

## 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 Home where 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, 1918 in Abilene. She had lived in Merkel until 1966 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; a grandson, James Cris King of Lubbock; a granddaughter, Mrs. Frank Deierschmitt 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, Kitty, a daughter Harriett and a son Jim, all of the home.

Also surviving is a sister Eloise and a brother Guy Manscill.

Mr. Manscill was reared in Merkel.

## First Baptist To Present Christmas Cantata

The First Baptist Church of Merkel will present its Sanctuary Choir singing "A Carol of Christmas" on Sunday evening, December 15, at 7 o'clock, pastor Kenneth F. Jones has announced.

The choir will be directed by Mr. Roy Davis, with Mrs. Davis serving as organist and Mrs. Comer Haynes as pianist. Solo parts will be presented by Mrs. Leon Walker, Mrs. Herman Carson, Mrs. Don Riney, and Mr. Leon Walker. The pastor will serve as narrator reading the story of Christ's birth from the Holy Scriptures.

"A Carol of Christmas" is a cantata written by John W. Peterson, who is one of the best known writers of present-day Christmas music. Pastor Jones said that the choir has been using music written by Peterson for the past four or five years.



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## 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-

## Merkel Girls To Play In H-SU Tourney

Sixteen teams, including defending champion Comanche, will play in the 24th Annual Hardin-Simmons University High School Girls' 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 3 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.m.

The consolation bracket 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 participating.

The Comanche Maidens, See GIRLS, Pg. 5

## City of Merkel to Assume Ambulance Service Jan. 1

The Merkel City Aldermen voted Friday night to buy a used Ambulance from North Funeral Home in Abilene for \$2,000 and assume the responsibility for Ambulance Service in Merkel January 1.

The council had been told that on January 1 Starbuck Funeral Home would no longer provide this service due to the cost of operating an ambulance.

Mayor Lou David Allen told 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 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 ambulance on trips to the hospital.

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 ambulance service as we have been providing," Chief Broussard stated.

## 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 packages.

Money Orders will not be sold Saturday.

balance service for Merkel residents as they have been accustomed to in the past. We want to stress that there will be no break in ambulance service," Mayor Allen said. The city will continue to charge for the ambulance service just as Starbuck has in the past, the Mayor said.

"We appreciate the attitude of Chief Eroussard and his men in taking on this added responsibility," the Mayor said.

In other action the council:

—Tabled buying of a new pick-up for the water department. The council was presented two bids on the new pick-up. Bidding on the vehicle was Palmer Motors at \$4,360.50 and Max Murrell Chevrolet at \$4,194.49. Specifications for the pick-up were 1/2-ton with long wide bed, automatic transmission, air conditioning, and 358 cu. engine. The council wanted to wait and see if funds were available to buy the pick-up.

—Was told by Robert Harris that some of the sewer lines on the north side of town would need cleaning out before too much longer. The line is still open and working, but has a lot of mud clogging it. He estimated the cost of

cleaning the line at about \$2,000.

—Was told by a representative of the Fire Department that the heater had gone out in the Fire Department building and that it would have to be replaced. The council told the department to get bids on replacing the overhead heater and to also get bids on blowing insulation on the walls of the building. The ideal was that maybe a smaller heater could be used if the walls were insulated.

—Passed an ordinance concerning the school zone. This was necessary for the Highway 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 revenue sharing funds if details can be worked out. Carson is to check on the price of the land and report back to the Aldermen.

—Was told by City Secretary Roy Kimbrell that there was \$6,420 in the general fund and \$3,422 in the revenue 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 To All District Band

More than two hundred young people converged on the H.S.U. campus Saturday, Dec. 7, to participate in tryouts for All-District Band, South 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 items must be tagged.

## Badger Boys, Girls Stop Trent

By JODY WEST

Gorilla Warfare came on quite strong during Tuesday night's 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 seconds 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 Robbie Freeman with 27 points. Rebecca Freeman, a usual starter for the Trent Gorillas watched from the stands because of an earlier unfortunate case of flu. The Badger girls are now 5-1 in the season.

The second exciting game of the night found the Trent Gorilla Varsity Boys ahead at the beginning of the second 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 losing the battle with 26 points to the Badgers 36 points. The Badgers didn't stop here and neither did the Gorillas. The end of the game found the Badgers with a victory of 75 points to the Gorillas 36

Points. High pointer for the Badgers was Jackie Sims with 14 points, closely behind him was Buddy Morgan with 12 points and Darel Bunch with 10 points. The Badger Boys

Varsity are now 6-1 in the season.

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



LONG SHOT — Merkel's David Copeland scores two points for the Badgers during the Trent-Merkel games Tuesday, Dec. 3, with the Badgers winning 75 to 36.

## Bowman-White Engagement Told

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

their daughter, Joyce Ann, 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 Hall.

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

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

**STERILE SCREWORM** 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 holding screwworms from making a big comeback. Over 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 new outbreak.

**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 30 per cent complete in the State which is about on a par with last year. About 77 per cent of the corn and 62 per cent of the sorghums have been harvested, but the harvest 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 overtime. The score which was 16 to 14 wasn't very high, but everyone hustled and put forth all their effort in playing the game. Saturday morning the girls played Divide and they won 29-12. The two games that the "A" girls won, put them in the championship bracket against Wylie "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 entered in the tournament. 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 really hustled.

Last Monday the "A" and "B" girls played Anson at Anson. The "B" girls had an exciting game toward the end of it because the game was tied at 20-20 with 40 seconds left in the game. An Anson girl made 2 points with about 20 seconds 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 21-12.



**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. Gist, Lemon Gist.

## 12 From Taylor County Attend Bureau Convention

Taylor County Farm Bureau 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 delegates representing the majority of the 210 organized county units. Also approved were recommendations on national issues. These will be forwarded to the American Farm Bureau Federation annual meeting Jan. 5-9 in New Orleans.

Delegates registered Sunday, Dec. 1, before participating in the evening's activities which included a Vesper Service, Discussion Meet and Talent Find.

The Monday morning agenda included addresses by TFB President J. T. (Red) Wood-

son and Governor Dolph Briscoe. A fashion 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 Animal Health.

Tuesday's activities included the administrative report by Executive Director Warren Newberry, and the financial report by Secretary-Treasurer Bill Reid of Lamesa and Comptroller Bill McClain of Waco. Conferences were held that afternoon and Research and Education, Services, Farm Labor and Poultry, Natural Resources and Field Crops.

Singer Anita Bryant and the Chuck Bird Orchestra entertained at a special awards and recognition program that evening.



TAYLOR ELECTRIC CO-OP first place



ALPHA NU 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 Loyce Baker.

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 System, notes.



LAMBDA BETA third place.

## Parade Winners Told

Merkel was the scene of 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 route.

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

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

Winners in the Bicycle Contest were 1. Janice Jacobs, 2. Devin Sanford and 3. Jeannessa Cypert.

The Miss Merry Christmas winners rode in the parade in cars. They were Tina Bicknell, Primary; Becky Watts, Elementary; High School, Jerrie Stephan; and Tye Elementary, 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 Wheeler, \$5.

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### GIRLS IN TOURNEY

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 Coached by Mrs. Leta Andrews, are clear favorites to reclaim the title this year. They defeated Coahoma, 60-52, in the championship game last year, and the two top scorers, Linda and Sissy Andrews, are still on the team. Wylie won third place last year by beating Bronte, 94-45.

Teams in the tournament

for the first time include Abilene Christian High School and Midway, which is coached by Karen Walker, a recent H-SU graduate. Midway school is located west of Waco.

## 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.

All of these young men played outstanding basketball during the Merkel Jr. High Tournament and everyone should be very proud of them.

In the other games leading 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.

### ICY 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 Gas 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.

### PTA TO HAVE CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The PTA will have a special Christmas program Monday, Dec. 16, at 7:30 p.m. at the High School Auditorium. All PTA members are urged to attend.

Projects for the school will be discussed and voted on. If you are interested in how your PTA money will be spent on your school, come and have your say.

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

<b>Receipts:</b>	
A. Local Maintenance and Debt Service .....	\$268,801.00
B. Tuition from Patrons .....	1,240.00
C. Area Schools in Special Education Program ..	3,721.00
D. County Available .....	31.00
<b>Total from Local and Intermediate Sources</b>	<b>\$273,793.00</b>
<b>From State Sources:</b>	
A. Per Capita and Foundation .....	530,400.00
B. Transportation .....	28,588.00
C. Vocational .....	2,511.00
D. Other State Distributed Revenues from Federal Sources .....	2,281.00
E. Other State Sources .....	17,740.00
<b>Total State Sources</b>	<b>\$581,520.00</b>
<b>Revenue from Federal Sources</b>	<b>21,553.00</b>
<b>Non-Revenue Sources</b>	<b>17,113.00</b>
<b>Total Local, State, Federal, and Non-Revenue receipts for the Year</b>	<b>\$893,979.00</b>
<b>Balances from Preceding Year</b>	<b>140,697.00</b>
<b>Total Funds Available for the 1973-74 Year</b>	<b>\$1,034,676.00</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>	
1. Instructional and Related Services .....	\$538,445.00
2. Instr. Resources and Media Services .....	14,496.00
3. School Instructional Administration .....	50,478.00
4. Guidance and Counseling Services .....	46,734.00
5. Transportation .....	45,319.00
6. Extra-Curricular (Student Activities) .....	12,735.00
7. General Administration .....	79,543.00
8. Debt Services .....	40,145.00
9. Plant Maintenance and Operation .....	74,968.00
10. Adjustments of Funds including Purchase of Time Deposits and Inter-Change of Funds ..	1,273.00
<b>Total for the Year</b>	<b>\$904,636.00</b>
<b>Balances on August 31, 1974 Budgeted for 1974-75</b>	<b>130,040.00</b>
	<b>\$1,034,676.00</b>

Signed: *Mack Fisher*  
 Mack Fisher  
 Superintendent of Merkel Schools

### Food Stamp Allotment To Increase January 1

Food stamp allotment for a 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 semi-annually to reflect changes in the prices of food as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Allotment 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

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 household sizes. 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 eligibility standards by household size starting Jan. 1 are:	
One.....	\$194
Two.....	280
Three.....	406
Four.....	513
Five.....	606
Six.....	700
Seven.....	793
Eight.....	886

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 occupied. Mrs. Vivian Blair, family life education specialist-aging-with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System, advises.

besides, some cleaning products are actually designed to work better in cold water.

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# JP-Elect's Army Valor Won Him Medal of Honor

Lewis Millett is probably the only man in U.S. history to win the Medal of Honor and reach the rank of colonel after deserting to Canada. "I left for Canada in 1940, a few days after President Roosevelt made his speech declaring that no American soldiers were going to fight on foreign soil," said the retired colonel. "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 Canadians 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 MILLETT  
... MHWinner

martialled, promoted through the ranks to sergeant and received a battlefield commission."

A veteran of Africa, Anzio and Cassino, Millett received the Silver Star Medal, third

highest award for valor given by the United States. 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 artillery observer.

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 Chinese communists began claiming that Americans were afraid of hand-to-hand combat. "I'm chauvinistic," he said "and it made me mad. I pro-

mised my men that if we got a chance, we'd put the training to use."

He soon kept his promise. Millett's company charged an enemy concentration, but the enemy turned and ran before they could be engaged. The following day the company repeated the performance, killing several retreating enemy soldiers.

The third time was the charm, as Millett spotted an enemy troop concentration of about 300 men and, for the last time in the history of modern warfare, an American commander ordered his men to "fix bayonets."

"I guess I went a little berserk," 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 encouragement.' Actually, they were a little more earthy than that."

Wounded during the battle, Millett refused evacuation until the objective had been taken. His men, though outnumbered three-to-one killed 57 enemy soldiers with bayonets and many others with small arms fire.

"They told me this had been the first bayonet charge by U.S. forces since the civil War. After the battle, I received the Combat Infantryman's Badge with a direct order from a general officer not to remove it."

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 on the Army's roll.

"My son had three scholarship 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 training."

Millett said that adverse 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 Amarillo and Houston, Texas, for a three day tour.)

"I'm amazed at the caliber of today's soldier. He was predicted to be representative of the bottom of the barrel, but the men I've seen are first rate.

"I entered the Army as a poor boy from a depression family, but no one paid any attention to what I had been. All they were interested in was what I could be and I worked my way to full colonel.

"Opportunities today are even better. The way I see it, any young man who isn't planning to at least give the Army a look should reassess his thinking."



MR., MRS. WAYNE WALTERS  
... wed Nov. 30th

## Miss Ashburn, Mr. Walters Exchanged Vows

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.

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 Fittman of Abilene and Groomsman was Troy Walters of Clovis, New Mexico, brother of the groom.

Ringbearer and flower girl was Ray Walters and Leta Walters, brother and sister of the groom. The bride's colors were blue and white.

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

### Consumers Urged To Read Labels

Read the label. Federally-inspected prepackaged meats give you the inside product facts on the outside of the package. Mrs. Gwendolyn 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, manufacturer's name and address, new weight of the contents, and a list of ingredients.

## Sweetwater Savings Names Branch Manager

Ed Aiken, Jr., president 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 its temporary quarters on December 16, 1974.

Mrs. Wright, a 16 year resident 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 Sweetwater.

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 Draughtons 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

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 area and private office.

Sweetwater Savings opened a Rotan branch in December 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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## Badger Schedule Busy One

By JIM WHARTON

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 Sims with 11.

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 attended the Wylie tournament, 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 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 were high scorers for the Badgers in overall tournament play, Morgan scoring 67 points and Sims, 33. Buddy was also selected for the all-tournament team, along with Donald Dye.

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# 'GORILLA GRAFFITI'

By Mrs. Dean King



Well, we've got some good news and some bad news for you - the good news is that Christmas is coming. And the bad news is...that Christmas is coming!

I don't want to say that things are grim - but there is no one around who is FAT enough to play Santa Claus! And all of the \$15 price tags have \$5 merchandise at the end

of them!!

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 Christmas past, when the children were very small, some of the fondest memories are of sitting up till the wee hours 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 relive....

Coach Bruce Thomas's Jr. High basketball teams are making a name for themselves...and faring very well this year. Congratulations to Vondri 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 all-tournament team: Connie Gage and Huber Beaver - 8th graders; and Vondri King, again. These students received silver basketballs - and all were displaying them proudly on chains around their necks Monday morning.

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, too.

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 annual Christmas dinner. Festive attire, sparkling smiles, Christmas music, along with turkey and dressing were the order of the night. Entertaining with Christmas songs were Nell Kirk, Brenda Giffith, Teresa James, Pam King, and Teri Hamner, accompanied on the piano by Vera Sharp. Then Dean King, President of the club, introduced the speaker of the evening, Sweetwater Superintendent, Dr. Joe Starnes, and his wife Beth. Dr. Starnes presentation was on "Education in the 1980's." For 8 months, Dr. Starnes served, along with other noted educators, on the Governor's Task Force Committee for educational planning and research. The TASC Report, in addition to stressing the basics - reading, writing, etc., - also emphasizes personalization, 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 eliminate categorizing boys and girls - in other words, take the labels off of them. It was a very interesting program - and 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 welcome in Trent.

At the close of the meeting, 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 will be elected.

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 will be appreciated.

Ever have any success unrolling plastic wrap? It sticks to the box, you, itself, and everything in sight but where it needs to. Solution?? Try keeping it in your refrigerator, and no more trouble.

Once some newly-weds were in the kitchen and the 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 had always done. Several weeks later, at her mother's house, she asked her mom why she cut the ends off the 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 before she cooked it. Grandma replied, "May pan was too small."

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.

After Halloween, Mrs. Reynolds hung each child's picture from the tree. Just think what all she can do with it throughout the year - hang reindeer, Santas, snowmen, etc. at Christmas; red hearts for Valentine; eggs for Easter, and "Hallelujahs" for the end of school!

"YAWNS"

Once wrote that science still doesn't know why yawning is 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 customers later told me it was true, that they yawned on cue as suggested.

It is said that once Brother 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 hollered the question to a co-worker in the back, who replied "30". The salesman said, "It's the preacher."

"16", came the hasty reply.

Thursday, Dec. 12, at 4:30, is the beginning of the TRENT TOURNAMENT. Be sure to come and enjoy all the games. Then the tournament continues on Saturday, Dec. 14, at 4:30. On Dec. 13 (Friday) the high school teams travel to Highland for a game at 7:00.

BAPPY Birthday to Coach Bob Campbell on December 9, and to Superintendent King on Dec. 14. Also, Tina Hamner on Dec. 26. There are some more in December, I know, but I have misplaced my band calendar. But we wish everyone who has a December birthday all our good wishes.

On Sunday, Dec. 15, Mrs. Marty Findley and the Trent Bold Gold band will present the Christmas program, at 3:00 in the gym. There will also be on program the elementary music students. This will be an entertaining production and one you will not want to miss. Let's have a good attendance at the band concert.

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

graders...they have been invited to talk to Santa Claus over KTXS-TV in Sweetwater on Thursday, Dec. 19. They are to be at the studio at 3:45 and go on the air at 4:00-4:30. This will be such fun for the little ones - so everybody light up your TV's that day and watch "our" kids.

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 Lubbock 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 open Trent School doors and let all the little Gorrillas out - until Jan. 2, 1975!



THOMAS McANINCH  
...chemist

## McAninch Begins Work As Chemist

Thomas W. McAninch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis McAninch of Merkel has recently began work with Texas Eastman Co. as a chemist in the Research and Development Department. Tom received his B.A. degree from McMurry College in 1966, his 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 1973-1974.

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 Lovviev, Texas.

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

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

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 graduate classes. 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 Holidays.

## Varsity Girls Participate In Wylie Tournament

The Varsity girls participated in the Wylie tournament this last weekend with Wylie winning first. May second and Baird consolation. Netta Stephan made All-Tournament team and also received the trophy for the most free shots.

The first game was played Friday afternoon against May. May won with the final score 63-48. Netta Stephan was top scorer with 31 points. Top scorer for May had 30.

The second game was played against the Wylie J.V.'s Saturday morning. Merkel played a good game and won with Netta Stephan top scorer this time with 28 points. Top scorer for Wylie was Kathy Brzonozowski, with 15.

Winning the second game gave Merkel the chance to play for Consolation. Baird was tough and won the game 50 to 45, but as you can tell by the score the game was close. Merkel played a good game with Netta Stephan again top scorer with 32. Merkel played Baird in district this

year and if they keep up the work they can beat them next time.

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 this year.

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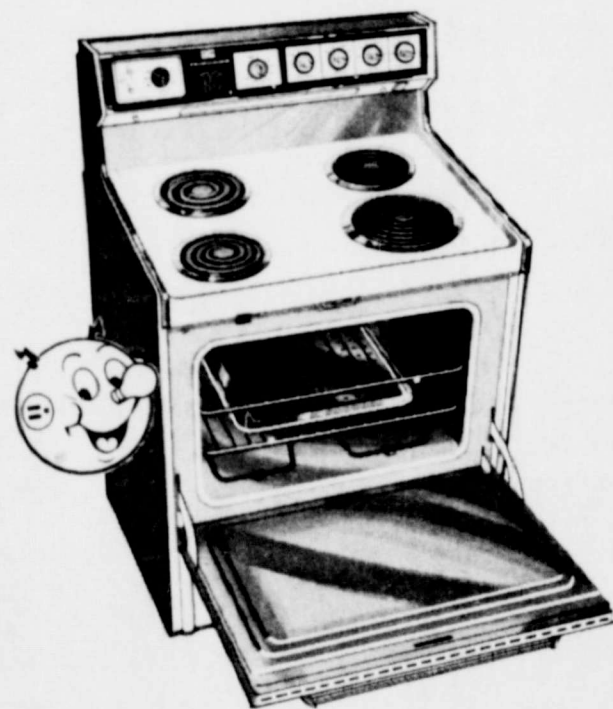


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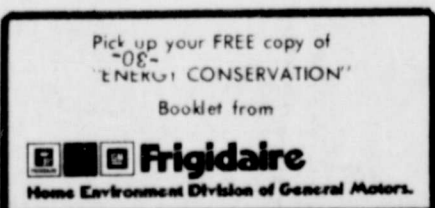
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- ★ Use high setting for a quick start for any surface cooking, or to boil water quickly. When cooking temperature is reached, switch to a lower setting.
- ★ Do not pre-heat the oven for roasting or broiling, but do pre-heat the oven to the temperature given in the recipe for baking.



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- DuBose Texaco Service
- Palmer Motor Company
- Farmers & Merchants National Bank
- Fisher Fina Service

- Hick's Auto Supply
- Mansfield Farm & Ranch
- Max Murrell Chevrolet Company
- Merkel Auto Parts
- Merkel Drug
- Starbuck Furniture
- Tessie's Snack Bar
- Walker Gulf
- Western House
- Wilson's Food Store
- Wilson Jewelry

Prizes as follows

\$100.00	5.00
50.00	5.00
25.00	5.00
10.00	5.00

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need not be present to win.

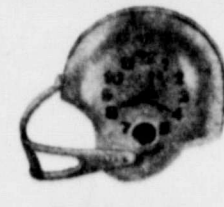
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Everybody  
**SAVES**

BIG SELECTION  
OF TOYS  
FROM  
\$1.49 AND UP  
NOW TILL  
CHRISTMAS  
20% OFF



Pre-Holiday  
**STOCK-UP  
SALE**



FOOTBALL  
HELMET  
CLOCK  
REG. \$16.95  
ONLY \$9.99  
SEE DETAILS  
AT CARSON'S

PRICES GOOD  
THURSDAY THRU  
TUESDAY  
DEC. 12 THRU 17

FIRESIDE  
CHOCOLATE CHIP - CASHEW  
**COOKIES** 45¢  
14 OZ.  
BAG

PEPTO  
BISMOL 4 OZ. 59¢

LIBBYS 303  
**PEARS** HALVES CAN 43¢  
COMSTOCK NO 2  
**APPLE** PIE FILLING CAN 59¢  
VAN CAMPS 300  
**PORK AND BEANS** 2 FOR 53¢  
VAN CAMP 300  
**White HOMINY** 2 FOR 33¢  
STAR CUT 303  
**Green BEANS** 2 FOR 39¢  
BORDENS INSTANT  
**POTATOES** LB. BOX 83¢

AUSTEX  
SPAGHETTI  
AND  
**MEAT BALLS** 39¢  
300  
CAN

**BISQUICK**  
BIS-MIX  
2 ENV. FOR 33¢

KRAFT  
SPAGHETTI  
WITH MEAT  
BOX 79¢

GRIFFIN  
**STRAWBERRY**  
PRESERVES

18 OZ.  
GLASS 73¢

BORDEN-FOREMOST-GANDY  
SOUR OR WHIPPING

**CREAM** 1/2 PT.

HALF & Your Choice  
HALF PT. 35¢

GRIFFIN  
SALAD SANDWICH  
DRESSING OR SPREAD  
QUART JAR 79¢

BORDEN'S  
**Homo 2 MILK**  
1/2 GAL. CRTN. 69¢

save  
**50¢**  
CLIP  
COUPON  
AND SAVE

CARSON'S COUPON  
**SAVE 50¢**  
WITH THIS COUPON WHEN  
YOU BUY A 3 LB. CAN OF  
MAXWELL HOUSE COFFEE  
AT CARSON  
3 lb. CAN ONLY \$2.49  
ONE COUPON PER PURCHASE  
OFFER EXPIRES DEC. 28



save  
**20¢**  
CLIP  
COUPON  
AND SAVE

CARSON'S COUPON  
**SAVE 20¢**  
WITH THIS COUPON WHEN  
YOU BUY A 1 LB. CAN OF  
MAXWELL HOUSE COFFEE  
AT CARSON  
1 lb. CAN ONLY 83¢  
ONE COUPON PER PURCHASE  
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**FLOUR**  
**TUNA**  
**OLEO**  
**CAKE MIX**

GLADIOLA  
5 LB. BAG 83¢

STAR KIST  
FLAT CAN 49¢

PARKAY  
WHIPPED 1 LB. CRTN. 69¢

BETTY CROCKER  
DISPLAY ONLY BOX 59¢

83¢

49¢

69¢

59¢

**FROZEN FOODS**

CHEF BOY-AR-DEE ASST.

**PIZZA** JUMBO EA. 79¢

MEADS  
**CORN DOG** 3 IN. PKG. 39¢

BIRDSEYE  
**COOL WHIP** 9 OZ. CTN. 59¢

LIQUID  
**PALMOLIVE** 83¢  
KING SIZE

PRIZE  
**BREEZE** 1.63  
KING SIZE

**BOLD** 98¢  
DETERGENT  
GT. BOX

**ZEST** 53¢  
BATH  
2 BAR DEAL

HERSHEY'S SEMISWEET  
**CHOCOLATE CHIP** 6 OZ. 43¢

**ORANGES**

CALIFORNIA SUNKIST  
NAVEL

POUND 23¢



FRESH  
**LETTUCE** LB. 19¢

RUBY RED  
**GRAPEFRUIT** LB. 15¢

FRESH  
**CABBAGE** LB. 9¢

OCEAN SPRAY  
**Cranberries** LB. 39¢

RUSSETS  
**SPUDS** 10 LB. BAG 73¢

**CHUCK ROAST** LB. 79¢  
**ROAST SMOKIES** LB. 89¢  
**BACON** GOOCH SAUSAGE PKG. 79¢  
**ROAST STEAKS** GOOCH BR. POUND 1.09  
**TURKEYS** FRESH PORK LB. 79¢  
**BEEF GROUND** GOOCH 5 BEEF LB. 98¢  
**FRANKS** GOLD CREST 12-18 LB. HENS LB. 59¢  
**FRANKS** FRESH GOOCH BR. 12 OZ. PKG. 53¢  
**FRANKS** GOOCH BR. 12 OZ. PKG. 65¢

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FOOD  
STAMPS  
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AND  
SAVE

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

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MERKEL, TEXAS  
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FREE DELIVERY  
MON. WED. FRI.  
BEST MEATS IN TOWN