

The Badger Booster Club will meet tonight (Thursday) at 7 p.m. in high school classroom number three. A film of Tuesday's girls basketball bi-district playoff with Slaton will be shown and everyone is welcome to attend.

The Merkel Mail

The annual rattlesnake round-up in Sweetwater is scheduled for the week-end of March 9th this year and the Mail wants to cover a Merkel hunting team participating in the event. We would like to send a photographer along on a hunt and would appreciate any information on a Merkel hunt team.

Thursday, March 1, 1979 . . . Merkel, Texas

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The Badgers give chase to a runaway Slaton Tiger in Tuesday's playoff. More on girls basketball on pages one and two. (Staff photo by Glenn Richards)

Girls fall to Slaton, end season at 26-2

by Cloy A. Richards

The Merkel girls started off Tuesday's bi-district playoff game with Slaton badly and finished badly, but played well.

Behind a defense that forced 51 turnovers, the Slaton Tigers downed the Merkel Badgers girl's team in Snyder Tuesday night 56-34 giving Slaton the right to advance to the regional playoffs this weekend in Lubbock.

Turnovers and a defense that allowed Merkel only three points in the fourth quarter and seven in the first spelled doom for the Badgers, although they made a brilliant comeback in the third quarter to pull within 10 points on three different occasions.

Merkel started off badly as their first score came with 2:06 left in the first quarter when Cindy Boone hit a free throw. The Badgers scored six more in the remaining two minutes but not before Slaton had tallied 22. The defending state champions were deadly from the outside during the opening stanza.

In the second quarter, Slaton scored 17 points from a balanced attack. Merkel managed 10, four of those from Cindy Boone.

The Badgers trailed at half-time 39-17.

Whatever Coach Pat Penick told them at halftime in the dressing room must have been the right thing to say in that the Badgers poured in 14 points and held Slaton to four in the third quarter. Looking true to form, the Badgers intercepted passes and got the ball inside on the offensive end to Boone and Norma Frazier. Boone scored eight points and Frazier added six during that spurt. On the defensive end, the Badgers were double

teaming Slaton's Cynthia Robinson, who led the Tigers with 15 points, and kept her to two points in that third quarter.

The Badgers only trailed by 12 at the end of the third quarter, 43-31 and earlier in the third quarter had cut that lead to 10.

In the fourth quarter, the Slaton defense did not allow a point until Cindy Boone hit three free throws with 29 seconds left on a one and one technical foul call.

Slaton outscored the Badgers 13-3 in the final quarter, ending Merkel's regional playoff hopes.

The Badgers, who turned in their best year ever finished the season with a 26-2 record and their first ever district championship. On top of sporting one of the best win-loss records in 2A girls basketball, placed six members of 13 selected to the 6 2A all district team.

After the game, Coach Pat Penick said "We were facing a team that is the defending state champion and they know how to react to playoffs. Our girls had never gone this far and I think the playoff experience paid off."

She added, "I think Slaton will go to the state championships, they have a lot of girls back from last year's team. I don't think that they are any better of a team than we are, they just reacted to the pressure better than us."

When asked about placing six players on the all-district squad she replied, "I think that the media recognized our ability and gave us some recognition for it." She closed by saying, "I think that we will meet up with Slaton next year, and I think we will be ready for them."

School week slated March 5 thru 9

March 5 through 9, 1979, is Texas Public School Week. This five-day period will offer each school in the Merkel I.S.D. to become better acquainted with citizens they serve.

We are living in an era of increased public interest and concern with every facet of the public school system. Parents and other taxpayers want to understand the contemporary curriculum, the expanding offerings in text materials, the diverse methods of teaching different groups of students, the local, state and federal costs of schooling. We welcome their interest because we believe it forms the base for

continuing improvement.

Parents and citizens are welcome to visit each school in the Merkel I.S.D. March 5 through 9, 1979, during school hours. Guests are invited to have lunch if they desire.

An open house is scheduled at each school for visitors. Tye Elementary School and Merkel Elementary School are scheduled to have open house on Tuesday, March 6th from 6:30 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. The Merkel Middle School and the Merkel High School are scheduled to have open house on Thursday, March 8th, from 6:30 P.M.

City council meets, dogs discussed

The Merkel City Council met last Friday and called the city election for April 7th at the Merkel High School Gym. The terms of two city councilmen and the mayor will expire. As of deadline late Tuesday, none had filed for the three empty seats.

Council also heard from Merkel Postmaster Truett Thompson about a problem with dogs biting mail carriers. Thompson told the council members that he had been forced to cut mail service temporarily in areas where dogs had been a problem.

In other action, council agreed that the city would inspect connec-

tion points for the new Blair Water Supply for health requirements and also gave Dow Chemical permission to run a spur line over the city water line in Tye, provided the water line was encased to protect it from damage. Dow will build a facility in Tye.

Council also heard from Billie Walters, a local resident on the possibility of establishing a day care center for the elderly. Council decided to hear more at a later date when a Department of Human Resources representative could attend a meeting and explain the details of such a move. For more information on this call Billie Walters at 928-5156.

Trent election deadline March 7th

The filing deadline for the Trent city council is March 7th and thus far one incumbent and one person filling an unexpired term have filed.

Jerry Patterson has

filed for reelection and Charles Adams, filling an unexpired term has filed for election.

More information is available from the Trent city secretary.

March 7th filing deadline for election

Filing deadlines for Merkel City Elections is set for March 7th and as of Tuesday, no one has filed for any of the three open spots.

The three positions

that will be opening are mayor, and two city council positions.

Persons interested in filing may do so at City Hall from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Boyd, Whisenhunt file for board re-election

The two incumbents up for re-election in the Merkel School Board of trustees election filed for reelection this week.

James Boyd filed Friday for reelection to

place two on the board and Dink Whisenhunt filed to seek reelection to place one on Tuesday. The filing deadline for prospective board members is March 7th.

Principals get new contracts

The Merkel School Board met last Tuesday night and rehired principals Cecil Todd, Lee Presswood, David Casey, and John Cain for school year 1979-1980.

The board also decided to retain the services of head football coach Jerry McLeod for the 1979-1980 school term.

In other moves, the board acted to hire Virginia Yaddow to replace Blanche Hewitt, who resigned her post as Merkel ISD tax collector-assessor.

They also approved textbooks for the coming school year and approved the 1979-1980 school calendar.

In related news, Merkel ISD received a check for \$1.4 million from C&C Southwest for the construction of the new school. The money was deposited in the Farmers and Merchants National Bank here in certificates of deposit. Those CDs will be re-evaluated after March 20th. That is the date that bids will be opened for the construction of the new school at a school board meeting scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

Two injured in wreck

Frances Grace Jones and her mother-in-law, Esther of Roby were injured in a one car accident Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. just inside the east Merkel City Limit on I-20.

The Jones' vehicle was headed west when a front tire blew out and the driver lost control. The car crossed the median, rolled twice and stopped in the east lane.

Both women were taken to Hendrick Medical Center where they were both treated for neck and back injuries.

They were transported by the Abilene Emergency Medical Service.

A Merkel Volunteer Fire Department truck was also called to the scene when a Highway Patrol vehicle, responding to the ambulance call, overheated and began pouring smoke from the engine.

Track season starts Saturday First meet in Breckenridge

by Glenn Richards

At Merkel High School if you are interested in sports it can be and is a year around affair. With the end of the Basketball season comes the beginning of the spring sports and track is right in the middle.

Coach Doug Guymes is responsible for the track team this year that will be starting their season this Saturday in Breckenridge. The field events scheduled to begin at 10:00.

There are three returning runners from last year; Rick Howes returns to run on the 440 relay that took 2nd place in district competition last year. Rick will also participate in the mile relay, the shot put, and the discus. Mike Brady, who ran the 880 last year, will return this year to try to improve his time. Kelly Wolfe, who will be taking on the hurdle chores, will be running both the 120 High Hurdles and the 330 intermediates.

Newcomers to the team this year that Coach Guymes expects help from are; Bart Pursley, who will be running relays and the 330

intermediate hurdles, Randy Martin running the 120 High Hurdles, who should be a very strong contender in the pole vault, and Danny Davis, who recently moved to Merkel from Stamford, who will begin running relays for the team when his eligibility catches up with him.

The schedule for the Varsity track team looks like this:

March 3rd Breckenridge
March 10th Ballinger
March 15th Merkel, (triangular meet with Hamlin and Anson)
March 24th Cohoma
March 30th San Angelo Relays
March 31st San Angelo relays

April 7th Colorado City
April 13th Stamford
April 20th District track meet in Colorado City.



Esther and Francis Jones of Roby talk to D.P.S. trooper Robert Binford as they await an ambulance

from Abilene to carry them to the hospital. (Staff photo by Glenn Richards)

Merkel girls; District 6-2A Champs!



Girls coach Pat Penick

by Cloy A. Richards

What a sad way to end such an excellent year. After putting together one of the best won-loss records in the state, the Merkel girls varsity team was eliminated from playoff competition Tuesday night by the defending State Champions, the Slaton Tigers.

Although losing by 22 points, the Badgers put together eight minutes of domination during that game, just as they had done throughout the year. That alone should prove to the girls' their ability.

Although most of the players are still smartin' from the loss, they have a lot they can be proud of. For one, the district championship ended a 13 year domination of the district by Wylie, and brought Merkel it's first ever district championship.

Aside from the 26-2 record, with a couple of wins over neighboring Abilene 4A schools, six team members received positions on the all district team, and that is quite a feat considering you only start five.

There is probably not much anyone could say that would take the hurt from those connected with the team concerning Tuesday's loss.

Rest assured that when the hurt is gone, and in some coffee shop around here in later years, fans and players alike will say, "The girls were tough that year."

That's because they were. Congratulations girls, you had a heck of a season and the Merkel Mail enjoyed working with you.



Six Badgers
named to all
district squad

The Merkel girl's varsity basketball team's domination of District 6-2A was believed by the voters of the all-district team as they named six Merkel players to the team's 13 positions.

Selected for the first string was Gina Farmer and the only sophomore to be named to the squad, Merkel's Norma Frazier. Gwenn Tarpley was

named to the second team all district and she is a junior.

Three honorable mention positions were handed out and Merkel grabbed all three of those. Named to that team were Becky Watts, Cindy Boone and Cindy Smith.

The Merkel girls finished the regular season at 26-1 and their first ever district 6-2A title.



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Staff photos
by Glenn Richards



Stanley Whisenhunt, superintendent of Wylie Schools, and the commissioner of District 6AA presents the girls basketball team with the District

Championship Trophy. From left to right are Becky Watts, Cindy Boone, Coach Pat Penick and Gina Farmer.

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Merkel Volunteer Fire Department answered a call to the Noodle Gin Monday night. Although only two bales were destroyed, the gin received extensive damage. (Staff photo by Glenn Richards)

Noodle gin catches fire

Two units from the Merkel Volunteer Fire Department battled a fire at the Noodle Gin Monday night for four hours. The building and some equipment was heavily damaged.

Two bales of cotton, valued at approximately \$20.00 were destroyed and Gin manager Donna Hancock said it was still smoldering late Tuesday afternoon. She also said that someone would be at the gin to ensure some of the cotton near the press does not re-ignite.

Two units from the Merkel Volunteer Fire Department answered the call at 6:45 p.m. Monday and used approximately 2,000 gallons of water to put out the smoldering cotton.

According to Hancock, we were just about through with the current ginning season so area farmers won't be that greatly affected. She also said the gin had baled 1013 bales this year, which was more

than they had expected before the cotton season started.

The gin is owned by Lynn and Robert Gillespe, who have been gin owners in this area for three generations. An insurance inspector surveyed the damage Tuesday afternoon but was not able to place a specific dollar amount to the loss, although it could reach 125,000.

Lynn Gillespe, owner expressed his appreciation to the Merkel Volunteer Fire Department, gave them a donation and took them to supper.

It was the third fire at the Noodle Gin in the last year and one half. Assistant manager Burl Henson was at the gin when the fire started and made the call for assistance.

It wasn't the only action the Fire Department saw. Friday they were called to a grass fire on the south side of Merkel. The fire was in an empty lot and there was no damage.

17 place in academic meet

Approximately 35 students from the Merkel Independent School District traveled to Stamford last Saturday to participate in an academic meet, in preparation for April's U.I.L. meet in Big Spring.

Approximately 45 schools from West Texas participated in the meet and the following students placed in a wide range of categories.

Merkel High students included: John Townsend, first place, prose reading; Janet Wade, third place, prose reading; Taresia English, third place, poetry interpretation; Stacy Seymore, second place, poetry interpretation.

Middle school participants that placed included: Cindy Sims, second place, oral reading; Kimberly Pack, 4th place, oral reading; Trung Tran, third place, number sense; Trung Tran, fifth place, spelling; Greg Spurs, fourth place, spelling.

Elementary Schools participants that placed are: Ronna Casey, second place, spelling; Alyse Ferguson, third place, spelling; Gina Stuckey, 4th place, spelling.

Merkel student that were selected for competition and did not place are: Mary Fariello, Bonnie Anderson, Angie Allen, Cindy Williams, Tricia West, Couna Longneck, Pam Massey, Mark Turner, Eddie Harris, Ricky Biera, Lyle Baker, Randy Davis, Melinda Riney, Tammy Townsend, Bill Adams, Debbie McLeod, Abby Irvin, Angela Thomas, Danny Santee, Melissa Davis and Todd Hensley.

Reader says plant spinach now

by Cloy A. Richards

Mrs. Estelle Humphries of Merkel wrote in last week about the garden and said that if you are planning on raising spinach, you'd best get it planted now.

Mrs. Humphries, a veteran of 50 gardening seasons said that spinach will not survive hot days and there is still time to get a crop in before the heat sets in.

Something happened to my soil sample that I sent in and won't be ready until Monday. It's all right, I haven't had time to break the ground yet, but will probably have a chance to before next week.

Remember, we are running free classified ads for those that want to grow a garden and don't have the space and free ads for those that have the space, but not the health for a garden. Some tasty arrangements can be made that way.

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Reader contributes poem on forgiving

contributed by Kim Mashburn

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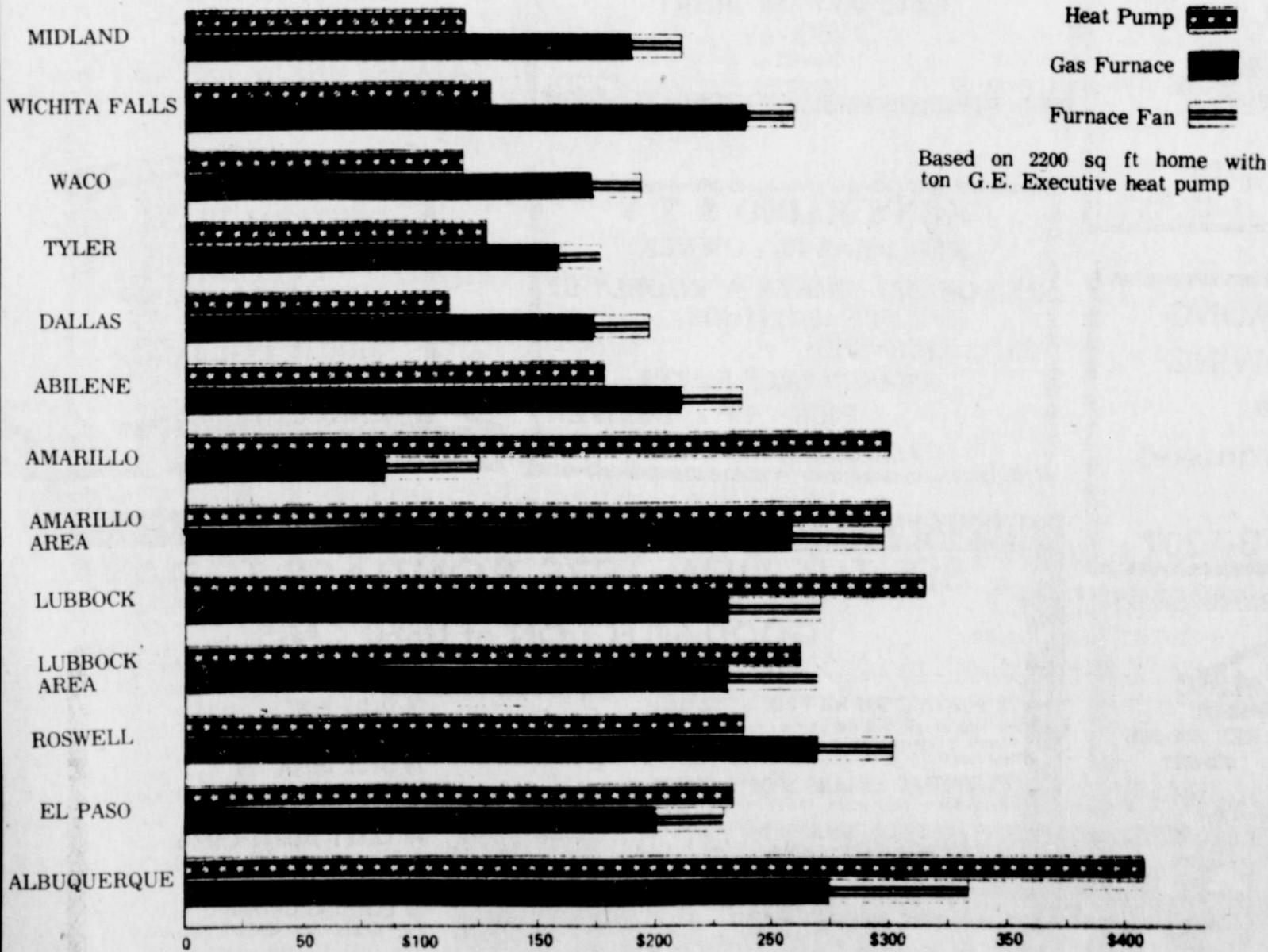
Lubys opening

Luby's Cafeteria in the Mall of Abilene, will open its doors to the public Wednesday, March 7, 1979, one week prior to the formal opening of the Mall.

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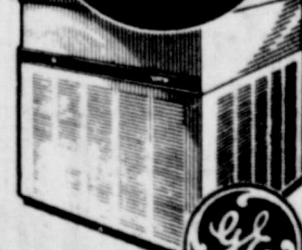
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Merkel, Trent phone bills going up

Telephone users within the city limits of Baird, Clyde, Loraine, Merkel, Moran, Putnam and Trent will see the local two percent franchise tax added to their telephone bills beginning this month, according to Alan Armstrong, Customer Service Manager for Continental

Telephone in Baird. The city tax had previously been paid by the Company out of its local service revenues.

In a recent rate order to Continental, the Public Utility Commission of Texas directed that any local franchise or street use tax paid by the Company be broken

out from local service charges and passed on to customers receiving service in the taxing jurisdictions. The firm complied with this order in local rate adjustments placed into effect last summer, but held off billing the tax until certain questions were resolved and city coun-

dils notified of the change.

The Commission determined that telephone users should be aware of the tax impact on their phone bills. Only customers within a taxing jurisdiction will be liable for the tax. The ruling exempts telephone customers in rural areas and those in cities levying no franchise tax.

"On the brighter side," said Armstrong, "we are pleased that the federal excise tax on both local and long distance service has been reduced from four percent to three percent." For many customers the reduction in federal tax will offset the added local tax. In both cases the telephone company serves only as the tax collector and regularly forwards the tax receipts to the appropriate government body.



Manche Hewitt shows Ginnie Yaddow, the new tax assessor collector, the books. Mrs. Hewitt resigned recently. (Staff photo by Glenn Richards)

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The Census of Agriculture has been underway since January 1st and the Bureau of the Census is asking agricultural operators: "WILL YOU BE COUNTED?"

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Booster club meets

There will be a Badger Booster Club meeting Thurs. night, March 1, 1979, for the showing of films of the girls in the Bi-District playoff game with Slaton.

The meeting will be held in classroom 3 at the High School at 7:00 p.m.

Everyone is welcome.

Amerine named bike-a-thon chairman

Mrs. Iris Amerine was today named Chairman of a Bike-A-Thon in Merkel by Reuben D. Duke, President of the Lone Star Chapter of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

She will be conducting the Bike-A-Thon to raise funds which will support research and care for children affected by cystic fibrosis, severe asthma, chronic bronchitis, bronchiectasis and other related lung-damaging diseases.

Cystic Fibrosis, an

incurable genetic disease, is inherited by one in every 1500 babies born in the United States. Both parents carry the recessive gene for

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Woman's confab set

The Mesquite District nineteenth annual convention of Texas Federation of Women's Clubs will be held March 2-3 in Sweetwater.

Representatives from the 34 clubs in the Mesquite District are expected for the two day meeting at the Holiday Inn.

District officers, club presidents and members are invited to attend, said Mrs. J.C. McGee of Knox City, Mesquite District president.

Using the theme "Spring Fiesta: Unity in Diversity" pre-convention activities will begin with executive committee meetings at 11 a.m. March 2.

Following the opening of the convention at 2 p.m. a business session will be held. A dinner honoring the club presidents will conclude the day's activities.

Saturday's activities will include reports of projects and contest and a luncheon. Prior to the luncheon, John Crump, a noted artist of Anson, will complete an oil painting beginning with a blank canvas.

General chairman for the convention is Mrs. Eugene Schattel of Sweetwater, and Mrs. Frank Greville, of Sweetwater, is co-chairman. Mrs. A.J. Smith, Jr. of Anson planned the convention program.

Hostess clubs for the convention are Athenium Study Club, Self Culture Club and The Sorosis Club, all of Sweetwater.

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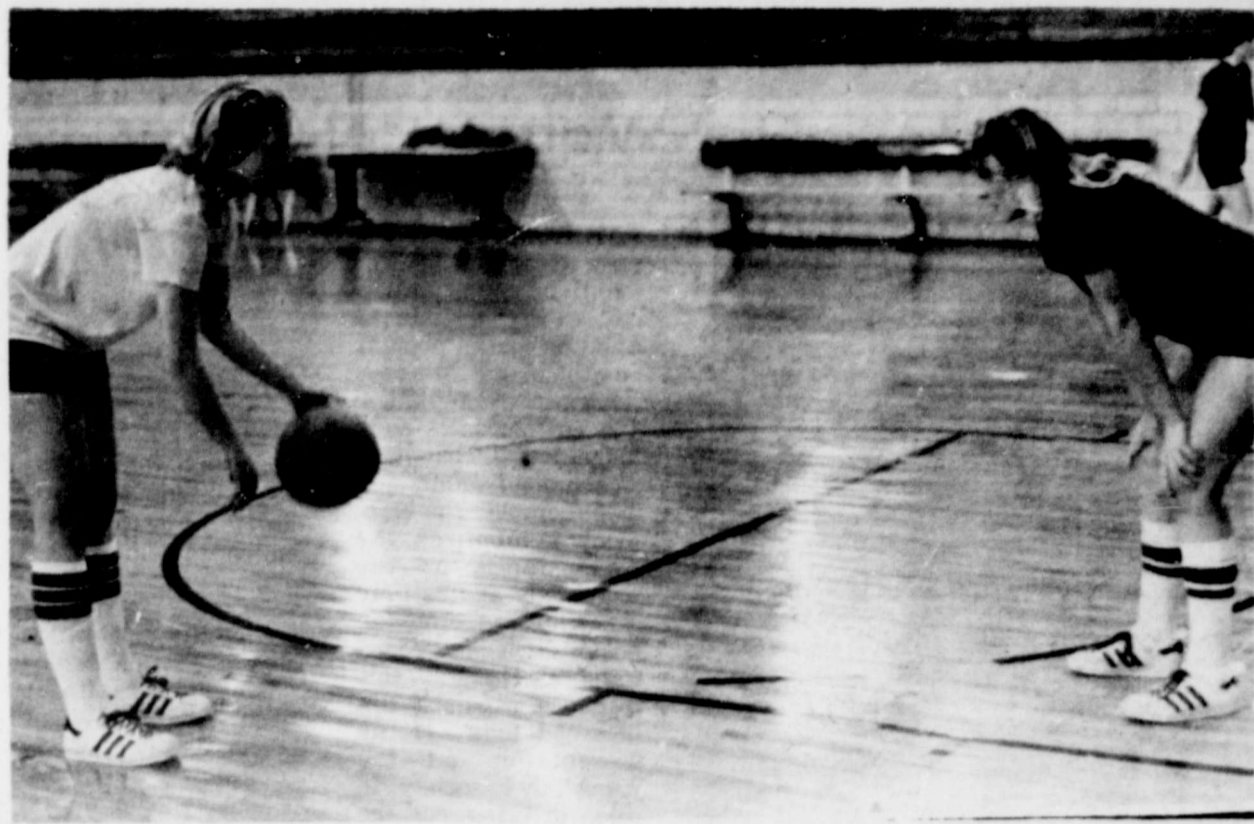
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Maria Moreno

Betty Russom in New York

Betty Russom of Abilene, is attending the commissioning of the new nuclear submarine USS New York City, (SSN-696), in Groton Conn. March 3rd. Her son Randall Rusom is

Chief of the Mechanic's Crew on this sub. The 1st duty station of this ship will be at Pearl Harbor in Hawaii. Randall is the grandson of Mrs. Clarence Perry, and Mrs. Jess Russom of Merkel.

Moreno celebrates 15

Maria Guadalupe Moreno celebrated her fifteenth birthday Saturday, Feb. 24, in a tradition that is popular among many Mexican American communities. This custom dates back to the Jewish custom of presenting a young lady in the temple. The ceremony symbolizes the responsibility of the young lady at this time of her life to the human group of which she is a member. The way this custom is popularly understood today is the presentation of the young lady to society. In order to bring out the religious and spiritual dimensions, Catholics celebrate this custom with special emphasis

on the awareness and sensitivity of the young lady in dealing with the values, concerns, and challenges of the Christian community.

Fr. Jerome O'Mahoney celebrated the Mass in honor of Maria to begin the event. The parents of Maria Guadalupe hosted a reception at the Merkel VFW. Maria was accompanied in the celebration by a Court of Honor consisting of fifteen young ladies and their escorts, and twenty-five couples who sponsored the dance at the Merkel VFW. Maria was escorted by Tino Castillo, Jr. Tina Marie Jaramillo was Jr. Maiden, escorted by Eddie Biera.

Stenholm says disaster loan deadline near

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Congressman Charles W. Stenholm advises of the March 6, 1979, deadline for submitting applications for the Physical Disaster Loan Program through the Small Business Administration. This program is available to farmers and ranchers who suffered financial hardship due to drought losses on 1978 crops.

The disaster loans may be used to pay outstanding obligations, and operating expenses, and for production costs in the new crop year.

However, they may not be used to refinance a Farmers Home Administration or other USDA loan.

Interest rates on SBA physical disaster loans are 3 percent on the first \$250,000 and 6.58 percent on remaining amounts. Further information may be obtained from the Abilene SBA office located in the U.S. Post Office Building, 300 Pine Street, Suite 2211, telephone 915-677-8537, or at the Lubbock SBA office, 720 Texas Avenue, telephone 806-762-7459.

Presswood heads bike-a-thon

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is proud to announce Mr. Lee Presswood has been named to head the 1979 Spring Bike-A-Thon Campaign in Merkel.

William J. Kirwen, St. Jude's Development Director, made the announcement and said more information will be forthcoming concerning the date, place, time, etc.

"We are proud to find such a dedicated person for this important task," Kirwen said. "St. Jude Children's Research Hospital offers hope to stricken children everywhere that would not be possible without such volunteers."

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is the only research center dedicated exclusively to the study and conquest of catastrophic diseases of children. Its work, particularly in leukemia and other childhood cancers, has been internationally acclaimed and cited as a leading example for basic and clinical research.

"No one has ever been charged for the benefits provided by St. Jude Hospital," Kirwen said. "And that includes the extremely expensive total medical care provided to children enrolled in its research studies."

"Over two-thirds of

this year's 19 million dollar operating budget came from public support. Each year we rely on events like this to pay for the following year's costs."

"Since Danny Thomas opened this institution in 1962, his dream of conquering the deadly diseases of childhood has continuously been brought closer to reality. Mr. Thomas is still the very active president of this organization and inspires us in this cause," Kirwen said.

Goodman HD meets

The Goodman Extension Homemaker Club met in the home of Mrs. Frank Carter, Feb. 23. The president, Mrs. Garland Price, presided over the business meeting. The roll call was answered with a tip on kitchen planning by six members and 3 visitors. The THDA creed and prayer was repeated by the members. A game was directed by Mrs. J. Wintersand. The council report was given by Mrs. Price. The meeting was then turned over to the agent, Mrs. Nancy Welborn, who gave a

program on "Tips on Kitchen Planning". Slides were shown of remodeled kitchens and tips given on building kitchens in new homes.

Refreshments were served to Mrs. C.W. Seago, Mrs. J. Winters, Mrs. Frank Carter, Mrs. David Carter, Mrs. Dennis Butler, Mrs. Garland Price, Mrs. Nancy Welborn, Mrs. Carol Norman and 4 children.

The next meeting will be held in the home of Mrs. Dennis Butler on March 9th, the program being "Home Made Gifts".

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Trent News

Band students get honors

The 78-79 edition of Who's Who in Music will carry the names of 5 students from Trent High School, Trent Tex. who have been selected as being among the country's most outstanding high school music students.

Margaret A. Cooper, Band Director, head of the school's nominating committee and the editors of the annual directory have included the names of these students based on their music ability, academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and future potential. Students named this year from Trent High School, Trent Tex. are: Leanna West, Vel-

ma Perkins, John McLeod, Jacki Reed and Cheri Patterson.

Watson, Sipe honored by party

Peggy Watson and Andy Sipe were co-hosts to a Valentine supper in the home of Spud and Dene McLeod on Saturday night Feb. 10.

Menu included: chips, dips, fresh vegetables and dips, shrimp and beef Shish Kabob, baked potatoes, tossed salad, Red Velvet cake topped with whipped cream.

A Valentine table was set with table arrangements being red and white carnations as centerpiece, red place mats and red napkins.

The following were present: Cindy, Mac,

and Chad Sipe, Peggy Watson, Tom McLeod, Kim Richardson, John McLeod, Ray and Rebecca Sharp, and Becky Morgan.

Methodist youth raising funds

Trent United Methodist Youth want odd jobs to raise money for a trip to Six Flags over Texas this summer. If you need someone to wash windows, mow, do garden work, wash cars, paint or babysit, please call 862-3182, 862-3233, 862-3541.

McLeod given party

Spud and Dene McLeod honored their son, John, Wednesday night with a surprise dinner on his 18th birthday.

The menu included: hamburgers, hot dogs,

baked beans, potato salad, chips and dips, brownies and "birthday cake".

Fun and games were enjoyed by the following friends: Jackie Reed, Leanna West, Dee Dee Masonheimer, Kerry Patterson, Danny Freeman, Lloyd Williams Jr. Tammie Hicks, Lester Moses, Todd Richardson, Sandra Griffith, John Stevens, Eddie Adams, Judy Driggers, Kim Richardson, Cheri Patterson, Billie Gregory, Darla Ross, Sherri Dunn, Kitty Symmonds, Rose Prigmore, Velma Perkins, Billy Williams, Rebecca Sipe, Debra Williams, Greg Beasley, Britt Sipe, Peggy Watson, Tom McLeod, Bob Campbell, Cindy Sipe, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Gardner, Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Freeman, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Williams, Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Driggers, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Frank Patterson.

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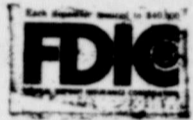


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77 farm bill

WASHINGTON, D.C.--The president of the National Cotton Council today testified that the 1977 farm act, properly administered, will lead to higher farm income than other approaches.

Testifying before the House Agriculture Committee, Council President Hoke Leggett said the industrywide organization's delegates recently reaffirmed their support of the law and recognized that it embodies the elements desired in a long-range government cotton program.

"Under the type of government cotton program we have had since 1970, the loan does not set the market price." The Hobgood, N.C., grower showed the committee a chart demonstrating that the market price has stayed well above the loan during the last eight seasons.

"It did so even during periods like last season when the cotton supply was temporarily excessive," he said, "and with a loan level almost two-and-a-half times higher than it was eight years ago."

Leggett said this was in keeping with most farmers' belief that their income should come from the marketplace rather than from the government.

By contrast, the Council president said that from 1938 through 1963 -- when cotton price support loans by law were at a percentage of parity which farmers considered profitable -- market prices hovered at the loan level. He said this brought on strict acreage allotments in an attempt to keep growers from responding to those levels with too much production.

With U.S. price supports setting a floor for cotton prices around the world, foreign growers nearly doubled their cotton production. In addition, Leggett said man-made fiber producers increased their production almost as much since cotton prices were not competitive.

"The results were depressed markets for U.S. cotton and a build-up of surplus," the Council president stated. "The only way balance could be restored was through drastic government action -- paying producers to cut production and installing export subsidies."

Leggett said government programs of the 1970's have "clearly demonstrated" that a loan below the market price but related to it provides price opportunities seldom realized in the preceding 40 years.

The Council president firmly opposed the establishment of a reserve program for excess cotton socks, pointing out that the law provides tools for the Secretary of Agriculture to adjust cotton supplies through set-aside and diversion programs. He urged the committee to make it clear that a reserve program is neither intended nor desired as a feature of the government cotton program.

"We firmly believe it is better to head off excess supplies before the fact than to wait until they are produced and hang as a depressant over the market price," he added.

The Council president urged that the farm law's disaster provisions, which expire with the 1979 crop, be extended for one or two years until an adequate crop insurance program can be put in place.

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I-20 wreck

Robert Harris, left, and Leroy Austerman watch as the Ambulance from Abilene arrives at the wreck. (Staff photo by Glenn Richards)



Grass fire

The Merkel Volunteer Fire Department responded to a grass fire Friday in a vacant lot on the south side. (Staff photo by Cloy Richards)

Compere

HD meets

Texas Extension Homemakers Club of Compere met Feb. 22, 1979 in the home of Mrs. Ab Hunter.

Necy Wilburn, Extension Homemakers agent gave an interesting program on "Kitchen Update". Stressing the need to recognize what is right for you in the kitchen - as to proper height of cabinets, the type of cabinets for your wall area - either wall type, L shape or U shape. Consider your work center which includes clean up, food preparations, cook and serve. Mrs. Wilburn states no more than 22 feet should be in your work area from refrigerator to stove, if more, you are taking too many steps. A film was shown on different types of kitchens. To clean a smooth type or corning stove top - rub a few drops of bleach on burner, turn burner on, cover with a lid and let steam. This will remove the stain.

Bertha Hunter presided over the business meeting, Hazel Spurgin worded the opening prayer and read a poem "Ways to burn calories". Roll call was answered with "A Tip on Kitchen Planning". Minutes were read and approved. Louise Chaney gave the council report. Refreshments were served to Mrs. Aleene Terry, Sue Mims, Fannie Ramsey, Hazel Spurgin, Louise Chaney, Necy Wilburn and the hostess Bertha Hunter.

Sue Mims received the hostess gift.

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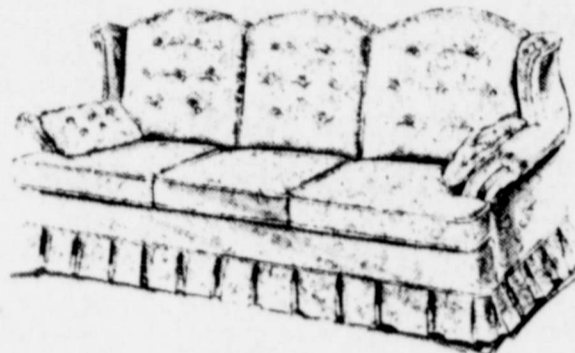
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Tye Times

Thursday March 1, 1979

Writer ponders school issue

by Harold Boyd

Today, I write this column with mixed emotions and do hope that I do not cause any hard feelings to anyone. As most people know that Tye and Merkel are feuding over the displeasure with the school board regarding having representation on the school board. I personally feel that it is "Taxation without representation" and to have representation, we MUST get out and get two candidates elected to the school board at whatever cost. As for filing suits, de-annexation and whatever, this may be the solution, but very costly and what will we as a community end up with? There are several questions as to what the future holds for Tye, it's relations with the neighbors of Merkel, can we adequately support the school and the like? I don't have an answer on this, nor would I take a guess on it. Being the law is very vague on it, the meeting resulted to follow the suit and support de-annexation. As it goes through the legal process, which is going to be time-consuming and expensive, win, lose or come out a draw will only this be resolved. In the meantime, LET US NOT FORGET that we have an excellent schillo system, very highly capable teachers and upcoming newer facilities, lets not marr it by a few different ideals. I feel that; let the legal system prevail, and chart our course towards building a better tomorrow and for the time being work with the school board. Now whether they work with us, or let us be heard, that is another question, as I get the drift from the meeting, not let them continue to walk over us, keep treating us somewhat unfair or keep taking other grades out of Tye so they have all the school

facilities in Merkel. But while we await the legal system to take its course, lets not take any more out of Tye that has already been taken. I am referring to YOUR TAXDOLLARS and getting very little in return as to how this money is being spent. Without representation they can spend every dime in Merkel and not give what is needed in Tye. Therefore, my only hope would be to have two people of Tye ELECTED to the school board. Let the suit define the law as to what is what and go from there and try to work and live in harmony with one another and build for tomorrow. Tye is part of the Merkel School and vise versa, one school district, not separate school districts. Are you willing to serve on the board, are you willing to work in getting something that results through the electoral system?

To Jo Moore, thanks for your faithful 4 years with the city of Tye as our City Secretary, may we wish you well and continued success in your future. Jo is quitting effective March 1st and going to take it easy and take more time in getting their new home completed and spend her time that way. Again many thanks Jo, and good luck.

How about some interesting news items? What is your social group doing? Surely there is something going on around Tye that is a little more pleasant to write about than the preceding paragraph. If you have anything, do give us a call and we will help spread the word. So for this week I will close with mixed emotions, saying "Do what you think is right, but live with your conscience, love your neighbor as you would like them to love you".

Third, fourth grade activities

Tye Elementary School News

Third Grade Mrs. Key

The third grade discussed the four phases of conservation this week and then drew our conservation posters. Each poster must deal with at least three of the four phases, which are wildlife, plants, water and soils. We really have some good posters!

We have also done a little exercise in language on a review of homonyms by using this story about unusual animals in an enchanted forest. The following is an example of the story using homonyms.

"The (to, too, two) nosed (fairy, ferry) and the three (toad, toed) (toad, toed) lived in an enchanted (wood, would). They (we're, were) different from creatures (you'll, yule) (meat, meet) (adz, as) (ewe, you) (roam, Rome) (threw, through) (your, yore) (wood, would).

(Their, there, they're) the (fairy, ferry), the (flea, flee), the (might, mite), the (doe, dough), the (ewe, you) and the (gnu, knew, new) met a (to, too, two) (toad, toed) (toad, toed) who was talking to a (wail, wale, whale). The (cent, sent, scent) of the

(plum, plumb) blossoms near the (beach, beech) tickled the (wales, whale's) (knows, nose). They (ate, eight) (leaks, leeks) (for, fore, four) dinner with several (tease, teas) (to, too, two) drink."

We found this to be an excellent way to review homonyms.

Second Grade Mrs. Coke

This week we read a legend about how prickly thistle leaves saved Scotland from the Vikings more than a thousand years ago. We have been talking about soil conservation and how thistles can grow so quickly and thickly that they are pests to many farmers.

But, in Scotland, the thistle is an honored plant.

A long, long time ago, Vikings were fierce warriors who came from Sweden, Denmark, and Norway. The Vikings loved war and fighting. They often killed people, stole all the riches, and burned everything down. During the night more than a thousand years ago, they surrounded the Scottish castle. Everyone in the castle was asleep and didn't know that the Vikings were about to attack. All around the castle was a

moat. Moats were usually filled with water, so the Vikings took off their sandals to wade across the moat. But this moat wasn't filled with water. It was dry and filled with thousands of prickly

thistles. When the bare-foot Vikings stepped on those thistles they howled with pain! The noise woke the people in the castle, who were able to defeat the Vikings. Today the thistle is the national emblem of Scotland.

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The Court has authority in this suit to enter

any judgment or decree dissolving the marriage and providing for the division of property which will be binding on you.

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.

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

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

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court at Abilene, Texas, this 26th day of February, 1979.

Irene Crawford Clerk,
326th District Court,
Taylor County, Texas.
By Johnnie Woodard,
Deputy.

Best grocery buys

Best buys at Texas grocery markets this week include potatoes, poultry and processed fruits and vegetables.

FRESH VEGETABLES—Potatoes have three things going for them this week: low prices, abundant supplies and high nutrition. Consumers should go for them.

Other economical vegetables are carrots, sweet potatoes, eggplant, cucumbers, rutabagas and squash.

Cabbage prices are slightly higher, while lettuce prices and quality vary due to wet, cold California weather.

POULTRY—Fryer chickens still have attractive prices in spite of general price increases. Low prices appear on turkeys—10 pounds and up—and turkey parts. Eggs are an economical protein choice.

GROCERY MARKET AISLES -- Processed fruits and vegetables offer shoppers real opportunities for savings. Also look for features on rice and pasta products. Budget prices appear on some frozen vegetables and on frozen grapefruit juice.

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Coach Sam Jurnian gives some tips on pole vaulting during 8th grade track practice Monday. (Staff photo by Glenn Richards)

T.E.L. class meets

T.E.L. Class of First Baptist Church met Feb. 27th at Big Country Inn for breakfast.

Hostesses were Fannie Keith and Ruth Campbell. Mrs. Minnie Carey, Pres. called the meeting to order. Prayers by Fannie Keith and the devotion was by Bessie Perry. She read

the 84th Psalm. The closing prayer was by Bessie Fleming. Members present were Mrs. Estelle Humphrey, Ruth Campbell, Jewell Criswell, Trula Cox, Dewie Fleming, Ora Giggis, Bessie Clack, Bessie Perry, Perilee Goson, Wynona Scroggins, Ruth Baze, and Minnie Carey.

Long succumbs Monday

Charles Edwin Long, 63, of Merkel died at 1:15 p.m. Monday at his home after a lengthy illness. Services were at 2 p.m. Wednesday in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Kenneth Jones, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery, directed by Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born April 24, 1915, in Palestine, Texas, he was a graduate of Palestine High School and was an Air Force veteran of World War II, having served in the Asiatic Theater. He was an employee of Missouri-Pacific Railroad 30

years and moved here in 1974. He married Thelma Bein in 1969 in Abilene. He was a member of First Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife; a son, David of Greenriver, Wyo.; two daughters, Theda O'Hallaran and Linda Freeman, both of Salt Lake City, Utah; two stepsons, Joe Bein of Merkel and Jerry Bein of Brownwood; a stepdaughter, Carol Bieszak of Atlanta, Ga.; two sisters, Mary Ballard and Margaret Long, both of Palestine; 20 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Scott on honor roll

Marijohn Scott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Edwards of 1407 Stewart, Merkel, has been named to the honorable mention roll at Hardin-Simmons University for the 1978 fall semester.

To qualify for the honorable mention roll, a student must take at least six to 11 hours course credit and maintain at least a 3.7 grade point average on a scale of 4.0.

Merkel ISD lunch menu listed

The Merkel school menus will be as follows:

Thursday March 1
Spaghetti with beef and cheese, buttered corn, green salad, choice of dressing, butter bread with garlic butter, chilled applesauce with jello

Friday March 2
Bar-B-Que on Bun, baked beans, potato salad, buns, fresh fruit

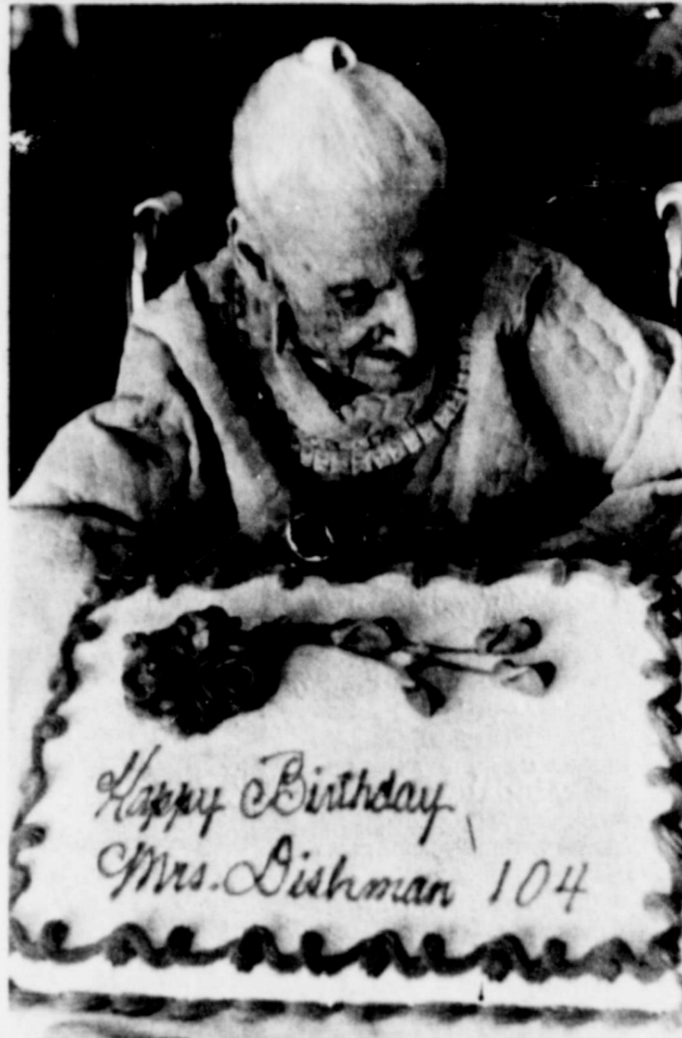
Monday March 5
Chili beans with beef, green salad, choice of dressing, corn bread, purple plum cobbler

Tuesday March 6
Turkey with amber gravy over rice, seasoned english peas, celery and carrot sticks, hot rolls, cranberry crunch bars

Wednesday March 7
Fried fish, tartar sauce, cole slaw with sweet and sour dressing, blackeye peas, corn meal twist, chilled peaches

Thursday March 8
Beef tacos, taco sauce, pinto beans, lettuce salad, raisin cookies

Friday March 9
Hamburgers, lettuce, tomato, pickles, and onions, french fries with catsup, buns, peanut butter cookies.



Mrs. Dishman, resident of Starr Nursing Home, celebrates her 104th birthday with fellow patients and her two sisters. (Staff photo by Glenn Richards)

Ludwig succumbs

Ludwig "L.B." Baca, 80, of San Angelo, died Monday at Shannon Memorial Hospital following a brief illness.

Services were at 10 a.m. Thursday at St. John's Catholic Church at Fayetteville. Burial followed in City Cemetery there under direction of Johnson's Funeral Home.

Born Aug. 19, 1898, Mr. Baca was the son of Professor Frank J. Baca, Sr. who organized the Baca Band and Orchestra in 1892.

He was married to Myrtle Frenzel on April 2, 1918, in Fayetteville.

Baca was an accomplished musician and composer of folk music. He was particularly adept on the Baca dulcimer, an ancient instrument which is traditional in the Baca family bands.

He was a member of the original Baca Band until 1937 when he moved to Rowena where

he organized and led the L.B. Baca Orchestra.

He moved to San Angelo in 1939. He was a member of Holy Angels Church and the SPJST Lodge. He was also an honorary life member of the Knights of Columbus.

Survivors include a son, Larry B. Baca of Fort Worth; two daughters, Mrs. Maxine Blakemore and Mrs. Margie Page, both of Lubbock; one brother, Raymond Baca Sr. of Fayetteville; three sisters, Mrs. Betty Tschiedel and Mrs. Annie Stastney, both of Fayetteville, and Mrs. Julie Chalupa of Crosby; eight grandchildren; and 14 great grandchildren.

Pallbearers were his grandsons, Terry Gardner of Merkel, Darrell Baca of Houston, Davis Moore of Lubbock, James Willhite of Midland, Dr. Dan McClain of Houston and Archie Ansaldo of San Antonio.

Riding club meets

March 8th at Co-op

The Merkel Riding Club held their first meeting of the year Saturday night at the Taylor Electric Co-op building. New officers were elected and are as follows: Robert Boyd - Pres., Bob Welborn - Vice Pres., Nelda Masonheimer - Sec., Suzie Boyd - Reporter, Don Simpson and Carl Smith - arena directors. Also serving the Merkel area on the telephone committee will be Della Henslee and Nancy Hogan. Serving the Trent area as telephone representative will be Cindy Sipe. It was decided the

yearly dues to be a member of the Merkel Riding Club will be \$25. The next meeting will be held March 8, at 7:30 p.m. at the Taylor Electric Co-op Building. It will be a pot luck supper and everyone interested in becoming a member is urged to attend. We are expecting to have a very good year and any new families in the Merkel area are welcome to attend the next meeting and plan to join. Don't forget: March 8, 7:30 pm pot luck supper at the Taylor Electric Co-op Building.

Hatfield, Watson in Phi Theta Kappa

Penny Hatfield of Merkel has been inducted into the Psi Zeta chapter of Phi Theta Kappa at Western Texas College.

Phi Theta Kappa is the only nationally recognized honor fraternity for students in junior colleges, and has more than 500 chapters in college across the nation.

Miss Hatfield, a graduate of Trent High School, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eulan

Hatfield of Route 1, Merkel. She was named to Who's Who Among Students in American High Schools and was active in a variety of high school projects. She is a freshman Law Enforcement major at WTC.

Other new members of Phi Theta Kappa include Tim Watson of Mineral Wells, a graduate of Merkel High School. Watson is a freshman forestry major at WTC.

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8th grade 6-7

The 8th grade boys basketball team finished their year recently with a season mark of 6-7. Coach Sam Jurnigen's first year as a coach, was a learning experience for him as much as for the boys.

"We learned a lot together this year, and we played a lot of close, exciting games," said Coach Jurnigen.

According to the coach, the boys have a very good attitude and he sees a lot of potential talent in the Varsity ranks of the high school to look forward to as the boys grow older.

"We won most of our games at the end after a long start, we didn't get a chance to play as many games as we would have liked to," he said. A couple of the games were cancelled and the team also had to pull out of one tournament.

The basketball season ends for the 8th grade boys track season gets underway. The boys meet will be this Saturday in Ballinger in which the Boys 7th and 8th grade along with the 8th grade teams will participate.

There are about 25 boys out for the 8th grade track team. Some of them to watch will be Sammy Mendez who will be running sprints for the team, Donald Hegwood, and Sammy Hamilton who will be participating in the pole vault, high jump and the individual sprints.

Six counties get loans

Six counties in Texas have been declared disaster areas by A. Vernon Weaver, Administrator of the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA).

Coke, Nolan, Palo Pinto and Parker counties were declared because of extreme drought conditions. Culberson and Hudspeth counties in southwest Texas were declared because of excessive rainfall.

A producer may borrow only the amount of his actual losses, and the SBA loan cannot duplicate insurance or ASCS disaster or deficiency payments.

Interest rates on SBA disaster loans are three percent on the first \$250,000 and 6 1/2 percent on the remaining amount. Terms of the loan are based on repayment ability.

Up to fifty percent of the eligible loan amount may be used to pay outstanding obligations and reasonable operating expenses. The balance must be held for production costs in the new crop year.

Interested farmers and ranchers in Coke, Nolan and adjacent counties should contact the SBA office at the U.S. Post Office Building, 300 West Street, Suite 2211, Abilene, Texas 79602 or call 915-677-8537.

Physical disaster loan applications must be filed with SBA by August 7, 1979. Economic injury disaster loan applications must be filed by November 7, 1979.

F.A. news

The bus pulled out on Monday morning for the Houston Stock Show. There was a delay of several hours in Clyde due to a blown gasket in the F.F.A. bus. But as all we know they made it safely. There is a total of twenty students participating in the livestock show.

The F.F.A. students would like to thank Mr. Ed Jones, our substitute teacher while Mr. Riley is away. He's doing a good job. Thank You Mr. Jones!!

If the bus holds up, the students and Mr. Riley will be back Monday. Look for the results of the Houston Livestock Show next week.

Green stamps record book

In implementing its totally new merchandising concept S&H bucks for the Guinness Book of World Records in one philatelic category: the company redeemed enough stamps last year to reach a green ribbon on the moon over five times. That's 1,346,801 stamps.

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The new S&H Idea Book debuts February 26 in Taylor County. The page catalog with 20 million copies continues to be one of the largest in the world. It contains 1300 items, everything from Os-de-la-Renta and the Cardin 'designer' suits to McCulloch saws are available to our stamp savers. S&H area manager Larry Rushing said.

Newsbriefs

Hatfield named

A Merkel girl and student at West Texas College was named to the Psi Zeta chapter of Phi Theta Kappa.

Penny Hatfield was named to the only nationally recognized honor fraternity for students in junior colleges.

League will be holding a meeting Friday March 2 at the Big Country Inn at 7:30 p.m. Interested parents are invited to attend.

Six band students place

Congratulations to the Badger Band students who participated in the U.I.L. Solo and Ensemble Contest at Hardin-Simmons. Maria Moreno received a second division rating on a class II flute solo, Corina Longenecker a second division rating on a class III flute solo, and Teddy Howk a second division on a class III trumpet solo. Mary Fariello, Maria, and Corina earned a second division rating on a class III flute trio.

Trent school week

In order for the citizens of the community to become better acquainted with their schools, March 5-9, 1979 has been set aside as Public Schools Week.

Trent Independent School District would like to extend an invitation to all it's citizens to visit the school or classrooms during this week.

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Tri City Baseball



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WEEKDAYS 7:00-9:30

Xi Nu Chi party

Xi Nu Chi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi honored their Valentine Sweetheart, Connie Harris, on Saturday night, Feb. 10 in the fellowship hall at the First United Methodist Church with a covered dish supper.

The hall was decorated in a Valentine theme. A tree with red and white balloons decorated one corner. Tables were laid with red table clothes and center pieces were red and white candles.

Pat Neff, social chairman, welcomed members and their husbands. Billy Bob Neff gave the invocation. During the program, Mrs. Neff introduced Connie as the

Valentine Sweetheart, Connie Ybarra. 1978 Valentine Sweetheart, presented Connie Harris with the Sweetheart Crown.

Members and their husbands attending were: Mr. and Mrs. Billy Bob Neff, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Rosey Castille, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Leverich, Mr. and Mrs. Geo Starbuck, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Garner, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Dubose, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Etheridge, Mr. and Mrs. Peck Eager, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Allday, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Yaddow, Vae Patterson, Mamie Steck, Connie Ybarra, and Bobby Mansfield.

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