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Between you

By SARAH ECKOLS

This editor is happy to report that we have received a reply to our letter to the President of the United States concerning the Merkel Time Capsule. President Ford sent along with his warm regards and best wishes to John Hammond his official statement for our National Bicentennial for us to put into the capsule. We are in hopes that organizations, clubs, school classes and individuals will place their contributions to posterity into the Merkel Time Capsule. Mr. Hammond tells us that the building is in its final stages and opening is just around the corner. Preparations are being made for the time capsule itself which at this time is anticipated to be constructed of fiberglass. I personally urge the mayor, city councilmen, business leaders and individuals to make this time capsule something for Merkel to be proud of and to show off.

Judge and Mrs. Lewis L. Millett have returned from their recent trip to Korea during which they were invited by the United Nations Command to visit the Panmunjom Treaty Area. While visiting the site, Judge Millett was wearing his Texas-style boots and hat. The commander of the U.S. Security Forces approached him and asked "Where are you from, sir?" Mr. Millett replied that he is from a small town near Abilene, Texas. What's the name of the town?" "Merkel, Texas," the

"Oh, the purple and gold Badgers," replied the officer. Judge Millett was then introduced to Lt. Col. Gaylon Johnson, a 1952 graduate of Merkel High School. Johnson is the son of Mrs. O. S. (Josh) Cook of the Sandbur Community near Stith.

It is truly a small world, isn't it? *******************

The American Cancer Society will host a benefit musical Saturday night, October 25 at the Trent High School Gym. There will be a concession stand and interested persons are asked to bring cakes, cookies, etc. for auctioning. Also, talent will be from voluntary sources and bands, quartets, singles, and talent of any type is

Remember, cancer stricks one' out of every 10 persons and 3 of every ten stricken are cured. For further information contact Rojean Hicks at 862-9888 or Josh Hammonds at KNIT in Abilene.

The recent rural drive was successful in raising funds for the society and a special thanks goes to Betty Cypert, Joann Whisenhunt, Nancy Hogan, Eva Lois Hatfield, Florence McAninch, Pat Williams, Melinda Simpson and Mrs. Borden Perkins for their time and energy.

Badgers Plowed Under By Roscoe and me Merkel Goes To Wylie This Friday

The Badgers fought hard on a Badger fumble plac- a quarterback keep. The PAT before the homecoming crowd ing them on the Badger 30. at Badger Stadium Friday night, but dropped the district contest to Roscoe 20-6. The first quarter proved unproductive for both teams and ended in a 0-0 deadlock.

It was late in the second period before the Plowboys

of a lost fumble, the Badgers lost ten yards on a penalty minute in the half. It was second and 1 to go as Hartman went in for the TD on

To addinsult to the injury and gave the Plowboys a first and goal situation on the five yard line with less than a

The program will begin

with certification of delegates

at 5:30 p.m., Sunday, October

Western Texas College. The

annual meeting of the House

of Delegates for District XVI

will be held at 7 p.m. Sunday

at the Student Center follow-

ing a dinner for delegates

between the hours of 6 and 7.

session will begin at 10:00

a.m. at the Scurry County

Coliseum, with Mrs. Kayser presiding. This will be pre-

ceded by the serving of cof-

fee in the Coliseum Annex

where exhibits will be avail-

able for teachers to view.

There will be a multi-media

slide presentation presented

in the main auditorium be-

tween 9:45 and 10:00. At the

general session, special

music will be presented by

organ. The invocation will be

by Darrell Collins, eighth

student at Snyder Junior High

School. TSTA greetings will

be brought by Mrs. Grace

Grimes of Marshall, current

President Elect of the Texas

'The Lord's Prayer" offered

Mrs. Lynn Bethel at the

The Monday general

took possession of the ball TSTA District XIV Convention October 26-27 In Snyder

Ambrose E. Brazelton, Stephens, Stonewall, and Tay-Chief of the Division of Urban lor counties. Education of the Ohio Department of Education, will speak on "A Mind Is a Terrible Thing to Waste" at the 26, at the Student Center at annual district convention for District XIV, Texas State Teachers Association, to be held Monday, October 27 at the Scurry County Coliseum in Snyder.

Mrs. Dorothy Kayser, Snyder teacher who is president of TSTA, District XVI, said that approximately 2,500 members are expected to attend. The district covers Callahan, Eastland, Fisher, Haskell, Jones, Mitchell, Nolan, Scurry, Shackelford,

Girl Scouts Reorganize

Junior Girl Scouts, Troop 313 will reorganize this Friday after school.

Troop leaders are Billie Walters, assistant Linda

All girls interested are invited to join.

was blocked and the half ended at 6-0 for the Plowboys. With 3 minutes left in the third quarter Hartman hithis target with a 25 yard pass

a. ! Dorman went in for the sec 1 TD of the night. The night really belonged to Plowboy #44 Thurmond Wil-

liams as he led the Roscoe team in rushing yardage. He went in for the third Plowboy TD himself from the 2 yard line. Hartman put the PAT pass into the arms of David McDonald making it a 20-0 game for the Plowboys with 11 minutes on the clock.

The evening wasn't a total Badger loss as Austerman went in for the only Merkel score on a 22 yard pass from Pursley. The score remained at 20-6 however as the PAT was blocked.

Employmemt Representatives To Be Here

Two employees from Texas Employment Commission will be here Thursday and Friday of this week to take applications for employment at Wilkerson Manufacturing. This will be for on the job training that will start immediately for the preparation of the opening here in Merkel. Wilkerson Manufacturing needs an additional 40 to 45 people from Merkel now. Applications will be taken from 9:00 A.M. until 4:00 P.M. at the Senior Citizens Building.

Merkel School Board Names Davis To Top Post

The Merkel Independent School District Board has named Travis L. Davis, principal of Merkel High School, as replacement for the resigning Mack Fisher, Superintendent of schools, it was announced Tuesday by school board president, Bobby Du-

Fisher who came to Mer-

his resignation in August to be effective June 30, 1976. Mr. Fisher expressed his support of the board's choice and stated that he felt that Davis will make an excellent superintendent.

Davis, a native Texan graduated from Flower Grove High School. He received his B. S. Degree in 1960 from kel as superintendent Sul Ross State College, his of schools in 1949, announced M. A. Degree from Western New Mexico University where his major was school administration and has advanced work in the field of school administration from Eastern New Mexico University.

Davis, a veteran of the classroom, has taught at Lordsburg High School in Lordsburg, New Mexico; Artesia's Zia Junior High School; and Park Junior High in Artesia. He was named assistant principal to Park Junior High in 1965 before moving into the associate principal's post at Lamesa Junior High in 1969. He was named principal of Lamesa High School in 1971. Davis accepted the position of principal of Merkel High School in 1972.

Davis holds a permanent professional administrators certificate. He has been active in local teachers associations, Texas State Teachers Association, National Education Association, Texas Association Secondary School Principals and National Association Secondary School Principals.

Active in civic affairs, Davis has been a member of Kiwanis, is active in the local Chamber of Commerce and is presently president of the Merkel Lions Club. He has also participated in Boys Club activities, little league and pee wee football.

Davis and his wife have one son, Michael. They are members of the First Baptist Church.

Mrs. Davis, also an educator, is a counselor as-



. . . to succeed Mack Fisher

sociated with the Abilene Public Schools.

State Teachers Association. **Construction Begins** On 20 Apartment Complex

A \$200,000 apartment complex to be known as Shannonside Apartments is underway in Merkel. The 20 unit project will be located on the access road at the north end

of Edwards Street near Interstate 20. Architects are Bob Reynolds and Arthur Stone of Dallas who are partners with Mr. and Mrs. John Shannon of Merkel.

Adcock Recieved Third Life Time Award

Gary Adcock, 28, son of Mr. and Mrs. Waymon Adcock, has received his 3rd. life time membership at the fifty-fifth annual banquet of

Trent School To Comply With Title IX

The Trent Independent School District in accordance with the requirements of Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972 hereby declares its intent to fully comply with the intent and specifications of this stature,

Trent Independent School District shall not, on the basis of sex, exclude any person from participation in, deny the benefits of, or subject to discrimination in any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.

Trent Independent School District shall further: engage in a self-evaluation to assure compliance, establish grievance procedures, and appoint a coordinator for Title IX implementation.

Oak Cliff Chamber of Commerce, October 7, 1975. His award was a huge plaque and a barometer set.

Special guest of honor was Shirley Cothran, Miss America 1975, who two years ago was "Miss Oak Cliff." Gary has been funeral di-

rector at Lamar and Smith Funeral Home for six years. He is an active supporter of civic activities, a member of Oak Cliff Chamber of Commerce, Wynnewood Lions Club and Oak Cliff Optimist Club. Adcock was named outstanding young man of America by the national board of Jaycees in 1974.

Nine Persons Fined For **Hunting Illegally**

Nine persons have been fined \$200 each for violating the hunting law prohibiting hunting of deer after dark, Judge Lewis L. Millett announced early this week.

Judge Millett cautioned hunters that this not only violates the game laws, but includes the grave possibility of killing an innocent person or the livestock of land owners.

The Judge further explained the severity of his fines by stating that the rights of persons, living in this area must be protected.

in size will be four 3 bedroom apartments, eight 2 bedroom apartments and eight 1 bedroom apartments. All apartments will be ground

floor. The ground is currently being prepared for construction to begin in a matter of days, it was announced by Reynolds who was in Merkel October 15 to confer with Mrs. James Clark, Jr. who will be business manager for the apartments.

The construction of Shannonside Apartments is a private enterprise and rent will be geared to moderate income families. Each apartment will be totally electric with kitchens furnished completely including dish washer, garbage disposal, refrigerator, and stove, and heat and air will be central. The apartments will be totally carpeted.

Estimated time of completion at this time is the spring of 1976. Mr. Reynolds expressed great appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. Shannon for bringing this much indemand housing project to Merkel and also for their encouragement in the endeavor.

Announces

U. S. Senator John Tower announced Monday that the rural electrification Administration has approved a \$742,000 loan to the Taylor Electric Cooperative, Inc. in Merkel. The loan will enable the coop to finance service for 476 additional customers and add 55 miles of distribution lines and other system improvements.

Merkel Students-Faculty Member Attend Conference

On October 14 a faculty member and two students from Merkel High School were among more than 300 delegates and guests who attended the first annual West Texas Conference on State Affairs held recently in San Angelo on the campus of Angelo State University.

The delegates included Richard Hill, faculty; and Lonnie Carter and David Booth students.

Texas Governor Dolph Briscoe was the keynote speaker for the conference setting the tone for the twoday meet. Other key speak-

Homecoming Association Reorganized

ing Association was held Friday, October 17th, following the football game. Purpose of the meeting was to reorganize the association and elect new officers. The Association had not been active in the 1975 Homecoming because of the resignation of the officers.

Mrs. Pat Cypert presided at the business meeting. Elected as officers for the 1976-1977 Homecoming were Bob Hammond, President; Gary Hicks, Vice President; Mrs. Laverle Dokey, Secretary; and Mrs. June Gregory, Treasurer.

In other business it was decided that a Board of Directors would be established to govern the Association. This will prevent the possibility of being without officers from occuring again. The Board will consist of the five immediate past presidents and the current president who will serve as chairers included U. S. Congressman Bob Krueger, former Michigan Governor George Romney, State Insurance Board Chairman Joe Christie, and Bob Armstrong, Commissioner of the State's

General Land Office. The annual event is under the sponsorship of the San Angelo Standard Times, the West Texas Chamber of Commerce and Angelo State. Dr. Ollie Cauthen, vice president for university affairs at ASU, served as the conference director heading up a conference steering committee made up of representatives from ASU, the West Texas Chamber, the San Angelo Standard Times and the San

Angelo community. Delegates to the conference were drawn from schools and colleges throughout West Texas, Chambers of Commerce in the West Texas Chamber area, city and county governments throughout West Texas and the West Texas business sector.

In addition to attending several general assembly programs, conference delegates also took part in smaller discussion sessions that focused attention on selected issues

facing West Texans. In commenting on the completion of the first WT-COSA, conference director Dr. Ollie Cauthen, said, "the speakers were in the know, aware of the great concern statewide, nationwide, about federal encroachment, and their talks -and the whole conference-pointed to one thing: We as citizens must be informed and knowledgeable and able to take strong stands...act as individuals."

ASU President, Dr. Lloyd D. Vincent said, "We had an excellent beginning," and

excellent beginning," and Tucker Sutherland, publisher of the San Angelo Standard Times, called the conference, "all meat from start to finish," promising that "next year it will be sensational."



QUEEN NETTA-Netta Stephan was crowned 1975-76 Homecoming Queen during halftime activities at Badger Stadium Friday night. Pictured with the queen is her escort, Lonnie Carter. Queen Netta is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stephan. She was crowned by her sister, Jerry, a freshman at West Texas State University and the 1974 Homecoming Queen. Other queen candidates were Cindy Elliot, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Elliot; Clesta Cochran, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Cochran; Becky Rister, daughter of Curtis Rister.

> Miss Stephan Named 1975 Homecoming Queen

Travis Davis, principal of Merkel High School, has announced the honor roll.

"A" Honor Koll-Kandi Ascencio, Debbie Beaird, Audy Byrd Marsha Clyburn, Karolyn Davis, Cindy Elliott, Jackie Harris, Cathy Holloway, Retha Mattingly, Kathryn Murrell, Kristi Nease, Suzy Rister, Cindy Smith, Jerre Kay Smith, Netta Stephan, Suzanne Warner, Rhonda White, Linda Williams, Gay Pfiester, David Booth, Lonnie Carter, Roger

Dye and Marlon White. "A" and "B" Honor Roll-Cherie Aiken, Christi Boone, Cindy Boone, Sherry Collins, Freda Crenshaw, Pam Crenshaw, Becky Deason, Judy Diltz Sharon Dosser, Lori

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DuBose, Charleen Fariello, Mary Flores, Sherry Frazier, Crystie Gardner, Barbara Garber, Carla Gardnar, Cindy Hagar, Lesa Ha

Kathryn Irvin, Martha J -frey, Carrie Law, Kelly Magee, Dede Metts, Mary Palmer. Debbie Phillips, Carla Rister, Becky Rister, Danna Russell, Carla Shelton, Sheila Sloan, Janice South, Patti Shotwell, Tammy Thomas, Patty Toney, Susie Toombs, Gayla Toliver, Gayle Teaff, Traci Watson, Janet Wade, Sherry West, Suzette Santee, corn, John Biera, Jay Boyd, Randy Cox, Terry Criner, Mike Davis, Darryl Dawson, Garth Doan, Danny DuBose, Mike Henry, John Jeffrey, Chuck Knight, Thomas Kraatz, David King, Mike Magee, Steve Peachy, Doug Roysden, Keith Shields, Mike Sims, Grant Sandusky, Tommy Sloan, Mike Speaks, Paul Tucker, Tim Watson, Rusty Watts, Wayne Webb,

Keith Wolfe and Kyle

Polling Places Anounced

Notice, in accordance with Article 4.05, provision 3, of the Texas Election Code,

Roy Skaggs

Taylor County Judge

is hereby given that an election will be held in Taylor County on November 4, 1975, to vote on the proposed Constitution for the State of Texas. The polls will open at 7:00

JUDGES

Presiding Judge:

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Mildred Cypert

Presiding Judge:

Mrs. John Hamner

Presiding Judge

B. E. Plowman

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Joe Lassiter

Alternate:

Alternate:

Alternate:

Drummond

Alternate:

Mrs. M. N. Alvord

H. F. (Floyd) Kimmey

Wilkerson.

a.m. at all regularly designated voting places and will close at 7:00 p.m.

Below is a list of election judges, alternate judges and polling places.



The transportation mechanic of years ago was the blacksmith, with his glowing hearth, hot iron and heavy hammer. pard Park behind the Metho-This past will live again October 25 as the Panhandle-Plains dist Church, beginning at 6:00 Historical Museum opens the doors of its Pioneer Village for the Bicentennial Ball.

Helping to recreate the Bicentennial celebration mood is West Texas State University Campus Services student Jim Wharton, son of Marshall Wharton, Route 1, Merkel.

Services Held

Services for Ted Minnich,

39, of Haughton, La., and formerly of Merkel, retired

Air Force tech sergeant,

were held at 3 p.m. Thurs-

day in Dyess Air Force Base

The Rev. Charles Ma-

crander, chaplain, officiated.

Graveside services were at 1:45 p.m. Friday in National

Cemetery in Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, direct-

ed by Starbuck Funeral Home.

afternoon at his home in

Haughton, after an apparent

in Lehigh, Pa., he married

Joyce Dees July 21, 1967,

While serving in the Air

Force, Mr. Minnich had spent

many, Italy, Thailand and

Wichita Falls and spent the

last eight years of his mili-

Force Base in Abilene until

Survivors include his wife; a stepdaughter, Brenda

Roberts of Abilene; his mother, Helen Minnich of

Slatington, Pa.; two brothers,

Daniel and Andrew, both of

Slatington, Pa.; two sisters, Carolins Hallman and Mar-

garet Leindecker, both of

Pensylvania, several nieces and nephews; and two grand-

his retirement on August 31,

He also was stationed at

Born September 22, 1936.

Mr. Minnich died Monday

For Former

Resident

Chapel in Abilene.

heart attack.

in Merkel.

Vietnam.

1974.

HD News

The Home Demonstration Council met Cctober 15 in Anson Federal Housing Building.

The meeting was called to order by the vice-chairman, Mrs. Toff Hearndon.

Mrs. Alma Foster led a game called T. V. commercials.

There were eight clubs represented; 13 members, 4 council officers and 2 visitors.

Mrs. Ab Hunter, Mrs. Garland Price, Mrs. H. A. Haynes were delegates to the T.H.D.A. meeting in Abilene. They will give their reports to the clubs at a later date.

CAR BASH

Smash! Crash! Bang! Can you put the biggest dent in the car? Lambda Beta will have a car bash at the annual Halloween carnival October 25. 1975 being held at Shepp.m. Y'all come and try your strength!! See you there.

Youth Group To Host Taco Booth

The Catholic Youth Group will have a Taco Booth at the Carnival at the Methodist Church Saturday. They will sell tacos for 35¢ each or 3 for \$1.00. The youth invite you to eat with them while

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On October 10,11,12, 1975 the Beta Sigma Phi West Texas Area Convention was held in Odessa. Texas at the Inn of the Golden West. "Freedom in Action" was

the theme for the convention. International guests were Vivian Argubright and Susan Pettit. Susan is the new editor of the Torch, the Beta Sigma Phi's monthly magazine.

There were 584 registered. The El Paso Chapter was first to register. The most members represented from a single chapter went to a Crone chapter with 12 present.

The weekend events beginning Friday afternoon through Sunday morning consisted of: registration, scrapbooks and yearbooks display, forum, luncheon and style show (the Model Shop), general assembly, dinner and dance, devotional, brunch and closing ritual.

The yearbook awards were as follows: honorable mention from Lubbock chapter and two chapters from El Paso. Third place to Odessa, second place to Fort Stockton, and first place to Lubbock. Most popular yearbook went to Lubbock.

Scrapbook awards were as follows: honorable mention from Abilene chapter and two chapters from Lubbock, third place from Odessa, second place from Odessa, and first place from Odessa, Most popular scrapbook award went to Odessa.

A Big Spring chapter received the Achievement award.

Lambda Beta members attending were: Ginny Yaddow, Jo Moore, Glenda Teaff, Chera Hohhertz, Pat Neff and Betty Allday.

LAY-AWAY FOR **CHRISTMAS** WILSONS **JEWELERS**

Beta Sigma Phi West Texas from Connie Ybarra who is area convention was held in Odessa, Texas.

Mrs. W. G. (Mildred)

Odessa, Texas October 10, 11, 12 with headquarters in the Inn of the Golden West. The theme for the convention was "Freedom In Action." Vivian Argubright and Susan Pettit were guest speakers from Beta Sigma Phi International in Kansas City, Mo.

Xi Nu Chi members attending the convention were Darla Mawson and Mamie Steck.

Xi Nu Chi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met in the home of Bobby Mansfield on Tuesday October 7, 1975 for their regular monthly meeting. Darla Mawson read a card

in Mexico City for Timex Corporation.

LOCATION OF BOX

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Recreation Room

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Tye-Merkel

Program chairman Mamie Steck announced that a joint meeting with Lambda Beta and Alpha Nu Nu would be held at the First Methodist Church on Tuesday October 21, 1975 at 7:30 P.M. and encouraged all members to invite their friends to hear Dick Spaulding, who will be the guest speaker.

BiCentinnial projects were discussed. A Valentine sweetheart was elected and will be announced at the next regular meeting. Darla Mawson announced the Fall Ritual and Dance would be held on November 22, at the Civic

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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, if any are

deceased, DEFENDANTS,

the issuance of this citation,

November, A. D. 1975, to

Plaintiff's Petition filed in

of September, A. D. 1975,

in this cause, numbered

34,929-A on the docket of said

Nordan Oil and Gas Corpora-

tion, Plaintiffs, et al vs. H.

L. Smith, Defendants, et al

nature of this suit is as fol-

A brief statement of the

Suit by owners of oil and

whose whereabouts are

own 3.51% of the min-

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lowing described prop-

The SW /4 and the E/2

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NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF ALICE JEAN BOLLINGER, DE-CEASED Notice is hereby given that

original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of ALICE JEAN BOLLINGER were issued on the 13 day of October, 1975, in Cause No. 12,208, pending in the County Court of Taylor County, Texas, to: JEANNIE NELL (BOLLING-

ER) HUNSAKEK The residence of such Executrix is Garza County, Texas. The post office address is:

% Walter P. Morton, Jr. Attorney at Law 2925 South 1st. Street Abilene, Texas 79605

All persons having claims STRAYED-2 red cows, I against this Estate which is white cow and a small calf. currently being administered Last s en Friday 1 mile are required to present them west of Blair. Anyone see- within the time and in the ing or knowing their where- manner prescribed by law. abouts-please call DATED the 13 day of October, 1975.

> Walter P. Morton, Jr. Attorney for the Estate 35-1tc

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Henry McNutt, Mrs. Albert B. Martin, G. T. Meador, Ordinance closing the dedi-J. E. Meador, Thomas D. cated alley in Block "B" Metcalf, J. P. Monday, C. of the Martin Addition to the Moore, J. A. Kansom, V. E. City of Merkel, Texas. Pruitt, Joe Roesli, Royalty

Whereas the City Council of the City of Merkel, Texas has been duly petitioned to close the dedicated alley in Block "B" of the Martin Addition to the City of Merkel, Taylor County, Texas and notice being duly published in the Merkel Mail and there being no protest to said clos-

YOU ARE HEREBY COM-Now therefore be it MANDED to appear before ordained by the City Council the Honorable 42nd District of the City of Merkel that Court, Judge Don Lane, of the said dedicated alley in Taylor County at the Court-Block "B" of the Martin house thereof, in Abilene, Addition to the City of Mer-Texas, by filing a written ankel, Texas is hereby duly swer at or before 10 o'clock closed and said land to re-A.M. on the first Monday next vert to adjacent property after the expiration of fortytwo days from the date of same being the 10 day of

Passed and approved this 13 day of October, 1975.

Signed Lou David Allen Lou David Allen, Mayor

Attest Roy J. Kimbrell Roy Kimbrell, City Sec. 35-1tc

> WATER RATE ORDINANCE 75

Ordinance amending Secand gas leases covering tions I-II and III of the Water the hereafter described Rate Ordinance Number 359 property for the appointpassed and approved the 20th. ment of a Receiver to Day of November, 1972. give oil and gas leases Whereas the City of Abcovering the mineral inilene, Texas has effective Octerest of the Defendants, tober 1975 increased the cost

> by the City of Merkel, Texas in the amount of \$.07 cents (7¢) per one thousand gallons. Now therefore, be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Merkel, Tex-

> HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST

THE ESTATE OF BRUCE E.

NOTICE is hereby given

that original letters tes-

tamentary upon the estate of

BRUCE E. PUCKETT were

hereto, which is still pending,

ters. All persons having

claims against said estate,

which is being administered,

in the county below named,

are hereby required to pre-

sent the same to me re-

spectively, at the address be-low given, before suit upon

same are barred by the

general statutes of limitation,

before such estate is closed,

and within the time prescrib-

ed by law. My residence and

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DATED this 23rd, day of

ing, Abilene, Texas.

October, 1975.

PUCKETT, DECEASED

of treated water purchased

of Section 233; the NW/4 of Section 228; and all of Section 230, all in Block 64, H & TC Ry. Co. Lands, Taylor County, Texas, containing 1280 acres of land, NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS

as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit. If this citation is not serv-

more or less.

ed 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 require- issued to me, the underments of law, and the man- signed, 5th. day of September,

dates hereof, and make due 1973, in the proceeding inreturn as the law directs. dicated below my signature Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court and that I now hold such letat Abilene, Texas, this the 26 day of September, A. D. 1975.

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

Notice NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION

OF PARTNERSHIP

Notice is hereby given that the partnership composed of Stephen W. Lanham and Cecil E. Plyler operations of The Merkel Mail has been dissolved as of July 1st, 1975, and the business will continue to be operated under the same name with Stephen W: Lanham as sole owner.

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cutting down our dependen cy on scarce, high priced petroleum, both foreign and domestic. Those who support the building of breeder reactors are certain that these modern fuel plants will be providing electric power to meet our needs for many years to come.

1975, the rate schedule Sections I-II and III of Ordinance 359 of the City of Merkel, Texas be and are hereby amended and increased in the amount of \$.07 cents (7¢) per one thousand gallons.

Passed and approved this 13th. Day of Cctober, 1975.

Lou David Allen Lou David Allen Mayor

Roy J. Kimbrell Roy Kimbrell City Secretary

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To any Sheriff or any Constable within the State of Texas-Greetings:

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

CITATION

BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: Damian Flores Lopez Respondent, (s) Greeting: YOU ARE HEREBY COM-MANDED to appear and an-

swer before the Honorable Domestic Relations Court of Taylor County, Texas at the Courthouse in said County, in Abilene, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the Monday next after the expiration of twenty days from the date of service of this citation, then and there to answer the petition of the Catalina Lopez, Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 7th. day of October, 1975, against Damian Flores Lopez Respondent (s), and said suit being numbered 2286-DR on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In . the Interest of Maria Elena Lopez a Child," a request to Terminate Parent-Child Relationship.

Said Maria Elena Lopez was born the 30 day of November, 1962, in Abilene, Texas.

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

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Abilene, Texas, this the 8th. day of October, 1975.

(SEAL) Attest: Irene Crawford District Clerk

Irene Crawford Court in Taylor County, Texas. By Rella Mahony Deputy 35-1tc

According to Arab tradition. Mohammed was carried to heaven on the back of a mare with the wings of an eagle and a human face.

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VISIT KOREA-U. S. Korean War Veterans and Medal of Honor winners pose behind the white marble center stone after the unveiling of a memorial to American participation in the Korean War in the Garden of Imjingak near the Freedom Bridge last week. Pictured fifth from the right is Lt. Col. Lewis L. Millett of Merkel. Col. Millett was awarded the Ambassador for Peace Award in the Blue House in Korea. Col. and Mrs. Millett spent a week in Korea at the invitation of the Korean government,

Ford Family Has Reunion October 18-19

The descendents of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Ford of Ponder held their reunion October 18 and 19. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Bunk Tipton of Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. Homer Hamilton, Becky, John, Clinton and Ellis of Hamlin; Mr.

and Mrs. Donnie Fitts of Hamlin; Mrs. Odessa Fail of Anson; The W. B. Cox Family; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hogan of Merkel: Dorothy and Ben Mangrem of Dallas; Donna and James Houston, David and Mark of Houston;

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BY PAT CASTILLE

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Probably nothing in the world arouses more false hopes than the first four hours of a diet.

Bachelor: a guy whose romances go off without a hitch.

Some men grow beards to cover a multitude of chins.

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Letter To The Editor

ings were disgracefully de-

students of our local high

school. This probably would

not have occured if omni-

present tradition was not pre-

valent in the minds of the

few who must abuse the situa-

tion which presents itself

each year at homecoming. I

realize that we can do nothing

for a few years, but if we

start now maybe we can re-

duce or even completely

abolish such acts in the future. The method I propose

is to slowly phase out home-

coming. We can start with

the bon-fire since this is the

event which seems to inspire

all the vandalism. We can

then go on from there to the

entire idea of homecoming

and football. This is

something to think about. It

following tradition.

few continue to insist upon

present this idea will seem radical and absurd to the

majority. For those I say

simply because it is tradi-

merits, and deficits. If the

deficits outweigh the merits

this,: don't support something

tion. Examine its roots.

as they do with the bon-fire,

then think of abolishing the

Sincerely yours,

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BADGER

Riches are for spend-

David Booth

tradition.

ing-Bacon

Note: I realize that at the

Roger Becon, a thirteenth faced by one or several of century English monk, once the students or former proposed 4 stumbling stones to comprehending truth. One of these was the longestablished customs. This was emphasized in the events of the past week in which several of the local build-

BADGER

FHA-HERO met on Friday October 10th. A community project was planned for Halloween. The club will be going to the rest home to take a jack-o-lantern filled with gifts for each person.

Candy was handed out on Monday. The club will be selling candy for the next two weeks. So, get in touch with a HERO member and support FHA-HERO.

The National Honor Society had a meeting in the Reading Room during activity period October 2.

Several projects were mentioned but only one was passed.

Those present at the meeting were Kathryn Murrell. Netta Stephan, Jerre Kay Smith, Cindy Elliot, Rhonda White, Mike Magee, Karolyn Davis, and Mrs. Dudley, sponsor.

Artex Party Lesson Given

The Alpha Nu Nu Chapter Paducah; Joyce Ford, Mr. of Beta Sigma Phi met and Mrs. Don Ford, Mike Wednesday night, October and Carrie, Ethel Ford and 15th. in the Methodist Fel-Loyce Ford all of Ponder; lowship Hall. Rojean Hicks Fannie and Alph Holtzclaw of led members in the opening Dallas; Ada and Loyd Badgritual. Afterwards a short well of Fort Worth; Mrs. J. business meeting was held. Special guest speaker was Judy Murray from Maryneal. and Mrs. Lawton Ford of Judy is a representative of Artex Paints and presented a very unusual and interesting program. Featured were This was the first Ford techniques of using Artex reunion to be held in ten such as painting on different years. However, it was plantypes of material, wood, glassware, and a special lesson on shrink art. Tablecloths, T-shirts, wall hangings, denim patches, posters, and shrink art earrings, keychains, necklaces, etc. were

displayed. The refreshment table was decorated with Beta Sigma our loved one. Thank you for Phi's theme "Let Freedom the beautiful flowers, the Ring."

prayers from far and near and Pam Bishop, Ann Leach, Pegto the men and women of the gy Vanderwerker, Martha Sue U. S. Air Force at Dyess Justice, Rojean Hicks, Mychele Hammond, and director Louise Sudderth. Guests included Wanda Mc-Gee, Bonnie Fariello, Thelma Griffin, Viola Harris, and from Xi Nu Chi Chapter, president-Darla Mawson and Connie Harris.

Local Gas Companies To **Keep 'Lone Star' Name**

customers will continue to be versification in the energy served by the same natural field." gas utility company under the same name," according to Louis B. Huley, recently firm's natural gas utility op-elected president of Lone Star erations in Texas and Okla-

Frankie and Buddy Smith,

Ann and Gary Smith, Shane,

Todd and Kriste all of Mer-

kel; Mr. and Mrs. Lee Bay-

less of Anson; Kenneth Hogan

and Ken, Mr. and Mrs. E.

A. Conley and Ann, Ronny

and Kyle Doan all of Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Newland

of Denton; Mr. and Mrs. Jim

Dean of Lubbock; Jack Dean

of Austin; Betty Hamilton of

E. Bayless of Anson; Mrs.

Morris Smith of Merkel; Mr.

Denton and Mr. and Mrs.

E. W. (Mutt) Hamilton of

ned to make it an annual

event in the coming years.

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our appreciation to our many

friends following the loss of

food, kind words, the many

Family of Ted Minnich

Mrs. Frank Minnich and

Brenda Roberts and Family

35-1tc

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Joyce Mannich

Family

Mary Outlaw

Paducah.

Gas Company. The statement was in reby the company as a result from what our more than one of a corporate reorganization million customers have come and a renaming of the parent to expect in the 573 cities organization which oversees and towns we serve," Hulcy the activities of the di-

versified energy firm. officials announced the to provide the safest, cleanest separation of the company's and most economical fuel utility and nonutility busi- available for many years to nesses through the establishment of Lone Star Gas Company as a division of Enserch Corporation. Enserch Star pioneered in the Southis the new name for the parent west more than 60 years company, and the change was ago. recently approved by the firm's shareholders at a special meeting held on October 8. Shares of Enserch Corporation began trading on Star Gas Company, but will the New York Stock Exchange now indicate that it is a diviand other major stock exchanges beginning on Monday,

October 13. Lone Star Gas Company will continue to be the operating name of the utility division of Enserch Corporation. Hulcy explained that, "Our internationally-known name was changed in order to help distinguish between our utility and nonutility operations. It will also help shareholders and the financial community better

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"Lone Star Gas Company recognize the company's di-

Lone Star Gas Company will now deal only with the homa. "The actual day-today activities of Lone Star sponse to inquiries received Gas will change very little

The goal of Lone Star, ac-On August 8, Lone Star Gas cording to Hulcy, "is still come. Lone Star will continue in the natural gas utility business, a business Lone

> The utility executive added that all customer bills and correspondence will continue to carry the name of Lone sion of Enserch Corporation.

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THE MERKEL MAIL Thursday, October 23, 1975

Fortnightly Club

International Woman's Day was observed by the Fortnightly Study Club, October 14, in the home of Mrs. W. R. Cypert. Program material centered around the Achievements of Women, Mrs. W. R. Cypert gave excerpts from "In Praise of Woman" with Grace Noll Crowell, "Clasping Hands in Education, Science and Culture" included biographical sketches of famous women, compiled by Mrs. Mack Fisher.

Members present were Mesdames Ted Wilson, Betty Toombs, Aileen Knight, Nina Belle Hughes, Madlon Horton, Lucy Haynes, Ruby Hammond, June Gregory, Bessie Gamble, Linnie Fisher, Sis Eager, Lena Dunagin, Pat Dudley, Bess Dixon, Mildred Cypert and Christine Collins.

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ABILENE 673-1182



MARCHING BADGERS-The Mighty Purple and Gold will march November 4 at Shotwell Stadium in Abilene for the annual marching contest. Merkel is scheduled to perform at 11:42 a.m. Merkel will compete against 8 class A bands. The band is under the direction of Daryll Kaire. Drum major is Rhonda White and twirlers are Christi Boone, Gayle Teaff, Debrah White, Cindy Smith, Lori DuBose and Kelly Magee.

Ladies Auxiliary To Raffle Rifle

The Ladies Auxiliary to the Merkel Fire Department held its regular monthly meeting Monday, October 20. A treasurers report was given by Connie Harris, president. The auxiliary has purchased a deer rifle to be given away November 14. Tickets are one dollar each or six tickets for five dollars. Tickets may be purchased from any auxiliary member or fireman.

The ladies exercise class will begin Thursday, October 23 at 6:30 p.m. at the school gym. There will be supervised babysitting for mothers who must bring their children. There will be a donation bucket to help cover expenses. Everyone is urged to attend.

With the intention of going to the state firemen's convention in Austin, the ladies elected Robert Harris racing coach. He will instruct and supervise all racing practice.

Members present were Mrs. Roy Schultz, Mrs. Dean Goodman, Mrs. Joe Swinney, Mrs. Raymond Moreno, Mrs. Alberto Chavira, Mrs. Dana Glynn, Mrs. David Seymore. Mrs. Jackie Cannon, Mrs. Robert Harris and Mrs. Jerry Horton

Badgers Roar Past The Lions

By RANDY COX

The Merkel Eadgers started out with a series of penalties and bad mistakes that the Albany Lions were able to capitalize on early in the first quarter ending with the score Albany 7 -- Merkel 0. The mighty Merkel Badgers kept their spirits and pulled themselves together. The Badgers threw a full-

Past Matrons Were

Yes, it was really a tacky Hays, Fern Windham, Mae party. Last Tuesday evening Seago, Viola Ensminger, the Past Matrons Club Ruby Hammond, and Ouida

were dressed tacky. Every- Parham, Ted Windham, and

Tacky October 14

gathered at the home of Mr. Reid.

and Mrs. H. C. Reid, taking

a covered dish and their

husbands. Only the ladies

put it up!) and enjoyed the antics of the evening as well

as the good food, Mrs. Florence Berry won first place, wearing a dress with

hem at least 12 inches long-

er in back than front, hem put in with large safety-pins,

complete with a pancake hat with all the trimmings. She

folding fan about three inces

garden variety which added to

Second place winner was

little man." She wore tight

6 inches above the ankles

held up by wide suspenders.

She wore ladies shoes about

50 years old with high spool

heels. A derby hat added to

her costume and her face was

covered with red spots, which

she assured us was only an

ladies and their tacky costumes but were glad they

do not look like that all the

of his rock collection and

how they looked under dif-

Mesdames Florence Berry,

Belvie Butler, George All-

A. B. Parham showed some

Members attending were

allergy and not measles. The men enjoyed seeing the

time, they said.

ferent lights.

back flare pass to Jesse Sparks #42, for a 38 yard touchdown. Keith Shields #25 kicked the point after touchdown, to make the score, Albany 7 -- Merkel 7. In the

second quarter Cliff Dye#33, took a pitch around the left end for a 29 yard touchdown. The PAT failed. With 8 seconds left in the first half, Mike Sims #10 threw a 60 yard pass to left end, Randy Cox #22 who was caught 6 inches from the goal line as time expired. The Badgers went in at half-time with a 13-7 lead.

In the third quarter Keith Shields #25, ran around the left end for 12 yard TD. Keith Shields also kicked the PAT to make the score Al-

bany 7 -- Merkel 20. The last quarter was a

game of defense for both teams, with an interception by Terry Criener #20, who ran it back 24 yards, but was called back on a clipping penalty. The rest of the game was a defensive battle. Coach David Sumners of Merkel said, "Our offensive line did a real good job of opening holes for our backs. Our whole defense did a great job also. This is by far the best game we've played this

The final score was Albany 7 -- Merkel 20.

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body let their hair down (or H. C. Reid. Tri-City Baseball Meeting

Guests were Mrs. Thelma Griffin, Messers Tom All-

day, J. W. Hammond, A. B.

There will be a monthly meeting of the Tri-City Basealso wore a man's shoe, size ball Project Monday, October 12, keeping cool by using a 27, at the Big Country long. Her gloves were the Restaurant. Time for the meeting is 8:00 and we would the charm of her costume. like to have a good turn out of those persons interested Mrs. Una Mae Hays, having in the construction of the the looks of a "shriveled up baseball parks for our youth. We have had two donations legged pants reaching about in the past few weeks. They

are as follows: Mrs. Paul West\$15.00 Woodman of the World Group 6563..... 25.00

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CAL-TEX FEED YARD



room mothers of school age children met with the home room teachers to make final preparations for the 2nd. annual PTO Halloween carnival to be held Tuesday October 28 from 6:30-9:30.

donate such things as cakes, pies, canned goods, craft items and novelty items as well as their time to work in the booths.

since Tye School was not hav-

Mothers were asked to

It was also discussed that

PHONE: 915-692-5223

The carnival was a huge

successful this year.

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THE MERKEL MAIL

year they are cordially in- success last year and it is vited to attend the Merkel expected to be even more

Thursday, October 23, 1975

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FUNDS	BALANCE LAST QT'R.	RECEIVED THIS QT'R.	PAID OUT THIS QT'R.	BAIANCE THIS QT'R.
Frecinct 1. \$ Frecinct 2. Frecinct 3. Frecinct 4. General Fund. Lateral Road.	104,088.25 93,334.58 76,417.68 113,289.55 628,227.07 12,112.15	2,413.41 2,565.30 2,702.03 3,492.11 246,067.45 31,766.74	25,051.90 23,331.57 25,123.19 26,558.79 471,541.81 7,192.80	\$ 81,449.76 72,568.31 53,996.52 90,222.87 402,752.71 36,686.09
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Sharing Plan.	19,659.78	89,554.33	100,359.18	8,854.93
Justice Plan. Fermanent School.		8,162.50	6,336.50	9,856.55
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Citizens Eational Bank \$ 1,495.99 Farmers & Merchants National Bank, Merkel 144,219.39 100,000.00 427,714.09 First State Bank, Tuscola Abilene Bational Bank First National Bank First State Pank, Abilene 95,519.18 Total Pank Deposits Total Time Deposits \$ 841,516.96 531,100.00 Total Checking Account \$ 310,416.96

> Securities Owned By Taylor County Permanent School Fund

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The requirement of Art. # 401 Pc. have been complied with and a tubular

stat has been filed as required.



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N 2ND & BAKER 8-4701

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1975 Merkel Badgers' Football Schedule

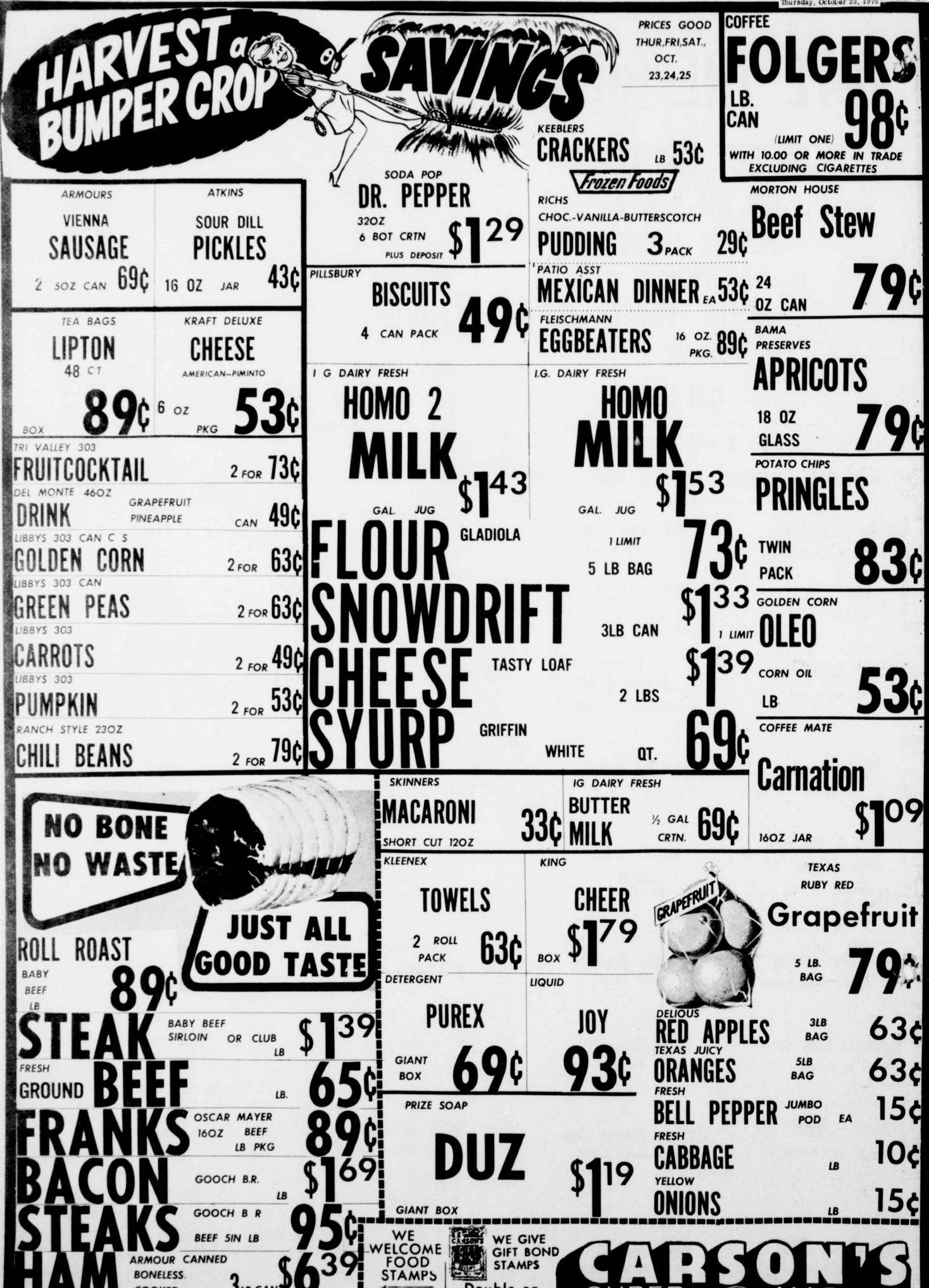
J. V. Schedule

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Robert Lee Winters 8:00 Loss 8:00 Win 7:30 Loss Here There Ranger Roby Albany Here 7:30 Loss' loss 7:30 Homecoming Jim Ned Here There Roscoe Wylie Here There Rotan

COACHES:—Ronny Aldridge, Monte Land, David Sumners
CHEERLEADERS — Becky Rister Head, Carrie Law, Jerrie
Kay Smith, Gayla Toliver, Patty Toney and Rita Watts
MACK FISHER, Superintendent TRAVIS DAVIS, Principal

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