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Up The Canyon

By TOM
RUSSOM

When you come in home on Monday night, eat supper, and want to nestle down in your easy chair for a little warm nap, and then think, well, I have a column to write up for the paper — and nothing left to do but pull out some scratch paper and go to work, and scratch your head and wonder what to write about, and then comes the weather or the crops, sunshine or rain, which is all real good.

And we find ourselves searching for news about some more things to write. Then sometimes I think if I at one time lived in Merkel or Up the Canyon and had been gone a long time, perhaps I would enjoy just reading about 'most anything' — happenings in and around my home town or home community.

Sunday was a very enjoyable day for two couples in Merkel, who were being honored on their 50th Wedding Anniversary. They were Mr. and Mrs. Columbus Riggan and Mr. and Mrs. Burl Brown. Many relatives and friends called on them. Mr. Riggan had several brothers and sisters here to help make the party more enjoyable and Mrs. Riggan had her share of relatives too.

We also attended the party for the Browns and found many more fine friends and relatives there. I told the Browns that I bet they looked better Sunday than they did the day they got married. Their daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Royce White were here for the occasion and to help things be more enjoyable. Anyway, it was real good parties.

Oh, yes, with Merkel Chamber of Commerce Banquet coming up I hope we can be present, as a good friend handed us a couple of tickets a few days ago. The C-C has a real fine gentleman for their guest speaker — Judge Raleigh Brown of Abilene. The Merkel C-C has done many fine things and this is to let them know that the rural folks appreciate these

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CONJURING UP MAGIC — Mark Dudley, center, is the No. 1 Magic Maker in the play "While the Lentils Boil." Showing a "yum um" interest in the boiling lentils are, from left, Alan Reed, Tex Barnhart, Cathy Beard, Judy Hester and Ronnie Bigbee. (Staff Photo)

Club Committee Names Project

Members of the Merkel Country Club House committee met Monday evening and discussed ways and means for improving the club building.

Mrs. Lloyd Robertson, chairman, said that members voted to hold an Activity Night and use the proceeds for club improvements.

Activity Night will be Friday, March 14 at the Country Club and the public "is invited to attend and participate in all games."

Homemade pies and coffee will be sold, said Mrs. Robertson.

Other members of the clubhouse committee are Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Hendricks, and Mmes. Helen Benson, Mildred Reeger, Jo Ann Smith, Adelle Jones and Mabel Higgins.

Also Jo Ann Lassiter, Danny Doan and Rodney Robertson.

THE SHOW GOES ON

By MIKE DUDLEY

Everything is buzzing in the drama department of Merkel High School, especially the flu bug. With one to five out with the flu, the casts are putting the finishing touches on the Festival of Drama.

The four one-act plays will be presented in this order:

Once Upon a Playground,
Six Who Pass While the Lentils Boil,
Feathertop, and
Of Poems, Youth and Spring.

Mr. Mike Dietz, senior drama student from Hardin - Simmons University, will be judge for the evening and will name the best play, the best actress, best actor and an all start cast.

Casts for all four plays are as follows:

"Once Upon a Playground" — Terry Wozencraft, Kaye Lynne Conley, Ghonda Tarpley, Linda Hardy, Connie Lackey, Cathy Beard, Kathryn Criswell, Kathy Mansfield, Mike Warren and Tex Barnhart.

"Six Who Pass While the Lentils Boil" — Katie Neill, Cathy Beard, Judy Hester, Mark Dudley, Tex Barnhart, Ronnie Bigbee and Alan Reed.

"Feathertop" — Dagna McAninch, Katie Neill, Terry Wozencraft, Kathy Mansfield, Mark Dudley, Dan Estes, Wally Knight, Bob Hammond, Alan Reed and Ronnie Bigbee.

"Of Poems, Youth and Spring" — Donna Diltz, Dagna McAninch, Debi Black, Terry Wozencraft, Kathryn Criswell, Kaye Lynne Conley, Wally Knight, Bob Hammond and Alan Reed.

Stage crew for the Festival include Gaylon Doan, Stage Manager; Floyd Tuckey, property manager; Mike Dudley and Larry Riney, lights and sound technicians; plus Corky Land, David Coker, Dan Estes and Bill Hatley as the stage crewmen.

Costumes and make-up department include Sharon Doan, Janis Long, Connie Lackey, Ann

Brushstompers Invited to SA

The Merkel Brushstompers have been invited to San Angelo to participate in the San Angelo Stock Show, Rodeo and Parade March 7.

The parade will begin at 10 a.m. Friday, and president, Walter Heneslee suggests that those planning to ride "should be in San Angelo and ready by 9:30 a.m."

Walker, Ja Nell Lassiter and Ghonda Tarpley.

Publicity crew include Mike Dudley, Mike Warren, Carol Yates, Bob Tate, Katharine Patterson and Debi Black.

Host and Hostess for the evening of entertainment are David Coker, House Manager; Johnny Thompson, Janis Long, Bob Tate and Katharine Patterson.

Plan now to attend The Festival of Drama at the high school auditorium. If the flu bug does not get everyone, the curtain will go up at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, March 6.



SITTING PRETTY — Linda Hardy, atop the playground slide, "towers" over the cast in "Once Upon a Playground," to be presented this evening at the Merkel High School auditorium. Other members of the cast are, bottom row, Connie Lackey, left, and Mathy Beard; second row, from left, Mike Warren, Kaye Lynn Conley, Ghonda Tarpley, Terry Sue Wozencraft and Tex Barnhart. Four one-act plays are being presented by MHS's Drama Club, "The Pretenders." (Staff Photo)

Merkel CC Directors Meet; Elect President

Directors of the Merkel Chamber of Commerce met Tuesday morning and elected Ray Wilson chamber president for the '69-70 year and named three new directors for a three year term.

New directors elected are Mack Fisher, Johnny Hammond and Vernon Mansfield.

Holdover directors are Herman Carson, Ben Robert Hicks, Ray Wilson, 1 year, and Meyer Melinger, Ted McAninch and David Gamble, 2 years.

Wilson, owner of Wilson's Food

Store, is a past member and chairman of the Merkel Independent School Board, chairman of the Merkel Public Housing Development, member of Merkel Lions Club and of the Merkel First Methodist Church.

Upon accepting the presidency, Wilson said, "I consider it an honor to be elected your chamber president, and with an active board of directors and members, much can be done the coming year."

Ben Robert Hicks was elected

vice president and Ted Smith, treasurer. Johnny Cox is the chamber secretary.

At the Tuesday meeting directors also discussed progress toward the Chamber Banquet, to be held Tuesday, March 18 at the Merkel School Cafeteria, at which Judge Raleigh Brown, judge of the 42nd District Court will be guest speaker.

Herman Carson, ticket sales chairman, said that "over 300 tickets had been distributed to chamber members."

Tickets are \$2.00 each.

Persons desiring to purchase tickets in advance may get them at the Chamber of Commerce office, Carson's Super Market, Wilson's Food Store, The Merkel Drug, Boney Insurance Agency, Farmers and Merchants' National Bank or The Merkel Mail.

Cox said that requests for tickets from people out of town had come in this week, and "several out of town guests were expected."

Glenn Reed, heading the Entertainment Committee, said that a singing group from Abilene would highlight the evening's entertainment.

Also on the agenda will be the recognition of the Outstanding Citizen and the area's Outstanding Farmer or Rancher. Both are being chosen by Merkel and area people, who are sending in ballots, naming their choices.

A form for naming the Outstanding Citizen and the Outstanding Farmer or Rancher may be found on page 7 of The Merkel Mail. Cox explained that the choice of both are open to the public and that both the husband and wife may have a vote.

"If you do not have a form available, just list your choice on a sheet of paper and mail to the chamber office," said Cox.

Dr. Don Warren, master of ceremonies, will recognize the Outstanding honorees and award plaques to them.

Deadline for mailing in forms is Friday, March 14, at which date all ballots will be counted.

Bill Button, retiring C-C president, urged citizens and area people to get their banquet reservations in as soon as possible, so that food arrangements could be made.

Catering the banquet will be W. J. Roddy, owner of the Asteroid Restaurant.



RAY WILSON
... new C-C president

HOSPITAL BOND SALE IS NEXT TUESDAY

Tuesday, March 11 is the date for the sale of the general obligation bonds for construction of the Merkel Hospital.

Bids will be opened at 7:30 p.m. at the Taylor Telephone Cooperative office, with John Cutbirth, representative of the First Southwest Co. in Abilene, officiating.

Seven Candidates In City Election

The Merkel City Council election is getting a little warm with six persons having filed for the two council vacancies.

Councilman Horace Hargrove, with no opponent, filed for the mayor's post.

Candidates having filed for the two council vacancies are Henry Brady, Derrell Farmer, Benny W. Melton, Vernon L. Wade, Ross Hardy and Leon R. Walker.

Deadline for filing was this past Friday, Feb. 28.

The Merkel City Election will be held at the City Hall Tuesday, April 1, and polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m.

Mrs. Pat Cypert has been appointed election judge.

Absentee voting begins March 14 and will continue through March 23, said Mrs. Flossie McKeever, city secretary. Absentee voting will be at the City Hall.

Mexican Dinner Set for March 16

A Mexican Dinner will be served Sunday, March 16 at the Merkel School Cafeteria and will begin at 12 noon.

Sponsored by members of the Mother of Mercy Catholic Church, the project is headed by Mrs. Juan Ybarra.

Charge for the dinner is \$1.00 per plate, and tickets may be purchased in advance by contacting Mrs. Ybarra or they may be bought at the door.

Proceeds from the dinner will be used for church expenses, said Mrs. Ybarra.

The Rev. John Howlett is pastor of the Merkel Church.

Booster Club Meeting

Monday, March 10

7:30 p.m.

Taylor Electric Cooperative
All Members Urged to Attend



Stith News
By MRS. FRITZ HALE

"Safety" Is Topic For Study Club

"Safety Pavilion" was the topic of the lesson February 25 when Mrs. J. Lynn Knight was hostess to the Merkel Fortnightly Study Club.

Mrs. Bryan Dunagin gave "How to Guard Against Thieves," and Mrs. Mack Davis presented "How to Avoid Home Accidents."

Attending were Meses. Ray Wil-

son, Johnny Cox, Dunagin, David Gamble, Mack Davis and Lem Dudley.

Also Miss Christine Collins and Mrs. Don Dudley, Comer Haynes, Ben R. Hicks, Eddie G. Sandusky, Andy Shouse, Knight and John Boyd.

The next scheduled meeting of the Study Club will be March 11 and members will meet in the home of Mrs. David Gamble.

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LEGAL NOTICE

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: Chester O. Rowell, Defendant.

ant. 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 24th day of March A.D. 1969, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 3rd day of January A.D. 1969, in this cause, numbered 4501 on the docket of said court and styled Derlie Jean Rowell, Plaintiff, vs. Chester O. Rowell, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were legally married Nov. 15, 1960 and became permanently separated July 4, 1963. Plaintiff sues for divorce, 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

Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

- Slender rod
- Dialect
- Artist's workshop
- Sails
- Delivered
- Concluders
- Wrath
- Malediction
- Chief
- Repose
- Vehicle
- Comforted
- Poem
- Perched
- Sip
- Rushed
- Heavenly body
- Anger
- Mimicked
- Trustworthy
- Uniform
- Plant fluid
- Auricle
- Wand
- Musical note
- Sailor: slang
- Spurred
- Calm
- Custom
- Insurgent
- Money
- Musical voice
- Male title
- Animal
- Whirlpool
- Dealt with
- Tasted
- Thin
- Enraged
- Loiter
- Commotion
- Color
- English letter
- Fitting
- View
- Exclamation
- Dad: slang

DOWN

- Boy's nickname
- Magyars
- Snake
- Savage
- Mass of ivy
- Frozen water
- Waltzed
- Pakistan
- Surpassed
- Planet
- Shinto temple
- Compass point
24. Male title
26. Animal
27. Whirlpool
29. Dealt with
31. Tasted
36. Thin
38. Enraged
41. Loiter
42. Commotion
44. Color
45. English letter
46. Fitting
47. View
49. Exclamation
51. Dad: slang

Answer to Puzzle

1. Needle 2. Dialect 3. Studio 4. Sails 5. Delivered 6. Concluders 7. Wrath 8. Malediction 9. Chief 10. Rest 11. Vehicle 12. Comforted 13. Poem 14. Perched 15. Sip 16. Rushed 17. Heavenly body 18. Anger 19. Mimicked 20. Trustworthy 21. Uniform 22. Plant fluid 23. Auricle 24. Wand 25. Musical note 26. Sailor: slang 27. Spurred 28. Calm 29. Custom 30. Insurgent 31. Money 32. Musical voice 33. Male title 34. Animal 35. Whirlpool 36. Dealt with 37. Tasted 38. Thin 39. Enraged 40. Loiter 41. Commotion 42. Color 43. English letter 44. Fitting 45. View 46. Exclamation 47. Dad: slang

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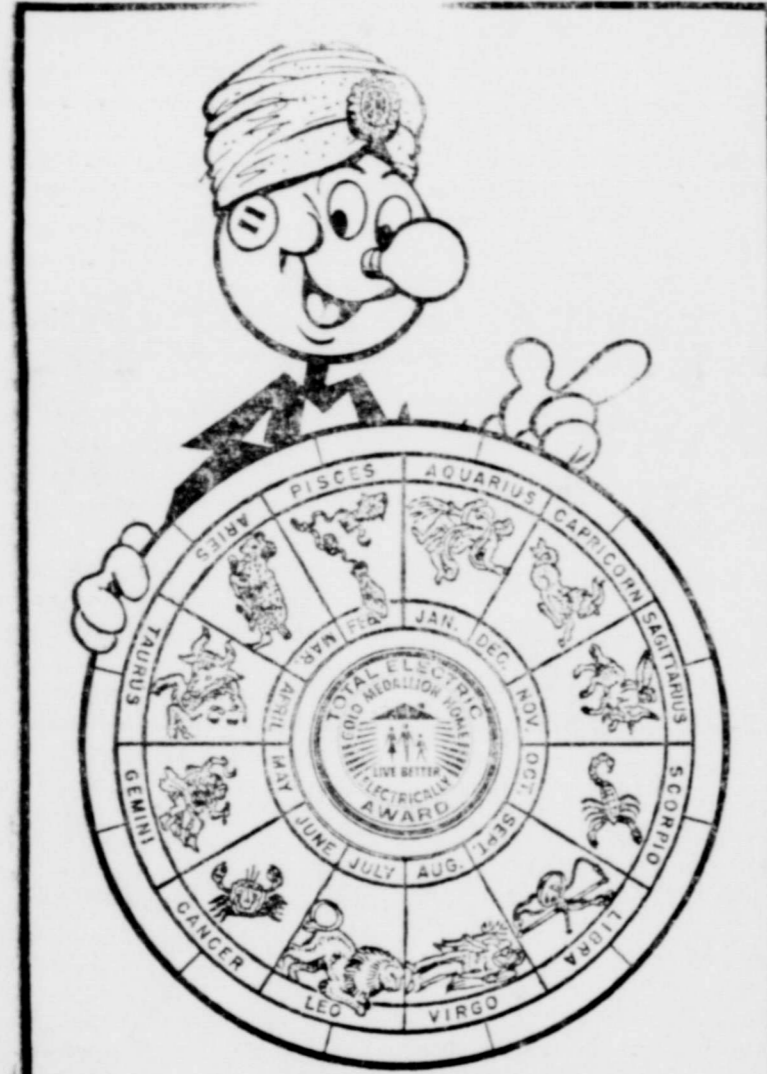
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Your 1969 Electric Horoscope MARCH
(PISCES — FEB. 19 - MAR. 20)

Born Feb. 19-29:
1969 is the year to establish an orderly, progressive business and personal life. Get ready for 1970 — your big year! The fortune planet is in your sign.
(Why not get comfortable, too? — Convert to total-electric living!)

Born Mar. 1-10:
1969 will be the year of transitions — for better. You will see tangible results from efforts. Upward trend begins mid-July. Don't try to rush things. Await planned developments.
(Carefree electric living is better — how about making the transition to it?)

Born Mar. 11-20:
1969 brings inevitable change. Be ready for it. Invest with care. Update business procedures, focus on self-improvement. Early December marks beginning of new era in your life. You can win!
(Total-electric living is a good investment — try it!)

ALL SIGNS
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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 7th day of February A.D. 1969.
(Seal)

Attest: R. H. ROSS Clerk,
Domestic Relations Court,
Taylor County, Texas
By Irene Crawford, Deputy.
51 4tc

Former Merkel Druggist Dies

Word was received this week that a former Merkel druggist, Henry Orr, was struck by a car near his home in Midland March 1, and died a few hours later in the hospital.

Funeral services were held in Midland Monday.

Mr. Orr attended school in Merkel and ran a drug store here in his younger days. He owned and operated a drug store in Odessa for many years before his retirement several years ago.

He is survived by his sister,

Miss Sallie Orr, Merkel; three children, Dr. Marjorie Orr, Midland, J. W. Orr, Midland, and Norman Orr, Irving; and six grandchildren.

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- Miscellaneous -

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

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

LOST - Strayed last week from the Tom Russom's place, one Coon Hound. If found or have any information, please call 346-4163. 52 2tp

PLEASE - Will the party or parties who borrowed two card tables from me, please return them. Or call me and I will pick them up. Mrs. Bullock at Bullock Hardware and Gifts. Phone 928-5310. 52 2tc

FOUND - A pair of glasses, multi-colored frames. Found in the middle of Locust Street last week. Contact The Merkel Mail. 52 2tc

KEEP CHILDREN in my home day, night or by week. Good care and good meals. Come by 404 Edwards. 52 2tp

WANTED - To buy or trade a pressure pump and equipment for an aero - motor windmill and tower in the Trent area. Contact Tommy H. Boone, 1611 Castle Rd., Odessa, Texas. 50 4tc

FOR COMPLETE BEAUTY CARE - Free facial, and a complete line of cosmetics, call Emma Shugart, 928-5027 or Betty Satterwhite, 928-5965. 12 1fp

GARAGE SALE - Friday and Saturday, March 7-8, Merkel Hotel Lobby. Something for everyone. Free coffee. 1 1tp

ONE OF THE FINER things of life - Blue Lustré carpet and upholstery cleaner. Rent electric shampooer \$1. Bullock Hardware and Gifts, phone 928-5310. 1 1tc

WANT TO BUY - Cultivator and planter for Ford tractor. See R. M. Ferguson, or call 928-5812 or 928-5007. 1 2tc

WANTED - Cattle hauling. Call 928-4975. 48 1fc

GARAGE SALE - 501 Thornton Street, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Many useful items and especially quilts. 1 1tp

GARAGE SALE - 1 bedroom suite, air compressor, 1 dresser, 1 chest drawers, clothes, junk, etc. 1509 Sunset. 1 1tc

- For Rent -

FOR RENT - Large, two bedroom furnished house at 211 El Paso Street. Phone 928-5777. 52 2tc

FOR RENT - One and two bedroom apartments, reasonable. Also, bedrooms, \$8 per week. 928-5669 or 928-6771. 52 4tc

FOR RENT - Unfurnished, 2 bedroom, tile bath, plumbed for washer, car port, hardwood floors, fenced back yard. Call Fred Starbuck. 51 1fc

FOR RENT - Two bedroom house, unfurnished, plumbed for washer, fenced, near school. Call Vaughn Doan after 5 p.m., week-ends. 928-5592. 1 2tc

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FOR SALE - Three bedrooms, large corner lot, bath and 1/2. See Ted Smith, 928-5081. 51 1fc

FOR SALE - Good sheet rock strips, 48" long, 17" wide. Over 200 strips. Cheap. Phone 928-5239. 52 2tp

FOR SALE - Butane or gas range, Roper brand, with electric clock. In good condition. Can be seen at 312 Yucca St. 52 2tp

FOR SALE - Five room house with garage, plumbed for washer and electric stove. Located at 1004 Locust. Call after 5 p.m. 928-5250 or 928-4965. 52 2tc

FOR SALE - Electric guitar and amplifier, \$40. Standard guitar, \$15. portable stereo \$15. 6 yds. 54" upholstery material \$4. several men's coats. 1412 Sunset. 1 2tp

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FOR SALE - My home at 505 Yucca St., Merkel. Two bedrooms, nice bath, carport, fenced back yard. Mrs. H. R. Elizabeth C. Chance, 928-5578. 1 2tp

FOR SALE - Baby Bed, good condition, new looking Call 928-5638. 1 2tp

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Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Murphee Clarence Melton Mrs. George T. Moore.

Adcock Opening Winners Named

Winners in the Adcock Cleaners' Open House promotion were Linda Butman, L. S. Kingsbury and Mrs. Onis Crawford, winning cleaning certificates, and Charlie Seago and Chester McWilliams, winning certificates on tailor made clothes.

Also Mrs. Jeanne Stout, radio; and Frank Duran and Mrs. Dave Brumbeau, hot plates.
People may register for a radio and hot plate during the remainder of the promotion, said Waymon Adcock, owner.

CLASSIFIED ADS GET RESULTS



FORMER MERKELITES HONORED - Mr. and Mrs. Payton Scott, right, were honored last Thursday at the Cisco Chamber of Commerce's Annual Banquet as the Outstanding Ranch Family of the Area. Presenting the award was Bob Hammett, second from left, Cisco C-C president. Recognized as Outstanding Citizen for 1968 was Eris Ritchie, left, of Cisco. (Photo Courtesy Cisco Press)

Payton Scotts Get Recognition

Honored at the Cisco Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet last Thursday were Mr. and Mrs. Payton Scott, former residents of Merkel.

The Scotts, awarded the Outstanding Ranch Family Award at the occasion, are the son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Scott and Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Tipton, all of Merkel.

The Scotts, who operate a cattle ranch about 10 miles southeast of Cisco, have been in the area only a year.

Graduate of Merkel High School Scott has a bachelor's degree from Texas Tech at Lubbock and a master's degree from Kansas State University. Mrs. Scott, the former Johnnie Tipton, and also a Merkel High School graduate has her degree from John Tarleton. They have three children, Theresa, 8; Neil, 6; and Sammy, 3.

Parent-Teacher Conferences Scheduled for Next Week

A school is a school is a school, to parody a familiar rhyme

But is it? Is a school merely a variation of another institution? Texas educators don't think so.

And the Merkel School administration and faculty don't think so.

And this week, during Public Schools week, the faculty of the Merkel Public Schools is urging parents to make it a point to see "our schools first hand."

Especially is this invitation extended to all parents during Parent-Teacher Conferences, to be held Thursday and Friday of next week.

"Mark your calendar now to especially visit during the conference time scheduled for March 13 and 14," said superintendent of schools, Mack Fisher.

"It's been pointed out that parents can show an example of approval, and children will follow suit. Give your stamp of approval to your schools during this special time," added Fisher.

Classes will be dismissed at noon Thursday and Friday of next week and conferences are scheduled to begin at 1 p.m. Busses will leave the schools at 12:30 after the regular luncheon hours.

"We are looking forward to visiting with every parent in our school system," said Fisher. "and

Retired Teachers To Host Meeting

The Abilene Chapter of the Retired Teachers Association will host the sectional meeting of District 14 Friday at Lavender's Cafeteria in Abilene.

R. R. Tuley Jr., district manager of the Social Security Administration, will speak at the noon luncheon about Medicare and participation in its benefits.

Dr. Lavada Rulliff, chairman of district 14, will preside.

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Wedding Plans

FOX-MILLER

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Fox of Tuscola announce the engagement of their daughter, Sandra Gay, to Mr. Ralph Miller Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Miller Sr., of Merkel.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Abilene Christian College and is medical technician in Abilene. Miller, a graduate of Hardin - Simmons University, is employed by the City of Abilene.

Wedding is planned for March 15.

COLLEGE TOURNEY SET AT AMARILLO

AMARILLO — Eight of the top college women's basketball teams will participate in the Colege Tournament, sponsored by the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce, March 20-22.

Amarillo's beautiful new Civic Center will be the site of the first

two rounds, Thursday the 20th and Friday the 21st, with the finals slated for West Texas State Fieldhouse in Canyon, Saturday the 22nd. The Amarillo Wrangler hockey team plays in the Civic Center the 22nd.

Six teams already have been selected for the tournament and the other two will probably be chosen this weekend.

The Hutcherson Flying Queens of Wayland College in Plainview top the list and after their double victory over defending national champion Nashville Business College last weekend the Queens should be ranked No. 1 in the nation.

Two members of the Flying Queens are Diana Lewis and Barbara McAninch, graduates of Trent High School. Miss Lewis is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Stevens, and Miss McAninch, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William McAninch.

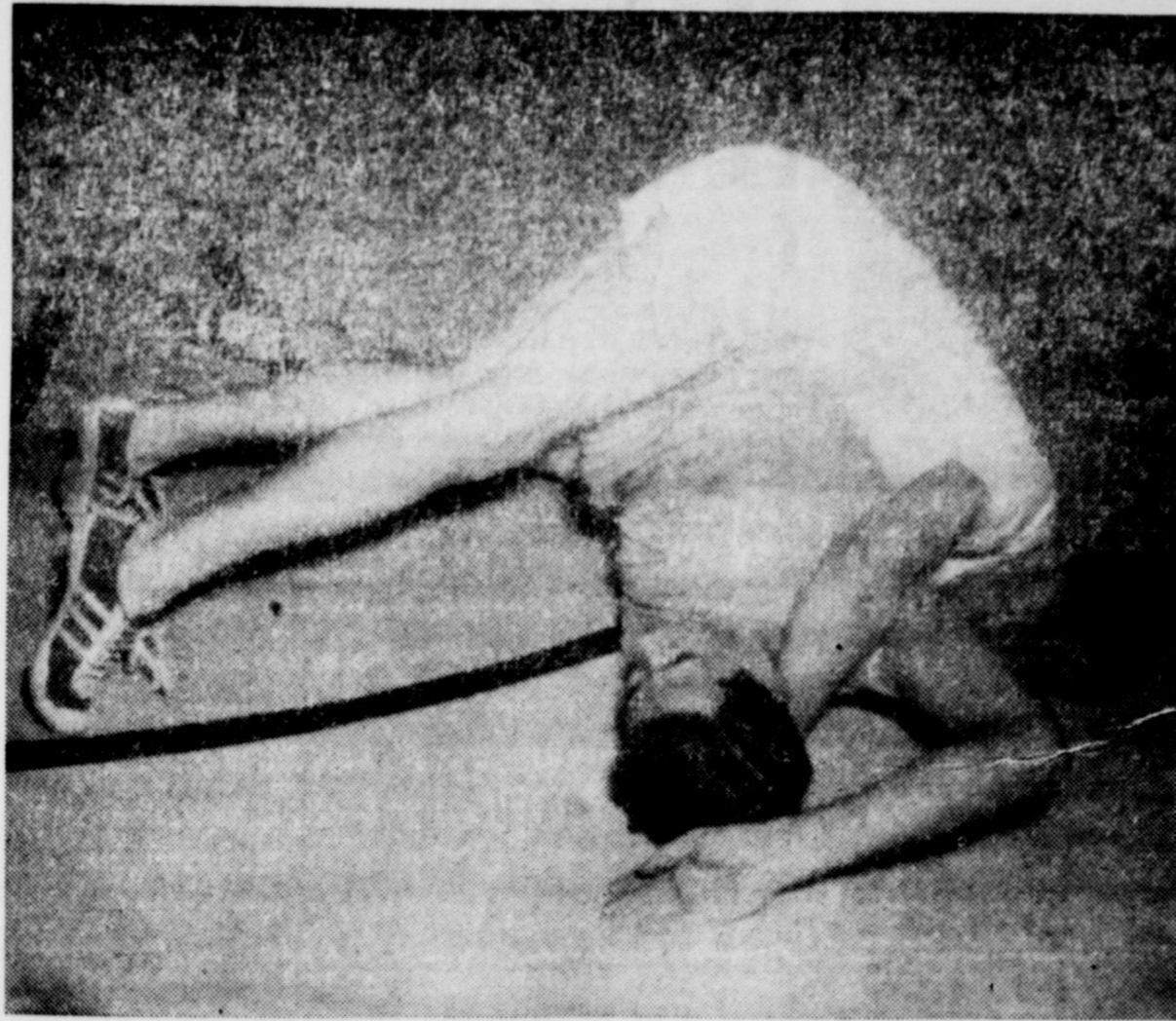
Also in the tourney will be the John F. Kennedy Patriettes of Wahoo, Neb., Temple Junior College Leewardettes of Temple, Tex., Ranger Junior College Range Anns of Ranger, Tex., Midwestern College Packerettes of Denison, Iowa, and Ouachita Baptist University Tigerettes of Arkadelphia, Ark.

"Rags to Riches" ACT Spring Show

"Rags to Riches," a musical melodrama using a large cast of 35 teenagers and adults will be the ACT Spring Children's Show, opening March 8 at Abilene Community Theater, at 1:00.

The books has been adapted by Aurand Harris from two Horatio Alger stories, "Ragged Dick," and "Mark the Match Boy." The musical numbers are popular turn-of-the-century songs, such as "Oh Susannah" and "The Man Who Broke the Bank at Monte Carlo."

The production is designed for adults and children alike for the 8 performance run. Performances will be at 9:45 Monday morning, March 10th through Friday the 14th and on the following Monday the 16th. The last of two performances open to the public will be March 15th.



TOGETHERNESS — Might well describe the two wrestlers vying for "championship" in Coach Wendell Robinson's Tumbling Class. Pictured here are Terry Wade, on top, son of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Wade, and Tommy Carson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Carson. Twenty-six "potentials" are enrolled in the class. (Staff Photo)

Vet Benefits Are "Generally Tax Exempt"

The Veterans Administration reminded veterans today that VA benefits are generally tax exempt and need not be reported as income on federal or state income tax returns.

Except for interest earned on GI insurance dividends left on deposit with VA (which is a reportable item), all proceeds from GI insurance policies are tax exempt.

Other major items of income that need not be reported include educational assistance allowances, pension and compensation payments, subsistence payments to vocational rehabilitation trainees and grants for special automobiles and "wheelchair homes" for the severely disabled.

Also tax exempt are all benefits to surviving dependents of deceased veterans and compensation allowances for dependents of disabled veterans.

WWI Veterans Set Tuesday Meeting

During the month of March, the American Legion No. 1224, Merkel and throughout the nation and even in many cities beyond our borders will climax its 50th Anniversary observance. It was March 15 - 17, 1919 that the Legion was founded in Paris, France, during a meeting of representatives of the various outfits which made up the World War I American Expeditionary Force.

World War I Veterans and Ladies Auxiliary will meet at the Taylor Electric Cooperative building Tuesday, March 11 at 7 p.m. for their regular meeting.

The Auxiliary will have a representative from Abilene to discuss and demonstrate things that members can make for the Veterans Hospital.

The Food Committee is planning refreshments and a joint social with the Veterans organization and auxiliary will be held.

"All members are urged to attend the Tuesday meeting," said Mrs. Karl Bonneaux.

Merkel Lions Club Discuss Projects

Members of the Merkel Lions Club discussed projects and named a nominating committee for new officers at their Tuesday noon meeting.

Lions president, the Rev. Newton Daniel, appointed Fred Starbuck, David Gamble and Herman Carson to head the nominating committee for new officers for 1969-70. The committee will report in April.

Cy Pee, Frank Breaux and Mack Fisher were appointed to the project committee and to report at the March 18 Meeting.

BAPTISTS ANNOUNCE SPRING REVIVAL

The First Baptist Church of Merkel has announced plans for spring revival services to be held March 23 - 30, pastor Kenneth F. Jones has announced.

The church will be participating in the Crusade of the Americas, which is a cooperative effort of many various Baptist bodies in North and Central America.

'Demonstration' Given 4-H Club

The regular meeting of the Merkel 4-H Club was held Feb. 6 at the Taylor Electric Cooperative building.

Miss Anna Botart, assistant Taylor County Home Demonstration Agent, gave a demonstration on the "correct way to present a demonstration."

The next 4-H meeting will be held Thursday, March 6 at the TEC building.

Serving as guest evangelist will be the Rev. Bill Perdue, pastor at First Baptist Church, Sweetwater. Morning and evening services are being planned with further details to be announced at a later date.

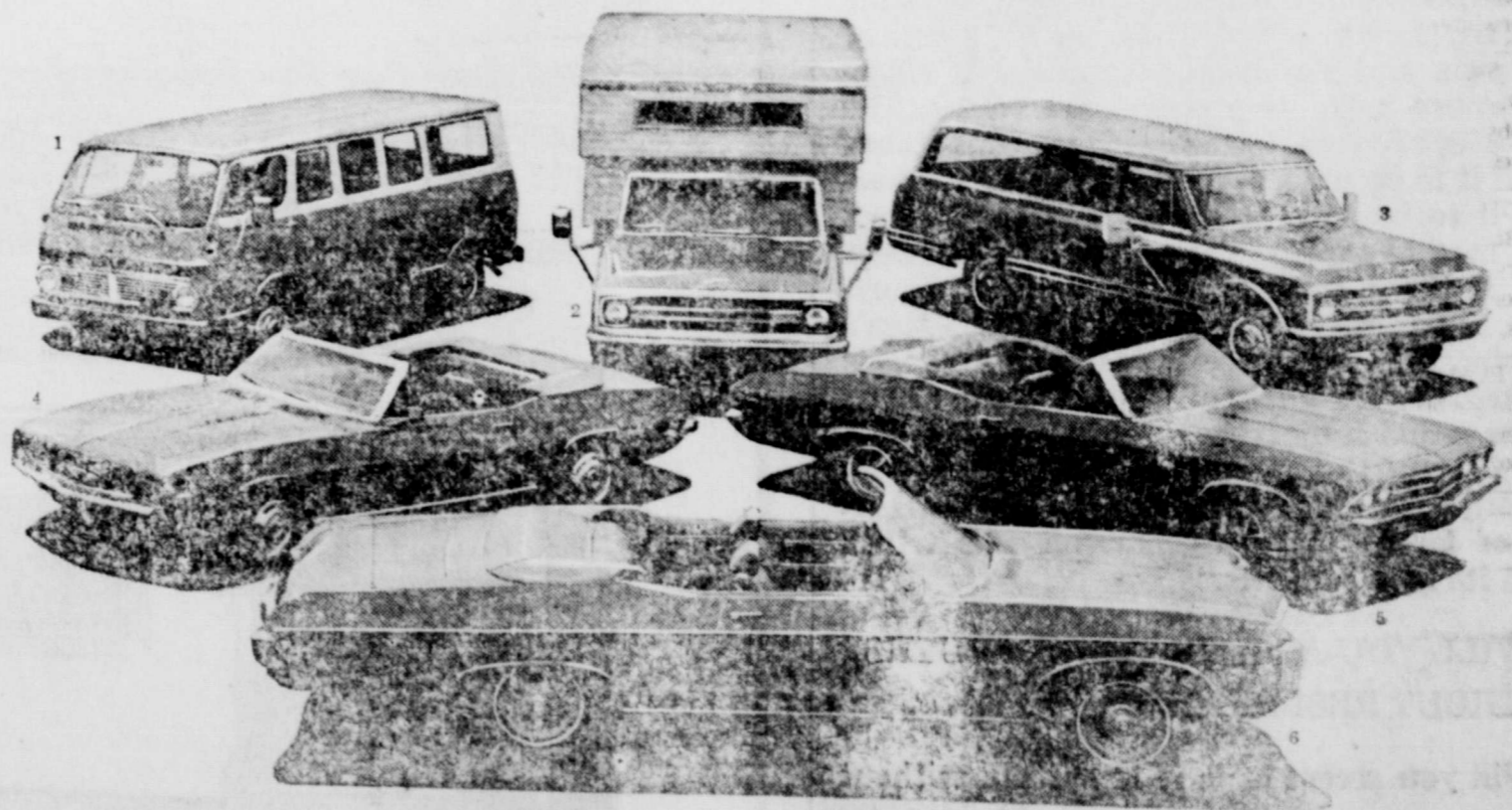
One of the preparation activities will include the mass distribution of copies of the New Testament in "Today's English Version," prepared by the American Bible Society. The church plans to distribute copies to every home in Merkel and the immediate area. This booklet, entitled "God News for the Modern Man," is designed to aid readers in understanding the message of the New Testament. The Merkel church will announce further details concerning this plan of distribution next week, pastor Jones has stated.

PERSONALS

Visiting for the past two weeks with Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Byrd of Tye and Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Neill of Merkel, were Mrs. Jimmy Neill and children of Atlanta, Ga.

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Editorial

There are four reasons why Freemasonry has promoted and sponsored Texas Public Schools Week in Texas for the past years. The four reasons are the basis of existence for Masonry itself, and principles of its belief in the Texas schools system:

- The Fatherhood of God
 - The brotherhood of man
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- For 115 years, Texas schools have been growing and progressing. And, this year, 1969, promises to be a brighter and better year than ever before. Masonic Lodges throughout the state have banded together to promote and punctuate the good that our schools are accomplishing for our youth, our homes, our communities and our state.

It will be your self - reward to visit a school or schools in your community March 3rd through 7th. See first hand what a good job teachers and educators in all phases of public schools are doing.

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The Masons have long known what a great resource we have in our schools. Now, you can and should know, too.

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Merkel School Attendance "Not Too Bad"

With the "flu bug" rampant throughout the Big Country, the Merkel Schools seem to be "faring much better than most."

"It looked as if we might have to do some serious thinking about the flu epidemic on Monday," said Mack Fisher, superintendent of schools. "We had between 85 and 96 per cent attendance, making approximately 15 per cent out on Monday."

But Tuesday's attendance was better, and Wednesday was even more improved. School faculty attendance is good, added Fisher.

So, if improvement in attendance continues, no closing of the Merkel Schools is planned.

Merkel students will have a holiday this Friday, while teachers attend the District TSTA Convention in Abilene.

a school somewhere, sometime during that period. Support our Public Schools, their faculty and student bodies.

Oak Gulf Station Is Now Open

Bob Hammond, a senior at Merkel High School, has taken over management of the Oak Street Gulf Station. The station will be known as Bob's Oak Street Gulf Station.

Bob, who has worked for several summers in service stations, will be assisted by his father, Johnny Hammond, during school hours.

Bob invites his friends and former customers of the Oak Street Station to "Come see him."



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NO FUNNY BUSINESS HERE — From the looks of the typists' faces, there certainly isn't any time for "funny business" when a typing test is in session. Students in Mrs. Mack Da is' typing class, all four boys are now "averaging over fifty words per minute." They are at left, Mike Walker, and behind him is Mike Holmes. At right is Kenneth Purser and right behind Kenneth is Rodney Mashburn. (Staff Photo)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CONSOLIDATION CAN BE COSTLY

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.

Dear Editor:

It is doubtful that one person in ten thousand in Texas has received a copy of or studied the contents of the Bill known as The Governor's Bill, House Bill No. 300 — Senate Bill No. 2 which is a combination of which the most controversial one is the consolidation of schools.

WHAT DOES THIS CONSOLIDATION MEAN TO THE CITIES?

1. Higher, much higher school taxes. It will require more school buildings to take care of all the added pupils from the rural areas and districts, with a large number of new busses and drivers.

2. For example Abilene Independent School District uses an assessed value (according to figures supplied by the State Board of Education) of \$250,000,000 Dollars. With an estimated value by the Board of Education of \$492,304,000.00 Dollars or an increase of over 50 per cent.

Article 2922 — 17 delegates the AUTHORITY to the State Board of Educational for administering the plan.

Article 2922 — 19 Establishes a new basis for determining district contributions to the State Foundation School Program, beginning in 1969-70; provides a Local Fund Assignment for each district in 1969-70; provides that the State Board of Education shall establish the Local Fund Assignment for each district in 1970 - 71 and for each year thereafter based on Market Value in the district two years earlier multiplied by a tax rate of 21 cents per \$100.00 dollar of value in 1970-71 and graduated

one cent up each year until 1973; provided that no district may be increased by more than five cents times its Market Value in any one year, (with no limits as to the number of times this five cent increase may be made.)

3. This bill provides Estimated annual cost of Education 1968-69 at \$40 million dollars, increasing to 1978-79 at the cost of 2.3 billion dollars.

4. Section 4 (A): All powers, including taxing authority are conferred upon the school districts board and electorate by the laws of this state, as well as THE RECEIVING DISTRICT MUST ASSUME ALL EXISTING INDEBTEDNESS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN THE COUNTY BEING CONSOLIDATED. Should

the rural districts default in paying for their existing bonded indebtedness. (This would fall back on the "MOTHER" district which the other school districts were forced to consolidate, with their schools closed there would be little incentive to maintain much interest in the school program. In Texas there are millions of dollars invested in buildings and equipment that would at once become worthless.)

5. This plan if enacted would abolish the jobs of thousands of teachers who have spent their time and money in college in preparation, for teaching with little or no training for other vocations. They would be seriously handicapped in obtaining work in other fields.

It would eliminate the opportunity for children in the rural areas to participate in athletic contests. It would prohibit pupils in the rural areas to carry on vocational agriculture programs, so vitally important in their chosen field, because they would have to leave home too early and return too

late to care for their projects. This plan might well be compared to a huge ice burg with only one eighth showing above the water and the treacherous seven eighths unseen as the great ship Titanic learned to its sorrow April 1912; or the ine print of a long contract that is seldom if ever mentioned and rarely read by the signers of the contract.

It is hoped that this bill will never come up for hearing, but if so be badly defeated as it would have disastrous effect on all people of Texas.

Very sincerely,
JOHNNY COX
Johnny Cox, Mayor
P. O. Box 188
Merkel, Texas, 78536



1969 EASTER SEALS — Governor Preston Smith received the first sheet of 1969 Easter Seals as a presentation from young Byron Moore, of Bryan, Easter Seal Child of the Year.

1969 Easter Seal Campaign Opens

Lieutenant Governor Ben Barnes, campaign chairman of the fortieth annual Easter Seal appeal, participated in the opening of the Easter Seal Campaign for 1969 in ceremonies held in Governor Preston Smith's office.

The Easter Seal Society, with twenty - one affiliated Treatment Centers throughout Texas, annually provides treatment and services for over 17,000 children and adults who could not have made it alone. Among conditions treated are arthritis, cerebral palsy, strokes, multiple sclerosis, muscular dystrophy, polyomyelitis, orthopedic problems, speech disorders and hearing conditions.

Herman R. Baker of Sherman is president of the Texas Easter Seal Society for 1969.

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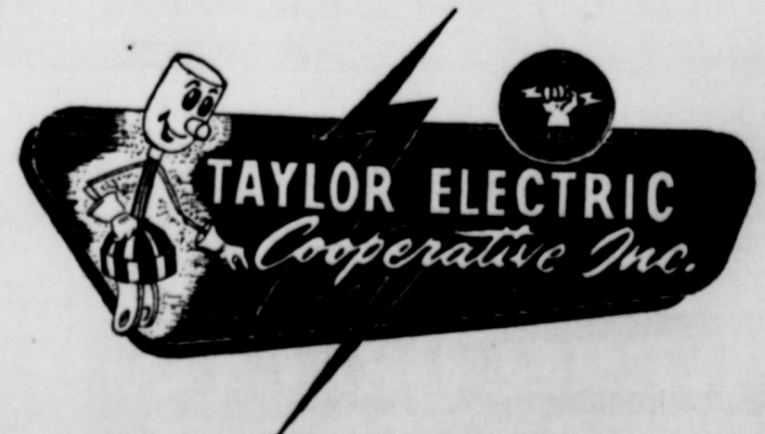


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1 1/2 cups diced celery	1/4 cup commercial sour cream
1 onion, chopped	1 teaspoon prepared mustard
1 can pimiento, diced	1 tablespoon lemon juice
1 cup cooked peas	Salt
1/2 cup salted peanuts	Pepper

To Serve Cold:
Combine first six ingredients. Mix mayonnaise, sour cream, mustard and lemon juice. Toss lightly with sardine mixture and serve on crisp greens if desired. Yield: 6 servings.

To Serve Hot:
Proceed as above and place in greased casserole. Sprinkle top with 1/3 cup grated sharp Cheddar cheese and bake in a hot (425° F.) oven for 15-20 minutes until brown and sizzling. Garnish with potato chips. Yield: 6 servings.

LITTLE BADGER TRACKS

By MES REPORTERS

The students of Merkel Elementary are starting the fifth six weeks.

Students making the honor roll the last six weeks are:

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If your town does not already have a junior shooting program, consider the possibility of starting one now. Check with your community's recreation supervisor, the school's education director, a scoutmaster, or any leader of your local youth organizations.

But most important of all, start talking to the town's youngsters about the project, and you'll find out how a group of bored kids can turn into the most enthusiastic bunch of young people you've ever seen!

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Fourth Grade — Cherie Aiken, Sharon Allen, John Bierra, Marsha Clyburn, Lane Davis, Mike Henry, Dana James, Retha Mattingly, Patricia Munson, Susan Oakes, Steven Tarpley, Gayla Teaff, Stanley West and Deborah White.

Fifth Grade — Audy Byrd, Kathryn Murrell, Jodie Roddy, Jerrie Smith, Annetta Stephan and Rhonda White.

Sixth Grade — Teresa Clemmer, Tonya Crenshaw, Nancy Fudge, Beverly Gilmore, Jerrie Stehan, Scott Tarpley and Shelia Wade.

Seventh Grade — Ricky Conley, Kathy Cypert, Debbie Fincher and Ronnie Sanford.

Eighth Grade — Dianne Allen, Linda Black, Mary Beth Boyd, Patsy Button, Don Clyburn, Kay Crenshaw, Jana Howard, Zana Mansfield, Rhonda Patrignoni, Glenda Tuckey and Wayne Walters.

Track is beginning to take the

place of basketball. Mr. Boaz and some boys are laying off the track to get it in shape for the "stars."

BADGER TRACKS

By WALLY KNIGHT

The Merkel High School Drama Club, "The Pretenders," will present four one-act plays Thursday night at 7:00 p.m. Tickets for the play are being sold by club members or they may be purchased at the door. Tickets are \$1.00 for adults and 50 cents for students. A critic judge will be present to view the performances and to select the best actor and actress and an all-star play cast.

The Merkel Chapter of the Na-several new members into the society in a special assembly program. Thirteen members were inducted into the society.

Junior members inducted were Donna Diltz, Dayna McAninch, Melba Seymore, Ja Nell Lassiter, Carolyn Gilmore, Margaret Gilmore, Kathy Beaird, Pat Moore, Randy Doan, Randon Ely, Terry Derrington and Kay Tipton. The senior member was Alan Reed.

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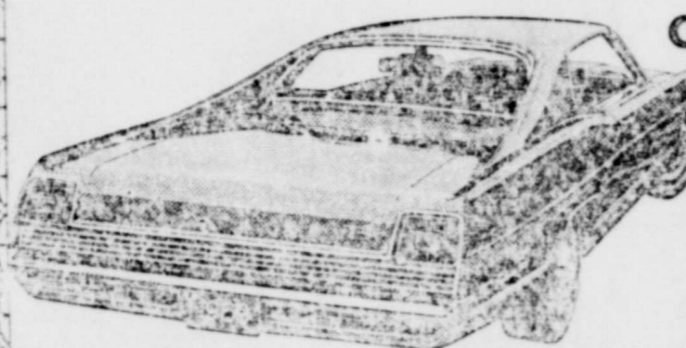
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WITH \$5.00 OR MORE IN TRADE EXCLUSIVE OF CIGARETTES OTHERWISE 73c

KRAFT
SALAD OIL
24-OZ. BOT. **43c**

KRAFT BAR-B-Q
SAUCE
28-OZ. BOT. **53c**

KRAFT Marshmallow
CREAM
2 PT. BOTS. **39c**

GANDYS
HOMO 2 MILK
1/2 GAL. 2 FOR **99c**

BUTTERMILK
1/2 GAL. 2 FOR **93c**

COTTAGE CHEESE
12-OZ. CTN. **29c**

NABISCO VANILLA
12-OZ. WAERS .. Box **29c**

SCHILLINGS 4 OZ.
Black PEPPER .. Box **39c**

KOUNTY KIST 12-OZ.
W. K. CORN 2 for **33c**

HUNTS 300
FRUIT Cocktail ... 2 for **43c**

HUNTS 300
Tomato SAUCE ... 2 for **39c**

HUNTS 300 NEW
POTATOES 2 for **29c**

HUNTS 300
SPINACH 2 for **33c**

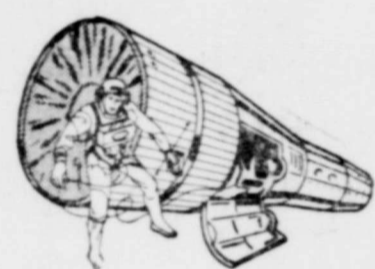
HUNTS 46 OZ.
Tomato JUICE 2 for **29c**

GANDYS ROUND CARTON
ICE 1/2 Gal. **69c**
CREAM Ctn.

TEXIZE
JANITOR .. Quart Drum **69c**

REG.
MR CLEAN Bottle **19c**

KRAFT Macaroni
DINNER
2 7-OZ. BOXES **43c**



HUNTS
CATSUP
2 14-OZ. BOTS. **39c**

FAB
(1 Limit)
GIANT BOX **53c**

COFFEE

MARYLAND CLUB
(1 Limit) POUND **69c**

FLOUR

GOLD MEDAL
5 LB. BAG **49c**

CHILI

WOLF
NO. 2 CAN **59c**

PEACHES

HUNTS
(1 Limit)
2 1/2 CAN 2 FOR **53c**

KRAFT CHEESE
VELVEETA

2-Lb. Ctn. **98c**



HI-C FROZEN 9-OZ. CAN
ORANGE DRINK 2 for **29c**

KRAFT SALAD DRESSING
MIRACLE WHIP
Quart Jar **49c**

PATIO 6 BEEF
ENCHILADAS .. Each **59c**
MORTON'S ASSORTED
T.V. DINNERS Each **39c**

DELSEY
TISSUE
ASSORTED COLORS
2 ROLL PACK **25c**
(2 Limit)

JUMBO BOX
DASH **179**

GIANT (1 Limit)
BOX
BONUS **59c**



Choice Quality



BEEF ROAST
NO FAT ADDED
Schillings Vanilla Extract 2 Oz. **47c**

CHUCK
Peund **55c**

CHOICE BEEF
STEAK T-BONE or SIRLOIN LB. **98c**

BACON AMOUR STAR POUND **59c**

FRANKS ARMOUR STAR 12-OZ. PKG. **39c**

STEAKS GOOCH B. R. BEEF LB. **73c**

LIVER FRESH CALF LB. **39c**

SAUSAGE OLDE VIRGINIA 2-LB. SACK **\$1.09**

FRESH COUNTRY BUTTER LB. **79c**



LILT
DELUXE
ASSORTED

REG. \$2.09
Only **1.19**

SECRET
3-Oz. Bot.—Reg. \$1.19

89c



TEXAS
ORANGES
5-Lb. Bag **43c**

FRESH
K. Y. BEANS Lb. **23c**

FRESH RADISHES or Cello
Green ONIONS ... 2 Bn. **15c**

FRESH NEW
POTATOES Lb. **10c**

YELLOW
ONIONS Lb. **5c**

RED
SPUDS 10-Lb. Bag **49c**

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ON
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