

BIBLE VERSE  
The very hairs of your head  
are all numbered. Fear ye  
not therefore, ye are of more  
value than many sparrows.  
Matthew 10:30-31

PUBLISHED WEEKLY

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1976

VOL. 87, NO. 37

## Educational Authority formed to keep higher education in Merkel



Trumpeteer Martha Sue Justice wins individual award for best dressed.

The Merkel City Council took a bold step at a called meeting Friday in establishing a Merkel Higher Educational Authority.

It was bold in that there is no other known authority in the state although there is a law providing for establishing such an organization.

The City Council approved the emergency ordinance in an attempt to keep a higher education facility in Merkel.

The 7-member board will be named by the City Council at its regular meeting November 12 at 7 a.m. and will serve until the next general election when a permanent board will be established.

It was pointed out that such an educational authority would be an independent organization and would not involve any new taxes or be connected with any governmental body in the city or county.

The Board would receive funding from state and federal outlets plus through loans on student enrollment.

The Board would have the authority to contract with any college, junior college or senior college, to provide classes for Merkel and area residents--either for day or night courses.

Benny Melton, representing the Merkel Chamber of Commerce, made the proposal before the Council at the special, open meeting.

He explained to the Council that it appears Senator Grant Jones proposed an amendment to the education bill at the last legislature.

This amendment, he pointed out appears to be a special interest bill pertaining only to Taylor County and is an apparent attempt to cut Cisco Junior College out of Taylor County.

"We don't like it and feel it is a special interest bill," Melton said. He said he feels the move is to either force students to travel to Callahan County (Clyde), to Cisco or to the private schools in Abilene.

Melton pointed out that Cisco "right now is in violation of the law."

Cisco presently has 94 students attending eight classes on the Merkel campus while 500 others are attending classes at a Cisco Junior College extension in Abilene.

However, the pressure at this time is on Merkel to end its extension campus, Mayor Lou David Allen said.

It was noted that Cisco may have to shut down in December. Thus, the reason for the emergency ordinance.

Too, Melton pointed out that any legal action connected with the move by the Abilene colleges to force Merkel to be without a college, would be on the newly appointed authority and not on the city.

The new Board would not have any authority to levy taxes, the City Council was told.

It was noted that the potential to contract with any college to furnish education for Merkel residents and possibly from Abilene are great.

Mayor Allen said "This is entirely different ball game. It will be a very independent, autonomous operation. Can you just imagine Merkel with a 4-year college sitting here?"

Melton also noted that the extension schools are costing the state less money than full campuses. He said it is costing \$196 per student to conduct classes in Merkel. While on the campus the cost is \$396 per student.

After the Council approved the ordinance as read by Mayor Allen, the Council discussed possible candidates to seek to be on the initial Board.

The Ordinance establishing the Merkel Higher Educational Authority:

SECTION I: Whereas under Chapter 53 of the Educational Code of the state of Texas, the city of Merkel, Texas, and the City Council of said city of Merkel, Texas has the authority to create a Higher Educational Authority;

SECTION II: Whereas said authority shall be known as the Merkel Higher Educational Authority; and

SECTION III: Whereas the Merkel

Higher Educational Authority shall operate within the boundaries of the city limits of the city of Merkel, Texas as now exist; and

SECTION IV: Whereas the Merkel Higher Educational Authority shall be operated by a Board consisting of seven members appointed by the City Council of the city of Merkel, Texas; and

SECTION V: Whereas said appointment of the Board members shall be for a period until the regular city election in the year 1977. After said city election in the year 1977, the City Council shall appoint the Board members for a term of two years. Any and all vacancies on the Board shall be filled by appointment by the City Council of the city of Merkel for the unexpired term of said member and or members.

Now therefore be it ordained by the City Council of the city of Merkel, Texas that under the authority noted under the Vernon's Texas Code and authorized in Chapter 53 of the Texas Educational Code, the Merkel Higher Educational Authority is hereby created for all intents and purposes as authorized by law.

The fact that it is in the best interest of the city to provide higher education opportunities at the earliest possible date, constitute and create an emergency and an urgent public necessity, requiring that any rule providing for ordinances to be read and voted upon at more than one meeting of the City Council be suspended and requiring that this ordinance be passed and take effect as an emergency measure, and such rules and provisions are accordingly suspended, and this ordinance is passed as an emergency measure, and shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage.

Passed and approved this 29th day of October, 1976.

Lou David Allen  
Mayor, Lou David Allen  
Attest: J. A. Sadler  
City Secretary

## THE MAIL



By Carl Dingler

## EDITORIAL

A recent article in a Sunday supplement to a Dallas newspaper carried an article on a former Merkel resident, Charles Dannheim who now lives and farms in Clarksville in East Texas.

Dannheim, as many of you may recall had both arms and both legs amputated after an accident in 1970.

The article shows Charles progress and the fact that he hasn't quit. In fact, he is more active than ever with his 60-acre farm-ranch, his church work and his community activity. He also finds time to attend college.

The 29-year-old quadriplegic had been burned so badly by 7,800 volts of electricity that in 1970 his survival was not believed possible. Now, he is able to joke and laugh about his situation. The accident happened while he was attempting to remove a tv antenna from the top of his home.

Charles graduated from Merkel High, participating in football, basketball and track. He was all-district in football and basketball three years and once went to the state track meet in Austin.

He was in the Army two years and attended Wharton Junior College.

The article points out that Charles also has a promising art career going with his comic sketches with western overtones.

As to his belief in God and his ability to accept his handicap with a joke and to set an example for those less fortunate, Charles says "I can't figure out why I'm here today. God just had some purpose for me, I guess. He decided I ought to be here a little longer."

A young woman telephoned to let us know that the reason cases were down recently in the Justice of the Peace court in Merkel is because two of the radar units were broken.

Don't get your hopes up. They are back in operation now. She praised the State Troopers for their hard work and devotion to duty and for their outstanding character. She made a good point, if people didn't want to get tickets they shouldn't be breaking the law.

And, yes, she gave her name. It was enjoyable to listen to her point of view, even though we deferred on a solution. Enjoy hearing anyone's opinion on anything--as long

as they believe in what they have to say strong enough to identify themselves.

The City Council should be commended on its far-sighted outlook in handling the matter of keeping a college available for Merkel and the immediate area.

Actually, the law which appears to be a special interest law to keep Cisco Junior College out of Merkel and Abilene could backfire on the Abilene colleges. (Guess we should call two of them universities).

This move by the City Council creating an Education Advisory Board could provide a 4-year college in Merkel for residents of Merkel as well as Abilene in the future--a state supported school offering such diverse courses as agriculture, trades and academics.

The City Council, thus could be initiating a totally new business for Merkel, providing more income and jobs and doing the entire community a real service by providing an opportunity to create more degreed-people for the community.

Benny Melton and the Chamber of Commerce also should be in on the praise as they helped with the forming of the ordinance and making the City Council aware of the situation that Merkel may be without a college of any type unless immediate action is taken.

A sponge in the face was narrowly missed Friday night. We got cornered by an enterprising PTO member wanting us to "stand up" for the sponge throwing contest.

They said they would make a mint if we would volunteer. We volunteered, only if the PTO president would go first. After beating a hasty retreat, kinda hated to deprive all those "fans" of an outlet to get rid of their frustrations.

Middle School Principal John Cain should get some kind of award. He had to count the 43,983 pennies collected in the king and queen contest for the PTO carnival.

Boy, those Crazy Days were something else. It was exceptionally great to see all the many people participate during the week and in the parade.

Heard many of the spectators at the parade Saturday say how much they enjoyed the antics. Likewise, those who participated also had a great time. It was a fun thing and one that many would like to turn into an annual event.

Perhaps the most surprised during the week were the people who won the tv and four tires from Rodney Cosper. The tv was cracked and the tires were slick--after all it was crazy days and it was Halloween.

And, a quick bid to have the Chief of Police drive the police car backwards in the parade was nixed. That would have been just a bit too crazy to explain to an insurance company should something have gone wrong.

Martha Sue Justice won the trophy for best dressed in the band, the VFW won the float award and Lance Jones had the best decorated bicycle. The Garden Club won the best decorated car award and of course there was but one horse in the parade and it automatically was judged best.

It may have been muddy and cold but that 4 inches of rain sure didn't hurt anything. It reportedly ended the drought in the area. Let's hope we get it more when it's needed next time around.



High Sheriff Benny Melton fights Crazy Days infractions from his "Limousine."

### Election cancels

### School Board meet

The regular meeting of the Merkel School Board has been canceled, according to Travis Davis, Superintendent. Davis said that Tuesday's meeting would be canceled because of the election.

Next regular scheduled meeting of the School Board will be November 16 at 7:30 p.m.



Lambda Beta



HAPPY BIRTHDAY--Patti Bird spent her 14th birthday with Tom Landry, coach of the Dallas Cowboys. Patti is the granddaughter of Mrs. Truman Carey and Mrs. T. J. Bird, Sr. of Merkel.

Starr Nursing Home news

We welcome the sunshine after having some nice rainy weather.

Granny Bresendine isn't very well at this writing. Her daughters Neva Stinson and Irene Carroll and son Gene Bresendine have been at her bedside. Granny is past 90 and we've had her 8 years.

We were sorry to hear of Charlie Seago passing away. Our sympathy goes to his loved ones. He had gone home and had to go back to the hospital where he expired.

We welcome back Mrs. Francis Morris from Tye. She is a very lovely person and it is a pleasure to care for residents such as she.

Becky Rister, Mike Henry, Suzette Aiken, Doug Royden, Judy Diltz, Deborah White, Kathy Deason, Swadia Harris, Kriste Nease, Carolyn Ross and Griffen members of the HERO Club, Home Economics coop education came dressed up in Halloween costumes and decorated each room and gave every one Halloween treats. Thank you very much. You were nice to remember our residents. Mary Grimes is advisor of the club.

The Merkel key chapter of Future Homemakers of America sponsored by Candy

Walker named H-SU princess

Stephanie Walker, a senior elementary education major from Merkel was presented as a Hardin-Simmons University Princess for the 1976-77 school year.

Stephanie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leon R. Walker of 1414 Stewart and a 1972 graduate of Merkel High School. She is one of the four princesses serving in the Queen's Court. The others are Karen E. Finley of Tulsa, Oklahoma, Kay Holmes of Gallup, New Mexico and Susan Berrey of Fort Worth.

Stephanie has been a member of the Guidance Associate's Club, Celebration Singers and Texas State Educator's Association.

Cothern inducted into Ross Volunteers

Douglas C. Cothern of Merkel has been inducted into the Ross Volunteers at Texas A & M University.

An elite honor military unit, the Ross Volunteers company is the oldest collegiate student organization in Texas. It draws members from seniors and juniors of Texas A & M's Corps of Cadets.

RV selection is based on academic standing, military proficiency and character. Seniors serve as officers of the unit, conceived in 1887 as the Scott Volunteers. It was first named for Col. M. T. Scott, Texas A & M business manager. The company later assumed the name of Gen. Lawrence Sullivan Ross, noted Indian fighter, Texas Ranger, brigadier general of the Confederacy, governor of Texas and president of Texas A & M, the latter in 1891-98.

The Ross Volunteers have served as honor guard at the inauguration of the governor of Texas many years. The RVs were formally recognized as the governor's honor guard by proclamation from the governor's office in 1974.

The company had official part in the opening of Texas' Constitutional Convention the same year, and has served as honor escort to King Rex

Martin brought cup cakes for halloween. Thank you all so much.

The Trent Baptist ladies did it again they brought some more beautiful lap robes which were appreciated by the Home as well as the residents who use them. We thank you all very much.

Robert Harris had to go back to the Hospital again, had not the L. V. N. Jannel Elmore and Brenda Roberts, administrator, he wouldn't be alive today had they not given him heart massage and got him breathing again. I can pay compliments on the staff for I am not employed but they are doing a good job at the Nursing Home. I did work as an L. V. N. Saturday evening 2-10 and enjoyed every minute of it, but emergencies do come up and I'm usually available unless fishing.

Sorry that Mrs. Muri Frazier director of nurses, is unable to work at the present time. She did have a stroke and we are very sorry. We do hope she will improve and be able to work again soon. The rooms and building are looking real nice and I hope before long everything will be finished.

Saturday was such a beautiful day, it seemed that the Lord just looked down and smiled on the residents. Larry Gill, Church of Christ minister, came with his bus Saturday evening and every seat was taken on the bus, even W. C. Landers got to go. Everyone came back at supper time smiling and laughing and telling what a nice ride they had up in the country and how beautiful the trees were. Of course Mrs. Cleo Warren who is blind was thrilled even if she couldn't see the beauty but they told her how pretty the leaves had turned. We do appreciate Larry so much he not only does nice things for his people but all denominations. May God bless him and his family in their work at the Merkel Church of Christ.

in the Mardi Gras parade for more than a quarter century. Cothern is a computing science major at Texas A & M. The son of Harold T. Cothern, Route 1, Cothern is a member of Squadron 10 of the Corps of Cadets.

Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi held their Preferential Tea in the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall Sunday, October 31 from 2:00-3:30. The tea was in honor of the five new pledges.

Cake and punch was served by the membership committee. Each one attending told something about themselves and the happiest moment in their life.

Members attending were Betty Allday, Anne Booth, Pat Castille, Annette Clark, Betty Coker, Judy Elliott, Sarah Lucas, Chera Hohbertz, Mignon Seymore, Glenda Teaff, Barbara Welch, and Ginny Yaddow. The new pledges attending were Gloria Henslee, Ann Doan and Robbie Hicks.

Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met in the home of Chera Hohbertz on Tuesday. The meeting was called to order by President Betty Allday. Roll call was answered to the question, "What person has had the greatest influence on you personally or on the world?" The car bash and popcorn sale for the carnival was discussed.

The program on Religion was presented by Faye Jones. Members present were as follows: Betty Allday, Anne Booth, Annette Clark, Betty Coker, Bobby Elliott, Judy Elliott, Mary Hill, Chera Hohbertz, Faye Jones, Sarah Lucas, Mignon Seymore, Glenda Teaff, Barbara Welch, and Ginny Yaddow.

Seago rites

Funeral services were held Monday at the First Baptist Church for Charles Seago, 84, of Merkel.

Mr. Seago died at 11 p.m. Saturday in Hendrick Hospital after a short illness.



Mr., Mrs. H. R. (Bud) McKeever

Final rites held for Shannon

Services were held for John Shannon, 91, of Merkel October 27 at the United Methodist Church.

He died October 26 in West Texas Medical Center after a short illness.

The Rev. Russell McAnally, pastor, officiated and was assisted by N. S. Daniel, retired Methodist minister.

Burial was in Elmwood Memorial Park in Abilene. Born December 15, 1884, in Columbia, Tennessee, he moved to Coryell County with his parents. Mr. Shannon moved to Comper community in 1901 and to Merkel in 1921. He married Jessye Touchstone Horton January 10, 1929, at Bal-

linger. Mr. Shannon retired in 1957 as a carpenter and a stock farmer. He was a member of the United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife; a stepdaughter, Mrs. James (Dorothy) Shaver of Fort Worth; two stepgrandsons, Jim and Ed Shaver of Fort Worth; a sister, Mrs. B. H. Moore of Sentinel, Oklahoma; three brothers, J. B. Shannon and Emory Shannon, both of Houston and W. U. Shannon of El Paso; and several nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Bob Benson, Junior Clark, Jimmy Leverich, Weldon McAninch, Joe Cypert and Edwin Read.

Services held for L. E. Riney

Services were held Friday at the Merkel Church of Christ for L. E. (Roy) Riney, 89, of Merkel who died Thursday at his home following a short illness.

Larry Gill, minister, officiated, assisted by the Rev. Kenneth Jones, pastor of the Merkel First Baptist Church.

Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery, directed by Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born January 24, 1887, at Taylor County, he had moved to Mulberry Canyon, south of Merkel at six weeks of age.

He lived in that area most of his life. He married Olive Jane Smiley February 1910 at Newby. He had retired from farming in 1970 and had moved to Merkel in 1971.

Survivors include his wife; four sons, Robert, Don and

Leroy, all of Merkel and Walter of Trent; a daughter, Mrs. D. J. Richie of Merkel; a brother, Claude Riney of Bentonville, Arkansas; a sister, Mae Bush of Abilene; 12 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

McKeever observe 50 years wed

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. (Bud) McKeever of 301 Runnels will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday with a reception from 2-6 p.m.

The reception at the McKeever home will be hosted by their children, Jim McKeever and Marlene Farr of Abilene, Mary Messenger of Canyon, Carl McKeever of California, Buddy McKeever of Rule and Ronnie McKeever of Merkel.

Also, on hand will be Mr. and Mrs. R. A. McKeever of Colorado, Mrs. Chloe Vanant of California, Mrs. Fat Baggett of California and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Masters of Odessa.

Mr. McKeever was born March 31, 1907 in Danville, Arkansas and Mrs. McKeever was born May 24, 1909 in Plainview, Arkansas.

They met in Plainview, Arkansas in 1924 and were married near there in Carters Chapel by a Justice of the Peace while in a T-Model Ford, according to Mr. McKeever.

They moved to Merkel in August 1943.

They are retired and are members of the First Baptist Church, the Eastern Star and the Masonic lodge. They have eight grandchildren.

Mr. McKeever was a barber and presently works Saturdays and vacations at the Southwest Park Barber Shop in Abilene. He was stationed at Camp Barkley from 1943-1945, was a driver for Hick's Auto Supply from 1945-1950 and operated Mack's Cleaners in Merkel from 1950-1968.

SENIOR CITIZENS SCHEDULE EVENTS  
1st Monday of  
Month Singing  
2nd Tuesday Noon  
Covered Dish  
Game Nights  
Every Thursday  
& 4th Monday  
4th Thur. Game  
Night Reserved for  
Talented Amateurs.

Venetian Blind Repair,  
Custom Picture Framing,  
Disposable Vacuum Bags,  
Shampooer And Waxer  
Rental are all available at  
Starbuck Furniture

FOR CAREFREE COLD WEATHER DRIVING  
**WINTERIZE NOW**  
DISHMAN SHELL  
211 KENT 928-5222

TOTALCARD Statement Savings.  
The new way to save money.

The Convenience of TOTALCARD Statement Savings. Abilene Savings' new TOTALCARD Statement Savings Account offers you added convenience and ease of savings. Now, all your savings account transactions can be consolidated into a single statement. This means no more worry about a misplaced passbook or the inconvenience of bringing it in for updating. Because every quarter you'll receive a consolidated statement on your account showing deposits, withdrawals, and the interest earned. And best of all, there's no monthly service charge for this added convenience.

Day-to-day Interest and Insured Security. A TOTALCARD Statement Savings Account earns maximum interest, compounded daily, from date of deposit to date of withdrawal, and is insured up to \$40,000 by the FSLIC. The convenience of Day-To-Day Statement Savings and insured safety are more reasons TOTALCARD Statement Savings is tomorrow's way of saving today.

We're the People Who Care About Helping You Find a Way. Our new TOTALCARD Statement Savings Account is another innovative service from the people of Abilene Savings. And we'll continue to look for ways to make saving easier and more convenient. Come into our office nearest you and open your own convenient TOTALCARD Statement Savings Account.

Abilene Savings We'll Help You Find a Way

P. O. Box 444/301 Edwards Avenue /Merkel, Texas 79536 (915) 928-4702  
Member Southwestern Group Financial, Inc. Member FSLIC

RENT OUR RINSE VAC Get carpets professionally clean. Ben Franklin 201 KENT MERKEL

24 HOUR Agent Talk to your Farm Bureau Insurance "24-Hour Agent" about your new-car and truck insurance. R. LEE BROWN MERKEL 928-4885 ABILENE 692-1213

Image of a hand holding a TOTALCARD Statement Savings card and a checkbook.



all the things you love to eat...  
**BUDGET-PRICED!**

4 MR. PIBB  
 AND  
 2 COKES

THE MERKEL MAIL  
 Thursday, November 4, 1976

"3" MINUTE

PAGE 3

32 OZ.  
 PLUS DEP. **99¢** ANY OTHER  
 COMBINATION  
 33¢ EA.

2 LB BAG

**POPCORN**

**49¢**

THU.-FRI.-SAT.  
 NOV. 4-5-6

HOT BAR-B-QUE  
 POTATO SALAD - BEANS  
 PIMENTO CHEESE

**SNOWDRIFT**

LIMIT 1  
 SHORTENING  
 3 LB CAN

**\$1.29**

**FRYERS**

LB. **49¢**

**SCOTTIES**

TISSUES

200  
 CT. **49¢**

THE LWIN'S  
 EASY WITH *Frozen Foods*

FOX  
 SAUSAGE-HAMBURGER-CHEESE

**PIZZA**

EACH

**89¢**

CENTER CUT

**PORK CHOPS**

LB **\$1.29**

**NICE "N" SOFT**

TISSUE

4 ROLL  
 PKG **73¢**

**COOL WHIP**

4 1/2 oz.  
 CRTN.

**49¢**

**PORK CHOPS**

**98¢**

**CLOROX**

BLEACH

GAL. **79¢**

KEITH'S  
**FRENCH FRIES**

2 LB.  
 BAG

**49¢**

**ROUND STEAK**

LB **\$1.49**

**COMET**

BLEACH

GT.  
 SIZE **39¢**

IT'S  
 TIME FOR *Produce*

COLORADO RED ROME

**APPLES**

3 LB  
 BAG

**79¢**

**BACON**

LB. **\$1.29**

**COMET**

CLEANSER

GT.  
 SIZE **89¢**

DEL MONTE  
**BANANAS**

LB

**17¢**

**SAUSAGE**

12oz. **89¢**

**AXAX**

FOR DISHES

KING  
 SIZE **89¢**

CALIFORNIA  
**AVOCADOS**

EACH

**25¢**

INSTANT

**NESTEA**

3 OZ.

**\$1.39**

DEL MONTE  
 SLICED  
**PICKLED BEETS**

16 OZ.

**39¢**

CRACKING GOOD

**CRACKERS**

1 LB BOX

**39¢**

CARNATION

**TUNA**

FLAT  
 CAN

**55¢**

TOM SCOTT

**Mixed NUTS**

12 OZ.  
 CAN

**79¢**

KIMBELL  
 SHOESTRING

**POTATOES**

7 oz.

**49¢**

KRAFT 7 OZ.

**MACARONI DINNER**

7 OZ.

**29¢**

BESTMAID

**PICKLES**

SLICED  
 DILL OR  
 WHOLE

QT. **59¢**

DROMEDARY

**DATES**

8 OZ.

**49¢**

BESTMAID

**PICKLES**

SLICED  
 DILL OR  
 WHOLE

QT. **59¢**

**TIDE**

GT.  
 SIZE

**\$1.19**

**CARROTS**

BAG

**19¢**

**GREEN BEANS**

DEL MONTE  
 CUT  
 303 CAN

2/ **49¢**

**MILK**

MARIGOLD  
 REG.  
 HOMO  
 GAL

**\$1.55**

2%  
 HOMO  
 GAL

**\$1.45**

PLUS  
 DEP.

**SPINACH**

DEL MONTE  
 303 CAN

**29¢**

BETTY CROCKER  
**POUND CAKE MIX**

**59¢**

**YAMS**

SUGARY SAM  
 22 oz. CAN

**45¢**

**OLEO**

BLUE BONNET  
 1 LB.

**43¢**

**MARSHMALLOWS**

KRAFT  
 MINIATURE  
 6 OZ. PKG.

**29¢**

**WESSON OIL**

24 OZ.

**89¢**

**PREM**

LUNCHEON  
 MEAT  
 12 OZ. CAN

**89¢**

**COTTAGE CHEESE**

GANDY'S  
 24 OZ. CRTN.

**89¢**

**PEANUT BUTTER**

MR. GOOD  
 48 OZ.

**\$1.49**

**BUTTER MILK**

GANDY'S  
 HALF GAL

**79¢**

**MACARONI**

SKINNERS  
 SHORT CUT  
 BOX

2/ **49¢**

USDA APPROVED

TO REDEEM

FOOD STAMPS

DELIVERIES DAILY

AT 10:00 A.M.

\$5.00

MINIMUM

DELIVERY

REFRIGERATED AIR

1033 N. SECOND

PARKING LOT IN REAR

**Double Premiums**

**On WEDNESDAY ON**

**Purchase of \$7.50**

OR MORE IN MERCHANDISE

**Save Valuable**

**Cash Register Tapes**

**For Premiums**

**RO-TEL TOMATOES**

WITH  
 GREEN  
 CHILIS

10 OZ. CAN **29¢**

**FLOUR**

GLADIOLA  
 5 LB. BAG

**69¢**



Where Customers Send Their Friends

PHONE 928-5713



# PUT IT IN THE WANT ADS FOR RESULTS!

## REAL ESTATE

MERKEL-Nice and neat 1-bedroom house near downtown. Priced to sell, \$4,500. Miller Cranfill, 672-5771 or 692-7553.

36-4tc  
 LAND FOR SALE? CALL Collect-Bill Largent, Farm and Ranch Mgr., at Frances McClure Inc., Realtors, 3157 South 27th Abilene, 698-3211, Night 698-2375.

46-ttc  
 IS YOUR HOME INSURED for at least 80% of value? If not call your Farm Bureau Agent R. Lee Brown, 928-4885.

35-2tc  
**PP** PRESTIGE HOMES & PROPERTIES

317 N. Willis Suite 20 Abilene 673-6444  
 7.97 ACRES east of Elmdale, fenced, electricity, 0.99 acre 1-20 frontage available.

MOVING to Abilene? Let us help you find a home! We are members of multiple-listing service and have 231 homes to show you.

SELLING? List with us! Shannon Teal, . . . 692-0787  
 Morris Harper, . . . 698-9689  
 Pauline Butman, . . .  
 GR. . . . . 692-2222

REALTORS  
 MERKEL BRANCH OFFICE  
 Billy and Pat Neff, 928-5623  
 Equal Housing Opportunity

**TOOMBS REAL ESTATE**  
**FREDDY TOOMBS (BROKER)**  
 116 EDWARDS  
 PH. 928-5921  
 RES. 928-5696  
 RES. 928-5508  
 ABILENE 672-6727  
 40 ACRES FOR SALE  
 Noodle area on paved road. Will divide for veterans.

HIGHWAY FRONTAGE, on I-20, For commercial use For sale.

2 BEDROOM HOUSE  
 Central heat, completely redecorated.

VACANT LOTS FOR SALE-for trailer and buildings in all sections of town.

WE NEED ALL KINDS OF LISTINGS HOUSES, FARMS & RANCHES

**WATER WELL DRILLING**  
 TEST HOLES  
 WATER WELLS & PUMP SERVICE  
 A.C. BLAKENEY  
 915-529-3210

**LUCAS & HAYS WELDING**  
 111 Kent  
 All Types Welding  
 Ph. 928-5630 or 928-5794

For All Your Electrical Needs (at reasonable prices)  
**GOODGION BROS. ELECTRIC**  
 P.O. BOX 392  
 TYE, TEXAS  
 Dannie 692-3215  
 or Leroy 692-5377

WE PAY 150% OVER FACE VALUE FOR ALL SILVER COINS.  
 (\$2.50 FOR \$1.00 SILVER) (We pay 25c for silver dimes)  
**PRATTS COIN & STAMP SHOP**  
 2155 S. 1st.  
 Abilene, Texas

**CANCER BENEFIT POLICY \$50,000 COVERAGE**  
 CALL MY OFFICE FOR DETAILS CONCERNING PRICE AND COVERAGE  
 PREMIUM CAN BE PAID ANNUALLY, SEMI-ANNUALLY, OR MONTHLY  
**CYRUS PEE INSURANCE**  
 126 KENT 928-5613

## FOR RENT

FOR RENT-2 bedroom mobile home, furnished, \$80, 928-5635 at night, 37-1tc

### Miscellaneous

**MERKEL VFW POST 5683 MONTHLY REG. MEETING 8:30 P.M.**

**SECOND THURSDAY POST & LADIES AUXILIARY Y'ALL COME NOW!**

**MASONIC MEETING**  
 Stated meeting of Merkel Lodge No. 710 on 2nd Saturday and 4th Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Visitors welcome. Members urged to attend.

**WILEY NOAH, W.M. ROY MASHBURN, Sec'y**

**FOR MONUMENTS and CEMETERY CURBING**  
 M.A. (Sarg) Noster  
 1404 Herring Dr.  
 Merkel, Texas  
 Phone 928-5565

## FOR SALE

1972-195 Suzuki dirt bike, but street legal. Call 928-5235-good condition.

**GOOD USED CLOTHING** at low, low prices. New items arriving every day. Come in and see for yourself. Budget Store next door to Emma's Clothes Closet.

37-1tc  
 DO YOU HAVE a retirement program? Let your Farm Bureau Agent show you the Indv. Ret. Act. or the RR10. For information call R. Lee Brown, 928-4885.

35-2tc  
 FOR SALE-1967 Ford T-Bird 390 V-8, Loaded, \$395, Call Bob, 928-4933 or 928-5658.

**TYPEWRITERS ADDING MACHINES SALES SERVICE RENTALS**  
 PHONE 928-5374  
 211 ASH  
 MERKEL  
**JERRI'S TYPEWRITER SERVICE**

**ALL TYPES OF INSURANCE**  
**BONEY INSURANCE AGENCY**  
 Phone 8-5151

## SERVICES

**UPHOLSTERY SPECIAL:** Cover couch and chair \$100.00 labor. Call 928-4939 after 6 p.m.

37-2tp  
 DO YOU KNOW AND Understand the new insurance coverage on your car or truck? For information call your Farm Bureau Agent, R. Lee Brown, 928-4885.

35-2tc  
 NEED HELP-Call Outreach 928-5859 or come by The Youth Center at 1028 North First between 9 and 11 a.m.

26-ttc  
 FOR FINE Furniture upholstery fabrics at better prices visit Randy's Fabrics, 1120 Butternut, Abilene. Professional upholstery available.

37-1tc  
**FOODLE GROOMING**-November 15-16, 928-5445, Cathy Kelley.

## GARAGE SALE

37-1tp  
 GARAGE SALE: 412 Marion-Saturday and Sunday-Boys' good clothing, lots good toys, baby furniture and misc., 928-5090.

**FOR YOUR WELDING NEEDS**  
 CALL  
**JOHN LUCKEY**  
 928-5149  
**MERKEL**

**FOR THOSE GOOD SHELL PRODUCTS STOP BY DISHMAN'S SHELL**  
 211 KENT  
 928-5222  
**MECHANIC ON DUTY**

**SERVICE**  
 Our Specialty  
**J. L. FISHER FINA SERVICE**  
 TWO LOCATIONS  
 INTERSTATE 20 & WEST HIGHWAY 80  
**MERKEL AUTO PARTS**  
 921 N. 2nd  
 OPEN SATURDAYS TOO  
 WE WELCOME YOUR BUSINESS

## CARD OF THANKS

WE WISH TO EXPRESS Our sincere appreciation for the kind expressions of sympathy in the death of our loved one. For the visits, prayers, cards, food, memorials and beautiful floral offerings.

May God's richest blessings be with each of you.  
 The John Shannon Family  
 37-1tc

**WILL YOUR BENEFICIARY** be responsible for the income tax on your Life Insurance? Why pay this Estate Tax. To save taxes call your Farm Bureau Agent, R. Lee Brown, 928-4885.

35-2tc  
 THE FAMILY OF L. E. Riney wishes to express deep gratitude for all the remembrances of flowers and food, for the beautiful song service and for other deeds of love and sympathy shown during the loss of our father and grandfather.

37-1tc  
 AGAIN, WE THANK You of our home town, for helping us over another rough spot. For your thoughts, prayers and cards, we do appreciate. Also for the ones that ran by or called my mother, Mrs. J. H. Clark, Sr. helping her through the day of my surgery. We say thank you and God Bless. Mel and Bernice Jones Lubbock, Texas

**SEAT COVER CENTER**  
 \*Truck Covers  
 \*Seat Cushions  
 \*Door Panels  
 \*Arm Rests  
 \*Headliners  
 1056 BUTTERNUT  
 677-1349  
**ABILENE**

**HAUL YARD & DRIVEWAY MATERIAL**  
 anything you want  
 CALL  
 862-2303

**SPECIAL SALE**  
 14x60-2 Bdrm, Furnished  
**WASHER & DRYER**  
 Carpet, Drapes, Delivery up to 100 mi, normal setup, Free Anchoring  
**\$500 Down-\$108.19 mos.**  
 for 144 mos. 12.09% Annual Percentage Rate.....  
 Payment includes Sales Tax, Registration Fees, and 3 Yrs Insurance  
**20 at this special from now til end of year.**  
 These are brand new 1977 models.  
**EL TYE O**  
 Trailer Sales Corp.  
 Tye Tx 698-2180

**TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION**  
 MEMBER 1976  
**The Merkel Mail**  
 PUBLISHERS STATEMENT  
 Established in 1889  
 Published weekly at 916 N. Second St., Merkel, Texas  
 Entered at the Post Office at Merkel, Texas, 79536 as second class mail.

Any erroneous reflection upon the character, standing or reputation of any person, firm or corporation, which may appear in the columns of the newspaper will be corrected, gladly, upon being brought to the attention of the publisher.

**SUBSCRIPTION RATE:** \$4.75 Per Year Taylor and adjoining counties, \$5.50 Per Year outside of Taylor and adjoining counties.

Member of the Texas Press Association, and West Texas Press Association.

STEVE LANHAM, . . . . . Publisher  
 Carl Dingler, . . . . . Editor  
 Martha Bue Justice, . . . . . Advertising Sales Manager  
 For Classified Rates:  
 \$1.50 minimum for the first four lines (18 words). Excess of 4 lines will be charged at the rate of 8 cents per word. TERMS: 25 cents discount if bill paid prior to first insertion. Card of Thanks \$3 for the first 50 words, 6 cents per word for each additional word. TERMS: Cash in advance unless account is established. NOTICE of typographical or other errors must be given before the second insertion or claims for refunds or extensions will not be recognized.

1973 PONTIAC CATALINE 4 dr, sedan, air cond., power . . . . . \$1995

1974 CHEVROLET NOVA Hatchback Coupe, air, power. . . . . \$2295

76 BONNEVILLE BROUGHAM 4-dr, hardtop, pretty red with white vinyl roof, 60-40 seats, super loaded! A beauty . . . . . ????

1972 CHEVY CAPRICE 4 dr., air cond., power. . . . . \$1995

1970 VOLKSWAGON SQUAREBACK Station-wagon. Air conditioner, radio, 4 speed, luggage rack. Only . . . . . \$1095

1974 CHEV. MONTE CARLO, air and power, stereo tape player, radial tires, 37,000 miles. Silver with black vinyl top. Real NICE. Only. . . . . \$3995

1973 CHEVROLET CAPRICE CLASSIC 2 dr, hardtop, air, power, 31,000 miles, white with black vinyl top, real nice, one owner car. . . . . \$3195

1975 VEGA ESTATE WAGON auto, air conditioned, luggage rack, 12,000 miles, like new. Only . . . . . \$2995

We have several other nice used cars, SO COME SEE US  
**"We Sell 'Em-We Lease 'Em"**  
**Palmer Pontiac & GMC**  
**MERKEL**  
 ABILENE 673-1182      MERKEL, TEXAS 928-5113

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
 NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF JEAN HUBERT GWEN, DECEASED: Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Administration with the Will annexed upon the Estate of Jean Hubert Owen, Deceased, were issued to me, the undersigned Administratrix with the Will annexed, on the 25th day of October, 1976, in the proceeding indicated, which is still pending, and that I now hold such Letters. All persons having claims against said estate, which is being administered in the county below named, are hereby required to present the same to me respectively, at the address below given, before suit upon same are barred by the general statutes of limitation, before such estate is closed, and within the time prescribed by law. My residence is at 3642 Hunters Glen, Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, and my post office address to which claims should be presented is c/o The Owen Company, 625 First National Bank Building, Abilene, Texas 79601.

Dian Graves Owen, Administratrix with the Will annexed of the Estate of Jean Hubert Owen, Deceased No. 12,692 in the County Court of Taylor County, Texas, 37-1tc

**NEED A New Water Well Drilled? Also Install Meyers Subs & Jacuzzi Jets**  
**ROBERT HIGGINS**  
 928-5998

**Jim's Welding Service**  
 Oilfield--General Aluminum And Alloy. Heliarc Repair In My Shop In Stith.  
 915-928-5459

**CAN HAUL DIRT ROCK & GRAVEL LEVEL & REPAIR DRIVEWAYS**  
 Call Evenings  
**Harold Walker**  
 Phone 928-5872  
 202 Cherry

**WANTED**  
 Wheat, Oat or Stalk field grazing  
 CONTACT  
**R. L. Bland Jr.**  
 862-2951  
 862-2011

**When Is Your Selling**

**CLASSIFIED INFORMATION**

**No Secret At All?**

**WHEN OVER 5000 PEOPLE READ IT IN The Merkel Mail**

If you've got something to sell . . . we'll get your message across! And our big readership guarantees you lots of prospects!

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
 CITATION BY PUBLICATION  
 THE STATE OF TEXAS  
 TO: the Unknown Natural Father, Respondent,  
 GREETINGS:  
 YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable Domestic Relations Court, Taylor County, Texas, at the Courthouse of said County in Abilene, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the Monday next after the expiration of 20 days from the date of service of this citation, then and there to answer the petition of Christian Homes of Abilene, Inc., Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 26th day of October, 1976, against Sandra Thomasson, natural mother and the unknown natural father, Respondents, and said suit being numbered 12,476-DR on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Interest of Rita Thomasson, a Child," the nature of which suit is a request to Terminate Parent-Child Relationship. Said child was born the 23 day of

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
 CITATION BY PUBLICATION  
 THE STATE OF TEXAS  
 TO: Sammie Lee Cline, Respondent,  
 GREETINGS:  
 YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable Domestic Relations Court, Taylor County, Texas, at the Courthouse of said County in Abilene, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the Monday next after the expiration of 20 days from the date of service of this citation, then and there to answer the first Amended petition of Jane Abor Cline, Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 26 day of October, 1976, against Sammie Lee Cline, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 9333-DR on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Matter of The Marriage of Jane Abor

**NEED A New Water Well Drilled? Also Install Meyers Subs & Jacuzzi Jets**  
**ROBERT HIGGINS**  
 928-5998

**Bob's Sharpening Service**  
 701 S 2nd  
 chain, circle and hand saws, scissors, pinking shears, etc.  
 928-5595

**AUTHORIZED DEALER**  
 Lawn & Garden Equipment  
**Allis-Chalmers-Owatonna**  
 Hay Machinery  
 Farm Equipment and Forney  
 Welding Equipment  
**Shafer Plows - Continel Belton Products**  
**677-4349**  
**DOTY FARM EQUIPMENT CO.**  
 366 Chestnut  
 Nights-Sundays-Holidays 672-2451 - 698-2522



## Eighth grade blasts Winters, Seventh falls

"The whole defensive unit did an excellent job. Overall, it was the best physical game we have played all year." Thus spoke a very pleased coach Greg Henderson on his

eighth grade football victory over Winters Thursday in the mud and rain. The Eighth grade pulled off a 14-6 victory, its second of the season and helped make up

for an earlier 20-0 loss to this same Winters club. He said, "We really played a very strong ball game. We went out and pushed them all over the field and outplayed them bad."

touchdown run and the winning margin.

The seventh grade of Coach Russell Gee couldn't overcome the cold and rain and made a lot of mistakes. It cost them, 26-0.

The eighth grade is 2-5 for the year and the seventh grade is 0-6.

Both teams end the season Thursday at Wylie with the seventh grade playing at 6 p.m. and the eighth grade at 7:30 p.m.

## Blair reunion planned

Recently a group met to plan a Blair Area Reunion. Plans have been made to meet at the Senior Citizen's building November 20 for an all day meeting.

Anyone that knows of a former resident of Blair, IXL, White Church, Castle Peak, Center Point, Butman, Nubia, Derrington, Possum Trot, or any Canyon Community we failed to mention, please help out by contacting each person.

Families are invited, all ex school teachers and pastors of churches are urged to be present. Please start calling or writing anyone you know.

A covered dish luncheon will be served. Bread and drinks will be furnished.

Bring any pictures or newspaper clippings of days gone by.

For further information, call Arthur Moore, Ed Sandusky, John B. Hughes, Billy D. Doan, Fae Brown, or Hester Martin.

## JV loses close mud battle

The Merkel High School Junior Varsity battled cold, rain and mud and an undefeated Winters Junior Varsity

last week down to the wire before losing, 12-6.

Coach Tony Mauldin's crew ends the season Thursday against Wylie at Badger Stadium, starting at 7:30 p.m. Quarterback Mike Sims was the leading rusher for the Badgers and scored on a 60-yard run for Merkel's touchdown.

Coach Mauldin said Winters broke twice on the Badgers on sweeps.

He pointed out that it was quite a battle in the mud and the Badgers did a good job defensively, playing good football.

Meanwhile, the ninth grade played at Rotan and lost 22-0.

The ninth graders also end their season Thursday in Badger Stadium against Wylie.

## Badger Tracks

The Badgers tangle with the Wylie Bulldogs this week in the last home game of the season. Come out and back the Badgers Friday night at Badger Stadium at 7:30. Half-time activities at this week's game will include announcement of Football Hero, Football Sweetheart, Band Favorites, Most Valuable Pep Squad Member, and Pep Squad Beau.

It's fruit cake time again, folks! The Merkel High Student Council is now selling fruit cakes. Get your orders in now for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Fruit cakes make great gift ideas and they are good eating. To put in your order contact any Council members including me, Suzy Rister 928-5401.

## Little League sponsors chili supper

The Merkel Little League Auxiliary is having a Chili Supper Friday November 5 from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Merkel School Cafeteria. Tickets are \$1.25 and are available at the door. Menu includes chili beans, crackers, tea and coffee. Desserts will be extra. Come by and eat with us and go to the ball game.

## Cub Scout news

Thank all the parents and leaders for their fine support in getting the Cubs in the parade Saturday. We are looking forward to the next one.

Somehow the name missed getting in last week's paper for the jar of pennies. It was Eddy Reddy.

There will be a weiner roast at the home of Darrell Shipman Friday November 12 for the entire pack. We are looking forward to it.

## Pre-Paid Funeral Plans

Funeral Service Insurance

Life Insurance

STARBUCK

FUNERAL

HOME

928-4711

## LAY A WAY CHRISTMAS AT CRAWFORDS

MENS KNIT SHIRTS	VALUES TO \$17.00	\$11.99
MENS QUILTED NYLON JACKETS		\$7.99
PVC COATS	COMPARE TO \$25.00	\$19.99
NOCONA BOOTS		\$45.00
GIRLS SHOES	VALUES TO \$8.99	\$3.99
BLOUSES	VALUES TO \$8.99	\$4.99
100% NYLON BRIEF BY TEXSHEEN		\$1.35

FINE CLOTHING AND SHOES FOR THE FAMILY

## CRAWFORD'S

MASTERCHARGE 30 DAY CHARGE LAY-A-WAY

## Myadec capsules had no equal—until they made a tablet.

The Parke-Davis Myadec capsule contains a high-potency vitamin formula with minerals—9 important vitamins and 6 minerals, to be exact. And now this same high-potency vitamin product is also available in an easy-to-take tablet. That's one reason doctors and pharmacists are recommending Myadec tablets more than ever before. If you're active and on the go, stop in today and buy a supply of Myadec Tabs.



# MERKEL DRUG CO

121 EDWARDS

928-5012



FACT 220, Den 1--Members of the Merkel Cub Scouts, Den 1 who finished third in their heat of the recent cart races in Abilene are left to right, Darren Pack, Chris Cutler, Bryan Ford, David Glascock, Danny Brady, Parker Wilson and Johnny Starbuck. Others not pictured are Lyle Baker, Stewart Farquar and Kenny Sims.

## Tye carnival termed success

In spite of the rainy weather, the Tye Elementary Halloween Carnival sponsored by the Tye P. T. O. was a big success. Proceeds from the carnival amounted to \$1,604.08!

There was also a Halloween King and Queen contest. The King and Queen from each room were selected by class vote, and the winner was determined by the grade or room collecting the most money.

Nominees selected were: Cristie Jo Criner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Criner and John T. Coates, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joan Coates, Kindergarten, Julie Payne, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Leonard Payne, and Joe Alvarez, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Alvarez, Sr., first grade Mrs. Evans room. Mizzi Shelton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Shelton, and Kenny Dossier, son of Sharon Chroge, first grade Mrs. Mitchell's room. Angela Tyler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Tyler, and Dusty Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Moore, second grade. Delma Mendez, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Mendez, and Mike Keith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Keith, third grade. Lisa Cantu, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Cantu, and Bill Adams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Adams, fourth grade. Donna Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Miller, and Charles Collier, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Collier, fifth grade.

Crowned King and Queen of the Carnival were Mike Keith and Delma Mendez from the third grade. Mr. Bill Adams, P. T. O. President, Mr. Todd, Principal, and the faculty of the Tye Elementary School wish to express their appreciation to the many parents who worked so hard to help make the Carnival the big success it was.

## Jones County HD meet

The Jones County Home Demonstration Council met October 20 in the Federal Housing Building for regular council meeting. Eight clubs were represented by thirteen members, two officers and one visitor. The marketing committee reported there are note cards, Christmas cards and heck book covers for sale. The county Christmas party will be at the Lions Club Building December 7. Next Council meeting will be November 17.



## Shugart, Lush domino champs

There were 19 teams battling for championship of the domino world in Merkel Friday and Saturday. When it was all over in the Merkel High VICA Club tournament, Dale Shugart and Tom Lush were crowned champions.

David Pursley and J. C. Foster finished second and Gordon Pursley and Odell Dickerson were third.

Shugart and Lush won five straight settings to advance in

the tournament and to capture top honors.

The tournament not only determined the domino champion of the "Big Country" it also raised funds for the VICA employee-employer banquet.

## Band Boosters

A Band Booster Club meeting has been set for Monday night.

The Club will meet in the High School auditorium at 7:30 p.m.



## Chef's Special

By Andy Anderson  
Merkel Country Club

## Hungarian Goulash

This weeks recipe is a real man handler and is also a great way to use left over meat into a terrific meal.

1 number 2 can sauerkraut  
1 bay leaf  
1/2 tsp. black pepper  
2 med. onions, finely chopped  
1/4 c. shortening  
2 Tbsp. paprika  
1/2 tsp. marjoram (optional)  
2 lb. combination boned beef, veal and pork (Note any one kind of meat may be substituted for combination) cut into 1 inch cubes.  
Salt to taste  
1 c. sour cream

1. Wash sauerkraut in cold water and drain.
2. Add 1/2 cup cold water, bay leaf and pepper; simmer for 30 minutes.
3. Saute onions in shortening until tender; stir in paprika, marjoram and meat, cover; simmer for 30 minutes, stirring occasionally.
4. Mix in sauerkraut and 1/2 cup water; simmer covered until meat is tender about 1 hour and 30 minutes; or bake in 300 degree oven for 1 hour and 30 minutes.
5. Add water if necessary; salt to taste.
6. Stir in sour cream; serve on hot buttered noodles. Makes 6-8 servings.



## SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

MONDAY Chickenfried steak with cream gravy Whipped potatoes Pickled beets Hot rolls Fruit float	otatoes au gratin at rolls Apple cheese crisps
TUESDAY Beef tacos with taco sauce Lettuce and tomatoes Cheese Pinto beans Orange wedges	THURSDAY Fried chicken with cream gravy Buttered corn Green salad with choice of dressing Hot rolls Whipped lime jello
WEDNESDAY Barbecue beef Seasoned green beans	FRIDAY Hamburgers Lettuce, tomatoes, onion, pickles French fries with catsup Chocolate chip cookies Orange juice

## CAL-TEX BUYERS OF CATTLE MILO AND HAY

ROUTE 2 BOX 128  
TRENT, TX.

915-862-2951

CUSTOM CATTLE FEEDING



DOMINO WINNERS--Winners of the Merkel High VICA Club domino tournament at the Lions Club Saturday were Dale Shugart and H. C. Lusk (right). They beat J. C. Foster and David Pursley (left) in the finals. The victors won five settings in the best two-of-three game tourney with 19 teams battling for trophies.



# ARM LOAD OF VALUES



NOW!  
NEW LOWER  
PRICE

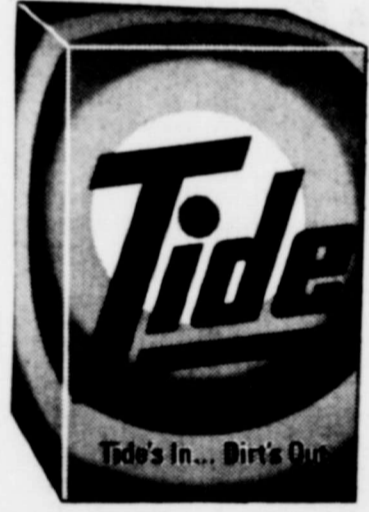
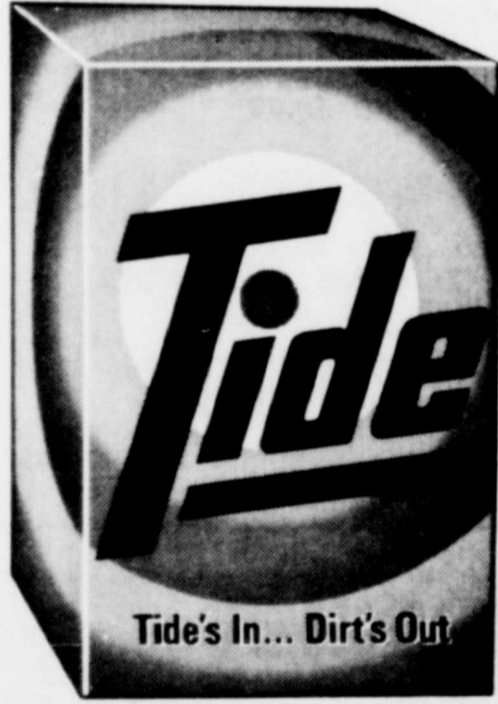


NOW!  
NEW LOWER  
PRICE

## DAWN

22 OZ.  
GIANT  
SIZE

# 73¢



## TIDE

49 OZ.  
GIANT  
SIZE

# \$1<sup>19</sup>



NEW 65 OZ.  
FAMILY  
SIZE

## CASCADE

# \$1<sup>59</sup>

WE  
WELCOME  
FOOD  
STAMPS  
SHOP  
AND  
SAVE



WE GIVE  
GIFT BOND  
STAMPS

Double on  
Wednesday  
with \$5.00  
or more

# CARSON'S

SUPER MARKET  
MERKEL, TEXAS  
FRESH VEGETABLES



FREE DELIVERY  
MON WED FRI  
BEST MEATS IN TOWN



PRICES GOOD  
THURSDAY  
FRI & SAT  
NOVEMBER  
4-5-6th

# SAVE *the* MOST

DEL MONTE  
**RAISINS**

15 OZ.  
BOX

**79¢**

on the **FOODS**  
YOU LIKE BEST



**NYQUIL**

COLD  
MEDICINE

6 OZ.  
BOT. **\$1.79**

LB. CAN **\$1.63**

WITH \$10 IN TRADE OR MORE  
EXCLUSIVE OF CIGARETTES

BORDEN  
**Ice CREAM**

1/2 GAL  
CRTN

**\$1.09**

**Frozen Foods**

VANS-PICKUPS-AIRPLANES  
TRACTOR-AMBULANCE

LARGE  
PLASTIC

## TOYS

WHILE  
THEY  
LAST

EACH **98¢**

GOOD CHRISTMAS PRESENT

MORTON HOUSE

**CHILI**

15 OZ.  
CAN

**55¢**

BORDEN

**LOW FAT MILK**

2 1/2 GAL  
CRTN

**\$1.63**

WHOLE SUN  
**ORANGE  
JUICE**

12 OZ  
CAN

**39¢**

LIPTONS  
ITALIAN  
VEGETABLES  
**SOUP**

2 PACK  
BOX

**39¢**

AMERICAN BEAUTY  
**MACARONI**

CHEESE  
DINNER

2 FOR **49¢**

GRIFFIN

**GRAPE JELLY**

18 OZ.  
GLASS

**53¢**

BORDEN

**Butter MILK**

1/2 GAL  
CRTN

**83¢**

BIRDSEYE 10 OZ. MIX or MATCH  
CUT CORN  
GREEN PEAS  
FLEISHMAN

2 FOR

**59¢**

**EGG Beaters**

TWIN  
PACK

**89¢**

GLADIOLA- 7 OZ  
PANCAKE- BISCUIT-CORN  
READY

## MIXES

2 FOR

**29¢**

KEEBLER  
**CRACKERS**

LB

**55¢**

GRIFFIN  
WHITE

**SYRUP**

QT.  
JAR

**83¢**

**PEPTO  
BISMOL**

4 OZ.  
BOT.

**69¢**

## MAYONNAISE

KRAFT  
QT. JAR

**98¢**

## FLOUR

## PARKAY

## CRISCO

GLADIOLA  
5 LB. BAG

(2 LIMIT)

**59¢**

OLEO  
QUARTERS LB

**43¢**

COOKING OIL  
48 OZ. JUG

1 LIMIT

**\$1.53**

## SHORTENING

3 LB.  
CAN

**89¢**

DISINFECTANT  
SPRAY  
**LYSOL**

14 OZ.  
CAN

**\$1.39**

CLOTHES  
WOODEN  
**PINS**

6 DOZ  
PKG.

**79¢**

CHIFFON  
FACIAL  
**TISSUE**

200 ct.  
BOX

**43¢**

ZEE  
**TOWELS**

JUMBO  
ROLL

**53¢**

Why **Our GROUND BEEF**



Makes the Juiciest,  
Tastiest Hamburgers

FRESH  
ALL MEAT  
LB

**59¢**

HUNTS 300  
**Fruit COCKTAIL**

2 FOR **69¢**

DEL MONTE 303  
**PUMPKIN**

2 FOR **59¢**

VEG-ALL 303  
**MIXED VEG.**

2 FOR **59¢**

HUNTS 300  
**SPINACH**

2 FOR **49¢**

HUNTS 300  
**New POTATOES**

2 FOR **53¢**

OUR DARLING 303  
**CORN**

CREAM STYLE  
GOLDEN

2 FOR **59¢**

VAN CAMP 300  
**PORK & BEANS**

2 FOR **53¢**

HUNTS 300  
**Tomato JUICE**

2 FOR **43¢**



## CORN

FRESH  
GOLDEN

2 EAR  
PACK

**23¢**

GOLDEN  
**BANANAS**

LB

**17¢**

RED EMPEROR  
**GRAPES**

LB

**39¢**

GOLDEN DELICIOUS  
**APPLES**

LB

**29¢**

FRESH CELLO POUND  
**CARROTS**

2 FOR

**39¢**

RUSSETS  
**SPUDS**

10 LB.  
BAG

**69¢**

## BACON

ARMOUR  
STAR

LB. **\$1.25**

## STEAK

CHOICE BEEF  
SIRLOIN

LB. **\$1.39**

## BRISKETS

BONELESS  
USDA CHOICE  
PACKER TRIM

LB. **85¢**

## STEAK

CHOICE BEEF  
ROUND

LB. **\$1.69**

## SAUSAGE

HORMEL  
LITTLE SIZZLER  
PKG.

**79¢**

## HAM

ARMOUR STAR  
ZIP TOP

3 LB  
CAN **\$5.19**

## PORK SPARE RIBS

FRESH

LB. **89¢**

WE  
WELCOME  
FOOD  
STAMPS  
SHOP  
AND  
SAVE



WE GIVE  
GIFT BOND  
STAMPS

Double on  
Wednesday  
with \$5.00  
or more

# CARSON'S SUPER MARKET

MERKEL TEXAS  
FRESH VEGETABLES



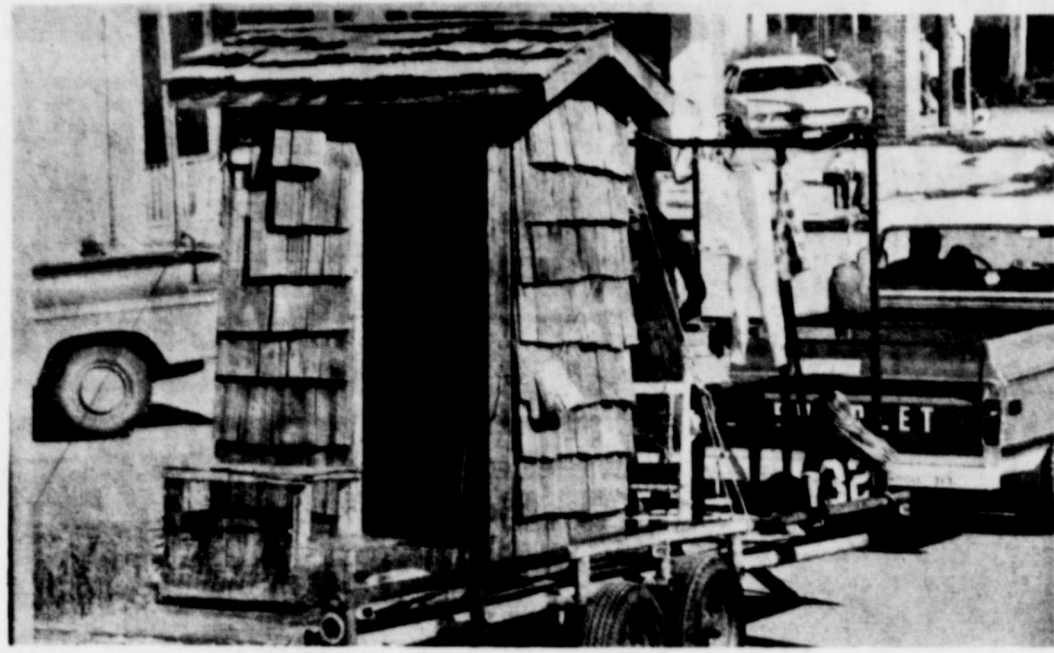
FRESH MEATS  
MONDAY  
BEST MEATS



# Craziest parade thrills spectators, termed great success



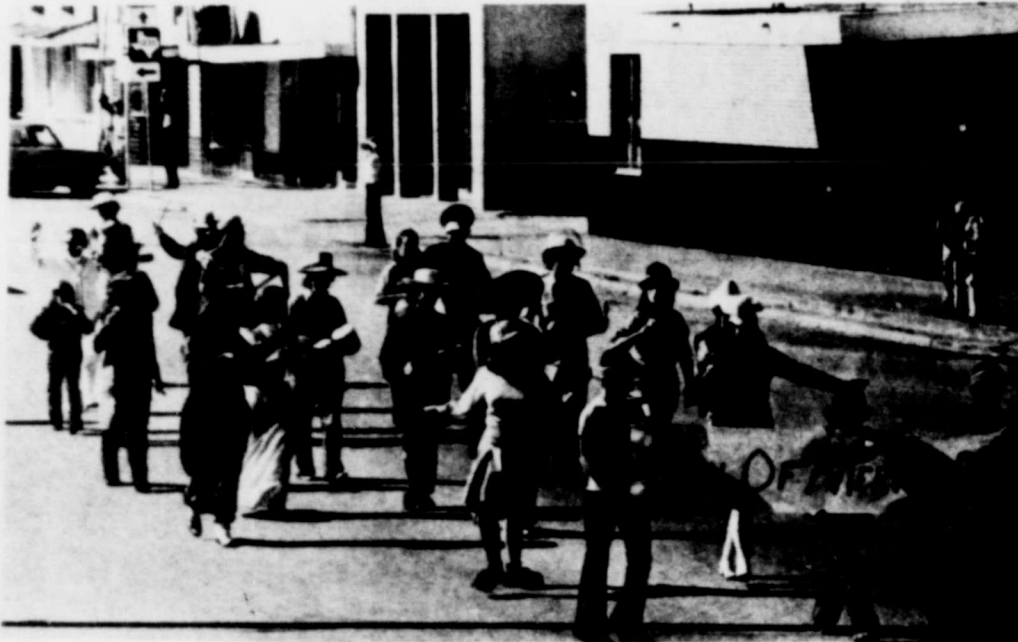
Too busy to drive, this youngster takes in sights.



VFW has best float. Who was mystery guest?



Winning car by Garden Club



City of Merkel Band--Band?



Winning horse by Mulberry Canyon 4-H Club



Halloween goblins get in early practice



Fire Auxillary "cooks" up a few "ribs"



Taking baby for a stroll



Netting a crazy shopper



Toy soldier salute



Bicycle brigade shows imagination



Homemade "crazy car" with walking brakes



Scouts prove in the swing of the festivities



## King, Queen winners preside over carnival

The PTO Halloween carnival Friday night was a roaring success with an overflow attendance of young people and parents taking advantage of the many games and activities.

In opening ceremonies the king and queen winners were announced from the Elementary School nominees.

Justin Amerine and Amy Irvin were named for third grade honors and Jackie Owen and Mike Hagar were named from the sixth grade.

In all the nominees col-

lected \$439.83 in pennies which also counted as votes to determine the winners.

Mikie Holcomb and Bridget Vaughn represented kindergarten, Amy Stuckey and Lee Leverich the first grade, Michelle Woodard and Britt Pursley the second grade, Tami Elliott and Tim Jacobs the fourth grade, Angie Allen and Russell Lucas the fifth grade, Rene Aiken and Gary Tutt the seventh grade and Cindy Doan and Kelly Knight the eighth grade.

## Gorillas clinch district title, Witherral zone opponent

Trent High School's Gorillas wind up their regular season Friday at Hobbs and then start preparing for the Zone football playoffs against Witherral.

Coach Bobby Campbell's crew clinched the playoff Friday with a 24-6 victory over Hermleigh. Hermleigh has to play Highland this week and the winner will have lost to Trent. Therefore, should the Gorillas stumble at Hobbs they will still represent District 3-B in the six-man playoffs.

The Trent officials met with Witherral Saturday in Post and set the playoff game for November 12 at 7:30 p.m. in Lamesa. Witherral is undefeated this season.

The Gorillas found the muddy field to their liking and advantage against the larger Hermleigh team Friday night to clinch the title with a 4-0 district

and 6-2 season win-loss record.

Hermleigh is tied with Highland at 3-1 in district.

Herbert Beaver put Trent in front with a minute left in the second quarter on a 71-yard scamper. James Mays then returned the opening kickoff of the second half 50 yards and Coach Campbell said this was what appeared to break the back of Hermleigh.

Tim Peterson ran 25 yards to score later in the third period and then Robert Freeman passed 30 yards to Rocky Bryan for the final Trent touchdown the fourth period.

Coach Campbell again praised the Trent defensive unit for limiting Hermleigh to but seven first downs during the contest. "The defense really came on," he said.

He pointed out the muddy field was an added advantage for the Gorillas

who stuck to the sweeps and sideline patterns while Hermleigh couldn't run its regular game of power through the middle.

The Gorillas will be on more even terms with Hobbs, Coach Campbell said. He points out the Hobbs team will be of more equal size with his club.

He expects Hobbs to pass 30 or 40 times during the game Friday as they run out of a semi-spread formation. Their freshman quarterback is a good passer and scrambles a great deal.

Hobbs is 4-5 for the year and 2-2 in district going into this final game of the season.

Hobbs has victories over Davide, 44-8, Lueders-Avoca, 28-12, McCaulley, 40-20 and Ira, 54-6.

The losses have been to Weinert, 41-26, to Wellman, 80-34, to Blackwell,

76-38, to Hermleigh, 34-8 and to Highland, 32-30.

Leading the scoring for Hobbs is Mark Anderle with 9 touchdowns and 11 2-point conversions for 76 points. Mike Martin has 10 touchdowns for 60 points, Frank Miranda has scored six times for 36 points, Willie Ogen has 10 touchdowns for 60 points and Don Denman has four scores for 24 points. Wayne Jones has scored three times and Raymond Soto twice.

Trent is still being led by James Mays with 20 touchdowns for 120 points and Herbert Beaver with 15 touchdowns and an extra point for 91 points. Rocky Bryan now has four touchdowns for 24 points, Kenny Nance has 11 points on points after, Alan Morse has a touchdown and 10 extra points for 16 and Jimmy Adams and Gilbert Beaver each have a touchdown.



CARNIVAL ROYALTY--Named King and Queen of the PTO Carnival Friday are left to right Mike Hagar and Jackie Owen of the sixth grade and Justin Amerine and Amy Irvin of third grade.



NOMINEES--Nominees for the King, Queen carnival at the PTO event Friday are left to right, Angie Allen, Tim Jacobs, Tami Elliott, Britt Pursley and Michelle Woodard.



NOMINEES--Nominees for the King, Queen contest for the PTO Carnival Friday are left to right, Cindy Doan, Kelly Knight, Russell (Fonz) Lucas, Gary Tutt, Lee Leverich and Amy Stuckey.

### Cotton producers invited to Trent meet

A meeting is planned Monday at Trent's Planters Gin to determine the need for a

boll weevil control program for Western Taylor and Eastern Nolan Counties.

The meeting starts at 10 a.m.

### Drama's Delima great fun

The Drama's Dilemma as presented at Merkel High School last week as part of Crazy Days festivities was an expertly performed play.

It was really funny.

All the drama students took part in the production. It was written and directed by the drama students and Kathy Harkey.

One of the highlights of the play was a skit on "Welcome Back Teacher" which was a takeoff on the Welcome Back Kotter tv program.

Teacher was played by a

Merkel High Student, Connie Brazell while the students were played by teachers and coaches Hill, McLeod, and Maulden, and Pat Dudley, coaches Richard Hill, Jerry McLeod, and Tony Maulden, and Pat Dudley, Kathy Harkey, and Gayle Baker.

All cotton producers are encouraged to attend and express their views on the need for such a program.

### Tax workshop planned

Tax practitioners will review the "recapture of depreciation" in a workshop in San Angelo November 22-23.

register a week in advance by mailing check (payable to Director's Custodian Fund) to him at Route 1, Box 950, San Angelo 76901. His phone is 653-4576.

### Open house

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service, in cooperation with the Internal Revenue Service, is sponsoring the workshop, in the Texas A & M University Agricultural Research and Extension Center at San Angelo.

Robert H. Kensing, Extension economist and coordinator of the workshop, said those attending will review new developments and problem areas.

Tuition is \$15, and enrollment is limited. Kensing is urging practitioners to

The public is invited to an open house at the new home of the Glen Bicknell's Sunday from 2-4 p.m.

It had been originally set for October 24 but was postponed.

The new house is located a mile east and two miles north of Stith. They request no gifts.

DISTRICT 3-B (SIX-MAN)				LEADING SCORERS			
SEASON STANDINGS				TD EP TP			
W	L	Pts.	Opp.	Player	Points	Extra	TD
Trent	6	2274	210	Mays, Trent	120	0	120
Hermleigh	6	2256	164	Kreps, Highland	13	20	98
Highland	6	3377	255	H. Beaver, Trent	15	1	91
Hobbs	4	3123	309	Peterson, Hermleigh	14	0	86
Ira	2	1503	335	Anderle, Hobbs	9	22	76
McCaulley	0	8150	420	Kemp, McCaulley	11	0	66
				Corbell, Ira	10	5	55
				Marrin, Hobbs	10	0	60
				Ogden, Hobbs	10	0	60
				Kesner, Ira	8	4	52

DISTRICT				LAST WEEK'S RESULTS			
W	L	Pts.	Opp.	Team	Score	Opp.	Score
Trent	4	0	147	84	Trent 24	Hermleigh 6	Highland 48
Hermleigh	3	1	156	62	McCaulley 0	Hobbs 54	Ira 6
Highland	3	1	182	89			
Hobbs	2	2	142	92			
McCaulley	0	4	78	202			
Ira	0	4	69	235			

FRIDAY'S SCHEDULE  
Trent at Hobbs, 7:30 p.m.; Highland at Hermleigh, McCaulley at Ira.

**WE NOW HAVE**

**JEANS**  
SIZES 3 THRU 15

**TOPS**  
ALL SIZES

COME IN TO SEE OUR  
NEW CHRISTMAS ITEMS

**EMMA'S CLOTHES CLOSET**  
928-5100 131 KENT

**PRE-INVENTORY SALE**  
THURS., FRI., SAT.

**MENS & BOYS LEE KNIT LEISURE SUITS**  
10% and 20% OFF

**BOYS LEVI DENIM SHIRT JACKET**  
VALUES TO \$15.00  
\$5.00

**MENS & BOYS LONG SLEEVE DRESS WESTERN & KNIT PULL-OVERS** 10% OFF

**ALL MENS FELT HATS**  
\$35.00 VALUE \$25.00

**GROUP LADIES SUITS (MIX & MATCH) SHELLS, BLOUSES, JACKETS, PANTS**  
30% OFF

**GROUP WESTERN BLOUSES & PANTS**  
CHOICE \$5.99

**VINYL PVC JACKETS** 20% OFF

**MENS, LADIES & CHILDRENS BOOTS**  
10% TO 20% OFF

**CIRCLE A WESTERN HOUSE**

## Reaction, solutions on drug issue varies

Reaction to the report of the increasing drug situation in Merkel has produced varied comments.

The subject has been discussed by the students in classes at Merkel High, among sorority groups, in the pulpit of the churches Sunday and on the street corners and in the beauty and barber shops.

Results have varied from grateful to find out about the problem so that something may be done to disbelief that any problem exists.

The problem came to light last week when the Merkel Mail began interviewing students in a reaction to a School Board meeting concerning dances.

Student reaction in the class discussions at Merkel High contended the percentage of those having tried marijuana or drugs is too high.

The percentage quoted in the stories last week ranged from 100 per cent from an admitted user to 75 to 85 per cent by a majority of the 10 teen-agers interviewed.

Naturally, the 100 per cent is unrealistic. However, it does indicate a high percentage of users and it was that person's belief.

What did the students feel was a more realistic figure during the class discussions? Well, they averaged out from 50 to 65 per cent, according to some of the teachers conducting the discussions. Still a pretty high percentage.

The students felt that drugs do exist among the students but that it is no problem.

Some of the top officials and pastors were asked to comment on the situation.

Most had no public comment although several talked freely of the problem and possible solutions.

Incidentally, there was no pat solution presented because the problem of dealing with a drug-related situation is so new to this area of the country.

Merkel High Superintendent Travis Davis said he had no comment at this time. "The students are taking a look at it. Rather not be quoted at this time."

Principal Lee Presswood also went along with making no public statement.

Coach Jerry McLeod said most of the teen-agers in his health classes felt like the percentage was out of line or a "bunch of stuff" and that it painted a bad picture of teen-agers. They don't agree with that. (The 100 per cent figure)

He added that they felt that it is not any worse than at any other high school.

School Board member Jackie Reynolds said he didn't have any official comment. "I wouldn't know a drug user if he passed me on the street, I'm just not familiar with the situation and wouldn't want to say one way or another."

Board member Dink Whisenant also preferred not to make a public statement at this time. Other board members could not be reached for their reaction.

All the pastors had related sermons during Sunday services. The Rev. Russell McAnally at First Methodist Church told his congregation that "we know we have a problem and we are going to have a problem from now on and we are going to have to learn to deal with them."

McAnally said he would issue an individual statement later.

Larry Gill of the Merkel Church of Christ told his congregation that there was nothing constructive in the Merkel Mail this week.

Gill could not be reached for individual comment and the Rev. Kenneth Jones of First Baptist Church also was busy and not immediately available for a response.

The Rev. Wayne Taylor at Calvary Baptist Church offered some suggestions toward a solution:

"First of all, if the adults would stop drinking the children would stop using drugs."

"Second, there are not enough activities in Merkel for the teen-agers to keep them busy."

"I would also like to say that I think alcohol is just as poisonous as drugs are."

He added, "The paper was correct in what was printed on the large number of children using drugs. The truth needs to be printed."

"I just hope that it doesn't take a tragedy to wake the people up."

The Rev. Jack McClendon at Grace Presbyterian Church said, "I would like for the kids to know that I would like to help with any or all of their problems. I believe that I have a broad and uncritical shoulder that they can lean on whenever they would like to voice some of their problems."

Everyone did agree that the problem shouldn't be hidden, ignored or passed off with a light shrug of the shoulders and taken lightly.

**FOR ALL YOUR INSURANCE NEEDS . . .**

**SEYMORE INSURANCES**  
102 EDWARDS  
928-5379

Auto, Property, General Liability,  
Crop, Health, Life, Disability, Tax-sheltered  
retirement, Educational plans

**FARMERS UNION SERVICE POINT**

I do portraits in oil. Call Patty Wellborn at 928-5395 or place order at Castille Hardware and see examples of my work.

Make nice presents for grandmothers, parents, boy-friends, etc.  
18 x 22-\$60.00  
16 x 20-\$45.00  
Smaller-\$35.00  
Can work from photographs.

**BEN\*FRANKLIN**

**TOYTOWN**

... IS BIGGER AND BETTER THAN EVER!

**NOW IN PROGRESS**

**WATCH FOR OUR CIRCULARS COMING SOON!**

**BEN\*FRANKLIN**

201 KENT  
STORE HOURS MON.-SAT. 8:00-6:30

master charge





Pug Harris dressed for shopping



Annette Melton at work on time

HERO news

The Merkel High School H. E. R. O. Chapter surprised the residents of Starr Nursing Home with "treats" in Jack-O-Lanterns. The treats were hand lotions, chocolate bars, toothpaste, chewing gum, Kleenex tissues, etc. The students wore Halloween attire, to entertain the residents. These students are in the H. E. R. O. work program at Merkel High School. Their advisor is Mrs. Mary Grimes.

4-H meeting set

The Merkel 4-H Club will hold its regular meeting at the 5th Community Center Tuesday at 7 p.m. Their last regular meeting was a very interesting leather craft workshop given by a representative from Tandy in Abilene.

5th HD Club

Mashburn brought a game for recreation. Our program was given by Mrs. Nancy Wilburn, county agent, on decorating your table. There were 5 members and 2 visitors present.

Check seed tags

Farmers buying certified seed to plant their 1977 crop should pay particular attention to the labels on the seed bag--there's been a change. Certified seed sold after January 1 must bear two labels--one certifying the variety and the other indicating a number of seed quality factors, points out a cotton specialist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Farmers must check both labels to get the complete story on the seed. In the past seed was certified for both variety and quality factors.

Support offered

Last week I received a call from a member of the police (local) department to render aid to a needy traveler. There were two men and a woman said to be the wife of the younger man. At first they wanted money. They had a check waiting for them in Dallas, Texas so they could go on to their home in Asheville, North Carolina. They would send the money back to us. We told them that we did not give money at any time, but that we would help them with gas for the car and food for them to eat. To make a long story short--it was then discovered that the gas tank was almost full and that they had so much to eat in the car that some of it was going to waste.

This is the story of most of the people I help as they come through Merkel. I am inclined to believe at times that ALL needy transients are dirty--smelly--and untruthful. This is because these are about the only ones I see. One rotten apple in a barrel can smell so bad that we think the whole barrel is rotten. And all of the apples will become rotten unless we do one of two things--No. 1. Either take the few rotten apples out of the good ones--or No. 2. Take the good ones away from the rotten ones. A lot of good apples will be ruined if we take the position that all of them are rotten--it is just as bad to take the attitude that, "Oh, well, a few rotten apples won't hurt anything." Whatever the cause of the attitude--The whole thing needs our attention, but I do hope that the good apples will get deserved attention.

There was a reference in the Merkel Mail through the report of the action of the PTO concerning the dances held in the Community Lion's Club building. The Lions Club made me responsible for the outside activities of the building. Some young people came to me to ask permission to have the youth dances in the building. I gave my consent and would have stayed with them, but I did not feel my presence would be appreciated.

Some of the youth leaders at that time did not always have adult supervision as they had promised. I wonder if they simply could not find anyone interested in them. There were some problems involved--I patched some holes in the walls--I picked up beer cans around in the place, and let them have the building time and time again when I was even advised to not do so. I knew that the vast majority of the young people were there simply to have a good time--it was difficult to do so as there were a few that wanted to do things that would break up the dances.

We could not have any more dances there because we could not get supervision. Our daughter was home from college several years ago, and her best girl friend came by and asked our daughter to go to a party with her. I inquired about this party and learned that it was to be a dance. It was held in one of the good homes of the community and was well supervised. Those young people did their own supervising. When they arrived at the dance--the daughter of one of the other pastor's asked our daughter if her parents knew that she was at the dance. She was informed that we knew, and then she said, "Please don't tell my dad for he would kill me."

We took some of our young people to a youth meeting on one occasion and they did some of the Folk Game dances. On the way home one of the girls said to the group, "It is sinful to dance because the passion rises when you get so close together and it is sinful." One of the other girls in the car replied--"You mean to tell me that we got closer together in our folk games than you and your young preacher boy friend do when you park behind the school house in that clump of trees?" That was the end of that discussion. I helped start the little youth center in the old Turner Cafe building--the building now belongs to them. Some of us are going to put a new roof on it in the next few days. This is for grade school youth--especially for those whose parents work and do not get home until after five. This helps keep them off the street. Sometimes there are as many as twenty five kids there at a time. Most people don't even know that it is there--and seem to care less.

People tell me that dancing is evil. I do not think so. Over twenty times the Bible tells about people dancing. They seemed to think it was all right. I do not think that dancing is evil--but I have seen some evils connected with dancing. Some think that Dancing and drink go together--Drink doesn't go any better with dancing than it does with driving. We don't talk about the evils of driving. We have some people who won't come to church because they don't like the way things are done.--But they go and sit at ball games where I have personally seen adults drinking and gambling debts being made and paid off.

Two years ago I permitted the Junior High to have the closing of school dance in the Lion's Club building. I stayed with them--as long as I could stand the loud music--But while I was there I never saw--NOT ONE SINGLE sign of anything evil. The boys and girls stood a few feet apart and turned and twisted and most of the time were not even looking at each other. If that is sinful--then I do not know what sin is. Some people sin more in their own minds now--just remembering what they did at dances in the old day.

In one town where I was pastor all the middle aged adults were talking about a dear brother and sister (husband and wife it was) who gave parties to give young people some where to go instead of those sinful dances. All the young people of that day left the dances--they told me--to go to the parties--because you could stay in the parked cars or go or do what you wanted to do at the parties--When you went to the dances you had to stay inside and that was not nearly so much fun.

This is what I started out to say--With adequate adult sponsorship--I will do all I can to provide a place where the youth would have SOMETHING to do instead of being left out with EVERYTHING to do.

Prayerfully, Russell McAnally

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

I do not think that dancing is evil--but I have seen some evils connected with dancing. Some think that Dancing and drink go together--Drink doesn't go any better with dancing than it does with driving. We don't talk about the evils of driving. We have some people who won't come to church because they don't like the way things are done.--But they go and sit at ball games where I have personally seen adults drinking and gambling debts being made and paid off.

Two years ago I permitted the Junior High to have the closing of school dance in the Lion's Club building. I stayed with them--as long as I could stand the loud music--But while I was there I never saw--NOT ONE SINGLE sign of anything evil. The boys and girls stood a few feet apart and turned and twisted and most of the time were not even looking at each other. If that is sinful--then I do not know what sin is. Some people sin more in their own minds now--just remembering what they did at dances in the old day.

In one town where I was pastor all the middle aged adults were talking about a dear brother and sister (husband and wife it was) who gave parties to give young people some where to go instead of those sinful dances. All the young people of that day left the dances--they told me--to go to the parties--because you could stay in the parked cars or go or do what you wanted to do at the parties--When you went to the dances you had to stay inside and that was not nearly so much fun.

This is what I started out to say--With adequate adult sponsorship--I will do all I can to provide a place where the youth would have SOMETHING to do instead of being left out with EVERYTHING to do.

Prayerfully, Russell McAnally

Give kids chance

Dear Editor,

Last week in your paper there was an article about the kids riding around town and stopping at the right-a-way. When a suggestion was made about having a dance in the gym, some of the board members disagreed. They didn't want to take time enough to help the kids. If the parents would at least give the kids a chance, then maybe things would take a different turn and Merkel would be a better place for both the kids and the adults. The adults just sit around and talk about how bad it is that the kids drive up and down the streets all the time. Well, where else can we go? If the parents don't like the kids to ride around then why don't they do something about it? Unless, of course, they just want something to gripe about.

Thank you, Kim Satterwhite and Tammy Martin

Check within city

Dear Editor,

In recent weeks, there have been several letters in the paper from concerned citizens about the so-called "speed-trap" in the Merkel area. What they don't realize is that they have a far worse problem right here within the City Limits of Merkel!

Look around you, do you like what you see? I see some of our Law Officials trying to protect the Citizens of Merkel and doing their jobs to the best of their ability, with no thanks required. While on the other hand, we have one that reaps the benefits of their efforts.

Why should the officers work day and night when this person seems to have time to relax at home, go to Football Games, (it's called escorting the school buses, with family intact, with City Fund purchased gas), go out-of-town visiting when the mood hits, yet is so tired!!! But the officer on duty may have worked that day, or may be being going to school (where he can be taught how to better serve and protect the citizens) is not suppose to be tired. He's all fresh and alert! Is this what you call fairness?

In the past several months, Merkel has had an outbreak of animal poisoning. What is being done about this? If the animals are loose and straying all over town, that's the owners fault. But what about the ones that are kept in their respective yards? Granted, it is hard to find out who may be purchasing poison for this purpose, but at least some effort could be made, is it safe to let your child out in

the yard to play on the off-chance that the child will not find the poison and consume it? There has not been any warnings put out that the citizens are aware of. Must we lose a child in order to get some action!!!

How about the traffic situation around the schools? Is it all right for people to park wherever and whichever way they want? Also, the speeding and "Hot-Rodding" leaves something to be desired.

Oh yes, let's not forget that a very short time ago, (I believe at the beginning of summer) our town had to depend on the Texas Highway Department of Public Safety for our protection for at least 48 hours. Can we be assured that this situation isn't going to happen again, or must we be faced without any officers in town due to vacation's, suspension, or just plain not caring. Not all of our law officials are to blame for this. Who is to blame?

These are just a few of the problems. The list goes on and on. Look around you and see how you feel about the things that are happening in your community, not on I-20. Beverly Adams

JP defended

Dear Editor, I have waited until after the election was over to write this letter.

I have read several letters in your column about the J. P. Office and now I would like to clear up a few matters. On July 21, 1975 I went to work for the Justice of the Peace under Lewis L. Millett. At this time Mr. Millett was sick and had not been at the office for about a month. I didn't see Mr. Millett until July 29. Under doctors orders he was not supposed to work too hard and wasn't supposed to drive at all. He came to the office for only a few short hours each day. After this around the last of September Mr. and Mrs. Millett went to Korea for a Medal of Honor trip. They returned October 14. On February 11 Mr. Millett got sick again and was in the hospital for awhile. After returning home he was to stay in bed. This office was partially moved to his home until March 15 when Mr. Thames became J. P. This is the reason why Mr. Millett's cases were so low. Also these dates may not be exactly correct but they are as near as I can tell.

In regard to the "Merkel Watergate" letter in the Merkel Mail on October 28, 1976, there are a few questions about this letter. Such as the "number two on the agenda," these two people (Ms. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Vanarsdale, Mr. Gaines and Mr. Pittman) say our Public Records are being erased and tampered with. As to my knowledge no one has even come to look at our Public Records other than Mr. Dingler himself. I am at the office from 8 to 5. Mr. Thames is there the rest of the time, mostly on call when the Patrolmen need him. We do not leave out any items in our records. We were told we do not have to put the speeds in our books. Actually this is for our benefit anyway. We aren't using them anymore to keep people from arguing about it. The law clearly states that every person convicted of a misdemeanor for a violation of any of the provisions of the Uniform Act Regulating Traffic on Highways for which another penalty is not provided shall be punished by a fine of not less than One (\$1.00) Dollar nor more than Two Hundred (\$200.00) Dollars. So if anyone wants to get technical you could be fined \$200.00 for going 56 m. p. h. which is 1 mile over the posted speed limit. How would you like to get out of bed at midnight some night and come down to an office, it is raining and cold outside and tell a person his fine (say you feel pretty good and lower his fine just to be nice) and then have him start griping and arguing?

Neither of the judges have worked for (mostly) Mr. Thames because Mr. Millett took office in January and I started in July) have written anything in the Docket Books. After I came to work for Mr. Millett I was the one to do this. I'm the one that enters everything, makes sure each complaint is marked paid etc. So why blame someone else? And accuse them of "erasing and tampering with Public records?" If there is anything wrong with our records I'm the one to blame. If you don't like the way the records are kept tell me about it but don't accuse someone else. Specially when you haven't looked at the records to start with.

The judges merely sign

complaints and notarize things, dictate letters etc. He really has nothing to do with how the books are kept because I'm the one that puts everything on record. That's my job!

As for "number three" our case load has dropped for various reasons. Such as there are not as many people traveling, the weather changes so often, and many other things. This election has the least to do with it. There is really no proof more cases are being filed in Abilene. The Patrolmen may file their cases in which ever court they so choose. As for "pawing through Public Records" we have some things in this office that aren't public as our file case does. Such as our file case which has some of Mr. Millett's personal stuff as well as our personal stuff which isn't "Public Records." Not everything in this office is Public.

I too, at one time, didn't like Highway Patrolmen. I had no reason to hate them, but I sure had no reason to like them. After I got this job my whole way of thinking has changed. Each and every one of these Patrolmen are human, (believe it or not) they have families just like the rest of us. They also have a job to do. Everyone around here has a job such as farming or a manufacturing company or whatever. So don't run someone in the ground especially if you don't know them, really know them. Don't think just because I work in this office I won't get a ticket because you are wrong. If I break the law I expect to pay for it. If I'm speeding I know it because in Drivers Ed. we were taught to look at our speedometer every once in awhile as well as looking out our mirrors.

I hope this letter has straightened up a few questions in the minds of the people around here. I have wanted to write a letter for some time and I finally got tired of all the stories about this office which I as well as most of you know aren't true. Sincerely, Jackie Best Secretary or Court Clerk for the Justice of the Peace

CB's, listening

Dear Editor:

A letter to you appeared in last week's paper entitled "Merkel Watergate." I know there are a lot of people concerned over our J. P. situation. But there was something in the paper also that I feel could come under the same title. It was reported that the city council approved the purchase of 3 CB units for the police cars. I also quote "The Council... emphasized that if the CB's are used right and not for personal use then they would be worth the expense." In the light of the present conditions in Merkel, that statement shows that the units would be a waste of money.

The mayor has spoken out against the personal use of city vehicles. As of yet, though, I can't see where anything has been done to stop it. Some police officers are often seen transporting their families in the police cars. A city vehicle is seen almost daily at the school dropping off and picking up children. If this isn't personal use of a city vehicle, I don't know what is. Why should the citizens be forced to pay for the gas in these instances?

If the City Council can't see this, they must be blind. I am not the only person in Merkel that has noticed it either. If they can't control the use of the vehicles the city owns, how in the world will they control the use of the new CB units in some of these vehicles? I am having some mixed feelings about the printing of the article on drugs in Merkel. I'm afraid that there will almost certainly be some teenagers and children who will look to this person as somewhat of a hero because he is "with it" and was important enough, because of drugs, to get his interview in the paper.

On the other hand, I am glad that you printed the article because maybe it will open the eyes of the people around here who can't seem to see anything that's going on. Several weeks before this article came out, my husband asked me what I would think about moving to Sweetwater. I said I'd rather not because they had a bad drug problem there. After thinking on that sad subject a few minutes, I told him, "Well, it's just as bad, or worse, here because no one will do anything about it." We learned



Crazy Days winners get Busted TV, slick tires from Rodney Cosper

of this problem over a year ago when my husband was City Judge here. I just can't understand why, with drugs as open as they are here, that a police force (if it was doing its job) didn't know or at least do something about it if they did know. Maybe after this article people will face-up to the problem.

I don't condemn or judge any teenager for using drugs. I do feel sorry for them though.

I think it's quite obvious from these articles that the kids would much rather have their parents love, time and interest rather than the ill-favored and temporary benefits of drugs. But the majority of them haven't had that. I doubt seriously they would have turned to drugs if they had been given what they needed at home. If anyone is to blame, it's the adults. For being too busy to listen or having too many things more important to them than their children. Or else, for hearing about it and pretending, "Oh, it can't be that bad!" or "I know my child wouldn't touch that stuff!" Most of all for not caring enough to even try to find out if drugs are being offered to their children.

My children are only in the 1st grade but I have already started teaching them and telling them about drugs and to stay away from them. Some people might say "First-graders how ridiculous!" is it?

It is now a known fact that there are a large number of grade-school drug users and alcoholics. The Today show had a special on a smoking cure used for grade-schoolers. Don't say it can't happen in Merkel because you now have proof that it can and possibly already has.

The article said these students were apparently of the same beliefs on this issue. The student, regarding the removal of marijuana, said, "I think I and a lot of other kids would be upset for a while and miss it, BUT AS THE TIME WENT ON WE'D FORGET ALL ABOUT IT." He also said "The children of today feel they have as much right to use a CRUTCH as the adults." It's obvious these kids don't really want things the way they are. They are crying out for someone to listen, to help them and to change the situation. If they

are following in their parents footsteps and their children later follow the same path, what will be the result?

Will the adults of Merkel listen? I mean really listen? Webster's definition of listen (as it applies here) is:

- 1. To make a conscious effort to hear; attend closely, so as to hear
- 2. To give heed; take advice

Now look at the definitions of conscious and hear as they apply in this case.

Conscious-1. . . aware, cognizant 3. knowing what one is doing and why

Consciousness-1. . . awareness, especially of what is happening around one

Hear-1. to become aware of. 2. to listen and consider, specifically (a) to take notice of; pay attention to (b) to permit to speak, 3. to be informed of; be told; learn V.I. 3. to get news; learn; be told of or about

What does a person do when they don't listen? Look at the definitions of the word.

Defeat-2. unwilling to hear or listen; giving no heed

Defiant-1. not willing or inclined; reluctant; loath; adverse, 2. done, said, given etc. reluctantly

A lot of parents might say "But my kids just won't listen to me." By the word "listen" don't they mean what's stated in the definitions above? I hope they will stop and carefully think if they "listen" to their kids the way they want them to listen. These definitions are exact, what the kids mean when they say "My parents won't listen to me." We can't always understand, but if we really care and love our kids, we can always listen.

It's never too late to start straightening out a mess. I hope everyone will agree that is exactly what we have here in Merkel.

I have a few more questions. Now that virtually everyone does, or can, know what's going on; will the City Council and the Merkel Police do something about it? If not, will the people get behind them and make them do something? Or will the majority continue to look at Merkel through rose-colored glasses?

With concern for Merkel's future, and it's future citizens. Dalen C. Roysden

Merkel election results

In Merkel 952 voted which is 72 per cent of the total eligible of 1,327 (which includes double entries and deceased). The turnout was termed a record by election judge Joe Lassiter.

Of the 952 ballots cast only 16 were thrown out and all of those were because the stubs were left on the ballot and were not signed.

There were 244 voting straight Democratic and 32 voting straight Republican. In the heated Justice of the Peace race for Precinct 2, Judge Walter Thames received 360 individual votes for the 244 party votes for a 604 total in Merkel. Write-in candidate Marie Cunningham received 195 and Buddy Carey got 45 write-in votes.

Vernon Wade was re-elected constable Precinct 2 with 716 votes.

Jimmy Carter received 613 for the Democratic president and Gerald Ford received 309 votes. Eugene McCarthy got 3 votes and Ronald Reagan one.

For senator, Beetsman polled 668, Alan Steinman 220 and Majorie Gallion of the American Party got one.

Omar Burleson received 795 for representative of the 17th district and for Railroad Commissioner Jon Newton got 730, Walter Wendlandt 113, Fred Garza and Pat O'Reilly two each.

Jack Pope received 761

for Associate Justice, Supreme Court, Place 1.

Don Yarborough received 489 votes for Associate Justice, Supreme Court, Place 2. Write-in candidates Tom Lorraine got 156 and Sam Houston 85.

James Denton got 751 for Associate Justice, Supreme Court, Place 3; John Onton Jr. 753 for Presiding Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals; Truman Roberts, 750 for Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals; W. T. Phillips, 739 for Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals -- unexpired term; Grant Jones 735 for state senator; Elmer Martin, 767 for state representative; Austin McCloud 766 for Chief Justice, Court of Civil Appeals; Don Lane 787 for district judge; J. Neil Daniel, 775 for district judge; Henry Strauss, 769 for judge, domestic relations court; Nathan Newman, 750 for judge, county court-at-law; Jack Landrum, 813 for sheriff; and Richard Petree, 819 for county tax assessor-collector.

Amendment No. 1 in Merkel passed 375 to 297 and No. 2 passed 411 to 245.

Rifle Club

The 4-H Rifle Club elected officers at its October 30 meeting. Next meeting is November 14.

Elected president is Willie Townsend. Other officers are Sherry Williams, secretary-treasurer; Lisa Hughes vice-president; and Lee Reddin reporter.

Basketball action

Trent's high school girls and junior high girls were to play at Jayton Monday and were to meet Ira Tuesday night in Trent in basketball contests.

Trent woman

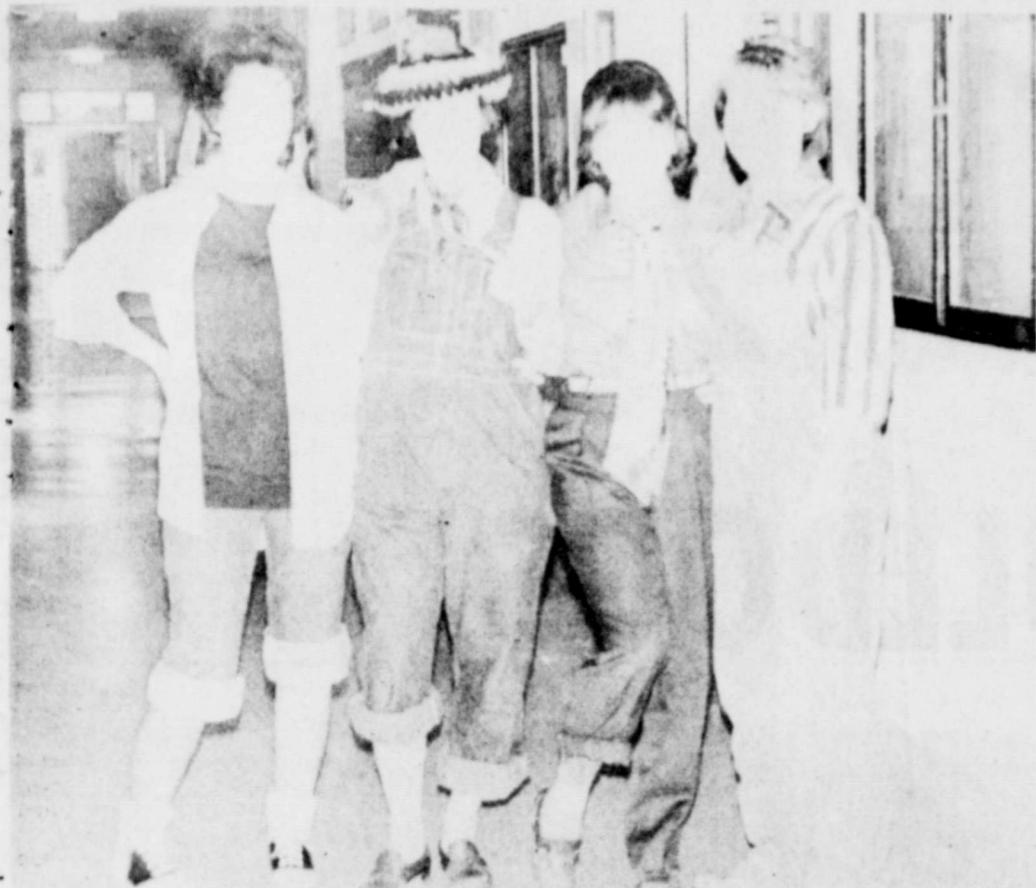
earns degree

Linda McAninch of Trent has qualified for a Masters of Arts degree in sociology. She was certified as a candidate for the degree at Michigan State University during the summer semester.



**Light bulb sale due**

The Lions Club will hold its light bulb sale November 11, according to chairman Max Murrell. Murrell told the Lions Club at its regular luncheon Tuesday that the club will attempt to hold the sale on November 11, providing it doesn't conflict with some other activity. The Lions Club also agreed to raise more than \$600 to help put a new roof and to make other needed repairs to the Scout hut. Don Heasley, president of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank has indicated the bank will match up to \$150 of the amount. Virgil Moore showed a film of the 1976 Masters golf championship.



**TEACHERS**--Dressing up for crazy days festivities Friday at the Merkel Middle School are left to right, Millie Bright, Joanne Gardner, Pam Carson and Janette Pursley, all teachers.



**SWINGERS**--Teachers at the Merkel Middle School celebrated Crazy Days and Halloween Friday. From the left are Judy Butler, Beverly Johnson, Robbie Hicks and Cathy Albus.

**Stanford's Electronics**

**TV REPAIR**

C. B. RADIOS AND SUPPLIES

123 KENT MERKEL 928-5762

**CASTILLE  
HARDWARE  
& GIFTS**

**SPECIAL**

**BLACK & DECKER EDGER**  
REG. \$45.00  
**NOW \$39.00**

**CORDLESS GRASS SHEAR**  
REG. \$14.95  
**NOW \$10.95**

**CORDLESS GRASS SHEAR**  
REG. \$19.95  
**NOW \$17.95**

**THURS., FRI. & SAT. ONLY-**  
**\$1.00 OFF OF GARDEN & YARD**  
**TOOLS WITH THIS AD IN HAND-**



**HIGH FASHION**--Teachers of the Merkel Middle School outdressed their students in the "Fashion of the Day" Friday during Crazy Days. From left are Mitzi Hart, Mary Ann Rankin, Marsha Kivlehen and Sandra Townsend.

**More state aid  
eyed for schools**

Merkel School Superintendent Travis Davis was in Austin Monday to hear Governor Dolph Briscoe's proposed changes in the state education finance system and to receive the district's proposed breakdown for next year.

According to estimates of the Governor's Office of Education Resources Merkel's state aid would increase by \$79,400 to \$904,700. The local share would decrease by \$93,800 to \$76,800.

Trent would have an increase of \$69,200 to \$98,400 with the local share decreasing by \$49,100 to \$39,300. This is part of an \$850 million proposed increase in state aid to public education over the next two years.

He also extended his "no new taxes" policy to school district property taxes.

The governor's proposals

still have to be approved by the legislature. Tax reductions would not

necessarily follow the increase in state aid, it was noted.

**Fortnightly Study Club news**

The Fortnightly Study Club met October 26 in the home of Mrs. W. R. Cypert. Following refreshments and business meeting, Mrs. Buster Horton presented a program on "The Election Story--The People's Choice." She told of the earliest-known elections, in which the Greek citizen voted for the candidate of his choice by casting a pebble, and briefly outlined the evolu-

tion of the democratic voting process. She then gave an unbiased and thought-provoking review of the social and political issues, and of the candidates for office in the national election, ending with a challenge to each person to exercise his duty and privilege to vote.

Mrs. Lee Presswood was a guest, and members present were Mrs. W. R. Cypert, Mrs. Buster Horton, Mrs. Carl Hughes, Mrs. Johnny Cox, Mrs. S. C. Dixon, Mrs. L. A. Dudley, Mrs. Bryan Dunagin, Mrs. Charles Eager, Mrs. Mack Fisher, Mrs. David Gamble, Mrs. S. D. Gamble, Miss Mildred Hamm, Mrs. Comer Haynes, Mrs. C. B. Knight, Mrs. Ed Sandusky, Mrs. Andy Shouse, Mrs. Aaron Sudderth, and Mrs. Ray Wilson.

**Compare HD**

**Club news**

Mrs. Don Adair entertained the Comper Home Demonstration Club in her home in Merkel for a noon-day meeting on October 28 at 10 a.m. using the Halloween motif for decoration. The meeting was called to order by club president Mrs. Ab Hunter. Mrs. Hugh Taylor led in prayer. Roll call was answered with "my favorite decoration." For recreation Mrs. Clarence Allen told fortunes.

Mrs. Hunter gave the council report. Mrs. Dillard reported on the year-book meeting and announced a program to be held in Anson on November 29 on making Christmas gifts. December 7 was announced as the date set for the council Christmas party to be held in Anson. Each one attending is to bring a \$2 gift.

Mrs. Kenneth Wilburn, county agent gave an interesting program on "decorating your table for each holiday of the year," demonstrating each holiday.

Refreshments were served to mesdames: Hugh Taylor, Clayton Dillard, Clarence Allen, Kim Rains, Clyde Mimms, Don Adair, Ab Hunter, Kenneth Wilburn, Tommy Hunter and five children.

Any one who wishes to attend Comper club meetings is welcome.

**Trent ends year**

Trent's Junior High team ends its football season Thursday at 7 p.m. in Trent against Highland. Trent is 1-1-1 thus far.

**Graduation dance**

The Tac and Sac Square Dancing Club will have a graduation square dance Friday, November 19 at 8 p.m. The square dance will be held at the Recreation Service Center at Dyess. Dalton Lovelace will be caller.

**Badgers end home  
season Friday against Wylie**

The Merkel High Badgers attempt to insure a winning season with their final home game Friday night against Wylie High.

Game time is 7:30 p.m. in Badger Stadium.

The Badgers had a week of rest to prepare for this final contest at home. They end the season in Coahoma November 12.

A win Friday night would insure a winning season for the Badgers, no matter the outcome against Coahoma. Merkel is 5-3 for the year while Wylie is 1-7-1. In district Wylie is 0-4-1 and Merkel is 2-2.

Colorado City and Stamford continue to lead District 6-AA with 4-0 records, heading for a showdown the final game of the season, providing Colorado City gets past Winters this week and Stamford gets past Coahoma. Coahoma is 3-1, with the only loss being to Colorado City.

The Badgers also will be attempting to make up for a 12-7 loss to Wylie last season. Thus far the Badgers have defeated all the opponents who beat them last year (Baird, Jim Ned, Roscoe and Winters).

Coach Jerry McLeod said his team "can't sell them (Wylie) short. They have lost but they have been impressive against everybody they have played. They are sure not going to give it to us."

Comparing common opponents Wylie beat Jim Ned 24-15 and Jim Ned has

yet to win a game although having two ties. Merkel beat Jim Ned 21-6. Wylie then tied Ballinger, 0-0 while Merkel won over Ballinger 12-7.

The Bulldogs lost to Hamlin, 47-2, Bangs, 26-16 and to Albany, 28-0 in non-district contests after losing their quarterback in the Jim Ned game.

In District 6-AA play, Wylie's first as a Class AA member, the Bulldogs lost to Coahoma, 32-8, to Colorado City, 33-0, to Winters, 20-0 and to Stamford, 19-8.

Cory Tucker is the leading Wylie scorer with four touchdowns and a two-point conversion for 26 points. Ronald Clark has two touchdowns and Stan Kelley has the only other Wylie TD. Lance Wolfe, Tommy Casey and Dan Ducas have extra points and the Bulldogs have had two safeties.

This will be the final game of the year for Wylie, having an open date the final week.

Meanwhile, playing their final home game as Badgers will be seniors David Pfeister at quarterback, Larry Smith, John Biera, Keith Austerman, Mark Shaw, Bart Whisenhunt, Roger Doan, Steve Tarpley and Glenn Braune.

Smith continues to pace the Badgers in rushing with a 3.9 average on 455 yards while Doan has a 4.4 average, coming on strong in the stretch with 174 yards.

Smith has scored 9 touchdowns and seven extra points for 61 to lead the district in individual scoring. He also

has punted for an average of 38.9 yards for 33 attempts and has caught 10 passes for 100 yards and a touchdown.

Pursley has 240 yards pass receiving and a touchdown and has 79 yards rushing for a 3.8 average.

Austerman, switched to defense with Doan moving in, still has 79 yards rushing for a 3.8 average.

Pfeister has but .8 kushing average with 63 yards rushing. However, he has passed for 611 yards and four touchdowns. He has hit 44 of 93 passes for 47 per cent accuracy. He also has done an excellent job on defense for the Badgers. He has scored once.

Biera has been noted for his ability to cover kickoffs and punts and for his ability to expertly cover opponent passing. He has eight points on offense this season.

Shaw is ranked among the most aggressive defensive linemen, getting in on most every tackle. Braune, Whisenhunt and Tarpley also are noted for their aggressive play when called upon.



Sponge in the eye at PTO carnival

<b>NINTH STREET GROCERY</b>	<b>GOOCH FRANKS</b>	<b>LETTUCE</b>
5 OZ. PEANUT LOG 59¢	12 OZ. 69¢	HEAD 49¢
<b>TABBY CAT FOOD</b>	<b>MR PIBB</b>	
6 1/2 OZ. CAN 5 FOR \$1.00	32 OZ. 19¢ PLUS DEPOSIT	
<b>YAMI YOGURT</b>	<b>BACON</b>	<b>MJB COFFEE</b>
25¢	SLAB SLICED 3 LBS. OR MORE 79¢ LB.	1 LB. \$1.69
4 FOR 98¢	<b>ROASTED PEANUTS</b>	<b>BAILES DOG FOOD</b>
	69¢ LB.	25 LB. BAG \$3.98
<b>HOT DOG BUNS</b>		<b>BABY RUTH</b>
8 CT. 39¢	49¢ LB.	25¢ 4 FOR 89¢
<b>SHASTA DRINKS</b>	<b>TOMATOES</b>	<b>BUNTE LOZENGES</b>
12 OZ. 15¢		6 1/2 OZ. 49¢
<b>COCA COLA</b>	32 OZ. 25¢ PLUS DEPOSIT	
HOURS MON.-SAT. 7:00-9:00 SUN. 8:00-9:00 SPECIALS GOOD THURS., FRI., & SAT. WE ACCEPT FOOD STAMPS		



# FOOTBALL

## DEFLAGRATE THE BULLDOGS

**GO  
BADGERS  
GO  
GET 'EM**

**1976 Merkel Badgers**

**Football Schedule**  
Merkel High 5-3 (2-2)

Sept.	3	Baird	12-0	Here	8:00	
	11	Jim Ned	21-6	Here	8:00	Homecoming
	17	Roscoe	13-6	Here	8:00	
	24	Eastland	15-20	There	8:00	
Oct.	1	Colorado City	7-14	Here	7:30	
	8	Balling	12-7	There	7:30	
	15	Winters	19-12	Here	7:30	
	22	Stamford	0-14	There	7:30	
	29	Open date				
Nov.	5	Wylie		Here	7:30	
	12	Coahoma		There	7:30	

COACHES- Jerry McLeod, Edgar Cowart, Tony Mauldin  
CHEERLEADERS- Becky Watts, Kathryn Irvin, Marsha Clyburn, Cindy Boone, Gay Pfister.  
TRAVIS DAVIS, Superintendent LEE PRESSWOOD, Principal

**JUNIOR HIGH SCHEDULE**

**Seventh-Eighth Grade**

Sept.	2	Baird 8th	0-6	There	6:00
	9	Jim Ned 7th	0-8	There	5:00
		Jim Ned 8th	0-28	There	6:00
	16	Roscoe 7th	8-20	There	5:00
		Roscoe 8th	0-6	There	6:00
	23	Eastland 7th	6-24	Here	5:00
		Eastland 8th	36-0	Here	6:00
Oct.	7	Colorado City 7th	0-8	Here	5:00
		Colorado City 8th	0-0	Here	6:00
	14	Winters 7th	6-16	Here	6:00
		Winters 8th	0-20	Here	7:30
	28	Winters 7th	0-26	There	6:00
		Winters 8th	14-6	There	7:30
Nov.	4	Wylie 7th		There	6:00
		Wylie 8th		There	7:30

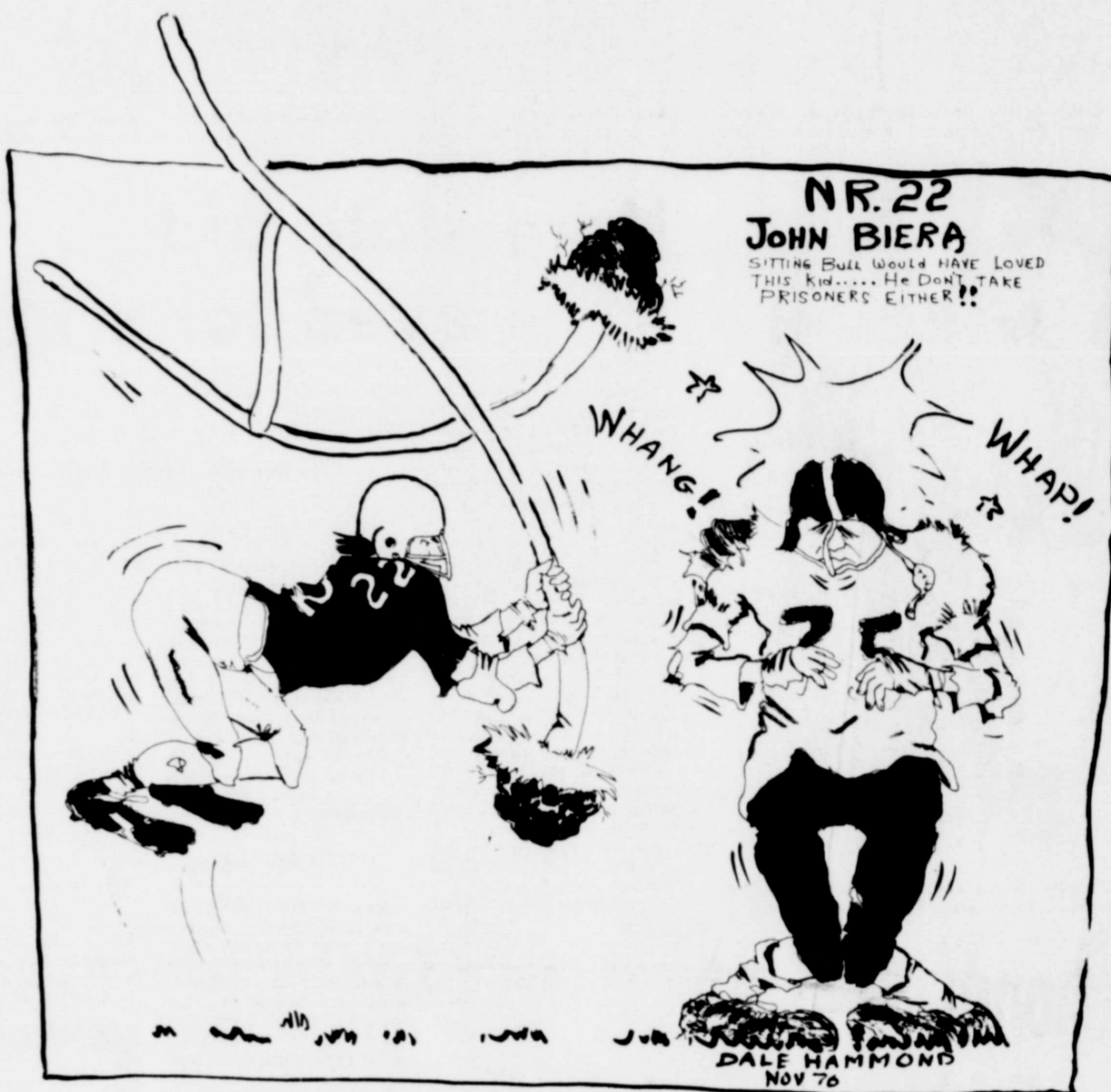
COACHES- Greg Henderson, Russell Gee  
PRINCIPAL- John Cain 7th-0-6 8th-2-4-1

**JUNIOR VARSITY SCHEDULE**

**NINTH GRADE SCHEDULE**

Sept.	2	Baird JV	6-20	There	7:30
	9	Jim Ned NV	0-6	There	7:30
		Colorado City 9th	no game	There	7:30
	16	Roscoe JV	8-14	There	7:30
		Stamford 9th	0-12	Here	6:00
	23	Eastland JV	6-16	Here	7:30
	30	Wylie 9th	0-32	There	7:00
	7	Colorado City 9th	6-42	Here	7:30
Oct.	14	9th opt. to be named	No game	There	6:00
		Winters JV	8-24	There	7:30
	21	Stamford 9th	8-0	There	6:30
	28	Wotan 9th	0-22	Here	6:00
		Winters JV	6-12	Here	7:30
Nov.	4	Wylie 9th		here	6:00
		Wylie JV		here	7:30

9th-0-4 JV 0-6



**A LOOK AT MERKEL AND DISTRICT 6-AA**

DISTRICT 6-AA SEASON STANDINGS

Team	W	L	T	Pts.	Opp.
Coahoma	6	1	1	126	61
Colorado C.	6	2	0	158	68
Stamford	6	2	0	145	82
Merkel	5	3	0	99	79
Winters	2	6	0	84	20
Wylie	1	7	1	58	220
Balling	0	8	1	58	219

DISTRICT STANDINGS

Team	W	L	T	Pts.	Opp.
Colorado C.	4	0	0	121	13
Stamford	4	0	0	52	28
Coahoma	3	1	0	74	46
Merkel	2	2	0	38	47
Winters	1	3	0	45	60
Wylie	0	4	1	16	104
Balling	0	4	1	27	83

LEADING SCORERS

Name	TD	EP	TP
Smith, Merkel	9	7	61
Chapman, Winters	8	0	48
Tabor, Stamford	6	2	38
Earl, Stamford	4	8	32
Phillips, Coahoma	5	0	30
Tucker, Wylie	4	2	26
Frazier, Coahoma	4	0	24
Moore, Winters	4	0	24
Torrez, C.City	4	0	24
Hume, C.City	4	0	24
Arisee, C.City	4	0	24
Parham, C.City	4	0	24

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS  
Merkel, idle, Colorado City 41, Ballinger 6, Coahoma 21, Winters 0, Stamford 19, Wylie 8.

FRIDAY'S SCHEDULE  
Wylie at Merkel, 7:30 p.m., Colorado City at Winters, Coahoma at Stamford, Ballinger, idle.

NOV. 12  
Merkel at Coahoma, 7:30 p.m., Stamford at Colorado City, Winters at Ballinger, Wylie, idle.

**Dallas Cowboys 1976 Schedule**

**LEAGUE GAMES**  
Cowboys 7-1

Date	Opponent	Kickoff (Dallas Time)
Sun., September 12	PHILADELPHIA	1 p.m.
Sun., September 19	at New Orleans	27-7 1 p.m.
Sun., September 26	BALTIMORE	24-6 3 p.m.
Sun., October 3	at Seattle	30-27 1 p.m. (3 p.m.)
Sun., October 10	at New York Giants	28-13 1 p.m. (noon)
Sun., October 17	at St. Louis	24-14 17-21 1 p.m.
Sun., October 24	CHICAGO	31-21 1 p.m.
Sun., October 31	at Washington	4 p.m. (3 p.m.)
Sun., November 7	NEW YORK GIANTS	20-7 1 p.m.
Mon., November 15	BUFFALO	8 p.m.
Sun., November 21	at Atlanta	1 p.m. (noon)
Thu., November 25	ST. LOUIS	2:30 p.m.
Sun., December 5	at Philadelphia	1 p.m. (noon)
Sun., December 12	WASHINGTON	3 p.m.

**THESE MERCHANTS SUPPORT YOUR TEAM. SHOW YOUR APPRECIATION BY SUPPORTING THEM.**

- Taylor Telephone
- The Country Club of Merkel
- Bassett Manufacturing
- Rister Superette Tye
- Raymond Milligan Texaco- Tye
- Lemens Propane & Butane  
928-5513
- Merkel Drug
- Palmer Pontiac and GMC
- The Merkel Mail
- Cypert Tax Service
- Merkel VFW Post 5683
- Jack South Grain



- Luskey's Western Store  
Abilene
- Farmers and Merchants  
National Bank
- Merkel Fina
- Mansfield Farm & Ranch Supply
- L & W Snack Bar
- 9th Street Grocery
- Carsons Grocery
- DuBose Texaco
- Taylor Electric Co-op
- Black Pipe Co.



- Wylie Truck Terminal  
and Shamrock Cafe
- Emma's Clothes Closet
- Conley's Barber Shop
- Ann's Flowers
- Merkel Auto Parts  
& Fisher Fina
- Hicks Auto Supply
- Castille Hardware
- Starr Nursing Home
- Ben Franklin
- Merkel Restaurant