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Between you and me

By SARAH ECKOLS

The Merkel Young Homemakers will be selling flags in the next few weeks and they urge each family and business in Merkel to get a flag and fly it proudly. The Young Homemakers will be selling the flag kits in front of the West Texas Utilities Building, October 19 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

This was really a sportsman's weekend wasn't it? For the football fans of course, there was a Badger game, a Texas-Oklahoma game and a Cowboy game. Unfortunately two out of the three games ended with the higher score on the wrong team for this fans taste. The world series also was top billing for sports fans this week end with Boston and Cincinnati ending the first two games at one and one. By the time this newspaper is on the stands, the picture will have changed and the 1975 World Series will be several games closer to an end and a champion.

The following poem came through our office and I felt it was pertinent to each of us and wanted to pass it along to my readers.

DON'T QUIT

When things go wrong, as they sometimes will,
When the road you're treading seems all up hill,
When the funds are low, the debts are high,
And you want to smile but you have to sigh,
When care is pressing you down a bit,
Rest if you must, but don't you quit!

Life is queer with its twists and turns,
As everyone of us sometimes learns,
And many a fellow turns about
When he might have won had he stuck it out.
Don't give in tho, the pace seems slow,
You may succeed with another blow.

Often the goal is nearer than
It seems to a faint and faltering man;
Often the struggler has given up
When he might have captured the victor's cup
And he learnt too late when the night came down,
How close he was to the golden crown.

Success is failure turned inside out,
The silver tint of the clouds of doubt,
And you never can tell how close you are,
It may be near when it seems so far,
So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit,
It's when things seem worst that you must not quit!
.....Anonymous

In last weeks paper there was a notice concerning the stray or loose animals in town. It was brought to this reporter's attention after publication, that the city of Merkel has no dog ordinance at this time. However the city council discussed the matter at their meeting Monday evening and hopefully there will be an ordinance to review and pass in the near future. The notice last week implied that animals would be captured and disposed of. We regret the intonation of this notice and retract it in full.



FINAL TOUCHES-The Ben Franklin building is receiving the final touches according to owner, John Hammond. This location will also be the home of the Merkel Time Capsule. Hammond estimates time of completion and grand opening to be mid November.

Merkel: A City On The Grow

By STEVE LANHAM

A lot has happened in and to Merkel in the past 12 months. We have seen a whole business attitude change. This didn't come by accident. It has taken a lot of work and faith in the community by it's business leaders. Twelve months ago most everybody seemed to think that our city had potential, but that is about as far as it went.

Then our business leaders, thru the Chamber of Commerce, formed the Merkel Industrial Commission. And things started to happen. This commission is headed by Don

Stith Comes To Aid Of Neighbors

There will be a shower at the Stith Community Center for the Jimmy Hendon family who lost all of their belongings in a fire recently. The shower is scheduled for 7:30 p. m. Thursday night and everyone is urged to attend.

Hensley, president of the F&M Bank. Mr. Hensley and his Commission members went to work securing new business for Merkel and helping the existing businesses expand. A basis of this help has come from the Small Business Administration's 502 program. Under this program about 90 percent of a loan, made thru the local bank, is guaranteed by the SBA.

Since the commission set about helping the community grow it has had an impressive record. We have witnessed the expansion of Gilene Manufacturing Company, the location of Black Pipe Threading Company here, the new Ben Franklin Store being built, and the latest additions, the Wilkerson Manufacturing Company plant, and; the new Western Auto Store, and Country Club.

The Wilkerson plant will eventually employ 65 persons in their production department. Sixty-five jobs are a significant contribution to any community. It is especially significant to a community the size of ours.

The only dark spot for Merkel is the lack of housing. Work is being done on this problem. Hopefully some positive results can be announced soon.

Hensley and his commission which include, Herman Carson, Nolan Palmer, Mack Fisher, Max Murrell, Darrell Farmer, Don Hart, Bill Button and Don Warren, M. D., are due the thanks of the entire community. There is no such thing as the "status Quo" for a community. It either grows or it dies. Our business leaders have chosen not to let Merkel die.

Water Rate Hiked City Fathers Must OK

The Merkel City Council met Tuesday evening in regular session.

An ordinance was passed to close the alley in Block B of Martin Addition to the City of Merkel. The proposed ordinance was announced for public hearing, however no citizens appeared for discussion.

The city of Abilene asked for a 7 cent per 1,000 gallon increase on water. The current rate is 35 cents per 1,000 gallons and the increase will bring it to 42 cents per 1,000. The original contract

made between the city of Merkel and Abilene made provision for the increase. The city passed the increase which must be passed on to the public in the form of a city water rate increase.

The council discussed application for a grant with HUD that will involve improvements in the industrial sight. The council gave city coordinator, J. A. Sadler permission to obtain and file the application which will be for a 100% grant.

Due to some criticism of the City's dog problem, the city council discussed the drawing up of a dog ordinance to be reviewed and on in a future meeting.

Following review of accounts, the meeting closed with no further business.

Members Of OES Attend Dallas Convention

Three members of Merkel Chapter 212 were in attendance when the 33rd session of Grand Chapter met in Dallas Convention Center October 6-10. Mrs. Thelma Griffin Worthy Matron, was accompanied by W. R. and Mildred Cyfert. One of the interesting highlights of the meeting was the report of the Kidney Research Committee who reported the purchase of 10 kidney machines to be placed in the 5 Districts. Chapters all over the state had been encouraged to have garage sales with proceeds going to this fund.

Mrs. Mildred Cyfert was honored by being given a grand chapter appointment to serve on the American Heritage Committee. Mrs. Doris Easterling of Clyde was installed Worthy Grand Matron for the 1975-76 term. The Rev. O. D. Christian of Garland is the Worthy Grand Patron.

Final Rites Held For Callie Mashburn

Callie A. Mashburn, 82, of Fort Worth and formerly of Merkel died at 1:30 p.m. Friday in a Fort Worth nursing home after a lengthy illness. Services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday in Merkel United Methodist Church.

The Rev. Russell McAnnally, pastor, officiated. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery, directed by Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born Callie Baker March 20, 1893, in Texas, Mrs. Mashburn moved to Fort Worth in 1956. She was a member of Merkel United Methodist Church. Her husband, Rolly Mashburn preceded her in death. Survivors include a son, Terrell F. Mashburn of Fort Worth; a brother, L. B. Baker of Hamlin; a sister, Mrs. Jewell McLaughlin of Lubbock; two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Citizen Shows Concern For Local Youth In Interview

In a recent interview with J. C. Carson, one of Merkel's most interested citizens in the Tri-City Baseball project, the following questions were asked:

Why did you get interested in the ball park program?

"There are very few activities in Merkel during the summer for the young people of our town. The thing that really brought this to my mind was the summer of '74 when some of the young boys were involved in a wreck, one was seriously hurt. Perhaps this could have been avoided if

there was some recreation planned for the summer months. We have an excellent school system with activities during the school term. We have many churches in Merkel with planned activities for the youth but these slow down in the summertime. We have a good Little League program but there are no leagues formed for teenagers—at least not for the teenage boys. The Miss Softball America had a successful season this year, especially for the first year but they don't have the facil-

ities available to them for league play. Others have tried to get a ball park started in the past but there has always been a stumbling block."

What will it take to get this program started?

"First of all we need enough land for a Pony League Park, a Miss Softball America Park, and a park for the older boys to play Semi-Pro softball on. We will need volunteers to help build back stops, work on the field, build fences, and also to help with positions of managers and coaches.

"We, of Tri City Baseball would put up \$1,000 of the money we now have in the bank, for land. We now have an option to buy enough land for the ball parks but, we need \$3,000 more. If possible, why can't some of our civic organizations come and help?"

"These young adults need not only your time—money but help in the guidance of their lives. They are our leaders of tomorrow, city, school, county and state. If we cause one young adult to not get into trouble, it is time and money well spent.

"Look around and see if you didn't have more things to do then they do now.

"Personally, I think they are more than worth any money or time we can provide for them. We call ourselves Christians, but are we? If you don't have the money how about some of your time!"

Fire Department Honors Chief With Mexican Supper

The Merkel Fire Department held a Mexican supper Monday night, October 13. Guest of honor was Police Chief and Mrs. Paul Crouse. Special guests were Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Austerman, Mrs. Gertrude Reynolds, Mrs. Genevieve King, and Ollie Fox. Dana Glynn, Joe Swinney, and Ray King were introduced to those present as firemen new to the department.

After a buffet of Mexican food, games were played by members attending.

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and Mrs. Jackie Cannon, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kimbrell, Mr. and Mrs. Dana Glynn, Mr. and Mrs. David Seymore, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Lucas, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Goodman, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Monero, Mr. and Mrs. Pat

Pallares, Mr. and Mrs. Alberto Chavira, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Cox, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Swinney, Mr. and Mrs. Waymon Adcock, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harris and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Horton; also, Donnie Cloyd, Ike Garrett, Bob Reynolds and Todd Cox.



GRIDIRON ACTION-The Merkel Badgers fought a hard battle to the finish but couldn't quite pull it out as Jim Ned nudged past Merkel 20-15 in the Jim Ned homecoming contest Saturday night in Tuscola.

Indians Scalped Badgers 20-15 Homecoming Set For October 17

Jim Ned pulled in a 20-15 homecoming victory over the

Final Rites For Canyon Resident

Raymond Demere, 84, of Sweetwater, a retired rancher and farmer, died at 8 p.m. Wednesday in Simmons Memorial Hospital in Sweetwater after a lengthy illness. Services were held at 3 p.m. Friday at Pioneer United Methodist Church.

Merkel Badgers Saturday night at Indian Stadium in Tuscola.

Though the Indians were the first to put lights on the scoreboard, Merkel came back and took an 8-7 lead in the second quarter. Robert Graham came in from seven yards out with 3:32 left in the first quarter and Pursley put 6 up for Merkel. David King took the pass from Larry Smith and went in for two.

It was late in the second period before the Indians gave the homecoming crowd the thrill of being ahead. Hank

Horton hit a bulls eye when Jeff Pierson took it down for a 39 yard pass and a TD. It was a see-saw contest as Merkel came back and took the lead in the final quarter as Smith went in 14 for 6 and then kicked the extra point.

Victory was not to be had for the Badgers, however as Jeff McClure went in for the winning TD with 5:46 left on the clock. The victory gives the Indians a 1-1 district while Merkel is 0-2 in district play.



AND THE WINNER IS... These trophies will go to the first (left) and second place winners in the Big Country Domino Tournament which will be held October 25 in the Lions Club Building. The tournament is a benefit project sponsored by the Merkel Lions Club with proceeds going to Lions Club charity activities. There will be a drawing for the professional set of dominoes pictured above. All entries in the tournament will be eligible for the drawing.

Big Country Domino Tourny Set October 25

The Merkel Lions Club is sponsoring a domino tournament to be held Saturday, October 25, in the Lion Club Center. A Big Country championship team will be crowned and trophies will be awarded to the first and second place winners. Entry into the tournament requires a \$5 donation per team. All proceeds will go to worthy projects of

the Lions Club. All entrants will be eligible for the drawing for a set of professional style dominoes. Trophies and dominoes are on display at Seymore Insurance.

Regular double six domino rules will apply in the tournament and winners will be the best three out of five games

in each round. The championship games will be the best four out of seven games. Contestants must be eighteen years of age or older and deadline for entering is Friday, October 24. Those who wish to enter may sign up at Seymore Insurance at 102 Edwards Street. All Lions and the general public are urged to enter this contest.

Farmers Union Strives For Family Involvement

"Family Involvement Through Farmers Union" is the theme of the fall Youth Leaders Conference sponsored by the Texas Farmers Union.

According to Beth Rankin of Falls, chairwoman for the one-day workshop on Saturday, October 18, the program will begin at 9:00 a.m. in the conference room of the Plains Cooperative Oil Mill in Lubbock.

Sherry Leach, Director of

Youth Activities for the National Farmers Union, Denver, Colorado, will outline the 1976 youth program designed by the NFU education department.

Mrs. Leach has been director of the National Farmers Union youth program since April, 1972. Prior to that she served on the summer youth staffs for both Rocky Mt. Farmers Union and National Farmers Union. She is a native of Ft. Morgan,

Colorado and was a NFU Torchbearer.

"This conference will focus on developing a strong youth program throughout the Farmers Union in Texas," Mrs. Rankin said. "The youth educational program developed for different age groups through high school emphasizes the three facets of the Farmers Union organization; education, legislation and cooperation," she said.

The conference will begin with a get-acquainted coffee and gift show from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

A slide presentation on the Farmers Union Youth Program will precede a group discussion on Family Involvement Through Farmers Union led by Mrs. Leach. Mrs. Margaret Amoneff of Lorenzo will report during the noon group luncheon on the National Farmers Union Ladies Food Conference held recently at the NFU's Education Center near Bailey, Colorado. Mrs. Amoneff, along with twelve other Texans attended the week-long food conference.

The Swisher County Farmers Union Youth Group will present "How to Succeed by Really Trying," a multi-media NFU production. The conference will conclude with a group planning session to outline the year's activities.

"Since this conference will kick-off our 1976 youth program, I urge all Farmers Union youth leaders and interested members to attend. We are especially anxious to have representation from those counties who presently have no youth program but are interested in providing this educational program for their young people," Mrs. Rankin said.

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

Accent on Health

Fratris L. Duff, M.D., Director

Smallpox, one of the classic killer diseases, has nearly been eradicated throughout the world, according to a federal health official assigned to work with the Texas Department of Health Resources.

Gene Williams, an epidemiologist for the U. S. Center for Disease Control, recently served a three-month tour with the International Smallpox Eradication Program. Williams ordinarily works as an advisor to the Venereal Disease Control Division of the Texas Department of Health Resources.

The International Smallpox Eradication Program is sponsored by the World Health Organization, an affiliate of the United Nations. The international agency paid Williams' expenses during his three-month voluntary assignment. Williams was assigned to work with doctors, nurses, and other public health workers in Bangladesh, the densely populated, poverty-stricken nation that won its independence from Pakistan in 1971.

According to Williams, Bangladesh is one of only two places in the world where active cases of smallpox are known to exist. The other place is a small area in Ethiopia, in East Africa. However, the form of smallpox in Bangladesh has a potential mortality rate of approximately 30 percent, whereas the smallpox in Ethiopia is a minor form that is almost never fatal.

Williams' work in Bangladesh consisted of assisting

teams of public health physicians and others who visited isolated villages, giving immunization against smallpox and looking for smallpox cases. The eradication team included public health workers from Russia, Egypt, France, Sweden, and a number of other countries. The teams' object is literally to encircle each smallpox case, vaccinating everyone who might have contacted the disease. The vaccination is almost complete proof against the disease. The technique is intended to drive smallpox into oblivion.

So far, the smallpox eradication program has proven to be an outstanding success. The program began after World War II, when Williams says, "Smallpox was endemic-actually, it was pandemic throughout the world. It was endemic in the United States, it was endemic in South America, Africa, Europe, and in Southeast Asia." Now, Williams says, these areas are entirely free of smallpox--with the exception of the last remaining pockets of disease in Bangladesh and Ethiopia.

Health officials feel reasonably certain that they're not overlooking any unreported cases of smallpox. Williams says that many countries now offer a substantial cash reward for re-

porting a confirmed case of smallpox. As the disease becomes increasingly rare, most governments increase the size of the reward; in India, the present "smallpox bounty" is several times the average family's annual income. At the present, the reward in Bangladesh is equal to about one-third of the average family's annual income, and Williams says the amount probably will be increased five-fold by the end of this year.

"Before the program started in Bangladesh," Williams says, "there were thousands and thousands of people who died of smallpox." Now, health officials believe that the entire country will be free of the disease by the end of 1975, and possibly sooner, Williams says. "Right now, India is free of smallpox. It's the first time in the history of India that they have no smallpox."

Card Of Thanks

WE DESIRE TO EXPRESS to our kind and thoughtful friends our heartfelt thanks for their many expressions of sympathy. The food, flowers, and prayers were especially appreciated.

Flo and Terrell Mashburn Dennis and Anita Havens Terry and Judith Mashburn

Lone Star Gas Becomes Enserch Corporation

Shareholders of Lone Star Gas Company voted to change the name of the corporation to Enserch Corporation at a special meeting held today at the company's headquarters. Of the 14,942,578 common shares outstanding

11,780,444 (78.8%) shares were voted in favor of the proposal and 454,955 (3.0%) shares were voted against it.

Shares of Enserch Corporation will begin trading on the New York Stock Exchange and other major stock exchanges beginning Monday, October 13, 1975. The new stock symbol for Enserch Corporation is "ENS."

Enserch Corporation is a diversified company with both utility operations and a broad range of energy-related non-utility manufacturing and service enterprises. The company was originally formed in 1909 and by 1974 had grown in size to a company with annual revenues of over \$600 million and assets exceeding \$1 billion. Its natural gas utility and utility-related operations will continue to be known as Lone Star Gas Company and operated as a division of Enserch Corporation.

Bond Sales

August sales of Series E and H United States Savings Bonds in Taylor County were reported today by County Bond Chairman Samuel S. Hill. Sales for the eight-month period totaled \$779,714 for 61% of the 1975 sales goal of \$1,270,000.

Texasans purchased \$21,075,759 in savings bonds during the month for an increase of 12.5% over the same period last year. Year-to-date sales amounted to \$162,055,315 with 69% of the yearly sales goal of \$234.3 million.

Civil Service Accepting Applications

The U. S. Civil Service Commission announced today that applications are being accepted for Administrative Careers in Mid-Level positions.

According to Vere B. Robinson, Area Manager of the Dallas Area Office, an announcement containing instructions on how to apply is now available at Federal Job Information Centers in Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana, and New Mexico. Also available is a bulletin which lists the kinds of jobs and duty locations for which applications are needed. Additional information can be obtained by contacting the nearest Federal Job Information Center. You may call or write to the address as listed below:

TEXAS: Federal Job Information Center, local telephone (214) 749-3156, U. S. Civil Service Commission, 1100 Commerce, Rm 1C42, Dallas, Texas 75202. (Tel. toll-free: (800) 492-4400).

Card of Thanks

I WANT TO THANK ALL of our friends who showed so much concern during my recent heart surgery.

Truett Jones
Gatesville, Texas
34-1tp

Garden Club News

The October meeting of the Merkel Garden Club was held in the home of Mrs. Tom Fox, Route 2, with the social committee assisting. Luncheon was served at 12 o'clock after which a program was presented by Mrs. Oda Clark. Her subjects were "Container Gardening" and "Pots of Gold." Next meeting will be an afternoon meeting in the home of Mrs. R. M. Ferguson on November 20. Mrs. Fred Guitart of Longview was a guest and members present were Mesdames Jarré Williams, Aaron Sudworth, Charlie Sherrill, John Shannon, W. T. Sailer, G. R. Peachy, E. J. Patterson, Dee Grimes, S. D. Gamble, Tom Fox, R. M. Ferguson, Albert Crisswell, Oda Clark, Frank, Breaux, Tom Allby and Christine Collins.

Goodman HD

The Goodman Home Demonstration Club met October 10 in the home of Mrs. Dan Butler, Trent, Texas. Roll call was answered with everyone naming an occasion for a special cake.

Recreation was led by Mrs. H. H. Windham and Mrs. Garland Price gave a report from last month's council.

The program, Step by Step to Spectacular Cakes, was given by Mrs. Frank Carter. Members attending were Mesdames Dan Butler, H. H. Windham, Garland Price and Frank Carter.

Anyone may attend our meetings regardless of socio-economic levels, race, color, sex, religion or national origin.

Research studies indicate that both middle class and working class parents are concerned about social position for their children. But middle class parents are more likely to value internal standards, or social regulators, such as honesty, obedience, self-control and consideration of others, according to Dorothy Taylor, family life education specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

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Miscellaneous
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For Sale
FOR SALE-FARM-150 acres. Well located parallel to Interstate 23. Most of land in cultivation. 34-1tc

For Sale
FOR SALE-2 Piece Bedroom Suit and mustard gold couch. Call 928-5625 after 5 p.m. 34-1tc

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FOR SALE-House-2bedroom-Price to sell. Call Cyrus Pee for more information. 34-1tc

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For Sale
FOR SALE-White gold, under guarantee, suitable, 7 diamond cluster wedding set. \$150.00. 928-4806. 32-1tc

Wheat Seed For Sale
See Glenn Bicknell or call 928-5130. 30-1tc

CORNET FOR SALE
Good condition. Call after 6 p.m. 928-5903. 34-1tp

APARTMENT FOR SALE
5 units in Merkel. 2 Blocks from town. See or call H. R. McKeever, Ph. 928-5577. 301 Rummels-Merkel. 32-4tp

FOR SALE
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A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit:
Said 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:
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ATTEST: Irene Crawford, Clerk 42nd District Court
Taylor County, Texas
32-4tc

Mulberry Canyon 4-H News

received the Record Book Award Plaque. They have won this award for 3 years in a row and get to keep the plaque for their club house. They also were awarded 2 silk banners with the 4-H club motto, pledge and prayer inscribed on them.

Mulberry Canyon Club members attending were: Sherri Williams, horse project; Leslie Masonheimer, horse project; Patricia Boyd, horse project; Sherri Dunn, dairy food; Holly Scott, bread; Cindy Hutchings, food-nutrition; Lisa Hughes, horticulture; Lisa Swinney, home improvement.

They all received project pins for the year.

The Mulberry Canyon 4-H Club met Monday, October 13, 1975 at 7:00 p.m.

We had an old-fashioned hay ride with hot dogs and chili afterwards.

The meeting was called to order by Vince Ellard.

The secretary gave the roll call. There were 16 members present.

The 4-H pledge was led by Sherri Williams and Dee Dee Masonheimer led the American pledge. The council delegate, Tersia English, gave a report on the October 11 meeting.

Also we installed officers for this year. Those installed are as follows: President, Vince Ellard; Vice President, Bart Whisenand; Secretary, Patricia Boyd; Council Delegate, Tersia English; Reporter, Dee Dee Masonheimer; recreation Leader, Leslie Masonheimer. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Masonheimer are our leaders.

A special thanks to Goldia Malone for her donation to our club.

Leslie Masonheimer gave a report on the Awards Banquet.

Other members present were: Sheila Swinney, Tommie Swinney, Craig Hutchings, Cindy Hutchings, Sherrie Dunn, Lisa Swinney, Lisa Hughes, Doug Mitchell and Mary Fariello, our new member.

Letter To The Editor

In love to the People of Merkel.

My Mother used to say, "God moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform!" This morning God did that again in my life, as well as answer a long whispered prayer. This all involves one of the highest priced commodities in our inflation ravaged country--Love! Some of these things, which I am about to write some people would not dare to write, but since I want you to understand all I will write, as Paul said, "not with timidity, but with the power God has given me."

A little over a year ago I came into a job, which at the time seemed to be the one I had hoped for for the 17 years I had worked. I felt by it as I do about my little present home, that God had had plans for it long before I ever knew it existed. It seemed that even the jobs that seemed such stumbling blocks in my life had each been stepping stones and important segments of this job. I found, though, that all was not roses. I felt, as often I have said, like a round plug in a square hole. I could not put a finger on the difference, but the people I was working with the most closely had such a difference I was not sure I could ever adjust or that I should try and mess their totally different world up. It was miserable going. I also had another great burden on my heart, God had placed a small Church of Christ close to my home on my heart and I was not willing to submit to the constant nagging that I was not doing what God wanted me to do in that respect. I felt more down than up a lot of the time and felt that somehow I had sinned worse than any other soul in the world. I often thought of running from everything and everybody, but wanted so much to make a go of this job. This job that I seemed to have worked toward step by step, God always told me to stay.

After Christmas it all just seemed unbearable and that more and more I was just in the way of the different world I had come in contact. I never felt more down than I finally gave in to God's bidding and went to the Church close to my home. I too felt this had been planned for a long time because I began to see the world differently and things were better all in all, except I still rather remained a round plug in a square hole.

Then in the summer I began to get more down and more down. All during this time I prayed so hard for an understanding heart. My Mother used to say that she was like Solomon, she prayed most for an understanding

heart. This I pleaded for, not that I would be understood, but that I would understand.

Last week things began to clear up. One lady, who I am afraid I had never had much understanding or patience, said "I try to do everything for my children because my mother did not know how to be a mother." I instantly told her that had I had children, I could not improve on my Mother's and Father's training, if I could do as well. Then later there was another instance of a person who always seems to seek the limelight and it is hard for me to want to compliment, but when I did it seemed the response was overwhelming.

This morning while doing my job I was thinking of past days and the recent instances and it hit me like a ton of lead, the thing these people need, that are begging you, the world, anyone to give them is what you have had all your life--that priceless commodity Love. That, dear people was when I realized that not only God needed thanked for the great joy and release He had given in His answer, but I owed you, beloved ones a letter of thanks. In that town where I grew up, I was spoiled rotten, not only by family, but each of you set me apart and made me special. Each gave a helping measure of that priceless commodity until my cup was running over and had to be packed down. I do not know how to be grateful enough to any of you. I hope in this land, where as God directed Abraham, He has directed me, I may give these people this commodity so that they may know the fulfillment all of you gave to me. I love my new home, church and now I am released to love my job to the fullest, but always you will be a very special group to me. May God bless each and every one of you and may you continue giving the priceless commodity of Love!

Gloria West
P. O. Box 806
Abilene, Texas 79604

MEAT PROCESSING SEMINAR--A seminar for meat processors is slated at the Aggeland Inn in College Station, October 3-4, announces a livestock and meat specialist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. The seminar will highlight new methods of producing more tender meat, improved methods of holding fresh meat longer, use of mechanically boned meat, new packing methods and the latest material for improving the appearance of finished meat products. The seminar is aimed at assisting meat processors to make grassfed beef more acceptable to consumers.

HD News

The Comper Home Demonstration club met October 9 in Mrs. Clarence Allen's home for the regular meeting. Mrs. Hunter presided for the meeting with five members, one new member, three visitors and three children present.

Roll call was "an occasion for a special cake."

Mrs. Hugh Taylor gave the devotional.

Mrs. Allen directed two quiz games. Several recipes by "five year olds" were read by Mrs. Lela Anderson a visitor. One little girl's recipe for fried chicken: She thought her mom took one chicken and cooks it at 14 degrees for twenty hours.

Mrs. Clyde Mims from Truby joined the club as a new member.

The program, "Step by Step to Spectacular Cakes" was given by Mrs. Hugh Taylor and Dewey Ramsey who attended the Leaders Training meeting. A "Teddy Bear" cake was baked and decorated ahead of time and taken to the club for all to see and be served. Instructions for making batter, icing and cooking and how to assemble and decorate the bear cake were given step by step. Cake making tips, frosting and how to decorate cakes, cake baking tips and common uses of cake failures were given.

Refreshments were served to Mrs. Lela Anderson of Ft. Stockton, Benny Anderson of Noodle, Tommy Hunter and three children of Anson were visitors. Mrs. Clyde Mims, Clayton Dillard, Hugh Taylor, Ab Hunter, Dewey Ramsey and Clarence Allen, hostess.

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EAGLE SCOUT WOLF-Kelley Wolf, son of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Wolf, is pictured at ceremonies in which he was awarded Eagle rank in Boy Scouts. The Eagle Scout rank is the highest in scouting.



HONOR COURT-These boy scouts were awarded ranks and honors at their Court of Honor held at the United Methodist Church Sunday, October 12. Pictured are (left to right back row) Calvin Wolf, scoutmaster, Ronnie Whisenhunt, Brad Wade and Kelley Wolf; (front row) Terry Owens, Kyle Wolf, Scott Cain, John Townsend, W. A. Kinder, Willie Townsend and Eugene Ford.

Wolf Named Eagle Scout In Court Of Honor

Kelley Wolf received his Eagle Scout rank Sunday during Troop 18 Court of Honor held at the United Methodist Church. Only one boy out of every hundred ever obtain the Eagle rank. Kelley joined Boy Scouts February 18, 1972. It takes on the average of 3 years of hard work to achieve this honor. Other scouts receiving ranks and other awards were Ronnie Whisenhunt, Brad Wade, John Townsend, Scott Cain, Terry Owens, Willie Townsend, W. A. Kinder and Kyle Wolf.

Girl Scout News

Well we finally got 3 troops going. But we still need a junior leader before their meetings will begin. We have the girls ready, just need a leader. Anyone interested contact Melba Glasscock, 928-4883.

First and second grade Brownies meet on Mondays from 2:45-3:45, their co-leaders are Sandra Stevens and Donna Tuerk.

Third grade Brownies meet Thursday 3:30-4:30, co-leaders are Melba Glasscock and Billie Walters.

Cadette girls meet on Monday 5:00-6:30 in Abilene. We have 4 girls from Merkel attending. They are Debbie Glasscock, Janet Wade, Ann and Jan Winn. These girls will be going on a sight seeing tour of Austin, Saturday and Sunday October 18 and 19. They will go ice skating while there, and also will be camping and cooking out doors. There are 28 girls in this troop and can take 7 more girls. The Winn's are from Viet Nam and are learning our way of life fast belonging to this troop.

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Lambda Beta News

The Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met Tuesday, October 7, at the home of Chera Hohertz for their model meeting. Roll call was answered with the reply to the question "What factors affect your perspective and attitude as a woman?" It was announced that the year book coloring contest winners were: first place, Betty Allday; second place, Ginny Yaddow; and honorable mention, Minyon Seymore. Serving as judges were Mrs. Jack Hogan and Mrs. Ben Hicks. The ways and means committee announced that the car bash and fortune telling booth would be the two booths that Lambda Beta will be holding for the Halloween Carnival which will be October 25th. at the

First United Methodist Church. A special program was given by Ginny Yaddow, chairman of the membership committee on the meaning of Beta Sigma Phi. Some of the special events were also discussed. Kathryn Whisenhunt and Chera Hohertz presented the program entitled "The Voices Behind Us."

Members present were Mmes. Jim Allday, Glen Bright, Rosey Castille, Junior Clark, Obie Coker, Harold Hohertz, Craig Jones, Billy Lucas, Paul Moore, Bobby Rogers, Phil Seymore, Larry Teaf, Mike Welch, Bill Whisenhunt, and Lee Yaddow.

Rushes present were Mmes. Bobby Elliott, Gerald Rutledge, and Bill Booth.



Inflation-Fighting Food Ideas

TIPS ON KEEPING BREAD FRESH

Families who don't use a great deal of bread but who want it fresh when they do, often store the staple in their freezers. Individual slices take only a short time to unfreeze or a brief stint in the oven will restore the bread to usable condition quickly. Frozen bread slices popped directly into a toaster provide a mealtime treat, too.

However, a soft loaf of bread consigned to a freezer needs some protection from the brick hard neighbors it will encounter, and a protective container is in order. It should be sealed to further insure freshness. Assign the freezer "bread box" a permanent shelf position, says the Tupperware Family Food Council. This helps cut down on energy wasting "fumbling" time while the freezer door stands ajar. Newly made sandwiches can be stored in such a container for future use. When their time has come they can be removed from the freezer after breakfast; they'll be just right by lunchtime.

A good tip for storing bread is to remember that while freezing protects its freshness, refrigerated bread

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As for sandwich production made easy, try this one:

- MOCK HAM SALAD SANDWICH SPREAD
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- 5-6 medium size sweet pickles
- 2 hard-cooked eggs
- 1 4-oz. jar pimentos, well drained
- 1/4 cup mayonnaise

Put ham, pickles, eggs, and pimentos through food chopper. Add mayonnaise and mix thoroughly. Makes three cups, 12 sandwiches.

Young Homemakers

The Taylor County Young Homemakers met October 9, 1975 in the home of Mrs. Barbara Buntin. Teri Martin introduced Mr. Sam Ray of "the Diamond Shop" in Abilene. In his program, he explained how diamonds were graded and what qualities to look for when investing in one. Refreshments of Halloween cookies and cupcakes with hot spiced punch were served by Sherry Miller and Barbara Buntin.

Linda Beasley, president, called the meeting to order. The minutes were read and approved. One of the clubs' Bicentennial projects will be to sell American flag kits. These will be sold in front of the West Texas Utilities October 18 from 9-12 a.m. Jeannette Pursley motioned that we also have a bake sale at that time and raffle cake, which will be decorated by Tonja Meeks. Ann Jacobs seconded and the motion passed.

Members were reminded to bring stamp books for the purpose of donating gifts to the State School in Abilene at Christmas.

Christi Boone was elected Little Sister for the month of September and Netta Stephan for October.

The next meeting will be a Christmas ideas program, presented by Lone Star Gas, in the home of Mrs. Mary Hill.

WW I Vets Hold Meeting

The World War I Merkel and Trent Barracks and Ladies Auxiliary will hold their regular monthly meeting Tuesday, October 21 at 5:30 p.m. at the REA building.

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	DOLLARS	Cts
ASSETS		
1. Cash and due from banks (including U.S. Treasury securities)	306,100	00
2. (a) U.S. Treasury securities	150,000	00
(b) Obligations of Federal Financing Bank	4,220	65
3. Obligations of other U.S. Government agencies and corporations	1,100,000	00
4. Obligations of States and political subdivisions	220	00
5. Other securities (including corporate stocks)	300,000	00
6. Trading account securities	312,833	35
7. Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell	523	50
8. Other loans		
9. Bank premises, furniture and fixtures, and other assets representing bank premises		
10. Real estate owned other than bank premises		
11. Investments in subsidiaries not consolidated		
12. Customer's liability to this bank on acceptance outstanding	169	45
13. Other assets (Item 6 of "Other Assets") (including direct lease financing)	1,011,509	43
TOTAL ASSETS	3,111,769	43
LIABILITIES		
15. Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	884,625	74
16. Time and savings deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations		
17. Deposits of United States Government		
18. Deposits of States and political subdivisions	74	83
19. Deposits of foreign governments and official institutions		
20. Deposits of commercial banks		
21. Certified and officers' checks, etc.		
TOTAL DEPOSITS	959,373	54
a. Total demand deposits	959,373	54
b. Total time and savings deposits		
22. Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase		
23. Other liabilities for borrowed money		
24. Mortgage indebtedness		
25. Acceptances executed by or for amount of this bank and outstanding	169	45
26. Other liabilities	259	18
TOTAL LIABILITIES	960,132	28
27. MINORITY INTEREST IN CONSOLIDATED SUBSIDIARIES		
RESERVES ON LOANS AND SECURITIES		
28. Reserve for bad debt losses on loans set up pursuant to Internal Revenue Service rulings		
29. Reserve on loans		
30. Reserve on securities		
TOTAL RESERVES ON LOANS AND SECURITIES		
CAPITAL ACCOUNTS		
31. Capital notes and debentures		
32. Equity capital, total	181,166	72
33. Preferred stock-total par value		
(No. shares outstanding)	25	000
34. Common stock-total par value	100	00
(No. shares authorized)	56	156
35. Surplus		
36. Undivided profits		
37. Reserve for contingencies and other capital reserves		
TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	181,166	72
TOTAL LIABILITIES, RESERVES, AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	3,111,769	43
MEMORANDA		
1. Average of total deposits for the 15 calendar days ending with call date	922	315
2. Average of total loans for the 15 calendar days ending with call date	629	506
3. Unearned discount on installment loans included in total capital accounts	4	135
4. Noncallable assets of credit		

Prepared and certified by me, Secretary, on the above named bank, in conformity with the report of condition
of the above named bank, to the best of my knowledge and belief.
Corrected: Attest: *[Signature]*
City Treasurer

State of Texas, County of Taylor, City of Merkel, Texas, this 15th day of October, 1975.
I, *[Signature]*, Secretary of the HomeState Bank, do hereby certify that I am not an officer or director of this bank.
My commission expires July 1, 1977.

Art Association Lone Star Declares Met Tuesday Preferred Dividend
The Merkel Art Association met last Tuesday evening at 7:30. President Mrs. Ford Smith, Jr., in a business meeting discussed the club activities. A report was made by the year book committee. Mrs. Ronny Doan gave a report on the annual meeting of the Big Country Chapter of the Texas Fine Arts Association.

Exercise Class Being Organized By Ladies
The Ladies Auxiliary of the Merkel Fire Department is sponsoring an exercise class which is scheduled to begin Thursday October 23, instead of Monday as was originally planned. The class will be from 6 to 7 p.m. it was announced and the place will be determined and announced in next weeks Merkel Mail. Everyone is invited to come out and exercise.

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Jr. Badgers Thrashed By Jim Ned

The 8th. grade Junior Badgers ran into an obstacle last Thursday in the way of the 8th. grade Jim Ned Indians. Final score was 38-0. "Jim Ned had a fine football team and came to play but the Junior Badgers did look good in places. This was the first game in which the offense has been able to move the ball against the other teams defense. The Junior Badger defense was not that bad either, but were unable to stop the larger Indians," stated Coach Martin.

Leading the way up front for the Junior Badgers on offense were Mark Copeland, Dwayne Roysden, Dale Ray Higgins, Josh Amerine, Russell White, Ken Wells, Steve Mathewson and Scott Cain. Running the football were QB Chris Cox, FB James Stovall, TB Bobby Dickinson and Mathewson. These young men have been working hard all year at trying to move the football and now are finally moving it toward the goal line, and next week against Roscoe, will try ball control.

Defensive standouts were Higgins, Jimmy Davis, Mathewson, Cain, Cox, Ted Holmes, Dickinson, Stovall, Tommy Swinney and Roysden. Helping out their team mates

Tri-City MSA Assn. Will Meet In Abilene
Tri City Softball Association will meet at the Saddle and Sirlon in Abilene at 3901 S. First on Monday night October 20, 1975 at 7:30. This meeting is for the election of a new board of directors for the 1976 season. All parents of girls who played last year are urged to attend and anyone who is interested please come to the meeting. This will be the last meeting until next year. Please show your support of this league by your attendance. Our league is only as strong as our supporters.

Card Of Thanks
THE FAMILY OF HUBERT SULLIVAN wishes to express their appreciation to the many friends and relatives who have shown their love and concern for us following the death of our loved one. Your kindness has brought great comfort to us. God bless each of you.
Cleta Sullivan
The Macky Spurgin Family
The Bob Sullivan Family
Jerry and Karan Pace
34-1tp

Letters To The Editor

To: My Fellow Citizens:
It has come to my attention that stories have been circulating that certain individuals in our town are "above the law" and are not subject to the same demands of the law that all others are. I emphatically state that in my administration this situation has never existed. If at any time in my administration a police officer shall be responsible for giving special consideration to persons who violate the law that officer shall be immediately fired.
Lou David Allen
Mayor, City of Merkel
October 13, 1975

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OCTOBER 17

AT 7:30 P.M.



Last Week's Results	
MERKEL	15
JIM NED	20



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N 1ST ST. 8-5422

Farmers & Merchants National Bank
111 EDWARDS 8-4728

The Merkel Mail
916 N 1ST 8-5712

Big Country Inn
I-20 8-4756

Merkel Restaurant
I-20 8-4923

Carsons Super Market
217 EDWARDS 8-5231

Sybles Beauty Nook
215 EDWARDS 8-4858

KWFA Radio
N 2ND & BAKER 8-4701

Ninth Street Grocery
1207 SOUTH NINTH 8-5331

Taylor Electric Co-op
1610 N 1ST 8-4715

Kraatz Repair
NORTH 1ST. 8-5594

Ben Franklin
129 EDWARDS 8-4993

Handy Food Store
1414 N 1ST ST. 8-4912

Warren's Antique Shop
304 EDWARDS 8-5010

Henderson Grain Co.
N 1ST ST. 8-5928

Petes Plaster Shop
502 KENT 8-5429



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	Ruby	There	6:00	Win
Oct. 3	Albany	Here	7:30	Loss
10	Jim Ned	There	7:30	Loss
17	Roscoe	Here	7:30	Homecoming
24	Wylie	There	7:30	
31	Rofan	Here	7:30	
Nov. 7	Baird	There	7:30	

COACHES — Ronny Aldridge, Monte Land, David Summers
CHEERLEADERS — Becky Rister Head, Carrie Law, Joyce Kay Smith, Gayla Toliver, Patty Toney and Bill Williams
MARK FISHER, Superintendent TRAVIS DAVIS, Manager

J. V. Schedule

Sept. 1	Colorado City	H	7:30
8	Arson	T	7:30
15	Stamford	H	7:30
22	Stamford	H	6:00
Oct. 2	Albany	T	7:30
9	Jim Ned	H	7:30
16	Roscoe	T	7:30
23	Wylie	T	7:30
30	Rofan	T	7:45
Nov. 6	Baird	H	7:30



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- PILLSBURY-COOKIES ICE BOX
CHOCOLATE CHIP PKG. **89¢**
- DEL MONTE
CATSUP 14 OZ. BOTTLE **39¢**
- HORMEL
CHILI PLAIN 300 CAN **63¢**
- HEINZ
BAR-B.Q. Sauce 16 OZ. BOTTLE **53¢**
- SWEET SUE 24 OZ. CAN
Chicken & Dumplings EA. **63¢**
- DEL MONTE
Golden CORN 303 C.S. 2 FOR **63¢**
- DEL MONTE
Green BEANS 303 CUT 2 FOR **55¢**
- DEL MONTE
Garden PEAS 303 2 FOR **69¢**
- DEL MONTE
SPINACH 303 2 FOR **49¢**
- LARSEN
VEG-ALL 303 2 FOR **53¢**

- OLEO** LB. PKG. **39¢**
- MAXWELL HOUSE
INSTANT
COFFEE 10 OZ. JAR **\$1.79**
- LIPTONS
CUP OF SOUP ASSORTED 4 PACK BOX **49¢**

- Frozen Foods**
- MORTON
MINCE
OR
PUMPKIN **PIES** EA. **69¢**
- KEITHS CRINKLE CUT
POTATOES 2 LB. BAG **39¢**
- WHOLE SUN 12 OZ.
ORANGE JUICE CAN **43¢**
- GRIFFIN ANGEL FLAKE
COCOANUT 7 OZ. **45¢**

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JELLY 18 OZ. GLASS **63¢**
- CHINCH 15 OZ.
Cornbread Mix BOX **33¢**
- JOHNSONS
SHOUT CAN **79¢**
- CRYSTAL WHITE
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GIANT KING
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