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Up The Canyon

By TOM
RUSSOM

Beautiful fall - like weather, with a little trace of rain, is about the way the weather has been here the last few days. Just ideal for fishing, ideal for working and just about ideal for an early afternoon nap.

Much concern is among the wheat farmers as the time passes along real fast, unrolling the month of October, as it is a good time to sow wheat.

Some few have sown their wheat, what they call dry sowing it, while others are afraid of the weather and are waiting and taking a chance for a rain to come so that the wheat can be sown on a good moisture and stand a good chance to come right up. So the weather will answer the question.

Sometime it is remarkable what a dry land farmer might do with rain at the right time. Just a few days ago, while enroute to San Angelo we stopped in Nolan to do a little handshaking. Some of the farmers reported a lot of the milo around Nolan produced 4,000 pounds of milo per acre — dry land farming. But a lot of rain last spring, which seemed very much timed for the need, and my thinking is when dryland farming will do that, it is real good.

Last Friday night, a party and dinner were held in the Tom Russom home, honoring Mr. and Mrs. Vince Rajeski Sr., of New York City. Attending the party and dinner were Mr. and Mrs. Louis Cook and family, Vince Rajeski Jr., the son who was stationed at Goodfellow AFB in San Angelo for a year. The visitors said "We certainly love Texas."

This week we want to say hello and how are you feeling to a good friend of ours, Willie B. Toombs of Merkel.

Just a remark before I wind up my column for this week. Thank you for calling and writing your remarks concerning my last week's political column. Some of the remarks agreed with me, others did not. But that is what I have been trying to say for these many years — this is America, where we have one of the most precious gifts of them all—Freedom of Speech.

AT TRENT HOMECOMING '68 SET OCTOBER 26

Sherman Driggers Jr., president of Trent's 1968 Homecoming Activities, said today that "with everyone working like they are, we'll have homecoming plans all wrapped up when Oct. 26 arrives."

Working with Driggers on the '68 plans are Weldon Beasley, vice president, and Mrs. Spud McLeod, secretary - treasurer.

Committee chairmen are Mrs. Elton Hicks, publicity; Mrs. J. M. Heatley, entertainment; Mrs. Weldon Steen, parade, and Mrs. Yates Sipes, invitations.

Mrs. Sipes said that invitations to all Trent exes have been mailed and "several replies are already in."

Homecoming activities begin with a 7:30 a.m. breakfast at the high school cafeteria, followed with a 9 a.m. coffee and a pro-



TO RIDE IN HOMECOMING PARADE — Members of the Merkel Riding Club will have a colorful spot in the Homecoming Parade Saturday when they appear in their attire of white shirts, purple vest and ties and blue wranglers. Officers of the club, pictured, are from left, Robert Boyd, president; Katherin Criswell, secretary; Dayna McAninch, vice president, and Woozer Boyd, sergeant-at-arms. (Staff Photo)

Homecoming Ready For Merkel Exes

Friday night's bonfire at Badger Stadium followed by Saturday morning's 7:30 ex - Lettermen's breakfast at the Astorid Restaurant, and 8:30 a.m. registration at West Texas Utilities building, will kick off Merkel's 1968 Homecoming activities.

Homecoming president, Tommy Cutler said that during registration exes will vote on Homecoming Queen, Mr. X, and 1969 officers.

Candidates for Homecoming Queen are Mrs. Otis Griffin and Miss Nora Foster. Mr. X candidates are Isadore Mellinger and Wayne Adcock.

Nominees for the 1969 slate of officers are Bennie Melton and N. B. (Corky) Cox, vice president; Imogene King and Joyeal Brady, secretary, and Jackie Doan and Blanche Hewitt, treasurer. Ben Robert Hicks, this year's vice president will take over as pres-

ident of the Ex - Students' Association for 1969, said Cutler. 1968 Homecoming officers besides Cutler are Mrs. L. S. Tipton, secretary, and Mrs. Mary D. Childress, treasurer.

At 1:30 p.m. Saturday the Homecoming Parade will be staged, with Wayne Adcock as parade marshal. Immediately following the parade through downtown Merkel, a pep rally will be held at the High School gym.

Adcock said that prizes will be awarded to the best three floats. At 6 p.m. a catered supper will

be served at the Merkel School cafeteria said Cutler.

Game time for the bout between the Merkel Badgers and Haskell Indians is 8 p.m.

Colorful halftime ceremonies will include the crowning of Homecoming Queen, Mr. X and the High School Queen. Special recognition will be given the honor class — Class of 1918.

"After the game a coffee and business meeting will be held at the cafeteria, said Cutler, "and all exes are urged to attend." Host class is the Class of 1949.

TRENT GORILLAS OUT FOR 3RD WIN

By CONNIE HARRIS

The Trent Gorillas will be out once again Friday night to try for their third win against the Central Catholic Chargers.

"Central Catholic has played quite a few tough games and backed up several points," said Coach Charles Russell.

The tough Gorillas have proven to the fans they have a good defense which does not plan to be scored upon this year. They have held their opponents to only 12 first downs.

The Gorillas were ready to

bring Steer meat home Friday night and that was just what they did.

Rochester was limited to only 2 first downs, while Trent had 19. Trent got on the scoreboard by blocking a punt which rolled into the end zone.

Tim Riggan added six more points by plunging into pay dirt from the one - yard line. Stan Hicks booted the extra point.

Gaylon Brnovak, quarterback, scored on a seven yard run and Frazier ran 34 yards to make the score 22 - 0.

The passing yardage was better than the running yardage. Outstanding defense was composed of Brnovak, Johnny Jones, Steve Reddin, Tim Riggan, Bob Wilburn, Ted Simpson, Cy Acuna and Hicks.

The passing and running attack has balanced out for the Gorillas as they plan to prove their skill once again at Trent Friday night at 8:00.

TRENT	ROCHESTER
19	First Downs
191	Rushing Yardage
186	Passing Yardage
9 of 19	Passes Completed
0	Passes Intercepted by
2 for 36	Punts, Average
8 for 110	Penalties, Yards
0	Fumbles Lost

Hospital Board Hears Advisors

Members of the Merkel Hospital Board met Tuesday evening with Bob Goyette, architect with Brashier, Goyette and Rapier of Lubbock, to further discuss plans for the building of the Merkel Hospital.

Also attending was John Cutbirth with the First Southwest Company in Abilene, who spoke to members concerning sale of bonds.

A very favorable report was given by both Goyette and Cutbirth concerning the beginning of construction of the hospital.

Conferences Slated At School This Week

Fall Parent - Teacher Conferences will be held this Thursday and Friday, Oct. 10 and 11, according to school superintendent, Mack Fisher.

"Invitations to parents to visit with their children's teachers have already been sent home," said Fisher, "and we are expecting a good representation of parents."

School will be dismissed at approximately 12:30 both days, with buses to run at that time. Conferences are also scheduled to begin at 12:30 and to continue through 3:30 p.m.

Edwin Read, high school principal, explained that each teacher will be in his or her room for the entire conference time.

"A directory is on display in the front hall of the High School building, showing teachers' subjects taught and room numbers," said Read. "Parents may use the directory in contacting teachers of their children."

Read urged that parents take advantage of this conference time. He further stated that "Parents show their interest in their children when they take time out to visit the teachers, and get a first hand report on progress."

"A lot of questions can be answered by telephone and letter," said Read, "but a face to face conference can do so much more."

Parent - Teachers Conferences are also scheduled for the primary and elementary grades at this time.

Leon Walker, principal of the primary - elementary schools, said, "This is a time for parents and teachers to get together on an informal basis. Children's work will be displayed, and parents can feel free to ask questions

concerning progress or extra help."

"Even though this is an annual conference schedule, parents are welcome to visit our schools anytime," said Fisher.

"Anytime during the school year you have a report or suggestion or perhaps questions concerning your child's work, we

welcome your coming to see us."

Fisher said that "teachers in the Merkel Public School System can do even a better job when they know that parents are interested enough to visit and give constructive suggestions."

All schools in the Merkel School System will resume regular schedules on Monday, Oct. 14.

FOR HOMECOMING BADGERS; INDIANS CLASH SATURDAY

By CONNIE HARRIS

The Merkel Badgers will be out Saturday night to claim the Haskell Indians down off their war path. Although the Indians are going into 7-AA district with a 0 - 1 rating, they will be trying to cage the Badgers.

At Monday night's Booster Club meeting, Coach Ronny Aldridge gave the scouting report from the Haskell - Stamford ball game. Aldridge said, "Haskell has as good a team as Stamford, but they had some bad breaks. Haskell's big error was the 4 touchdown passes which were incomplete."

The Badgers will be tested Saturday as they go against one of the pre - season top rated teams in 7-AA district, and they proved they have the desire to win as they marched across the goal line 4 times against Hamlin. The Badgers went out for victory and they conquered it.

Johnny Thompson picked up a punt and ran 65 yards for a TD. Gaylon Doan kicked the extra point to put the Badgers on the scoreboard, with 3 minutes left in the first quarter.

Doan booted the pignskin deep into Pipers' territory and after a fumbled recovery on the 31 yard line, Johnny Thompson was not to be held back as he plunged for a 16 yard run into the end zone. Doan's attempt for the extra point failed.

Hamlin's offense was all thumbs the first half, as they fumbled and recovered once and fumbled again to hand the ball over to Merkel on the 47 yard line.

Hamlin's Robert Bolden hit pay dirt several times to prove his skill and speed in carrying the ball.

Tex Barnhart charging to the goal line, stepped on the out of bounds line to call Merkel back. On the next play, quarterback Bob Tate passed to Rodney Mashburn in the end zone. Doan's kick for the extra point was good.

Bill Whisenhunt scored Merkel's last point as he intercepted a pass from Hamlin to carry the pignskin to the end zone. Gaylon Doan booted the extra point.

Hamlin hit pay dirt on a Merkel fumble as James Asher caught a TD pass in the end zone. Duane Stewart kicked the extra point.

The Badgers were out in every way to beat the Pipers and will be out Friday night to scalp the Indians.

HAMLIN	MERKEL
18	First Downs
125	Rushing Yardage
62	Passing Yardage
7 of 18	Passes Completed
1	Passes Intercepted by
3 for 39	Punts, Average
0 for 0	Penalties, Yards
3	Fumbles Lost

PUNT, PASS & KICK COMPETITION SAT.

Boys age 8 through 13 in Merkel area have begun registering for the eighth annual Punt, Pass and Kick Competition to be held at Badger Stadium Saturday at 10 a.m.

Trophies and trips are awarded the football - minded youths for skills in punting, passing and kicking," said Gene Stewart, owner of Frazier - Stewart Ford, Inc. which sponsors the annual event.

Headquarters for registering in Merkel is at Frazier - Stewart Ford, where entries will be accepted until 9 a.m. Saturday. "Boys may also register at Badger Field," said Stewart.

"Entrants must be accompanied by a parent or guardian," said Stewart. "There is no charge as the entire competition is absolutely free to all entrants and all equipment such as footballs and kicking tees are provided. No body contact is involved in PP&K competitions."

When they register, boys receive a free booklet of competition tips written by Green Bay's star passer, Bart Starr, the Atlanta Falcon's punting specialist, Billy Lothridge, and St. Louis Cardinals' kicking leader, Jim Bakkan. The booklet includes exercises for better physical fit-

ness oriented to boys of PP&K's competition ages.

In addition to the booklet each registrant receives an attractive PP&K pin.

"The basic principle of PP&K underlines fairness in competition to give every boy an equal chance to win," said Stewart. "It pits contestants only against those their own age."

Eighteen handsome trophies will be awarded locally by Frazier - Stewart Ford of Merkel. Gold trophies go to first place winners, silver to second and bronze to third.

The coaching staff of the Merkel Schools will be on hand to supervise the PP&K activities.

Chamber to Meet Today at Noon

Members of the Merkel Chamber of Commerce and board of directors will meet today at 12:30 for a dutch luncheon at the Astorid Restaurant, announced president, Bill Button.

"We sincerely urge all members to plan to be at this meeting," said Button, "since it will be a time for planning of many activities for the rest of the year."

— SHOP DOLLAR DAYS IN MERKEL —

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Tony Martin Colbert, 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 21st day of October A.D. 1968, to Plaintiff's first amended Petition filed in said court on the 21st day of August A.D. 1968, in this cause, numbered 21-421-A on the docket of said court and styled Susan Colbert, Plaintiff, vs. Tony Martin Colbert, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and defendant were married on the 9th day of October, 1967 and became permanently separated on or about the 13th day of February, 1968.

Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of harsh and cruel treatment 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.

ed 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 the 6th day of September A.D. 1968.
(Seal)

Attest: R. H. ROSS Clerk,
42nd District Court
Taylor County, Texas
By Irene Crawford, Deputy.
29 4tc

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THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Edward Sonny Hello, Defendant, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable Domestic Relations 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 4th day of November A.D. 1968, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 10th day of September A.D. 1968, in this cause, numbered 4322 on the docket of said court and styled In Re: Doris Ann Hello.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: In regard to Adoption as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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The officer executing this writ

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Gary W. Norwood, Defendant, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable County Court at Law 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 4th day of November A.D. 1968, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 16th day of September A.D. 1968, in this cause, numbered 6866 on the docket of said court and styled West Texas Utilities Company, Plaintiff, vs. Gary W. Norwood, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Balance unpaid on merchandise bought as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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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 the 18th day of September A.D. 1968.
(Seal)

Attest: R. H. ROSS Clerk,
Domestic Relations Court
Taylor County, Texas.
By Irene Crawford, Deputy.
30 4tc

ed 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 the 16 day of September A.D. 1968.
(Seal)

Attest: Mrs. Chester Hutcheson Clerk, County Court at Law
By Shirley Tennison, Deputy.
31 4tc

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TO: Earl Lee Montgomery, Defendant, Greeting:

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A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were married on or about Sept. 25, 1964, and became separated in September, 1966. Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of cruel treatment. There is no community property for division as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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Chancey Member Of Singing Cadets

COLLEGE STATION — Ronald L. Chancey of Merkel is a newly auditioned member of the Sing-

ing Cadets, Texas A&M University's all-male glee club.

Chancey, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Chancey, 408 Cherry, is a freshman journalism major at A&M and will sing second tenor. He will perform with the Singing Cadets in 1968-69 appearances at the 1968 Miss Teenage America Pageant in Fort Worth and concerts at Fort Hood, San Antonio, Houston and on campus.

Four students auditioned for each of 23 positions filled in the 59-member choral group.

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MASONIC MEETING
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BURR HENDRICKS, W. M. ROY MASHBURN, Sec'y.

LOFTY PILE — Free from soil is the carpet cleaned with Big Lustr. Rent electric shampooer \$1. Bullock Hardware & Gifts, 928-5310. 32 1tc

FREE — Small, mixed breed puppies. Call Nubia 846-4184. 32 2tc

LOST — Baseball glove between 4th and 8th on Ash Street. If found return to 404 Yucca or call 928-5394 after 5. (Paul Tucker's name is on the glove several times) 32 2tc

GARAGE SALE — By three families. Boys clothes, sizes 8-10, good dresses and uniforms, miscellaneous articles. Thursday and Friday, 502 Yucca. 32 1tc

GARAGE SALE — At the Old Post Office building Saturday, Oct. 12. Sponsored by the Catholic Church of Merkel. Clothes, dishes, and miscellaneous items. For every dollar worth you buy, you receive a 10 cent article free. 32 fr

NOTICE TO FARMERS — I am ready to defoliate your cotton. Troy Dickerson will be operating defoliation machine. Contact him at 928-5992 or Billy Bob Toombs at telephone 928-5321. 31 2tc

HELP WANTED — Waitress, 2 p.m. - 10 p.m. shift. Merkel Restaurant, 928-4923. 31 2tc

RUMMAGE SALE — Sponsored by Methodist Cleaners' Class. Every Saturday at 917 North 2nd. Clothes, furniture, pillows, miscellaneous. 30 1fr

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FOR RENT — Furnished apartments, 1 and 2 bedrooms, reasonable, bills paid. Call 928-5689 or 928-6771. 27 1tc

FOR RENT — Practice piano, \$75. Call Mrs. Ray Wilson, 928-5615. 31 2tc

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FOR SALE — Cross breed, white leghorn hens. Phone 862-2361, Trent. 32 2tp

FOR SALE — Practice piano, \$75. Call Mrs. Ray Wilson, 928-5615. 31 2tc

FOR SALE — 63 XL Ford. See or call Walter Henslee. Also 2 1/2 lots with old house, southeast part of Merkel. 31 2tp

FOR SALE — Innerspring mattress and coil springs, both for \$25, or will sell separately. Mrs. Laverne Moore, 928-5065. 31 1fr

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The children of C. S. Childers

Bake Sale Set

The Merkel Cub Scouts are having a bake sale Saturday, Oct. 12 in front of the West Texas Utilities building.
Bake Sale will begin at 9:30 a.m.

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H-SU to Offer Training Course

Academically talented high school students in science and mathematics are being sought to participate in the Student Science Training Program, Dr. Charles D. Robinson, head of the Hardin - Simmons University mathematics department, has announced.
Students desiring more information about the program are asked to contact mathematics teachers or counselors or contact Dr. Robinson in care of the H-SU Mathematics Dept.

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BARNEY DAVIS
... on supply ship



WAYNE DAVIS
... in Vietnam

Davis Boys Now With U.S. Forces

L. Cpl. D. W. Davis and Barney Davis, sons of Mrs. Weldon Morris of Arlington and formerly of Merkel are serving with the United States Armed Forces.

Cpl. Davis, (known to Merkelites as Wayne), is stationed at Da Nang in South Vietnam. He is serving with the First Marine Division and was promoted to L. Cpl. in August of this year. His promotion was based on service, rank, military appearance and knowledge of military subjects.

As a member of the Division, he helps capture or destroy enemy forces. During large and small scale operations he is supported by tanks, artillery, amphibious tractor and engineers.

Wayne is due back in the States in March of next year. His mother said that he had received a slight injury one time when he fell from a telephone pole.

Barney, recently home on a thirty day leave, has returned to San Francisco. He is serving on the USS Particuten which supply ammunition to ships in Viet waters. His home port is in the Philippines.

In a letter written to Mrs. Morris, Barney told of the seven trips made by ship to within 12 miles of Vietnam to supply ships, and of his "getting to see Waikiki and Honolulu" during a weekend trip, and also a visit to Hong Kong.

Merkel Graduate Given Recognition

Two Merkel graduates were in the "limelight" recently at Hardin - Simmons University. They are Rodney W. Robertson and Suzanne Howard.

Robertson recently underwent the first drill period for the Reserve Officers' Training Corps at H - SU. As a member of the Recono unit, he will receive training which is normally received during special school at Army posts. Training includes 81mm mortar gunnery, survival swimming, basic rope work and leader's reaction problems.

Miss Howard was one of eight H - SU coeds elected as sponsors of the ROTC units for the 1968-69 school year. She is Honorary Captain of the Rifle Team. All sponsors will be given honorary commissions at a drill period later in the year.

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The Payne Family To Sing Tonight

The Payne Family, a "singing family," will be featured at the Victory Baptist Church Thursday, Oct. 10 at 7:30 p.m.

"These people have been singing together as a family for more than six years," said pastor, the Rev. W. G. Richardson, "and their purpose is to fulfill the ministry that Christ has given them, proclaiming the gospel in song and testimony."

Officers Elected

The Junior High Class of First Methodist Church met Oct. 6 for the election of officers.

Officers elected were Debbie Mashburn, president; Cynthia Steck, vice president, and Terry Reed, secretary - treasurer.

Also Pam Mashburn, reporter and Cindy Whisenhunt and Diane Allen, song leaders.

Mrs. Woodrow Wilson is adult sponsor for the Junior High Class.

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Garden Clubbers Hear Show Judge

"Plant the Seed of Learning," was the theme for the Merkel Garden Club, meeting in the home of Mrs. Jarrett Williams Thursday Oct. 3.

Hostesses were Mrs. Earl Hughes, Lucy Ford and W. S. J. Brown.

Mrs. W. H. Buchanan, master judge of Flower Schools and authoritative speaker, of Abilene, was guest speaker. She spoke to members and guests on abstract arrangements and presented modern arrangements for display.

Club president, Mrs. G. R. Peachey welcomed members and guests, and Mrs. W. L. Brown introduced Mrs. Buchanan.

Members brought abstract arrangements which were discussed by Mrs. Buchanan, and also Mrs. Joe Hagin, national flower show judge of Abilene.

CLASSIFIED ADS GET RESULTS

have one activity each month and will include trail rides.

Members also plan to ride in the Homecoming Parade Saturday, Oct. 12.

Sorority to Sell Record Books

Members of the Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi are currently selling School Record Books.

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The proceeds from this and all projects sponsored by the sorority are used for many worthwhile activities and donations here in Merkel. Two of the sorority's projects which benefit so many Merkel area children and youth are the Red Cross Learn to Swim program and the sponsoring of a Babe Ruth Baseball team.

The books are available from any sorority member and at Bullock's Hardware and Gifts.

Persons interested in purchasing Record Books may call Mrs. Brady at 928-5705 or Mrs. Dan Allen, 928-5454. Price of the book is \$1.00 plus tax.

Visits in Houston

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Ray visited their daughter and family, the H. C. Steeles of Houston last week. While in Houston they went to Galveston Island for a picnic.

Grandson Randall proved he was an expert surfboard rider by riding the big waves to the shoreline. Sherry, who was too small to get in the water played on shore.

On their way home the Rays stopped to visit their son and family, Vernon Ray of Hurst.

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sedan, air, power, white, gold interior **695**

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FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Schedule for the coming season is:

Conference games are:

Oct. 12 — Haskell at Merkel (Homecoming)

Oct. 18 — Stamford at Merkel

Oct. 25 — Winters at Winters

Nov. 1 — Ballinger at Merkel

Nov. 8 — Coleman at Coleman

Nov. 15 — Anson at Merkel

The B - Team schedule includes:

Oct. 10 — Wylie at Merkel, 7 p.m.

Oct. 17 — Central Catholic at Abilene, 4 p.m.

Oct. 24 — Hamlin at Merkel, 7:30 p.m.

Oct. 31 — Haskell at Merkel, 7:30 p.m.

Nov. 7 — Albany at Merkel, 7 p.m.

Russell Family Meets In Ruidoso

The Russell children had a "family get together" recently at the summer home of Mrs. Lucille Nunnally in Ruidoso.

Present were Mrs. Nunnally of Roswell, N.M.; Mrs. Mabel Dunn, Mike, Steve and Kenny Dunn of Phoenix; Mr. and Mrs. Sam Nunnally Jr., and sons of Ruidoso; Mr. and Mrs. Sam Redwine and Sammie, Mr. and Mrs. John Warlick of Abilene.

Also attending were Ralph and Jeff Russell of Bosier City, La., and Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Russell and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Harris of Merkel.

Trent HS Grad Is Senior Senator

PLAINVIEW—Miss Diana Lewis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Stephens, Trent, recently was elected as a senator from the senior class at Wayland College. She, with other representatives of the four classes, make up the Student Government Association on the campus.

Miss Lewis graduated in 1965 from Trent High School. She is a star player on the Wayland Flying Queens basketball team, is a member of the Athletics for Christ and is corresponding secretary for the Delta Chi Delta.

She has received numerous honors, among them nominee for Homecoming queen and Beauty Queen.

Birthday Honors

Lisa Ann Owen and her granddad, John Oliver, who both have Oct. 3 for their birthday, were entertained in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Owen Thursday, Oct. 3.

Relatives attending the birthday party were Mrs. Betty Whisenand and Bill, Alyce Faye, Mrs. Gary Smith and Shane, Mrs. John Oliver, Jim and Jackie and Terry Owen. Lisa "turned seven," and her granddad, 70.

E. C. Rays Visit Their Children

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Ray have recently made a round-trip to Houston, Hurst, Fort Worth, Midland and Odessa to visit with their children living in each of the cities.

At Houston they visited the H. C. Steeles, where they enjoyed a picnic on Galveston Island, and watched their 14-year-old grandson surfboarding.

The Vernon Ray family was visited at Hurst.

In Odessa they visited the Rev. Lucian Rudds and Doug Pyburns, and the Kenneth Don Rays were visited in Midland.

While in Midland the Ray children celebrated Mr. Ray's birthday with a luncheon at the Shrimp Boat in Odessa. Six girls sang "Happy Birthday Granddad," and Mr. Ray received many nice gifts.

AT TRENT Carleton Day Is This Sunday

Sunday, Oct. 13 will be "Aisie Carleton Day" at Trent, according to the First Methodist Church pastor, the Rev. Jim H. Sharp. Dr. Carleton, presiding bishop of the Northwest Texas - New Mexico Area of the United Methodist Church "several years ago."

The honoree will preach at the morning worship hour and after the services members and guests will have a basket dinner, "outside if the weather permits," and if inside, the dinner will be held in the newly carpeted Fellowship Hall.

Exes from Trent and other churches Bishop Carleton has pastored and friends are invited to the Aisie Carleton Day, said Rev. Sharp.

Badger Press Box To Be Dedicated

The Quarterback Club will have a dedication ceremony Saturday afternoon at 3:30. After the ceremony the public is invited to tour the new facilities until 5:30.

Quarterback president Dan Allen said at the Monday night meeting, "We should have everything completed by Saturday night's game."

The letters spelling B A D G E R S painted purple will be mounted across the press box. Burr Hendricks has donated the tile for the flooring.

Allen urged fans to bring your cow bells and "be ready to show the exes that we are backing the Badgers all the way."



Stith News

By MRS.
FRITZ HALE



The light rain last week stopped the defoliating of the cotton. We still have not received enough moisture to sow grain.

Those attending the funeral of Charlie Childress at the Merkel Methodist Church Wednesday were Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bradley, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. McDonald, Mrs. Fred Perry, Mr. and Mrs. E. West and also W. L. McDonald and Mrs. T. E. Butler of Anson, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Walsh of Rogers, Ark.

Mildred and Lonnie Harris of Dallas and Mr. and Mrs. Billy Ray Browning, Kay, Allen and Ray of Tuscola, spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. John Browning.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Chancy and Sandra of Richardson visited Mrs. John Hobbs and Mr. and Mrs. Benny Hobbs, Debbie and Ronnie over the weekend.

Mrs. Jessie Dillon spent Wednesday afternoon with her sister, Hettie West at the Starr Nursing Home in Merkel.

Mary Dunigan of Austin visited last week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Dunagin and Randy. Mary is teaching in Austin.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wayne Berry, Annette and Gary of San Antonio visited Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bradley over the week end. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Berry at the Anson Care Home. Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Berry visited in the Bradley home Saturday.

Mrs. Ronnie Hale of Holyoke, Mass., is visiting her father in law, Charles Hale and also grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Hale. Mrs. Hale's husband is stationed at Lackland AFB, San Antonio.

Jack C. Hale and Oren Brister of Crosbyton, visited Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Hale Saturday.

Mrs. Curtis Clyburn visited the Sunshine HD Club held in the home of Mrs. Andy Sprayberry in Anson Thursday, and gave a report on State HD Club meeting held recently in McAllen. Mrs. Clyburn also gave the report at the Pleasant Valley Club meeting in the home of Mrs. R. E. McNabb in Stamford Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Clyburn, Don, Marsha and David and the Charles Reddin children attended the 4-H Weiner roast held recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stephen of Tye. The Clyburn family visited Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Herman Aiken in Merkel.

Mrs. Ina Kelso isn't doing too well at the Anson Care Home. Several from the community have visited her recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mashburn, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Reddin attended the Truby Musical Saturday night.

Mrs. John Shaw, Mrs. Roy Mashburn, and Mrs. Roger Mashburn visited Sam Mashburn Monday, and also visited Mrs. Ida Mashburn.

CEMETERY FUND

The following made recent donations to the Merkel Cemetery Association

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Mr. and Mrs. Jay Wilson in memory of Mrs. Sharp
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Mr. and Mrs. Eddy Melton in memory of A. L. Farmer and Dee Teaff
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Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Mansfield in memory of Adrian Farmer
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Mrs. W. L. Yelms
Mrs. John Mansfield in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Dee Teaff
Goldie Malone
E. D. Landreth
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Guitler Jr. in memory of Mrs. Velma Black Williams.
Mrs. Pearl Deas

Abilene Junior League to Stage Bargain Barn Day

The Junior League of Abilene, Inc., is staging a gigantic rummage sale on Oct. 18 and 19 at 200 - 220 Pine Street in Abilene, according to Mrs. Glenn Duggett, publicity chairman.

"The Big Country Bargain Barn will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. both days," said Mrs. Duggett. "Too quality merchandise will be offered for sale, but the prices will be set extremely low in order for everything to be sold within a two day period."

The Big Country Bargain Barn is being held to finance projects of the Junior League in this area, said Mrs. Duggett. Current projects of the Junior League include Children's Theatre, Art Appreciation, Dyslexia, a testing program for pre-school children of the area, and the West Texas Rehabilitation Center.

MHS Spanish Club Has First Social

Members of the Merkel High School Spanish Club, meeting recently at the Merkel Restaurant for their first social, heard a Hardin - Simmons University professor and his wife speak on living in Mexico.

Warren Cullar, art instructor, and his wife, a student at H - SU, showed slides of their trip to Mexico, and also spoke to the group on their living in San Miguel, De-Allende while studying art there.

Members also enjoyed a Mexican dinner.

Mrs. Mary Easton, Merkel High School Spanish instructor is sponsor of the club.

Teen Council Plan Saturday Doings

A Teen Council meeting was held Tuesday evening at the Community Center with Leon Walker, chairman of adult committee in attendance.

Teen members attending were Corky Land, Larry Hewitt, Alan Reed, Judy Hester, Beth Peachey, Mike Dudley, Bob Hammond and Pat Bunch.

Members discussed the Teen Center activities for Saturday evening, after the Badger - Indian game.

The council discussed the price of 35 cents per member and said that "members of the Teen Activity program were allowed to bring a guest."

Dercas SS Class Has Oct. Meeting

The Dercas Sunday School Class of the First Baptist Church met Thursday Oct. 3 for their monthly meeting. Mrs. Agnes King was hostess. Prayers were offered by Mrs. Homer Finch, Mrs. King, and Mrs. W. A. McCandless. A devotional, "The Beauty of God's Holiness," was presented by Mrs. Blanche Teaff.

Attending were Meses. McCandless, Finch, Callie Price, J. W. Tiner, Eunice Massey, Howard Phillips, Mae Robertson and Maevy Jones.

Also Meses. E. M. Blackburn, Ira Moore, Bessie Jackson, Lige Harris, R. Y. Buchanan, Clara Driver, Hyrtle Walker, Teaf, King and one visitor, Mrs. Kenneth Jones.

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By virtue of an execution and Order of Sale issued out of the 42nd District Court of Taylor, County, Texas, on a judgment rendered in said court on the 18th day of September, 1968, in favor of Federal National Mortgage Association, Plaintiff, and against the said Betty Jean Evans, Individually and as Guardian of the estate of Steven Lynn Evans, Darla Gaye Evans, Jeffery Scott Evans and Melanie Renee Evans, Minors, Defendants, in the case of Federal National Mortgage Association vs. Betty Jean Evans, Individually, et al. No. 31,882-A, in such court, I did on the 8th day of October, 1968, at 2 o'clock p.m. levy upon the following described tract of land, situated in the County of Taylor, State of Texas, as the property of Betty Jean Evans, Individually, et al. to-wit:

BEING Lot 13, Block 3, Thorn-ton Heights, an Addition to the City of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas; SUBJECT to an undivided 4-320ths non-participating royalty interest conveyed by warranty deed dated October 28, 1949, of record in Volume 527, Page 336, of the Deed Records of Taylor County, Texas,

and on the Fifth (5th) day of November, 1968, being the first Tuesday of said month, between the hours of 10 o'clock a.m. and 4 o'clock p.m. on said day, at the courthouse door of said county, I will offer for sale and sell at public auction, for cash, to the highest bidder, all the right, title and interest of the said Betty Jean Evans, Individually and as Guardian of the Estate of Steven Lynn Evans, Darla Gaye Evans, Jeffery Scott Evans and Melanie Renee Evans, Minors, in and to said property, as prescribed by law.

And in compliance with the law, I give this notice by publication in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in The Merkel Mail, a

IN SWEETWATER Homecoming Set Friday, Oct. 25

The Ex - Students Association of Sweetwater High School has set October 25 as Homecoming, according to Mrs. Cecil Stracner, secretary.

Schedule begins at 1 p.m. Friday, Oct. 25 with a pep rally and recognition of Exes, and after school the homecoming parade in downtown Sweetwater.

At 7:30 p.m. Exes will see the football game between Sweetwater and Colorado City, with half-time activities including crowning of the Homecoming Queen."

Mrs. Stracner asked that Sweetwater exes living in the Merkel area who have changed addresses to "please write the Ex - Students Association in care of Sweetwater High School.

Ex-Merkelite Gets Promotion

Walter Grimmitt has recently been named manager of Merchants Fast Motor Lines of San Antonio.

Grimmitt, a graduate of Merkel High School, is married to the former Janie Breaux, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Breaux of Merkel. He also attended Paris Junior College and McMurry College.

Beginning with Merchants Fast Motor Lines in Abilene in 1960, Grimmitt worked in Beaumont before moving to San Antonio five years ago.

He and his wife have one son, Scott, age 3.

'Furniture' Topic For Goodman Club

The Goodman Home Demonstration Club met recently in the home of Mrs. Dennis Butler with nine members present.

Roll call was answered with "My Biggest Storage Problem." Program topic was Furniture Selection and What Goes Together.

Mrs. Dennis Butler gave the council report.

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Wedding Plans

ANDERSON-REYNOLDS

Mrs. Margaret Anderson announces the engagement and approaching marriage of her daughter, Barbara Jean, to Jacky Cramer Reynolds, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cramer Reynolds.

Miss Anderson is a 1967 graduate of Merkel High School and a sophomore student at Hardin-Simmons University.

Her fiance is a 1965 graduate of Merkel High School and a senior student at H-SU.

The couple will be married December 21 in the First Baptist Church.



PATSY JUNE DEAN
... plans November wedding

Dean-Ross Vows To Be Exchanged

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Deen of Noodle announce the engagement of their daughter, Patsy June, to Airman First Class Jerry Dwayne Ross, son of Mrs. Bill Lambert, Merkel, and Mr. Cecil Ross of Abilene.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Noodle High School.

The bridegroom-elect is a graduate of Merkel High School and is presently with the United States Air Force.

After a November 8 wedding, the couple will live in California.

BADGER TRACKS

By WALLY KNIGHT

The Merkel Badgers defeated the Hamlin Pied Pipers at Hamlin Friday night by a score of 27 to 7. The game was the first conference game for the team. The Badgers will play the Haskell Indians this Saturday night at 8 p.m. in the Badger Stadium.

Saturday is Homecoming for Merkel. Several events are planned for this week. The Senior Class will build a big bonfire for Friday night. The bonfire will naturally be the best that Merkel has ever had. A pep rally will be held Saturday morning after the Homecoming Parade. The Homecoming Queen will be crowned at the football game Saturday night.

The Badger football team enjoyed the company of Mr. L. C. Whisenand and Mr. D. C. Hendrick when they traveled to Hamlin with the squad Friday night. The Booster representatives this week are Mr. Joe Al-

ves and Mr. John Brady. The Women's Auxiliary representative this week is Mrs. Jimmy Leverich.

Doomsday for students is this Wednesday as students receive their report cards for the first six weeks. Parent visitation will be held this week on Thursday and Friday afternoons.

Everyone is invited to attend all the Homecoming activities this week and the football game Saturday night.

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Recent Visitors

S.Sgt. and Mrs. Norman Current and children, Cindy, Timmy and Roxanne, visited for three weeks with Mrs. Current's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Irvin.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

LAST WEEK'S UP THE CANYON IS "CHALLENGED"

EDITOR'S NOTE — Letters to the editor do not necessarily express the view of the editor nor of this paper. But The Merkel Mail will continue to run letters to the editor as long as same are not libelous, in good taste, and they must be signed.

The Editor
Merkel Mail
Merkel, Texas

Sir:

I have enjoyed the chit-chat of the writer of the column "Up the Canyon Way" about the weather, the crops and community goings-on generally, although saddened at times by notice of the death of some of my old-timer friends — now nearly all gone.

But I was astonished at the last column, last week's issue, when he left off weather and crops and ventured into the realm of government and the economy, in which he thoroughly demonstrated his incompetence. Hence, this challenge.

I wonder for instance if he gave any consideration to the fact that the national debt stands at about \$353 billion dollars, with legislative commitments in legislation already passed, but not funded, which would double the debt. I wonder if he gave any consideration to the fact the national deficit for 1968 approximates \$25 billion dollars — or if he or any of us have any realization of how much money is a billion dollars.

Pondering the question of how much money is a billion dollars, did he think of a proposed 1969 budget of \$186 billion dollars, hopefully to be reduced to \$180 billion dollars because of the Expenditures and Control Act of 1968; that even so Congress is thinking of a \$5 to \$10 billion dollar deficit in the 1969 budget; that we have a 10 per cent surtax on income; and that the 10 per cent surtax was necessary to prevent our dollar from becoming WORTHLESS.

The American people deserve

a new era in Federal Government budgeting for 1969, 1970 and hence forward. A moderate and BALANCED federal budget could end an era of government over-commitment and combat the growing inflationary psychology that imperils our economic health.

The main cause of our current inflation, with its 39 cent dollar, is federal deficit spending that over-commits our man-power and other resources, and endangers our economic, social and political health.

Corrective action requires a slowdown in federal spending. It requires a new look at the sprawling federal establishment and its corruption. The penalties of continuing in the old path of more and more vast spending programs are many, including further human frustration, further declines in the buying power of the dollar and an increased threat of national financial crisis and ever rising prices.

The new economic theory, employed by the Government of spending itself into prosperity must go. If anyone does not agree, he should try it on a personal basis and find himself ending up in bankruptcy.

Finally, for the reasons assigned, although I disagree thoroughly with Mr. Up Canyon Way, like old Socrates, I'd "defend to the death his right to say it."

Respectfully,
T. S. CHRISTOPHER
Merkel High School
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