

Watermelon Contest Trades Day Feature

The fifth Trades Day will be held Saturday October 6 in Merkel. There will be a Watermelon Day Activity Promotion sponsored by the Retail Development and Promotion Committee of the Chamber of Commerce.

The Watermelon Day Activity Promotion will be held at North 2nd and Edwards at 4 p.m.

Each customer may guess one time with each merchant listed below, the number of seeds in a watermelon displayed in the Farmers & Merchants Bank.

Merchants will organize and tabulate the guesses and have them prepared for the judges

no later than 12 noon Saturday October 6. (Guesses should be listed in numerical order).

The watermelon will be cut and the seed counted by a group of judges appointed by the committee.

Deadline for guessing the number or the nearest to the number will be awarded a prize of \$10.00.

In case of a tie, the prizes will be divided equally among winners. Merchants may if they choose offer additional prizes.

Sponsoring Merchants of the Watermelon Day Contest are: Ann's Flowers, Brags Dry Goods, Boney Ins. Agency, Bullock's Hardware, Barnett's Barber Shop, R. H. Buchanan, Ben Franklin Store, Carson's Food Mkt., Clyde's Garage, Circle A Western, Cyprus Pee Ins., Cypert Tax Service and Conley's Barber Shop;

Also, Crawford's, Edd's Feed & Seed, Farmers Union Ins., Fox's Repair Shop, Hick's Auto Supply, Higginbotham - Bartlett, J. V. & Tessie's, Mansfield's Farm & Ranch, Merkel Laundromat, Merkel Drug, Merkel Auto Parts, Merritt Plumbing, Palmer Motor Co., Wilson's Grocery, West Texas Utilities Co., Wilson's Jewelry and Starbucks.

There will also be square dancing at 3:30 p.m.

The Senior Citizens will hold a Salad Luncheon at 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Building. The luncheon will consist of an assortment of salads, drink and dessert for \$1.50.

New Cars On Display Thursday

The new 1974 cars will go on display Thursday, September 20 in Merkel.

Palmer Pontiac and GMC will host open house, showing the new line of Pontiacs. Max Murrell Chevrolet will also host open house showing the 1974 Chevrolets.

Both dealerships will serve refreshments to visitors. The public is invited to attend the showings.

Merkel Jr. Badgers Have 6-6 Deadlock With Anson

It was not a night for the Jr. Badgers to come home with a victory, but they did

7th Grade Overtakes Anson

For the first time in quite a few years, the Merkel 7th grade defeated Anson by the score of 8-0. The Merkel score came in the second quarter as Ricky Howes swept left end for a 30 yd. touchdown. The 2 point conversion was good as Russell Sittler took a pitch out from Mike Sims.

The rest of the football game was a defensive battle, with neither team being able to score. Leading defensive players for Merkel were Joe Treadwell, David Clyburn and Ricky Howes.

Tuesday, Sept. 18, the 7th grade played Rotan Jr. High at Merkel at 5:30.

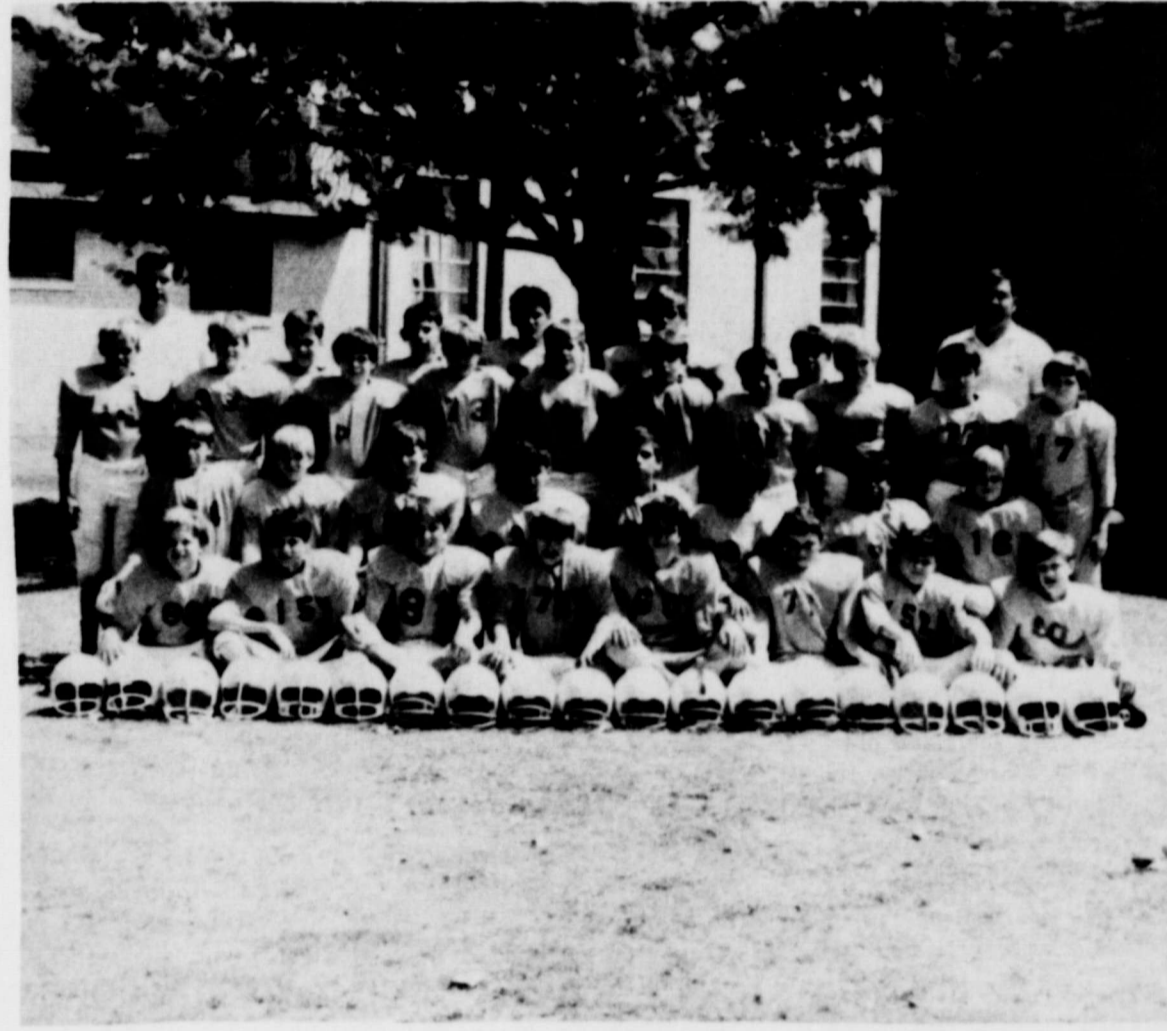
"The Anson team was bigger, but our boys played good football," said Coach Bob Russell.

have a fair showing of themselves. They had a number of chances to score, but costly mistakes kept them out of the end zone.

Anson took the opening kickoff and marched for about 55 yds. to the first score, Anson 6--Merkel 0. But on the return kickoff, Davis Lee, who took the ball on the 35 yd. line, sped up the middle, then broke outside - picked up two crushing blocks, one from Justo Hernandez and one by Rudy Biera, raced 65 yds. for a touchdown. The extra point failed and the score stood, Merkel 6 -- Anson 6.

The second half saw neither team scoring. Merkel kept trying, but just couldn't push the ball across. Merkel's defense was led by Hector Ascencio, Brad Pursley, Ronnie Whisenhunt, Jesse Sparks, Davis Lee, Mike Frazier, Garth Doan, and Rudy Biera.

"We're looking forward to our first home game Sept. 18 against Rotan. Everyone back the Badgers this year," said Coach George Martin.



LEADING THE JUNIOR HIGH BADGERS 7th grade to victory will be left to right, front row; Rusty Watts, Dennis Phillips, Richard Schultz, Kevin Hines, Kelley Wolf, Grant Sandusky, David Clyburn and Maury Moore. Second row, Craig Hutchings, Lee Reddin, Louis Goodman, Mike Brady, Jay Boyd, Santos Pena, Johnny Hernandez, and Joe Treadwell. Top row, Coach Russell, Roger Reed, Joe Speiks, Russell Sittler, Ricky Howes, Craig Bowen and Coach Martin.

Taylor Telephone Annual Meet Sept. 25

Taylor Telephone Cooperative, Inc., which operates 13 unattended dial telephone offices in nine surrounding counties, will have its 18th Annual Meeting of the Members at the High School Auditorium, Merkel, at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 25, 1973.

The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss matters affecting the business of the cooperative and the election of five directors. The Board of Directors consists of nine members who serve a 2-year term.

A nominating committee made up of Herman Haynes, Hamby; Leon Kelson, Hawley; Leroy Riney, Nubia; Mack Hyde, Nolan; and B. R. Vancil of Noodle met in August and submitted a list of nominees as follows:

Charlie T. Myatt and Jerry Watts of Hamby; L. O. Huddleston and Maurice Cox of Hawley; Troy Sloan and Hollis Irvin of Noodle; Arthur Moore and A. D. Scott of Nubia; and L. A. Egger of Nolan.

Subsequent to the nomination, Mr. Maurice Cox of Hawley withdrew for reasons of health.

Dyess Sets Open House

The gates of this Strategic Air Command installation will be opened to the public October 27 as Dyess Air Force Base (Abilene) hosts its Eighth Annual Open House.

Featured attraction this year will be the U.S. Air Force's

precision aerial demonstration team, the Thunderbirds. Additionally, aircraft from most U.S. Air Force commands will be available for inspection on the Dyess flightline. Various booths and refreshment stands will also be available.

Gates will open to the public at 10:30 a.m. with the Open House lasting until 4:30 p.m. According to base officials, nearly 50,000 people witnessed last year's events as the Thunderbirds dazzled the crowd.

With more than six weeks to go, base officials urge all Big Country area residents to circle October 27 on their calendars and make plans to spend the day at Dyess.

Murphree Rites Held

Funeral services for Minnie Murphree, age 86 of Oakman, Ala., were held at Pleasant Hill Church of Christ, She died September 1.

Aubrey Barnett officiated and Collins Funeral Home directed.

She is survived by two sons, Olen Murphy of Oakman, Ala. and Aloms (Box) Murphree of Merkel; four grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; one brother, Ashley Bryan of Merkel; and one sister, Lizzie Martin of Texas.

Aloms Murphree flew to Oakman, Ala. for the funeral on a Saturday and came back on Tuesday.

The present directors are Jack J. Farmer, President, Route 2, Clyde; G. A. Fomby, Vice - President, Tuscola Frank K. Antille, Secretary, Wingate; Doyle Hefley, Law; L. O. Huddleston, Hawley; L. A. Lister, Nolan; Arthur Moore, Route 2, Merkel; Charlie T. Myatt, Route 6, Abilene; and Troy Sloan, Route 2, Merkel.

Taylor Telephone Cooperative was formed in 1952 and now has approximately 2,700 main stations with modern dial telephone service throughout the Big Country.

John Hardesty is Manager.



JAN BECK ... rodeo princess

Jan Beck Named Rodeo Princess

Jan Beck, Trent High School Junior and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rex Beck, was named 1973 West Texas Rodeo Princess at the conclusion of the West Texas Fair Saturday evening.

Miss Beck was sponsored by Cal-Tex Feed Yard, Inc. and is a member of the Abilene Riding Club.

Winters Gets By Badgers, K-City Here Friday at 8

The Winters Blizzards defeated the Merkel Badgers Friday night, 14-12, with the help of nine penalties for a total of ninety-seven yards. Merkel turned over the football four times on fumbles, to the Blizzards at crucial times.

Merkel jumped to a quick

lead in the first quarter with quarterback Jeff Cox connecting with Doug Hutchings on a 19-yard pass and the Badgers led 6-0 after the extra point try missed.

Merkel went ahead 12-0 in the second quarter when Jeff Cox rambled 20 yards for a

touchdown. This time the Badgers went for two points, but failed to convert again.

Winters scored their first touchdown in the second quarter after returning Merkel's kickoff back to the Badgers 48 and with the help of a 15-yard penalty set up on the 26. Mitch Davis broke loose for the Blizzards' touchdown. Winters went for the two extra points that ultimately made the difference.

Winters winning touchdown came in the third quarter after a fumble recover on the Merkel 48 by Perry Poe. Five plays later halfback Ricky De la Cruz plowed from the five for the winning tally.

With five minutes to play in the fourth quarter, the Badgers took the ball all the way to the Blizzards 10 yard line only to fumble, and loose the ball.

On the Blizzards 40 yard line with two minutes to go Merkel turned over the football to Winters on a fumble and ended Merkel's chance of breaking a long losing streak.

Merkel will play host to the Knox City Greyhounds this Friday night in their first home game of the season. Game time is 8:00 p.m.

Knox City was defeated by Rule last week 29-6.

Winters 0 8 6 0-1
Merkel 6 6 0 0-1

Noodle Baptist Registers 105

The commemoration of Noodle Baptist's Golden Anniversary was attended by out of towners from Fort Worth, Paint Creek, Afton, Okla., O-

nessa, Midland, Grapevine, San Angelo, Clyde, Anson, Hawley, Lubbock, McCaulley, Haskell and Ballinger. One hundred five registered the guest book and letters from former pastors were posted. Three former pastors were able to attend the celebration; Revs. John Hamilton, W. T. Priddy and V. D. Walters, who was the principal speaker.

Three charter members were present; Mabel Riek, Waldo Cox and Quinney Roundtree Eller.

Special music was offered by Mr. and Mrs. Neil Newson of Paint Creek.



RUTH ANN WELCH ... elected

Ruth Ann Welch Sec.-Tres.

SNYDER (Special) -- Ruth Ann Welch has been elected secretary - treasurer of the Western Texas College Rodeo Club.

Miss Welch is a graduate of Merkel High School and the daughter of Buster Welch of Merkel.

The Rodeo Club at Western Texas College was organized to provide interested students with rodeo-related activities and to provide the opportunity for students to improve their skills in the sport of rodeo. WTC is an active member of the Intercollegiate Rodeo Association and plans to sponsor a rodeo during the spring semester.

8th Grade Elects Officers

On Thursday, September 13, the 8th grade students elected the following officers in Mrs. Winters' home room.

President, Christie Fudge; Vice-President, Ronnie Whisenhunt; Secretary - Treasurer, Tommy Jones; Reporter, Steven Kohout; Fire Captain, Nicky Carter; Student Council, Marlen White and Tonja Moore; and President of Student Council, Kim Satterwhite.

Martin Attends Meeting

Representative Elmer Martin of Colorado City attended a special called meeting of the Agriculture and Livestock committee in Austin recently for the purpose of discussing the apparent shortage of tractors and farm equipment around the state.

The meeting was called by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Agriculture and Livestock Committee, Representative Joe Hubenak of Rosenberg and Rep. E. L. Short of Tahoka.

The legislators also discussed the apparent shortages of hay baling wire and the antiquated laws pertaining to the Animal Health Commission.

While attending the called meeting Rep. Martin was appointed to a special Agriculture and Livestock Marketing sub-committee by Rep. Hubenak and Speaker of the House Price Daniel Jr.

Educational Building Work Started

Construction has begun on an Educational Building for Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church. When completed the building will provide 6 classrooms, a reception hall, kitchen and bathroom facilities.

The Educational Building will be of similar construction to the church and is being built by Bonine Construction Company.

Total cost of the building and its furnishing will be close to \$25,000. A grant has been received by the local church for \$15,000 from the Catholic Extension Society.

A date for formal dedication will be announced soon.

DATEBOOK

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 19

BADGER BAND BOOSTER Club will meet Wednesday 7:30 at the Band Hall. Nominations for officers will be on the agenda.

THE SENIOR CITIZENS will have a Flea Market in their building. Members bring a sack lunch.

RODEO CLUB will have a Bake Sale in downtown Merkel to raise money for the club. All members will participate.



PATRICIA BOYD ... wins 1st place

Patricia Boyd Takes Trophies

Patricia Boyd, Trent Sophomore, rode away with the honors at the West Texas Fair Open Youth Rodeo.

Her gelding, Never Give Up, was Grand Champion. Miss Boyd, High School Cheerleader, is a member of American J.R. Rodeo Assn. Her awards included first place Show and Halter Class, Barels and Poles and the Showmanship honor.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Boyd, she was named "All Around" in 1971 by the West Texas Jr. Rodeo Assn.



MERKEL JR. HIGH has chosen for their cheerleaders for this season, left to right, Linda Williams, Sherry West, Becky Watts, Carrie Law and Pam Morgan.

SCHOOL MENU

THURSDAY, SEPT. 20
Meat Balls
Tomato Sauce
Turnips and Greens
Buttered Corn
Hot Rolls
Butter
Milk
Sweet Potato Pie
Whipped Topping

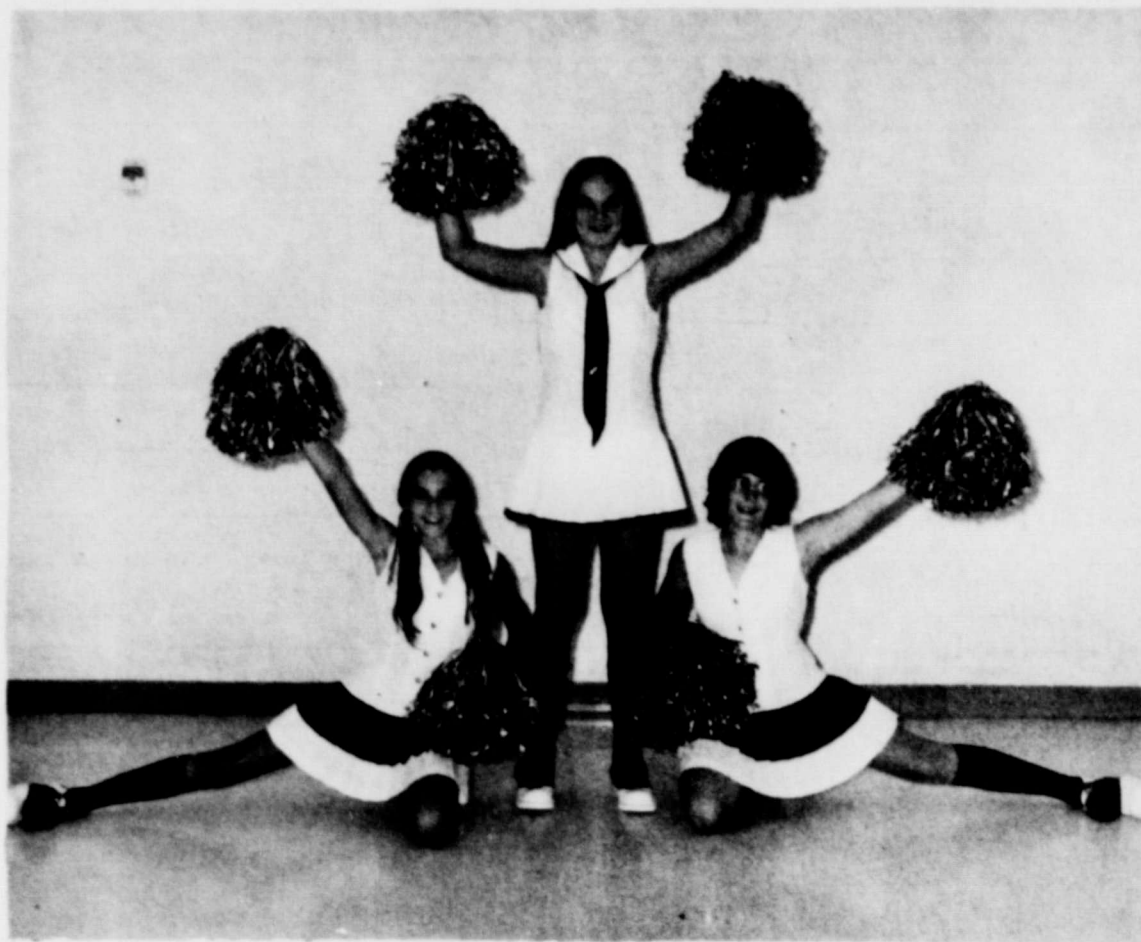
FRIDAY, SEPT. 21
Hamburgers
Oven French Fries
Lettuce
Tomatoes
Pickles
Onions
Catsup
Mustard
Milk
Peanut Butter Cookies

MONDAY, SEPT. 24
Beef Cheese Casserole

Tomato and Lettuce Salad
Celery, Apple Wedges
Hot Rolls
Milk
Cocoa Oatmeal Cake

TUESDAY, SEPT. 25
Pork Steakettes
Gravy
Green Beans
Whipped Potatoes
Hot Rolls
Butter
Milk
Fruit Jello

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 26
Oven Fried Chicken
Gravy
Spanish Rice
Blackeye Peas
Hot Rolls
Butter
Milk
Jello with Fruit
Whipped Topping



LEADING THE FIGHTING Jr. High Gorillas this season will be from left to right, Sue Bryan, Robbie Freeman, head cheerleader, and Vondi King. Not pictured is Pam Evans. (Photo by Connie Harris)

Hunters Precautions Told

A special note to the thousands of hunters taking to the fields and woods this fall in search of game--
Before you pull the trigger, know what you're firing at.
Sporting arms-- from a single-shot .22 calibre rifle to a heavy big game weapon to a fast-shooting automatic scatter-gun -- are designed to kill birds and animals. They also can easily kill humans.
The Texas Medical Association reminds that nearly every year several hunters return from fall outings via hearse. Hundreds of others return with a load of bird shot or a rifle bullet to be dug out by a doctor. Behind almost every hunting accident

is one cause: carelessness. The hunter who blazes away at everything that moves or shoots before he's sure of his target runs a big risk of bagging a fellow hunter.
The wise Texas hunter will be wearing a "hunter orange" vest or, at the very least, a cap made in this glowing bright fluorescent color. The color sends a glowing signal to other hunters, but goes unnoticed by color-blind game such as white-tail deer, which will only be alarmed when it distinguishes motion, sound, or scent.
Never cross over or through a fence or climb a tree with a loaded gun. It might fall and discharge. Unload first and reload after crossing or climbing. Don't shoot at a hard,

flat surface. Ricocheting bullets can carry long distances with killing power.
Even a small bore rifle has considerable range. Know where your bullet will stop before pulling the trigger.
Keep guns away from children. Never leave a weapon unattended without unloading it. Store guns and ammunition beyond reach of youngsters, preferably under lock and key. Never place loaded guns in your car or pick-up truck.
Always carry a gun so that you can control the direction of the muzzle if you stumble. Keep the safety catch on until ready to shoot. Always be sure the barrel is clear of obstructions. A barrel clogged with mud or snow may burst.
Guns and alcohol don't mix. If you like a nip around camp, wait until you're through hunting for the day and all weapons are unloaded and cased.
Treat guns with respect at all times. They may be loaded, despite all precautions. Thus never point a weapon at something unless you plan to shoot it.

GI Bill enrollments in fiscal year 1973 edged past 2.1 million to the highest level in 22 years, the Veterans Administration reported recently.

An Even Dozen . . . Sheep Feeding Declines . . . Food and Fiber Pavilion Plans Nearing Completion.

An even dozen commodities are above parity for Texas agricultural producers, the Texas Crop and Livestock Reporting Service notes.

The commodities are wheat, corn, oats, potatoes, hogs, beef cattle, calves, sheep, turkeys, eggs and mohair.

The average wheat price in Texas is \$4.24 compared with parity at \$3.51 per bushel. Corn at \$2.75 per bushel compares with parity of \$2.36. Rice at \$11 per hundredweight compares with \$9.65 parity. Potatoes at \$6.50 per hundredweight compares with \$4.32 for parity.

All but one category of livestock is above parity, the single exception being lambs.

Hogs at \$55.80 compares with parity at \$37.10. Beef cattle averaged \$56.30 per hundredweight, parity is \$44.70. Calves at \$68 per hundred average compares with parity at \$54.20. Sheep at \$19.40 per hundred compare with parity at \$12.60. Lambs averaged \$37.60, but this is \$8.20 per hundred under parity.

Turkeys averaged 46 cents per pound with parity at 40.5 cents per pound. Eggs averaged 69.2 cents per dozen with parity at 64 cents. Mohair averaged \$2.30 per pound with parity at \$1.49 per pound.

Cotton prices to farmers averaged 34 cents per pound while parity was 66.05 cents per pound.

The all-farm products index of prices received by Texas farmers and ranchers is 20 per cent above the month of August and 61 per cent above a year ago. The livestock and livestock products index is 21 per cent above a month ago and 69 per cent higher than a year ago. The all-crops index is 18 per cent above a month ago and 50 per cent above a year ago.

And though farm prices go up, they also come down. During the period from August 15 to September 6, for example, prices had dropped 14 per cent.

Farm production costs also continue to rise. The index of prices paid by farmers is 19 per cent above a year ago.

DRYLOT sheep feeders with a capacity of 2,000 head or more had 117,000 sheep and lambs on feed for slaughter as of Sept. 1. This is seven per cent below the number on feed a month earlier and nine per cent below the number on feed a year ago.

Current intentions to market are: September 55,000; October 36,000; November 26,000. Placements during August totaled 54,000 head with a total of 10 feeders reporting 1,000 or more head on feed as of September 1.

PLANS for the Food and Fiber Pavilion of the Texas Department of Agriculture at the State Fair of Texas are nearly complete. Theme of the pavilion this year will be to show consumers how to get the most value for their food dollars.

This will be the fourth year that the Texas Department of Agriculture has had charge of the food and fiber pavilion. About one million persons annually have visited the pavilion since then.

A number of programs are planned to show consumers how to get the most for their food money including special emphasis on cost per serving. Special programs are also planned to highlight the natural fibers-cotton, wool and mohair.

Also on display will be features highlighting the top-quality in foods produced by Texas agricultural producers.

Career Day Planned

COLLEGE STATION — Texas high school seniors are being urged to attend A&M University's annual Career Day Sept. 29 sponsored by the Colleges of Agriculture, Engineering and Science.
Dr. R. C. Potts, associate dean of agriculture, said exhibits will illustrate the many programs in the Colleges. Activities start at 8 a.m. and end at 4 p.m.

Faculty and student representatives from each college will be available to answer questions.

Potts said agricultural and engineering exhibits will be in the Zachry Engineering Center. Science displays can be seen in the Biological Sciences Building.

Young-Flynn Engagement Told

Mr. and Mrs. John B. Young, Box 74, Bryson, Texas, formerly of Trent, Texas, announce the engagement of their daughter, Judy Carol, to Jack E. Flynn, Jr. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack E. Flynn of Corsicana, Texas.

The couple will be married October 20.

Miss Young is a graduate of Trent High School, attended McMurry College, and is a 1973 graduate of East Texas State University where she was a member of Gamma Sigma Sigma.

Her fiance is also a 1973 graduate of East Texas State University where he was a member of the American Chemical Society.



JUDY YOUNG
...engaged



PAULA CHILDERS
...September wedding

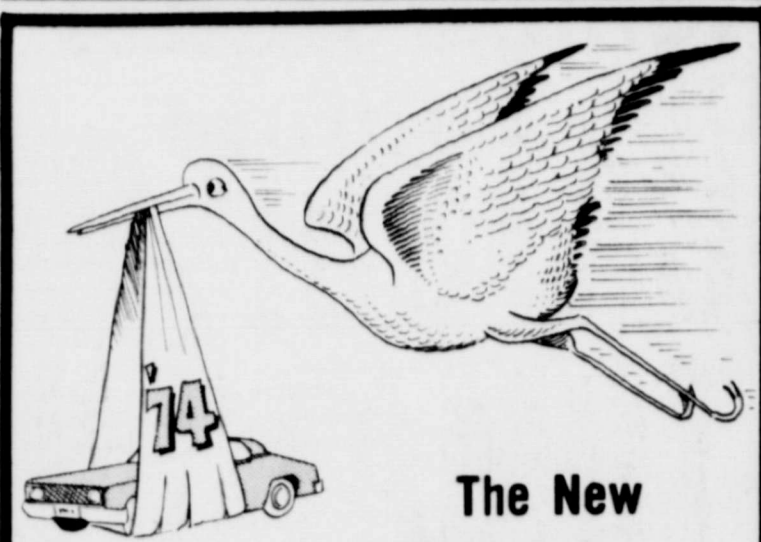
Miss Childers Plans Announced

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Childers of Pasadena, Texas, announce the engagement and approach-marriage of their daughter, Paula to Michael Patrick McCarthy, also of Pasadena, son of Mr. and Mrs. McCarthy, formerly of Merkel.

The couple will be married September 28 at Pasadena Blvd. United Methodist Church.

The bride-elect is a 1973 graduate of Pasadena High School. She is employed by United Founders Insurance Co. of Pasadena.

Her fiance attended Merkel school and graduated from Pasadena High School in 1971. He is employed by Willard Auto Supply.



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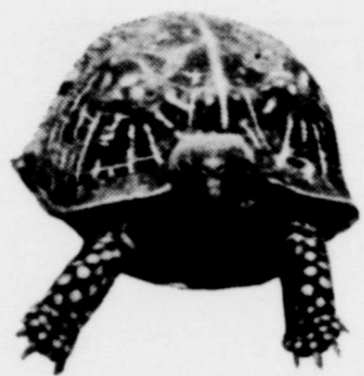
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NABISCO
CRACKERS
1 Lb. Box **39¢**

ZEE
NAPKINS
160 Ct. Pkg. **29¢**

REYNOLDS
ALUMINUM FOIL
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KLEENEX
200 Size 2 **49¢**

PINE-SOL
15-Oz. Bottle **49¢**

COMET
CLEANSER
21-Oz. **25¢**

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APPLES Lb. **25¢**

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PRUNES Lb. **25¢**

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Dorcas Holds Election

The Dorcas Class met in the home of Mrs. Ira Moore on Wednesday, Sept. 12.

Karen Riley Makes Deans List

Mrs. Karen Riley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Ray of Route 2, has been named to the Presidents list at Howard Payne College after completion of the second summer semester. Requirements are an academic load of at least six semester hours and a perfect grade point average.

She is a graduate of Merkel High School and a senior at Howard Payne this fall. She is married to Billy Riley. He teaches Vocational Agriculture in Santa Anna High School. They have a son, Billy Ray, five years old.

Officers were elected for the coming year. They are: Mrs. Dent Gibson, Teacher; Homer Finch, Asst. Teacher; Ira Moore, President; Eva Blackburn, Vice-President; Irene Pomroy, Secretary; Callie Price, Treasurer; Myrtle Walker, Reporter; T. J. Bird, Asst. Secretary; Eunice Massey, Group Captain #1; Alice Cooper, Group Captain #2; and Callie Anderson, Group Captain #3.

Refreshments were served to the following: Mmes. Emory Wilburn, Bessie Jackson, Jewel Meeks, Clara Stevens, Mary Jones, Myrtle Walker, Callie Anderson, Alice Cooper, Eunice Massey, T. J. Bird, Callie Price, Irene Pomroy, Eva Blackburn, Homer Finch, Dent Gibson and Hostess Ira Moore.

TFB President Comments On Price Freeze

Commenting on the administration's action in lifting the price freeze on beef Monday of this week, Texas Farm Bureau President J. T. "Red" Woodson said in Waco that, "We have just had another very expensive lesson demonstrating again that price controls are not an effective tool for controlling inflation. The root cause of inflation is excessive government spending."

"It is high time for the administration to learn from this and other expensive lessons in price control that the only answer to the situation is the termination of all price controls on all segments of the economy, with the assurance that price controls will not be reimposed," Woodson said. "We may not see the increased production of agricultural commodities government is asking for because farmers and ranchers do not know from one day to the next when price controls may be reimposed at the insistence of consumers who do not seem to understand the basic economic laws of supply and demand," he added. For example, producers are still fearful that the administration may impose various types of export controls such as embargoes on cotton and feed grains.

"The net result of price controls is decreased supplies, increased demand and higher prices. The immediate termination of all wage and price controls are in the best interest of the consumer, producer, and handlers. Texas Farm Bureau insists that Congress and the administration discharge their responsibility by following a sound monetary policy," Woodson concluded.

4-H News

Merkel 4-H met September 6th at Taylor Electric Co-Op for their organizational meeting to elect officers. There were 11 members present.

Officers elected were President, Shawn Moore; Vice President, Glen Braune; Secretary and Treasurer, Wanda Braune; and Susie Toombs, Reporter.

Tonja Moore was elected as council delegate. Cindy Smith, Morey Moore, and Kathy Holloway were on the recreation committee.

New organizational leaders are Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Braune. The Merkel 4-H meets the first Thursday of every month.

TRENT NEWS

By Mrs. Dean King
TRENT HIGH ELECTS CLASS OFFICERS

Class officer elections were held at Trent High School this week and the following were selected to serve as Senior Class Officers: President - Gayla Heatly; Vice President - Susan Carter; Secretary - Peggy Watson; and Treasurer - Tina Hamner.

Leading the Junior Class will be Cindy Beasley - President; Mike Chavez - Vice-President; Rebecca Freeman - Secretary; and Jan Beck - Treasurer.

The Sophomore Class chose the following: President - Cathy Carter; Vice-President - Patricia Boyd; and Secretary - Treasurer - Pam King.

Officers for the Freshman Class are Shirley Brenem - President; Alan Morse - Vice-President; Brenda Griffith - Secretary; Ten Hamner - Treasurer; and Gary Gregory - Reporter.

BOOSTER DRIVE TERMED SUCCESS

Trent Band Booster Club members, along with several band students, held a membership drive, Monday night, September 11, at 7:00 p.m., and the people of Trent opened their hearts, as well as their pocketbooks, to them. The drive netted the Band Booster Club \$150.00 and over 100 new members. The next meeting for the Club will be October 1, at 7:30 in the Band Hall. All members are urged to attend.

In addition to selling memberships, the Booster Club is selling baked potatoes at every Trent home ballgame, in order to build up the band fund for the repair of instruments and uniforms.

PEP CLUB OFFICERS

President - Gayla Heatly; Vice President - Shirley Brenem; and Secretary - Cathy Carter.

BAND OFFICERS

President - Peggy Watson; Vice-President - John Slaughter; Secretary - Pam King; Treasurer - Teri Hamner; Leading Captains - Gary Gregory, and Billy Wells.

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President - Peggy Watson;

Vice-President - Becky White; Secretary - Gayla Heatly; Treasurer - Becky Freeman; Parliamentarian - Patricia Boyd; Historian - Pam King; and Song Leader - Cindy Beasley.

STUDENT COUNCIL

President - Peggy Watson; Vice-President - Gayla Heatly; Secretary - Treasurer - Pam King; Reporter - Cindy Beasley; and Historian - Shirley Brenem.

STAGE BAND OFFICERS

Student Director - Jeffery Wells; Assistant Student Director - Mac Sipe; Secretary - Treasurer - Reporter - Gayla Heatly.

CHEERLEADERS

Tina Hamner - Senior (Head); Rebecca Freeman - Junior; Patricia Boyd - Sophomore; and Teri Hamner - Freshman.

TWIRLERS

Peggy Watson - Senior; Cindy Beasley - Junior; and Pam King - Sophomore.

FFA OFFICERS

President - Ty Martin; Vice-President - John Slaughter; Secretary - Tina Hamner; Treasurer - Steve Bland; Reporter - Randy Scott; and Sentinel - Jim Hellums.

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Editor - Peggy Watson; Assistant Editor - Ty Martin; Staff: Jan Beck, Rebecca Freeman, Becky White, Gayla Heatly, Tina Hamner, Susan Carter, Rocky Brenem, Bill Griffith, Lonnie Riggan, Jim Hellums and Ken Gregory.

A veteran should not hesitate to apply for higher benefits because of a lost birth certificate or marriage license, because the Veterans Administration requires less formal proof under a regulation in effect since October 1971.

GORILLA GROWL

By CINDY BEASLEY

Looks like football weather is really here. Everyone is really getting in the spirit of football season, even though the Gorillas played an out of town game last Friday, there was a large crowd of Trent fans there. This week the Gorillas travel to Blackwell in their last non-district game. Blackwell defeated us in the first scrimmage, but with the way the team has improved, the Gorillas should really beat them badly. Everyone come to Blackwell to support your team in this revenge game.

The FHA girls are now selling stationery. It sells for \$1 and \$1.25. It is very nice stationery, and very pretty. There should be a girl at your door sometime, if not, contact any FHA'er.

Congratulations goes to Jan Beck, who won the West Texas Fair Princess contest; and to Patricia Boyd, whose horse won the horse show.

The pep rallies are Friday afternoons at 3:00 in the gym and are open to anyone interested in coming. Be sure to be at Blackwell to support the FIGHTIN' GORILLAS!

Be back next week with more THS news!

Rodeo Club To Have Bake Sale

By STEVE COCHRAN

The Merkel Rodeo Club met August 30, at 8 p.m. at Don McDonald's tack room.

The officers elected were as follows: President, Leslie Reddin; Vice President, Roger Ely; Secretary and Treasurer, Cindy Whisenhunt; Sentinel, Shawn Moore; Reporter, Steve Cochran and Sweetheart, Audy Byrd.

The club will meet again September 13 at 8:00. The meeting was adjourned by the President, Leslie Reddin.

The Rodeo Club met September 13 and discussed ways of raising money for the dance and rodeo that they are planning to have later on in the year. The club decided to have a bake sale in Merkel, Saturday September 22, with everyone in the club participating.

TYE TALKS

By SUSAN DONALDSON

I'm Susan Donaldson, the new correspondent for Tye. I would like to invite all Tye readers to help me in gathering news items. If you have any news of interest, please contact me. Also, I'm looking for more Tye subscribers.

Stanley and Anita Webb of Denver, Colorado visited for a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Webb. Mr. and Mrs. Theo Kincaid went to Lubbock last week to take part in Mrs. Kincaid's sister-brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Haymes, 60th wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Deverle Teaff have been on a week's vacation in Hawaii.

CHURCH NEWS: Tye Baptist Church is happy to have Robert Bailey and wife Reba as the new Music and Youth Director. Robert is a graduate of Hamlin High School and attends Hardin Simmons. His wife is the former Reba Carter of Rotan.

Rev. and Mrs. Leonard Payne, pastor First Baptist Church, Tye announce the birth of a boy, William Jeffery, at 10:45 Sunday, Sept. 16.

Their daughter, Julie, is mascot for Merkel Jr. High Pep Squad.

Mr. and Mrs. Orval Ely, members of Tye Methodist, went to Brewster, Kansas on a mission. Bill Davis, roommate to Neilon Ely at McMurry, visited at the Ely's home and at the Methodist Church. Neilon and Freddy Kunkel, brother of Rev. Jerry Kunkel of Tye Methodist, have parts in McMurry's play of "You're

A Good Man, Charlie Brown. The play will be shown November 8-9-10.

Lisa Donaldson celebrated her first birthday with a party given by her grandmother, Helen Fullbright of Abilene. Lisa is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Donaldson of Tye.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Webb and son Wayne spent the weekend in Waco.

September 13th was the twenty-fifth wedding anniversary of Vonnie and Liz Willson. Mr. and Mrs. Willson have two sons, George and Larry, and a daughter, Lou Ann. Mr. J. D. Spinks is in the VA hospital in Dallas.

Mrs. Charles Scott is in the hospital at Anson.

Mrs. E. C. Cade came home from a 31-day stay at Henderson's Memorial Hospital.

Sue Martin and Danny Goodson were married Friday, September 14, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Goodson. Sue is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Estel Martin. Danny is the son of Mrs. H. E. Goodson. The bridesmaids were Barbara and Ronda Martin. Best man was Bill Cullen. The reverend presiding was Rev. Leonard Payne of the Tye Baptist Church.

An eligible service disabled military retiree not on Veterans Administration compensation rolls may apply VA for a \$150 annual clothing allowance if a prosthetic or orthopedic device tends to wear out or tear clothing.

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1974 Chevy Cheyenne Super Pickup



Significant brake improvements are featured in the 1974 Chevrolet pickup line. Computer-selected brake systems are tailored to the loaded weight rating of the truck, as specified by the buyer, to give brake performance similar to that of a passenger car. With loaded weight ratings of more than 6800 lbs., a new hydraulic power assist is standard. Other improvements in the 1974 line include a larger displacement standard engine in most V8 models, full-time four-wheel drive in all 4 X 4 V8 models, interior refinements, four new colors, and optional bright roof drip moldings.

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Chevrolet Takes New Stride

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1974 model run," McDonald added, "further excitement will be added with the introduction of the special performance Cosworth Vega. Heart of this limited production option," he said, "will be the Cosworth Vega engine with dual overhead camshafts and 16 valves -- four per cylinder."

In addition to the various styling and mechanical advances, Chevrolet is equipping all cars in 1974 with a sequential ignition interlock in the seat belt system that calls for the driver and front seat passenger to be seated with belts buckled before the car will start. Seat sensors and buckle switches operate sequentially to help prevent defeating the system.

There are three distinct bumper systems on Chevrolet cars in compliance with the more stringent government impact regulations. Engine power ranges from the Vega's aluminum alloy block four-cylinder on up to an optional 454 cubic-inch V8. Headlining the broad variety of other Chevrolet developments for 1974 are new front and rear styling for standard-size cars; new styling for the Chevelle and Vega lines; new front and rear appearance for the Camaro; and styling refinements for the Monte Carlo.

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Senior Citizens Have Meeting

The Senior Citizens met Tuesday, Sept. 11 for their monthly luncheon.

Members with birthdays this month were honored. There were seven. Mrs. Jewel Creswell drew the lucky number, which is a free lunch at the Asteroid Restaurant.

Plans have been made for a Flea Market to be held in the Senior Citizen Building September 22. Any member can bring anything they want to sell and take home the money. Bring a sack lunch.

Thursday night will be Game Night. Adults of all ages are invited to the Game Night. A food sale will be held next Trades Day.

After an inspiring Devotional by Rev. Kenneth James, pastor of Trent Methodist Church, lunch was served by the men to 78 members and visitors.

The Senior Citizens will have a Salad Luncheon Trades Day Oct. 6. The luncheon will consist of salads, drink and dessert for \$1.50 and will be served at the Senior Citizen Building from 11:30 a.m. til 2 p.m. There will also be desserts for sale.

Irl Walker is president this month.

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SUMMARY OF PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS SPECIAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 6, 1973

NUMBER ONE ON THE BALLOT (S.J.R. 8)

Article III, Sections 5, 24 and 49a and Article VIII, Section 6 of the Texas Constitution are amended to:

Provide for regular annual sessions of the Legislature. The regular session in each odd-numbered year would be for a period not to exceed 180 days. The regular session in each even numbered year would be for a period not to exceed 60 days and would be limited to consideration of fiscal matters and any emergency matters submitted by the Governor. The 60 day session could be extended by the Governor for a period not to exceed 30 days.

Provide an annual salary for members of the Legislature not exceeding \$15,000 per year and a per diem not exceeding \$18 per day for each day of each regular session or special session.

Provide that no appropriation of money shall be made for a longer term than one year and direct the Comptroller to make annual estimates of anticipated revenue rather than biennial estimates.

The wording of the proposed amendment as it will appear on the ballot is as follows:

"The constitutional amendment to provide for annual regular sessions of the legislature; and to provide an annual salary of \$15,000 and per diem for the members of the legislature, effective in January, 1975."

NUMBER TWO ON THE BALLOT (H.J.R. 7)

Article XVI, Sections 50 and 51 of the Texas Constitution are amended to:

Include within the scope of homestead protection the real property of a single adult person which meets the other requirements of homestead property, and to provide that a family homestead may not be abandoned except with the consent of both spouses.

Presently a single adult person is not entitled to claim a homestead exemption and a married man can abandon a family homestead without the consent of his wife.

The wording of the proposed amendment as it will appear on the ballot is as follows:

"The constitutional amendment to include within the scope of homestead protection the real property of a single adult person which meets the other requirements of homestead property, and to provide that a family homestead may not be abandoned except with the consent of both spouses."

NUMBER THREE ON THE BALLOT (S.J.R. 13)

Article VIII, Sections 1-a and 1-b of the Texas Constitution are amended to:

Extend the \$3,000 ad valorem tax exemption to the residential homesteads of unmarried adults.

The wording of the proposed amendment as it will appear on the ballot is as follows:

"The constitutional amendment to extend the \$3,000 ad valorem tax exemption to the homesteads of unmarried adults."

NUMBER FOUR ON THE BALLOT (S.J.R. 11)

Article XVI, Section 59, of the Texas Constitution is amended by adding a new Subsection (e) which:

Provides that no law creating a conservation and reclamation district shall be passed unless a copy of the proposed law is delivered to the commissioners court of each county and to the governing body of each incorporated city or town in whose jurisdiction said district or any part thereof is or will be located. Each such commissioners court and governing body may file its written consent or opposition to the proposed law with the Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Speaker of the House of Representatives. Each special law creating such a district must comply with general laws then in effect relating to consent by political subdivisions to the creation of such districts.

The wording of the proposed amendment as it will appear on the ballot is as follows:

"The constitutional amendment establishing certain requirements relative to the enactment of laws creating certain conservation and reclamation districts."

for the construction of Texas walls and breakwaters upon a vote of the resident property taxpayers."

NUMBER SIX ON THE BALLOT (S.J.R. 26)

Article V, Section 8 of the Texas Constitution is amended by adding a new paragraph which:

Provides that the district court, concurrently with the county court, shall have the general jurisdiction of a probate court and in a probate proceeding shall also have the jurisdiction otherwise conferred on it by law. It also provides that the legislature may increase, diminish, or eliminate the jurisdiction of the district court or county court in probate matters, may adopt rules governing the filing, distribution, or transfer of cases and proceedings as between the courts having jurisdiction of probate matters, and may provide that all appeals in probate matters shall be to the courts of civil appeals.

The wording of the proposed constitutional amendment as it will appear on the ballot is as follows:

"The constitutional amendment stating that the district court concurrently with the county court shall have the general jurisdiction of a probate court, and providing the jurisdiction thereof, and further providing that in any probate proceeding the district court shall also have jurisdiction otherwise conferred upon it by law, and further providing that the legislature may increase, diminish, or eliminate the jurisdiction of the district court or county court in probate matters, and further providing that the legislature shall have power to adopt rules governing the filing, distribution and proceedings as between district courts, county courts, and other courts having jurisdiction thereof, and further providing that the legislature may provide that all appeals in such matters shall be to the courts of (civil) appeals."

NUMBER EIGHT ON THE BALLOT (S.J.R. 29)

Article XI, of the Texas Constitution is amended by adding a new Section 5(a) which:

Authorizes and requires incorporated cities, towns, and villages, regardless of population and notwithstanding the constitutional limitations on total tax rates, to levy such annual ad valorem taxes on the taxable property in the city, town or village as are necessary to pay the principal of and interest on, when due, the general obligations hereinafter issued by the city, town, or village. The legislature is empowered to limit by general or special law the total principal amount of general obligations which may be issued, but unless and until the legislature acts to do so, the limitations established by statute with respect to the total principal amount of bonds which may be issued by independent school districts shall apply as the rate limitation on cities, towns, and villages.

The wording of the proposed constitutional amendment as it appears on the ballot is as follows:

"The constitutional amendment to authorize cities, towns, and villages to levy such ad valorem taxes as are sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on their general obligations hereafter issued subject to the restrictions provided by law."

NUMBER NINE ON THE BALLOT (S.J.R. 25)

Article VIII of the Texas Constitution is amended by adding a new Section 2C which:

Allows the Legislature, by general law, to exempt all real and personal property used by non-profit water supply corporations or cooperatives from all property taxes. The exemption would apply only to such property as is reasonably necessary to conduct the business of a non-profit water supply corporation or cooperative.

The wording of the proposed constitutional amendment as it will appear on the ballot is as follows:

"The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to exempt from property taxes certain property used by a non-profit water supply corporation or a non-profit water supply cooperative."

NUMBER SEVEN ON THE BALLOT (H.J.R. 6)

Article III, Section 49-b of the Texas Constitution is amended to:

Provide for an additional \$100 million in bonds or obligations of the State of Texas for the Veterans' Land Fund. This amendment increases the present \$400 million authorization to \$500 million;

Remove the present provision which permits buying of land only by those veterans who served between September 16, 1940 and the date of formal withdrawal of United States troops from the armed conflict in Viet Nam. This amendment would allow all veterans who serve after September 16, 1940 to buy land from the Veterans' Land Fund, provided they are otherwise qualified;

Provide that, in the event of the death of an eligible

Texas veteran after the veteran has filed with the Board an application and contract of sale to purchase through the Board the tract selected by him or her and before the purchase has been completed, then the surviving spouse may complete the transaction.

The wording of the proposed amendment as it will appear on the ballot is as follows:

"The constitutional amendment to provide for an additional \$100 million in bonds or obligations of the State of Texas for the Veterans' Land Fund."

Authorizes and requires incorporated cities, towns, and villages, regardless of population and notwithstanding the constitutional limitations on total tax rates, to levy such annual ad valorem taxes on the taxable property in the city, town or village as are necessary to pay the principal of and interest on, when due, the general obligations hereinafter issued by the city, town, or village. The legislature is empowered to limit by general or special law the total principal amount of general obligations which may be issued, but unless and until the legislature acts to do so, the limitations established by statute with respect to the total principal amount of bonds which may be issued by independent school districts shall apply as the rate limitation on cities, towns, and villages.

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1st of course we must see how one came to have the forgiveness of sin while Jesus walked the earth.

1. Matt. 7:21-23 He that did the will of the Father.
2. Matt. 9:1-8 We can only suppose here, simply because we are not told what the sick man's thoughts were. The main point of the context is that Jesus, while on earth had the authority to forgive a person's sins.
3. Matt. 10:32,33 Confess Christ. The context implies a confession of living a life of discipleship, which necessitates belief in Christ.
4. John 8:24 Believe in Jesus or die in sin.
5. Matt. 19:21 At least one man was told to "sell all he had and follow" Jesus. A good question at this point is: "Are all men then or now commanded to do the same and why?"
6. Luke 13:3 Repentance of sin was required.
7. John 4:1,2 Jesus taught baptism for some purpose.
8. Luke 23:39-43 It is implied he believed and recognized Jesus as "Lord" and knew something of his kingdom.

There are others but they will fall into one of these categories.

2nd, it might be note-worthy at this time to make these two points:

1. Some say that all that was necessary to have forgiveness during the life time of Jesus was to "believe in Jesus". But it is evident from the above passages this simply is not so.
2. Jesus was baptized "to fulfill all righteousness" (Matt. 3:15), and had no connection with his sin because he had none (1 Peter 2:22). Furthermore no one else could then or now be baptized for the same reason because none are as he was. As well, no one was then, or has ever been since then commanded to be baptized for the reason Jesus was, if so, one is invited to produce the scripture for it.

Now to the question at hand: "Can one today have the forgiveness of sins in the same manner as one could when Jesus walked upon the earth?"

Hebrews 9:15,17 gives us the answer: "For where a testament is, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator. For a testament is of force after men are dead: otherwise it is of no strength at all while the testator liveth." (The context of chapters 7,8,9,10 are discussing the death of Jesus.) When Jesus died on the cross his "Last Will and Testament" became effective from that point until the judgment day, just as if you and I make a "Last Will and Testament" today. It becomes effective . . . you receive the benefits of it after ones death.

Therefore if I am to know how to have the forgiveness of my sin today I must go to the "Last Will and Testament" of Jesus — the commandments which became effective AT HIS DEATH, and for those who are to live after his death.

As far as forgiveness of sin is concerned, your attention is invited to the following passages: Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15,16; Acts chapter 2, especially verses 37,38; Acts 10:48; 22:16; Romans 6:3-18 and others. These passages are binding upon us today for the forgiveness of sins.

BILLY PATTON

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Homemakers Observe YHT Week

The Taylor County Young Homemakers held the first meeting of the year in the home of Mrs. Roland Pack, Sept. 13.

The highlight of the meeting was making plans for the upcoming area convention to be held in Abilene at the Hilton Inn.

The week of Sept. 16-22 has been designated Young Homemakers of Texas Week, Y.H.T. will begin its 12th year next January. The final yearly count shows there are 258 chapters and 4,481 members in Texas.

The State Association of Young Homemakers of Texas is a chartered organization for young women not enrolled in high school and not over 35 years of age who are interested in homemaking. The Association of Young Homemakers functioning under the direction of Homemaking Education, Texas Education Agency in cooperation with the local school and homemaking teacher, who serves as charter advisor.

Activities will get underway on the 22nd with registration beginning at 10:00 a.m. At the morning session of the convention voting delegates will elect the new area officers. The Taylor County Chapter has nominated Mrs. Mack Seymore for an area office. Going to the convention as voting delegates from Merkel will be Mmes. Bill Fowler and Danny Sanford.

At 6:30 a.m. Saturday the Young Homemakers will join Young Farmers for the Area Awards Banquet also to be held at the Hilton Inn.

The Taylor County Chapter has entered the outstanding chapter award this year. Other business discussed at the September meeting was the chapter sponsoring a dormitory Christmas at Abilene State School. Also, secret pals were revealed and new pals were drawn for the next 6 months.

Members present were: Mmes. Philip Pursley, Freddy Toombs, John Batey, Glen Bicknell, Richard Caton, Wayne Deen, Joe Gregory, Jim Jacobs, Jerry Miller, Billy Patton, Danny Sanford, David Seymore, Mack Seymore, Spencer Taylor, Bobby Toliver, Billy Bob Toombs, Wyman Wilkerson, Hugh Baker, Bill Fowlers, Obie Coker and Mme. Travis Davis.

Missionettes

By SUSAN WHEELER
The Missionettes had their first meeting Friday September 14.

The meeting is held every Friday after school at the Assembly of God Church on N. 2nd and Runnels St.

There were 15 members attending.

Refreshments were served by Jeannessa Cypert and Marie Wheeler.

The 21st of September, the Missionettes will have an election for new officers.



DOAN STARS FOR McMURRY--Gaylon Doan, former Merkel grid star, was a starting defensive tackle for McMurry College's Indians last Saturday night in a thrilling 10-6 victory at P. E. Shotwell Stadium. Doan, a 6-0, 195-pound freshman, came up with a big fumble recovery and had an outstanding game. Doan, a 1969 graduate of Merkel High, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Billy D. Doan. (Photo by Billy Adams)

BADGER TRACKS

By JANIE CLARK

Well, if you didn't go to Winters Friday night, you missed one of the hardest fought ball-games I've seen Merkel play in the last few years. It was really great. M.H.S. is really proud of their football boys.

The past week was proclaimed Badger Football Week by the Student Council. There was so much spirit all during the week. The gym was opened and all the classes had their chance to decorate their wall. They didn't have very much time to work on them, so they're not very full, but I bet during the next few weeks they are full to the top.

During the pep rally Friday the ones with the most spirit were the football boys. But during the competition, it was the Juniors who were best. Friday night the Student

Council will be selling balloons that say Merkel Badgers. Buy a few and support your football team and Student Council both.

Next Tuesday night, the Future Homemakers of America chapter at M.H.S. will have installation of officers. The new ones are: President-Tonja McAninch; Vice President-Jerre Stephan; Secretary-Janie Clark; Treasurer-Sherry Bratcher; Parliamentarian-Marsha Thompson; Reporter-Kathy Hendricks; Historian-Rose Ann Noster; and Degree's Chairman - Rosemary Duran. Sponsors are Mrs. Mary Caton and Mrs. Johnnie Beasley. Annuals are on sale. Contact any Annual Staff member if you want to buy one. They cost \$4.00.

Be sure and come out to Badger Football Stadium Friday night at 8:00 and see the Badgers stomp a Greyhound.

State Fair To Run Oct. 6-21

All roads lead to the State Fair in Oct. 6-21, at the "World Gateways Exposition". One of the main thoroughfares will open to enchanting vistas in the Women's Department.

At the entrance to the Department a mini-stage will be set up as a special spot where American Indians will demonstrate various crafts of weaving, pottery work, beading, basketry, jewelry making, leather tooling, and silversmithing. They will also be presented in tribal, ritual, and ceremonial dances.

Along the pathway will be displays of jewel-like jams

and jellies, a kaleidoscope of patchwork quilts, exhibits of ceramics, a cruet collection, paintings, a miscellaneous assortment of handwork for the viewing pleasure of the Fair crowd.

The Cyclorama stage will be both a rest stop and a destination where free programs and demonstrations of all forms of dance art will entertain those who love to watch the gliding grace of a waltz or the explosive tempo of the Spanish flamenco.

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Accent on Health

J.E. PEAVY, M.D., Commissioner of Health

Falls account for almost one third of all accidental deaths in the home.

Last year, some 8,000 people died from accidental falls in the home. Such accidents are not restricted to falls from one level to another but may result of a fall on a level surface.

Statistics indicate that more than half of these fatalities involved people over the age of 65. The elderly's impaired hearing, vision, and sense of touch, coupled with a possible lessened sense of balance and a certain degree of handicapped mobility, make them highly susceptible to accidental falls.

Officials at the Texas State Department of Health emphasize that many home accidental falls, especially among the elderly, can be avoided if forethought to safety is applied when building, remodeling, or rearranging your home.

For instance, many accidents could be averted if stairs were eliminated in home construction. While one-story single family homes successfully achieve the goal, increasing land costs unfortunately may necessitate the construction of multi-level housing.

So, it seems, stairs will be with us always. But they can and should be built with safety in mind. Dividing a one-story rise into two flight of stairs with an intervening landing should reduce the amount of injury by limiting the fall to less than one story. Also, stair treads and risers should be uniform in size. Handrails should be continuous, with double handrails when possible. This added safety precaution would provide a rail for both ascending and descending the stairs. The handrail should be small enough to be

grasped easily. Single steps are a very great hazard. Think of how many times you've over-looked single steps in an entrance sidewalk or between rooms, losing your balance as you unsuspectingly stepped down. If steps cannot be grouped to achieve the desired change in level, a ramp would be more useful. For elderly people, a railing alongside changes in level is essential.

Even minor changes in level constitute a hazard. If possible, it is desirable to eliminate the sill of the outside door. The sloping sill is, however, part of the weather protection -- and if it is to be eliminated the entrance door will have to be protected by being set back in the house or by an extended porch.

The elimination of a change in level at the door is likely to increase slightly the cost of a home under construction, since additional space will be necessary for weather protection. Consideration should be given to such a procedure, especially if an elderly person is residing in the home.

A shift in level from one type of flooring to another can also be disturbing to those who are less coordinated than the average person, and thus floor covering should be chosen with safety in mind.

Much can be done in the bathroom to eliminate the falling hazard. If the floor of the tub does not have some slip-resistant treatment, such material should be applied. In addition, a number of sturdy grab bars are useful for getting in and out of the tub for support during the bathing operation. Similar supports are desirable for showers.

Attention should be given to the selective flooring materials to avoid slipping. An additional safety is to broom finish exterior sidewalks.

There are other features which can be eliminated even if you're building or remodeling state health officials.

Rearrange your age so that frequently used items can be stored at levels; do not require stooping, rring, or climbing. Well lit stairways and frequently used rooms are essential. Furniture clear of tripping lanes, and, in the bedrooms, an open path to the window and door in case of an emergency. Fix loose or torn carpeting, linoleum, and stairs that could cause falls. Move all scatter rugs at stairways and other rug slide easily on the floor.

Don't be an accident statistic.

Raymond Sgt Rites To Be Thursday

Raymond G. St. 66, of Merkel, died at 9:20 p.m. Tuesday at Hendrick Memorial Hospital after a short illness. Funeral will be at 3:30 p.m. Thursday at Stark Chapel. Burial will be Rose Hill Cemetery.

He was born Dec. 28, 1906, in Dallas County and moved to the Merkel area with his parents in 1914. He married Essie Mae Bond October 1926 in Merkel, lived in the Merkel area until his death. He was a member of the Merkel Lutheran Church.

Survivors are a wife; a son, Arthur G. 3577 Woodlawn, Abilene; daughter, Mrs. M. L. Dok of Eula; a sister, Mrs. K. Tarvin of Barnhart; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. Pallbearers will be grandsons and nephews.

Ladies Golf News

The Merkel Ladies Golf Association held its monthly meeting last Tuesday with a day of golf at a supper afterwards at the Gentry Club. Twenty-seven ladies attended. The Ladies Golf Association, voted on having Mr. Leden White, pro from Sweetwater Lake Country Club to coach and give lessons. He will begin next week, Sept. 25 from 2 p.m. until 6 p.m. for those wishing to get a few hits to help improve your game.

This week we had a very pleasant day to play golf, the weather was just right. We played for points one point for the one on the green first, one point for the one nearest the hole and one point for the first in the hole.

Joyce Knight was first for the most points with Brenda Jackson getting second. Ann Wade won a new golf ball for the lowest points.

Next week, we will be playing blind partners, so everyone come out and have a lot of fun.

On October 9, our next monthly meeting, we are going to have a hully-gully tournament, so bring your husband and come out.



MAE AND LES THAXTON are shown in a corner of their rock garden, which continually "grows," thanks to friends' contributions.



ROCK GARDENING is contagious. Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Massey "caught" the hobby from her sister, Mrs. Thaxton. Says Mrs. Massey, "This small spot holds a wealth of enjoyment and memories, but probably isn't worth 15¢ to anyone but us."

Rock Garden's Flourish in West Texas

By LaVonne Bunch

Neither Botanic nor entirely lapis, but it's fun! A rock garden offers many hours of enjoyment to its owner and much pleasure to the visitor.

Mr. and Mrs. Les Thaxton started their rock garden a number of years ago after visiting a niece in New Mexico. Petrified wood and Indian artifacts, at first, were placed in a spot-- then friends began adding to the collection; an unusual stone or shell from the coast, a piece of glass or antique bottle; a souvenir bauble.

The Thaxtons added chunks of Lava and bits of horn. Cactus plants adorn the neatly curbed garden and a miniature windmill turns many times each day. Aral spike, gypsum "desert roses" and a pioneer's wagon wheel can be found here. Rocks from Arkansas, Nevada, California, Oklahoma and Mexico grace the garden. The most recent addition is from friends in Taiwan.

Study Club Previews Year

The Merkel Fortnightly Study Club met for the first meeting of the 1973-74 year in the home of Mrs. W. R. Cypert Tuesday, Sept. 11. Presiding during the meeting was Mrs. Don Dudley, president. Mrs. S. C. Dixon, Vice-president, gave a preview of the yearbook, the theme for which is "Our Texas, Then and Now."

The program for the meeting was in recognition of Federation Day. Mrs. Don Dudley brought the highlights of the Women's Clubs Federation through the years. The history of the Fortnightly Club was given by Mrs. Johnny Cox. Those present were: Mmes. W. A. Cypert, Don Dudley, S. C. Dixon, Charles Eager, Lem Dudley, Andy Shouse, N. S. Daniels, Carl Hughes, David Gamble, Comer Hayes, Johnny Cox, Ray Wilson, Bryan Dunagin, Mack Fisher, and Christine Collins.

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Attest: IRENE CRAWFORD Clerk, Domestic Relations Court, Taylor County, Texas By Marie Adkins, Deputy

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A. D. 1973, in this cause numbered 8018 on the docket of said court and styled Norma J. Eslinger, Plaintiff, vs. John L. Eslinger, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Divorce, Married Sept. 10, 1960; divorced June 1964. Remarried Nov. 24, 1971, separated March 7, 1973. One Child, Barry Eslinger, born July 14, 1963. Various items of community property, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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Highlights and Sidelights

AUSTIN — New legislative sub-committee investigations of the amusement and vending machine industry have been ordered amid sensational (and disputed) allegations resulting from a 1968 probe.

Speaker Price Daniel Jr. named Rep. Arthur (Buddy) Temple of Diboll to head a House Consumer Affairs sub-panel inquiry into juke box operations and needed legislation in the field.

The sub-committee was instructed to work jointly with a Senate group headed by Sen. Ron Clower of Garland. Clower said his sub-committee will look into allegations the industry is linked to organized crime and that the regulatory state Amusement Machine Commission is dominated by big operators who do not protect customers.

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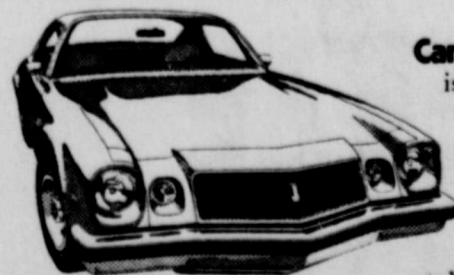
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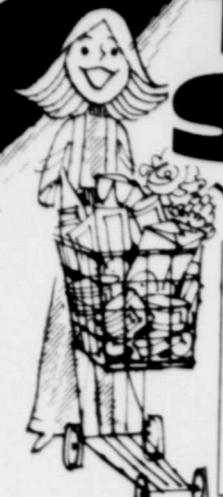
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