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## Between you



and me

By SARAH ECKOLS

This week has been both Fire Prevention Week and National 4-H Week. I feel like these organizations being honored with a special week are very deserving.

Small towns would be in very dangerous shape were it not for the volunteer fire departments. Merkel is fortunate to have a volunteer fire department that is willing to educate itself and prepare itself for the challenge of fighting fires in rural areas and small towns. This group of men and their auxiliary receive only a small portion of the credit and thanks they deserve.

We wish to say good luck to the Merkel Volunteer Fire Department in their participation in the convention in Stamford and their trip to the State Fair in Dallas. Good luck!!!

The 4-H Clubs have been a most important part of rural life for some time now and it is also pertinent to honor these young people, their parents, and their advisors during their week. Organizations such as 4-H offer educational activities to young people as well as guidance in areas of heart and happiness. A special salute to 4-H Clubs of America on this your week.

You showed me the way to laugh again,  
When I wasn't sure I could.  
You took my hand and led the way,  
Because you understood.

Look not behind us at what is gone,  
Or what can never be.  
But take time to live today,  
And know how to live free.

It has come to my attention that a great deal of conflict of dates occurs in community activities. I would like to invite clubs, organizations, the school, the churches, etc. to provide me with information of activities so that we may publish a monthly calendar of activities and avoid some of the conflicting dates. Your help in this matter would be most appreciated.

I understand that interest in the Lions Club sponsored domino tournament is running high. The only problem so far seems to be picking a date. It has been tentatively set for the 1, 8 or 15 of November. The correct date will be announced shortly. The tournament will be hosted at the Lions Club building and trophies will be awarded the two top teams. Entry fee is a \$5 donation per team. Each entry will have a chance to win a professional set of dominoes also. Incidentally, we checked with the top Lions and they say ladies are welcomed.

Time Capsule Merkel seems to be gaining some momentum and we are glad to see that interest in this is picking up. Mr. Hammond tells me that his building is coming along well and that is definitely evident as one drives by it.

## Wharton Receives ROTC Scholarship At West Texas

Six West Texas State University ROTC students received \$50 scholarships from the Military Science Department in ceremonies in early October. These students were named from a group of 50

applicants for their interest and participation in ROTC. Presenting the checks was WTSU professor of military science Lt. Col. Charles Laakso.

Receiving the scholarships were Patricia Althen of 2104 N. Roosevelt, Amarillo; Justin Miller, son of Betty Dewey of 1410 California, Woodbridge, Virginia; Estelita Balderrama, daughter of Tayde Balderrama of Kress; Richard St. John of the Canal Zone; James Wharton, son of Marshall Wharton of Route 1, Merkel; and Muriel Clark, daughter of Fred Clark of 618 Amistad Blvd., Universal City.

## Air Charter Service Operating In Sweetwater

A Sweetwater based air charter service is now in full time operation according to James E. Gesin, president of Sweetwater Flying Services, Inc.

The newly formed air charter service is FAA certified for air taxi service to anyplace in the Continental United States.

Gesin, a commercial pilot with over 1000 hours of flying time in multiple and single engine aircraft, serves as full time pilot for Sweetwater Flying Services, Inc. Currently the firm provides charter service with a new 1975 Beechcraft Bonanza A36 which will carry five adults and baggage. The single engine aircraft is fully instrumented, can land and take off from any airfield in the U.S. and cruises at 187 m.p.h. As example, Gesin explained, a flight from Sweetwater to Love Field in Dallas takes only 1 hour and 15 minutes.

## Victory Singers To Meet October 13

The Victory Gospel Singers will hold their regular second Monday night singing at 307 El Paso Street in Merkel. The singing will begin at 7 p.m. Garland McInn will be the director for October and the public is cordially invited to attend.



NATIONAL 4-H WEEK-The Mulberry Canyon 4-Hers decorated the window of the Taylor Electric Cooperative building Sunday afternoon in celebration of 4-H Week. Pictured are (back row left to right) Sherri Williams,

Lisa Hughes and Leslie Masonheimer and (front row left to right) Dee Ann Masonheimer, Cindy Hutchings, Sheila Swinney and Tommy Swinney.

## F&M Bank Leads In Deposits With 34% Increase

Farmers and Merchants National Bank led rural banks in Taylor County in deposits and increase over the same period last year according to quarterly report figures. Farmers and Merchants National Bank had a deposit figure of \$10,547,640 which shows an increase of 34 percent over this time last year.

"We have shown almost a 70% increase in the 18 months we have had the bank," stated Don Hensley, president of Farmers and Merchants National Bank. He

attributes the increase in deposits to the strong local economy of Merkel. Hensley also stated that farmers and ranchers have begun to receive more stable prices for grain and livestock and there has been local growth in business and manufacturing with the addition of Wilkerson Manufacturing, the growth of the Country Club in Merkel, the new Ben Franklin building, the expansion of Gilene Manufacturing, and the addition of Western Auto Associate Store in Merkel. The total for all Taylor

County banks showed a 16 percent increase over last year with \$412,580,734. The loan figure showed an increase of 12 percent over last year.

Home State Bank in Trent showed a 4 percent increase in their figure. President J. G. Wilks says the maize crop has been brought in and the cotton crop is just beginning to come in. "Just the way we like to see it," is the way he describes the loan deposit ratio. The peak of growing sea-

son stimulated the rural economy and was reflected in the 22 percent over all deposit increase in the county's three rural banks. Farmers and Merchants National Bank in Merkel, Home State Bank in Trent and First State Bank in Tuscola.

A progressive, aggressive bank is good for a community and with the type of progressive management given the Farmers and Merchants National Bank in Merkel by Don Hensley, Merkel can't help but be a progressive "West Texas town on the grow."

## Firemen Will Meet In Stamford October 11

Fire department personnel from fifteen towns will gather in Stamford Saturday, October 11, for the 74th. semi-annual Mid-West Texas Firemen and Fire Marshals' Association meeting. Registration will begin at 10 a.m. at the fire station. The women's luncheon and business meeting will begin at 11:30 and will feature a style show at the Lion's Club building on the east side of the square.

The men's business meeting will begin at 1:30 p.m. in the council room of the city hall. Speaker will be Jim Nichols, instructor, of Tarrant County Junior College. Nichols, a long time fire fighter, teaches fire technology, hydraulics, administration and other courses in that college and the surrounding area.

Pumper races will begin at 4:30 near the fire station. Barbecue will be served beginning at 6:30 at the National Guard Armory, east of town.

A dance at the same location will begin at 8:30 and will feature music by Moonshine, a local group of musicians headed by Gary Miller. Towns included in the mid-west district include Anson, Aspermont, Baird, Clyde, Colorado City, Hamlin, Haskell, Merkel, Roby, Rochester, Roscoe, Rotan, Snyder, Stamford and Throckmorton.

## Fender Bender Near School

The Merkel Police Department is currently investigating an accident involving an unidentified vehicle which struck a 1970 Ford which was parked and unattended on South 4th. Street headed east. There was extensive damage to the door of the Ford, but no injuries were involved. The accident occurred between 3:30 and 4 p.m. Tuesday, October 7.

## Badgers Fall To Lions In First District Game Meet Jim Ned October 10 In Tuscola

The Merkel Badgers dropped their first District 8-A game to the Albany Lions here Friday night. The visitors kept the home team off the scoreboard and defeated them 25-0 in a fast paced game.

The first Lion TD came with only 3 minutes off the

clock as #36, Jim Law went into the end zone and #10, Charles Ray Holson kicked the extra point.

Merkel seemed to be plagued with the usual fumbles in this contest. The Badgers attempted to put three on the board as #42, Larry Smith failed to put

the ball through the uprights on a field goal try with 30 seconds on the clock.

Early in the second quarter, #44, Steve Williamson intercepted a Badger pass intended for #81, David King. With 6 1/2 minutes to go in the half, Joe Riley, #85 took a pass in the end zone

to put 6 more on the board for the Lions. The PAT failed and the score moved up to 13-0 for the Lions.

The second Lion score in the period came with only 37 seconds remaining on the clock for the half when #11, Mike Cotter took the pigskin over the goal line. The attempt for 2 was blocked and the half ended with the Lions out front 19-0.

Badgers' #25, Ricky Howes was shaken on the first play of the second half and went out of the game for several minutes. The ball went to the Lions one more time on their own 3 yard line as Keith Austermann let go and a Lion recovered.

Later in the third quarter the Badgers did a good job of faking a punt on a fourth down situation to make the first with six yards to spare. Larry Smith held on to the snap and made the first down for the Badgers.

With five minutes remaining in the contest, Mike Henry came down with a Lion pass to give the Badgers another chance to get on the scoreboard. The 15 yard pass was thrown by Charles Ray Holson. However, turnabout was the name of the game as #36, Jim Law took a Badger pass and ran the 15 yards to cross the goal line for the 4th. Lion TD of the contest. The try for 2 failed as the snap was fumbled and the score remained at 25-0 as the contest ended.

The Merkel Badgers will meet the Jim Ned Indians Saturday evening at 7:30 in Tuscola as the Indians of Jim Ned host their homecoming.

Presenting the program on changes taking place in banking was Sam Hill, Vice President of First State Bank of Abilene, Hill has been a banker for 16 years.

Hill discussed the things that are happening in banks today such as the teller 24, more drive in windows, importance of credit cards, electronic transfer of funds, consumer transfer terminals and individual retirement accounts.

"The emphasis is on convenience, your convenience," said Hill. People are changing and their habits are changing according to Hill, and banks are changing to accommodate them.

Hill complimented the progress taking place in Merkel and attributed a good deal of that progress to the fact we have an aggressive bank in our community.

## Western Auto Associate Store To Open Monday

The Western Auto Associate Store will be opened for business at 1108 North 2nd. in Merkel Monday October 13, announced Rodney Cosper, owner-manager of the store. Store hours will be 7:30 a.m. til 6 p.m.

The new facility in Merkel will be handling automotive supplies, appliances, sporting goods, tires, bicycles, plumbing supplies, electrical supplies and many other items. There will be a merchandise truck servicing the store weekly and any item that is not available in the store can be ordered for delivery on the next truck.

Cosper, 29, is a graduate of Abilene High School and attended Arlington State which is now University of Texas at Arlington. He was previously a salesman before deciding to go off the road and settle down. When asked why he picked Merkel to settle in, Cosper said because of its relation to Abilene geographically and having done a survey on the town found it to be a city in need of a store like his and a good place in which to settle his family.

Mrs. Cosper is the former Sharon Hogue of Abilene. The Cospers have a son, Brian who is four and a daughter, Staci who is 4 months. The Cospers plan to move to Merkel shortly after the first of the year. They are members of the Elmcrest Baptist Church.

Grand opening for the Western Auto Store is planned for November 6. Cosper will offer both credit and cash terms to his customers. He invites your patronage.

## Halloween Carnival Scheduled For October 25

There is to be a Halloween carnival Saturday evening, October 25 in Sheppard Park which adjoins the Methodist Church yard on the north side. This is not a church sponsored activity.

As a community carnival, clubs and other organizations are urged to put up their booths to make it a worthwhile project. All proceeds will go to the individual organizations sponsoring booths.

As several spaces have been spoken for, everyone needs to clear their booth with the carnival committee, so that no booth will be duplicated. Contact Otis Coker or Barbara Whisenhunt for more information.

The carnival is scheduled for 6 p.m.

## Trent Contest Cancelled, Paint Creek Drops Football

The football game between Trent and Paint Creek scheduled for Friday, October 10 has been cancelled.

## Exes Plan Homecoming

A coffee and general meeting is planned for the ex-students of Merkel High School following the Homecoming game October 17. The coffee and election of new officers of the ex-student association will be held in the school cafeteria.

## Lions Hear About Changes Happening In Banking

The Merkel Lions Club met Tuesday in their regular

## Doan Rites Held October 2

Claude Doan, 91, of Merkel, died at 4:40 a.m. Wednesday in Hendrick Memorial Hospital following a lengthy illness. Services were at 2 p.m. Thursday in Starbuck Chapel.

Larry Gill, minister of the Merkel Church of Christ, and Mike Reed, pastor of Elmcrest Baptist Church in Abilene, officiated. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery. Born September 20, 1904, in Athens, he moved to Merkel in the early 1900's. He moved away from Merkel in 1928, and returned two years ago. He married Della Olmstead on September 25, 1904, in Tye, and she died in 1959. He married Beulah Derrington in 1962. He was in the grocery and service station business.

meeting. Introduced as visitors were Sam Hill, Vice President of First State Bank of Abilene, Rodney Cosper, owner-operator of Western Auto Associate Store in Merkel and Ed Schibe of Big Spring, area advisor in the MOC programs in the public schools.

Discussion was presented concerning the conflicts being encountered in choosing a date for the domino tournament. A positive date will be chosen and announced to the public in the next few days.

A committee was appointed to work out details of a Lions Club contribution to the Merkel Time Capsule. Also in the business meeting it was passed to donate \$50 to an individual hospital patient and to buy corrective lenses for three children in the Merkel Schools.



**PUBLIC  
NOTICE**

To animal owners within the city of Merkel, there is an ordinance which requires pets to be in closed yards or chained. These animals must be licensed and vaccinated.

The Merkel Police Department is making an effort to enforce the ordinance and control animals running at large in the city.

**Castillo Participated In  
NATO Exercise**

Navy Radioman Seaman Alberto Castillo, son of Mr. Antonio S. Castillo Sr., of Route 5, Merkel, Texas, participated in "Deep Express," an annual NATO exercise in the Eastern Mediterranean Sea.

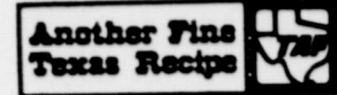
He is a crew member aboard the amphibious cargo

ship USS El Paso, which was one of 17 U. S. Sixth Fleet ships involved in the multinational exercise.

The U. S. forces joined with air, ground and sea going units from Italy, Turkey, Belgium, The Netherlands, West Germany and the United Kingdom, to test the operational readiness and capabilities of defense elements on NATO's southern flank.

The exercise included defensive operations by the combined NATO ground forces against a simulated amphibious assault west of Istanbul, Turkey.

The El Paso is homeported at Norfolk, Virginia.



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For additional recipes write Commissioner John C. White, Texas Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas 78711.

You can never plan the future by the past—Burke

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**Howard County Farmers  
Officially Chartered**

Howard County Farmers Union was officially chartered as an affiliate of the Texas Farmers Union Tuesday evening, October 7. Texas Farmers Union President Jay Naman of Waco was in Big Spring Tuesday evening to present the charter to the newly organized county organization.

**Compere  
HD Club**

The Compere Home Demonstration Club met October 2 in Mrs. Ab Hunter, Jr. home for the regular meeting. Mrs. Hunter presided for the meeting with six members and one visitor and three children present.

Roll call was "my favorite bread."

Mrs. Clarence Allen gave the devotional.

Mrs. Hugh Taylor directed recreation.

Mrs. Clayton Dillard gave the council report. She reported a county wide meeting October 8 at Anson on "Income Tax." Plans for the council Christmas party December 2 is to serve Mexican food.

Mrs. Hunter and Dolores Adair gave the program on "Yeast Breads." The white bread was made up in the demonstration ready to rise.

The "Flora Dora Coffee Cake" and "French Pheasant Ring" were made ahead and baked to be served hot with coffee or tea. Recipes were handed out.

Those enjoying the delicious sweet breads were Mrs. Clarence Allen, Mrs. Hugh Taylor, Mrs. Dewey Ramsey, Mrs. Don Adair, Mrs. Clayton Dillard and the hostess, Mrs. Hunter. Also attending were Mrs. Tommy Hunter and three children, visitors.

Naman discussed farm policy and the Farmers Union's Plan for price parity and food abundance with the members. "Farmers and ranchers are facing one of the most challenging and difficult times in our history. The official policy of the United States government is one of full production. However, there must also be some financial security for farmers if they are to produce all-out. The present policy fails to afford this protection," Naman said. "The policy which the Farmers Union is proposing is one which would assure parity prices for farmers while assuring consumers adequate supplies of food and fiber."

Texas Farmers Union District 8 Director Gene Perry of Big Spring accompanied Naman to the organizational meeting.

The Texas Farmers Union leader also discussed the role of local members in the 1975 Texas Farmers Union State Convention in Fort Worth December 5-6. Naman briefed the members on their role of adopting policy for the state-wide farm organization which will guide it through the coming year.

**Gills Announce  
Adoption Of Son**

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Gill announce the adoption of a son, Marshall Lee who is five. Marshall has been the foster son of Mr. and Mrs. Gill for a year.

The Gills are the parents of a daughter, Tiffany who is 11 months old.

Nature admits no lie—Carlyle

**IV Badgers  
Defeated**

It was a good and close game during the first half with the Albany Cubs ahead by 6-0. The Junior Badgers had made two tremendous stands inside the 15 yard line before intermission, but that was not enough as the Cubs came away with a 20-0 victory.

Leading the defensive effort for the Junior Badgers were Dwayne Roysden, Dale Ray Higgins, James Stovall, Josh Amerine, Victor Herrera, Steve Mathewson, Jimmy Davis, Robert Fowler, Scott Cain, Bobby Dickinson, Larry Martin and Gary Arnold. According to Coach Martin, "these young men played a real good game, even though the score was lopsided it was closer than it indicates."

Shining on offense were linemen Mark Copel, Mark Amerine, Russell White, Stovall, Roysden, Mathewson, Ken Wells, Higgins, Chris Cox, Dickinson and Scott Cain.

The next ball game for the Junior Badgers is Jim Ned at Merkel on October 9 at 6:00 p.m. right after the 7th grade game with Colorado City at 5:00 p.m. "These young men have been giving the type of effort all year that it takes to be fine athletes and everyone is urged to come and watch the Junior Badgers in action this Thursday," stated Coach Martin.

**Merkel**

Visiting David Hendricks over the week end was his cousin, Pat May of Graham. Pat also visited his grandparents in Merkel, Mr. and Mrs. Burr Hendricks.

Mr. and Mrs. David Gamble were in Lubbock Sun-

**Visitors**

day, October 5, as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Newt Logan. Mrs. Gamble and Mrs. Logan attended the seminar on Pharmacy Law sponsored by the Texas Pharmaceutical Association.

Gamble is president of Big Country Pharmacut... Association.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: H. L. Smith, Roy E. Smith, Jewel Condon Blacksher, Lila Pearl Livergood, J. W. Blacksher, U. B. Blacksher, G. L. Blacksher, Mrs. D. Sloan, A. J. Bartrug, C. R. Blevins, Margaret C. Buchwald, W. L. Byrd, B. G. Cheney, O. P. Coffin, Ray Coffin, David Cole, A. J. Coleman, G. H. Coleman, J. G. Corbett, J. E. Cudney, Nora Douglas, J. T. Eslick, P. C. Hefner, Betty Heyworth, H. C. Kuntz,

W. W. Line, J. J. McKeon, Henry McNutt, Mrs. Albert B. Martin, G. T. Meador, J. E. Meador, Thomas D. Metcalf, J. P. Monday, C. Moore, J. A. Kansom, V. E. Pruitt, Joe Roessli, Royalty Shareholders, Inc., D. T. Scott, Thomas & Corby, J. C. White and the unknown heirs-at-law, devisees, legal representatives, successors and assigns of each of said named individual Defendants who are deceased, DEFENDANTS, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 42nd District Court, Judge Don Lane, of Taylor County at the Court-house thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. on the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 10 day of November, A. D. 1975, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 24th day of September, A. D. 1975, in this cause, numbered 34,929-A on the docket of said court and styled:

Nordan Oil and Gas Corporation, Plaintiffs, et al vs. H. L. Smith, Defendants, et al

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

Suit by owners of oil and gas leases covering the hereafter described property for the appointment of a Receiver to give oil and gas leases covering the mineral interest of the Defendants, whose whereabouts are unknown. The Defendants own 3.51% of the minerals in and to the following described property:

The SW 1/4 and the E/2 of Section 233; the NW 1/4 of Section 228; and all of Section 230, all in Block 64, H & TC Ry. Co. Lags, Taylor County, Texas, containing 1280 acres of land, more or less.

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 seal of said Court at Abilene, Texas, this 26 day of September, A. D. 1975.

ATTEST: Irene Crawford Clerk 42nd. District Court Taylor County, Texas 35-4tc

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THE STATE OF TEXAS  
TO: Janis Cathryn Starks, 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 27th day of October A.D. 1975. TO Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 7 day of August A. D. 1975, in this cause, numbered 10,920-DR on the docket of said court and styled Darrell James Starks, Plaintiff, vs. Janis Cathryn Starks, Defendant.

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

Married: November 7, 1968

Separated: July 5, 1975  
Child: Darrell James Starks, Jr.

Certain community property accumulated as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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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 11th day of September A. D. 1975.

(SEAL) Attest: Irene Crawford Clerk, Domestic Relations Court Taylor County, Texas, By Faye Lyons, Deputy, 30-4tc

A weekly public service feature from the Texas Department of Health Resources

## Accent on Health

Fratris L. Duff, M.D., Director

What's odorless, tasteless and colorless and can kill you before you know you're being poisoned?

The lethal answer to this question is carbon monoxide, a product of all combustible substances--from gas used in your kitchen range to the gasoline in your automobile or gasoline-powered lawn mower. It can also be the by-product of a roaring fire in your fireplace.

Carbon monoxide poisoning is preventable, but a lot of people are unaware of its danger.

It is a threat year-round, but the most hazardous time is during the cold months of the year when homes and businesses are closed up tightly against the weather.

Even summer air conditioning can add to the threat, say Department of Health Resources engineers from the Occupational Health and Radiation Control Division.

In some air conditioned warehouses where gasolene-powered forklifts are used to move heavy materials, carbon monoxide has been found at serious levels. This same problem has been found in garages, both in summer and winter, where automobile motors are often left running for tests. Enclosed parking garages and drive-in banks also have proved to be sources of trouble. In times of rush-hour traffic, carbon monoxide levels have been found to increase drastically at street levels.

"In closed-up areas, you can't depend on leaks around doors or windows to bring in fresh air," says a Health Resources engineer. "In places with a source of carbon monoxide, you've got to introduce fresh air constantly to keep up a positive pressure so stale air will be pushed out of the building through ventilators."

The autumn chill in the air has brought a promise of cold weather to Texas, and it has been cool enough in some parts of Texas for heating units and gas stoves to be brought into use.

Hopefully, each home owner using a heating system, has had it checked by a skilled maintenance man before turning on the heat for keeps.

Too many instances have been found of faulty installations, either in the heating unit itself or in duct work. Or, if the testing isn't done correctly, a burner may not function at full capacity and give off excess amounts of carbon monoxide. Many deaths have occurred in Texas from seemingly small mistakes.

With Texas in the midst of its fall and winter hunting season, hunters should check ventilation in their stoves and should examine smokestacks and chimneys for obstructions. Birds or other animals could be nesting in them.

Of particular concern to health and safety experts are the use of catalytic heaters and other unvented heaters in tents and campers. They can and do produce deadly carbon monoxide fumes.

What can you do in your home?

First, make sure the damper is open before lighting your fireplace. Have your gas refrigerator service checked annually even though newer models have improved control systems. All furnaces, regardless of fuel type, should be checked and properly vented to the outside. Combustion-chamber leakage is a serious hazard, particularly if the heating unit is old. All individual room-type gas heating equipment should be vented. And, say safety experts, don't use your gas cooking range for heating.

Automobiles and trucks, as well as other gasoline engines, should not be run indoors for long periods--even with the garage doors open. A charcoal grill or hibachi should be used outdoors--not inside.

While carbon monoxide poisoning is sneaky, there are recognizable symptoms--if you are alert. Early symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning include yawning, headache, nausea, dizziness, ringing in the ears and even abdominal pain. Difficulty in breathing and unconsciousness quickly follow.

The victim should get fresh air immediately and should be kept lying down and warm. A physician should be called promptly, and oxygen or oxygen-carbon dioxide mixture should be administered.

At least 1,400 deaths attributed to carbon monoxide poisoning in the United States each year. Texas had 10,000 persons nationwide are poisoned by carbon monoxide. Those not killed may suffer temporary or permanent damage to the brain with serious disturbances in vision, hearing, speech and memory.

Carbon monoxide is dangerous, but it doesn't have to be fatal, repeats the Department of Health Resources. Be aware of dangers and take steps to eliminate them. Be cautious in the use of heating appliances and have them checked regularly and never suffer from carbon monoxide poisoning.

### Houston Show Offers Scholarships

With the addition of the 20 \$4,000 agricultural scholarships awarded recently to members of the 4-H Club and Future Farmers of America, the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo for the Fall semester is funding 113 students in 16 Texas colleges and universities.

Currently, 73 agricultural students on campuses throughout the state have these awards and another 22 are studying under \$1,000 grants which are offered annually in the Gulf Coast area.

In addition, special \$1,000 scholarships have been established for students at Prairie View A&M College, and four universities in Texas--Tarleton State, Texas A&I, Texas A&M and Texas Tech--have been awarded graduate fellowships. The total amount of funds now involved in these programs is approximately \$17,650.

"Naturally, we want to increase the number of scholarships as often as we can," commented N. W. "Dick" Freeman, newly elected president of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. "Since 1957, when the program began, more than a half million dollars have been awarded in scholarships. We are always seeking ways and means of expanding."

Funding for the scholarships, grants and fellowships come from proceeds of the annual livestock show and rodeo in Houston. Ten of the top awards go to 4-H Club members and 10 to the FFA annually.

"This program," Freeman said, "offers an incentive to serious-minded young men who really want to enter the agricultural field. There are numerous applicants each year and competition is keen."

"This is especially gratifying because applicants must satisfy the selection committee that they do want to enter the field and will remain there."

Qualifications must include membership in either of the agriculturally oriented groups, 4-H or FFA. High school scholastic records must place the applicants in the top fourth of their respective classes. Needs is also another consideration of the committee.

"Our application rules are indeed tough," Freeman said. "However, they insure that the program attracts and retains the best that Texas has to offer among the younger generation who plan to make farming their career."

The scholarship program is designed not only to make the newly graduated agricultural student proficient in the field, but also to keep him up to date on the latest technology so that he can improve his own performance on the job.

Freeman continued: "American farmers must continue to provide the leadership and technology essential in meeting the increasing food needs of the world. Agriculture is one of the most challenging careers these outstanding young people could enter."

This, he said, is what the scholarship program of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo is attempting to do within its own scope.

"Every year, more and more people participate in and attend the livestock show and rodeo. This continued growth will assure the future growth for our scholarship program."

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#### Miscellaneous

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Let us have your garage sale:

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

The City Council for the City of Merkel, Texas at its regular meeting, 5:30 p.m., October 13, 1975 will hold a public hearing and act on a request to close a dedicated alley in Block "B" of the Martin Addition to the City of Merkel, Taylor County, Texas.

All interested persons are urged to attend.  
Lou David Allen, Mayor

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### Miss Constable To Wed

Mr. and Mrs. John L. Constable announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Dorothy Louise, to Wesley Kenneth Gregory, son of Louise Gregory and the late Wesley Gregory of Trent.

The wedding is planned for December 20 in the Calvary Baptist Church in Merkel. The bride elect is a 1975 graduate of Merkel High School and the prospective bridegroom is a 1974 graduate of Trent High School. He is employed by Owen O'Kelley of Trent.

Lots of flexing may build up human bodies, but too much flexing tears down tires. Underinflation causes an extreme "giving" motion in the rubber and fabric, which overheats and strains the bond between layers of tire material.

### Wiloth Receives Assignment

Army Specialist Four Larry N. Wiloth, son of Max R. Wiloth, Route 2, Merkel, Texas, was assigned, September 17, as a supply specialist in Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 1st Infantry of the 9th Infantry Division's 1st Brigade here. The 23-year-old soldier entered the Army in January 1971 and was last stationed at Camp Casey, Korea.

### Farmers Union Purple Badgers Band Aids Hold First Meeting To Meet October 14

Members of The Taylor County Farmers Union will meet in regular session Tuesday evening, October 14, at 7:30 p.m. in the Taylor Electric Cooperative building in Merkel.

Reports will be given on "Why farmers as well as consumers need a national food policy" and other highlights of the National Conference, by local women who attended the week long conference at Bailey, Colorado.

Active participation of women in the Farmers Union was emphasized throughout the conference. So may we urge you wives, members of Taylor County, to attend these monthly meetings. We need your help and we feel that you will benefit from the meetings.

A report will be made by the county resolutions committee with a discussion to follow, before sending the report on to the State Resolutions Committee. Visitors are welcome.

### Chutney

7 lbs. of green tomatoes-ground  
1 qt. of apple sauce or 7 apples  
1/2 lb. of raisins  
2 cups sugar-1 cup brown and 1 cup white  
1 cup of syrup-brown  
2 cups vinegar  
SPICES-All spice and cinnamon to suit taste  
Cook until brown-makes 2 pints-seal in hot jars.  
Chutney can be used as mince meat in cakes or pies and also with meat.

By Mrs. W. G. Richardson  
Merkel, Texas

Be not solitary, be not idle-Burton

### Card Of Thanks

THANK YOU-TO OUR FRIENDS who helped in so many ways during my illness; your prayers, visits, gifts, beautiful flowers, food, cards, letters and calls of concern, please accept this as our personal note of thanks.

To all who helped Mildred in so many ways during my stay in the hospital we offer our special "thanks." May God bless each of you as our prayer.

Also a special thanks to those who donated blood. May God bless each of you as our prayer.

Chester and Mildred Collinsworth  
33-1tp

### Youth Center Still In Need Of Help

The Merkel Youth Center is working toward repairing their building and adding new supplies and games to those it already has. They need your help to do the job.

Needed for the garage sale are any items you have that you can donate for sale with proceeds going to the youth center. They need mens shirts, rugs, books and book-cases.

Each Saturday the youth center holds a garage sale. They have men's antique collars for 25 cents, 2 pair of antique shoes, dishes, clothes and miscellaneous items.

You are urged to donate items and attend the garage sale each week to help a very worthwhile cause.

Those who have donated to the youth center are:

- Mrs. O. J. Reynolds
- Raymond Ferguson
- Mrs. Wade Ensminger
- Mr. and Mrs. Pete Morgan
- Mr. W. G. Richardson
- Charles Benfield
- Opal Garner

### TEMPTATION

By Julia Ramsey Wright

I'd rather wander idle when the soft wind blows  
Than bend above the dark green bend where the mustard grows.

I'd rather hunt for flowers in a nook the redbird knows  
Than trudge along the garden to cover up the rows;

I much prefer to raise my head and drink in heaven's blue  
To bending low above a hoe when wiry weeds come through;

But if I heed temptation and fill my soul with stars,  
I'll face upon my pantry shelf .....a row of empty jars.

Ground plans were laid for a flag corps for next year and for a community birthday calendar.

Marching contest will be November 3 at Pete Shotwell stadium in Abilene. The schedule will be announced later, so that interested fans may attend.

Mrs. Kaire reported that the bands will sell Dix again this year November 14-18. Anyone wishing to make a purchase can contact any band member. Awards will be given for the most sales.

Christmas band concerts are in the planning stage for December. It was decided a bake sale will be held in conjunction with them.

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### Card of Thanks

THANK YOU-I WOULD LIKE TO THANK the Merkel Fire Department for their effort to save my store when it burned this year.

Thanks to theirs and Trents Fire Department I was able to salvage enough to get my business started again.

Thanks again to all who helped.  
Carriker Food Store  
Doug Carriker  
33-1tc



Mr. and Mrs. Pat Warren announce the birth of a daughter, Kelly Annborn September 24 at Hendrick Memorial Hospital. The baby weighed 6 pounds.  
Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Sammy Doan and paternal grandparents are Dr. and Mrs. Don Warren.

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**Lock in flavor:** Use moisture and vapor-proof materials especially designed for freezers to wrap your foods. Tightly sealed, these lock in flavor and moisture and prevent "freezer burn" (surface drying) on foods. Don't use wax paper, bread paper or regular cellophane for freezer foods.

**Label packages:** Date and identify freezer packages so 1) you don't accumulate a lot of mysterious shapes and 2) you'll be able to pick out foods that have been in the freezer longest.

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# HONOR ROLL

John Cain, principal of the Merkel Elementary School has announced the honor roll for the 1st. six weeks of the 1975-76 school year.

### FIRST GRADE

"A"-Eddie Biera, Tracy Bicknell, Abby Irvin, Debby Pack, Johnny Pack, Bridget Ballare, Danny Santee, Marissa Toombs, Dawn Vanderwerker, Fondale Watson, Michelle Woodard.

"A-B"-Mark Aldridge, Anna Delacruz, Lydia Floyd, Tina Jaramillo, Kristen Kennedy, Chad Pack, Britt Pursley, Tony Roberts, DeAnn Stevens, Ronny Vasquez, Travis Watson, Sheila White.

### SECOND GRADE

"A"-Cammie Bright, Kevin Coker, Chris Horton, Amy Irvin, Lorie Kimbrell, Barbara Kinder, Gayle Landeros, Robert Oden, Kelly Roney, Regina Stuckey, Lucinda Wade.

"A-B"-Justin Amerine, Monica Atkinson, Sue Cunningham, Alfred Flores, Dean Franklin, Luan Johnson, Wayne Johnson, Raymond Mann, Billy Niemann, Randy Padilla, Devin Sanford, Todd Yaddow.

### THIRD GRADE

"A"-Cody Johnson, "A-B"-James Alliday, Jerry Davis, Randy Davis, Tim Jacobs, Darren Pack, Michael Reddin, Cindy Toney, Cresencia Vasquez, Tamara Watson, Sean Woodard.

### FOURTH GRADE

"A"-Angelo Allen, Joan Fariello, Carlton Kincaid, Kimberly Pack.

"A-B"-Lori Aldridge, Scott Alves, Bonnie Anderson, Traylor Gregory, Tommy Hays, Brenda Hohertz, Judy Jinkens, Brenda Kinder, Russell Lucas, Guy McGee, Scotty Niemann, Denise Pack, Cindy Sims, Charlotte Toney.

### FIFTH GRADE

"A"-Tammy Cloyd, Eddie Harris, Eddie Martin, Kandy Riche.

"A-B"-Amy Amerine, Tina Bicknell, Rosie Biera, Angela Dunlap, Stephanie Fortune, Linda Holmes, Karen Jackson, Sharon Jackson, Diana Landeros, Randy Leverich, Chris Mashburn, Pam Massey, Kim McCasland, Jeff Scott, Tammy Townsend, Windi Whisenhunt, Williams.

### SIXTH GRADE

"A"-Rene Aiken, Loyce Baker, Paul Kannel, Maria Moreno, Stacy Seymour, Yvonne Swinney, David Wilkerson, Ann Wooten.

"A-B"-Kristi Alves, Michele Brown, Nancy Click, Roberta Duran, Royce Fowler, Christine Franklin, Janice Jacobs, Sharryl Luckey, Connie Page, Sirtorna Parsarn, Debbie Williams.

A child needs the first hair cut when his hair is too long to manage easily or is out of proportion to his face. Brushing or combing the hair in the direction of natural growth will help keep it looking well-groomed. Mrs. Becky Culp, area clothing specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System, says.

In Hungary at one time only a man who had slain a Turk might wear a feather.

### SEVENTH GRADE

"A"-Mark Bland, Judy Castille, Becky Dunlap, Todd Gregory, Alane McGee, Bart Pursley, Delisa Roysden, Louise Sellers.

"A-B"-Sheila Adair, Lisa Allen, Manuel Biera, Christi Brady, Buster Brown, Tammy Davis, Walter Elmore, Mike Fisher, Norma Frazier, Kim Gary, Rhonda Hurley, Kelly Knight, Randy Martinez, Ann Melton, Linda Wilson, Ann Wian.

"A-B"-Shannon Bagby, Jeanessa Cypert, Wendy Hogan, Sharon Isom, Chirre Kraatz, Kim Mashburn, Karen Pack, Susan Peachey, Brad Wade, Dion Wilkerson.

### EIGHTH GRADE

"A"-Shannon Bagby, Jeanessa Cypert, Wendy Hogan, Sharon Isom, Chirre Kraatz, Kim Mashburn, Karen Pack, Susan Peachey, Brad Wade, Dion Wilkerson.

"A-B"-Josh Amerine, Susan Arnwine, Sherry Ascencio, Scott Cain, Becky Carter, Mark Copeland, Chris Cox, Brenda Garber, Jodie Jinkens, Carmen Lerma, Diana Saldona, Marissa Sandusky, Tommie Santee, Lisa Shugart, Lynn Wade, Becky Watts.

## Scouts Found Den Mothers

Hurrah! We got our Den Leaders for two new dens. Den 1--Betty Alliday--meets on Monday after school.

Den 2--Billie Walters--meets on Tuesday after school.

Den 3--Audra Horton--meets Thursday after school.

Den 4--Ann Smith--meets Friday after school.

Webelos--Fred Nalley--meets Thursday evening 6:00 p.m.

This month's Pack meeting will be Thursday night 7:30 p.m. The entire family is encouraged to attend the Pack meeting each month. This month the film from previous pushmobile races will be shown.

We would like for all people in Merkel to attend this meeting and see the building our future adults have Cub Scouts in today. We still need donations of money, material, and labor to fix the Scout building for the boys to meet in.

We have the boys-- We have the leaders-- We're on to new joys-- Fun, games, awards, readers. Join us and have fun too. Pack meeting: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, October 9, 1975.

Refrigerator interiors should be scrubbed periodically with suds to reduce odors and bacteria. Lynn Bourland, family resource management specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System, says.

their family might need. They can call 1-800-292-9600 and a volunteer will relay their questions to a Department of Health Resources official for an answer.

## SoRelle Stationed In San Diego

Tom E. SoRelle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill SoRelle is stationed at San Diego Naval Base, California. SoRelle joined the Navy following his graduation from Tascosa High School in Amarillo. He will be a gunner's mate after November 1.

Military life is not new to SoRelle, as his father is a 26 year veteran of the U. S. Army. SoRelle traveled with his family to Germany, Alaska and through out the United States. His Navy ROTC training was taken at Tascosa High School.

SoRelle is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hartley of Route 1, Merkel and Mr. and Mrs. E. K. SoRelle of Eskota.

## October Is "Texas Immunization Action Month"

Governor Dolph Briscoe has proclaimed the month of October as "Texas Immunization Action Month" in State Capitol ceremonies. In signing the proclamation, the Governor said, "Surveys indicate that approximately 25 percent of the nearly 1.5 million preschool age children in Texas are not protected properly from polio, measles, mumps, rubella, diphtheria, pertussis (whooping cough) and tetanus."

Texas Immunization Action Month, co-sponsored by the First Lady's Volunteer Program of the Governor's Office and the Texas Department of Health Resources, will concentrate on making the public aware of the importance of vaccination of youngsters against childhood diseases. Under the slogan "Our Children--Protect Them From Harm" both public and private health providers have joined with volunteers to increase immunity levels for all Texans, with emphasis on preschool age children who are most susceptible.

"We want all parents in Texas to enjoy their children's growing years without fear of these crippling, sometimes fatal, diseases," Mrs. Briscoe added. "As honorary chairperson of Texas Immunization Action Month, I hope every parent will join with me in making sure our children are properly and currently protected from diseases. Call your doctor or local health official and be sure. Protect your children from harm--you couldn't give them a nicer gift," Mrs. Briscoe concluded.

A free telephone has been established in the Governor's office to help parents get information of vaccinations

## Sweet Adelines Show Set For October 11

Barbershop harmony, feminine style, will be ringing out on Saturday night, October 11, when the Key City Chapter of Sweet Adelines, Inc., presents its first chapter show--"RAZZ MA TAZZ AND ALL THAT JAZZ."

The show will be at Radford Auditorium on the McMurry College campus, 14th and Sayles, in Abilene, starting promptly at 8:00 p.m. One of the highlights will be the guest appearance of THE SHONDELLS, a colorful female quartet from Wichita, Kansas, who have won an international medal in singing competition, said Dorothy Graber, publicity director for the show. The Shondells have appeared on national television shows including Merv Griffin and Jack Parr, as well as having entertained troops overseas on six-week USO tours to Japan and Vietnam in 1971 and 1972.

Another featured quartet in the show will be the STAGE DOOR FOUR, an exciting men's barbershop quartet from Dallas, Texas. This quartet managed to capture the coveted Southwest District Championship in less than a year after organizing, copping top honors in men's quartets from Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana and New Mexico. This will be the last official engagement of the Stage Door Four, as one of the members has recently moved to California and is making a return trip to Texas just to appear with the quartet for the Key City's Chapter Show.

Directed by Shirley Kout, the members of the 30-voice women's chorus come from many different walks of life--housewives, mothers, secretaries, professional women--to participate in their hobby of singing four-part harmony, barbershop style.

Each member contributes her time and special talents toward the operation of the chapter. Some design and make costumes, others handle financial and planning detail, while still others contribute their artistic, musical and showmanship abilities toward the group's overall success. The one thing they all have in common is loving to sing.

Tickets are available at Sanders Book Store in the Westgate Shopping Center in Abilene, from any of the Key City Sweet Adelines, from Sybil Riney in Merkel or at the door the night of the performance. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the West Texas Rehab Center.

## UMYF Went To State Fair

The Merkel UMYF attended the State Fair on UMYF Day, October 4. While in Dallas they attended the SMU football game in The Cotton Bowl. Those attending were Jeff Toombs, Grant Murrell, Randy Harris, Randy Martin, H. T. Wilson, Terry Owen, Tammy Martin, Tammy Thomas, Linda Wilson, Lisa Owen, Lisa Hart, Cindy Smith and Carla Gardner. Sponsors attending were Gary and Robbie Hicks, Richard and Mary Hill and Rev. Russel McAnally.

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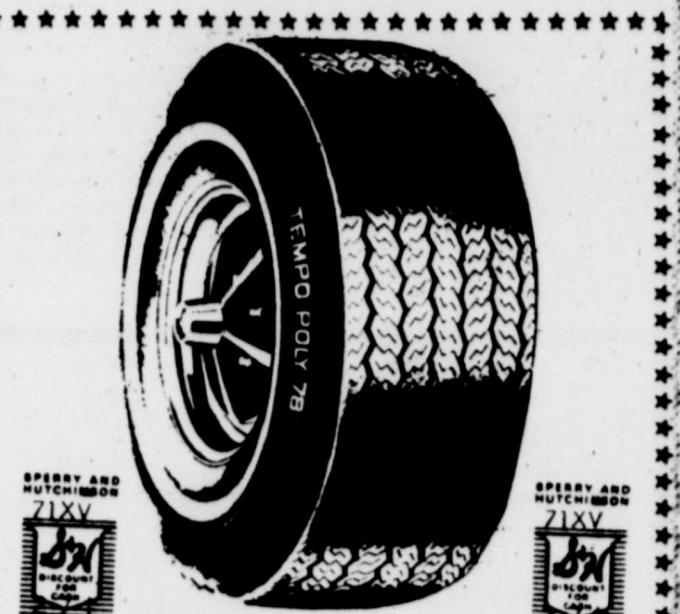
## White Accepts Position

THANK YOU--WE WISH TO Express our heartfelt thanks to our friends for the flowers, cards, food and especially the prayers during our recent loss. A special thanks to Dr. Sadler and Vivian and to Mary Outlaw and her staff at the rest home. Also thanks to Larry Gill and Mike Reed who offered the services and for the music.

Richard Allan (Dick) White of Abilene and son of Mrs. Peggy White of Merkel and the late Billy Joe White has been appointed Service Representative for Flatt Motor Company. He is now serving Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee, North and South Carolina.

The family of Claude Doan 33-1tp

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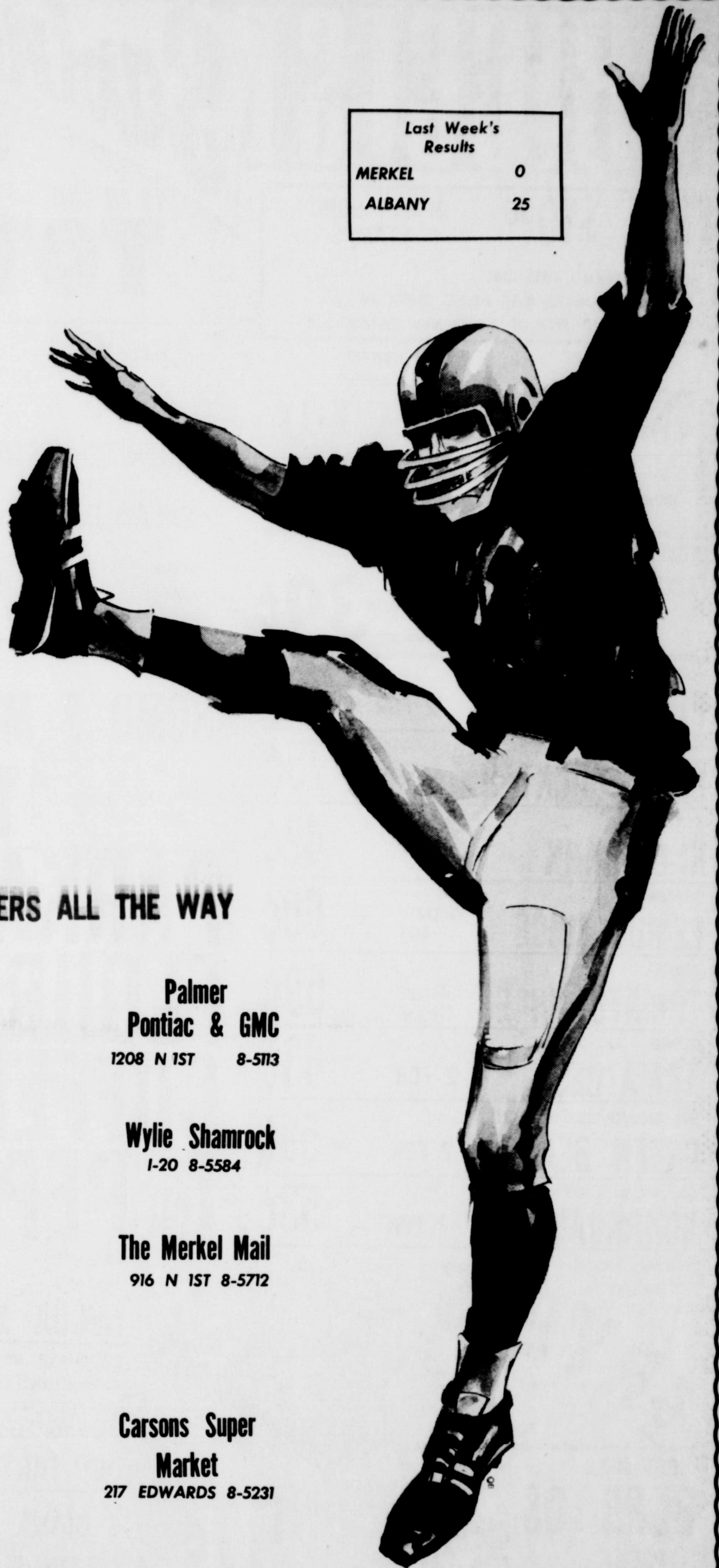
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1975 Merkel Badgers' Football Schedule

Sept. 5	Robert Lee	Here	8:00	Win
12	Winters	There	8:00	Loss
19	Ranger	Here	8:00	Loss
26	Roby	There	8:00	WN
Oct. 3	Albany	Here	7:30	Loss
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	

COACHES — Ronny Aldridge, Monte Land, David Summers  
CHEERLEADERS — Becky Rister Head, Carrie Law, Jerrie Kay Smith, Gayla Toliver, Patty Toney and Rita Watts  
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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



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