cil acted last February and approved a mea-Merkel homeowners money on the tax statement they will recieve next month.

a ten per cent tax public and talked about deduction on residential homesteads. That means that any Merkel alcoholic beverages in homeowner is eligible public. The council also for the deduction provi- met to approve this ded they claim it before years' tax roll.

The Merkel City Coun- paying their next tax assessment. To make that claim drop by the sure that will save city offices and they will tell you if you are eligible.

The city council met yesterday and discussed The council approved ways to curb drinking in a city ordinance forbidding consumption of



Thursday, September 28, 1978

15 Cents



Cindy Smith was crowned the 1978 Homecoming Queen at the half time of the Merkel, Clyde game.

(Staff photo by Cloy A. Richards)

### **Burleson announces Taylor grant**

Congressman Omar Burleson announces the approval of a Farmers Home Administration grant in the amount of \$43,500 to the West Central Texas Council of Governments for comprehensive planning.

The Council will deve-

lop a regional strategy needs of low-income and ment in housing, community facilities and elopment, with local governments and citizens involved in the planning process and emphasis placed on meeting the

to implement improve- minority residents. Counties involved are Callahan, Eastland, business-industrial dev- Fisher, Haskell, Jones,

> Kent, Knox, Mitchell, Runnels, Shackel ford, Stephens, Store wall, Throckmorton, Nolan,

Scurry and Taylor. Grant funds may be used to hire professional, technical and clerical staff to carry out rural comprehen sive planning and evaluation and to make tests or surveys necessary for the planning activity.

### The Mail Bag; 70 years ago

Whereas, a baseball game is advertised to be played in Merkel by women, we the ladies of Woman's Home Mission Society of Methodist Episcopal Church South, deeply regret that such a thing should have ever been thought of in our town, and most respectfully beg all the citizens of Merkel not to attend this game, but to discourage it in every way possible.

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On last Tuesday the "Smart Set" spent a most enjoyable day in the woods chaperoned by Mesdames Potter and Grimes. The hours passed only too swiftly for the girls, and at sunset they started home each declaring "it was the best time I ever had in my life". The following enjoyed the outing: Misses Grimes, Powell, Potter, Coggin, Hudson, O'Briant, Collins and

### Country Club to host tennis clinic

The Country Club of Merkel has recently completed construction of their new tennis facility that boasts two artificial surface court and outdoor seating capacity of 3,000 people.

The club will host a tennis clinic this weekend featuring tennis professionals and a fashion

John Verde, a tennis pro from Dallas, is scheduled to conduct a tennis clinic in the Westgate Mall in Abilene today and tomorrow.

On Saturday at the club, a full day of activities are scheduled. Beginning at 9:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. there will be one hour tennis clinics to anyone that makes a reservation. That number is 928-5514 or 672-3942.

• From 5:30 until 6, a demonstration, put on by tennis professionals, Steve Buck, Bob Joiner and

Abilene pros, Joe Williams and Randy Rogers, is scheduled.

A fashion and sportswear show is scheduled from 6:30 until 7 p.m. followed by an outdoor-indoor steak cookout that begins at 7

Beau Raines is the Merkel Country Club tennis pro. He will be conducting the tennis clinics and is a graduate of the University of New Mexico. The court is made from an asphalt base with a Laykob acryllic type surface.

The court also features two practice courts on the sides of the main court. Seating for the facility is estimated at 3,000 and club officials say that is the largest in the state.

Prizes will be given away at the end of the day and all area residents are invited to attend.

### Merkel downs Clyde 21-15

By Cloy A. Richards

Bruising running by Badger backs Rick Howes and Keith Shields and a fired up Badger defense pleased a large homecoming crowd last Friday night as the Badgers downed the Clyde Bulldogs 21-15. The win gave the Badgers their first season victory.

Howes, a senior running back rambled 105 yards on 17 carries, as well as catching two screen passes that netted 61 yards to lead the way. Shields added 57 yards on 13 carries.

The Badgers took the opening kickoff that put the ball on their own 32. Shields and Howes pounded out two first downs and then a five yard illegal motion penalty and an overthrown pass killed the Badger opening drive.

Billy Nichols, Badger punter, then got off a good punt that backed the Bulldogs to their own 24. From there, the Badger defense showed they meant business as they held Clyde to 1 yard on three plays.

The Badgers took over on their own 28 and started a well executed 62 yard drive that found the Badgers in the end zone 14 plays later. Highlighting the drive was a well disguised screen from quarterback, Bart Pursley, to Howes, who romped 45 yards to keep the drive

The Badgers then let a scoring opportunity slip by as junior tackle, Victor Herrera pounced on a Bulldog fumble, giving the Badgers the ball on the Bulldog 30.

Badger quarterback Pursley, was then thrown for a 24 yard loss and punter Nichols was called upon to punt again as he backed Clyde deep in their own territory again.

The Bulldogs could not manage a first down

until 4:45 left in the first half. The Bulldogs then faced a stiff Badger defense as they responded by allowing 1 yard on the next three plays.

The Badgers held Clyde and their explosive runner, Lindsey Jenkins, to 2 first downs and 29 yards in the first half.

The Bulldogs came out and put on a drive to open the second half that ended as fast as it started. The Bulldogs moved the ball 26 yards until tackle, Rusty Watts, pounced on a bad pitch, as the Badgers took over on the Bulldog 44.

Six plays and 44 yards later, the Howes-led Badgers jacked the lead to 14-zip as Howes slashed for 14 yards and a TD. Shields added the PAT with 7:52 left in the third stanza.

After an exchange of punts, a Badger fumble on the Badger 36 set up the first Clyde touchdown.

Bulldog running back Lindsey Jenkins, who had been frustrated by the menacing Badger defense throughout the first half and most of the

third quarter, came alive.

Jenkins led the 5 play, 36 yard drive as the Bulldogs pulled within 7 with 3:33 left in the third

After another exchange of punts, the Badgers put on the drive that broke the Bulldogs Back. Highlighting the 13 play, 67 yard scoring drive was a well executed screen from Pursley to Howes on 3rd and 16 that was good for 11 yards. On fourth and five, Keith Shields received the snap from center in his blocking back position in punt formation and got the first down as the fake punt play worked with two inches to spare.

Howes then busted through the Bulldog line on a 28 yeard run that found the Badgers on the one foot line and Pursley took it in from there on the quarterback sneak. With 3:59 left in the game, it

was Badgers 21-Bulldogs 7.
Lindsey Jenkins took the kickoff and broke loose for a good return until Badger Sal Acosta coralled him to save a Bulldog touchdown. Although the Bulldogs had good field position they found the Badger defense hard to handle as fine plays from Pursley, Dwayne Roysdan, and Buster Brown kept the Bulldogs at bay.

The Badgers then had one last possession and ran three plays and punted with 48 seconds left in the contest.

Jenkins fielded the punt and was never touched as he raced 41 yards for a TD, then took the ball in on a two point conversion to make the last 48 seconds a little more interesting.

The Bulldogs tried an onside kick that ended up in the arms of Badgers Jerry Goode, to secure the Badgers first win of the season.

Badger coach Jerry McLeod said of the game, Everyone around here is kind of high now after the win." McLeod said the Bulldogs are a lot bigger and

tougher team than the Badgers and the Badgers played bigger and tougher than the Bulldogs Friday.

McLeod said that he was proud of the offensive line. "We average about 150 pounds per lineman. They were outweighed by every position and we just outplayed them.

"I was real pleased with the defense, because Clyde has moved the ball against every team they have played so far. We stopped them with the same defense that we have been using all year and we just got better at what we are doing," McLeod said.

McLeod also said that he was pleased with the running of Buster Brown and Billy Nichols. "Of course, Howes and Shields were the big guns, but Brown and Nichols did well.'

The Badgers have an off week this week and the next week they face the district favors, Coahoma. McLeod said, "Coahoma has a deep, experienced team and they should be tough.'

McLeod said the Badgers were going to take advantage of the off week by doing more conditioning drills and working on the basics of offense and defense.

The Badgers play in Coahoma, kickoff is 8 p.m.

Blair gets grant

The Blair Water Supply Corporation, that serves 210 customers in the areas of Tye and Merkel, south of I-20, has received a \$390,000 federal matching grant for improvements. The funds will be used for a 98 mile network of water movement pipelines.

The corporation lists a

membership of 190 Gilmore and the secre- \$396,000.

tary is Opal Garner. Memberships to the corporation, which are still being accepted, are \$200 and you must buy and install a meter.

The improvements members locally and is will cost the customers headed by J.D. San- \$396,000 and the federal dusky of Merkel. The government will pick up vice president is Lloyd the tab for the other

> Board members include: Authur Moore, R.E. Clemmer, Weir Joiner, Pauline Butman, Richard Scott and Frank Brmovak.

### Voice of democracy scholarships

Merkel Senior High School students have an opportunity to win thousands of dollars in college scholarships by competing in the annual Voice of Democracy broadcast scriptwriting program sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars and

its Ladies Auxiliaries. Details regarding this year's program are available in the offices of the school principal or counselor, the local radio and TV stations and the V.F.W. Post Home.

Participants write and then tape record a three to five minute broadcast script expressing their views on "Why I Care About America. Whenever possible scripts should be recorded using professional equipment available at radio

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winners are first place, \$10,000; second, \$5,000; third, \$3,500; fourth, \$2,500; and fifth, \$1,500.

In addition each state winner is provided with a five day all expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. where visits are made to the Smithsonian. Mount Vernon, Ford Theater, White, House, Lincoln Memorial, Capitol Hill, Arlington Cemetery, Washington Monument and more.

Scholarsips are also available on the local, district and state levels.

Deadline for the local contest is December 5.

All taped scripts should be turned in to James Heyen, Commander of the local V.F.W. Post or Mrs. James Heyen, President of the Ladies Auxiliary. Either of these officers have brochures regarding this program.



A large crowd gathered at the Bonfire before this \_ 21-15. (Staff photo by Melanie Richards) years' homecoming against Clyde. The badgers won

#### Legal Notice

NOTICE TO ALL PER-SONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF ADRIAN LE-ROY BAKER, DE-CEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Adrian Leroy Baker were issued on August 14, 1978, in Cause No. 13,550, pending in the County Court of Taylor County Texas,

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c-o Gaston Welborn, Jr. 2434 Rountree

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DATED the 13th day of September 1978. By Gaston Welborn, Jr. Attorney for the Estate 32-1tc

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Texas American Bank P.O. Box 35207

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DATED th 20th day of September, 1978. Texas American Bank

Jackson & Jackson Attorneys at Law Suite 210 Bank of Commerce Building Abilene, Texas 79605 By Randall C. Jackson

### Allyn dies

Frank E. Allyn Jr., 92, of Trent, died at 7:45 a.m. Wednesday in Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene after a lengthy illness. Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in Trent United Methodist Church with the Rev. Floyd Richardson, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery directed by Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born Feb. 14, 1886, in Boise, Idaho, he came to Texas with his parents in 1892. His father, Frank Sr., was one of the first county telegraph operators when the T&P Railroad. He married I nez Trent, Oct. 25, 1914, in Eskota. He was a Methodist

Survivors include a son, Fred of Tuscola; a daughter, Luise Eisenhower of Abilene; a sister, May Day of Rotan; six grandchildren; and eight great grandchildr en.

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It's entitled, Taxpayers' rights-remedies-responsibilities.

This eight page pamphlet explains the four basic stages of the tax process in the local school district, from the first of each year when your property valued, through the tax bill which you receive later that year.

The various tax procedures are explained in separate articles which can be read any time and then checked again at times of the year when you need specific information about school taxes

Humorous cartoons of exaggerated tax situations are included, along with a helpful tax year calendar and information on such things as how to render your property; the tax assessor collector's job; the items your tax bill should list; determining a fair appraisal; agricultural la n d value; meeting the board of equalization; certain exemptions; how tax rates are formed; lawsuits; school budgets; and public meetings.

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### Tye school news from the 3rd and 4th grade

(Third Grade Mrs. Key)

Third grade is reviewing addition and subtraction in math. As part of this review, we are using a cut-out-past math exercise.

Each student is given a duplicated sheet which has numbers from one to twelve in large cutout size squares. The children snip out the numbers and arrange them in any combination they wish, to produce four addition and-or subtraction examples.

The purpose of this exercise is to provide discrimination training in working mixed addition and subtraction problems. (Fourth Grade Mrs. Winter)

It's hard to believe four weeks of school have passed! Fourth grade students at Tye Elementary School have been trying to learn to "Settle-Down" and get into the swing of things. New room, new teacher, new books, etc.

One thing they're going to try to do is increase their vocabulary. Each student will keep a vocabulary list of new or unusual works studied in all subject areas. These will be reviewed several times during the year and used in oral as well as written sentences.

Because it's important for all children to be given opportunities to participate in oral conversation. the students are going to have a

sharing time called "What's in the Bag?" Each student brings in an object to share in a closed paper bag. He describes the object before the class in three complete sentences, then calls upon someone to guess what's in the bag. The student who answers has 3 chances to guess-guesses must be in complete sentences. The first student then shows the object and tells the class about it.

The students are also enjoying the choral reading of tongue-twisters. This gives them

Soon we'll be thinking of Halloween, and students will be making ghosts, goblins, witches, and brooms to decorate our room.

excellent practice in enunciation.

The Merkel school lunch menu

Monday October 2 Bar-B-Que beef, potatoe salad, buttered w-k corn, hot rolls, 1/2 pint milk, walk to school cookie, and 1/4 cup taisins.

Tuesday October 3

Chicken fried turkey steaks, cream gravy, whipped potatoes, seasoned green beans, hot rolls, milk, and sliced peaches with whip topping. Wednesday October 4

Beef tacos, taco sauce, lettuce, cheese, pinto beans, milk, and fresh orange wedge.

Thursday October 5 Fried fish, tarter sauce, potatoes with cheese, seasoned spinach, hot rolls, milk, and orange

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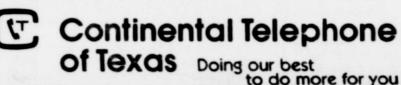
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return as the law directs. Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court at Abilene, Texas, this the 25th day of September,

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companies in the United States always seem to beat the old Sandman in ringing in the New Year. October is the month for the new car shows.

The cars for the past couple of years have been going through physical changes that parallel the changing times. The physical appearance of the luxury and mid-size cars has been decreased in size so that they will get better gas mileage.

The economy cars and mid-size sports cars have been getting an interior change, the engines have been receiving cubic inch reductions and horsepower taxes, also in the fight for gas economy.

As the cars decrease in size, an apparant awareness for driver comfort and interior luxury has sequestered the line of the car industries' chief magicians (engineers). Automobiles, with the knowledge and advancements of each passing year, are becoming better suited for driver needs. An interesting evelopment in recent years is the second generation convertable. the T top or Hatch top.

Two removable panels from the roof which, when unattached, the open ride is that of the almost extint convertable, but with the extra safety of the roof bar it is a step up from the convertable. In different years the overall changes in cars always varies, some years not a single model will change. Not true in a majority of the late model cars. Shows, however, bring a fresh look to the public sometime the

thing as encompasing as a whole new style and body change to a simple interior primping. CHEVROLET

1979 brought minor changes in this years models. Chevy has made some body changes in the past years in many of their cars. This year brings some upped M.P.G. data due to work on their power plants. NOVA

Nova has been in production for 17 years with 4 million being sold since 1967. Two years ago a special police edition Nova was put into duty and now agencies in four states are using it. The '79 Nova has very slight body change. An interior sprucing came this

CAPRICE CLASSIC The '79 Caprice has more leg, head, shoulder, and rear seat room than the 1976 chevy it replaced. In the first year of production there were 2 million classics **IMPALA** 

There are three Impalas to choose from in 79. The Impala Sedan, the Sport Coupe, and the Landau Coupe are the three body styles this WAGONS

The station wagon store has five to choose from all have received a trim on size. EL CAMINO

The camino went through a major body change two years ago. This year finds a little more spruce up jobs on the paint and decalls. CAMARO

The camaro and the Pontiac Firebird have run as each others competition for the past 12 years. Camaro comes in 4 versions this year, the top of the line Z-28 has new accent stripes. The LT (luxury touring) model was replaced by the Berlinetta this year, a similar car with a few more luxuries. The other two models, the sport coupe and the Rally Sport, has kept their low sleek profile. CORVETTE

'The only true sports car made in America.' Corvette has just come off its Silver Anniversary year. The '79 has no body change and very slight interior mod-

Chevy pickups are available in six basic series to meet specific job needs. 2 wheel and four wheel drives ranging from half ton to full ton payloads.

The Pontiacs for '79 focused their attention on interior luxury and sensibility. This years Pontiacs come in nine very separate versions. **GRAND PRIX** 

When the length and size cuts came about two years ago, Grand Prix wasn't skipped. This year the Grand Prix received body modifications that made it lower to the ground and improved handling. FIREBIRD

Firebirds, fly in on four different sets of wings in '79: Firebird, Formula, Espirit, and Trans Am. As Camaro did last year and Fire-bird did two years ago they have changed the front end, it's now made with a urethane mate-

BONNEVILLE

The full size luxury car from Pontiac keeps its size and luxury this year. The '79 Bonneville has soft lines and an exquisite interior.

The mid size LeMans can be ordered to fit your specific needs. With more options and body styles than before. GRAND AM

Grand AM has made the step from luxury car to road car in the past few years. The interior is well planned and efficient while the body style hugs the road and enlightens driving.

SUNBIRD Pontiacs mid size economy car, the Formula Sunbird, has received some appreciated advancements from its larger and luxurious family this year. The Formula Sunbird gets its sportiness from the Firebird.

PHOENIX The Compact class at Pontiac recently added the Phoenix to its catagory. The '79 Phoenix like its family, has received luxury and economy changes for the year.

(Next week we'll finish the preview of the '79 cars with Ford, Oldsmobile, and Datsun.)

### Local cities get \$

State Comptroller Bob dollars received for Bullock said Friday that his office has sent checks totaling 70.1 million to 900 Texas cities as their Sept. share of the local option one per cent sales tax.

The Sept. rebate raises the cities' total for the year to \$306.5 million, an increase of 16.3 percent over the same period last year.

The sales tax is collected by merchants and other sales tax permit holders along with the state sales tax and rebated monthly to the cities in which it was collected.

Merkel shows a two percent increase in the

ed \$22,418.59 this year compared to 21,801.43 at this time last year for a 2 per cent increase. The September check for Merkel was for \$6,132.62 compared to

their share of the option tax. Merkel has receiv-

Trent received \$255.45 this month compared to \$557.59 for the same period last year.

\$5,168.67 for September.

Tye received \$4,016.73 compared to \$3,341.72 last year. Their total payments to date total \$25,128.66 compared to \$17,706.92 for the same period as last year for an increase of 41 per

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### Methodist group meets

Wednesday, September 20, the Methodist Youth F.A.I.T.H. group met in the fellowship hall of the Merkel Methodist Church. Officers were elected for the 1978-79 year. They are as follows: Jeff Toombs, president, Scott Cain, vice president, Shannon Bagby, Secretary, Treasurer, reporter, Stacy Seymore, program director, and Lisa Owen, assistant program director.

I would like to take this opportunity to make a special thank you to our sponsor, Gary Hicks, and his wife, Robbie. These two have to put up with us every week and when we go on trips so, if you notice any early gray hair on them you will understand why. Thank you, Gary and Robbie, for your time, patience, and understanding. We really appreciate you.

We are planning to go to the state fair in October and will be doing various things to raise money for the trip. Please support this fine organization.

Our group meets every Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall of the church. Youth aged eighth grade and up are invited to attend.



Woodrow Wilson was named Mr. Ex. for 1978.



Bettye Conley was named as the Coming Home Queen for 1978. (Staff photo by Cloy A. Richards)

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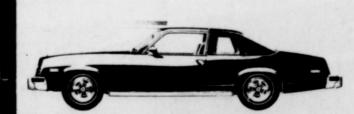
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stamp program. The program in Texas is

administered by DHR. Chapman said he has

been notified by Robert

Greenstein, special assistant to Secretary of

Agriculture Bob Berg-

land, that authorization-is granted to begin

eliminating the pur-

chase requirement dependent upon the issu-ance of federal guide-

lines are received on

schedule, DHR will end

the cash outlay for food

stamp participants on

chase requirement is

one provision of the Food Stamp Act of 1977.

Other provisions of the Act will be implemented

Eliminating the pur-

December 1.

next year.

### 4% tax on utilities dropped

The state's four per cent sales tax on utility bills for residential customers will be dropped after Oct. 1, but an overlap for billing periods beginning during the month of September will cause the tax to appear on all bills received during October and on some received in November.

Fred Foy, Supervisor of statistics and state taxes for West Texas Utilities Co., said that instructions issued by the State Comptroller are specific on how the recently approved tax exemptions are to be

applied.
"A lot of people apparently think that October billings will not include the tax," Foy said, "but this is not the

case. "The law states that the exemptions shall apply to each regular monthly billing period beginning on or after Oct. 1. This means that if we bill a customer for service from any time prior to Oct. 1, the four percent sales tax will be applied to the total bill.'

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Citing an example, Foy said that if a meter

is read on Sept. 29, that particular customer will be taxed on the bill he received in October and also on the bill he receives in November. since his November bill is for service from Sept. 30-Oct. 29.

The tax exemption was enacted during the special session of the Legislature this summer and applies to residential use of electricity and natural gas. Residential use is defined as "a family dwelling, a multi-family apartment, a housing complex, or building or portions of a building occupied as home or residence."

The Legislature provided a local option on the one per cent city sales tax on utilities, but most of the towns in the West Texas Utilities service area have indicated they will continue the tax. Foy said that so far, Junction is the only WTU town which has announced it would abo-

lish the tax. "Our company will continue to collect the tax for the cities that wish to keep it," Foy



The Sophomore class float was named the best float of the homecoming parade. (Staff photo by

Melanie Richards)

### **Newsbriefs**

Oct. 7 will be the third reunion of all former residents of Blair and other area communities.

A very large number is expected to attend. Rev. T.C. Melton will be the speaker. A covered dish luncheon will be served at noon. Doors will be opened at 9 a.m.

Coffee will be served. For other information call 928-5074.

### Weekend guests

Mrs. Sherman Lane had, as weekend guests, Mr. and Mrs. James Atkinson of Houston.

Capt. and Mrs. Nolan Watson Jr. are the parents of a baby girl born Sept. 20 at Hendrick Medical Center. The infant weighed 6

pounds, 11½ ounces. Paternal grand parents are Nolan Watson of Coalgate, Okla., and Kathleen Watson of Abilene. Maternal grand parents are Mr. and Mrs. Darwin Hill of the Noodle Community.

### Senior citizens

There will be a singing Monday night. Also a garage sale Saturday. September 30. Out of town singers

#### are always present and every age is invited. Hardy wins oven

th recent West Texas

Come and help us sing. Nancy Hardy of Abi-Tables are available lene, a former Merkel for anyone that would resident, won a microlike to sell or trade wave oven for compiling items on Saturday. the most points in the culinary arts division of

Call 928-5074 if you need any information.

Nance

Mrs. Hardy also won gets degree \$82 in awards for can-Richard Allen Nance, ning, cooking, and passon of Mrs. James

Nance of Merkel, received his bachelor of Art meeting arts degree from San Angelo State University The Merkel Art Asso-

ciation met Sept. 18 at Richard is working on the Abilene Savings Branch here, Ann Doan a masters degree in

Those attending were Bettye Toombs, Ruth Hogan, Pat Neff, Cora Reeves, Marie Beaird, Rugh Tipton, Elizabeth Hicks, and Ruth Cox.

Officers elected for the coming year are: Ruth Tipton, president; Dana Henderson, vice president; Tonya Meeks, Secretary-Treasurer; Ruth Cox, reporter; Ruth Hogan, histor-

Bettye Toombs and Pat Neff served refreshments

### John Hill is attacking State Budget waste . . .

"I've already started my search for waste in the state budget. I want to be ready to

\$ out in Food Stamps

Texans participating in the food stamp pro-

gram soon will no longer spend any of their own money for the coupons.

The Texas Board of

Human Resources,

meeting Thursday (Sep-

tember 21) in Amarillo,

voted to end the cash

outlay requirement for

participation in the food

stamp program. Jerome Chapman,

commissioner of the

Texas Department of

Human Resources

(DHR), said he hopes to

make the non cash

provision effective Dec.

, or soon thereafter,

depending on authoriza-

tion to do so from the

U.S. Department of

Agriculture (USDA)

which controls the food

tackle overspending the minute I take office as Governor in January. My budget office already is paring down big state agency budget requests, to keep spending within available revenues. We'll have to live within our

means, because I'll veto any new taxes."

. . . because he knows our taxpayers need relief from inflation.

# JOHN HILL

# THE PREACHER'S

Though hearing people's burdens, Their grief both night and day, She's supposed to spread but sunshine To those along the way
She must lend a sympathetic ear
To every tale of woe
And then forget about it Lest it to others go.

Her children must be models rare Of quietness and poise But still stay on the level
With other girls and boys
You may think quite an easy task, And just a pleasant life, But it really takes a lot of Grace, To be a preacher's wife.

Author Unknown

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#### Mrs. Atkinson is Mrs. An election for a director to serve in Zone V on Lanes sister in law. the Middle Clear Fork Soil and Water Look who's here

Conservation District Board is scheduled for October 2, 1978 on the third floor of the Old Taylor County Courthouse announced Joe Montgomery, chairman of the board. The election will be held at 5:30 p.m. State law decrees that to be eligible to vote in a

Zone 5 to elect

new director

soil and water conservation district director's dection, a person must own agricultural land within the sub division where the election is being held. The person must also live in a county all or any part of which is in the district and the voter must be 21 years old. Legal qualifications state that a candidate for

the office of a soil and water conservation district director must own land in the zone he represents, be 21 years of age and be actively engaged in farming or ranching. He must also live in a county all or part of which is in the district. Zone V of the district includes an area from a

line beginning at the County line and Anson highway following Treadaway street and Buffalo Gap Road south to Buffalo Gap. Then west to View along the Sante Fe Railroad. North along U.S.-277 to FM-707 and then northwest along F.M.-707 to county line.

Current members of the board of directors of the Middle Clear Fork SWCD are Joe Montgomery, Chairman, Abilene; J. Riley Miller, Vice Chairman, Abilene; Lloyd Gilmore, Secretary, Merkel; Jimmy Partin, Jr., Member, Abilene; R. E. Clemmer, Member, Merkel. The purpose of the Middle Clear Fork SWCD,

with head quarters in Abilene is to promote sound soil and water conservation programs on farm and ranch lands within the district and to serve as a voice for farmers and ranchers on conservation matters and other issues affecting private property rights of landowners.

The district board of directors coordinates the conservation efforts of various local, state, and federal agencies and other organizations and has authority to enter into working agreements with these governmental agencies and private concerns to carry out its purposes.

All conservation programs managed by the district are of a voluntary nature to the landowner or operator.

### Letter to the Editor

Editors note: The following letter is in response to a statement in last week's Merkel Mail story about the bond election. The statement in question read "The committee urged voters to vote down the bond because of the abscence of allocated funds for general repair work in Tye schools."

Dear Cloy, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Merkel Mail for the coverage it has been giving to community affairs. However, in the paper of September 21, there was one error which I would like to mention and have corrected. Reference article entitled, "Voters Approve Bond in Record Turnout."

The "Citizen's for Community Awareness"

at no time limited their concerns in areas of growth and fire code work to the Tye School. I believe every state-ment and fact quoted encompassed the entire Merkel Independent School District. The concern in the bond election was for every school building and every stu-

Please print this as a correction to the article as we feel it was very misleading.

I would also like to use this means to convey our thanks and appreciation to every teacher in the MISD. We have teachers second to none and want you to know how we feel. We are extremely proud of you-

keep up the good work! Thanks again for the fine coverage you are giving the community.

Mis. Vicki Spur



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### Farm/Ranch News

### Best buys at the market

Best buys at Texas grocery markets this week include fryer chickens, turkey parts, eggs, frozen orange juice, cooking greens and dry yellow onions, Mrs. Gwendolyne Clyatt reports.

Also, brown sugar and confectioner's sugar has sale prices--with an eye on upcoming holidays,

Mrs. Clyatt is a consumer marketing information specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University

This week's price-quality trends include the following

POULTRY -- Both whole fryer chickens and mixed parts are bargains, and turkey parts have low prices in some markets. Medium-size eggs usually are the best buy currently

FRESH VEGETABLES-Dry yellow onions in heavy supply have attractive prices in many markets. Cooking greens-mustard, collards and turnips--and others from local truck farms have excellent quality at reasonable prices.

Other economical items are cabbage, carrots,

corn, bell peppers, squash and potatoes. Buy only small amounts of sweet potatoes, since current supplies are not cured. Late fall and winter supplies will be cured, and they will keep longer. More attractive prices appear on eggplant, broccoli and cauliflower.

FRESH FRUITS--Most economical items are bananas, plums, cantaloupe and honeydew melons. Some grape varieties have lower prices. Soft summer fruit supplies are dwindling. New-crop apples and pears have larger supplies, but prices are high.

DAIRY-Look for features on chocolate milk, sour cream, yogurt and cheeses.

BEEF-"Specials" are fewer. Most economical choices are chuck roasts and steaks, boneless roasts, round steaks, liver, ground beef--and ground beef with soy protein

PORK--Supplies are larger, but prices remain on the high side. Check prices on Boston Butt and fresh picnic roasts and quarter loin sliced.

CONSUMER WATCHWORDS: Nonfat dry milk is in unusually heavy supply.

### More beef per acre with Rumensin

Cattlemen now have available a product to help them to produce more beef per acre. Rumensin, an additive that improves feed efficiency 10 percent in feedlot cattle, has been approved by the Food and Drug Administration for use in range cattle.

This means that Rumensin can now be fed to stocker, feeder and slaughter cattle weighing more than 400 pounds," points out Dr. Larry L. Boleman, beef cattle specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. "The approval has immediate application to all cattlemen using pastures in any way with beef cattle."

According to the manufacturer, Elanco Products Co., a division of Eli Lilly and Co., the cost of Rumensin is only about a penny a day per animal, and research trials indicate a 16 percent faster rate of gain. Cattle on pasture fed 200 milligrams of Rumensin daily gained 0.2 pounds over those not receiving the additive.

Studies indicate the product is effective in both steers and heifers, in implanted or non-implanted cattle, notes Boleman.

"Rumensin may take continuous supplementation on poor quality pastures a more profitable practice, provided the feeding practice will insure a consistent intake of the material on a daily basis," says the specialist. "Mineral blocks, molasses-type blocks or other supplementation

October is CO-OP

other, have a special interest in the 1978 Cooperative Month theme, "Cooperatives-Dem-

That's because the theme describes how

cooperatives operate. It proclaims that the

farmers who are the owners really control the

cooperatives will emphasize that they are truly

.. Farmers Establish Their Cooperatives. Coop-

eratives are established when farmers recognize

a need for services that they don't have. By going

together, and investing some of their own money

for initial capital, farmers can rea the

..Farmers Control Their Cooperatives. Coop-

eratives are controlled by a board of directors

elected by farmers who own and use the business.

The farmer directors set policies and employ a manager who oversees the day-to-day operation

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eratives. Cooperatives are run to help members

get a better return from farming. Unlike most

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farmer member in proportion to the amount of business done with his cooperative.

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benefits of group selling and buying.

During the October observance, farmer

mixes or carriers may be used to control consumption if they do so at a low cost. The type of carrier will be important in the overall economics of pasture supplementation since the high cost supplemental feed or feeding system can easily offset the weight gain advantage of the

Ranchers should also be aware of a low intake of palatability problem of the additive that could occur for cattle grazing high quality forages such as winter pastures, reminds Boleman.

How does Rumensin work to improve weight gains in cattle?

Monensin sodium, the active ingredient in Rumensin, shifts the ruminal fermentation patterns, explains Boleman. The propionic acid production is increased at the expense of acetic or butyric acid, and this alteration increases the efficiency of energy use for growth and fattening.

"Use of Remensin could have a tremendous economic breakthrough in growing cattle on pasture, provided it can be used economically, contends Boleman. "The additive must be supplied in a low-cost carrier and must be consumed by the animal for its use to be effective and profitable.'

Producers should remember that although Rumensin is safe for cattle, it is quite toxic to horses, adds the specialist.

### Deadline nearing for drought loans

For farmers and ranchers who suffered drought damage to 1977 crops, the deadline for filing loan applications with SBA is October 11, 1978, which is six months from the original date established when the disaster was declared by

So far more than 8,500 farmers and ranchers in Texas have either interviewed or filed drought loan applications totaling in excess of \$125 million, and more applications are expected as next month's deadline approaches. There are 13 SBA Disaster Offices located around the State where farmers and ranchers affected by the drought may apply for loans. The local address is County Judge's Office-2nd Floor, 301, Oak Street,

the farmers and ranchers come in person to pick up applications and then return them the same way. This assures that the application is complete, which in turn expedites processing of the loan. The loan program for farmers who suffered financial hardship because of the drought includes unrecovered production costs on 1977 crops at 3 percent for the first \$250,000 and 65 percent thereafter.

The drought is widespread in Texas. Approximately 90 percent of the 254 counties are eligible

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for the drought loan program.

### Water board schedules San Angelo meeting

Water quality management planning for the Colorado River Baan is set for two public hearings by the Texas Department of Water Besources, on Oct. 4 in San Angelo City Hall, and on Oct. 5 in Room 618 of the Stephen F.

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To be considered at both hearings is the second phase, or Volume II, of the basin plan which presents recommended plans for water quality management and the legal, financial and institutional requirements for the plan. Public hearings to consider Volume I of the 31 in Abilene and Feb. 2 in Austin. Volume I, or the primary phase of the planning process, consi-

ter treatment facilities in the basin, existing water quality, land use patterns and probable future land use patterns, existing population and projections of population and economic grow-

The study area for the Colorado River Basin includes all of the basin in all or parts of 43 counties, the Coloradoplan were held on Jan. Lavaca Coastal Basin and Tres Palacios Creek and Bay.

Water quality management plans are de-



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OCTOBER 13 WINTERS	7:30	
OCTOBER 20 AT ANSON	7:30	
OCTOBER 27 BALLINGER	7:30	
NOVEMBER 3 AT C. CITY	7:30	

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Guynes, Gary Bartee, and Sam Jernigan.

The Badgers are off this week but...

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