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His Honor, The Mayor Plans Tye to Merkel Jog

His Honor, Mayor Lou David Allen, will jog from Tye to Merkel that is if Merkel residents will donate \$500 to the Baseball Project Fund. The BPF is attempting to build a baseball park for area teenagers. As a means of raising funds for the park, members of the committee plan to place donation containers in Merkel businesses so residents may donate to the cause.

The Project Committee will construct a thermometer on the old telephone building in downtown Merkel to show the progress of the drive. The \$500 goal is not the overall goal of the committee. This drive is to get Merkel's Mayor on the road from Tye to Merkel jogging. Money from the containers will be collected and counted weekly and the results registered on the thermometer at the downtown site.

A spokesman for the drive said that persons unable to get to the businesses to donate may mail their contributions to the Farmers and Merchants National Bank and it will be deposited to the fund.

We are especially appreciative of Mayor Allen for showing this interest in the project and the things it is attempting to do for the youth of our area," J. C. Carson said, Carson is chairman of the Project.



TWISTED WRECKAGE— This is what was left of a stolen car that was wrecked near the Asteroid Motel in Merkel Tuesday. Killed in the wreck was Kurt Allan Lankford of Lubbock, Lankford was a suspect in an Abilene armed robbery. (Staff Photo by Cecil Plyler)

Abilene Robbery Suspect Killed In Merkel Wreck

Kurt Allan Lankford, 17, of Lubbock was killed instantly about noon Tuesday after a high speed chase with law enforcement officers. The chase began in Abilene. Lankford was a suspect in the armed robbery of the Maple Terrace Motel in Abilene. The wreck occurred in front of the Asteroid Motel in the city limits of Merkel.

Officer Guadalupe Duran of the Abilene Police Dept. said he had received the call of an armed robbery of the Maple Terrace Motel on East Highway 80, then joined in the chase.

Patrolman followed the suspect on I-20 just to the city limits of Merkel at speeds reaching 115 miles per hour. Merkel Justice of the Peace Roy Buchanan pronounced the man dead at the scene.

Duran said, "I was going 115 and I couldn't catch him." DPS officers Larry Hood and Wayne Bradford were at the scene of the accident which killed the robbery suspect. They said the suspect apparently lost control of the vehicle, which ran off the road in front of the Asteroid Motel.

Glass was strewn along the road for about 400 feet. The car went off on the south side of a westbound lane of I-20 flipped back across the road and landed on the north side.

Detectives found a .22 caliber rifle at the scene of the accident. About \$32 was found in the ditch, but more money was believed to be in the car.

One investigator said a fire truck was called at the scene but the car did not catch fire.

The incident began about 11:45 a.m. with the robbery of the Maple Terrace Motel on East U.S. 801.

The robber reportedly had stayed overnight in the motel and Tuesday morning he entered the office and demanded the motel desk attendants hand over all the paper money in the cash register.

The motel operators told police he accosted them with some type of rifle and escaped with an undisclosed amount of money.

The said the man demanded his registration card before he left, but they saw his license number as he drove away and called Abilene police.

An officer who was not immediately identified saw the car going west on South 1st at S. 1st and Leggett and gave chase.

The Highway Patrol, responding to the city's call, set up a roadblock west of Merkel.

The car in which the man attempted to make his getaway reportedly had been stolen earlier in Fort Worth.

First Baptist Church Sets Oct. 13-20 Revival

Rev. T.C. Melton, a native of the Merkel area, will serve as evangelist for revival services in Merkel's First Baptist Church, pastor Kenneth F. Jones has announced.

The services are scheduled for October 13-20, with Rev. Melton beginning his ministry on Sunday evening, October 13, and preaching through the Sunday morning service of October 20. Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. during the week-days. Regular Sunday Services will be observed, Pastor Jones stated.

A graduate of Merkel High School and Hardin-Simmons University, Rev. Melton has served as pastor of the Elmcrest Baptist Church in Abilene for the past nine and one-half years. He holds both a bachelor's and master's degree from H.S.U., and has done work toward a Doctor's degree at North Texas State University. The son of the Price Meltons of Merkel, Rev. Melton is married to the former Mary France



T. C. MELTON
... Evangelist

Teaff, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Teaff of the Merkel area.

Directing the revival music will be Mr. William N. (Bill) Keltner of Miami, Oklahoma, Pastor Jones said. Mr. Keltner has served for a number of years as Minister of Music and Education, and currently is Assistant Administrator of Miami Baptist Hospital, Miami, Oklahoma. Pastor Jones stated, "He was with us in revival services about five years ago, and our people will appreciate his presence and leadership as he comes to be with us again," Jones said.

These revival services will afford an opportunity for all people in our community to worship and to grow spiritually. It is our invitation to the community to come and worship with us, and it is our hope that all people will realize the great need of revival," Pastor Jones commented.

The church has announced that Nursery facilities will be available to parents with very small children, and modern and up-to-date church nursery is very near to the church auditorium. "Capable, qualified workers with children will be attending them at every service," the pastor said, "so that parents may enjoy the worship experience and know the little ones are well cared for."

Services Held For Miss Pack

Miss Donnie May Pack, 36, of Merkel, died at 11:40 a.m. Friday in an Abilene hospital after a short illness. Services were held at 3 p.m. Sunday in Calvary Baptist Church.

The Rev. P. T. Stewart, pastor, officiated. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery, under the direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born March 15, 1938, in Stephenville, Miss Pack moved to Merkel in 1954. Survivors are her mother, Mrs. Hazel Pack of Merkel; seven brothers, Ernest, Lewis, Roland, Ray, Duke, Larry and Dwayne, all of Merkel; and a sister, Mrs. George (Bonnie) English of Merkel.

One brother, Johnny, died in 1944 and her father, Lester Wayne, died in 1963.

Pallbearers were Billy Fisher, Harold Boyd, Lany Harline, Finely Barnett, Ricky Nance and James Beene.

Alton Reid Services Held Tuesday

Alton Reid, 70, of Tye, died at 6:45 a.m. Monday in West Texas Medical Center after a six-week illness. Services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Starbuck Funeral Chapel.

The Rev. Jerry Kunkel, pastor of Tye United Church, officiated. Burial was in the Trent Garden of Memories with Masonic graveside rites.

Born Sept. 15, 1904 on a farm between Trent and Merkel, he was a graduate of Clyde High School. He moved to California in 1930 where he worked for the Los Angeles Power and Light Co. He retired in 1968 and moved to Tye.

Mr. Reid was a 32nd Degree Mason and a Shriner. His Blue Lodge membership was with Van Nuys Lodge 450. He spent most of the past year living in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Anderson of Merkel because of ill health.

Survivors include a son, Roger T. of Long Beach, Calif.; three brothers, J. W. of Lubbock, Ernest of San Antonio and Homer of Baltimore, Md.; and a sister, Mrs. Delene Norton of Fort Worth.

Merkel Tops Albany 28-12, Jim Ned Indians Here Friday

If you weren't in Albany Friday night, you should of been. Because if you didn't know why the Merkel Badgers are called the fighting Badgers, you would have after their grinding victory, over the powerful Albany Lions.

Yard by yard, and down by down, the Badgers fought their way to 28-12 victory, over the second place rated Albany Lions in 8A District play.

The victory gives the Badgers a 4-1 season record and an 1-0 District record.

The Badgers called an abrupt halt to the Albany Lions drive they set up on the opening kickoff, when Merkel's end Donald Dye intercepted a pass at the ten yard line, only to see the Badgers punt the ball out of bounds at the Badgers own 48 yard line after only three plays.

Albany's powerful back Roy Hawkins took over and ran the ball three times, once for 12 yards and twice for 11 with the last being a un-

touched round the right side touchdown. The extra point try was no good, and the Lions had an early 6-0 lead.

The Badgers came right back after the kick off and set up an 85 yard drive that started at the 15. The touchdown drive was capped off with a two yard quarterback keep by Jackie Sims, after 15 plays that saw back Steve West run for 13 yards and Billy Watts get 10, and Sims hit end David Copeland for 8, his first completion of the night.

With only 30 seconds left in the first quarter Johnny Frazier kicked for the extra point, and the Badgers took the lead 7-6.

The Lions came back quickly after the kickoff with only three plays to take the lead on a 25 yard pass from quarterback K. C. Jones to halfback Bubba Hogan to the Badgers 48. Quarterback K. C. Jones hit wide open halfback Ed Hogan for the 48 yard touchdown. The extra point attempt was no good as the Lions took the lead, 12-7.

With three minutes left in the half the Albany Lions fumbled and the Badgers recovered the pig skin at the 50. After a 24 yard pass by Jackie Sims to end David Copeland, and a Steve West run, found the Badgers knocking at the Lions goal line. With the Badgers on the half-yard line, no time out left, and only 34 seconds left the Badgers lined up three times with out a huddle and shut down Jackie Sims quarterback keeps, and the Albany eleven took a 12-7 lead with them at half time.

On the second half kickoff the Badgers set up a 86 touchdown drive for their own 14. It

took 21 plays and nine minutes of precision ball handling, before Quarterback Jackie Sims keep and made his second touchdown from the six. Frazier attempt was no good, and the Badgers led 13-12.

Johnny Frazier set up the Badgers third touchdown at his own 40 when he intercepted a Lions pass after 11 plays back Billy Watts goes in for the touchdown from the one. The Badgers made the extra point on a fake kick, as Paul Tucker hit David Copeland in the end zone for two, Badgers led 21-12.

The Badgers set up their fourth touchdown late in the fourth quarter when Mendes Moreno dropped quarterback Jones for a 20 yard loss. Jones trying for long yardage pass was intercepted by Steve West at the Badgers 40. Steve West picked up a 39 yard run around left to the 11, two downs later, with only two minutes left to play Jackie Sims keeps and goes in from the nine, for his third touchdown of the game. Johnny Frazier added the extra point.

The Badgers came home with a big victory, and will play host to the Jim Ned Indians, here Friday. Jim Ned dropped Baird last week 57-10.

Rotan beat the Roscoe Plowboys on a late touchdown 31-28.

Merkel had 18 first downs, to Albany's 6. Merkel completed 3 of 8 passes for only 12 yards. Albany completed 3 to 8 passes for 45 yards. The big difference in the game came in the ground game, with Merkel getting 311 yards rushing, and holding the Lions to 59 yards.

Sims got 49 yards rushing, while Billy Watts got 111 yards and Steve West ran up a total of 142.

Tye PTO To Have Halloween Carnival

The Tye PTO met last Thursday night at the Tye School. The PTO voted on having the Halloween Carnival October 31, Halloween night, at the Tye School.

The Carnival is an annual event and will start at 6:30 p.m. Each room will have their own booth and various organizations are expected to have booths in operation.

Officers were elected for the coming year. They were, President, Bill Blanton; Vice President, James Price and Secretary, Sharon Corbit.

The PTO plans a membership drive and all parents interested can contact the Tye School or Bill Blanton.

Boosters Will Play Coaches

Merkel football fans will get an extra treat this coming week. The Badger Booster Club will play the Merkel coaches in a game set for Monday at 7:30 p.m.

Proceeds from the game will go to the Booster Club to be used to finance club projects during the year.

If you would like to play in the football game, all you have to do is join the Booster Club and report to the field Monday Night.

Lawrence Hewitt and Vincent Barnett will serve as coaches for the Booster Club. The general public is invited to attend the game.

The next Booster Club meeting will be Monday night at the field house at 7:30 p.m.

Teresa Clemmer Named State Achievement Winner

COLLEGE STATION — Teresa Clemmer, an outstanding Taylor County 4-H member, has been named a state winner in the Achievement Program, according to state 4-H officials at Texas A&M University.

Teresa will receive an expense-paid trip to the National 4-H Congress in Chicago, Dec. 1-5, provided by local sponsors. The Ford Motor Company Fund sponsors one trip to National 4-H Congress for each state along with 12 \$600 scholar-

ships for national winners. Teresa is the 17-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R.E. Clemmer Jr., of Route 3, Merkel. She is a nine-year veteran of the Mulberry Canyon 4-H Club and is a senior at Divide High School.

In 1973 Teresa was named the Taylor County Gold Star girl. She has served on the District 7 4-H Council the past two years and is presently chairman of the county 4-H council. She was an alternate to the State 4-H Dress Revue last year. This year she participated in the National 4-H Citizenship Shortcourse and Heritage Tour to Washington, D. C. and attended the Texas 4-H Congress in Dallas.

Teresa has been a junior leader in clothing and foods and has conducted recreation at county and district camps. The 4-Her has exhibited numerous livestock at local and area shows and has won a number of showmanship trophies and other awards. Among Teresa's 4-H projects have been leadership, clothing, foods, home improvement, lambs, rifle, electricity, poultry and public speaking.

In high school Teresa has held class offices, has been editor of the school annual, and has been active in basketball and the Future Farmers of America.

Hart Named Lions Prexy

Don Hart, Manager of Taylor Electric Cooperative, Inc., had assumed the presidency of the Merkel Lions Club. Hart was elevated from first vice president of the organization to president Tuesday, October 1, at the weekly luncheon of the club.

Hart replaced Fred Starbuck who resigned due to ill health.

Victory Singing

The Victory Gospel Singers will meet for their regular second Monday night singing. They have been having good singings lately.

Everyone is invited to attend. F. E. Sipes is president.

Large Crowd Plays In Ladies Golf Tourney

Last Saturday was the First Ladies Golf Tournament for the Merkel Country Club and those participating agreed that it would become an Annual Event. The rains that postponed the original date of Sept. 28 to the Oct. 5th really had the fairways and greens in good shape and despite the high winds of the day the ladies had a good tournament.

The Medalist winner was Betty Jane Tittle. The winner in the Championship Flight was Becky Knipe of Snyder with Jo Ann Smith taking se-

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BETTY JANE TITTLE
... Medalist winner



MERKEL SCORES — Jackie Sims, No. 14, scores Merkel's second touchdown Friday night against Albany. The Badgers came back in the second half to win 28-12. Staff Photo.



RETURNING THE FAVOR — This funeral wreath was sent to the Merkel Badgers Friday morning by the Albany Lions. After the Badgers beat the Lions, the Merkel pep squad placed the wreath at the door of the Albany team.



COMING HOME QUEEN
... Mrs. Elsie Mae Curry



FOOTBALL SWEETHEART
... Robbie Freeman, center
with Football Captains Mac Sipe, Randy Scott



FOOTBALL HERO
... Tommie Stevens
... Staff Photos by Jan Beck

Congratulations to Coach Bruce Thomas and his Jr. High Gorillas for their big win over McCaulley Tuesday night a week ago. The boys had a large following from Trent, and the Monkeys (or Jr. Gorillas) thrilled and entertained them, as Wendy, Bessy and Co. rolled to a 34-14 victory!

"Morning Star" came to Trent at high noon... almost last week when the McCaulley singers entertained with a musical program at 1:00 p.m. in the gym. The group was composed of 4 boys and 3 girls; with 2 boys on guitar and a lady on the organ, with the girls dressed in red and white and the boys in navy and white, they made a happy-looking bunch and sang happy songs - with the last one, "The Entertainer" seeming to be the

'GORILLA GRAFFITI'
By Mrs. Dean King



favorite with the Trent students. It is a pleasure to have programs such as this in our school, and we are grateful to the Fine Arts Department of McMurry College for sending them our way.

A tired bunch of people returned to their jobs and school Monday, after a big Homecoming weekend. In fact, I am almost too exhausted to "re-live" it on the printed page. We will hit some of the highlights for those of you who were unable to attend. Bouquets to Lloyd Williams and wife

and their committees for the superb planning and work to make this the success that it was. Mr. Williams turned the reins of the Ex-Students President over to Mr. Ted Simpson at the 2:00 p.m. Program on Saturday. A job well done, Loyd - and lotsa luck and moral support to Ted and wife. The parade was extra-special-good this year, with a wide variety of floats. The Powder Puff football game, the Senior dinner, and the Junior supper had excellent turnouts - and many thanks to everyone who had any part in helping the students financially and every other way in these events.

The Bold Gold put on an outstanding performance as they entered the field from the north and the south. They looked good and sounded good and we were proud of our band students. They are really improving at every outing and they have Mrs. Findley to thank for this. She is a most dedicated person and has done wonders with the students and should be commended for her tireless efforts.

For the first time this year in a performance, the Trent majorettes twirled a fire baton routine, which was quite impressive.

All of Trent Homecoming was aptly covered by Rev. Curtis, manager of KFWA radio in Merkel. We genuinely appreciate his interest in our community, and enjoyed the play-back of the activities of the weekend.

Now that everyone has rested (???) from Homecoming, we can throw ourselves into plans for the Halloween Carnival, which will be Oct. 31, - not too far in the distant future. Didn't that just make your day???

And then there are two Juniors, David Hackney and Bob Reed - David does some splendid tackling; Bob supplies the Jr. speed.

The Sophomores aren't push-overs; First, there's strong man, Alan Morse, Mustangs better watch out for him; He's out to get a horse.

Then Rocky Bryan - Hear that growl?? He's rarin' and ready to go! Did you know that to practice tackling, He uses a buffalo?

Jimmy, with those long, tall legs, Don't get in his way; He makes a touchdown in one step - Says its his special way!

Then come our eager Freshmen - There are five of them in all; With these five coming at you, Better be ready for a fall.

And that's our Great Gorilla team, From a very honest Scout... As for the Benjamin Mustangs - Well, you just better watch out!

Thank you, Pam, for letting us share this with our readers. And as you know by now, the Gorillas lived up to Pam's faith in them and whipped soundly the Benjamin Mustangs in their own backyard to the tune of 36-18. Steve Bland displayed his own brand of razzle-dazzle, as he did everything from sensational blocking, tackling, passing, kicking extra points to scoring 2 of our TD's.

TCY Homemakers Meet Thursday

Taylor County Young Homemakers will meet on Thursday, October 10 in the home of Mrs. Larry Beasley at 7:30 p.m. The Program will be presented by Mrs. Ruth Lambert.

During this meeting secret pal selections will be made and club dues for the year should be paid.

All members are urged to attend and any visitors are welcome.

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At half-time of the Trent-Hobbs football game Saturday night, Miss Robbie Freeman was crowned Football Sweetheart, representing the Freshman Class. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Freeman. Robbie is also a most enthusiastic cheerleader, class officer, and is a member of FHA and 4-H. Selected as Football Hero was Tom Stevens, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Stevens Jr., and is a Senior. Tom is one of the Tri-Captains of the Trent Gorilla Football team this year.

In other half-time activities, from the Trent Gold Band, Miss Robbie Freeman again reaped the honors as she was chosen "Miss Rhapsody". "Mr. Rhythm" was Jeffery Wells, son of Mr. and Mrs. Layne Wells. Jeffery is a Senior and top-notch cornet player. These outstanding band students were presented plaques from the Band.

Due to space limitations the following was left out last week, Eds.

Trent Jr. High had their first Pep Rally on Sept. 26 at 3:15. After two games being cancelled, they had lots of pep stored up and unleashed it in the form of "SPRIT" which was evident in the cheers, the chants, and the "No Sweat" skit. The cheerleaders performed a cute pom-pom routine to the Fight Song. Junior High cheerleaders are Head Cheerleader Leanna West, Sue Bryan, Vondi King, and Rebecca Sipe. That night, was the Jr. High ballgame with Highland Coach Thomas' charges played a bang-up good ballgame. The score doesn't really tell the whole story, as Highland was the victor 22-6; but Trent had 3 touchdowns called back. Attend the Jr. High pep rallies and games...you'll be surprised at your youngsters!

Last Thursday afternoon at the Jr.-Soph. Classes' Slave-Day Auction, Coach Bob Campbell was SUPERB as Auctioneer, as he shrewdly prompted keen competition in upping the bidding in raffling off "slaves". (We need to get J. W. Brewer to play his theme song for our coach!) The Auction proved a success as students and faculty purchased "slaves" to work for them on Friday. Could not believe my eyes when I saw Rebecca Freeman (Master) in a little red wagon, being pulled to school... by Brenda Griffith (Slave)! Alan Morse and David Hackney were a couple of others that were being put through the paces by their loving teachers.

For those who got such a kick out of the song that was popular last spring, "The Streak", be listening for its answer: "The Freak".

Our high school pep rally Friday was the best yet... as fans and student body spelled out GORILLAS to the fight song. Spirit was high, as were hopes for victing over Benjamin - in spite of the fact that we'd been picked to be the under-dog. Mrs. Carolyn Land, Cheerleader sponsor, read a poem that was written by a Freshman student, Pam Evans, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Evans. It is entitled: "Gorillas vs. Benjamin"

Beck, Higgins Engagement Announced

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Beck of Trent have announced the engagement of their daughter, Jana Sue to David Ray Higgins.

Miss Beck is a graduate of Trent High School and is attending Hardin-Simmons University. She is employed at the Merkel Mail.

David, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Higgins, attended Merkel High School and is employed by Sojourner Drilling Corp.

A January 4th wedding in the First Methodist Church in Merkel is planned.

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NEEDED - LVN and nurses aide, 2-10 shift. Apply in person at Starr Nursing Home in Merkel.

NEEDED - Parttime waitresses, cooks and dishwashers. Phone Margo 928-4923 or 928-4868.

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WANTED - Two school Custodians, 40 hr. week, time and 1/2 for overtime. Beginning salary \$2.25 per hour. Contact Mack Fisher, Supt. of School, Merkel, Texas. Ph. 928-5113.

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FOR THE MANY CARDS, letters and personal visits during my recent hospitalization, please accept my thanks. C. B. Gardner, M.D.

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FOR SALE - Conn Organ, 3 key board with bass foot pedal, \$300.00. Can be seen at Castille's Hardware, Merkel.

FOR SALE - Spanish black leather living room suit, 1 couch, 2 chairs, and 2 ornaments, \$100.00. Call Duane Shugart, 928-5027.

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FOR LEASE - 240 acre stock farm. See Earl Baze, Ph. 928-5624.

HOUSE FOR RENT - 4 rms. & bath, 1/2 mile west of 5th. See or call Mrs. Roy Mashburn after 5 p.m. Ph. 928-3507.

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Garage Sale

GARAGE SALE - 507 Rose St. Thurs. & Fri. Boys, girls, and ladies clothes, curtains, bedspreads, house wares & misc.

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Card of Thanks

WE WISH TO TRY and express our deepest thanks for the many kind deeds given to us during our great loss of our loved one, Donnie May. Thanks to everyone who helped in preparing and giving of the abundance of food. For the many beautiful flowers, and beautiful thoughts and sympathy and in donations. May God Bless each and everyone of you. George and Bonnie English & Family and The Packs

Card Of Thanks

THANKS to our many friends who helped during the illness and passing of our loved one, Patricia Ann. Our special thanks to Bro. A.S. Watson, Bro. James Williams and also Sybil Roney, Clara Dwiggins & Buster Horton for the music, the beautiful flowers and the ladies who served the food. May God Bless each of you in our prayer. The Family of Pat Stephenson The F. J. McDonald Family

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New Arrivals John Christian docked at Portsmouth Naval Hospital at Portsmouth, Virginia, Sept. 24th, 1974. John's parents are John and Clara Reed of Virginia Beach, Virginia. The proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. George C. Faugh of Philadelphia, Penn. and Mr. and Mrs. John C. Reed of Merkel.

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MRS. JOHN SHAW ...Honoree

Mrs. John Shaw Celebrates 82nd Birthday

Mrs. John Shaw of 809 Brickhaven, Merkel, Texas, celebrated her 82nd birthday Sunday afternoon Oct. 6 at the Sixth Community Center.

Hosting were her children, Mr. and Mrs. Royce Mashburn of Longview; Mr. and Mrs. Wade Shaw, Gainesville, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mashburn, Stith; and Roxie and M. J. Shaw of Abilene. Also hosting was a granddaughter, Mrs. Brenda Hardin of Lawn.

Friends and neighbors helped celebrate her birthday Mrs. Shaw has six children, 14 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren and 3 step-grandchildren.

One son, Warren Shaw of Phoenix, Arizona was unable to attend.

4-H Sale Day Planned

In an effort to raise money for the State 4-H Center presently under construction at Brownwood and start a building fund for a 4-H building in Taylor County, a 4-H Sale Day will be held November 23.

After a flea market of household articles in the morning from 8:00 to 12:00 an Auction will begin at 1 p.m. to sell livestock, farm equipment and any household articles not sold in the morning.

Anyone who would like to donate articles to be sold at the event may call 673-1219 or 692-6540. Someone will pick up any article donated.

New Arrivals

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Thompson of Garland, Texas are proud to announce the arrival of a baby girl, Stephanie Dawn, October 3rd. She weighed 10 lbs.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Truett Thompson of Merkel.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. David Adams of Rowlette, Texas.

Riding Club News

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Nursing Home News

By MARY OUTLAW

Everyone is doing nicely at this time. We hope that they continue to do this well.

Each Sunday morning the Church of Christ people come and hold services. We are very thankful to these people for their home and talent.

Billy Holly had visitors from San Diego, Calif., his niece and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Barney Smiley.

We wish to thank the ones who have brought us donations of clothing and rags and sheets and pillow cases. As you know we had the misfortune of getting a lot of things taken from the nursing home several weeks ago which gave us a big set back. Quite a bit of cash was involved which I'm sure we will never get back. We do thank Mrs. W. J. Spurgin for all the things she brought the home. It was bad enough to take from the home but to take from the patients, their best and prettiest clothing. It was terrible. But people usually reap what they sow so it will be taken care of some way, sometime.

Mrs. Claude Dean of La-mesa visited her husband on the week end.

The Assembly of God Church filled their appointment here this past Sunday. We had a real good service.

The Calvary Baptist Church brought the services Sept. 29. We always enjoy them but we were sorry W.C. Landers wasn't here as that is his church, but he was visiting his brother Jack at Lawn that Sunday. We were so glad he could go.

Thank you Mrs. Lonetha Teaff from Tye for the nice rags you brought the home we are always in need of pads for the bed.

Mr. Story visited his daughter over the weekend. He reported a nice visit but was glad to get back home.

Mr. Reese usually works in the yard when he feels up to it. He has a heart ailment but does keep a lot of the yard and has planted two turnip patches, one of which we are having greens out of.

Mrs. Cleo Warren visited her daughter at View Sunday. She doesn't see at all. She is a very nice patient. Come by and see her sometime. She gets lonesome for people to talk to as she lives in a different world from ours.

We appreciate Mr. B. L. Pribble coming each day and playing the piano. Mrs. Brookerson who is past 90 plays also. Mrs. Sanders plays for the home every day.

Mary Vaughn and I went to Del Rio on a short vacation. Came back through Junction where I used to fish and hunt a lot. It was nice to be away for a few days. We went over into Old Mexico and shopped some.

Robert Harris has a lot of company. He seems to be improving slowly. He invites his friends to visit him.

We have two new employees on the 10-6 shift. We are happy to welcome Wanda Joyce Bynum and Judith

Public Notice

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NOTICE is hereby given that original letters of administration upon the estate of JUNIOR L. BRIGGS were issued to me the undersigned on the 20th day of August, 1974 in the proceeding indicated below my signature hereto which is still pending and that I now hold such letters. All such persons having claims against said estate which is being administered in Taylor County in the Probate Court thereof are hereby required to present the same to me respectively at the address below given before the general statute to limitations before said estate is closed and within the time prescribed by law. My residence and post office address is Throckmorton, Texas, but I request that all such notices be delivered to me in care of my attorney at Suite 210, Bank of Commerce Building, Abilene, Texas, care of Jackson & Jackson.

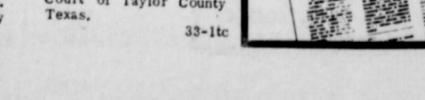
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If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved. The officer, executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, this 3rd day of September A.D. 1974. Attest: Irene Crawford, Clerk, Domestic Relations Court Taylor County, Texas; By Sandra Van Cleave, Deputy. 33-1tc

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turn got to go to Ft. Worth to visit Mrs. Price. While there she visited Mrs. Bellar of Denton, another sister. We were very happy she could go.

I'm glad we have had so many visitors here. If you fail to register, we are unable to mention you.

We have been canning a lot and putting a lot of vegetables and fruits in the deep freezer for it may be a long hard winter and if God is willing we want to deep freeze a lot more.

Ricky Hair, my great grandson, and I attended the funeral of my sister-in-law's brother Rufus Taylor in Stephenville last week. Warren Price, a friend of Rowden, met us and went to the funeral also. On the roads they were digging peanuts and baling hay. It seemed so strange because we have had so much more rain than they. Crops look fair that way, as they have been irrigated.

Mr. and Mrs. John Smith of Eastland, Tex., visited Mr. and Mrs. Lovelast week. They also visited a lot of the patients they knew well here.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:
I am writing this letter in regard to all parents in Merkel. Monday night we had our country western musical to earn money for our ballparks. Only a mere 108 showed up. And as I watched the people coming in I realized most of the faces were unfamiliar. I found out later most of them were from other places, a lot from Abilene. We thank these people but I think that this is awful that Merkel people can't back up a worthwhile project. It looks to me like Abilene cares more about our youngsters than we do ourselves. I was really ashamed to have asked a band to come all the way from Abilene (one band member was from Colorado City) to play for such a few people. We had lots of promises to buy at the door but only

15 showed up. This band did a marvelous job and even though I'm sure they were disappointed in the crowd they never let it show. They really put on a swell show and had a time. The few that went had a time and really enjoyed themselves. Maybe they weren't the best band in the country; they never have claimed to be, but they were a bunch with the nicest personalities and friendliest that you will find anywhere. They had a special guest from Tye (Ann Dye) who really sang her heart out. And we had the cake auction, one of the band members bought a cake for \$10. Then turned around and donated the cake to be auctioned again. Another band member bought two pies. Then the band member from Colorado City gave \$20. for a

cake. So you can see what a bunch of good guys these were and how much they wanted to help us out. We had 7 baked items, a set of glasses, and a movie projector given by a grandmother and all total these brought \$86.00 free and clear to the fund. Several cakes were sold several times. To all who came, band members, and to the people who bought tickets and couldn't come, and to the ones who sent baked items go our humble thanks.
And to the parents of all the ones who have children come this message: I am a local gal who was born and raised here, in fact, spent all my life here and dearly love this town but sometimes wonder why they stay. When I was young we thought Merkel was a drag there was nothing for the kids to do. But at least we had a drive-in movie a downtown movie, (two for a while) and a skating rink at Trent to go to. Then we got the swimming pool. I have always wondered what happened to these places. And what have our Merkel area kids today have outside of school activities and church. We have scouts and 4-H where there's always enough kid-but never enough parental help. We have little league who worked and scraped to keep going, and which took parents to help build. And what do these boys have when they turn 13, nothing. They can't play anymore. No one is interested or cares. The girls have a small vacant, uneven lot, whom the city wouldn't even level for us. I cut down and burned trees and worked a week fixing this lot to play on and we lived it, the girls and I. But it didn't suit some of the mothers and was criticized. Finally, they persuaded Bill John to let us use the Little League field a couple of times. They didn't want the girls using it and the girls really didn't care to use it. They'd like a field of their own where people could come watch them play. But no matter what you try to do you always have parents who set back and criticize you for what you try to do. They won't take on the job themselves but they sure don't mind talking about you behind your back.
I wish everyone would take a drive down Kent St. at night and see all our young teenagers some barely 13 and 14 sitting around drinking, cussing and fighting. Others hot rodding around half not even old enough for a license, driving their parents car or their own car. Where are these kids parents? A lot of them are out having a high heel time; others are home not caring what their children are doing. How many parents can say anytime day or night where their kids are and what they're doing? I can.
Maybe some think I'm strict but my hand isn't iron. It bends once in awhile. But I know I can trust my children when my two teenagers. Some may say my 14-year old son is a sissy but to me he is a good kid who wants to do what's right and do no harm to anyone and be left alone. But there's always some who have to be bullies and smartalecs. Take a good look at these youths because they are going to be leaders in our town one day and I wonder what our town will be like then. These aren't bad kids. They've just been steered the wrong way. They drink and turn to drugs because there's nothing else for them to do, and because they believe no one cares about them or what they do. But a tiny handful of people care and are trying to do something. We know ballparks aren't the answer, but it can help keep some of their time occupied and may be just maybe it can save one child's life. But a handful can't do it. It takes parents, grandparents and all the people backing us. A few hundred dollars doesn't build a park. It takes thousands and we can do it with some help. Lots of people have volunteered their help but we need materials to do the work.
I had 24 girls on two of my ballteams, and have not seen but one parent other than myself at these meetings. Where are the parents of these excited, interested girls who want their own park to play on next year. And we will have a team next year and continue playing on our rough, uneven vacant lot. Please help these girls, their good kids and I love them all. There's not a bad kid to me. It's the way they are raised. The parent is at fault, but here's one parent when the time comes can truly say I tried to raise them the best I could with what I had.
Melba Glasscock
108 Orange
Merkel, Texas
Phone 928-4883
P.S. The next meeting will be at the Asteroid at 4:00 Sunday, October 13. We'd like to see several new faces.

R. E. Kennedy Named WTU Chief Executive

Following a meeting of the Board of Directors of the West Texas Utilities Company, Wednesday afternoon, Oct. 2, Rolf W. Hardy, President of the Company since 1965, announced his resignation as a Director and as President of the Company, effective January 1, 1975.
Earlier Wednesday, the Board of Directors of Central Power and Light Company, meeting in Corpus Christi, Texas, elected him a Director effective October 2 and Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, effective January 1, 1975.
In other actions, the Board of West Texas Utilities Company elected R. E. Kennedy as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer and Durwood

Badger Tracks

DAREL BUNCH

Everybody needs somebody sometimes. This was not the case for the Badgers last Friday as they downed the Albany Lions 28-12. As a matter of fact they looked like "everyone" on the team did their job and did it well.
This week the Badgers tangle with the Jim Ned Indians. This will probably be the biggest game of the year for the Badgers so everyone come out and back the purple and gold to a big victory.
Sammy Badger visited the pep rally last Friday and gave the team a little pep talk. Everyone seemed real glad to meet Sam and he was happy to get to visit the Badgers. If you think Sammy and Andy Hart sound alike, maybe it's because they spend a lot of time together.
This past Saturday the Seniors met at Dr. Jarrett Williams house to have the group picture taken. Besides

all the unpleasant faces it still might turn out all right. This has been a bad night for this writer, (my car needs oil, my girlfriend is mad at me, and I've got a headache), but still I can enjoy this moral by Henry David Thoreau.
"What'er we leave to God, God does,
And Blesses us;
The work we choose should be our own,
God leaves alone."
After I take my Exedrin, for No. 302, I think I'll go to bed.



New Arrivals

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Toombs of Albuquerque, New Mexico are announcing the birth of a son Bryan Thomas born September 25.
Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Murry Toombs and Mr. and Mrs. Noble Sides of Lubbock.

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Students Get Homecoming Invitation

Approximately 1,000 of these letters were addressed and sent out to former Merkel students. There were no letters sent to area residents - their invitation is printed here for all to see.
If you especially want someone to return home this year; please clip this article and send to them.
MERKEL HOMECOMING
October 25-26, 1974
HONOR CLASSES 1923-24
HOST CLASSES 1953-54
Friday, October 25 at 7:30 in Badger Stadium
Merkel vs. Wylie
Coffee at the school cafeteria immediately following the game hosted by the classes of 1953-54.
Saturday, October 26
Letterman's Breakfast at the Asteroid Restaurant 7:30 A.M.
Registration at the Senior Citizens Bldg., 120 Edwards 8:00 to 5:00 with coffee and cookies available throughout the day.
A special invitation for all to meet with former Merkel teachers from 10:00 to 11:30.
Parade 2:30 P.M.
Pot Luck Supper at school cafeteria from 5:30 to 7:00. Bring a dish and meet others

of your class for supper. Entertainment at School Auditorium 7:30 P.M.
Amateurs and professionals who have attended Merkel Schools will be on hand to entertain you with a variety of song, dance and nonsense. Crowning of the Queen and Mr. X at 8:30 in Auditorium. Candidates for Coming Home Queen
Daphne Byrd Whatley - Class of '49
Imogene Thomas Tate - Class of '57
Carolyn Anderson McAninch - Class of '62
Candidates for Mr. X
Melvin McCoy, Class of '46
Buddy Tittle, Class of '58
Lester Dorton, Class of '63
Your 75¢ registration fee entitles you to free coffee and cookies, a vote for Queen and Mr. X, and your admittance ticket to the Pot Luck Supper and the entertainment which follows.
If you are unable to attend the homecoming this year but would like to register and vote for a Queen and Mr. X, please send your registration fee, name, address, your class, and choice of candidates to P. O. Box 444, Merkel, Texas 79536.

7th Grade Trips C-City

Merkel's 7th Grade Jr. Badgers opened the Colorado City Cubs seventh grade coach Robert Crawford said, "Our defense continues to keep us in the ball game and this time we were able to put a few points on the board offensively and win the game."
Dale Shouse scored the first Merkel TD on a 6 yard run in the second quarter. The run attempt for 2 points was stopped short. In the third quarter Merkel again scored as Shouse ran it in from the 3. Shouse fumbled in the end zone and Ted Holmes alertly fell on it on the TD. Chris Cox ran it in on a fallback dive for the two points.
In the fourth quarter, Merkel's defense came through. The offense moved the ball to the two yard line before turning it over on downs. Chris Cox, Josh Amerine, Dale Shouse, and Dale Ray Higgins converged on the QB quarterback in the end zone for the safety. The 2 points were awarded to Amerine and that was all the scoring.
"Highlight of the game was two long runs by Bobby Dickinson. This is only his second game at tailback and he is alternating now. Jeff Toombs blocking was another highlight as was the running Scott Cain, Robert Fowler, Shouse and Cox," said Crawford.
I would like to pay tribute to some of the boys that don't play much except for the speciality teams. Bobby Wade, Rusty Wade, Brian Fariello, Mike Jordan, Gayland Mitchell, Bruce Reeves, Brad Wade, John Scott, Jerry Scott, Walter Hagle, Robert Cunningham and Jerry Beasley are all doing a fine job and I hope I can play them more. Tommy Swinney does a good job as alternate safety and our offensive line of Amerine, Larry Martin, Dale Ray Higgins, Mark Copeland, Ricky Hines, Toombs and James Baruch is doing fine." Russell White and David Williams do a fine job of backing up the linemen.
Seventh grade is open this week but plays Sweetwater at 5:00 here Oct. 17.



HAS OPEN HOUSE - Pat Odom and Robert Boyd are pictured at the Trent Mercantile Store Saturday during their open house. A large crowd of Trent and Merkel residents visited the store. (Staff Photo)

Five Area Women Take Part in HD Convention

Five local women participated in convention activities at the Texas Home Demonstration Association 48th annual meeting in Amarillo, Sept. 17-19.
Delegates from Jones County were Mrs. M. R. Cloud of Anson, Mrs. H. A. Haynes of Abilene, and Mrs. G. L. Price of Trent, Mrs. Ab Hunter Jr., Merkel; and Mrs. Frank Carter also attended as a visitor.
They joined 925 members of Texas Home Demonstration Clubs throughout the state in workshops and special programs.
Local delegates attended workshops on delegates responsibilities, publicity, citizenship, family life, 4-H health, cultural arts and recreation, safety and THDA itself.
Addressing the association as keynote speakers were Judge Mary Lou Robinson of Amarillo, Mrs. Wilmer Smith of Wilson, Texas, and Mrs. Florence W. Low, assistant director for home economics with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.
Robinson discussed the role of women in a changing world, and Mrs. Smith spoke on the role of women internationally.
Mrs. Low's topic was "Looking Forward with THDA."
Home demonstration clubs, numbering 1,195 in Texas with more than 20,000 members are sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System and the U.S. Department of Agriculture cooperating.
Clubs are part of the Extension educational effort to bring the latest information on homemaking to all families in Texas.
Mrs. Frank Carter of Merkel was installed as Director of District Three during ceremonies held at the Banquet Thursday, September 19th.

Grace Presbyterian To Host Lubbock Youth Choir

Members of the Grace Presbyterian Church are to be hosts to forty (40) members of the youth choir of First Presbyterian Church in Lubbock this week end. This is a working group as well as a singing group. They will assist in painting the sanctuary and basement of the local church while here.
On Sunday morning, the eleven o'clock worship service of music and song will be presented by this choir. The public is invited. At noon an old fashioned dinner on the ground will be served to the young people and their sponsors.

Jr. Badgers Trounced by Albany 8th

The Jr. Badgers lost their first game of the season last Thursday night to a fine Albany 8th team by the tune of 28-6. Merkel was just not ready to play the first half. Score at halftime was Albany 22, Merkel 0.
But the second half was the Jr. Badgers game. Merkel received and returned the kick-off to their own 42 yard line. Two plays later Mike Sims reversed out and pitched the ball back to Ricky Howes who along behind blockers Richland Schultz, Thomas Kraatz, Billy Mashburn and Sims, went in for the touchdown from 52 yards away on the sweep.
The "Little Purple Gang's" defense was not all that sloppy either. Albany not putting in any reserves scored only once in the second half. Leading the defense were Howes, Sims, Mashburn, Schultz, Kraatz, David Wharton, Rusty Watts, Randy Holmes, Roger Dye, Craig Hutchings, Jay Boyd and Dolin Morris. Helping on giving their teammates a rest were Craig Bowen, Mike Brady, James Castille, David Clyburn, Bill Fisher, Darryl Harris, Drew Mawson, Maury Moore, Lee Reddin, Roger Reed, Grant Sandusky, Joe Speaks, Joe Treadwell, Kelley Wolf, Mike Tucker, Steve Mathewson, Johnny Hernandez and Louis Goodman.
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LADIES GOLF TOURNAMENT

price for the longest prize went to Mary Lou Bauer of Winters. The award for closest to the pin on No. 5 went to Faye Robertson, Mary Edmonds of Anson won for the lowest putt.

The ladies playing in the tournament from out of town complimented our Country Club and the Ladies Golf Assn. for the fine support shown by the local merchants. Everyone went home with a door prize even though they failed to win in golf.

Tuesday, Oct. 8, is the regular monthly meeting play and supper. The play will be Scotch Foursome, the supper will be the good leftovers from the Saturday luncheon and the business meeting will be to tie up the loose ends from the tournament.

Ladies the days are getting shorter and the time change will come up the last of this month - Just get out to play when you can.

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Boys

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Also, Charles Knight, David Kraatz, Alan Mawson, Chester Massengill, Grant Murrell, Steve Peachy, David Roberts, Tommy Sloan, Jesse Sparks, Paul Tucker, Jerry Walters, David West, Kyle Wilkerson, George Hernandez, Darel Bunch, Andy Hart.

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Boys

Randy Cox, Dale Roger, Stanley West, Marlon White, and Jim Wharton.

ELEMENTARY
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6th Grade - Sheila Adair, Manuel Biera, Mark Blair, Judy Castille and Todd Gregory.

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6th Grade - Lisa Allen, Kay Amerine, Christi Brady, Tammy Davis, Tina Hayhurst, Kelly Knight, Ann Melton, Jan Melton, Bart Pursley and Dwayne Sloan.

7th Grade - Jeannessa Cypert, Jodie Jinkens, Chirre Kraatz, Karen Pack, Marissa Sandusky, John Townsend, Brad Wade and Cynthia Wike.

8th Grade - Mike Brady, Pam Crenshaw, Charleen Fariello, Carla Gardner, Lesa Hart, Kathryn Irving, Kelly Magee, Kede Metts, Gay Priester, Carla Ruster, Grant Sandusky, Janice South, and Debra Ybarra.



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Deringtons Celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary

A majestic cake, a money tree and numerous other gifts including a birthstone ring for each was but a few of the highlights for the Arthur Deringtons, Sr., 50th wedding anniversary celebration held at the Community Hall August 25.

The two tiered, double layer, cake, separated with columnades was white with blue flowers, greenery and two large doves topping the top layer. The couple cut the cake with a gold cake knife, the gift from Derington's sister, Mrs. Vivian Horton from Hayward. Two white candelabra highlighted the table along with a silver coffee service and a large crystal punch bowl.

A lovely white money tree was also sprinkled with white doves and white ribbons and small envelope with gold ribbons to hold the money gifts.

Library Meet

An executive meeting of this district's Teen Age Library Association was held in Sweetwater Saturday. It was decided that the district conference would be held in Colorado City on Nov. 9.

Phyllis Shanks, Merkel senior, is the district president. Mike Magee, Merkel junior, is the district corresponding secretary.

Other officers are from San Angelo, Big Spring, Eastland and Colorado City.

Personal

House guests over the weekend in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Jones were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith from Tacoma, Washington. Mrs. Smith is Mr. Jones's niece. Also visiting was Mrs. Jones's two sisters, Mrs. Roy Carson from Hamilton, Texas, and Mrs. Vernon Snipes of Fort Worth and her brother, Don Rupe from Cisco.

Sorority Attends Country Dance

Members of Alpha Nu Nu attended a Country Dance Saturday, Oct. 5. Phi Phi of Abilene sponsored the dance at the Civic Center.

Juan Ybarra was elected cowboy from Alpha Nu Nu and was presented during intermission. He received a cup from Phi Phi.

Members attending were Messrs and Mmes Robert Harris, Dick Leach, D. A. Bishop and Juan Ybarra.

Xi Nu Chi Program

Xi Nu Chi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met at the home of Mrs. Mamie Steck Tuesday, October 1.

Mrs. Glenn Teaff presided at the short business meeting. Program "Taste and Smell" was given by Mrs. Almeda Bullock and Mrs. Weldon McAninch.

Attending were Mmes. Don Watts, Edgar Tipton, Bobby DuBose, Charles Eager, John Brady, Bob Garner, Val Patterson, Darla Mawson, Steck, Teaff, Bullock and McAninch.

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Noodle Homecoming

Nominations are being accepted for Homecoming Queen and Mr. Ex for the 1974 Noodle Homecoming to be held December 1 at the Noodle Community Center. Letters and cards have been mailed to those living out of town that registered for the last homecoming in 1972. Nominations for the Queen and Mr. Ex should be mailed to Mr. A. D. Hill, Route One, Sylvester, Tex. 79650. Nominations should be in by November 1.

Scout News

By LOYCE BAKER

Girl Scout Troop 313 met at the scout hut last Monday. The girls made plans for their Halloween Spookhouse. Nancy Click and Stacy Seymour served refreshments to the eight members present.

The officers elected were: Nancy Click, patrol leader, Stacy Seymour, Assistant Patrol Leader, Janice Jacobs, Troop Treasurer, Judy Glasscock, Patrol Treasurer; and Loyce Baker, Reporter.

The girls are planning a Halloween Spookhouse at 108 Orange. There will be 10¢ admission the money will go for the ballpark. Be there, October 26, 8:00-10:00.

BASEBALL PROJECT NEWS

Because of conflicts earlier in the week, the meeting of the Baseball Parks Project will be held Sunday afternoon at 4:00 at the Asteroid Restaurant. Everyone interested in helping build these parks are asked to attend.

Lambda Beta

Lambda Beta of Beta Sigma Phi held a modal meeting on October 1st, 1974 at the home of Chera Hohertz.

Roll call was answered with "naming the most poised person you have ever met." A business meeting was given with each committee chairman explaining briefly about their committee.

A warm welcome and an explanation about Beta Sigma Phi was extended to the new rushees.

The program entitled "Poise is Charming" was presented by Captain Barbara Welch and Co-Captain Glenda Teaff. Refreshments were served.

In attendance Mmes: Jim Allday, Rosey Castille, J.H. Jr. Clark, Obie Coker, Paula Douglass, Harold Hohertz, Craig Jones; Billy Lucas, Paul Moore, Billy Bob Neff, Phil Seymour, Larry Teaff, Mike Welch, Larry White, Glen Bright, Lee Yaddow and Ricky Elliott.

Alpha Nu Nu To Hold Spaghetti Fete

Alpha Nu Nu members are working in town this week selling tickets for a Spaghetti Supper to be held Friday, Oct. 11. The supper will be in the Merkel School Cafeteria from 5:30-7:30. Game time for Merkel-Jim Ned is 7:30. Alpha Nu Nu is inviting everyone to come and

eat before the game. Ticket prices are 1.50 for adults and 75¢ for those under 6.

Pre-sale of tickets began last week and will continue through Friday. We are asking that you buy your tickets as soon as possible so as to give us an idea of how many to expect. Feel free to call members for tickets if someone doesn't come by where you work.

Members selling tickets are Mmes: Larry Justice, Robert Harris, Dick Leach, D. A. Bishop, Ray Vanderwerker, George Starbuck, Juan Ybarra, Jerry Magee, and Marie Shanks.

TEL Class Meet

The TEL Sunday School Class of First Baptist Church met for their monthly meeting in the home of Mrs. Callie Newsom. Hattie Rogers and Mrs. Bill Cox were co-hostesses.

Goldie Malone gave a Devotional on Faith. Minutes and Treasurers Report was given by Secretary Bessie Clark. Officers for the class were elected for the coming year.

The class project is to buy carpet for our classroom.

Those present to enjoy the fellowship were: Ruth Baze, Jewel Criswell, Jewel Dunagan, Annie Walker, Paralee Gibson, Lucy Ford, Bill Cox, Hattie Rogers, Bessie Clark and Lucy Ford.

Film To Be Shown

There will be a film shown on the Holy Land Tuesday night, October 15th at the Assembly of God Church at 7:30 p.m.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

The film will be narrated by Mrs. Helen Raper of Abilene, Texas.

Pastor is John Curtis.

Get out and CHEER!!!

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IN MERKEL

1974 Merkel Badger Football Schedule

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13	Winters	Here 8:00
20	Ranger	There 8:00
27	Roby	Here 8:00
Oct. 4	Albany	There 7:30
★ 11	Jim Ned	Here 7:30
18	Roscoe	There 7:30
25	Wylie	Here 7:30 Homecoming
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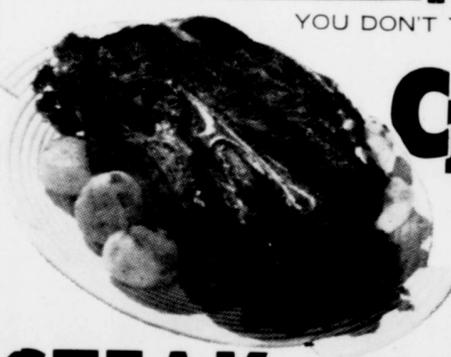
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OUR DARLING 303
Sweet PEAS 2 FOR **55¢**

SCHILLINGS
VANILLA TOMATOES Extract 2 oz. **59¢**

FRESH
Red Appels LB. **29¢**

STEAK BABY BEEF SIRLION or CLUB
BEEF FRYERS FRESH GROUND LB. **55**
BACON FRANKS FRESH GRADE A CUT-UP LB 53 WHOLE lb. **45**
PICNIC SAUSAGE GOOCH BR POUND **1.05**
GOOCH BR 12 oz. PKG. **59¢**

CLEANSER
COMET REG SIZE **19¢**

CLEANSER
MR CLEAN GT SIZE **69¢**

SOFTENER
DOWNY KING 64 oz **1.39**

GIANT
GAIN BOX (1 LIMIT) **93¢**

COLD DELICIOUS
Red Appels LB. **29¢**

FRESH
LETTUCE LB. **19¢**

TOKAY
GRAPES LB. **29¢**

GOLDEN
YAMS LB. **23¢**

RUSSET
SPUDS 10 LB. **98¢**

SAUSAGE WHOLE LB. **55¢**
GOOCH BR GERMAN STYLE PKG **83¢**

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SHOP AND SAVE

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Double on Wednesday with \$5.00 or more

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