). In August, 342,000 head of cattle were killed, the same amount as in July but 18 per cent above August, 1973. Rains have made pastures better all across Texas, and most livestock will go into winter in good condition. Wet weather damaged some hay but hay baling is still active in some areas.

THE RAINS slowed down harvest over much of the State and also the seeding of wheat and oats. Wheat seeding is estimated at 55 per cent complete and oat planting at about 30 per cent. On the Low and High Plains, early stands of wheat are making good growth. Some army worms have been reported in early oats. Cotton harvest was almost stopped the first week of October by bad weather, but harvest was estimated from 20 to 25 per cent complete, compared to about 15 per cent complete at the same time last year. Harvest of the second crop of rice is getting underway, sorghum harvest is more than half complete, and peanut harvest is about a third complete. Sorghum harvest is on about the same schedule as last year but peanut harvest is behind. Corn harvest is about 50 per cent complete over the State, and some early fields of soybeans are reported ready for harvest along the Upper Texas Coast and in East Texas. Early varieties of pecans are being harvested in Central and South Central Texas.

**American Legion
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Legionnaires and Auxiliary members from the 17th District of The American Legion will assemble in Abilene on Saturday and Sunday, October 26-27, William F. Jones, Commander of Parramore Post No. 57, has announced. Registration will open on Saturday at 1 p.m. at the Parramore Post Home, 300 E.S. 11th St. There will be a rehabilitation seminar that afternoon, banquet and dance that evening. On Sunday registration will resume at the post home. The Memorial Service will be held during the joint session of The American Legion and Auxiliary. The Legion's business session will be presided over by District Commander Lee Guy of Breckenridge. Committee reports will be heard and membership program discussed for the ensuing year.

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