

Wanda Braune Named Betty Crocker Winner

Wanda Braune has been chosen Merkel High School 1974-75 Betty Crocker Family Leader of Tomorrow. Wanda won the honor by competing with other seniors in the written knowledge and attitude examination on Dec. 3. She is now eligible for state and national honors and will receive a specially designed award from General Mills, Inc., sponsor of the annual educational scholarship program.

Tomorrow receive a \$1,500 college scholarship while state second-place winners receive a grant of \$500. The state winner also earns for his or her school, a 20-volume reference work, "The Annals of America", from Encyclopedia Britannica Education Corporation.

In the spring, state winners and their faculty advisors will be the guests of General Mills on the expense-paid educational tour which will include Washington, D. C., and Williamsburg, Va. A special event of the tour is the announcement of the All-American Family Leader of Tomorrow, whose scholarship will be increased to \$5,000. Second, third and fourth place winners will receive scholarship increases to \$4,000, \$3,000 and \$2,000 respectively.

Ray Pack To Play At Coliseum

Ray Pack, up-and-coming singer of Merkel, is hoping many hundreds of his fans will be in Taylor County Coliseum Thursday night for what is billed as the "Homecoming Concert" for him and his group.

The 8 p.m. show will feature Pack and his band, made up of three of his seven brothers, who perform music from country to rock.

Also on the same bill will be solo performer Bubba Littrell.

Tickets are available at the Coliseum, Abilene Western Town and Baca Music Company, and cost \$3.50 for adults and \$2 for children advance, with \$4 for adults and \$3 for children the night of the show.

All tickets are general admission.

Pack scored a hit locally during a long run at the Green Dragon Club, then went to Nashville last summer and found enthusiastic acceptance from Capitol Records along with a lesser-known company.

That third trip to the country music capital was a charm, apparently, as Pack had made two fruitless trips there previously.

Now, with brothers Duke, Pee Wee and Rabbit, who range in age from 17 to 36, Pack is coming back to show the "home folks" what he can do.

A \$1,000 Nutrition Scholarship is also available again this year from General Mills. The winner of this grant is a participant in the Betty Crocker Search who is planning a college major in nutrition or a related field, ranks among the highest in his or her state on the overall examination and scores highest on the included nutrition questions.

Neilon Ely In McM Play

Neilon O. Ely has been cast as Truffaldino, the Lackey of the title in "The Servant of Two Masters" to be staged Feb. 6-8 at McMurry College in Abilene.

Director Jo E. Guthrie has begun rehearsals of the classic Carlo Goldoni comedy in the Moody Center Little Theater of the Ryan Fine Arts Building.

The two masters of the title will be Cindy Graves playing Beatrice Rasponi and Dan Griffing playing Florindo Aretuse.

Ely is a sophomore theater major from Merkel. Miss Graves is a senior drama major from San Antonio and Griffing a sophomore accounting major from Lubbock.



THE WINNERS ... eating steak



THE LOSERS ... sack tells story

Winning Team Has Steak At Lions Luncheon

Some had steak, some had soup. And the ones eating the steak was the chili supper team headed by Max Murrell. It all took place at the Tuesday noon luncheon meeting

of the Merkel Lions Club. The losing team was headed by Don Hensley.

The contest was set to spur ticket sales to the recent chili supper sponsored by

the club to benefit the new Merkel City Park. The club raised about \$285.00 for the park.

The Rev. Russell McNally was the guest speaker for the club. He told the Lions Clubbers about a trip he and his wife made to Germany six years ago. His son was stationed there when the McNallys made the trip. He explained that the trip was not all that expensive and that if a person had a son stationed there the trip could be the experience of a lifetime.

"I would encourage people to do something like this. You should go and you can," he said. He explained that the did not take a "tour". They went as individuals and when they arrived their son borrowed a Volkswagen bus from a friend and they were able to see the sight of their choosing rather than being tied to a tour group. He said they stayed in a regular hotel and that the cost was nominal.

Some of the highlights of the trip included the visiting of a Nazi Concentration Camp

that was used to kill Jews during the Hitler rule of Germany. Another was a visit to the Eagles Nest where Hitler stayed.

McNally said that he and his wife were able to pick up some antiques while there which included a grandfather clock. He said they found the items in a dump ground.

The Board of Directors of the club met Tuesday morning at the Asteroid Restaurant. It was recommended that the club not have the planned Little Olympics this spring. Plans were set for the annual Lions Broom and Mop sale to be held in May. The upcoming pancake supper was also discussed.

Mrs. Bland's Father Dies

William Curtis Beck, 74, Talpa rancher, died at 5:30 a.m. Thursday in a San Angelo hospital after a short illness. Mass was celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

Father Leo Dersing officiated. Burial was in Coleman City Cemetery. Rosary was said at 7:30 p.m. Friday in Stevens Memorial Chapel.

Born in Coleman Nov. 11, 1900, Mr. Beck was the son of the late John and Malinda Beck who helped introduce sheep ranching to the county. Mr. Beck was a graduate of Dallas University and had lived all his life in Coleman County. He was a Catholic.

Survivors are two daughters, Mrs. John W. Cox of Doole and Mrs. R. L. Bland of Trent; a sister, Mrs. O.H. Davenport of Abilene; five grandchildren, Rex, John and Steve Bland, all of Abilene, Mrs. Johnny Edmondson of McCauley and Becky Bland of Lampasas; and three great-grandchildren.

Robert Roysden Named Corporation Court Judge

Merkel has a new Corporation Court of City Judge. As of January 18, Robert Roysden has taken over the job. Roysden, a 22-year military retiree, has moved to Merkel, and assumed the job left by the retirement of Sam Hill, Hill, who had been City Judge for approximately three years, retired, because of ill health.

After 22 years military service with the Army and Air Force, Roysden retired at Sheppard Air Force Base in Wichita Falls. He was a deputy sheriff in Wichita Falls for 2 1/2 years. He then moved to Abilene where he worked for the Dyess Fire Department for one year. He is originally from Blount County in Tennessee.

His wife Dalien, and 5-year-old twin stepdaughters, Leslie and LaDonna, live at 610 Orange.

Traffic Court is held every Monday. The new City Judge is also there every other day. Traffic fines can be



ROBERT ROYSDEN ... New Judge

paid any day of the week to either him or the City Secretary.

Two Merkel Residents Attend Study Course

Mary Outlaw and Mary Vaughn representing Starr Nursing Home of Merkel attended the first session of a 36 hour study course for nursing home activity personnel held in Abilene this past weekend.

The course of classroom study is sponsored jointly by the Texas Nursing Home Social and Rehabilitation Directors Council and the Texas Nursing Home Association.

Classes are conducted by the Division of Extension, Distributive Education Department, University of Texas at Austin, under direction of Francis A. Flynn, Coordinator.

A total of six classes will complete the three-session course on March 15, 1975. The course is being instructed by Mr. Ed Cole and Mrs. Juanita Cole of Abilene. Classes convene in the Parish House of the Episcopal Church of Heavenly Rest, Abilene.

During 1974 TNHA sponsored seminars throughout Texas attended by 4,443 persons aggregating 118,601 hours of study in the various aspects of Nursing Home operation which is closely regulated by state agencies and a stringent licensing procedure which requires continuing education on the basis of a minimum amount of 30 hours biennially to keep licenses validated.

The state association, TNHA, is second largest in the entire nation. Now in its 24th year of existence, TNHA has grown to a membership of 365 facilities with a total of 53,063 beds licensed for various levels of long-term care.

Merkel's Kin Services Held

Mrs. Lula Street, 89, a longtime resident of Tye, died at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at Hendrick Hospital after a long illness. Services were held Friday at 10:30 a.m. in North's Memorial Chapel in Abilene.

The Rev. Roger Sidener, pastor of First Central Presbyterian Church, officiated. Burial was in City Cemetery. Born Lula Kincaid Oct. 22, 1885, in Coryell County, she moved with her family to Taylor County in 1891. She attended the old Presbyterian College in Buffalo Gap and Trinity University when it was located at Waxahachie.

She married M. R. Street in Iberis in 1908 and taught school in Iberis. They moved to Tye in 1920 and lived there ever since. Her husband preceded her in death. She was a Presbyterian.

Survivors include two sons, Gerald of Merkel and C. C. of Anson; a daughter, Mrs. Otis (Margaret) Parr of Abilene; a sister, Mrs. Gertrude Brookerson of Buffalo Gap; eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

A son, Stanley (Jack) and a daughter, Mrs. Barbara Ness, preceded her in death.

Victory Gospel Cancels Singing

The Victory Gospel Singing will not meet this coming Monday night, due to the illness of Bro. Richardson. The meeting is usually held at 307 El Paso, on the first Monday night of the month.

Blackwell Gospel Singers To Meet

The Blackwell Gospel singing will be held Saturday, Feb. 8th at the Blackwell school at 7 p.m., everyone is cordially invited to attend.



REV. AND MRS. GENE MOORE ... guest speaker and singers

First United Methodist Set Evangelistic Revival

The Rev. and Mrs. Gene Moore will be at the First United Methodist Church in Merkel this weekend for a Revival of Evangelistic preaching and singing.

The Rev. Russell McNally pastor of the church, said "we expect to have a good time and would like to invite everyone to attend the services starting this Friday and concluding this Sunday evening."

Rev. Moore is a songwriter and has had several songs published. Among his songs are "Fill Your Life With Love," "Jesus Set My Heart to Singing," and "Do Unto Others."

The Moores feel they don't have to be old fashioned to be Christians. The songs of Moore and his wife, Bobbie, are loved and appreciated by people of all ages, he said. McNally said that teenagers find a message they are seeking in their music, and older peoples' faith is strengthened as they listen to the familiar gospel songs.

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The Moores have two children. They are Susan, a teenager and Jonathan born in December of 1972.

BADGERS CINCH CHAMPIONSHIP

The Merkel Badgers made it official Tuesday night in Badger Gym. They won District 8-A by stopping the Baird Bears 97-57. While the Badgers still have one game to play the victory Tuesday cinched the championship for them. The Badgers made it 27 straight victories this season. And it is 32 wins in a row counting their last years record. The Badgers won the last five games last year.

The Badgers will Play Knox City February 24 or 25 for Bi-District.

The Badger girls lost their games Tuesday night to the Baird girls by a score of 46-30.

Last Friday the Badgers went to Roscoe and cleaned the plow of the Roscoe Plowboys. Sparked by the 16 point contribution of Robert Morgan, the Badgers maintained their undefeated status. That made the Badgers 25 and 0. The Tuesday night defeat of Baird in Badger Gym brought the team to 26-0 for the season.

At Roscoe Friday night, Netta Stephan led the Badger girls to victory with a 30 point scoring performance. The girls won the game 47-30.

Chamber Banquet Tickets On Sale

The board of directors of the Merkel Chamber of Commerce were told at their regular monthly meeting that plans have been finalized for the annual Chamber Banquet to be held March 13 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets for the banquet were placed on sale. The tickets are \$3.50 per person and may be purchased from the directors or at the Chamber office.

Also attending the meeting were representative of the High School Chamber of Commerce. The representatives told the Board they had selected the theme "Merkel Moving On" for the spring banquet. The group will also be responsible for decorating the school cafeteria for the banquet.

Joe D. Jackson will be the featured speaker. Jackson is employed by American Airlines. The Dallas resident is a much sought after banquet speaker. He spoke at the Abilene United Way kickoff luncheon this past fall in Abilene.

A report was given the directors on the recent chili supper sponsored by the Lions Club. Proceeds from the event went to help the City Park which is one of the Chamber projects, the supper netted about \$285.00 for the park. The Chamber plans a pancake supper at a later date with the proceeds to benefit the Tri-Cities Baseball Project.

Don Hart, Chamber president, gave a report on the Texas A&M extension facility the Chamber is trying to get to locate in Merkel. A survey team was to be in Merkel Wednesday to inspect the proposed location and discuss other proposals being offered by Merkel.

The Board voted to make a donation to the Merkel Rural Fire fund. Fires outside the city are not financed by the city. Persons calling the fire

department are assessed a fee to cover the cost, but the Fire Department generally loses money on rural fires. The Board felt it a service that must be continued and voted to make the contribution.

Chamber Manager Benne Melton told the directors that ballots would be mailed this Wednesday for election of three new directors. Nominations for the three positions on the board were Nolan Palmer, Don Hensley, Kent Satterwhite, Gary Hicks, R. L. Castille, and Darrell Farmer. Retiring directors are Don Hart, Betty Jane Tittle, and Duane Shugart. Melton urged members to return their ballots no later than Feb. 20.

The Board was told that the Merkel Library, which is operated strictly on donations, was in financial trouble. After deciding against a fund raising drive, the Board voted to set up a Library Fund at the Farmers and Merchants National Bank so local residents could donate to the Library. If this does not raise the approximately \$900 the library needs to operate for the coming year, the Board will authorize a city wide fund raising drive. The library is open on Wednesday from 2-5 p.m. and on Saturday from 10-4 p.m. The facility is located next to the Chamber of Commerce office.

Little League To Meet Tuesday

The Little League managers and Ladies Auxiliary will meet Tuesday, Feb. 11 at 7:00 p.m. at the Merkel Restaurant.

Everyone is urged to attend this meeting. A second meeting was called due to low attendance at the first meeting.



VARSITY BOYS - Left to right, Billy Watts, Randall Howes, Jackie Sims, Buddy Morgan, Derrell Riggan, Andy Hart, David Copeland, Doug Hutchings, Paul Tucker, and Donald Dye. Kneeling in front of his undefeated team is Coach Ronnie Aldridge. (Staff photo by Jody West)



MRS. PAUL MOORE
... Lambda Beta Sweetheart

Lambda Beta Sweetheart Chosen

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Miss Fisher, Bunch Exchange Vows

Cynthia Annetta Fisher and Darel Clyde Bunch were married Saturday, Jan. 11 at 4 o'clock in the Calvary Baptist Church. Rev. F. T. Stewart officiated in the double ring ceremony.

Parents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. Billy Fisher, 1209 S. 2nd. The bridegroom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Bunch of 611 El Paso, Merkel.

Organist was Dorothy Torrence and Jennifer Smith was soloist.

The bride was given in marriage by her father.

Maid of honor was Brenda

Stewart. Andy Hart was best man.

Flower girl was Kimberly Pack escorted by Mike Fisher.

Registering the guests were Susie Hewitt and Kaye Lynn Butman.

Seating the guests were Billy Fisher and Jerry Butman.

The bride kept in tradition with something old-borrowed, a white handkerchief from her Grandmother Fisher, something new, a white bridal Bible, a gift from the maid of honor, something blue, a garter and a lucky penny in her shoe. Her chosen colors were blue and white.

Reception was hosted by the brides parents in the fellowship hall at the church.

The bride and groom are both Seniors at Merkel High School.

The bridegroom is employed at K-Mart in Abilene.

The couple is at home at 1107 N. 5th, Merkel.

Baze's To Celebrate 50th

Mr. and Mrs. (Joy) Baze request your presence at a reception for his parents, Ruth and Earl Baze to celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary at the home of the honorees at 802 Oak St. in Merkel.

The celebration will be held Saturday, February 15, 1975 from 2 to 5 p.m.

Badger Tracks

By WANDA BRAUNE
Since this past week was a little slow there's not much to report. The rain continues to drizzle down, but the sun is sure to come out soon.

Basketball season is rapidly coming to an end. All 4 teams travelled to Roscoe Friday night. The spirits of the teams as well as the fans weren't up to what they should have been. The B girls won their game, but the B boys lacked something and let the Roscoe boys get the upper hand. Both A teams were a little slow in getting started but in the end both teams were the victors.

The last 2 games of the season will be at home with Baird and Wylie. There may be a few tears shed as the seniors end many years of playing basketball. This year we have 4 very good basketball teams. We invite all of the townspeople to come to the gym Friday night to see the fighting Badgers overcome Wylie in the last district game of the season. Till next week.....

Freeman-Sharp Engagement Told

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Freeman of Trent announce the engagement of their daughter, Rebecca Sue, to Roy Lee Sharp, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Sharp of Trent.

The couple plan a June 21 wedding in the First Baptist Church in Trent.

The bride-elect will graduate of Trent High School. He is stationed with the U.S. Air Force at Carswell Air Force Base in Fort Worth, Texas.

Baseball Girls Met

Miss Softball America met January 27. We appreciate those who turned out for the meeting. Our next meeting will be Thursday, Feb. 6 at 7:30 p.m. at the Asteroid.

All parents with girls ages 8 to 18 are urged to attend. We have girls who are interested in playing, but we need parents to back us.

If you have any questions regarding the program please contact Dorothy Torrence at 928-5637 or 928-5312. This meeting is for Merkel, Tye Trent and Hawley.

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Cook Anniversary Set

Mr. and Mrs. D.V. (Pete) Cook of Anson, will be celebrating their 40th Wedding Anniversary this coming February 9th. The celebration is to take place at 1021 17th Street, which is the couple's home.

Mr. and Mrs. Cook were married February 9, 1935, in Merkel. They continued to live at Merkel and in the surrounding area. Mr. Cook who is 80 years of age, is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Cook.

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of J. P. PARISH were issued on January 27, 1975, in Cause No. 11,878, pending in the County Court of Taylor County, Texas, to: JOE CARROLL PARISH and LINDA KAY PARISH WILSON.

The residence of such Executor is Ector County, Texas. The residence of such Executrix is Lubbock County, Texas. The post office address is: c/o Jim Ahlstrand 501 First National Ely Building Abilene, Texas 79601

ALL persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

PUBLIC NOTICE

TO: Donal Long, Respondent, Greeting: YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable Domestic Relations Court of Taylor County, Texas at the Courthouse in said County in Abilene, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the Monday next after the expiration of twenty days from the date of service of this citation, then and there to answer the petition of Pedro Aguirre and Sara Martinez, Petitioners, filed in said court on the 28th day of January, 1975, against Vickie R. McGinnis, the natural mother and the unknown natural father, Respondents, and said suit being numbered 10,187-DR on the docket of said court, and entitled "In the interest of Melinda Ruth McGinnis, a child", the nature of which suit is a request to terminate parent-child relationship.

Said Melinda Ruth McGinnis was born the 4th day of June, 1973, in Abilene, Taylor County, Texas.

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree in the child's interest which will be binding upon you, including the termination of the parent-child relationship and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the child's adoption.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 28th day of January, 1975.

Attest: Irene Crawford, Clerk, Domestic Relations Court in Taylor County, Texas; By Sandra Van Cleave, Deputy, 50-1tc

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THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: Whom It May Concern, Respondent, Greeting: YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable Domestic Relations Court of Taylor County, Texas at the Courthouse in said County in Abilene, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the Monday next after the expiration of twenty days from the date of service of this citation, then and there to answer the petition of Pedro Aguirre and Sara Martinez, Petitioners, filed in said court on the 28th day of January, 1975, against Vickie R. McGinnis, the natural mother and the unknown natural father, Respondents, and said suit being numbered 10,187-DR on the docket of said court, and entitled "In the interest of Melinda Ruth McGinnis, a child", the nature of which suit is a request to terminate parent-child relationship.

Said Melinda Ruth McGinnis was born the 4th day of June, 1973, in Abilene, Taylor County, Texas.

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree in the child's interest which will be binding upon you, including the termination of the parent-child relationship and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the child's adoption.

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Said Ralph Steven Greene was born the 10th day of November, 1974, in Abilene, Taylor County, Texas.

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree in the child's interest which will be binding upon you, including the termination of the parent-child relationship and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the child's adoption.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 24th day of January, 1975.

Attest: Irene Crawford, Clerk, Domestic Relations Court in Taylor County, Texas; By Sandra Van Cleave, Deputy, 50-1tc

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T.E.L. Class Meeting Held

The T.E.L. Sunday School, class of First Baptist Church had their regular monthly meeting in the fellowship hall of First Baptist Church.

Blanche Teaff and Estelle Humphrey were hostesses. President Ruth Baze had charge of the meeting. She opened the meeting with a prayer.

Bessie Perry gave the Devotional, reading the 25th Psalm.

The class voted for Secretary Bessie Clark to order cards for the class.

After the delicious refreshments and fellowship, the class was dismissed with prayer.

Members present were Minnie Carey, Ora Griggs, Dewey Fleming, Ruth Baze, Bessie Clack, Jewell Criswell, Paralee Gibson, Ruby Jenkins, Callie Newsom, Fannie Keith, Bessie Adams, Maggie Renfro, Annie Walker and the hostesses.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF MRS. JULIA MAE BUCKALEW, GINET DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of MRS. JULIA MAE BUCKALEW, GINET were issued on September 13, 1974, in Cause No. 11,720, pending in the County Court of Taylor County, Texas, to:

MRS. LOIS EVELYN EAGLES
The residence of such Executrix in Daviess County, Indiana. The post office address is:

c/o Jim Ahlstrand
501 First National Ely Building
Abilene, Texas 79601

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED the 6th day of February, 1975.
Jim Ahlstrand
Attorney of the Estate

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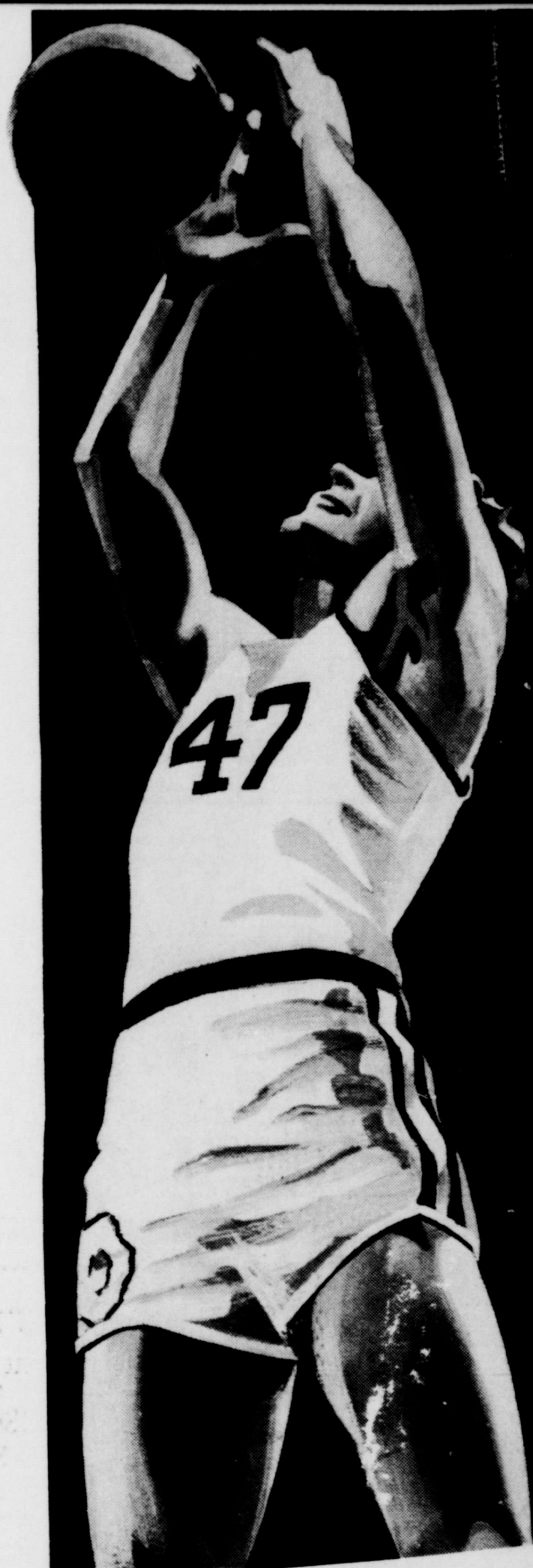
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