



SIDEWALK SALE—Mrs. Leo Harris is shown looking over the wares displayed on the sidewalk by Kits Plaster and 'Things' during Trades Day last Saturday. (Staff Photos)

Trades Day 'Successful'

"A highly successful day," claimed a merchant, describing the October 6th Trades Day.

Early sidewalks held few bargain-seekers but as the sky cleared, people began to fill the town. The highlight of the day was the watermelon seed tally. The melon had been displayed at the F & M Bank during the week, with the count at 4 p.m. Saturday, the winners were Dorothy Constable and Nancy Clich, tied with guesses of 707 and 705 -- actual seed count was 706.

Outdoor sales booths made hefty profits. Local stores reported a steady traffic with pleasing results.

The Senior Citizens' salad luncheon brought compliments from hungry traders.

November 3rd marks the next Trades Day in Merkel, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce.



SENIOR CITIZENS LUNCHEON—Several ladies are shown serving at the Salad Luncheon sponsored by the Senior Citizens Club in conjunction with Trades Day.

Mulberry Canyon 4-H Club Takes Top Honors at Banquet

Two Mulberry Canyon 4-H Club members took top awards in the annual Taylor County 4-H awards banquet Monday night at Lytle Shores Auditorium.

Johnny Gray, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Gray of Merkel, won the Gold Star Boy Award. Theresa Clemmer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Clemmer, won the Gold Star Girl Award. The Clemmers also live in Merkel.

The two received their awards from Assistant Taylor County Agent J. B. Criner and County Extension agent Kay Manning. Both Gray and Miss Clemmer spoke on "What 4-H Means to Me."

In special awards presented, Key City Kiwanis honored Gus Taylor of Abilene was cited for his work in assisting 4-H programs.

Adult leaders receiving awards for five-year service to the 4-Hers were Mrs. Martha Hicks, Mrs. Sally Robinson, Mrs. Gloria Shepler, Mrs. Alberta Walker and Mrs. Ann Farr. Those having served 10 years received a gold clover. They were Mrs. Harvey Bryan, Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Dean and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Reddin of Merkel.

Mrs. Harold Ford received a special diamond clover for her

20 years of service to 4-H activities. Taylor County Agent H. C. Stanley said he was very pleased with the large turnout and interest shown at the banquet. About 175 persons attended.

Award winners follow: Gold Star Boy--Johnny Gray; Gold Star Girl--Theresa Clemmer; Achievement awards -- Cathy Holloway, Mark Clemmer; Clothing -- Taresia En-

glish; Conservation of nature resources -- Wanda Braune; Dress review--Teresa Clemmer; Electric--Tonya Moore, Shawn Moore; Food preservation--Judy Brnovak; Horse--Johnny Gray, Patricia Boyd; Rabbit -- Maury Moore; Sheep -- Beverly Gilmore, Glen Braune; Swine -- Dwain English; Purple award -- Mulberry Canyon; Blue Award -- Merkel.

Three Merkelites Receive Scholarships at H-SU

A total of 82 students currently enrolled in Hardin-Simmons University have qualified for scholarships based on academic achievement.

Thirty-four are receiving Achievement Scholarships, 42 are receiving Honor Scholarships, and six are on scholarships for being among the Top 50 students graduating during a year from Abilene schools.

To qualify for an Achievement Scholarship, a student must be in the upper 10 per cent of his high school class and have an American College Testing composite score of

27 or above, or 1,350 on the Scholastic Aptitude Test. The student must maintain a 3.5 grade point average at H-SU.

The Honor Scholarships are awarded to the top young man and top young woman in a graduating class of any accredited high school or junior college. They must maintain a grade point average of 3.0 at H-SU.

The Top 50 scholarships are limited to students from schools within the city limits of Abilene, and are similar to the Achievement Scholarships.

Receiving the Achievement Scholarship from Merkel was Curtis Don Clyburn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Clyburn.

Receiving Honor Scholarships were Joyce Kay Hogan, freshman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Duff, sophomore, Patricia Ann McDuff, sophomore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe McDuff.

College Night To Be Held At Abilene High Oct. 23

Junior and senior students of area high schools who are planning to go to college, and the parents of these students, will have an opportunity to meet and talk with representatives from various colleges at a College Night program at Abilene High School on Tuesday night, October 23, at 7:30 p.m. Invitations have been sent to schools in a 70-mile radius of Abilene, and representatives from thirty-seven institutions will be in Abilene to participate in the program.

Each student and parent will have an opportunity to attend three discussion groups to obtain information about three different colleges in which they are interested.

College representatives will discuss entrance requirements, application procedure, estimated yearly cost, courses of study, type of housing available, financial aid, and other topics of concern to students and parents.

David Halbert, president of the Abilene Student Council, will preside at the opening session, and Dr. Earl Lemmond, Director of Secondary Education, will welcome the students and parents.

Schools which will be represented are Abilene Christian College, Angelo State University, Austin College, Baylor University, Cisco Junior College, East Texas State University, Hardin-Simmons University, Howard Payne College, Incarnate Word College, McMurry College, Mary Hieck School of Nursing (Derrick Hospital), North Texas State University, Rice University, Southern Methodist University, Southwestern University, Southwest Texas State University, Tarleton State University, Texas A & M University, Texas Assn. of Developing Colleges, Texas State Technical Institute (Sweetwater), Texas State Technical Institute and Texas Woman's University.

Sr Citizens

The Senior Citizens had their All Day Luncheon Tuesday. There were 35 present.

Rev. Russell McAnally gave the devotional and the blessing was asked by Mr. Roy Ward. Mrs. Charlie Seago is president this month.

Garden Club To Meet

The Merkel Garden Club meets October 18 for a luncheon noon covered dish luncheon at the home of Mrs. Tom Fox, Rt. 2.

The program will be Horticulture Clinic. The authoritative speaker will be Mrs. Paula Carter, owner of Elmwood Gardens in Abilene. Members are urged to be present.

Badgers Will Host Jim Ned At Homecoming Game Friday

Merkel will play Jim Ned here Friday at 7:30 for their homecoming game.

Homecoming Queen will be crowned at halftime.

This year the Homecoming Queen will be chosen from the Junior and Senior Class. The candidate not being chosen Queen will be Princess. Representing the Seniors will be Cindy Whisenunt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Whisenunt and Junior Class, Jerrrie Stephan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stephan. Chosen as Duchesses are Kathryn Murrell, Sophomore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Max Murrell and Becky Rister, Freshman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Rister of Tye.

Defensive linemen Byron Hatchet and Mike Tolett forced a Merkel fumble with nine seconds left in the game to hand Baird its opening District 8-A victory Friday night at Baird. The Bears edged Merkel 14-13 in a come-from-behind effort.

After Merkel grabbed a quick first-quarter touchdown, Baird fought back with eight points in the third period, and six more in the fourth quarter for a 14-7 advantage. But late in the final period, Merkel mounted a drive which ended as quarterback Jeff Cox scored on a six-yard roll-out to bring the Badgers within one, 13-14. Only nine seconds remained. The drive had started on the

32-yard line of Merkel following a Baird kickoff, and two costly 15-yard penalties moved the Badgers into scoring position. But rather than go for the tie, Merkel tried to run for two points and the win. That's when Hatchet and Tolett blasted through the line to meet Badger fullback Jim Land in the Merkel backfield to force the fumble and insure the victory.

Merkel started the scoring when Steve West went six yards with 9:00 remaining in the first quarter. It was a drive that started from the Badger 22-yd. line following the opening kickoff. Doug Hutchings added the extra point.

After a frustrating first half, Baird began to move in the third quarter and quarterback Jay Ringhoffer teamed with tight end Terry Bates for key passes of 14 and 13 yards. The aerial display set up a two-yard scamper by Jimmy Meader. The Bears went for two points and made it pay as Ringhoffer found Rudy Rodriguez for the conversion. Baird led 8-7.

In the fourth quarter, Merkel moved to the Baird four, but the Bear defense stiffened at that point and the Badgers turned the Football over on downs. In a 96-yard drive, Baird moved in for the score with a 15-yard pass from Ringhoffer to Gonzales at 6:06. The snap from the center was fumbled on the try for extra point, setting up the last second defensive jewel by the Bears.

Baird 0 0 8 6--14
Merkel 7 0 0 6--13

Homecoming Court



CINDY WHISENUNT
... Senior Class



JERRRIE STEPHAN
... Junior Class



KATHRYN MURRELL
... Duchess



BECKY RISTER
... Duchess

Trent Wins District Opener

Lonnie Riggan scored four touchdowns in leading Trent to a 32-19 win over host Hobbs

at Hobbs Friday night in a District 3-B, Six-Man opener for both teams.

Alan Morris added one TD for Trent and Mac Sipe and Jimmy Adams added a PAT each.

For Hobbs it was Joe Bob Martinez with two scores and Terry Porter adding one. Alfred Simmons pitched in a PAT in a losing cause. Trent is now 1-4 for the year and Hobbs 0-5 as Trent broke a 19-19 tie with 13 points in the final period.

Hobbs 6 6 7 0-19
Trent 6 6 7 13-32

City Council

Boyd Baker's resignation as Merkel's Police Chief was accepted at the City Council's meeting, Oct. 4. Baker will serve in the same capacity at Munday as of Oct. 15.

No other action was taken by the council which consists of Mayor Lou David Allen, Ted Smith, Vernon Wade, Derrel Farmer, Connie Mack Seymour and Pete Morgan.

Merkelites Kin Services Held Tues. Oct. 2

William Samuel Barnes, 85, former resident of Clyde, died at 10 p.m. Sunday Sept. 30

at Holiday Retirement Center in Sweetwater. He was also a former resident at the Eula community. Funeral was held Tuesday Oct. 2 at the Highlands United Methodist Church of Sweetwater.

Band Booster News

The Band Boosters met Thurs. Oct. 4th, in the Band Hall. W. G. Reed directed the beginning band members in a program.

Mrs. John Brady, president, appointed a project committee: Darla Mawson, Billie South and Joyce Knight, Bonnie English, Wanda Tipton and Rhoda Allen were appointed to the Ways and Means Committee. Mrs. Pat Castille was elected secretary - treasurer to replace Mrs. Boyd Baker, who is moving to Munday.

Vice President, Mrs. Marshall Wharton, announced plans for a "Marriage Booth" at the M.Y.F. Halloween Carnival.

Membership Chairman, Mrs. Larry White, requests that dues be turned in to Mr. Reed or any officer of the organization.

The Rev. Jene Greer, pastor, and Rev. D. G. McCarty, Evangelical Methodist minister of Odessa, officiated. Burial was in Trent Cemetery under direction of Cate-Spencer Funeral Home.

Born Feb. 29, 1888, in Blue Ridge, Tenn., he was a member of the Eula United Methodist Church at the time of his death. He married Margaret Melissa Dyess on Aug. 27, 1911 at Trent.

Survivors include his wife; and eight children -- Jake of Merkel, Mrs. Roy H. (Arlene) Corley of Killeen, Mrs. Alvin (Modene) Chastain of Sweetwater, Mrs. G. L. (Willie) McDonald of Grand Saline, Osmo of San Antonio, Odell of Abilene, Mrs. L. L. (Idell) Kinsey of Lubbock, D. F. of Abilene; one sister, Mrs. Howard Phillips of Merkel; 29 grandchildren, 35 great-grandchildren.



COUNTING THE SEEDS — Onis Crawford is shown with several children at the counting of the seeds from the watermelon that was used for the guessing contest. Crawford is on the Chamber of Commerce committee which sponsored the Trades Day event. (Staff Photo)



WORKING MOTHER—Nell Smith, shown at her desk at West Texas Utilities, is like many mothers today, she works. According to members of her family, she finds time to prepare good meals. Her time schedules require more planning than for non working mothers in order to keep her active family on the go.

BADGER TRACKS

By JANE CLARK

Well, this is homecoming week at M.H.S. The candidates are elected from each class and the bonfire is being built. Things are really getting exciting around the school.

This year there has been a change in the selection of Homecoming Queen. The Queen will come from the Junior or Senior class. Then the one who doesn't get Queen will be the Princess. There will also be a representative from the Freshman and Sophomore class that will each be called Dutchesses. This way one from each class will get to participate. The candidates are: Senior, Cindy Whisenhunt; Junior, Jerrrie Stephan; Sophomore, Kathryn Murrell; Freshman, Becky Rister.

Class favorites were also chosen. They are: Seniors, Larry Toliver and Anna Hughes; Juniors, Steve West and Jody Barnes; Sophomores, Danny DuBose and Rita Watts and Freshmen, Larry Smith and Melinda Bowen.

Thursday night is the Bonfire. The St.'s are really working hard so theirs will be the biggest yet. This one is different from any of the others because it has an old motorcycle on top.

The ballgame Friday night will be against Jim Ned. Every game we've played so far, we keep getting closer and closer to winning. I'll bet this will be the game that starts the Mighty Merkel Badgers' winning streak.

Last Friday night, the Badgers played their greatest game yet. The score was 13 to Bairds 14 with nine seconds to go with us just getting a touchdown and just about to try for the extra two points. But something went wrong and the score ended up 13 to 14.

At the Pep Rally Friday afternoon, it was the Mighty Jr.'s who won the competition yell again, with the Soph.'s winning the signs.

Saturday night, the Juniors are having a dance at the old Teen Center, with sponsors. Everyone is invited with prices being \$1.75 each or \$3.00 a couple. There's going to be a band and everything, so come on down.

Even though there aren't going to be any exes, come on down to Badger Stadium Friday night and see the new Homecoming Queen crowned. You're also going to see the Badgers scalp the Indians.



I'M NOT MEAN—This black bear was part of a show that was presented at Merkel High School.

Bears, Elephants, Found Accross Street!

Not long ago, as our family returned from a scout meeting, we were met by a baby elephant -- actually the animal was a circus performer staked out in the vacant lot across our street.

Well, last Thursday evening

The fight for survival in hostile urban environments has a shattering effect on family stability -- and children suffer most. The majority of the world's slum population is below the age of 15. UNICEF, whose work on behalf of the developing world's children has in the past been primarily in rural areas, is now expanding its efforts to help needy urban children.

as we hurried to attend a school function, one of my sons came bouncing in to announce there were 2 bears in the parking lot close to our house. Sure enough, investigation proved not only chained bear but also chimpanzees and a trained dog.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Szasz, associates of the Southern School Assembly Program, Hollywood, Calif., introduced the Black Canadian as Victor and Yogi was the American Brown bear. The group performed for Merkel students Friday in the school auditorium.

A mom in my circumstance won't be surprised if someone announces that a kangaroo is at the door.

Merkel Fire Department Attends Fire Convention

The Snyder Volunteer Fire Dept. was host to the 70th Semi-Annual Firemen's and Fire Marshals Association convention Saturday, Oct. 6. Thirteen area towns were represented by approximately 200 firemen and their wives.

The day long event began with a ladies luncheon at the Scurry County Coliseum. Dinner music was by Joe Williamson on the piano. A book review was given by Margie McNew of Snyder.

Members of the Merkel Ladies Auxiliary attending were Mrs. Robert Harris, who is 2nd Vice President of the district auxiliary, Mrs. Dean Goodman, Mrs. Jerry Horton, Mrs. Billy Lucas and Mrs. Walter Harris.

A general business meeting was held at the Coliseum at 1:30 p.m. Entertainment was

furnished by a duet of female singers from Western Texas College. The program was presented by Mike Cullifer, Safety Representative for Lone Star Gas Co. He gave a very informative discussion on the hazards of static electricity. Door prizes were awarded with several Merkel members receiving gifts.

Team races were held with the Merkel men placing once and the ladies placing twice. The men's two-man race was won by Merkel with a time of 11.4 seconds. Runners were Dean Goodman and Walter Harris.

The ladies placed first in the two-man race with a time of 13.4. Members of the team were Connie Harris and Audra Horton. They also placed third in the ladies pumper race with a time of 23.3 seconds. First place in the pumper went to Stamford with 19.3 and Clyde received second with 20.1. Members of the ladies pumper race were Nita Harris, Mary Goodman, Francis Kimbrell, Sarah Lucas, Connie Harris and Audra Horton.

A barbeque supper was held at the Scurry Co. Coliseum followed by a dance. Members attending the day long event were: Messrs. and Mmes. Billy Lucas, Roy Kimbrell, Dean Goodman, Walter Harris, Jerry Horton, Robert Harris and Becky, Julia, Deborah, and Lorrie Kimbrell.

Homemakers To Meet Thurs

The Taylor County Young Homemakers will hold their October meeting in the home of Mrs. Wyman Wilkerson, Thursday, 7:30 p.m. with Mrs. Hugh Baker and Mrs. Billy Patton as co-hostesses.

Mrs. Don Drennan will bring the program on "Crafts and Home Decorating".

Every member is urged to attend.

4-H Donors Aid Youths in Boosting Food Supply

4-H DONORS ASSIST YOUTHS IN BOOSTING OUR FOOD SUPPLY WITH GRANTS, INCENTIVES



SPECIAL—Expanding worldwide demand for food and increasing prices have brought agriculture to the lips of nearly everyone. With meat, poultry, dairy products, feed grains, fruits and vegetables in shorter supply than demand, concerns of people are mounting.

"Today's food situation and the need for increased food production has touched nearly every facet of agriculture," says Kenneth H. Anderson, assoc. director, National 4-H Service Committee. "And one such group being encouraged to add to the nation's food supply, are the nation's 4-H members residing or working on farms," he adds.

While individually, 4-H members can't produce the volume of a fulltime farmer, together they represent a

powerful influence for increased production, Anderson noted. "With more than a million agricultural projects, 4-H members are making a noteworthy contribution to the nation's food supply," he added.

Supervised by the Cooperative Extension Service, the young people's assistance goes several steps beyond food production. They are doing their bit in conservation of energy and natural resources, marketing and consumer education. And backing them in their efforts are some 60 private sector friends of 4-H providing incentives, recognition and a variety of helpful aids.

On the food production front, Celanese Chemical Company encourages 4-H members with beef projects. Moorman Mfg. Co. sponsors

TYE TALKS

By SUSAN DONALDSON



Rev. and Mrs. Temple Lewis have just returned from a special occasion--their high school homecoming wherethey were special guests. They both graduated from McCamey High School. Rev. Lewis wrote the lyrics to the school song and organized the first pep squad. They enjoyed a banquet with old friends and attended the football game.

There was a stork shower given for Mrs. James Dossier at the home of Mrs. Norman Hoover.

J. D. Spinks is home from Dallas and is feeling better.

Gorilla Growl

By CINDY BEASLEY

The Trent Gorillas beat the Hobbs Panthers 32 to 18 last Friday night. They played a great game, holding the Panthers completely scoreless in the 4th quarter. Everyone is really proud of the way the Gorillas are playing and we are expecting a big crowd when they play Paint Creek here Friday night at 8:00. Everyone come back the FIGHTIN' GORILLAS!

The Student Council and the Cheerleaders have been doing something a little extra to boost spirit on Fridays. On Friday, a Student Council member or a Cheerleader says "hello" to any student or teacher and they have to respond with the "Spirit Slogan" for that week. This past week the Slogan was "Treea Cat". Anyone who forgets th response has to do a little something at the pep rally. The first week, the main attraction was Mr. Henderson and his Jr. Ag boys singing his rendition of the "Aggie War Hymn" and last week it was a twirling routine to the Fight Song by Coach Frasier, Coach Cogburn and Mrs. Cogburn.

The school is really excited about homecoming. Jrs. will start selling mums this week. Those interested please contact a Jr.

Everyone be sure to come see the Gorillas get a Pirate.

Three out of four children live in areas where mortality rates among one to four-year-olds are about 40 times higher than in the developed countries. UNICEF means help and hope for those children.

Square Dance Lessons Slated

Square Dance Lessons will begin at 8 p.m. Wednesday, October 17 at the Lions Club Building. Children who wish to take lessons must be 10 years of

age and must have a partner. W. D. Carrigan of Abilene will be teacher. Persons wishing to take square dance lessons call 928-5167 or 928-5717.

DR. ED DRESSEN

OPTOMETRIST

504 CEDAR PHONE 677-4331 ABILENE, TEXAS

THE LAW OF PARDON FROM SIN # 1

I am constrained to believe, if I could remove all prejudice and preconceived opinions and preferences for pet theories, that ten minutes would be as long as would be necessary to explain the process of becoming a Christian in such a manner that any one of mature mind could understand sufficiently so as to obey (God himself promised that: "And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those: the wayfaring men, THOUGH FOOLS, SHALL NOT ERR THEREIN." Isaiah 35:8).

To illustrate: If you start from a given place and travel in any given direction, just as many steps as you take in going away, just that many you will have to take to get back to the place from which you started; in other words, the road is just as long coming back as it was going away.

Now, if we wish to have clear views of this subject, let us study how man first got away from his God. Man was created without sin. A falsehood TOLD was the first step toward sin, a falsehood BELIEVED was the second step, and the falsehood OBEYED was the third step; and the result was condemnation because of the sin.

Now, in order to reinstate him, the steps must be retraced and he will be replaced; or, in other words, the TRUTH must be TOLD, the TRUTH must be BELIEVED, and the TRUTH must be OBEYED, in order for man to be reinstated.

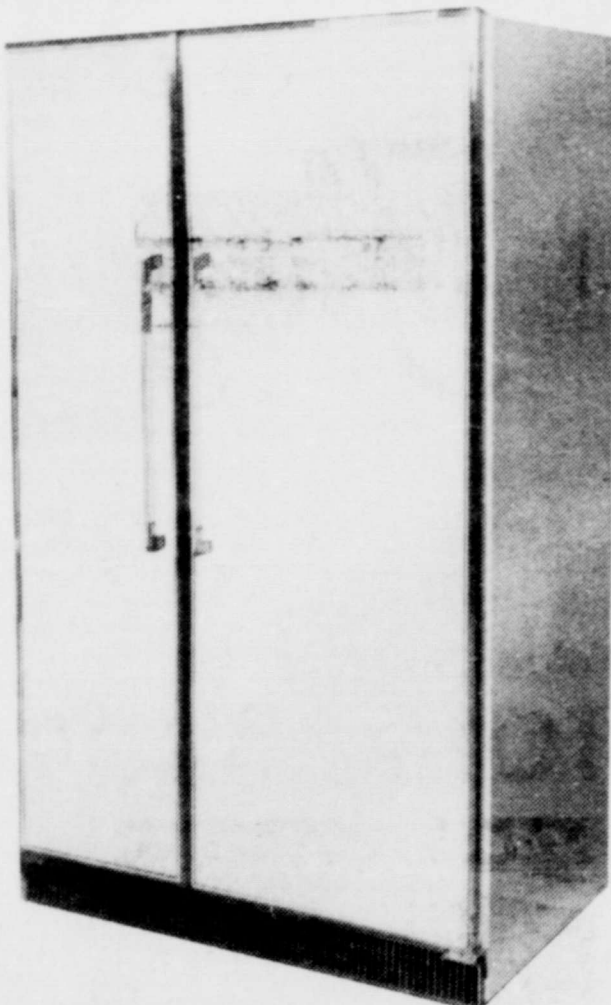
Now read your Bible, Jesus said-Mark 16:15, 16-"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature"-THAT IS THE TRUTH TOLD-"He that believeth"-THAT IS THE TRUTH BELIEVED-"and is baptized"-THAT IS THE TRUTH EYED-"shall be saved"-THAT IS MAN REINSTATED WITH GOD BECAUSE THE SIN IS REMOVED! (cf Acts 2:39; 22:16)

Show me ONE SCRIPTURE with baptism mentioned in the verse that says salvation occurs BEFORE BAPTISM.

BILLY PATTON

CHURCH OF CHRIST

"COME VISIT WITH US"



Frigidaire is beautiful refrigeration

Inside and Out

- Trimline
- Decorator colors
- One-hand adjustable shelves
- Deep door storage
- Wide vegetable bins
- Easy ice ejection
- Two-door for more conservative operation
- Special insulation for less outside and more inside space



Buy on REDDY CREDIT®

*Ask WTU for details — and pick up your copy of REDDY TIPS about conservative use of electrical appliances.



West Texas Utilities Company

ATTENTION FARMERS Cal-Tex Will Pay You Top Dollar For Your Milo -- Plus A

FREE Trip for Two to Las Vegas or National Rodeo Finals

Be Sure to Register And Get A Ticket When You Bring in Your Milo

Contest Now in Progress. For More Information, contact Ed Sandusky at Ed's Feed and Seed in Merkel, 928-5019 or R. L. Bland at Cal-Tex in Trent, 862-2951.

— Previous Winners —
Mr. & Mrs. Orval Ely—1972
Mr. & Mrs. W. W. Cook—1971

CAL-TEX FEED YARD
Trent, Texas
Phone 862-2951

5 BIG DOLLAR DAY SPECIALS

Prices Good Thurs., Oct. 11 Thru Tues., Oct. 16

FOLGERS
COFFEE

1 LB CAN 89¢

WILSON FOOD STORE
SAVE 40¢ WHEN YOU BUY A 10 oz. Jar of INSTANT FOLGERS' COFFEE CRYSTALS
SPECIAL PRICE WITH THIS COUPON \$1.20
WITHOUT \$1.60
GOOD THRU 10-20-73



CRISCO	With \$7.50 or More in Trade Exclusive of Cigarettes	3 Lb.	98¢
RED PLUM JAM	Best Maid	18oz. GLASS	35¢
CAKE MIX	DUNCAN HINES	2 FOR	79¢
PIE CHERRIES	STOKELY'S 303	2 For CAN	69¢
TOMATO SAUCE	STOKELY'S	8 oz. CAN	29¢
SALAD OLIVES	KIMBELLS	10 oz. JAR	39¢
LUNCH MEAT	BILTMORE	12 oz. CAN	49¢
MILK	BORDENS Eagle Brand	Can	49¢
FLOUR	GLADIOLA	5 LB. BAG	89¢

MILK	MARIGOLD	2% Homo GAL.	REG. HOMO GAL.	PLUS DEP.	\$1.29	\$1.39
OLEO	ALLSWEET			LB.	39¢	
CHOCOLATE CHIPS	BAKERS	12 oz. PKG			49¢	
CRACKERS	Keebler			1 LB BOX	39¢	
TEA BAGS	LIPTON'S			48 COUNT	59¢	
HALF & HALF WHIPPING CREAM	FOREMOST				39¢	
SOUR CREAM				CRT.		

CHEER	KING SIZE	\$1.19	POPSRITE POP CORN	2 LB BAG	35¢
Pinesol	15 oz. Bottle	49¢	Sunflower Seed	PKG	5¢
PALMOLIVE	GIANT SIZE	49¢	AVOID THE RUSH - NEW HUNTING LICENSE NOW AVAILABLE 		

Mead's BISCUITS	8 FOR	\$1.00
COCA COLA	12oz. can	10 FOR \$1.00
Green Beans	STOKELY'S CUT 303 CAN	5 FOR \$1.00
CORN	STOKELY'S CREAM 303 can	5 For \$1.00
TOWELS	BOUNTY BIG ROLL	3 FOR \$1.00
TISSUE	ZEE 4 ROLL Pkg.	3 FOR \$1.00

FROZEN FOOD		
COOL WHIP	4 1/2oz. CRT	35¢
POTATOES	Keith's - Krinkle Cut 2 Lb. Bag	39¢
APPLES	Johnathan	LB 29¢
CANTALOPES	Colorado	LB 15¢
CABBAGE	Rutabaga	LB 11¢
TURNIPS	Russet	LB 15¢
SPUDS	10 LB BAG	79¢

Beefs Cheaper - Eat More

GROUND BEEF	lb.	69¢
FRANKS	Gooch 12 oz. Pkg.	79¢
BEEF RIBS	lb.	49¢
BACON	Gooch	lb. 1 09
PORK STEAK	lb.	98¢
SIRLOIN STEAK	lb.	1 59
STEAK	Choice Beef CHOPPED	lb. 1 29



Wilson's
FOOD STORE
"Where Customers Send Their Friends"

Double Premiums
On WEDNESDAY On
Purchase of \$2.50
OR MORE IN MERCHANDISE
Save Valuable
Cash Register Tapes
For Premiums

USE WANT ADS

DIAL
928-5712

Farmcast

A Weekly Report Of Agri-Business News

Compiled From Sources
Of The Texas Department of Agriculture
John C. White, Commissioner

PUBLIC NOTICES

"BECAUSE THE PEOPLE MUST KNOW"

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To any Sheriff or any Constable within the State of Texas -- GREETING:

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for four consecutive weeks, the first publication to be at least twenty-eight days before the return day thereof, in a newspaper printed in Taylor County, Texas, the accompanying citation of which the herein below following is a true copy.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Willie Edward Spain, DEFENDENT, Greeting:
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable Domestic Relations Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 12th day of November A.D. 1973, to Plaintiff's

Petition filed in said court, on the 4th day of September A.D. 1973, in this cause numbered 8453 on the docket of said court and styled Birthe Lee Spain, Plaintiff, vs. Willie Edward Spain, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Divorce, Married Aug. 7, 1973; separated Aug. 11, 1973. No children and no property, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this 1st day of October A.D. 1973.
(SEAL)

Attest: IRENE CRAWFORD
Clerk, Domestic Relations Court, Taylor County, Texas
By Marie Adkins, Deputy
33-4tc

Miscellaneous

FOR MONUMENTS and CEMETERY CURBING
M. A. (Sarg) NOSTER
1404 Herring Dr.
Merkel, Texas
Phone 9-5545

MASONIC MEETING
Stated meeting of Merkel Lodge No. 710 on 2nd Saturday and 4th Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Visitors welcome. Members urged to attend.
DUNNING MCCONNELL, W.M.
ROY MASHBURN, Sec'y.

For Rent

FOR RENT -- Reasonable -- 3-one bedroom apartments, linens furnished, also rooms with refrigerator. Call 928-5412. 24tc

FOR RENT -- Furnished 3 room and bath garage apartment, near school. Ph. 928-5236. 24tc

FOR RENT -- Unfurnished apartment. Ray Wilson. Ph. 928-5615 or 928-5713. 31-tf

FOR RENT -- Clean 3 bedr., 2 bath furnished house, near school. Call 928-5669. 33-ltc

FOR RENT--3 bedr., 1 bath, carpet, carpeted, furnace. Nice - 707 Locust, L. H. McAden. Ph. 672-3804, Abilene. 33-ltc

Card of Thanks

MAY WE TAKE THIS METHOD of thanking our neighbors and friends for their expressions of sympathy in our bereavement. These expressions have been deeply appreciated.

The Jake Barnes Family
33-ltp

Card of Thanks

The Senior Citizens Club wishes to thank those who sent salads and pies, and thank those who came and worked so faithfully. It was really a success.

Senior Citizens
33-ltc

SAVE 10%
Buy Your Prepaid Funeral Plan Direct From The Funeral Home and Save 10% Commission Fee
STARBUCK FUNERAL HOME

CUSTOM PLOWING and hay baling. Hay for sale. Paul Hudman, Rt. 3, Merkel. Phone 537-2348. 26-tfc

WILL DO CROP poisoning and defoliating. Have a 10-Row Hi-Boy. Call Roy Schultz or Eldon Hicks. Ph. 928-5906 or 862-9888. 26-tfc

SPOTS before your eyes -- on your new carpet -- remove them with Blue Lustre. Rent electric shampooer \$1.00 Bullock Hardware and Gifts.

IF YOU WANT your garden plowed, call B. M. Ueckert, 928-5765. 32-2tp

I WON'T BE RESPONSIBLE for any debts other than myself. Jimmy Don Carey. 33-ltc

Wanted
Back Hoe and Loader Work
Cellars, Septic Tank, and Ditching
DON DICKERSON
928-5952

PEST CONTROL
Tree and Shrub Work
Cedar Post All Sizes
Free Estimate
Berlie Wilson
Ph. 928-5211

WANTED TO BUY U.S. Silver Coins
1964 or earlier
Half Dollar, paying 86c
Silver Quarter, pay 43c
Silver Dime, pay 17c
PRATT'S COIN & STAMP SHOP
2155 S. 1st
Abilene, Tex.

DRIVEWAYS repaired, can haul your dirt, rock and gravel
Days Call 928-5772
Call Evenings
HAROLD WALKER
Phone 928-5872

RELAX IN COMFORT
LAZ-BOY & BERKLINE
ROCKER RECLINERS
STARBUCK FURNITURE

Your Wedding Needs
From Engagement To The Altar
Announcements
Invitations
Floral Arrangements
Ann's Flowers
1025 N. 2nd Ph. 928-4742

For Sale

FOR SALE -- Residential rental property located in Merkel, approx. 20 yrs. old. Low down to right party with long term owner financing. Write to Drawer A, Box 428 % The Merkel Mail. 32-tfc

FOR SALE -- '73 Mercury Marquis Brougham. Loaded. Low mileage. Trading for '74. Contact Lloyd Robertson, 928-5806. 32-2tc

HOUSE FOR SALE -- 2 bedr. dwelling close to school and close to church. Can be purchased at reasonable price. Cyrus Pee Real Estate. Ph. 928-5613. 32-2tc

FOR SALE -- Barley Seed in Bulk, \$3.00 bushel. Kenneth Ray, Ph. 846-4160. 32-2tc

FOR SALE -- Registered female white toy poodles, 9 wks. old, \$40 each. Ph. 893-4790, Clyde. 33-ltc

FOR SALE -- 68 Ford Galaxie 500, 2 dr., heater, air, power, automatic. Contact Lloyd Robertson. Ph. 928-5806. 33-2tc

FOR SALE -- Gulbransen upright piano. Would make a good practice piano. Ph. 928-5018. 33-ltc

Garage Sale

GARAGE SALE -- Saturday, Oct. 20th in Senior Citizen Building. Anyone may bring any item he wishes to sell. Each person will be responsible for his own display. Set ups are free. A donation will be accepted. For information, call 928-6779. 33-ltc

GARAGE SALE at Mary Jo Reeds, 711 Locust St. Electric coffee pots, odds & ends, children's clothes, dishes, pots & pans, etc. 9 to 5 Fri. & Sat. Oct. 12-13. 33-ltp

GARAGE SALE -- 1820 S. 5th, Thursday only. 33-ltp

Card of Thanks

I'D LIKE TO TAKE this means to thank all the wonderful people of Merkel. I'd just like to take the whole town in my arms and hug them for all the nice things they have done while I've been in the hospital, all the cards, calls, beautiful flowers and nice gifts. I'm improving every day and looking forward to being back with my many friends of Merkel.

Lorene Lusk
33-ltp

Card of Thanks

This does not apply to the people who were already in Merkel Independent School District. They will pay their personal tax on cars as they have done for years.

The Tax Law concerning consolidating districts is that no personal tax be assessed on personal cars to those going into an established School District, unless the consolidation is completed before January 1st of said year. This law has been called to our attention by the Attorney for Merkel Schools.

I regret that Tye and Noodle were taxed on cars for 1973, and extend my apology to you for this assessment since you were not in our District prior to Jan. 1st. I assure you that I am happy to correct the Tax Roll.

Sincerely,
Mona Faye Bartlett
Tax Assessor-Collector
Merkel Independent School District
33-ltc

Get Ready For Winter
DEARBORN HEATERS
Natural Gas L.P.
Starbuck Furniture

MERKEL AUCTION
Saturday Nights
7:30 P.M.
Consignments Welcome
We Buy, Sell & Trade
Merkel Ph. Abilene Ph.
928-5523 672-7119

Need Any Type ELECTRICAL WORK
Call
Harris Electric
501 Kent St.
Merkel, Texas
Phone 928-5143

Need Any Type ELECTRICAL WORK
Call
Harris Electric
501 Kent St.
Merkel, Texas
Phone 928-5143

Need Any Type ELECTRICAL WORK
Call
Harris Electric
501 Kent St.
Merkel, Texas
Phone 928-5143

Member 1973
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION
The Merkel Mail
PUBLISHERS STATEMENT
Established in 1889

Service
Our Specialty
J. L. FISHER
FINA SERVICE
WEST HIGHWAY 80
INTERSTATE 20 &
TWO LOCATIONS
MERKEL
AUTO PARTS
921 N. 2nd
WE WELCOME
YOUR BUSINESS

Member of the Texas Press Association
and West Texas Press Association.

STEVE LANHAM and **CECIL PLYLER** Publishers
KAYE LANHAM.....Editor
CONNIE HARRIS.....Advertising Sales

For Classified Rates:
\$1.10 minimum for the first four lines. Excess of 4 lines will be charged at the rate of 6 cents per word.
cards of Thanks \$2.50 for the first 50 words, 6 cents per word for each additional word. TERMS: Cash in advance unless account is already established. NOTICE of typographical or other errors must be given before the second insertion of claims for refunds or extensions will not be recognized.

There's Still Time . . . Texas Egg Production Cracks . . . Hog, Pig Population Increases . . . Not So Sweet.

Hogs and pigs on Texas farms as of Sept. 1 are estimated at 1,100,000 head by the Texas Crop and Livestock Reporting Service. This is an increase of 15 per cent from the June 1 estimate.

Farrowing intentions for Texas for September-November are 56,000 head, six per cent above the same months last year. Intentions to farrow in December of this year, January, and February, 1974 are eight per cent above the same quarter a year earlier.

Nationwide, hogs and pigs on farms in the 10 corn belt states are estimated at slightly above a year ago. Hogs for breeding are up one per cent while market hogs are up only slightly from a year ago.

Hog producers in the 10 corn belt states currently intend to hold farrowings at almost the same levels as a year ago for the next six months.

HONEY is not so sweet in Texas this year as far as production goes. Even though production is down, the crop is sweet. But production is down 32 per cent in Texas from a year ago. Commercial apiaries had 81,000 colonies this year, the same as last year. But the average yield is expected to be 65 pounds per colony compared with 92 pounds in 1972.

Colony condition is poor this year due to late freezes and excessive rains in eastern parts of the state.

Nationwide, honey production is about three per cent less than the commercial production in 1972. Yield per colony is expected to average 74 pounds, up slightly from 1972.

EGG production in Texas during August is reported at nine per cent below a year ago and five per cent under last month.

Nationwide, egg production is down six per cent from the past year.

Texas layer numbers totaled 11,000,000 during August, which is four per cent below a year ago.

Texas eggs laid daily per 100 hens averaged 57.8 during August, down from a year ago and last month.

THERE'S still time to visit the Food and Fiber Pavilion at the State Fair of Texas. The pavilion is under the supervision of the marketing division of the Texas Department of Agriculture.

When you visit it, be sure and get copies of two pamphlets on how to get the most from your food dollar. One is titled "Texas Round-up of Low Cost Menus." The other is titled "Economical Texas Vegetable Recipes."

Theme of the Pavilion this year is how to get the most from your food dollar.

This is the fourth year the Texas Department of Agriculture has had charge of the Pavilion. Nearly one million people annually have visited it during the past three years. More than a million visitors are expected this year.

TEXAS ranked third in the nation in fiscal 1973 in value of agricultural exports with almost \$800,000,000 worth of sales. Illinois was first and Iowa was second.

Total export value of agricultural products reached \$12,900,000,000. Exports continue to be an integral part of Texas agriculture since the state is the nation's leading producer of cotton and grain sorghum.

SAVE IN MERKEL
FRIDAYS 9 A.M.-2 P.M.
Across from Post Office

WE'LL GIVE YOU GREEN STAMPS AND HIGHER EARNINGS



CURRENT ANNUAL RATES					
6 3/4%	6 1/2%	6 1/4%	6%	5 3/4%	5 1/2%
750 TO 1000	1000 TO 2500	2500 TO 5000	5000 TO 10000	10000 TO 25000	25000 TO 100000

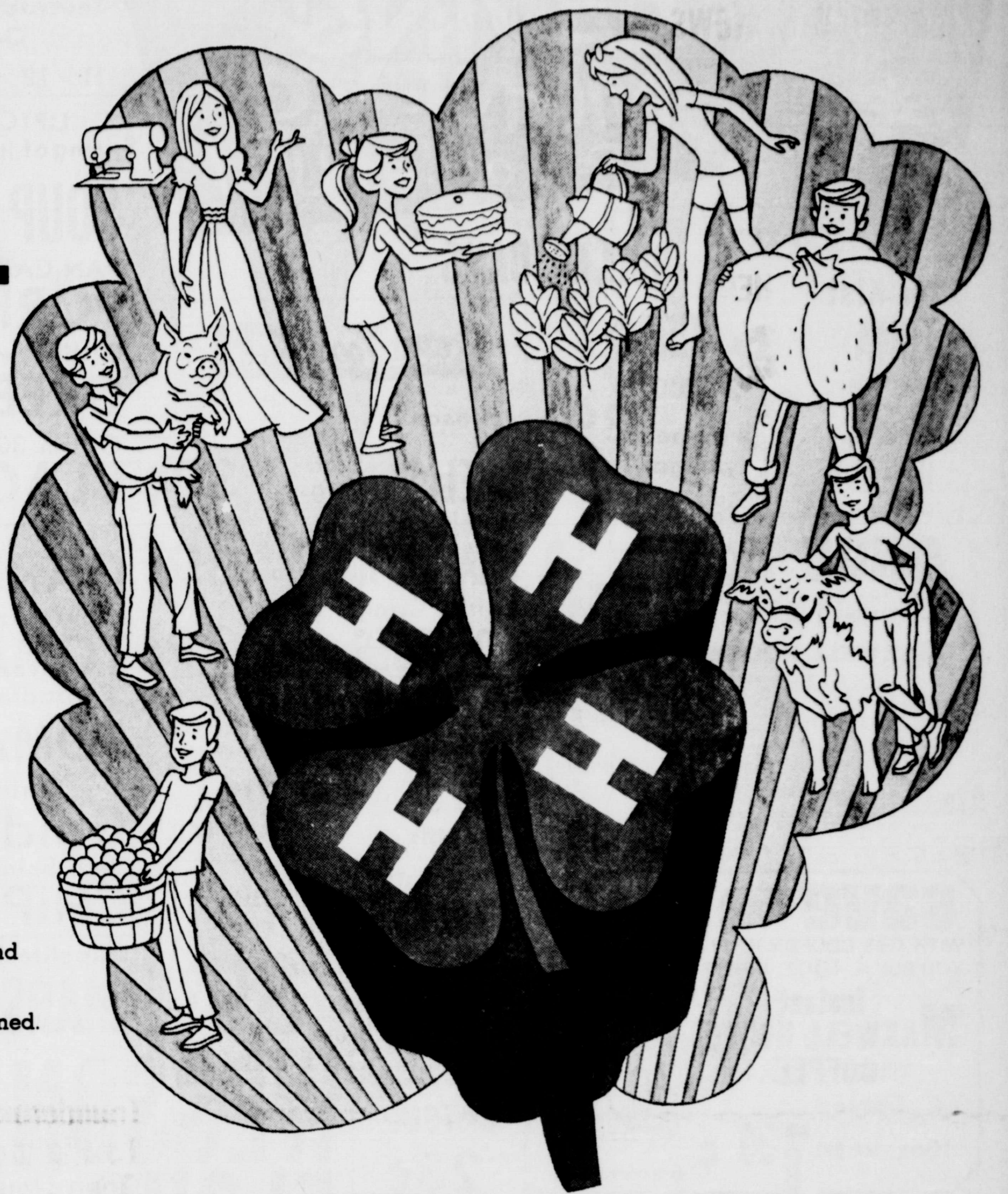
BE SURE TO ASK ABOUT HIGHER RATES ON LONGER TERMS (over 4 years) AND ON CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT OVER \$100,000 PAID QUARTERLY.

Here's an offer you can lick, but you can't improve on it! Give us your long green, and we'll give you our sticky green—valuable S&H Green Stamps, just for saving! We're marking the beginning of another new quarter with something special for new customers and old friends. Open a new Abilene Savings account or add to an existing account now. Deposit any amount up to \$5,000 and we'll give you one green stamp for every dollar you deposit, up to 2,000 stamps. For certificates of \$5,000 or more, we'll give you a total of 3,600 green stamps. One gift per family per quarter, please. Earn more on your savings and get S&H Green Stamps, too. Stick with Abilene Savings!

Abilene Savings
Cedar at 4th • River Oaks • Edgewood • Westgate • 116 Commercial/Coleman

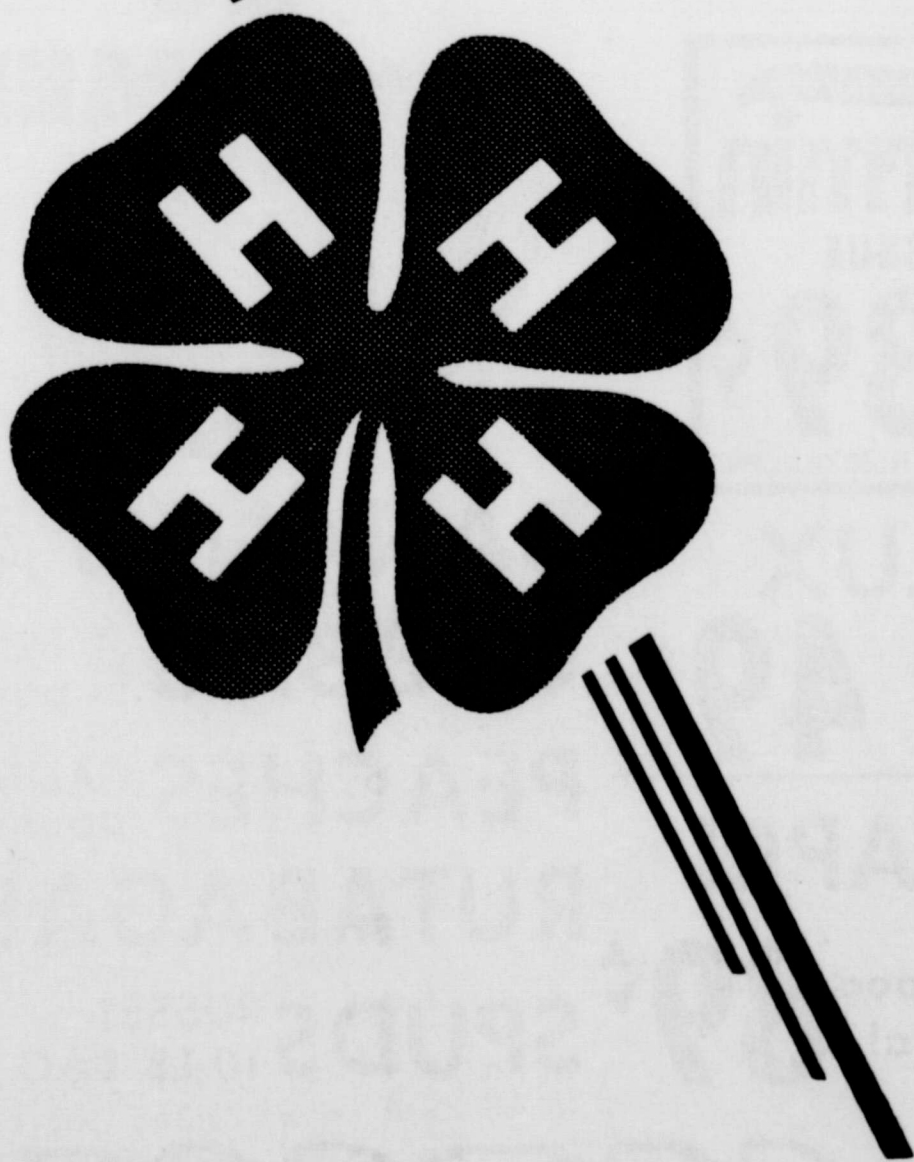
There's A Future in 4-H... For Everybody

A bright one. A right one. A future upon which
America can depend. For a better tomorrow.
The hope for a peaceful world. A pledge of
Heads, Hearts, Hands and Health working
to make it all happen. Concerned young citizens
dedicated to a round-the-clock goal, service and
better community living. Aware. Determined.
Energetic. Keep it up, 4-H'ers!



NATIONAL 4-H CLUB WEEK

THIS AD SPONSORED BY THE FOLLOWING MERCHANTS



- | | |
|---|---|
| Starbucks | Hardy Grocery |
| Barnett Barber Shop | DuBose Butane and Texaco Service |
| Higginbotham-Bartlett Co. | Fisher Fina Stations
and Merkel Auto Parts |
| Manfield Farm & Ranch Supply | Merkel Telephone |
| Quikstop and Bootshop | Conley Barber Shop |
| Lassiter Employment Service | Wylie Truck Terminal |
| Badger Inn | Jack South Grain |
| Hicks Auto Supply | Marie's Beauty Korner |
| Ben Franklin Store | Merkel Restaurant and Motel |
| Wilson Jewelers | Stacy Bird B & D Garage |
| Bullock Hardware and Gifts | Adcocks Cleaners
& Circle A Western |
| Cypert Tax Service | Abilene Farm Supply
Abilene, Texas |
| Merkel Laundromat | The Glamour Bar |
| Merkel Drug | Merkel Mail |
| Shaddix Implement Co.
Abilene, Texas | |

SAVING MONEY'S Part of the FUN!



ON DOLLAR DAYS

5 BIG DAYS
Thursday thru Tuesday
October
11 - 12 - 13 - 15 - 16 th

KRAFTS
MIRACLE WHIP
QUART JAR **59¢**
With \$7.50 or More in Trade
Exclusive of Cigarettes

Star Kist TUNA
Flat Can
43¢
(2 limit)

MIRACLE Oleo
whipped pound **39¢**



Johnson PIE SHELLS 2 ct. Pkg. **33¢**

LIPTON-ITS NEW
Spring of Italian Vegetable
SOUP 2 FOR 63¢

VAN CAMP 300 PORK & BEANS 2 for **35¢**

Griffin whole 303 GREEN BEANS 2 for **49¢**

Griffin 300 Fresh BLACKEYE PEAS 2 **35¢**

Trellis 303 GARDEN PEAS 2 for **35¢**

HUNT 8oz TOMATO SAUCE 2 for **23¢**

Contadina Whole 300 TOMATOES 2 for **39¢**

Our Darling 303 W.k. Golden Corn 2 for **43¢**

Sun Shine CHIP a ROOS Cookies 15 Pkg. **49¢**

Hipolite 9oz Cream MARSHMALLOW ctn **29**

GANDYS Homo 2 MILK 1/2 gal **65¢**

GANDYS Butter MILK 1/2 gal. **65¢**

GANDYS Round Ice CREAM 1/2 gal. **93¢**

3 minute POPCORN 10oz. can **15¢**

HAIR SPRAY SUDDEN BEAUTY 13 oz. can **49¢**

SAVE 25¢
WITH THIS COUPON WHEN YOU BUY THE 1 LB. CAN OF
MAXWELL HOUSE COFFEE
AT Carson's **75¢ WITH COUPON**

save 50¢
WITH THIS COUPON WHEN YOU BUY A 10oz. JAR OF
Instant MAXWELL HOUSE COFFEE
at Carson **1 39¢ WITH COUPON**

Wholesun ORANGE JUICE 12 oz. **39¢**

Keiths Crinkle CUT POTATOES 2 lbs **39¢**

LISTERINE

14 oz. bottle **89¢**

GOLD CROSS MILK tall can 2 For 4 limit **39¢**

Hunts 14 oz. CATSUP **23¢**

WESSON FLOUR Cooking OIL 24 oz. Jar **63¢**

CHILI Gold Medal 1 limit 5 LB BAG **93¢**

JELLO ARMOUR TEXAS 1 limit 19oz. can **69¢**

Full-Cut ROUND
ARMOUR
Star "1877"
HAM
boneless ready to eat
4 to 6 lb pound **1 69**

STEAK



Choice Beef Lean Pound **\$1 29**

ROAST BACON SAUSAGE Choice Beef RUMP Lb. **98¢**

BEEF Decker Pound **1 05**

SPARERIBS Decker Pound **79¢**

BACON Fresh Ground LB **65¢**

BACON Fresh PORK LB **79¢**

BACON Ends & Decker PIECS 3 Lb Box **1 69**

TIDE KING SIZE **1 19** (1 Limit)

BOLD GT. BOX **69¢** 1 Limit

LUX Liquid Giant **49¢**

CAPRI Shampoo 1/2 Gal **89¢**

MELONS California **15¢** pound

BANANAS DOLE POUND **12¢**

CABBAGE FRESH pound **10¢**

PEACHES CALIFORNIA pound **29¢**

RUTABAGAS waxed pound **12¢**

SPUDS RUSSET 10 LB. BAG **79¢**

Authorized STORE FOR FOOD STAMPS CARSONS

WE GIVE GIFT BOND STAMPS
Double on Wednesday with \$5.00 or more

CARSON'S SUPER MARKET
MERKEL, TEXAS
FRESH VEGETABLES