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POST SCRIPTS By Uncle Ned

There was something amiss at the game Friday night. That something was the fire and excitement of all football. The Band. Several members came down with colds and could not perform at half-time.

The band and pep squad are frequently taken for granted. They are the unsung heroes who stand on the sidelines and cheer. Their cheer is as much a part of football as the pig skin itself.

When a player is out there giving his all, the most important thing in his mind is how the home folks are liking the action. When he hears the cheers, it gives him encouragement to go on. He knows then that it isn't himself he must think about. . . he knows he must consider the whole school.

When this group of youngsters yell til their throats are sore to teammates on the grid iron, they are giving their all for the alma mater. The battle may be decided on the field but these youngsters, win or lose, are giving their best to their team. Their loyalty and devotion is just as important as a first down, or those carrying the ball. To the many hearty youngsters of the band and the pep squad go my congratulations this week.

The Badgers made an outstanding showing against Abilene "B" team Friday night. The Eagle "B" was outclassed and the score indicated it. They had plenty of reserves but they are all young and inexperienced. The Badgers take on Hamlin this week at Hamlin. We predict a victory but it won't be easy.

The football contest in last week's paper indicated a lot of interest. We had many entries turned in to the office before the deadline Friday. It will take a little time to determine the winner.

We have a few new faces at the Mail office. Jocille Thompson, Senior student at Merkel High School, works in the office after school hours, and Jamie Scott, who just moved in here with his mother and sister from Arizona, is working in the shop. They are doing a fine job and we're proud of them.

While handing out bouquets, we might mention the fine job turned in by the Equalization Board. They have worked untiringly through many hundreds of cards without pay and without thanks. To them, we say thanks for a job well done!

Its good to have civic minded interests in a community like Merkel.

Cub Scouts To Meet Monday

The Merkel Cub Scouts of Pack 2 meet Monday night, September 25, at 7:30 p.m. in the school room for the first meeting of the season, according to Mr. George Johnson, Cubmaster.

All boys between the ages of 8 and 11 interested in Cub Scouts are urged to bring their parents and attend the meeting. It is important that parents accompany their boys.

Mrs. Sherrill Wins Ribbons At Fair

Two blue ribbons were won by Mrs. Charlie Sherrill at the West Texas Fair Flower Show. She entered an arrangement in the modern class and also one in the church class. In the church class she had an arrangement of large bronze mums, gerbera and canna leaves placed in a brown wooden bowl sent to her by her son, Major Lamoine Sherrill, from Tokyo.

In the church class she had a lovely arrangement of huge yellow mums and cherry laural in a soft green pottery container. Both arrangements were very outstanding. Mrs. Sherrill is in charge of the arrangements at the First Baptist Church.

BADGERS DOWN ABILENE "B" TEAM 46 to 6

The Merkel Badgers found the right combination with Russell and Rutledge and literally ran away from the Abilene "B" team here Friday night by a score of 46 to 6.

McLeod found the spark early in the first period when he pitched the ball back to Rutledge from the 29 yard line to pay dirt. In addition to sparking the Badgers ground play, McLeod makes a few outstanding running plays himself good for scores. Once from the 48 yard line and again for a 68 yard touchdown gallop.

Here's the way the game went play by play:

FIRST QUARTER
The Badgers are led onto the playing field by the Cheer Leaders while the Pep Squad makes a column of twos holding ribbons across the pathway.

Merkel loses the toss and chooses to take the wind to their back and kick off to Abilene. Stanley Cosby receives the kick on his 10 and runs to the 29 before he is downed by Jimmy Neill.

Abilene's Roger Evans tries a pass broken up by Neill. Evans hands off to Kent Zuber who tries left side for no gain. Again Evans drops back in punt formation and kicks from his 5.

Quarter Back Club To Sponsor Trophies

The Merkel Quarter Back Club, formed two weeks ago to sponsor filming of the football games and to boost the Merkel Badgers, has taken on more projects for this year, according to Lester Dorton, president.

At their weekly meeting Monday night, club members heard Coach Carroll Benson report on the last two Badger games and give a scouting report on the Hamlin team who will meet the Badgers there Friday night.

The club voted to sponsor three trophies, one for the best man in the backfield, one for the best lineman, and one for the most conscientious player. These trophies will remain as permanent fixtures of the Merkel High School and will be displayed in the trophy room with the player's names engraved on them.

Winners will be determined by Merkel Quarter Back Club members who will cast a ballot each week. Members voting must have at least attended the previous week's game to be eligible to vote. These votes will be placed in a locked ballot box to be opened at the end of the season.

An open forum was held in regard to rules and regulations of football for the 1956 season, after which a general discussion period was open to all.

The Quarter Back Club will sponsor filming each game. This film will be used by Coach Benson for training purposes and will be shown to club members each Monday night with Coach Benson explaining each play.

The club will meet on the football field Monday night to build a platform on the poles to be used by "spotters" and the camera man to film the games. All members are urged to attend.

Lions Sell Brooms, Mops Thursday

The Merkel Lions will sell brooms and mops to aid Cripple Children and to buy glasses for needy children here Thursday afternoon.

All proceeds from this sale will go to this cause. It was stated that broom corn prices have just about doubled since the drought caused small crops this year. Buying your brooms now may save in the future, Dr. Don Warren, Lion President, stated.

Representatives of the Lions Club will go from door to door and everyone is urged to make their purchases and help those who can't help themselves.

Rutledge takes the kick on the 50 and advances seven yards to the Abilene 43 but a flag on the play. Penalty against Abilene declined. McLeod hands off to Rutledge who hits right tackle for 6 yds. On the next play, McLeod fumbles and Abilene recovers on the 40 yd. line, but Abilene was offside and they keep the ball. Merkel draws a five yard penalty then fumbles and Abilene recovers on the 40 yard line.

Stanley Cosby goes through the middle for 10 yards and a first down. Martinez comes in for Cosby and hands off to Jerry Osborne through the left side for 2 yds. Martinez tries a delay hand-off and fumbles. McLeod recovers for the Badgers on the 45. McLeod to Russell through the middle for 5. McLeod passes to Miller for 12 yards. McLeod hands off to Rutledge who tries left guard for 4 yds. McLeod again hands off to Russell who hits left guard, stumbles then around left end and through for a first down on the 29 yard line. Again McLeod hands off to Russell who fumbles and recovers for no gain. McLeod keeps then pitches back to Rutledge good for 5 yds. McLeod again pitches back to Rutledge who goes all the way

for the first score of the ball game. Manley Denton holds and Rutledge toes the ball right between the uprights making the score Merkel 7, Abilene "B" 0. Merkel kicks to Cosby who takes the ball on his 10, follows a blocking down to the 43 yard line. Roger Evans pitches back to Osborne good for 3 yds. Evans tries left side for gain of 3 yds. Fourth down and 4 yds. needed, Evans kicks to Rutledge on his 29 yd. line. Merkel penalized 15 yds for roughing moves the ball back to the 14 yd. line. Both teams off sides for another try, McLeod gives off to Rutledge who tears around left end for a first down on the 31 yd. line. McLeod to Russell loses 2 yds. McLeod keeps and tries left side for 1 yd. McLeod tries pass which is incomplete as quarter ends.

SECOND QUARTER
McLeod kicks to the Abilene 41 yard line where the ball goes out of bounds. Evans completes a pass to Walters on the Merkel 30 and moves on to the 10 yd. line before he is finally brought down by Rutledge. Evans gives off to Martinez for 2 yds. Evans gives off to Osborne who scores for Abilene. Osborne's try for point fails and the score is Merkel 7, Abilene 6.

Lacey Kicks for Abilene to Rutledge on the 10 and runs to 38. McLeod hands the ball to Rutledge through left guard for 5 yds. McLeod to Russell through left guard and goes the distance for Merkel's second tally. He really twisted, squirmed, jumped and leaped every foot of the 33 yds. and crossed the double stripe standing up. Try for point fails and Merkel leads Abilene 13-6.

McKeever kicks to Walters on the Abilene 15 and moves to the 34. Evans pitches back to Osborne for a 3 yd. loss. Martinez in for Evans tries a pass, losses 7 yds. Martinez to Cosby stopped by McLeod for 4 yd. loss. Charles Flynn kicks for Abilene to Russell who returns the ball to the 48 yd. line.

McLeod keeps the ball on the first play and goes around right side all the way for a 48-yard touchdown standing up. Denton holds for Rutledge and the kick is good. Score Merkel 20, Abilene 6.

McKeever kicks to the Abilene 21 where Walters takes it and is smeared by Collinsworth. Martinez hands off to Walters good for 9 yards. Martinez to Walters through the middle for 4 yds. and a first down. Martinez hands off to Osborne and fumbles on

44 with Neill recovering for Merkel.

McLeod keeps through left tackle for 8 yds. McLeod pitches back to Russell who laterals off and is brought down on the 30 yd. line. McLeod pitches back to Rutledge good for 10 yds. McLeod hands off to Russell who goes through left side for 5 yds. Merkel penalized 5 yds. for off-sides, first and 15 on the 35. McLeod passes to Neill good for 15 yds. Then McLeod hands off to Russell who goes through the left side all the way for TD standing up. Manly Denton holds while Rutledge boots one through the uprights and Merkel is 27, Abilene 6.

Merkel kicks to Cosby on the 22 yd. line who moves to the 35 before being downed by Mewborn. Martinez hands off to Cosby who goes through the middle for three yards. Martinez hands off to Graham who fumbles on the 41, recovers. Martinez tries a pass which goes incomplete as quarter ends.

Halftime activities is called off due to several of the band members having colds. Twirlers give a twirling exhibition.

McLeod passes to Russell (interference is called. . . then play is called back, both teams off sides. McLeod keeps around right end for 9 1-2 yds. McLeod to Russell who goes through right guard and finds running room as blockers form and carry him over for another Merkel touchdown. Rutledge kicks while Denton holds and is good. Merkel 34, Abilene 6.

Hargrove kicks to Cosby who takes the ball behind the goal line runs the 20 where he is stopped. Merkel is off sides and the kick is no good. Mewborn kicks to Cosby on the 30 where he is downed by Denton. Cosby passes to Newman good for 27 yds. 1st down on the 47. Martinez passes incomplete (off side penalty declined).

Martinez passes to Higgins for 1 yd. loss. Martinez tries another pass which is batted down by Tittle. Buber kicks to Tittle on the 31 yard line.

McLeod passes to Denton good for 10 yds. (infraction and play is called back. Merkel penalized back to the 18 yard line). McLeod hands off to Rutledge gets through for 6. McLeod passes to Miller incomplete. McLeod kicks from 15 to Abilene 40 yard line as the quarter ends.

FOURTH QUARTER
Evans under, fumbles for 5 yd. loss. Evans tries pass which is incomplete. Evans tries another pass incomplete to Newman. Charles Flynn fakes a kick, keeps and runs to Badger 36 yard line. Merkel takes over. McLeod hands off to Rutledge through left side and over for tally. Denton holds for Rutledge but kick is wide. Score — Merkel 40, Abilene 6.

Russell kicks to Cosby on the 10. The ball is dropped, he picks it up and runs to 33 yd. line where he is downed by Toombs. Martinez passes to Newman who is stopped by Tokyo Moreno. Martinez passes to Higgins no good. Martinez passes to Higgins for loss of 4 yds. Rikki McPherson passes to Tony Martinez good for 12 yards. McPherson to Walters through for 6 yds. on pitch back. McPherson to Graham through for 5 yds. Lack back for pass which is intercepted by Tittle on the 20 and returns it to the 32.

This is the play of the ball game as McLeod on a keeper goes all the way for a 68 yard touchdown sprint. The kick is blocked and Merkel is out front 46 to 6.

Seymore kicks for Merkel to Cosby on the 22. Cosby returns to the 40, fumbles and Seymore recovers for Merkel.

McLeod to Russell through to the 26. McLeod pitches out to Rutledge through for 1 yd. McLeod to Russell, stopped by Lacy for no gain. McLeod to Rutledge through right side for 7. McLeod to Rutledge for first down on 18 as the game ends. Final Score — Merkel 46, Abilene "B" 6.

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Merkel Juniors Downed by Rotan 27-0 Tuesday

The Merkel Junior High football team were defeated by Rotan 27-0 there Tuesday night. The juniors will meet Hamlin here next Tuesday night.

Fifth Sunday Singing

The Taylor-Jones County Fifth Sunday Singing Convention meets September 30, at 10:00 a.m. in the high school auditorium in Merkel. Singers are expected from Sweetwater, Abilene, Rotan, Snyder, San Angelo and other surrounding communities.

President Melvin McCoy asks that everyone interested in singing come out September 30, and make the out-of-town singers 'welcome'.

Everyone in the Merkel area is urged to bring a basket lunch which will be spread in the cafeteria. Drinks and bread will be furnished.

W. N. Watson Dies After Long Illness

Funeral services for W. N. Watson, 70, were held in the Merkel Church of Christ, Monday with E. R. Watson officiating. Mr. Watson died Saturday after a long illness. He was born in Casey County, Kentucky March 15, 1886 and came to Texas in 1909.

He married Clemmon Sandusky of Bronte, Texas in 1909 and moved to Taylor County in 1916. After a brief stay, they returned to Bronte where they lived until 1943 when they moved to Merkel. He had lived here since then until his death.

Survivors include his wife, three daughters, Mrs. R. S. McMeans of Alice, Texas; Mrs. W. C. Smith of Morenci, Ariz. and Mrs. H. H. Cooper of Duncan, Ariz.; his mother, Mrs. D. C. Watson who is 93 years old, of Liberty, Ky.; four sisters and three brothers.

Grave-side rites were observed with the Masonic Lodge of Merkel in charge of the ceremony at Rose Hill Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Beauford Buntin visited Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Hobbs in Dallas recently. The Hobbs baby had undergone surgery.

Venina McCue of Merkel is employed as cashier in the Wooten Drug in Abilene.

Mrs. Nath Maxwell, Mrs. Beilie Maxwell and Marylon went shopping in Trent Saturday.

Pep Squad Elects Officers

The Merkel High School Pep Squad elected their 1956-1957 officers on September 5, 1956. They are as follows: President, Joyce McLean; Vice President, Janell Pitt; Secretary-Treasurer, Wanda Hester; and Reporter, Sue Sylvester.

There are thirty members in the pep squad this year. The cheer leaders are: Pat Butman as head cheer leader. She is a Junior and has served as cheerleader for two years. Assistant cheer head leader is Sue McLean who is a Senior and has been a cheer leader for four years. Janice Rutledge is a Senior and has been a cheer leader for four years. Letta Hester who is a Senior and has been a cheer leader for one year, and Dixie Wade who is a Sophomore and has been a cheer leader one year.

Our mascots are Debbie Seymore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Seymore and Terry Springer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mac Springer.

We are all very proud of our cheer leaders and mascots. They have worked very hard to help make a successful season.

Miss Leatrice West is the sponsor of the pep squad.

Peggy Bond Complimented

Miss Peggy Bond, bride-elect of Jerry Gibson, was complimented with a picnic supper given by her Sunday School Class, the Mary and Martha Class of the First Baptist Church at the home of the class teacher, Mrs. David Gamble.

During the festivities, which were held on the back lawn, a pearl studded white Bible was presented to Miss Bond.

Guests and members of the class include: Misses Wanda Bradley, Gloria Teaff, Glenda Petty, Lorene Horton, Marlene McKeever, Lois Campbell, Loretta Henry, Imogene Thomas, Jo Ann Southern, Peggy Bond, Kay Teaff, and Mrs. David Gamble.

Firemen Meet

A district meeting of The Mid West Texas Fireman's Association was held at the Fire Station, for the purpose of planning the Fall Convention that is to be held at Haskell in October.

The following towns were represented here, Snyder, Rotan, Haskell, Merkey, Albany, Baird, and Colorado City.

Also attending the meeting was an old Ex Fire Horse, J. Parker Sharp, was is an honorary member.

MRS. FISHER'S SECTION OF 6TH GRADE ELECTS OFFICERS

Mrs. Mack Fisher's section of the sixth grade elected the following officers for the first semester: Wayne Hester, president; Ronny Doan, vice president; Joanne Reece, secretary; Nancy Teaff, treasurer; Patricia Harris, reporter; Charles Russell, vice president of the Student Council; Gary Beard, representative of the Student Council; Allen Morgan, fire captain; and Danny Bayby, Annual Staff.

Farewell Party For Carey Family

On Sunday night after church services a group met at the home of Mrs. Tyman Collins to say goodbye to Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Carey and family who are moving to Hobbs, New Mexico.

They have lived in Merkel several years and will certainly be missed by their many friends here.

Those who were present for this occasion were: Mr. and Mrs. McConell, Mr. and Mrs. Buster Horton and family, Mr. and Mrs. Lym Teaff and family, Mr. and Mrs. Buck Leach and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Largent and family, Rev. and Mrs. Sewell and Lana, Mr. and Mrs. Comer Haynes, Holland Teaff, and Mr. and Mrs. Irl Walker.

FUTURE HOMEMAKERS OF AMERICA HOLD MEETING

The Merkel Chapter of Future Homemakers of America met Monday, September 17, at 7:00 in the Homemaking Department for the purpose of choosing the necessary committees, big-sister-little sister pairs, and electing a historian. The historian elected is Betty Sue Reddin. The committees elected are as follows:

History Committee, Betty Reddin, chairman, Margie Holmes, Linda Beard, Janis Black, and Patsy Smith. The remaining chairmen and their committees are as follows: program committee, Elsie Ward, chairman, Patsy Oliver, Janice Windham, Marie Foster, and Fonda Brown; Social Committee, Margaret Chaney, Chairman, as the head of the following committees: Refreshment, Bitsy West, Pat Bybee, Pat Johnson; Decoration, Mary McKeever, Kay Teaff, Wanda McLean; Recreation, Sherry Hobbs, Melba Horton, and Kay Dishman; The Welfare Committee, Chera Corder, chairman, Deenie Cason, Janet Thomas and Patsy Smith.

The girls in Homemaking II and III classes choose the girls in Homemaking I classes as little sisters to help and guide them in their first year in high school.

The F.H.A. will meet every first, third, and fifth Monday nights at 7:00 p.m.

NOODLE NEWS

Staff Sergeant Len Hudson of Big Spring visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. Y. Hudson, Sunday.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Billie McCoy this week were Mrs. W. D. Hudson of Crane, Mrs. McCoy's mother, Mrs. Ray Munday and Charles, of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Otis McCoy, of Abilene and Mrs. Tommie Smith of Hodges.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Benningfield visited their grandson Jackie Lee in Sweetwater, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Riley Sprayberry spent Sunday in Winters visiting their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Schwartz.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted McAninch and girls visited her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George Cooper and his father Mr. Tom McAninch last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Nath Maxwell, Mr. and Mrs. Billie Maxwell and Marilyn visited their son and brother Paul and family at Aspermont Sunday.

Mrs. Dickie Pack's mother of Aspermont spent Monday with she and Dickie.

Mr. and Mrs. Dock Eoff and Naylar also their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Hermager went up to Tulsa, Oklahoma and spent a few days with another daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Shouse. The Shouse family is being transferred to Florida. Mr. Shouse is a Major in the USAF.

Keith Tarpley from Big Spring spent the night with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Callaway.

Mr. and Mrs. Dois Melton were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Callaway Sunday and they all attended the funeral of Mrs. O. J. Adcock at Merkel Sunday evening.

Facy Cleuers spent Sunday with Terry Touchstone.

Mrs. D. C. Callaway received word from her son Sapt. Joe Tarpley that he is leaving August 31, 1956, for Iceland. His wife and daughter will remain in Montgomery, Alabama. He will be gone for a year.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Pratt and son, Jimmy, of Detroit, Texas, visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Cross.

UP THE CANYON

By TOM RUSSOM

There is not much change in the news of the Canyon, from last week.

Dry weather has been a big item of the news for some time now and that has certainly has not changed yet.

About a week ago the east end of the Canyon got from 1 to 1.2 inches of rain but reported it did not help very much.

The stock tanks are going dry up the Canyon, and that means moving live stock some where either to other pastures or to market.

The farmers of the Canyon have been buying some seed oats from a Coleman trucker. Paying \$1.35 per bushel for them. The oats were brought from Arkansas here.

Will Butman who has had an operation at the Sadler Clinic is doing very well at this time.

A number of people from the Canyon reported the West Texas Fair, being the best yet. They reported the livestock was the best that has ever been shown.

Don Russom, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Russom took 1st and 2nd place with his milo, which was grown on the Russom farms. Mrs. Russom also took a 1st with some canned vegetables.

A. D. Scott of the Canyon had a load of lambs on the Angelo market this week.

Ford Butman had a load of cattle on the Abilene Market this week, he reported a big cattle run.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Swinney and family took a picnic dinner to the State Park Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bickley of Abilene met them there. They had a birthday dinner for Mr. Joe Swinney.

We were glad to see Mrs. R. G. Toombs back at church Sunday after two weeks of being sick.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Butman, Jr. were called to the bedside of their granddaughter, Ann Polk in San Angelo this week. She had been stricken with polio.

The Canyon boys has their eyes on the W. H. Ensminger well that is being drilled now. There has been some high leases sold near the well.

Clemmer Brothers had a load of cattle on the Abilene market this week.

Many flocks of sheep are being worked and culled and shaped up, culls going to market.

Goodman HD Club Meets Friday

The Goodman Home Demonstration Club had its regular meeting September 14, at the Community Center. Mrs. Frank Carter was hostess.

The meeting was called to order by the vice-president, Mrs. Dan Butler. Mrs. Jennings Winter led the opening prayer. Florence McAninch directed recreation. As this was the time to elect officers for the coming year the group went right into business.

Officers elected were: Chairman, Mrs. Karl Bonneaux; Vice-Chairman, Mrs. Jennings Winter; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Fain Jordan; Council Delegate, Mrs. H. H. Windham; Reporter, Mrs. Grover Blair; Good Will, Mrs. Howard Phillips.

Mrs. Carter served refreshments to seven members and one child. The next meeting will be September 28 with Mrs. Mark Williamson as hostess.

Goodman Home Demonstration Club honored their menfolk with a Bar-B-Q supper Monday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bonneaux. After the enjoyable meal of Bar-B-Q chicken and ice cream those present paired off and played several rounds of

"42". Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Carter, Grover Blair, Hosie Windham, Dan Butler, Dennis Butler, Mrs. Walter Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. Jordan and Grandmother Bonneaux.

Elementary Library Club Holds First Meet

The Merkel Elementary Library Club met in their first meeting of the school year September 11, 1956. General orientation concerning library policies and practices were reviewed by the sponsor, Mrs. Ruth Perkeins. The following officers were elected: President, Ruth Corder; Vice-President, Penny Durham; Secretary-treasurer, Mary Jane

Horton; Reporter, Manda Swinney. Thirty-one student librarians from grades 5, 6, 7, and 8 attended.

HAWLEY EX-STUDENTS REGISTER

School time again for the Hawley ex-students but not high school. This year they are to have registration in local colleges. From Hawley will be, Charles Thorn, Grank Holt, L. C. Hollis, Alfred Broker, who have entered Cisco Jr. College. Edith Wiebe will enter college at DeCade, Texas.

Charlene McCoy, J. L. Neasley Jr. will enter Abilene Christian College. They will register September 13. Charlene McCoy and Alfred Broker started to school together in the first grade will depart their school this year.

Charlene is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard McCoy, Merkel, Rt. 3, and has been employed at ACC book store this summer.

Alfred is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mason Borker of Hodges and has been employed in oil field working this summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Steele and sons, Randail and Mike of Houston are visiting in the home of Mrs. Steele's parents and sister, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Ray and Becky. Besides dove hunting they said one of the main reasons they came was to see the Merkel-Rogger football game. They think it has a fine ball club.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Dunning from Ft. Worth visited Mr. and Mrs. McConnell over the Labor Day Holidays.

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Tim, and Le Ann, Midland; Ann Bynum, Abilene; Mr. Bud Reynolds, Andrews; Dorothy King, Throckmorton; Tommie Prince, Amarillo; Dr. and Mrs. George Steinman, Abilene; Rev. Cloy Lyles and Frank Patterson.

WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD MET SEPT. 10

On Monday night the Wesleyan Service Guild of the First Methodist Church, met for the first meeting of the fall season.

Mrs. L. M. Touchstone, entertained the Guild in her Summer home on her ranch north of Trent.

The group was very enthusiastic and anxious to resume the Guild Work.

After the President, Mrs. Johnny Cox, called for a business meeting, the group selected study courses and goals to be attained during the ensuing year.

Two new members, Mrs. Ray McClure and Mrs. Hogsett, were introduced and welcomed.

A delicious ranch style dinner consisting of baked ham, brown beans, potato salad, tomatoes, cantaloupe, iced tea and cake was enjoyed by each present.

The Guild meets on 2nd and 4th Monday night. You are urged to attend.

Local Evangelist Weds Missionary

Rev. George Havens was married to Miss Lucy Lee, Monday, August 27, at the New Hope Congregational Methodist church in Santa Anna. Parents of the bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Spence, formerly of Trent, now of Santa Anna.

The Rev. Frank Weeden, Evangelist under the Department of Evangelism, Baptist General convention, Dallas, officiated for the double ring ceremony.

Rev. Havens held a revival here in Merkel a few months ago, has held two recently in Abilene, and appeared on the Pliothon over KRBC-TV last January. He was once stage and screen star.

After a wedding trip to Galveston, they will be at home in Corpus Christi.

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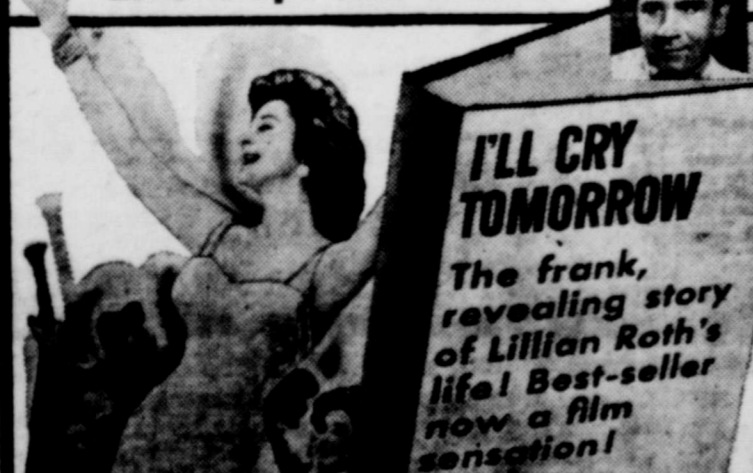
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Girl Scouts Plan For Year

Plans and work for the Girl Scouts of Merkel, who are members of Neighborhood I in District I of the West Texas Area Council, began to roll Thursday, Sept. 13, at which time the Neighborhood Chairman, Mrs. Woodrow Patton, and her assistant, Mrs. David Gamble, attended a Girl Scout Workshop for Neighborhood Chairmen of the West Texas Area Council in Colorado City.

There will be a Neighborhood Association Meeting of the leaders of the Merkel troops at the Scout Hut in the near future, at which time plans for organizing and convening will be discussed.

There are three troops for Brownies, one each for the second, third, and fourth grades. There are three, so far, of Scouts, one for each of the fifth, sixth and seventh grades. A troop for the eighth grade will be organized if there are enough girls who wish to become Scouts.

Present leaders are:
Third Grade Brownies — Mrs. Quannah Dudley.
Fourth Grade Brownies — Mrs. Wallace Doan and Mrs. Bob Hooks.

Fifth Grade Scouts — Mrs. Billy Dunnigan.
Sixth Grade Scouts — Mrs. Waymon Adcock.
Seventh Grade Scouts — Mrs. Clarence Reece.

A leader for the new Second Grade Brownie Troop will be selected at the Neighborhood Association meeting.

At this time, it is urged that mothers of girls who wish to become Scouts give due consideration to the fine and worthwhile training and advantages which Scouting has to offer and to make every effort to see that the girls get to be Scouts. Any assistance

from Scout Mothers and Fathers will be most welcome.

Announcement of the date and place for the Annual Girl Scout Halloween Carnival will be made soon. In the near future, representatives from the Scouts will be calling on the merchants, business people, and individuals for any donation to the carnival. Any donation of any kind will be greatly appreciated.

Mrs. L. V. Moore and Marijohn from Quanah were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Mansfield.

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THE MERKEL MAIL
Merkel, Texas, Friday, Sept. 21, 1956

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OLD FASHION PIE SUPPER

There will be an Old Fashion Pie Supper at the Stith Community Center September 20, 1956 at 7:00 p.m. Every one is invited to come and have fun.

Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Keene and children spent the past week in the W. R. Spence home at Trent.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Spence visited in Waco, Mexia, Nacogdoches the earlier part of last week.

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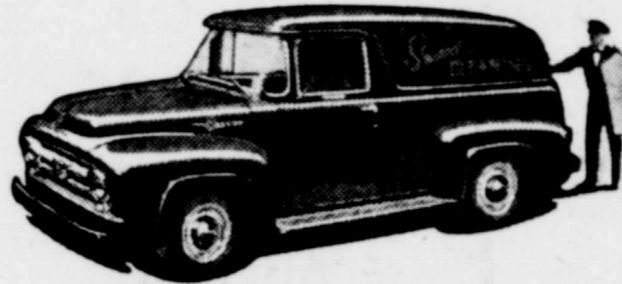
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CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Larry Joe Prickett, Defendant, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 29th day of October A.D. 1956, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 7th day of July A.D. 1956, in the same cause, numbered 21-474-A on the docket of said court and styled **JANICE PRICKETT, Plaintiff, vs. LARRY JOE PRICKETT, defendant.**

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were married on or about August 10, 1953 and became separated on or about January 9, 1956. Plaintiff shows there is no community property to be adjudicated but that there are three minor children of said marriage. Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of cruel treatment, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this court.

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

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

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this 12th day of September A.D. 1956.

Attest: R. H. ROSS, Clerk, 42nd District Court, Taylor County, Texas.
By Mrs. Jesse R. Swindell, Deputy.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Dunning from Ft. Worth were house guest for the Labor Day Weekend in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dunning McConnell.

CARD OF THANKS
We wish to express very sincere appreciation to our many friends for their many ministries and assurance of sympathy and love during the sad period for sorrow in connection with illness and death of our dear mother, Mrs. A. J. English.
May the blessings of our Heavenly Father rest upon each of you and your loved ones.
Yours very gratefully, her children,
Mrs. Imo. B. Wim
Mrs. Elbert Rogers
Mrs. A. J. Brown
Mrs. B. R. Dingle
Mrs. Joe Boone
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A CARD OF THANKS
Our heartfelt thanks to every one who so ably assisted us in every way during the illness and the funeral of our dear wife and mother.
Especially do we thank Doctors Sadler and Warren who did all that was in their power to save her.
May God's richest blessing be with all of you.
O. J. Adcock and Children.

CARD OF THANKS
We wish to extend our many heartfelt thanks and appreciation for the many kindnesses shown us during the illness and death of our father and husband.
Your words of sympathy, the flowers and many kindnesses offered much encouragement to us during our sorrow. May God bless and keep each of you.
Mrs. Wade Watson
Mrs. R. S. McMeans
Mrs. W. C. Smith
Mrs. H. H. Cosper

Brenda Williams and Mary Ellen Brown were Sunday night guests of Sandra Freeman at Trent. Mary Ellen is visiting from Midland.

Friday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Hicks were Bert and Ruth Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Earvin Freeman and Sandra, Mrs. Lanier Hicks, Kathy and Delores, and Vestal and Ethel Hicks.

Compere H.D. Club Meets

The Compere Home Demonstration Club elected officers for 1957 with meeting with Mrs. W. E. Pistole, September 13. Club president elected was Mrs. Ab Hunter Jr. Mrs. J. E. Touchstone was elected vice-president; Mrs. I. B. Ray was re-elected secretary-treasurer and Mrs. W. E. Pistole was elected council delegate. The newly elected club officers will begin their year's work in January of 1957.

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. H. R. Chancey, president. Mrs. W. S. Allred offered prayer. A game of locating states in which certain cities were found were directed by Mrs. W. E. Pistole.

Roll call was answered with facts about our State and National Constitution. A "thank-you" note was read by Mrs. Ray, secretary, from Mrs. Jess Foy for flowers the club had sent for Mr. Foy's funeral.

Mrs. Ab Hunter, Jr. reported on the trip to the district 4-H dress review held in Wichita Falls. Mrs. Hunter and Mrs. Newberry, home demonstration agent, accompanied 4-H girls, Margaret Hunter of Noodle and Beth Adkins of Anson to Wichita Falls.

Club members present for the meeting were Mrs. I. B. Ray, H. R. Chancey, Vernon Stanley, W. S. Allred, Ab Hunter, Jr., and W. E. Pistole.

The next meeting will be September 27 in the home of Mrs. J. E. Touchstone.

Sister Dies

Mrs. W. L. Nichols of Terrell who has been seriously ill for several months passed away last Wednesday. Burial was Thursday at Elmo Cemetery. She was the sister of John Oliver.

Those attending the funeral were Mrs. Jack Whisenhunt and children, M. John Oliver and Patsy from Merkel and Mr. and Mrs. John D. Oliver and girls and Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Oliver and Donny of Midland.

Mrs. Nichols was also a sister to G. A. Oliver and an aunt of the families attending the funeral.

The Olivers from Midland visited over the week-end with the John Oliver family.

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SEPTEMBER 9-15 1956

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Due to constant increase in relative prices for materials in the dry cleaning industry, we are compelled to increase our cleaning prices proportionally effective Monday, September 24, 1956.

SUITS	\$1.00
DRESSES	\$1.00
PANTS	50c

CITY CLEANERS
PHONE 189 MERKEL, TEXAS

WIN
WITH
THE
BADGERS!

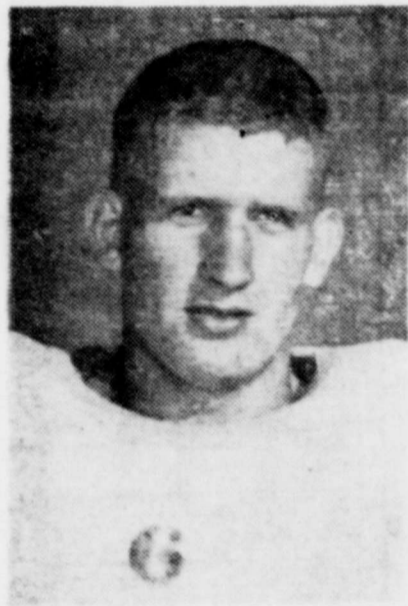


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Merkel, Texas



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All The
Way!

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Attend the Badger Games
MACK'S CLEANERS

913 N. 2nd

Phone 27

Sept. 14, 21, 28, Oct. 5, 1956)
THE STATE OF TEXAS
To any Sheriff or any Constable
within the State of Texas —

GREETING:

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for four consecutive weeks, the first publication to be at least twenty-eight days before the return day thereof, in a newspaper printed in Taylor County, Texas, the accompanying citation, of which the herein below following is a true copy.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Henry Milton Byrd, Defendant, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County at the Court-house thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 22nd day of October A. D. 1956, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 28th day of June A.D. 1956, in this cause, numbered 21,441-A on the docket of said court and styled MAMIE G. BYRD, Plaintiff, vs. HENRY MILTON BYRD, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were legally married on the 25th day of May, 1942, and lived together until on or about April 10, 1950, at which time they were permanently separated.

Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of harsh and cruel treatment, and for custody of minor children. There is no community property to be divided, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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

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

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this 17th day of September, A.D. 1956.

(SEAL)
Attest: R. H. ROSS, Clerk,
42nd District Court,
Taylor County, Texas.
By IRENE CRAWFORD,
Deputy.

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\$15.00 PERFECT SCORE

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To be eligible for the cash prizes is to read over carefully all the ads on this page, mark the winners of the game shown in each ad, print your name and address plainly in the box on this page . . . and bring it to one of these merchants sponsoring this page not later than 5:00 p.m. on the day of the first game to be played each week. All the games are scheduled to be played this week end, therefore your entry must be in by 5:00 u.m. Friday. Awards will be announced in this paper the following week.

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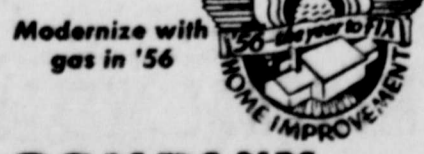
36 Months to Pay . . . No Payments 'Til October!
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So compact . . . flush wall installation saves valuable floor space. So get set for winter now. Get Brilliant Fire . . . designed to fit your needs . . . priced to fit your budget!



Modernize your heating system now with the newest
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PERRY'S CONOCO STATION

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A meeting was held at the REA office building on Thursday, September 6 at 7:30 p.m. to organize a Quarter Back Club. Invitations are extended to the public. Mrs. Clara Ferrell and Miss Alice Croce and Mrs. Robert Scott were visitors in the home of the W. R. Spences' Tuesday afternoon. They were from Syl-vester.

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WHEN you know a storm is coming, you head for protection. BUT disaster doesn't give warnings! Fire, windstorm or other peril may strike unexpectedly at any time. If you're not ready NOW with adequate insurance, better call on this Hartford Agency today!

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Thurs. - Fri. - Sat. and Mon. - Tues.
SEPTEMBER 20th - 21th - 22nd

SPECIAL NOTICE FRIDAY, SEPT. 21st - MERKEL VS. HAMLIN AT HAMLIN
TUESDAY, SEPT. 25 - DRAWING FOR WAFFLE IRON

DOMINO SUGAR
POWDER - 10X - 2 for 25c
HANDI 12-oz. Can
SODA POP - - - 6 for 39c
KIMBELLS - 20-oz. Glass
GRAPE JELLY - each 29c
CHICKEN OF SEA
TUNA - - - - can 29c
AUSTEX 300
BEEF STEW - 2 for 39c
WELCH - 24-oz.
GRAPE JUICE - bot. 29c
LIBBY'S - 303
CORN - - - - 2 for 29c
MISSION - 303
PEAS - - - 2 for 29c
DEL MONTE - 303
SPINACH - - 2 for 29c
DIAMOND - 303
TOMATOES - -2 for 23c
RED DART - Whole
GREEN BEANS - 2 for 33c
KUNER'S - 46-oz.
TOMATO JUICE - 2 for 25c

Finest Quality MEATS

CHOICE BEEF
Pot Roast 45c
CHOICE BEEF
Round Steak lb. 73c
CHOICE BEEF
Club Steak lb. 53c
ARMOUR'S ALL MEAT
FRANKS - - - cello lb. 39c
ARMOUR'S PURE
SAUSAGE - - - cello lb. 35c
ARMOUR'S
BACON - - - - lb. 49c
ARMOUR'S CALF
BEEF LIVER - - - lb. 29c
WILSON CERTIFIED
Hams Half or Whole - lb. 47c
DENISON
Fryers lb. 35c

PET MILK
2 TALL
25c

MEADOLAKE
OLEO
Lb. ---- **25c**

NABISCO
RITZ
Lb. ---- **32c**

CRISCO Creamy 3 Lb. Can **79c**
PEACHES Anytime Elberta 2 for **49c**
Gladiola Cake Mixes -- 2 for **49c**
COFFEE Dining Car Pound Can **89c**
SCOTT Colored Tissue -- Roll **10c**

HORMEL Bracelet Deal 3 CAN DEAL
CHILI with BEANS - - 73c

FROZEN FOOD
HOT ROLLS - - - - pkg. 39c
BANQUET BEEF - CHICKEN
MEAT PIES - - - - pkg. 23c
LEITH - 6-oz.
LEMONADE - - - 2 for 25c
KEITH'S
BROCCOLI - - -2 pkgs. 39c
ESSEX - 10-oz.
STRAWBERRIES - - - pkg. 23c
THOMAS
FISH STICKS - - - pkg. 29c

LARGE TIDE BOX 29c	LARGE JOY 2 FOR 49c	LARGE CHEER BOX 29c
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\$600⁰⁰ IN BACK TO SCHOOL PRIZES

THIS WEEK'S WINNER - A. D. McCain



SAY KIDS! WIN YOURSELF A JALOPY!

This BACK TO SCHOOL JALOPY Plus 5 Big Weekly Prizes each Tuesday. So tell Mom and Dad and all to be sure to REGISTER each time they're in the store. The winner will be determined by drawing Oct. 6 at 6:00 p.m. Winner will be judged by signature of name on ticket. So register only for yourself.
THERE IS NOTHING TO BUY - YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE PRESENT TO WIN. Drawing each Tuesday for valuable prizes. So watch Merkel Mail for winners. Every one can win. So all come in to register and have fun.

2 BIG WEEKLY PRIZES LEFT
DRAWING EACH TUESDAY

GRAND PRIZE
BACK to SCHOOL JALOPY
PLUS
\$50.00 IN GROCERIES TO PLEASE DAD

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 25th

WIN A PRIZE
Waffle Iron FOR 4th PRIZE

ARMOUR'S
TREET
Can ---- **35c**

ARMOUR'S VIENNA
SAUSAGE
4 for ---- **49c**

SUPREME SALAD
WAFERS
Lb. ---- **23c**

Garden-Fresh VEGETABLES

TOKAY
GRAPES - - - lb. 10c
FRESH
TOMATOES - - - cello 15c
JONATHAN COOKING
APPLES, large red - - 12c
Calif.
CANTALOUPE 9c
Fresh
YELLOW SQUASH lb. 8c
Fresh
BLACK EYE PEAS lb. 12c
Fresh
CABBAGE - - - lb. 5c
No. 1 Texas
YAMS - - - - lb. 12c
Calif. White
SPUDS - - - - lb. 6c

LIPTON'S
TEA
1/4 Lb. --- **33c**

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