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WEST TEXAS FAIR NAMES CONTESTANTS FROM THIS AREA

Three contestants will vie for West Texas Fair Sweetheart at WTF opening beginning Sept. 13. They are Suzie Riney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Riney; Mary Beth Boyd, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Boyd; and Gayla Heatly, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff M. Heatly of Trent.

Miss Riney is sweetheart of the Mulberry Canyon 4-H Club, is 17 years of age and a senior at Merkel High School. She is a cheerleader and plays basketball and volleyball. Suzie is past presi-

dent of the Merkel High School Rodeo Club and of the MC 4-H Club.

Miss Heatly, 15, is a sophomore at Trent High School. She was queen of Trent High School last year and has been an FHA officer in the local chapter. She is a twirler for the school.

Last year Gayla was named to honorable mention on the all-district basketball team. She was sweepstakes winner for the Middle Clear Fork Soil and Water Conservation District theme contest in 1971.

Miss Boyd is sweetheart of the Merkel 4-H Club and is a junior student at Merkel High School.

Mary Beth is president of the Merkel 4-H Club, was Rodeo Club reporter last year, FHA reporter, and sophomore class secretary. She is a member of the County Council of 4-H and is a 1972 county delegate to the District 7 Council. She has taken first place at both county and district 4-H shows in foods and in farm and range management demonstrations and second place at state level.

Coronation of West Texas Fair Queen will be Wednesday, Sept. 15 at the Sonny James Show at 8 p.m. in Taylor County Coliseum.

School Board Sets 3-Year Contracts

Among other items of business Tuesday evening, the Merkel School Board extended 4-year contracts to administrators Mack Fisher and Edwin Read, and to vocational agriculture teacher, Chester Collinsworth.

The board hired Waymon Adcock as a fulltime bus driver and Billy Patton, part time.

Trent Ex-Student Assn. Meets Fri.

The Trent Ex-Students Association will have an organizational meeting Friday, Sept. 3 at the Trent School.

Jerry Estep, association president, urges all area ex-students to make plans to attend.

"We will be making plans for our Annual Homecoming," said Estep, "and will set the date for sometime in October."

Photographer Here Sept. 16

A children's photographer will be in Merkel on Thursday, September 16 to take pictures. Location will be at Crawford's and appointments will be set up for the picture taking.

"There will be no charge or obligation for taking the pictures," said photographer, Kim Riley.

Pictures of children will be published in the Merkel Mail.



BETSY JOHNSON
... to welcome rodeo fans

BARNETT TO HEAD BOOSTER CLUB

Vincent Barnett was re-elected president of the Booster Club at their first meeting of the school year, held Monday at Taylor Electric Cooperative annex. Lawrence Hewitt was elected vice president and John Brady, secretary - treasurer.

Members voted to honor the Merkel High School varsity and coaches with an ice cream supper Thursday evening, Sept. 9 to be held at Taylor Electric annex building. Lawrence Hewitt was appointed chairman of the ice cream supper committee. Activities will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Outgoing secretary, Mack Seymore, gave the treasurer's report and reported \$514.29 to begin this year's activities.

Last year's expenses included \$70.55 for football blazers, \$325

paid on Camera for the athletic department, \$64.00, ice cream supper: \$250 for All Sports Banquet; \$38.00 for Camp Out at Brownwood and \$42.00 for trophies.

Money earnings projects for 1970-71 included light bulb sale, auction, membership, B-Team Tournaments, and cotton picking project headed by Alvin Wozencraft.

Head Coach Paul Woodfin introduced coaches and commented on this year's Badger team.

Coaches introduced were William (Bill) Tate, Rennie Aldridge, Max Hibbits, and David Burson and George Martin, junior high coaches.

A total of 37 players have come out for football, according to Woodfin. Broken down by grades the total includes:

Seniors - David Bratcher, Greg Bullock, Billy Diltz, Larry Hewitt, Jerry Holmes, Kerry Thames, Montie Tittle, Jerry Williams and Ray Young.

Juniors - Jerry Beaird, Albert Castillo, Danny Higgins, Tommy Law and Steve Teaff.

Sophomores - David Bowen, Jeff Cox, Jimmy Land, Doyce Maxwell, Leslie Reddin and Jim Shaffer.

Freshmen - Galen Boone, Steve Cochran, David Copeland, Jerry Cox, Larry Cox and Andy Hart.

Also Ruben Hernandez, Randall Hawes, Mike King, Jackie Sims, Tommy Stevens and Kenny Stewart.

Also Scott Tarpley, Alan Tucker, Steve West, Tim Wozencraft, and Johnny Wusterhausen.

"Of the 37 who've come out, three have injuries," said Woodfin. "Albert Castillo has a broken arm, Jeff Cox, broken collar bone, and Hawes, broken leg, so they'll be out for most of the season."

"Our boys have improved a lot since the first workout," Woodfin said, "and it will be interesting to see them improve even more as the season progresses. They have good attitude and they have done their best work this week."

A scrimmage with Wylie will be this Friday at 7 p.m. for both Varsity and freshman teams at Badger Stadium.

Business Places To Close Monday

Monday, Sept. 6 will be a holiday for Merkel merchants and for the Merkel Post Office.

Truett Thompson, postmaster, said there would be no residential or rural delivery on Monday. "However," he said, "normal lock box service and special deliveries would be observed."

As well as businesses being closed, children in the school system will have a holiday.

Rodeo Performances Begin Friday 8 P.M.

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The first International Junior Open Rodeo will kick off activities in Merkel this Friday at 8 p.m. with Betsy Johnson, Merkel Riding Club Sweetheart, leading the grand entry and welcoming fans to the two-day performances.

Saturday's performances will be at 2 p.m. and also at 8 p.m.

All activities will be at the Merkel Riding Club Arena, and is sponsored by the Merkel Riding Club.

"Entries are coming in with every mail pickup," said Allen Linticum, who, along with his brother, Millard, are organizing activities for rodeo fans. "Friday morning, we should have a full slate of performers from all over the Big Country, the State and the Nation."

"Merkel's first LJRA Rodeo promises to be scheduled packed," said J. E. (Tuffy) Stevens, MRS secretary - treasurer and assistant director of the Rodeo. "Rodeo performers who have indicated their plans to participate in this week's LJRA will have much to offer those who attend."

Admission will be \$1.00 for all ages, with pre-school children admitted free.

Jarrett Pinckley, president of the Merkel Riding Club, informed the Merkel Mail Tuesday morning that "there would be seats for all fans. We are in the process of clearing off the Arena grounds, cleaning inside and installing more bleachers," said Pinckley, "and there should be something for all who attend this weekend."

In Merkel, tickets may be purchased at Johnson's Grocery and Boots, The Glamour Bar, and at the Merkel Drug, or they may be purchased at the gate, said Pinckley. In Abilene, tickets are at Luskey's Western Wear Store and at Mackey's.

MRC members working with the Rodeo besides Stevens are Walter Henslee and Pinckley, time keepers; L. J. Gray and J. D. Sandusky, announcers.

Clowns will be Chip and Rob Shumaker of Weatherford, and Robert Clark, of San Angelo, shoot boss.

Stevens stressed that "this is an Open Rodeo," and any contestant under 24 years of age may enter events for cowboys and cowgirls.

A pair of Gold Medal boots by Tony Lama will be given away at each nightly performance in cooperation with Johnson Boots in Merkel.

Judges for the Rodeo will be furnished by LJRA and Tommy Priour of Mt. Home, Tex., will be stock producer.

MOTORISTS URGED TO DRIVE SAFELY

AUSTIN - Colonel Wilson E. Speir, director of the Texas Department of Public Safety, today estimated that traffic accidents over the long Labor Day Weekend will claim 52 lives in the state.

Speir called for motorists to avoid drinking while driving, avoid fatigue, and modify their driving speed in accordance with expected heavy traffic conditions.

In an effort to hold the toll down, the DPS and local law enforcement agencies, in cooperation with the news media of Texas, will conduct "Operation Motorcide" - a public awareness program designed to focus attention on the traffic problem.

Special reports on fatal traffic accidents will be prepared at DPS Headquarters and released three times daily during the holiday period which runs from 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 3 to midnight Monday, September 6.

All available uniformed officers of the Department of Public Safety will be on the highways during the holiday to enforce state traffic laws, and maximum use will be made of radar and breath testing instruments. Speir said DPS personnel would do all possible to keep traffic flowing smoothly and safely on this final holiday weekend of the summer.

LOCAL CONTESTANTS TO VIE FOR QUEEN

Seven Merkel High School girls will vie this week for Rodeo Queen to be named at the Saturday evening's performance.

Mrs. Walter Whisenhunt, chairman of the Queen Contest committee, said that the girls had contacted their own sponsors and had all information turned in by this Monday's deadline.

Contestants and their sponsors are Betsy Johnson, Merkel Riding Club; Cynthia Steck, Bullock Hardware and Gifts; Susan Reid, Adcock's Western Wear; Mary Beth Phillips, Windham Fina Station; Wanda Barnes, Merkel Future Farmers of America; Ruth Ann Welch, Mansfield Farm and

Ranch Service; and Cindy Whisenhunt, Merkel High School Rodeo Club.

Betsy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Johnson; Cynthia, daughter of Mrs. Marlene Steck; Susan, Mr. and Mrs. Don Frazier; and Mary Beth, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Cook; Wanda, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Barnes; Ruth Ann, daughter of Buster Welch and Cindy, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Whisenhunt.

Contestants will ride in the Grand Entry and will be at each performance, said Mrs. Whisenhunt.

Judges for the contest will be furnished from Abilene.



QUEEN CONTESTANTS - Six of the LJRA Rodeo Queen contestants pose for a picture at the Merkel Riding Club Arena where activities will begin Friday at 8 p.m. They are, from left, Mary Beth Phillips, Wanda Barnes, Ruth Ann Welch, Cindy Whisenhunt, Cynthia Steck and Susan Reid. Not pictured is Betsy Johnson, who will lead the grand entry. Rodeo Queen will be named at Saturday evening's performance. (Staff Photo)



BADGER BAND OFFICERS - Members of the Merkel High School Badger Band named officers for the 1971-72 year. They are, from left, Michael Ray, Second, Second Lieutenant; Jan Beasley, Second Lieutenant; Debbie Bowen, First Lieutenant, and Larry Hewitt, Captain. Mark Dudley is drum major. (Staff Photo)

R. B. Johnson Jr. Dies at Age 55

Funeral services for R. B. Johnson Jr., 55, were held Friday, Aug. 27 at Starbuck Funeral Home



Chapel. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Mr. Johnson, a former Trent resident and son of a pioneer Trent druggist, died Thursday in the Kerville Veterans Administration Hospital after a long illness.

Born Sept. 15, 1915, in Trent, he lived in the Trent area until enlisting in the Army during World War II. He served in the Pacific.

Survivors are his wife of La Feria, Tex.; two daughters, Mrs. Bill Burnett and Mrs. Dean Spoor, both of New York City; two sisters, Mrs. J. C. Randall of Childers and Mrs. John West of Merkel; three grandchildren.

Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

- Shuts tight
- Ruse
- Exclude
- Twofold
- Appropriate
- Duck
- Gaelic John
- Distress signal
- Frighten
- Star
- Bone
- Thing: law
- Compass point
- Mass of stars
- Paris tower
- Baba
- Damage
- Poem
- Wrench
- Moon goddess
- Mimic
- Rodents league
- Possessive pronoun
- State: abbr.
- Dazzling light
- Illuminated
- Baseball league
- Clash
- State: abbr.
- Abundance
- Violin
- Pilferer: slang
- Put away
- Arm bone
- Falsehood
- Demon
- Produce crops
- Higher
- Letter strokes
- Civil wrong: law
- Ice pendant
- Ruthenium: chem.
- Chum: slang
- Wading bird
- Skirt inset
- Part of a sentence
- Prepare for publication
- Dog-house
- Catch: slang
- Coronet
- Nigerian tribe
- Compact
- Owing
- Engagement notice
- Lithium: chem.
- Medical title

Answer to Puzzle

ROUND-UP

By ELAINE BRUMBEAU

MRS. JAMES PERRY of Fort Worth, and a former resident of Merkel, was here this past week visiting her sister in law, Mrs. Allie Toombs. Another visitor in Mrs. Toombs' home was a niece, Mrs. Floy Smith of Snyder, also a former resident of Merkel.

MRS. MADI HENDRICKS had her sisters from out of town visiting her this past week. They were Tina Moore of Marina, Calif., and Mrs. W. T. Seal and her husband from Fort Worth. Madi has been home "resting up" following surgery recently at Hendrick Hospital in Abilene.

MR. AND MRS. VERNON MELTON and son of Andrews are in Merkel this week visiting relatives

and "home folk." Enjoying their visit are Mrs. M. M. Owen and Mrs. Lela McEver, Vernon's sisters, and his brothers, Price, Clarence and Richard.

MRS. D. W. ASHBY, an early day resident of Merkel, and now of Balch Springs, Texas, is in Baylor Hospital, recovering from surgery. Her letters to the Mail have always been cheerful and we've tried to share them with our readers. She would enjoy hearing from her Merkel friends and asks that you write her at her home. Her complete address is 11216 Limestone Dr., Balch Springs, Texas 75149.

THE PRICE MELTONS had all of their children home last Sunday — Price says, "first time since 1952," and they are the Denzel Meltons and Karen of Kermit; the Marklin McElmurray, Cleburne; the John Nells, Orange, Calif.; and Bob Williams, Mark and Deanne of Odessa.

Also Doyle Melton and Terry, Austin; Mr. and Mrs. Benny Melton, Ann and Jan, Merkel; the Rev. and Mrs. T. C. Melton, Debbie, Katie and Lisa, Abilene.

The great-grandchildren joining the get together were Bryan and Traci Hendrix of Orange, Calif., and other visitors were Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Owen, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Melton and Donnie Melton.

Gleaners' Class

The Gleaners' Sunday School Class of First Methodist Church met in Fellowship Hall Aug. 25, with Mrs. T. K. Anderson and Mrs. Roy Baccus as hostesses. Mrs. Baccus, class president, opened the meeting, and Mrs. Herbert Patterson led prayer. Group singing followed with Mrs. Anderson at the piano and Mrs. Denzel Cox leading. Mrs. James McAnally brought

a devotional on "It's Always Too Soon to Quit."

Mrs. Oswald Everett reported on her attendance at the Bloys Camp Meeting in Fort Davis and Mrs. Cox reported on the C.F.O. Camp at Cedar Canyon.

Members voted to sponsor a Rummage Sale for their fall project.

Attending were Mmes. Denzil Cox, W. W. Toombs, Johnny Cox, H. N. Odum and Mrs. Dee Grimes. Also Mmes. Winnie Cypert, Pat-

erson, W. A. Stockbridge, Mary Click and Everett.

Also Mmes. Albert Criswell, Earl Hughes, McAnally, Dewell McLean, Baccus, Anderson and Misses Mable McRea and Louise Hudson.

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October 1 - Merkel vs. Albany, here

October 8 - Roscoe vs. Merkel, there

October 15 - Merkel vs. Rotan, here

October 22 - Stamford vs. Merkel, there

October 29 - Merkel vs. Haskell, here, (Parents' Night)

November 5 - Anson vs. Merkel, there

November 13 - (Saturday Night) Merkel vs. Hamlin, here (Homecoming).

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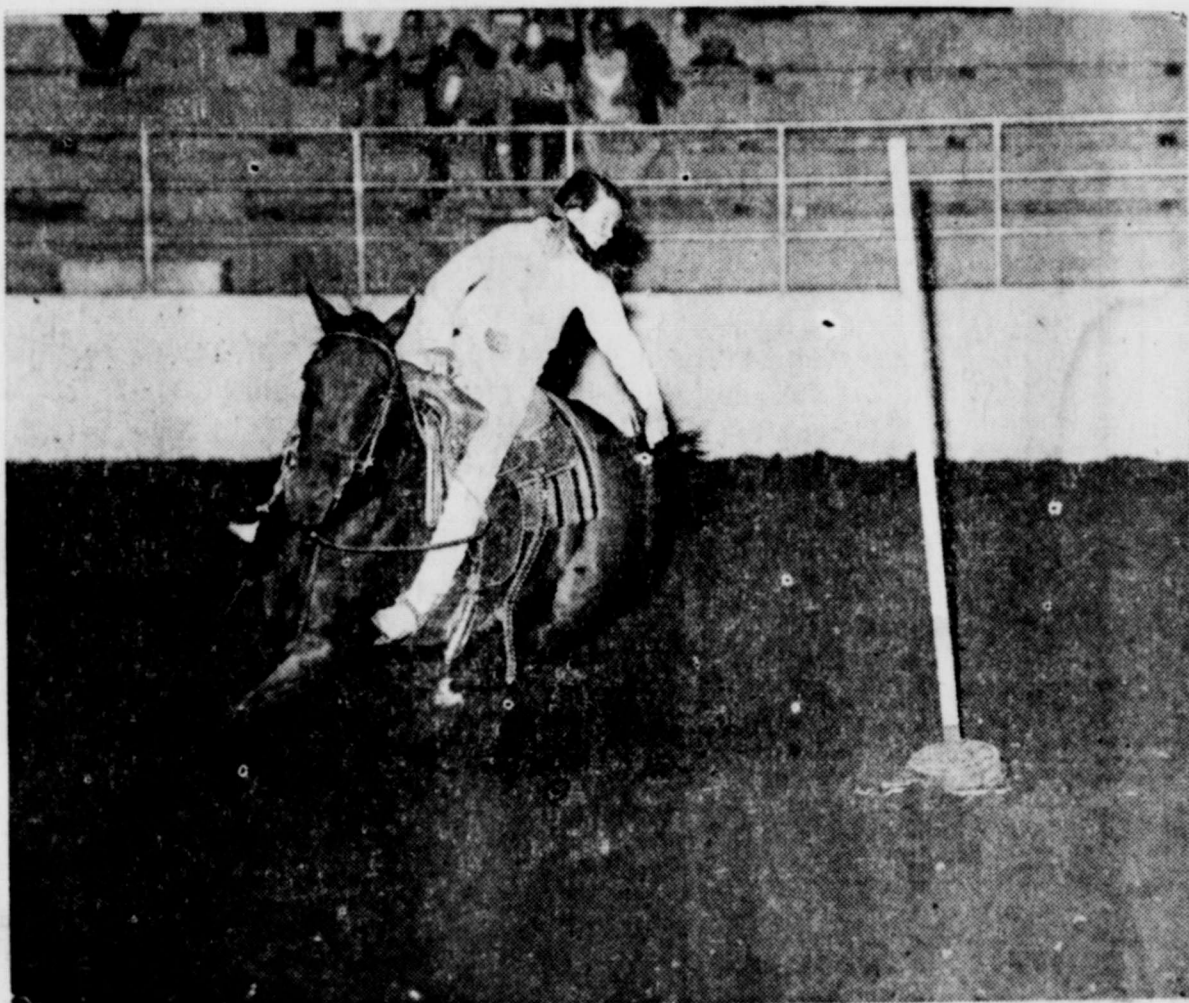
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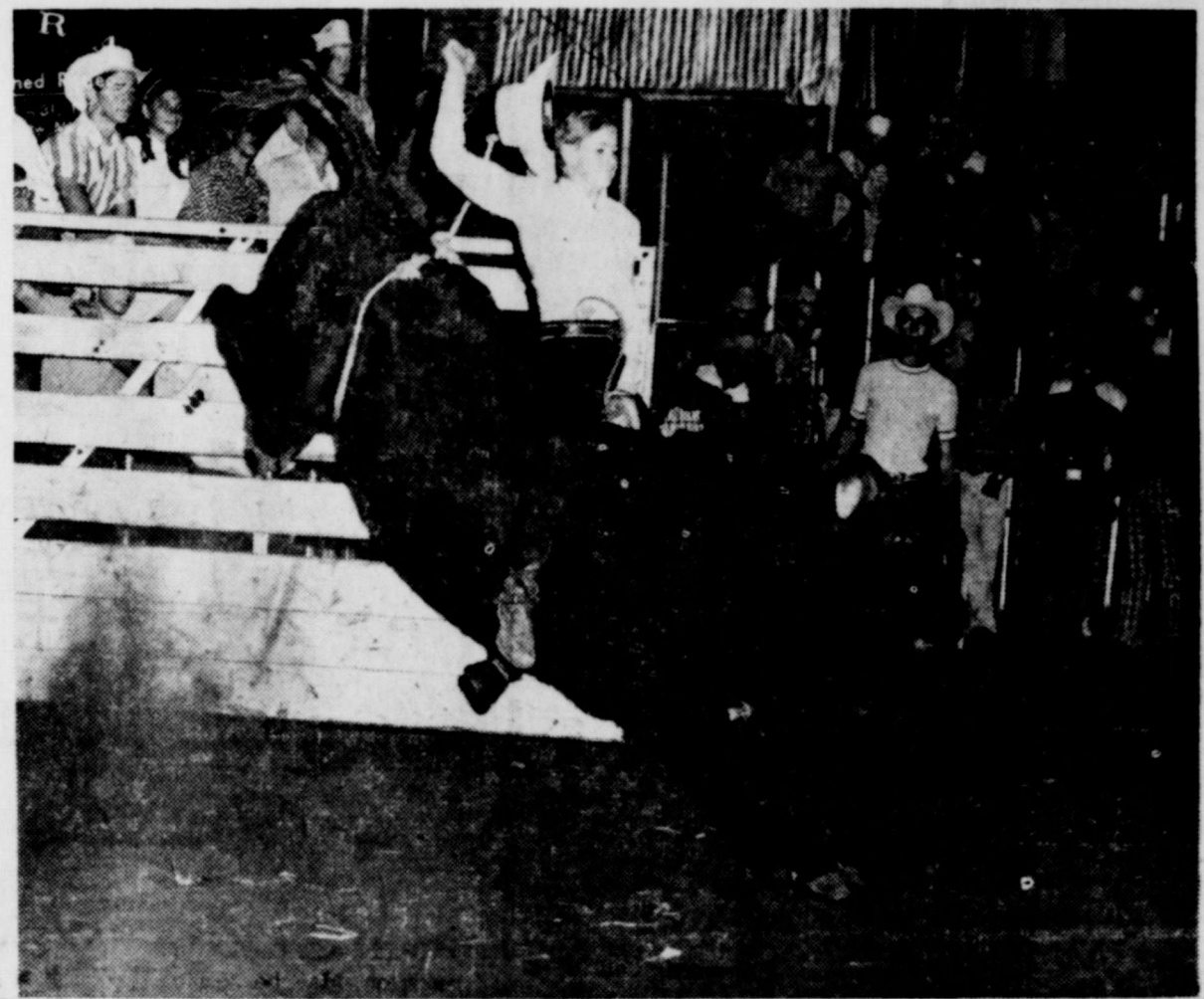
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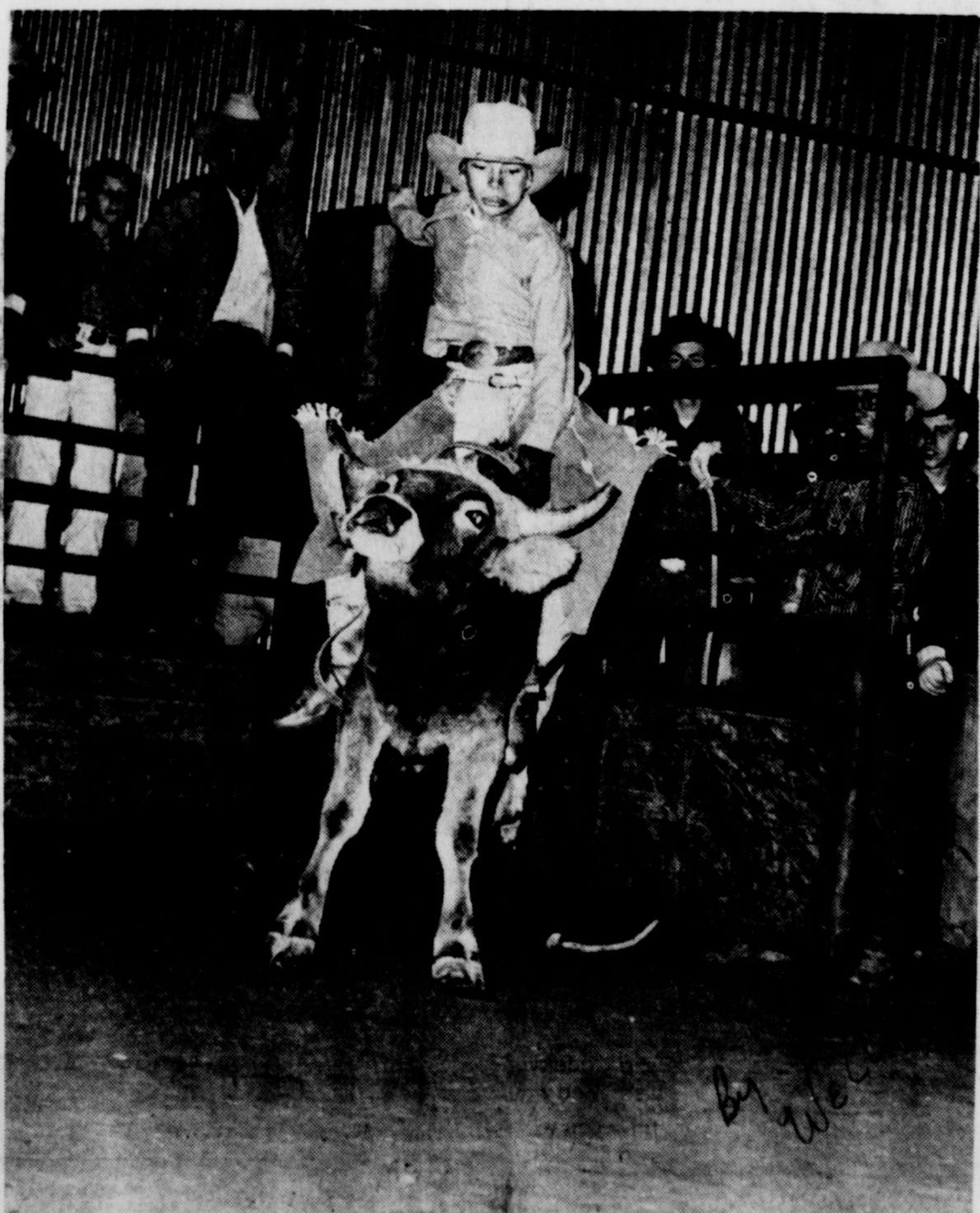
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ALONZO PETERSONS — In picture at left Ophelia Byrd and Alonzo Peterson are shown during their "courting days" at Stith in 1921. Picture above, Mr. and Mrs. Peterson announcing their 50th Wedding Anniversary.



PETERSONS TO NOTE 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Peterson will observe their 50th Wedding Anniversary Sunday, Sept. 5 in the Gold Room of the Merkel Restaurant.

Calling hours will be from 2 until 5 p.m.

Hosting the event are their two sons and their families, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Peterson of Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Peterson of Orange. Grandchildren will be assisting.

Mrs. Peterson, the former Ophelia Byrd was born at Stith and attended schools there. Mr. Peterson was born in McClellan County, near Waco, and moved to this area with his parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. Robert Peterson, at the age of 5. He has lived

in this area since that time. The couple met at school, attended the Baptist Church and married in September, 1921.

They are longtime members of the First Baptist Church.

Before his retirement, Mr. Peterson was in the cattle business for several years. He enjoys gardening and working in his yard and "watching the television." Mrs. Peterson's hobbies include sewing and eading.

Granddaughters who will assist with the celebration are Mrs. Mickey Pate of Merkel, Mrs. Victor Casper of Hondo and Mrs. Michael Hatch of Akron, Ohio.

Friends and relatives are invited to the celebration.

Children Host Birthday Party

A party was given Saturday in honor of Mrs. T. K. (Rilla) Marshall, in observance of her 92nd birthday. Hosting the occasion were three of her four daughters, Mrs. Tressie Lucas, Mrs. D. D. Davis and Mrs. George Smith of Albany. Her other daughter is Mrs. Joe Span of Albany, and one son, D. Marshall of Abilene.

Mrs. Marshall has lived in the Merkel area for fifty years and twenty-five of those years were spent in Merkel.

Although ninety-two years young, Mrs. Marshall still enjoys being busy. She irons, sews and reads for past time, and above all, "still has time for others." During the observance of her



MRS. T. K. MARSHALL
... 92nd birthday

birthday, friends from Merkel and from out of town came by to wish Mrs. Marshall "many more birthdays."

She has 18 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Senior 42 Club Donates to WTRC

The Senior 42 Club of Merkel donated \$15.00 to the West Tex-

as Rehabilitation Center at their recent meeting.

Donations, contributions, and memorials may be made to WTRC

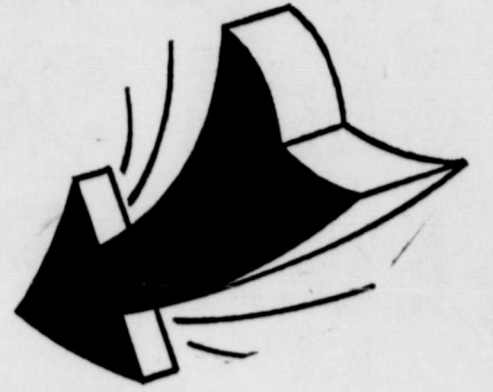
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Over 51 million young people will be heading back to America's schools this fall, and according to the Bicycle Institute of America, increasing numbers of them will be disdaining mom's car or the noxious school bus in favor of the non-polluting bicycle.

Though adults seem to be playing a part in the current bike boom, growing kids are remaining faithful to the bicycle for longer and longer periods, and bike riding right up through college is just as fashionable as the clothes that mark the personality of the young. Inexpensive, practically maintenance free, healthy and ecologically clean, the bicycle remains the favorite recreation and transportation vehicle for today's back-to-school set.

We'll see you Tuesday

We hope you have a chance to relax away from your routine chores... a trip to the beach with the family or camping out in a park.

Whatever you do, wherever you go, remember to DRIVE FRIENDLY.

The Governor's Office and the Texas Department of Public Safety urge you to obey state and local traffic laws, plan your travel so you won't have to rush

This Labor Day weekend DRIVE FRIENDLY and we'll see you Tuesday.

or drive when fatigued, and avoid drinking and driving. In other words, maintain a friendly driving attitude toward the other families who are also enjoying this holiday.

Most of the six million Texas drivers will be on the road at some time this holiday weekend. Think about your responsibilities every time you take the wheel. This weekend DRIVE FRIENDLY and we'll see you Tuesday.

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by Horace Elmo

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The following made recent donations to the Merkel Cemetery Fund:

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The sage of Tyre by Nebuchadnezzar was carried on for 13 years.

MULBERRY CANYON 4-H CLUB NEWS

By BEVERLY GILMORE

Members of the Mulberry Canyon 4-H Club met Aug. 19 at 6 p.m. for their annual work day. Members took an active part in cleaning the grounds and also the club house. After work was done, they were served a hot dog supper.

Business meeting was called to order and Lisa Swney led the 4-H Pledge, Prayer and Motto and Teresa English, the American Pledge.

A committee was named to plan the exhibits for the booth

at the West Texas Fair.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Riney were elected organizations leaders for the year.

Meeting was adjourned by Suzie Riney.

Several of the MC 4-H members had winning record books in the District Seven judging. They were Judy Brnovak, Teresa Clemmer, Mark Dudley, Mark Clemmer and Johnny Gray.

Stith News

By MRS. FRITZ HALE



It's wet in the Stith Community since having seven inches last week. The farmers are concerned about weeds — they would surely like a lot of sunshine.

Curtis Clyburn visited Mrs. Mason Barker at the West Texas Medical Center in Abilene Friday.

Mrs. Ruby Reddin attended the funeral services of John B. Nichols at Abilene Monday afternoon. Mamie Hardin and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Burns visited Mrs. Ruby Reddin last week.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bradley last weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Davis

of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Peterson and Mrs. Inez Bradley and Mrs. Lola Melton, all of Merkel. Mrs. Lola Safel and Don were visitors Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. McDonald spent the weekend in Midland visiting their daughter and family, the Doug Stephensons. The McDonalds went especially to help celebrate the 5th birthday of their granddaughter, Melissa. The party was held Sunday in the home of her parents. Others attending including 10 of her little friends. After games were played and gifts opened, ice cream and cake were served.

Mrs. Cleo Liles of St. Louis, Mo., and Janie Liles of TCU, Fort Worth, visited Mrs. Ira Stanley last week. Also visiting in the Stanley home was Thaxton Jones, also of TCU. Janie gave a talk Wednesday night at the Stith Baptist Church on her Mission work in Wisconsin this summer and on her trip to Glorieta.

Mrs. Stanley attended the Singing at the Methodist Church in Trent Sunday. She met her brother and wife there. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Spears from Big Spring and had a short visit with them.

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The Philosophy of Funeral Service —
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Nowhere in the world is there a lack of concern regarding death, care of the dead or the readjustment of the bereaved. The conception of body, soul and afterlife varies greatly in different societies, in different religious beliefs and on different continents. Yet, the crisis of death is universally recognized.

There is no group, however primitive at one extreme or civilized at the other, which does not dispose of the bodies of its members with ceremony. From within man alone, as an aspect of his human nature, comes the desire to care for his dead.

Funerals lie at the very innermost core of life's experiences. They represent grand and not trifling moments. The funeral tends to reflect the whole viewpoint, the basic philosophy of life of the culture in which it is found.

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The Christian Home (Part 2)
Ten basic needs of children: (continued)

- Children need the UNHYPOCRITICAL example of their parents. Nothing so confuses a child as being told one thing and shown another in example. And nothing causes rebellion later in a child as hypocrisy.
- Children need — must have discipline. Proverbs 13:24; 19:18; 22:6; 22:15; 23:13, 14; and 29:15. 17 all speak of discipline of children as well as many other scriptures that give proper directions for training children.
- Children need recognition of their achievements, not just mistakes and failures.
- Children need to be given responsibility — that which they can adequately handle.
- Children need to be given a measure of independence (depending on the age of the child). Some never mature due to being smothered by over-protective parents, parents who do everything for them.
- Children need LOVE — unconditional love. Things do not always show love. We are the only country in the world where parents and-or children are embarrassed to embrace each other. One parent expressed it: "I have given our child every THING they ever wanted," yes everything except real expression of LOVE, when what they needed more than THINGS was for the mother and father to put their arms around them and TELL them how much you love them.

BILLY PATTON
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Labor Day WEEKEND VALUES

Received Today Good Selection New Fall Styles Fortel Double Knit **Pant Suits** NOW Reg. Values **\$25.99 21.99**

JUST ARRIVED! Polyester - Cotton Permanent Press **Dresses** REG. 8.99 **6.99**

Permanent Press Roll Sleeves **Blouses** **2.99**

100% Polyester **Ladies Pants** **4.99**

Ladies New Fall Coats Just Arrived **School Loafers** Ladies Sizes Sizes 5 to 10 **7.99**

BACK TO SCHOOL Girls Shoes To Size 4 **3.99**

Girls Dresses Permanent Press Sizes 7 to 14 **4.99**

100% Acetate Tricot **Pant Suits** Sizes 7 to 14 **10.99**

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Western Shirts Short or Long Sleeve Values to \$8.99 **3.99**

BACK TO SCHOOL Track Shoes All Sizes **4.99**

Mens Shoes Latest Styles **16.99**

BOYS Sweat Shirt **1.19**

Short Sleeve Shirts Values to \$6.99 **3.99**

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STEAK Choice Beef CLUB Lb. **\$1.05**

TURKEYS Grade A HENS Lb. **39¢**

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PICNICS Deckers Whole Only Lb. **39¢**

FRESH CURED HAM HOCKS lb. **29¢**

CHOICE BEEF SHORT RIBS lb. **39¢**

TENDER CRUST 12 IN PKG. BROWN-SERVE ROLLS 3 for **1.00**

HEINZ 15 OZ. BAR-B-Q SAUCE bottle **39¢**

KRAFTS APPLE BLEND JELLY 18 oz. jar **29¢**

METZGERS 1/2 GAL. BUTTER MILK 2 for **89¢**

HI-C DRINK ASSORTED 46 Oz. Can **29¢**

LAYS POTATO CHIPS REG. 59¢ Pkg. **43¢**

PRICES GOOD THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SEPT. 2 - 3 - WE'LL BE CLOSED SEPT. 6th

NABISCO OREO 15 Oz. Pkg. Cookies **43¢**

Frozen Foods

PATIO MEXICAN STYLE **DINNER** Each **39¢**

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LIBBYS 303 Sour **KRAUT** 2 for **33¢**

LIBBYS C. S. 303 Golden **CORN** 2 for **39¢**

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

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

THOUSAND ISLAND OR GREEN GODDESS 16 OZ. BOTTLE Wishbone Dressing 16 oz. bot. **43¢**

Hormel (2 Limit) 12 Oz. Can **53¢**

Light Crust 5 Lb. Bag **43¢**

42 Oz. (1 Limit) Can **69¢**

COLA 12 Oz. Can 6 for **59¢**

CLEANSER **LYSOL** LIQUID 15 OZ. **43¢**

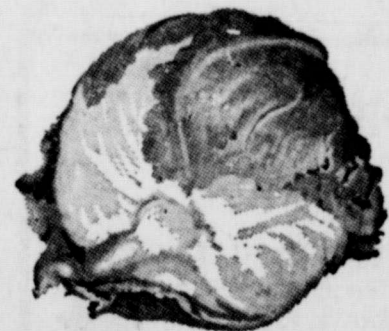
ZEE **TOWELS** JUMBO ROLL **29¢**

CLEANSER - Reg. Size **COMET** 2 for **29¢**



KING SIZE **1.19**
OR OXYDOL GIANT SIZE **63¢**

METZGERS 1/2 GAL. WHIPPING CREAM 1/2 pt. ctn. **33¢**
METZGERS 16 OZ. COTTAGE CHEESE 16 oz. pkg. **35¢**



FRESH **LETTUCE** Pound **19¢**

CHIQUITA **BANANAS** Lb. **10¢**

FRESH **TOMATOES** Lb. **19¢**

THOMPSON SEEDLESS White **GRAPES** Lb. **33¢**

FRESH CELLO **CARROTS** 2 for **29¢**

CALAVO **AVOCADOS** 2 for **29¢**

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