

Merkel 1970-71 School Census Nears Completion

The Merkel Public School is presently completing its census information, according to Leon Walker, census enumerator.

"There may be those parents within the school district who now have pre-school children, starting to school this coming year who have not yet been contacted," said Walker. "If you have children and have not yet been contacted, please call the school, 928-5521, so that we may get the proper information."

Walker stated that parents might contact him at 928-4966, if more convenient.

FIRST BAPTIST Sweetheart Fete February 14

First Baptist Church's Annual Sweetheart Banquet will be held Feb. 14 at 7:30 in Fellowship Hall, according to pastor, the Rev. Kenneth Jones.

Reservations, honoring intermediates and Young People, may be made by contacting JaNell Lassiter, Patricia McDuff and Judy Hester. Tickets are 50 cents per person or 75 cents per couple.

IN TRENT Burl King Here Sat., Feb. 21

Burl King Taylor County Tax Assessor - Collector, announced that he will be in Trent Saturday, Feb. 21 at the City Hall to sell Taylor County car and truck license plates.

King will be at the City Hall at 9 a.m.

WILSON RESIGNS AS PHA CHAIRMAN

Ray Wilson, Merkel grocer and Commerce resigned this week as chairman of the Board for the president of the Chamber of Public Housing Authority.

Members of the Merkel City Council accepted Wilson's resignation "with regret" and appointed Fred Starbuck to serve the unexpired portion of Wilson's term.

A statement from the city council said in part:

"Mr. Wilson has given of his time and energy to this project since its origin and members of the Merkel City Council are unanimous in gratefully acknowledging the service by Mr. Wilson and commend his as a job well done."

In his letter of resignation to the council Wilson said he needed more time to give to his business.



RAY WILSON
... needs time for business



PLANT A TREE — With shovel in hand, Larry Toliver picks the spot to plant a tree for an upcoming Arbor Day program, currently being planned by the Merkel Elementary Student Council. And on hand to give their approval are Jerri Stephan, left, and Debbie Fincher. Students are also continuing a campus beautification program with shrub planting. (Staff Photo)

Cub Scouts' Blue And Gold Banquet Is February 12

Merkel Cub Scouts' Blue and Gold Banquet will be Thursday, Feb. 12 at 7 p.m. at the school cafeteria, according to Mrs. Billy Fisher Den 1 mother.

All Cub Scouts and prospective Scouts are invited, along with their parents to attend the banquet.

Scouts are also asking that area people save old newspapers. "With a call to 928-5559 a member will be glad to pick them up," said Mrs. Fisher.

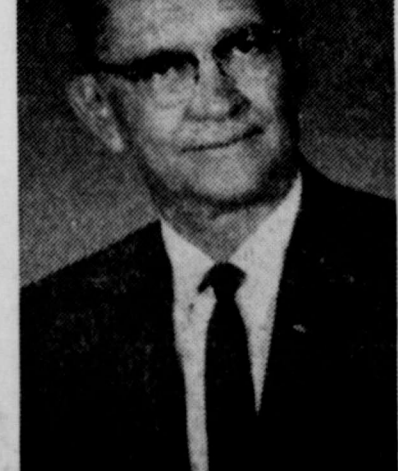
Polled Hereford Sale Feb. 14

ABILENE — Sam Swann, Polled Hereford breeder of Merkel, will sell 2 bulls at the Annual West Texas Polled Hereford Association Sale to be held Saturday, Feb. 14, 1970 beginning at 12:30 p.m. at Abilene Auction in Abilene.

A total of 68 Registered Polled Herefords, including 22 females, both heifers and cows, and 466 using age bulls will be offered at the sale.

Appliance Service Men at School

Lonnie Beard and Ronnie Freeman, appliance service men with Taylor Electric Cooperative Inc., left by plane Sunday for Mansfield, Ohio, to attend a Westinghouse service school. They will return Feb. 19.



FRED STARBUCK
... appointed to board

ORATORICAL CONTEST DEADLINE IS NEAR

Deadline for entries in Taylor Electric Cooperative's Annual Oratorical Contest is Tuesday, Feb. 10, according to B. J. Gist, TEC representative.

As of noon Tuesday there had been seven to enter the contest.

Contestants who have mailed in their applications indicating competition in the Oratorical fete are Linda McAninch, Trent; Annette Elaine Daniels, Eula; Jim Snyder, Baird; Susan Livingston, Cooper High School, Abilene, and Larry Riney, Betsy Johnson and Donna Phillips, all of Merkel.

Entrants, with their parents, will be the guests of Taylor Electric Cooperative at the judging on Monday, Feb. 23. Following

the oratorical speeches the judges will then determine the winning boy and girl, and the Government in Action Youth Tour winners along with alternates will be announced.

The contest is open to "and boy or girl at least 16 years of age, but not 19 years of age prior to Sept. 1, 1970."

Entry forms are available at Taylor Electric Cooperative, said Gist.

Similar contests are currently being held by other electric cooperatives across Texas on the sixth annual Texas Electric Cooperative

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'ADVENTURE' INTO SEWING WORLD

What could be more challenging to a first year homemaking class than the "adventure into the world of sewing."

And that is exactly what the first year homemaking girls at Merkel High School are experiencing — the construction of a simple apron.

Their next challenge will be the construction of a simple A-line shift.

But this all comes after a thorough study of methods of sewing, and the operation of a sewing machine, said instructor, Miss Judy Bean.

Homemaking I and III classes have also started sewing. They will make dresses with more constructive details.

"The main goal of any sewing class is for each girl to create a garment she will be proud to wear and at the same time develop a real delight and satisfaction with her sewing," said Miss Bean.

Working closely with the home making classes are members of the Future Homemakers. Members have had an active part in working toward their National Program of work, such as working in the community.

Early in the school year the girls sponsored a trip for several small children of the community in a trip to the Abilene Zoo and a picnic.

At Christmas time the Chapter mailed five boxes of cookies to the men from Merkel who are serving in Vietnam. They also gave a Christmas party for one ward at the Abilene State School.

This spring, the Merkel Chapter is planning to attend an Area IV FHA meeting in Stephenville. Two members of the chapter will also attend the State FHA meeting in Austin.

FHA Week will include such activities as Teacher Appreciation Day, serving lemonade to students, a cleanup campaign and a picnic honoring senior students.

Merkel City, School Elections In April

Merkel's City Election will be held April 7 with polls opening at 7 a.m. and closing at 7 p.m., according to city secretary, Roy Kimbrell.

Three councilmen will be elected to fill the expired terms of Ted Smith, Clyde Wurst and Bobby DuBose.

Filing deadline is Friday, March 6 at 5 p.m.

Smith, who was elected councilman in a special election in May, 1969 to fill the unexpired term of Mayor Horace Horgroce, said Wednesday, that he "had not decided yet whether or not he would run for re-election."

"I am giving the idea serious thought, both ways," said Smith. "and will come to a decision in the near future."

Smith and his wife and their two children, Jerre Kay and Cindy, live at 1530 Sunset. He is assistant cashier and security officer at Farmers and Merchants National Bank.

DuBose, completing four years on the Council, said Wednesday that "he definitely would not file for re-election."

School Election Set for April 4

The Merkel School Board Monday night set April 4 as the date of the school board election this year to fill two expired terms.

Board members whose terms expire this year are Roscoe Shields and Danny Doan. Doan has filed for reelection. Shields had not been contacted as of Wednesday noon; however, in an earlier interview, he indicated that he would not be filing for re-election since he would be "leaving Merkel at the end of the school term."

No other candidates had filed for the two posts as of Wednesday morning.

According to the resolution adopted, candidates must file within 30 days prior to the election date.

"The four years spent as your councilman have been interesting and I can say at times enjoyable," said DuBose, "but I feel now that I must devote more time to my business."

Wurst said that he "would not be filing for re-election."

"I have spent six years on the Council seat and I believe that is long enough," he said. "It's time for some one else to take over."

The six-year councilman expressed appreciation to the people who had been "most cooperative during the term."

And Taylor Countians who registered to vote before the January 31 deadline are assured of plenty of action for their 1970 registration certificate.

Filing for Precinct 2 Commis-

sioner as a Democrat Monday was Merkel farmer and school board president, Joe E. McDuff, who will oppose fellow Democrat and former Abilene mayor C. E. Gatlin.

Also being contested is the office of district clerk which Troy Willis and appointed Clerk Irene Crawford are seeking in the Democratic primary.

In the legislative race for the Democratic primary, Joe Hernandez, a Mann Junior High School teacher, Abilene, is opposing incumbent Grant Jones for Place 1, District 62.

Marvin Sopaugh filed in the Republican primary as a candidate for the state representative post.

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JOE McDUFF FILES FOR COMMISSIONER

Joe E. McDuff, of Rt. 2, Merkel, filed Monday for Precinct 2 Commissioner as a Democrat. He will run against a former Abilene mayor, C. E. Gatlin.

In a news release to the Merkel Mail Tuesday morning, McDuff said "I sincerely believe I can do the job as your Commissioner. The idea of being a Commissioner isn't a new one, just the idea of running."

McDuff said that he had had an "inner desire for a long time to be a Commissioner," and that he appreciated the interest that people had shown in urging him to run.

"This contact by people has had a great bearing on my decision to run as Commissioner," explained McDuff.

He has been on the Merkel School Board for the past seven years and is a director of the Rolling Plains Cotton Growers Association. He has been a member of the Taylor County Farmers Union since 1965 and was instrumental in its organization. He served as Farmers Union first president and is currently holding the office of secretary-treasurer.

A native of Jones County, McDuff was reared in Avoca. He is a graduate of Avoca High



JOE E. McDUFF
... appreciates peoples' interest
School and attended Hardin-Simmons University.

He has been a farmer all of his life; having farmer around Potosi until 1959, when he moved to his place three miles northwest of Merkel. He and his wife, the former Patsy Clark of Merkel, have one daughter, Patricia, who is a junior at Merkel High School. They are members of Merkel First Baptist Church, and McDuff is a 32nd Degree Mason.



JUST ONE MORE QUESTION — Christina Bier is all set to begin her sewing — machine threaded, material cut out, but "teacher, give me a little help," she says. And Mary Merrell, in background, with instructions given is now a "pro," or so it seems. (Staff Photo)



PUGGY

THE MERKEL MAIL, MERKEL, TEXAS
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THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Ronald John Rhodes, Defendant, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 10th 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 23 day of February A.D. 1970, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 6 day of January A.D. 1970, in this cause, numbered 11,175-B on the docket of said court and styled in Re: Lorrie Jo Rhodes, a Minor.

A brief statement of the nature



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21. Agreements
23. Tree
28. Tighten
30. Golf mound
32. Eggs
33. Carrier
34. Hearing organ
35. Wager
36. Natives of Spain
38. —Grande
40. Show scorn
41. Corpulent
43. Not fresh
47. River ducks

- DOWN
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2. Greek coin
3. Relate
4. Bends
5. —Angeles
6. Curve
7. Injure
8. Beverages
9. Food storage box
10. Aloft
11. Marries
17. Greek letter

of this suit is as follows, to-wit:
In Re: Adoption 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 the 6 day of Jan. A.D. 1970.

(Seal)
Attest: IRENE CRAWFORD
Clerk 104th District Court
Taylor County, Texas
By Marie Gill, Deputy.

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

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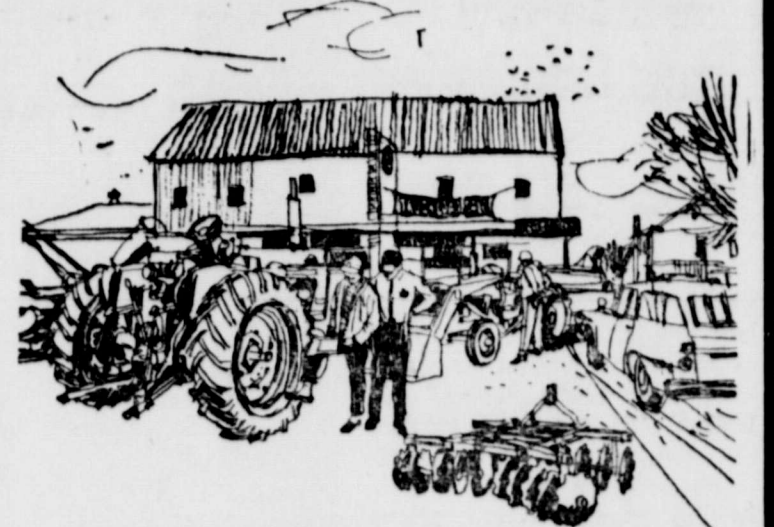
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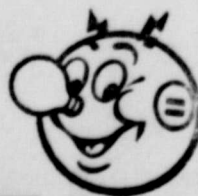
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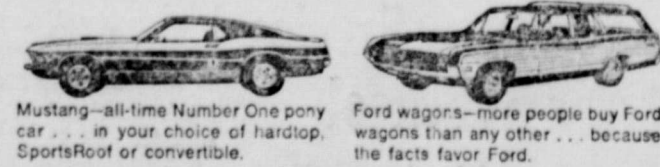
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FLY-IN RESPONSE 'UNUSUALLY GOOD'

Over fifty Texas farmers, ranchers and rural community leaders participated in the National Farmers Union sponsored legislative Fly-In to Washington this week. According to Farmers Union officials, the response to the Fly-In program has been unusually good because of serious concern among farmers about the future of farm programs. Attending the Feb. 1-4 Fly-In from Congressional District 17 were Morris B. Smith and Cramer Reynolds, both of Merkel; Fey Mitchell, Max Carriker, Jerry Heedenpyle, Kiefer Cauble and Guy Kemp, all of Roby, and E. W. Scott of Coleman. The three-day schedule in Washington included a meeting with USDA officials at the Department of Agriculture to discuss commodity programs and agricultural trade. A State Department visit gave the Fly-In participants an insight into agriculture's foreign trade problems. Officials discussed the Food and Freedom Program and the Foreign Trade and Development Act. However, the main thrust of the Washington Fly-In Program was in support of passage of the Farm Coalition endorsed Purcell Bill which "will make permanent present commodity program." Other problems facing Texas farmers which were discussed with USDA officials included the policy decision to eliminate the advance payment on feed grain, reduction in cotton projected yield, and cut in wheat acreage without increase in price support. In a news release Tuesday, Texas Farmers Union president, Jay Naman of Waco said, "Washington Fly-In program, which includes several hundred farmers from six states comes at a very critical time because farm programs expire this year." "Texas participants in the Fly-In were armed with statistical information showing what impact weakening of the farm program will have not only on agriculture but on the entire rural community," said Naman.

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District 62, Place 2, opposing incumbent Frank Calhoun.

Others seeking office and unopposed are County Treasurer, Mrs. Hayden Thomas; County Clerk, Mrs. C. Hutchison; Taylor County School Superintendent, Clive Pierce; County Judge, Roy Skaggs and Criminal District Attorney Ed Paynter.

Also Justice of the Peace, Prec. 1, Place 2, Roland Dunwoody; Justice of the Peace, Prec. 2, Roy Buchanan; Justice of the Peace, Prec. 3, Rex Reddill.

Candidate for the Democratic precinct chairmanship for Prec. 24 is Joe E. Lassiter, who is unopposed.

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Government in Action Youth Tour to Washington, D.C.

All expenses of the 12 day trip to Washington will be paid by TEC, said Gist.

1969 winners were Kathryn Criswell and Mike Steck both Merkel High School students.



"Man Without a Church"

I have heard this statement twice recently at a funeral—something to the effect that the person who was in the casket did not "have a church" or "did not belong to any church." I have also been told, "the church doesn't save you," and by that they meant to say "church" is not important. And I've heard the "church" doesn't save you in the sense they implied. But lets see what the Bible says.

1st—Jesus said, "I will build my church" (Matt. 16:18). If it is not important then did not Jesus waste his time?

2nd—Jesus "purchased the church with his blood." (Acts 20:28). If that's true (it is), and the church is not important, then did not Jesus shed his blood needlessly?

3rd—"The Lord adds the saved to the church." (Acts 2:47). If that's true (it is), and the church is not important, then the saved (salvation) is not important? And if salvation is not important WHAT IS? How would one miss hell which is a reality?

NOW, if you mean "the church" is a building, and not the one Jesus built, then I would say it cost God and Jesus a lot of grief to purchase that building. But if you agree with God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, and the Bible then you must admit His church is made up of the saved people, and is therefore very IMPORTANT — and you need to be part of it — ADDED by the Lord (the only way) and that's gone when you do what the people of Acts 2 did—READ IT!

BILLY PATTON, Minister
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GHRONDA TARPLEY TO REPRESENT FASHION COLLEGE

Ghronda Tarpley daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. (Babe) Tarpley has been named to represent Badger Fashion College of Arlington to attend a two day Neiman-Marcos Fashion Convention Friday and Saturday Feb. 13-14 at the Apparel Mart on Stemmons Expressway Dallas.

Miss Tarpley a 1969 graduate of Merkel High School was chosen along with two other girls on the basis of "highest grades in the merchandising and modeling classes."

She was also one of the top ten finalists for "Miss Bauder."

The girls, ad sponsor, Miss Susan Huson will begin their two day fashion convention at the official opening Friday morning. All day they will attend symposiums lectures and see exhibits. Exhibitors will include representatives from Mademoiselle Magazine, Charles of the Ritz, Mr. Attilio, Clinique and Gordon Mcford. In the evening they will



GHRONDA TARPLEY
... '69 MHS graduate

attend the banquet honoring Mr. James Laver celebrated fashion historian from England.

Saturday they will attend symposiums and the evening will highlight the two day event with a Musical Fashion Review in the Great Hall Dallas. A capacity audience of 3000 is expected.

TRENT GRADUATE PRESENTS PLAY FOR MASTERS DEGREE

Elizabeth McAninch of Trent directed an Experimental Theater production of "Tango" by Slawomir Mrozek at Southern Illinois University Jan. 29-31, presenting the play as her thesis production for the master's degree in theater.

Miss McAninch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. McAninch of Trent, had previously directed "The Lark" and "The Private Ear" for the Texas Tech Theater. Since coming to SIU as a graduate student, she has appeared in a number of campus productions, and last summer was a member of the theater department's stock company which performed at New Salem State Park and at the Illinois State Fair and also played a six-week engagement in a restaurant theater in Springfield.

As a member of the summer company, she played the role of Ann Rutledge in the new Lincoln play, "Mr. High Pockets," by George Herman, winner of the SIU \$4,500 international playwriting competition, held in conjunction with the Illinois Sesqui-centennial.

WWI Vets Meet; Plan District 17 Convention

World War I Veterans and the Ladies Auxiliary met in regular session Feb. 10 at the Taylor Electric Cooperative building.

Plans were made for the 17th District Meeting to be held in Merkel March 21.

All members are urged to attend the WWI Veterans meeting said Commander Karl Bonneaux. The Hostess committee served refreshments.

'Housewarming'

A "housewarming" for Joe and June Gregory will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday at their new home on 112 Cherry Street.

Hostesses, Mrs. Marvin Holloway, said that friends and relatives were invited.

4-H COOKING CLASSES

First, Second Year Classes

The First and Second Year Cooking Classes of Merkel 4-H Club met Monday, Feb. 2 at junior leader's, Suzie Wilson's home or a study of the bread and cereal food group. They made banana nut bread.

Members attending were Gayla Toliver, Cindy Byrd, Kathryn Murrell and Gayle Teaff. Assisting was Betsy Johnson, co-junior leader.

Next meeting for the group will be Monday, Feb. 9, when the county agent will present a talk on the Taylor County Food Show.

'The Twins'

"The Twins" of the Mulberry Canyon 4-H Club met Jan. 27 in the home of Mrs. John B. Hughes for a cooking lesson.

A demonstration was given on making fresh vegetable salads and their place on the table. Salads may be used as appetizers or as part of the meal.

Members present were Lisa Jan Hughes and Lesa Dawn Swinney.

Adult leaders present were Mrs. Hughes and Mrs. Tom Ransom.

BADGER TALES

By MIGNON CRAWFORD

It seems as though school is too slowly passing by; but there are only about three and one half months left.

The seniors are trying to decide where to go on their annual senior trip, but a final decision hasn't been made yet. If anyone has any odd jobs, please contact any of the seniors — they need to make some money to "defray" expenses.

Thursday and Friday of last week the FHA members sold slave licenses. There are a few girls, at least, who are glad slave day comes only once a year. They also sold donut-holes that were so good they sold out and had to replace them with brownies.

All you girls be sure to attend the next FHA meeting because there will be a style show with new spring clothing being furnished by local merchants.

The A girls and the A and B boys played Hamlin here Tuesday and it was the girls' last game of the season. The A and B boys have two more district games left. This Friday, they play Stamford at Stamford and on Tuesday they play Ballinger here.

Ja Nell Lassiter said that, slowly, but surely, the year book is on its way to being finished. If you have any really funny, humorous and ridiculous snapshots, you may turn them in to Mrs. Mack Davis to be put in the year-book.

Happiness to Christi Carpenter is falling down right in the middle of the dance floor. Is that right, Christi?

Merkelites' Kin Now In Vietnam

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Patterson have received word from their grandson, Warrant Officer, Mike Wallace, that he landed in Chu-Lai, Vietnam, Jan. 14.

Mike received his wings as a helicopter pilot at Fort Rucker, Ala. in October 1969. He also finished Officers Training School at that time.

Enlisting in the U.S. Army August 20, 1968, Mike took his basic training at Ft. Polk, La., trained at Fort Wolters, Texas and completed his training at Fort Rucker.



MARGARETT GILMORE
... high test score

Merkel Senior Is 'Homemaker'

Senior Margaret Gilmore, on the basis of her score in the homemaking knowledge and aptitude test, taken by senior girls, Dec. 2, 1969 is Merkel High School's 1970 Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow. She is the daughter of Mrs. Robert B. Gilmore.

In addition to receiving a specially designed silver charm from General Mills, sponsor of the annual homemaking education program, Margaret is now eligible for one of the 102 college scholarships totaling \$110,000.

From school winners in the state, a State Homemaker of Tomorrow and runner-up will be elected within the next few weeks. The state winner will be awarded a \$1,500 scholarship and the runner-up a \$500 educational grant.

A record of 646,041 senior girls in 15,040 of the country's high schools were enrolled in this year's search.

VEHICLE INSPECTION DEADLINE APRIL 15

AUSTIN — With the State's April 15 motor vehicle inspection deadline approximately 60 days away, large numbers of Texas motorists have yet to take their vehicles in for the mandatory annual safety inspection.

Ccl. Wilson E. Socir, Director of the Texas Department of Public Safety, today urged all motorists whose vehicles have not been inspected to visit an inspection station as soon as possible. "Those getting the inspection now will avoid long lines which are certain to develop at many stations as the April 15 deadline draws near," he said.

The DPS Director noted that Texas adopted an annual inspection program on Sept. 1, 1969. All vehicles inspected since that date have had the sticker placed on the left side of the windshield

with a large number tab inserted to show the month of expiration.

For example, vehicles inspected in September have the number nine displayed and will require reinspection before September 30, 1970. Those inspected in October have the number 10 and must be reinspected before October 31, 1970. Vehicles which are inspected in January will bear the number one and reinspection will be required before January 31, 1971.

All vehicles which currently have a sticker on the right side of the windshield have not been re-inspected in compliance with the law, and their owners have only until April 15 to visit an approved inspection station.

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Stith News

By MRS. FRITZ HALE



Mrs. Ray Perry came home Friday from Hendrick Hospital after having surgery on her arm last Tuesday. Her aunt, Mrs. Margaret Craig of Graham, is visiting in the Perry home this week. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Perry, Mrs. Fletcher Jones and Mrs. Paul Bradley visited her during last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Jones of Fort Worth announced the adoption of a son, Jarrett, born Jan. 24. The young man also has an

adopted brother, Jason age 2. Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Jones are great-grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Ray Browning of Tuscola visited Mr. and Mrs. John Browning Tuesday.

Mrs. Inez Bradley of Merkel had dinner Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bradley in observance of Mr. Bradley's birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Clyburn celebrated their 16th anniversary Friday. They ate out and attended a show in Abilene. Masha and David visited Mrs. Alma Tuckey in Merkel.

Mrs. Paul Hudman attended the Stith Home Demonstration Club luncheon at the Community Center Wednesday.

Mrs. Roy Mashburn and Mrs. Sonny Hardin and children took Samatha and JoNell Mashburn to Big Spring Tuesday.

J. R. Mashburn of Fort Worth visited his parents Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mashburn over the weekend.

Mrs. W. I. Burton Abilene, visited Mr. and Mrs. M. E. West Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Perry visited Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Perry at Tye Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Davison and children of Fort Worth visited the Jack Lands Thursday.

Robert W. Hester Gets Promotion

Robert Wayne Hester, a 1967 graduate of North Texas State University, and son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. (Buster) Hester of Merkel has recently been promoted to Spec. 5th Class.

Serving in the U.S. Army, Hester works for the Army Audit Agency at Okinawa, having gone there in January, 1969.

His wife, the former Linda Alexander of Canton, Ohio, is employed as a medical technician at an evacuation hospital on the island.

Basketball Schedule

FEBRUARY

6 Stamford (there) A & B Boys — 6:15
10 Rotan (there) B Girls — 4:45
10 Ballinger (here) A & B Boys — 6:15
13 Haskell (here) A & B Boys, A Girls — 5:00



... portrait by John R. Reddi.
MRS. ORVILLE ROYCE MATHEWS
... formerly Betty Glynn Reddin

REDDIN-MATHEWS VOWS ARE READ

Betty Glynn Reddin and Orville Royce Mathews were married Saturday, Jan. 31 in the Trent Baptist Church. The Rev. Jim Sellers read vows. Mrs. Vera Sharp was organist and Mrs. Jenn Kiser was soloist.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Reddin, Rt. 2, Merkel, and Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Mathews of Gruver are parents of the bridegroom.

Sara Sargo of Santa Rosa was maid of honor, Ginger Candy of Sherman bridesmaid.

Michelle Matthews was flower girl. Ronald Lynn Reddin ring bearer. Bobby Matthews of Dallas was best man. Groomsmen were Don Matthews of Gruver, Leslie Reddin of Merkel and John David Reddin of Abilene were ushers.

The bride's father presented her

in marriage. She wore a pearl de sole gown with appliques of embroidered lace traced with seed pearls and sequins. Matching appliques were on the chapel train. A bow with jeweled lace trim held her veil. Her bouquet was of rosebuds.

The maid of honor wore a royal blue velvet dress. Matching bows were in her hair. She carried white carnations, the bridesmaid's dress and hostess were white. Her flowers were white carnations.

The couple will live in Denton where the bride is a junior home economics major at North Texas State University. She is a graduate of Trent High School.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Gruver High School and a junior business administration major at Cook County College.

MERKELITE WINNER OF HAWAII TRIP

Mrs. R. Y. Buchanan, Rt. 2, Merkel, was the proud winner of either a trip to Hawaii or a one thousand two hundred dollar saving account at Abilene Savings Association, announced C. E. Bentley, president of Abilene Savings in Abilene.

According to Bentley, Mrs. Buchanan was one of eight winners who received prizes as a result of drawings held at Abilene Savings new mobile unit locations in eight cities surrounding Abilene.

Other recipients of prizes were Mrs. Ite Bailey of Albany, re-

ceived a one thousand dollar savings account; H. D. Redus of Hamlin received a garden tractor; Mrs. G. C. Stroebel of Cisco received a stove and refrigerator; Louis Hollis of Clyde received 2,000 gallons of gasoline; Rocco P. Bruno of Baird received a deep freeze; Mrs. H. C. Burnam, of Eastland received a color television set; Mrs. Annie Huber of Anson received a 1970 Ford Pickup.

Each winner has the option to take either the prize awarded or an equivalent amount of money in an Abilene Savings account.



Doctor in the Kitchen?

by Laurence M. Hursh, M.D.
Consultant, National Dairy Council

BREAKFAST IS FOR THE FAMILY

Breakfast may be the most neglected meal in the United States. One can't prove that. But it's commonly known that many people simply do not eat breakfast, or if they do, they eat pitifully little.

Most of the complaints I hear concern teen-agers. But now and then I find mothers worrying about even younger children.

Well, let's look at the situation. Are parents setting the best example? Is Dad running off to work with too little time to eat a substantial breakfast? Is mother so concerned with weight control as to falsely assume she should skip or drastically minimize breakfast?

Most of all, does your family ever sit down — all of you at the same time — for breakfast together?

Provides Family Unity

Breakfast, in my opinion, can be one of the most important factors in building family unity. The only valid excuse I can think of for not sharing breakfast is the busy and conflicting schedules that various members of the family can be engaged in.

But you don't always have to settle, even for that.

Since it's now summer and the kids aren't rushing off to school, why not eat breakfast together? You probably would if you were

at a summer cottage. Give it a try, now, at home.

There must be, of course an atmosphere of courtesy and good humor. If necessary correct the going-to-bed-late habits of some of your family members so they can get up a little earlier to join the rest of you. One hardly expects, or desires, exuberant and effervescent brilliance at the breakfast table. But the morning grouch needn't be tolerated.

And Don't Worry

And don't worry if everyone doesn't eat everything. Just set an attractive table. The kids can be asked to help. It will lend special occasion to breakfast and be good training too. Have fruit or fruit juice, milk, and cereal one day, eggs another, bacon or sausage, an occasional omelet or clipped beef in cream sauce, or waffles. Pancakes, or french toast are other alternatives.

If your husband bucks at the idea, remind him that business men increasingly are holding breakfast conferences — especially at conventions. So why can't the family get together? Good breakfast habits have a civilizing effect on all of us. And nothing starts the day better. Accident and work performance records, too, show real improvement both at work and at school when people switch to a good breakfast.

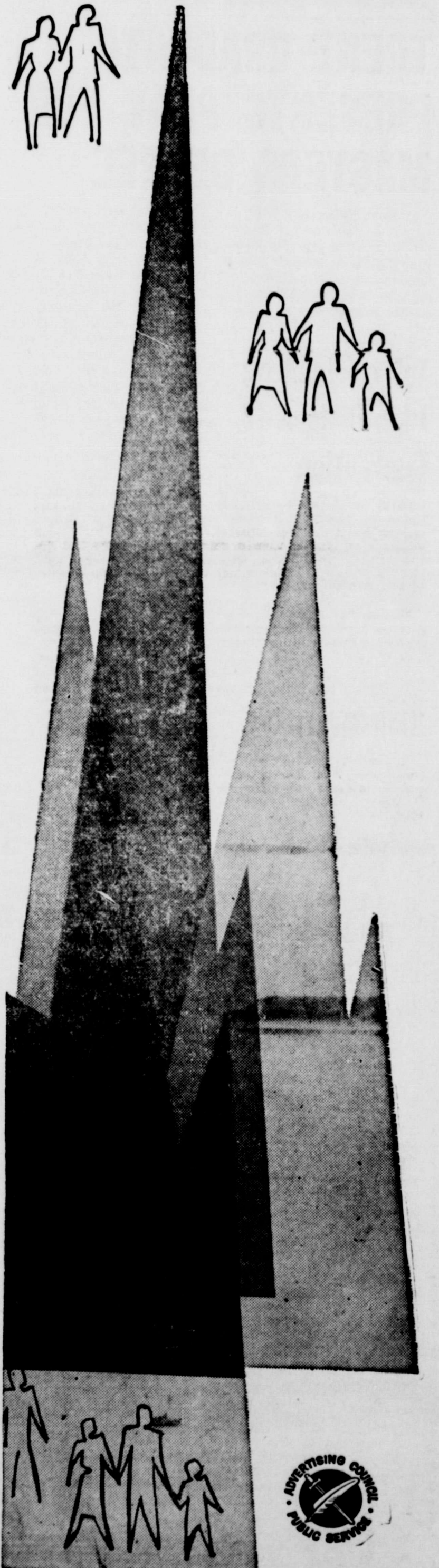
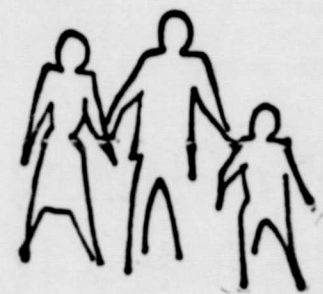
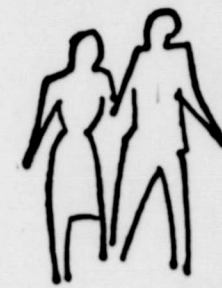
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ROUND-UP

By PAT BYRD

Did you notice the population decrease in Merkel this past week end?

Seems half the town was in Fort Worth attending the Fat Stock Show. And it doesn't look like Merkel will be overpopulated this coming weekend either, if all the people go to the Show who say they are going.

Ye ole' reporter was in Fort Worth this past weekend and realized it certainly was "a small world after all."

Met Howard and Esther Carson in the exhibit building and arrived at the Livestock building where the Taylor County stalls were located just as Horace and Fanelle Boney were leaving. Someone told me that Edgar and Ruth Tipton were on the grounds.

Showing this past weekend from Merkel were Rusty and Leann Holloway, and of course, Mr. and Mrs. Truman Holloway and Kathy were there.

Making plans to be "there" this coming weekend are the Lee Tuckers, Darne Shugarts, Teddy Byrds, Benny Meltons, Jack Boones Edgar Davis, Douglas

Reidens, Horace Childers, Laverne Mocco and Ray Wilsons.

Benny Melton, chamber of commerce secretary informed us Monday that out of 50 tickets on sale, forty-seven were purchased for the show.

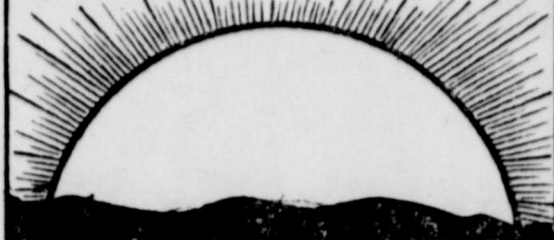
Visitors in the Ralph Millers Sr. home recently were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Miller of Bulbank, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Miller Jr. of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Teaff, Mike Steve and Gayle of Tye, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Miller, Brad Michelle, and Jay of Odessa. Also visiting were Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Miltler Sr., Jerry and Kerry of Abilene, B. B. Reynolds, Troy and Tiarey Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Reynolds all of Merkel, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Reynolds, Vicki and Mrs. Howard Carrell, all of Irving.

Visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Byrd Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Jones, Randy, Mickey and Steven of Seymour.

Visiting with Jerry and Zoie Russell and children this past week


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were Mr. and Mrs. Rex Armstrong and family of Hawley. Doyle Russell was honored with a party on his eleventh birthday Feb. 3. Happy Birthday Doyle!

Services Held For Mrs. Sanders

Mrs. F. A. Sanders 85 died Sunday Feb. 1 in Hendrick Memorial Hospital following a week illness.

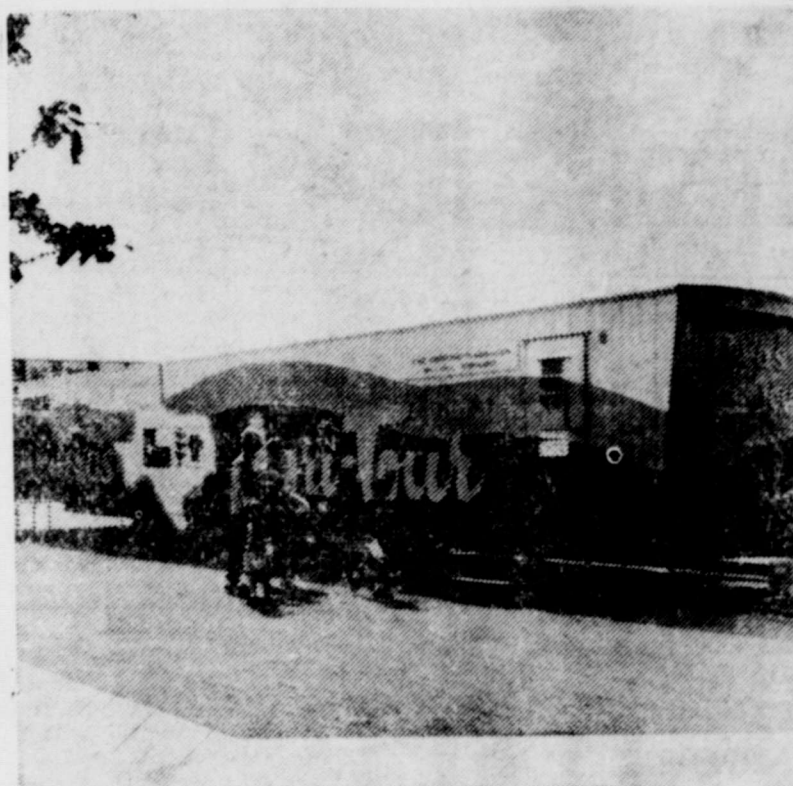
Funeral services were held Tuesday at Starbuck Funeral Home Chapel with Bill Patton, minister of the Merkel Church of Christ, officiating, assisted by the Rev. Jim Eastham, pastor of The Baptist Church. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Mrs. Sanders was born Martha Pula Porter, March 2, 1884, in Shelby County and married J. M. Morris in 1906 in Baird.

The couple moved to the Merkel area in 1918. Mr. Morris died in 1928. She then remarried F. A. Sanders in 1934 in Merkel. Mr. Sanders died in 1961.

Survivors include one step-daughter Mrs. Virgil Hassey of Sacramento Calif.; two sisters, Mrs. Lizzie Johnson of Lamesa and Mrs. Viola Miller of Merkel; four grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Pat Cypert, William R. Cypert, Joe Cypert, Price Floyd, Waymon Adecock and Otis Foster.



AGRI-TOUR UNIT — A popular display at the fair grounds in Abilene during the Regional Junior Livestock Show Jan. 19-21 was the Texas Department of Agriculture mobile unit. Colorful presentations were exhibited by operators, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Moreland. Texas Agri-Tour is designed to familiarize Texans with the food and fiber products that are produced in the state. (Photo Courtesy TDA)

Rodney Mashburn On Dean's List

The Dean's list for the fall semester of 1969 at O'Shea Junior College was released today by Ralph Glenn, Academic Dean of the College.

Included on the list was Rodney Mashburn son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mashburn of Merkel.

To be listed on the Dean's list requires a grade point average of at least 2.5 under the 3-point system. Under this system a grade of "A" is worth 3 points a "B" is two and a "C" is one. Also, a student must have made no grade lower than C and must have been enrolled in at least twelve semester hours of academic work.

The Merkel High School graduate had a grade average of 3.0.

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Prepare 4 medium-large tomatoes, as desired, by slicing tomatoes and reassembling into original shape, or cut into wedges without cutting through bottom, or hollow out tomato to form tomato "cup". Fill with one of the following:

POTATO FILLING

Combine 2 cups cubed cooked potatoes, 1 cup chopped celery, 1 teaspoon grated fresh onion, 1 teaspoon salt and enough mayonnaise to moisten. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Chill until serving time.

CABBAGE FILLING

Combine 3 cups shredded cabbage, 1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice, 2 teaspoons sugar, ¼ cup chopped green pepper, ½ teaspoon salt and enough mayonnaise to moisten. Chill until serving time. Garnish salads with hard-cooked eggs, as desired.

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COD FISH ... Lb. Pkg. **49¢**

OLEO

PARKAY

2 LBS. FOR **49¢**

BILLSBURY TENDERFLAKE
BISCUITS

SMALL CAN
1 OZ. EACH **10¢**

**BIG SUPPLY!
BIG SAVINGS!**



10 lb. 11 oz.
FAMILY SIZE
ONLY

1.99



KING SIZE **\$1.19**
GAIN

DASH
Jumbo Size **1.93**

PLUS 10 FREE OZ. - LIQUID
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Head and
Shoulders
SHAMPOO
FAMILY SIZE
LIQUID

Reg. \$1.79
Only **1.09**

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SCOPE
MED. SIZE
ONLY

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HUNTS WHOLE 300
APRICOTS
2 CANS FOR **35¢**

HUNTS HALVES 300
PEARS
2 CANS FOR **49¢**

KRAFT'S FRENCH
DRESSING
16 OZ. BOTTLE **45¢**

NABISCO
CRACKERS Lb. **33¢**

KRAFT'S APPLE-BLEND
JELLY 18 Oz. Jar **29¢**

COFFEE

Maryland Club
(1 Limit)
Pound Can **69¢**

SPRY

Shortening
3 Lb. Can **59¢**

FLOUR

Gladiola
5 Lb. Bag **49¢**

CAKE MIX

Duncan Hines
Asst. 2 for **63¢**

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2 BATH SIZE ZEST (with this coupon)
2 Bath Size Zest with this coupon **29¢**
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SIRLOIN STEAK
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lb.

BEEF Fresh GROUND 2 Lbs. **89¢**

Formed **STEAK** GOOCH PACKAGE Sirloin Lb. **98¢**

BACON GOOCH B. R. Pound **79¢**

FRANKS GOOCH B. R. ALL MEAT 12 Oz. Pkg. **49¢**

SHORT RIBS LEAN 2 Lbs. **89¢**

CHEESE WISCONSIN CHEDDAR LB. **79¢**

SPARE RIBS FRESH LEAN PORK LB. **69¢**

CAN FOOD SALE

LIBBYS L. C. 303
FRUIT Cocktail 2 for **35¢**

LIBBYS 303
Garden **PEAS** 2 for **39¢**

LIBBYS 303 CUT
Green **BEANS** 2 for **39¢**

LIBBYS 12 OZ. CAN
Pork & **BEANS** 2 for **29¢**

HUNTS 300
SPINACH 2 for **33¢**

HUNTS 300 WHOLE
TOMATOES 2 for **39¢**

HUNTS 46 OZ.
TOMATO Juice Can **33¢**



TEXAS JUICY
ORANGES
5 Lb. Bag **43¢**

FRESH **TOMATOES** Lb. **23¢**

RED WINESAP
APPLES Lb. **15¢**

FRESH CELLO
CARROTS 2 Lbs. **25¢**

FRESH TEXAS
CABBAGE Lb. **9¢**

RUSSET
SPUDS 10 Lb. Bag **49¢**



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SUPER MARKET
MERKEL, TEXAS
FRESH VEGETABLES

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MON - WED - FRI
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