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## Badgers Open District Play Friday at Baird

The Merkel Badgers open District 8-A play Friday at Baird, after suffering their third straight defeat of the season, at the hands of Robert Lee.

The Steers got on the score board first in the first quarter with Quarterback Bill Rowoldt handing off to halfback Lyn Sockwell on the five yard line for the touchdown. The extra point was good.

In the second quarter the Badgers went ahead on some fine playing by the Merkel eleven. The Badgers took the ball on their own 33 yard line. Quarterback Jeff Cox's pass

went to Steve West for first down.

Needing one yard on 4th down, Jim Land took fake punt and ran it for the first down. Next play Fullback Bill Watts took ball around left end for thirty yards. Carrying the ball again, Watts took ball down to the Steers three yard line, where Jeff Cox kept ball on the short run for the TD. Merkel try for two was good as Watts took the ball in on the ground. Merkel led at half time 6-7.

At the start of the second half what might have been the deciding factor in the game proved to be all for naught when Tailback Steve West ran the opening kickoff all the way back for the TD. But was called back for a forward lateral. Jim Land had pitched to West at the 10.

The Steers put the game away in the third quarter when Halfback Wibby Millican took the ball in from the one yard line for the TD. The other running back Lyn Sockwell, ran for two extra points.

Fullback Bill Watts scored for Merkel in the fourth quarter from the one yard line, after Merkel had put together a 58 yard drive. The try for two was no good and the Steers maintained their lead 15-14.

The Steers got an insurance touchdown with five minutes left to play when Manuel Abalos skirted right end for 5 yards and six points. Again the two-point try was unsuccessful leaving Robert Lee with a 21-14 victory. Their third for the season against no defeats.

Friday night the Badgers will travel to Baird to open the season in 8-A district play. The Baird Bears were district champs last year and are rated third this year behind Aspermont, and Albany in that order. Merkel is rated 7th.

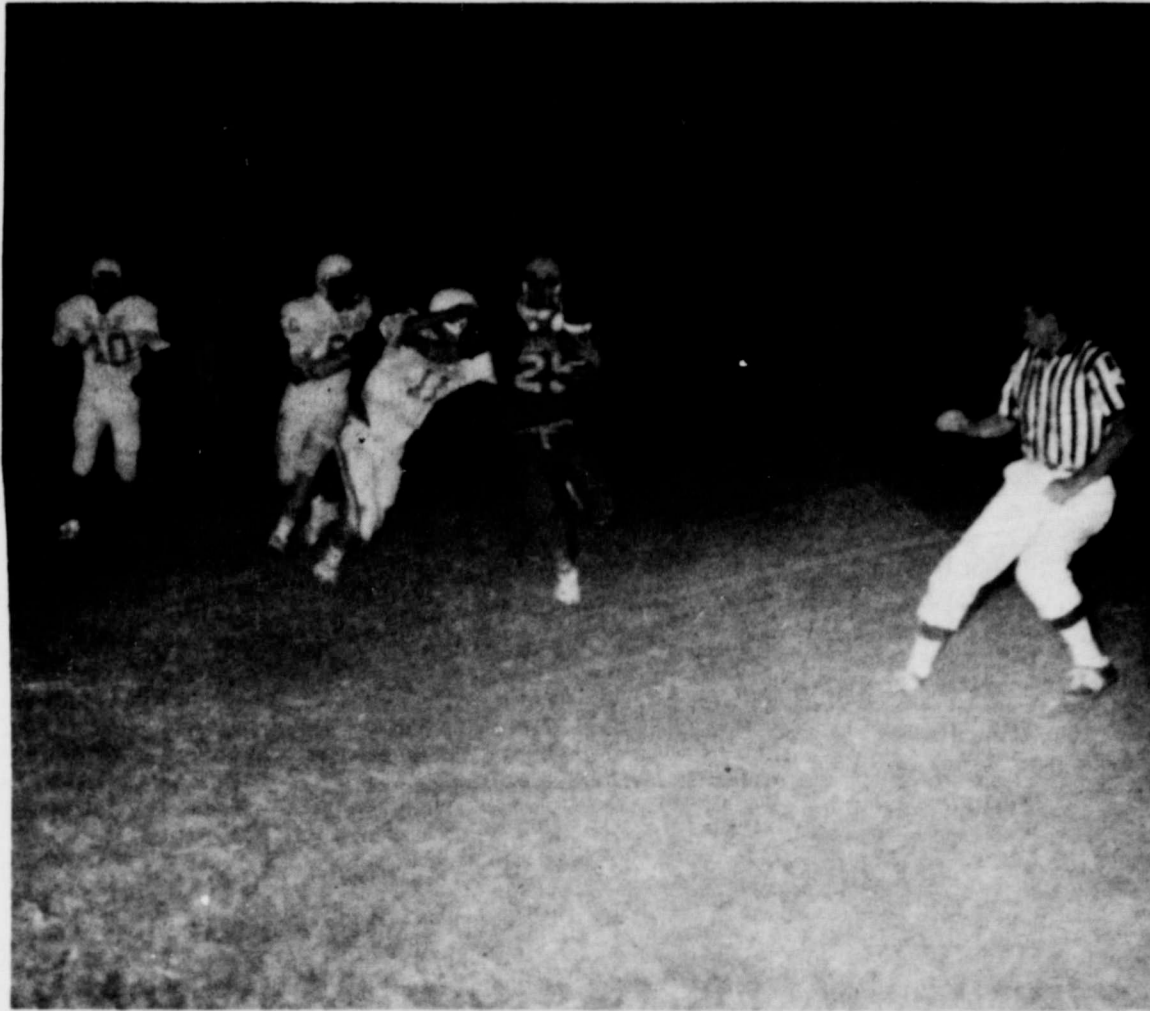
## Vernon Wade Floral Prexy

Approximately 375 persons attended the Big Country Florist Association's school of design Saturday and Sunday at the Starlite Inn at Abilene.

A Florist Telegraph Delivery dinner and hospitality party highlighted Saturday's activities. The Design school followed a breakfast sponsored by Teleflora a national flower wire service. Rick White, of McAllen, was commentator of the school in which three designers participated; Mrs. Billie J. Kirschner, Kirschner-Allendale Florist in Austin, sponsored by American Floral Service; Wanda Wallen, Al Barbe's Flowers of Dallas, sponsored by Stonehurst and Dave Hornbeck, Hornbeck-Posey Shop, Pittsburg, Kan., sponsored by Florafax.

The Fall and Christmas Design School carried a Western motif with a Hoedown Dance in the Ballroom and a Chuck Waggon Buffet.

Vernon Wade of Ann's Flowers, is president of the Florist Assn.



NEARLY GETS AWAY-- Steve West (25) picks up about 20 yards during the second half of the Badger-Robert Lee game Friday night. (Staff Photo)

## 5th Trades Day Features Watermelon Seed Guessing

By LAVONNE BUNCH

Can you remember counting seeds in a watermelon? Perhaps long ago, in a hot cotton patch, you gleefully found something better than iced lemonade -- a watermelon cooling under a cotton stalk. Ah, the joy of "busting" it, sitting on a half-filled sack and eating the delicious find. Sounds like fun, at least now!

If you can remember the approximate number of seeds contained in the juicy melon, you may be a winner in the 5th Trades Day Guessing Contest. The melon is displayed in the Farmers and Merchants National Bank. Deadline for guesses is Saturday at 12 noon with counting of the seeds by judges to be held at North 2nd and Edwards at 4 p.m. The winner will be \$10.00 richer.

No purchases are necessary for persons to enter contest. You need not be present to win.

Sponsoring merchants are: Ann's Flower, Brags Dry Goods, Boney Insurance Agency, Bullocks Hardware, Barnett Barber Shop, R. H. Buchanan, Ben Franklin Store, Carson Super Market, Clydes Garage, Circle A Western, Cyrus Pee Insurance, Cypert Tax Service, Conley Barber Shop; Also, Crawfords, Ed's Feed and Seed, Farmers Union Insurance, Fox's Repair Shop, Hicks Auto Supply, Higgin-

botham-Barlett, J. V. and Tessies, Mansfields Farm and Ranch Supply, Merkel Laundromat, Merkel Drug, Merkel Auto Parts, Merritt Plumbing, Palmer Motor Co., Wilsons Food Store, West Texas Utilities Co., Wilsons Jewelry and Starbuck's.

The Senior Citizens will sponsor a salad luncheon at 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Senior Citizen Building. An assortment of salads, dessert and drink will be offered for \$1.50.

Traders are encouraged to come early and stay late for all the "happenings" at Merkel, Saturday Oct. 6.

## Food Stamps May Be Purchased At Post Office

Monday Oct. 1, the Food Stamp Program replaced the Taylor County surplus food commodity plan which has been operated jointly by the State Dept. of Public Welfare and the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture (U.S.D.A.)

Of Taylor County's nearly 1,000 households which will be participating in the new program, approximately 170 will be in the Merkel area. Food

more food, aiding the establishment of a better diet and better health," says Jack Speegle of the U.S.D.A. The program is voluntary and will not affect the public assistance already received by some households. Recipients of public assistance are the aged, permanently and totally disabled, the blind, and those with dependent children. Also, the unemployed and low-income families are eligible to receive food stamps.

The Merkel Post Office will be an authorized station for stamp purchases for eligible commodities will be discontinued, according to the Welfare Department.

"The Stamp program enables eligible persons to buy

## Senior Citizens News

The Senior Citizens met Monday night for a large crowd enjoying the evening. Visitors from Abilene and Sylvestertended.

Tuesday, Oct. 9, will be an all day meeting, with a luncheon at the noon hour.

Saturday, Oct. 6, the Club will sponsor a Salad Luncheon for Trades Day. Customers can make selections of salad, dessert and tea or coffee for \$1.50.

Mae Seago is president of the month.

## DATEBOOK

**SATURDAY OCT. 6**  
The Class of 1938 will have a reunion supper at the Asteroid Restaurant at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is urged to attend.

**MONDAY OCT. 8**  
Badger Booster Club will meet at 6:45 p.m. at the Taylor Electric Co-op Building.

## Youth Revival At First United Methodist Oct. 7-10

The First United Methodist Church will hold a Youth Revival Sunday October 7-10.

Rev. Roy Ward, Jr. will be the guest speaker during the four day revival. Rev. Ward is a graduate of Wayland College in Plainview, Texas, and has just finished Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University. He is in his second year as Associate Minister at First United Methodist Church in Lubbock, Texas. Roy has a wife, Ruth Anne, and one son, one year old Miles Christopher.

The Sunday evening service will be at 7:00 with evening meal at 6:15 for youth. The Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday services will follow the listed schedule:

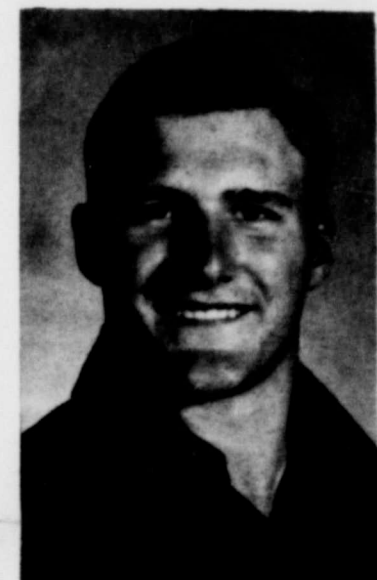
The early morning services will be from 7:15 to 8:00, starting with a breakfast at that time. Any and all are invited to the morning services and the breakfasts.

The evening services will start with the evening meal for youth only -- at 7:15 p.m. and continue with the regular worship services at 8:00 p.m. It is a Youth Centered series of services but it is open



REV. ROY WARD JR. . . . guest speaker to all ages at every service. "It is a must that the adults and children join in to make the Revival a success," said Rev. Russell McAnally.

A special invitation to all the youth of Merkel is extended to all who can and will be a part of the revival effort.



MARK CLEMMER . . . named winner

## Clemmer State 4-H Winner

COLLEGE STATION. --(Spl) Mark Clemmer, a 10-year Taylor County 4-H member, has been named the boy's winner in the 1973 State 4-H Achievement Program, according to state 4-H officials.

Mark will receive a certificate from the Texas 4-H and Youth Development Foundation. His award-winning record book will be entered in national competition for one of 12 \$600 educational scholarships provided by the Ford Motor Co., sponsor of the achievement program on a national basis.

Mark, 18, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R.E. Clemmer, Jr. of Merkel and is a freshman agricultural major at Texas A&M University.

Last year, Mark was named an alternate in the statewide 4-H achievement program. He has also received the 1972 County Gold Star Award and was awarded a \$4,000 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Scholarship in June.

He was a member of the first place livestock judging team at the 1971 State 4-H Roundup and was on the third place horse judging team at last year's Roundup.

As a member of the Mulberry Canyon 4-H Club, Mark has completed projects in leadership, feeding lambs for show, commercial ewe and lamb production, sow and pig production, horticulture, rifle, electric, horse judging and livestock judging.

In 4-H he has served as club president, junior leader, county camp leader, co-chairman of the county council and delegate to the State Leadership Lab.

Mark has also been an active leader in organizations other than 4-H. He held the office of class president for two years at Merkel High School. He also held the offices of sentinel and president in FFA and received several FFA awards.

## Police Chief Boyd Baker Resigns Effective Oct. 12

Boyd Baker, Merkel's Chief of Police, has resigned his position, effective Oct. 12 after nearly 3 years service. Mr. Baker and wife Sue have been active in church and community activities. Their daughters, Shellee and Robbie are students at Merkel School.

"I have accepted the job of Chief of Police at Munday, Texas and will assume my duties Oct. 15. We have enjoyed living in Merkel, Merkel is a good town," said Baker, who lived in Munday before coming to Merkel.



BOYD BAKER . . . resigns

Baker was chief of police at Munday for 1 1/2 years before moving to Merkel in 1970. Baker said that his resignation is effective Oct. 12, and that it will be up the Merkel City Council to name his successor.

A native of Littlefield, Baker is a graduate of the Amarillo Police Dept. Academy and is a certified peace officer. He

was an Amarillo policeman for 6 1/2 years, and was a Stephens County deputy sheriff for a short time.

## West Family Purchases Johnson Grocery Store

By LAVONNE BUNCH

"Go West," could be the motto of the Quickstop and Bootshop. Ms. Joyce West, Danny, Steve, Stanley, David and Sherry recently purchased the store from Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Johnson.

"It is definitely a family project," said Ms. West. "Each of the youngsters are able to run the cash register. Cleaning and stocking will be routine, as the boys have each worked in a grocery store before our venture into this."

A good selection of staples as well as picnic supplies are offered. Fresh vegetables,

milk, cosmetics, even a soft drink fountain stands in the self-service store.

Boots, belts, and hats were added by the Johnsons, years ago to accommodate Western-minded Merkelites. The friendly, likeable West youngsters can help fit a boot with the best of salesmen.

Asked how Ms. West and Inc. came to acquire the location, she answered, "Mr. Johnson named a price and we took him up on it. I consider the purchase a real investment. We will strive to keep our customers happy at the Quickstop and Bootshop."



NEW OWNERS--Joyce West and daughter Sherry, greet customers with a smile at the Quickstop & Boot Shop which was recently purchased by the Wests. (Photos by LaVonne Bunch)



RUSH PARTY--Using the theme of football, Beta Sigma Phi, Lambda Chapter, honors nine prospective members. (Photo by LaVonne Bunch)

## Beta Sigma Phi Rushees Honored Tuesday Sept. 25

Nine prospective members were special guests of Beta Sigma Phi, Lambda Chapter, Tuesday Sept. 25 at the Methodist Church.

The theme for the event was 'Football Season.'

Everyone was encouraged to suit up and a prize for best dressed player was presented to Mrs. Rosie Castillo and Mrs. Lee Yaddow slipped into second place.

Mrs. Billy Lucas, Mrs. Bill Whisenhunt and Mrs. Gene A-

merine were in charge of the concession.

The visitors were Mmes Mike Welch, Obie Coker, Lee Yaddow, Craig Jones, Jim All-day, Juan Ybarra, George Starbuck, Gary Douglass, and Miss Patty Castille.

Regular players present were Mmes, Phil Seymour, Rosie Castillo, Larry Teaff, J. H. Clark, Larry White, Bill Whisenhunt, Billy Lucas, Gene Amerine, Billy Bob Neff, Harold Hohertz, and Darla Mawson.

SHOP IN MERKEL SATURDAY --- TRADES DAY



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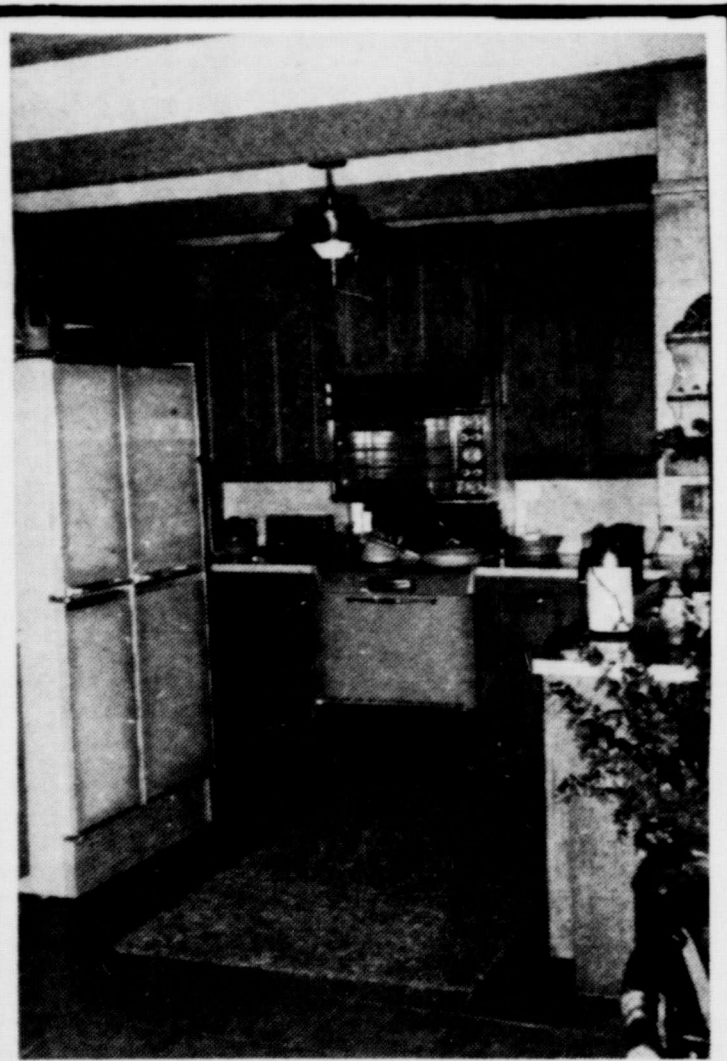
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## BADGER TRACKS

By JANE CLARK  
Well, the weather was better this past Friday, the boys had lots of spirit but the student body's spirit is down. We've got to get behind our boys with lots of spirit to help those boys get on that winning streak.

The Badgers played a super game Friday night but the points ended up in Robert Lee's favor. All the boys played a great game with the top ones being Steve West, Bill Watts, and Jimmy Land. One score that didn't count, but showed that they could do it, was when West ran the second half kickoff all the way. A flag was thrown on the play and it didn't count.

Friday night the band looked great too. They're having practice every Monday night trying to get ready for UIL con-

tests. They're also practicing up on some new tunes to help raise the spirit so we can help our boys on to victory.

At the Pep Rally Friday, the Juniors came out on top in the competition yell. This makes three times in a row. The freshmen won the signs contest.

Next week is homecoming at the school and the Seniors are starting to work gathering up lumber. So, if you've got any extra lumber, call any Senior you know.

Hey! Why don't all you Badger Boosters, Badger fans and Merkelites come to Baird Friday night and see the Bears get tamed by the Badgers. See ya' next week!

## Girl Scout Week-End Nov. 2-4

High interest is evident among West Texas Girl Scout leaders for the Family Week-End planned for November 2-4 at Camp Boothe Oaks, Sweetwater, according to Beth Nowotny, Executive Director.

Any registered adult Girl Scout and his/her family may attend the Council-wide event for fun, fellowship and food. A POTLUCK supper (of family favorite dishes to be shared) is scheduled for 7:30 Friday.

Families will be assigned to tents and cabins in the four units at Boothe Oaks, the established camp for the West Texas Girl Scout Council. Families will bring their own cots, bedding, clothing and personal items.

Mrs. Lin Bell, field director, Big Spring, says registrants may indulge in out-door cooking, talk sessions, campfire, and other programs, or just relax and enjoy being there.

Register with the West Texas Girl Scout Council, P.O. Box 5586, Abilene, Texas, before October 22. (The fee is \$4.00 per person.)

## Ladies Aux. Discuss Convention

The Ladies Auxiliary to the Merkel Fire Dept. held its regular monthly meeting October 1.

Plans to attend firemen's convention to be held in Snyder Saturday, Oct. 6 were discussed. Racing uniforms were decided on.

It was decided to rent the coke machine now in the fire station for a two month trial period. It will be stocked with various soft drinks with the proceeds going to the Auxiliary.

Members present voted to hold a Spaghetti Dinner during the November Trades Day. Menu will be spaghetti, meat sauce, salad, garlic toast, tea and coffee. Tickets will be \$1.50 for adults and 75¢ for children. This will be held November 3.

Members present were Mmes. David Seymore, Roy Schultz, Dean Goodman, Billy Lucas, Waymon Adcock, Robert Harris and Jerry Horton. Guest was Mrs. Eva Davis.

## TYE TALKS

By SUSAN DONALDSON



Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Theo Kincaid are honoring them with a reception celebrating their retirement from the grocery business. It will be held at the Methodist Church on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 7, from 2:30 to 4:30. There will be a short program at 3:00. All of their friends of the Big Country are cordially invited to attend and share this happy occasion with them.

## M.H.S. PEP CLUB NEWS

The Merkel High School Pep Club has finally gotten organized.

So far, there are 22 members. They are: Cindy Byrd, Clesta Cochran, Dorothy Constable, Susan Donovan, Vicki DuBose, Rosemary Duran, Dwayne Geers, Rhonda Howes, Jeanina Griffith, Teresa Griffith, Sheryl Guenther, Pam Hagar, Peggy Helmer, Ester Hernandez, Becky Rister, Sara Ruster, Diane Sanders, Susie Toombs, Rhonda Toney, Donna White, Virgia Williams and Becky Young.

The officers are Jeanina Griffith, president; Rosemary Duran, treasurer; and Virgia Williams, secretary. Sponsoring the club this year are Miss Vicki Babington and Mrs. Mary Caton. Mrs. Paul Woodfin is sponsoring the freshmen cheerleaders who are: Cindy Byrd, Becky Rister and Rhonda Howes.

## Roundup

By KAYE LANHAM  
MRS. SAM HILL is in Hendricks Hospital, Abilene, recovering from surgery performed recently.

MRS. HERMAN ADAMS is recovering from surgery in Scott-White Hospital in Temple.

MRS. ORA GRIGGS underwent eye surgery recently in West Texas Medical Center Hospital, Abilene.

MR. AND MRS. MIKE McLEAN of Beaumont, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Russom, Mark, Kristi and Scott of Midkiff and Mindy Merwin of Stanton were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar McLean.

MR. AND MRS. A. H. MURPHREE visited their son, Mr. and Mrs. Eldwood Cox, children and great-grandchildren of Fort Worth Saturday and Sunday. Mrs. Cox has been in the hospital, but is home and doing okay now. Mrs. Cox's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Felps of Winters were visitors in the Cox's home, too.

MRS. HOWARD BAIRD returned home Sunday night after spending several months with her daughter, Mrs. Jim Emmerson and Family of Los Angeles, Calif. She also visited friends in Long Beach and San Francisco and attended Pomona Fair while there.

## Trent Homecoming Set Oct. 27

Trent Homecoming has been set for October 27, 1973, Saturday morning will begin at 5:30 a.m. with the breakfast.

There will be activities throughout the day ending with the football game at 8:00 p.m. with McCauley.

All eyes be sure to plan to attend.

## Hodges Baptist Singing Oct. 6

The monthly singing will be held Friday night Oct. 6 in the Hodges Baptist Church at 7:30 p.m.

Everyone is invited and refreshments will be served. Pete Tanner is manager.

## Post Office Closed Monday

The Post Office will be closed Monday, Oct. 8 in observance of Columbus Day.

Lock box service will be available. City and rural mail will not be delivered.

## Library Notes

By LORETTA MORGAN

We have a lot of patrons that use the Library often, but we always welcome new members. We are open from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. on Wednesday and Saturday from 10 a.m. til 4 p.m. We want to thank the fol-

lowing for donating books to the Library:  
Edith Bagby Kennedy -- 30 Volumes of World Book Encyclopedias.  
Ben Robert Hicks--14 volumes of "The Works of Washington Irving."  
The Don Warrrens  
The Henry Reids  
The Calvin Wolfs  
Judy Murry  
Marjion Edwards and Mrs. William Hatley

## SITUATION ETHICS # 2

Situation ethics futher states: "We ought not to hesitate to break a law that is in all conscience unjust, that is to say, unloving." The main "religious" advocate of situation ethics says four facts determine how love shall act in any given situation: "(1) the end; (2) the means; (3) the motive; and (4) the consequences. Whether any form of sex is good or evil depends on whether love is fully served." All situationists would agree with Mrs. Patrick Cambell's remark "that they can do what they want as long as they don't do it in the street and frighten the horses."

To put love against law is an insult to the Word of God and a desecration of love. No man can really claim to be loving people when he works against their eternal good.

There are two laws at work. One is the law of God, which is codified in the rules and principles found in God's revelation and especially the New Testament protion of that revelation. The other is the law of the flesh which says: "Do what you want to do - there are no binding rules - live anyway you choose - 'gather ye roses while you may' - let the situation govern your morals and lives."

Read what Jesus said, "If ye love me, keep my commandments..." He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him... If a man love me, he will keep my works: and my Father will love him, and make our abode with him. He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings:..." John 14:15, 21, 23, 24. (Further suggested reading: Romans 7:7,8; 7:12-14,16,22,23; 8:1,2,5-8,12-14; 6:1,2; 3:8; Gal. 5:19-21). To say that obeying God is unimportant is to deny these passages as well as the Lord himself.

Ethics and morals and doctrines are not determined by the situation, but by the law of God, and sin is the transgression of the law of God (1 John 3:4). If we are to please God we must in every situation obey the commands of God, for by so doing we serve the highest interest of mankind and our own salvation.

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**Card of Thank**

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May God Bless each of you is our prayer.

The Family of  
Mrs. J. B. Foster 32-1tp

**Card of Thank**

OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS go out to each of you who helped in any way, in the passing of our beloved husband and father and also for the food and beautiful floral offerings.

May God Bless each of you is our prayer. It helps to know others care.

Mrs. Raymond Stout  
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Mr. M. B. (Sam) Smith, Jr., has been transferred from Houston, Texas to Wilmington, California with a promotion to Supervisor Treasury of the Shell Oil Accounting Section. Sam Smith was Financial Analyst, Shell Chemical Company, Petrochemical Division, Finance, in the Houston office. He began his Shell career in 1966 as an accountant at Houston Refinery following graduation from McMurry College in Abilene, with a Bachelor's degree in Accounting. He received his C.P.A. Certificate in 1971. Smith is the son of the late Morris B. Smith and Mrs. Smith of 912 Locust St. Merkel. He is a 1962 graduate of M.H.S. and married Sue McAninch of Merkel in 1966. They have one child, Amanda Rashell, two years old. They will reside at 11836 Tannas Ave., Fountain Valley, California.

## Childers -McCarthy Exchanged Vows

Miss Paula Marie Childers and Michael Patrick McCarthy were married Friday evening at Pasadena Blvd. United Methodist Church in Pasadena.

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Childers of Pasadena, the bride graduated from Pasadena High School in 1973. She is employed by United Founders Insurance Co., Pasadena. Mr. and Mrs. Joe McCarthy of Pasadena, formerly Merkel residents are the parents of the bridegroom. Also a graduate of Pasadena High School, he is employed by Willard Auto Parts.

Rev. Phil E. Trammell officiated and Mrs. Kaye Washington was organist.

The bride was given in marriage by her grandfather, Charles Massey. She wore a gown of peau de soie, Victorian style, a train of illusion, a veil of 3 tiers was held in

place by a band of satin baby orchids. She carried a bouquet of white carnations.

Mrs. Robert Harris of Merkel, the bridegroom's sister, was matron of honor. She wore a powder blue empire style gown with Miramist sleeves accented with a bow in back. She carried a bouquet of white carnations. Robert Harris, brother-in-law of the bridegroom, was best man.

Ushers and candlelighters were Mike Johnson and Mike Snow, both of Pasadena.

Melissa Aynne Harris was rice bag girl. She carried a basket covered in white and blue peau de soie filled with small rice bags.

The reception was held in the Fellowship Hall of the church.

The couple will live at Grand Park Village, Apt. # (214) Pasadena.

## Ladies Golf News

Last week, twenty ladies turned out to play "blind partners." Not until the day's play was over, did the golfers know who their partner was. Low score winners were Fannelle Boney and Barbara Whisenhunt. Bess Dixon and Debbie Doan were high score winners. Cindy Whisenhunt was a new member added to the association.

The Ladies will hold a hully-gully tournament Oct. 9. Husband and wife need to register. Contact Helen Benson or Jerry McGee.

## Halloween Carnival Planned

The Annual Halloween Carnival of the United Methodist Youth will be held on the Saturday night before Halloween. All organizations interested in participating should get in touch with Barbara or Cindy Whisenhunt, 928-5884; Janie Clark, 928-5038 or Terry Reed, 928-5774.

The Carnival will be located just east of the church.

## Band Boosters Meet Oct. 4th

The Merkel Band Boosters will meet Thurs. Oct. 4 at 7:30 p.m. in the Band Hall.

After a short business session, a program will be presented by the Beginning Band members, according to Director, W. G. Reed.

"The membership drive is going on," states Mrs. Larry White, chairman. "Students have been given membership slips for their parents to sign. Dues are \$1.00 per person or \$1.50 for both parents."

## 4-H NEWS

The Merkel 4-H Club will meet Thursday Oct 4th at 7:30 p.m. in Taylor Electric Co-op building.

The program will be presented by the Soil Conservation Service.

Those who wish to join should be accompanied by a parent.

## Mrs. John Shaw Honored On 81st Birthday

Mrs. John Shaw was honored with a party on her 81st birthday Sunday afternoon at her home at 809 Brickhaven.

The party was hosted by three daughters and one son, Mr. and Mrs. Royce Mashburn of Wichita Falls; Roxie Meeks of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mashburn of Merkel and M. J. Shaw of Abilene. Also present were grandchildren and great-grandchildren and friends.

Two sons, Wade Shaw of Gainsville, Texas and Warren Shaw of Kingman, Ariz., were unable to attend.

Punch and cake were served.

## Fire Dept. Receives Training

Several members of the Merkel Fire Dept. and the Ladies Auxiliary attended the fire training school held Sept. 24 and 25 at the Abilene Training Field.

Demonstrations were given for a pit fire, tank transport fire and a butane "Christmas" tree fire. All firemen and women participated in the actual extinguishing of the fires.

Members participating in the school were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Horton, Walter Harris and Roy Schultz.

## 7th Grade Wins 20-6

The running of Ricky Howes and Billy Mashburn helped the Merkel 7th grade beat Sweetwater, 20-6.

Ricky Howes ran for 2 touchdowns and Billy Mashburn broke a 55 yard scoring play. Russell Sittler added the 2 point conversion.

Sweetwater scored on the last play of the game against the 2nd Defense. Mike Sims intercepted the Sweetwater pass for the extra points.

"This was a great team effort, both the offense and defense were outstanding," said Coach Bob Russell.

This Tuesday, Oct. 2, we play at Wylie at 5:30 p.m.

## Jr. Badgers Win Over Jim Ned 14-8

The Jr. Badgers saw their running game shut down, but came back with a fairly adequate passing attack. The first quarter saw neither team doing very much. The second quarter was about the same except with 1:20 seconds left, Danny Riggan took the snap from center Hector Ascencio and pitched the ball back to Brad Pursley. Pursley threw to Jesse Sparks down the middle, who ran for 56 yards and the touchdown. Extra point failed. Score was Merkel 6--Jim Ned 0.

Then the Jr. Badgers kicked off and Jim Ned had the football on their own 20 yd. line. The quarterback dropped back, threw the ball down the right side and it was intercepted by Jesse Sparks at the 39 yd. line. Behind a wall of blockers, he ran for the touchdown. Brad Shugart made the extra point good and the score at halftime was Merkel 14, Jim Ned 0.

The second half saw the Indians come back and score on a half back pass and make the extra point good. Score: Merkel 14, Jim Ned 8.

The Jr. Badgers had 8 first downs, 38 yards rushing, 100 yds. passing and 1 punt good with the roll for 44 yards. Outstanding on offense were Brad Pursley, Donny Riggan, Jesse Sparks, Dennis Phillips for the backs. For the line were Hector Ascencio, Dwayne English, Nickey Carter, Garth Doan, Rudy Biera, Jerry Walters, and Mike Frazier. The defensive charge was led by Pursley, Riggan, Grant Murrell, Sparks, Frazier, English, Walters, Ascencio, Biera, Davis Lee, Larry Stewart, Doan, Brad Shugart and Ronny Whisenhunt.

These boys have only let the opposition score 20 points in 4 games and have scored 74 points in 4 games. This is averaging 18 points on offense and giving up only 5 pts. per game. "The boys are looking forward to playing in high school and are having a lot of fun this year! We play on Oct. 2 and Baird at Baird on Oct. 9. Everyone is encouraged to come and see some really fine football from the Jr. Badgers this year."

Thanks - Coach Martin

## Taylor County FB President Says Controls Could Be Disasterous

The president of the Taylor County Farm Bureau, Sam Beam of Rt. 5 Abilene, said today that if controls are imposed on agricultural exports, the result will be financial disaster for many farmers. Beam made the comment in reference to legislation currently pending in Congress that would impose export restrictions.

The U. S. House of Representatives passed a bill (H.R. 8547) on September 6 to in-

crease the President's authority to control exports of materials and agricultural commodities. The U. S. Senate is holding hearings on similar bills (S. 2053 and S. 2411). Mr. Beam stated that the Taylor County Farm Bureau solidly supports the expansion of exports of agricultural commodities and the development of mutually advantageous trade with other nations.

He added that the legislation aimed at limiting exports are much like price controls

in that they divert attention from the need for a direct attack on our economic problems through effective action to reduce government spending.

Beam said consumers who are crying for export controls just don't understand the consequences of such action. "The intensity that we are involved in exports is not common knowledge to the consumer," he said.

According to the United States Department of Agriculture, the 1973 fiscal year export sales, which were 60 percent higher than a year earlier, required the output of 85 million acres of U. S. cropland--or the production of one of every four acres harvested. The sharp rise in exports is contributing significantly to the expected increase in farm income from the record of \$20 billion in the calendar year 1972 to an estimated \$24 billion in 1973.

President Beam said advocates of the export controls should be aware of the consequences of the current Senate hearings. "Can you imagine," he said, "what the results would be to farm incomes if the U. S. were suddenly not able to continue export of three-fourths of its wheat production, two-thirds of its rice output, around half of the soybean crop and cattle hides, and nearly two-fifths of the U.S. output of tobacco, cotton, tallow, and almonds."

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18 oz.  
**35¢**

3 MINUTE  
**OATS**  
OF or Quick  
42 oz. Box **63¢**

CREAMY  
**CRISCO**  
(1 limit)  
3 LB CAN **98¢**

With \$7.50 or More in Trade  
Exclusive of Cigarettes

**Frozen Foods**

Mortons  
spaghetti & meat balls  
or mac. & cheese

**DINNER** Ea **35¢**

Mateys 8-oz.

**FISH STICKS** Ea **33¢**

Libby 12 oz.

**ORANGE JUICE** Can **43¢**

**FLOUR** GLADIOLA  
5 lb. BAG (1 limit) **89¢**

**COKE COLA** 12oz. can **69¢**

**MILK** I.G. DAIRY HOMO 2 Gal. Jug **1.19**

**LIPTON** TEA 1/4 Lb. Box (1 limit) **39¢**

I.G. Frozen  
**MELLORINE**  
1/2 Gal Carton **49¢**

I.G. Dairy Fresh  
Butter 1/2 Gal. Carton **63¢**

Lysol Spray  
DEODORANT 14 oz. Can **\$1.29**

POOD TAG  
**BAGGIES** 25 Ct. Box **43¢**

DEL MONTE 303  
**Fruit COCKTAIL** 2 For **69¢**

DEL MONTE NO 2 Crushed or Sliced  
**PINEAPPLE** 2 For **69¢**

DEL MONTE 303  
**SPINACH** 2 For **39¢**

OUR DARLING 12 oz. WK.  
**Golden Corn** 2 For **43¢**

RANCH STYLE 23 oz. Can  
**BEANS** 2 For **53¢**

HORMEL 300  
**CHILI NO BEANS** can **53¢**

Instant Tea  
**LIPTON** 3-oz. Jar **\$1.19**

24 Count  
**KOTEX** BOX **89¢**

TOOTH PASTE  
**COLGATE** FAMILY SIZE **69¢**

KEELBER  
**CRACKERS**  
lb box **39¢**

Chicken of Sea

**TUNA**  
FLAT CAN (2 limit) **43¢**

Clean and Shine  
**MOP & GLO**  
Quart Bottle **\$1.19**

DEL MONTE SWEET  
**PICKLES**  
12 oz. JAR **43¢**

BLACKBURN WAFFLE  
**SYRUP**  
QT JUG **53¢**

**Better BEEF-- Better TASTE**

HORMEL **SAUSAGE** Little Sizzler Pkg. **85¢**

**BACON** Armour Star POUND **\$1.19**

**STEAK** Choice Beef Sirloin Lb. **\$1.59**

**HAM** CURE 81 4 to 6 lb. Pieces Boneless—Lean Lb. **\$1.89**

**SAUSAGE** Gooch Smoke Links Lb. **85¢**

**FRANKS** Armour Star 12-oz. Pkg. **75¢**

**LIVER** Fresh Calf Lb. **89¢**

**TOWELS**  
ZEE Jumbo Roll **33¢**

Schillings  
**SKILLET MAGIC**  
assorted pkg. **39¢**

NABISCO COOKIES  
**NUTTER BUTTER** 13oz. Pkg. **53¢**

LIQUID  
**IVORY** Dishwasher Cascade Gt. Size **59¢**

**WISK** GAIN (1 limit) Gt. Size **69¢**

SARAN  
**WRAP** 50 FT ROLL **45¢**

Authorized  
STORE FOR  
FOOD STAMPS  
CARSONS

WE GIVE  
GIFT BOND STAMPS  
DOUBLE ON  
WEDS.

DUNCAN HINES  
**BROWNIE MIX**  
23-oz. Box **63¢**

BORDENS  
**EAGLE BRAND MILK**  
14-oz. Can **39¢**

Crunchy Crisp—JUICY GOOD  
**APPLES** COLORADO RED DELICIOUS POUND **19¢**

**LETTUCE** FRESH POUND **19¢**

**BANANAS** DOLE POUND **12¢**

**CORN** ON COB 2 EARS **19¢**

BANANA **SQUASH** LB **15¢**

EAST TEXAS  
**Sweet Potatoes** LB **23¢**

RUSSET  
**SPUDS** 10 LB BAG **79¢**

SAVE 25¢ WHEN YOU BUY A  
1 LB. CAN of  
**FOLGER'S COFFEE**



SPECIAL PRICE  
WITH THIS COUPON  
**79¢**

WITHOUT COUPON **1.04**

SAVE 40¢ WHEN YOU BUY A  
10oz. Jar of  
**INSTANT FOLGER'S  
COFFEE CRYSTALS**



SPECIAL PRICE  
WITH THIS COUPON  
**\$1.49**

WITHOUT COUPON **1.89**

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**CARSON'S**  
SUPER MARKET

MERKEL, TEXAS  
FRESH VEGETABLES