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Up The Canyon

By TOM
RUSSOM

There's a lot of news I could write about this week, but I want to contribute our column to two fine boys whom our area people have known for a long time and have loved down through the years.

They are Willie B. Toombs and George T. Moore.

When we are well and doing good, and perhaps meeting each other every few days, we don't seem to really know how much good any one has done. But after they have passed away, we are reminded of a lot of good they have done to help someone.

They were two fine boys I always felt that I could ask for advice and accept their opinion. Willie B. was a very good friend of mine and even to my folks. I had a brother real sick one time and I was visiting him almost day and night. I recall one evening I went to see him, and I noticed a portable TV set up in his room. I asked who was so kind and thoughtful as that, and my brother said, "Willie B. was."

I recall I wrote a note in my column that a good deed was never forgotten. And I was very impressed at the funeral services when the minister said "Willie B. had accidentally done more good for a lot of people than some had done on purpose." And I thought how true.

May I say to his family, that I did not get to visit Willie B. as much as I would have liked to, but you can always count me as one of his good friends and I will always remember and appreciate the good things he stood for and did.

To George T. Moore, I have known him for many years, and I guess I loved him more for the warm welcome he would extend to me when I would be at the bank. I would always go by his window for a handshake and just a little chat. Just one day before his death, I was in his office and had a short visit with him. I think that will always remain in my memory of George T.

We all miss George T. and Willie B. very much, and may I say in closing, the lives and deeds that they have lived and done are well and good for me, and for our community. And we must not forget their families.

There's a poem that hangs over my desk that reads:

"There is no better exercise for the heart than to reach down and lift someone up."

MISSION SCHOOL BEGINS NOVEMBER 21

Merkel's First Baptist Church's School of Missions will be held Nov. 21 - 24, according to pastor, the Rev. Kenneth Jones.

The World Missions Conference, which begins Nov. 17, involves 40 area churches and two missions in the Abilene-Callahan Baptist area. Twenty Southern Baptist foreign, home and state missionaries are scheduled to arrive in Abilene Nov. 16 for an orientation dinner at the Ramada Inn.

The Rev. Jones said that activities are planned for "this wonderful time of mission study." Primary, juniors, intermediates, young people and adults will take part in the program.

Leading discussions on missions will be Mrs. Howard Carson, Mrs.



DRAMA CLUB OFFICERS — At the first meeting of the MHS Drama Club last week, Wally Knight, second from left, was elected president. Other officers are, from left, Mike Dudley, reporter; Debbie Black, secretary - treasurer, and Gaylon Doan, vice president. Members chose the name "The Pretenders" or their club presentations. (Staff Photo)

BADGERS TO END SEASON WITH ANSON HERE THIS FRIDAY

By CONNIE HARRIS

The Badgers will be out Friday night at Badger Stadium to lose the Anson Tigers in the last game of the season. Game time is 8 p.m.

The Tigers are 0 - 5 in the district, while the Badgers are 1-5.

Bill Tate told Booster Club members Monday evening that, "The kids have not given up, so you can come out Friday night and see the Badgers cage a Tiger."

After last Friday's downing of 13 - 0 at the snow and slush ball game with Coleman, the Badgers and the large turnout of fans knew how the Dallas Cowboys felt when they played Green Bay for the NFL championship game in '67. The only difference was there was not any wire under the field. The Badger team had no blankets or coffee to keep warm - just their long sleeve jerseys.

Snow in the center of the field was kicked around enough to make the field "sloshy" in the middle. The football was so heavy and wet that Bob Tate only completed 4 passes to Johnny Thomp-

son, Rodney Mashburn and Tex Bernhart. Salvador Anadrate ran three yards for the Bluecats' first score. Robert Horne booted the extra point with 3:09 left in the first quarter.

Tommy Medrano ran over for the final TD with 1:52 left in the ball game. The attempt for the extra point failed on a fumble.

The passing game proved difficult because of the wet ball and the fog which settled in several times during the game. For the fans, who didn't go to the game, they just didn't know what they missed besides a cold or sore throat.

Head coach Wendell Robinson said, "This was quite an experience for me as well as for the boys."

COLEMAN	MERKEL	
10	First Downs	6
141	Rushing Yardage	85
0	Passing Yardage	50
0	of 4 Passes Completed	4 of 17
1	Passes Intercepted by	4
8	for 28.1 Punts, Average	7 for 23.7
3	for 35 Penalties	Yards 2 for 20
1	Fumbles Lost	1

WEEKLY PREVIEWS

THURSDAY
Freshman Football at Anson
Taylor County Young Home-
makers Meet at TEC building
Community Fund Drive Contin-
ues.

FRIDAY
Trent Plays Bronte
Pep Rally at Merkel Gym
Merkel Football With Anson
Here

Teen Center Open
Third Friday Night Singing

SATURDAY
Library Open at 10 a.m.
Teen Center Open

SUNDAY
Church Services
MONDAY
Booster Meeting at 7 p.m.

TUESDAY
Lions Club Meets

WEDNESDAY
Optimist Noon Lunch
Library Open at 2 p.m.

MHS Badger Band To Odessa Sat.

The Merkel High School Band will travel to Odessa this Saturday for the annual UIL Marching Contest, according to Band Master Glenn Reed.

The Merkel Band will participate with other AA bands, which include Denver City, Crane, Stanton, Anson, Marfa, Tahoka, Stamford, McCamey, Alpine and Big Lake.

Bob Hammond, the Badger Band's 1968 - 69 Drum Major, will lead the band in the UIL marching contest.

Reed said Wednesday that "any parent who would like to go to the contest is given a special invitation to do so."



BOB HAMMOND
... to lead the band

Third Friday Night Singing

Third Friday Night Singing will be held at the Victory Baptist Church this Friday, Nov. 15, and will begin at 7:30, according to Connie Mack Seymore, president. "All who enjoy good singing are invited to attend," said Seymore.

Community Fund Reaches \$2,269.17

The "response" to knocks on doors Tuesday evening in Merkel Community Fund Drive was "most friendly," according to Mrs. Hugh Baker and Mrs. Billy Lucas, co-chairmen for the evening drive.

A total of \$647.18 was collected in the Tuesday evening drive, with "some donors yet to mail in their contributions."

Mrs. Baker said Wednesday morning that there were some streets on the north side of town that were not contacted, but "workers planned to contact them within the next few days."

"Worker response to the drive was wonderful," said Mrs. Lucas. "Many workers were at the Merkel Elementary Library right on the dot at 4:30 p.m., and after collecting cards and getting street assignments, they started immediately. And we are most appreciative for the large turnout of workers."

As of Wednesday morning an overall total of \$2,269.17 has been Drive, according to MCF chair- contributed to the 1968 Fund man, W. J. Roddy.

"I think our drive for this year is coming along fine, said Roddy. "however, we have not begun to meet our quota of \$6,000.00. "We have had a hearty response from our businesses, but contributions from individuals need to come in."

In a tabulation of workers' cards, it was noted Wednesday that "several workers had not turned in their money," and needed to do so as soon as possible.

Roddy explained that if the "quota or near quota was not reached it might be necessary to have another drive."

"This is something we did not want to have happen," said Roddy. "Our major aim was to have one complete overall drive and thus eliminate fourteen separate drives this year. However, if we fail to reach or near reach our quota, the separate organizations will find it necessary to have drives."

Roddy mentioned the fact that

Farvers Union Sets Convention

WACO — Texas Farmers Union members will begin a three-day meeting Thursday, Dec. 5 at the Terrace Motor Hotel in Austin, according to president, Jay Naman.

Outstanding speakers to appear on the program include U.S. Senators Ralph Yarborough of Texas and Walter F. Mondale of Minnesota; Cong. Jake Pickle of Austin, State Rep. F. G. Mutscher Jr. of Brenham; and Tony T. Dechant of Denver, president of the National Farmers Union.

During the business meeting resolutions and policies will be discussed and adopted. A state president and vice president for 1969 will be elected and also delegates elected to the National Farmers Union convention to be held in Hot Springs, Ark., in March.

At press time, Joe McDuff, Taylor County Farmers Union publicity chairman, said that several from this organization were planning to attend.

They include Mr. and Mrs. McDuff, Connie Mack Seymore, Pete Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Flemming, Charles Jacobs, and Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Franklin.

"perhaps another make up drive would be necessary to reach people who were not reached during the evening drive."

Merkel Community Fund "wraps up" fourteen separate agencies this year in the \$6,000.00 goal.

Agencies include the Merkel Library, Youth Activity Program, Summer Recreation Program, American Red Cross, American Cancer Society, West Texas Rehabilitation Center, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, March of Dimes, Goodfellows, USO and Abilene Boys Ranch.

"Any one of these organizations could use in a worthwhile way a great portion of the funds already

collected," said Roddy. "However, each organization will have to be cut to their original request, if we do not get to work and try to reach our \$6,000.00 goal."

Donors who wish to contribute to the 1968 Drive may mail their check to Merkel Community Fund Drive, in care of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank, or hand directly to Roddy, Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Lucas or to Bill Button, president of the Merkel Chamber of Commerce.

"If there is a donor who would like to contribute and would like to have someone come for their check, we will be glad to do so," said Roddy.

TRENT'S GORILLAS AIM FOR DISTRICT

By CONNIE HARRIS

In District 7-AA Stamford and Ballinger will be clashing for the district spot, but the biggest clash will be between Trent and Bronte for 7-B title.

The Gorillas will be going against Bronte Friday night at 7:30 on their home field. With Bronte tying Forsan last week 18 - 18, this puts them into a 2-0-1 rating, while Trent stands 2-1-0.

Friday's tough game "should decide the district," but Trent will still have to cage a win against Jim Ned.

Coach Charlie Russell said Monday, "The boys are in high spirit and will be ready for Friday night's battle."

"'68, the year of the Gorillas," is their aim.

Rolling up 42 points in the first quarter last Friday night in a game against Hawley, the Gorillas' Stan Hicks stacked up 19 of the points. Their 23 - 0 victory convinced Gorilla fans that they "really want that district spot."

Pat Cariker scored two TDs after the first quarter and the Gorillas punted several times on first downs.

According to a news item in the Abilene Reporter - News, Stan Hicks was second in the

area with 78 points and Bullock from New Castle, first with 88 points. After this past Friday's game, Hicks has 97 points, but final tabulation will not be known until later in the week.

Trent's quarterback, Gaylon Brovok, has had only one pass intercepted all season.

Capt. Fred Kolpin To Join Airline

Mr. and Mrs. Onus Graham of Trent have their daughter and son in law, and seven month old granddaughter visiting them from Murfreesboro, Tenn.

After returning from duty in England, Capt. Kolpin and family were stationed at Sewart AFB at Murfreesboro, where he received his discharge from the Air Force Oct. 24.

Kolpin, a graduate of Iowa State University will leave later this month for Fort Worth to begin pilot training after which time he will be a pilot with American Airlines.

Mrs. Kolpin, a graduate of Trent High School and Texas Tech, and daughter, Kelly, will visit with her parents before joining her husband in Fort Worth.



KELLY'S FIRST SNOW — Even though little Miss Kelly Kolpin, 7 month old daughter of Capt. and Mrs. Fred Kolpin, has been "all over the United States and even in England," she had to come to Merkel last Friday to see her very first snow. Mrs. Kolpin, the former Carolyn Graham of Trent, is doing her best to "explain the white stuff." (Staff Photo)

— SHOP DOLLAR DAYS IN MERKEL —

THE FIZZLE FAMILY



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Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

- Just claims
- Splatter
- Toughen
- Wonderful: slang
- Frosty, the — the —
- Cave: poetic
- Rotating parts
- Promise
- Ireland
- Consumed
- Foot lever
- Girl's name
- French "the"
- Building wings
- Faculties
- Mouths
- Roman bronze
- Clergyman
- Stern
- Decimeter: abbr.
- Finish
- Foe
- Charge

DOWN

- On the ocean
- Peck
- Enclosed unit
- Assist
- Taught
- Intertwine
- Calm
- Needlelike tool
- Cured
- Droop
- Existed
- Dash
- Foliose
- Period
- Seine
- Tidily
- Stops
- Net
- Rogue
- Inborn
- Goblin
- Cuts
- o-shanter
- Serfs
- Spain: abbr.
- Vegetable
- Alley
- Female player
- Pardon
- Nocturnal animals
- dispatched
- Conclude
- Trap
- Expunge
- Merged
- Dine
- Untamed
- Of grand- parents
- Conclusion: music
- Small shield
- Golf mound
- Suffix: plural

Answer to Puzzle

ACROSS

- CLAIMS
- SPLATTER
- TOUGHEN
- WONDERFUL
- FROSTY
- CAVE
- ROTATING
- PROMISE
- IRELAND
- CONSUMED
- FOOT LEVER
- BARBARA
- LA
- WINGS
- FACTS
- MOUTHS
- ROMAN
- CLERGYMAN
- STERN
- DECIMETER
- FINISH
- FOE
- CHARGE

DOWN

- OCEAN
- PECK
- UNIT
- ASSIST
- TAUGHT
- INTERTWINE
- CALM
- NEEDLE
- CURED
- DROOP
- EXISTED
- DASH
- FOLIAGE
- PERIOD
- SEINE
- TIDILY
- STOPS
- NET
- ROGUE
- INBORN
- Goblin
- CUTS
- SHANTER
- SERFS
- SPAIN
- VEGETABLE
- ALLEY
- FEMALE
- PARDON
- NOCTURNAL
- SUFFIX
- DISPATCHED
- CONCLUDE
- TRAP
- EXPUNGE
- MERGED
- DINE
- UNTAMED
- GRANDPARENTS
- CONCLUSION
- SHIELD
- MOUND
- PLURAL



HUNGRY FOR FRUITCAKE — The Merkel High School junior class will begin taking orders this week for fruit cakes for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Proceeds from the Fruit Cake Sale will go toward junior class expenses and especially the Junior - Senior Banquet that is held in the spring.

Stith News
By MRS. FRITZ HALE

Dimmitt, and Ethel Canida. Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Clyburn and children visited Mr. and Mrs. Mason Barker at Hodges Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mashburn attended the Merkel and Coleman

The farmers were proud of the surprise snow Friday morning. Thirty two bales of cotton were destroyed by fire at the gin Sunday night. The Merkel Fire Department was called and they put out the blaze. There was no damage to the gin.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Vantresse of Arkansas, visited in the Stith Community last week. They were dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Benny Hobbs Saturday, and also visited Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bradley.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kelso of Bentonville, Ark., visited their son, Lon over the weekend. They also visited at the Anson Care Home with Mr. Kelso's mother, Mrs. Ina Kelso.

Mrs. Charles Fikes and children were in a two-car accident north of Merkel Monday night. Mrs. Fikes and David received cuts and bruises on their head and were taken to Hendrick Memorial Hospital. Mrs. Fikes was hospitalized overnight and came home Tuesday. David was treated for cuts and bruises and released.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Bicknell are parents of their third daughter, Trecla Lea, born Saturday at Hendrick Hospital in Abilene. The twins, Tonia and Tena are four years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Jones are great-grandparents.

Ronnie Hale of Chamute AFB, Illinois, spent the weekend with his wife, Joan, his father, Charles Hale, and also his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Hale. Other visitors in the Hale home Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. James Hale, Shirley and Mike, Butch Parks of Midland, Mrs. Mae Bright,

football game Friday night at Coleman.
Mrs. Wade Shaw and Mrs. Roy Mashburn spent Sunday with Mrs. John Shaw of Merkel.
Ethel Canida is visiting this week in Crosbyton with Mrs. Winnie Hale and family.

Mrs. Tiner Hosts Dorcas SS Class

Mrs. J. W. Tiner was hostess to the First Baptist Church Dorcas Sunday School Class Thursday, Nov. 7, with the meeting opened with prayer by Mrs. Agnes King.

Mrs. Blanch Teaff gave the devotional, using the 23rd Psalm and speaking on "Feasting on God's Word." Mrs. Homer Finch closed the meeting with prayer. Attending were Meses. John Mansfield, E. R. Foster, Callie Price, Jim Kuykendahl, Emory Wilburn, Myrtle Walker, Mae Robertson and Eunice Massey.

Also Meses. Lige Harris, Teaff, R. Y. Buchanan, Clara Driver, King, Finch, Ira Moore, Clay Satterwhite, Mary Jones, Irene Pomroy, Dave Anderson, Cordelia Scherer and the hostess, Mrs. Tiner.

Trent Services For Mrs. Mitchell

Funeral services for Mrs. Donna Kinsey Mitchell of Trent were held Sunday, Nov. 10, in the Trent Baptist Church with the Rev. Jim Sellers, pastor, officiating.

Burial was in the Sweetwater Cemetery, under direction of Cate Spencer Funeral Home.

Mrs. Mitchell, 52, was killed early Friday in a collision on U.S. 80 near Weatherford.

Born Feb. 19, 1916, in Fisher County, Mrs. Mitchell had lived all of her life in Fisher and Jones counties. She was married in Roby in November of 1939. She was a member of the Baptist Church.

Survivors are her husband; one son, Eddie of Trent; two brothers, Fate Kinsey and Louis Kinsey, both of Lubbock; two sisters, Mrs. Othell Barnhill of Trent and Mrs. Jake Barnes of Merkel; her mother, Mrs. May Kinsey of Merkel.

Pallbearers were nephews, James Barnes, Larry Barnhill, Danny Kinsey, Rodney Miller, Earl Bullard and Ronnie Freeman.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Jimmy Leroy Tollett, 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 16th day of December A.D. 1968, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 29th day of October A.D. 1968, in this cause, numbered 32,001-A on the docket of said court and styled In Re: Jimmy Susan Lynette Tollett.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: An adoption proceeding, 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 29th day of October A.D. 1968.

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MRS. WINNIE CYPERT

TAX MAN SAM SEZ:

Paying taxes is a part of our way of life. Most folks say it is a part that they don't particularly like, but since the things they require from their government cost, it is reasonable to expect to pay taxes a few more times before we find the perfect method. The amount of taxes that you pay often depends upon the kind of records you keep. There may be a few CPAs and other professional record-keepers who really love to keep records, but the average taxpayer doesn't. This costs him! Most folks working in the tax business join the Internal Revenue Service in advising you to keep good records. Maybe we should take the trouble. The sweat and frustration might be worthwhile.

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BASKETBALL BEGINS HERE NOVEMBER 19

The curtain for 1968 Football is slowly going down, while on "another stage" basketball for '69 is making its appearance. And it will last well into February, 1969.

The first game on schedule is Nov. 19 with Rotan at Rotan, Merkel High School's "B" Boys, "A" Girls, and "A" Boys will play and game time is 5:30 p.m.

Nov. 21 Noodle and Merkel will play in the Merkel Gym with both Boys and Girls "A" teams playing. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

The high school A teams, boys and girls, will journey to Robert Lee on Nov. 26 with the game scheduled to begin at 6:30.

Basketball schedules for December, January and February are:

Dec. 3 — Robert Lee, here — A Girls, A Boys, 6:30
Dec. 5, 6, 7, — Hamlin Tournament, A Boys
Dec. 5, 6, 7, — Anson Tournament, A Girls
Dec. 10 — Rotan, here, B Boys, A Girls, A Boys, 5:30

Dec. 12, 13, 14 — Novice Tournament, B boys and B girls
Dec. 1, 13, 14 — H-SU Tournament, A girls
Dec. 12, 13, 14 — Anson Tournament, A boys
Dec. 17 — Anson, there, B boys, A girls, A boys, 5:00
Dec. 19, — Winters, here, B boys, A girls, A boys, 5:00
Jan. 2, 3, 4 — Hawley Tournament, A girls, A boys
Jan. 3 — Coleman, there, B boys, A girls, A boys, 5:00
Jan. 7 — Hamlin, here, B boys, A girls, A boys, 5:00
Jan. 9, 11 — Merkel "B" Tournament, here, B boys, B girls
Jan. 10 — Stamford, there, B boys, A boys, 6:15
Jan. 14 — Ballinger, here, B boys, A boys, 6:15
Jan. 17 — Haskell, here, B boys, A girls, A boys, 5:00
Jan. 21 — Open, here
Jan. 24 — Anson, here, B boys, A girls, A boys, 5:00
Jan. 28, — Winters, there, B boys, A girls, A boys, 5:00
Jan. 31 — Coleman, here, B boys, A girls, A boys, 5:00
Feb. 4 — Hamlin, there, B boys, A girls, A boys, 5:00
Feb. 7 — Stamford, here, B boys, A boys, 6:15
Feb. 10 — Cross Plains, there, A and B girls, 6:30
Feb. 11 — Ballinger, there, B boys, A boys
Feb. 14 — Haskell, there, B boys, A boys, A girls, 5:00

The One That Got Away

Mrs. Robert Leo Harris had a story to tell about a deer getting away.

It seems like Connie shot the deer in the left front shoulder but not high enough.

Robert and Connie trailed blood for about 500 yards but it just ended, along with the tracks. After searching for about two hours Robert was ready to give up, but a fellow hunter, Billy King, wanted to help and Connie not wanting to lose her first deer searched once again only to find nothing.

Robert could only say "It was like the big fish that got away, nobody's going to believe you."

Howard Carson Heads Golf Assn.

In a recent meeting of the Merkel Golf Association, members elected five directors for the 1968-69 year. They are Howard Carson, Truett Thompson, Connie Mack Swanson, Robert Higgins and Roscoe Shields.

Carson was elected president, Thompson vice president, and Swanson secretary-treasurer.


Members meet once a month for a social with date for each meeting to be announced in advance.

TC Homemakers To Meet Tonight

Guest speaker for the Taylor County Young Homemakers' meeting this evening will be Mrs. Francis Alexander, pediatrics instructor at Hendrick Memorial Hospital, according to publicity chairman, Mrs. Billy Lucas.


Mrs. Alexander will speak on Child Care to members and guests meeting at the Taylor Electric Cooperative building at 7:30.

Club president, Mrs. Dickie Danneheim, urged all members to "be present and to bring a guest."



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at the close of business Oct. 30, 1968, a state banking institution organized and operating under the banking laws of this State and a member of the Federal Reserve System. Published in accordance with a call made by the State Banking Authorities and by the Federal Reserve Bank of this District.

ASSETS	
1. Cash, balances with other banks, and cash items in process of collection	\$235,372.15
2. United States Government obligations	175,000.00
3. Obligations of States and political subdivisions	1,000.69
5. Other securities (including \$3,000.00 corporate stocks) ..	3,000.00
7. Other loans and discounts	317,234.82
8. Bank premises, furniture and fixtures, and other assets representing bank premises	5,300.00
11. Other assets	154.56
12. TOTAL ASSETS	\$787,062.22

LIABILITIES	
13. Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	\$632,205.41
15. Deposits of United States Government	640.78
16. Deposits of States and political subdivisions	10,359.59
20. TOTAL DEPOSITS (items 13 to 19)	\$643,205.78
(c) Total demand deposits	\$643,205.78
25. TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$643,205.78

CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	
26. (c) Common stock — total par value	\$ 25,000.00
No. shares authorized 250 — No. shares outstanding 250 ..	
27. Surplus	75,000.00
28. Undivided profits	43,856.44
30. TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	\$143,856.44
31. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	\$787,062.22

MEMORANDA	
1. Average of total deposits for the 15 calendar days ending with call date	\$640,936.38
2. Average of total loans for the 15 calendar days ending with call date	316,138.03
15 calendar days ending with call date	337,684.05

I, J. G. Wilks, President, of the above-named bank do hereby declare that this report of condition is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

We, the undersigned directors, attest the correctness of this report of condition and declare that it has been examined by us and to the best of our knowledge and belief is true and correct.

J. G. WILKS
J. C. CRAIN
H. H. McLEOD
DOW WILLIAMSON
DON WILKS
DIRECTORS

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 11th day of November, 1968.
BETTY HAMNER, Notary Public

Gets Navy Medal

CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. — Marine First Lieutenant Thomas W. McAninch, 25, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. McAninch of Rt. 2, and husband of the former Mrs. Carolyn S. Anderson of 507 Manchester St., all of Merkel, was awarded the Navy Commendation Medal with Combat "V."

The presentation was made during ceremonies at Camp Pendleton, Calif.

He was awarded the medal for his outstanding achievement as a platoon commander with M Company, Third Battalion, Seventh Marine Regiment, First Marine Division in Vietnam.


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SNOWY INTERLUDE — Students at Merkel High School could find lots of reasons why they should be outside last Friday. Trying to decide whether to throw, eat, or put it in their pockets were, from left, Gaylon Doan, Terry Doan, Dayna McAninch, Debbie Black, Kathy Windham, Wally Knight and Mike Dudley. (Staff Photo)

CHEERLEADERS BUSY ON BANQUET PLANS

Merkel High School Cheerleaders are "putting in every spare minute" these days getting plans shared up for the Annual Football Banquet to be held at 7:30 p.m., Nov. 23 at the Ramada Inn in Abilene.

Head cheerleader, Debbie Black, said today that "preparing a banquet such as this takes lots of time and thought."

"We are going to have a most colorful and interesting program this year," said Debbie, "and we're expecting an unusually large number."

Cheerleaders besides Debbie, are Dayna McAninch, Ann Walker, Glenna Doan, and Kathy Windham.

A highlight of the program will be the recognition of the football hero, football sweetheart and band favorites.

"Of course, no one knows as of now, who they are, but they will be known that night," said Debbie.

Besides football players and coaches, other guests will include the Merkel School Board, school faculty and band members.

The Annual Football Banquet is an activity that soon becomes number one when newly elected cheerleaders get together in the

kel residents will remember the spring and "decide on projects that will help them earn money to finance the banquet. Many Mer-extra work that the cheerleaders did during the summer months and part of their "earnings" go toward this banquet.

Projects included selling programs at football games, ribbons, proceeds from concession stands and individual and group summer projects.

This year's cheerleader sponsor is Mrs. Don Dudley.

Badger Press Box To Be Dedicated

The Merkel Badger Press Box will be dedicated Friday at half-time ceremonies of the football game between the Merkel Badgers and the Anson Tigers, according to Booster Club president, Dan Allen.

The press box, which was completed the first of October, has been used during the home games this year.

Swinney Children Home for Visit

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Swinney had all of their family home Sunday for deer season. They were Harold, Wilda and Kyle, Abilene; Herbert, Gerry and Lynn J., Amarillo, and Tommie and family of Merkel.

Also Joseph, Gayle and Tammie Joe, Merkel; Nancy, Bobby, Bill and Susan, Abilene, and Lisa Dawn of the home.

On Dean's List

PLAINVIEW — Two Wayland College students from Trent were listed on the dean's honor roll at mid-semester of the present fall term.

They are Miss Barbara McAninch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William McAninch, Route 2, Trent, and Miss Diana Lewis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Stephens, Trent.

Both Miss McAninch and Miss Lewis are star players on the Hutcherson Flying Queens of Wayland College.

Miss McAninch is president of the Student Government Association and is president of the Statesmen's Club, two of the most active organizations on the campus, and holds several other offices.

Miss Lewis is an officer in the Athletes for Christ, is a member of the Wesley Club and Biology Club and has competed in several beauty and popularity contests at Wayland.



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 liable, in good taste, and they must be signed.

Dear Editor:
May I compliment you on the full page advertisement that appeared in the Nov. 7 issue of the Merkel Mail — "Now is the time to work to make America better."

We need this in all papers, everywhere — and we all need to take this seriously — and do it!

Sincerely,
OLLIE LENA OLSEN,
1610 North 2nd St.,
Abilene, Texas

FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Schedule for the coming season is:
Conference games are:
Nov. 15 — Anson at Merkel
The B-Team schedule includes:
Nov. 14 — Anson at Anson, 7 p.m.

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Mr. and Mrs. Homer Laney in memory of Weldon Holmes

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Mrs. Maggie Wilson

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Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wilson in memory of George T. Moore

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Mr. and Mrs. Weldon McAninch in memory of George T. Moore

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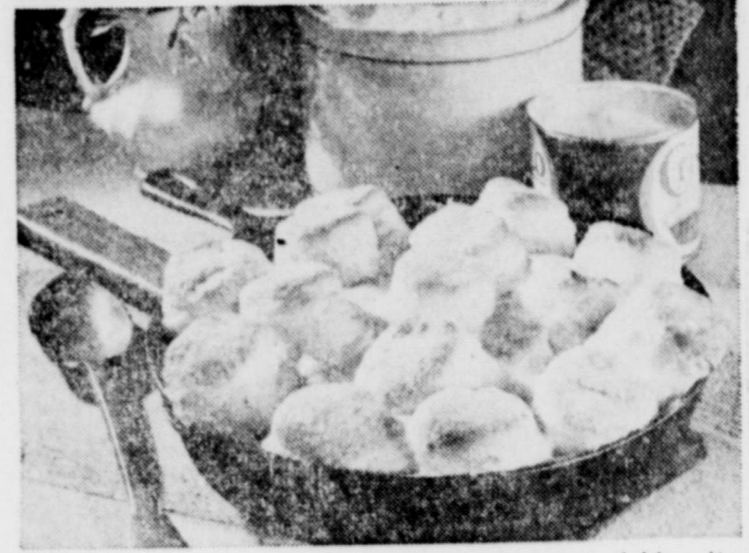
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(Makes 6 servings)

4 pound roasting chicken	2 cups sifted all-purpose flour
Salt and pepper	3 teaspoons double-acting baking powder
1/2 cup butter or margarine	1 teaspoon salt
2-1/2 cups chicken stock	1/2 cup Crisco shortening
1/2 cup flour	3/4 cup milk
2 cups light cream	
1 tablespoon lemon juice	

Sprinkle inside of chicken with salt and pepper; place on rack in shallow roasting pan. Melt butter and brush on chicken. Roast in 350° (moderate) oven 1 hour and 15 minutes, or until tender. Brush frequently with butter. Cool chicken, remove meat from bones and slice. Arrange in shallow 2-quart dish or pan. Add stock to drippings in roasting pan; boil until liquid is reduced to 2-1/4 cups. Blend 1/2 cup flour with cream; stir into reduced liquid. Cook, stirring constantly, until sauce boils 2 minutes. Remove from heat. Add lemon juice and salt and pepper to taste. Pour over chicken.

About 1 hour before serving, combine 2 cups flour, the baking powder and 1 teaspoon salt in bowl. Cut in shortening until mixture resembles coarse meal. Add milk and stir until blended. Transfer to floured surface and knead lightly 10 times. Roll out dough 1/2 inch thick and cut with floured biscuit cutter. Arrange over chicken. Bake in 400° (hot) oven 30 minutes, or until biscuits are brown.

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PLAINVIEW — The engagement of Mary Kathleen Eddleman to Thomas Harris Riney has been announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Adams of Tullia.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Tullia High School and is a student elementary education major at Wayland Baptist College.

Riney, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Riney of Merkel, is a graduate of Merkel High School and a ministerial student at Wayland Baptist College. They are both junior students at Wayland Baptist College.

The couple plans to be married Dec. 28 in Date Street Baptist Church.

George T. Moore and W. B. Toombs

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Sallie Gant in memory of George T. Moore

travel to Odessa this Saturday to participate in the U.I.L. Marching Contest. The Badger Band will compete with other AA Bands and will be trying to rank a first division rating for their efforts. The band has been practicing regularly for the contest. Wish them luck!

This week ends another six weeks. Only about four more of them to go!!!

CLASSIFIED ADS GET RESULTS

BADGER TRACKS

By WALLY KNIGHT

The Merkel Badgers played in four inches of slush and snow Friday night at Coleman and were finally defeated by a score of 13-0. The Badgers played four quarters of football in a condition that was far from Pandemonium. The Badgers will play their final game of the season this Friday night at Merkel when they play the Anson Tigers.

The Booster Representative who traveled with the Badgers Friday night to Coleman were Mr. Vincent Barnett and Mr. Alvin Wozencraft. The representative last week was Mr. E. A. Conely. The Merkel High Band will



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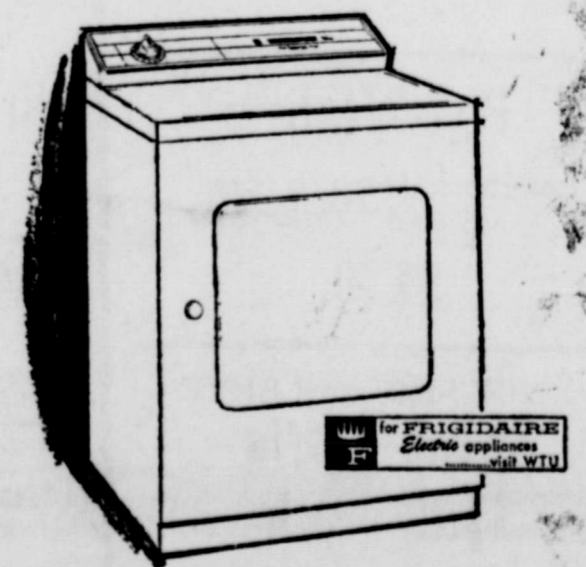
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ASSETS	
1. Cash, balances with other banks, and cash items in process of collection	\$1,167,934.63
2. United States Government obligations	1,372,394.17
3. Obligations of States and political subdivisions	265,411.68
5. Other Securities Stock in Federal Reserve Bank, Dallas, Tex.	9,000.00
7. Loans and discounts	1,166,166.91
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PLAINVIEW — The engagement of Mary Kathleen Eddleman to Thomas Harris Riney has been announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Adams of Tulia.
The bride-elect is a graduate of Tulia High School and is a student elementary education major at Wayland Baptist College.
Riney, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Riney of Merkel, is a graduate of Merkel High School and a ministerial student at Wayland Baptist College.
The couple plans to be married Dec. 28 in Date Street Baptist Church.

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Officers, Directors and staff, The Citizens National Bank in Abilene in memory of George T. Moore
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BADGER TRACKS

By WALLY KNIGHT

The Merkel Badgers played in four inches of slush and snow Friday night at Coleman and were finally defeated by a score of 13-0. The Badgers played four quarters of football in a condition that was far from Pandemonium. The Badgers will play their final game of the season this Friday night at Merkel when they play the Anson Tigers.
The Booster Representative who traveled with the Badgers Friday night to Coleman were Mr. Vincent Barnett and Mr. Alvin Wozencraft. The representative last week was Mr. E. A. Conely.
The Merkel High Band will travel to Odessa this Saturday to participate in the U.I.L. Marching Contest. The Badger Band will compete with other AA Bands and will be trying to rank a first division rating for their efforts. The band has been practicing regularly for the contest. Wish them luck!
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PLANTATION CHICKEN 'N BISCUITS
(Makes 6 servings)

4 pound roasting chicken	2 cups sifted all-purpose flour
1/2 cup salt and pepper	3 teaspoons double-acting baking powder
1/2 cup butter or margarine	1 teaspoon salt
2-1/2 cups chicken stock	1/2 cup Crisco shortening
1/2 cup flour	1/4 cup milk
2 cups light cream	
1 tablespoon lemon juice	

1 Sprinkle inside of chicken with salt and pepper; place on rack in shallow roasting pan. Melt butter and brush on chicken. Roast in 350° (moderate) oven 1 hour and 15 minutes, or until tender. Brush frequently with butter. Cool chicken, remove meat from bones and slice. Arrange in shallow 2-quart dish or pan. Add stock to drippings in roasting pan; boil until liquid is reduced to 2-1/4 cups. Blend 1/2 cup flour with cream; stir into reduced liquid. Cook, stirring constantly, until sauce boils 2 minutes. Remove from heat; add lemon juice and salt and pepper to taste. Pour over chicken.
About 1 hour before serving, combine 2 cups flour, the baking powder and 1 teaspoon salt in bowl. Cut in shortening until mixture resembles coarse meal. Add milk and stir until blended. Transfer to floured surface and knead lightly 10 times. Roll out dough 1/2 inch thick and cut with floured biscuit cutter. Arrange over chicken. Bake in 400° (hot) oven 30 minutes, or until biscuits are brown.

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