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Between you

and me

By SARAH ECKOLS



Over the past several years there has been a lot of attention given to the words obscene and obscenity. Next on the list of over used words in the past few years and along the same lines is pornography.

According to Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary, obscene means foul or disgusting; lewd. Lewd is defined as ignorant or wicked; worthless. Pornography, on the other hand is defined as obscene writing or painting.

In plain old English then, what is obscene and what is pornography? The way I read Mr. Webster's book, anything that is disgusting, ignorant, foul, wicked or worthless must be obscene. That is, anything that is disgusting, ignorant, foul, wicked or worthless to me, I think this is where we have been missing the boat. What is worthless to me or disgusting to me is not necessarily the same to you just as what is valuable and beautiful to me is perhaps unimportant to you.

Point and case? I must contend, that as adults, which means as the law has determined, any individual of 18 years or older, each of us has the right to determine what is obscene to us.

Recently I had the opportunity to see the movie "Jaws." I had heard that it was well worth the money and time I would spend. I managed to stomach about half of the movie and left very disgusted and thought the movie to be both foul and worthless. Conclusion? To me the movie was obscene. To those who had given me references to go see the movie it was definitely not obscene, but a movie with a valuable message.

Too often the word obscene is confused with the word sex. And also too often, the word sex denotes bad, evil, foul, filthy and vulgar. Instead of natural, healthy, beautiful and essential to a well adjusted adult life.

By now some of my readers have probably put the paper down or gone on to other articles, but for those of you who are still with me let me go on.

Conclusion? Why can't we as adults allow other adults to read, see, and hear what they like. Must I watch over John and Mary Doe to see that they are doing what I think is the thing to do? No indeed. Nor is it the business of John and Mary to watch what I am doing and judge me by their standards. In a nutshell, live your own life and mind your own business and let your neighbors do the same.

You are not in this world to live up to my expectations, and I am not in this world to live up to yours.

You are you,
And I am I,
And if we both should meet,
Then it is beautiful.

by Perils
Myself

I want to live with myself, and so
I want to be fit for myself to know;
I want to be able as the days go by
Always to look myself straight in the eye.
I don't want to stand with the setting sun
And hate myself for the things I've done.
I don't want to keep on the closet shelf,
A lot of secrets about myself.
And fool myself as I come and go
Into thinking nobody else will know
The kind of person I really am.
I don't want to cover myself with sham.
I want to go out with my head erect,
I want to be able to like myself.
For I never can hide myself from me;
I see what others can never see.
I know what others can never know,
No matter what happens, I want to be
Self-respecting and conscience free.

The Merkel Mail Staff wishes to each of you a safe and enjoyable Labor Day weekend. We will close our office Monday. Drive safely and don't become one of the 42 persons expected to die in traffic accidents over the holiday.

Local Church To Sponsor Bus To Graham Crusade

The First Baptist Church of Merkel is sponsoring a bus trip to Lubbock, Texas on September 4, for the purpose of attending the Billy Graham Crusade service, pastor Kenneth F. Jones has announced. Members of the church have been given the opportunity to reserve seats for the trip, and thus far, some 45 persons have signed up to make the trip, Jones said.

The Billy Graham Crusade is scheduled to be held in Jones Stadium on the Texas Tech University Campus, during the week of August 31 through September 6, with services nightly at 7:30 o'clock. The bus chartered by First Baptist Church will leave from the church building at about 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 4, and will travel directly to Jones Stadium in Lubbock. It is expected that the bus will return to Merkel at about midnight of the same date.

Labor Day

Monday will be a legal holiday and one observed by all merchants, the bank, and the post office in Merkel, it was announced by the Merkel Chamber of Commerce. Labor Day is one of the five legal holidays set up and observed by the local Chamber of Commerce.

"We are most grateful for the response of our own people toward the opportunity of being in a Billy Graham Crusade service," Jones said. "We have agreed that if a second bus is needed for this trip, we will use it, and arrangements have already been made in case a second bus is necessary. We would also invite others in our community to consider making this trip with us, and we are pretty certain that seats will be available," Jones continued.

"We invite interested persons to call us for further information, and to make reservations for a seat. The cost for the trip isn't much, and most anybody can afford it. Our church office is open during the morning hours and the number is 928-5351. My personal phone number is 928-5361," Jones concluded.

Mail Publisher Moves Up At Reporter-News

Steve Lanham, owner-publisher of The Merkel Mail, has been appointed to the position of production manager of the Abilene Reporter-News. It was announced recently by D. F. McCarty, vice president and general

VFW Membership Drive-Barbecue

A combination membership drive and family Barbecue was hosted by the Merkel VFW in July. There were one hundred thirty-five attending. The cooking and preparation began at 4:30 a.m. Members of the ladies auxiliary brought salads and beans as is the custom of the post and all left over food was taken to the Starr Nursing Home in Merkel.

The meeting held August 14 was well attended. The VFW Ladies Auxiliary received three outstanding awards. A special award for the Voice of Democracy Program sponsored by the post was won by Tammy Booth, daughter of Lt. Col. and Mrs. William Booth of Merkel. Miss Booth had received her bonds and plaque at an assembly at Merkel High School this spring. An award for 100% membership for 1974 was announced to the Ladies Auxiliary and also a Youth activity award.

The Ladies Auxiliary has a project for each month of the year. August is Nursing Home Month. Cupcakes, cakes and cookies were taken to the Starr Nursing Home August 18. Next month the project will be for the Big Spring Veterans Hospital. Lap robes for the wheel chair patients are being made from red, white and blue scraps donated for the project by Gleen Manufacturing Co. of Merkel.

Meetings of the Merkel VFW Post are held every second Thursday of each month at 8:30 p.m.

manager of the Reporter-News.

Lanham, 37, replaces James Correu who has accepted a position with Inland Newspaper Machinery Corp. in Kansas City, Mo.

McCarty stated, "We are fortunate to have Steve Lanham who has been with us for 18 years. He is knowledgeable in all the new technology which we have installed over the past several years."

As production manager Lanham is responsible for a staff of 100 people who put the paper together through means of the new cold type production. The Reporter-News went to the cold type method beginning in January of this year and have just completed the transition from hot metal with the classified section.

Steve is a native of Cisco where he graduated from high school and Cisco Junior College. He began working for the Cisco Press while he was in high school. He is a Navy veteran. Employed by the Reporter-News in 1957, Steve became night form in 1961. He was named production coordinator in 1970, composing room superintendent in 1971 and assistant production superintendent in January of 1975.

Lanham and Cecil Plyler purchased the Merkel Mail approximately two years ago and Lanham bought his partner's interest in July of this year.

Lanham is the son of Mrs. Winona Lanham of Clyde and the late Herman Lanham. He is married to the former Kaye Linsley of Aspermont. Mr. and Mrs. Lanham have two children, Wayne 11, and Melanie 6.

Boosters To Meet

The Merkel Booster Club will meet Tuesday evening September 2, at 7:30 at Badger Field House.

Merkel will scrimmage Cross Plains here Saturday night it was announced early this week.

Longtime Superintendent Mack Fisher Tenders Resignation Effective June 30, 1976

During a called meeting of the Merkel School Board on Monday evening, August 25,

Superintendent Mack Fisher submitted his resignation as school superintendent effective June 30, 1976. Fisher stated that he is submitting his resignation at this time in order to give the school board ample time to find a replacement.

Mr. Fisher, an east Texas native came to Merkel as Superintendent of the Merkel Independent School District in 1949. He was previously a business teacher, principal in Lee and Mitchell Counties, superintendent in Longview for 13 years and taught accounting and shorthand at Killgore College in addition to his work at public schools.

Fisher received his bachelor's degree from East Texas State and his master's degree from the University of Texas in Austin. He has also done extensive post graduate study at the University of Texas.

Principal of Merkel High School, Travis Davis commented on Mr. Fisher's resignation. "A great loss to any district to lose a man of this caliber. He is one of the finest men to work for and with that one could hope for. He is loved and respected by all who know him."

Fisher and his wife, Linnie have lived and been loved by the people of Merkel for the past 26 years. That love for them will continue.

"My tenure in the Merkel schools has been a rewarding experience," Fisher stated. "I have appreciated the cooperation given me by the school boards, citizens of the community, school personnel and students during my tenure as superintendent. I shall always be interested in the future of the Merkel schools."



MACK FISHER
...to retire

Mary Jinkens, Long Time Resident Dies From Gunshot Wound

Mrs. Mary Jinkens, a private music teacher here the past 51 years, was pronounced dead in the hallway of her home about 2:15 p.m. Saturday, by Justice of the Peace Lewis L. Millett of Merkel.

Merkel police arrived soon after the shooting. Millett

said the woman called police shortly before the shooting. Police found no indication anyone else was near at the time of the shooting. Millett said.

Services were at 3:30 p.m. Sunday at Starbuck Funeral Home Chapel.

The Rev. Kenneth Jones, minister of First Baptist Church, officiated. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery. Born Nov. 5, 1908, in Moran, she married Fred C. Jinkens in 1938 in Merkel. He died in 1955.

During the depression, she headed a government program sponsoring music activities.

She worked for the Abilene State School from 1960 to 1971, when she retired. She was a member of First Baptist Church.

Survivors include a son, Jimmy Ray of Merkel; three brothers, S. A. Pence of Seminole, Will of Anson and Luther of Sweetwater; a sister, Mrs. Minnie Farr of Merkel and two grandchildren.

Judge Millett ruled the death to be from a self-inflicted gunshot wound at an inquest held Sunday afternoon.

Miss Button Received Degree From ASU

Patsy Ann Button of Merkel was one of 233 students receiving degrees from Angelo State University during the University's summer commencement program, August 20.

Miss Button received an Associate of Science in Nursing degree. Featured speaker for the University's summer commencement was Senator W. E. "Pete" Snelson of Midland. The West Texas lawmaker represents the state's 25th district.

Snelson challenged the graduates to, "look at our system with a truly open mind. . . that will seek and recognize that which tends to cripple or destroy our system's structure."



INJURES THREE-This 1971 Toyota driven by Carla Sue Ellison and a 1975 Chevrolet pickup driven by T. G. Hull were involved in an accident which sent three persons to Hendrick Memorial Hospital Monday morning. Mr. Hull and Mrs. Ellison's three year old son were treated and released, but Mrs. Ellison remains in an intensive care unit in the hospital. The child and his mother were both thrown against the windshield of the car.

Local Crash Sends Woman To Hospital

Carla Sue Ellison, 21 of Merkel was taken to Hendrick Memorial Hospital following a two car collision in Merkel Monday morning.

The head on crash occurred at 9:20 a.m. Monday when the young woman was turning west onto Taylor Street off of North 2nd. She was driving a 1971 Toyota which hit a 1975 Chevrolet pickup

driven by T. G. Hull also of Merkel. Mr. Hull received slight injuries to his left arm.

An ambulance from Abilene was summoned to the scene of the accident which inflicted undetermined internal injuries and facial lacerations to the Ellison woman and facial lacerations to her 3 year old son when he was

thrown against the windshield of the vehicle driven by his mother. The child was treated and released, however Carla Sue remained in an intensive care unit of the hospital. Her condition was unreported at the time of this writing.

Investigation is continuing and no citations have been issued, according to investigating officer, Paul Crouse.

Mrs. Tindall Named Manager Of Rag Doll In B. Springs

Marilyn Tindall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Latimer of Rt. 3, Merkel, has accepted the position of store manager for the new

Grigsby's Rag Doll location in Big Spring.

The store, first of the chain in Big Spring, but 5th of the chain itself, is located at 2000 S. Gregg. It features fashions for the young-minded, including shoes, dresses, sportswear, accessories and gifts.

Mrs. Tindall is the wife of Sergeant Jim Tindall, who is currently stationed in Thailand with the U. S. Air Force.

Mrs. Tindall was formerly with the Grigsby's Rag Doll in Abilene. Formal opening of the new store was held August 21 with a style show.

Best Receives Degree From ACC

Tommy Best, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carol Best of Merkel received his bachelor's degree in commencement exercises at Abilene Christian College Friday, August 15. A total of 157 undergraduate and 47 graduate students were candidates for degrees.

Dr. Overton Fabus, professor and head of the department of business administration at ACC was commencement speaker.

Add degree candidates were honored Friday, August 15, at the Senior Luncheon in the East Dining Room of ACC's McGlothlin Campus Center.

Farmers Union To Meet

The Merkel Farmers Union will meet Tuesday night, September 2, at 8 p.m. in the Taylor County Electric Cooperative Building.

The state president of the Farmers Union is expected to attend this meeting and all members are urged to come.

Mrs. Bryant Retains Womanly Art Of Quilting

The gentle and womanly art of quilting just might be number one in popularity in the current revival of interest in handicrafts, and Mrs. Jo Bryant, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Brown of Merkel and a current resident of Albuquerque, New Mexico is doing her share to give the once dormant handicraft a boost.

"When my aunts got married my grandmother made them each a quilt. She did quilting all her life, until she

died at 85. Each new child got a quilt, and we got one when we graduated from high school, or maybe for no special occasion." Said Jo who might be better remembered in Merkel as Tokie.

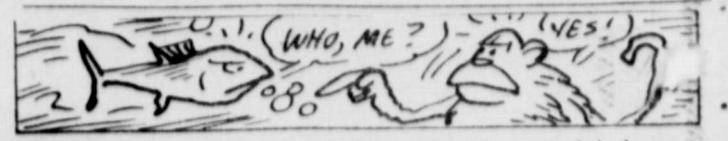
"I think more quilts are made for children than for any other reason. No child should grow up without one," she said. It was when her own children, Robert 11, and Bonnie 8, were small that her interest in quilting was awakened.

Mrs. Bryant expressed that she feels the American women gave up a great social event when they gave up their quilting bees.

Local PTO Held Meeting

The Merkel Parent Teacher Organization officers held an organizational meeting Thursday night, August 21, in the home of President, Wyman Wilkerson. Plans were made for the coming school year and projects were discussed. The first PTA meeting of the school year will be held in the high school auditorium on Monday night September 8, at 7:30. Everyone is urged to be present and to help plan for the new school year.

Jo, who was a journalism major at the University of Texas, has sold articles to Quilter's Newsletter magazine, which has a circulation of 50,000. She was a stewardess for American Airlines, and taught at the training school in Dallas before her marriage to Co. Bryant, an electrical engineer who is director of the electronics division of the Air Force's test and evaluation facility at Kirtland Air Force Base in Albuquerque.



Man - A somewhat altered fish, a slightly remodeled ape.



MRS. DAVID ROBERT McFALL
... Formerly Miss Moore

Lisa Moore Is Bride Of David McFall

Lisa Gwen Moore became the bride of David Robert McFall Saturday evening, August 23, at 8:00 p.m. in the Tye Baptist Church. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Moore of Abilene and the granddaughter of Mrs. Aubrey Moore of Tye. The groom is the son of Mrs. Inez P. McFall and the late Rex L. McFall.

Reverend Leonard Payne performed the double ring ceremony.

Music was provided by organist Nancy Ellen Moore of Tye. Soloists were Beverly Meads of Abilene and Paula Address of Snyder. Vocals were: "Where Thou Goest" before the wedding, "The Wedding Song" during the wedding, and "The Wedding Prayer" at the close of the ceremony.

The altar was decorated with gold pyramid candelabra and flanked with spiral candelabra. The candles were in shades of pastels and ferns graced the candelabra. Tonya Moore of Merkel and Clara Wallace of Abilene were candle lighters. They both wore floor length dresses in shades of blue and green and had wristlets with pastel ribbons and spring flowers.

Maid of Honor was Karla Moore, sister of the bride, Matron of Honor was Mrs. Bob Pollan of Eula. Bridesmaids were Liz Corley of Tye, Suzanne Maniss of Abilene, and Denice Gregory of Arlington. They were attired in floor length dresses of rainbow colored eyelet in princess style with puffed

sleeves and sweetheart necklines. They carried white baskets of pastel colored carnations and palm daisies. Julie Payne of Tye was the flower girl. She was attired in a floor length dress identical to the maid of honor and carried a white basket with rose petals.

Best man was Mike Teaff of Tye. Groomsmen were Rex E. McFall of Houston and Phil McFall of Waco, both brothers of the groom; John McConnell of Denver, Colorado; and Bob Pollan of Eula. They were attired in black tuxedos with shirts matching the pastel colors of the bride's attendant's dresses. Boutonnieres matched their shirts.

Ushers were Shawn Moore and Maury Moore both of Merkel. They were attired in black tuxedos with orchid shirts and boutonnieres. Dusty Moore of Tye was the ring bearer. He wore a tuxedo matching that of the best man.

Charlotte Webb of Tye and Luann Campbell of Abilene presided at the guest register. Rice bags were distributed by Kim McConnell of Denver, Colorado.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a gown of white organza with Venice lace accenting the yoke and sleeves. The Venice lace was repeated on the chapel train with lace and pearl appliques on the skirt. The brides mother designed and made the brides gown. Her veil of illusion was held by a lace and pearl band with matching lace border. The

Tractors To Pull In Abilene

If you've never seen a Tractor Pulling Contest you'll never quite believe the folks who tell about it. . . they tell stories of a bunch of farmers on a built-up dirt track 30' wide and 300' long who cause as much excitement as a football game between two local teams. They say that an ordinary guy in work clothes can rev-up his IHC, Case, Deere or what have you and a few minutes later have you and the rest of the crowd standing on their feet cheering, jumping up and down, waving their arms, and loudly expressing their pleasure as their favorite tractor pulls the weighted weight-transfer sled down the track.

But it happens. Recently its been happening in towns across the southwest since the first big championship pull at Ft. Worth in 1972. This year, towns like Waco, Lamesa, Gainesville, Lubbock, San Angelo, La Grange, Vernon, Snyder, Petersburg, Durant and Elk City have had exciting pulls. The Abilene pull will be the second year in a row that they have had their implement dealers involved in this part of their Fair.

Tractor Pulls, of course, are the off shoots of horse and mule pulling contests. They were started in the Mid West soon after World War II and have now experienced tremendous growth nationwide. . .

Today's version calls for the contestant to hook up to a heavy, flat-bottomed sled and see how far he can pull it down the track. Weight is added to the sled, by means of a mechanical device, as the sled is moved down the track. This uniformly increases the weight on the sled as the tractor moves forward. According to Jerry Willis, of Grandview, a member of The Rules Advisory Committee of the Southwest Tractor Pullers Association, this puts no more strain on a tractor than it would have while pulling a heavy chisel in a hard wheat field. Of course, Willis adds, the tractor should be tuned and ready to do its best when it hooks onto the sled. Willis urged local farmers to become a part of this exciting sport by entering their tractors in the weight classes provided for them at the Abilene Pull. The pull will be held at the West Texas Fair Grounds on Saturday September 6, and Sunday September 7 starting at 4:30 p.m.

A reception followed the ceremony hosted by the bride's parents, in the church fellowship hall. The bride's chosen color of orchid was carried out in the table decorations. Members of the houseparty included Mrs. Jack Moore and Mrs. Paul Moore, both aunts of the bride from Tye; Mrs. Calvin Wade; Mrs. Bernell Teaff; Mrs. Johnny Teaff; Mrs. Bill Morgan; Mrs. Helen Greer.

Singing Scheduled At Trent Church

There will be a 5th. Sunday singing at the Trent Methodist Church August 31 at 2 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend. Bob Whitlock, is pastor of the Trent Methodist Church.

The living need charity more than the dead-Arnold

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Rest Stops For Labor Day

What are you planning on doing for the rest of your life? If your immediate future includes a Labor Day weekend highway trip, Texas Safety Association advises that a stop at one of the nearly 200 Texas Jaycee holiday rest stops may just provide you with the "rest of your life." It can be the pause that defeats driver problems like highway hypnosis, delayed reaction time, and traffic tedium.

For over 15 years, the Jaycees of Texas, in cooperation with the Royal Globe Insurance Companies and local merchants, have provided free coffee and refreshments to highway travelers on long holiday weekends. The campaign was originally begun as the Labor Day Rest Stop program, but with the shift of many major holidays to Mondays, the emphasis was expanded to all holiday weekends by many Jaycee chapters.

Response to the program has been gratifying, even though no real figure on accidents prevented or lives saved is available - because you can't count accidents that never happen!

The Texas Safety Association reminds you that a 15-minute break in a two-hour drive can be the difference between a safe arrival and an accident. Drop in at a Jaycee holiday rest stop this Labor Day - for the rest that can save your life! (And don't forget to say "thanks.")

Services Held For Mrs. Mills

Mrs. Jerry Sandel Mills, 58, of Trent, a former civil service employee died at 11:47 p.m. Monday August 18 in Baylor Medical Center in Dallas after a lengthy illness. Services were held at 2 p.m. Thursday in Sheffield Church of Christ.

Robert Broyles, Church of Christ minister from Amarillo, officiated. Burial was in Sheffield Cemetery, directed by Larry D. Sheppard Funeral Home of McCamey. Born Geraldine Sandel June 26, 1917, in Walker County, she married Wayne Mills September 8, 1944, in Pasadena. Mrs. Mills was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include her husband; two sons, Richard Wayne and Charles Markham, both of Trent; her father, Henry Sandel of McCamey; a sister, Mrs. Lantha Smith of McCamey; and a brother, Mitchell L. Sandel of Rosenberg.

SENIOR CITIZENS SCHEDULE EVENTS
1st Monday
of Month Singing
2nd Tuesday Noon
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Game Nights
Every Thursday & 4th Monday
4th Thur. Game
Night Reserved for Talented Amateurs.

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PLANNED EXPENDITURES		
(A) CATEGORIES	(B) CAPITAL	(C) OPERATING / MAINTENANCE
1 PUBLIC SAFETY	\$	\$
2 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	\$	\$
3 PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION	\$	\$
4 HEALTH	\$	\$
5 RECREATION	\$	\$
6 LIBRARIES	\$	\$
7 SOCIAL SERVICES FOR AGED OR POOR	\$	\$
8 FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION	\$	\$
9 MULTIPURPOSE AND GENERAL GOVT	\$ 1,220.00	
10 EDUCATION	\$	
11 SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT	\$	
12 HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	\$	
13 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	\$	
14 OTHER (Specify)	\$	
15 TOTALS	\$ 1,220.00	\$

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BOX 246
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Submit proposals for funding consideration by Sept. 10, 1975
to: Rudy Estrada
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at: (E) ASSURANCES (Refer to instruction E) I assure the Secretary of the Treasury that the non-discrimination and other statutory requirements listed in Part E of the instructions accompanying this report will be complied with by the recipient government with respect to the entitlement funds reported herein.

Rudy Estrada
Signature of Chief Executive Officer
Rudy Estrada Mayor 8-21-75
Name & Title - Please Print Date

Xi Nu Chi News

XI NU CHI chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met in the home of Mrs. Darla Mawson Saturday August 22 for an Opening Day Breakfast. Table decorations were red, white and blue containers with American flags carrying out the theme for this year "LET HERITAGE RING." President Darla Mawson conducted a short business meeting at which time all standing committees gave their reports. Mamie Steck, Year Book Chairman presented the red, white and blue year books to each member and then read the dedication. Jocille Brady, a dedicated Beta Sigma Phi. She has set herself apart as an outstanding example of a sorority sister. She has achieved 8 years of perfect attendance with only 2 absences in 11 years. With great affection and gratitude we dedicate this year book to you. . .

Members present for the breakfast were: Mrs. John Brady, Mrs. Alameda Bullock, Mrs. Bobby Dubose, Mrs. Peck Eager, Mrs. Bob Garner, Mrs. Robert Harris, Mrs. Barbara Hobbs, Mrs. Bobby Mansfield, Mrs. Darla Mawson, Mrs. Val Patterson, Mrs. J. T. Reeder, Mrs. George Starbuck, Mrs. Mamie Steck.

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THUR.-SAT.

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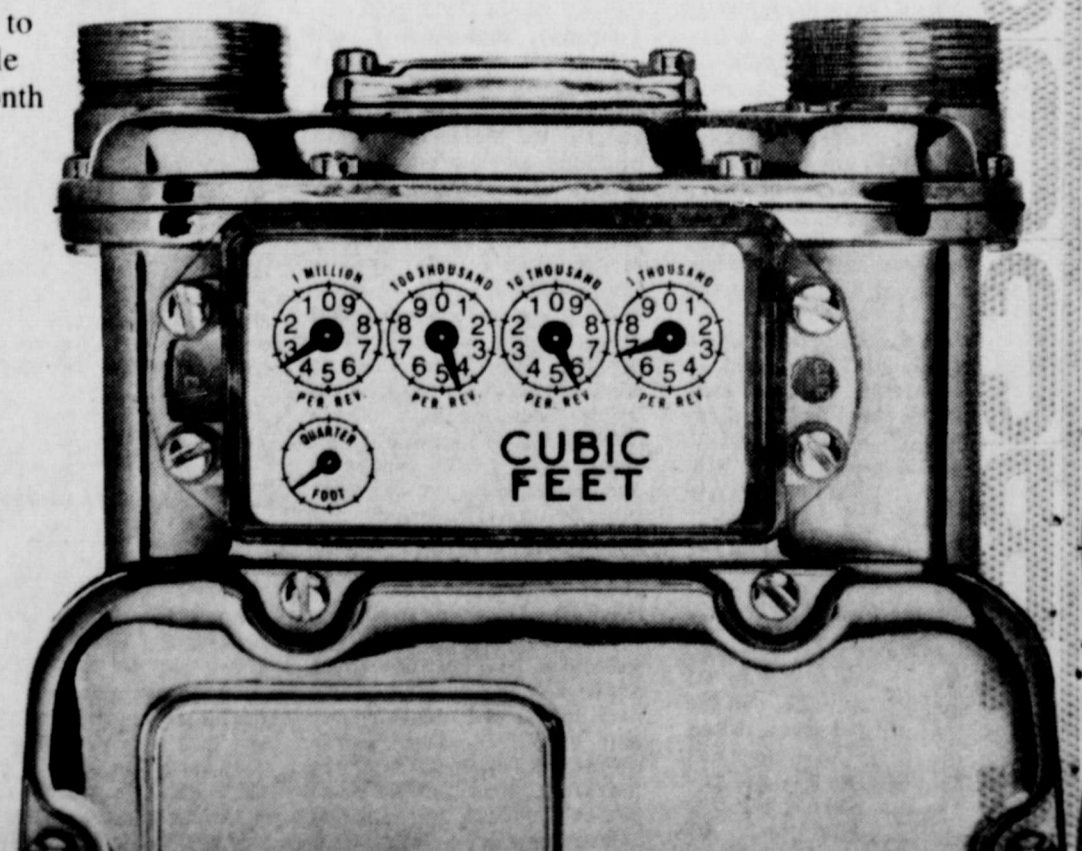
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It's our intention to read every accessible gas meter every month

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HOT BAR-B-Q
POTATO SALAD
PINEAPPLE CHEESE
GOOCH

BACON

BEEF LIVER

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BEEF RIBS

ROUND STEAK

CHUCK ROAST

TOM SCOTT
Mixed NUTS 13 OZ. CAN 69¢

GRIFFIN
Plum Preserves 18 OZ. 59¢

HUNTS 8 OZ.
Tomato Sauce 2 FOR 29¢

WIN-U
Apple Pie Filling 21 OZ. CAN 49¢

LARGE 25 OZ.
Tea Glasses 3 FOR \$1.00

RANCH STYLE
BEANS 300 CAN 29¢

REAL
Lemon Juice 24 OZ. BOTTLE 49¢

MORTON
SALT 26 OZ. BOX 15¢

LIPTON
Instant Tea 3 OZ. JAR \$1.29

FLOUR GLADIOLA 5# BAG 69¢

OREO COOKIES NABISCO 15 OZ. PKG 79¢

PEACHES CAROLINE FREE 2 1/2 CAN 49¢

VEG ALL LARSON 303 CAN 29¢

OLEO PARKAY 1 LB. 49¢

CATSUP HUNT'S 32 OZ. JUG 79¢

CHOCOLATE CHIPS BAKER'S 12 OZ. 69¢

BEANS RANCH STYLE PINTO 300 CAN 29¢

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29¢ EACH

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GARAGE SALE-Friday and Saturday in Merkel Youth Activity Bldg. (Formerly Turner Cafe Bldg.) This is a combination sale. - Some furnishings of the cafe will be sold, - including 4 beveled mirrors. Other items already contributed will be sold to benefit the youth center. **GARAGE SALE** - Baby clothes, boys band shoes, Iron Rite, Girls clothes, and odds and ends, 4 family N. 3rd, and Baker St. Friday 2:30 til 7 and Saturday 10 a.m. til 3 p.m. 27-1tp

THURSDAY, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, August 28, 29 and 30. Two family garage sale. Baby bed with mattress, lamps, clothes and miscellaneous. Vincent Barnett residence. 2 1/2 miles north on old Noodle road. 27-1tc

Help Wanted

SEWING MACHINE OPERATORS. Now hiring experienced operators and trainees for new plant in Merkel. Call Logan Cravens at 977-2606 in Abilene. Call collect. 18-tfc

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Miscellaneous

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FOUND - Gold framed glasses with bi-focals in Carson's parking lot. Inquire at the Merkel Mail. ttc

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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 publication 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 herein below following is true copy.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: E. O. McCormick, Defendant, Greeting: YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 42nd, District Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 6th, day of October A.D. 1975, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 6th, day of March A.D. 1975.

Attest: Irene Crawford Clerk, 42nd, District Court Taylor County, Texas. By Diana Howard, Deputy. 27-4tc

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE STATE OF TEXAS To any Sheriff or any Constable within the State of Texas - Greetings:

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

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: Alvis Dean Gilbert Respondent, (s) Greeting: YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable Domestic Relations Court of Taylor County, Texas at the Courthouse in said County, in Abilene, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the Monday next after the expiration of twenty days from the date of service of this citation, then and there to answer the petition of the Jasper Leonard Wise and wife, Martha Ann Wise, Petitioners, filed in said Court on the 20th, day of August, 1975, against Esther M. Wise natural mother and Alvis Dean Gilbert natural father Respondent (s), and said suit being numbered 10,969-DR on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In the Interest of Kimberly R. Wise a Child," the nature of which suit is a request to Terminate Parent-Child Relationship

Said Kimberly R. Wise was born the 16th, day of May, 1974, in Abilene, Taylor County, Texas.

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

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Abilene, Texas, this the 20th, day of August, 1975. (SEAL) Attest: Irene Crawford District Clerk Domestic Relations Court in Taylor County, Texas. By Sandra VanCleave Deputy 27-1tc

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In this cause, numbered 34,775-A on the docket of said court and styled The First State Bank, Abilene, Texas, Plaintiff, vs. E. O. McCormick, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit:

On May 31, 1972, Defendant executed and delivered to Plaintiff, his promissory note payable to Plaintiff or order, for said sum of \$17,000.00. Defendant was and is indebted to Plaintiff in the sum of \$17,000.00, 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, Texas this the 21st, day of August A. D. 1975. (SEAL)

Attest: Irene Crawford Clerk, 42nd, District Court Taylor County, Texas. By Diana Howard, Deputy. 27-4tc

Lambda Beta News

The Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi held their annual come as you are breakfast at the home of Sarah Lucas Saturday, August 23, at 6 a.m. Members were served pancakes, bacon, orange juice, and coffee. After breakfast, members returned home, either to leave for work or return to bed. Members present were Mmes. Obie Coker, Harold Hohertz, Craig Jones, Billy Neff, Phil Seymore, Larry Lucas, Paul Moore, Phil Seymore, Larry Teaff, Bill Whisenhunt, and Lee Yaddow.

The Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi held their annual beginning day tea Sunday afternoon, August 24 at the home of Chera Hohertz. The opening ritual was lead

The opening ritual was led by president, Chera Hohertz. The year books and badges for the new year were passed out and committee reports were given. It was announced that the tasting tea would be September 20. Refreshments were then served with a red, white and blue color scheme for the 1975-76 theme Let Our Heritage Ring.

Members present were Mmes. Jim Lilday, Rosey Castille, Obie Coker, Harold

Badgers Tracks

By SUSIE TOOMBS

Well the Merkel schools are finally underway with all of the usual confusion of getting classes, organizations, ect. together.

The mighty Merkel Badgers will start off the '75 football season September 5 against Robert Lee in Badger Stadium. David Sparks, Mike Speaks, Roger Doan, Chuck Knight and David King will man front line when play starts. From what I've heard the boys have worked out hard and are really in shape. With all the SPIRIT everyone seems to have, boys in TIP TOP shape, and GREAT coaches we should have a successful season. Everyone is invited to come out to Badger Stadium and CHER THE BADGERS ON TO VICTORY.

With all of the activities coming '75-'76 has got to be the Best Year Ever!

Screwworm Program Forced To Change Fly Release Procedure

Great numbers of screwworm cases in Texas are forcing some changes in our methods of releasing sterile screwworm flies, reports Dr. M. E. Meadows, Director of the U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Screwworm Eradication Program, Mission, Texas.

"It has always been program policy to 'hotspot' each confirmed screwworm case three consecutive weeks with releases of 50,000 or more sterile flies per week," says Meadows. (Hotspotting is the actual release over the ranch where the case was found.)

"This year the first 'hot-spot treatment' has been by ground delivery of the flies, followed by aerial delivery the succeeding two weeks. "With more than 500 cases from Texas ranges being confirmed by laboratory identification specialists each week, this policy is no longer practical for all cases. We will rely on aerial dispersal of flies for all three treatments when:

"The time involved in long shipments of flies to far distant ranches will result in our delivering an ineffective sterile fly that won't mate successfully with fertile wild flies; and,

"When costs of having state or federal personnel convey sterile flies to ranches for ground delivery is prohibitive."

Meadows explains that when it is possible to get a good, healthy, sterile fly delivered to the ranch where the case occurred, ground release procedures will continue to be followed.

Discussing the current screwworm situation in Texas, Meadows says "tremendous amounts of moisture on Texas ranges this year have provided ideal environmental conditions for the screwworm fly." He expects case numbers to continue to increase until cold weather arrives. Adding to the problem this year is the heaviest and most widespread population of Gulf Coast ticks since the Screwworm Eradication Program began in 1962. Bites these ticks make in ears of large animals make ideal wounds on which the female screwworm fly can lay her eggs. Eggs hatch about 12 hours

after being deposited on the wound and the tiny larvae immediately enter the wound to feed on live flesh. They remain in the wound for about five or six days while they grow to about half an inch in length.

Ear ticks can be expected to remain a problem until late September or sometime in October when the annual die-off occurs.

The female screwworm fly usually mates only once in her lifetime. The Screwworm Eradication Program, administered by the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), raises millions of flies which are sterilized by use of nuclear energy before they are released in the area of known screwworm populations.

Any eggs a female fly produces after mating with a sterile male will not hatch. When enough sterile matings occur, eradication is achieved.

Sixteen Texas counties recorded their first screwworm infestations of the year during the first 20 days of August. They are Ector, Martin, Howard, Coke, Kent, Callahan, Stephens, Throckmorton, Jack, Wichita, Bosque, Burleson, Grimes, Houston, Travis and Brazoria.

New Food Stamps Issued After Aug. 31

Food stamp recipients will be able to exchange old food stamps for new ones after the old stamps expire on August 31, 1975, the U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced today.

Until August 31, food stamp recipients may use their old stamps in authorized retail food stores. After that date, recipients will be able to exchange the old stamps at local food stamp offices designated by state agencies. The exchange will be dollar for dollar, new food stamps for old.

USDA introduced the new food stamp series on March 1, 1975. The new \$1, \$5 and \$10 denominations replace the 50c, \$2 and old \$5 stamps.

The amendment to the Food Stamp Program regulations will be published in the Federal Register of Friday, August 22 and will be effective immediately upon publication.

Oyster Rules Drawn A Senate committee approved rules for the impeachment trial by 31 senators of 229th District Judge O. P. Carrillo September 3.

Carrillo personally appeared at the committee hearing with his attorneys. Leon Jaworski, the former Watergate prosecutor, who will be special counsel to the Senate presiding officer, urged proceedings be conducted "on a high plane in strict accord with the rules."

The committee tentatively approved live broadcast news coverage of the trial and recommended a gag rule to restrict comments by senators on proceedings in which they sit as court and jury.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

AN ORDINANCE FIXING AND DETERMINING THE GENERAL SERVICE RATE TO BE CHARGED FOR SALES OF NATURAL GAS TO RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL CONSUMERS WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF MERKEL, TAYLOR COUNTY, TEXAS AND PROVIDING FOR THE MANNER IN WHICH SUCH RATE MAY BE CHANGED, ADJUSTED AND AMENDED.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MERKEL:

SECTION 1. Effective with the first gas bills rendered from and after thirty (30) days from the date of final passage of this ordinance, the maximum general service rate for sales of natural gas rendered to residential and commercial consumers within the city limits of Merkel by Lone Star Gas Company, a Texas corporation, its successors and assigns, is hereby fixed and determined as follows: First 1,000 Cu. Ft. or Fraction Thereof \$3.1277 Gross; \$2.8149 Net
Next 3,000 Cu. Ft. @ \$1.7610 Per Mcf Gross; \$1.5849 Per Mcf Net
Next 6,000 Cu. Ft. @ \$1.6499 Per Mcf Gross; \$1.4849 Per Mcf Net
Next 15,000 Cu. Ft. @ \$1.5832 Per Mcf Gross; \$1.4249 Per Mcf Net
Next 75,000 Cu. Ft. @ \$1.5277 Per Mcf Gross; \$1.3749 Per Mcf Net
Over 100,000 Cu. Ft. @ \$1.4943 Per Mcf Gross; \$1.3449 Per Mcf Net

No gas bill will be rendered to any residential or commercial consumer served under the above rate not consuming any gas during any monthly billing period, except that where customer's only use for gas service is in an outdoor grill and/or fireplace starter, the amount shown for the first consumption block shall constitute a minimum monthly bill.

ADJUSTMENTS

The amount of each net monthly bill computed at the above-stated rates shall be subject to the following adjustments: Plus or minus the amount of any increase or decrease, respectively, above or below the \$1.0399 per Mcf level in the intracompany city gate charge as authorized by the Railroad Commission of the State of Texas or other regulatory body having jurisdiction for gas delivered to residential and commercial consumers where such changes are caused by increases or decreases in the cost of gas purchased by the Company; plus an amount equivalent to the proportionate part of any new tax, or increased tax, or any other governmental imposition, rental, fee or charge (except state, county, city and special district ad valorem taxes and taxes on net income) levied, assessed or imposed subsequent to July 1, 1975, upon or allocable to the Company's distribution operations, by any new or amended law, ordinance or contract. Each gross monthly bill shall be adjusted proportionately. Company, at its option, may forego the application of any adjustment if such adjustment would result in an increase in the monthly bill; however, failure of Company to apply any adjustment shall not constitute a waiver of Company's right from time to time, or at any time, to make any adjustment, in whole or in part, in any subsequent current monthly bill that may be applicable to such bill.

Net rate shall apply to all bills paid within ten days from monthly billing date; gross rate shall be applicable thereafter.

The above rate is applicable to each residential and commercial consumer per meter per month or for any part of a month for which gas is used at the same location. In addition to the aforesaid rates, Company shall have the right to collect such reasonable charges as are necessary to conduct its business and to carry out its reasonable rules and regulations in effect.

SECTION 2. The rate set forth in Section 1 may be changed and amended by either the City or Company furnishing gas in the manner provided by law. Service hereunder is subject to the orders of regulatory bodies having jurisdiction, and to the Company's Rules and Regulations currently on file in the Company's office.

SECTION 3. It is hereby found and determined that the meeting at which this ordinance was passed was open to the public, as required by Texas law, and that advance public notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting was given.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this the 25 day of August, A. D. 1975.

ATTEST:
Roy J. Kimbrell Secretary
Derrell Farmer Mayor Pro-Tem City of Merkel, Texas

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I, Roy J. Kimbrell, Secretary of the City of Merkel, Taylor County, Texas, hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of an ordinance passed and approved by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Merkel at a regular session held on the 28 day of August, 1975, as it appears of record in the Minutes of said in Book 6, page 104.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID CITY, this the 28 day of August, A. D. 1975.

Roy J. Kimbrell Secretary City of Merkel, Texas

Fifty one per cent of shoppers interviewed said they would approve if their favorite supermarket started giving trading stamps, reports a nationwide survey by Benson and Benson, Inc. Meanwhile, 67 per cent of those who shop most in a stamp-giving store said they would be disappointed if their store dropped stamps.

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13 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	\$	\$
14 OTHER (Specify)	\$	\$
15 TOTALS	\$1,203.00	\$

NONDISCRIMINATION REQUIREMENTS HAVE BEEN MET
(E) CERTIFICATION: I certify that I am the Chief Executive Officer and with respect to the entitlement funds reported herein, I certify that they have not been used in violation of either the priority expenditure requirement (Section 103) or the maximum funds production (Section 104) of the Act.
Signature of Chief Executive: *Roy J. Kimbrell* Date: *8-21-75*
Name and Title: *Roy J. Kimbrell, Mayor*

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A Weekly Report Of Agri-Business News
Compiled From Sources Of The Texas Department of Agriculture
John C. White, Commissioner

Animal Health Meeting Set... Cattle On Feed Up Slightly... Milk Production Declines... Next Crop Report Due Sept. 11.

A meeting to discuss proposed changes in brucellosis programs for Texas will be held Sept. 4 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 117, Sam Houston Building, Austin. Members of the Texas Animal Health Commission will listen to comments on proposed changes which would realign state regulations to conform with federal rules.

Brucellosis continues to be a major problem for the livestock industry in Texas.

CATTLE ON FEED in Texas as of Aug. 1 totaled 1,331,000 head, the Texas Crop and Livestock Reporting Service at Austin notes. This is a five per cent increase over a month ago, but is 26 per cent below a year ago and about 50 percent lower than 14 months ago.

Nationwide, there were 5,932,000 head of cattle on feed as of Aug. 1. This is down one per cent from a month ago and 15 per cent below the same period a year ago.

Recent increases in feed grains have changed the price outlook for feeders in the coming months. A shortage of fed beef could occur later this year, many feeders warn. This would be caused by a lack of profits among cattle feeders.

MILK PRODUCTION in Texas during July is down two per cent from the same period a month ago and is down one per cent below the previous month. Nationwide, milk production is down 1.4 per cent from a year ago.

WHILE THE AUGUST CROP REPORT has now become history, don't forget that the September crop report will be out shortly. Sept. 11 is the date for its release, and producers, consumers, and speculators will be watching for it eagerly.

Meanwhile, crop harvesting continues in a big way throughout the state. Cotton harvest is picking up speed and with hot, dry weather it should move along rapidly. First bales have been reported in a number of Blackland counties.

Sorghum harvest is now more than half finished throughout the state. Prospects on the High and Low Plains are considered good to excellent. Rainfall in some parts of the state has caused some slowdown of the harvest.

Corn harvest is underway in the southern half. Yields this year for the state read like a midwestern production report. The estimated per acre yield for Texas is 105 bushels per acre. This is the first Texas crop to exceed 100 bushels per acre in 54 years.

Rice harvest is at the half-way completion mark. Yields generally have been satisfactory.

Vegetable harvest is also making a lot of progress throughout the state. On the High Plains, only a few onions remain to be harvested.

In North Texas, harvesting of peas, tomatoes, okra, squash and watermelons continues. Grape and plum harvest is also active.

Spring and summer gardens are becoming victims of hot weather in the central part of the state, but fall vegetable land preparation is underway.

IT CONTINUES TO BE NECESSARY to submit suspected screwworm cases to the fly lab at Mission.

Screwworm activity continues to increase throughout the state, and officials at the fly lab also urge livestock producers to treat wounds on livestock with approved screwworm-control remedies.

And delay surgery on livestock as long as possible, too.

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1. Balance as of June 30, 1974	\$	none
2. Revenue Sharing Funds Received from July 1, 1974 thru June 30, 1975	\$	1,203
3. Interest Received or Credited (July 1, 1974 thru June 30, 1975)	\$	36.47
4. Funds Released from Obligations	\$	none
5. Sum of lines 1, 2, 3, 4	\$	1,238.47
6. Funds Returned to ORS	\$	none
7. Total Funds Available	\$	1,238.47
8. Total Amount Expended (Sum of line 15, column B and column C)	\$	1,203.00
9. Balance as of June 30, 1975	\$	none

(I) TRUST FUND REPORT (refer to instruction D)
1. Balance as of June 30, 1974 \$ none
2. Revenue Sharing Funds Received from July 1, 1974 thru June 30, 1975 \$ 1,203
3. Interest Received or Credited (July 1, 1974 thru June 30, 1975) \$ 36.47
4. Funds Released from Obligations \$ none
5. Sum of lines 1, 2, 3, 4 \$ 1,238.47
6. Funds Returned to ORS \$ none
7. Total Funds Available \$ 1,238.47
8. Total Amount Expended (Sum of line 15, column B and column C) \$ 1,203.00
9. Balance as of June 30, 1975 \$ none

(F) THE NEWS MEDIA HAVE BEEN ADVISED THAT A COMPLETE COPY OF THIS REPORT HAS BEEN PUBLISHED IN A LOCAL NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION. I HAVE A COPY OF THIS REPORT AND RECORDS DOCUMENTING THE CONTENTS. THEY ARE OPEN FOR PUBLIC SCRUTINY AT Lawn City Hall Lawn, Tx. 79530

Returned Home
Miss Iva Nelle Bockman has returned from a vacation trip to Albuquerque, New Mexico where she visited her sister Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Humphrey and niece Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Carlson.

Beverly Mawson Honored By Friends
Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Browning had their daughter, Mildred and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Holmes of Dallas visiting with them this week.

Mrs. O. J. Reynolds has returned home after a week with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Garland Sisk in Odessa.

Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Beard had returned home after a visit with their son and daughter-in-law, Roger and Gayla in Midland over the week end.

The Beard family attended the Bob Hope Bicentennial Show which they stated was very enjoyable.

CARD OF THANKS
WE WISH TO THANK the people of Merkel for all the kindness and thoughtfulness shown to us at the death of Lindle Martin. We especially thank the Assembly of God Church, the Merkel Fire Department, and all others that brought food and floral gifts. We will always be grateful.
The Family of Lindle Martin
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Services Held Monday For Edwin Lewis

Edwin W. Lewis, 63, of Merkel died at 4:20 a.m. Sunday at his home after a lengthy illness. Services were held at 4 p.m. Monday at Merkel Church of Christ. Larry Gill, minister, officiated, assisted by the Rev. Mickey Fugitt, pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church in Abilene. Burial was in Potosi Cemetery, directed by Starbuck Funeral Home. Born June 26, 1912, in Collin County, he moved to Abilene in 1913. He married Madge Landrum July 4, 1931, in Abilene. He worked for the Abilene Reporter-News from 1948 to 1973 as a district representative for the circulation department. Mr. Lewis moved to Merkel in 1960. He worked for the Merkel Independent School District since 1973 as a bus maintenance supervisor. Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Mrs. Joy Pruett of Houston; a brother, G. C. (Buster) of 1202 Matador in Abilene; two sisters, Mrs. Frank (Gladys) Breaux of Merkel and Mrs. C. O. (Thelma) Long of La Porte; and three grandsons. He was preceded in death by a sister in 1930. Pallbearers were nephews.

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Starr Nursing Home News

There has been a large attendance at the recreation program each day. We are very proud of our little people who are interested in attending the program. They not only get therapy they need but get to visit other residents as well. Mary Vaughn our social director is doing a real good job with them. They look forward each day to this hour of games and miss Mary when she has to be away on account of illness in the family. Come up and visit some morning at ten and watch the program.

The Merkel V.F.W. Auxiliary surprised us the other day by bringing all kinds of pretty cupcakes and cookies and a cake. They wanted to do this for each one who had a birthday this month. We really appreciate their kindness.

There was a large crowd who gathered together in the chapel to help Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Rutledge celebrate their thirty fourth wedding anniversary. Ice cream and cake were served and a corsage was presented to Mr. and Mrs. Rutledge. Pictures were taken and we hope that you will drop by and see our picture album.

We welcome Mr. Bill Mize of Trent into our home. His wife was the former Mrs. Josie Lackey.

We welcome Mrs. Loma Shipman as our Director of Nurses, she and Mr. Shipman are from California. We welcome them to Merkel, also his father and mother Darryll Shipman who bought Mr. and Mrs. Reginal Bennetts place close to Stith.

We have been having some nice crowds to attend church services on Sunday morning at 9 o'clock conducted by Larry Gill and his members. We appreciate them so much.

Thank you Larry Gill for taking our people on the bus ride in the country. They are always happy to go. We thank the church for their permission to use the bus. God bless you all for doing this for the home.

We wish to thank the ones who have brought peas, okra and tomatoes to the home. We always love fresh vegetables.

We have been deep freezing beans, okra, squash and peas this year; with no fruit, the vegetables will help a lot.

Ruth Pangle and I attended the horse races at Ruidoso recently. While there we visited in White Sands and other places of interest. We went through the Hondo Valley.

We welcome Mrs. W. L. Massey to our staff, she works part time as book-keeper.

We also have a new L.V.N. who works part time, Janell Elmore. Everyone likes our new nurses. We certainly hope they will be happy here.

We have been having so many visitors lately. We wish we had space and time to list but we are real happy to have you.

Thanks to Miss Annadene VeraCruz for coming into the home and fixing the little ladies nails, they sure like that attention and to get their nails painted is a treat for them.

Our central cooling system is working beautifully. We are just comfortable but the residents think it has been winter or fall all of a sudden and some are wearing sweaters.

Our residents who have had birthdays this month are Cleo Douglas 82, John Reese 75, Stella McMahan 90, Annie Lou Ferrier 86, Adele Jones 59 and Edna Nolen 88. We had one big birthday party for all of them. Cake and punch was served.

We welcome Mrs. Farrin to the home. She is the mother of Mrs. Ester Carson. We hope she will be very happy in our home.

SAFETY TIP

When a young woman is selecting her engagement ring, she should be sure to give the stone—usually a perfectly cut, perfectly clear white diamond—all the protection this valuable token of love deserves. This means that the ring should be strong as well as beautiful. How can a diamond be forever if the ring which holds it isn't? Since platinum is stronger than other fine metals, it can hold the precious stone most safely and securely. Besides, it's so tough it resists nicks and scratches and it doesn't need polishing, ever. The canny bride-to-be should know, further, that platinum is about the same price as gold, and will enhance her diamond like no other metal. After all, choosing the diamond is only half of choosing the engagement ring. The right setting is always needed for saying "I love you."

Courage Is — Resistance to fear, mastery of fear — not absence of fear.

ENERGY SAVING IDEAS

"COOL" THOUGHTS CAN SAVE YOU MONEY

Here's how to be cool — both in the real and the "hip" sense. Judi Hampton, consumer affairs director for Mobil Oil Corporation, has some suggestions on how to buy and use an air conditioner. They'll help you go easy on yourself, your pocketbook, and the nation's tight energy supply.

When you select an air conditioner, remember the letters E-E-R. They stand for "energy efficiency ratio" — a formula which suggests how much cooling you'll get for your money.

Figure the ratio by dividing the unit's BTU rating by its watts rating. Your dealer can provide the information, and it should also be printed on the unit. If not, get it from the service manual or the manufacturer. The higher the ratio, the more efficient the unit.

Decide how cool you want to be (most people find 78 degrees is comfortable), then decide what size unit you need. Don't be power crazy.

Clean or replace air filters once a month during the summer. Some filters are disposable, others made of aluminum or rubber can be vacuumed or washed in soapy water. While you're at it, vacuum the cooling coils to prevent dust build-up that reduces efficiency and wastes energy. Use caulk or tape to seal cracks and air leaks in all window and wall units.

Central air conditioning circulates cool air throughout your home more uniformly than do unit systems, Judi explains. If your home has heating ducts, the central system can be connected to your furnace blower. If not, the cost would be prohibitive.

Unit systems may be used in windows or put through the wall. They are inexpensive, easy to install, and can be placed only

where needed. Place wall units as high as the window level or you'll waste the layer of cool air on the floor.

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SHRIMPPLY DELICIOUS COCKTAIL MOLD

- 2 envelopes Knox Unflavored Gelatine
- 1 cup cold water
- 1-1/2 cups tomato juice
- 1 cup chili sauce
- 1/4 cup lemon juice
- 2 to 3 tablespoons horseradish
- 1/8 teaspoon Tabasco pepper sauce
- 1/2 cup chopped celery
- 1/2 cup chopped green pepper
- 2 pounds shrimp, cleaned, cooked and chilled

In medium saucepan, sprinkle unflavored gelatine over water; stir over low heat until gelatine dissolves, about 3 minutes. Add tomato juice, chili sauce, lemon juice, horseradish, and Tabasco; chill, stirring occasionally, until mixture is consistency of unbeaten egg whites.

Fold in celery and green pepper; turn into 6-cup ring mold and chill until firm, about 4 hours. To serve, unmold onto serving platter and fill center of ring with shrimp. Garnish, if desired, with salad greens. Makes about 12 servings.

Merkel Riding Club

The Merkel Riding Club met August 23rd, and the results were as follows:

Western Pleasure (12 and under) 1. Jan Melton, 2. Ann Melton, 3. Norma Frazier, 4. Leslie Masonheimer, 5. Dee Dee Masonheimer.

Western Pleasure (13-18) 1. Sherri Frazier and Patricia Boyd (tie), 2. Charlie Hatfield, 3. Shelli Stout, 4. Jessie Sparks, 5. Jim Davis.

Western Pleasure (19 and over) 1. Benny Melton, 2. Barbara Whisenhunt, 3. Karlen Mashburn, 4. L. J. Gray, 5. Obie Coker.

Boot Race (5 and under) 1. Graham Odom, 2. Lucy Masonheimer, 3. Kyle Coker, 4. Tiffany Allday, 5. Mike Boyd.

Boot Race (6-8) 1. James Allday, 2. Kevin Coker, 3. Dennise Pursley, 4. Robby Williams, 5. Mike Dokey.

Tie Down-1. Elby Frazier, 20.24.

Ribbon Roping-1. Don Dudley and Dee Dee Masonheimer, 13.60; 2. Elby Frazier and Norma Frazier, 14.93; 3. Don Odom and Graham Odom, 30.20.

Steer Roping-1. Don Dudley and Dee Dee Masonheimer, 13.60; 2. Elby Frazier and Norma Frazier, 14.93; 3. Don Odom and Graham Odom, 30.20.

Stamps

As inflation keeps nibbling away at paychecks, one way of "biting back" refuses to go out of style.

Consumers still appreciate the familiar trading stamp's dollar stretching virtues. Or so a national survey by Benson & Benson Inc., of Princeton, New Jersey implies: although stamps are harder to come by these days, 67 per cent of all Americans view them favorably, only 33 per cent, unfavorably.

About six stamp savers in 10 would "go a little out of my way" to get their stamps; a solid 67 per cent would be disappointed to see their stamp-giving supermarket drop stamps.

"Consumers want stamps as much as ever," says Norbert V. Osterland, president of S&H Green Stamps, oldest and largest trading stamp firm in the nation.

In the 1960's, when stamps became available in about 65 per cent of all supermarkets, they lost some of their pulling power.

Then came the wave of inflation and "discounting" with promotions of many kinds cancelled, followed by the gasoline shortage of late 1973, which hurt service station stamp sales — the industry's second biggest market.

Now that stamp companies are regaining sales, "never have people felt a stronger urge to wring the last bit of value out of every dollar spent," Osterland states.

Services Held Wednesday For Mrs. Goode

Mrs. Dorothy Nell Goode, 60, died at Hendrick Memorial Hospital August 24 at 11:30 a.m. following a sudden illness.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at 2:30 in Starbuck Chapel with burial in Rose Hill Cemetery. Rev. John Curtis, pastor of the Assembly of God Church in Merkel officiated.

Mrs. Goode was born August 8, 1915 in Fort Worth and had lived the past 25 years in Roswell New Mexico. She recently moved to Merkel.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Vivian Baggett of Merkel and a son, Joe Bill Gentry of Merkel, 3 grandchildren and one great grandchild.

All good moral philosophy is but an handmaid to religion.—Bacon

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(D) TRUST FUND REPORT (refer to instruction D)

1 Balance as of June 30, 1974	\$ 0
2 Revenue Sharing Funds Received from July 1, 1974 thru June 30, 1975	\$ 1,163
3 Interest Received or Credited (July 1, 1974 thru June 30, 1975)	\$
4 Funds Released from Obligations	\$
5 Sum of lines 1, 2, 3, 4	\$
6 Funds Returned to ORS	\$
7 Total Funds Available	\$ 1,163.00
8 Total Amount Expended (Sum of line 15, column B and column C)	\$ 290.00
9 Balance as of June 30, 1975	\$ 873.00

(F) THE NEWS MEDIA HAVE BEEN ADVISED THAT A COMPLETE COPY OF THIS REPORT HAS BEEN PUBLISHED IN A LOCAL NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION. I HAVE A COPY OF THIS REPORT AND RECORDS DOCUMENTING THE CONTENTS. THEY ARE OPEN FOR PUBLIC SCRUTINY AT City Hall

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Miss Noster Honored At Bridal Shower

Miss Roseann Noster was honored with a Kitchen Shower on August 5, in the home of Lisa Gregory. Those attending were Mrs. M. A. Noster, Mrs. Danny Wade, Mrs. Larry Gill, Mrs. Ricky Meeks, Lisa Hart, Jamie Clark, Kathy Cyfert, Debbie Hobbs, and Mrs. Joe D. Gregory.



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Barracks 2248 Entertained In Cromeen Home

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Poland, assisted by their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cromeen entertained the Merkel-Trent Barracks 2248 of the Veterans of World War I and the Auxiliary in their country home Tuesday evening.

After a tour of their home and viewing the many antiques, rifles, guns and hunting trophies from several foreign countries a covered dish meal was served.

The Centennial Theme was carried out in the red, white and blue table cloth, napkins and cups sent by their daughter-in-law of Dallas for this special occasion.

After the meal and a sing song of World War I songs a prayer by Chaplin R. E. Kidd and the singing of "God be With You"; the meeting was adjourned.

Spotlight on HEALTH

Vacation For Hay Fever Sufferers

Hay fever can be as troublesome as a severe head cold at times, and although the condition is usually associated with fall ragweed, it can occur through much of the year.

Many hay fever sufferers arrange to take their vacations during the height of the hay fever season that causes the most problems for them. They seek areas where the pollen count is reported to be low.

States in the U.S. having a low pollen count include parts of Alabama, Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Hawaii, Idaho, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, Nevada, New Hampshire, New York, Oregon, Utah, Vermont, Washington, Wyoming, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands. Nearby Canada and Mexico are also listed among the low pollen areas.

Modern research in the allergy field began around the turn of the century. There are now injections of desensitizing ragweed extract that help some sufferers if taken in time, and a relatively new drug for asthma that has been found useful in some cases of hay fever as a prophylactic. There are medications to alleviate symptoms. The more common of these, sneezing and stuffed-up runny nose, can usually be relieved with an antihistamine-decongestant nasal spray such as NTZ. Or, the physician may recommend a tablet with a similar combination, or other therapies.

Hay fever is a reaction to pollen from three principal sources: trees and bushes pollinating in the spring; grasses and weeds pollinating in the summer; and particularly, ragweed in the fall.

Members present were: Mr. and Mrs. Homer Finch

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Ferguson

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hartley

Mr. and Mrs. Karl Bonneau

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Kidd

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Poland

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Miss Mabel McRee

Mrs. Maggie Renfro

Mrs. Ora Griggs

Sam Swan

Visitors were: Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Howell, Abilene

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Haile,

Mrs. Marshall Honored On 96th Birthday

Mrs. T. K. Marshall was honored by her family Sunday, August 24, on her 96th birthday in the home of her daughter, Tressie Lucas. Cake and punch was served to the many friends and relatives who came by for a short visit. About 50 visited her. Also, there were her daughters Tressie Lucas;

daughters Tressie Lucas, Virgie Davis of Abilene and Violet Smith of Albany, several grandchildren, great grandchildren and her great, great grandchildren. Mrs. Marshall resides in Albany in her daughter's nursing home, Blue Bonnet Lodge, and would welcome cards and letters from her many friends from home.

During her visit she attended her granddaughter's wedding (Melinda Bowen) and also church on Sunday.

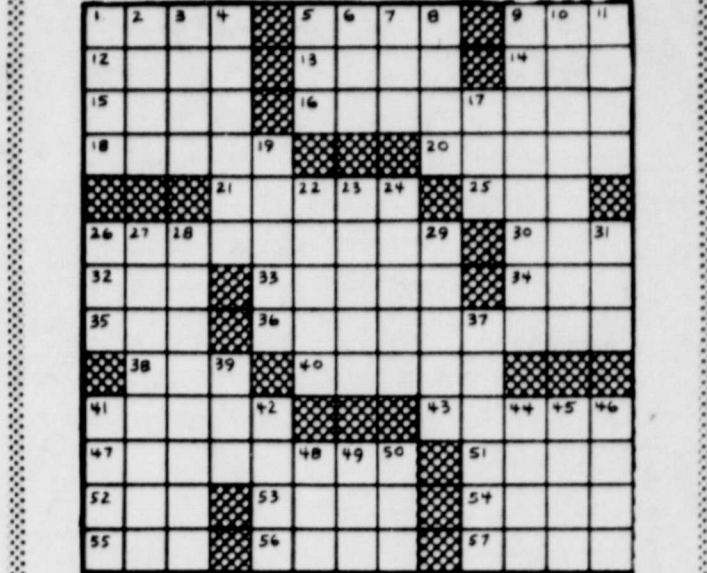
Mrs. Cooper Celebrates 90th Birthday

Mrs. W. M. Cooper will celebrate her 90th birthday August 29 at 2 p.m. with a party in her home in Trent hosted by her children.

Mrs. Cooper reared 14 children, 10 of whom are still living. She is the grandmother to over 30, great grandmother to over 40 and a great-great grandmother as well.

We extend a congratulations to Mrs. Cooper and her friends and relatives are invited to celebrate with her on this special day.

Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- Containers
 - Tibetan monk
 - Bovine
 - Aid
 - Spoken
 - Hail!
 - Marco—
 - Sifted
 - Permit
 - Mixes
 - Agreements
 - Tree
 - Tighten
 - Golf mound
 - Eggs
 - Carrier
 - Hearing organ
 - Wager
 - Natives of Spain
 - Grande
 - Show scorn
- DOWN**
- Dad
 - Greek coin
 - Relate
 - Angels
 - Curve
 - Injure
 - Beverages
 - Food storage box
 - Aloft
 - Marries
 - Greek letter
 - Power units elec.
 - Cuts short
 - Giant
 - Picture
 - Male swan
 - Extra work period
 - Of a country
 - Attempts
 - Bitter vetch
 - Painter
 - Not in
 - Tiff
 - Makes lace
 - Pain
 - Diving bird
 - Finishes
 - Anger
 - Falsehood
 - Grass square

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The Family of Mr. Jinkens
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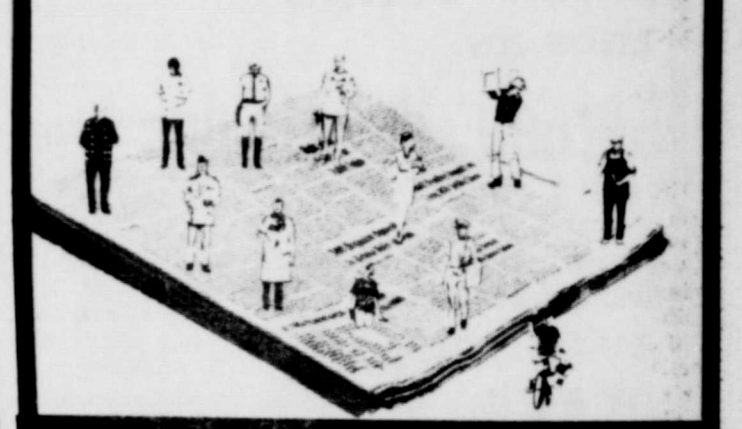
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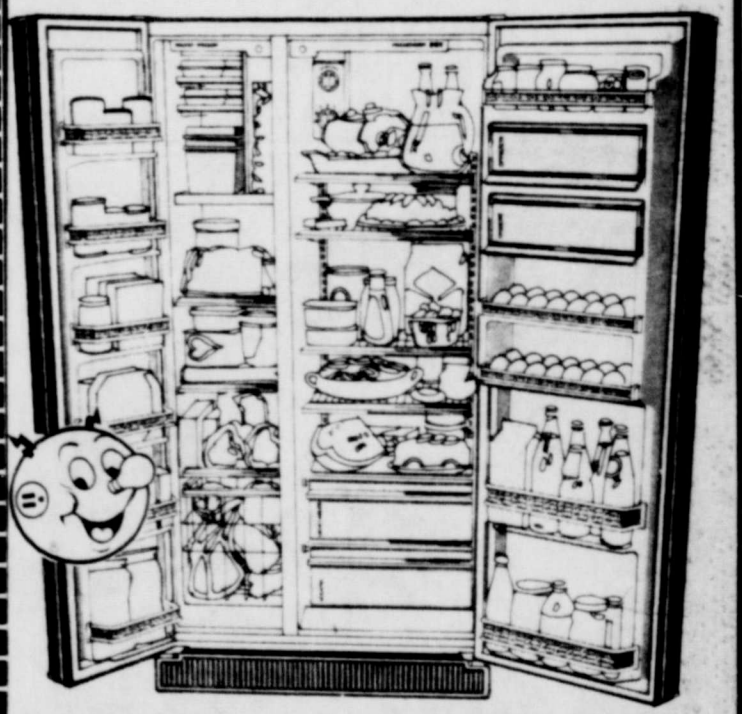
ONE YEAR morning only \$34.00

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PEGGY RASCO 862-3081



Remember **Reddy** Supplies the energy—but only YOU can use it wisely!



REDDY'S REFRIGERATOR SAVINGS TIPS

- Return fresh foods to the refrigerator and frozen foods, such as ice cream, to the freezer as soon as possible. Measure and remove the quantity needed for cooking or for the table, and refrigerate the remainder at once.
- Use cold controls efficiently by selecting the settings that provide about 36° F. in the refrigerator and 0° F. in the freezer.
- Fill the refrigerator with food, but be careful not to overflow. Make sure that food packages don't block air vents in the freezer or refrigerator section.
- Clean the condenser surfaces of the refrigerator; dirt restricts air flow and acts to insulate the condenser, forcing the refrigerator to work harder and longer to maintain proper temperatures.

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Saturday, August 30th

9:00 to 1:00
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WE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY



PRICES GOOD THURSDAY FRI. & SAT. AUGUST 28-29-30

HONEY ALMOND LOTION 16 OZ. BOT. 43¢

CREAMY CRISCO 3 LB. CAN \$1.49 WITH 7.50 IN TRADE OR MORE EXCLUSIVE OF CIGARETTES

MAXWELL HOUSE INSTANT COFFEE 10 OZ. JAR \$1.89

KEEBLERS CHOCOLATE DROP COOKIES 14 OZ. 89¢

Frozen Foods

WHOLE SUN ORANGE JUICE 12 OZ. CAN 43¢

I. G. DAIRY FRESH Homo 2 MILK GAL. JUG \$1.39

HUNTS 300 FRUIT COCKTAIL 2 FOR 69¢

MARINA TISSUE 4 ROLL CRTN. 69¢

MORTONS POT PIES 2 FOR 49¢

I. G. DAIRY FRESH Homo MILK GAL. JUG \$1.49

DEL MONTE 46 OZ. TOMATO Juice CAN 49¢

PRINGLES POTATO CHIPS TWIN PACK 83¢

JOHNSTONS APPLE PIE JUMBO EACH \$1.19

COMSTOCK NO. 2 CHERRY Pie Filling CAN 63¢

SHASTA DIET OR REG. POP 12 OZ. CAN 6 FOR 89¢

DEL MONTE CUT OR FRENCH Green BEANS 2 FOR 59¢

CAKE MIX 59¢

DUNCAN HINES ASSORTED BOX 59¢

LIBBYS 303 Garden Vegetables 2 FOR 59¢

PARKAY Whipped OLEO LB. 59¢

LIPTON Instant TEA 3 OZ. JAR \$1

LIBBYS 303 Cut BEETS 2 FOR 43¢

KOOL AID SWEETENED 2 QT. PKG. 39¢

ARMOURS CHILI 19 OZ. CAN 79¢

RANCH STYLE BEANS 23 OZ. CAN 2 FOR 83¢

MIRACLE OLEO WHIPPED BOWL LB. 69¢

DIAMOND PLATES 40 CT. PKG. \$1.19

KOBEYS 211 Shoestring POTATO 2 FOR 29¢

GRIFFIN 18 OZ. PLUM JELLY GLASS 63¢

NABISCO RITZS CRACKER LB. 69¢

COUPON: 55¢ save 55¢ WITH THIS COUPON WHEN YOU BUY THE 1 LB. CAN OF MAXWELL HOUSE COFFEE AT CARSONS 1 LB. CAN ONLY \$1.69 WITH COUPON 6016-6 ONE COUPON PER PURCHASE • OFFER EXPIRES SEPT. 6th



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HAVE A BAR-B-Q FRESH SPARE RIBS 1 POUND \$1.19

GOOCH BLUE RIBBON FRANKS 12 OZ. PKG. 73¢

DEL MONTE CATSUP 26 OZ. BOTTLE 69¢

IVORY GAIN GIANT SIZE 69¢

WASHINGTON BING CHERRIES LB. 59¢

CHOICE BEEF SIRLOIN \$1.69

CHOICE BEEF RUMP LB. \$1.13

DASH GIANT BOX 98¢

OXYDOL KING SIZE \$1.79

CALIFORNIA FRESH CABBAGE LB. 10¢

GOOCH GERMAN STYLE PKG. SAUSAGE 85¢

GOOCH BR. POUND BACON \$1.79

GOOCH BR. 6 BEEF LB. STEAKS 97¢

GOLDEN YAMS LB. 29¢

RUSSET SPUDS 8 LB. BAG 79¢

FRESH Piminto CHEESE LB. \$1.39

WE WELCOME FOOD STAMPS SHOP AND SAVE

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