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**SCORES FROM TWO** — Jackie Sims, no. 14, makes the first Merkel touchdown from the 2-yard line climaxing a fifty yard drive early in the first quarter.



**MERKEL TACKLED** — Donald Dye, No. 22, is tackled by the Ranger Bulldogs Friday night as the Badgers downed the Bulldogs 33-6 in the non-district contest.



**PASS PLAY** — David Copeland, No. 80, catches a pass near the goal line. The play was called back due to an illegal procedure penalty against Merkel.



**STOPS A BULLDOG** — Badgers bring down the Bulldog runner on the 43-yard line. Running in to help is Billy Watts, No. 33. The Badgers held the Bulldogs, 33-6.

## Crash Kills Dallas Pilot Near Merkel

A lone pilot from Dallas was killed instantly about 9:15 a.m. Tuesday when his single engine plane crashed about 5 miles southwest of Merkel off FM 125 near the Blair Community. Merkel Patrolman Vernon Wade spotted the wreckage and directed other townmen to the scene. A Texas drivers license taken from the pilot's clothing carried the name Joely Jean Byrd, 46, a male of 6737 Meadowlake, Dallas, the owner of Auto Magic, an auto wax company in Dallas.

Personnel at Auto Magic said via telephone that Byrd was on a business trip to Abilene piloting his private plane. Justice of the Peace Roy Buchanan was called to the scene after a report was received of the crash about 9:30 a.m. He, along with Department of Public Safety officers, Merkel lawmen and Taylor County Sheriff's Department men, including Jack Landrum, surveyed the scattered wreckage. Sheriff Landrum said the plane, a Beechcraft Bonanza, appeared headed in a northeasterly direction. When it struck the ground just south of the Santa Fe Railroad track off FM 125, the plane clipped off the tops of several trees before crashing. A depression in the ground showed where the plane apparently first struck the earth. About 50 yards northeast more of the wreckage was across a gravel road and went through a barbed wire fence dismembering the pilot's body. Several boxes of squeeze bottles and aprons imprinted with the name Auto Magic were found in the wreckage which burned for only a short time in the rain which fell throughout the morning. Sheriff Landrum said the aircraft appeared to be trying to get into Abilene from the west but this had not been confirmed. A card in the pilot's wallet identified him as a captain in the police reserve. Federal administration (FAA) officials from Fort Worth-Dallas area were en route before noon Tuesday. Meanwhile DPS officers were keeping spectators from the crash site which covered an area of approximately 100 yards by 30 yards. Starbuck Funeral Home took the body to Elliott-Hamill Funeral Home in Abilene.

## Taylor-Jones Singing

The Taylor-Jones County Fifth Sunday Singing Convention convenes at Trent Methodist Church at Trent Sunday, September 29, at 1:30 p.m. The public is invited. D.L. Butler, president and Maude Bryan, secretary.

## Pam King To Enter Twirling Contest

Pam King, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dean King of Trent will be among 300 contestants at the 21st Annual Twirling Festival scheduled Sept. 28 on the final day of the Panhandle-South Plains Fair in Lubbock.



NAVY SEAMAN RECRUIT ... Kim E. Howerton

## Howerton Completes Recruit Training

Navy Seaman Recruit Kim E. Howerton, son of Mr. Dan and Mrs. William A. Taff of Route 1, Merkel, Tex., graduated from recruit training at the Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill.

The training included instruction in seamanship, military regulations, fire fighting, close order drill, first aid and Navy history.

## Extension Classes Assured, Begin Wednesday, Sept. 25

Merkel was assured of Cisco Junior College opening extension course Monday when enough students signed up for History and Psychology. The registration was held at the Merkel Chamber of Commerce office.

While there wasn't enough students for the other two courses, Government and English, the two classes came close to having enough.

The classes will begin at Merkel High School Wednesday night, September 30, at 6:30-9:30. The classes will be held two evenings a week, Monday and Wednesday. Persons that did not get to enroll for the two classes may do so Monday night or at the Wednesday evening classes until October 2nd. The Wednesday night classes will be held from 6:30 to 9:30 also.

Officials of Cisco Junior College expressed pleasure of the turnout for the classes. "We feel that we will have more than enough for the new classes starting in January," said Eris Richie, spokesman for the college. He explained that due to the late start of getting this class organized the college felt real encouraged that as many signed up.

A lot of interest was expressed in courses, such as Conversational Spanish, that would offer no credits toward a degree, according to Richie. "We will be able to offer some of these courses in January if the interest continues," he said.

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using the school building at their regular board meeting Tuesday, September 17th. The college is to pay one of the schools regular custodians to open and watch the school building while classes are in session. The board will not charge for the classrooms.

## Taylor Telephone Co-op Manager Services Held

John P. Hardesty, the manager of the Taylor Telephone Cooperative in Merkel for 19 years, died about 9:30 a.m. Monday in his doctor's office here after an apparent heart attack. Services were held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the First Baptist Church.

The Rev. Kenneth Jones pastor of the First Baptist Church officiated. Burial was at Rose Hill Cemetery in Merkel under direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born Aug. 28, 1914, in Abilene he was a graduate of Abilene High School and Benjamin Franklin University for two years.

He married Eddis Lee Powell in 1930 at Lueders. In 1939 the couple moved to Washington, D.C., where he worked for the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Later he worked for more than five years as an administrative assistant to U.S. Rep. Omar Burleson of the 17th Congressional District.

A World War II veteran, Mr. Hardesty moved his family back to Abilene in 1953 and later to Merkel in 1955 when he became the manager of the Taylor Telephone Cooperative.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church and the Masonic Lodge, and was a licensed public accountant. In 1964 he was elected president of the Merkel Chamber of Commerce.

Survivors include his wife; a son, John Powell of Houston; and three sisters, Mrs. Homer Hutto of Tuscaloosa, Mrs. Nelson Hutto of Dallas and Mrs. E. E. McKesson of Marble Falls.

## Rehab Center Still In Need Of Cattle Commitments

As the September 30th sale date approaches, Charlie Morris, general chairman of the 15th annual Cattleman's Round-Up for Crippled Children, expressed guarded optimism as to the prospects for the fund raising project for the West Texas Rehabilitation Center in Abilene, Texas.

Morris stated, "Pledge of cattle and other livestock are running ahead of last year, but at this point they are not running ahead enough to make up the price differential from last year's market." Morris added, "The only way we are going to raise the \$150,000 needed to operate the Center is for those who have helped over the years to give an extra head or two this year, and a lot of folks that haven't participated in the past to give us a helping hand with livestock or cash."

"This has been a rough year on the cattleman," Morris said, "and we know that his help this year will be a real sacrifice."

Anyone wishing to donate livestock should contact the West Texas Rehabilitation Center (915/692-1633) so pick-up arrangements can be made. Cash donations can be mailed to the Center at 4601 Hartford, Abilene, Texas 79605.

The Cattle Sale is set for 1:00 p.m., September 30, at Ranchers and Farmers Livestock Commission in Abilene. The Horse Sale will be October 5 at 1:00 p.m. at Abilene.

Auction and the Sheep and Goat Sale will follow October 14 at the Coleman Livestock Auction in Coleman, Texas. A Farm Equipment Sale is set for November 9 in Lawn, Texas. Chairman Morris emphasized that all donations are tax deductible.

The West Texas Rehabilitation Center is a private, non-profit treatment and diagnostic center serving the handicapped of the Southwest. The Center has served more than 21,000 individuals since it began operations August 15, 1953.

## Pioneer Merkelite Moves To Utah

Mrs. Adah Heeter, who has lived at 902 N. 2nd in Merkel for 71 years, has moved to Provo, Utah to live with her daughter, Mrs. Bowman (Helen) Barlow.

Mrs. Heeter helped run the Woodrum Hotel which was established in the early 1900's. She retired from the hotel business and opened Missie Florist with her daughter, Missie who is now Mrs. Raymond Neal of McKinney, Texas.

She retired in 1958 from the florist business, which she operated in her home.

Mrs. Heeter will be missed by all her friends, who wish her happiness and contentment in her new home.

## Merkel Clobbers Ranger 33-6 Play Host To Roby Friday at 8

The Badgers went to Ranger to play, and play they did with almost a flawless football. The Badgers completely dominated the entire game with one after another of precision ball handling with Bill Watts, Steve West and Jackie Sims running at will. The Badgers offenses line were having a very successful night of opening the holes for the backs to run in. The Merkel defense line contained the Ranger Bulldogs to a total of only 64 yards on the ground. The Ranger eleven only ran with the ball 29 times and the

Badgers stopped six of these for a yardage loss of 39 yards. The Bulldogs moved in to the Badgers territory only twice and both of these came in the last quarters and one of them in the last three minutes of the game with Jackie Sims running at will. The Bulldogs working the ball to the three where Back Mark Lucky made their only touchdown, going in from the three yard line. The extra point was no good.

The Badgers got on the scoreboard early in the first quarter after the Bulldogs had to kick from their own ten. The Badgers took the ball

at the fifty and after West and Watts both had run for fifteen yards the ball was resting at the two and Jackie Sims kept and went in over left side for the touchdown. It took only eight plays for the Badgers to drive the 50 yards. End Johnny Frazier added the extra point and Merkel led 7-0.

In the second quarter the Badgers picked up seven more on a 65 yard drive that sent Back Billy Watts, up the middle from the six for the touchdown. Johnny Frazier added the extra point. With four minutes left to play in the half Quarterback Jackie Sims hit end David Copeland from the eleven, but play was called back for an infraction. The next play Back Billy Watts picked up 17 yards to the Bulldogs one, next play sent Billy Watts in from the one for the six points. The extra point try by Johnny Frazier was no good.

The Badgers fourth touchdown came in the last two minutes of play in the first half as Ranger fumbled the ball, and David Copeland recovered the ball on the 25. Merkel then scored on a 28 yard pass from Quarterback Jackie Sims to End David Copeland for six. The extra point try by Johnny Frazier was no good. Score at half-time: Badgers 28, Ranger Bulldogs 0.

Merkel was held scoreless in the third quarter and added their fifth touchdown in the fourth quarter with a 74 yard drive with Steve West adding another of his long runs picking up 12 and Quarterback Jackie Sims kept once for 15 yards. The Badgers fumbled the ball at the seven but end David Copeland recovered the fumble. Steve West took the pig skin over from the six for the touchdown. Johnny Frazier added the extra point.

The Badgers out first down the Bulldogs with 15, while the Bulldogs only got three, one in the first half and two in the second half. Merkel had six pass attempts and

completed three for 36 yards. Ranger threw nine times for a total 33 yards for four completions. The Badgers had nine penalties for 55 yards, and Rangers had five penalties for 30 yards. The Badgers had to punt three times while the Bulldogs had to punt five times.

The Badgers ground game in the first half was for 149 yards rushing, and in the second half they picked up 86 for a total of 235. Steve West ran for 99 yards. West ran four good runs with ten twice, a 15 and a 12.

Billy Watts had 90 yards rushing, with two 15 yard dashes. Jackie Sims carried the ball for 27 yards one being for 15 yards. David Copeland picked up 15 yards on a hand off play. Back Larry Smith ran the ball for 13 yards. Final score Merkel 33, Ranger 6.

The Badgers play Roby here Friday night in their fourth game of the season. The Badgers now have a 2-1 record.

No.	Name	Pos.	Wt.
10	Paul Tucker	QB	140
*14	Jackie Sims	QB	177
22	Donald Dye	E	135
*25	Steve West	TB	167
30	Keth Austerman	FB	170
*33	Billy Watts	FB	157
35	Beri McElmurray	FB	154
40	Danny DuBose	E	140
42	Larry Smith	TB	154
50	Hendall Howes	C	150
51	Mike Speaks	T	172
60	Gwen Tipton	G	156
*61	Chuck Knight	C	136
63	Roger Doaw	T	150
*64	Mendes Moreno	T	254
*65	Jim Wharton	T	167
*70	Scott Tarpley	G	159
*72	Galen Boone	G	168
*80	David Copeland	E	146
*81	David King	E	149
*84	Doug Hutchings	E	149
83	Jerry Cox	G	153
82	Danny Sparks	E	142
20	Johnny Frazier	E	144

Coaches — Ronny Aldridge, Monte Lane, David Sumner, Galon Doan, George Martin, Robert Crawford

## PTA To Hold Carnival Merkel Halloween

The Merkel PTA held its second meeting of the year Monday night. It was decided at this meeting that the PTA would sponsor a Halloween Festival Oct.

29 from 7-9:30 p.m. in the old gym. Each grade will have its own booth with the teachers and room mothers working together.

Aside from offering the children a lot of fun, proceeds will go toward the PTA project. Mrs. Wyman Wilkerson is in charge of the entire Festival and any business or individual wanting to help in anyway is urged to contact Mrs. Wilkerson. The committee chairmen were also announced: Ways and Means, Mrs. Ricky Elliott; Projects, Mrs. Bill Fowler; Publicity, Mrs. Joe Gregory; and Membership, Mrs. Bill Fariello. Membership can include friends, parents, aunts, uncles, grandparents including anyone interested in a better school.

Mr. Billy Bob Neff has been asked to attend the School Board meeting as the PTA representative and he reported on the last meeting.

A very nice flag presentation was given by the Boy Scout Troop 19 of Merkel. They were Drew Mawson, Kelly Wain, Allen Mawson and Ray Martin.

## Trent Jr. High Game Thursday

The Trent-Highland Junior High football game that was scheduled to be played last Tuesday night will be held Thursday at 7 p.m. at Trent.



**RECEIVES PLAGUE** — A special ceremony was held Sunday at the Grace Presbyterian Church following the worship service. The ceremony honored Mr. John West. Mr. West is retiring as Clerk of the Session and Treasurer of the church which he has held for a period of 46 years. A plague expressing the appreciation of the membership was presented to Mr. West and a corsage was pinned upon Mrs. West. An original poem written by Mrs. Marie Shanks served as background for the presentation.

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## Children's Pictures To Be Taken By Winston Lucas

It is an undisputed fact that the responsibilities of tomorrow's world our nation and community will rest upon the shoulders of the children of today. Since this is true, the publisher of this newspaper would like to give you a good look at these future "World Builders."

The only way we can do this is by publishing pictures of them in a feature series. To assure the latest and best reproduction pictures they must all be of uniform size and quality.

An expert children's photographer with all the necessary equipment for the specialized work will be here. Pictures will be taken at the Crawford's Store from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

There is no charge to the parents. There are absolutely no strings to this invitation. It is bonafide in every sense of the word. Parents do not have to be subscribers, nor even readers of this newspaper to take advantage of

this feature. Neither are they obligated to purchase pictures after they are taken. Those who want some additional prints may obtain a limited number by arrangement with the studio representative when they select the pose they want printed in the paper. It is entirely up to them.

This paper simply wants pictures of all the youngsters and the more, the better. So the mothers and fathers of the community in which this paper circulates should remember the date Wednesday, Oct. 9th, bring their children to the photographer.

You will be mighty glad afterwards, if you did and very, very sorry if you do not permit your children to participate in this event. The kiddies will have fun and both mother and dad and the youngsters too will be very proud to see their pictures in print later.

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## Progressive Mr., Mrs. Henry Holt To Party Held By Observe 50th Anniversary Lamda Beta

Sorority members and Husband of Lambda Beta enjoyed a Progressive Party held on Saturday 21, 1974 at the Methodist Fellowship Hall. Food committee chairmen were: Mignon Seymore, appetizer; Sarah Lucas, salad; Betty Coker, main course and Pat Neff, dessert. A wide variety of each course was served.

A combined husband and wife Rush Party was also held. The Rushes were Judy Elliott and Billy Bright, Husbands Ricky Elliott and Glen Bright. Many get acquainted games were played. Cards and dominoes were enjoyed by all.

Present were: Mr. and Mrs. Jim Allday, Mr. and Mrs. Rosey Castille, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Jr. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Obie Coker, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hohertz, Mr. and Mrs. Craig Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Lucas, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Bob Neff, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Seymore, Glenda Teaff, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Welch, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Yaddow, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Bright and Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Elliott.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Holt will be honored with a reception in their home at 1401 No. 4th St., in Merkel, Sunday in observance of their 50th wedding anniversary.

The reception will be from 2 until 5 p.m., hosted by their children, Mrs. Beauford (Juanez) Buntin and Mrs. Bennie (Marie) Hobbs. Also in the houseparty will be their grandchildren Mrs. Don (Sharon) Holden, Mrs. Howell (Jo Lynn) Cooper, Mrs. Glenn (Valorie) Garbriel and Miss Debbie Hobbs.

Mr. Holt was born Jan. 27, 1904 in Wimberly, Texas. He is the son of late Mr. and Mrs. Mark Holt.

Mrs. Holt was born Beatrice Aven Feb. 27, 1903, in Hugo, Oklahoma. Her parent died at an early age, she was reared by an uncle, the late Charlie Keller and Mrs. Keller.

The couple met in Tuscola Texas in 1923, and was married in Abilene, Texas, Sept. 29, 1924.

Since their marriage they have lived and farmed in Taylor and Jones County except for about 5 years in which they farmed in Arkansas.

The couple have six grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

## Alpha Nu Nu To Hold Spaghetti Supper

Alpha Nu Nu, chapter of Beta Sigma Phi, will host a Spaghetti Supper on Friday, Oct. 11. It will be held at the Merkel School Cafeteria. Serving time will be between 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. The menu will include Spaghetti with meat sauce, salad, garlic toast, iced tea and

coffee. Admission will be \$1.50 for adults and 75¢ for children under six.

Pre-sale of tickets will begin Thursday, Sept. 26 by members of Alpha Nu Nu. Proceeds will be used to help finance the clubs sponsored activities.

## Garden Club Show Slated Oct. 19 & 20

The Merkel Garden Club met Sept. 19 for a Coffee in the home of Miss Christine Collins. Mrs. Mack Fisher was co-hostess.

Mrs. Oda Clark gave the President's Message. Mrs. Aaron Sudderth presented the yearbooks.

Giving the flower show schedule was Mrs. W. L. Brown. The flower show will be Oct. 19 and 20 in the Senior Citizens Building. The theme will be "Grow to Show."

Members present were Mmes. W. L. Brown, Oda Clark, Mary Click, Johnny Cox, Albert Criswell, Lottie Everett, R.M. Ferguson, Tom Fox, S. D. Gamble, Ora Griggs, Dee Grimes, Earl Hughes, Allen King, E. J. Patterson, Herbert Patterson, Tom Shannon, W.T. Sadler, John Shannon, Charlie Sherrill, Aaron Sudderth, Jarrett Williams, Miss Norah Foster, Miss Christine Collins, and Mrs. Mack Fisher.

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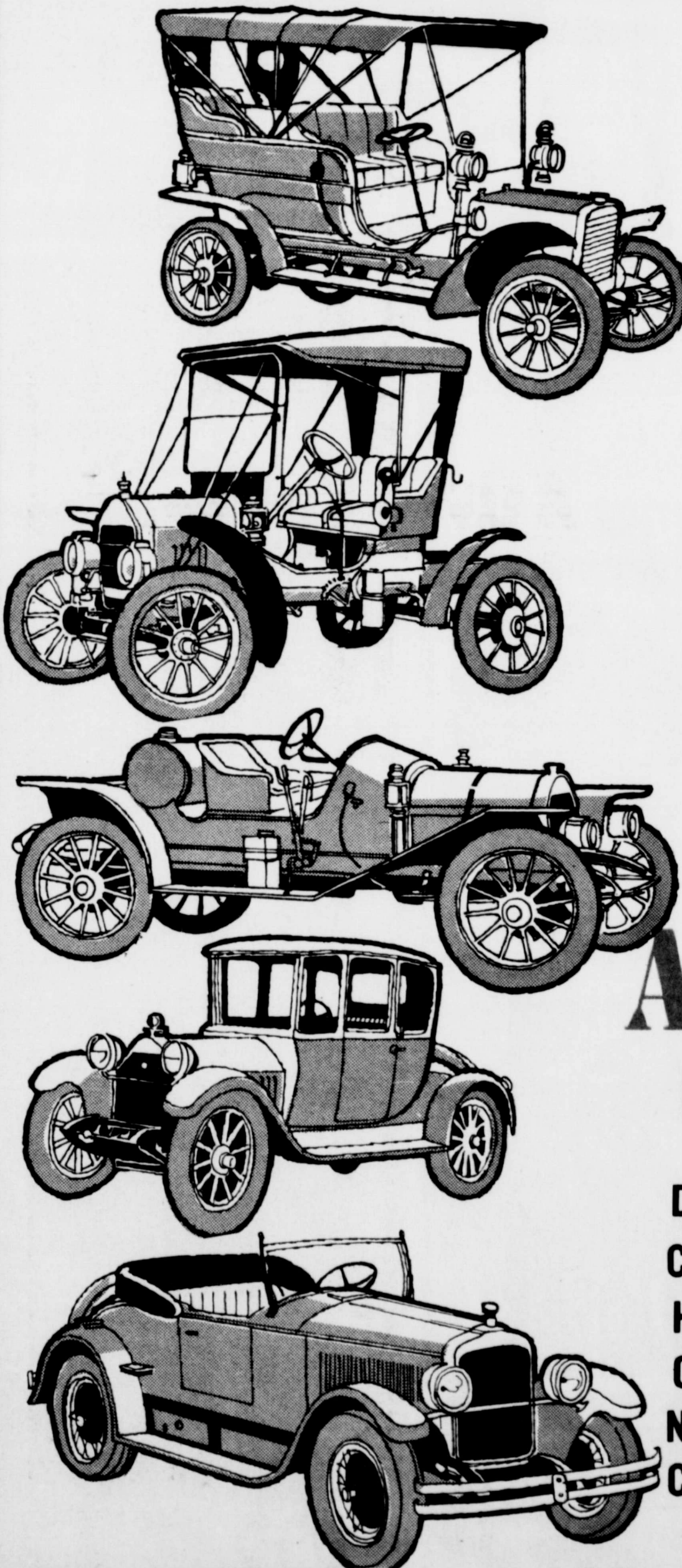
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## 1975 Chevrolet Pickup Truck



Chevrolet pickup trucks for 1975 combine a more stylish look with hauling utility and offer important engineering advances for smoother and more economical operation. Featured are new front end styling with new grille, four trim levels, including new top-of-the-line Silverado, along with Cheyenne and Scottsdale series. Among engineering advances are catalytic converters, using unleaded fuel, for trucks of under 6,001 GVW, a re-designed 250-cubic inch six-cylinder engine, with engine usage based on GVW ratings, and a line of improved optional equipment offering wider availability.

## Monza 2+2 . . . new from Chevrolet



The soon-to-be-introduced 1975 Monza 2+2, Chevrolet's new sporty European-type compact, is a four-passenger hatchback sportster that has two bucket seats in the front and seating for two in the rear. The rear seat can fold into a cargo area. Front lighting on the Monza 2+2 is new with the first usage of dual rectangular headlamps (lower left). Parking and turn signal clear lens lamps are mounted in the lower valance panel. Wrap-around rear lighting units (lower right) provide for all rear lighting requirements. Rear panels, like the front, are soft faced with integral bumper guards and a full-width bumper strip.

## REFRESHMENTS & FAVORS



**NEW FLAIR FOR AMERICA'S FAVORITE**—The standard Chevrolet, America's No. 1 car choice, offers a new level of luxury for 1975 and presents a different new look in front that gives separate identity to both the Impala (bottom photo) and the top-of-the-line Caprice Classic models (top photo). Styling changes include two new roof lines for four-door and sport sedan. The regular-size Chevrolets and station wagons are available in 15 models, in three series. . . Caprice Classic, Impala and Bel Air.

## Badger Tracks

DAREL BUNCH

Well, Sammy Badger moved into town this week and brought his whole family. Proof: Drive down any street in Merkel and signs read "A Fighting Badger Lives Here." Rumor is that the Booster Club sponsored the project. Sammy says, "Those crit-

ters played against Ranger like real Badgers." He referred to our 33 to 6 victory. If you would like to jump on the Badger wagon, get a Purple People Eater Badger Tee-Shirt from a member of the student council. Purple and Gold light special

price is \$4.00. Seniors pictures were taken last Saturday. The girls looked lovely and the fellows looked neat in their crew cuts. A note of appreciation to Mrs. Fonda Bicknell in the office. She is doing a great job and has a good understanding of the students. Look what the rain washed in! Welcome Home Ronnie Whisenhunt! See you next week, and until then: "Raindrops keep falling on my head, its 10:00 o'clock and time for all good boys to be in bed!"

## Mrs. Jerry Magee Host To Sorority

Alpha Nu Nu, chapter of Beta Sigma Phi, met Sept. 16 at the Merkel Country Club. Hostess for this meeting was Mrs. Jerry Magee. President Mrs. Larry Justice conducted the business meeting. Several projects were discussed including good-will work for the elderly needy people in Merkel. Club

members have also volunteered to help with the West Texas Rehabilitation Center Telethon in Abilene. Yearbooks were distributed to the members at this meeting. They contain a list of officers for the club and committees and committee chairmen, and general information about Sorority. They also have a list of the members and personal data on each one. This yearbook was dedicated to Darla Mawson in appreciation of all she has done for us. She was a great help in getting the new club organized.

A program on Etiquette was given by Marie Shanks. Using pictures, she demonstrated the difference between formal and informal dining arrangements. She also showed some interesting Fall table decorations she has made. Members attending were Mmes: Magee, Justice, Robert Harris, Dick Leach, Juan Ybarra, George Starbuck, Ray Vanderwerker, D. A. Bishop, Marie Shanks, and Louise Sudderth.

Members attending the Abilene Beta Sigma Phi City Council kickoff tea held Sept. 14 at the Church of Heavenly parish Hall were Mmes. Robert Harris, Jerry Magee, Dick Leach, Marie Shanks and Louise Sudderth.

### Senior Citizens

Many of the Club members have enjoyed the games and fellowship during the rainy weather. Monday night was game night and it was well attended. Thursday night will be an outstanding event. Howard and Ester Carson will show films of their trip to the Holy Land. A large crowd is expected. The public is invited. If anyone needs transportation, call 928-5074.

## Baseball Park Project

The Merkel Youths Baseball Project met at the Asteroid Restaurant Monday, Sept. 23. No new plans were made. Tickets to the J.W. Brewer Country & Western Musical should go on sale this week. They can be purchased by calling 928-4883, 928-5705 or from J. C. Carson, Ea Davis, Connie Mack Seymores Insurance. Also there will be some boys and girls selling them from door to door. They will be \$1.00 in advance or \$1.50 at the door. If you can bake a cake

but not attend the musical call Mrs. Don Glasscock or Mrs. John Brady and someone will pick the cake up. We have our donation cans ready to put out in stores downtown. When you shop downtown, drop your change and dollars in. Help us build

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# 'GORILLA GRAFFITI'

By Mrs. Dean King



Greetings from Gorilla-Land! Some of our students have been sporting some attractive new white T-shirts, with "Trent Gorillas" emblazoned on the front in blue. For all you Trent fans, these can be purchased at Crawford's Department Store in Merkel. Our thanks to Mr. Crawford for going to the trouble of getting shirts pertaining to our team - we appreciate you! The close-community relationship between Merkel and Trent is just great.

We would like to give you a run-down of events for Trent's Homecoming, which is up-and-coming, Oct. 4-5.

Oct. 4 - 5:00 p.m. - Powder Puff Football Game (Come see the Fantastic Female Footballers, along with their Monster Male Cheerleaders) Oct. 4 - At Dark - The Bonfire

Oct. 5 - 8:30-7:30 a.m. - Breakfast (Community Club) 7:00-10:00 - Registration 10:00-10:45 a.m. - Homecoming Parade 10:45-11:30 - Gigantic Pep Rally at Trent Gym 11:30-1:00 - Lunch (Seniors) 1:00-2:00 - Visitation 2:00-3:00 - Program 3:00-5:00 p.m. - Visitation 5:00-7:00 p.m. - Supper (Juniors) 8:00 p.m. - Homecoming Game with Hobbs Panthers

At the half-time performance, a Coming Home Queen will be crowned from among the exes, along with a Football Sweetheart; and Mr. Rhythm and Miss Rhapsody from the "Bold Gold" Band. The nominees for Football Sweetheart are Robbie Freeman-Freshman; Teri Hamner-Sophomore; Pat Boyd-Junior; and Rebecca Freeman-Senior. Nominees for Miss Rhapsody are Robbie Freeman, Teri Hamner, Pam King, Cindy Beasley, and Becky White. Nominees for Mr. Rhythm are Jeffery Wells, Kenny Nance and Glynn Dunn.

Our Jr. High bunch suffered a disappointment last week when their 1st game - with Lueders-Avoca - had to be called off, due to the mud, and the muck, and the mire. The boys were ready along with their coach, Bruce Thomas; the Cheerleaders and Pep Squad were read, along with their most enthusiastic sponsor, Miss Martha Bever... but we all stayed home.

A new organization in T.H.S. this year is the High School Choir, under the direction of Mr. Jerry Find-

ley. They have been practicing every week since school began... and we will be looking for good things from this dedicated group... perhaps a program for Community Club in near future, huh, Mr. Findley? Choir officers are President - Jeffery Wells; Vice-President - Teri Hamner; Secretary - Glynn Dunn; and Librarian - Brenda Griffith.

Today, Sept. 26, at 4:00 p.m. in the Trent gymnasium, the Junior and Sophomore classes are sponsoring a "SLAVE DAY AUCTION." The auction will be held by Coach Bob Campbell, and it proves to be ver-ry interesting as he will auction off all members of the Sophomore and Junior classes to any other high school student or faculty member... for a nominal fee! Bidding will start at 50¢ and several people can go together and buy a "slave." The duties of the purchased slave will begin at 8:00 a.m. in the morning (Friday) and will last until pep rally time at 3:15. Each "slave" will perform "favors" for their "masters", such as carrying books, typing letters, etc. All you Trent students be sure to stay after school today so you can put some people to work for you tomorrow. This is your big chance to give a few orders - don't miff it!

ATTENTION TRENT JUNIORS AND SENIORS: Monday, Sept. 30 the man will be here to take orders for Senior Invitations and caps & gowns; and to measure the Juniors for their Senior rings. The Seniors need to bring a deposit of \$15.00 and the Juniors need to bring \$10.00.

On Wednesday, Oct. 2, a group from the Division of Fine Arts of McMurry College will be at Trent Schools at 1:00 to present an entertaining program. They are called "Morning Star."

The Fifth Grade has the American Flag displayed in their room in a most unique way... Hanging from a gold curtain rod, this class used chain-links of red, white and blue construction paper and made the cutest replica of the flag. But with such a cute and enthusiastic teacher as Mrs. Jackie Reynolds, such things are "to be expected."

If you don't think you're getting older faster, consider this: this is 6-weeks test week, a'ready!! Trent students took tests Tuesday and Thursday - and will see the results next Wednesday when "those" cards come out.

Tom "Elvis" Stevens is sporting a new car... think he calls it the "Green Goose" remember "Rodeo Red" from last year - Lonnie Rigan's pride & joy? Mrs. Thomas to Mrs. Allen: "Everytime I see myself addressed as Ms., I feel as if someone has taken my husband!"

Get up early (5:30-7:30 a.m.) Saturday morning October 5, for the Community Club will be serving breakfast of pancakes, bacon, and all the trimmings, at the school cafeteria. EVERYONE is invited - and there will be NO CHARGE for the meal. The men of the community club will accept donations at your own discretion - but that is all. We're expecting lots of exes for their Homecoming breakfast.

Are you still hanging in there? - Hi, Jackie.

Nominees for Football Hero are Senior - Tom Stevens; Junior - Bob Reed; Sophomore - Rocky Bryan; and Freshman - Bobby Brazzelton. Who the lucky guy will be will be revealed at the Homecoming game, Oct. 5.

Steve Bland, President of Trent FFA and Steve Shugart, Vice-President attended the Big Country FFA District meeting, as voting delegates at Jim Ned High School in Tuscola, on Wednesday, Sept. 18. At this time, new District officers for 1974-75 were elected. Mr. Rocky King is Trent FFA advisor.

Mr. Garnet Wilks, local banker, and his wife have certainly set some kind of record... if they make it to the Oklahoma University-Texas game this year, (which they definitely are planning to do) they will have attended every game for the past 25 years!! (And would you believe have only been rained on once during all that time???? After the past few weeks, it looks like this might be the year, eh?)

All our well wishes go to Mrs. Spud (Dene) McLeod, who is in the hospital in Abilene, following surgery last Tuesday.

A belated Happy Birthday to little Miss Tami Neff, daughter of Principal and Mrs. Roy Neff. Tami was 3 years old last Monday.

A Fellowship for the young people was held last Sunday night at the home of Coach Bob Campbell. There was good attendance and everybody had a good time.

The Trent Gorillas and the Bold Gold Band will depart

# MERKEL-TYE School Menu

THURSDAY, SEPT. 26

Barbeque Franks, Whipped Potatoes, Steamed Cabbage, Hot Rolls, Peaches with Topping and Milk.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 27

Holiday

MONDAY, SEPT. 30

Chicken Fried Steak, Cream Gravy, Whipped Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Milk, and Apricot Cobbler.

TUESDAY, OCT. 1

Enchiladas with cheese and chili, Pinto Beans, Spanish Rice, Milk, Peaches with Topping.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 2

Chicken Fried Ham Patties with Cream Gravy, Seasoned Spinach, Buttered Whole Kernel Corn, Hot Rolls, Milk, Fruited Jello Squares.

# Missionettes News

By SUSAN WHEELER

The Missionettes attended a weiner roast at the Teaff's and the girls would like to thank them. There were thirty-two attending.

There was a crowning service held August 27th. The girls who finished their Sussana are Kim Smith, Susie Alllager, Oleta Walters, Lisa Rayburn, Steffy Fortune,

Gwen Teaff, Janet Wade, Jeannessa Cypert and Susan Wheeler.

The Missionettes also met Sept. 13 and there were 18 attending.

Officers elected were: president, Jeannessa Cypert; 1st Vice President, Diane Anderson; 2nd Vice President, Kim Smith; secretary, Lisa Rayburn; treasurer, Mary Fariello; reporter, Janet Wade;

song leader, Susan Wheeler; flag bearers, Pam Wheeler and Bonnie Anderson; and Bible bearers, Imogene Pippin.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS  
To: Ray Evans, Defendant,  
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 25th day of October A.D. 1974, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 13th day of September A.D. 1974, in this cause, numbered 9812-DR on the docket of said court and styled Shirley June Evans, Plaintiff, vs. Ray Evans, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: parties were married on or about Nov. 29, 1970; on or about Dec. 15, 1972, they separated; one child under the age of 18 was born to the parties of this marriage, to-wit: Jason Earl Evans, a male, born on Sept. 3, 1970 in Abilene Taylor County, Texas, whose place of residence is unknown; the child now resides with respondent; no community property has been accumulated during this marriage other than personal as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit effects;

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

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

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, this 13 day of September A.D. 1974. (SEAL)

Attest: Irene Crawford, Clerk, Domestic Relations Court, Taylor County, Texas; By Sandra Van Cleave, Deputy. 31-1tc

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West Texas Fair Association of Abilene, Texas, an unincorporated Association, has incorporated without change of the firm name. The date of the incorporation, was August 14th, 1974.  
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## POLICE REPORT

On September 9, 1974, the Merkel Police Department received notification that some money and various items were being stolen from the Starr Nursing Home. The information received was that there had been between \$300, to \$500, stolen within a couple of weeks. The money was taken from the office of the Starr Nursing Home. A surveillance was placed on the home and around 1:30 a.m. on September 15, two persons were arrested at the nursing home. Approximately an hour later that same morning another person was arrested in Merkel in regards to the theft. The fourth person was arrested in Tye at approximately 12:20 p.m. that same date. All four persons were charged with burglary and placed in the Taylor County Jail. On September 19th, the case was taken before the Grand Jury where all four persons were indicted on charges of burglary. All four persons are now out of jail on bond waiting trial.

On September 19th, a call from the District Attorney's office that the Child Welfare had reported a child abuse case and requested that the Merkel Police check into the incident as it was supposed to have happened in Merkel. At 7:45 p.m., Sept. 20th, one person was arrested here in Merkel as taking part in the injury to a 3 1/2 month old baby. This person was placed in the Taylor County Jail on charges of Child Abuse. At 1:15 p.m., Sept. 22nd, a second person was arrested in Merkel as a result of a continuing investigation in the Child Abuse Case. The second person arrested was placed in the Taylor County Jail on charges of Injury

To A Child. Subject is in the Taylor County Jail in lieu of a \$3,000.00 Bond. This case will be taken before the Grand Jury in the near future.

On Sept. 22nd, a subject in Merkel was attempting to evade the Merkel Police and the Highway patrol by driving around Merkel with his car lights off. This subject was arrested by the Merkel Police and released to the Highway Patrol where he was charged with Driving While Intoxicated. Subject was placed in the Taylor County Jail.

On September 23rd, the Merkel Police Department received a call on a subject being drunk and disorderly. This subject was arrested and placed in the Taylor County Jail. On September 24, this subject pleaded guilty to these charges before Judge Hill, City Judge, and was fined \$80.00 Total. Subject remains in the Taylor County Jail in lieu of this fine.

At approximately 9:30 a.m., September 24 the Sheriff's office in Abilene received a call from the Department of Public Safety in regards to an airplane being downed approximately one mile west of Blair. The aircraft had lost contact with the tower, and it was feared that it was down. Being this close to the area, Vernon Wade was dispatched to attempt to locate the plane while units of the Sheriff's Office and the Department of Public Safety was en route. Approximately 20 minutes later Vernon found the wreckage approximately one mile west of Blair and directed other Law Enforcement Units and Emergency equipment to the scene.

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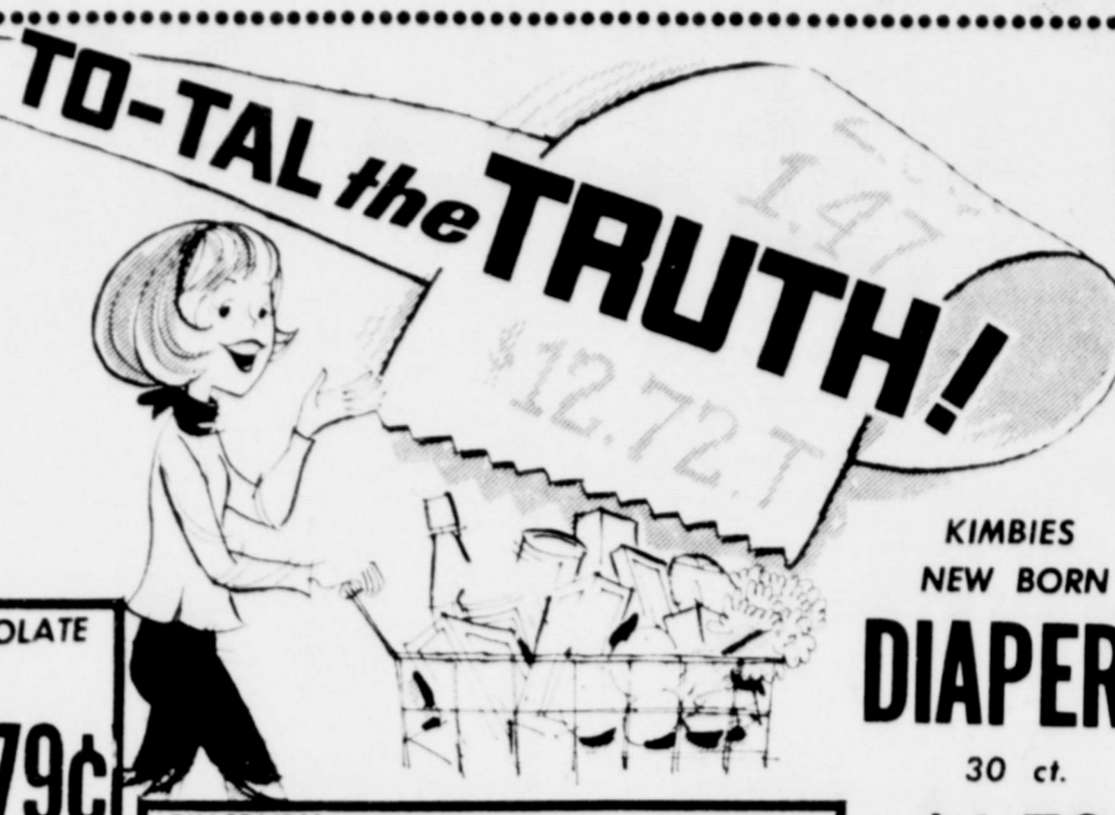
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