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COMING HOME QUEEN, MR. EX. — Incoming Ex-student association president, Danny Doan, left, looks on as Carolyn Anderson McAninch and Melvin McCoy express pleasure at being chosen Queen and Mr. Ex. Mrs. McAninch is from the class of '62, and Mr. McCoy is from the class of '45. (Staff Photo)



HAPPY MOMENT — Jerre Stephan, center, smiles as she is crowned 1974 Homecoming Queen during the Friday night halftime activities of the Merkel-Wylie football game. Placing the crown on her head is last year's queen, Cindy Whisenhunt. (Staff Photo)

Merchants Plan Good Trades Day Specials

Saturday is Trades Day in Merkel. And it's going to be a big one. All the Merchants are planning extra specials for the monthly event. While no special entertainment is planned, Merkel and area residents will enjoy the savings that the merchants are offering. And it comes at a good time. Christmas isn't far away and now is a good time to start buying gift items while the selections are large.

The Trades Day promotion is sponsored by the Merkel Chamber of Commerce Retail Trade and Development Committee. George Starbuck is chairman of the committee.

Persons are reminded that they may feel free to use the sidewalks of the downtown area for the flea market portion of the Trades Day Event. In the past persons have set up shop on the streets and been successful in selling their wares.

Large Crowd of Exes Attend Homecoming

By BETTIE CYPERT

Anyone passing through Merkel this weekend would have known something was happening in town. The streets were filled with people who had come to town for the 1974 Homecoming.

Friday night a very enthusiastic crowd watched while the Merkel Badgers beat the Wylie Bulldogs, 28 to 15. After the game a large number of ex-students met at the school for coffee and to visit with old friends.

On Saturday there were thirty ex-lettersmen who attended the breakfast at the Asteroid Restaurant.

The Senior Citizens Building had a steady flow of visitors throughout the day as 320 registered, visited, and remembered "back when." Registering from the Class of 1901 was Eva Mae Williams Warren of Knox City.

At 2:30 p.m. there was a parade through downtown Merkel with the high school band, dressed in their new uniforms, leading the way.

At 5:30 p.m., the pot luck supper was a dieter's nightmare. All that food—all those calories — oh well, I'll start that diet next week. There was plenty of food and plenty of people to enjoy it.

The entertainment at 7:30 had a very nice attendance and the singers performed admirably. Those on the program included the high school choir, Steve Walker, Almer Barnes, Larry Toliver, Mark Hicks, Don Dudley and the Pat Cyperts.

The Coming Home Queen, Carolyn Anderson McAninch, and Mr. X, Melvin McCoy, were crowned at 8:30 in the auditorium. Mrs. McAninch was from the class of '62 and Mr. McCoy was from the Class of '45.

Throughout the day there were drawings for door prizes. The local merchants were very generous to contribute merchandise for these drawings.

PTO Carnival Planned Thursday

On October 31, 1974, the Annual PTO Halloween Carnival will be held at the Tye Elementary School. The activities will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Among the activities for the night will be booths sponsored by each classroom. The First Grade will have a "Go Fishin'" Booth and Marriage Booth. The Grab Bag and a Bean Bag Throw will be at the Second Grade Booth. The Third Graders will sponsor a Cake Walk. The Basketball Throw will be sponsored by the Sixth Grade. The Tye PTO will be in charge of the Bingo Tables.

The Cafeteria will be open to serve hot dogs, hamburgers, cold drinks, and coffee. There will be prizes given for the best Halloween costumes.

All profits will go to the PTO funds to help the separate classrooms.

The class raising the most money will be given a coke party later in the year.

Dow Williamson, Owner Of Star Hardware, Dies

Dow Williamson, 55, of Trent passed away at 11:00 p.m. Monday at his home. Services were held at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday at the United Methodist Church in Trent. Officiating will be the Rev. Ken James, pastor. Burial was in Trent Cemetery, directed by Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home.

He was owner of the Star Hardware in Trent. The store was started in 1911 by his

late father and uncle. Mr. Williamson is also a director of Home State Bank in Trent. He was born June 11, 1919, in Trent. He married to Ovela Lovonia Williams July 28, 1944. They remained in Trent.

He is survived by his wife of the home, two daughters, Mrs. Lee Ann Collier of the home and Mrs. Mike Sturdevant of Washouga, Washington; by one grandson, Jerry Fla-Dale Collier of the home and one sister, Mrs. C. H. Foley of Lubbock.

Badgers Get Stadium Sign

If you went to the Merkel-Wylie football game Friday night, you noticed the new sign donated to the Badgers by The Farmers and Merchants National Bank.

The sign was officially dedicated to the Badgers at the Friday pep rally. Making the presentation was bank president Don Hensley. "We often have the opportunity to say thank you to the teachers, but seldom do we have that opportunity to thank the student body. This is just one way that we felt we could say thanks to the students," Hensley said.

The sign was erected last Tuesday and Wednesday.

BADGERS DROP WYLIE 28 TO 15, PLAY ROBY THERE

A highly over confident Merkel Badgers, playing a highly keyed up, enthusiastic Wylie Bulldogs, found themselves trailing 15-0 after only five minutes of play.

The Wylie Bulldogs got on the scoreboard early with an impressive start three plays and one minute in to the game when end Ricky Graham scored after gaining 65 yards on the ground. Ron Gpson passed to Frank Cisneros for two points.

With five minutes gone, a Merkel Fourth down punt attempt, was snapped back by the center and fumbled and the Bulldogs took over on the Badgers 20 yard line. Three plays later Wylie fullback J. P. Nelson went in from the one yard line and Terry Beal kicked the extra point.

With four minutes left to play in the first quarter the Badgers found the Bulldogs knocking at their door once again, after a fourth down punt was blocked and Wylie took over on the Badgers 12. With their backs to the wall the Badgers held their necks and forced a fumble and stopped the Wylie Bulldogs with Mendes Moreno covering the ball at the Badgers 10.

Merkel got their running game going in the last two minutes of the first quarter and with only one minute gone in the second quarter the Badgers got on the scoreboard with six points as fullback Billy Watts drove up the middle for 16 yard for the TD. The Badgers try for two was no good.

With five gone in the second quarter the Badgers try their second TD on the scoreboard with Back Larry Smith bulldogging his way up the middle for 10 yards and the score. Larry Smith ran the ball over the left side for the two points to make the score 15-14.

In the last two minutes of the first half the bulldogs stopped the Badgers short of a TD. Johnny Frazier attempted a 25 yard field goal that missed, ending the first half with Wylie leading 15-14.

In the third quarter the Wylie Bulldogs kickoff to the Badgers and Merkel set up a 85 yard drive that took nine and a half minutes, before Billy Watts went in from the one; and Paul Tucker passed to David King for two points to put the Badgers ahead for the first time 22-15.

In the final quarter, the Badger put the icing on the cake after taking the ball on the 44 and Jackie Sims capped the drive with a 16 yard run around the right side on a keeper for six. The extra point was a blocked.

The Badger had 292 yard rushing, with Back Larry Smith getting 130. Back Billy Watts had 93 yards rushing plus a 50 yard run that was called back. Wylie turned in 107 yards rushing. The Badgers had 18 first downs, while Wylie had 8. Merkel completed three of six passes for 55 yards, with Wylie hitting five of seven for a total yardage of 140.

The Badgers have won six and lost two for the season and have a 4-1 district play. Wylie now has a 4-3 season with 0-3 district record.

The Merkel Badgers will travel to Rotan this week.

William Hood Buried Sunday In Merkel

William P. Hood, 77, of Trent, died at 11:50 p.m. Friday at Hendrick Memorial Hospital after a short illness. Services were held at 3 p.m. Sunday in Trent Baptist Church.

The Rev. Riley Fugitt, of Clyde, officiated. Funeral services were at Trent. Burial was held in Rose Hill Cemetery directed by Starbuck Funeral Home of Merkel.

Born Oct. 9, 1897, in Hill County, he moved to Knox County in 1916. He married Florence Jones March 26, 1919, in Munday. They moved to the Trent area in 1936. He was a Baptist and a retired stock farmer. He also had worked for the Trent Independent School District from 1962-1965.

Survivors include his wife of Trent; three daughters, Mrs. James Russell of Merkel, Mrs. J. B. Winn of Big Lake and Mrs. Larry Ridge-way of Bryan; a brother, P. W. of Jasper; two sisters, Mrs. Grace Walker of Plainview and Mrs. Bessie Brown of Seymour; nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.



NEW STADIUM SIGN ... donated by F & M Bank

Survey Underway To Locate Disability Children

The Merkel, Tye, and Trent school districts are conducting a survey to locate four year old children who may have learning disabilities. There will be a clinic held in each town. The place, time and dates are as follows:

Tye — Tye Elementary School, 8:30 a.m. to noon, November 5.

Merkel — First Baptist Church, 8:30 a.m. to noon, November 6.

Trent — First Methodist Church, 8:30 a.m. to noon, November 7.

An educational diagnostician, a speech therapist, a nurse and an instructional aide will conduct the clinic. Parents with children who were four years old on or before September 1, 1974, who would like to have their child evaluated at this clinic may make an appointment for an evaluation through the office of the following:

Tye — Gene Stuckey, Principal of the Tye Elementary School.

Merkel — John Cain, Principal of the Merkel Elementary School.

Trent — Dean King, Superintendent of the Trent School.

Parents will be informed of the results of the evaluation. Children found to have a learning handicap will be eligible to receive special help from school resource either at home or in school if the parent wishes.

Parents of any pre-school child who suspect their child may have a hearing, vision or physical handicap may receive aid by calling the elementary principal of their school district.

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7th Grade Loses

Sweetwater's seventh grade football team easily outscored the Merkel seventh graders, 32-0 in Jr. High football action last week.

Coach Robert Crawford said, "We blocked poorly on offense and fumbled the ball several times to give Sweetwater all the help they needed. We will not play a seventh grade as good as Sweetwater again in a long time.

"About our only bright spots were Scott Cain's interception and most of the defensive line played good," said Coach Crawford. Bobby Dickinson ran well with blocking.

Anytime a AAA school plays a Class A school, this is what you can expect, stated Coach Crawford. "We will work on the areas we need to improve and strive for better offensive execution next week."



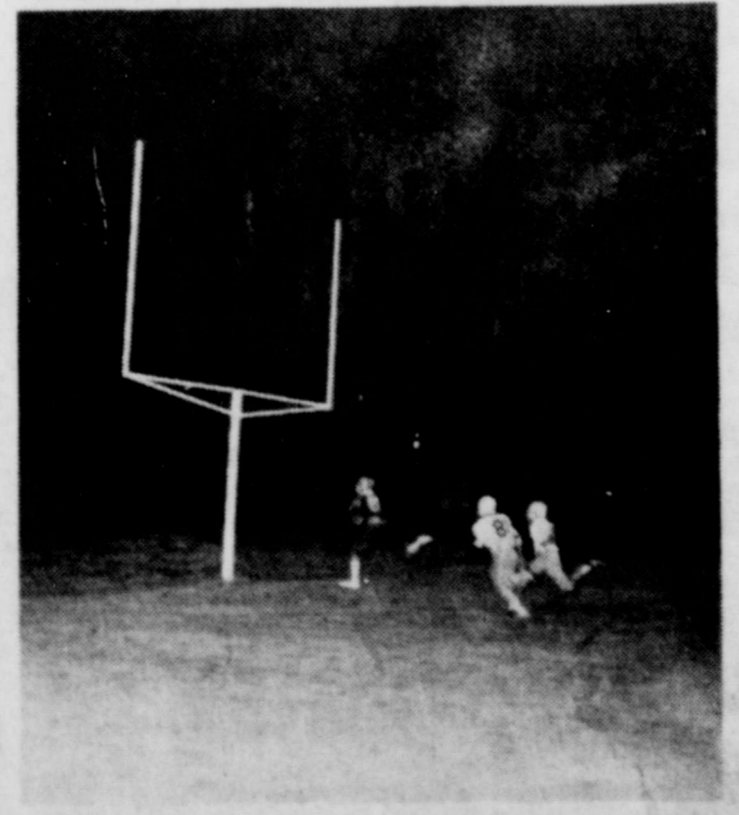
DEDICATES NEW SIGN — Don Hensley, left, President of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank, is pictured with Tonja Crenshaw at the Pep Rally Friday evening. Hensley presented the sign on the Badger Stadium on behalf of the bank and Miss Crenshaw accepted for the Student Council. The lighted sign says Home of the Fighting Badgers and has a picture of a Badger. (Staff Photo)

Jr. High Homecoming

The Merkel Jr. High Homecoming Ceremony will be presented at half time Thursday night during the game between Merkel and Rotan.

The half time activities will include the presentation of Band Favorites, Outstanding Pep Squad Member, and Football Sweetheart, Awards to the Best Back, Best Line-man, and Most Tackles will also be announced.

Game time is 5:00 p.m. for 7th grade and 6:00 p.m. for 8th grade.



JUST NEARLY TD — David Copeland (80), barely misses a pass that would have added another 6 points to the Merkel score Friday night as the Badgers defeated Wylie 28-15. (Staff Photo)

Police Report

I would like to take this opportunity to reveal a realistic description of a Policeman. I would like for those few that feels the Police is picking on them or one of their loved ones, and those few that suggests up to the point of the Police act unlawful to meet the individual need of a few to give their individual attention to the following, as truer words were never spoken.

If a policeman is neat, he's conceited; if he's careless, he's a bum

If he's pleasant, he's a flirt; if he's not, he's a grouch

He must make instant decisions which would require months for a lawyer. BUT—

If he hurries, he's careless; if he's deliberate, he's lazy

He must be first to an accident and infallible with a diagnosis

He must be able to start breathing, stop bleeding, tie splints, and above all, be sure the victim goes home without a limp.

Or expect to be sued.

The Police Officer must

know every gun, draw on the run, and hit where it doesn't hurt.

He must be able to whip two men twice his size and half his age without damaging his uniform and without being "brutal"

If you hit him, he's a coward; if he hits you, he's a bully

A Policeman must know everything—and not tell

He must know where all the sin is—and not tell

He must know where all the sin is—and not partake

The Policeman must, from a single human hair, be able to describe the crime, the weapon, and the criminal—and tell you where the criminal is hiding. BUT—

If he catches the criminal, he's lucky; if he doesn't, he's a dunce

If he gets promoted, he has political pull

If he doesn't he's a dullard

The Policeman must chase bum leads to a dead end, stake out ten nights to tag one witness who saw it happen—but refuses to remember.

He runs files and writes reports until his eyes ache to build a case against some felon who'll get dead-out by a shameless shamus or an "honorable" who isn't.

The Policeman must be a minister, a social worker, a diplomat, a tough-guy, and a gentleman

And of course, he'll have to be a genius

For he'll have to feed his family on a policeman's salary.

Farmer's Union To Meet Thursday

There will be a Farmer's Union meeting Thursday night, October 31, 1974 at the REA Meeting Room at 7:30 p.m.

The Farmers' Union will adopt the County Resolutions to the State Convention.

Bring your neighbor

MERKEL-TYE School Menu

Orange Juice and Milk

MONDAY, NOV. 4
 Beef and Cheese Pizza, Green Salad with Choice of Dressing (French or 1,000 Island), Pudding, and Milk.

TUESDAY, NOV. 5
 Barbecue Beef, New Potatoes in Cream Sauce, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Pear Halves and Milk

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 6
 Fried Chicken w Cream Gravy, Whipped Potatoes, Seasoned Corn, Hot Rolls, Fruit Cobbler (Cherry) and Milk

THURSDAY, OCT. 31
 Fried Fish, Tartar Sauce, Cassero, Buttered Corn, Seasoned Spinach, Batter Bread, Fruited Jello Squares and Milk

FRIDAY, NOV. 1
 Hamburgers, Lettuce, Tomato, Onions, Pickles, French Fries, School Made Buns, Ranger Cookies, Milk

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69 MUSTANG Mach I 1 1/2 automatic, air, power, bucket seats, sport wheels, red color, ONLY	\$ 1495
72 PONTIAC Catalina 4 door sedan, air, power, bronze color, with beige interior, NICE ONLY	\$ 2295
67 CHEVROLET Impala Station Wagon, air, power, luggage rack, local owner, white color, ONLY	\$ 795
71 CHEVROLET Chevelle 4 door hardtop, power, air, white, NICE	\$ 1995
69 PONTIAC Catalina 4 door sedan, air, power, steel and white color, NICE ONLY	\$ 1095
70 PONTIAC Catalina 2 door hardtop, air, power, radial tires, bronze with beige vinyl top	\$ 1295
73 PONTIAC Grand Prix, air & power, stereo tape player, honeycomb wheels, tilt steering wheel, white color, burgandy interior, Real NICE ONLY	\$ 4195
72 CHEVROLET Monte Carlo air, power, bucket seats and console, local owner, black with white vinyl top, REAL PRETTY	\$ 2895
70 BUICK Le Sabre 4 door hardtop, air, power, blue with white vinyl top, ONLY	\$ 1295
73 PONTIAC Safari 5 passenger wagon, air, power, luggage rack, green color, ONLY	\$ 3595
72 PONTIAC Catalina 4 door sedan, air, power, red color, NICE ONLY	\$ 2295
72 PONTIAC Catalina 4 door sedan, air, power, white with black vinyl top, NICE	\$ 2295
71 PONTIAC Catalina 4 door sedan, air, power, white color with blue vinyl top	\$ 1695
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Cub Scout News

The monthly Cub Scout Pack meeting was held Thursday of last week. The Webelos presented the opening ceremony. After the opening Jimmy Leverich (Cub Master) started by presenting Bobcat Badges from Mrs. Billie Walters den. Each of these boys earned that badge, Russell Lucas, Tommy Haynes, Steven Davis, Carlton Kincaid, Keith Watts, Scott Adair and Jerry Miller. Bobcat badges were also awarded boys from Mrs. Billie Walters' den. They are Ferrell Mitchell, Ray Walters, Scott Neuman, Craig Cooley, Brooks Boyd, Freddie Fortune, Wayne Horton, Darvin Bailey, and Peter James.

Danilo Bristo, Randy Leverich, Calvin Cooley and Eddie Harris earned their wolf badges at the end of the school year last year and this was the first opportunity we've had to present them. Randy Leverich also earned a gold and a silver arrow point. Eugene Ford also earned a bear badge at the end of school and was pleased to receive it.

The athlete award was presented to the following Webelos by Calvin Wolf their leader, they are Michael Tutt, Calvin Cooley, Chris Mashburn, Peter James, Eugene Ford, Kyle Wolf, Eddie Martin, Greg Beasley, Richard Beaver and Greg Arwine.

The Cub Scouts of America have a recruiting drive until December. Each Cub Scout that recruits a new boy into Scouting receives a recruiter patch and if he recruits another boy he gets a star to go on his patch. The boys who received this patch are Ray Walters, Eugene Ford, Tim Brady, Kyle Wolf, Calvin Cooley, and Randy Leverich. Randy Leverich recruited five new boys.

Cub Scouting also has a Pedro patch, which each boy receives when he subscribes to Boy's Life Magazine. The ones that received this award; Danny Riggan, Scott Adair, Keith Watts, Jeff Scott, Brooks Boyd, Craig Cooley, Scott Neuman, Ray Walters, Ferrell Mitchell, Russell Lucas, Tommy Haynes, Eddie Martin, Greg Arwine, Eugene Ford, Chris Mashburn, Greg Dickinson, Scott Alves, Jeffery King, Freddie Fortune, Richard Beaver, Gary Beasley, and Peter James.

"Tossed Salad" was presented to us by Den 1, under direction of Kathy Leverich and her assistant Mrs. Don Putman. Mrs. Billie Walters also presented a film on our "Pushmoose derby we have November 17 at Kmart Parking Lot.

Baseball Project News

The Merkel Ballparks Project met Monday night at the Asteroid. We were hoping to see some new faces at the meeting but none showed up. It was announced that Continental Telephone Co. has informed us that we can use their old telephone building on Edwards St. in Merkel; rent free. We plan to hold garage sales, auctions and bake sales there as ways to earn money. Anyone having sellable items to donate can notify J. C. Carson, Melba Glasscock, Jocille Brady or Eva Davis. We are hoping to have our first sale, trades Day, Nov 2, inside the building.

Some items have already been donated. If you haven't noticed our thermometer down town, take a look. Its located in front of the old telephone building in Merkel, and it is standing on nearly \$88.00. Money from our donation cans are improving. Also we have received these latest donations from:

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Finch, Merkel, \$5.00
 Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rusk, Anson, \$5.00
 Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Doan, Merkel, \$10.00
 Total in bank \$877.63
 Thermometer reading 87.60

Stith HD News

The Stith H.D. met on October 23 at the Community Building. There were 6 members and 2 visitors. Our roll call was answered with "What's Happened to Movies." Our business was on the Christmas party which will be held at the Anson Lion's Club December 12. Bring a covered dish and a gift to exchange.

Our program was Out To The Movies. Mrs. Neese Wilburn County Agent, met with us and showed some films. Our hostess was Mrs. Mal Jones. Our next meeting will be November 13, Mrs. Irene Helmer, hostess.

Junior Scout

The Junior Scouts of Merkel are planning their annual Halloween Spook House on Thursday night at 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the big spook house at 108 Orange.

This year for the first time it will be open to the public. There will be a 10¢ admission charge per person. Money raised will be donated to the ballpark fund. Everyone is invited to come out and join the fun. We will feature Dr. Frankenstein, Rene Aiken, Dracula, Loyce Baker; Fortune Teller, Nancy Click; Witch, Janice Jacobs; Deadman, Stacy Seymour; Dr. Jekyll, Judy Glasscock; Ghost, Sharon Austerman; Ghost, Viola Eley.

Earlier that afternoon the brownies are invited to a Halloween party at the Scout Hut plus a guided tour through the Spook House after dark. Remember Thursday night 7:00 to 8:00 at 108 Orange. Be looking for you.

BAND NEWS

The Badger Band worked hard to prepare for the University Interscholastic League Marching Contest at Pete Shotwell Stadium Wednesday, October 30. This contest is open to the public. The marching contest is the first of three U.I.L. contests to be held each year. Each band competes against perfection for ratings of 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5. With one being superior and 3 average. Concert and Sight Reading contests will be later in the year.

This week is Homecoming for the Junior Badgers. The homecoming game will be against Rotan with the 7th grade game beginning at 5:00 and 8th grade about 6:00.



Miss Castille Engagement Told

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Castille announce the engagement of their daughter, Sue, to Mickey Gregory, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gregory of Abilene.

The couple are planning a December wedding.

Miss Castille is a 1973 graduate of Merkel High School. She received an Executive Secretary diploma from Draughon's Business College in Abilene. She is employed by the State Welfare Board.

Mr. Gregory attends Hardin-Simmons University where he is studying to be a Pharmacist. He works at the Abilene State School Pharmacy.

Badger Tracks

"Country roads take me home to the place where I belong."

A bunch of ex-Merkel High students were singing this song as they traveled back to Homecoming 74-75. Man, I saw people I didn't even remember ever seeing.

About the game Friday-ville's fantastic opening quarter was uprooted by the mighty Badgers 26-15. I'll bet Wylie will remember a little squirt named Billy Watts! Enough said. Sammy came home to see the game and said he was proud of the team, the student body, and loyal fans for their turnout. He also said he met his old high school sweetheart at the game!

Thanks goes to the Pontiac and Chevrolet people for the use of their beautiful cars in the Homecoming activities.

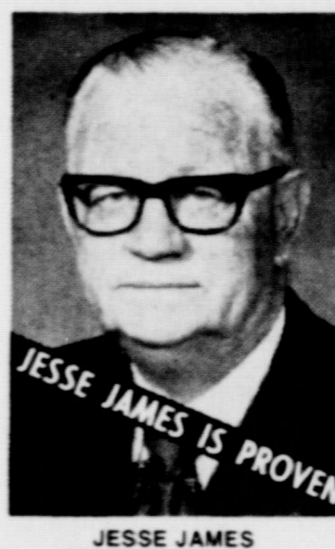
Isn't Jerri Stephan cute! A lot of people must have thought so as she was crowned 1974-75 Homecoming Queen.

To Hold Bake Sale

Alpha Nu Nu is having a bake sale on Trades Day, November 2. The table will be set up in front of the West Texas Utilities building. There will be several kinds of cakes available for sale. Members would like to invite everyone to come by our booth this Saturday to look over our selection.

SENIOR CITIZENS SCHEDULE EVENTS

1st Monday of Month singing.
 2nd Tuesday Noon Covered Dish Luncheon.
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CAKE MIX DUNCAN HINES BOX **59¢**

FLOUR GLADIOLA 10 LB. BAG **\$1.49**

CHARMIN TISSUE
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15oz. BOTTLE **59¢**

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THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Whom It May Concern, Respondent, Greeting:
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Sorority Has Halloween Party

Alpha Nu Nu held a Halloween Party on Tuesday, October 22 at the Presbyterian Church. Costumes were brought in sacks and were exchanged. Everyone had to make use of everything in their sack. Ray Vanderwerker won the prize for the best costume. Supper was served after the exchange of costumes. Everyone brought fried chicken, potato salad, pickles, and onions, and a dessert. Members attending were Msrs. and Mmes: Larry Justice, Robert Harris, Dick Leach, Ray Vanderwerker, D. A. Bishop, Juan Ybarra, Mrs. Jerry Magee, and Louise Sudderth.

Trent 4-H News

By DANNY FREEMAN
On Oct. 21, 1974, the Trent Club met and we had 36 kids and adults attend. We had guest speakers J. B. Criner and Kay Manning, assistant County Agents, to attend and speak on the different projects and work in 4-H. We had a Halloween Party and Spook house. Refreshments were served by Darla Ross. Everyone enjoyed the meeting.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Douglas Rosenthal, Defendant, Greeting:
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TO: Freddie T. Jones, Defendant, Greeting:
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Lambda Beta Gives Party

On October 19, 1974, members of the Lambda Beta Chapter held a Party at the

Alpha Nu Nu Meeting Held

Alpha Nu Nu Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met on Tuesday, Oct. 15, in the Presbyterian Church basement. Hostess for this meeting was Mrs. Larry Justice.
Following the business meeting, a program was given by Mrs. Dick Leach and Marie Shanks. Subject for the program was "Friendship."
Special guest at this meeting was Mrs. Gary Hicks. Members attending were Mmes: Justice, Leach, Shanks, Jerry Magee, George Starbuck, Juan Ybarra, Robert Harris, D. A. Bishop, Ray Vanderwerker, Louise Sudderth.

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TO: Ray Evans, Defendant, Greeting:
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bered 9909-DR on the docket of said court and styled Ada Lee Robison, Plaintiff, vs. Edward C. Robison, Defendant.
A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: The parties were married on or about June 8, 1970, at Clovis, New Mexico. On or about July 1, 1970, they separated and ceased to live together as husband and wife, no children were born to or adopted by this marriage and none are expected as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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Attest: Irene Crawford, District Clerk, Domestic Relations Court, Taylor County, Texas; By Judy Kiser, Deputy. 35-4tc

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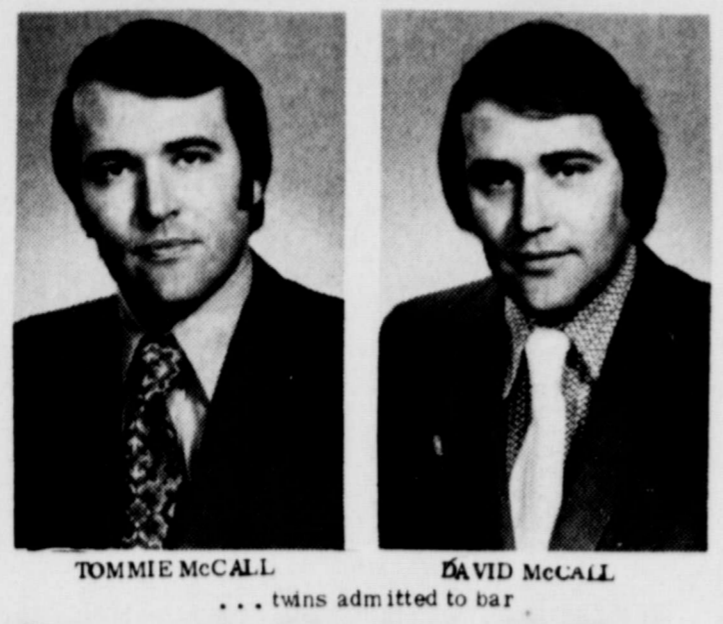
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Tommie C. McCall and David B. McCall, sons of Mr. and Mrs. C.W. McCall of 801 S. Willis, have been admitted to the state bar and have taken positions in Midland and Amarillo.

The 26-year old twins graduated from the Texas Tech University School of Law in July and took the bar examination this fall.

Both are graduates of Abilene High School and McMurry College.

David McCall is working in the legal division of Phillips Petroleum in Amarillo, and Tommie McCall is with Lynch, Chappell, Allday and Aldridge law firm in Midland.

Both are natives of Abilene.

Tommie and David are grandsons of the late Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Blair of Merkel.

Miss Farmer Named To Clerical Staff

Miss Jana Farmer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Jones of Merkel, has been appointed to the clerical staff of Dr. Bessire at Abilene State School. Beginning the first of November, she will be associated with medical records and x-ray.

She graduated from Merkel High School in 1971 and attended Draughton's Business College in '71 and '72. She started to work with Abilene State School in 1972 and returned in August of '74. She is presently working as a dorm attendant.

Miss Farmer's mother, Mrs. Jones, is a resident trainer on one of the female dorms. She and her mother, along with several other Merkel citizens will host a Christmas Party at their home on December 9th for 16 of the women from Mrs. Jones dorm.

Jr. Badgers Give 20-14 Defeat to Roscoe

The "Little Purple Gang" Plowboys got another touchdown that ended the scoring. Final Score - Merkel 20, Roscoe 14.

The Jr. Badgers had 18 first downs, 269 yards rushing, 118 yards passing, 7 of 9 passes completed, and 2 penalties for 20 yards.

The Jr. Badgers kicked off to the Plowboys and the defense dug in. The Plowboys punted to the Jr. Badgers who on the second play scored on a Mike Sims to Richard Schultz pass for 42 yards. The kick for the PAT was good - Score Merkel 7, Roscoe 0.

The Plowboys scored in the second quarter to make the score Roscoe 8, Merkel 7.

The second half saw the Jr. Badgers do everything at will. Mike Sims ran a quarterback sneak for 16 yards and a touchdown. Blocking for Sims were David Clyburn, Thomas Kraatz, Joe Speaks, Rusty Watts, and Maury Moore. Downfield blocks were thrown by Roger Dye, Jay Boyd, Craig Hutchings and Schultz. The PAT was good. Score Merkel 14, Roscoe 8.

Then the Jr. Badgers were unable to cross the goal line in the fourth quarter and prepared to kick an 18 yard field goal. The snap went to Sims, who raised up and sprinted right, then found Roger Dye for the touchdown in the end zone. The PAT was not good. Score - Merkel 20, Roscoe 8. Then late in the game the

Jr. Badgers Lose To Wylie

The Jr. Badgers traveled to Wylie and lost a very close game 6-0. Wylie scored on the last play of the half to take the lead that they never relinquished.

Mulberry Canyon

Mulberry Canyon 4-H held its October business meeting and wainer roast the 18th. The meeting was called to order by President Beverly Gilmore. The 4-H Pledge and Prayer was given by Tamara Golson. Inspiration was given by Pat Boyd. A council delegate report was presented by Sherri Williams.

Teresa Clemmer gave a report of District 7 Council to be held Oct. 26 in Abilene.

Everyone remember the flea market November 23 at West Texas Fair Grounds to raise money for the State 4-H Center under construction at Brownwood. If anyone has anything to donate, please call 692-6540 or 673-1219.

To Be Held Tasting Tea

Don't Forget! Lambda Beta will be sponsoring a Holiday Food Tasting Tea on November 2nd, 1974. At the Masonic Hall from 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

Tickets are being sold in advance by Lambda Beta members at the price of \$1.50 for adults and 75¢ for children under 6. Tickets will also be available at the door.

On sale will be a "Personal Planner" book compiled by Lambda Beta at the price of \$1.50 per book.

Everyone is invited to come and enjoy some "Everyday Kind of Eating."

Outstanding performances were given by all the players already mentioned along with Ricky Howes, Billy Mashburn, Kelley Wolf, Joe Treadwell, Dolin Morris, Mike Brady, Randy Holmes, Grant Sandusky and James Castille.

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TAYLOR COUNTY QUARTERLY REPORT OF TREASURER

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FUNDS	BALANCE LAST QTR.	RECEIVED THIS QTR.	PAID OUT THIS QTR.	BALANCE THIS QTR.
Precinct 1.	\$ 94,584.25	3,157.72	28,355.04	\$ 69,386.93
Precinct 2.	92,030.91	2,211.39	38,112.39	56,129.91
Precinct 3.	76,795.02	2,300.51	32,032.19	47,063.34
Precinct 4.	112,998.50	2,498.37	37,269.06	78,227.81
General Fund.	505,240.62	214,322.92	379,638.85	339,924.69
Lateral Road.	43,143.39	32,238.99	57,005.37	18,377.01
Coliseum Skg. Ser'67.	46,683.51	2,608.40	34,462.50	14,829.41
F.I.C.A. Tax Fund.	2,134.55	35,881.58	35,881.12	2,135.01
Law Library.	2,512.55	3,005.00	3,147.59	2,369.96
Federal Revenue Sharing Plan.	127,994.19	126,456.95	183,117.64	71,333.50
State Criminal Justice Plan.	6,811.92	7,262.50	6,792.50	7,281.92
Permanent School.	4,594.77	167.88	167.88	4,594.77
Courthouse & Jail Skg. Ser'67.	90,785.73	6,607.79	46,661.20	50,732.32
Payroll Account.	1,050.00	319,976.69	319,976.69	1,050.00
	\$1,207,359.91	758,696.69	1,202,620.02	\$ 763,432.58

Citizens National Bank	\$ 158,517.57
Abilene National Bank	100,000.00
First State Bank in Tuscola	125,291.15
First National Bank Abilene	138,080.60
First State Bank, Abilene	241,547.26
Total Bank Balances	\$ 763,436.58
Total Time Deposits	627,250.00
Total Checking	\$ 136,186.58

Securities Owned by Taylor County and Fern. School

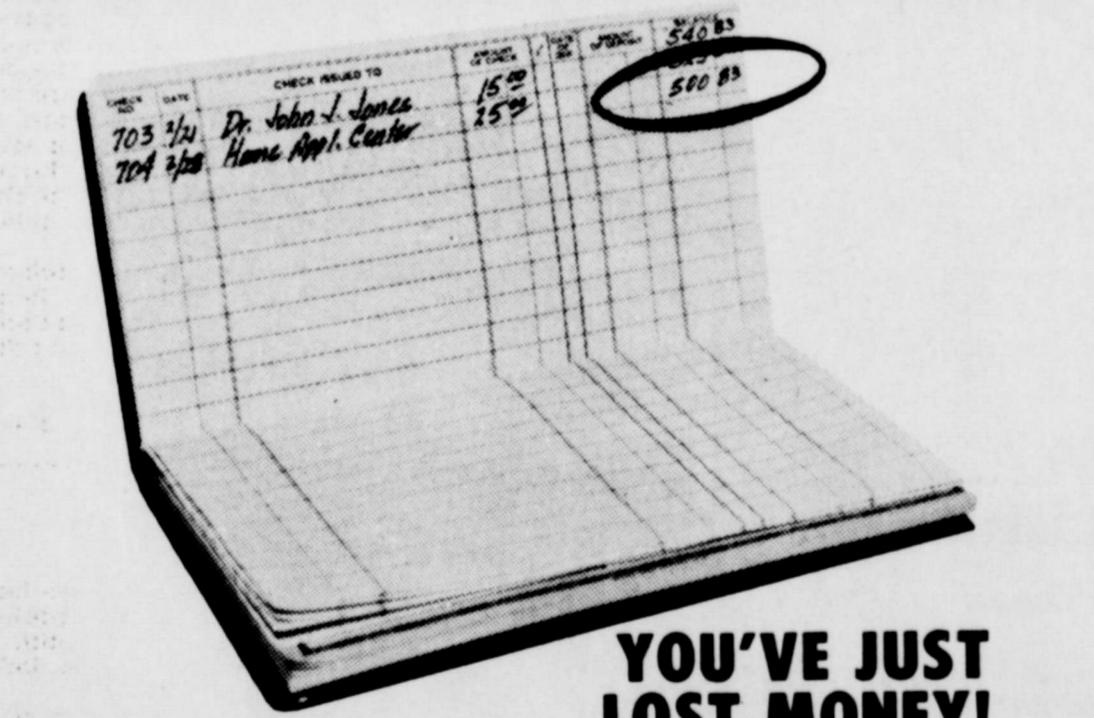
Buffalo Gap School Bonds owned by the School Fund.	\$ 5,800.00
Everman Independent School Bonds	8,000.00
State of Texas Veteran Land Bonds (face Value 2,000.00)	1,636.30
	\$ 15,436.30

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Courthouse & Jail Bond Skg. Series 1967.	\$ 3,000,000.00	565,000.00	\$ 2,435,000.00
Coliseum Skg. Series 1967.	\$ 1,750,000.00	00	\$ 1,750,000.00

The Requirement of Art. # 401 P.c. have been complied with and a tubular State has been filed as required.

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By Mrs. Dean King



HAPPY HALLOWEEN to all of you SPOOKS out there. Hope that this Eve of All Saints will be a good one for everybody - lots of fun and games, but hopefully no malicious pranks or vandalism!! We hope that the Trent Halloween Carnival will have a good attendance tonight. Things kick off at 7:30 with the Harvest Festival Queen's Coronation, in the gymnasium. At 8:00, just following the coronation, the various booths will open. Then everything will shut down at 9:30, so you'll have to hurry to get around and see everything.

Because it is this time of year, a little background, please: Halloween is defined as the evening of October 31, before All Hallow's Eve or All Saints Day. The former name of the church feast of All Saints Day, which is observed on November 1, was "Hallowmas." For young people a time for gaiety and pranks, a night to play at being witches, ghosts, and fairies. The name means "Holy Eve," a time originally set apart to honor the memory of all saints. "All Saints - the unknown good that rest in God's still memory folded deep. The bravely dumb who did their deed, and scorned to blot it with a name; Men of the plain heroic breed, that loved Heaven's silence more than fame." There is less of historical and educational interest in connection with this holiday than with most of the special days that are observed in schools, but children find a peculiar fascination in its weird legends and in its time-honored symbols. The building of bonfires, breaking of nuts, bobbing for apples floating in tubs of water, and telling fortunes and ghost stories, which are now Halloween customs, are all relics of paganism. Thirteen centuries ago, pagans celebrated Nov. 1 as All Spirits Day, when spirits, both good and evil, were believed to be on earth. The Druids also celebrated their harvest festival about that time, and many strange ceremonies were performed. Even after the pagans adopted Christianity, they still observed many of their old customs, including those which have survived as the Halloween diversions of today.

So..... HAPPY HALLOWEEN to all.....and to all a GOOD NIGHT.....remember there's school tomorrow!!

Mrs. Raymon Kincaid (Cheryl), an artist of note in this area and member of the Trent School faculty, was

recently asked to display some of her works at the Saddle and Sirlin Restaurant in Abilene. Had a "preview" of the pictures the other night and they are quite beautiful. One is a sunset and one a sunflower. Kincaid is pretty much of a 'sunshine-type' person anyway.

And speaking of Mrs. Kincaid, she is U.I.L. sponsor and held try-outs for the One-Act Play last week. The cast is as follows:

Jack of All Trades - Glynn Dunn
Sir Gallant Dilemma - Alan Morse; Understudy - Jimmy Adams
Wizard - Charles Hatfield
Lord Bumble - Ethel Gage
Guards - Ethel Gage, Jimmy Adams, Glynn Dunn
Queen - Rebecca Freeman, Understudy - Becky White
Princess Oscarina - Teri Hamner, Understudy - Brenda Griffith
Crone - Pam King, Understudy - Robbie Freeman
Lady Stumble - Penny Hatfield
Lady Bumble - Cindy Beasley
Ladey Fumble - Teresa James, Understudy - Shirley Brenem, Nell Kirk

Something new and real different was the High School pep rally held outside at the football stadium Friday. 'Twas more fun that way. Many Trentites enjoyed the Merkel Homecoming ballgame last Friday with Wylie... were glad those Badgers won... 28-15. Enjoyed the prowess of Jackie Sims (Raz-zle-Rippin' Roger, himself) Paul Tucker, Billy Watts, and Larry Smith, and all the rest. Loved visiting with Barbara Sue and Lee Tucker at Riney's Cafe one night last week. They are "fun people" - and we'd like to see you in Trent more often, you hear?

Mrs. Louise Gregory has had her twin grandsons for the past week from Plano. They are precious little blonde-headed boys.

The Trent-McCauley Game was a long one last Friday night... but the score came out just fine, according to us - 44-31. The clock was really slow in running at times... and 46 seconds before the end of the game, Alex Perales from McCauley was injured and there was difficulty finding a suitable vehicle to transport him to the Hamlin hospital. We haven't heard, but certainly do hope that the boy is all right.

Trent Bold Gold Band put on a fine show at half-time. It is the show that they will do at marching contest on November 6.

Miss Tina Hamner stopped through Trent on her way to Lampasas last weekend to visit with her roommate and

family, Dana Blessing. Tina and Dana are freshman students at LCC in Lubbock.

GOOD MANNERS, said Ralph Waldo Emerson, are the happy way of doing things. The reverse is equally - BAD MANNERS can ruin a day - or wreck a friendship.

We would like to wish a "Happy Birthday" to the following people who have November Birthdays: Nov. 1, Tina Jo Cain; Nov. 4, Brenda Jackson, Ruth Riney, & Vonda King; Nov. 5, May Martin; Nov. 10 - Richard Beaver, Nov. 11, Harold Watson; Nov. 17, Steve Bland, Gilbert and Herbert Beaver; Nov. 19, Spud McLeod; Nov. 24, Ty Martin.

Was happy to see that one of the greatest men around - namely H. H. (Spud) McLeod - is going to be honored as an Outstanding Cooperator during the 34th annual state meeting of the Texas Soil and Water Conservation District Directors. The recognition will come during the final day of the 3-day meeting on Oct. 31 (Hurry back for the Halloween Carnival, Spud!) at 9 a.m. in the Hilton Palacio del Rio Hotel. The award is presented as part of the Goodyear Conservation Awards Program, now in its 27th year. Have a good time in the Alamo City, Mr. Mc!

Surely an enjoying time change, with it getting dark earlier (no, I'm not a golfer or fishing enthusiast - etc.), ... seems like it is easier to get supper over and settle down for a cozy night of TV.

When the new TV shows come on each season, did you ever wish you could write the networks and express an opinion - and not know where to write? Addresses for the different networks are:

ABC-TV, 1330 Avenue of the Americas, N.Y., N.Y. 10019
CBS-TV, 51 W. 52nd St., N.Y., N.Y., 10019
NBC-TV, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, N.Y., N.Y., 10020
PBS-TV, 485 L'Enfant Plaza, West SW, Washington D.C. 20024.

Rudeness is the week man's imitation of strength.

For a thoroughly entertaining Sunday afternoon, we attended the Open House of Hizoner Lou David Allen and wife Rhoda, with Coach and Mrs. Bruce Thomas. From the "sea of cars" surrounding the beautiful place, I don't believe ANYONE missed it. (We almost could have parked in downtown Merkel - and walked!) It was a real-fun party and there were so many things to see, as we wandered around the spacious downstairs. Rhoda looked lovely in her long dress (she is English teacher at Trent High) and Mr. Mayor was a veritable fashion-plate... Upstairs awaiting guests to "their domain" were Lisa and Angie, who were darling little hostesses. They even had their own registers in their rooms. It is a lovely place and it couldn't happen to a nicer family. To get the full benefit of the remodeling process, you would have to get Rhoda's sis, Linda, to describe in vivid - and uproarious - detail exactly what went on!

COMMUNITY CLUB MEMBERS: Next Thursday night, Nov. 7, at 7:00 p.m. will be Family Night at Community Club. This will be our Thanksgiving meeting, so everyone be sure and remember.

Something to look forward to: Thanksgiving Holidays are coming soon - Nov. 28, 29, 30, and Dec. 1. And with that encouraging word, we will let you be.

Oh, yes, before we go, a word to one dear to us all: "Hey, Curls - you're purty!" - water splashing, heard in the background.

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Preferential Tea Held

Lambda Beta of Beta Sigma Phi had a preferential tea at the home of Sarah Lucas on October 20, 1974 in honor of their two new members, Judy Elliott and Milly Bright. Punch and cake were served and a warm welcome back was extended to Kathy Mansfield and again to Kathryn Whisenhunt.

In attendance: Mmes: Jim Allday, Rosey Castille, J.H. Clark, Obie Coker, Paula Douglass, Harold Hohertz, Craig Jones, Billy Lucas, Paul Moore, Billy Bob Neff, Larry Teaff, Larry White, Lee Yaddow, Ricky Elliott, Milly Bright, Kathy Mansfield and Kathryn Whisenhunt.

Jr. Varsity Defeated

The Merkel High Jr. Varsity was defeated by a score of 42-14 by Wylie Jr. Varsity Thursday, Oct. 24.

One of the touchdowns was made by a pass to John Biera and the other by David Phister on a sweep play.

Stanley West, quarterback, completed 14 out of 21 passes. Next game will be Thursday at Merkel, when they play Rotan at 7:30 p.m.



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T.E.L. Class Has Breakfast

The T.E.L. Sunday School Class of First Baptist Church met for Breakfast at the Astor. Hostesses were Mae Seago, Ora Griggs and Dewey Fleming.

After breakfast, president Ruth Baze directed the business hour.

Mrs. Clyde Bartlett gave a sweet devotional on "God has a Purpose for Each of Our Lives."

The class voted for our project to fill a box of different items to send to the State School.

Those present other than above mentioned were: Callie Newsom, Bessie Clark, Mae Hendricks, Essie Warren, Mary Moser, Jewel Dunagin, Jewel Criswell, Lucy Ford, Blanche Teaff, Ruby Jinkens, and Fannie Keith.

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- Dirty filters cause heating equipment to work harder and use more fuel. Check your filters every 30 days. If they're the permanent type, clean them according to the manufacturer's directions. If they're the disposable type, replace them at least every 90 days.
- Don't be a "thermostat jiggler". Turning the thermostat up or down doesn't cause the equipment to heat or cool faster. It simply works longer to satisfy the setting. The national conservation program calls for settings of no more than 68°F. in heating weather. If you are going to be away for several days, lower the temperature to 60°F.
- Don't place curtains, furniture or other objects in front of heating registers or return air openings. This blocks the flow of warm air.
- Open blinds and draperies on sunny days to help heat your home during the day but close them at night to help reduce heat loss.
- Keep the fireplace damper closed when the fireplace is not in use.
- Storm doors and windows are not customarily used in this part of the country, but they do reduce heat loss. As a temporary substitute, a sheet of clear plastic stapled or tacked over screen doors or windows works well.
- Keep the opening and closing of doors to a minimum to reduce the loss of warm air.

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ASSETS		DOLLARS	Cts.
1. Cash and due from banks (including 1-20 unreported deposits)		211,115.97	1
2. (a) U.S. Treasury securities		44,930.00	2
(b) Obligations of Federal Financing Bank		180,000.00	2
3. Obligations of other U.S. Government agencies and corporations		1,220.65	4
4. Obligations of States and political subdivisions		3,750.00	6
5. Other securities (including U.S. corporate stocks)		350,000.00	7
6. Trading account securities		365,587.97	7
7. Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell		3,428.50	9
8. Other loans		-	10
9. Bank premises, furniture and fixtures, and other assets representing bank premises		-	11
10. Real estate owned other than bank premises		-	12
11. Investments in subsidiaries not consolidated		-	13
12. Customer's liability to this bank on acceptances outstanding		112.50	12
13. Other assets (item 6 of "Other Assets") (including 1-20 direct lease financing)		1,211,115.97	14
14. TOTAL ASSETS		2,222,115.97	14
LIABILITIES			
15. Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations		872,114.96	15
16. Time and savings deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations		-	16
17. Deposits of United States Government		-	17
18. Deposits of States and political subdivisions		52,766.69	18
19. Deposits of foreign governments and official institutions		-	19
20. Deposits of nonmember banks		-	20
21. Certified and officers' checks, etc.		-	21
22. TOTAL DEPOSITS		924,881.65	22
(a) Total demand deposits		872,114.96	(a)
(b) Total time and savings deposits		52,766.69	(b)
23. Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase		-	23
24. Other liabilities for borrowed money		-	24
25. Mortgage indebtedness		-	25
26. Acceptances executed by or for account of this bank and outstanding		135.10	26
27. Other liabilities		725,950.75	27
28. TOTAL LIABILITIES		1,698,861.40	28
RESERVES ON LOANS AND SECURITIES			
29. Reserve for bad debt losses on loans (net up pursuant to Internal Revenue Service rulings)		-	30
30. Other reserves on loans		-	31
31. Reserve on securities		-	32
32. TOTAL RESERVES ON LOANS AND SECURITIES		-	32
CAPITAL ACCOUNTS			
33. Capital notes and debentures (specify interest rate and maturity of each issue outstanding)		196,364.64	34
34. Equity capital, total		-	35
35. Preferred stock-total par value (No. shares outstanding)		25,000.00	36
37. Common stock-total par value (No. shares authorized 250) (No. shares outstanding 250)		100,000.00	37
38. Surplus		71,364.64	38
39. Undivided profits		196,364.64	39
40. Reserve for contingencies and other capital reserve		-	40
41. TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS		392,729.28	41
42. TOTAL LIABILITIES, RESERVES, AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS		2,091,590.68	42
MEMORANDA			
1. Average of total deposits for the 15 calendar days ending with call date		930,516.46	1
2. Average of total loans for the 15 calendar days ending with call date		716,568.99	2
3. Unearned discount on installment loans included in total capital accounts		6,555.60	3

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TRADES DAY

Nursing Home News

By MARY OULAW

We had lots of visitors who came for the Homecoming at Merkel and visited friends and relatives in our home. Some we hadn't seen since this time last year.

We were unable to have the 3 o'clock services Sunday as The First Baptist Church in Trent was supposed to come to Nursing Home and they were having the funeral for Mr. Hood. The only service we had was the Church of Christ group who came at 9 a.m. There was certainly a large group who came to sing. Mr. Pribble laughed and said there were a lot who came to Church early. Our sympathy goes to the Hood family.

We do wish to thank the three churches, The First Baptist, The Church of Christ and The Methodist Church for sending their bulletins each week. They have always did that and we would miss them if we failed to get them.

Thank you, David Gamble for the evening paper of the Abilene Reporter-News and to the Merkel Mail for their paper. Without them they wouldn't get to read the news.

Thanks to the Abilene Library for the books they bring, for the shows (films) they send in Wednesday afternoons and for the nice record player they sent out and for the beautiful religious records they send for Mrs. Cleo Warren, who is blind. But all the other patients who come to the chapel will be able to hear them.

Everyone brought a covered dish Friday honoring Dorothy Thorp who is leaving for Florida. We will be missing her as she's so nice to the patients.

Several of our employees have been on the sick list this past week. They are Brenda Hair, Sue Beene, Elfrida Dela Cruz and Mary Acuna.

Bena White, who cooks here, visited her mother at Weldon, Texas. We were glad she could go.

We are having turnip greens out of our garden. This is the first time we've had a garden in many years. We are enjoying them.

Next Sunday, Nov. 3, the Methodist Church of Trent is supposed to come. We hope to see you all then. The services mean so much to most of the patients.

Mrs. Love is still improving at this writing. We are thankful for the visitors who visit her.

We miss Mr. Pribbles piano playing since he has a job in Abilene. Just wanted him to know. We would welcome anyone who would be interested in playing for the patients at any time.

Senior Citizens

Thursday night about 50 members and visitors met for Talent Night. A good singing was enjoyed by all present.

Saturday the registration of X's was in the Senior Citizens Building. Many members were present to meet their former friends and classmates. A book 'Buffalo Trail' was on display. It was published in 1922, a history of Taylor County schools; there were 46 county schools at that time. The book includes pictures and names of many Senior Citizens of this area. If anyone would like to see this book, it is on display at Irl Walkers Service Station.

Our next meeting will be singing next Monday night; everyone is invited.

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