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Merkel Drops Baird In Season's Final

The Merkel Badgers ended their 1974 football season Friday night on a winning note, dumping the Baird Bears 34-12, in a District 8-A game.

The Badgers ended their season with an 8-2 record, and a 7-1 District record, being beat only by Winters and Jim Ned.

Baird got on the score board first with six points with six minutes left in the first stanza, on a two yard plunge by Mike Doty, after Merkel gave up the ball on a 4th down, bad snap from center that gave the Baird Bears the ball on the five.

Merkel took the lead with only two minutes left in the first quarter on a 35 yard bootleg pass by quarterback Jackie Sims to end David Copeland and again Johnny Frazier booted the extra point to go ahead 14-6.

The Bears came back with six points on a 10 yard keeper by Mike Doty, capping a 71-yard drive. The run for the extra point failed.

The Badgers put the icing on the cake in the fourth quarter with 20 big points.

Early in the last stanza quarterback Jackie Sims scored six points on a keeper for 10 yards out. Johnny Frazier added the extra point.

Merkel came right back with seven more when Johnny Frazier intercepted a Baird pass at the Baird 26. Back Steve West took the pig skin in for the TD from the 5, and Johnny Frazier added the extra point.

Merkel final touchdown was set up as Johnny Frazier intercepted his third pass of the night, this time at the Baird 40. Back Billy Watts scored the TD on a 21 yard run.

Merkel hit six of eight passes for a 120 yards, while the Baird's eleven hit only 5 of 18 for 101 yards.

The Bears intercepted no Merkel passes, while the Badgers intercepted three, all by Johnny Frazier.

Quarterback Jackie Sims picked up 97 yards on the ground while Back Steve West ran for 106. Billy Watts had 71.

Baird with one game left to play now has a 5-4 season record.



MAKING A FEW YARDS — Billy Watts (33) picks up about 6 yards for the Badgers Friday night against Baird. He was stopped by Joey Henly (62) for the Bears. Merkel won the game, 34-12, giving the Badgers a 8-2 season record. (Staff Photo)

Ruby Reddin Chamber of Commerce Buried Sat. Discusses 100th Event

Mrs. Ruby Faye (Jane) Reddin, 71, died at 9:15 p.m. Thursday in Hendrick Memorial Hospital after a short illness. Services were at 2:30 p.m. Saturday in Starbuck Funeral Chapel here.

The Rev. James Williams of Anson and the Rev. T.C. Melton of Elmcrest Baptist Church in Abilene officiated. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery in Merkel.

Mrs. Reddin was born March 12, 1903, in Taylor County. She married John Dewey Reddin May 24, 1922, in St. Louis. He preceded her in death Jan. 10, 1968. Mrs. Reddin had lived in the Jones-Taylor County area all her life. She was a member of St. Baptist Church.

Survivors include a son, John Radolph of 3326 S. 4th in Abilene; a brother, Paul Burns Sr. of Clyde; one sister, Mrs. Pearl McCartney of Merkel and two grandsons. She was preceded in death by one brother and two sisters.

Palbearers were Jimmy McCartney, Buford Burns, Paul Burns Jr., Leslie Reddin, Charles Reddin, Jim Cosper, Walter Keys and J.D. Blair.

A representative of the Rogers Company met with the Board of Directors of the Merkel Chamber of Commerce Monday night to discuss the town's Centennial celebration. The records of the company showed that it would coincide with the nation's Bi-Centennial celebration. But according to all records available to Chamber members the 100 year mark will not be reached until 1981. Joe Lassiter had researched the date for the chamber and told the board that 1881 was the year that organized living began in Merkel. He pointed out that it wasn't until 1904 that the town was legally chartered.

The board discussed the progress of the TV Cable Company that is trying to get FCC approval to operate in Merkel. Bill Button, Industrial Committee Chairman, said that he had talked with the firm's owner, Mr. Mathis of Colorado City, and he said that he had verbal approval from Washington, but that he was waiting for written approval before he could apply to Austin for the license to operate. Button said that he had talked to Omar Burleson office in Abilene and that they were to check with the FCC and see what the delay was.

Button said that his committee was working on the legal requirements of setting up an Industrial Foundation for Merkel. Button also pointed out that a new drive-in cafe was under construction near IH 20.

Chairman of the Banquet Committee, Joe Lassiter told the board that a firm date had been set for the annual spring banquet—March 13th. He said that a speaker had been acquired. He presented the board a choice of menus to be served at the affair. The board approved one, Mack Eplens of Abilene will be catering the affair.

The board named Bill Button Ticket Chairman for the banquet and named Travis Davis and Truett Thompson to serve as the committee to select Merkel's Outstanding Citizen. Davis was named chairman.

The board voted unanimously to support the proposed new Industrial Foundation. The Board expressed a desire to help any way they could.

Benny Melton, Chamber Manager, reminded citizens to be thinking of the Annual Christmas Parade. The event will be held December 7th at 2:30 p.m. Melton said the Parade Committee is in need of float entries. Persons wishing to enter a float should contact Melton.

Most valuable football player chosen by the pep squad was David Copeland, son of Mr. and Mrs. R.P. Copeland of Tye.

Roses were presented by the Badger football team to Gayla Toller as their choice for football sweetheart, Gayla is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Toller.

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SBA Economic Development Specialist Explains 502 Program to Merkelites

Carl Lightner, a representative of the Small Business Administration, told about 45 Merkel business and professional people that the SBA 502 Promotional Program enables communities of Merkel's size to get business they could not otherwise attract.

Speaking at the invitation of Farmers and Merchants National Bank President Don Hensley and Board Chairman Charles Bacon, Lightner explained to the group that the SBA will help towns attract new industry if they have an Industrial Foundation. He explained that for the community to have the foundation, they must have 25 persons sign up and apply to Austin for a charter.

He went to explain that under the present rules governing SBA and the 502 program, the SBA can guarantee 90% of a loan to a new business.

"We have a program that a community can pull up with. It takes some blood from the community, but we can help in a big way," Lightner said. He went on to explain that the way to growth was through new businesses. "With every 100 new workers you obtain in a community, it adds 351 more people. This means 100 more households, 75 car registrations, a substantial increase in school kids, and 201 more bank deposits. This is a big boom to a town the size of Merkel," he said.

He explained that the SBA does not make loans to the businesses. The loan is made to the Industrial Foundation. This is the reason for the immediate need for Merkel to have a foundation, he said. With SBA guaranteeing 90% of a loan by the foundation to a business, the citizens would have to put up only 10%.

"When the business started repaying the loan, 90 percent of the payments would go to the bank and 10% of the payment would go to repay the money put up by the individuals," Lightner said.

Following is an explanation of the 502 program. The Nature of the 502 Program: The 502 Program is an economic development program, not just a loan program. One of the important objectives of the program is to help small communities attract payrolls to stabilize their economies and slow down, or stop, the migration of its citizens to the larger urban area.

It is a program that works exclusively through a community development corporation made up of a broad base of 25 or more local citizens whose primary purpose is to improve their local economy. To become eligible for 502 assistance, the citizens must organize a Local Development Corporation (or Industrial Foundation), raise funds to cover at least 10% of the total project cost and as a corporation assume the full liability for any project they sponsor. Economic development of the community, not individual profit, is the motivating force.

In every case, a 502 loan is made exclusively to a Local Development Company to permit it to assist a specific identifiable Small Business Concern. The personal involvement of the citizens and commitment of their own personal dollars is good insurance for sound projects. Out of a total of over 2,400 projects under 502, only a few of the Small Business Concerns have failed, and in almost every case the citizens and/or SBA have found another business to take over the facility and assume payment of the loan. Of the 2,400 projects for over \$400 million, few have gone to liquidation. The 502 Program's loss ratio over a ten-year period is less than 2/10 of 1%. Also, the involvement has influenced banks to take a more positive attitude toward local economic development — two-thirds of all 502 projects have bank participation.

Alternative Financing



AT SBA MEET — Pictured above are Benny Melton, Chamber Manager, Carl Lightner, SBA official, Don Hensley, F&M Bank president, and Charles Bacon, F&M Board Chairman during a meeting held to explain the SBA 502 Program. The meeting was hosted by the Farmers and Merchants National Bank at the Merkel Restaurant Thursday. (Photo by Kaye Lanham)

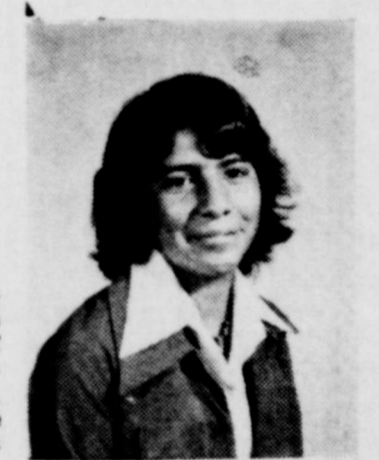
Plans: Under Section 502 of the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, as amended, SBA may lend up to \$350,000 (SBA share). This loan to a Local Development Company is 6 3/4% interest rate, with a maximum term of 25 years, for the purpose of ac-

quisition of land, building, machinery and equipment, such facility to be occupied by an identifiable Small Business Concern, to start a new mining, manufacturing or commercial business or to help modernize or expand an existing Small Business Concern.

Kandi Ascencio Is MHS 'Outstanding Student'

Kandi Ascencio is the Outstanding Student in Merkel High School for the month of November. This project is being sponsored by the National Honor Society each month. The program is designed to recognize students who are outstanding in leadership, character, service, and scholarship.

Kandi, 14 year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Ascencio of 108 Haynes Street, is a freshman in M.H.S. She is president of the freshman class, plays the saxophone in the band, is a representative on the Student Council, and plays



KANDI ASCENCIO
...honoree

Stephenson Fund

A fund has been established in the name of Pat (McDonald) Stephenson and an account has been opened at the F & M National Bank in Merkel.

The purpose of this fund is to relieve her family of extensive hospital and clinic bills incurred during her recent illness and death. Anyone desiring further information, may contact Jim Jacobs or Leon Keiso. Contributions may be deposited to the "Pat Stephenson Fund" account at the F & M National Bank in Merkel personally or by mail.

on the J.V. basketball team. Kandi is very interested in all sports; she likes tennis, swimming, and bike racing, as well as basketball.

Kandi has the very unusual achievement of having missed no days of school for the last three years. In the area of scholarship, Kandi ranks at the top of her class. She maintains an average of 95 or better in her six subjects this year. Kandi Ascencio is well-deserving of the Outstanding Student Award for the month. The National Honor Society is pleased to honor her.

Jr. Badgers Rally Past Baird, 18-6

By GEORGE MARTIN
The Jr. Badgers ended the season on a good note, last Thursday night, by downing the Baird Bears 18-6, the tune of 18-6. The first half was a defensive battle as the Bears were able to score on a 23 yard reverse play to take a 6-0 halftime lead.

The second half was all Merkel as the Jr. Badgers ran the ball down the Bears throat for 16 minutes. Mike Sims reversed out and handed off to Ricky Howes behind blocks from Rusty Watts, David Cluburn, Thomas Kraatz, and Joe Treadwell and raced for 73 yards and the Little Purple Gnat's first score. The extra point was no good, score Merkel 6, Baird 6.

Then midway in the third quarter the Jr. Badgers recovered a Bear fumble at their own 42 yard line. From there the Jr. Badgers drove to the 9 yard line where Mike Sims faked off tackle, and behind two game breaking blocks by Craig Hutchings and Roger Dye, Sims took the ball into the end zone untouched. Extra point no good, Score Merkel 12, Baird 6.

In the last quarter the Jr. Badgers were on their own 48 yard line. Sims took the snap from Cluburn and reversed out to hand off to Howes again. This time behind the blocking of David Wharton, Maury Moore, Richard Schultz, Treadwell and Cluburn. Howes raced 62

yards for the last Jr. Badger score. Extra point no good. Final score Merkel 18, Baird 6.

Help in the way of substitutes and specialty teams came from other team members: Craig Bowen, Darryl Harris, Mike Tucker, Bill Fisher, Grant Sandusky, Steve Mathewson, Mike Brady, Drew Mawson, Lee Reddin, Roger Reed, James Castille, Dolin Morris, Jay Boyd, Kelley Wolf, Randy Holmes (1 interception), Billy Mashburn, Joe Speaks, Johnny Hernandez and Louis Goodman.

"This close out the season for these fine young men, and I say young men because they are growing up and maturing much too fast for us all. Everyone has a lot to be proud of in these athletes for our future is only one day in their hands. They have played in their hearts out this year and have been out sized and out weighed, but they stayed in there and waited for the proper time to make things happen for them and this is a sign of discipline and dedication. I've appreciated the opportunity to work with these young men and look forward to great things from them in the future."

We would like to thank everyone who has backed the Jr. Badgers this year. The Little Purple Gang finished the season at 5 wins against 3 losses.



VALUABLE PLAYER, FAVORITES—Chosen as most valuable player for the Badger football team was David Copeland, left center. Chosen Senior favorites were, right center, Janie Clark and Jim Wharton, right. (Staff Photo)

Band Favorites Chosen During Halftime Activities

Friday night the Badger Band presented band favorites, most valuable player chosen by the pep squad and football sweetheart during their half-time program at the Merkel-Baird football game.

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FOOTBALL SWEETHEART, MOST VALUABLE PLAYER ... Gayla Toller and David Copeland

Thomas Allday Buried Monday

Thomas Allday, 44, of Lubbock and formerly of Merkel, died at 12:45 p.m. Saturday in Lubbock of a lengthy illness. Services were held at 3 p.m. Monday at the United Methodist Church here.

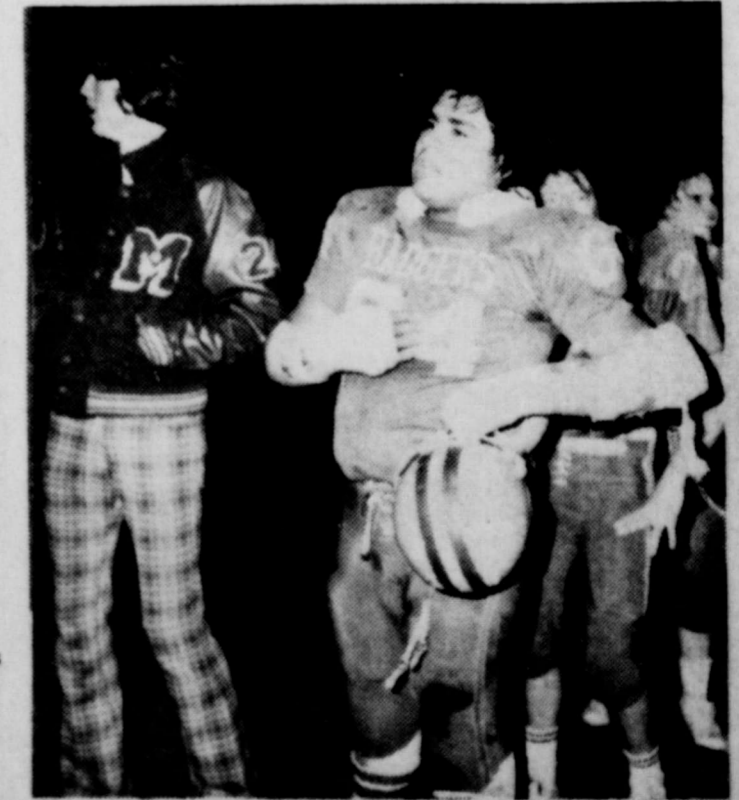
The Rev. Russell McAnally, pastor, was assisted by the Rev. Newt Daniel in officiating the services. Burial was in Ross Hill Cemetery directed by Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born Aug. 22, 1930, in Merkel, he had been employed by the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal as backshop worker for more than 20 years. He was a 32nd degree Mason and a charter member of the Lubbock Scottish Rite Temple.

Survivors include his parents; Mr. and Mrs. Tom Allday of Merkel; a daughter, Mrs. Jimmie Fisher; and a brother Jim of Merkel.

Trent Schools, Tax Office To Close Nov. 28, 29

The Trent Independent School Tax office will be closed November 28 and 29 for the Thanksgiving Holidays. Trent schools will also close the same dates.



FAREWELL — Pictured above is Mendes Moreno and other seniors on the football field after the game Friday night. They are singing the Merkel School song for the last time. (Staff Photo)

Police Report

By JIM BROUSSARD

One of the subjects involved in the theft at the Starr Nursing home pleaded guilty in District Court in Abilene and received three years in the Texas Department of Correction. This jail term was probated by the Judge, \$126.50 recovered from this subject will be returned to the nursing home.

A subject drove by the Justice Of The Peace office and yelled out some remarks towards Police Officers coming out of the office at the time. Police made a routine check of the individual and it was determined that he had been drinking. Subject was arrested by officers of the Department of Public Safety and charged with driving while intoxicated. Subject is out of jail on bond at present awaiting trial.

The Police Department received notification that there was someone drunk and creating a disturbance at a private residence. Subject was arrested and booked in Taylor County Jail on charges of Drunk and Disorderly Conduct.

One of the local business owners reported to the Police that there was some merchandise being stolen from his place of business. On Oct. 2, the Police caught one subject stealing merchandise at the place of business. Appropriate action is being taken and the investigation is continuing.

On Oct. 5, it was learned that someone had broken a

glass on the front of the Post Office Building. Subjects involved has made restitution for the damage.

On Sept. 30, the Police Department received information on a hit and run in Merkel. Witnesses to the accident related the type of vehicle, license number of the vehicle and a description of the subject involved to the Police. When contact was made with the subject involved he became very belligerent and struck one of the Police Officers. Subject was subdued and placed in the Taylor County Jail. After a complete investigation was completed, this subject was filed on in County Court At Law for driving while intoxicated. He is now out on bond awaiting trial.

On Nov. 5, the Police received information that a subject was attempting to commit suicide by taking a number of pills. Subject was taken to the hospital where he was treated and released.

After receiving complaints from citizens, a close observation of the parking on North 1st St. was conducted. The main area in question was the intersection of Kent St. and North 1st St. When approaching N. 1st from Kent, the view to the left is completely blocked by vehicles parked on N. 1st. After a close study of the problem it was recommended and approved by the City Council that three parking spaces be eliminated on N. 1st. Mr. W. L. Massey, State Maintenance Construction Foreman placed some No Parking Signs and painted the curb yellow to eliminate parking in the designated area. This has not stopped people from parking in that area. Some people even started parking in the drive way of the old station at N. 1st and Kent. This alone defeats the purpose of eliminating the parking spaces for safety purposes. Everyone's cooperation is solicited, as citations will be issued for persons violating the no parking where it is specified.

At the recommendation of the Police Department and the approval of the State, cross walks are being erected at South 5th and Ash, South 4th and Ash, and in front of the Merkel High School. School speed zone lights will also be installed at Ash and S. 6th and one at Ash and S. 2nd. All pedestrians are encouraged to use these cross walks, and all vehicle operators are encouraged to observe the cross walks and the School Zones.

The Police Dept. and the City Council would like to commend and express their appreciation to Mr. W. L. Massey for his interest, cooperation, and helpfulness he has demonstrated in our area. He works in close relationship with the Police and City Council to make our driving and parking in the Merkel area as safe as humanly possible. His interest and helpfulness is appreciated by all.

Cindy Whisenhunt Engaged

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Whisenhunt announce the engagement of their daughter, Cindy, to Mac Sipes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Yates Sipe of Trent, Miss. Whisenhunt is a 1974 graduate of Merkel High School. She is now attending TSTI in Sweetwater and studying to be a Dental Assistant.

Mr. Sipes attends Trent High School, and will also further his education.

Sorority Holds Salad Supper

Alpha Nu Nu held a Salad Supper Monday night November 11 at Fellowship Hall. Theme for the Supper was Patriotic. Table decorations were red, white and blue.

Guest speaker was Elaine Brumbeau from Abilene. She gave a speech on Patriotism which everyone enjoyed.

Guests attending were Mmes: Glenn Toaff, Edgar Tipton, John Brady, Weldon McAninch, Mamie Steck, Darla Mawson and Almada Bullock from Xi Nu Chi.

Special guests were Mmes: Ray Wilson, Lea Harris, Christine Collins, Olga Gamble and Honey Lea.

Alpha Nu Nu members attending were Mmes. Robert Harris, Larry Justice, D.A. Bishop, Juan Ybarra, Marie Shanks and Louise Sudderth.

4-H Auction Is Saturday

The Merkel 4-H Club finalized plans for the upcoming auction, set for Nov. 23 at the West Texas Fair Grounds at their regular meeting Monday night. The Auction will benefit both the State 4-H Center under construction at Brownwood and to start a fund for a 4-H Center for Taylor County.

Fosters will be placed down town this week and 4-H members will be canvassing down town business Nov. 18 and 19th for items to be sold.

On Sale Day a flea market will be from 8 a.m. until 12 noon with the auction following at 1 p.m.

Used items are needed for the flea market. Anyone wishing to donate may call 8-5335 and 8-4808 and donated items will be picked up.

TCY Homemakers Presented Program

The Taylor County Young Homemakers met last Thursday night in Mrs. Mack Seymore's home.

The Christmas program was presented by Mrs. Linda Caton, WTU representative.

Hostesses were Mrs. Robert Crawford and Mrs. Jimmy Jacobs.

The inspirational was given by Mrs. Robert Crawford.

The chapter will have a bake sale December 7, 1974 Trades Day. Also an Abilene artist, Ruth Lambert will do pastels of children that same day. Any one interested in pastels may call Mrs. Larry Gill or Mrs. David Summers for more information.

Miss Christie Boone was nominated Little Sister for October and Miss Rhonda White was nominated Little Sister for November.

The chapter voted to help the residents of the Abilene State School to have a merrier Christmas. Gift items and cookies will be taken.

Members present were Mmes. John Beasley, Larry Beasley, Richard Caton, Travis Davis, Robert Crawford, Wayne Deen, Bill Fowler, Joe Gregory, Philip Pursley, Jimmy Jacobs, Larry Gill, Jerry Ross, Spencer Taylor, David Summers, Mack Seymore and visitor Sherry Martin.

The Beginner Band presented the program for the Band Boosters meeting Tuesday night. Mr. Reed had the students demonstrate for the parents and visitors how they go about learning how to play.

Attendance was good.

Personals
Visiting in the Clayton Dillard home recently was Mrs. Leonard Uimer of Stamford, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Jones of Fort Worth, Rex Dillard of Aspermont, and Mr. and Mrs. Leslie McCormick of Tuscola.

Farmer Security, Food Security is FU Theme

"Farmer Security - Food Security" is the theme of the 71st Annual Texas Farmers Union Convention to be held at the Royal Coach Inn in Houston, December 13 and 14. Remarking on Houston as the site of the general farm organization's convention, Texas Farmers Union President Jay Naman of Waco said, "Farmers and ranchers meeting in the heart of this great metropolis will provide us the opportunity to have a dialogue with urban consumers on the importance of having income security for farmers to provide food security for consumers."

The Farmers Union state office in Waco announced that the keynote speaker for the convention will be United States Senator Walter F. Mondale of Minnesota. Senator Mondale will address the Banquet on Saturday evening, December 14. He has been mentioned as a prominent Democratic contender for the 1976 presidential nomination.

Other speakers who will address the delegates and members include Dr. Weldon V. Barton, Director of Governmental Service, National Farmers Union, Washington, D.C.; U.S. Representative J. "Jake" Pickle of Austin; Ray Novak, President, National Farmers Union Insurance, Denver, Colorado; Milton S. Holman, Executive Vice-president and General Manager, Farmers Union Marketing and Processing Association, St. Paul, Minnesota; National Farmers Union President Tony T. Dechant, Denver, Colorado; and Sherry Leach, Director of Youth and Young Adult Activities, National Farmers Union, Denver, Colorado.

The Farmers Union Full Board of Directors, composed of the county organization presidents will meet in Houston prior to the convention for its regular biennial business session. The

Board will elect the district directors to fill the four expiring terms of the nine-member executive board of the farm organization. Those whose terms expire include: District II Director, W. R. Sage of Lubbock; District IV Director, Jerry Warren of Gorman; District VI Director, Jerry Blacketer of Trenton; and District VIII Director, Vernon Chandler of Midland.

In other business the convention delegates will draft the 1975 policy for the organization, elect delegates to the National Farmers Union convention, and elect state officers to serve for 1975. Texas Farmers Union state officers presently serving are Jay Naman of Waco, President; Joe Rankin of Falls, Vice-President; and Elizabeth Doshier of Waco, Secretary-Treasurer.

Mail Without Postage To Be Returned

Postmaster E. T. Thompson, today reminded customers that effective Sunday, November 17, the U.S. Postal Service intends to discontinue delivering mail on which there is no postage.

Postmaster Thompson said the new policy was instituted because of the high costs being incurred by the Postal Service in its attempt to deliver such mail. Officials estimate that such costs total approximately \$18 million annually.

In announcing the new policy last month, Postmaster General E. T. Klassen said, "It is unfair to burden the vast majority of mailers with costs created by the few who mail without prepayment of postage."

After November 17, letters mailed without postage will be returned to send if there is a return address, or to the dead letter office, instead of being delivered to the address, as postage due mail as has been the custom. Postal officials will attempt to find the sender of unpaid mail and return it for a slight fee, if there is no return address.

"Naturally we realize that someone could inadvertently forget to put a stamp on a letter or that a stamp could come off prior to cancellation, so we urge mailers to be sure to include a correct return address on their mail," Postmaster Thompson said.

Boy Scouts News

Boy Scouts from Merkel and Trent won two first place ribbons Saturday at the 1974 Chisholm Trail Council Camp-O-Res held at Camp Barkeley over the past weekend.

Scouts that attended were, Alan Mawson, Kelley Wolf, Drew Mawson, Brad Wade, John Townsend, Louis Goodman, Scott Cain, William Martin, Terry Owens, Randy Martin, Gene Townsend and Bart Pursley. Scouts from Trent were James Bristo and Jimmy Tackett.

Scoutmaster Calvin Wolf said this Camp-O-Res was really and truly an event these Scouts will remember. It was raining when we arrived, all through the competition, dinner, campfire, all night long, breakfast and when we were breaking camp it was still raining.

One scout was heard to say, "I turned over last night and almost drowned."

Letter To The Editor

Dear Sir,
Last Tuesday night, October 29, the Merkel PTA had its first money-raising project - a Halloween Festival. As Chairman of the Festival, I would like to give a great big Thank-You to everyone who helped to make it such a tremendous success. There is no way I could possibly name everyone who helped, but some do deserve special mention, Mr. John Cain, principal of the primary and elementary schools, pitched in with physical labor as well as lots of cheerful moral support. A special thanks goes to him for his time (hours and hours) and for his efforts. Also, the individual teachers who worked on their grade's booth, did a marvelous job and spent lots of time (some, of course,

much more than others) organizing and working. Then all the room mothers were truly outstanding in giving their time, talents, food, cakes, pies, brownies, hand-crafts, in decorating the booths, working in the booths, etc., etc. (this list could go on and on). A special thanks, too, goes to all the parents (moms and dads) and teachers who worked so hard at the Festival itself. Even with all this work, time, and effort, our Festival would not have been the success it was if the students and townspeople had not turned out to help and participate and support us.

I personally wish to thank everyone who had any part in helping with the Festival and in supporting me in my effort to provide a good time for our students while helping the PTA. THANKS!
Sincerely yours,
Billy Wilkerson
(Mrs. Wynan Wilkerson)

Robert Boyd
Patricia Odom

BOYD & ODOM

TRENT MERCANTILE

DEALERS IN:
Antiques
Fancy Foods
Unusual
Giftware

MERKEL-TYE School Menu

THURSDAY, NOV. 14
Shepherd's pie, buttered corn, green salad w/choice dressing, hot rolls, chocolate cake w/vanilla frosting.

FRIDAY, NOV. 15
Hamburgers or Cheeseburgers, lettuce, tomatoes, onions, pickles, french fries and catsup, home made buns, fresh fruit and milk.

MONDAY, NOV. 18
Chicken fried ham patties, w/cream gravy, potatoes Au Gratin, green lima beans, hot rolls, Pumpkin pie w/topping and Milk.

TUESDAY, NOV. 10
Chicken Enchiladas w/cheese, pinto beans, Spanish rice, cabbage pepper relish, lime jello squares.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 20
Beef Stew, green salad, choice dressing, crackers, Fruit cup and milk.

2 Blocks South of I-20 in Trent
Phone 862-3388

Open House
Please join us for our "Old Fashioned Christmas" Sunday,
November 24, 1974 - 2-6 pm.
Patricia & Robert

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BONEY INSURANCE AGENCY

Phone 8-5151

(2) New 74 Grand Prixs, 1 Ventura 4 Door Sedan

We have (1) 74 CATALINA that was a drivers education car, all have air, power, BIG SAVINGS ????

72 CHEVROLET 1/2 ton pickup, 350 engine, air power, new tires, long wide bed, 2 tone green, NICE ONLY	\$ 2495
69 MUSTANG Mach I v-8 automatic, air, power, bucket seats, sport wheels, red color, ONLY	\$ 1495
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74 GMC 1/2 ton, long wide bed, air and power, new tires, 1,700 miles, two tone paint-grill guard, green and white color, Real Nice, ONLY	\$3995
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WE WISH TO EXPRESS our heartfelt and sincere thanks for the many prayers, floral offerings and thoughtful gestures that we received during the recent loss of our beloved Mother, Mrs. C. P. (Annie) Stevens. May God bestow His richest blessings on all of you who were so kind, considerate, and thoughtful in our time of bereavement.

THE S. R. AND LARRY STEVENS FAMILIES

Card of Thanks

I WOULD LIKE to take this opportunity to express my thanks to those who sent cards, flowers, gifts, and above all, the many prayers sent my way during my recent stay in M. S. Anderson Hospital.

Thank You
Dovie Freeman

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Trent Class of 1963 Being Studied by Group

The Trent High School Class of 1963 is being studied as part of Project TALENT, a nationwide survey conducted by the American Institutes for Research and funded by the U.S. Office of Education. The primary purpose of Project TALENT is to help improve educational policies and career guidance programs by learning from the life experiences of individuals who were in high school in 1960.

The class of '63 was first surveyed by Project TALENT in the spring of 1960 when its members were in 9th grade. This year's follow-up study is designed to learn what has happened to the class of '63 in the eleven years since they left high school.

Project TALENT mailed a questionnaire on October 18 to the last known address of each member of the class of '63 who participated in the survey in 1960; additional reminder forms will be mailed during the next several months. For the results of the study to reflect accurately the experiences of the class, Project TALENT must locate as many persons as possible who were in the 9th grade

in 1960 and participated in the survey.

Any Project TALENT participant who has not received a follow-up questionnaire is urged to write to Project TALENT, P. O. Box 1113, Palo Alto, Calif. 94302, giving his/her current address so a questionnaire can be sent there.

Last December, Project TALENT published the Career Data Book: Results from Project TALENT's Five-Year Follow-Up Study. This book provides students and counselors with summary information on the interests, aptitudes, and abilities of TALENT participants who planned to enter various career fields. The eleven-year follow-up study now in progress will collect information for a revised Career Data Book, which will update the career summary information by including TALENT participants' experiences of the last six years.

The delegates to the State THDA Meeting will give their report at The Federal Housing Building in Anson November 20, at 1:00 p.m. Council meeting will follow.

You sent us to the State meeting, come hear our report!

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COMPERE HD NEWS

The Compere Home Demonstration Club met October 30 in Mrs. Don Adair's home for their meeting, which had been postponed because of the weather. Seven members, two visitors and five children attended the meeting.

The rooms carried the Halloween theme.

Mrs. Hugh Taylor, vice president, presided in the absence of the President. She also directed recreation.

Roll call was answered with "What's Happened to Movies."

During the business session members discussed plans for the Club Christmas party. Date set Dec. 5, with a covered dish luncheon and a tree with exchange of gifts in the home of Mrs. Ab Hunter Jr.

The program "Out To The Movies" was presented by Mrs. Elvlyn Wilburn, County Extension agent. She showed two movies. The first one was "Johnny Lingo" was a beautiful Hawaiian setting, depicting a "true love" story. The

show "Matter of Seconds" showed the importance of Senior Citizens guarding their activities, and safety devices to prevent accidents that happen and for patients to a wheel chair in a "Matter of Seconds." Both movies were discussed and enjoyed by all.

Mrs. Taylor received the hostess gift. Refreshments were served to Mrs. Wilburn, Tommy Hunter and members, Mmes. Hugh Taylor, Ab Hunter Jr., Bud Terry, Dewey Ramsey, Ernest Spurgin, Clarence Allen, Don Adair, Sheila and Scotty Adair, Brenda, Brandi and Tate Hunter.

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

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published one time in a newspaper printed in Taylor County, Texas, the accompanying citation, of which the herein below following is a true copy.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: James Lawhorn, Respondent, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable Domestic Relations Court of Taylor County, Texas at the Courthouse in said County, in Abilene, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the Monday next after the expiration of twenty days from the date of service of this citation, then and there to answer the petition of Christian Homes of Abilene, Inc. Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 25th day of October 1974, against Shonna Flynn Lawhorn, natural mother and James Lawhorn, natural father, Respondents and said suit being numbered 9940-DR on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In the interest of Baby Girl Lawhorn, a child the nature of which suit is a request to terminate parent/child relationship."

Said Baby Girl Lawhorn was born the 23rd day of October, 1974, in Abilene, Taylor County, Texas.

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree in the child's interest which will be binding upon you, including the termination of the parent-child relationship and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the child's adoption.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Abilene, Texas, this the 28th day of October, 1974. (SEAL)

Attest: Irene Crawford, Clerk, Domestic Relations Court in Taylor County, Texas; By Sandra Van Cleave, Deputy. 38-1tc

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Ray Evans, Defendant, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable Domestic Relations Court of Taylor County, Texas, at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Taylor County, 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 27th day of November 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

County, Texas; By Sandra Van Cleave, Deputy. 38-1tc

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Edward C. Robison, Defendant, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable Domestic Relations Court of Taylor County, Texas, 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 2nd day of December A.D. 1974, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 18 day of October A.D. 1974, in this cause, num-

bered 9909-DR on the docket of said court and styled Ada Lee Robison, Plaintiff, vs. Edward C. Robison, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: The parties were married on or about June 8, 1970, at Clovis, New Mexico. On or about July 1, 1970, they separated and ceased to live together as husband and wife, no children were born to or adopted by this marriage and none are expected as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.



ARNOLFO ASCENCIO JR. ... completes training

Ascencio Finishes Marine Basic

Marine Pvt. Arnolfo Ascencio Jr., son of Mr. Arnolfo Ascencio Guin of 108 Haynes St., Merkel, completed Infantry Training School at the Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, Calif. He received specialized instruction in infantry weapons and tactics.

A 1974 graduate of Merkel High School, Merkel, he joined the Marine Corps in June of 1974.

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 December 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, 9-3-70 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 effects; as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and 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 the 17th day of October A.D. 1974. (SEAL)

Attest: Irene Crawford, Clerk, Domestic Relations Court Taylor County, Texas; By Sandra Van Cleave, Deputy. 35-4tc

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Edward C. Robison, Defendant, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable Domestic Relations Court of Taylor County, Texas, 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 2nd day of December A.D. 1974, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 18 day of October A.D. 1974, in this cause, num-

bered 9909-DR on the docket of said court and styled Ada Lee Robison, Plaintiff, vs. Edward C. Robison, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: The parties were married on or about June 8, 1970, at Clovis, New Mexico. On or about July 1, 1970, they separated and ceased to live together as husband and wife, no children were born to or adopted by this marriage and none are expected as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Taylor County, Abilene, Texas, this the 21st day of October A.D. 1974. (SEAL)

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Beta Sigma Phi Has Fall Rituals

Beta Sigma Phi held their Fall Rituals and Dance Saturday, November 9, at the Civic Center in Abilene. Rituals began at 7:30 p.m. and the dance was The Package of Abilene.

Attending the dance were Messrs. and Misses, Robert Harris, D. A. Bishop, Larry Justice, Dick Leach and Ray Vanderwerker from Alpha Nu Nu and Darla Mawson and Mamie Steek from Xi Nu Chi.

A broiler-fryer chicken is about eight weeks old and weighs two to 3 1/2 pounds, as you buy it in the grocery store.



MRS. ANNIE STEVENS
... buried Wednesday

Services Held Thursday For Mrs. Annie Stevens

Mrs. Annie Caroline Stevens, 93, passed away on November 5, 1974 at a hospital in San Antonio. She was the mother of Silas P. Stevens, who resides in San Antonio, but was born and raised in Merkel. She spent the last 3 years in San Antonio. Survivors include, besides her son, her daughter-in-law, Elizabeth, grandson, Larry P. Stevens, granddaughter, Marietta S. Boutwell, and five great-grandchildren; also several nieces and nephews.

Services for Mrs. Stevens were held at Roy Akers Funeral Chapel in San Antonio on Wednesday, November 6, with Rev. J. Allan Guthrie officiating, and at the First Baptist Church in Merkel on Thursday, November 7, 1974, at 4:00 p.m. with the Rev. Kenneth Jones and the Rev. John Curtis officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery in Merkel.

Pallbearers were Rex Martin, Joe Earl Lassiter, Johnny Jacobs, Herman Carson, Loyd Jones and Larry P. Stevens. Honorary pallbearers included John Davis, Truett Meeks, Paul Causeaux, Langford McCracken, Pete Patterson, Cyrus Pee, David Reidenback, Peter Rojas, Jr., Scott Mellene, Otto J. Hagelgans and Laurence Sheerin and Peter Hojas. Born Annie Caroline Green

in Hillsboro, Texas on April 5, 1881, she moved to Hamlin, Texas with her older sister Mattie and brother-in-law Walter L. Cash. She met and married Charles P. Stevens in 1911 and moved to Merkel where she made her home before moving to San Antonio in 1971 to live with her son, Charlie Stevens operated a blacksmith shop in Merkel for many years and later operated a self-service laundry. He passed away in Merkel in 1948.

Mrs. Stevens was a member of the First Baptist Church in Merkel since 1911, a member of the Order of Eastern Star, Chapter #12, and Royal Neighbors of America No. 3796.

LOOK WHO'S HERE!

Mr. and Mrs. Charles David Carter are the proud parents of a baby girl, Shayla Kay, born November 4th. She weighed 7 lbs., 12-oz.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Cook of Rt. 3, Merkel. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Tip Carter of Rt. 1, Merkel. Paternal great-grandmother is Mrs. Laura Carter of Hamlin.

Band Members to Sell Cleaner to Raise Money

The Merkel Marching Bands will conduct an all-out drive starting November 20 to sell a household cleaner,

Former Merkelite's Husband Killed

Glynn Jay Milner, 32, of Perryton and formerly of Abilene, died at 10:45 a.m. Thursday in an industrial accident when he was accidentally electrocuted.

Graveside services were held Monday in Elmwood Memorial Park in Abilene, directed by Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born Oct. 7, 1942, in Lubbock, Mr. Milner married Billie Pearl Holmes in May, 1967. Mrs. Holmes is formerly of Merkel. He was an Abilene resident from 1962 until early 1974 when he moved to Perryton.

Survivors include his wife; one son, Danny Lee of the home; two daughters, Miss Lavonna Milner and Miss Charrel Milner, both of the home; his mother, Mrs. Hazel Inez Donaghe of Paducah; one brother, Ray C. Watson of Hamby; two sisters, Mrs. Mona Laman of Corpus Christi and Mrs. Cheryl Barker of Abilene; and his grandmother Mrs. Essie Higbee of Paducah.

DRIX to residents, according to an announcement made today by Glenn Reed, Director. The money will go to the purchase of music and cost of music contest entries. Every householder can use this quality cleaner and this drive gives everyone an opportunity to buy a good supply of a needed product and at the same time help a worthy cause, he said.

The entire membership of the bands has been organized to supply friends and neighbors with cleaner delivered right to their home. Clubs and organizations in other cities have had excellent results with similar programs and Mr. Reed expressed his confidence in the success of this fund-raising campaign.

The cleaner is a highly concentrated product called Drix. When diluted with water and used according to instructions, it will do a top job on any household or business cleaning problem. One bottle will make 6 gallons of rug and upholstery shampoo. It will make forty gallons of window and windshield cleaner. The instructions on the bottle tell how to mix for use in washing machine, removing grass stains, as a spot remover, automobiles, stoves and any washable surface.



LOOK WHO'S HERE!

Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Leamon, Jr. announce the arrival of a baby boy, James David, born Oct. 20, at Seton Hospital in Austin. He weighed 9 lb. 5 oz.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Gamble of Merkel.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Leamon of Imperial Calif.

Garden Club Meets Nov. 21

The Merkel Garden Club will hold a meeting November 21 at 3 p.m. at the Asteroid Restaurant.

Hostesses will be Mrs. S.B. Gamble and Mrs. Oda Clark.

Lambda Beta Meeting Held

Lambda Beta, of Beta Sigma Phi met at the home of Myron Seymore November 9, 1974.

Roll call was answered by "What is Love?" President Pat Castille held a business meeting with reports from committee chairmen.

The Program for the evening was entitled "Understanding Love". Presented by Captain Jo Moore and Co-Captain Chera Hobbertz. Those present were Mmes: Jim Alday, Rosey Castille, J. H., Jr. Clark, Obie Coker, Harold Hobbertz, Craig Jones, Billy Lucas, Paul Moore, Billy Bob Neff, Phil Seymore, Larry Teaff, Larry White, Lee Yadow, Ricky Elliott, Kathy Mansfield,

Billy Whisenant. The Rose Bud Chairman, Annette Clark, presented the gifts from the Rose Bud Barrel and refreshments were served.

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Tri-City Baseball Meet Held In Tye

The weekly meeting of the Tri-City Baseball Project was held in the Tye Elementary School Monday night. The donations for the May or Allen jog reached the \$100 mark this past week. This puts the thermometer one-fifth of the way toward the \$500 goal. Much of the \$100, has come from the small

change placed in the canisters in local businesses. This is one way people who cannot make large donations can help us build two baseball parks for our youth.

Because of illness there has been a delay in the printing of the cookbooks. We hope they will be available before too long.

The next meeting will be Monday, November 18 at the Asteroid Restaurant at 8:00. Donations given to the ball-parks projects to sell are:

Mr. and Mrs. Les Thaxton and Charlie Higgins.
Also Mr. A. B. Parkman and J. C. Carson donated turkeys to be sold.

Our thanks to these people.

Goodman HD News

A double program was given at the meeting of the Goodman Home Demonstration Club Friday, November 8, in the home of Mrs. H. H. Windham. Mrs. Cal McAninch gave a short "First Aid Course" and Mrs. D. R. Butler and Mrs. G. L. Price gave "Powder Puff Plumbing".

Florence McAninch gave guidelines on first aid, warning it is not a substitute for medical aid. Reminded the members it is better to do nothing than the wrong thing. Belvie Butler and Annie Price showed how to put washers in compression type faucets, and things to do to stop a toilet from leaking. Sixty drops a minute means 2300 gallons a year of water down the drain.

The Club Christmas party was planned for December 19. Names were drawn for gift exchange.

Members attending the meeting were Mmes. Carl Carey, Jennings Winter, D.R. Butler, Frank Carter, H.H. Windham, Cal McAninch, and Garland Price.

The next meeting will be held in the home of Mrs. Jennings Winter Friday, November 22. The program will be given by Evelyn Wilburn, Assistant County Extension Agent of Jones County, on "Window Treatments."

Missionette

There were 20 present at this week's meeting. Janet Wade resigned as our reporter due to her work. We will miss her work. Refreshments were served by Stephany Fortune.

We would like to take this chance to recognize one of our leaders and thank her for all the effort she has put out on trying to make Missionettes a success. We need more people like her to work with the young for they are the future of America. She is Marie Wheeler. We appreciate her greatly. We set a new date for the hayride. Weather permitting it will be Friday, November 15.

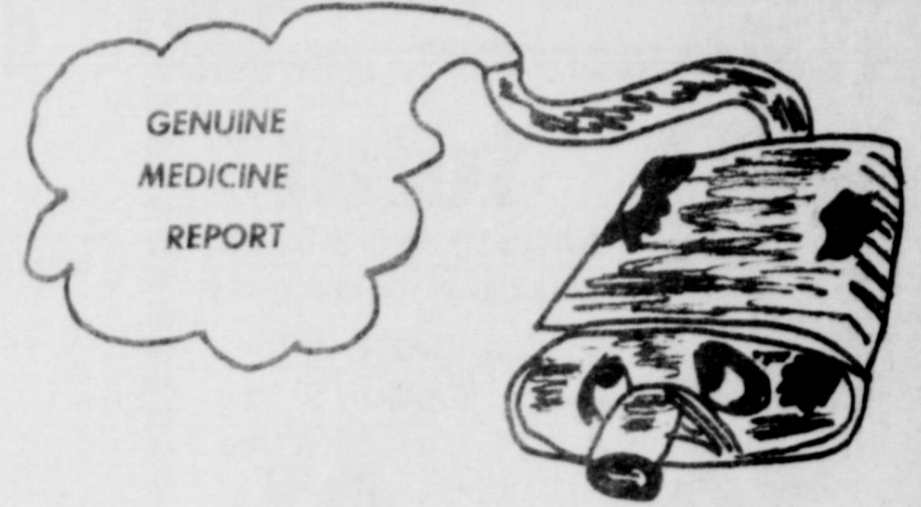
Library Aides Attend Meeting

Merkel High School Library Aides attended the annual District Teen-Age Library Association convention at Colorado City last Saturday.

Phyllis Shanks, district president, presided over the meeting. Jerre Kay Smith reported on the Merkel library's yearly projects. Mike Magee, district secretary, sat at the head table during the luncheon.

Other delegates from Merkel were Mike King, Brenda Stewart, and the sponsor, Mrs. Ruth Windsor.

The main speaker for the convention was Mrs. Betty White, a librarian from the University of Texas at Austin.



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