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MRS. W. A. DISHMAN  
...celebrates 100th birthday

### Mrs. W. A. Dishman Celebrates 100th

Mrs. W. A. Dishman celebrated her 100th birthday Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. with a party at the Starr Nursing Home where she has lived since 1965.

Mrs. Dishman was born Leona Dovie Matheny Feb. 26, 1875, at Hutchinson, Kansas. Her mother died when she was three weeks old and her father, Sam Matheny, died when she was seven years of age. Her maternal grandparents cared for her and after the father's death they came to Texas, living at Vernon for a short time.

While at Vernon, Mrs. Dishman was bitten by a spider and it almost killed her. They made her drink whiskey until she was drugged. The remedy must have worked, as she recovered.

It was not uncommon for Indians to come by their place

but they did not harm. The family moved on to Comanche County and settled between Rising Star and Sipe Springs where Dovie grew up. As a young girl, two of Mrs. Dishman's uncles, several years older than she, would let her attend dances with them. They went for miles on horseback.

She married Will Dishman, Jan. 2, 1895, in Sipe Springs. Six children were born to the couple, three girls and three boys. Mr. Dishman moved his family to the Merkel area in 1928. He died April 16, 1949. Two girls and one boy are living, all three of Merkel. They are Mrs. Bert (Lois) Melton, Mrs. J. D. (Inez) Bradley and Wright Dishman. She has nineteen grandchildren, twenty great and two great-grandchildren.

During an interview with Mrs. Dishman, an LYN at the nursing home told her she would be 100 years old Wednesday. She said, "A 100 years old." Really. What will I look like." The LYN told her she would look just like you do now. Two days want make a difference. Mrs. Dishman chuckled. Mrs. Dishman also said, "I think I'm awful lucky to be as old as I am and for my kids to be as good to me as they are." She talked about her children and grandchildren frequently during the conversation. She said my boy can do most any kind of work. He can do anything. She said she really loved her grandsons, the Melton twins. Mrs. Dishman said Dr. Sadler wanted them to build a building one time for him and they said no. I want to stay with my grandmothers. They are good to me. They sure don't forget their grandmother.

Seated in her wheelchair, Mrs. Dishman wore an Orchid corsage given her by the Nursing Home. She had a beautiful lap robe, which was made by her daughter, Mrs. Bert Melton.

### 1975 Licenses Will Be Sold in Merkel, Trent

Burl King, Taylor County Tax Assessor-Collector, announced that personnel from his office will be at Max Murrell Chevrolet showroom Saturday, March 1st and Saturday, March 8th, to sell '75 license plates.

License plates will also be sold at Trent City Hall Saturday, March 1st ONLY. The 1975 license plates may be purchased in Merkel and Trent between 1-3 p.m. and 1-3 p.m.

Persons purchasing tags are urged to bring the computer card mailed to them from Austin. If you do not have the card, bring your car title and your '74 license receipt.

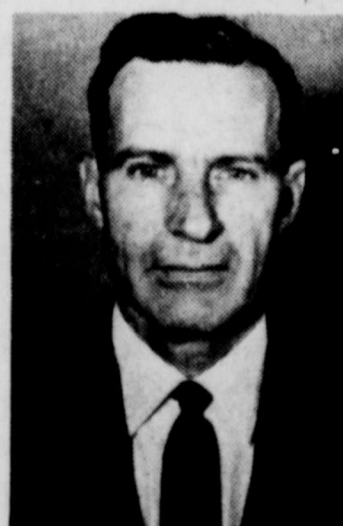
### Jim Broussard Resigns As Merkel Police Chief

Jim Broussard, Merkel Chief of Police since November 15, 1973, has resigned his office effective March 15th. Broussard plans to return to Columbus, Texas, where he will be employed in police work for Colorado County. Columbus is about 50 miles west of Houston.

Prior to being employed by the Merkel City Council he was a captain in the Colorado City Sheriff's Department. Broussard worked for the Taylor County Sheriffs Department prior to going to Colorado County.

He retired from the Air Force in 1968. He was stationed at Dyess Air Base at the time of his retirement. Broussard has had over twenty years experience with civilian police work.

He was appointed to the Merkel post upon the resignation of Boyd Baker. In addition to his duties as police chief, Broussard has had responsibility for



JIM BROUSSARD  
...resigns

the Merkel Ambulance Service since the City assumed the service January 1, 1975. Broussard is married. He and his wife, Leda, have one daughter, Belinda.

# BADGERS WIN BI-DISTRICT

## Regional Game Will Be Held In Lubbock Friday

ABILENE - Clutch free throw shooting and just plain desire propelled Coach Ron Aldridge's Merkel badgers into the Region I basketball tournament here Tuesday night as the upstart Badgers erased a six-point fourth quarter deficit in defeating Knox City, 59-55.

District 8-A champion Merkel, upping its season's mark to 31-1 before a near-capacity crowd of more than 2,100 bi-partisan fans at Hunt Gym on the McMurry campus, will meet the winner of Tuesday's bi-district playoff contest pitting Sanford-Fritch against Wellington. That contest will be a first round Regional battle Friday morning in Lubbock at Municipal Coliseum on the Texas Tech University campus.

The Badgers, shooting at their worst for the season from the field, hit only 39 per cent of their shots, but Merkel managed to come through when it needed points the most.

Knox City, winners of District 7-A and entering Tuesday night's contest with a very respectable 23-5 record overall, had the Badgers hanging on the ropes throughout most of the game, but as losing Coach Jerry Lowrey most aptly surmised following the loss, "We just couldn't come through with

audible through the roar of the crowd.

Senior Jackie Sims, also suffering from a night of

**School to Close  
Friday for Game**

There will be no school in Merkel Friday so the students and teachers may travel to Lubbock for the Regional basketball game of the Badgers, according to Superintendent Mack Fisher. The day will be made up later in the year Mr. Fisher said. The school board authorized the action in their February 17 board meeting.

cold floor shooting, quick, put Merkel back in range in opening the final eight minutes with a jumper from the key with only nine ticks gone from the clock.

Taylor scored for the Greyhounds and Moore followed with the tie at 5:58 and it looked like trouble for Merkel as Knox City regained a six-point margin, 44-38, with time running out. However, the Badgers were not to be denied this particular evening and Coach Aldridge's group began playing crucial turnover and producing even more crucial offensive scoring power.

David Copeland, another of the senior-laden Merkel charges, keyed the last-gasp Merkel rally with a pair of important buckets and the Badgers were within two, 46-44, with 4:53 remaining.

Paul Tucker came through with a turn-around jumper to tie the score at 46-all seconds later, but Knox City's Don Swearer hit the front end of a one-and-one situation and got his own rebound basket on a missed second free throw. Once again the Badgers were on the short end, 49-46.

Morgan hit to cut it to one and then Tucker went to that same turn-around jumper to put Merkel up again, 50-49, with 3:29 left in the rugged contest. Copeland hit a pair of buckets and it was a five-point Badger lead.

With less than a minute to play it was Copeland connecting on a set of free throws and Sims also hitting from the charity line that shut the door on Knox City.

Following a slow start it was Morgan finishing with 19 points on nine field goals and a free shot to lead the Badgers, but Knox City's Taylor matched that total output for the losers.

Also in double figures for Merkel were Copeland with 14 and Sims adding 11. Riggan, who fouled out of the contest with 5:11 remaining in the second period, tallied a pair of points, while Tucker finished with six, Hutchings four, Dye a pair and Andy Hart one.

Aldridge, commenting following the win on his team's poor shooting from the field, said he told his boys at the half to concentrate and take the good shot. He singled out Copeland and Morgan for their outstanding play in the last three minutes of play, but it should be noted that it was truly a team effort that brought Merkel from the jaws of defeat to the victory circle.

Morgan, added Aldridge, finally loosened up his shooting in the second half. "When Morgan plays, he (as a team) play," he declared. Commenting on Tucker's heads-up play in the late stages of the game, Aldridge noted, "He's come through for us before."

Coach Lowrey, facing a long drive home to Knox City after closing out the season, was gracious in losing. "They have a good team and are well disciplined. They're a smart team," he said in praising Merkel.

Merkel's lone defeat of the season was a 40-36, as the third period buzzer was bare-



Merkel's Andy Hart (32) is about to find out that Knox City's Bo Johnson (43) isn't about to let a Badger get an easy shot off. Actually, Johnson went high enough to block Hart's third period bid for a two-pointer. Watching the

action are Greyhound Charlie Flye (31) and Merkel's Robert Morgan (12). The Badgers rallied in the late stages Tuesday night for a 59-55 bi-district victory. (Staff Photo)

**BANQUET MARCH 13th**

## Don Hensley Named C of C President

Don Hensley, merchant of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank, was elected president of the Merkel Chamber of Commerce at the Board of Directors meeting held Monday evening. Named Vice President of the organization was George Starbuck. Travis Davis was re-elected Secretary-Treasurer. Elect-

ed new directors were Kent Satterwhite, Gary Hicks and Don Hensley.

Retiring directors are Betty Jane Tittle, Duane Shugart, and Don Hart. Hart is the retiring president.

Plans were finalized for the Chamber of Commerce Banquet to be held at the school cafeteria March 13. Banquet

Chairman Joe Lassiter told the board that all arrangements were complete. He said that Joe D. Jackson will be the speaker. Jackson is employed with American Airlines in Dallas. Jackson is a much sought after banquet speaker. He was the speaker for the United Way Kickoff dinner in Abilene last fall. The meal will be catered by an Abilene firm, Merkel for the banquet is 'Merkel moving on.' The theme and the directions are the responsibility of the Merkel High School Chamber of Commerce.

Beta Sigma Phi will again honor the woman of the year at the banquet. A report was given on the prospects of TV Cable coming to Merkel. Chamber manager Bennie Melton said that plans now call for construction to start about April 1 and to be completed five weeks later. The company will offer three additional channels to the Abilene channels.

Don Hensley, Chairman of the Industrial Foundation, gave the Board a report on industry progress in Merkel. He said that construction was under way for a pipe rethreading firm on land purchased by the Foundation. The foundation purchased 40 acres on Interstate 20. He said that Merkel had about 75-25 chance for another industry locating here soon and that Merkel's chances were still alive on the Texas A&M training facility. He said a

decision should be made by May 1 on the A&M facility. President Don Hensley announced to the Board that the next annual meeting of Taylor Electric Cooperative, Inc. would be held in Abilene. He said that due to the large number attending the event it was just not practical to have the meeting in Merkel. He said that the Cooperative would hold its meeting in the Taylor County Coliseum.

### Post Office Taking Applications

Postmaster Truett Thompson announced that applications are being accepted for Clerk-Carrier positions in the Merkel Post Office. Applications will be accepted from Feb. 20, 1976 through March 7, 1975. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, religion, color, nation origin, sex, political affiliations, or any other non-merit factor.

This position will require a written examination to be held at Abilene at a later date to be announced. For further information as to physical requirements and age, citizenship, salary and etc., contact Postmaster Truett Thompson or read the notice posted in the Post Office.

## School Board Hears Citizen, Appraisal Reports

Barney Baker, of Professional Appraisal Co. of Fort Worth, told the Merkel School Board Monday night that they were ahead of schedule in their appraising work for the District. He said that his firm was presently working in the north part of the district on agricultural land.

Several farmers and other interested citizens attended the meeting and asked questions of the representative. Baker explained the forms being used by his company. Besides providing the legal description, the forms had a place to indicate improvements on the land. The card will give a complete history of the land being appraised.

Baker explained that the agricultural land would be appraised on what the land would produce as agricultural land and not on the speculative land price. He explained that land would be graded. He gave the example of a piece of land of 100 acres. He said that suppose 25 acres of the land was gulleys, or bad land. He said this land would be assigned a certain value. 25 acres of the 100 acres is grass land. This portion will be assigned a higher value. The remaining 50 acres was good cultivated land. This would also be assigned a higher value and the three averaged to arrive at the fair valuation of the land.

Baker said that most school districts use 60% of valuation for taxing purposes. He explained that this was important if the system was considering a building program in the next few years. He explained that the school

board would set the rate of tax. "While the valuation may be higher, the board would then set the rate to raise the money the district needs to meet its budget. The rate would probably be lower than it is now, but with increased valuation," he said.

He went on to explain that once the valuations were completed the school board would have to set the rate and notices sent to the individual taxpayers. The board must appoint a Board of Equalization which has final authority on what the valuation of a taxpayer's property will be. The Equalization Board would have power to lower any valuation he explained.

He went on to explain that by law his firm can only recommend to the Tax-Assessor-Collector. She must approve of the appraisals. Then the notices are sent and the Board of Equalization is convened. His firm will also hold meetings at the same time to explain to the taxpayers how the appraisal was arrived at. If the taxpayer is still not satisfied that his taxes are equal he will go to the Board of Equalization.

Max Murrell gave the Board a report on the work being done by the Citizens Committee for Financial. He explained that Wyman Wilkerson, spokesman, was out of town and unable to attend the meeting. Murrell passed out comparisons of 12 school districts of comparable size to Merkel. The board thanked the committee for the work they had done. The members are to study the comparisons.

The Board then appointed a Curriculum and Building Committee to make recommendations to the board. The committee is composed of citizens of the district. Four members were appointed Monday night with a fifth to be added at the March Board meeting. They are Freddie Tombs, George Starbuck, Joe Lassiter, and Bill Morgan.

The next meeting will be held the third Monday night in March. Board meeting time is 7:30 p.m.

### Little League Meet March 3

There will be an organizational meeting of the Merkel Little League for the 1975 season March 3rd at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Merkel Rest-audant. John Lozano is president of the League this year.

## Seven City Lots Given To Tri-City Baseball

The Tri-Cities Baseball Project got a shot in the arm recently with the donation of 7 city lots to the City of Merkel for use by the group. The lots were donated by the Kimbell Company of Fort Worth.

Merkel Mayor Lou David Allen received a letter from Luther Baker who handles taxes and land for the Kimbell Company. The letter said in part: I received a letter forwarded to me by Betty Brown and Company of Wichita Falls, Texas, who handles appraisals and renditions in your area. This letter was written by Mrs. John C. Brady and relates to the Tri-City Baseball Project being formed by your City, and was inquiring about the vacant lots owned by this Company, all in Merkel.

"I believe that a realistic value for these lots would be about \$50 per lot, and I note Merkel Independent School District has a tax base value of \$50.00 for each base

seven lots, or \$350.00, and should project into a fair market value of about \$70.00 per lot or more.

"We would like to make a gift of these seven lots to the City of Merkel, and we suggest that they be used for the benefit of the Tri-City Baseball project, or any civic use that will benefit the town and area."

Mrs. Brady said that the organizers were in the process of trying to obtain some adjoining land as they would need about 3 city blocks for the proposed fields.

Tri-Cities Baseball Project plans to build a pony league park and a softball park to be used for the Miss Softball of America teams.

L. D. Lockwood, field representative with the Woodmen of the World Insurance Co., showed the group some blue prints of ballfields that the company had helped another city build. Merkels will be similar, Mrs. Brady said.





Mrs. Linda Beasley, left, presents check to Mrs. Iris Amerine, right.

## Young Homemakers Donates \$50 to PTA

The Taylor County Young Homemakers of Merkel presented the Merkel PTA a check for \$50.00. Linda Beasley presented the check to Iris Amerine, president of PTA.

"At a time when everyone seems to be having a hard time financially it is so refreshing to have these ladies call and say 'We have some money for PTA,'" Mrs. Amerine said.

At the beginning of the year Young Homemakers voted to have the PTA as their project for the entire year.

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# Bentson Announces Presidential Campaign

This past year, I have traveled to more than 30 states in a conscious effort to determine first hand the views and attitudes of the American people towards their national leadership and to ascertain if I had a constructive role to play beyond the United States Senate.

I have decided to seek the office of President of the United States.

I am convinced that Democrats of all persuasions can unite again around worthwhile ideas that can lift this country from economic recession and political paralysis.

The task before us is to restore the meaning of America's two great promises: opportunity at home and moral leadership abroad.

These are the promises which have inspired the people of the world for generations. They brought to our shores the dispossessed, hungry millions who were seeking justice, work, and freedom. They came to the front in our compassionate decision to rebuild this shattered world after the Second World War rather than dominate and rule it from the pinnacle of power we had achieved.

Yet, the issues are more profound even than that - and, for all people, men and women, black and white, rich and poor, young and old, there must be full, fair and equal application and enforcement of the law of the land.

Again, jobs are our most immediate need. But economic opportunity and individual independence must remain our fundamental goals.

In foreign policy, America's performance must also relate to America's promise. We have been forced, painfully, to recognize the limits of power. And, while the United States must remain militarily secure and a formidable world leader, we must also be a farsighted leader.

Certainly, the most urgent need is to get people back to work.

But we must also restore an economic system which provides diversity of opportunity for earning a living and gives meaning to the dream of individual independence.

Individual independence - for those who choose to labor in our factories and in our mines, a stable and fair income in a safe working environment;

- for those who choose to operate small businesses, an assurance that diligent work will bring with it a reasonable chance for success;

- for those who wish to farm the land, the assurance that the necessary time and effort will enable them to successfully live off the land;

- for those who choose professions, a guarantee that quality education and training will be available;

- for those overtaken by serious illness, protection from the spectre of financial ruin;

- for those who have reached retirement age, confidence in the adequacy of their income and the security

## Pam King Honored

Pamela Jan King, 16 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dean King of Trent, has recently been selected for the nation's leading high school honorary - The Society of Distinguished American High School Students. She is a junior at Trent High School.

## BADGERS

Continued from Pg. 1  
season was in post-district action, a 55-47 loss to AA power Breckenridge.

MERKEL (59)-David Copeland 2 4 14; Robert Morgan 9 1 19; Jackie Sims 5 1 11; Derrell Ruggan 0 2 2; Doug Hutchings 2 0 4; Andy Hart 0 1 1; Donald Dye 1 0 2; Paul Tucker 3 0 6; TOTALS 26 9 59.

KNOX CITY (55) - Robert Taylor 7 5 19; Don Swearinger 2 1 5; Bo Johnson 6 0 12; Jimmy Moore 4 3 11; Cliff Ray 3 0 6; Jimmy Lynn 2 0 2; TOTALS 22 11 55.

Merkel 6 14 16 23-59  
Knox City 12 9 21 19-55

## SHORT SNORTS

TEXAS National Guard will conduct 25 area disaster relief exercises during March, April and May in all parts of the state.

A controversial amended version of a bill to raise consumer finance loan interest rates received five-to-one approval of the Senate Economic Development Committee.

A new round of hearings on proposals for revising the state constitution article-by-article are underway in House and Senate.

Pam served both her Freshman and Junior years as Class President and this year was chosen "Most Outstanding Student" for the yearbook.

## Garden Club Has Floral Program

Members of the Merkel Garden Club enjoyed a lovely Spring party in the home of Mrs. Dee Grimes on Thursday of last week. Mrs. Fred Gutar Jr. was co-hostess with Mrs. Grimes. A covered dish luncheon was served at foursome tables and head table was centered with an arrangement of yellow spring flowers.

The program was given by a guest speaker, Mrs. Vernon Wade, owner of "Ann's Flowers." She explained "Floral Telegraph Delivery" and listed the latest trends in colors and arrangements saying that "Lines" are once again in favor and tall designs are best. Those present were Mmes. Tom All-day, Frank Breaux, Oda Clark, Johnny Cox, Albert Criswell, Lottie Everett, Lucy Ford, Tom Fox, S.D. Gamble, Odie Griffin, Dee Grimes, Fred Gutar Jr., Allen D. King, E. J. Patterson, Tom Pussom, Herbert Patterson, W. T. Sadler, John Shannon, Charlie Sherrill, Aaron Sudderth, Misses Christine Collins and Nora Foster.

## Bus Scheduled To Garden Club Meet

A chartered bus will leave Abilene at 7 a.m. March 11th for the spring meeting of District VIII Garden Clubs in Del Rio. Reservations may be made by sending \$10 for the fare to Mrs. G. E. Swinson, 2150 Robin Rd., Abilene, Texas 79605.

The meeting will be held in the Holiday Inn located on Highway 90 West of Del Rio.

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<b>FRANKS</b>	GOOCH'S 12 OZ. PKG.	<b>63¢</b>
<b>SAUSAGE</b>	GOOCH GERMAN STYLE EACH	<b>89¢</b>
<b>HAMBURGER</b>	FRESH GROUND LB.	<b>69¢</b>
<b>CHUCKROAST</b>	LB.	<b>79¢</b>
<b>STEAK</b>	CLUB LOIN ROUND LB.	<b>\$1.09</b>
<b>BACON</b>	GOOCH LB.	<b>\$1.19</b>

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<b>TOWELS</b>	HANDI-WIPE PKG.	<b>49¢</b>
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<b>TIDE</b>	DETERGENT GIANT SIZE	<b>99¢</b>

<b>FROZEN FOODS</b>	EL CHICO MEXICAN ENCHILADA QUESO DINNERS EACH	<b>59¢</b>
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<b>ONIONS</b>	YELLOW LB.	<b>12¢</b>
<b>APPLES</b>	RED DELICIOUS LB.	<b>19¢</b>
<b>ORANGES</b>	CALIFORNIA TEMPLE LB.	<b>19¢</b>
<b>CELERY</b>	STALK EACH	<b>19¢</b>
<b>BELL PEPPER</b>	EACH	<b>15¢</b>
<b>Potatoes</b>	RUSSET 10 LB. BAG	<b>69¢</b>

<b>Tomato Sauce</b>	CANTADINA 8 OZ. CAN 2 FOR	<b>35¢</b>
<b>SPINACH</b>	DEL-MONTE #303 CAN	<b>29¢</b>
<b>JELLO</b>	6 OZ. BOX	<b>45¢</b>
<b>TUNA</b>	VAN CAMP LITE GRADED CAN	<b>49¢</b>
<b>Chile Season</b>	WINTSON 6 OZ. CAN	<b>29¢</b>
<b>Snack Cake Mix</b>	BETTY CROCKER 15 OZ. BOX	<b>69¢</b>
<b>PORK &amp; BEANS</b>	VAN CAMPS 300 SIZE CAN	<b>29¢</b>
<b>STEP-SAVER</b>	JOHNSON'S QT.	<b>\$1.19</b>
<b>BATH SOAP</b>	ZEST 2 FOR	<b>55¢</b>

<b>CRISCO</b>	WITH \$10.00 PURCHASE EXCLUSIVE OF CIGARETTES 3 LB. CAN	<b>1.69</b>
<b>TOMATO JUICE</b>	LIBBY'S 46 OZ. CAN	<b>59¢</b>
<b>KRAUT</b>	DEL-MONTE 303 CAN	<b>29¢</b>
<b>CHILI</b>	WOLF BRAND 15 OZ. CAN	<b>69¢</b>
<b>PINTO BEANS</b>	OLD EL-PASO 15 OZ. CAN	<b>29¢</b>
<b>CORN</b>	NIBLETS 12 OZ. CAN	<b>29¢</b>
<b>APPLE JUICE</b>	TREE TOP QT. BOTTLE	<b>49¢</b>
<b>PEACHES</b>	HUNT'S SPICED NO. 2 1/2 CAN	<b>49¢</b>
<b>FLOUR</b>	GLADIOLA 5 LB BAG	<b>89¢</b>

<b>MILK</b>	MARIGOLD 2% HOMO GAL REG. HOMO GAL	<b>\$1.33</b>	<b>\$1.43</b>	PLUS DEP.
<b>MIRACLE WHIP</b>	KRAFT'S SALAD DRESSING QT.	<b>\$1.17</b>		
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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### NOTICE OF CITY OFFICERS' ELECTION

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
CITY OF MERKEL

TO THE RESIDENT QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE CITY OF MERKEL, TEXAS: TAKE NOTICE that an election will be held on the 5th day of April, 1975 in the City of Merkel, Texas, at the place, in the manner, and for the officials set forth in the attached copy of an order for City Officers' Election, duly adopted by the Mayor of said City on the 14th day of February, 1975. Said attached order for City Officers' Election being made a part of this notice for all intents and purposes.

Roy J. Kimbrell  
City Secretary/Clerk

AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING  
NOTICE OF CITY OFFICERS' ELECTION

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
CITY OF MERKEL,

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Roy J. Kimbrell, City Secretary/Clerk of the City of Merkel, Texas, who after being by me duly sworn deposes and says:

That the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Notice of City Officers' Election giving notice of the election therein mentioned, and that I posted a true and correct copy of said Notice of City Of-

### NOTICE OF CITY OFFICERS' ELECTION

ficers' Election at each of the following places, to-wit: In Election Precinct No. 24 at City Hall & Boney Insurance Agency; within the boundaries of said city on the 18th day of February, 1975, which posting was done not less than 30 full days prior to the date fixed for said election.

I further certify that I delivered a copy of the order for City Officers' Election to each of the persons appointed Presiding Judge in said order for said election. WITNESS MY HAND this 18th day of February, 1975.

Roy J. Kimbrell  
City Secretary/Clerk

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 18th day of February, 1975.

Fannelle G. Boney  
Notary Public, Taylor County, Texas  
(SEAL)

ORDER FOR CITY OFFICERS' ELECTION

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
CITY OF MERKEL

I, Lou David Allen, in my capacity as Mayor of the City of Merkel, Texas, do hereby order that an election be held in said City on the 5th day of April, 1975, for the purpose of electing the following officials for said City: two (2) Aldermen one (1) Mayor

That in accordance with an order adopted by the City Council/Commission of said City, said election shall be held at the following place... in said City, and the following named persons are hereby appointed officers for said election.

In Election Precinct No. 24 at Merkel High School Gym Building, in said City, with Betty Cypert as Presiding Judge, and said Presiding Judge shall appoint the necessary clerks to assist him which shall not exceed... clerks.

Roy J. Kimbrell is hereby appointed Clerk for absentee voting, and Annette Melton is hereby appointed Deputy Clerk for absentee voting. The absentee voting for the above designated election shall be held at City Hall within said City and said place of absentee voting shall remain open for at least eight hours on each day for absentee voting which is not a Saturday, a Sunday, or an official State holiday, beginning on the 20th day and continuing through the 4th day preceding the date of said election. Said place of voting shall remain open between the hours of 8 A.M. and 5 P.M. on each day for said absentee voting.

That said election shall be held in accordance with the Election Code of this State and only resident qualified voters of said City shall be eligible to vote at said election.

That the City Secretary/Clerk shall give notice of said election by posting a copy of this order in each of the election precincts of said City, which posting shall be done not less than 30 days prior to date fixed for said election.

That immediately after said election is held, the officers holding the same shall make returns of the result thereof to the Mayor of this city as required by the Election Code of this State.

A copy of this order shall also serve as a writ of election which shall be delivered to the above appointed Presiding Judge..... for said election.

Lou David Allen  
Mayor

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### THE STATE OF TEXAS

To any Sheriff or any Constable within the State of Texas - GREETING:  
You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for four consecutive weeks, the first publica-

tion to be at least twenty-eight days before the return day thereof, in a newspaper, printed in Taylor County, Texas, the accompanying citation, of which the hereinbelow following is a true copy.

### CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To: Bonita Kelly, Defendant.

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable Domestic Relations Court of Taylor County, Texas, at the Courthouse in Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 4th day of April A.D. 1975, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 3rd day of October, A.D. 1974, in this cause, numbered 9864-DR on the docket of said court and styled John Ervin Kelly, Plaintiff, vs. Bonita Kelly, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Parties of this suit were married on or about August 4, 1962 and on or about September 2, 1971, they separated; following children were born of this marriage, Dominica Gay, 4-22-63; J. Angelo, 9-2-65; John E. 7-29-67; Barry Ann, 3-8-69; Christopher J., 4-22-70; children now reside with respondent; during the marriage certain community property has been accumulated, petitioner requests the Court to divide the property in an equitable manner, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, this 27th day of February A.D. 1975. (SEAL)

Attest: Irene Crawford Clerk, Domestic Relations Court, Taylor County, Texas; By Sandra Van Cleave, Deputy. 53-4tc

Acclaimed coloratura Beverly Sills is leading the Mothers March for the March of Dime again this January.

## Jones County HD NEWS

The Jones County Home Demonstration Council met Wednesday, February 19, 2 p.m. in the Federal Housing Building in Anson. Mrs. M.H. Cloud, Vice-Chairman presiding.

Yearbook check sheets were given to each club President.

Mrs. Luella Johnson, Stamford, was appointed Citizenship Committee Chairman, Mrs. Joyce Bouquet resigned.

Council voted to furnish refreshments for the Jones Co. 4-H Food Show, February 22, at the Anson Church of Christ Fellowship Hall.

Mrs. Garland Price, Mrs. Toff Herndon, and Mrs. Ab Hunter, Jr. were elected nominating committee to select officer candidates for the coming year.

Final plans for the District III Spring Meeting were announced: April 17, 1975 at the Floral Heights United Methodist Church, Wichita Falls, Texas. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m.

Mrs. H. A. Haynes, Chairman, called the T.H.D.A. Council meeting to order.

Three delegates to the District Meeting were elected: Mrs. Charles Rust; Mrs. Travis Smith; and Mrs. Garland Price. Alternates were named also.

Mrs. Maxie Harvey of Willow Creek Club presented a resolution. It was approved, and Jones County Council will sponsor it at District Meeting.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### SUMMARY OF PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

#### SPECIAL ELECTION APRIL 22, 1975

NUMBER ONE ON THE BALLOT (S.J.R. No. 3)

Repealing Sections 48a, 48b, 51e, and 51f of Article III and Sections 62 and 63 of Article XVI of the Texas Constitution, Article XVI of the Texas Constitution is amended to:

Provide for the revision and consolidation of provisions relating to state and local retirement systems and programs and to provide that all general laws that have established retirement systems and optional retirement programs for public employees and officers in effect at the time of the adoption of this constitutional amendment will remain in effect, subject to the general powers of the Legislature.

Provide that the amount a participating officer or employee contributes to the employee retirement system or the teacher retirement system shall be established by the Legislature but may not be less than 6% of current compensation and providing further that the amount contributed by the state may not be less than 6 nor more than 10% of the aggregate compensation paid to participating persons, except that in an emergency, as determined by the Governor, the Legislature may contribute more than 10% of the aggregate compensation paid to persons participating in state retirement systems.

Provide that the Legislature shall provide for local retirement systems created by any city or county for its officers and employees and shall further provide for a state-wide system of benefits for officers and employees of counties or other political subdivisions of the State which may voluntarily participate, and

to further provide that a state-wide system of benefits shall be provided for officers and employees of cities which may voluntarily participate.

The wording of the proposed amendment as it will appear on the ballot is as follows:

"The constitutional amendment revising and consolidating provisions relating to state and local retirement systems and programs and providing for a maximum state contribution to state systems of 10 percent of the aggregate compensation paid to individuals."

NUMBER TWO ON THE BALLOT (H.J.R. No. 6)

Amending Article III, Section 24 of the Texas Constitution to:

Provide an increase in salary for members of the Legislature from \$400 per month to \$600 per month.

Provide an increase in the per diem rate for members of the Legislature from \$12 to \$30 for each day during each Regular and Special Session of the Legislature.

Provide an increase in the transportation allowance for members from \$10 per mile to the rate prescribed by law for employees of the State of Texas.

The wording of the proposed amendment as it will appear on the ballot is as follows:

"The constitutional amendment setting the salaries of members of the legislature at \$600 per month and setting a per diem of \$30 per day during legislative sessions and a mileage allowance at the same rate provided by law for state employees."

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# THE SCIENTISTS TELL ME...

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

## Super Sorghums Can Boost World Food Supply

Grain sorghum, the foundation of the Texas cattle feedlot industry, has a flaw that presently prevents an even greater usefulness.

As a food for non-ruminants, sorghum protein doesn't have enough lysine, an essential nutrient for man and animals such as pigs and chickens.

In explaining lysine's function, Dr. L. W. Rooney, an Experiment Station Food Scientist, said, "Lysine is the most common limiting amino acid of plant proteins. So, if the lysine content of sorghums could be doubled, its usefulness would be greatly increased because the need for supplementary protein in formulation of livestock feeds would be reduced."

Research has shown that some sorghums that originated in Ethiopia have about twice as much lysine as nor-

mal sorghums. And though these high-lysine sorghums have shriveled kernels and low-grain yields, they have excellent nutritive value. The use of high-lysine sorghums in swine or poultry feed would significantly reduce the protein supplements and increase the efficiency of production. This would mean lower production costs and the release of soy and cottonseed meal for other uses. High-lysine sorghum would be especially nutritious for the millions of people who depend directly upon sorghum for food.

However, the high-lysine sorghum varieties will not be grown by U. S. producers until they're improved to give high yields of plump kernels. Drs. F. R. Miller and D. T. Rosenow, T.A.E.S. plant breeders, are seeking ways to develop such high-lysine sor-

ghum varieties. A major problem is analyzing large numbers of samples for lysine content so that high-lysine kernels can be increased for further study and evaluation.

To solve the analytical problem, T.A.E.S. has called on scientists R. D. Sullins and L. W. Rooney of the Cereal Quality Lab. Though they can do chemical analyses, what they want is a non-destructive method in which high-lysine kernels are identified and then planted.

Rooney says the Scanning Electron Microscope may help solve this problem. Apparently, half the kernel can be examined with the microscope and the other half planted for subsequent growth and chemical analyses. The reason that the Scanning Electron Microscope may be useful is the result of a discovery by R. D. Sullins of the Cereal Quality Lab that the high-lysine sorghum has a different appearance from normal sorghum. The normal sorghums have a large number of BB-shaped structures inside the kernel that contain protein low in lysine content. In contrast, the high-lysine sorghums contain a markedly reduced number of these BB-shaped protein bodies. Thus, it is possible to look at a sorghum kernel and select only those kernels with marked reductions in protein bodies. They should be high in lysine content.

It will probably be some time before high-yielding, disease- and insect-resistant, high-lysine sorghums are available, agree Miller and Rooney. But they will be well worth the efforts required to produce them. Rooney said that with commercial lysine selling for \$1.33 per pound, a 100 percent increase in lysine content would amount to \$44.6 million annually for a 400 million-bushel Texas sorghum crop.

In addition to the foregoing benefits, the development of high-lysine sorghum would help ease the protein shortages in many parts of the world where sorghum is the staple food for humans. It would be especially helpful to young children and pregnant women who need extra protein in their diet.

# HONOR ROLL

Travis Davis, principal of Merkel High School, has released the following students for the 6-weeks and 2nd quarter "A" and "A & B" Honor Roll.

### MERKEL HIGH SCHOOL 2nd Quarter "A"

Kandi Ascencio, Tammy Booth, Wanda Braune, Tonya Crenshaw, Karolyn Davis, Beverly Gilmore, Lisa Gregory, Kathy Hendrix, Carrie Law, Retha Mattingly, Beverly Mawson, Kristi Nease, Jerre Kay Smith, Jerre Stephan, Netta Stephen, Gayle Teaff, Gayla Toliver, Ronnye Truell, Suzanne Warner, Donna White, Deborah White, Linda Williams, Darel Bunch, Mike Davis, Mike Henry, Jim Wharton, Marlon White, and Stanley West.

### "A & B"

Debra Beard, Christi Boone, Melinda Bowen, Cindy Bunch, Belinda Broussard, Janie Clark, Rosetta Coker, Freda Crenshaw, Christi Fudge, Nancy Fudge, Jackie Harris, Marsha Clyburn, Judy Diltz, Jeanina Griffith, Cathy Holloway, Tammy Hudman, Cindy Hagar, Kim Kannel, Kathryn Murrell, Pam Morgan, Annette Parmely, Dorothea Parnell, Suzy Reiter, Melody Reagon, Kim Satterwhite, Phyllis Shanks, Patty Shotwell, Brenda Stewart, Sherry West, Deborah White, Dale Alcorn, John Biera, David Booth, Royce Bratcher, Randy Cox, Terry Criner, Steve Castille, Garth Doan, Roger Doan, Scotty Elliott, Randy Harris, Andy Hart, Billy Harris, Randall Howes, David King, Mike King, Alan Mawson, Mendes Moreno, Grant Murrell, David Pfister, Brad Pursley, Keith Wolf, Tommy Sloan, Gregg Treadwell, Paul Tucker, Billy Watts, Jerry Walters, Tim Watson, Kyle Wilkerson.

### 6-Weeks

Christi Boone, Tammy Booth, Wanda Braune, Becky Bryan, Tonya Crenshaw, Beverly Gilmore, Lisa Gregory, Kathy Hendrix, Carrie Law, Retha Mattingly, Beverly Mawson, Kristi Nease, Jerre Kay Smith, Gayle Teaff, Gayla Toliver, Ronnye Truell, Suzanne Warner, Donna White, Linda Williams, Phyllis Shanks, Netta Stephen, Sherry West, David Booth, Darel Bunch, Mike Henry, Jim Wharton and Marlon White.

### "A & B"

Debra Beard, Melinda Bowen, Connie Brazell, Belinda Broussard, Audy Byrd, Janie Clark, Cathy Carter, Marsha Clyburn, Karolyn Davis, Judy Diltz, Carla Fariello, Caristi Fudge, Nancy Fudge, Jeanina Griffith, Cindy Hagar, Jackie Harris, Cathy Holloway, Tammy Hudman, Patsy Martin, Kathryn Murrell, Annette Parmely, Dorothea Parnell, Suzy Reiter, Melody Reagon, Susie Toombs, Kim Satterwhite, Patty Shotwell, Jerrie Stephen, Janie Vera Cruz, Rita Watts, Rhonda White, Deborah White, Dale Alcorn, Royce Bratcher, Lonnie Carter, Steve Castille, Terry Criner, Mike Davis, Andy Hart, David Kraatz, Alan Mawson, Mendes Moreno, David Pfister, Brad Pursley, Tony Shugart, Tommy Sloan, Mike Speaks, Paul Tucker, Stanley West and Jerry Walters.

### PRIMARY

### First Grade "A"

Monica Atkinson, Cammie Bright, Sue Cunningham, Dean Franklin, Ricky Hair, Amy Irvin, Lorie Kimbrell, Barbara Kinder, Kelly Riney, Devin Sanford, Regina Stuckey, and Lucretia Wade.

### "A-B"

Artie Ascencio, Kevin Coker, Chris Horton, Luan Johnson, Gayle Landeros, Randy Pallarez, and Todd Yaddow.

### Second Grade "A"

James Alliday, Benny Allgaier, Jerry Davis, tami Elliot, Brian Ford, David Glascock, Gayle Richie, Cresencia Vasquez, Kenny Sims and Cindy Williams.

### "A-B"

Lyle Baker, Bobby Biera, Donny Brady, Connie Branton, Jason Castille, Melissa Davis, Randy Davis, Deedee Halverson, Ken Hogan, Tim Jacobson, Cody Johnson, Missy Jones, Darron Pack, Corbett Putman, Michael Reddin, Spencer Scott, Shane Smith, Johnny Starbuck, David Teaff, Cindy Toney, Marsha Tutt, Tamara Watson, Dena Watts, Randy White, Jenny Wilde, Rbby Williams, and Sean Woodward.

### Third Grade "A"

Lori Aldridge, Scott Alves, Tommy Hays, Brenda Hohertz, Russell Lucas, Billy McKeenan, and Cindy Sims.

### "A-B"

Angela Allen, Bonnie Anderson, Steven Davis, Jill Douglass, Joan Fariello, Jay Gibson, Trayla Gregory, Casey Johnson, Scotty Niemann, Denise Pack, Kimberly Pack, and Pam Wheeler.

### Fourth Grade "A"

Tina Bicknell, Rosie Biera, Tina Brady, Tammy Cloyd, Diana Landeros, Stormy Magee, and Windi Whisenhant.

### "A-B"

Calvin Cooley, Greg Dickinson, Melinda Holmes, Karen Jackson, Chris Mashburn, Jimmie Shelton, and Melissa Tomlinson.

### ELEMENTARY

### Fifth Grade "A"

Kristi Alves, Nancy Click, Mary Fariello, Maria Moreno, Stacy Seymore, Yvonne Swinney, and David Wilkerson.

### "A-B"

Rene Aiken, Susan Allgaier, Loyce Baker, Roberta Duran, Brad Elliott, Christine Franklin, Larry Hines, Janice Jacobs, Paul Kannel, Sharryn Lucky, O. C. McKeenan, Connie Page, and Deborah Williams.

### Sixth Grade "A"

Lisa Allen, Manuel Beira, Mark Bland, Christi Brady, Judy Castile, Kelly Knight, Bart Pursley, Bill Walters.

### "A-B"

Sheila Adair, Kay Amerine, Vickie Campbell, Tammy Davis, Cindy Doan, Todd Gregory, Alane McGee, Ann Melton, and Louise Sellers.

### Seventh Grade "A"

Shannon Bagby, Billie Blanscet, and Wendy Hogan.

### "A-B"

Jeanessa Cypert, Jodie Jinkens, Chirre Kraatz, Kim Masburn, Karen Pack, Diana Saldona, Marissa Sandusky, Tomie Santee, Lisa Shugart, John Townsend, Brad Wade, and Dion Wilkerson.

### Eighth Grade "A"

Pam Crenshaw, Lesa Hart, Gay Pfister, and Carla Rister.

### "A-B"

Kathryn Irvin, Kelly Magee, Diane Roberts, Grant Sandusky, Sheila Sloan, Cindy Smith and Janice South.

## 'GORILLA GRAFFITI'

By Mrs. Dean King



Congratulations to the Band Booster Club of Trent for making possible a trip to Six Flags for the 43 bandmen in the Bold Gold band. Through their tireless efforts, and their unselfish giving of themselves to fund-raising projects the students will be going to Six Flags this year. Mrs. Eulan Hatfield has capably served as President of Trent Band Boosters this year and at their meeting on Feb. 18, there was the best crowd yet. Business was attended to and it was decided that no further projects will be necessary, with the exception of the Spring Band Concert. Mrs. Marty Findley is band director and will accompany the band on the trip, along with a couple of other sponsors. The band trip will be Saturday, April 12.

Other band activities of interest include: March 2 - Solo and Ensemble Contest at Hardin-Simmons University; April 7 - Spring Concert; and April 15 - Concert and Sight Reading Contest at Cooper High School in Abilene.

Our sympathy is extended to Tom and John Stevens upon the loss of their grandfather, Tom Taylor of Hamlin.

Trent Schools will be out for Spring Break in three weeks and one day. School will dismiss Friday afternoon, March 21 and everyone will enjoy a week of "Getting away from it all." The teachers will observe an in-service day on March 31, with the students returning on April Fool's Day.....

Last Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights, our basketball coach Roy Neff saw what it looked like "from the other side of the fence"..... as he and two brothers Alan and Johnny and two cousins, Wendell and Jimmy - all Neffs - entered their team in the Spur VFW Basketball Tournament. Not only entered - but Neff and Company won the tournament by defeating A. Arment, Petersburg, and Lubbock re-

spectively. Since that area is my old stomping ground, I've known for a long time that the Neffs, who hail from McAdoo, are notorious for their basketball prowess. So we have a coach who can not only say "do as I say" - but "do as I do."

On Wednesday night, April 2, at 7:30 p.m., there will be "An Evening With U.I.L. Contestants", in the gymnasium. An entertaining program is planned in which you will meet the contestants of the literary events and watch them perform. The U.I.L. One-Act Play will also be presented. Admission will be \$1.00 for adults and 50¢ for students.

Our congratulations to Mrs. Cheryl Kincaid upon two recent honors: she has been nominated and accepted into the 1st international publication of Outstanding Educator of Exceptional Children; as well as being named Outstanding Educator of America. It couldn't happen to a more deserving person and we are all quite proud of Mrs. Kincaid. Her concern for and dedication to the children and to helping them get the most from their education is apparent to all who have been associated with her in any way.

From the size of the crowd last Friday night at the Dean Kings, I don't believe that very many missed the fun shower-party for two fun people, Jo Lackey and Bill Mize - but if any missed it because they thought that showers aren't much fun, then they'd have been in for a surprise at this one. Some came and went; but most of them came and stayed and we all had such a good time visiting,

drinking coffee, and wishing Jo and Bill only the very best. And it wasn't just a "hen" party - for the men came with their wives.....and we were glad for it and just love everyone of you for taking part. They received many lovely gifts.....among which was a rocker - and everyone took advantage of it and took turns breaking it in, before Jose and Bill took it away.

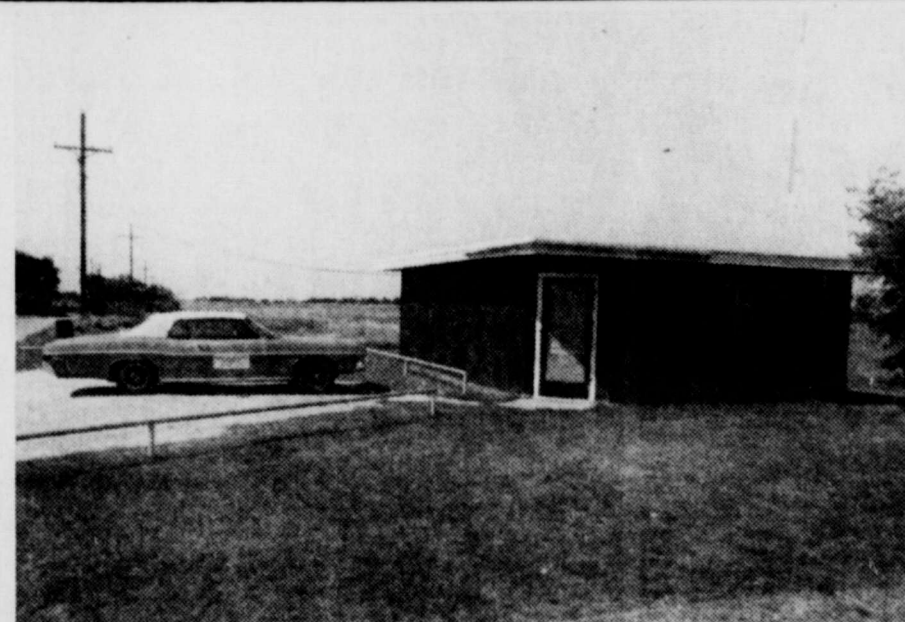
The Jr. High Cheerleaders threw a party Saturday night for their bunch, sponsored by Miss Martha Bever, Coach Bob Campbell, and Coach and Mrs. Bruce Thomas. It was a dress-up affair and most all of the Jr. High students were there. Movies were shown, games were played, and there were lots of good things to eat.

Next Monday and Tuesday will be U.I.L. eliminations, so the students involved will be focusing their attention on literary things this week.

All who are interested in Vocational Adult Education (typing and welding), please attend the meeting at 7:00 p.m., on Monday night, March 3 at the Trent High School Library, during which time time schedules will be set up. The card read "We Hate to say Goodbye" - and that's the way we feel about our friend and co-worker at the Trent Schools, Elton Stary, and his family, who will be leaving us this week. But we do wish them much success and happiness in their new home, Lamesa. Elton will be associated with a finance company there. He was presented with a love gift from the Trent School employees Friday. We'll miss you, Stary, and hope you don't forget your way back to Trent.

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**Farm-facts**  
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A record wheat harvest for 1975? No one knows yet, but the stage is set for what could be the third consecutive record wheat harvest. Winter wheat producers have expanded plantings by six per cent. In Texas, wheat on the High and Low Plains has made little growth due to cold weather.

Slow growth caused short grazing conditions. However, gains during the first 60 days of the grazing period have been good. Green bug problems are developing.

Nationwide, the 1975 wheat crop could reach more than two billion bushels. Wheat harvest will begin in Texas in May.

In order to give Texas wheat producers more information, the Texas Crop and Livestock Reporting Service will issue a Texas winter wheat forecast on April 9.

Only estimated production for Texas will be published at that time. The early Texas wheat estimate will be included in the April Texas Crop Report. If you want a copy of it, write to the Texas Crop and Livestock Reporting Service, Box 70, Austin, Texas 78767.

**WHILE** some farmers are still making 1975 cropping plans, other producers in Texas are busy with planting chores. And while cotton harvesting operations are winding up on the High Plains, farmers in the Rio Grande Valley are planting cotton.

Primarily because of weather, only a small per cent of the cotton crop has been planted to date in the Valley. Estimates are that less than five per cent of the 1975 crop has been put in the ground. Projections that at least a 50 per cent reduction in cotton acres in that area continues to be valid.

Meanwhile, South Texas farmers are planting sorghum and producers in Central Texas are "chomping at the bit" to get started, too. Many areas of the state are still too wet to work for spring crops.

Farmers - as well as city dwellers - are also making big plans for home gardens this year throughout the state.

**HARVEST** of oranges in the Rio Grande Valley is approaching the final stages. Based on Feb. 1 conditions, the 1974-75 Texas citrus crop is forecast at 12.9 million boxes; this is down 25 per cent from the previous season. Overall, grapefruit harvest is down 27 per cent from last year.

And while citrus harvest is nearing its end, cotton planting is in progress in the Valley. Indications there still point to a 50 per cent reduction in acreage compared to last year. One of the reasons for this is that about two-thirds of the 1974 cotton crop in Texas is still unsold.

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NHS MEMBERS - New members inducted into the National Honor Society are, standing, left to right, Kathy Hendricks, Mike McGee, Netta Stepien, Jim Wharton, Jerry Kay Smith, Kathryn Murrell and Christi Boone. Kneeling, left to right, Rhonda White and Carolyn Davis. (Staff Photo)

### Trent Trustee Election April 5

### National Honor Society Inducts 5 New Members

Elections for the Trent Board of Education will be April 5, 1975, at the City Hall. There are two places to be filled, with three persons having filed at present. Billy Wayne Hamner, Frank Brnovak, and Borden Perkins. Present board members whose terms expire are Billy Wayne Hamner, Vice-President of the Board, and Frank Brnovak. Election judge will be Lonnie Halbrook, with Lettie Hamner and Patsy O'Kelly serving as deputies. Absentee Clerk is Clayton Brazelton.

The National Honor Society had its mid year induction services on Feb. 5. Nine new members were inducted into the society. The four qualifications for membership are based on leadership, scholarship, character and service. The new inductees are Jerre Kay Smith, Netta Stepien, Carolyn Davis, Mike Magee, Christi Boone, Kathy Hendricks, Kathryn Murrell, Jim Wharton, and Rhonda White. Reception for the new members was held at the home of Lisa Gregory. Those attending were the following:

Mrs. Don Dudley, Mrs. Hugh Baker, Mrs. Puth Windsor, Mrs. Max Murrell, Mrs. C.D. Davis, Mrs. Stephan, Mrs. Gilmore, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Booth, Mrs. Boone, Mr. and Mrs. Wharton, Mrs. Shanks and Mrs. Darla Mason. Two new transfer members were recognized. They were Cindy Elliot from Rosebud, Texas and Tammy Booth from Elson AFB, Alaska.

## Beef Producer Spokesman Raps Butz

"Agriculture Secretary Earl Butz and his trained parrots are trying to make scapegoats out of the part-time ranchers of this nation," says R. L. Moore, President of the Independent Beef Producers of America. Secretary Butz told a group of cattlemen in Dallas, Texas, "Weekend ranchers, out to get rich quick, have made it very hard for the legitimate cattlemen to operate." Dr. Ed Uvacek of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, one of Butz's trained followers, repeated the same in a recent news release. They gave the impression that a great part of the cattlemen's troubles stemmed from the part time or weekend ranchers and they implied that it would be better if they were out of business. "I feel the part-time cattlemen is an important and consequential part of our industry. The only way a young man can go into the cow-calf business and make a success is to have an outside job," Moore stated.

In 1973, Secretary Butz and company were singing the praises of the cattlemen and advising them to produce more because there was going to be a world meat shortage in 1975. They have now changed their tune and the part-time rancher will be made the scapegoat for our over supply if Butz and company get by with their allegations. Butz and those who echo his words continue to try to convince the cattlemen and the consumers that imports are minimal and only used in manufactured products and that the imported meats don't compete with our beef. Today, foreign, boneless beef is being quoted at \$1.59 per pound

through out our land. This is the price with which our cow meat must compete. Butz said, "We will eat our way out of the situation." "I don't see our eating our way out of it as long as the government allows more imports in 1975 than they did in 1974. In a recent letter from a cattlemen in Australia and I quote in part, 'Cattle prices are very low. Last week young, plain steers sold for 2¢ a kilo liveweight (that is less than 1¢ per pound) if the season turns dry, cattle will have no value.' I don't see these foreign countries curtailing their exports

to us unless we establish new quotas," said R. L. Moore.

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### Large Mouth Bass Still Most Popular in Texas

AUSTIN - For all the exotic fish stocked in Texas lakes by the Parks and Wildlife Department, the largemouth bass probably remains the top game fish for most freshwater anglers.

And yet, how many bass anglers know the first thing about their quarry?

Largemouth, spotted and smallmouth bass actually are sunfish and belong to the scientific family Centrarchidae. Bream and crappie are of the same family.

By several physical variations: all black basses have a double-lobed dorsal (top) fin. Smallmouth and spotted bass have a membrane connecting the two lobes but the largemouth lacks the membrane.

The jaw of a largemouth extends to or beyond the rear of the eye when its mouth is closed.

The color and pattern of bass may vary from both the genetic background and the turbidity of the water. Bass taken from very turbid lakes will be light in color with indistinct spots on the sides.

Largemouths are historically slough or bayou fish but have adapted to some extent to the lakes and reservoirs of Texas.

The preferred water temperature is from 60 to 80 degrees Fahrenheit. Below 41 degrees, bass stop feeding and consequently their growth stops. Extended periods of temperatures above 90 degrees are lethal to bass.

Lakes with temperatures in the 70-degree range and with moderate turbidity stimulate the rapid growth of bass if abundant food also is available. Lack of proper temperature or adequate food supply will slow the growth rate of all black basses.

In colder, northern lakes, largemouth bass may live to be 16 years old.

The average age of largemouths in warmer water is five to 10 years. There is some indication that the female bass not only grows larger than the male, but, like humans, she outlives the male.

Depending on the part of the state, spawning begins from February to May, when the surface water temperature reaches 80 degrees, and may continue throughout the summer in some parts of Texas.

Texas largemouth bass can spawn at one year of age and a female can produce from 2,000 to 100,000 eggs depending on her size and age. Fry are guarded by the male for several days but fall prey to insects and other fishes. Fewer than one per

cent of all fry hatched live longer than a year.

These young bass fry and fingerlings eat microscopic plankton and small insect larvae until they reach a length of 2 1/2 to three inches. At this length they turn to a diet of fish. Adults feed on threadfin and gizzard shad and other members of the sunfish family.

During the spawn is one of the ideal times to fish for bass. While guarding his nest, the male fish will attack fish or lures which come too close to his small charges. This is more of an instinctive move rather than a feeding action since the male does not seem to feed while tending the nest.

Female bass will resume foraging soon after laying their eggs.

A male taken from the nest usually means that the eggs or fry are lost to predators. This does not seem to harm the overall bass population since more young fish from the remaining nests take their place. Reducing the number of adult bass in a given area increases the production of young bass.

Many of the young fish are devoured by their cannibalistic parents and other bass. Cannibalism is seasonal and reaches a peak in May-June after spring spawning.

For the most part, largemouth bass do not school and are generally solitary creatures. Under certain conditions such as favorable temperatures or abundance of food, black bass will congregate but rarely school. A concentration of forage fish during the day will often trigger this response in bass.

Forage fish disperse at night and bass do likewise. There are specific movement patterns of bass which are caused by feeding, spawning, escape and changes in water quality, water or habitat conditions.

Studies show that bass move through open water rather than along shorelines. They travel along submerged creek and river channels and prominent under-water irregularities.

Bass occupy deep water during the winter then move long distances to find suitable spawning habitat during the spring. After spawning, the fish will return to deeper water and follow routine patterns during the summer.

Bass weighing up to three pounds move about randomly. Their main concern is feeding and escape from larger bass. Larger species are more restricted and defined in their movements and require less food in relation to weight



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The Lambda Beta chapter of Beta Sigma Phi held their Valentine's Party at the Methodist Fellowship Hall on February 13, 1975.

Pot Luck Supper was served and enjoyed by sorority members and husbands and by guest Mr. and Mrs. Mike and Couch and Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Dubose. Mrs. Dubose is the chapter's Exemplar Advisor.

A presentation was given for Jo Moore, the Lambda Beta Valentine Sweetheart, by President Pat Castille and substitute social chairman Ginny Yaddow. Mrs. Moore was presented with her crown at this time.

The evening program of games and fun was presented by Ginny Yaddow.

In attendance: Mr. and Mrs. James Allday, Rosey Castille, J. H. Jr., Clark, Obie Coker, Craig Jones, Billy Lucas, Paul Moore, Billy Bob Neff, Phil Seymore, Mike Welch, Lee Yaddow, Ricky Elliott, Mike Couch and Bobby Dubose.

## LOOK WHO'S HERE!

Melissa Ayne Harris is proud to announce the birth of her baby brother, Kristofor Joel, born Thursday, Feb. 20, 12:19 a.m. at Hendrick Memorial Hospital, Abilene.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Leo Harris, Kristofor weighed 8 lbs. 5 1/2 oz. and was 22 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Joe McCarthy of Pasadena. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Leo Harris of Merkel.

Maternal great-grandparents are Mrs. Rose Brown of Merkel and Mr. and Mrs. Dave McCarthy of Breckenridge.



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## MHS Graduate Purchases Baird Funeral Home

Godfrey Funeral Home in Baird has been sold to J.R. Morgan of Sweetwater and Larry Hargrove of Marfa, recently.

The sale was announced by Jimmy Godfrey, owner.

The Funeral Home has been named Godfrey - Mor-

gan-Hargrove Funeral Home and will be managed by Hargrove. Hargrove said that the funeral home will be remodeled, possibly this year.

Hargrove, a native of Abilene, graduated from Merkel High School, attended Cisco Junior College, and Sul Ross State University. He is the son of the late Horace Hargrove, who was assistant manager of Taylor Electric Co-op in Merkel and Mary Powell Hargrove.

While attending Sul Ross University, Hargrove worked part-time at the Geeslin Funeral Home in Houston, while attending a mortuary school there; only to have his studies interrupted by the draft, but he was not inducted, and taught school in Houston for the remainder of the year. He and his family then moved to Marfa where he taught school and coached for two years, all the time working part-time in the Kelley Funeral Home.

The fall of 1972 he attended the Dallas Institute of Mortuary Science and graduated there in 1973. Then went back to Kelley Funeral Home to serve his apprenticeship.

He is married to Karen Willis of Abilene, they have two children, Larry Hargrove Jr., and Amy Carol Hargrove. They are members of the First United Methodist Church in Marfa and will soon be joining in Baird.

## Business Women Plan Musical

A Fashion Musical, Wonderful World of Women, will be held at the Abilene Civic Center March 2, 1975 at 3 p.m. The fashion musical is being sponsored by the Key City Chapter of American Business Women Assn.

The purpose of the show is to raise money for scholarships. There will be door prizes and good entertainment.

Donations of \$2.50 per person will be charged for the Scholarship Fund. Tickets are available for purchase at the door or they will be on sale before March 2 at the Beauty Center in Abilene.

Helen Reneau is president of the Key City Chapter of American Business Women Assn. She is a former Merkelite.

## Hensley Elected WTCC Director

Mr. Don Hensley, President, Farmers and Merchants National Bank, Merkel, one of 17 new directors elected February 14 at the executive committee meeting of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce in Abilene.

He was elected for a three-year term.

The West Texas Chamber of Commerce is the largest regional chamber of commerce in the United States and serves a 132-county area of West Texas from El Paso to Fort Worth and Waco east and west, and from Dalhart to Del Rio north and south.

## Study Club News

Members and guests enjoyed a period of fellowship prior to the business meeting and program of the Fortnightly Study Club in the home of Mrs. Stanley Toombs, Tuesday, Feb. 26.

Mrs. S. C. Dixon, president presided for the business meeting. Mrs. Don Hart introduced Miss Roberta Watters, Taylor County Home Demonstration agent, who brought a very interesting talk on Home Building.

Members present were Mmes. S. C. Dixon, Don Hart, Dell Gregory, Johnny Hammond, Charles Knight, Andy

## Taylor County TSTA Chapter to Meet Feb. 27

Gene Stuckey, principal at Tye Elementary and president of the Taylor County Texas State Teachers Association has announced a meeting of the Taylor County teachers which will involve all the Merkel teachers on Thursday, February 27. The meeting will be held at the Abilene High Cafeteria at 6:30 p.m.

The program will be based around the question whether Texas teachers should join the TSTA organization with the National Education Association or remain independent.

The principal speaker will

be Johnny Clark, past president of TSTA and superintendent of Goose Creek ISD and Howard Pickle, Executive of Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association.

About one in 30 American Jews of Ashkenazi descent carries the trait for Tay-Sachs disease, compared to one in 300 non-Jews, according to the March of Dimes. Chances are that each child born to a pair of carriers has one chance in 4 of being afflicted, dying in early childhood of nervous system degeneration.

## Health Tips Texas Medical Association

Infectious mononucleosis—often called just "Mono"—is a widespread ailment that mostly affects teenagers and young adults and is often found among college students.

Mono is quite accurately called the "Kissing Disease", reports the Texas Medical Association. Physicians observed 20 years ago that the disease was spread primarily by prolonged, passionate kissing. A few cases seem to have been spread by the communal use of drinking utensils, and there have been sporadic cases following blood transfusions.

Despite legends to the con-

trary, mono is a benign disease. Among millions of cases, only a few rare fatalities have occurred. However, it is highly unpleasant, producing weakness, dizziness, fever, aching joints, swollen glands, skin rash, and mental depression.

Although mono is one of the nastiest diseases around, it never causes permanent damage and almost never produces prolonged convalescence. Most patients are back in perfect health within two or three weeks. There is neither prevention or cure available, and the mainstay of treatment continues to be rest, fluids and mild pain relievers.

Mono, a virus disease, is not easily communicable usually requiring close, intimate contact. One attack usually produces lifetime immunity. If there is a "recurrence" the illness most likely is something else.

Install your refrigerator away from the range or other heat sources. It is often found in the coolest spot in the kitchen, your refrigerator will run less often—and use less energy!

## Miss Softball of America League Organized Here

By DOROTHY TORRENCE

Thanks to concerned parents, the Tri-City League of Miss Softball of America (MSA) has finally got underway, BUT there is still room for more workers. The Tri-City community which includes Tye, Trent and Merkel at the present time is trying to raise the needed funds to promote the program.

The primary concern of MSA is to help prepare today's girls for active leadership roles as the citizens of tomorrow. It is felt that many in the community would like to help these girls prepare for the future, yet they feel they could not afford a full sponsorship. So we would like to provide the opportunity for each person in these areas to do their part for the girls.

As a new league several items are needed in the way of equipment. This equipment can be purchased at Abilene Athletic Supply House, by specifying that it is for M.S.A. A donation for an item can be made at the F&M National Bank, or by notifying Dorothy Torrence, president of the league at 928-5637. A booth will also be set up for a bake sale on March 8, 1975 and donations can be made at that time. Each person will receive special recognition for their part in the program.

We would appreciate anyone making a donation to do so by April 1, 1975, so that we can tell what additional equipment will be needed. And thank you in advance for your help.

Anyone wishing to help in any way can do so in any of the following ways:

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9. Mask 7.50

Our regular board meeting is Thursday, Feb. 27, 1975, at 7:00 p.m. at Max Murrell Chevrolet. Please meet with us and bring your suggestions.

Things for the Tri-City Ballpark is also beginning to take shape after months of work by that committee.

### Personal

Mr. and Mrs. Sylvian Melinger from Tyler were in Merkel Tuesday visiting old friends.

## Lambda Beta Members Attend Sweetheart Ball

The Sweetheart Ball was held at the Civic Center in Abilene on February 15, 1975. The Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi had in charge of decorating the Center for the Ball, which was done in greenery surrounding a beautiful white gazebo. The decorating committee for Lambda Beta were Pat Neff, chairman, Betty Allday, Judy

Elliott, and Ginny Yaddow. The theme "Girl of My Dreams" was carried out.

Lambda Beta's Valentine Sweetheart, Jo Moore, received her rose from last year's sweetheart, Glenda Teaff, during the presentation of all Beta Sigma Phi Sweethearts. Upsilon Upsilon chapter had in charge of the presentation.

The music for the evening of dancing was provided by "The Establishment".

In attendance: Mr. and Mrs. James Allday, Mr. and Mrs. Craig Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Bob Neff, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Teaff, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Yaddow, Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Elliott and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Willingham.

## Cub Scouts To Have Blue and Gold Banquet

The Cub Scouts are having their Blue and Gold Banquet on February 27th at 6:30 p.m. at the school cafeteria. It will be a "Pot Luck" Supper. Each family is asked to bring enough food, drink, paper plates, napkins, cups and silverware for their family.

At this meeting the parents will have to re-register their boys. The yearly fee is \$1.00. The "Boys Life" magazine is \$3.00 per year, and the weekly dues will be \$2.00 for 6 months.

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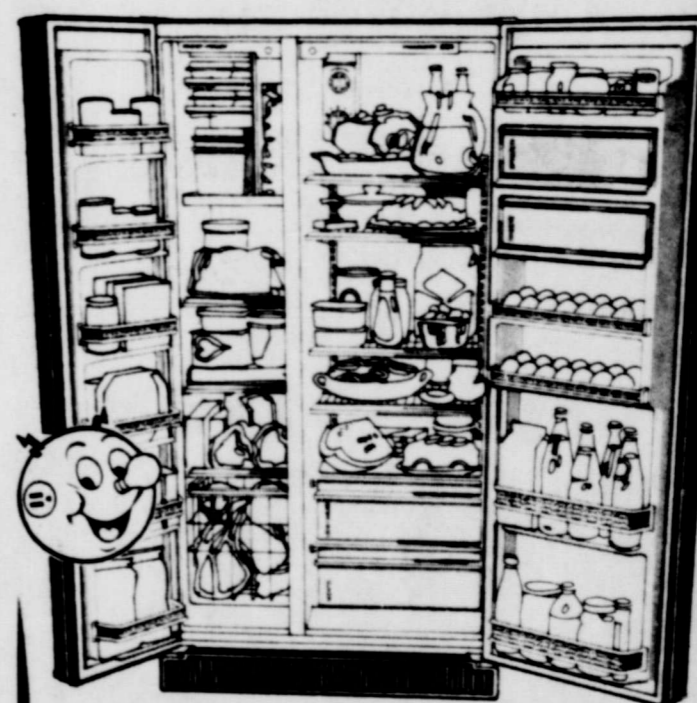
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20 CT. BOX **98¢**

GILLETTE TRACK 11  
BLADES  
9 CT. PKG. **\$1.79**

HUNT  
**PEACHES**  
2 1/2 CAN  
**2 FOR 79¢**  
WITH \$7.50 IN TRADE OR MORE  
EXCLUSIVE OF CIGARETTES

GRIFFIN  
**STRAWBERRY PRESERVES**  
18 OZ. GLASS **79¢**

DEL-MONTE  
**PEARS**  
HALVES CAN **43¢**

TANG  
**ORANGE**  
DRINK 27 OZ. **\$1.69**

DEL-MONTE  
**TOMATO**  
46 OZ. CAN **59¢**

VAN CAMP NO. 2  
**Pork & BEANS**  
2 FOR **79¢**

JOAN OF ARCH 303C.S.  
**Golden CORN**  
2 FOR **69¢**

CONTADINA 8 OZ.  
**TOMATO Sauce**  
2 FOR **29¢**

DEL-MONTE  
**PINEAPPLE JUICE**  
46 OZ. CAN **59¢**

ARMOURS  
**VIENNA SAUSAGE**  
2 FOR **63¢**

AUSTEX 300  
**TAMALES**  
2 FOR **69¢**

I.G. DAIRY FRESH  
**Homo MILK**  
GAL. JUG **\$1.43**  
NO DEPOSIT

I.G. DAIRY FRESH  
**ButterMILK**  
1/2 GAL. CRTN. **65¢**

**FROZEN FOODS**  
**STRAWBERRIES**  
TROPY 10 OZ. PKG. **29¢**

SEA PACK  
**PERCH FILLET FISH** LB. **98¢**  
PATIO MEXICAN DINNERS ASSORTED **53¢**  
LIBBYS 24 OZ. Peas & Carrots BAG **59¢**

KEEBLER  
**VANILLA WAFERS** 12 OZ. BOX **55¢**

PETER PAN  
**PEANUT BUTTER**  
18 OZ. JAR **89¢**

GRIFFIN SALAD DRESSING or SANDWICH SPREAD  
QT. JAR **89¢**

KRAFT  
**CHEEZ WHIZ** 16 OZ. JAR **99¢**

**SHORTENING** SWIFT 42 OZ. CAN **1.39** (1 LIMIT)

**LIMA BEANS** CASSEROLE Large 2 LB. BAG **59¢**

**CHARMIN** TISSUE (1 LIMIT) 4 ROLL PACK **65¢**

**TIDE** (1 LIMIT) KING SIZE BOX **1.59**

**Homo 2MILK** I.G. DAIRY FRESH GAL. JUG **1.33** NO DEPOSIT

**save 50¢**  
CLIP COUPON AND SAVE

CARSON COUPON  
**SAVE 50¢**  
WITH THIS COUPON WHEN YOU BUY A 2 LB. CAN OF MAXWELL HOUSE COFFEE AT CARSON. 2 LB. CAN ONLY **1.73** WITH COUPON. OFFER EXPIRES MAR. 28th

CARSON COUPON  
**save 50¢**  
WITH THIS COUPON WHEN YOU BUY A 10 OZ. JAR OF INSTANT MAXWELL HOUSE COFFEE AT CARSON. 10 OZ. JAR ONLY **1.79** WITH COUPON. ONE COUPON PER PURCHASE. OFFER EXPIRES MAR. 28th

**FRESH BOSTON PORK BUTT**  
Deliciously Different  
POUND **79¢**

BAKERS CHOCOLATE FLAVOR  
**CHIPS** 12 OZ. BAG **79¢**

KRAFTS **CHEESE** SINGLE SLICED 6 OZ. **45¢**

COUNTRY FRESH **EGGS** MIXED DOZEN **53¢**

**CHEER** FAMILY SIZE **\$3.23** (1 LIMIT)

LIQUID **PALMOLIVE** GT. SIZE **69¢**

PILLSBURY BUTTERMILK **BISCUITS** 4 PACK CTN. **59¢**

**LETTUCE** FRESH FIRM HEADS POUND **19¢**

**BACON** DECKERS 12 OZ. PKG. **89¢**

**SAUSAGE** DECKER 2 LB. BAG **\$1.69**

**FRYERS** FRESH CUT-UP LB. 55¢ GRADE A WHOLE LB. **45¢**

**STEAK** BABY BEEF CLUB LB. **93¢**

**ROAST** BABY BEEF ARM or ENGLISH LB. **85¢**

CARMENS BEEF **BURRITOS** 4 PACK CTN. **79¢** DECKERS ALL MEAT **FRANKS** 12 OZ. PKG. **63¢**

ARM & HAMMER **OVEN CLEANER** 9 OZ. CAN **63¢**

KIMBIES **OVERNITE DIAPERS** 12 CT. BOX **98¢**

DELICIOUS **RED APPLE** LB. **29¢**

FRESH **TOMATOES** LB. **43¢**

TEXAS **ORANGES** 5 LB. BAG **59¢**

FRESH **CABBAGE** LB. **9¢**

RUSSET **SPUDS** 10 LB. BAG **69¢**

WE WELCOME **FOOD STAMPS**  
SHOP AND SAVE

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

**CARSON'S SUPER MARKET**  
MERKEL, TEXAS  
FREE DELIVERY MON. WED. FRI.  
9 AM - 10 PM