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Mrs. King Buried Wednesday

Mrs. Stanley King, 79, longtime Merkel resident, died at 4:30 p.m. Monday after an apparent heart attack in Starr Nursing Homewhere she had lived for two months. Services were at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Merkel Church of Christ.

Glenn Owen, Church of Christ minister from Abilene and Larry Gill, Merkel Church of Christ minister officiated. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery here, under direction of the Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born Winnie Pearl Callaway Jan. 13, 1895, in Colorado City, she married Stanley King May 1, 1 18 in Abilene. She had lived in Merkel until 1968 when she moved to Amarillo, Mr. King died Feb. 10, 1974. She moved back to Merkel two months ago.

Survivors are a son, Norman of Amarillo; agrandson, James Cris King of Lubbock; a granddaughter, Mrs. Frank Deierschmith of Amarillo; a brother, Cleo of Houston; and four great-grandchildren.

Former Merkelites Services Held

Robert W. Manscill of 141 Mt. View Dr., Pigeon Forge, Tenn. died early Nov. 28, at his home. The apparent cause was a heart attack. His body was cremated and a memorial service was held on Nov. 30.

He is survived by his wife, a son Jim, all of the home. Also surviving is a sister Eloise and a brother Guy Manscill.

Mr. Manscill was reared in Merkel.

Christmas Cantata

The First Baptist Church

of Merkel will present its

Sanctuary Choir singing "A

Carol of Christmas" on Sun-

day evening, December 15, at

7 o'clock, pastor Kenneth F.

by Mr. Roy Davis, with Mrs.

Davis serving as organist and

Mrs. Comer Haynes as pia-

nist. Solo parts will be pre-

sented by Mrs. Leon Walker,

Mrs. Herman Carson, Mrs.

Don Riney, and Mr. Leon

Walker, Thepastor will serve

as narrator reading the story

"A Carol of Christmas"

of Christ's birth from the

is a cantata written by John

W. Peterson, who is one of

the best known writers of

present-day Christmas mu-

sic. Pastor Jones said that

the choir has been using mu-

sic written by Peterson for

the past four or five years.

Holy Scriptures.

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The choir will be directed

Jones has announced.



SANIA AI CHRISTMAS PARTY . . . giving candy & gifts.

SANTA & STATE SCHOOL RESIDENTS ... at Christmas Party.

Chamber Hears Report On Christmas Lighting

The Merkel Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors were given a report on Christmas activities at their regular meeting Monday night at the Chamber office. Chamber Manager Benny Melton told the Board that the parade and Santa Claus's visit were a success and that the next event would be the Christmas Lighting Contest sponsored by the Chamber. He said that houses in the city limits and within a one mile radius of the city limits would be judged by the judges on December 21. Persons Living outside the one mile radius will have to contact the Chamber office if they wish to have their homes

judged, he said. President Don Hart told the Board that progress was being made in the Chamber's quest to get Texas A&M Uni-

"The presentation of the

Christmas Cantata has be-

come a very important part

of our church program of

worship, and we want to share

it with the whole community,"

Jone stated, "We therefore

offer a cordial invitation to

everyone to come and enjoy

this musical program next

Sunday evening at 7 p.m."

sical program have been un-

derway for about three

months, the pastor said, and

ing forward to the perfor-

choir program.

vice," Jones said.

Preparations for the mu-

versity to locate a Service Center in Merkel. He said that two possible sites had been looked into and that the committee was in the process of getting bids on a Butler Building, "I think Merkel has a chance to get the center to locate here. It will require some work, but I think we should proceed with the project," Hart said.

Five members of the Merkel Highs School - Junior Chamber of Commerce met with the Board. They were Tonja Crenshaw, Lisa Gregory, Jerrie Stephan, Janie Clark and Andy Hart. The Junior Chamber told the Board they would be responsible for decorating the High School for the annual Chamber Banquet to be held in early March. They are also to come up with a theme for

the banquet. A report was given on new First Baptist To Present membership. Two new members have been recently signed up for the Chamber.

> Chairman George Starbuck of the Retail Development Committee said that his committee was pleased with the Trades Day just past. He said that a good number of persons registered for the cash prizes that were given away last Saturday. He said the promotion had two more weeks to run.

President Don Hart reminded the board that the Lions Club would hold a chili supper on January 24, 1975, with the proceeds benefiting the city park.

Play In **H-SU Tourney**

Sixteen teams, including defending champion Comanche, will play in the 24th Annual Hardin-Simmons University High School Girl's Invitational Basketball Tournament next Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

The tourney will be played in Rose Field House, with the first game slated for 10 a.m. Thursday, pitting Abilene Christian High School against Anson. In other Thursday games, Haskell will play Winters at 11:15 a.m., Cisco and Hamlin play at 12:30 p.m., Colorado City and Comanche meet at 1:45 p.m., Coleman and Hawley vie at 5 p.m., May and Wylie play at 6:15 p.m., Coahoma and Stamford play at 7:30 p.m., and Merkel and Midway play the final opening round game at 8:45 p..

The consolation brackett play opens at 10 a.m. Friday, and the consolation champion will be determined in a game beginning at 6:30 p.m. Saturday. The tournament championship game is

slated for 9 p.m. Saturday. The tournament, sponsored by the H-SU Department of Physical and Health Education, has been an annual event since Rose Field House was a new building. It has been one of the most popular girls tourneys in West Texas, and often has had state championship contenders partici-

> The Comanche Maidens, See GIRLS, Pg. 5

Merkel Girls To Jones GIVE **Christmas**

Party On Monday, Dec. 9th, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Jones of Merkel, entertained in their home sixteen residents from Dorm 27A, Abilene State School, where Mrs. Jones is Resi-

> dent Trainer. The afternoon was full of fun and exitement for every one. They were escorted into town by our 'Chief of Po-

And after settling in the Kent Street on the big "Fire Truck." Screams of fun were heard loud as he appeared and talked to each one. He gave out gifts, and then was on his way to visit more children.

Everyone then went inside where cokes, cookies, candy, punch and all kinds of goodies were served to everyone. The residents were accompanied by ten attedants, the

For Holiday

bus driver and his 2 helpers. Also many stopped to wish

mas and New Year Holidays.

By JODY WEST

quite strong during Tuesday

nights battle against the Girls

Varsity Badgers, Dec. 3, with

Trent ahead at half time.

But the Badgers came back

strong, and a close battle

at the end of the third quarter

was to show the Badgers 26,

the Gorillas 24. The end of

the fourth quarter with only

seconds left to play found

the Badgers ahead by only

2 points. With 4 time outs

called in only these few se-

conds and Blue with the ball,

the Badgers still managed to

keep them from scoring. The end of the game showed the

Badgers 36, Gorillas 34, High

pointer for the Badgers was

Netta Stephan with 16 points.

and for the Gorillas was Rob-

bie Freeman with 27 points. Rebecca Freeman, a usual

starter for the Trent Gorillas

watched from the stands be-

cause of an earlier unfor-

tunate case of flu. The Bad-

ger girls are now 5-1 in the

The second exciting game

of the night found the Trent Gorilla Varsity Boys ahead

of the Badger Varsity Boys at the beginning of the se-

cond quarter, with the Gorillas scoring 22 points to the Badgers 18 points, But

in the next few minutes the

Badgers made sure the score was tied, 24 to 24. By half

time the Gorillas were loos-

ing the battle with 26 points

75 points to the Gorillas 36

season.

Gorilla Warfare came on

everyone a Merry Christmas. To Close

The Trent Independent Public Schools will close Dec. 20 at 2:30 p.m. and will reopen Jan. 2 for the Christ-

Money Orders will not be sold Saturday.

City of Merkel to Assume **Ambulance Service**

-Tabled buying of a new,

pick-up for the water de-

partment. The council was

presented two bids on the

new pick-up. Bidding on the

vehicle was Palmer Motors

at \$4,360.50 and Max Mur-

rell Chevrolet at \$4,194.49.

Specifications for the pick-

up were 1/2-ton with long

wide bed, automatic trans-

mission, air conditioning, and

and 358 cu. engine. The coun-

cil wanted to wait and see if

lines on the north side of

the pick-up.

voted Friday night to buy a used Ambulance from North accustomed to in the past. Funeral Home in Abilene for We want to stress that there \$2,000 and assume the responsibility for Ambulance lance service," Mayor Allen service in Merkel January 1. The council had been told

that on January 1 Starbuck Funeral Home would no in the past, the Mayor said. longer provide this service due to the cost of operating an ambulance.

Mayor Lou David Allentold the council that in his opinion the council had no choice but to see that ambulance service was available in Merkel. The Aldermen agreed and voted to buy the 1969 Oldsmobile coach. The council also decided that the responsibility for operation of the ambulance would be under

cil:

the Police department. Police Chief Jim Broussard came before the council and told them that his department could handle the added responsibility with the hiring of one additional man. The council then voted to assign the responsibility to him and to authorize the hiring of one additional patrolman. Chief Broussard told the council that the policemen were all qualified to drive the ambulance as they had first aid cards. He said that when an ambulance call came in, the patrolman on duty would respond to the call and that another patrolman would stand by to handle any police calls while the other patrolman was tied up with

the ambulance. Chief Broussard told the council that volunteers would be used to ride in the amdecorated yard singing bulance on trips to the hos-carols, "Santa" came down pital.

A place to park the ambulance was discussed. The council was told that there was a possibility a stall was available at the fire station for parking the coach. Plans were discussed to build a garage at city hall to house the ambulance.

"We feel that this plan will work and that we will be able to provide just as good am-

Post Office Open Sat, Dec. 14

The Post Office will be open Saturday, Dec. 14 from 9-12 a.m. for customer's convenience in mailing Christmas cards and pack-

residents as they have been \$2,000. -Was told by a representative of the Fire Department that the heater had gone out will be no break in ambu-

in the Fire Department buildsaid. The city will continue ing and that it would have to be replaced. The council told to charge for the ambulance the department to get bids on service just as Starbuck has replacing the overhead heater "We appreciate the attiand to also get bids on blowing insulation on the walls of tude of Chief Broussard and the building. The ideal was his men in taking on this added responsibility." the that maybe a smaller heater could be used if the walls were Mayor said. insulated. In other action the coun-

-Passed an ordinance concerning the school zone. This was necessary for the Hghway Department to install flashing lights at both ends of the school zone ..

-Heard a report from J.C. Carson on the building of the baseball parks in Merkel. Carson told the council that he was interested in some land east and north of the little league field. The council plans to help with the purchase of the land with revefunds were available to buy nue sharing funds if details can be worked out. Carson -Was told by Robert Har- is to check on the price of ris that some of the sewer the land and report back to the Aldermen.

-Was told by City Secretown would need cleaning out tary Roy Kimbrell that there before too much longer. The line is still open and working was \$6,420 in the general fund but has a lot of mud clogging and \$3,422 in the revenue it. He estimated the cost of sharing fund.



FOLLOW THROUGH - Jerre Kay Smith follows through with 2 more points for the Badgers during a very close battle with the Trent Gorillas, the Badgers won 36-34.

Jim Wharton Selected the choir members are look-To All District Band mance. There are about 33 persons participating in the

"Our Nursery will be open More than two hundred for those who need a place to young people converged on the leave their young children, H.S.U. campus Eaturday, Dec. and we will welcome joyfully 7. to participate in tryouts all the visitors who wish for All-District Band, South to attend this worship ser-Zone at Region II. Students came from all area towns to

audition individually for judges selected to hear all those playing the same instrument.

Auditions began at 8:00, by 11:00 the District Band had been selected. One hundred nineteen made the band, seven of which were tubas. Jim Wharton placed third with the tuba representing the Merkel Badger Band.

The Band practiced from 11:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. with only a break for lunch. At 7:30 they presented a concert in Behrens-Chapel Auditorium consisting of music which few of the students had played before. The audience gave them a standing ovation.

Approximately one-half of these students will participate in tryouts for Regional Band in January. Jim is one of those who will advance to Regional Band tryouts...

NHS Plans Christmas Wrapping Booth The National Honor Society

is going to have a Christmas Package Wrapping Booth located in the Senior Citizens Building. The booth will be open on

Saturday, December 14 and 21, from 9 a.m to 5 p.m. There will be no charge if the people provide wrapping materials otherwise a fee of 25¢ a package will be charged

All tiems must be tagged.

Badger Boys, Girls Stop Trent Badgers was Jackie Sims with 14 points, closely behind him was Buddy Morgan with 12 points and Darel Bunch with

Points. High pointer for the Varsity are now 6-1 in the season.

The Freshman boys team beat Mann's 8th grade team last night with Mann's points.

Be sure and go support the Badgers. The girls play in the H-SU tournament Thursday, Friday and Saturday and the Boys play Winters here Friday at 5 p.m.



to the Badgers 36 points. The Badgers didn't stop here and LONG SHOT - Merkel's David Copeland scores two points for the Badgers neither did the Gorillas. The during the Trent-Merkel games Tuesday, Dec. 3, with the Badgers winning end of the game found the Badgers with a victory of



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH CHOIR . directed by Roy Davis.

Bowman-White Engagement Told

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Bowman of Fisherville. Va. announce the engagement and approaching marriage of

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to Richard Allan White, son of Mrs. Billy Joe White and the late Mr. White of Merkel.

The couple will be married December 20 at the First Baptist Church in Merkel, with reception being held in the First Baptist Fellowship

The bride-elect is a graduate of Waynesboro High School in Virginia.

White is a graduate of Merkel High School and attended Cisco Jr. College. He is employed by Village Motors Inc. in Abilene.

Zinc is a mineral essential to good health. Meats, eggs, seafoods, whole wheat breads, oatmeal and corn are good sources of zinc according to Sally Springer, foods and nutrition specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

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Farm-facts

STERILE SCREWWORM fly production at Mission is being cut back at the same time that cooler weather is expected to help ranchers combat the pest. And they need that help. The USDA Mission laboratory reported 2,418 screwworm cases in the State during October, compared to 2,254 in October, 1973. Almost half of those found in October this year were in 31 South Texas counties, and those may be among the last counties in the State getting enough cool weather to slow down screwworms. Production of the sterile screwworm flies is being cut from 200 million a week to 75 million, and they will be distributed in the lower southwest, areas considered vital to 280 people working at the Mission plant are being furloughed. The United States and Mexico are conducting an effort to eradicate screwworms from Mexico, but until they are, the pests will continue to threaten Texas livestock, and the sterile flies will be needed to combat any

TEXAS CROP and Livestock Reporting Service reports that Texans sent 374,000 head of cattle to slaughter during September, an increase of 40 per cent from a year ago and nine per cent more than for August 1974. Hogs slaughtered in September in Texas totaled 109,000, a two per cent increase over the same month last year and a one per cent decrease from the previous month. Sheep and lambs killed in September, 1974 totaled 127,000, a two per cent decline from the same month last year and a five per cent decline from August, 1974. Total red meat production through the first nine months in Texas was 1,763 million pounds, an increase of eight per cent over the same period in 1973. And it is likely that more of that red meat was produced on forage crops than in 1973.

COOL, WET weather on the High Plains continues to slow cotton maturity. In fact, during the first week of November, there was not much cotton harvested anywhere in Texas because of rains. However, cotton harvest is about was stopped almost all over the Low and High Plains because of the weather. Soybean harvest is reported about 37 per cent complete, peanut harvest about 59 per cent, second crop rice about 74 per cent, and over 90 per cent of wheat and oat seeding is complete.

Merkel Jr. Girls

The Merkel "A" Jr. High Girls did a fine job in playing basketball this past weekend. The girls showed a lot of spirit and determination and they proved this by winning second place in the Merkel Jr. High Tournament, The first game that the "A" girls played was against Albany. This was a thrilling game because the girls won by two points in a double overbut everyone hustled and put forth all their effort in playand they won 29 - 12. The two games that the "A" girls won, put them in the chamlie "A". Wylie was a tough team to play. Our "A" girls lost to them but the score of 33-17. We are happy to say that two of our girls placed on the all-tournament team. They were Kathryn Irvin and Gina Farmer.

The "B" girls also were

It was hard going for the girls because they had to play "A" teams. The girls did a great job and the teams that they played didn't beat them by much. The first game was against Lueders-Avoca. We lost to them by 18 to 26. The second game that they played was against Aspermont who beat them by 32-19. Our girls tried the best that they could and they real-

Last Monday the "A" and "B" girls played Anson at ing the game. Saturday morn- at Anson. The "B" girls had ing the girls played Divide an exciting game toward the end of it because the game was tied at 20-20 with 40 second left in the game. An pionship bracket against Wy- Anson girl made 2 points with about 20 second left and the girls couldn't tie the game back up., Anson won 22-20.

The "A" girls game against Anson was a tougher game but our girls outplayed Anson and won 21-



ATTEND DALLAS CONVENTION - Taylor County Farm Bureau was represented by 12 delegates at the Texas Farm Bureau convention in Dallas Dec. 1-4. Pictured at a registration table are first row from left; Mrs. Herbert McKee, Mrs. Loyd Perry, Mrs. Jack Hancock, Mrs. Sam Beam, Mrs. B. J. Gist, Mrs. Lemon Gist. Second row, Herbert McKee, Loyd Perry, Jack Hancock, Sam Beam, B. J.

12 From Taylor County **Attend Bureau Convention**

reau was represented by 12 delegates to the 41st annual meeting of the Texas Farm Bureau Dec. 1-4 at the Convention Center in Dallas. Some 1,500 persons from all parts of Texas attended.

Policies to guide the state's largest farm organization next year were adopted by the more than 900 voting mal Health. delegates representing the majority of the 210 organized county units. Also approved were recommendations on national issues. These will be forwarded to the American nual meeting Jan. 5-9 in New Orleans ...

Delegates registered Sunpating in the evening's acti- bor and Poultry, Natural Revities which included a Vesper Service, Discussion Meet and Talent Find.

The Monday morning agenda included addresses by TFB and recognition program that President J. T. (Red) Wood- evening.

son and Governor Dolph Briscoe. Afashi on show was featured at a luncheon for ladies that day.

Special conferences were held Monday afternoon on the following subjects: Community Services, Dairy, Wheat and Feed Grains, Rice, Cotton, Young Farmers and Ranchers, and Livestock and Ani-

Tuesday's activities included the administrative report by Executive Director Warren Newberry, and the financial report by Secretray - Treasurer Bill Reid of Farm Bureau Federation an- Lamesa and Comptroller Bill McClain of Waco, Conferences were held that afternoon and Research and Eduday, Dec. 1, before partici- cation, Services, Farm La-

> sources and Field Crops. Singer Anita Bryant and the Chuck Bird Orchestra entertained at a special awards



TAYLOR ELECTRIC CC-OP

. . . first place



NU ALPHA NU second place

Girl Scout News The girl scouts of troop 313 met at the scout hut

Monday afternoon. The girls made presents to give their Mothers for Christmas, Nancy Click and Stacy Seymore served refreshments to Janice Jacobs. Rene Aikin, Viola Elby, and

Bed jackets seem destined to return to popularity this fall, possibly as one answer to how to keep warm during the continuing energy problem this winter, Margaret Ann Vanderpoorten, clothing specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University



THE MERKEL MAIL

Thursday, December 12, 1974

BETA

Parade Winners

lots of happy children as the old gentleman himself, Santa Claus, paid a visit to downtown. And he didn't disappoint the children and the grownups as well. He passed out candy to persons along the parade

Santa headed the annual Christmas parade riding in a fire engine. A good number of flotas and bicycle riders were in the parade with Santa.

Wining floats in the parade were 1. Taylor Electric Co-op, 2. Alpha Nu Nu Sorority, and 3. Beta Sigma Phi

Contest were 1. Janice Jacobs, 2. Devin Sanford and 3.

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Jeannessa Cypert. The Miss Merry Christmas winners rode in the parade in cars. They were Tina Bicknle. Primary; Becky Watts Elementary; High School, Jerrie Stephan; and Tye Ele-

mentary, Kim Bien. Merchants drawing winners were as follows:

Mrs. E. L. Tarpley, \$100; Mrs. Ora Griggs, \$ 50; Mrs. Margaret Hunter, \$25; Mrs. Madell Eoff, \$10; Mrs. Pauline Bryson, \$5; Mrs. M. Holloway, \$5; Mrs. Esther

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Nursing Home News

By MARY OUTLAW Some of the patients have colds in the Nursing Home but no one has the flu as of be moved to Abilene and that yet. Ida Mae Hughes has been having some problem with asthma but is better.

We would like to thank A.C. Ascencio, Lupe's husband, for coming to the home and painting the Beauty Shop. He furnished the paint. We really do appreciate A. C. doing this for us. We are going to remodel and have central cooling and heating and smoke doors and other things. We have to do these things to stay open, so everything that is done for us is appreciated. I have thought about retiring as I am past that age

Badger Tracks

By DAREL BUNCH Sorry about missing the edition last week; I ate too much Thanksgiving dinner! Congrats to our neighbor Jim Ned - those Indians are playing footbal! like crazy. Hope they go all the way to state.

Congrats to Netta Stephens, Donald Dye and Robert Morgan for their All-Tourney trophies. The Badgerettes brought home the consolation statue and of course, the Golden boys won the beautiful 1st place prize in the Wylie tournament. Go Gang! Congrats to the senior students who were nominated to Amerca's Who's Who -

are was everybody selected? Only 10 shopping days 'til Christmas and you know where to shop! Merkel.

Missionette

Last week we had a going away party for Melody Jones. We will miss her. We drew names for the Christmas party Dec. 13. We wish to thank Betty Allgaier

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for the lovely cake.

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF JOSEPH D. TOMPKINS DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of Joseph D. Tompkins, Deceased, were issued to me, the undersigned, on the 14th day of October, 1974, in the proceeding indicated below my signature hereto, which is still pending, and that I now hold such Letters. All persons having claims against said Estate, which is being administered, in the county below named, are required to present the same to me respectively, at the address below given, before suit upon same are barred by the general statutes of limitation, before such Estate is closed, and within the time prescribed by law. My residence and Post Office address are 1 Trafalgar Square, Abilene, Taylor County, Texas..

DATED this 6th day of December, 1974. (Signed) Betsy M. Tompkins Independent Executrix of the Estate of Joseph D. Tompkins, Deceased, No. 11,767 in the County Court of Tay-

lor County, Texas. 42-1tc

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in 20 years. Mr. and Mrs. A.C. Ascencio visited their daughter, Betty, in Laredo. She had been in the hospital but is improved now.

We are glad we have Elfrida Delcruz back at work. She recently had surgery. Mrs. Hattie Smith of Garland, Texas visited her brother, Jack Bowers, for a few days.

Sorry the news is short but we are having so many contractors visiting and placing their bids that we are unable to think about news-Maybe more next time.

MERKEL-TYE School Menu

THURSDAY, DEC. 12 Lasagna, Tossed Salad, Choice Dressing, Garlic

Bread, Fruit Cup and Milk. FRIDAY, DEC. 13

Hamburgers, Lettuce, To-

matoes, Onion, Pickles,

School Made Buns, Choco-

late "No Bake" Cookies, Orange Juice and Milk.

MONDAY, DEC. 16 Chicken Fried Ham Patties, Cream Gravy, Potatoes

Au Gratin, Seasoned Mixed Greens, Hot Rolls, Chocolate Cake and Milk. TUESDAY, DEC. 17

Bar-B-Q Beef, Potato Salad, Pinto Beans, Hot Rolls,

Banana Pudding and Milk. WEDNESDAY, DEC. 18

Shepherds Rice, Green Salad, Choice of Dressing, Hot Rolls, dello Squares and Milk. **Calf Winner**

Told Saturday The Tri-City Baseball Project held the drawing for the calf Saturday, Dec. 7.

Winner of the calf was Delpha Clark, 1174 1/2 Amarillo, Abilene. The total donations turned into the Tri-City Baseball committee for the Mayor Lou David Allen to jog from Tye to Merkel is \$165.00. The latest donation was \$25.00

from the Don Hart Family in lieu of Christmas card greetings to the Tri-City area of

Tye Elementary

Tye Elementary School played Abilene Christian School last Friday. The girls won 22-3 and the boys got beat, 22-14. Girls scoring were Kim

Bien, 6; Linda Graves, 2; Kim Gary, 6; Dee Ann Smith, 2; Angie Wells, 2; Alice Berry, 2 and Carla Corbin, 2. Boys scoring were Billy Morgan, 2; Ricky Mathewson, 5 and Larry Higle, 7. Others playing were James Turner, Cary Metts, Randy Martinez, David Sims, Richard Pilton, Johnny Brazell, and Allen

Tye Elementary will play Hamby at Tye Dec. 16 at

Boyle ..

Compere **HD News** The Compere H.D. Club

met Nov. 22nd at 7 p.m. at the Noodle Community Center for a Thanksgiving dinner with their families and guests. Each club member invited guests. Fifty-five guests and members enjoyed bountiful meal from decorated tables.

On December 5th, seven members and five children met in Mrs. Ab Hunter's Jr's home for a covered dish luncheon. In the afternoon gifts were handed out from a beautifully decorated tree to Mrs. Hugh Taylor, Bud Terry, Ab Hunter, Don Adair, Wayne Waldrum, Ernest Spurgin, Dewey Ramsey, Tommy Hun-ter, Brandi, Brenda and Tate Hunter, Kory Ramsey, and Melinda Waldrum.

Christmas carols were sung by the group and "A Christmas I Remember That Stand Out" was given by each member.

THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF TAYLOR

In the name and by the

authority of the State of

Texas, notice is hereby given

as follows: TO Frances Martin et vir L.A. Martin, Ruth Moore, Effie Demere, W.N. Moore, W.T. Malone, G.A. Wheeler, John H. Moore, Sallie Hall Campbell, Leo Leon Sherman, J.P. Swafford et ux Cynthia Swafford, J. T. Belt, Mary D. Hale, Mrs. Maggie Huey, Carl Maddera, Clint W. Maddera, Etna French, Mrs. Jewell B. French, Otis E. Bagby et ux Martha Bagby, F. F. Nichols, F. R. Jones, Estate of B. F. Findley, deceased, Q. M. McCullough, B. Whittington, R. D. Allen, William L. Allen, Eppie Kemper, a widow, Bernice Hall, Ina Alice Kemper, Arthur B. Kemper, James Orvil Kemper, and Corda Jean Kemper, O. L. Harris, S. S. Harris, R. O. Cooper, Mintie Hill, J. H. Warnick, R. L. Newman, Irene Tyler, Dorothy Fay Warren et vir D. W. Warren, Seth Morgan et ux Mary Pearl Morgan, M. E. Hawkins, W. C. Hawkins, J. D. Albin, J. R. Edwards, J. F. Wheat, Annie L. Stevens, Lynn N. Mc-Spadden, R. C. Anderson, Z. T. Harrison, Mrs. A. B. Gregory, by virtue of possession, Mrs. W. A. McSpadden, Estate of Miguel Hernandez, deceased, Ylario Perez et ux Mercedes Perez, Juan Garcia, Mrs. Cora Bailiff, Mrs. Alice D. Templeton, Heard Reynolds, Julia Moosberg, Julia C. Beindorff, T. E. Nordyke, Mary Ida Sharp, W. W. Toombs, and Santos Pena if living, and if any or all of the above named defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of each or all of said above named persons who may be dead, and the unknown heirs of the unknown heirs of said above named persons, and the unknown owner or owners of the hereinafter described land, and the executors, admini strators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees and devisees of the above named persons, and any and all other persons, including adverse claimants, owning or having or claiming any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the following described property, delinquent to Plaintiff herein, for taxes, all of

Original Townsite of the City of Blair: Lots 1, 2, 3 and 5, Block 4. The following property being located in Original Townsite of the City of Halltown: Lots 3, 6, 7 and 8, Block 5; Lot 14, Block 6, Lots 2 thru 7, Block 9; Lots 1, 2, 13 and 14, Block 12; Lots 1, 8 thru 15, Block 13. The following property being located in Original Townsite of the City of Merkel: North 20' of Lot 10, South 30' of Lot 11, Block 12; Lots 17 and 18, Block 29. The following described property being located in M. D. Angus Addition to the City of Merkel: West 55' of Lot 1, Block 1. The following property being located in Boyce Addition to the City of Merkel: lots 5, 6, 9, and 10, Block C; Lot 2, Block 1; Lots 1, 2 and 3, Block J; North 50' of West 122' of Lot 4, Block K. The following property being located in College Addition to the City of Merkel: Northwest 100'x140', North 50' of Southwest 150'x140', and South 100' of West 140', Block 8; All of Lot 1, North 1/2 of Lot 2, Block 9; Southeast 1/4 of Block 17; Lots 3 and 4, Block 23; Lot 4, Block 26. The following property being located in Edmison-Sheppard Addition to the City of Merkel: Southwest 75'x 140' of Lot 2, Block H. The following property being located in Haynes Addition to the City of Merkel: North 50', South 50' of North 150', and South 208' of North 358'

said property being located

in said County and State, to-

The following being located in

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Faye Jones Hosts Lambda Beta

On December 3, 1974 Lambda Beta was hostessed by Faye Jones. President Pat Castille held the business meeting, with each committee given a brief report. Roll call was answered by "Who is your favorite Conversationalist,"

Two evening programs were presented by Captain: Pat Neff and Co-Captain Minyon Seymore. One entitled: "How is your Conversation" and another "Voice and Vocabulary Reflects the Inner You."

Refreshments were served.

In attendance: Mmes: Jim Allday, Rosey Castille, Obie Coker, Craig Jones, Billy Lucas, Paul Mcore, Billy Bob Neff, Phil Seymore, Larry White, Lee Yaddow, Ricky Elliott, Glen Bright and Billy Whisenhunt.

Block E; Lots 1, 2 and 3, Block F. The following property being located in Martin Addition to the City of Merkel: Lot 9, Block A; Lot 12, Block B. The following property being located in R.A. Miller Subdivision of Blocks 7 and 20 of College Addition to the City of Merkel: Lots 11 and 12, Block D. The following property being located in Sharps Addition to the City of Merkel: Lots 4, 18 and 19. The following property being located in F.J. Smith Addition to the City of Merkel: Lot C, Block 14. The following property being located in South Park Addition to the City of Merkel: Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, Block A; Lots 5 and 6, Block B. The following property being located in Thornton Addition to the City of Merkel: North

75' of the east 140' of Lot 1, Block C; Lot 3, Block E; North 1/2 of Lot 11, all of Lot 12, Block F. The following property being located in West Addition to the City of Merkel: Lots 1 and 2, Block A. All of the above described property being located in the County of Taylor,

Texas. Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiff for taxes in the following amounts: \$1,030.32, exclusive of interest, penalties and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes, all said interest, penalties and costs therein allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by the State of Texas and Taylor County, Plaintiff, against the above named persons, as Ded fendants, by petition filed on the 5th day of June, 1974. in a certain suit styled State of Texas and Taylor County vs. Frances Martin, et al for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Taylor County, Texas, 42nd Judicial D strict, and the file number of said suit is 34, 494-A, that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property herein above described, not made parties to this suit are NONE.

Plaintiff and all other taxy ing units who may their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, and in addition to the taxes all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as pro-

vided by law. All parties to this suit, including plaintiff, defendants, and intervenors, shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest, penalties and costs allowed by law thereon, may, upon request therefore, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, and all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleadings now on file and which may hereafter be filed in said cause by all other parties herein, and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims against said property. You are hereby commanded

to appear and defend such suit on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the 29th day of November, 1974 same being the 13th day of January, A.D., 1975, (which is the return day of such citation), before the honorable District Court of Taylor County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then to show cause by judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest and costs, and comdemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the plaintiff and the taxing units parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court in the City of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, this 29th day of November A.D., 1974.. . (SEAL)

Irene Crawford, Clerk of the District Court Taylor County, Texas, 42nd Ju-dicial District Sandra Van Cleave

Deputy.

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last year, and the two top for the first time include Abiscorers, Linda and Sissy Andrews, are still on the team.

Wylie won third place last by Karen Walker, a recent year by beating Bronte, 94- H-SU graduate. Midway school is located west of Teams in the tournament warn

lene Christian High School

and Midway, which is coached

FINANCIAL STATEMENT MERKEL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT Covering Receipts and Disbursements For the Period of September 1, 1973 To August 31, 1974

| Receipts:                                                          |                                        |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| A. Local Maintenance and Debt Service                              | \$268.801.00                           |
| D. Idicion from Fatrons                                            | 7 240 00                               |
| C. Area Schools in Special Education Program                       | 3,721.00                               |
| D. County Available                                                | 31.00                                  |
| Total from Local and Intermediate Sources                          | \$273,793.00                           |
| From State Sources:                                                |                                        |
| A. Per Capita and Foundation                                       | 530,400.00                             |
| B. Transportation                                                  | 28.588.00                              |
| C. Vocational                                                      | 2.511.00                               |
| D. Other State Distributed Revenues from Federa                    |                                        |
| Sources                                                            | 2,281.00                               |
| E. Other State Sources                                             | 17,740.00                              |
| Total State Sources                                                | \$581,520.00                           |
| Revenue from Federal Sources                                       | 21,553.00                              |
| Non-Revenue Sources                                                | 17 112 00                              |
| Total Local State, Federal, and Non-Revenue                        | 17,113.00                              |
| Total Local, State, Federal, and Non-Revenue receipts for the Year | \$893,979.00                           |
| Balances from Preceeding Year                                      | 140,697.00                             |
| Total Funds Available for the 1973-74 Year                         |                                        |
|                                                                    | \$1,034,676.00                         |
|                                                                    |                                        |
| Expenditures:                                                      |                                        |
| 1. Instructional and Related Services                              | \$538,445.00<br>14,496.00<br>50,478.00 |
| 2. Instr. Resources and Media Services                             | 14,496.00                              |
| 3. School Instructional Administration                             | 50,478.00                              |
| 4. Guidance and Counseling Services                                | 46.734.00                              |

\$1,034,676.00

5. Transportation .....

6. Extra-Curricular (Student Activities) .....

7. General Administration .....

8. Debt Services .....

9. Plant Maintenance and Operation ......

Balances on August 31, 1974 Budgeted for

Time Deposits and Inter-Change of Funds ...

Total for the Year .....

1974-75 .....

10. Adjustments of Funds including Purchase of

Guidance and Counseling Services ......

Signed: Mach Judge Mack Fisher Superintendent of Merkel Schools

## Jr. High Badgers Win Tournament

By COACH GEORGE MARTIN

The Merkel Jr. High Badgers won their second tournament of the year last Saturday night by defeating a fine team from Lueders-Avoca, 27-22. The Jr. Badgers defense looked good while on offense the scoring went like this against Lueders-Avoca: Craig Hutchings, 10; Ricky

Howes, 8; Mike Sims, 4; Kelley Wolf, 2; Jay Boyd, 2; and David Wharton 1.

Lending their teammates in way of substituting so that they could rest were Craig Bowen, Maury Moore, Randy Holmes, Mike Brady, Roger Reed, Dennis Lang and starter Roger Dye who played an extremely good game on defense along with Sims and Hutchings and Howes.

### Food Stamp Allotment To Increase January 1

family of four will increase on January 1 from \$150 to \$154, based on August food price statistics, according to an announcement today by Under Secretary of Agriculture J. Phil Campbell.

The Food Stamp Act, as amended by the Agriculture and Consumer Protection Act of 1973 (Public Law 93-86), requires that coupon allotments be adjusted semiannually to reflect changes in the prices of food as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Allotm ent adjustments are

based on the cost of the Department of Agriculture's (USDA) economy food plan as it is computed from Bureau of Labor Statistics food prices. The law requiring semiannual adjustments specified that the January 1974 adjustment reflect changes in food prices through August 1973. A similar procedure was used for the July

As an older adult, you may be free to leave home for frequent family visiting or travels. For the safety of your possessions - and your own peace of mind - make your house look as if it is still occupies, Mrs. Vivian Blair, family life education specialist-aging-with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System, advises.

ducts are actually designed to bility level. work better in cold water.

Food stamp allotment for a 1974 adjustment and is being used for the January 1975 increase in the value of the coupon allotment, which is based on the cost of the economy food plan in August 1974.

Cost of the economy food plan for August was \$153.40 for a family of four with school children. Accordingly USDA will raise the value of the coupon allotment from \$150 to \$154 for a family of four and make appropriate adjustments for other housesizes. The maximum income eligibility standard for the four-person household will

increase from \$500 to \$513. The following tables giving coupon allotments, income eligibility standards and purchase requirements for all household sizes in the 48 contiguous states and the District of Columbia are scheduled for publication in the Federal Register of Monday, Nov. 18, 1974. Separate tables for Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and Guam will be announced shortly.

Maximum income eligiblity standards by household size starting Jan. 1 are: One.....\$194

Two..... 280 Three..... 406 Four..... 513 Five..... 606 Six..... 700 Seven..... 793 Eight..... 886

For each additional household member over eight, add besides, some cleaning pro- \$73 to the eight-person eligiduring the Merkel Jr., High Tournament and everyone

In the other games leading are urged to attend. up to the championship game, the scoring for the Jr. Badgers went like this. Merkel beat Wylie "B" 36-18. Scoring was- Ricky Howes 15; Jay Boyd, 8; Mike Sims, 4; Craig Hutchings, 2; Roger Dye, 2; Craig Bowen, 2; Randy Holmes, 2 and Kelley Wolf, 1.

Against Albany, the score was Merkel 25, Albany 9. Scoring was Mike Sims, 9; Ricky Howes, 8; Roger Dye, 4; Craig Hutchings, 2 and Kelley Wolf, 2. This year there were Boys

and girls All-Tournament teams. Making these teams for the Boys were: Mike Sims, Merkel; Ricky Howes, Merkel; Lindsey, Lueders-Avoca; Fanning, Wylie; and Dockerson, Aspermont. On the Girls team were Kathryn Irvin, Merkel; Gina Farmer, Merkel; Holder, Albany; Monroe, Wylie; McAnnally, Aspermont, and Brozowski, Wylie.

Last Monday, Dec. 3, the Jr. Badgers traveled to Anson and defeated the Cubs by the score of 35-25. The Badgers again played outstanding ball, both on defense and offense. Scoring went like this: Ricky Howes, 17; Craig Hutchings, 8; Mike Sims, 6; Kelley Wolf, 2; Roger Dye, 2. At the time of this printing, the Jr. Badgers are engaged in the Jim Ned Tourney at Lawn or Wylie.

### TCY To Have Christmas Program

The Taylor County Young Homemakers will meet on Thursday, Dec. 12, at 7:30 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Joe Gregory. A Christmas program will be presented by Lone Star Cas Company. Hostesses for the meeting will be Mrs. Travis Davis and Mrs. Joe Gregory.

The Christmas party will be on Saturday, December 14, at the Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. The details of the party will be discussed at Thursday's meeting.

THE MERKEL MAIL Thursday, December 12, 1974

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PTA TO HAVE CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The PTA will have a speplayed outstanding basketball cial Christmas program Monday, Dec. 16, at 7:30 p.m. If you are interested in how

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'I had read articles in Life magazine about the concentration camps and Americans in the RCAF and I thought to myself 'why stay here?', so I left."

Millett said he deserted the Army not because he was afraid to fight, but because he was afraid he wasn't going to get to fight.

"I fought with the Canadains until America joined the war, then switched over to fight with the American forces. My service with U.S. forces in World War II was rather unusual. I was court-



LEWIS MILLET

... MH winner martialed, promoted through the ranks to sergeant and received a battlefield com-

A veteran of Africa, Anzio and Cassino, Millett received the Silver Star Medal, third highest award for valor given mised my men that if we got a chance, we'd put the train-ing to use." by the United States.

He soon kept his promise.

Millett's company charged an

following day the company re-

peated the performance, kill-

ing several retreating enemy

charm, as Millett spotted an

enemy troop concentration of

about 300 men and, for the

last time in the history of

modern warfare, an Ameri-

can commander ordered his

"I guess I went a little beserk," said Millett, "We

were charging uphill, and I

outran my men. When I saw

that they were falling behind,

I shouted what the citation

labeled as 'words of encour-

agement." Actually, they

were a little more earthy

Millett refused evacuation

until the objective had been

taken. His men, though out-

numbered three-to-one

killed 57 enemy soldiers with

bayonets and many others

the first bayonet charge by

U.S. forces since the civil

War. After the battle, I re-

ceived the Combat Infantryman's Badge with a direct

order from a general officer

Today, after over 10 years

in hostile fire zones, Millett

is pursuing a less exciting

career as a Justice of the

Peace in Merkel, but the

family name is still carried

ship offers and could have

gone to any of the military

academies, but he chose to

learn about the Army from

the inside. He's signed on as

a private to take airborne

publicity had caused him to

wonder about the flexibility

and determination of today's

Army, but seeing the Army

at work at Ft. Polk and Ft.

Sill has dispelled any doubt.

(He was here recently with

a group of 25 educators,

counselors and news media

representatives from Ama-

rillo and Houston, Texas, for

of today's soldier. He was

predicted to be representa-

tive of the bottom of the bar-

"I'm amazed at the caliber

"I entered the Army as a

"Opportunities today are

poor boy from a depression

family, but no one paid any

a three day tour.)

are first rate.

colonel.

Millett said that adverse

"My son had three scholar-

"They told methis had been

with small arms fire.

not to remove it."

on the Army's roll.

training."

Wounded during the battle,

than that."

men to "fix bayonets."

The third time was the

soldiers.

After the war, he tried to settle into a peacetime environment, and attended more than three years of college before an argument with a professor over the merits of General MacArthur sent him back into the Army just in time for Korea.

Millett had little trouble readjusting to Army life and quickly slipped back into his old job of forward artileery

He was wounded during an assault on the infantry company he worked with. The company commander was killed in the same attack. After serving as observer from an aircraft while recovering from his wounds, Millett returned to his old unit, this time as commander.

'It's very unusual for an artillery officer to command an infantry company, but I'd received my first-hand training in combat while attached to the unit. So, when I asked for the job, I got it."

Millett trained his men in basic bayonet assault techniques after the Chinesecommunists began claiming that Americans were afraid of hand-to-hand combat.

"I'm chauvinistic," he said 'and it made me mad, I pro-

## Badger Schedule

The Badger basketball team has been busy these past weeks. November 26, they defeated Eula 89 to 60. High scorers were Buddy Morgan, with 36 and Jackie

Then, on December 2, they went on to defeat Trent, coming from behind at the first quarter to win 75 to 36. Buddy Morgan and Darrel Riggan were high scorers for this game, with 36 and 11 points respectively. Both game were played here in the Badger gym..

Last weekend the Badgers all-tournament team, along

The Badgers now have a 9-0 record, Keep up the good

enemy concentration, but the enemy turned and ran before they could be engaged. The

### Miss Ashburn, Mr. Walters **Exchanged Vows**

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kyle Meadows of Baird and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs.

E. V. Walters of Merkel. Maid of Honor was the bride's sister, Teresa Ashburn of Baird with Bridesmaid being her stepsister. Laurie Meadows of Baird.

Best man was Walter Pittman of Abilene and Groomsman was Troy Walters of of the groom.

and Leta Walters, brother

and sister of the groom.

The couple will live in Abilene where he is employed at Abilene State School, Mrs. Walters is enrolled in Abilene High.

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### Sweetwater Savings Names Branch Manager

of Sweetwater Savings Association named Mrs. Anita Wright manager of the Hamlin branch of Sweetwater Savings. According to Aiken, the Hamlin branch will open in area and private office. its temporary quarters on December 16, 1974.

sident of Hamlin, was employed by the Farmers and Merchants National Bank for six years. Recently she has been undergoing extensive training at Sweetwater Savings' main office in Sweet-

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Fraser of Denver, Colorado, Mrs. Wright was born in Aspermont, Texas and is a graduate of Anson High School and Draughons Business College.

Mrs. Wright, her husband, James and son, Tony, age 9, live at 135 N.W. Avenue H in Hamlin. The Wrights are members of the First United Methodist Church.

Sweetwater Savings' temporary office is located at 443 South Central Avenue, on the site of their new office building., Now under construction, the new brick

Ed Aiken, Jr., president building will contain 1500 square feet when completed. The branch will house a drive in window, reception area. service counter, community room with coffee bar, storage

Sweetwater Savings opened a Rotan branch in December Mrs. Wright, a 16 year re- of 1973 and a Roscoe Branch in November of 1974. According to Aiken, Sweetwater Savings' assets as of October 31 were approximately 28 1/2 million dollars which includes approximately 23 1/2 million dollars in deposits,

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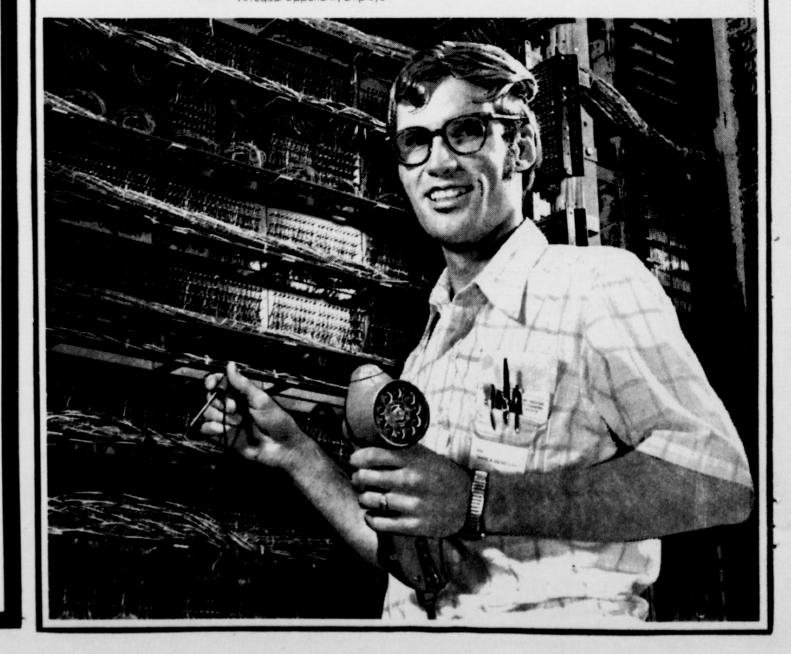
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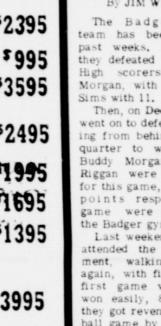
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ment, walking away, once again, with first place. The first game with May they won easily, 81 to 45. Then they got revenge for the football game by stomping them rel, but the men I've seen by 38 points, 68 to 30. In the final game, Merkel defeated Blackwell 70 to 60, to win the Tournament, Buddy Morgan and Jackie Sims attention to what I had been. were high scores for the All they were interested in Badgers in overall tourna- was what I could be and ment play, Morgan scoring I worked my way to full 67 points and Sims, 33, Buddy was also selected for the

even better. The way I see with Donald Dye. it, any young man who isn't planning to at least give the Army a look should reassess his thinking .- '



. . . wed Nov. 30th

## Donna Ashburn and Wayne

Walters exchanged vows Saturday, November 30, at 12:00 noon at the Assembly of God Church, Rev. Sammy Earp

performed the ceremony.

Clovis, New Mexico, brother Ringbearer and flower flower girl was Ray Walters

The bride's colors were

Clyatt, consumer marketing information specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System, reminds. Information includes the federal inspection legend, name of the product, manu-

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colorful gift envelopes and message cards.

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Looking for that perfect gift...one

But in spite of it all, this is the time we build up toward all year and come Dec. 24, we will be expectant joyful, and ready. Of Christmases past, when the children were very small, some of the fondest memories are of sitting up til the weehours until the little ones were asleep - and putting together

the menagerie of different toys that come boxed up with thousands of tiny bolts and the like...and drinking pots of coffee and playing 42...those were the fun times that we'll never forget..., or never re-

end of school!!

"YAWNS"

Once wrote that science

still doesn't know why yawns

are contagious. And wrote

further that the eyes of a

person who yawns usually

start to sparkle immediately

thereafter. And wrote finally

that just about anybody who

read the foregoing facts would

yawn within the next minute

or so, Numerous kindly cus-

tomers later old me it was

ture, that they yawned on

It is said that once Bro-

ther Oglesby stopped by a

motor company to inquire

about a sports model on the

lot. He asked the salesman

how many miles it got to the

gallon. The salesman hol-

lered the question to a co-

worker in the back, who re-

plied "30". The salesman

said, "It's the preacher.."

"16", came the hasty reply.

is the beginning of the TRENT

TOURNAMENT. Be sure to

come and enjoy all the games.

Then the tournament con-

tinues on Saturday, Dec. 14,

at 4:30. On Dec. 13 (Friday)

the high school teams tra-

vel to Highland for a game

BAPPY Birthday to Coach

Bob Campbell on December

9, and to Superintendent King

Thursday, Dec. 12, at 4:30,

cue as suggested,

Coach Bruce Thomas's Jr. High basketball teams are making a name for themselves ... and faring very well this year. Congratualtions to Vondi King, 7th grader, who made the All - Tournament Team at the Divide Tournament week before last. For this honor, she received a pretty trophy. And then in the Butterfield Tournament last Friday, three Jr. High round-ballers made the alltournament team: Connie Gage and Huber Beaver -8th graders; and Vondi King, again., These students received silver basketballs and all were displaying them proudly on chains around their necks Monday morn-

Jere Thomas (Coach Bruce's wife) is a faithful supporter of the Jr. High teams; and we appreciate her so very much. She takes good care of our kids and they just love her to death. Jere is Trent's answer to Anita Bryant (singer, the former Miss America, and orange juice lady) - and Jere sings,

You have heard of "Dial-A-Prayer" I know - but in Hawaii, they have "Dial-A-Volcano" where you can get all the sound effects - if that's what you need ...

Last Thursday night the

Community Club held its an-

on Dec. 14. Also, Tina Hamnual Christmas dinner. Fesner on Dec. 26. There are tive attire, sparkling smiles, some more in December, I Christmas music, along with know, but I have misplaced turkey and dressing were the my band calendar. But we order of the night. Enterwish everyone who has a taining with Christmas songs December birthday all our were Nell Kirk, Brenda Gifgood wishes. fith, Teresa James, Pam On Sunday, Dec. 15, Mrs. King, and Teri Hamner, ac-Marty Findley and the Trent companied on the piano by Bold Gold band will pre-Vera Sharp, Then Dean King, sent the Christmas program, President of the club, introat 3:00 in the gym. There will duced the speaker of the evenalso be on program the eleing, Sweetwater Superintenmentary music students. This dent, Dr. Joe Starnes, and will be an entertaining prohis wife Beth. Dr. Starnes duction and one you will not presentation was on "Eduwant to miss. Let's have a cation in the 1980's." For good attendance at the band 8 months, Dr. Starnes served, along with other noted educators, on the Governor's Task Force Committee for educational planning and re-

search, The TASCD Report, in addition to stressing the basics - reading, writing,

etc., - also emphasizes per-

sonalization, helping children to begin deciding on a career at a much earlier age than is done at the present, and makes provisions for the gifted or talented child-an area that a lot of people feel has been ignored to an extent. This ideal educational plan of the future would eli-

minate categorizing boys and girls - in other words, take the labels off of them. It was a very interesting programand Dr. and Mrs. Starnes are such nice people. We really appreciate their coming over to be with us and hope that they will always feel wel-

At the close of the meet-

ing, Mr. King appointed a nominating committee of Garnet Wilks, Bill Hamner,

and Othell O'Kelly to prepare a list of nominees for the January meeting, when

officers for the new year

NOTICE: Patrons of the

Trent High School gym,

please take note and inform

your children, etc.; There is to be NO FOOD OR DRINK

IN THE GYM. In an earlier game, ice was thrown on the

playing court - and as you

well know, this could be very

hazardous to the players and referees. Your cooperation in

this and respect for this rule

Ever have any success un-

rolling plastic wrap? It sticks

to the box, you, itself, and

everything in sight but where it needs to, Solution?? Try

keeping it in your refrigera-

tor, and no more trouble ..

wife was fixing a ham. Before she placed it in the pan, she cut the ends off the ham. Her

husband asked "Why do you

cut the ends off the ham?" She replied that she really didn't

know, but that was what her

mother's house, she asked her mom why she cut the

ends off a ham. Her mother said that she didn't know either, but that HER mother

had always done it that way.

Together they went to Grandma and asked her why she

cut the ends off the ham be-

fore she cooked it. Grandma replied, "May pan was

Mrs. Reynolds has a "center of interest" in her 5th

grade room upstairs. For Halloween they fixed a dead tree limb in a bucket and sprayed it black. Then tied 'grab bags" on the tree.

too small."

mother had always done. Several weeks later, at her

Once some newly - weds were in the kitchen and the

will be appreciated ..

come in Trent.

will be elected.

We're going to have some TV stars in our 1st and 2nd

graders...they have been in-After Halloween, Mrs. Reynolds hung each child's picvited to talk to Santa Claus ture from the tree. Just think over KTXS-TV in Sweetwater what all she can do with it on Thursday, Dec. 19. They are to be at the studio at throughout the year - hang reindeer, Santas, snowmen, 3:45 and go on the air at etc, at Chrsitmas; redhearts 4:00-4:30. This will be such fun for the little ones-so for Valentine; eggs for Easter, and "Hallelujahs" for the everybody light up your TV's that day and watch "our"

> Lubbock had all its Christmas finery on last weekend ... one shopping center had Santa faces on the light poles, another had Christmas trees lit up...Would like to be in Lubbuck when they open Santa Land on Avenue Q. It is really something to see-a snowman that "melts" before your very own eyes; the house of Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus, and many other wonders. The Lubbock Wonder that we saw every bit of was the South Plains Mall - "a city of stores".

And as M. Barker always says: Life may be a battle of wits - but lots of people are poorly armed.

Dec. 20 at 2:30, Mr. Neff will openTrent School doors and let all the little Gorillas out - until Jan, 2, 1975!

### Patricia Hester Named To Texas **RHO Chapter**

Patricia Hester, junior from Merkel at Hardin-Simmons University, has been named to the Texas Rho Chapter of Alpha Chi, national

Mrs. Hester is a 1972 graduate of Merkel High and is majoring in office admini-

The organization, which is the highest recognition of academic excellence for a student, is open to the upper 10 per cent of the junior, senior, and graduateclasses. Fifty students were named to the H-Su chapter this year.

NOTICE The Trent Tax Office will be closed Dec. 25 and 26th to observe Christmas Holi-



### McAninch Begins Work As Chemist

of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Mc-Aninch of Merkel has recently by the score the game was began work with Texas Eastman Co. as a chemist in the Research and Development Department. Tom received his B.A. degree from Mc-Murry College in 1966 dehis Ph.D degree in organic chemistry from the University of Texas in Austin in Aug. 1974. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps from Oct. 1966 until Dec. 1969, serving in Vietnam from June 1967 until July 1968. While in Austin, Tom was a member of Co. B, 1st BA, 23rd Marines serving as commanding officer during 1973-

## Party Tuesday

each will bring a small gift. All veterans and widows are urged to come and make

A Pot Luck Dinner will be

May. May won with the final score 63-48. Netta Stephan was top scorer with 31 points.

Thomas W. McAninch, son

## WWI Veterans

this a fun night.

### cond and Baird consolation. Netta Stephan made All -Tournament team and also received the trophy for the most free shots. The first game was played Firday afternoon against

THOMAS MCANINCH

He is married to the former Carolyn Sue Anderson, They have a five year old daughter, Courtney Paige. They reside at 1912 Clinton St. in Lonview, Texas.

The World War I Merkel-Trent Barracks will have their regular meeting Tuesday, Dec. 17, at 6 p.m..

A Christmas party will be held with a tree set up and

### Varsity Girls Participate In Wylie Tournament The Varsity girls partici- year and if they keep up the pated in the Wylie tournament this last weekend with Wylie winning first, May se-

J. V.'s Saturday morning.

lie was Kathy Brzonzowski,

gave Merkel the chance to

play for Consolation. Baird

was tough and won the game

50 to 45, but as you can tell

close. Merkel played a good

game with Netta Stephan again

top scorer with 32. Merkel

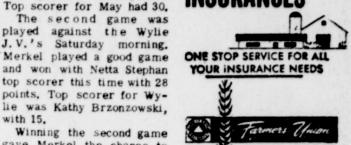
played Baird in district this

with 15.

work they can beat them next

The girls are looking good this year. They've got a lot of ability and have a good team this year. They've got a lot of ability and have a good chance in district play

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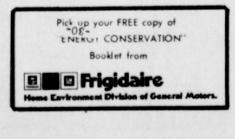
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