

## Between you



and me

By SARAH ECKOLS

What has this world come to? I know it is a familiar question and one that has been asked for centuries, but I just can't help asking one more time. What is this world coming to when the farmers are protesting, the President is almost assassinated, everyone complains about high prices and no money but rides around in their big cars using lots of gas and talking on their CB radios, the Cowboys are losing, and girls are joining the FFA. Yes, four girls are in the Merkel FFA this year, and according to FFA advisor, Chester Collinsworth, they are top students so far and a real asset to the class. He says they will be participating in projects and will work on judging teams and stock just like the boys and will be graded on their ability to do the job just like the boys. Collinsworth says he anticipates no problems because of girls in his vocational agriculture classes and hopes that this will give other young ladies incentive to join in years to come.

Speaking of CB radios, a friend of ours passed along this bit of witticism heard recently on I-20 (the super slab in CB lingo) between two truckers (18 wheelers) "There are 14 people living in Merkel, Good Buddy, and 13 of them are bears (highway patrolmen)." "10-4 on the bears in Merkel," was the reply.

School has begun and it's turning cool  
Yes it is really fall.  
It's sweaters and new shows on TV  
And of course there's football.

From the kick off to the final gun  
We cheer and yell and fight  
To lead the home team to victory  
We're all quarterbacks come Friday night.

We wear the colors of our favorite team  
And we follow from town to town  
To see each time the ball is hiked  
And to witness every down.

But alas what does one do  
How does one make such a decision  
It is sometimes hard to choose just right  
And not cause a division.

For you see for this game we travel  
And to know where to sit would take a wizard.  
Does one sit with Badger fans  
When one was raised a Blizzards?

Seriously, the Badger team is off to a great start this year and we want to let them know that we are backing them. Get out and support the football team and the band. Merkel will meet the Blizzards in Winters on Blizzards Field Friday night at 8. I'd like to see you there.

Last week a negligent motorist crashed into the Rose Hill Cemetery fence and left the damage to be contended with by those who maintain the structure. Since 1950, the Merkel Garden Club has collected through donations and projects some \$15,000 that has gone toward the building and upkeep of the cemetery fence. Now it must also pay for its repair unless the culprit will come forward. It is very likely that the motorist is insured and his insurance company will pay damages in the instance. If you are the motorist involved, please contact Christine Collins at 928-5815, your conscience will rest much easier.

I'd like to say thanks to Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Blair of Odessa who stopped in the office this week to say hello and how much they enjoy reading the Merkel Mail. They said that it is like a letter from home each week. Mr. and Mrs. Blair are both former Merkelites and were passing through after a visit with their children in Arlington.

A special hello to Big Mommie and Bunny who read our paper far away.

## Purser A Top Hound At Eastern New Mexico U

Defensive units will have to stop Eastern's strong blocking effort which consists of 256-pound All-American tackle candidate Howard Stearns of San Antonio; 240-

pound right tackle Kirk Potter of Dulce; 215-pound left guard Rusty Pounds of Odessa, Texas; 230-pound right guard Steve Mareschal of St. Louis, Mo.; and 220-pound center Lance Farris of Midland, Texas.

## Failure To Appear For Jury Duty Contempt

State law permits a Judge to fine a lawfully notified juror who fails to appear for duty (may be fined - not exceeding) \$20.00 for contempt. By law, only four groups of persons may be excused from jury service: persons over the age of 65; females (but not males) who have legal custody of a child under 10; all students in public or private secondary schools, and every person who is enrolled and in actual attendance at an institution of higher education.

Persons in these groups may serve, but must be excused by the Judge if they claim their exemption.

Taylor County Justice Court, Precinct 2, 135 Kent St. Merkel, Texas (Telephone 928-5114)

Talent and potential are ever present in the Greyhound roster, in addition to speed, depth, strength, and quickness. Eastern has the nucleus to end the season as the number one team in the NALA, but will have to get the ball rolling and keep it moving down the field the duration of the season.

## Badgers Dehorn The Steers 29-19! Take On Blizzards Friday Night

In a season opener that looked as though it might end in defeat for the Badgers at halftime, the purple came back to dehorn the Robert

Lee Steers 29-19. Robert Lee's Jim Craig led the Steers' scoring trend in the first period by taking a pass from Shell Williams into

the end zone. He then kicked the conversion to lead 7-0. Later in the same quarter, quarterback George Abalos hit his target and Mike Perciful carried the TD home.

The extra point was no good. Making it three in a row, Polly Abalos carried one over from the four yard line, but again the point after failed giving Robert Lee a 19-0 lead over the Badgers.

A TD sneaked in from the one yard line by Paul Tucker and an extra point kick by Larry Smith kept the Badgers from taking a 0 into the halftime locker room conference.

Smith and Austermann must have eaten their Wheaties during halftime and they came back raring to rope and tie the steers. Smith went in from the two and Austermann made a 35-yard run to put 12 on the scoreboard and both conversions made the score 21-19 with the Badgers in front at the end of the third period.

Going over the goal line for that something extra to make sure was Smith in the final quarter. He came in from the two and topped it with his own PAT.

Beating the Steers all over the statistic sheet, the Badgers racked up 310 yards rushing to the Steers 143.

The big purple will be out Friday night to warm up the Big Blue Blizzards in Winters on their own territory. Winters dropped their season opener to Clyde last week and Merkel will be out to get revenge for last year's defeat at the hands of the Blizzards and to make it two up for the Badgers and two down for the Big Blue.



ANOTHER BADGER TD-No. 30, Keith Austermann, carried the pigskin over for 6 points in the third quarter of the Merkel-Robert Lee game. The Badgers clawed the steers to a 29-19 victory.

## Council To Draft Ordinance On Vacant Lot Maintenance

The Merkel City Council passed a motion to authorize City Coordinator, J. A. Sadler to draft an ordinance that will regulate the maintenance of vacant lots in the city. At present, land owners are allowing their vacant property to become overgrown with weeds and grass, thus creating a problem for those who

live nearby. Not only are the overgrown lots an eye sore, they are also a fire hazard, breeding place for mosquitoes and rodents as well as an irritant to those who suffer with allergy. The ordinance will stipulate regulations for cleaning lots and will stipulate that failure to comply is subject to fine as set by the city council.

In other business, the council read a letter from the West Texas Council of Governments in which it was stated that the Merkel HUD proposal has passed the executive board and will be sent to Austin and HUD for further approval. A committee from Merkel is expected to attend the meeting in Austin and confer in person with the Council of Governments.

## Boosters To Meet On Tuesdays

The Badger Booster club will meet each Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Badger field house it was announced by club president, Finley Barnett.

Proceeds made by the Badger Boosters are distributed to all phases of athletics at Merkel High School. Officers for the 1975-76 season are Finley Barnett, president; Lawrence Hewitt, vice president; Vincent Barnett, secretary-treasurer and Jeanette Pursley, reporter.

The city of Abilene has announced a rate increase to the city of Merkel in the amount of 20%. The present rate is 35 cents per 1,000 gallons and will be increased to 45 cents per 1,000 gallons effective October 1.

At their opening meeting the members voted to purchase 1/2 toward a public address for Badger Stadium. The boosters also have plans to provide air conditioning for the field house in the future.

In the Council Meeting of August 25, the council discussed rules and regulations governing the use of the city Ambulance. The new rules were approved and will be given to each ambulance driver as well as being posted in the vehicle.



HALFBREDS TO TOUR-Ray Pack (Center) and The Halfbreeds, (Left to Right) Duke Pack, Jim Ballard, Rabbit Pack and Pee Wee Pack will be on tour for two weeks following the release of their new single "These Texas Honky Tonks Are Killing Me" and LP album of the same name.

## Ray Pack And His Halfbreeds Launch New Album And Road Tour

A barbecue-dance sponsored by Ray Pack and The Halfbreeds at the Country Dance Land in Abilene September 13, will launch the release of their new single hit, "These Texas Honky Tonks Are Killing Me," and their LP album by the same name.

Ray and his Halfbreeds went to Lubbock for a recording session July 27 to cut the album which is expected to be on the market late this week. The single has already hit the radio stations in the Big Country Area.

"These Texas Honky Tonks Are Killing Me" was written by Halfbreed Duke Pack who wrote four of the cuts from the album. Included on the record are "Windows of Her Soul" by Tom Engler, "I've Been Cheated So Long" by Ray Pack which has a very touching melody and is given life by the strong steel backing, "I Can't Stand To Hurt You Anymore" and "Living Hell" by Duke Pack, "The Ballad of Old Man Snow"

by Melton Brown, an oldie given a new twist by Ray and the Halfbreeds and of course "This Old Bottle" by Duke Pack which has been a long-time favorite to established Pack fans. The finale comes with a medley of old timers such as "Beer Drinking Music," "Frauline," and "Honky Tonk Angels."

Following several years on the road, the Pack band decided to settle down to life family style here in Merkel. However being true musicians at heart, the boys have kept picking and playing on stages all around the Big Country. They currently call Country Dance Land in Abilene their home. Veterans of the stage and the tour circuit, the Packs opened their Big Country return at Taylor County Coliseum last Winter and have played there with such greats as Johnny Rodriguez.

The celebration will begin at 6 p.m. Saturday night and band will start at 9.

All you can eat, three hours of dancing and the best country music in the Big Country are in store for you if you get out to the Country Dance Land. This reporter was privileged to get a sneak preview of the new album and believe me any country music fan and especially Ray Pack and the Halfbreeds fans will want to have this one in their collection. It has the Pack talent, charm and wit and should hit the charts and keep going to the top.

The latest venture of the Pack band is a television show for which the pilot has already been taped. It is expected to air in about six weeks. The band will be on tour throughout New Mexico and the Pan Handle for the next two weeks.

Ray, Duke, Rabbit and Pee Wee (Ernest) Pack are the sons of Mrs. Hazel Pack of Merkel. The fiddler, Jim Ballard is a native of Washington and is the only non-Pack in the Band.

## Merkel Girl Scouts Take Home Ribbons Exhibit At Fair

Polly Sands, chairman for the Girl Scout Division Women's Department of the West Texas Fair announces winners for the 1975 competition.

The Grand Prize was awarded to the Owl Junior

Troop 5, Abilene State School for an ingenious bagpipe entry.

Winners of ribbons and cash were Abilene Brownies, Maureen Lakely and Kathleen Sue Lakely, 958 La Salle for rock critters; Jana McClellan, 1002 So. San Jose Drive and Julia Latham, 710 South Bowie for creative painting. Kathleen Sims, 1034 S. Leggett; Karen Click, 702 S. Bowie, and Sharon Bowles, 1519 Glen Haven were winners of collections categories.

## Post Office Fights Inflation With Deflation

The U. S. Postal Service Rate Commission has passed a permanent rate change effective at 12:01 a.m. September 14, 1975. Though most things these days are on the rise, the rate change will involve a decrease in both first class and post card rates.

First class postage will be 10 cents on the first ounce and 9 cents thereafter. The previous rate was 10 cents per ounce straight through. Post cards will go from 8 cents each to 7 cents each. Airmail rates will remain unchanged. There are some changes on second, third and fourth class mail which will not effect the average mailer, however, if you do second, third or fourth class mailing, you may contact E. T. Thompson for details on the changes in this type of mailing.

For the first few days of the change, the local post offices may be short stocked on post cards and 9 cent stamps. However the stock should be up very shortly.

Area Junior Girl Scout winners included Judy Glasscock, 108 Orange, Merkel, first in creative painting; Judy Glasscock, first in clay. Collections category winners were: Kalli Downing, 1645 Richland, Abilene; Gwen Davidson, 3332 S. 21st., Abilene; and Liz Daily, 1415 Bandera, Roscoe.

Cadette Girl Scout winners for creative painting were Connie Dunn, 1433 Tanglewood, Abilene; and Debbie Glasscock, 108 Orange, Merkel; for clay objects, winners were Cindy Click, 702 S. Bowie, Abilene; Susan Swaney, 801 Elmwood, Abilene; Debbie Glasscock, Merkel.

Macrame winners were Marilyn Kay Webber, P. O. Box 97, Hawley and Linda Bowen, Abilene State School.

Cindy Click was first prize winner in stitchey, Marilyn Kay Webber, Hawley was second, and Ada Stockton, Rt. 1, Tuscola won third.

Judges for the Girl Scout division were Mrs. Lester Berg and Mrs. S. P. Henagan both of Abilene. Mrs. Sands says all entries will be exhibited at the West Texas Fair, September 6-13.



BETA SIGMA PHI DIRECTORIES - Carol Deatherage (right center) of the Xi Nu Eta chapter of Beta Sigma Phi in Abilene is shown picking up the directories for her chapter from Carolyn Northcut (left center), Rho Phi's Ways and Means Committee Chairwoman. Also pictured are committee members Nan Bogart (left) and Carolyn Hermen (right). Beta Sigma Phi is the parent organization of the three Merkel sororities, Alpha Nu Nu, Lambda Beta and Xi Nu Chi.

### Beta Sigma Phi Directories Distributed By Rho Phi

The Rho Phi chapter of Beta Sigma Phi sorority is currently distributing its annual directory of Taylor County chapter members. The directory includes all

Beta Sigma Phi chapters in the county which includes Alpha Nu, Lambda Beta and Xi Nu Chi; thirteen chapters in Abilene and one in Hamlin. The directories will be dis-

tributed to individual chapters at the Council and are available from any member of Rho Phi in Abilene.

The directories are published annually by Rho Phi and are sold to obtain funds to be contributed to charitable projects such as the Rehab project which is the pet project of Rho Phi.

Rho Phi will also sponsor a Western Dance October 11, in the Abilene Civic Center with music provided by Jerry Hewitt and the Big Country Boys.

Beta Sigma Phi Sorority is a women's social, culture and service organization.



**LOOK WHO'S HERE!**

Lt. and Mrs. Douglas Barnhart of Poway, California announce the birth of a daughter, Tameia Ann, born August 30. The baby weighed 7 pounds. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Godfrey of Anson and paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Barnhart of Merkel.

Lt. and Mrs. Barnhart have another daughter, Tara who is 2.

Before washing white shoes in an automatic washer, loop them through the buttonhole of a white garment and tie loosely. Lynn Bourland, family resource management specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System, suggests.

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## 55 MPH Speed Limit Reduces Highway Death Toll: Fuel-Saving Benefits Extra Boms

Some 1,000 fewer lives were lost on the nation's highways in June of this year compared with June 1973. The 20 percent reduction in traffic fatalities was reported by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) which also noted that June 1975 fatalities were a significant 1.4 percent below the same month last year.

The American Automobile Association (AAA) says the June 1975 figures mark the first time this year that fatality counts were below corresponding months for 1974. January figures were 5.5 percent higher than January of last year; February was up nearly 9 percent; March was 5 percent higher; April was up 1.5 percent; and May climbed to 7 percent above the same month in 1974.

NHTSA Administrator Dr. James B. Gregory cited the lower national speed limit as perhaps the factor most contributing to the drop. He an-

ticipates a continuing fatality reduction trend through the remaining summer weeks if drivers continue their apparent observance of posted speed limits and wear safety belts.

NHTSA uses 1973 as a base year for statistical comparison rather than 1974, when the energy shortage brought about changed driving habits and, therefore, a dramatic reduction in traffic deaths. Locally, the AAA reports that the death rate in Texas was 335 in 1973, 245 in 1974 and 338 in 1975.

"It's apparent from the figures that a great majority of motorists in our state are not complying with the 55 mile-per-hour speed limit and other traffic laws," says Wm. M. Coffey, Manager, AAA Texas Division.

"Traveling 55 miles an hour not only increases the safety factor on our nation's highways," he continued, "but it also can significantly contribute to fuel conserva-

tion and help make 5 gallons of gasoline do the work of 6--the goal of our GAS WATCHERS' program."

AAA's GAS WATCHERS' campaign, designed to encourage voluntary gasoline conservation, was launched in January 1975 with the support of President Ford. Its objectives are to convince the motoring public of the need to conserve fuel, show them how to conserve, and measure results. The "make-5-do-6" slogan was selected because it reflects the national goal of reducing oil consumption by a million barrels a day. "Reducing gasoline consumption in this nation is imperative if motorists are to avoid the possibility of harsh, mandatory controls on driving," Coffey said.

AAA has designed a 16-page GAS WATCHERS' Guide that contains a tankful of simple, gas-saving tips to help drivers meet the program's goal without hardship. The pamphlet, which fits easily into a car's glove com-

partment, also contains a "mileage-minder" chart for recording daily automobile trips.

An important first step motorists should take toward fuel conservation is to become aware of how their cars are being used and how far they're driven in a given

week," the auto club official explained. "This chart can help profile driving habits, therefore making it simple to pinpoint wasteful, unnecessary trips."

A free copy of the GAS WATCHERS' Guide may be obtained by contacting your closest AAA office.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF TAYLOR BY VIRTUE OF AN ORDER OF SALE

DATED September 3, 1975 and issued pursuant to a judgment decree of the District Court of Taylor County, Texas as by the Clerk of said Court on said date in a certain suit No. 34,494-A, and styled State of Texas and Taylor County vs. Frances Martin, et al and to me directed and delivered as a Sheriff of said County, I have on September 3, 1975 seized, levied upon, and will, on the first Tuesday in October 1975, the same being the 7th day of said month at the Courthouse door of said County, in the City of Abilene, between the hours of 10 o'clock A.M. and 4 o'clock P.M. on said day, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all of the right, title, and interest of the defendants in such suit in and to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said defendants, the same lying and being situated in the County of Taylor and State of Texas, to wit:

The following property being located in the Original Townsite to the City of Blair: Lots 1, 2, 3 and 5, Block 4. The following property being located in the Original Townsite to the City of Haltom: Lots 3, 6, 7 and 8, Block 5; Lot 14, Block 6; Lots 2 through 7, Block 9; Lots 1, 2, 13 and 14, Block 12; Lots 1 and 8 through 15, Block 13. The following property being located in the Original Townsite to the City of Merkel: North 20' of Lot 10, South 30' of Lot 11, Block 12; Lots 17 and 18, Block 29. The following property being located in the M. D. Angus Addition to the City of Merkel: West 55' of Lot 1, Block 1. The following property being located in the Boyce Addition to the City of Merkel: Lots 5, 6, 9 and 10, Block C; Lot 2, Block I; Lots 1, 2 and 3, Block J. The following property being located in the College Addition to the City of Merkel: Lots 11 and 12, Block D, R. A. Miller subdivision of Blocks 7 and 20; Northwest 100' x 140' North 50' of the Southwest 150' x 140', South 100' of the West 140' of Block 8; Lot 1 and the North 1/2 of Lot 2, Block 9; Lots 3 and 4, Block 23. The following property being located in the Edmison - Sheppard Addition to the City of Merkel: Southwest 75' x 140' of Lot 2, Block H. The following property being located in the Haynes Addition to the City of Merkel: North 50', South 50' of the North 150', South 208' of the North 358' of Block E; Lots 1, 2 and 3, Block F. The following property being located in the Martin Addition to the City of Merkel: Lot 9, Block A; Lot 12, Block B. The following property being located in the Sharps Addition to the City of Merkel: Lots 4, 18 and 19. The following property being located in the F. J. Smith Addition to the City of Merkel: Lot C, Block 14. The following property being located in the South Park Addition to the City of Merkel: Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, Block A; Lots 5 and 6, Block B. The following property being located in the Thornton Addition to the City of Merkel: Lot 3, Block E, North 1/2 of Lot 11, and all of Lot 12, Block F. The following property being located in the West Addition to the City of Merkel: Lots 1 and 2, Block A.

Or upon the written request of said defendants or their attorney, a sufficient portion thereof to satisfy said judgment, interest, penalties and costs; subject, however, to the right of redemption, the defendants or any person hav-

ing an interest therein, to redeem the said property, or their interest therein, at any time within two years from the recordation of the deed in the manner provided by law, and subject to any other and further rights to which the defendants or anyone interested therein may be entitled, under the provisions of law. Said sale to be made by me to satisfy the judgment rendered in the above styled and numbered cause, together with interest, penalties, and costs of suit, and the proceeds of said sale to be applied to the satisfaction thereof, and the remainder, if any, to be applied as the law directs.

DATED 9-3-75, Texas, this the 3 day of September 1975.

Jack Landrum by R. P. Blackby, Deputy Sheriff, Taylor County, Texas  
29-3tc

## FFA Students Select Projects

Wednesday afternoon a large group of Vocational Agriculture students from Merkel High went to the "The Big 3" swine farm at Sylvester to select pigs to use for Ag. projects this year.

Some 33 boys and girls along with some of the mothers, fathers and Chester Collinsworth, the Vocational Agriculture instructor, selected 50 pigs at the big swine operation.

These pigs will be exhibited at fat stock shows this Winter and Spring.

Parents who accompanied the students in order to help with the hauling of the pigs were: Mrs. Phillip Pursley, Mrs. Corky Land, Mr. Charles Reddin and Mr. Galen Boone.

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The Taco sale sponsored by the Catholic Youth Group was such a success that the 14 dozen tacos were sold in less than an hour.  
"The Youth Group wishes to express their appreciation to those who purchased tacos and apologize to the many people who we had to turn away," said Mrs. John Brady, sponsor.  
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## Lambda Beta News

The Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met Tuesday, September 2 at the home of Sarah Lucas. The opening ritual was led by president, Chera Hohertz. Roll call was answered with the reply to the question "Is there a possibility that we may be creating a monster with all of our demands?" It was announced that the tasting tea would be at the Senior Citizens Building September 20 from 11:30 to 1:00. Tickets will be \$1.75 and children (10 and under) \$.75. Betty Allday was elected Valentine Queen and Ginny Yaddow was runner-up. Her picture will be sent to the International Valentine contest. "Woman, Her Heritage and Her Hope" was the program for the meeting. Pat Castille served as captain and Milly Bright as co-captain. The meeting was then adjourned for the closing ritual and refreshments.

Members present were Mmes. Jim Allday, Glen Bright, Rosey Castille, Jr., Clark, Obie Coker, Harold Hohertz, Billy Lucas, Paul Moore, Billy Bob Neff, Bobby Rogers, Phil Seymour, Larry Teaff and Bill Whisenhunt.

## Xi Nu Chi Rated 3 Star

Xi Nu Chi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met in the home of Mrs. John Brady Tuesday September 2, 1975 for their first regular meeting of the new year.

Mrs. Darla Mawson reported that Xi Nu Chi received a Three Star rating for the year 75-76. This is the highest rating that a chapter can receive.

The area convention in October at Odessa was discussed and there was a number of the members planning on attending.

The program for the evening was "Woman, Her Heritage and Her Hope" presented by Mrs. Alameda Bullock and assisted by Mrs. Peck Eager. Refreshments were served to the following: Mrs. John Brady, Mrs. Alameda Bullock, Mrs. Bobby Dubose, Mrs. Peck Eager, Mrs. Eddie Farmer, Mrs. Bob Barner, Mrs. Robert Harris, Mrs. Barbara Hobbs, Mrs. Bobby Mansfield, Mrs. Darla Mawson, Mrs. Val Patterson, Mrs. J. T. Reeder, Mrs. George Starbuck, and Mrs. Mammie Steck.

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27-4tc

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## Badgers Tracks

By SUSIE TOOMBS

honor society news

The National Honor Society met in Mrs. Dudley's room during activity period to elect officers. They are as follows: president, Netta Stephan; vice-president, Cindy Elliot; secretary, Christy Boone; treasurer, Rhonda White; and reporter, Karolyn Davis.

During the meeting several projects were brought up, but none were voted on due to the lack of time.

The Honor Society Bulletin Board is to be worked on by all members. Such duties pertaining to this are: getting Merkel High news clippings from the Merkel and Abilene newspapers and the making of posters by the artistic members of the group.

Members present at the meeting were Christy Boone, Netta Stephan, Kathryn Murrel, Karolyn Davis, Rhonda White, Cindy Elliot and Mike Magie.

The Bookmarkers, Merkel High School library club, met last week at the home of their sponsor, Mrs. Ruth Windsor. Senior Mike Magee was elected president. The year's meetings were planned to include various kinds of "fun" activities. The evening was filled with puzzles, cats and cokes.

Three new employees and 12 high school aides have been "snowed under" recently with the processing of about \$3,000.00 worth of books for the four Merkel schools. Mrs. Anne Booth, in the high school, shares the work with the following student aides: Seniors-Debbie Beard, Karolyn Davis, Mike Magee, Netta Stephan, Wayne Webb and Rhonda White; Juniors-Cherie Aiken, David Sloan, Ben Castille, Tommy Sloan, Suzanne Warner and Keith Wolf. Mrs. Judy Dudley and Senior Ray King handle the Junior High library. The amount of work to be done in a library has been quite a surprise to some new workers. They had no idea that eleven different things had to be done for each book before it was available to be checked out!

## Tri-City Baseball News

Meetings will resume next Monday for those persons interested in the project to secure baseball parks for the teenage boys and softball park for the girls.

The meetings were suspended during the summer although some work has been done.

Workers are badly needed and urged to attend the meeting at 8:00 at the Big Country Inn.

## Cemetery Donations

The following have made donations to the Merkel Cemetery Association:

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## Card Of Thanks

WE WISH TO EXPRESS our sincere thanks to our many friends for the prayers, beautiful floral offerings, cards, memorial gifts, and food during the loss of our loved one. We are grateful to the Merkel Ambulance for their efforts.

The Sonny Rudd Family  
29-1tp

Guests of the E. L. (Babe) Tarpleys, over the Labor Day weekend were treated to games of "42", food and much dove hunting on the 1st.

Attending the annual affair were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gregory and Todd; Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hicks of Merkel; Starlene and Tonya Maxwell and Wanda Stevens of 58th; Mr. and Mrs. Garth Gregory, Craig and Scott of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Troy Gregory of Big Spring; Mr. and Mrs. Buster Tarpley of Lubbock; Debbie Fincher of Lubbock; and Ben Williams of Tahoka; Ghrona Tarpley of Houston; and Wayne Tysinger and Robert Polk of Edinburg, Virginia.

Recent visitors in the home of Mrs. E. R. Foster and other relatives in the Merkel area were Mr. and Mrs. Bud Mitchell, Mrs. Edna Couch of Alvarado, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Naile of Fort Worth, and Mrs. Lula Stanley and daughter Mrs. Gertrude Lyles both of Fort Worth.

If a favorite accessory scratches a table, slip out the cork liners from soft drink bottle caps and glue them onto the bottom corners. These "feet" give a protective cushion between the accessory and furniture. Denise Beigbender, housing and home furnishings specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System, says.

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# Texas Constitution Up For Grabs

An Editorial  
By SARAH ECKOLS

Recently Senator Peyton McKnight spoke to a group of officials about his reasons for opposing the proposed new Texas Constitution. McKnight advocated that though the old constitution may be restrictive, he feels that the proposed new constitution goes too far in the opposite direction from a restrictive Constitution. He furthers this point by stating, "Their product is a permissive constitution—with the Legislature permitted to do just about anything it wants to, on the theory that if the public doesn't like it the public can throw out the Legislature."

"What the people have been given is a legislative Constitution prepared by legislators under intensive lobbying from every source imaginable and with the natural tendency to build up the power of the legislative body at the expense of everyone else, especially the general public."

On the other side of the coin, the majority of the

legislators as well as such organizations as the League of Women Voters advocate the passage of the proposed document at the polls in November.

This reporter will definitely leave politicking to the ones who consider it their cup of tea. The taste of politics and most politicians is rather bitter to this one's palate. However, I do feel that those of us who do not go to the polls in this election need not be among those griping about it later. If we want the right to complain, then we have a duty to get out and vote.

In the pages of this newspaper and almost every Texas newspaper this week is a copy of the Proposed new constitution. I urge each of you who is of age to vote and even the teen agers who are not old enough, to read it carefully and be able to know what is being proposed as the governing document of the state of Texas. We may have to live with it for some time to come, so let's at least know what it says.

The old Constitution has been in existence for 100 years and that length of time will wear out the timeliness of some laws that no longer are applicable. Whether the new proposed Constitution is right or not is in the hands of the voters. If you feel it is good, get out and vote for it. If you feel it is bad, get out and vote against it, get involved and do your duty as an informed citizen.

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# Taylor Cancer Society Schedules Board Meeting

The Taylor County Unit of the American Cancer Society will hold its first board meeting of the ACS year Thursday, September 18th, beginning at 6 p.m.

The program for the meeting, to be held at Sambo's Restaurant in Abilene, will be a discussion of activities for the upcoming months. All board members or prospective board members, as well as the general public, are urged to attend.

Further details are available by calling the ACS District office in Abilene - 673-4295.

# Farmers Union President States Russian Wheat Sale Hardly Noticable To American Consumers

The amount that retail food prices deserve to rise because of the Russian grain sales will be hardly noticeable to consumers, while the loss taken by farmers if these sales are shut off would be truly devastating, according to Jay Naman, member of the executive board of the National Farmers Union (NFU).

Naman, who is also president of Texas Farmers Union and represents a major wheat production area, made the statement following a meeting of the NFU executive unit at Denver.

"In the first place, the news of the grain sales did not come until early in July so it could not have any effect on retail prices yet," Naman explained.

"Normally, it is three to six months before an increase in raw materials prices is reflected through the production and marketing channels.

"Secondly, it takes a one dollar change in the price of wheat to justify a 1.2 cent change in the price of a pound loaf of bread, so there is no basis for the hysteria that bread may go to a dollar a loaf."

The NFU Executive Board noted that there is only 3.6 cents worth of wheat in a one-pound loaf of white bread now selling for 36 cents. A bushel of wheat provides enough flour for 70 loaves of bread.

Farm wheat prices would have to go to \$45 to \$50

a bushel before a dollar price-label on a pound loaf of bread could be justified, Farmers Union insisted.

The Farmers Union leaders maintained that while the retail price impact of the Russian grain sales would be nominal for consumers, the hold on grain sales ordered by Secretary Butz and the dock workers boycott could have a disastrous effect on farmers if it continues for any length of time.

The statement cited estimates that Russian grain purchases, if consummated, could improve the wheat market prices by 75 cents a bushel and the corn market price by 30 cents a bushel.

"If the sales are shut off,

farmers will not only have to forego that potential gain, but the value of the whole crop will be depressed," Naman said.

# Fortnightly Club To Meet

The Merkel Fortnightly Study Club will meet Saturday, September 13 at 10 a.m. in the home of Christine Collins.

Mesquite District President, Mrs. John Berry of Clyde will be attending this meeting. Serving as co-hostess will be Mrs. Charles Eager. Giving the program will be Mrs. Doris Jean Churchill of Abilene.

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## PROPOSITION NO. 1 ON THE BALLOT

Revising the separation of powers, legislative and executive provisions of the Texas Constitution. Article II, Separation of Powers, is amended to:

Provide that the powers of government of the State of Texas are divided among three distinct branches: legislative, executive, and judicial. Except as otherwise authorized by the constitution, members of one branch may not exercise any power properly attached to either of the others.

## PROPOSITION NO. 2 ON THE BALLOT

Revising the judiciary provisions of the Texas Constitution. Article V, The Judiciary is amended to:

Establish a unified judicial system consisting of the supreme court, court of appeals, district courts, and circuit courts. Existing county courts and county judges are continued until otherwise provided by law. All judges (except municipal judges), district attorneys and district clerks must be elected by the people. The supreme court and the court of criminal appeals are merged into a single court of last resort, and this supreme court is authorized to provide for efficient administration of the judicial system and to balance case loads. Individual rights for a trial by jury and appeal by the accused are continued. The state is granted the right to appeal in criminal cases in limited circumstances, and the legislature is permitted to establish methods of appeal to the courts from decisions of state agencies.

## PROPOSITION NO. 3 ON THE BALLOT

Revising the voting and election provisions of the Texas Constitution. Article VI, Voter Qualifications and Elections, is amended to:

Provide for registration and qualifications for voting including voter residency requirements to be established by law. A citizen of the United States who is at least 18 years of age and who meets the registration and residence requirements provided by law is a qualified voter unless the person has been convicted of a felony and for that felony is incarcerated, on parole, or on probation, or unless the person is mentally incompetent as determined by a court. Voting by the people in all elections must be by secret ballot, and the legislature shall provide by law for residence, registration, and absentee voting

## PROPOSITION NO. 4 ON THE BALLOT

Revising the education provisions of the Texas Constitution. Article VII, Education, is amended to:

Provide that the Permanent and Available School Funds and the county public school funds are continued for the support of the free public schools. The State Board of Education is retained and the Permanent and Available University Funds are continued for the benefit of The University of Texas and Texas A&M Systems. A new Higher Education Fund for Texas is established for the benefit of colleges and universities outside The University of Texas and Texas A&M Systems. The state ad valorem tax of ten cents on \$100 valuation is continued as the source of revenue for the Fund. The ten cent higher education tax may be changed by law within the ten cent maximum. The legislature may allocate by law a portion of the Higher Education Fund to certain state vocational and technical institutes. The article provides that the public education system must furnish each individual an equal educational opportunity, but a school district may provide local enrichment of educational programs exceeding the level provided by the state consistent with general law. Authority to issue Permanent University Bonds is continued but the bonds may not exceed 30% of the Permanent University Fund.

## PROPOSITION NO. 5 ON THE BALLOT

Revising the finance provisions of the Texas Constitution. Article VIII, Finance, is amended to:

Provide that state taxes may be levied and collected only by general law and to prohibit any state ad valorem tax on real property or tangible personal property except the ten cent tax provided for in Article VII and a

requirements, for the administration of elections, and for the protection of the electoral process. The general election for state and county officers is to be held in even-numbered years on a date prescribed by law.

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

"The constitutional amendment revising the SEPARATION OF POWERS, LEGISLATIVE, AND EXECUTIVE PROVISIONS of the Texas Constitution."

If adopted by the voters, will become effective September 1, 1976.

## PROPOSITION NO. 6 ON THE BALLOT

Revising the local government provisions of the Texas Constitution. Article IX, Local Government, is amended to:

Revising the local government provisions of the Texas Constitution. Article IX, Local Government, is amended to: Provide that the counties that exist on the date of adoption of the local government article and that county boundaries may be changed if approved by a majority of the qualified voters in each affected county who vote on the question. Counties may be merged or county seats relocated if approved by two-thirds of the qualified voters in each affected county who vote on the question. The present elected constitutional county offices are retained and four year terms of office are provided. The voters of a county may create additional offices, eliminate offices, or combine the duties and functions of offices. The voters may also grant ordinance making power to the governing body of the county. Cities and towns having more than 1,500 inhabitants may become home-rule cities. Tax limitations are established for operating purposes for cities and counties and the legislature is required to fix debt limits for cities, towns, counties, and school and community junior college districts.

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

"The constitutional amendment revising the LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROVISIONS of the Texas Constitution."

If adopted by the voters, will become effective on September 1, 1976.

## PROPOSITION NO. 7 ON THE BALLOT

Revising the general provisions of the Texas Constitution. Article X, General Provisions, is amended to:

Provide the basic requirements relating to public officeholders such as the official oath and residency requirements. The provision defining the separate and community property of spouses is retained, and the protection of a homestead from forced sale is continued. The legislature is required to protect certain personal property from forced sale. Current wages for personal service are not subject to garnishment. A private corporation may not be chartered except under general law, and no bank may engage in business at more than one place in this state. The legislature must provide for the regulation of bank holding companies. The present system of local-option elections for the prohibition or sale of alcoholic beverages is continued. The legislature is required to prohibit lotteries and gift enterprises but may permit certain bingo games and raffles. The presently existing provisions for retirement benefits of teachers and other public employees are modified to allow the state to con-

tribute more than 10%. A policy that the quality of the environment of the State of Texas is to be protected is established, and the legislature is required to implement and enforce this policy. No state funds may be used to remove surface water from the river basin of origin if the surface water is necessary to supply the reasonably foreseeable water requirements of the basin for the ensuing 50 years, unless the removal of water is sufficiently replaced to the point of removal from outside the state or is on a temporary, interim basis. The seaward beaches of the Gulf of Mexico and coastal submerged lands belonging to the state are held by the state in perpetual trust for the people, and subject to reasonable limitations prescribed by law, the public has the free and unrestricted right of use and benefit of the beaches. The provision is continued that, except as otherwise provided by law, a rate of interest in excess of ten percent a year is usurious, and that if a contract does not specify a rate of interest, the rate under the contract may not exceed six percent a year. Discrimination against handicapped persons is prohibited, and a goal of the state is established to provide every resident access to adequate, comprehensive health care.

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

"The constitutional amendment revising the GENERAL PROVISIONS of the Texas Constitution."

If adopted by the voters, will become effective September 1, 1976.

## PROPOSITION NO. 8 ON THE BALLOT

Revising the mode of amending provisions of the Texas Constitution. The proposed article will be the last article of the constitution. If only Proposition No. 8 is adopted, the article will replace Article XVII of the present constitution. If other propositions are adopted, the article will be appropriately renumbered to remain the last article of the constitution. If all propositions are adopted, the article will be Article XI. Article XVII, Mode of Amending the Constitution of the State, is amended to:

Establish a procedure for constitutional amendments requiring a two-thirds vote of each house of the legislature and majority approval by the voters. The calling of a limited or unlimited constitutional convention with voter approval is provided. The question of whether to call a constitutional convention must be submitted to the people every 30 years.

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

"The constitutional amendment revising the MODE OF AMENDING PROVISIONS of the Texas Constitution."

If adopted by the voters, will become effective September 1, 1976.

## PROPOSITION NO. 9 ON THE BALLOT

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# Grain Farmers Close To Wall On Grain Controversy Decision

Texas Farm Bureau President Carrol Chaloupka said future supplies of grain may depend upon the outcome of the current grain export-controversy.

"If farmers lose a part of their legitimate export markets because of actions of the federal government and labor unions, they will be forced to reduce plantings for the next crop season," Chaloupka said. "Fall planting for wheat is just a few weeks away and some farmers will be making that decision soon."

Chaloupka said farmers are angered over the Administration's curtailment of future grain sales to Russia until final crop reports are in and also the actions of the International Longshoremen's Association in refusing to load grain on ships bound for Russia.

"These actions will result in less grain, not more, for the American consumer," the Dalhart grain and livestock producer said. "If our farmers find their export markets destroyed and if resulting prices are below cost of production, they may not plant at all."

Chaloupka said farmers must find overseas outlets for two-thirds of their wheat and rice and a fourth of their feed grains. He said these markets permit volume production with resulting lower costs to American consumers.

Chaloupka said that if the export issue isn't cleared up soon farmers may use economic pressure themselves.

"Right now American farmers own and control a large portion of the world's available grain supplies," he said. "This is grain that is still on the farms or in country elevators. Adequate supplies are not available from traditional exporters such as Canada.

"Grain farmers could decide to use the ultimate weapon--withholding food--in order to force access to world markets and to assure a profitable price."

# Lifetime Canyon Resident Died At 72

Mrs. Gladys Swinney, 72, of Mulberry Canyon died at 7:45 p.m. Sunday at her home after an apparent heart attack.

Services for Mrs. Swinney were held at 4 p.m. Tuesday at Pioneer Methodist Church in Mulberry Canyon.

The Rev. Elra Phillips, pastor of the Hart United Methodist Church officiated. Burial was in White Church Cemetery in Mulberry Canyon, directed by Starbuck Funeral Home of Merkel.

Nephews were pallbearers.

Born Gladys Butman June 7, 1903, in Mulberry Canyon, she married Joseph Swinney Jan. 1, 1926, in Merkel.

Mrs. Swinney was a lifetime Mulberry Canyon resident, where she was a member of Pioneer United Methodist Church.

Survivors include her husband; four sons, Harold of Abilene, Herbert of Amarillo and Tommy and Joseph, both of Merkel; two daughters, Nancy Hardey of Abilene and Lesa Swinney of the home; four brothers, Louis Butman and Ben Butman, both of Abilene, Ford Butman of Merkel and Will Butman of Mulberry Canyon; two sisters, Lottie Everett of Merkel and Mary Russom of Mulberry Canyon; and 11 grandchildren.

# Crime Prevention Unit Gives Demonstrations At Fair

The problems of rape, child molesting and home security in the Abilene area will be given special attention at this year's West Texas Fair by the Crime Prevention Unit of the Abilene Police Department. This is the first time CPU has been a part of fair activities.

As part of their emphasis on home security, the crime prevention people will be on hand throughout fair week with engraving pens to mark personal items for identification and protection against permanent loss.

Several locks and home security devices will be given away by the Crime Prevention Unit, according to Sgt. Harold Emerson, Abilene merchants have contributed these items which will be on display during fair week in the Modern Living Mall.

At 6:30 p.m. Friday, September 12, CPU will have a display of security locks, burglar alarms and similar security systems in the Bicentennial focus area of the fair.

The Friday night jack pot roping and barrel race has been canceled until further notice.

The roping stock will be auctioned off Saturday night, September 20, before the regular play night begins.

# WWI Vets Met

The veterans of W.W.I. Merkel-Trent Bks. No. 2248 will meet Tuesday September 16th, at 5:30 p.m. at the Taylor Electric Co-Op Building for our regular meeting.

Commander R. E. Amos of Abilene Bks. No. 1667 will meet with us to discuss our district meeting to be held at Abilene.

He will give us the date and time of this meeting which will be coming up soon.

The Ladies Auxiliary will serve a pot luck supper. All members are urged to come.

# PUBLIC NOTICE

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
Thralls, Plaintiff, vs. Johnny Harrvel Talbert, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows: The parties were married on or about August 18, 1966, and separated on or about April 1, 1967. Two children were born of this marriage: Lisa Ann Talbert and John Sanford Talbert. Petitioner requests termination of the parent-child relationship between children and Respondent; Petitioner prays for a divorce from Respondent.

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 3rd day of August A. D. 1975.

Attest: Irene Crawford, Clerk, Domestic Relations Court  
Taylor County, Texas.  
By Diana Howard, Deputy.  
29-1tc

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once 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 a true copy.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
To: Johnny Harrvel Talbert, Defendant, Greeting:  
**YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable Domestic Relations 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 20th day of October A. D. 1975, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 3rd day of September A. D. 1975, in this cause, numbered 11,025-DR on the docket of said court and styled Patricia Louise**

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# Riding Club News

The monthly pot luck supper and business meeting for the Merkel Riding Club has been rescheduled for Thursday, September 18 at the REA Building at 7:30 p.m.

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# Alpha Nu Nu Hosts Ice Cream Social

Alpha Nu Nu chapter of Beta Sigma Phi held an ice cream social in the home of Mrs. Louise Sudderth Saturday evening, September 6 at 8 p.m.

Members and husbands were served ice cream and cake.

Table appointments carried out the sorority's 1975-76 theme, "Let Freedom Ring." The centerpiece of yellow roses was flanked by bronze bells and white candles with the theme in black letters against an ivory linen cloth.

# Card Of Thanks

I WISH TO EXPRESS MY thanks for all the prayers, flowers, cards and kindnesses shown me during my recent illness.

Mrs. Sam Vinson  
29-1tc

He warns the heads of parties against believing their own lies-Arbuthnot

## Crossword Puzzle

**ACROSS**

1. Except  
4. River of oblivion: myth.  
9. In what way?  
12. Greek letter  
13. Not silently  
14. Girl's name  
15. Strong wind  
17. Killer  
19. Evade work  
21. Threefold  
22. Appeal  
24. But  
25. Stick fast  
27. Tibetan ox  
29. Suit fabric  
33. Persia  
35. Excavate  
37. Rocky ridge in water  
38. Class  
40. Make lace  
42. Animal M.D.  
43. Crimson  
45. Story

**DOWN**

1. Pleads  
2. State  
3. Amulet  
4. French "the"  
5. Tree  
6. Racing tipster  
7. Rush  
8. Whirlpools  
9. Zeus' wife  
10. Above  
11. Cautious

**ACROSS**

16. Before  
18. Come in  
20. Lock and  
23. Insane  
25. Irish dance  
26. 100 sq. meters  
28. Set of tools  
30. Setbacks  
31. Command to horse  
32. Nurt  
34. Nurture  
36. Gun: slang  
39. Bring to rest  
41. Small flap  
44. Prevent  
46. Meadow  
47. Crustacean  
48. Adore  
49. Employed  
50. Back  
52. Vex  
53. Eli  
55. Compass point  
59. Suffix: past tense

At one time, fishermen in the north of England would not set out if they met a hare, a woman or a priest on their way to the boats.

Deeds not words shall speak me - Beaumont and Fletcher  
'Tis not for mortals all ways to be blest-Armstrong

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## Col. Millett To Awards Dinner, Then To Korea

Col. and Mrs. Louis L. Millett will be on their way to Seoul, Korea at the invitation of the Korean government to spend an all-expense paid week in that country which Col. Millett defended to the degree of receiving the Congressional Medal of Honor during the Korean conflict.

Rep. Hebert was in San Antonio recently for the dedication of the Audi Murphy Veterans Hospital.

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### Alpha Nu Nu Begins Season

Alpha Nu Nu Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi held their opening meeting of the season August 26 at 7:30 p.m. in the home of Pam Bishop.

The program, "Woman, Her Heritage and Her Hope" was given by Rojean Hicks and Sandra Carriker.

Members attending were Mesdames Rojean Hicks, Ann Leach, Peggy Vanderwerker, Mychele Hammond, Louise Sudderth, Sandra Carriker, Pam Bishop and Marie Shanks.

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12	Winters	There	8:00	
19	Ranger	Here	8:00	
26	Roby	There	8:00	
Oct. 3	Albany	Here	7:30	
10	Jim Ned	There	7:30	
17	Roscoe	Here	7:30	Homecoming
24	Wylie	There	7:30	
31	Rotan	Here	7:30	
Nov. 7	Baird	There	7:30	

J. V. Schedule

Sept. 4	Colorado City	H	7:30
11	Anson	T	7:30
18	Stamford	H	7:30
25	Stamford	H	6:00
Oct. 2	Albany	T	7:30
9	Jim Ned	H	7:30
16	Roscoe	T	7:30
23	Wylie	H	7:30
30	Rotan	T	7:30
Nov. 6	Baird	H	7:30

Last Week's Results	
MERKEL	29
ROBERT LEE	19

COACHES — Ronny Aldridge, Monte Land, David Sumners  
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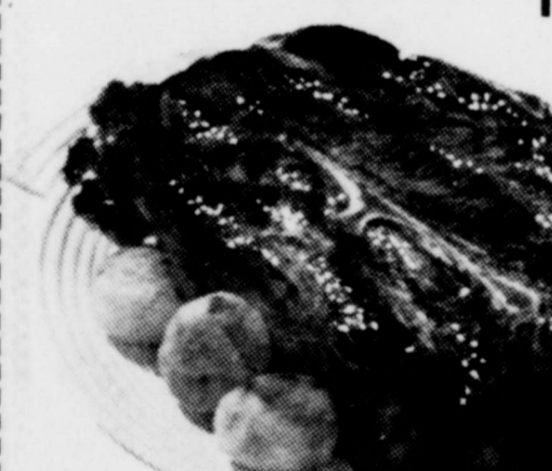
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