Taylor County's Only Legal Weekly Newspaper

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30, 1975

A Tribute To

high school auditorium.

"The Ghost Of A Fresh-

man" and Edgar Allen Poe's

Mystery

PRICE 15¢ PUBLISHED WEEKLY

Between you

By SARAH ECKOLS

We would like to take this means to urge each of our

readers who is an eligible voter to exercise his right

to voice his opinion in the election November 4. In the

pages of this newspaper, we have tried to evenly publish

for those who oppose as well as those who advocate the

passage of the New Proposed Texas Constitution. We

do not attempt to tell anyone how to vote, we just hope

that there will be interest enough for the polls to be

full on election day. If we do not vote, we have not exercised

one of the foundation building rights of this great nation.

Remember, Tuesday, November 4 is Election Day. . .

For those of us who are going to the polls and want

Halloween is once again upon us. This is a night that

should be fun for youngsters, however in the past several

years seems to have become a night when parents should

keep their children at home. There is not only danger

of them being hurt by traffic, but in recent years one

has had to begin thinking of the danger of poison, sharp

metal objects and no telling what all in the trick or treat

goodies given a child. Parents, it is your job to watch

your little goblins and make sure that this is a safe and

a fun night for them, even if it means restricting their

The Taylor County Unit of the American Cancer Society

wishes to thank those who participated in their talent

night in Trent this week end. Entertainment was provided

by Joly Lee, Marcy, Nancy Kay and Shirley Brenem;

Robbie and Rebecca Freeman; Stan and Mark Hicks;

Carl Corthron; Roy Lee Sharp; Benny and Laurie Young

at the banks in Trent and Merkel and the post offices

in Trent and Merkel. These are provided for persons

who wish to make a donation to the American Cancer

Society in the name of a loved one who is deceased.

Once in a while a letter comes to us that makes the

long hours and the headachs of our job worth it all. This

week such a letter arrived in our box and we would like

to pass along to our readers the type of flowers that

"I always enjoy my Merkel Mail and look forward

"Thanks for your promptness in sending it out and

We would like to say thanks to you, Mrs. Pyle, be-

cause without our readers we would have no paper. It

is our pleasure to produce a newspaper each week and

we hope that you and all of our readers continue to enjoy

be editing. I wish to say that the association that I have

had with this media and with the people in Merkel has

been most pleasant and profitable in friendship and

Martin Advocates Approval

Constitution

This is the last edition of the Merkel Mail that I will

Signed Lola Blackburn Pyle

505 Hill Street

Sweetwater, Texas 79556

space land devoted to agri-

a fundamental point for all

voters to remember is that

they are being asked to vote

on a revised Constitution, not

ment in the present Constitu-

tion are found also in the re-

vised Constitution, However,

the unnecessary wordiness

and out-dated provisions have

been eliminated. The 63,000

words of the present Con-

to a clear and concise docu-

"The revised Constitution

can be more responsive to

fact that change should never

be made merely for the sake

of change; yet, when we see

the need, we should not be

afraid to change," tartin

to dictate to my constituents

the way they should vote,"

voter carefully read, study

and consider all aspects of

the Constitution--both pros

and cons--before voting on

November 4," Martin added.

"I would ask only that each

Martin said.

"I feel that there are many

"I want to emphasize the

revised Constitution.

the people's needs."

The basic ideals of govern-

Rep. Martin stresses that

cultural purposes."

a new Constitution.

to getting the old hometown news each week. I was born

Memorial Program donation envelopes are available

to make sure we are elegible, one is elegible if he has

voted since March of 1972 or if he has registered since

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activities of trick or treat to friends.

and David Roberton.

make our life a lot nicer.

experience.

Of New

stitution.

ep. Elmer Martin of Colo-

City believes that the

er towns and communi-

"Agriculture is the basis

ofW est Texas should give

erious consideration to the

adoption of the revised Con-

of our West Texas economy,

Rep. Martin said, "and a

new provision in the Finance

Article mandates the

Legislature to establish

separate formulas for the

appraisal of farm and ranch

land based on the produc-

tivity of the land. This new

provision will aid in promot-

ing the preservation of open-

Contest Saturday

The mighty purple of the

Badger Band will be seen

at Marching Contest at 11:42

a.m. Saturday at Shotwell Sta-

dium in Abilene, it was an-

nounced by Badger Band Di-

rector, Darryl Kaire. The

public is invited to these con-

Band Boosters will meet

November 3 at 7:30 p.m. All

members are urged to attend

short two trumpets following the football game October 23

at Badger Stadium, Mr. Kaire

asks for anyone with informa-

tion about these horns to

The junior high band was

this important meeting.

please contact him.

Badger Band

Goes To

and reared in Mulberry Canyon.

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for printing such a fine hometown paper."

get out and vote.

that time.

and me

Becky Rister Named FFA Sweetheart

Miss Becky Rister, daughter of Curtis C. Rister of 2020 S. Clack, Apt. 403 in Abilene was named 1975-76 Sweetheart of the Merkel Future Farmers of America

Becky is a junior student at Merkel High School. The 16 year old blond is a cheerleader for the Eadgers.

Officers for the Merkel FFA Chapter are president, John Biera; vice president, Larry Smith; secretary, Mark Shaw; treasurer, Tommy Sloan; reporter, Glen Braune and sentinal, Steve Tarpley. FFA Chapter advisor is Chester Collins-



BECKY RISTER

Butman Sr. Held Tuesday

James Ford Butman Sr., 75, a lifelong resident of Merkel and a retired stockfarmer, was dead on arrival at 8 p.m. Sunday at Hendrick Memorial Hospital in Abilene of an apparent heart attack. Services were held at 4 p.m. Tuesday at Merkel United

The Rev. Russell Mc-Annally, pastor, officiated assisted by the Rev. Dwight Wilcher, pastor of Pioneer Memorial United Methodist Church of Mulberry Canyon. Burial was in Rose Hill Cem-Funeral Home.

Merkel, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Butman Sr., Mr. Butman grew up at the Butman family ranch at Mulberry Canyon near here.

He married Allie Ray July 2, 1922, in Merkel. He lived and worked at the ranch until his retirement in 1972. when he and Mrs. Butman

moved into Merkel. Camp Butman, a Methodist encampment, is named for Sam Butman Sr., who donated the property for it south of

Merkel. James Ford Butman Sr.

Queen and King Named At Trent

Winning as prince and princess from the third grade were Roger Brenen and Christy Kinnard; prince and princess from the seventh grade were Bobby Durham and Rebecca Sipe. Reigning over the festival as queen and king were Sue Bryan and Robert Freeman of the ninth grade. Other candidates were first grade, Susie Valdez and Hector Aquinaga; second grade, Benjamin stitution have been written in-Beaver and Sandra Evans; fourth grade, Freddie Patment of 18,000 words in the terson and Chervl Freeman: fifth grade, James Stephens and Debra Williams; sixth grants local government grade, Martha Nance and more authority than it has had in the past," Martin said. "This provision is based on Hillman Johnson; eighth grade, Cheri Patterson and Karl Rascoe; tenth grade, the idea that the governmental Wayne Hudson and Robbie units closest to the people Freeman; eleventh grade, Rocky Bryan and Joyce

> The senior class wishes to take this means to thank all the merchants in Merkel, Trent, Abilene and Sweetwater for their support in the auction.

good and worthwhile provisions in the revised Constitution. However, I would never want to nor attempt

The Trent homecoming has invited and urged to come. imortal drama, "The Tell Tale Heart." Admission will be 75¢ for adults and 50¢ for students. Kathy Harky is drama instructor.

. . .F. F. A. Sweetheart

Pioneer Memorial United

25 years. He served the lodge

as master and worthy patron

of the Order of the Eastern

Mr. Butman was a member

of the Past Matrons and Past

Survivors include his wife;

four sons, James F. Butman

Jr., Dennis Butman and

Robert Wayne Butman, all of

Merkel, and Eddie Butman of

Stamford; a daughter, Mrs.

kel; three brothers, Ben But-

man and Louis Butman, both

of Abilene, and Will Butman

of Merkel; two sisters, Mrs.

Mary Russom and Mrs. Lottie

Everrett, both of Merkel;

seven grandchildren; and two

conducted graveside rites.

The Merkel Masonic Lodge

great-grandchildren.

Patrons Club of Merkel.

He was a member of the

Methodist Church.

Trent Jr. High **Takes District Undefeated**

The 1975 Trent Junior High team remained undefeated for the season as they beat their final apponent, Hermleigh last Thursday evening. The Merkel Masonic Lodge for season record for district was victory after victory as they beat Ira 32-12, Hobbs 14-7, Highland 20-2, Mc-Caully 34-6 and Hermleigh

Boys making up the 1975 Junior High Gorillas are Gilbert Beaver, Herbert Beaver, Danny Freeman, Billie Hambrick, Eddie Adams, James Bristo, Bobby Durham, Carlos Garza, Riley West, Lloyd Williams, Greg Beasley, Richard Beaver, Randy Fent-Hillman Johnson and Eddie Patterson.

Coach for the undefeated team is Bruce Thomas and manager is John Perkins. Cheerleaders are Latricia Powell, head; Tammie Hicks, Rebecca Sipes, Dee Dee Masonheimer and sponsor, Martha Bever.

Sixth Graders Participate In MS Read-A-Thon.

1 there will be a lot of reading done by the sixth graders in Mrs. Don Hart's reading classes. These students are participating in the Multiple Sclerosis Read-

A-Thon. The students will be calling on their neighbors, friends, and relatives asking success this year according them to pledge to pay any amount they wish for each book the students readduring

Traveling Texans Tour Northeastern U.S., Canada

Mrs. Andy Shouse began a tour of the Northeastern United States and Canada with the "Traveling Texans" of Dallas leaving September 30. The tour was directed by Miss Drew Davis and took the group through 21 states, Washington D. C. and 2 Canadian provinces. Lasting 22 days, the trip was highlighted by visits to such places as Valley Forge, Revolutionary and Civil War battle fields, Gettysburg, Taronto, Ottowa, Montreal, Quebec City, cathedrals and shrines, and was topped off with a banquet in Vicksburg, Mississippi on the last

evening. Mrs. Shouse related the visit to the Supreme Court of The United States as thrilling. There was top security as the group sat in on a case in the Supreme Court, toured the U.S. Capital and visited the White House.

Mrs. Shouse expressed to us that there is definitely more evidence of a Bicentennial celebration in the eastern part of the country where the history of the nation began.

Mrs. Shouse returned home October 22.

Briscoe Strongly Opposes New Constitution In Favor Of Old By Drama Dept.

EIGHT PAGES

The chairman of Citizens to Preserve the Texas Con-The Drama Department of Merkel High School presents stitution says the campaign to defeat constitutional revision in the November 4 a tribute to mystery Monday, November 3 at 8 p.m. in the election is gaining ground rapidly with the help of Govthe program are the

ernor Dolph Briscoe. State Senator Peyton Mc-Knight of Tyler said the Governor's decision to oppose all eight propositions on the ballot "came after his own careful analysis which convinced him the present Constitution is far better than the revised version written by the Legislature."

Citing reports of voter apathy, McKnight called upon Texans to familiarize themselves with the issues and vote next Tuesday.

"I believe that most people who study the proposed new constitution will vote against it," he said. "But if a voter hasn't had time to examine

Bland Named All-Around Cowboy

Steve Bland of Trent led his Southeastern Oklahoma State University Rodeo Team to win the Panhandle A&M National Intercollegiante Rodeo at Goodwell, Oklahoma last week. Steve was named all-around cowboy after winning 1st. in calf roping, 2nd. in bareback riding, 3rd, in bull riding, and 4th. in steers the school. wrestling. Mrs. R. L. Bland, Steve attends Southeastern Oklahoma State University at Durant on a rodeo scholarship.

every controversial provision, then I think he or she should play it safe and keep our present Constitution by voting no."

In expressing his opposition to the new charter, Governor Briscoe pointed out that Texas has a low per capita tax burden and is the only industrial state without an income tax. He said that annual sessions of the Legislature, as proposed in Proposition One on the ballot, "would make it more difficult to hold the line on new taxes and would lead us down the road to a state income tax."

Briscoe added: "I do not believe that we should move even a small step in the direction of patterning our state government after the federal

government, where Congress is in session the year round, accomplishes very little, where accomplishments are slow to come by and where spending is completely out of control."

NO. 36

Proposition Two, revising the judiciary article, has drawn fire from many lawyers because it would put both criminal and civil case appeals in the Supreme Court and would give the Legislature broad new authority to change the election process for judges. Presiding Judge John F. Onion, Jr., of the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals says the overall effect of the revision will be to "intensify the traffic jams in our courts, instead of al-leviating them."

Elementary School Presented Flags

The Merkel Junior High as flags in a short ceremony Friday morning, said Commander Fred Jones, of Abilene American Legion Post Stamford Plaster 57, which presented the flags.

Jones said he and A. P. Petree, child welfare officer of the local post, presented flags to student council president Scott Cain, vice president Sherry Ascencio, reporter Chris Cox and treasurer Robert Fowler at

U. S. Rep. Omar Burleson sent the post the U. S. flag, which flew over the national capital June 25, 1974, said

Student Council was the re- sent another set of flags to cipient of American and Tex- the Young Homemakers of america chapter at the school

Now Open

Stamford Plaster is open for business at 123 Kent Street in Markel. The wholesale-retail art plaster shop is owned and operated by F. R. Stamford and E. C. Portwood, Jr.

and small pieces of plaster and some finished work. They will also stock paint and sup-

Artist-Of-The-Month Ben Rich



ARTIST OF THE MONTH-Ben Rich, the only male member of the Merkel Art Association, has been named artist of the month of November by the Association. Rich, a Merkelite since 1960 is a retired civil service worker. He has taken art at Cisco Jr. College and is currently taking work with a regular group meeting once a week. Though his preference is wildlife, Rich does landscapes as well. He paints in acrylics, oil and water. The paintings shown with Ben are (left to right) "Whitetail Deer," "Fisherman's Paradise" and "A Cool Drink." The work of the artist of the month is on display at Farmers and Merchants National Bank.

Services For James Ford

Methodist Church.

Born August 4, 1900, in

was a charter member of

The Trent School Halloween Carnival was a huge to a spokesman from Trent. Each class in school had a' booth and there were games, refreshments and an auction sponsored by the seniors.

Moses and twelfth grade, Bob Reed and Delra Wells.

Trent Homecoming

been set for November 8 at Trent High School. The event will begin with breakfast at 6:30 a.m. and will be climaxed by the football game against McCaully at 7:30 Saturday night. All Trent Exes are

this time--any amount of money may be pledged per

December 1, the students will call on these same people to show them the list of books they have read and to collect the pledges made. Money collected will be

turned into the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Heart of Texas Chapter in Abilene. The Read-A-Thon will re-

sult in a lot of good reading for the sixth graders and a sizable contribution to Multiple Sclerosis. The community is asked to

back these young people in their endeavors to successfully carry out a worthwhile

Pursley - Toombs **Big Country Domino Champs**

David Pursley and Freddie Toombs walked away as champions of the Big Country in dominoes following a daylong battle sponsored by the Merkel Lions Club, Taking the second place trophies home were Dean Smith and Bobby Toliver.

in the drawing for the set of professional style dominoes H. C. Hamner of Trent was winner.

Forty-four players making 22 teams began playing dominces at 10 a.m. Saturday morning and it was 9:30 p.m. before the final domino was played and the Pursley-Toombs team reigned victorious. The finals took the full seven games and was a battle all the way.

The Merkel Lions Club is pleased over the success of the tournament and hopes to plan another for the spring. Besides the 22 teams, some 25 or more spectators watched the tables and partook of refreshments provided by Lions.

Services Held For Leslie Sumner

Leslie Sumner, 66, died at 10:30 p.m. October 27, in Hendricks Memorial Hospital in Abilene following a lengthy illness.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Starbuck Chapel. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery with Rev. Wayne Taylor officiating.

Born October 29, 1908 in Tilen, Mr. Sumner married Clarice Rosson January 16, 1937 in San Antonio. They moved to Merkel in 1958, He was an ex-employee of the Merkel Schools.

Survivors include his wife and three brothers, V. B. of Christine, and J. B. and Leroy of Von Army.

Local Resident's Sister Died In Commerce

Mrs. Ada Lytal of Commerce died October 23. Funeral services were held

October 25 in Commerce. Mrs. Lytal is the sister of Mrs. E. R. Foster and the aunt of Mrs. Paul Orsborn both of Merkel.

morial Hospital in Abilene after a lengthy illness. Services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at First Baptist Church.

The Rev. Kenneth Jor pastor, and the Rev. Jac. Reynolds, a Baptist pastor, officiated, Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery, directed by Starbuck Funeral Home, with graveside rites by Merkel Masonic Lodge.

Born August 3, 1901, in Goliad, Mr. Humphreys moved to Taylor County in 1906 and married Estelle Boyett April 15, 1922, in Ab-

moved to Merkel in 1922. Mr. Humphreys was a member of Merkel Masonic Lodge and Baptist Church.

Joe Risinger Died Saturday In Odessa

Services for Joe Raymond Risinger, 76, of Odessa, formerly of Merkel, was at 4 p.m. Monday at Merkel Methodist Church.

The Rev. Russell Mc-Annally, pastor of First United Methodist Church, officiated, Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery, directed by

Starbuck Funeral Home. Mr. Risinger died at 12:30 p.m. Saturday in Odessa after apparently suffering a heart

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Jr. High Homecoming Victorious Over

pep squad member during half time activities October 23.

She is presented her award by pep squad sponsor, Mrs.

The Merkel Junior High School Homecoming was held Thursday October 23rd. in a

game against Wylie. Included in the half time ceremonies were the band, twirlers, and the pep squad. Also the twillers, cheerleaders, pep squad officers, band favorites, most valuable pep squad member, and football sweetheart were presented as follows:

Twirlers-Wendy Hogan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. June Hogan; Lisa Owen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Owen; Shannon Bagby, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Bagby; Ann Melton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Benny Melton; Rene Aiken, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Aiken; Dion Wilkerson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wyman Wilkerson; and Taresia English, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George

Cheerleaders-(Head) Lisa Shugart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Duane Shugart; Becky Watts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ned Watts; Gwen Tarpley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Tarpley; Kim Mashburn, daughter of Mrs. Jo Ann Mashburn; Jodie Jinkens, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Jinkens; and (Mascot) Jill Pack, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Pack.

Pep Squad Officers-president. Sammie Shaw, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Shaw; vice-president, Susan Arnwine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Durward Arnwine; secretary, Cindy Loan, daughter of Mr. and Mis. Wallace Doan; treasurer, Charlotte Watts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Watts; historians, Sherry Laurance, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Waldon; and Alane McGee, daugh-

McGee. Band Favorites-Sherry Ascencio, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arnuflo Ascencio; and Brad Wade, son of Mr. and

Mrs. Brandion Wade. Most Valuable Pep Squad Member-Semmie Shaw, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Shaw.

Football Sweetheart-Lisa Owen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Owen. Cheerleader and pep squad

sponser is Mrs. Robbie Hicks and Mrs. Annette Melton is sponsor of the twirlers. The seventh grade Junior

Badgers started the homecoming night off with a victory over the Wylie Bulldog seventh grade. Wylie passed on their first play and James Turner intercepted for Merkel on the Wylie 38 yardline. Tailback Bart Pursley got a good block from end Terry Owen and ran the 38 yards for the first score. Pursley's try for the two point conversion was no good. In the second quarter Wylie's QB Longley fumbled and Kelly Knight recovered for Merkel. Fullback Buster Brown ran 18 yards on a trap up the middle and from the four yard line QB Randy Martin ranthe keeper around left end for the TD. Owen Franklin was stopped short of the goal line on the two point conversion attempt. Other highlights of the game saw Pursley complete the only pass attempt for Merkel for 20 yards to Roger White. Defensively, linebacker James Turner intercepted a pass and Kelly Knight had 3 fumble recoveries.

"Our whole team did well in containing a very large Wylie team. All their linemen were twice as big as ours but we moved the ball good enough to score twice so I was quite pleased," said Coach Robert Crawford."The offense of Terry Owen, Mark Bun h, and Roger White and Donnie Tutt at ends; Mark Bland, Cary Metts, Kenny Chimere, and Larry Davis at tackles; Ricki Mathewson, James Turner, and Randy Martinez at guards; Kelly Knight and Billy Walters at center; Randy Martin at QB, Buster Brown and Todd Gregory at fullback; Bart Pursley and Gwen Franklin at tailback; and Dwayne Sloan, Gregory and Terry Stockman at slot back did a fine job. Donnie Tutt saved two or three long TD runs for us and Buster Brown, James Turner, and Mark Bland were simply outstanding on defense. Also Roger White and Donnie Tutt handled the kicking chores and do a fine job,"

said Coach Crawford. "Our last game of the season will be Thursday at Rotan beginning at 5:00 p.m. Our season record is 3-1-2 and we want very badly to end up 4-1-2." Coach Crawford emphasized.

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Boy Scout News

Troop 218 came home with first and second place ribbons We had three cars entered from the Boy Scout Fall in the pushmobile races this Council Camp-o-ree held Ocpast Sunday October 19. We tober 25th, and 26th, at Dyess came home with two 2nd. Air Force Base. What started place ribbons and one 3rd. out a cold, wet and miserable place ribbon. day turned out to be a fun We are very proud of all camp-o-ree for everyone. our boys and the parents Most of the events in the that supported us. competition were new to the

If there are any boys in

Den 2-meets Tuesday-

Den 3-meets Thursday-

Den 4-meets Friday-Mrs.

Webelos-meets Thursdays

Mrs. Horton, phone 928-5016

Gary Smith, phone 928-5556

Mrs. Walters, phone

928-5156

the Merkel area ages 8 Kelley Wolf and Brad Wade through 10 that would like to took part in the O. A. Injoin in the fun you can condian Dance Team during the tact one of the den leaders. camp fire ceremony Saturday Den 1-meets Monday-Mrs. Allday, phone 928-5628

Drew Mawson and Scott Cain did the cooking for the week-end.

Scouts attending were Ronnie Whisenhunt, Kelley Wolf, Drew Mawson, Brad Wade, John Townsend, Scott Cain. Ter.y Cwens, Randy Martin, Willie Fownsend, W. A. Kinder, Kyle Wolf, Greg Dickinson, and Scoutmaster Calvin Wolf.

The Merkel Cub Scouts and their leaders wish to thank everyone who helped make their booth at the Halloween carnival a success.

It is with regret that the troop loses Ann Smith as a Den Leader. Her work and devotion have been appreciated and she will be missed very much.

Any ladies interested in becoming a den leader are asked to contact Betty Allday, 928-5628; Billie Walters, 928-5156; Audra Horton, 928-5016 or Fred Nalley.

The scouts will be making a trip to Abilene State Park in November, visit the post office the second week in November and have scheduled a pack meeting November 20 at 7:30 p.m. at the scout

Boys receiving badges at the October pack meeting were as follows:

Bobcat-Shane Smith, James Allday, Parker Wilson, Cris Cutler, Tim Jacobs, David Glasscock, Randy Davis and Sean Woodard. Wolf badge-Lyle Baker.

Wolf gold arrow point-Donny Brady, Wayne Horton,

Fire Department To Sponsor **Haunted House**

Members of the Merkel Fire Department and its Ladies Auxilary are sponsoring a Haunted House Saturday night, November 1 at 501 Runnels Street, across from Calvary Baptist Church.

Points of interest include the dead monster, operating room and many other chilling thrillers. The last stop will be the witches room where everyone will be served witches brew.

Charge will be 50¢ for adults and 25¢ for children under 10

THE MERKEL MAIL Thursday, October 30, 1975

at 6:00 P.M.-Mr. Nalley, CARD OF THANKS

phone 928-5702

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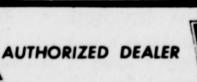


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November, A. D. 1975, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 24th day of September, A. D. 1975, in this cause, numbered 34,929-A on the docket of said court and styled: Nordan Oil and Gas Corpora-

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit:

tion, Plaintiffs, et al vs. H.

L. Smith, Defendants, et al

Suit by owners of oil and and gas leases covering the hereafter described property for the appointment of a Receiver to give oil and gas leases covering the mineral interest of the Defendants, whose whereabouts are unknown. The Defendants own 3.51% of the minerals in and to the following described property:

The SW /4 and the E/2 of Section 233; the NW/4 of Section 228; and all of Section 230, all in Block 64, H & TC Ry. Co. Lands, Taylor County, Texas, containing 1280 acres of land, more or less.

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 seal of said Court at Abilene, Texas, this the 26 day of September, A. D. 1975. ATTEST: Irene Craw-

ford, Clerk 42nd. Dis-

trict Court Taylor County, Texas 35-4tc When shoes scuff you may not be walking properly, and when tires scuff they, too, my not be aligning properly. The alignment of your wheels in relation to the direction of travel should be checked if you're "scuffing," suggests

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JR. HIGH FOOTBALL SWEETHEART-Lisa Ann Owen was crowned Football Sweetheart Thursday evening during halftime ceremonies at the Badger football game. Her escort is Mark Copeland.

News Of Senior Citizens

Senior Citizens of this area are still very active. Our Game Nights are growing in number. We never think of age until we see the birthday table, which is decorated for those having birthdays within that month. We then all wish we too had a birth-

day. At our monthly luncheon a large crowd was present. After a brief business meeting our speaker shook the crowd with laughter then in-

spired them with a message. Our Trustees have been

to improve all time. Many have continued to donate furniture which is always appreciated. On Halloween night we will

be downtown having an old time pot luck supper. Every member is urged to be present. In November we are trying

to get new members. Many people in the area have never attended. All members are urged to get one or more new members.

We need a piano stool. If anyone has one for sale call busy with some repair work the president, Mrs. Willie on our building which seems Thomas, phone 928-5175.

Sorority News

A joint sorority meeting was held Tuesday October 21 at the Methodist Fellowship Hall, with all three chapters of Beta Sigma Phi in Merkel present. Xi Nu Chi hosted the meeting.

President Darla Mawson opened the meeting with the opening ritual with all

members repeating. The program was presented by special guest, Dick Spaulding, from Abilene, to uncover a determination and develop a deep appreciation for the heritage we enjoy of our own country was the sub-

preciation. Mr. Spaulding 1s with the Hendrick Memorial Foundation program. Asmall token of appreciation was presented to Mr. Spaulding by Mamie Steck.

At the last Xi Nu Chi meeting a ballot was taken on Valentine sweetheart. Opal Garner was revealed as Valentine sweetheart for the coming year.

All members joined in the closing ritual. Refreshments were served after the meeting.

A bicentennial theme was used to decorate the tables for the event.



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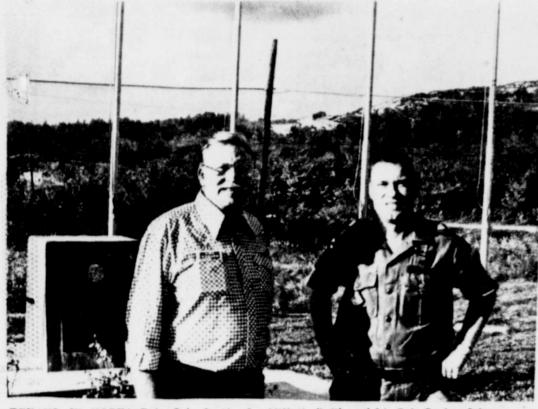
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TEXANS IN KOREA-Ret. Col. Lewis L. Millett (left) and Lt. Col. Gaylon Johnson are shown just inside the border of South Korea. Beyond the poles in the picture is North Korea, Lt. Col. Johnson, a 1952 graduate of Merkel High School, is the son of Mrs. Josh

Mrs. Sam Hill Services Held Monday

Services for Mrs. Sam Hill, pastor, and the Rev. Dr. H. 80, a longtime Merkel resi-O. Wynne, pastor of South at First Baptist Church. The Rev. Kenneth Jones,

dent, was at 10 a.m. Monday Side Baptist Church in Abilene, officiated. Grave-

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executive vice-president of Hendrick Memorial Hospital and president of the Hendrick Memorial Foundation. Members of Lambda Beta present were Mmes. Jim Allday, Glen Bright, Rosey Cas-

of the rushees Jan Couch, 26, at the home of Jo Moore. Bobbye Elliott, and Ann The meeting was then ad-Booth. The national theme journed for the program "Let Our Heritage Ring" was which was hosted by Xi Nu carried out with a cake made Chi. The special guest by Jo Moore. Punch and speaker was Dick Spaulding, fellowship were also shared.

Sorority

The Lambda Beta Chapter Jones, Billy Lucas, Paul

of Beta Sigma Phi met Oc- Moore, Billy Bob Neff, Phil

tober 21 at the First Meth- Seymore, Larry Teaff, Mike

Members present were Mmes. Jim Allday, Glen Bright, Rosey Castille, Junior Clark, Obie Coker, Craig Jones, Paul Moore, Billy Bob Neff, Phil Seymore and Lee Yaddow. tille, Junior Clark, Obie

Welch, Bill Whisenhunt, and

Members of Xi Nu Chi and

Preferential Tea was

Alpha Nu Nu and their guest

held Sunday, Cctober 26, at

the home of Jo Moore in honor

were also present.

Rushees present were

Student council met during for fruit cakes which are on

Coker, Harold Hohertz, Craig

odist Church. A short busi-

by president, Chera Hohertz.

It was announced that Lambda

Beta Chapter had earned the Three Star Chapter Award for

1974-75. Ginny Yaddow an-

nounced that the Preferential

Tea would be Sunday October

ness meeting was conducted Lee Yaddow.

Senator Jones States Views To Kiwanis

Monday in Elmwood Me-

memorial Park, directed

by Starbuck Funeral Home.

morning in Hendrick Memorial Hospital in Abilene.

Born Bessie Lee Slough

January 10, 1895, in Brown

County, she married Sam Hill

October 5, 1919, in Cross Plains. They moved to Mer-

She was a member of First

Survivors include her

Baptist Church of Merkel.

husband; two sons, Forrest

S. of Hillsboro and J. D.

Mrs. Jim (Wanda) McKeever

and Mrs. John (Marie) Dodd,

both of Abilene; two sisters,

Mrs. Mary R. Hines of Al-

buquerque, N. M., and Mrs.

Claude Warren of Merkel;

eleven grandchildren; and

Nephews served as pall-

three great-grandchildren.

OF Dallas; two daughters,

kel in 1948.

Mrs. Hill died Saturday

Senator Grant Jones of district 24 which includes Mer- ingly, Shawn Moore, Paul kel, in discussing State Constitution for the Abilene Kiwanis Club Wednesday outlined the advantages and disadvantages represented in changes between the proposed constitution and the existing constitution. It was Sen. Jone's statement that he intends to vote for those questions where the net changes represent an advantage to the people of Texas and vote against those propositions where the net changes represent a disadvantage to the people of Texas.

Senator Jones stated in summation that he intended to vote yes on proposition I dealing with the separation of executive; proposition II dealing with the judiciary; proposition IV dealing with finance; proposition VI dealing with local government; proposition VII dealing with general provisions; proposition VIII dealing with the mode of ammending the constitu-

He intends to vote no on proposition III dealing with qualifications of elections and propositions IV dealing with

Compere H D Club News

The Compere Home Demonstration Club met Oc-tober 23 in Mrs. Clayton Dillard's home for the regular meeting. Mrs. Hunter presided with five members present.

Mrs. Allen gave the devotional and directed recreation. She also read two

Roll call was: "How I Keep Records."

A "Come and Go" shower for the agent Mrs. Elvilyn Wilburn, will be given in Anson by Mrs. Steve Lollar in her home on November 1st.

Council report was given by Mrs. Clayton Dillard. She reported eight hundred at-tended the state meeting in Abilene and ten from our area. On November 11 Lone Star Gas Company will give a demonstration at the Methodist Church in Anson.

Council Christmas party will be December 2 and all clubs are asked to make crepe paper flowers for decorating. The hostess gift went to

Mrs. Ab Hunter. Refreshments were served to Mesdames Ab Hunter, Hugh Taylor, Clarence Allen, Dewey Ramsey and Clayton Dillard, the hostess.

Badger Tracks

activity period Tuesday. Re- sale now. Prices are 1-lb. ceipt books were handed out \$2.50, 2-lb.-bar \$4.95, 2-lb.tin \$5.95, and 3-1b.-tin \$8.75. Also discussed was how much was made selling the social security cards and

> Annual King and Queen for 75-76 were elected last week. Queen is Annetta Stephan and King is Paul Tucker. The nominees were Annetta Stephan, Marsha Clyburn, Rhonda White, Retha Math-Tucker, Mike Magee, and Ray

Mmes, Michael Couch, William Booth, and Kenneth El-

Meets

Final Rites For Mrs. Nell Linn

Services for Mrs. Nell Linn, 43, of Abilene, formerly of Merkel, were held at 2 p.m. Monday at Starbuck Funeral Home Chapel.

The Rev. Kenneth Jones. pastor of First Baptist Church officiated. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery. Mrs. Linn died Friday morning at Hendrick Mememorial Hospitalin Abilene after a brief illness.

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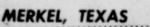


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NEW STARS AND STRIPES-Scott Cain accepts a new flag for the Merkel Jr. High School from a representative of the American Legion. Cain is Jr. High student council

Mrs. Everett Tours South Pacific

Mrs. Lottie Everett has returned from an extended tour of the South Pacific. September 21 she joined the church group of 65 people in El Paso, conducted by Dr. James H. Jauncey, wife and daughter, and flew to Los Angeles, California, Then an over night flight to Papeete, Tahiti, followed by Pago Pago Samoa. Then another over night flight to Nadi, Fiji. After leaving Nadi we went to Auckland, New Zealand. Auckland is New Zealand's largest city, and with its beautiful water ways and country, was a beautiful sight. We arrived in Rotorua for 2 days. We left Rotorua by coach for a tour of the beautiful country and villages. Then we were off to Auckland, for a three hour flight to Sidney, Australia. Sidney is the largest city with a population of three million and is the worlds most beautiful harbor.

Annuals On Sale

After leaving Sidney by train

for Melbourne we were on to

Adalaide, Alice Springs and

a flight over night to Cairus,

with the vast Pacific Ocean

studded with the islands of

the Great Barrier Reef. Then

after a flight to Brisban we

left by train to Sydney, go-

ing through the hills and val-

leys of South Queensland and

into New South Wales.

After leaving Sydney by plane

on our way to Honolulu and

islands of Kauai, Oahu, Maui,

and the largest island of

Hawaii. In Hawaii we saw the

big volcano Eruption

Mountain, with an altitude of

4,000 feet. We arrived home

on October 15th.

The Merkel Junior High School annuals will go on sale on November 3rd. The annuals have hardback covers and they will also

include Tye. You can purchase an annual at the Merkel Junior High School. The price of the annuals this year will

The Merkel Junior Girl Scouts reorganized Friday, October 24. Two patrols were

The bluebirds, with colors blue and white, will be lead by Judy Glasscock. Her assistant patrol leader will be Leta Walters; treasurer, Debbie Williams; reporter, Sirinton Prasarn and troop treasurer, Kathleen Taylor.

Forming the second patrol, sistant patrol leader, Sharon Austermann; treasurer,

Troop leaders are Billie Walters and Linda Kinder. For further information about Girl Scouts in Merkel, call

Cake and punch were served to guests. The cake was decorated with rattles, booties and baby things; favors were pacifiers made

of jelly beans and Lifesavers. Special guests were the honoree's mother, Mrs. Ray Reed and her sister, Lana Reed of Rawls. Other guests were Betty Hammond, Ruby Hammond, Aileen Knight, Annabell Shouse, Gwen Atkinson, Barbara Hammond, Ann Leach, Peggy Vanderwerker, Latina Crawford, Sarah Edwards, Martha Sue Justice, Charlotte Starbuck, Naomi Starbuck, Pam Bishop, Nadine Howard, Winona Heron

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Notice of Sale

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The sale will be Thursday from 9 a.m. til 5 p.m., Fri-

day from 9 a.m. til 3 p.m. and Saturday from 9 til 4 p.m. Prices will marked on all items and the sale will be conducted at the vocational agriculture shop at the Merkel High School campus. For further information call £28-5511.

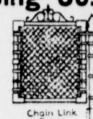
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Nelson's first score came extra point.

The kick failed.

With 1:53 remaining in the first quarter Merkel's Larry Smith ran in 19 yards for a touchdown. Smith kicked the

In the third quarter Nelson



The Merkel Junior Badgers 8th, grade was defeated last Thursday night by a fine Wylie 8th, grade team 32-0. The Junior Badgers moved the ball at times but were denied any score. Looking good on offense were Scott Cain, Bobby Dickinson, James Stovall, and Gayland Childers. Blocking up front were Mark Copeland, Dwayne Roysden, Dale Ray Higgins, Jeff Toombs, Larry Martin,

Ken Wells and Chris Cox. Defensive standouts were Roysden, Cox, Stovall, Higgins, Jimmy Davis, Steve Mathewson, Childers,

Dickinson and John Scott. This week the Junior Badgers travel to Rotan to take on the Yellowhammers. Game time is 5:00 p.m. for the 7th, grade followed at 6:00 p.m. by the 8th. grade and 7:30 for the J. V. A lot of good football is in store for everyone who follows the Junior Badgers this week.



LOOK who's

Dr. and Mrs. Robert Shouse of Dallas announce the arrival of a son, Robert Mathew, born September 30. The baby weighed 7 pounds 2 ounces. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Joe Patterson and paternal grandmother is

Mrs. Andy Shouse allof Mer-Dr. and Mrs. Shouse have a son Scott Andrew who is 7.

scored again with 1:35 remaining. Nelson tried for two extra points but was stopped on the one yard line.

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Sept	. 5	Robert Lee Winters	Here There		8 00	Win Loss
	19	Ranger	Here		8:00	Loss
	26	Roby	There		8:00	Win
Oct	3	Albany	Here		7:30	
13	10	Jim Ned	There		7:30	Loss
	17	Roscoe	Here	loss		Homecoming
13.	24	Wylie	There		7:30	Loss
100	31	Rotan	Here		7:30	
Nov	7	Baird	There		7:30	

COACHES Ronny Aldridge, Monte Land, David Sumners
CHERLEADERS — Becky Rister Head, Carrie Law, Jerrie
Kay Smith, Gayla Tolliver, Patty Toney and Rita Watts
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J. V. Schedule

Sep		Colorado City	н	7:30	
000	11	Anson	T	7:30	
	18	Stamford	H	7:30	
	25	Stamford	н	6:00	
Oct.	2	Albany	T	7:30	
OC.	ç	Jim Ned	H	7:30	
	16	Roscon	T	7:30	
	23	Wylie	н	7:30	
	30	Rotan	T	7:30	
Nov.	6	Baird	н	7:30	

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