

## Pat Penick Honored as Dedicatee of Merkel High School Annual



Pat Penick

The Merkel High School student body was presented the 1977 Badger Yearbook of Memories on May 4. Marlon White served as editor of this yearbook and Dale Alcorna, as photographer. Other members of the staff were: Freda Crenshaw, Gayle Teaff, Suzanne Warner, Kandi Ascencio, Linda Williams Hunt, Lesa Hart, Mike Henry, Shela Sloan, Gina Farmer, Kathryn Irvin and Jay Boyd.

Miss Pat Penick, English teacher and girls' athletic coach was honored as dedicatee of the annual. The dedication read as follows: "We, the

staff, proudly dedicate this 1977 Badger to Miss Pat Penick for her friendliness and helpfulness to students here at Merkel High School. Her patience and understanding has guided many through English classes, girls' athletics, junior class activities and many other facets of student life. Miss Penick, we thank you!" Miss Judy Diltz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Diltz and John Biera, son of the Juan Biera's were recognized as Best ALL-Round students. This selection is made from the senior class each year by faculty

members. The eight nominees for Mr. and Miss MHS were presented. They were Tammy Martin, Carrie Law, Terry Criner, and Brad Pursley representing the junior class; Gayle Teaff, Judy Diltz, John Biera, and Tommy Sloan representing the senior class. Miss Teaff and Mr. Biera were chosen as Mr. and Miss MHS by another school's annual staff according to their attractiveness and accomplishments. Gina Farmer was recognized as best sales person on the staff this year.

## Riley is New Agriculture Teacher of Merkel High School



Billy Riley

## Twenty-two New Industries Settle in Texas

Twenty-two new industries chose to settle in Texas in March, according to the Texas Industrial Commission and the Bureau of Business Research at the University of Texas at Austin. "These locations will mean an additional \$108 million to boost the state's economy," said Jim Harwell, executive director of the Industrial Commission. "Our computer impact analysis shows 1,845 spin-off jobs will be created in addition to the 1,772 direct employment positions."

San Antonio led the state with four new plants: Comtek Manufacturing Company will produce electronic micro processors; The Printers will do offset printing; Stainless Kitchens manufactures kitchen equipment; and Alamo Wooden Rose will produce wooden roses. Other new industries and their locations are:

Daubert Chemical Company, McKinney; Southwestern Rail Products, Inc., Wellington; Eagle Lake Concrete Products, Inc., Eagle Lake; Litecor, Inc., Carrollton; Varel Manufacturing Company, Dallas; Fannin County Manufacturing, Bonham; Napps Industries, Inc., Longview.

And Ulm of Texas Company, Seguin; Russ Manufacturing Company, Hale Center; Printing Resources, Inc., Houston; Manchester Sling Company, Beaumont; Dorsey's Sign Company, Burleson; Texas Instruments, Inc., Midland.

Also Burus, Morris and Stewart Texas Corporation, Nacogdoches; Mahan Manufacturing Company, Inc., Weatherford; Tipperary Corporation, Ingleside; Walls Industries, Inc., Merkel; and General Motors Corporation, Wichita Falls.

Billy Riley, a native of Coleman County and a graduate of Texas A and M University, has been selected as Agriculture teacher of Merkel High School. He has 12 years of teaching experience in this field. Mr. Riley taught Agriculture 3 years at Novice High School, then moved to Santa Anna where he has been teaching the last 9 years. He is currently the Lamb Superintendent at the State Fair of Texas Livestock Show.

His wife is the former Karen Ray and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Ray of Merkel. They and their two sons, Billy Ray, age 8 and Ricky Lynn, age 2, will be moving to Merkel July 1.

## ACU to Hold Bull Sale

The Abilene Christian University agriculture department will hold a bull sale May 21 at 1 p.m. on the ACU Allen Farm Test Station, according to bull test supervisor and sale manager Dr. Ed Brokaw, ACU assistant professor of agriculture.

The 100-day gain test extends from Feb. 1 to May 11. Twenty-six bulls are involved in the test and sale.

Breeds and consignors include two Angus, ACU; two Beefalo, Dale Justice, Cloman; two Beefalo, Lone Star Beefalo, Evant; two Beefmaster, J. B. Moss, Fort Worth; three Charolais, Ernest Holy, Houston; six Horned Herfords, Emmett LeFors, Pampa; three Limousin, Bryant A. Harris, Garden City; four Polled Herefords, ACU; two Simmental, Palo Pinto Cattle Co. (R.R. Carey), Mineral Wells.

The five top average daily gains at 56 days were

two Charolais sired by LCR Sir Sam 54th at 5.66 and 5.38, consignor Ernest Holy; a Simmental sired by Abricot at 5.21, consignor Palo Pinto; a Simmental sired by Florian at 5.00, consignor Palo Pinto; and a Charolais sired by LCR Sir Sam 54th at 4.79, consignor Earnest Holy.

The top weight per day of age 56 days was 2.46 by a Palo Pinto Simmental, sired by Abricot. The other top four were a Beefmaster sired by 23499 at 2.43, consignor Moss; a polled Hereford sired by Victorious K47U81 at 2.37, consignor ACU; a Palo Pinto Simmental sired by Florian, at 2.30; and a Polled Hereford sired by Victorious K47U81 at 2.18, consignor ACU.

Wendell Rowe is the manager of the ACU Allen Farm. For more information about the sale contact Dr. Brokaw at ACU Station Box 8038, or 677-1911 ext. 709.

## Taco Eating Contest Sunday

A four day trip for two to Acapulco, Mexico will be at stake in a Taco Eating Contest Sunday for the benefit of West Texas Rehabilitation Center. Registration at \$10.00 per contestant will begin at 2:30 p.m. and Taco eating at 3:00 p.m. Sunday at Taco Bueno at 2549 South 1st Street in Abilene. Contestants also may register during the week at the Taco Bueno on South 1st Street or the one

at 825 Judge Ely Blvd. or at Crystal's Pizza and Spaghetti at 2201 South 1st Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Waugh owners of all three establishments are matching each \$10.00 registration fee with \$10.00 of their own for the Rehabilitation Center. The Center also will be given \$1.00 for each taco eaten. Sponsors to pay contestants registration are welcomed.



## News and Thoughts

By Martha Sue Justice

Blair Water Inc. has turned over information to their attorneys and engineers in order to secure a loan. The total project cost is \$797,000. Minimum water bills will be \$15.50 per month. J. D. Sandusky said that memberships are still available at \$200 plus cost of meter and installation.

Trophies will be awarded to local rifle team winners the 2nd Sunday in July. The presentations will take place at the gravel pit, south of Merkel.

This comes from Mrs. Price Melton: WASHDAY 1916-Years ago a Kentucky grandmother gave a new bride the following "recipe" for washing clothes. It appears just as it was written, and despite the spelling, has a bit of philosophy.—1. Bilt fire in backyard to heat kettle of rain water. 2. Set tubs so smoke won't blow in eyes if wind is pert. 3. Shave one hold cake lie soap in bilin water. 4. Sort things, make three piles. 1 pile white, 1 pile collored, 1 pile work britches and rags. 5. Stir flour in cold water to smooth, then thin down with bilin water. 6. Rub dirty spots on board, scrub hard, then bile. Rub collored don'ts bile, just rinch in starch. 7. Take white things out of kettle with broomstick handle then rinch, and starch. 8. Hang old rags on fince. 9. Spread tee towels on grass. 10. Pore rinch water in flower bed. 11. Scrub porch with hot soapy water. 12. Turn tubs upside down. 13. Go put on house dress, smooth hair with side combs. Brew cup of tee, sit and rest and rock a spell and count blessings. Hang this above your automatic washer, and when things look black, read again.

In last Thursday's Abilene Reporter there was an article about El Paso mechanic, Tom Ogle. The report stated that Tom Ogle has a car that can go as far as 160 miles on a gallon of gasoline. He says the mileage is due to a system that allows the engine to burn gas vapors, enabling the more efficient use of fuel. The car does not have a carburetor, but uses modified gas filters and a pressurized fuel tank and fuel lines. Ogle says General Motors has contacted him and wants to look at his car. THIS TYPE OF NEWS HAS FASCINATED ME and I remember articles similar to this one—pertaining to car systems invented that run on water etc. THE PROBLEM IS,—we have been hearing about these gas savers or non gas users for years and years. Suddenly—an Oil Company or an Automobile Manufacturer buys these inventions and we never hear about them again! THE NEXT QUESTION IS—Why are we continually told about shortages when we've had remedies to these problems for years,—but yet they are always mysteriously disappearing? WATCH THE NEWS-PAPER—and see if you ever-ever hear anymore about this 160 M. P. G. vehicle! I hope we will—but there is a chance that we never will!

The Ladies Firemen Auxiliary will meet Monday night at 7:00 p.m.

Anyone interested in an exercise class?—One will begin Monday, May 16th at the old gym, from 5 to 6 p.m. For further information: Call Nancy Hogan at 928-4826.

The monthly luncheon at the Senior Citizens Building was the scene of a large gathering this past Tuesday. A special message was presented by J. W. Lawlis, pastor for Trent Baptist Church. Mrs. Smart presented a quilt top to Senior Citizens as a gift that could be finished and sold or used for whatever purpose as long as Senior Citizens benefited. Mrs. Smart will be leaving Merkel in the near future and will be sorely missed by many. (Mrs. Alice Dudley was spokesman for the presentation). Mrs. Alice Dudley furnished a large portion of beans and son, Don Dudley furnished 25 pounds of ground meat which was made into a meat loaf. L & W furnished their time and efforts in preparing the meat loaf and beans and also baked several chocolate pies for the monthly event.

Fineless Bartlett is terribly upset with me because I have never mentioned his large, beautiful garden. Sorry—I will try to do better from now on. Mr. Bartlett's garden is a sight to see—drop by and take a look. His address is 112 Yuuca.

Waymon and Johnnie Adcock have just returned from an 8 day trip to Hawaii. Waymon said they had a wonderful time. He said the scenery was beautiful and the food was excellent—most of the time.

There will be a High School Band Concert Tuesday, May 17th at 7:30 p.m. in the Merkel High School Auditorium. Admission will be: Adults \$1.00 and Children 50 cents. Monday, May 23rd, the Merkel Middle School will present a concert. This will consist of the A and B Bands and the Beginner Band. Time will be at 7:30 p.m. (Same place and same price as High School Concert).

## Tejanitos Bats Silenced

The Merkel Tejanitos lost to the Abilene Aguilas by a score of 5-2 last Sunday at Rose Park.

With the score tied at 2-2 in the 4th inning, the Tejanitos made some costly errors which enabled the Abilene Aguilas to score 3 unearned runs. The Tejanitos were unable to overcome that deficit which resulted in the final score of 5-2.

Joh (Boy) Biera pitched the first 5 innings and then was relieved by Richard Hernandez.

Leading hitters for the Tejanitos were Jimmy Moreno and Robert Rodriguez who collected 2 hits each. Overall, the Tejanitos scattered nine hits.

The next game for the Tejanitos will be at Merkel against Knox City, May 15.

## President Proclaims Small Business Week

President Jimmy Carter has issued a Proclamation designating the week beginning May 22, 1977 as Small Business Week, and honoring the men and women who operate the ten million small businesses in the United States.

The president emphasized that "a successful small business is evidence of the independence, initiative and hard work of the man or woman who owns and operates it. Their spirit has been, and will continue to be, a major factor in our nation's growth."

Outstanding business men and women will be honored throughout the nation during Small Business Week. The President asks that all Americans share in expressing his pride in our nation's small business sector.

THE WHITE HOUSE  
SMALL BUSINESS  
WEEK, 1977  
BY THE PRESIDENT OF  
THE UNITED STATES  
OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION  
Our nation's small businesses employ 100 million

## McMurry searching for young scientists

McMurry College is again searching for young scientists to attend its summer institute, according to Dr. Bill J. Dulin, McMurry science and mathematics division chairman. It is set June 5-10.

The institute has just been named the W. Nortin Jones Summer Science Institute to honor the late longtime chairman of the McMurry division.

High school students attending will participate in projects from fields of astronomy, biology, chemistry, physics, mathematics and computer science.

They will be under the direction of professors of the science and math division. This is the second year such an institute has been conducted at McMurry.

Dr. Dulin points out that supervised air conditioned lodging and meals will be provided on McMurry campus. Recreational activities including swimming, movies, games music and field trips are part of the planned program.

"Students accepted will be expected to participate in all phases of institute activities," Dulin says. Twenty students will be

Americans and produce nearly half of our gross business product. Small businesses remain healthy in an economic environment that equates size with success because they take an active interest in the customers and communities they serve.

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NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIMMY CARTER, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate the week beginning Sunday, May 22, 1977 as Small Business Week, and I ask all Americans to join me in expressing the pride we take in our nation's small business sector.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this fourteenth day of April, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-seven, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and first.

JIMMY CARTER

## Our Mother of Mercy elects 3

Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church has elected 3 new members to its Parish Council. They are Mrs. Jerry (Becky) Holmes, Felix Acuna and Henry Gunther.

The Parish Council is the caretaker of the church's business.

Members already on the Council are Mrs. R. L. (Rosemary) Bland, Mrs. Higinio (Lupe) Moreno and Mrs. Gene (Iris) Amerine.

Fr. Jerry O'Mahoney of Sweetwater is the pastor. Mass is held at 12 noon, Sundays.



Merkel B Band Members winning 1st Division in the Band Contest held in Baird last Saturday. Members winning 1st Division are: Scott Adair, Amy Amerine, Greg Arnwine, Sharon Austerman, Bucky Crouse, Greg Dickerson, Mike Hagar, Roy Johnson, Diana Landeros, Randy Leverich, Eddie Martin, Chris Mashburn, Kim McCasland, Jackie Owen, Jeff Scott, Sammy Tomlinson, Windi Whisenhunt, H. T. Wilson, Tim Brady, Stephanie Fortune, Tammye Cloyd, and Tonya Bicknell.



Merkel B Band Members and others winning 2nd Division in the Band Contest held in Baird last Saturday. Members winning 2nd Division were: Scott Adair, Greg Dickerson, Roy Johnson, Chris Mashburn, Tim Brady, Ann Wooten and Jackie Owen. Others pictured are: Tina Bicknell, Tammy Townsend, Angela Dunlap, Mike Langford, Lori Shaw, and Kim Gurganus.

### Methodist Church Gleaner Class Meets

The Gleaner Class of the First United Methodist Church met in the Fellowship Hall Monday noon for a salad luncheon. The honored guests were Mrs. Roger A. Burges of Austin and Mrs. Gail Gaither of Elgin. Other guests were Mesdames Ruby Grimes, Ruth Huffman, Pratt Brown, Georgia Allday and Anna Belle Shouse. Members attending were as follows: Mrs. Viola Ensminger, Dollie Seymore, Rose Davis, Ila Mae McLean, Ruth Cox, Willie Douglas, Willie Pee, Anna Dunn, Etta McWilliams, Lottie Swiger, Lola Stockbridge, Lottie Everett, Mabel McRee, Iva Baccus, Winnie Gregory, Mary Click, Bessie Reidenbach, Ruth Anderson, Jessie Shannon, Pet Touchstone and Mary Grimes.

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## Don Hensley represents Big Country Area for ALAT

Big Country Area was represented at the 69th joint annual meeting of the American Lung Association of Texas (ALAT) and its medical section, the Texas Thoracic Society recently in Austin by Don W. Hensley of Merkel, Secretary of the ALAT Board of Directors. The ALAT is the voluntary health organization in Texas supported primarily through Christmas Seal donations.

Volunteers were re-challenged to carry on the fight against lung diseases. Mr. Hensley said, "At a time when many activities are computerized and

### Badger Tracks

Included in the official business of the Association was the renewal of a \$10,000 fellowship for training in Texas in the study of the lung and its disorders. The fellowship is awarded annually for post-graduate training of doctors interested in re-searching and teaching the prevention and control of lung diseases in Texas. This fellowship is in addition to five grants totaling \$50,000 made this year by the American Lung Association for training chest specialists in Texas. The TTS medical sessions at the meeting focused on the general topic, "Hypersensitivity Lung Disease." Scientific papers presented consisted primarily of reaserach done in Texas. Concurrent sessions for nurses, respiratory therapists, hospital medical directors and their technical advisors, emphasized quality care for the patient with chronic obstructive lung disease. Other reports were given on tuberculosis, the well known lung disease around which the ALAT was first organized. "While the ravages have been tamed," Mr. Hensley

dehumanized to accommodate technology, we must find new and more meaningful ways to remind people that the control and prevention of lung diseases is a battle that can be won with personal involvement and support for the community."

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### Mrs. Cramer Reynolds in Germany

Mrs. Cramer Reynolds spent fifteen days in West Germany, recently, with her son Maj. Jerry D. Reynolds and family.

Besides enjoying her two grandsons, Joel and Jamie, she enjoyed seeing the difference in the farming there than here. Also the towns of Rothenburg and Nuernberg. Each of these cities have protecting walls, castles, many buildings, churches, etc., that were built in the 13th and 14th centuries. Nuernberg is where Hitler's huge amphitheater is and where he staged his

### Visits and Visitors

dramatic rallies. On Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday Mrs. Reynolds worshiped at McKee Barracks, Crailsheim, West Germany, where her son is past Chaplain.

Mrs. Reynolds also visited her niece, Mrs. James Scott and family of Landstu, West Germany where LTC. Scott is also stationed with the U. S. military forces. Mrs. Scott is also a niece of Mrs. Alvin Wozencraft of Merkel. While there, the

family attended the 9th Albert Schweitzer International Youth Basketball Tournament at Mannheim, to see the U. S. A. All Star team defeat Czechoslovakia.

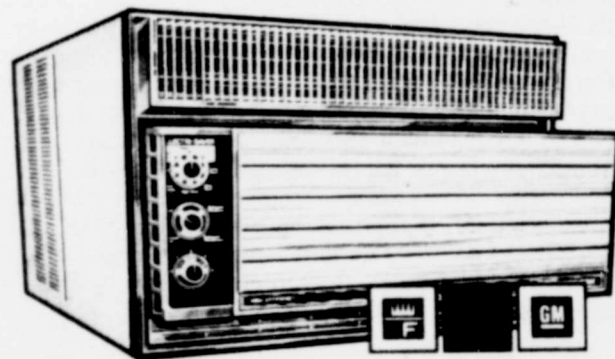
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The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree dissolving the marriage and providing for the division of property which will be binding on you.

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6th Place Bike-A-Thon winner, Larry Land with his AM radio and 5th Place winner Susan Wheeler with her set of walkie-talkies.



2nd Place Bike-A-Thon winner, Mike Fisher with his Sonnet AM-FM radio and 4th Place winner, Cammie Bright, winning a Timex Watch. 3rd Place winner, W. A. Kinder, is not pictured. W. A. won a Tyco electric train set.



8th Place Bike-A-Thon winner, Donan Justice with his tennis shoes, and 7th Place winner, Frankie Austerman with his Novus calculator.

Larry Gill would like to express his thanks to the merchants and participants of the Bike-A-Thon. He said that without their help the Bike-A-Thon would not have been the success that it was. The total raised was \$1,218.00. The prizes listed below were furnished by the following merchants: Ben Franklin Store, Boney Insurance, Bragg's Department Store, Carson's Super Market, Castille Hardware, Circle A Western House, Crawford's, F & M Bank, Higginbotham - Bartlett Lumber, Max Murrell Chevrolet, Merkel Drug, Ninth Street Grocery, Starbuck Furniture Company, Western Auto and Wilson's Food Store. Prize winners are as follows: 1st girls-Regina

Stuckey, 10 speed bicycle; 1st, boys-James Shaw, 10 speed bicycle; 2nd-Mike Fisher, Sonnet AM-FM radio; 3rd-W. A. Kinder, Tyco electric train set; 4th Cammie Bright, Timex watch; 5th-Susan Wheeler, set of walkie-talkies; 6th-Larry Land, AM radio; 7th-Frankie Austermann, Novus Calculator; 8th-Donan Justice, track shoes. All of the above will also receive a T-Shirt. The following will receive a T-shirt: Bubba Atkinson, William Martin, Kerry Deen, Kim Smith, Todd Hensley, Lyle Baker, James Castille, Jimmy Cooper and Tim Brady. Other Bike-A-Thon participants included: Randy Leverich, Brad Nalley, Harold Dye and Leta Walters.

## Merkel Riding Club Play Night Results

The results of the Merkel Riding Club play night held May 7th, are as follows:

Barrels (12 and under)1. Lisa Dokey, 2. Dayne Pursley, 3. Karri Kennedy, 4. Mike Dokey and 5. Kevin McLennon. (13-17)-1. Sherry Williams, 2. Vicki Campbell, 3. Rodney Carroll and 4. Penny Hatfield. (18 and over)-1. Barbara

Whisenhunt, 2. Charles Hatfield, 3. Jerry Russell, 4. Christi Boone and 5. Lavin Vaughn. Flag (12 and under)-1. Dayne Pursley, 2. Karri Kennedy, 3. Lisa Dokey, 4. Mike Dokey and 5. Kevin McLennon. (13-17)-1. Rodney Carroll, 2. Penny Hatfield, 3. Sherry Williams and 4. Vicki Campbell. (18 and over)-1. Jim Allday, 2. Benny Carroll, 3. Barbara Whisenhunt, 4. Lynn Dokey and 5. Walter Whisenhunt. Tie Down Calf Roping: Oscar Vaughn and 2. Jerry Russell. Ribbon Roping-1. Jerry Russell and Sherry Williams, 2. Oscar Vaughn and Bridgett Vaughn and 3. James Peters and Karrie Kennedy. Team Roping-1. Charles Hatfield and Don Simpson. Boot Race (10 and under)-1. James Allday, 2. Robby Williams, 3. Karri Kennedy and 4. Rodney Russell. The Merkel Riding Club will have a work night Thursday, May 12th at 7:00.

## Texas Federation of Women's clubs meet in Dallas

The Texas Federation of Women's Clubs met in its 80th Annual convention recently at the Baker Hotel in Dallas. Convention program theme: "Onward! Upward! With Action" was developed in many interesting ways, with State President Mrs. Robert N. Tipps presiding. There were 14 District Clubs represented from over the state. Mrs. Andy Shouse and Mrs. W. R. Cypert represented Merkel's Fortnightly Study Club. Sessions were held in the Crystal Ballroom, with exhibits and displays in the Empire and Terrace Rooms. On Thursday District winners presented a "Fashions for Fun Style Show." To be in this show, participants had to have won 1st place in their local district. Mrs. Shouse modeled a shrimp colored jump suit with coordinating yellow shovel cap, in the "Anything Goes," category. Although she did not win, it was an honor to represent the local club.

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## Present or Former 4-H Members may be eligible for college scholarships

Agricultural college enrollments increased 75 percent in the six-year period from 1969 to 1975. Many ag school deans attribute the enrollment jump to young people's concerns about world food production, a growing interest in ecology, and the back-to-nature movement that began in the late 1960's. Present or former 4-H members who plan to major in agriculture or related fields may be eligible for college scholarships offered by private-sector donors this year through National 4-H Council. 4-H scholarships range in value from \$600 to \$1,000. They are awarded on the basis of interest in attending college, 4-H background, grades, leadership ability and financial need. De Kalb AgResearch, Inc. offers four \$800 scholarships to young men and women who plan to enroll for their junior year of college in the fall of 1977, and who expect to major in some phase of agribusiness. Recipients also will spend two days studying operations at the com-

pany's research headquarters in DeKalb, Ill. Two scholarships of \$1,000 each are donated by Allied Mills, Inc. These go to current or former 4-H members who will be juniors majoring in animal science at a college or university this fall. Champion Valley Farms, Inc., Recipe Division, provides two Lassie 4-H Veterinary Medicine scholarships of \$1,000 each to former 4-H members currently enrolled in a college of veterinary medicine. 4-H scholarships are a means of recognizing outstanding 4-H work and furthering the college education of present or former 4-H'ers. Recipients are chosen by the Cooperative Extension Service.



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### Food Poisoning and Home Cooking

Food poisoning poses a serious threat to Americans' health—estimates of actual food poisoning cases range from 2-10 million annually, Frances Reasonover, a foods and nutrition specialist, says.

Homemakers have the potential of causing food poisoning while handling, preparing and storing meat and poultry.

For example, leaving cooked meat or poultry at room temperature for more than two hours carries a high risk of food poisoning. Cooked meat and poultry left out at room temperature are a haven for bacterial growth that can cause illness, the specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A & M University System, said.

"Another hazard is cross-contamination of bacteria from raw meat and poultry—possible hosts to harmful bacteria—when such items are prepared with other foods. Washing hands immediately after handling raw meat will help prevent cross-contamination to side dish ingredients.

"Storage of food in the refrigerator may not be safe, because temperatures of 45 degrees Fahrenheit and above are not cool enough to check bacterial growth. Refrigeration at 40 degrees Fahrenheit is a safer temperature," she said.

The specialist said that homemakers can follow these suggestions in food preparation to avoid the possibility of causing food poisoning.

—Cook hamburger well done.  
—Refrigerate cooked beef roast, pork roast, turkey or chicken as soon after cooking as possible, preferably within two hours.

—Refrigerate tuna, chicken, turkey or egg salad - sandwiches within two hours if possible.

—Be sure refrigerator keeps beef roast, turkey, pork or chicken leftovers cooler than 45 degrees Fahrenheit.

—Stuff a turkey immediately before roasting.  
—Cook a turkey completely at one time.

## Merkel Art Association News

The Merkel Art Association met May 2nd at the First United Methodist Church.

In the absence of Ann Doan, president, Ruth Hogan presided.

The following committees were appointed: historian, Elizabeth Hicks; program and projects, Frankie Smith, Bess Moore and Ruth Cox; ways and means, Ruth

Hogan, Bettye Toombs and Bernice Bagby; telephone Ethel Pee, Ann Doan; hospitality, Pat Neff; Year Book, Pat Neff and Edith Kennedy.

The next meeting will be June 6th.

There were six members present and Mrs. Cora Reeves was welcomed as a new member. Mrs. Lynward Harrison was a visitor.

### Abilene Garden Club to host annual Home and Garden Tour

Abilene Garden Club will host its annual Home and Garden Tour on May 13th. Mrs. Herb Roberts is chairman of the tour. The theme for this year is "All Through the House", adventures for beautiful living. An unusual array of homes featuring livable homes, liberated living, and charming settings will be part of this joyful home tour. Tickets are \$2.00 and are available in advance from any Abilene Garden Club member, or may be purchased the day of the tour at any of the homes, or at the Garden Center at 300 Westwood Drive. The homes will be open for

viewing from 10-12 a.m., 15 p.m., and 6:30 to 8 p.m. There will be a plant sale and membership drive in conjunction with the tour.

Homes to be viewed are the Lewis Duncans home at 718 Diamond Lake Drive (A.C.U. - Section, off Washington Blvd.), the home of Mrs. James B. Dunigan at 5 Trafalgar Square, the Horace Carpenters at 1609 River Oaks Road, the Richard Bloomers, 1141 Elmwood Drive and the Terry O'Brians at 2026 North 3rd.

Plant sale will be at the Carpenters home and refreshments will be served at the Bloomers.

### All Trophy Open

The Stephens County 4-H Club of Breckenridge has announced May 21st as the date for their Open Horse Show.

Trophies will be awarded first through sixth places. There will be three age divisions: Pee Wee-8 and under, Juniors 9 through 13, and Seniors 14 through 19. Classes offered will be Halter, Showmanship, Western Pleasure, Reining, Poles, Barrels and Flags. Entries will be \$3.00 per event.

Fifty dollar belt buckles will be awarded to the high point Junior and Senior. A belt buckle will also be awarded to the high point Pee Wee with saddle blankets to the runner-up in each division. High point will be judged on one horse only.

Show starts at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 21st in the Breckenridge Rodeo Arena. Rain date will be May 28th.

For added information or to enter early, call Mrs. Pat Schellhase, 817-3452261 or 817-559-5982.

## Xi Nu Chi News

Xi Nu Chi Chapter of Texas Beta Sigma Phi met May 3rd at the home of Elizabeth Eager for their regular meeting.

The business meeting was called to order by President Louise DuBose. Committee reports were given. Louise reported on the presentation for the Woman and Man of the Year held at the Abilene Civic Center April 30th. Representing Xi Nu Chi for Woman of the Year was Charollette Starbuck and Man of the Year was Robert Harris. The theme was Follow the Rainbow, dinner and dance preceded the presentation.

Kathy Leverich program chairman, introduced the program "Tomorrows Dawn," with each member participating in the program.

Following the business meeting, new officers for 1977-78 were installed. President Jocille Brady, Vice President Pat Neff, Recording Secretary Bobbye Mansfield, Corresponding Secretary Louise DuBose, Treasurer Kathy Leverich, Extension Officer Mamie Steck and Council Representative Connie Harris.

Connie Harris membership chairman, reported Xi Nu Chi had 3 new members to take Rituals. They were Connie Ybarra, Betty Allday, Pat Castille and 1 new transferee, Anne Booth.

Refreshments were served by hostess, Elizabeth Eager to the following: Connie Ybarra, Pat Neff, Kathy Leverich, Mamie Steck, Jocille Brady, Louise DuBose, Opal Garner, Connie Harris, Bobbye Mansfield, Val Patterson and Charollette Starbuck.

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Mr. and Mrs. Tom Allday

### Alldays Celebrate 50th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Tom M. Allday of 1509 Sunset Drive, Merkel will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married May 8, 1927 in Abilene at the parsonage of Oak Street Methodist Church.

The anniversary will be celebrated with a reception Sunday, May 15th, 2:30 p.m. at the Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church in Merkel. It will be hosted by the couple's son and

wife, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Allday of Abilene. Mr. Allday was born March 6, 1902. He previously worked for the Veterans Administration and is presently retired. He is a member of the Merkel United Methodist Church and the Merkel Masonic Lodge.

Mrs. Allday was born February 6, 1905 and is a member of the Merkel United Methodist Church, Eastern Star and Merkel Garden Club. The couple met in Merkel in 1925. They have lived in Merkel, Roscoe, Silverton, Shamrock, Spearman, Dalhart, Lubbock and Merkel. They have 3 grandchildren. Mr. and Mrs. Allday wish to invite all their friends to attend the 50th anniversary celebration.

### Larry Gill says "Thank you"

Dear Citizens: On behalf of millions of children who suffer from lung-damaging diseases, I want to say "thank you" to the people of Merkel who contributed so generously to the Cystic Fibrosis Bike-A-Thon on April 23.

There are several who deserve special recognition and I beg the forgiveness of anyone who is unintentionally left out. I want to thank the merchants of this city who furnished some wonderful prizes, KWFA and The Merkel Mail for advertising, Officer Pocock and the Texas DPS for traffic control, W. L. Massey and crew of the Highway Department for signs, Mr. and Mrs. Wooten of Camp Butman for hospitality, Mrs. Jim Jacobs for cooking, transportation furnished by Mr. and Mrs. Glen Bright, Charles Jacobs, S. G. Russell, C. M. Seymore, and Bennie Hobbs; sponsors, including Janet Deen, Charlene Hensley, Mary Gill, Jessie Shaw, and Mrs. Kinder; refreshments arranged for by Harold Bails and provided by Gooch Packing Company, Mrs. Baird's Bread, Frito-Lay, Coca-Cola Company, and Foremost Dairy and F & M Bank for displaying the prizes.

Undoubtedly, all of the riders are to be commended for their perseverance. All of these people have shown they really care about lung-damaged children. They have helped raise \$1218 in the Merkel area, which will support programs for diagnosis, treatment, research and public education.

Research is accelerating to find a control or cure for Cystic Fibrosis, one of the most serious genetic diseases. Over 117 medical centers are lengthening the lives of Cystic Fibrosis children, and in many cases relieving the conditions of children suffering from severe asthma, bronchitis, bronchiectasis, and a condition sometimes called "childhood emphysema."

We are encouraged by this progress and I thank each of you for your help. Sincerely, Larry Gill, Chairman Lone Star Chapter (Merkel Area) Cystic Fibrosis Foundation

### Stephanie Walker

Stephanie Walker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leon R. Walker of 1414 Stewart Street, is among Hardin-Simmons University spring graduates who will receive degrees May 8

Hardin-Simmons University spring graduates who

### Jennifer Smith Best Supporting Actress

Jennifer Smith, Hardin-Simmons University freshman from Merkel, was selected as Best Supporting Actress during HSU's annual Awards Day assembly April 28.

She was selected Best Supporting Actress for her performance as the Fortune Teller in "Skin of Our Teeth."

Miss Smith, a drama major, is the daughter of Mr. James T. Smith of 1420 North 1st. She is a 1965 graduate of Merkel High School.

### Contest Winners Announced

Winners of an all expense paid trip to Washington, D. C., sponsored by Taylor Electric Cooperative, were announced this week.

Cindy Eve, daughter of Anelda Jones, Star Route, Sweetwater and Kyle Stephenson, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Stephenson, Route 1 Box 154, Clyde, were the winners of the oratorical contest held May 2, 1977 at the Cooperative office.

The Washington Rural Electric Youth Tour winners were among thirteen high school students from the area served by Taylor Electric Cooperative. Each student was required to give a 5-8 minute talk on the subject 'Energy Crisis.'

Cindy is a student at Divide High School, and Kyle is a student at Eula High School. They will be among a number of young people from all over the state participating in the Texas Tour to the nation's capital city, June 9th through June 21st.

### to graduate

received degrees May 8 in Commencement exercises.

Miss Walker received a bachelor of science degree. The commencement was held in Behrens Chapel-Auditorium.

Commencement speaker was Dr. Warren Curtis Haltgren, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

### Merrel to graduate

More than 2,000 students will receive bachelor's, master's and doctor's degrees in commencement exercises at Texas Tech University this spring.

The 1,000th doctorate and the 10,000th master's degree will be conferred this spring. Graduates will include, from Merkel: Judy K. Merrell, Route 3, Box 131, home economics education.

With an enrollment of more than 22,000 students, Texas Tech University includes the colleges of Arts and Sciences, Agricultural Sciences, Business Administration, Education, Engineering and Home Economics, the Graduate School, the School of Law, and the Texas Tech University School of Medicine. It is one of four major multi-purpose universities of the State of Texas.

### Tips To Help You

Motorists may waste more than \$100 million in tire wear this summer unless they pay more attention to proper inflation, the Tire Industry Safety Council warns. Underinflated tires also waste gasoline because they use more energy.

### Nursing

### Home Week

Residents of nursing homes all across Texas are being honored with a special "week" proclaimed by Governor Dolph Briscoe and helped along by Kentucky's famous Colonel Harland Sanders as Honorary Host.

The observance, which runs throughout the week following Mother's Day is sponsored by Texas Nursing Home Association with the dual objectives of paying tribute to resident patients cared for in their member homes plus giving the general public a good look at various aspects of total care provided in Texas' modern licensed nursing homes.

"Colonel Sanders is a distinguished Senior American who symbolizes our theme that the later years in life can be the greater years," said Douglas G. Pendergras, president of THNA. "He has been most generous with his time and influence and we are happy to have him as our Host," Pendergras continued. "On behalf of Governor Briscoe, we made him an Honorary Texan during a recent visit to Louisville. With such splendid cooperation from the Governor, the Colonel, and from hundreds of mayors, clergymen, volunteers, and the news media in Texas we will meet our objectives this year more successfully than ever before."

"Texas leads the nation in the field of long-term care," said Pendergras, "we in the profession are proud of that fact and we want Texans to share our pride."

During Nursing Home Week there are Open Houses, displays of arts and crafts, talent shows, and a wide variety of activities which the public would find interesting.

### L & W SNACK BAR AND RECREATION CENTER

Thanks to all you nice people who attended our Mother's Day buffet. It was a huge success. We served more than 200 guests not counting children under 5. The winner of our floral arrangement was Olga Gamble of a very young 89 years. The runner up were Mrs. Ethel Brown age 87, Mrs. O. J. Reynolds age 77 and Mrs. Ruby Jenkins age 75. There were a lot of youngsters between 70 and 75 who did not register when they saw the above names. We thank you all again for attending and as far as we are concerned every day should be Mother's Day.

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Fried Chicken	\$2.30
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<p><b>FOREMOST PURE ORANGE JUICE</b> 1 QT 59¢</p>	<p><b>FOREMOST COTTAGE CHEESE</b> 1 LB CRTN 69¢</p>	<p><b>LETTUCE</b> 29¢ HEAD</p>
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## Beta Sigma Phi Celebrates 46th Anniversary

Beta Sigma Phi, a social, cultural and service organization for women, celebrated their 46th anniversary of its founding, Saturday, April 30 at the Abilene Civic Center with a dinner and dance. Beta Sigma Phi is the largest women's sorority in the world. Celebrations were held in the 25 countries in which the organization's 250,000 members in more than 12,000 chapters exist. The organization is non-academic, non-political and non-sectarian. The keynote to Beta Sigma Phi is friendship.

Chapters of five different degrees meet the growing needs of various age groups. Members are active in small chapter groups. Each chapter adapts the plans for socials, civic, and service and cultural activities to fit the interests of its members.

When Beta Sigma Phi events or civic endeavors are larger than one chapter can plan alone, all chapters in a city or area may combine their strength. There are state conventions each year which any member may attend.

Internationally, the chapters have created several special funds: The International Loan Fund, through which members help one another; The International Endowment Fund, which has donated over one million dollars to cancer research, cystic fibrosis, homes for underprivileged children, and many other causes; The Exemplar Fund, which helps to support Literacy Village in India; and a college scholarship fund for members or their sons or daughters. The Founder's Day celebration on April 30th at the Civic Center marks the 46th an-

niversary of the founding. The organization was founded in Abilene, Kansas, by Mr. Walter W. Ross.

Betty Allday, has been selected as Lambda Beta's Girl of the Year and was presented Saturday at the Founder's Day Dinner. Betty is chapter president of Lambda Beta. She also represented her chapter as Valentine Sweetheart in 1976 and was crowned Queen of Hearts at the annual Beta Sigma Phi Valentine dance. She has held the following offices and served on the following committees: Treasurer (74-5), City Council Representative (74-5), City Council Representative Alternate (75-6), Program (73-4, 75-6), Telephone (75-6), Ways and Means Chairman (75-6). She is the wife of Jim Allday, employed by Ramby Real Estate in Abilene. They have two

children, James and Tiffany.

Members of Lambda Beta and their husbands and guest who attended the Founder's Day Dinner and Dance are as follows: Mr. and Mrs. Jim Allday, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. John

Henslee, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hohertz, Mr. and Mrs. Craig Jones, Mr. and Mrs. David Leddy, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Lucas, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Welch, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Yaddow, and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hoyt. Lee Yaddow was honored by Lambda Beta as Man of the Year.

### Three convicted in defrauding

Glyn Hammons, manager of the Abilene Social Security Office, announced that three persons in the five state Southwest Region were recently convicted of defrauding the Social Security Administration.

Robert A. Underwood, Oklahoma City, pled guilty before the U.S. Magistrate in Oklahoma City to making false statements to the Social Security Adminis-

tration and was given a one year suspended sentence, two years probation and required to make full restitution of the overpayment.

Helen M. Castle, Fort Worth, pled guilty to one count of making false statements to the Social Security Administration and was sentenced to one year supervised proba-

## Container Gardening for fresh vegetables

There is no excuse for anyone who likes home-grown vegetables to go without, says a Texas Agricultural Extension Service horticulturist.

For those without outdoor space, a "mini-garden" can be put on your windowsill, patio, balcony, rooftop, or almost anywhere the sun shines, points out Sam Cotner.

Mini-gardening, or growing vegetables in containers, offers an advantage to the backyard. These little gardens can be moved to the sun without being flooded, and are almost resistant to soil insects, weeds and diseases, explains the

Texas A & M University System horticulturist.

Vegetables that produce well in containers, flower beds and other limited spaces include tomatoes, peppers, eggplants, squash, herbs, leaf lettuce and green onions.

Mini-gardens can fit into trash cans, gallon cans, drums, washtubs and wooden boxes. Other containers commonly used are 8-to-10-inch pots and 3-to-5-gallon cans.

For any container garden, good drainage is essential, emphasizes Cotner. To insure better water filtering, a lightweight "synthetic soil" obtained at the local nursery is sufficient.

Better results are ob-

vious when healthy plants are transplanted instead of using packaged seeds. But care must be used not to damage the tender roots during transplanting, says the specialist.

Cotner recommends a soluble fertilizer for container gardens to help prevent salt buildup and promote higher yields. Watering with a nutrient solution is generally necessary two or three times a week. But this will increase as plants mature.

Keeping a close check for insect and disease problems is important for a productive mini-garden, adds Cotner.

## Fortnightly Study Club News

The Fortnightly Study Club met April 26 at the Big Country Inn with Mrs. Buster Horton and Mrs. Ed Sandusky as hostesses. Following refreshments and business meeting, Mrs. Andy Shouse, Club Counselor, reported on the measures that one women's club has taken to combat the rising crime rate in its city. Mrs. W. R. Cypert gave the program on "Fighting Crime—Fed Up Citizens Can Do It!" She emphasized that citizen involvement is most important and discussed several things that the average person can do to

help prevent crime: lock doors, mark valuables, organize neighborhood patrols and block watchers, be alert for and report any suspicious circumstances, and bring pressure to bear on too-lenient elective judges.

Members present were Mrs. Ray Wilson, Mrs. Aaron Sudderth, Mrs. Andy Shouse, Mrs. Ed Sandusky, Mrs. C. B. Knight, Mrs. Buster Horton, Mrs. Comer Haynes, Miss Mildred Hamm, Mrs. Charles Eager, Mrs. S. C. Dixon, and Mrs. W. R. Cypert.

## Lambda Beta Holds rituals

The Ritual of Jewels ceremony was performed for new members, Ann Doan, Gloria Henslee, Robbie Hicks, Terri Martin, and Linda Leddy, in the Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi. The ceremony was held in the home of Ginny Yaddow.

Members present were as follows: Betty Allday, Milly Bright, Pat Castille, Annette Clark, Ann Doan, Bobby Elliott, Judy Elliott, Gloria Henslee, Robbie Hicks, Mary Hill, Chera Hohertz, Linda Leddy, Sarah Lucas, Terri Martin, Glenda Teaff, Barbara Welch, and Ginny Yaddow.

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**MOC Students**



**Roger Doan**

Roger Doan, age 18, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Doan. He is a senior in Merkel High School. Roger has been involved in all high school sports, participating in football for 6 years, basketball for 5 years, track-6 years,



**Chip Mathewson**

Robert Dale (Chip) Mathewson, age 17, is in his first year of MOC. Chip has participated in football 2 years in Junior High and 2 years in High School. Chip is employed at Western Pipe Company. His supervisors are: Sammy Ross, and Chuck Campbell. His employers



**David Griffith**

David Griffith, age 17, is a Junior in Merkel High School. David is employed at Al Higes Diesel Service in Tye, Texas. He works from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. He has been employed with this firm for 3 months. David's job is working in the parts department and in the shop. David says that he plans to continue working for Al Higes Diesel Service and plans to become a diesel mechanic.

**Visits & Visitors**

Mary Collins, retired vice president of Farmers and Merchants National Bank, has just returned from several weeks visit in Willcox and Tucson, Arizona with her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Collins and nephews and nieces and their families. Her brother and wife brought her home and enroute visited in Lamesa with Quinton Collins and wife and in Lubbock with Elmo Collins and wife and on to Dallas to visit Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Shafer. Mrs. Shafer is a sister of Mrs. Paul Collins. Interesting trips and sights were enjoyed.

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Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Gregory are proud parents of a son. He has been named Russell Kevin. He was born April 18 at 1:14 and weighed 4 pounds 13 1/2 ounces.

Maternal grandparent is Louise Gregory of Trent and paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John Constable of Merkel.

**Stith Home Demonstration News**

The Stith Community Center has a new look inside. The ladies Home Demonstration Club had an all day sewing last meeting, making new curtains and some of the ladies had done some painting in the kitchen. We had a noon luncheon with 10 for dinner.

After lunch a group from the Merkel 4-H Club brought their demonstra-

tions. They will go to San Angelo May 7 and give the same program. We wish them lots of luck. Those who came were Jay Gibson, Sharon Boyd, Vernon Presswood, Vicki Reddin, Lee Reddin, Cindy Boone, Maury Moore, Tonya Moore, John Townsend.

We then had our business meeting. We then got back to work on the curtains. We say thanks to all

who helped work on them.

Those present throughout the day were visitors Mrs. Lenora Bonds, Mrs. Jack Moore, Mrs. Alonzo Peterson and Roy Mashburn. Members present were Vada Hudson, Louise Hudson, Daisy Mashburn, Dolly Reddin, Lenora Wilburn, Mae Jones, Buelah Bradley, Margaret Dickerson and Tricia Newsom.

**Garden Club News**

**Engagement Announced**

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Austerman announce the engagement of their daughter Danalee Pearl to Ovis Homer West, son of Mrs. Wilma Davis and the late Ovis Davis of Quanah, Texas. The wedding will take place June 15th in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Austerman at 7:30.

The Merkel Garden Club will meet May 19th at 12 noon for a luncheon at 602 Oak at the home of Mrs. W. T. Sadler. Mrs. Jarrett Williams will bring the program and it will be Maytime Festivities. This will be the last meeting of our year and each member is urged to be there.



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DINNER EA **49¢**  
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PIZZA JUMBO EACH **89¢**

CHICKEN OF SEA  
**TUNA**  
FLAT CAN **59¢**  
HEINZ DILL  
**Pickles**

HAWAIIAN 46 OZ CAN  
**PUNCH**  
LIBBYS 303 IN JUICE 2 FOR **49¢**

Fruit **Cocktail**  
LIBBYS 303 WK OR C. S. 2 FOR **79¢**

L. G. DAIRY FRESH  
LOW FAT **MILK**  
GAL JUG **\$1.45**  
NO DEPOSIT

GANDYS  
**ICE CREAM**  
1/4 GAL CARTON **\$1.09**

QT. JAR **79¢**  
GLADIOLA  
**MEAL**

GOLDEN **Corn**  
LIBBYS 303 2 FOR **53¢**

**SPINACH**  
LIBBYS 46 oz CAN 2 FOR **55¢**

**CRISCO**  
COOKING OIL  
48 OZ JUG **\$1.69**

GOLD MEDAL  
**FLOUR**  
5 LB BAG **63¢**

5 LB BAG **79¢**  
12 OZ CAN  
**COKE**

Tomato **JUICE**  
LIBBYS 303 2 FOR **53¢**

**FLOUR**

**CRISCO**

Sweet **Peas**  
CONTADINA 2 FOR **63¢**

**FLOUR**

**CRISCO**

6 PACK CRTN **98¢**  
BORDEN 1/2 MOON  
**CHEESE**

Tomatoes 2 FOR **73¢**  
RANCH STYLE 300

**CHEEZ WHIZ**  
KRAFT 16 oz JAR **\$1.29**

**CRISCO**

PINTO **BEANS** 2 FOR **39¢**

**LIPTON**  
INSTANT TEA 3 OZ KRAFT **\$1.39**

**CRISCO**

6 PACK CRTN **98¢**  
BORDEN 1/2 MOON  
**CHEESE**

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CHOICE BEEF SIRLOIN  
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I G DAIRY FRESH  
**HOMOMILK**  
GAL JUG **\$1.55**  
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Mayonnaise  
QUART JAR **\$1.19**

9 oz PKG **93¢**

**STEAKS** **\$1.49**

I. G. DAIRY FRESH 1/4 GAL CRTN  
**BUTTER MILK** **73¢**

**Mayonnaise**

**CHEESE**

**BACON** GOOCH BR LB **\$1.29**

NABISCO 15 oz PKG  
**OREO Cookies** **73¢**

**Mayonnaise**

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CHOICE BEEF **RIBS** LB **59¢**

**LAUNDRY** 70 oz BOX **98¢**

GIANT  
**CHEER** BOX **\$1.19**  
1 LIMIT

**RED APPLES**

**SAUSAGE** GOOCH BR GERMAN STYLE PKG **98¢**

**LAUNDRY**

**CHEER**

**RED APPLES**

**Burritos** CARMEN'S 4 ct PKG **79¢**

**LAUNDRY**

**CHEER**

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