



same rate that was used by sided over the meeting. Hart Starbuck for ambulance calls. announced the Lions Club will Generally the price for a call host a Chili Supper Friday, is \$45-50 but it varies with Jan. 24 from 5-8 p.m. in the several factors, such as type School Cafeteria. The tickets of emergency equipment used and the time of day Starbuck for the tickets are \$1.25 for said. When Starbuck Funeral Don Hart is Chairman and Home went out of the ambu-Herman Carson, Assistant lance business, they donated Chairman for the supper. the emergency equipment to The various committees the city and converted their and members are: ambulance into a funeral Setting Up at Cafeteria: coach. Travis Davis, Chairman, Other members of the po-Ricky Elliott, Bobby DuBose lice department that will asand D. A. Bishop. sist with the ambulance ser-Arrangements and Serving vice are Vernon Wade, Leroy of Coffee and Tea: Bill But-Austerman, Chief Broussard ton, Chairman; John Cain, and Henry Guenther on a part George Starbuck and Bob time basis. Hammond. Cleaning Up - Lewis Mil-Mayor Sets Jan. 6-13 lett, Chairman, Danny Sanford, Jim Atkinson and Bill Harris.

Stuckey. The program was a and Insect World."

H. H. McLeod

John Boyd.

Winning Overall Showman-

ship Award was Allen Morse.

Allen is a sophemore at Trent

High School. He is the son of

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Poindexter.

four first places and the

showmanship award in the

horse show division. She is

the daughter of Mr. and Mrs.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Free-

man, showed the first place

buck rabbit as well as the

steer division was Patricia

Boyd. Taking the honor in the

heifer division was David

Vincent. Patricia Boyd also

showed the first place com-

mercial steer and took grand

In the sheep division Debra

Williams, daughter of Mr. and

Mrs. Lloyd Williams, showed

the first place Hamp. Billy

Williams took the honors in

champion honors.

Winning first place in the

grand champion rabbit.

John McLecd won first

Patricia Boyd captured

Merchants Bank and Onis film on "Secrets of the Ant Crawford had Pat E. Heredge as his guest.

The Varsity boys started out the night against Anson with two of their main players absent Darel Bunch and Jackie Sims. Taking their place and starting for the Badgers were Billy Watts and Dough Hutchings. The other starters were Buddy Morgan, Donald Dye, and Derrell Riggan. A usual starter whom played most of the game but did not start because of a recent illness was David Copeland.

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The game started outpretty close with the Badgers behind a few points. The two teams continued to trade points until half-time when the Badgers were winning 29-22.

Then for a little half-time entertainment the Merkel 6th grade girls played a few minutes in basketball. Two points were scored by the Blues' team but will many efforts the Purple team scend nine.

Beers were winning 45 to Anson's 28. The Badgers kept them down pretty good and only let them score 15 points the fourth quarter to the Badgers 21 points. The Badgers winning the game 66-43. High pointer for the Badgers was Buddy Morgan with 33 points and leading Anson was Watkins with 16 points. The Badgers are now 18-0 in the

season. The Merkel Badger Varsity girls started out the games against Anson Friday, night. The game was very close all the way through with the Badgers gaining the lead the 3rd quarter-Badgers 25, Anson 24. But Anson put

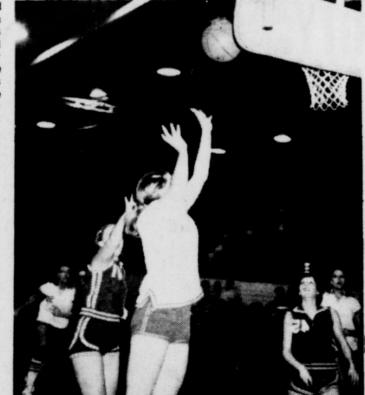
1975 Project **PTA Decides**

The Merkel PTA met Dec. 16 for the regular meeting. The Christmas program was presented by the Jr. High Band led by Mr. Glenn

Reed. The membership voted to cover the walkways from Primary and Elementary Buildmgs as their project for this ear. This is a much needed thing because when the weather is bad the children must rides buses to the cafeteria.

The PTA in Merkel will be having different projects this year to raise money. The PTA hopes everyone will be willing to help.

A Bake Sale will be held by the Primary building Jan. 18. The next meeting will be held February 17.



MAKING JUMP SHOT - Netta Stephan, No. 40, makes jump shot to make her a total 21 points against Anson, but Anson won 40-35. (Staff Photo by Jody West)

on a little more steam the girls. High pointer for Merkel points leading them to a 40-

4th quarter and gained a few was Netta Stephan with 21 points and leading Anson was 35 victory over the Badger Lisa Cox with 20 points.

commodity prices in the se-

The Home State Bank at

Trent showed a decline in

deposits and an increase in

loans, J. G. Wilks, presi-

dent of the bank said "1974

was a poor year for the far-

mer and rancher. We look

forward to 1975 with hope

at \$227,943,716. This repre-

sented a 16% increase over a

County wide deposits stood

Band Boosters will meet

for better prospects."

Band Booster

year earlier.

cond quarter of 1975.

F&M Bank Deposits **Up Over \$2 Million**

The Farmers and Mer- up-swing in the cattle and chants National Bank of Merkel has set a new record for both loans and deposits at the end of business on December 31, 1974. Deposits wereup an impressive \$2 million over the same period a year earlier. Total deposits were \$8,514,325. Total loans were recorded at \$4,227,325.

"We're real optimistic about the economy," said Don Hensley, president of the bank, "We had a good year in 1974...a more than \$2 million increase indeposits over the fourth quarter of 1973," he said.

Commenting on the de-Meeting Jan. 14 parted cattle market and the fact that the first part of 1974 was a drought period, Hensley said that he felt the year as a whole was generally good. "Although the present economy is lagging, we (in this

Tuesday at 7:30 in the band hall to discuss band awards. Awards for the outstanding senior girl and bandsman of area) are probably over other the year awards will be conareas," he continued. Henssidered. ley said that he looks for an

Come help in the selection,

went on sale Tuesday, Prices Adults and \$1.00 for Students.

Ticket Sales at Door - Mack Fisher, Chairman, Frank Breaux, N. W. Durham, and N. S. Daniel.

Serving Chili-Connie Mack Mayor Lou David Allen be on the job the next day? Seymore, Chairman; Jack proclaimed the week of Jan. Buchanan said he was going McClendon, Russell McAnalto do a lot of carpentry work ly and Joe McDuff. and painting around the house.

Publicity - Steve Lanham place in the rabbit division The members were divided and Danny Freeman, son of

up into two groups to sell the tickets. There will be a contest among the two groups to see who sells the most tickets.

The winners will eat steaks at the next meeting in February and the losers will have to eat soup.

The two teams are:

making lots of arrest for "grass." Team A - Don Hensley, Chairman; Frank Breaux, Buchanan has lived at his Bill Button, Herman Carson, present address for 35 years. Ricky Elliott, Danny Sanford, Buchanan said his wife, Fred Starbuck, Gene Stuckey, Mattie Lee, helped him Mack Fisher, Jim Atkinson, through the years and made N. S. Daniel, Dave Gamble, it possible for him to be a Bill Harris, Kenneth Jones, JP. He said, "Without her Joe McDuff, Cyrus Pee, Rex help, I couldn't have done Redell and Ray Wilson.

Team B - Max Murrell, Chairman; D. A. Bishop, John Cain, Travis Davis, Russell McAnally, Connie Mack Seymore, George Starbuck, Bobby DuBose, Nolan Palmer, Onis Crawford, N. W. Durham, Bob Hammond, Don Hart, Steve Lanham, Lewis Millett, Jack McClendon and Don Warren.

The proceeds will go to the City Park fund to help put in rest rooms and a sprinkler system.

Gospel Singing

Monday, Jan. 13 The Victory Gospel sing-

ers will hold their regular second Monday meeting, Jan. 13 at 6:30 p.m. at the regular meeting place at 307 El Paso.

All interested singers are invited to come.

150AttendTrent Livestock Show

John McLeod won five first the Fine Wool Class. In the places at the Trent Livestock All Other Breeds division show held last Saturday. John, Rocky Bryan won first, He an 8th grader, show 1 the is the son of Mr. and Mrs. champion crossbred hog and Harvey Bryan. Billy Wilboth the grand champion and liams took grand champion reserve champion barrows. honors. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs.

About 150 persons attended the one day show. The Trent High Future Farmers of America and the Future Homemakers of America served a barbeque dinner to the spectators and exhibitors. Judges for the show were Eddie Puckett and Kenneth Dudensing of Sweetwater.

In the swine show Rocky McKinney had the first place Duroc. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Rex Beck. First place hampshire winners were David Hackey-reserve light weight and John Mc-Leod - Reserve heavyweight. John Freeman showed the first place spotted Poland China, In the lightweight crossbreeds Bobby Brazelton had the first place animal. John McLeod had the first place crossbreed and champion cross.

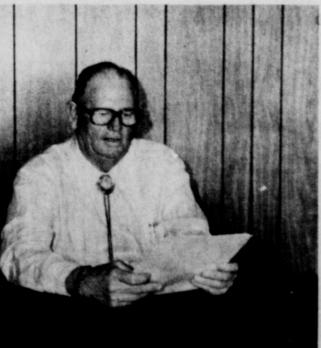
The results were as follows:

Does - 1. John McLeod; 2. McLeo and 3. Greg Beasley. 1. Danny Freeman, 2. M Leod and 3. McLeod.

See RESULTS, Pg. 7



FIRST PLACE & RESERVE CHAMPION ... shown by John McLeod



it.

He said he's about 16 years On January 1, 1975 Roy behind on his carpentry work. Buchanan stopped being 'the He plans to take it easy and Judge'. He had completed 16 catch up on things that need years as Justice of the Peace doing around the house. for precinct 2 which includes What are some of the high-Those sixteen years were lights of his sixteen years as sometime stormy ones for the Justice of the Peace? He said Judge, but he wouldn't take the highlights were when we

'Roy Buchanan Week'

for the experience. "I would had a lot of "grass" or marisure like to thank the people juana on the highway and were of Merkel for the fine support they gave me over the years," Buchanan said. While I may have made some mistakes, I have always tried to do my job that the people elected me to do and enforce the law," he said.

What is he going to do

now that he doesn't have to

get up at all hours of the

night and hold court and then

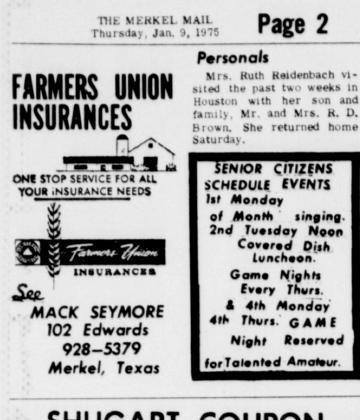
RICHARD WIMBERLY

... new patrolman

6-13 as "Roy Buchanan

Week."

Merkel.





Letters To Badger JV The Editor Play in Tourney

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and 25 points against Colo-

Our guards did an out-

standing job through the tour-

nament. They were Vicky

Shaw, Rhonda Toney and Pam

Morgan. The Girls record

is now 5 wins, 3 losses.

played Rowena in the first

game and defeated them by

were beaten by Colorado City

first game was Paul Tucker

with 15 points; Steve Peachy

scored 13 points; and David

In the second game Keith

The boys season record

is now 8 wins and 2 losses.

Wolf scored 21 points and

Pfiester had 9 points.

David Pfiester 12.

In the second game we

High point scorer in the

a score of 50 to 43.

At Winters the J.V. boys

The J. V. Basketball teams

Dear Editor: I would like to start the new year off by saying "Thanks So Much" for our

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Merkel Mail staff Fire Department and boys, Police Department, Old Santa Claus, T.E.L. Sunday School Class of First Baptist Church, Asteroid Restaurant, Mrs. Joe Higgins and each family who helped make my Dorm 27A Christmas party such a success. You can never know until you experience a Christmas with these people what it means. No matter how much you may think they don't know, they will always know who

Jesus is and a religious song means so much to them. Thanks to the nice people who have sent clothing to them by me, it really helps and some would not have many clothes if it were not for you. Anytime anyone wishes to send clothing, I'll be happy to take them. Also

your catalogues please save them, they spend hours looking at them each day. Also dolls, little rockers and stuffed animals decorate our dorm. Hoping everyone has a nice 47 to 60. 1975. Thanks again.

Faye (Mrs. Sam) Jones Resident Trainer of Dorm 27A Abilene State School

Prenatal care can protect against toxemia of pregnancy a severe threat to the health of mother and baby, the March

of Dimes reports.

Jr. Badgers

Defeat Jim Ned

The Merkel Jr. High Badgers traveled to Lawn last went to Winters their last Monday night and defeated the week end to participate in Jim Ned Jr. High Indians to the Winters J. V. Tournathe tune of 19-14. It was a hard fought contest with both The Merkel Girls weredesides having about the same feated in the first game by breaks, but the Badgers held Coleman with a score of 36 their place and came out with a victory. Craig Hutchings In the second game our was high point man with 8 girls defeated Wall by a score pts. followed by Mike Sims with 4 pts., Roger Dye with In the third game which 4 pts., Kelley Wolf with 2 pts., was for Consolation Cham-Ricky Howes with 1 pt. Help pionship. We defeated Colofrom their teammates came from Jay Boyd, David Whar-High scorer in each of ton, Maury Moore, Randy the games was Gayle Teaff Holmes, Roger Reed, Denwith 19 points against Coleman; 11 points against Wall; nis Long.

The next game for the Jr. Badgers will be Friday night at 8:15 in the Jim Ned tournament against Anson. This will be a crucial game for the Jr. Badgers and everyone is invited to follow them to Jim Ned for support and backing.

Girls Basketball

The J. V. Girls defeated the Winters Girls here Tuesday night by a score of 51 to 28.

High scorers for the Badgers were Gayle Teaff with 18 pts.; Deborah White with 16 pts.; and Carrie Law with 11 pts. The guards did an outstand-

ing job again, holding Winters to only 4 points in the first half. High rebounders were Pam Morgan with 8 and Vicky Shaw with 5.

The girls next game is Thursday at 4:00 in Baird.

Tri - City Baseball

News

By JOCILLE BRADY

At the regular meeting on

Mon., Jan. 6, new projects

were discussed. On Trades

Day, Feb. 1st, the project

will sponsor a garage sale

and a bake sale at the old

telephone building. Anyone

who has items which they

wish to donate for the sale

may call Melba Glasscock

at 928-4883 or Jocille Brady

at 928-5705. Also on this

day, the Project will spon-

sor an exhibit from the Parks

and Wildlife Dept. in Austin

and a drug exhibit from the

Highway Patrol and local Po-

lice departments. There will

be no admission charge for

these exhibits but donations

given by Jocille Brady. As

of Jan. 1, 1975, the Tri-City

Baseball Project has

\$1,287.34 in the bank. Dona-

tions to date are \$437.70

(\$197.17 toward Mayor's jog).

Recent projects were the calf

give-away totaling \$252.00

and the turkey give-away to-

13 at 8:00 p.m. at the As-

Next meeting will be Jan.

\$5.00

The financial report was

will be accepted.

taling \$46.75.

teroid Restaurant.

Lambda Beta Chapter

of Beta Sigma Phi

Donations:

Tickets On Sale

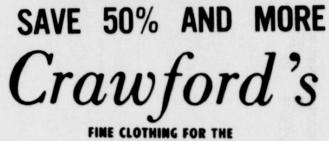
Reserve tickets to the Fort Worth Fat Stock Show and Rodeo for Saturday night, Feb. 1 are on sale at the Merkel Chamber of Commerce for \$4.00 a ticket, stated Benny Melton, Chamber Manager.

Fourteen countries have a lower infant death rate than the United States, according to the March of Dmes.



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Page 5 Thursday, Jan. 9, 1975 . Tye Elementary **Produce Film** Strip On Safety

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Traffic Safety in Austin. Safest Show on Earth" was produced by the children with

Mrs. Ida Davis Sister Buried SAN ANGELO - Mrs. Na-

THE MERKEL MAIL

than (Nora) Slough, 77, of Eola, died at 10:45 a.m. Friday at St. Johns Hospital here Fourth grade students in after a long illness. Services Mrs. Jeanette Pursley's were held at 3:30 p.m. Sunday class at Tye Elementary have at First United Methodist Church in Eola.

The Rev. Jack Hooper, pastor of St. Luke United Metho-The film, called "The dist Church in San Angelo officiated. Burial was in Eola

> Cross Plains, she had been a resident of Eola since 1940. in Eola in 1965 after 15 years of service.

a daughter, Mrs. James (Dreda) Jacoby of Eola; four sons, Merle of Abilene, Presley of three sisters, Mrs. Ida Davis of Merkel, Mrs. Nellie Atwood of Eden and Mrs. Opal Atwood of San Angelo; and

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pendent School District.

Miss Walker Engaged

Mr. and Mrs. Leon R. Walker announce the coming marriage of their daughter, Jennifer Ann, to Mr. Larry Grant Heard, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Heard of Eufaual, Oklahoma.

The couple plans a morning wedding in the First Baptist Church of Merkel on February 1, 1975.

The bride-elect, a 1969 graduate of Merkel High School and 1973 graduate of Texas Tech University, is employed by the Merkel In-

Riding Club MERKEL Meet Jan. 11 School Menu a special meeting to elect officers Saturday, Jan. 11, at

THURSDAY, JAN. 9

Chicken Enchiladas, Spanish Rice, Pinto Beans, Lime Jello Squares and Milk.

FRIDAY, JAN. 10

The Riding Club will also make plans for the upcoming year such as Ft. Worth Stock Hamburgers, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Onions, Pickles, Show, the Spring Horse Show, Trail Rides and Weekly Play Buttered Corn, Ranger Cookids, Orange Juice and Milk. Nights.

6:30 p.m.

in joining.

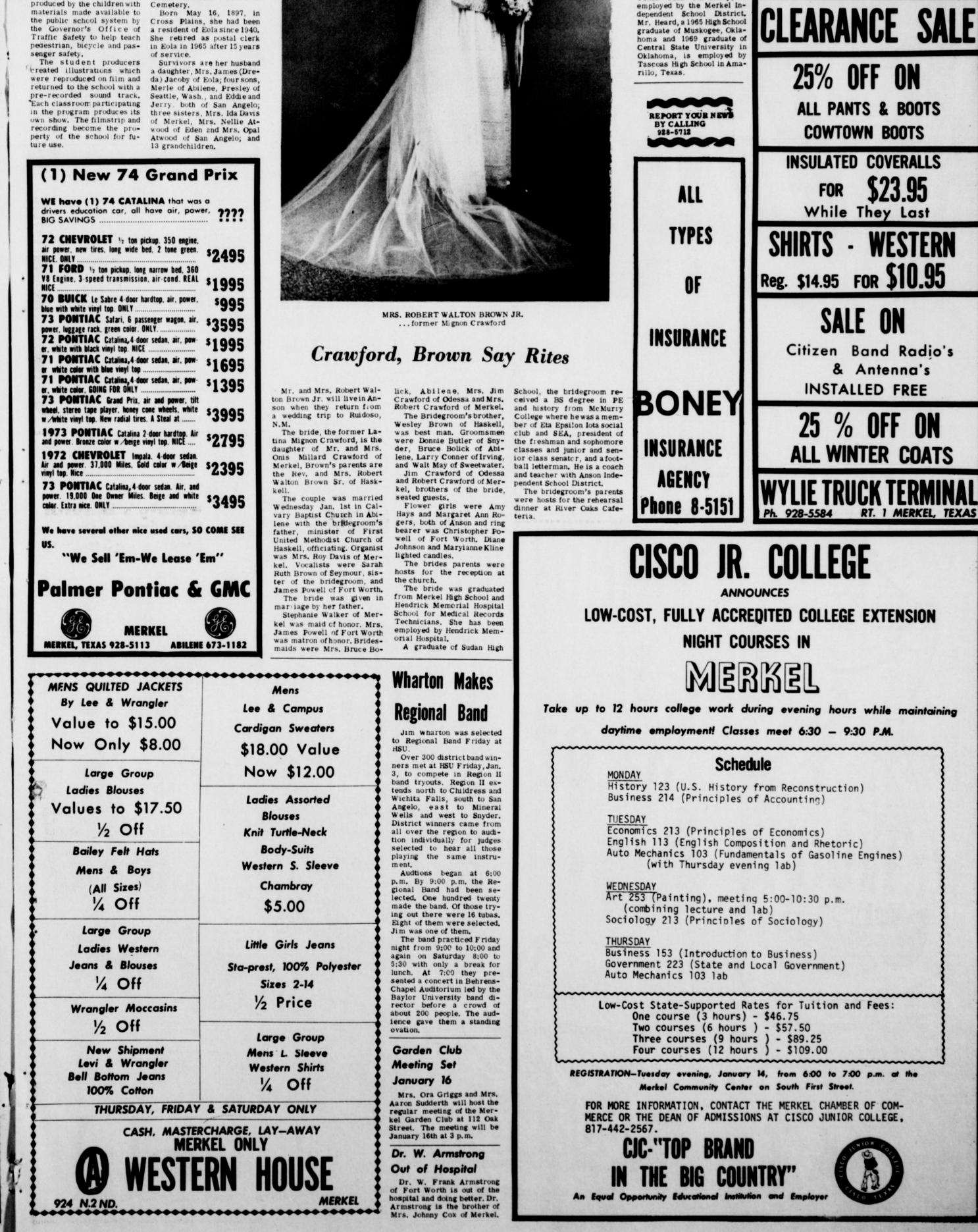
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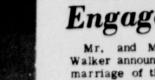
Also there will be a pot

luck supper. All members

please attend and also any-

one who might be interested







Don Melton Killed In Car Accident Henrie

Don Melton, 50, time Merkel resident, about 10 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31, in a car accident in Piedras Negras, Mexico, where he was visiting friends. Services were held at 2 p.m. Friday in Pioneer Memorial Methodist Church.

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Officiating was the Rev.

ter of Abilens and the Rev. 1945. N. S. Daniel, a Methodist minister in Merkel. Burial was in Dudley Cemetery,

south of Merkel. Born Nov. 17, 1924, in Sweetwater Mr. Melton had served with U.S. Navy during

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World War II. He had been

T. C. Melton, a Baptist minis- in the Merchant Marine since

Survivors are his father. W. C. Melton of Merkel; three sisters, Mrs. Margie M. Land and Mrs. Mary E. Graham, both of Houston, and Mrs. Jackie E. Page of Long Beach, Calif.; and a brother, Clarence J. of Anson.

Granddaughter Of **Merkelite Dies**

April Williams, 2, of 5426 Congress in Abilene, was pronounced dead by a family physician on Dec. 28 at 10:50 a.m. following a sudden illness at her home.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Thursday at Starbuck Chapel. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery in Merkel. Survivors are the father, Lucky White of Tennessee Colony; the mother, Marvil Williams of 5426 Congress in Abilene; one brother, Lucky Don, and one sister, Sandra Demise of 5426 Congress; paternal grandmother, Bema White of Merkel; and maternal grandfather, Will Williams of Lubbock.

Continued From Pg. 1 Showmanship Award - John Stevens

To save energy during va-Capons - 1. McLeod, 2. McLeod and cations or extended ab-3. Danny Freeman. Brallers - 1. McLeod, 2. Greg Beasscences from home, empty ley and 3. Rocky Bryan. your refrigerator, disconnect Showmanship Aword - John Stevens it from the power outlet, and Steers leave the door ajar.

Crossbred - 1. Patricia Boyd, 2. Boyd and 3. Allen Morse.

Longtime Resident, James Bryan, Buried

James Bryan, 95, a Merkel He was a retired stock fararea resident the past 55 mer and a Baptist. years, died at 3 a.m. Satur- Survivors include five

day in Cox Hospital in Abi- sons, Floyd of Merkel, Lonlene after a short illness, nie, J. R., Benson and Har-Services were held at 2:30 vey, all of Abilene; two daughp.m. Monday in Starbuck Cha- ters, Mrs. Clint (Pearlie Mae) Maddera of Abilene and

The Rev. T. C. Melton Mrs. Harold (Gertie) Huffof Abilene officiated. Burial stutler of Black Duck, Minn.; was in Rose Hill Cemetery, a sister, Mrs. Lizzie Wilson Born Nov. 14, 1879, in of Alabama; 25 grandchild-Blount County, Ala., he moved ren, several great - grandto the Merkel area in 1920, children and great-greatgrandchildren.





... shown by Patricia Boyd **FRENT RESULTS**

> Heiters - 1. David Vinson. Commercial steers - 1. Boyd, 2 Bland and 3. Terr! Hamner. Showmanship - Allen Morse

Horses Mares - 1. Boyd, 2. Leslie Masonhe mer and 3. Latricia Powell. Geldings - 1. Boyd 2. Dede Maso breeding will enable a threeheimer and 3. James Mays. Showmanship — Patricia Boyd. fold increase in the Weslaco

Sheep program and will aid in coop-Hampshire-1, Loyd Williams Jr. and 2. Debra Williams. Fine wool - 1, Billy Williams, 2. Velma Perkins and 3. Teresa Brazietan. Fine wool crosses - 1, Rocky Bryan. 2. Dester Hulte and 1. Hommer Bryan. states.

Weslaco.

Dr. Jarvis E. Miller, Director of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, states that

Swine release of all varieties to Texas Durocs - 1. Rocky McKinney. Lightweight Hampshires - 1. Devid

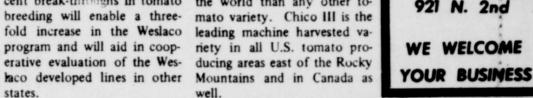
growers as well as growers in Heavyweight hampshires other states will still be subotted Poland China - 1. McLeod. 2. ject to decisions and actions McLeod and Freeman. Brazieton, 2. Rondy Scott of the Texas Station. Director Heavyweight crossbred hogs - 1. Miller emphasizes that "the ex-Heavyweight crossbred hogs - 1. Miller emphasizes that "the ex-crossbred champion - Join McLeod, panded program is expected to Reserve champion - Randy Scott Gilt - 1. Scott, 2. Scott and 3. James result in the development of Miller emphasizes that "the eximproved varieties that benefit and champion barrow -- McLeod. producers, processors, and es-Showmanship - Randy Scot

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pecially consumers." Leeper says that breeding emphasis will be placed on development of high-yielding, high-quality, disease-resistant variet.es adapted to both processing and fresh market which Texas once had a thriving will set fruit at extremely high omato industry. However, temperature and high humidity because of high temperatures, conditions. All varieties will high humidity, diseases and be adapted to machine harvest labor shortages for harvesting, and should aid Texas growers the industry declined and movin expanding the Texas ined to other states and foreign dustry. countries. But now Texas pro-The soundness of the apduction is increasing, thanks

proach to tomato breeding being carried out in this program is indicated by the eleven varieties developed and released which have proven to be useful to the Texas industry as well as tomato industries in other states and nations. Because of its wide adaptation

to extreme weather conditions, fessor, at the Weslaco Research Chico III, released in 1969, is Center. These funds plus re- now grown in more parts of cent break-throughs in tomato the world than any other tomato variety. Chico III is the



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By Robert L. Haney, Science Writer The Texas Agricultural Experiment Station

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y enough tomatoes for its own ise. You've probably noticed that shortage reflected in the high prices you pay at the supermarket for both fresh and processed tomatoes.

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New Year by TMA IMA IUI For better health, proper

Eacy year about this time people are resolving to save weight and musice tone, nearmoney, spend more time with ly everyone requires a reathe family, go to church more often...and if you follow the American tradition of setting goals for the New Year, please don't forget to include resolutions for the improvement of your health and the health of those you love.

ciation suggests you ask ourself a few questions as you begin the year 1975. Are my family and I regularly eating the proper foods? Remember what you and your family eat has a strong influence on how well ou are, how well you stay,

have ... no matter what your age may be. Monitor your Are all members of my family getting enough regular exercise, rest and relaxation? All three in proper balance are essential to good health. Your doctor may suggest you get more rest. take more exercise, or schedule more time for recreation. When you follow such advice, responsibilities seem lighter, worries and tensions subside, and pep and enthusi-

sonable amount of physical exercise. It doesn't have to be laborious or time consuming. Just try walking more when you don't have to ride. Walking is a fine way to keep yourself in good shape. It stretches the muscles and gives your heart the exercise it needs.

Sure you're busy, but re-member that most adults need from seven to eight hours of sleep. T morrow is another day.

Emotional tensions can and do play a prominent role in many physical ailments. Of course, everyone has tension. That's normal. But sometimes tension builds up. This should be released. Talking troubles out, working offtensions with physical activity, and learning to accept what cannot be changed - all these are useful in helping us to cope more successfully with emotional conflicts and tensions.

Think about some other neglected areas. Are you due for a medical check up? Is your family up to date on their immunizations? How long has it been since you had your eyes checked? Set your goals today for a better tomorrow.

And what about safety resolutions for 1975? Safety has a lot to do with your health? How long has it been since you made a safety survey of your household? Are there piles of rags or old papers in some corner of the garage? Remove them. These are potential fire hazard . Are your stairs well-lighted and clear of toys and other possible dangers? Are household cleansers, chemicals, and medical supplies kept in tight containers out of reach of children?

This list could go on and on, but these simple, basic questions are of vital importance to the health and safety of your family. Make your own list of resolutions. And don't leave out the health or safety areas.

Protecting yourself and the members of your family could well be the most important resolutions you make in 1975. Now that leaf-raking time

is here, why not begin to make compost pile? By using natural compost instead of artificial fertilizer in your garden next spring you can save money - and help con-serve the fuel that's needed to make the store - bought kind.

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Are Natural Gas Curtailments Going To Affect Me?

During cold days in the winter. when the demand for natural gas is really high, some industrial users are asked to cut back their consumption of natural gas. But we want to assure our residential and other high priority customers that it's highly unlikely their natural gas service will be interrupted.

The pipelines used to deliver natural gas can only hold so much gas. And during extremely cold winter days, there's sometimes more demand than we can supply. Some people ask. "Why not build bigger pipe lines?" But that would be like building a church for the Easter or Christmas attendance, rather than the weekly congregation. The cost would be tremendous and gas rates would be much higher.

Instead we developed a "curtailment" program many years ago. Our industrial customers have signed contracts agreeing to "curtail" their use of natural gas during these peak times.

If you were considering replacing an existing gas appliance or purchasing a/ new one, be assured that Lone Star can provide the energy. We have the natural gas. and our residential and other high priority customers may continue to rely on Lone Star's dependable service now as in the past.

